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Letter From The President



I can't believe this is our third newsletter already. I hope you are all enjoying each issue that you receive.

The warmer weather is here and I know that means we are all out and about with our dogs more than ever. I love seeing the updates on our performance dogs and our conformation dogs as well as our beloved pets.

I'd love to see more of your activities on our Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club Facebook page. I want to see your stories about your summertime adventures

and all the fun activities we do with our pets. I know my two love camping as well as hiking in the woods. I'll post my summer vacation pictures and I hope to see yours as well.

Enjoy your summer and share your stories with us.

Amy Miskiewicz, President

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/midatlanticrat Terrierclub/>



This 'n That ...

Did you know ... you do not have to live in the Mid-Atlantic region to be a voting member of the club.

By joining you will find a supportive group of like minded friends who have Rat Terriers and who participate in a variety of venues with their dogs. You don't even have to participate in any venue to join and still find support from those who love the breed. All you need is to love the Rat Terrier breed. Finding sponsors is pretty easy, just ask and someone will step up. The application is at the back of this newsletter to make it easy for you and you can pay dues via PayPal or snail mail.

Right now our club newsletter is made public, but at some point that will probably not be the case. We welcome contributions in the form of brags about your dog successes in any venue, love photos of your dog just being a Rattie, and if you have ideas for something you'd like to see in the newsletter please let us know. Email any newsletter contributions directly to Sandra at midatlanticrtc@cox.net OR you can send to the club email at midatlanticratterrier@yahoo.com.



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We are continually looking for photos, articles, and news to include in a future newsletter. Please send us anything that you think might be of interest. Providing us with URL links for potential items is welcome too. We LOVE photos of the Rat Terrier doing those things that they were bred to do, plus any of them doing the various performance venues (Lure coursing, Barn Hunt, rally or obedience, agility, and on and on.). Help us make this newsletter something that you look forward to and want to keep.

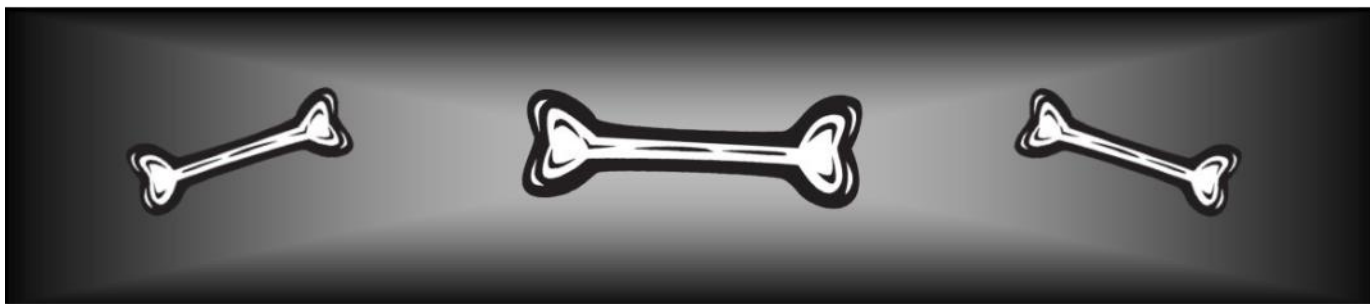
Treasurers Report

End of Second Quarter 2015

The current balance in the PNC checking account is \$321.36 and the PayPal balance is \$241.96. There has been very little financial activity this quarter other than tax payments to the Commonwealth of Virginia (where MARTC is registered as an LLC) in the amount of \$51.63, to the I.R.S. in the amount of \$129.08, and a \$400.00 payment to the I.R.S. to file our application for 501c3 status. We are also currently paying a \$12.00 per month service charge to the PNC Bank. At the time that MARTC achieves 501c3 status ALL of those payments will go away – no more tax payments and no more bank service charges. So, along with the ability to accept tax-deductible donations there are obvious reasons for why the 501c3 will benefit the Club.

As far as the current status of the 501c3 application, the Club received a request for additional information related to the specific language in our organizational documents. The Board will be addressing these issues and amending organizational documents to include the necessary language required by the I.R.S. as we work toward the goal of achieving 501c3 status.

Judith Babarsky
Treasurer



Pretty as a Picture



From left is Rickie Roo, (Burway It's Like This) LCpie (ARIS Legacy Up Up and Away) Gigi (Harpur's Giddy Upp) and Chili Dog (Cal Val He's All Mine) . Photo provided by Deborah Davidson Harper.

Photo credit: Pam Marks of Pawprince Photo.

The Story of Rhys

By

Jennifer Chappel



Hardiness, resilience, and stubborn determination in the face of adversity are all trademarks of the Rat Terrier. Rhys is a prime example of those qualities in action. In the spring of 2012, at just two years of age, he was injured in an accident that left him completely paralyzed. He had no deep pain sensation, which meant he was not a good candidate for back surgery to repair his ruptured disc. The odds of making a complete recovery were less than one in one hundred.

Our options were limited – we could either try conservative treatment with medications and wait to see if he would recover, or we could euthanize him. It took a lot of soul-searching for me to decide what would be the best and kindest course of action for him. In the end I decided to let him choose his fate. As long as he was willing to fight I was willing to stand by him. Rhys had no idea the odds were against him. It's one of the perks of being a dog.



Our lives were drastically altered. His activities were limited because he could no longer run or jump. He could not control his bladder or bowels and needed to wear diapers and be manually expressed several times a day. For several months he had to be walked with a sling made from an old bed sheet until I could save money to have a wheelchair custom built for him. I constantly questioned whether or not I had made the right choice, if he could still have a quality life with his disability. Surviving is not the same as thriving and merely being alive was not enough.

I was worried that he would not like the wheels and might find them scary or annoying, but he took to the cart like he had been using it his whole life. I saw him run for the first time in eight months and I bawled. The doubts that I had carried with me about whether or not I made the right decision to save him were gone. Life was good again.

April marked three years since he became paralyzed. He never did make a full recovery, but he did regain a bit of function in his legs and is able to wobble a little bit. Every day is a blessing and I have committed myself to making sure that his life is as fulfilled and happy as it can possibly be. We go on adventures – hiking, camping, swimming, chasing, fetching, playing, you name it. There is not much that he cannot do, even if I try to discourage him because it is unsafe. If he's determined to do something he'll do it. Typical terrier.



The thing about dogs is that they adjust much better to changes than people do. Rhys knows that he's different and that his body is compromised. He just doesn't care. It's the way things are now and there's no use wallowing in sadness and regret. My time with Rhys has taught me more about life than anything I've ever experienced. I don't know how long our journey will be or where it will take us, but I am happy to take it with him. One wobbly step at a time.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~



Drum Roll!!



River Ridge New Direction "LV" went Best Of Winners and Best Opposite for a 4 point major over three bitch specials from the 6-9 class. May 9, 2015 at the Ravenna Kennel Club show in Ohio. Owned by Jane Gardner & Stacy McWilliams & Cat Cryan.

~ Pennsylvania ~

KND's Prehistoric Princess "Pebbles" owned by Vera Boyle was awarded Best of Breed AND a Group 4 under Judge Gary L. Doerge at the Denton Kennel Club Inc. show on May 10, 2015. This little gal is 13 months old, 11" in height and 12.4" length. ~ Kansas ~



GCH Crosswind's Big Man In Town "Kirby" won an Owner Handler Group One at the Trenton Kennel Club show on Monday, May 4, 2015. Owned by Stacy McWilliams, Louise Schroll, & Jane Gardner.

~ Pennsylvania ~

Congratulations!!

Rickie Roo



Deb Davidson Harpur reports that The Rat Terriers of the Pm2 Dog Agility Team had a terrier-ific time at the USDAA SW Regional in Camarillo.

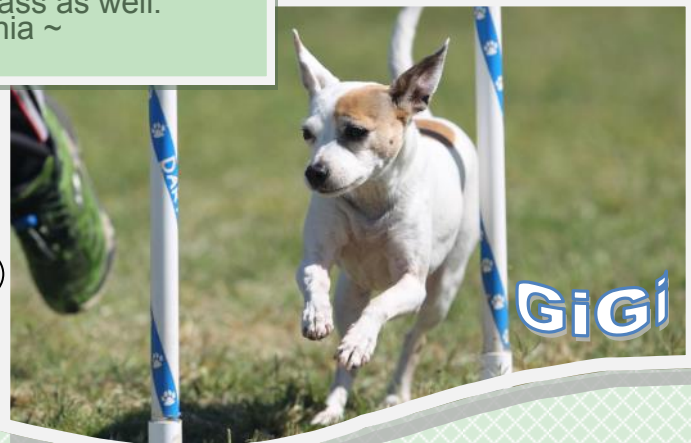
Rickie Roo earned a podium position in the Masters Challenge Biathlon (2nd overall after 2 rounds) and was also one of the top 12" dogs in the PVP Team event after 5 rounds.

Gigi was also one of the top dogs in PVP Team after 5 rounds.

LCpie won a few classes as did Rickie Roo and both LCpie and Rickie Roo made it into the Performance Speed Jumping Finals. Rickie Roo won one of the early Performance Grand Prix classes and earned her way into the Finals for that class as well.
~ California ~



Send us your brags for next quarters news-



FANTASTIC!!!



MACH ADCH-Bronze Jus' Bingo CDX, U-CD, U-CA, RE, XF, RL-2, RATS, TM-Bronze, LAA-Bronze

Barb Krynski reports that her Bingo got his ADCH Bronze on March 9, 2015! He also finished his Tournament Master Bronze and LAA Bronze at the same time! ~ Illinois~

Bingo



River Ridge Rimfire Reloaded (Rimi) successfully passed her Barn Hunt Instinct test on April 18, 2015 at the Casa Grande Barn Hunt trial. She now has her RATI title and is in training for novice. Owned Sandra and Steve Ball, handled by Sandra Ball. ~ Arizona ~

Rimi



AWESOME!!!



RiverRidge's No Stoppin' Da Charger owned by Jeff LaPrarie was 2014's TOP DOG IN BREED in Flyball with a best time of 4.356. United Flyball League International, Inc. U-FLI Rat Terrier and is recognized as a Breed Ambassador. ~ Washington ~



4/05/2015
Apple Valley Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Wood
Wornall
CH 'PR' WILDOAKS
COURAGE UNDER FIRE
(Courage)
Owner: Jackie Ader
5 point major
~ California ~

STUPENDOUS!!!

HAWKEYE

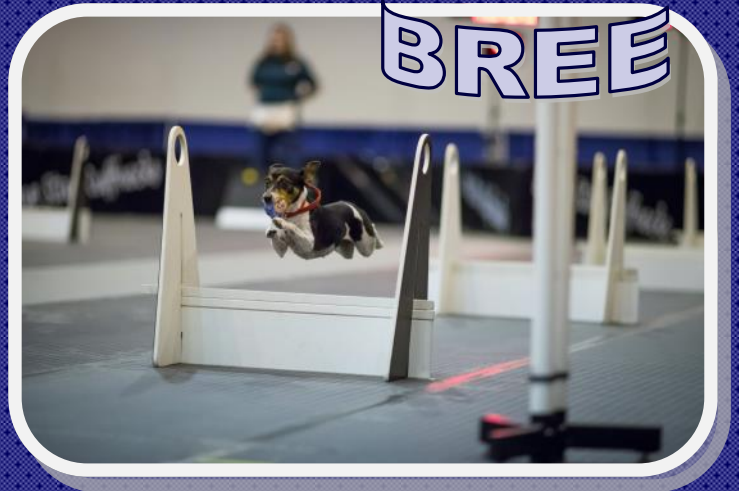


GRCH UWP PTA PTS NC NI Int/Nat CH 'PR'
KTR's Last of the Mohicans CM CGC "Hawkeye"
owned by Beverly Calhoun. Finished the
following UKC nose work titles on May 16. PTN-
Pre-Trial Novice, PTA-Pre-Trial Advanced, PTS-
Pre-Trial Superior, NI—Novice Interior. On May
17 he completed the NC-Novice Container.
Hawkeye is also a UKC Total Dog. ~ Texas ~

GRCH UWP CA PTE Bur-Way After The Storm at
KTR CGC CAX MBDCH-S FMX "Bree" owned by
Beverly Calhoun. Bree earned her Multibreed
Dog Champion-Silver MBDCH-S on April 18 and
Flyball Master Excellent-FMX on June 21.

~ Texas ~

BREE



GRCH UAG1 UCD UWPO UWPCH URX
URO3 PTE CA COHills Amber Spice Muffin
CGC RN BN CM CAA NA NF CL1-PLT CL3
CACH-G and UKC Super Dog and Total
Dog "Amber" owned by Beverly Calhoun
earned the following CPE Agility titles:
Level 3 Fun-CL3-F earned on January 4,
2015, Level 3 Handler—CL3-H earned on
February 7, Level 3 Standard-CL3-R
earned on March 14. Amber also earned
the following agility titles: Novice Agility
-NA on March 1 and Novice Fast-NF on
June 24. ~ Texas ~

AMBER



WESTMINSTER 2015

Marti does it again!!!!

GCH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'd CM, RN
BEST OF BREED



Owner handled by Stacy McWilliams
Bred by Tammy Jordan

Smell This!

By Linda P. Case

Dogs smell things. A lot of things. A lot of the time. Their noses are very important to them.



<https://thesciencedog.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/dog-nose.jpg>

And, most dog folks would agree that the dog's nose is a pretty amazing sense organ. Indeed, we capitalize on our dogs' olfactory (smellin') acuity when we train them to select scent articles in Utility training, follow a missing person's trail, find contraband and other nasty stuff in public places, and even detect the presence of cancer in human patients. Research in recent years has shown us that the dog's impressive smelling abilities are due to a number of pretty cool physical adaptations:

1. **LOTS OF CELLS:** Dogs have *hundreds of millions* of olfactory receptor cells lining the inside of their nose; many times more than the number found in the human nose. This difference contributes to their ability to detect almost impossibly minute concentrations of compounds. This large number of canine olfactory cells is enough to cause smell envy in any dull-nosed human.
2. **BIG BRAIN:** Two parts of the dog's brain that interpret incoming information from the nose are the olfactory bulb and the olfactory cortex. Both of these areas are highly developed in dogs and are important for how dogs use the sensory information that the nose provides.
3. **SNIFF SNIFF:** Dogs sniff. We don't. Sniffing involves a disruption of the dog's normal breathing pattern and functions to enhance a dog's ability to detect and differentiate smells. Here is what we currently understand about sniffing: First, as the dog inhales during a sniff, the air is diverted into several flow paths. This partitioning effectively increases the number of sensory cells within the nose that inhaled components are exposed to, increasing olfactory sensitivity. Then, during the exhale phase of the sniff, the air leaves via the dog's "side-nostrils", not out the front of the nose as it does with normal breathing. (So **that's** what those slits in the side of my dog's nose are for! Who knew? :)). Exhaling through the "side nose" is presumed to prevent the dog's sensory cells from being repeatedly exposed to the same compounds, thus slowing the process of *scent habituation*. (Consider how you no longer can smell "wet dog" after being around it for a while; that's scent habituation).



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Choice by Smell: Recently, researchers at Barnard College's Dog Cognition Lab asked a broad question about the dog's olfactory ability: "*How do pet dogs use their nose to make decisions and choices in their every day lives?*". Alexandra Horowitz, Julie Hecht and Alexandra Dedrick began this series of studies by first asking if dogs have the ability to discriminate between large and small concentrations of smells (1). This question was of interest because previous work has shown that, similar to many primate species, dogs can visually discriminate between different quantities of food (2). It follows that, since the dog's nose is so spectacularly talented, that they would be at least equally capable of the same type of choice using their noses. Here is a summary of their recently published study:

Study Design: A group of 69 pet dogs (and their people) were recruited for the study. Following some initial pre-training, dogs were presented with two covered plates, equidistant apart. One plate held a single chunk of hotdog. The second, the motherload plate, held five chunks of hotdog. In the first trial, dogs were given no guidance at all from their owner and were allowed to choose one of the two plates. In a second trial, designed to test for the effects of social cues, the owner showed a clear preference for the plate holding the single piece of food *before* their dog was allowed to make his or her selection. (These procedures were quite involved and are described in detail in the paper).



Our delightful cartoon was designed by Darla Jones and reprinted with permission. Darla does lovely work and she can be contacted at:

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You can see more of Darla's artwork on her Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/artbydarlaj?hc_location=ufi



(<https://thesciencedog.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/cupcake-dog.jpg>) I'm pretty sure this is the **BIGGEST** cupcake!

Results: There are actually a number of interesting findings (and additional questions) reported in this paper. For brevity, I will focus on two that I found to be especially relevant:

1. **First:** The dogs in this study, who were pet dogs that had no previous training in any type of scent detection or scent following work, did *not* demonstrate an ability to discriminate a "small quantity" from a "large quantity" of food using only their sense of smell. This result is surprising, since dogs *do* seem to have this ability when tested using vision and considering what we know about dogs' highly developed olfactory acuity.
2. **Second:** When dogs' owners showed a clear preference for the plate that held the smaller quantity of food, the dogs did show a significant preference – for the plate with the smaller quantity! In other words, dogs were readily and easily influenced by the social cues provided by their owners regarding which plate to choose. This result was in agreement with the visual preference study – dogs of owners who pointed at a plate that clearly contained the smaller pile of food were more likely to choose that plate over the plate whose food runneth over!

Conclusions: The authors of this study suggest that our dogs, living in a human-centered environment, may not always be using their noses to the extent of their actual ability. Perhaps when making decisions in everyday life dogs learn to depend too heavily upon social cues from their human companions, to the extent that they ignore information from their own senses.

Take Away for Dog Folks: The results from this study led me to think about how we live with our dogs and how we may unwittingly discourage them from using their noses on a daily basis. Maybe, by caring for our dogs *so well*, and making so many of their decisions for them (what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, what plate to choose), we influence a bit too much and unintentionally inhibit one of their most amazing and enviable talents. For example, at my training school we teach "*Leave it*", a command that can keep dogs safe when they decide to investigate something that may be dangerous to them. However, when we ask for this behavior, are we unintentionally inhibiting dogs' use of (and enjoyment of) their nose? Just a thought. Personally, I still will always teach this response to my dogs (and those of my students) because it is truly an invaluable behavior to train for its safety and control utility. However, reading this study has encouraged me to consider a bit more carefully each of the everyday circumstances in which I use it.

Consider also the currently popular K-9 Nose Work classes. Almost uniformly, reports about these scent work games are that dogs, (*all dogs*, regardless of their level of previous training, age, or athletic ability) LOVE, LOVE, LOVE K-9 Nose Work and the success that they experience when encouraged to use their nose and search independently. Perhaps these classes are unleashing some of that latent “nose power” that all dogs have and that they may not always be encouraged to use when living in a typical anthropogenic (human-centered) world. So, Kudos to all of you who encourage your dogs to smell, sniff, find (safe) stuff, and who play nose games with your dogs, teach them to track, or simply regularly encourage them to “SMELL THIS!”



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Logic” (<http://goo.gl/vPrFoK>) and “*Beware the Straw Man*” (<http://tinyurl.com/kqeccu8>). Reprinted with permission.



New Rattitude

Rat Terrier Rescue



What New Rattitude is About

Meet Ellie– She is an older girl and she is available. She is currently in Georgia. Ellie represents one of the many faces that New Rattitude rescues and rehomes each year.

We are seeking adoptive homes. You can view our available dogs, see several photos and read their full bio at: <http://www.newrattitude.org/dogs.htm>. All New Rattitude dogs are neutered/spayed, wormed, checked for heartworm and on preventative, up to date on vaccinations, and microchipped. Adoption fee is \$175 for adult dogs and \$225 for puppies under six months of age.

All adoption fees go toward rescue and care of Rat Terriers in need.

New Rattitude has many opportunities available to those who are able to volunteer a little or a lot of their time and energies. We would love to have you join us Simply submit a member application found on our site. We have a great retail store where you can purchase dog toys for less and the money supports the dogs in need. New Rattitude is a national, all-volunteer organization that rescues and rehomes Rat Terriers and Rat Terrier mixes. We are a tax-exempt, non-profit 501(c)3 charitable corporation. We were incorporated August 4, 2008, and are licensed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

<http://www.newrattitude.org>

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SENSATIONAL!!



River Ridge's give em somethin' 2Talk about "Jaxson" took WD on April 26, 2015 at the Penn Treaty Kennel Club in Bear DE for the final points he needed to finish his Championship title! At nearly 11 months old, we are very proud of this boy and all of his accomplishments in the show ring!

Handled by Jackie Maye owned by Jackie Maye, Beth Szczygiel and Stacy McWilliams
~ Pennsylvania ~



Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout "Lindy" earned her Novice Standard (NA) agility title at the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club agility trial in April 2015. She has also earned two legs towards her Novice Jumpers agility title.

Lindy is owned and loved by Betsy Spilis.
~ New Hampshire ~



Remus (officially RiverRidge Mischief Managed RN RL1_AOE MXJ MJB MX MXF T2B AD AG AJ AS) earned his Advanced Snooker title in USDAA in April and earned his first Super Q on May 2 with his first time out in Masters Snooker. He also qualified for the UKI US Open National Championship to be held in November in GA in the Masters Series Heat and Games Challenge events. He is owned and handled by Deb Stevenson.
~ New Jersey ~

Way to go!!!

March 14-15, 2015
Del Sur Kennel Club
Valley Springs, CA



Wild Oak's Anson St. Church "Churchill"
Winner's Dog and NEW Champion.
He was Select Dog the next day. Bred and owned
by Nancy and David Littleton.



Lil Ranchin Gypsy at Wild Oak "Gypsy".
Best of Winners and NEW Champion
Best of Opposite the next day. Owned
by Nancy and David Littleton.



Sand's of Time at Wild Oak "Trooper"
Winner's Dog for a major and now looking for his
final four points to complete this Champion title.
Proudly owned by Nancy and David Littleton.
~ California ~

CH River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare "Spry" NAJ RATO
earned 3 new AKC Agility titles on May 16th in North
Smithfield, RI: Novice FAST (NF), Novice Standard
(NA) & Open Jumpers (OAJ)
Spry earned her USDAA AD title on May 23rd with a
1st in Starters Standard & Pairs, a Grand Prix win,
and Bye for the upcoming Regional Championships
in Barto, PA.
Owned by Beth Szczygiel ~ Massachusetts ~



WOW!!!



It all happened on April 11, 2015 in Harrisburg, PA where with a twinkle of her eyes and twitch of her tail, Bella made magic happen!! Judge John Ashbey fell under her spell in breed where she won BOB and BOB OH. This gave her the last "event with champion defeated" that she needed to be awarded the total of AKC Grand Champion and placed her in the Terrier Group ring and Terrier Group Owner Handled ring. We were so thrilled with our Bella "the Good Witch", and could not have imagined a more perfect way to end her show career. But Bella was not finished with her show that day and waved her magic wand/ tail one more time for a Group Third Owner Handled! Bella is now known as GCH CH Crosswind's Little Black Dress and is proudly owned by Chester D Hileman, Sr and Denise A Hileman.

Bella and I would be remiss if we did not thank Louise Schroll and Jackie Maye for their support that day, and for making her win possible. And I must not forget to thank my husband, Chet for his encouragement and motivation to not give up on Bella despite some huge obstacles and heartaches on the way. Bella is now using her skills at agility training where in true form, she's running the show! ~ Pennsylvania ~



Sands Holy Mackerel owned by Alison Raposo earned his Barn Hunt Novice title (RATN) finishing with a second place in both trials at Tova Training in Auburn, NH. under Judge Sankus on April 11, 2015. ~ Massachusetts ~

AMAZING!!!



BUOY

Buoy, Wildcliffs Hook line and Sinker, as he earned his Lure Coursing CA last weekend, May 9-10, at the Empire Saluki clubs CAT trials! Owned by Tracey and Kevin Spillane. ~ New York ~



LINDY

Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout "Lindy" earned 4 qualifying 100 scores in Novice Jumpers with Weaves and Novice Standard at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Baltimore agility trial April 25 & 26 in Frederick MD. Owner by Betsy Spilis. ~ New Hampshire ~



POLO

Polo owned by Stephen and Brooklyn Hjerpe earned the fastest time in the puppy division for lure coursing at the Bluegrass Working Terrier Association trial in Shelbyville, KY on May 9. He also won the puppy go-to-ground/earthdog. ~ Kentucky ~

POX



At 7 months of age River Ridge's Itchin' To Party "Pox" earned his Barn Hunt Instinct title and a second place plus his first of three legs towards his Barn Hunt Novice title on May 17 at the Get Active K9 Barn Hunt Trial. Owned by Ashley Kutzli. ~ Michigan ~

PHENOMENAL!!!



May 30, 2015 ~ New Grand Champion at the Kennel Club of Pasadena, Judge: Mr. Robert E. Hutton. GCH Wild Oak's Courage Under Fire "Courage" owned by Jackie Ader.



May 30, 2015 ~ Best Opposite Sex at the Kennel Club of Pasadena, Judge: Mr. Darryl Vice. Blackwoods Gunpowder and Lead "Bisley" owned and bred by Jackie Ader.



May 31, 2015 ~ New Champion at the Kennel Club of Pasadena, Judge: Mr. Darryl Vice. King Pen RNB's He Uses Dark Magic "Severus" owned by Jackie Ader. ~ California ~

REMUS (officially RiverRidge Mischief Managed RN RL1_AOE MXJ MJB MX MXF T2B AD AG AJ AS) owned by Deb Stevenson earned his Gamblers Master title. ~ New Jersey ~



OUTSTANDING!!!

CRUZIN'S BESIDE STILL WATERS



June 21, 2015 at the Great Western Terrier Show, Cruzin's Beside Still Waters "Brook" owned by Christina Martinez and Lynn Pinkey was Best of Winners for a Major. ~ California ~



Skippin CJ Legacy Rides Again "Okie" was Best of Breed in Stillwater, OK. May 24, 2015. Owned by Renee' Morgan and Christina Martinez. He has now finished his Champion title. Okie also earned a Group 3 placement in Shawnee Ok. ~ Oklahoma ~



MACH ADCH-Bronze Jus' Bingo CDX, U-CD, U-CA, RE, XF, RL-2, RATS, TM-Bronze, LAA-Bronze owned by Barb Krynski earned his MACH2 at German Shepherd Dog Training Club trial on June 7. His house brother Zap also earned his MACH2 at Illiana Collie Fanciers Club trial on June 13. ~ Illinois ~



River Ridge Lock 'n Load, RATI "Gunner" earned his Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title on June 13, 2015. Owned Sandra and Steve Ball, handled by Sandra. ~ Arizona ~

YOU ROCK!!!



CH Evanlee's May D'odds B Evr N
Ur Favor River Ridge "Victor"
New Champion on May 24, 2015 at
SEVEN months!! Owned by Stacy
McWilliams, Jane Gardner &
Donna McMahan.
~Pennsylvania ~



CH River Ridge 2 BiZe B'N Fabulous
"Mollie". New Champion! Owned by Stacy
McWilliams. ~ Pennsylvania ~

CH River Ridge New Direction "LV"
owned by Jane Gardner and Stacy
McWilliams. New Champion on May 25,
2015 at SEVEN months!! As we go to
press with this issue, LV is 3 points from
her Grand Champion title.
~ Pennsylvania ~



Collar or harness, what to choose?

What is a balance trainer?

By Chantal Conscience-di Renzo

CCOTI, PB, RM

As a dog trainer and behaviourist I read a lot, watch different TV shows, and try to get informed on new technics and trends in the field of dog training.

One of the most important changes in the last 20 years was to go from an exclusively dominant type of training, to a softer and sometimes even non-verbal training (clicker). Unfortunately with changes come all the politic. Now we reached a point where people are humanizing their pets so much that there is no respect of their natural individuality. I am the first one to talk to my dogs and use silly names for them and treat them like part of the family. This being said I do also understand that they are not human and will never be. They cannot understand all I am saying, they love the attention and would respond with funny faces or even by smiling. Yes dogs do smile, not all of them but some do and it is a real treat to see one smiling of joy.

My point today is to put things into perspective. Evolution is a natural process, humans evolve around the landscape that surrounds them and animals do the same. When the city invade their territory they will adapt and learn to live a different way. This does not mean that they loose completely their nature; they just take advantage of, or suffer from the new situation.

We know that humans from the 12th century were not the same as we are now, but the fundamentals of what make mankind human stayed the same. We still live in a way where we have leaders and followers; we still have rich people and poor people. We still have people that envy others, we still love and hate, and we are supposed to be the most evolved of all animals. So based on this why less evolved being would change so drastically that all the natural instincts will disappear in just a few years?

What I am getting at; is that believing that dogs are now so tame and dependent to us that they will never return to their natural instinct is ludicrous and dangerous. I do not pretend to be a scientist and to know everything there is to know about dogs and pets in general, but I spent the last 50 years studying horses, dogs and cats behaviour. All three animals are different in shape and in nature. And if you take any of these animals away from their life with humans, they will return to their basic instincts in no time.

A lot of our city dogs are coming from specific breeding and because it makes life easier a lot of backyard breeders would use a tame animal that will breed another tame one, resulting in a doubling up good temperament. I am talking about backyard breeders, as most of the pet population today is still coming from no paper or crossbreed. The purebred with showing background is a smallest part of the pet population. Do not take me wrong, I do not say that backyard breeders are bad, but they first of all are looking to make a little money without having to do much. But this is not the point right now anyway.

So with a population of very tame dogs, why do we get dogs that are unruly, barks and lunge at everything that is moving? Often it is due to a lack of socialization at a young age, but more and more I see dogs in my business that are not exercised enough, that have been through training classes with flying colours and suddenly are showing unwanted behaviours. Maybe we should ask ourselves why? We take for granted that once the classes are finished the dog is done learning and does not need to be remind what are the rules. Most of our pets go to puppy classes and sometimes even to obedience training 1 and 2 and by the time they are 12-14 months or younger the all process is done and dealt with.

At that time they are just coming to teen age and we all know what teenage time brings. It is a time when the main changes occur in our brain and body the dogs also mature at that time. Not all the rebellious teenagers become delinquents the same can be said for dogs too. The majority will mature into nice and quiet companions. But some of them will not, and here comes trouble because with the new trend in believing that dogs are not anymore driven by their pack position it can be dangerous. Dogs still have their dominant instinct, just like humans have and just like in humans not many are real leaders and most are followers, but a leader that cannot explore its true nature is frustrated and the frustration grows every day. Being a leader in dogs does not mean that the pack leader is dominant and violent. He or she is stable have no need for aggression to prove his/her position and can get respect just by changing the way he/she holds the whole body.

Body language in dogs is very important and we will discuss it another time, but look at Bailey's attitude when meeting with other dogs and watch their way of communicating. Being a leader in the wild is not just having a strong and powerful body that can protect the pack, if you look carefully you will see it is not always the case. But it is also being stable, not letting the puppies and youngsters being unruly. Being a leader is being able to find the right place to sleep, to play, to hunt or just relax in peace.

Being a leader in urban life is completely different as we assume that our dog should understand that we are the natural “boss” and they have to live by our rules, they have been raised to be followers for centuries. More and more people want to deny the fact that dogs are related to wolves, even if it has been proven genetically. And if they accept that fact reluctantly then they will argue that a wild animal has nothing to do with our domesticated dogs. The studies on which we base our knowledge of the pack environment was conducted long time ago and with wolf packs in captivity. How can that be relevant? I do agree that some of the studies were maybe not as relevant as we thought. The animals were placed together and the packs not naturally formed. Well, here you have your answer, we do impose to our dogs to live by our rules, we choose them, choose where they will be walking, where they will be sleeping and when and where they will meet other people and dogs. So at the end the studies were not as far away from reality.

But lets assume for a moment that evolution in dog behaviour was so drastic in the last 40 years that now they lost their survival instinct and with it their natural way of living. Then how do you explain that if dogs are left without humans to take care of them they return in no time to their basic instincts?

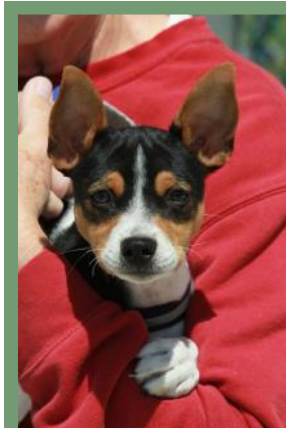
So what should be considered balance training? When we take in consideration all the needs and desires of the dogs? Or for what is convenient for us?

A balance trainer/behaviourist is someone that know when to use a stronger hand and when to reward. A balance trainer is someone that does not think that dogs are machines that will repeat the same things time after time, but believes that pets can also have a bad day. A balance trainer is someone that can recognize a leader from a follower and understand the difference between the two. A balance trainer is someone that gives a choice: do right or do wrong, and show what is expected. A balance trainer is someone that can understand the basic instinct of an animal and make it a powerful teaching tool. We have so many distinctive breeds that were created for our needs and pleasure, why not use their natural instinct to teach them how to behave at home and in the world. A dog with a huge prey drive can be tone down; you can re-focus the energy on something else that will keep it under control. You cannot just erase it from their mind by breaking the spirit of the animal. Most of our dogs want to please us, we can teach them many different things. They want to be with us, share every minute with us, which is why they accept many situations that are not always good for them. As long as you give them a little bit of love they will love you back. But they need discipline to learn how to behave around us and we need to teach them. Dogs, like kids, do not come pre-programmed on good behaviour.

But first of all a balance trainer is someone that can also read the pet’s owner, that is capable to demonstrate what in the behaviour is due to lack of discipline or by lack of understanding of the specific pet’s individuality. A balance trainer is someone that can repair the communication between a pet and it’s owner(s). A balance trainer is someone that will use the right tool at the right moment. A balance trainer is someone that learns from the past and adapts the teaching/learning technics to the future.

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The STATISTICS

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2015 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle Statistics
thru May 31, 2015

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	188	0	0	T Little/R Little
2	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	M	126	0	0	L Schroll/S McWilliams/J Gardner
3	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	M	67	0	0	L Hibbard
4	GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	62	0	0	B Veltri
5	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout@Gh1	F	43	0	0	A Burns/L Meek
6	GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal	M	40	0	0	L Thoming
7	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	39	0	0	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
8	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	M	31	0	0	A Agostine
9	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	F	24	0	0	F Trammell/B Trammell
10	CH Wildcliff A Likely Story	F	17	0	0	B Kneale/S Kellogg
10	CH Atencio's Once Upon A Dream	F	17	0	0	R Anthony/D Atencio-Kupfer
12	CH Seegmillers Mission Complete	F	12	0	0	K Seegmiller
12	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	M	12	0	0	S McWilliams/T Jordan
14	GCH CH Crosswind's Little Black Dress	F	11	0	0	C Hileman/D Hileman
15	CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	F	10	0	0	C Humphrey/B Pettry
15	CH Cal Val Stiletto's Igo Tequila	F	10	0	0	J Ferguson/M Ferguson
15	GCH CH Skippin Cj Freedom	M	10	0	0	C Martinez
18	GCH CH Dos Kn Pn Rnb He's The Wizard	M	9	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
19	GCH CH Wild Oaks Courage Under Fire	F	8	0	0	J Ader
19	GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity	M	8	0	0	T Gillies/D Gillies
19	CH Ratitatt Gotz Spirit	F	8	0	0	V Schiefer

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2015 Rat Terriers		ALL BREED STANDINGS				The Canine Chronicle Statistics thru May 31, 2015
Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	433	0	0	T Little/R Little
2	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	M	427	0	0	L Schroll/S McWilliams/J Gardner
3	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	77	0	0	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
4	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	F	70	0	0	F Trammell/B Trammell
5	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	M	67	0	0	L Hibbard
6	GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	62	0	0	B Veltri
7	CH Seegmillers Mission Complete	F	43	0	0	K Seegmiller
7	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkabout@Ghl	F	43	0	0	A Burns/L Meek
9	GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal	M	40	0	0	L Thoming
10	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	M	31	0	0	A Agostine
11	Kn'd's Prehistoric Princess	F	30	0	0	V Boyle
12	CH Wildcliff A Likely Story	F	17	0	0	B Kneale/S Kellogg
12	CH Atencio's Once Upon A Dream	F	17	0	0	R Anthony/D Atencio-Kupfer
14	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	M	12	0	0	S McWilliams/T Jordan
15	GCH CH Crosswind's Little Black Dress	F	11	0	0	C Hileman/D Hileman
16	CH Cal Val Stiletto's Igo Tequila	F	10	0	0	J Ferguson/M Ferguson
16	CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	F	10	0	0	C Humphrey/B Petry
16	GCH CH Skippin Cj Freedom	M	10	0	0	C Martinez
19	GCH CH Dos Kn Pn Rnb He's The Wizard	M	9	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
20	CH Ratitatt Gotz Spirit	F	8	0	0	V Schiefer
20	GCH CH Wild Oaks Courage Under Fire	F	8	0	0	J Ader
20	GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity	M	8	0	0	T Gillies/D Gillies



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2015 Owner-Handler Breed Top 15

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Statistics thru May 31, 2015

Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handler Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	Louise Schroll Stacy McWilliams Jane Gardner	Rat Terrier	125
2	GCH CH Kenann s Liv N N Lov N Life CM	Annette Agostine	Rat Terrier	100
3	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	Felicity Trammell Barbara Trammell	Rat Terrier	80
4	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	Loretta Iazzetti Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	75
5	CH Wildcliff She II Tickle Ur Fancy	Beth Ann Amico Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	60
5	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini s Serv D CM	Stacy McWilliams Tammy Jordan	Rat Terrier	60
7	CH River Ridge s Give Em Someth N 2talk About	Jaclyn Maye Beth Szczygiel Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	40
8	GCH CH River Ridge s Flower In Her Hair	Denise Hileman Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	35
8	CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	Cynthia Humphrey Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	35
10	CH Turn Slice Of Heaven	Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner	Rat Terrier	30
11	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	Theda Little Ransome Little	Rat Terrier	25
11	GCH CH Crosswind s Little Black Dress	Chester David Hileman Sr. Denise Aileen Hileman	Rat Terrier	25
11	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tkabout GIHL	Alma Burns Linda Meek	Rat Terrier	25
14	CH Wildcliff A Likely Story	Billie Kneale Dr. Scott Kellogg	Rat Terrier	20
15	Tanaga s Vegas Obsession	Robin M Lutwinas	Rat Terrier	15
15	Seegmiller s Let There Be Light	Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Angel B Lopez Jennifer Dellos	Rat Terrier	15
15	CH Rnb She s A Witchy Woman	Sherry and Dud L Hendrix	Rat Terrier	15
15	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	Frances B Nasiatka Valerie Schiefer	Rat Terrier	15
15	Raganrat s Duchess Of Nobility	Michelle Blackmore Darice Ragan	Rat Terrier	15
15	CH K2 s Prognostication For Hdk	Rebekah Anthony Huseby Tracy Kallas	Rat Terrier	15



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AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

The Canine Chronicle
Statistics thru May 31, 2015

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Owner
1	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	115	T Little/R Little
2	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	63	L Hibbard
3	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	M	54	L Schroll/S McWilliams
4	GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	41	B Veltri
5	GCH CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	37	V Schiefer
6	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkabout@Ghl	F	34	A Burns/L Meek
7	GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal	M	26	L Thoming
8	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	M	23	A Agostine
9	CH River Ridge's Flower In Her Hair	F	19	D Hileman/S McWilliams
9	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	F	19	F Trammell/B Trammell
9	CH Wildcliff A Likely Story	F	19	B Kneale/S Kellogg
12	GCH CH King Pen Rnb's Queen Ann	F	18	S Hendrix
13	GCH CH Crosswind's Little Black Dress	F	17	C Hileman/D Hileman
14	CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	15	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
14	CH Atencio's Once Upon A Dream	F	15	R Anthony/D Atencio-Kupfer
14	CH Wild Oaks Courage Under Fire	F	15	J Ader
17	CH Rnb She's A Witchy Woman	F	13	S Hendrix
18	GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity	M	12	T Gillies/D Gillies
19	GCH CH Skippin Cj Golden Rose CM	F	11	C Martinez/M Simon
19	CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	F	11	F Nasiatka/V Schiefer



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AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES RANKING

For Events Processed Through: June 6, 2015

Qualifying Period: October 09, 2014 through October 07, 2015

Points Ranking for Rat Terrier (2015)

Today's Date: June 30, 2015

Rank	Dog Name	Owner Name	Sex	OHS Points
No. 1	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	Louise Schroll/Stacy McWilliams/Jane Gardner	Dog	125
No. 2	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	Annette Agostine	Dog	100
No. 3	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	Felicity Trammell/Barbara Trammell	Bitch	80
No. 4	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	Loretta Iazzetti/Stacy McWilliams	Dog	75
No. 5	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	Stacy McWilliams/Tammy Jordan	Dog	60
	CH Wildcliff She'll Tickle Ur Fancy	Beth Ann Amico/Stacy McWilliams	Bitch	60
No. 7	CH River Ridge's Give Em Someth'N 2talk About	Jaclyn Maye/Beth Szczygiel/Stacy McWilliams	Dog	40
No. 8	CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	Cynthia Humphrey/Brandy Pettry	Bitch	35



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AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES RANKING ~ CONTINUED ~

	GCH CH River Ridge's Flower In Her Hair	Denise Hileman/Stacy McWilliams	Bitch	35
No. 10	CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN	Susan R Mulligan/Susan D Turner	Bitch	30
No. 11	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout@GhI	Alma Burns/Linda Meek	Bitch	25
	GCH CH Crosswind's Little Black Dress	Chester David Hileman Sr./Denise Aileen Hileman	Bitch	25
	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	Theda Little/Ransome Little	Dog	25
No. 14	CH Wildcliff A Likely Story	Billie Kneale/Dr. Scott Kellogg	Bitch	20
No. 15	CH K2's Prognostication For Hdk	Rebekah Anthony Huseby/Tracy Kallas	Bitch	15
	Raganrat's Duchess Of Nobility	Michelle Blackmore/Darice Ragan	Bitch	15
	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	Frances B Nasiatka/Valerie Schiefer	Bitch	15
	CH Rnb She's A Witchy Woman	Sherry and Dud L Hendrix	Bitch	15
	Seegmiller's Let There Be Light	Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller/Angel B Lopez/Jennifer Dellos	Bitch	15
	Tanaga's Vegas Obsession	Robin M Lutwinas	Bitch	15



Dog News Top Ten All Breed List

Terrier Breeds

May 2015

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Rat Terriers BIS RBIS GRP1 GRP2 GRP3 GRP4 Total

1 GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town (M) 0 0 0 1 2 3 317  
L Schroll/S Mcwilliams/J Gardner

2 GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch (M) 0 0 0 0 1 2 273  
T Little/R Little

3 CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It (F) 0 0 0 0 0 1 49  
F Trammell/B Trammell

4 GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN (M) 0 0 0 0 0 1 43  
K Seegmiller/A Chestnut

5 CH Seegmillers Mission Complete (F) 0 0 0 0 0 1 31  
K Seegmiller

6 Knd's Prehistoric Princess (F) 0 0 0 0 0 1 30  
V Boyle

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# AGILITY

## Rat Terrier Ranking by PowerScore for 2015 Q1



The Breed Power 10 is a group of the top 10 dogs in each breed *at each height* ranked by PowerScore. The Breed Power 10 recognizes the fastest dogs in our sport by using average yards per second, rather than double qualifying (QQ) runs or points.

### 8" Regular

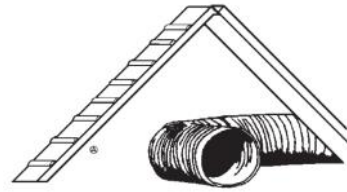
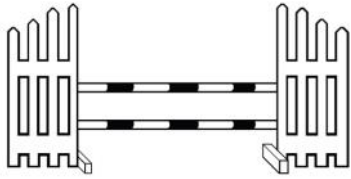
|   | Power Score | Dog                                                            | Owner                  | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
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| 1 | 12.48       | Penny Lane — MACH9 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen<br>MXC2 MJB3 | M Liebhardt/V Schiefer | 4.65    | 3.91    |
| 2 | 12.12       | Ellie — MACH4 Ellie May MXC MJB2 MXF T2B4                      | H Williams/B Williams  | 4.62    | 3.75    |
| 3 | 9.79        | Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN AX AXJ NF CA                   | C Lent/V Luchsinger    | 3.61    | 3.09    |
| 4 | 9.05        | Beretich's Musical Zeaner RE AX AXJ                            | P Meeks                | 3.81    | 2.62    |

## 12" Regular

|    | Power Score | Dog                                                             | Owner                      | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|----|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | 13.78       | Ryder — Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MX MXS MXJ MJB RATO        | C Clemente                 | 5.31    | 4.24    |
| 2  | 13.41       | Gus — MACH Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXS MJS XF T2B | M BASU/V Schiefer          | 5.04    | 4.19    |
| 3  | 12.97       | Woody — MACH9 Ratitatt Wood U Buzz Me MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFS TQX T2B | Y Mancino/D Mancino        | 4.98    | 3.99    |
| 4  | 12.57       | Aris Legacy Up Up And Away AX MXJ OF                            | D Davidson-Harper/M Matsuo | 4.59    | 3.99    |
| 5  | 12.51       | MACH Penelope's Pied Piper MXS MJB                              | N Sewell                   | 4.61    | 3.95    |
| 6  | 12.49       | Flash — MACH2 Call Me Greased Lightning MXG MJC XF T2B CA       | K Brown                    | 4.92    | 3.78    |
| 7  | 12.28       | MACH21 Pebbles' Magic Act MXC5 MJS6 MXF TQX T2B                 | D Kennedy                  | 4.89    | 3.70    |
| 8  | 12.17       | Drj's Johnny Boy MX AXJ NF                                      | R Taylor/D Taylor          | 5.04    | 3.57    |
| 9  | 11.93       | MACH19 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXB5 MJB6 MXF TQX T2B           | G Capen                    | 4.50    | 3.72    |
| 10 | 11.63       | MACH11 Lady Abigail Chase My Mom MXS4 MJB4 OF                   | G Capen                    | 4.26    | 3.68    |

## 16" Regular

|   | Power Score | Dog                                                    | Owner             | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 13.82       | Taylor — MACH Taylorswift MXB MJS T2B                  | S Mcginty         | 5.34    | 4.24    |
| 2 | 13.46       | Tuckaway Arrow AX MXJ OF                               | P Caldwell        | 5.09    | 4.18    |
| 3 | 13.22       | Porter — MACH2 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXS MJS T2B CA    | M Obidinski       | 4.98    | 4.12    |
| 4 | 12.46       | Pecatonica Infinity & Beyond AX AXJ OF                 | C Kempf           | 4.80    | 3.83    |
| 5 | 12.40       | MACH3 Windwood Rafael TD MXC MJS2 MXF MFS TQX T2B3 CAA | L Mancino         | 4.78    | 3.81    |
| 6 | 12.25       | MACH8 MR. Big MXS3 MJG3 FTC1 MFC2 TQX T2B              | C Oman            | 4.70    | 3.78    |
| 7 | 11.57       | MACH5 Maggie Mae Becker MXB2 MJG2 XF                   | B Becker/B Becker | 4.21    | 3.68    |

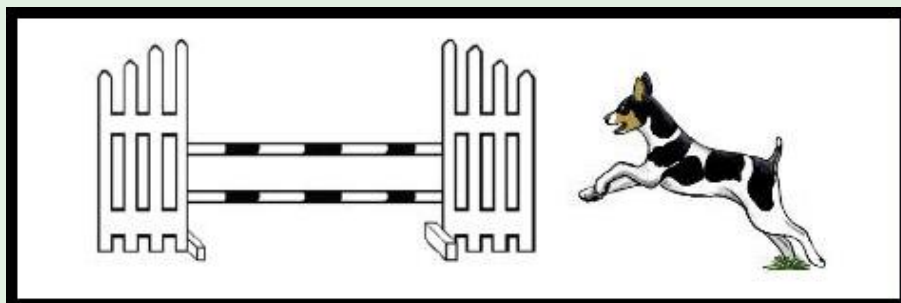


## 8" Preferred

|   | Power Score | Dog                                                                                                           | Owner        | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 10.38       | MACH Rudolph's Wish Upon A Star RA MXB MJC OF                                                                 | R Rudolph    | 3.82    | 3.28    |
| 2 | 10.09       | Stella — MACH4 PACH2 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP6 MXPS MJP7 MJPS PAX2 MXF MFC TQX T2B6            | V Meyer      | 3.60    | 3.25    |
| 3 | 9.09        | Austin — MACH10 PACH Hollys Hope Of Austins Powers MXB3 MJS3 MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF MFS TQX MFP T2B T2BP | K Wells, Dvm | 3.34    | 2.87    |

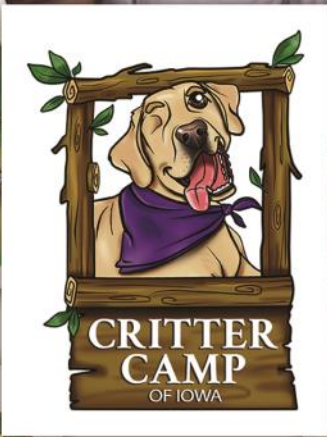
## 12" Preferred

|   | Power Score | Dog                                                              | Owner       | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|---|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 12.81       | Willis — MACH6 PACH Willis MXS2 MJG2 MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX T2B | M Obidinski | 5.01    | 3.90    |
| 2 | 11.60       | MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB                          | R Nicotra   | 4.48    | 3.56    |



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# RAT TERRIER COLORS & PATTERNS

MARTC collaborated with Dogworks to have a basic breed color chart created with hopes of helping new Rat Terrier owners and Judges correctly identify colors for the breed. With 19 colors and 9 patterns (based upon what is currently offered on AKC paperwork) it is not often easy to discern what color and pattern a Rat Terrier displays.

As a new breed with such complex colors and patterns, our club has hopes that RTCA will approve and accept this color chart. We believe it would be of great help to Judges and exhibitors. At the time of this newsletter, the club is still awaiting RTCA feedback and blessing on the chart.

In addition, another nice benefit is the club now has all the colors and patterns to create some nice items for future fund raising.

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Rat Terrier

AKC Colors and Patterns



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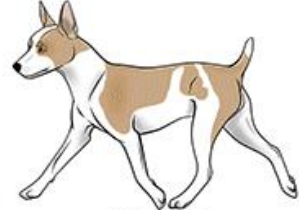
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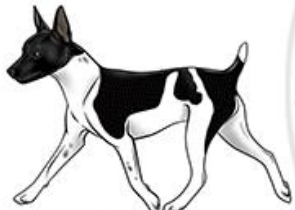
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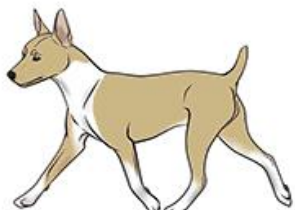
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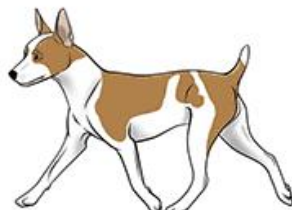
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BLACK & WHITE	019	WHITE & BLUE FAWN	334
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RED	140	WHITE & RED	214
RED WHITE & SABLE	158	WHITE & SILVER	216
WHITE	199	WHITE & TAN	217
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WHITE & BLACK	202	WHITE, CHOCOLATE & TAN	397
WHITE & BLUE	288		

MARKING CODES

BADGER MARKINGS	001
BLANKET-BACK	084
IRISH MARKED	115
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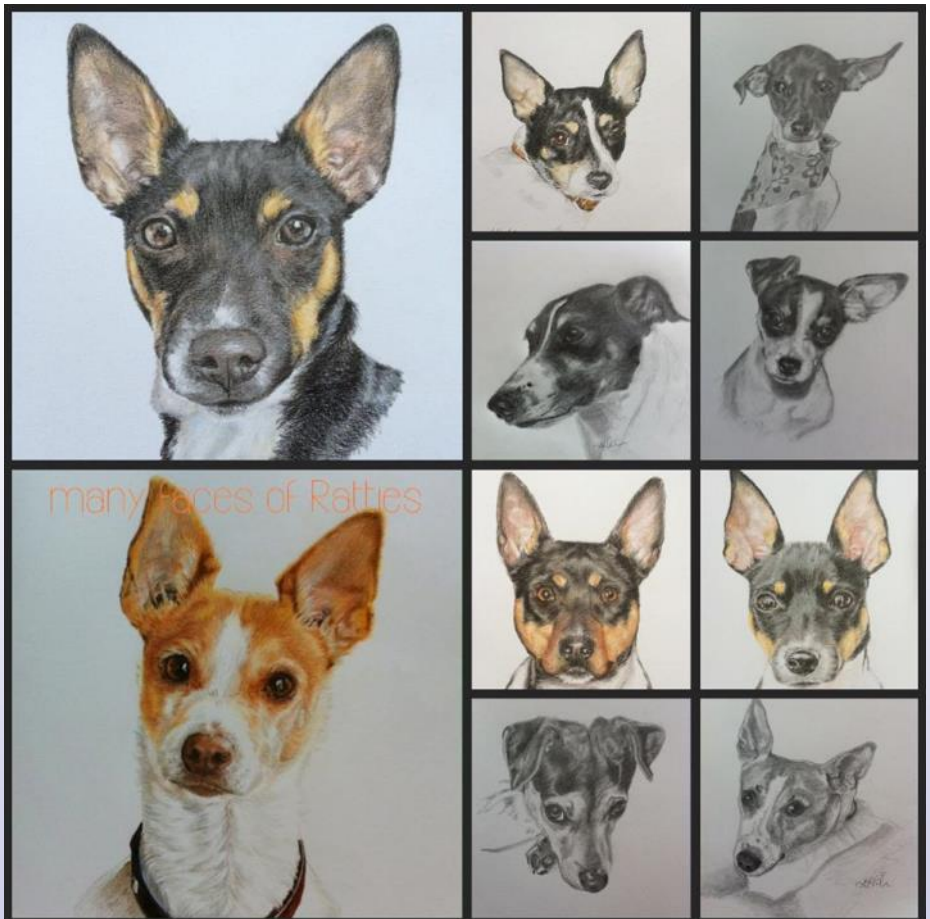
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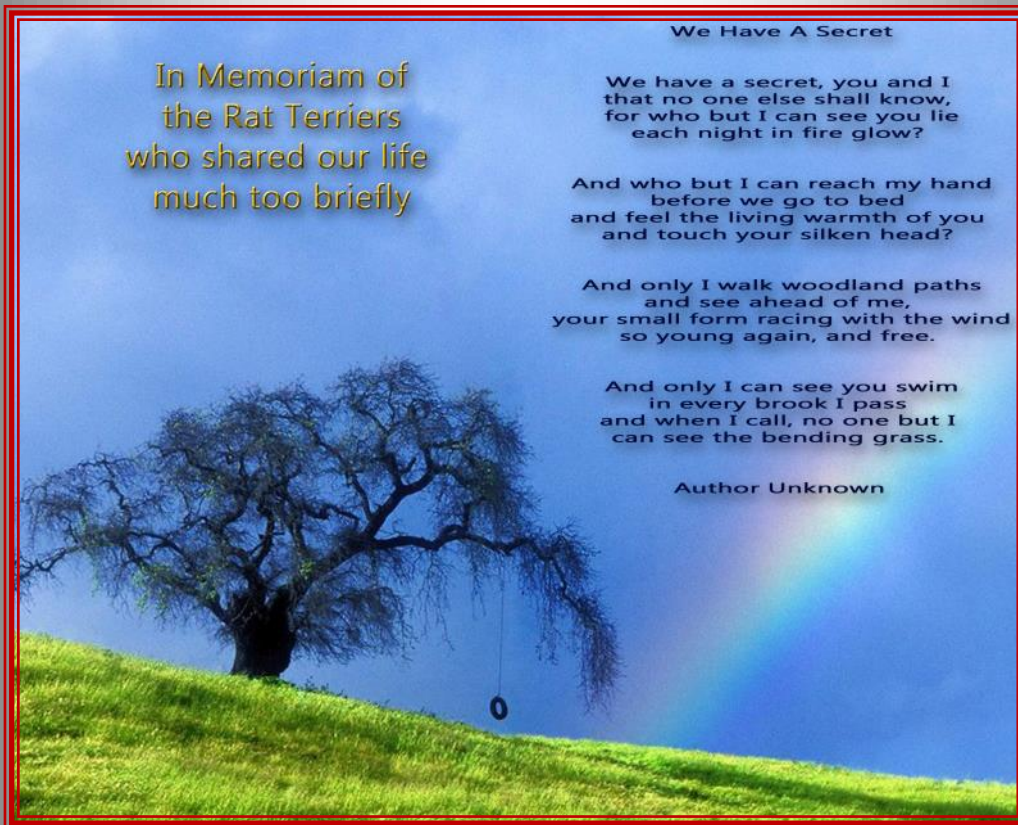
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Our sweet elegant Princess went to the Bridge on
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TACT US. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!**

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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 \geq 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 \square 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 forehead 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.

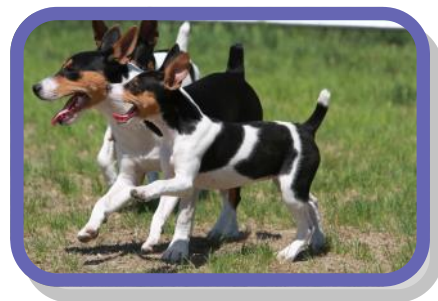
Temperament

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.

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Shameless Plug for ...

NEW members!!!

We hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletters and are finding them helpful, enjoyable, and worthy of archiving on your computer for future reference.

Please consider joining our MARTC family and developing friendships with people who share a common interest in the Rat Terrier breed at all levels and becoming a part of the work to continue to help the breed grow and prosper within AKC rules and guidelines.

While MARTC is not an AKC affiliated club at this time, it is the hope and future goal to become an AKC affiliated regional breed club. As has been mentioned previously in this newsletter, you can become a voting member and not live in the Mid-Atlantic region. This right gives you the opportunity to have a say in the future path that the club takes. How exciting it is to anticipate the growth of a club with the goals of benefiting the breed, educating the public, and developing friendships all across the country!!

We welcome people who participate in conformation, agility, barn hunt, lure coursing, rally, obedience and any other venues with this delightful breed. More importantly, we welcome people who have the pets that never compete in any venue because, for all of us, our dogs are pets first and the rest is frosting on top.

Old and new members will be welcomed and appreciated. Let's set the goal together of developing an awesome platform from which to promote our breed!!!



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

1. _____ 2. _____

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Member Name: _____

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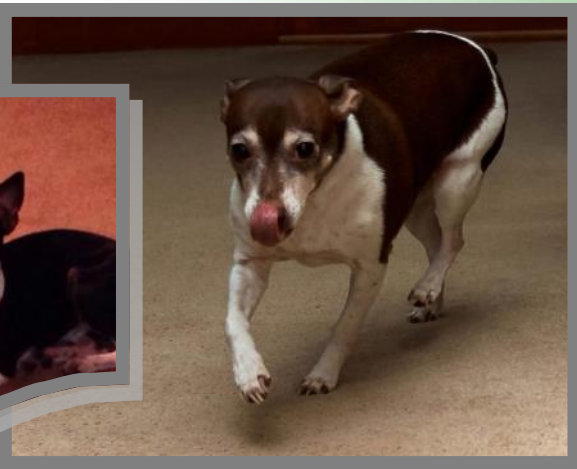
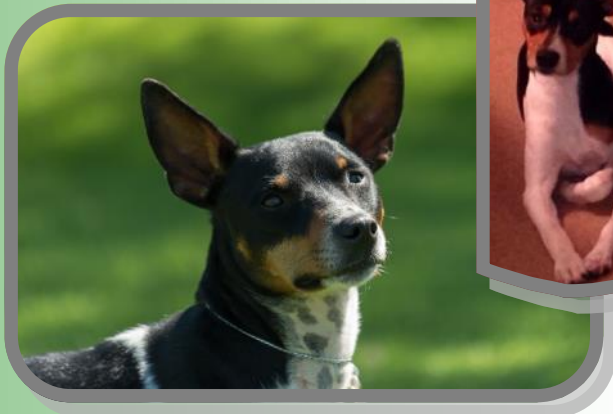
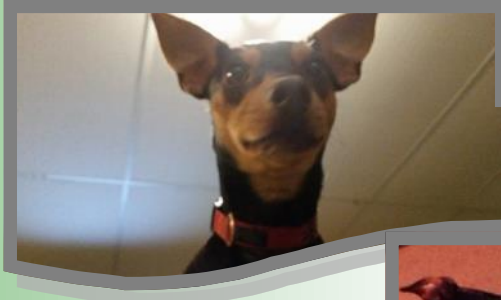
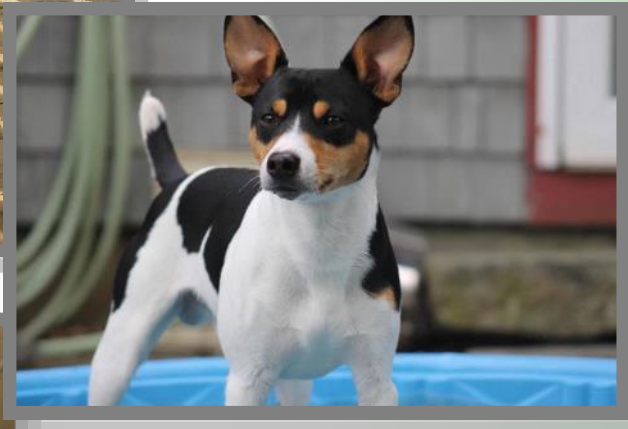
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