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Letter From The President



MARTC is a growing club with many goals. We can't meet them without member support. As I write this I realize that we have many members who I have not met. I'd like to reach out to all members and encourage you to share your story with MARTC. I want to have a "Meet the Member" section added to this newsletter which will feature a member bio. We are all here for different reasons and came to love the Rat Terrier for one (or several) of their attributes. I'd like this section of the newsletter to feature all types of rat terrier owners-pet, performance, or

conformation. I hope you will become inspired to write your story and share with other members.

Check our Members' Facebook page for an outline of what we want to know about you! And, see page 42 for the first Member Bio.

Have a great fall!

Amy Miskiewicz, President

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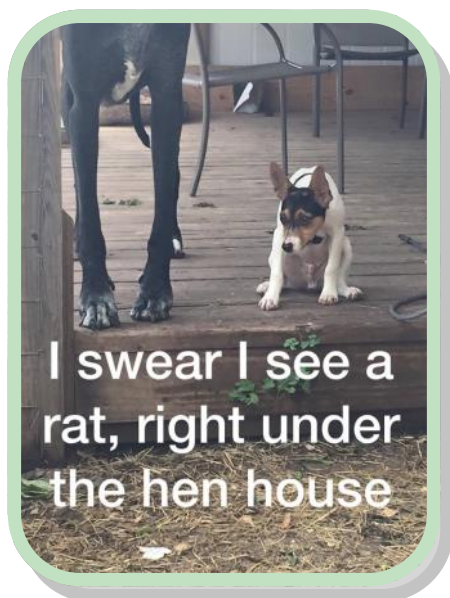


This 'n That ...

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 at 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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

It has been a fairly quiet summer as far as the monies of the Club with the exception of the awesome Tupperware fundraiser run by Deb Harpur and Penny Janson. A big shout out to these two ladies whose efforts boosted the Club coffers by \$270.20.

The effort to achieve 501c3 tax exempt status for the Club has proceeded slowly but methodically. On the “off the record” advice of our I.R.S. contact, the Club went through the process of changing its legal status from an LLC to a Corporation. On the downside this change cost the Club \$100.00 (generously covered by a donation). On the upside, we don’t have to repay the \$400.00 501c3 application fee. This change will greatly facilitate our 501c3 application process. The papers documenting the change were returned to the I.R.S. and received by them on September 6, 2015. Now it’s just a waiting game until we hear back from them. I’m hoping to hear something by the end of October, but certainly by the end of the year.

Once our tax-exempt status is approved by the I.R.S. it gives us many benefits, among them: (1) donations to the Club are tax deductible by the donor on their tax return; (2) purchases made by the Club are exempt from sales taxes; (3) the Club will be exempt from paying State and Federal income taxes; and (4) we will no longer have to pay the \$12.00 service charge each month to PNC Bank (every little bit helps!). All of these things taken together should greatly help us to increase our bank account and allow us to support more conformation and performance events, allow us to offer a nice new member package (still in the works – don’t worry old members – it would only be fair that you too would be included in any swag the Club will offer!), and continue to provide educational resources for Rat Terrier lovers (e.g., our color chart earlier this year).

Our current TOTAL balance in both the PNC Bank Account and the Club PayPal Account is \$899.12, broken down as \$537.16 in the bank and \$361.96 in PayPal. The Treasurer’s Reports for July, August and September should be up on the Member’s Facebook Page within the next week – sometime after September 30, 2015.

I want to thank everyone for ALL that you do, both large and small, to promote our club and our efforts to make it the BEST club for Rat Terrier lovers. It will take time and effort and some money, but with everyone’s help we’ll get there!

Judith R. Babarsky,
Treasurer



Pretty as a Picture



This is Charlie Buckets aka CB and officially known as River Ridge's Golden Ticket.

Photo taken by Stacy McWilliams.



Rat Killing: The Terrier Way

By Amanda J. Truitt

JREED AND HIS MONGROL HOARD

THE NORWAY RAT

Rats. The word alone can bring chills to the skin and a cringe to one's stomach. Most often when someone sees a rat in North America, they are staring into the face of the Norway rat. Ewww!

The Norway rat is also referred to as the brown rat, house rat, barn rat, sewer rat, gray rat, or wharf rat. The word 'rat' is generally used to describe these medium sized rodents with long thin tails, beady eyes, and odious looking teeth that send shivers down the spine.

The Norway rat, a stocky burrowing rodent who weighs an average of 1 pound and can grow up to 21 inches long, was unintentionally introduced into North America by settlers who arrived on ships from Europe around 1775. The Norway rat has abundantly spread throughout the lower 48 states. Norway rats live in close proximity to people in both rural and urban areas. They tend to find and make homes in and around residences, in

basements, storage areas, stores, docks, and in sewers. On farms they may inhabit barns, granaries, livestock buildings/pens, silos, and kennels. They often burrow to make nests under structures on properties, beneath concrete slabs, along stream or pond banks, in garbage dumps, underneath animal pens/manure piles and at other locations where suitable food, water, and shelter is present.

Norway rats have physical capabilities that enable them to gain entry to structures by gnawing and chewing (their teeth grow on average 4.5-5.5 inches per year), climbing, jumping, swimming, and other tactics. They can fall 50 feet without being injured. They can tread water for days and even survive a flush down the toilet.

Norway rats will eat nearly any type of food; they will even eat their own feces, purely for the nutritional value. Food and waste items found in everyday household garbage offer a

balanced diet also satisfying moisture needs.

Norway rats usually construct nests in underground burrows. Females may come into heat every 4 or 5 days, having live litters of 6 to 12 which are born 21 to 23 days after conception. They begin the cycle again within a day or two after a litter is born. The average female rat has 4 to 6 litters per year. Thus a pair of brown rats can produce as many as 2,000 descendants in one year's time if left to breed unchecked. Rats mature sexually at 3 to 4 months, and have an average life span of two to three years. [Do the math, that's a lot of rats!]

So in review: Rats are smart, cunning, easy to attract, reproducing demigods, and like Steven Segal hard to kill.

HISTORY OF RATTING

Rats and mice plagued Great Britain during the centuries terriers were developing. The growth of cities with open drains and no sanitation caused rats and

mice to thrive. People would often hire a “terrier man” to rid buildings or properties of rats and be paid for the number of dead rats supplied to his employer. Thus terriers capable of killing vermin quickly could earn sufficient income, enough to support an entire family.

In actuality, any dog can be a ‘rat dog’; but none can compare to the infamous Rat Terrier. Rat dogs had to be quick and agile with powerful jaws so the rat was killed before the dog himself was bitten. They also needed to have a ‘nose’ for sniffing out vermin. It was these ratting dogs who travelled the globe in the holds of the early merchant ships that gave rise to the various breeds of terriers we have in existence today.

In the United States, Rat Terriers were cherished as loyal hunting companions and efficient killers of vermin on 20th century American farms. As a result of this killer instinct, Rat Terriers were one of the most popular dog types from the 1920s to the 1940s. However the widespread use of chemical pesticides and the growth of commercial farming led to a sharp decline in the breed from the 1950s onwards. Breed loyalists maintained the bloodline, leading to the modern Rat Terrier.

Due to the use of modern ingenuity, poison, and exterminators, the need for a good ratting dog gradually faded away. Today, rat hunting is rare but not unheard of.

CATS VS TERRIERS

There is difference between a cat and a terrier when you’re talking rodent control. When it comes to cats, even the best mousers only go after one victim at a time. Cats also pause to play with their prey and/or eat it. Generally it can take cats days, sometimes weeks, to

deal with an infestation. (That’s even when the cat itself really like killing.) If property owners find themselves with a rat infestation, they may need multiple cats, as rats have been known to gang up on the cats and predators. A good Rat Terrier will often take care of any rat issues in a matter of hours.

They don’t stop to eat. They kill and then move on immediately to the next creature. They don’t play with their prey like cats do. They kill efficiently and quickly. One terrier will also be much harder for rats to overwhelm than a single cat. Terriers are larger bodied, their jaws are much bigger, and overall they are much stronger than cats. It’s all in the name: Rat Terrier. It’s what they were bred for, to kill rats.

RAT POISON: IT’S NOT JUST FOR RATS

Rats are troublesome and destructive pests and are extremely hard to eliminate. Home and land owners may be tempted to use toxic rat poison to eradicate these destructive creatures. Those who have household pets or livestock, may want to reconsider. Rat poison is deadly not just to rats, but can kill dogs and cats, too. Traditional rat poisons consist of anticoagulant rodenticides, which are chemicals designed to eliminate Vitamin K in the blood. With no Vitamin K, blood does not clot, so any injury, whether it be external or internal, will cause the rat to bleed to death. Unfortunately, anticoagulant rodenticides have the same effect on dogs and cats if they ingest the poison. Symptoms of anticoagulant rodenticide



poisoning aren’t immediate, so by the time owners realize their pet has eaten rat poison, he or she may already be in danger. If diagnosed in time, anticoagulant rodenticide poisoning can be treated with Vitamin K replacement and blood transfusions. Without treatment, dogs and cats will likely bleed to death or become fatally anemic.

There is also a second, more lethal, type of rat poison called bromethalin. This chemical is very potent and toxic to rats and other animals who ingest the poison. Bromethalin causes cerebral edema (swelling) in the brain and spinal cord. This swelling exerts pressure on the central nervous system causing tremors, seizures, muscle failure and eventually death. There is no known antidote or treatment for bromethalin toxicity. The only possible method of treatment is to flush a pet’s digestive tract and wait to see if the toxins cause permanent or fatal damage.

ENTER THE MONGROL HOARD

If property owners are looking for a safer way to rid their homes and building of rats; a terrier just may do the trick. Enter JReed and his Mongrol Hoard. Reed is one of the few out there who still use dogs to rat. By day, Reed

works as a production assistant/vineyard caretaker for Marimar Estate. By night he is rat killer extraordinaire. He's also a skilled farmer, avid hunter, and dog trainer. Reed loves to give his pack of terriers the chance to do what they do best: eradicate vermin. Reed has trained his terriers to kill, and kill they do. He and his team of Rat Terriers catch and dispatch rodents with precision and speed. Reed has aptly dubbed his kennel "Jreed and His Mongrol Hoard of Rascally Rat Wranglers". In the May 26, 2014 article for Press Democrat, Reed was quoted as saying "Terriers are the only class of dog bred to catch and dispatch prey. They have to have attitude because they have to want to kill. This makes them, in my opinion, unfit to be pets. But they are quite suited to killing rats."

Reed got into the art of rat hunting by working on a farm in Bodega Bay, where he moved to raise turkeys and chickens. He noticed when he was cleaning chicken coops, he would find rats under the straw/bedding. After attempting various methods of rodent eradication (poison, trapping, and the ever so trusty BB gun), Reed found he couldn't really make an impact on the rat population. His ridding via dog all began when he was given his first Rat Terrier pup, which he named Holy Mole. And so began the legacy.

Without training, Holy Mole began to catch and kill rats when Reed cleaned the coops out. "In

the May 26, 2014 article for Press Democrat, "We had a pretty severe rat problem. When Holy Mole first killed a rat, I thought 'Wow, that's amazing' and then I realized she was really, really good at it."



JReed

"I hate rats. But I have a huge amount of respect for them. They are smart, adaptive animals. But they are extremely destructive and dirty. A rat bite could kill or maim or take out a dog's eye."

It was after Reed got his second terrier that he started seeking out local farmers to hunt rats on their properties. He reported that over time he has truly began to understand the behavior of rats and has perfected his dog training skills.

SO YOU WANT TO HOST A RAT HUNT?

Very little equipment is needed for ridding. All you really need are five items: a shovel, a flashlight, a bucket, gloves, and a smoker. A shovel is used to lift boards, shake items, and beat on piles of junk. A

flashlight is helpful to check dark nooks and crannies to look for those long scaly tails and beady eyes. A plastic bucket (pretty self-explanatory) is used for collecting dead rats. Gloves are needed, for the ratter's safety, as rats carry disease. The most useful piece of equipment is the smoker (like the bee man uses). The smoker will help drive rats from their dens.

Reed told Press Democrat, that ridding is a "mixture of art and skill". Reed and his dogs start a rat hunt by identifying where the rodents are located. Then, Reed flushes the rats out of their nests, using water or smoke. As the rats scatter, Reed and his dogs quickly catch and efficiently eliminate them one

by one. Some rats are killed by the terriers, others are killed by Reed and his trusty human assistants.

Besides being efficient, death-by-dog is more humane for the rat and better for the environment than poison. Using poison, rats die slow deaths, and pass the poison on to anything that eats them, from wildlife to farm animals. For farmers, the Mongrol Hoard is a chemical-free solution to their pest problems. Reed believes his form of rat catching is humane: rat deaths are quick, they are either dispatched with a boot or a shovel, or by the dogs, who shake them to death or crush them in their powerful jaws.

In a June 09, 2014 interview with Modern Farmer Magazine, Reed says rats are "dangerous animals that carry disease and disrupt and kill farm animals. Not to mention

the toxins in rat poison, which are ingested by rats and cause them to bleed to death, have long been blamed for the deaths of wildlife and domestic animals that eat the dead rats.”

Want to get on Reed's rat killing agenda? Reed obtains most of his referrals by word of mouth; although he also uses social media and Craigslist. Reed does have a few rat rules: He only works small farms and on the condition the farmer(s) provide labor. He also refuses to do a job on a farm if the owner doesn't take proactive measures to make their property as unfriendly to rats as possible.

Reed told Farm Show Magazine (August, 15, 2015) “no place is rat proof.” He will turn down clients who have filthy farms and poor animal husbandry practices or refuse to clean up their property. He won't take on clients who won't make proper improvements. Some suggestions he makes include animal coops be 18 inches off the ground, single walled, store food in metal cans overnight, and don't store kitchen compost near housing.

Reed told Press Democrat, "It's a waste of time for me to go out to farms where the rats will just repopulate as soon as I leave. I've been at some pretty disgusting places."

Some may say that using dogs to hunt and kill rats is unethical. Reed has a different view. In an article for Modern Farmer, June 9, 2014, Reed was quoted as saying he is an environmentalist who does not kill for fun. “They [people] think you love suffering. I care a lot more about how an animal dies than you might think. There's a bond of trust between you and the dog that you can't describe, other than to say it exists.”

Rat hunts typically last 3 to 4 hours. If you're the farm owner be prepared to lend a hand during the hunt. Reed usually enlists help to move around objects rats may be hiding under. His record is 121 rats in three hours. Dead rats are collected and then left out for scavengers to feast upon.

Rat concerns are real. Reed stated in an article for Farm Show Magazine (August, 15, 2015) that rats “destroy feed, chew wiring and defecate in living spaces, spread diseases, steal eggs and kill chicks and other small animals.

Look for JReed and his Mongrol Hoard on Facebook for more ridding and contact information.



From the ripe young age of 3 months, Luna has been keeping her farm free of mice, rats, moles, chipmunks, and the occasional lazy squirrel.

If you find yourself, like many dog enthusiasts out there, owning a Rat Terrier, be prepared! Whether you sought out the Rat Terrier for the show ring, as a competitor in dog sports, to be the trusty family pet, or for actual vermin killing, rest assured that prey drive is in the blood. It's instinctual. Rat Terriers are loyal, loving, cuddle buddies to many of their owners; however, not much is going to stop them from doing what they do best, which is killing vermin! So if you find yourself owning a prey driven machine, sit back, watch the show, and be prepared for a vermin free life.



JReed's rat eradication on August 8, 2015. Picture from Reed's Facebook page.

SO WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN RAT KILLING TERRIER?

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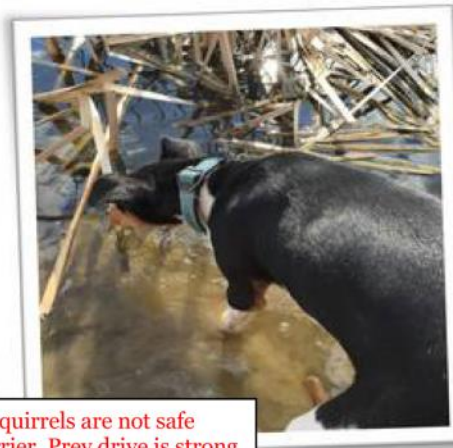
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Even frogs and squirrels are not safe from the Rat Terrier. Prey drive is strong in some bloodlines and easy to cultivate.

"I think I might be the luckiest guy in the world. I have a few good dogs and puppies . I have a few good shovels. I have a few good friends. I have a pretty girl who feeds and humors me and also takes fun pictures. Please don't let me forget that I have an able body and locations for my favorite dog-tivity. Supporting organics and knocking them dead around Northern California. Prolific and regular we are putting dog caught, dog dispatched, dead rats in buckets. Jreed and his furry friends of the Mongrol Hoard"

`JREED July 18 at 11:47pm via Facebook



Humor makes the world a better place



Each in her own little world,
This is what dog shows do to you!!

Thank you Ladies!!!

Drum Roll!!



Champion Felixville's Sauce Piquant. Owned by Janice Broussard started and finished her Championship at the Houston World Series of Dog Shows with three 5-point majors from the 6-9 month class. It was her first time in the ring. Judges: Terry Stacy, John P. Wade, and Clay Coady. Many thanks to Theda Little, breeder, for entrusting this girl to us here at Timberlane.

~ Louisiana ~



Evanlees Dark Side of the Moon aka Floyd owned by Lisa Kendrick and Stacy McWilliams was Best of Winners at the Lawton Dog Fanciers Association, Inc. and Best of Winners at the Mid-Del Tinker Kennel Club shows during the Oklahoma Cluster.

~ California ~



Congratulations!!



CH River Ridge New Direction aka LV was Best of Breed at the Virginia Terrier Club show on June 15, 2015. LV also finished her Grand Champion title shortly after. And, all before she was one year old. Owned by Jane Gardner, Stacy McWilliams & Cat Cryan.

~ Pennsylvania ~



River Ridge's Magnum Opus aka Dagny owned by Brandon Godbey and Stacy McWilliams. Handled by Brandon and Becky Godbey was Best of Opposite, Winner's Bitch, and a NEW Champion at the Terre Haute Kennel club show held April 16-19, 2015.

~ Kentucky ~



Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout "Lindy" owned by Betsy Spilis earned her AKC Open Standard Title, her Open Jumpers with weaves Title and her Novice Fast title in June and July 2015.

~ Maryland ~



Send us your brags for next quarters newsletter!

FANTASTIC!!!



Call Me Becker's Take A Chance "Brave" earned High in Trial in Novice 12" at the Dog Agility Competition of Florida on June 28, 2015. Brave is owned and loved by Brenda and Bill Becker. Bred by Cynthia Humphrey.

~ Florida ~



Sands' of Time at Wild Oaks aka Trooper. Owned by Nancy and David Littleton was Best of Winners at the Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California specialty on June 21, 2015.

~ California ~



Arkay SGK Wannabestartinsomethin aka Michael owned by Ruth Kramer was Best of Breed and Best of Winners for 3 & 4 point majors at the Cheyenne, Wyoming shows on August 29 & 30. Judges: Mr. C.E. Trotter and Mr. B.R. Edwards.

Photo by Tracy Kallas.

~ Wyoming ~



AWESOME!!!



GCH Wild Oak's Courage Under Fire aka "Courage" owned and handled by Jackie Ader was Best of Opposite Sex and Owner/Handler Best of Breed at the Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California specialty in Long Beach, CA on June 21, 2015 for a 5 point major.



Blackwoods Gunpowder and Lead aka "Bisley" owned and bred by Jackie Ader was Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners, and Owner/Handler Best of Breed at the Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California specialty on June 20, 2015 .

Blackwoods True Grit "Grit" owned and bred by Jackie Ader was Best Puppy in Sweepstakes at the Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California on June 21, 2015.

~ California ~



STUPENDOUS!!!



Ratitatt's Senorita Lolita's Lollipop. Lolly owned by Edithmary Stenz and Gretchen A. Chambers and trained by Edithmary Stenz was awarded her first 3 point major and Best of Opposite Sex at the Cabrillo Kennel Club show July 12 in Escondido, CA. She was also Best of Opposite Sex the following day for 2 more points.

~ Arizona ~

HELP US MAKE THE NEWSLETTER BETTER

We welcome all AKC conformation brags and brags from all associations in the other venues. Share your pride!!! Show us what you have been doing!! You do not need to live in the region.

We also would like to hear your story about how you became involved with Rat Terriers. When did you see your first? When did you fall in love with the breed? Tell us your story!!!! Each issue we hope to share the story of one of our fellow Rat Terrier enthusiasts. If you need help writing it, that is okay. Send us what you want us to print and we can edit to make it ready for the newsletter. Send photos too.

We also are on the continual look out for various lovely photos for all parts of the newsletter. Take a look at what we have included and remember to send us any that you want us to consider for a future newsletter. We love showing our gorgeous dogs off as they just live life.

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Bladder Infections and Stones in Dogs

by Dr Chris Bessent in Holistic Care



When bladder and urinary tract infections occur in pets, a veterinarian's first reaction is to prescribe antibiotics along with a prescription diet and send them on their way. However, holistic veterinarians have a variety of means including herbal formulas and dietary recommendations to not only treat bladder and urinary tract infections, but to support healthy bladder function.

Chinese theorists conjecture that bladder infections are due to damp heat in the bladder, meaning there is swelling in the bladder tissue. Typically, this swelling can be attributed to changes in the pH of the urine. The pH changes create an environment in the bladder that is favorable for bacteria to "set up shop" and create an infection.

The best way to help treat and prevent these infections is to take steps to drain the damp heat and change the internal environment of the bladder.

Types of Stones

Before discussing products to help treat and prevent bladder and UT infections, we have to take a look at the types of crystals and stones created when damp heat is present.

Urinary tract infections occur when bacteria invade the urinary tract and bladder and become established, creating damp heat in the bladder. This can lead to crystal and stone formation, as well as prostate inflammation. One way for bad bacteria to take up residence in the bladder is for bacteria on the skin to ascend up the urinary tract into the bladder. Improper diet, which will be discussed later, also contributes to damp heat in the bladder, creating these unfortunate crystals and stones.

Struvite stones are the most common cause for obstruction in the urinary tract and are nearly impossible to pass. These struvite stones are composed of magnesium, ammonium and phosphate, and are primarily caused by dietary magnesium. They also thrive in high pH alkaline environments.

Prescription diets lower the pH and magnesium levels, which will help prevent struvite formation. However, because we've created a more acidic environment in the bladder and haven't resolved the base problem associated with the damp heat, pets have started to develop more calcium oxalate crystals, which thrive in acidic environments. By the late 2000's, we started to see a fairly even amount of struvite and oxalate stones; by acidifying the urine, we changed the type of stones that were developing.

When veterinarians realized that calcium oxalate stones thrive in acidic environments, they took a look at the composition of prescribed diets to try to combat the calcium oxalate stones. By changing the prescription diets yet again, the number of calcium oxalate stones decreased, and we are once again seeing a higher percentage of struvite stones. It's an unfortunate predicament.



There are several other types of stones including urate, cystine, and silicate, which form in acidic environments, and calcium phosphate stones, which form in alkaline environments. However, these stones only occur in about two percent of the cases and can be genetically based.

There a number of holistic means available that not only treat UTI's or crystal/stone formation when they occur, but also maintain a healthy bladder environment.

Herbs to Support Bladder Function

Holistic veterinarians use a variety of Chinese herbs to help treat bladder and urinary tract infections as well as help support bladder health. These formulas help to prevent bladder infections by maintaining a healthy bladder environment. Several herbs are also used to directly treat UTI's when they occur.

Akebia is a flowering plant known for its draining and cooling abilities. It aids in eliminating damp heat from the bladder and promotes healthy urination.

Plantago seed and Talcum powder both promote healthy bladder function and drain damp heat.

Talcum is also helpful in calming the pain associated with urination. Other cooling and draining ingredients include polygonum, dianthus, gardenia and licorice root.

Rhubarb root is known for its natural ability to empty the system of waste. Its fiber content supports colon function along with healthy bowel movements.

Another supportive Chinese herb is rush pith. Besides clearing heat from different areas of the body, rush pith is a mild diuretic, which is especially helpful in treating painful dribbling.

In addition to the aforementioned herbs that are used to both treat and support bladder health, cranberries acidify the urine, making it an unfavorable environment for most types of bacteria to survive in. Cranberries also have the ability to attach to bacteria such as E. coli and prevent it from attaching to the bladder wall. Another added benefit of cranberries is that they contain salicylic acid, a natural anti-inflammatory.

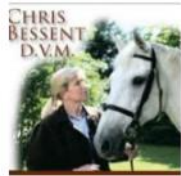
D-mannose is a simple sugar that works in a similar way to cranberries by also decreasing the ability for bacteria to adhere to the bladder wall.

Another method holistic veterinarians have found effective in supporting bladder health is oral glucosamine for cats. A portion of glucosamine enters the urinary tract system to be urinated out and forms a mucus coat on the bladder wall. In turn, bacteria, such as E. coli, cannot adhere to the wall. Unfortunately in cats, struvite can present without any apparent infection.

You Are What You Eat

Dietary magnesium is viewed as one of the main contributors to urinary struvite formation. High grain carbohydrates that are present in most commercial dry pet food brands are high in magnesium. High carbohydrate diets are also considered to be inflammatory. Therefore, holistic veterinarians conjecture that because dogs and cats are naturally carnivorous animals, a meat based diet, which is low in magnesium, promotes healthy bladder and urinary function.

It's also important for pet owners to feed a diet that combats obesity, another contributor to frequent UTI's. However, the most important way to support a pet's bladder health is to feed an appropriate diet. Proper nutrition supports proper organ function throughout the body, and the correct diet can both prevent and solve bladder and UT infections.



About Dr Chris Bessent

Chris Bessent DVM practices holistic veterinary medicine, utilizing Chinese herbs, acupuncture, food therapy and chiropractic on all animals. After more than a decade of using Chinese herbal combinations in her practice, Dr Bessent channeled her wealth of knowledge and experience into founding Herbsmith Inc.

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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!!



NEW CHAMPION!! Skippin CJ Lucky Boy
owned by Christina Martinez was Winner's
Dog at the Baha Sur Kennel Club show in June.
~ California ~



Anna Morris and Donna McMahan proudly
announce that Evanlee's Ticket to the Stars
"Zebulon" was awarded Best of Winners for a 3
point major at the Caddo Kennel Club in Texas on
May 2, 2015 under Judge Keke Kahu. This was
followed by a Best of Breed for a 5 point major
and the completion of his Champion Title on
August 23, 2015 at the Conyers Kennel Club in
Georgia under Judge Carole Beattie.
~ Mississippi ~

Way to go!!!



GCH River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare NA OAJ NF RATO AD SSA earned her AAD , ASA & TM AAD (Advanced Agility dog), ASA (Advanced Standard Agility) & TM (Tournament Master) in USDAA on August 9, 2015. Spry is owned, loved and trained by Beth Szczygiel

~Massachusetts ~

Wildcliffs Rumor Has It aka Stan owned by Cindi Etheridge was Best of Winners for a FOUR point major at the Houston Cluster on July 19, 2015. Cindi handled Stan for his Winner's Dog and Heather Bailey handled him for the Best of Winners win.

~ Louisiana ~



Jaxson CH River Ridge's Give em Somethin' 2Talk About aka Jax. Owned by Jackie Maye, Beth Szczygiel and Stacy McWilliams was Best of Breed Owner-Handled on September 13 at Berks County Kennel Club and went on to take a Group 2 Owner-Handled. Jaxson is currently ranked number 7 owner handled Rat Terrier (per canine chronicle statistics).

~ Pennsylvania ~

EXCEPTIONAL



GCH Crosswinds Big Man In Town "Kirby" earned a Group 3 and Group 4 at Providence County Kennel Club show on July 25-26, 2015. Bred by Judy Labonte and Stacy McWilliams, Handled by Stacy McWilliams and owned by Stacy McWilliams, Louise Schroll and Jane Gardner ~ Pennsylvania ~



OUTSTANDING!!!

Darla

Rimi



River Ridge's Darla Taylor aka Darla earned her Canine Good Citizen title. Darla is owned and trained by Sharon Taylor.

~ New Jersey ~

River Ridge Rimfire Reloaded aka Rimi owned and loved by Sandra and Steve Ball has successfully completed her Intermediate and advanced obedience classes. Rimi qualified for her Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Community Canine (CGCA) titles on September 15, 2015. Rimi is trained and handled by Sandra.

~ Arizona ~

The Sisters ...



YOU ROCK!!!



RiverRidge Mischief Managed MA RN RL1-AOE MXJ MJB MX MXF T2B AD GM JM AS also known as Remus (top photo) earned his JM (Jumper Master) title in USDAA and his MA (Master Agility) title in UKI for winning a Masters Series Heat tournament. Masters Series consists of a Jumpers and an Agility round. Scoring is time plus faults, and the 2 rounds' scores are combined to determine the overall winner. This also qualifies him to compete in the Masters Series Final at the UKI Open national competition in November.



River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast also known as Ferris earned his first agility qualifying scores with a 1st Place in Beginner Speed Stakes, a 2nd Place in Beginner Jumping and a 1st Place in Beginner Snooker in UKI Agility.



Both Boys are loved, owned and trained by Deb Stevenson.

~ New Jersey ~

Vaccines, Collagen And Joint Disease

by Dana Scott in **Featured Articles, Vaccine Articles and News**



Most people have heard of collagen as an anti-aging cosmetic product. Collagen is the elastic protein that holds skin together. As we age, the amount and quality of collagen in our bodies starts to diminish and we can see this in our skin as it begins to wrinkle and sag.

Collagen is also found in abundance in the joints and connective tissue of the body. In fact, collagen makes up 70 to 90% of our muscles, tendons, ligaments and other joint supporting tissues. As happens in the skin, when collagen breaks down in the body, the joints become less stable, the muscles and connective tissue loosen and become more brittle, and disorders such as arthritis, degenerative disc disease, tendonitis and overuse injuries begin to occur.

The same thing happens in our dogs. They might not get the crow's feet and turkey necks that we older humans sport, but they do suffer from age related joint and soft tissue pain due to collagen loss and degradation. Sadly, many dogs suffer from these diseases at a very young age. Breeders and lovers of large breed dogs know all too well the heartache of canine hip and elbow dysplasia. Dog owners see patellar subluxations, cruciate tears and osteochondritis dissecans (OCD) in young dogs at an alarming rate and they pay the price with expensive surgery, therapy and supplements.

Bad Genes?

Why are dogs suffering from these diseases at such a young age? Many breeders and vets are quick to say that it is due to bad genetics – so good breeders screen their dogs for these diseases before breeding, to make sure the problems are not passed down to the offspring.

The problem is, this screening hasn't really changed the incidence of most of these diseases.

A little history . . .

Hip dysplasia was first diagnosed in dogs in 1935, although nobody seemed terribly interested at the time. Over twenty years later, the number of dogs presenting with this disease prompted the Swedish Kennel Club to become one of the first to develop a program to reduce the incidence of hip dysplasia. They believed that if German Shepherd breeders took radiographs

of their dogs and only bred the dogs that did not show evidence of hip dysplasia, they could eliminate hip dysplasia. After ten years of selective breeding however, the incidence of moderate and severe cases of hip dysplasia didn't change. Dogs that did not show radiographic evidence of hip dysplasia were still producing puppies with the disease. In one study, over two thirds of dysplastic puppies were from normal parents.

This led researchers to conclude that hip dysplasia was a polygenic disease (residing in more than one gene), meaning that the severity of the disease could be influenced by environmental factors such as diet and lifestyle. However, affected puppies are born with normal hips – the dysplastic changes are not there at birth.

Over fifty years later, despite increased testing rates, the incidence of hip dysplasia is not going down in most breeds. In fact, smaller breeds are now showing an increased susceptibility to this disease which historically was limited to larger breeds of dogs. Even in Germany, where the kennel club has very tight breeding restrictions, the incidence of hip dysplasia in German Shepherds is still 7%.

More Problems

Hip dysplasia is not the only common joint disorder in dogs. Cranial cruciate tears are becoming endemic in dogs, as are luxating patellas and elbow dysplasia (two more disorders that breeders do clearances for). In the midst of this, the vets point their fingers at both breeders and purebred dogs and the breeders point their fingers at the pet owners and at each other. Surely somebody must be to blame?

A polygenic disease is one that takes the right combination of genetic susceptibility, environmental factors and dietary influences to occur. The genes are like a light switch: if a dog has a genetic susceptibility to hip dysplasia, the switch is in the ON position. Just because a dog has the gene for hip dysplasia however, does not mean he will be affected: the severity of the disease will be directly influenced by the dog's diet and other environmental factors such as exercise level or body condition – or so the theory goes. Unfortunately, we don't know which dogs possess and produce the genes that cause joint disease – but dog owners can change the environmental stressors.

To this point, vets and many breeders will pay lip service to things such as keeping puppies lean, not feeding them too much protein (**a myth that is not proven**), giving them supplements – all the usual drama. Puppy buyers usually get this well rehearsed speech when they bring their new puppy in for his vaccination. Most vets actively look for large breed puppies to show signs of hip dysplasia and are ready to step in with surgery. They blame the breeders and their purebred dogs for joint issues while, at the same time, they inject these healthy puppies with vaccines.

Is it any coincidence that even severe cases of hip dysplasia are not seen before eight weeks of age – the age at which most puppies are vaccinated? Why is it that, once again, vets are recommending expensive hip surgeries and multiple, unnecessary vaccines, while remaining oblivious to what should be obvious? Why is nobody blaming the vaccines when there are plenty of reasons to do so?



Vaccines and Joint Disorders

The Canine Health Concern's 1997 study of 4,000 dogs showed a high number of dogs developing mobility problems shortly after they were vaccinated. Immunologist Dr. Jean Dodds has also noted similar issues: "Beyond the immediate hypersensitivity (vaccine) reactions, other acute events tend to occur 24 to 72 hours afterward, or 7 to 45 days later in a delayed type immunological response. Even more delayed adverse effects include... canine distemper antibodies in joint diseases of dogs."

Interesting. The distemper vaccine was introduced in 1950 and just a few years later, the breed clubs suddenly felt the need to start doing hip clearances on breeding stock. There is no cause and effect here but the temporal relationship is fairly noteworthy.

Vaccination has been implicated in cases of polyarthritis in dogs. Here is an interesting passage from the Veterinary Products Committee (VPC) Working Group on Feline and Canine Vaccination.

"Occasional self-limiting cases of immune-based arthritis in dogs have been reported usually following primary vaccination, and recently, four young adult dogs of different breeds have been reported to develop an idiopathic polyarthritis three to 15 days after multivalent vaccination. Immune-mediated polyarthritis and systemic disease including amyloidosis has been reported in Akita dogs following modified live vaccination. Hypertrophic osteodystrophy (HOD), in some cases associated with juvenile cellulitis, has been reported following vaccination, mainly in Weimaraners, and it has been suggested that canine distemper virus may be involved. There is also some evidence that canine distemper virus (and possibly vaccines) may be involved in canine rheumatoid-like arthritis through the formation of immune complexes".

Here is the predictable part: "...the immunological basis of such reactions is unclear, and it is possible that such apparent associations with vaccination may be due to coincident disease development, particularly in young animals".

That sure would be a heck of a coincidence. Catherine O'Driscoll sheds more light on the relationship.

"A paper appearing in the British Veterinary Journal states that dogs with rheumatoid arthritis showed higher anti-heat shock protein antibody levels in their sera and synovial fluids compared to control dogs. There was a significant correlation between anti HSP65 and antibodies to canine distemper virus, and the paper discussed the relevance of the presence of canine distemper virus within the joints. Since vaccines inject modified live distemper virus into the dog, this research should be of concern. Shed attenuated live vaccine might also be considered in this regard. And it's worth noting that the high antibody titers to distemper that we are so pleased with might also play a role in our dogs' decreasing mobility. Rheumatoid arthritis is, of course an autoimmune condition in which there is inflammation of joints and progressive erosion of cartilage and bone, which reflects the autoantibodies to collagen found in the Purdue study."

Autoantibodies to collagen? Vaccinated dogs developed autoantibodies to their own collagen and nobody was worried about that?

The Purdue Study

In 1999, a one of a kind study was performed that should have connected the dots between vaccination and joint disease (Hogenesch H, Azcona-Olivera J, Scott-Montcrieff C, Snyder PW, Glickman LT. Vaccine-induced autoimmunity in the dog. Adv Med Vet 1999;41:733-747). In this study, puppies were immunized with the rabies vaccine and the usual cocktail of core and non-core vaccines. The authors concluded that the vaccinated but not the unvaccinated puppies developed autoantibodies to their own collagen. The authors noted and reproduced similar findings in a followup study in dogs that were given just the rabies vaccine and just the multivalent vaccine.

The vaccinated dogs in this study were literally destroying their own collagen (as well as their own DNA and other important substances), and nobody thought “aha, maybe this is why our dogs are being hit so hard with joint disease and we can’t breed it out of them.” Instead, the researchers discontinued the study when the puppies were 22 weeks of age and, over a decade later, nobody has viewed these results as a serious threat to canine (or human) health.

Why is it that vets and researchers can claim purebred dogs and genetics are to blame for these joint disorders when this shining beacon is aimed squarely on vaccination, especially the distemper shot?

Collagen and Joint Disease

In a 1989 study, Bari et al found autoimmunity to collagen in 72.4% of dogs with rheumatoid arthritis, 88% of dogs with infective arthritis and 52% of dogs with osteoarthritis. Dogs with cruciate disease also showed significantly increased levels of autoantibodies. They also had higher levels of anti-collagen antibodies in the synovial fluid (the fluid that surrounds joints). They concluded that anti-collagen complexes were present in all joint disorders.

The presence of these anti-collagen antibodies, just like those noted in the vaccinated dogs in the Purdue study, can actually predict cruciate tears. In dogs with cruciate tears in one leg, studies show elevated anti-collagen antibodies in the other leg which predicted future tears. When multiple joints were tested, higher levels of autoantibodies were found in stifle joints that were eventually torn than in other joints of the body (DeBruin et al, 2007). These autoantibodies have also been found in the joints of dogs suffering from arthritis that is not secondary to cruciate tears (Niebauer et al, 1987).

Duke University Medical Center researchers led by Kyle Allen found that collagen deficient mice prematurely developed common and chronic musculoskeletal disorders while the wild-type mice did not. “We observed a pattern of behavioral changes in the collagen deficient mice that suggests a relationship to (osteoarthritis and de- generative disc disease),” said Allen, who noted the collagen deficient mice also had elevated levels of knee and intervertebral disc structural changes.

Collagen and Joint Integrity

Collagen is concentrated mostly in weight supporting tissues, basically cartilage and bones. Collagen is also concentrated in high percentages in the parts of the body transmitting strength, such as tendons. Collagen not only protects joint cartilage, it is also what protects tendons and ligaments against tears.

The elastic property of collagen gives ligaments a tiny bit of stretch so that if the joint that ligament supports is stressed, the ligament can withhold the tension without tearing. Just as bridges and high rise buildings need a tiny bit of give in them to weather high winds and earthquakes, ligaments need the elastic properties of collagen to bear shearing forces within the joints.

Collagen is also important for the integrity of joint surfaces. There is a thin layer of tissue surrounding the cartilage on the surface of joints called the pericellular matrix (PCM). Together with collagen and other cartilage cells, the PCM forms a barrier between the cells and the rest of the cartilage tissue. When collagen is disrupted in joints, the changes in mechanical forces on the cells can lead to degenerative changes.

Leonidas Alexopoulos studied the relationship between collagen and osteoarthritis at Duke University and presented the results at the 51th annual scientific meeting of the Orthopedic Research Society in Washington, DC. Alexopoulos explains: ““When we analyzed the PCM of mice unable to produce type VI collagen, we found that the chondrons (joint surface structures) in these mice were much softer and the joints did not respond well to mechanical pressures. The joint looked as if osteoarthritis had developed.”

In May, 1997, a paper was presented in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association by Jens Sejer Madsen, Ph.D., D.V.M. from the Small Animal Hospital, Department of Clinical Studies, Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University, Frederiksberg C, Denmark. This study shows how collagen can be related to hip dysplasia.

“Mechanical strength of the joint capsule is related to its collagen content and composition. In children with congenital hip joint dislocation, the collagen composition of the joint capsule has been shown to be abnormal. Thus, it is reasonable to hypothesize that laxity of the hip joint in dogs may be related to the collagen composition of the capsule... results of the study support the hypothesis that a change in collagen composition may contribute to hip joint laxity in dogs with a predisposition to CHD.”

The vets and breeders are right in that hip dysplasia and other joint disorders are caused by a variety of environmental and nutritional factors. Genetics probably do play a role, although it could have something to do with the cumulative damage the puppies' parents and grandparents suffer through repeated vaccination, highly processed diets, antibiotics and toxins. On top of that, the Purdue study showed that vaccinated dogs develop autoantibodies to their own DNA; perhaps vaccinated breeding dogs are passing along damaged DNA and that is a part of the picture.

Meanwhile, the vets and researchers repeatedly state there is no cause and effect relationship and that further studies will have to be done before vaccines can be implicated in joint disease. While we wait for those magical studies, vets continue to vaccinate every three years, or even more frequently, with vaccines that were shown to last at least seven years over thirty years ago.

In the case of distemper, one of the vaccines repeatedly vindicated in joint disease, puppies develop titers within hours of their first distemper vaccination. In his study at the University of Wisconsin- Madison, Dr. Ronald Schultz vaccinated puppies with one dose of distemper vaccine just four hours prior to being placed in a room with distemper-infected dogs. All of the puppies were protected against distemper in this challenge study.

What your vet doesn't know, but you need to know about distemper. [Click Here!](#)

This bears repeating. Dr. Ronald Schultz, the leading canine immunologist, publishes a study in which every single puppy is protected within hours of the very first vaccination. Thirty years prior to this, he determined that core vaccines (including distemper) last at least seven years, and most likely for the life of the dog. So it should be pretty obvious that it only takes one distemper vaccine to protect a puppy from distemper for life.

Why then does the average dog get vaccinated for distemper at:

📌 8 weeks

📌 12 weeks

📌 16 weeks

📌 1 year

📌 4 years

📌 7 years

📌 10 years

And if he is lucky enough to have lived through this unnecessary and dangerous onslaught – thirteen and sixteen years of age?

Nine shots of the same virus that is shown to be permanently effective within hours of the very first vaccine is considered a minimal vaccine schedule by most veterinarians – many other dogs receive 15 or more shots of distemper! It is no wonder that joint disease is on the rise in dogs, especially in the most aggressively vaccinated subset: purebred dogs.

Clearly, more research needs to be done in this area but somebody should at least pay attention to the growing list of unwanted and adverse effects caused by vaccines. There is a growing list of joint and collagen related changes that occur after vaccination and they are implicated in joint disease which has become a significant problem in today's dog population. I'm not saying stop vaccination for distemper altogether (although that is a viable option), but at the very least, stop the madness of unnecessarily vaccinating dogs for distemper over, and over, and over, and over again. Isn't there enough research to make vets just a little bit concerned about potential damage from the eight or more distemper vaccines that go into dogs?

It seems that in-depth research and analysis are not all that necessary when it comes to giving more vaccines but when it comes to giving less, research is suddenly put on the hot seat and common sense goes out the window. What will it take before vets start taking this research seriously and stop vaccinating dogs unnecessarily?



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The STATISTICS

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AKC Owner-Handler Breed top 15

2015 Rat Terriers

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Statistics thru August 31, 2015

Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handler Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCH CH Kenann s Liv N N Lov N Life CM	Annette Agostine	Rat Terrier	205
2	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	Louise Schroll Stacy McWilliams Jane Gardner	Rat Terrier	185
3	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	Loretta Iazzetti Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	80
3	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	Felicity Trammell Barbara Trammell	Rat Terrier	80
5	GCH CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	Cynthia Humphrey Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	70
5	CH Wildcliff She Il Tickle Ur Fancy	Beth Ann Amico Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	70
7	CH River Ridge s Give Em Someth N 2talk About	Jaclyn Maye Beth Szczygiel Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	65
8	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini s Serv D CM	Stacy McWilliams Tammy Jordan	Rat Terrier	60
9	GCH CH Trimark s Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	Beth Veltri	Rat Terrier	35
9	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	Frances B Nasiatka Valerie Schiefer	Rat Terrier	35
9	GCH CH River Ridge s Flower In Her Hair	Denise Hileman Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	35
12	CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN	Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner	Rat Terrier	30
13	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	Theda Little Ransome Little	Rat Terrier	25
13	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkabout Gilhl	Alma Burns Linda Meek	Rat Terrier	25
13	GCH CH Crosswind s Little Black Dress	Chester David Hileman Sr. Denise Aileen Hileman	Rat Terrier	25

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AKC Rat Terrier Top Twenty

2015 Rat Terriers

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	292	0	1	T Little/R Little
2	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	M	244	0	0	L Schroll/S McWilliams/J Gardner
3	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	M	123	0	0	L Hibbard
4	GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	89	0	0	B Veltri
5	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout@Ghhl	F	59	0	0	A Burns/L Meek
6	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	51	0	0	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
7	GCH CH Rub Dos Defying Gravity	M	45	0	0	T Gillies/D Gillies
8	GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	42	0	0	S McWilliams/J Gardner/D MCMAHAN
9	GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal	M	41	0	0	L Thoming
10	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	M	36	0	0	A Agostine
11	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	F	24	0	0	F Trammell/B Trammell
12	GCH 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 Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	F	15	0	0	C Humphrey/B Pettry
15	Arkay Sgk Wannabestartinsomethin	M	13	0	0	R KRAMER
16	CH Seegmillers Mission Complete	F	12	0	0	K Seegmiller
16	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	M	12	0	0	S McWilliams/T Jordan
18	GCH CH Crosswind's Little Black Dress	F	11	0	0	C Hileman/D Hileman
19	GCH CH Riverridge Writ'N N The Stars	F	10	0	0	D MCMAHAN
19	CH Cal Val Stiletto's Igo Tequila	F	10	0	0	J Ferguson/M Ferguson
19	GCH CH Skippin Cj Freedom	M	10	0	0	C Martinez

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ALL BREED STANDINGS

2015 Rat Terriers

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRPI	Owner
1	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	727	0	1	T Little/R Little
2	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	M	611	0	0	L Schroll/S McWilliams/J Gardner
3	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	123	0	0	L Hibbard
4	GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	89	0	0	B Veltri
4	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	89	0	0	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
6	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	F	70	0	0	F Trammell/B Trammell
7	GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity	M	62	0	0	T Gillies/D Gillies
8	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout@Ghl	F	59	0	0	A Burns/L Meek
8	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	M	59	0	0	A Agostine
10	CH Seegmillers Mission Complete	F	43	0	0	K Seegmiller
11	GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	42	0	0	S McWilliams/J Gardner/D MCMAHAN
12	GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal	M	41	0	0	L Thoming
13	Knd's Prehistoric Princess	F	30	0	0	V Boyle
14	CH Atencio's Once Upon A Dream	F	17	0	0	R Anthony/D Atencio-Kupfer
14	GCH CH Wildcliff A Likely Story	F	17	0	0	B Kneale/S Kellogg
16	GCH CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	F	15	0	0	C Humphrey/B Pettry
17	Arkay Sgk Wannabestartinsomethin	M	13	0	0	R KRAMER
17	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	F	13	0	0	F Nasiatka/V Schiefer
19	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	M	12	0	0	S McWilliams/T Jordan
20	GCH CH Crosswind's Little Black Dress	F	11	0	0	C Hileman/D Hileman

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AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

2015 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle
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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Owner
1	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	M	200	L Schroll/S McWilliams/J
2	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	198	T Little/R Little
3	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	M	111	L Hibbard
4	GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	84	B Veltri
5	GCH CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	56	V Schiefer
6	GCH CH River Ridge New Direction	F	55	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K
7	GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity	M	49	Cryan T Gillies/D Gillies
8	GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout@Ghl	F	44	A Burns/L Meek
8	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	44	K Seegmiller/A
10	GCH CH River Ridge's Flower In Her Hair	F	35	D Hileman/S McWilliams
11	GCH CH River Ridge's 2 Busy B'N Foona	F	34	S McWilliams
12	GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal	M	32	L Thoming
13	GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	31	S McWilliams/J
14	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	M	29	A Agostine
14	GCH CH Wildcliff A Likely Story	F	29	B Kneale/S Kellogg
16	GCH CH Wild Oaks Courage Under Fire	F	22	J Ader
17	GCH CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA	F	21	C Humphrey/B
17	GCH CH Rnb She's A Witchy Woman	F	21	S Hendrix
19	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It	F	19	F Trammell/B Trammell
20	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	F	18	F Nasiatka/V Schiefer
20	GCH CH Riverridge Writ'N N The Stars	F	18	D MCMAHAN
20	GCH CH King Pen Rnb's Queen Ann	F	18	S Hendrix

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GRAND
CHAMPIONSHIP
POINTS RANKING

GRAND
CHAMPIONSHIP BY
DATE EARNED

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

Events are processed through August 26, 2015.

This listing displays the top dogs based on Grand Championship Achievement Levels.

Rank	Dog Name	Sex	GCH Points	Achievement Level
No. 1	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	Dog	332	
No. 2	GCH CH Stoneybays Ur Martini's Serv'D CM	Dog	258	
No. 3	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town	Dog	216	
No. 4	GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	Dog	183	
No. 5	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM	Dog	120	
No. 6	GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	Bitch	117	
No. 7	GCH CH River Ridge's I Put A Spell On U	Dog	100	
No. 8	GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity	Dog	92	
No. 9	GCH CH King Pen Rnb's Queen Ann	Bitch	89	
No. 10	GCH CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	Bitch	77	



DOG NEWS

TOP TEN LIST

August 2015

	ALL BREED STATS RAT TERRIERS	Best In Show	Reserve Best In Show	Group One	Group Two	Group Three	Group Four	TOTAL
1	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch (M) T Little/R Little	0	0	1	0	3	3	474
2	GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town (M) L Schroll/S McWilliams/J Gardner	0	0	0	1	3	5	394
3	CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It (F) F Trammell/B Trammell	0	0	0	0	0	1	49
4	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN (M) K Seegmiller/A Chestnut	0	0	0	0	0	1	43
5	CH Seemillers Mission Complete (F) K Seegmiller	0	0	0	0	0	1	31
6	KND's Prehistoric Princess (F) V Boyle	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
7	GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM (M) A Agostine	0	0	0	1	0	1	25
8	GCH CH RNB DOS Defying Gravity (M) T Gillies/D Gillies	0	0	0	0	1	0	22
9	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu (F) F Nasiatka/V Schiefer	0	0	0	0	1	0	13



AGILITY

Rat Terrier Ranking by PowerScore for 2015 Q2



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. [Learn more about the Breed Power 10 and the PowerScore.](#)

8" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.54	Penny Lane — MACH9 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXB3 MJB3	M Liebhardt/V Schiefer	4.73	3.91
2	12.05	Ellie — MACH4 Ellie May MXB2 MJB2 MXF T2B4	H Williams/B Williams	4.63	3.71
3	9.57	Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN AX AXJ NF CA	C Lent/V Schiefer	3.66	2.96
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	13.73	Gus — MACH Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXS MJS XF T2B	M BASU/V Schiefer	5.27	4.23
2	13.45	Ryder — Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MX MXS MXJ MJB RATO	C Clemente	5.09	4.18
3	12.90	Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MX MXJ	D Rabbach	4.80	4.04
4	12.67	Woody — MACH9 Ratitatt Wood U Buzz Me MXS3 MJC3 MXF MFS TQX T2B	Y Mancino/D Mancino	4.90	3.88
5	12.55	Aris Legacy Up Up And Away AX MXJ OF T2B	D Davidson-Harper/M Matsuo	4.53	4.01
6	12.16	MACH22 Pebbles' Magic Act MXC5 MJS6 MXF TQX T2B	D Kennedy	4.78	3.69
7	12.11	MACH21 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXG5 MJS6 MXF TQX T2B2	G Capen	4.60	3.75
8	12.04	Drj's Johnny Boy MX MXJ NF T2B	R Taylor/D Taylor	4.95	3.55
9	11.95	Flash — MACH2 Call Me Greased Lightning MXG MJB2 XF T2B CA	K Brown	4.79	3.58
10	11.29	MACH Penelope's Pied Piper MXS MJB	N Sewell	4.25	3.52

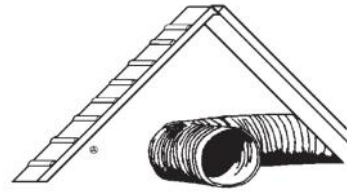
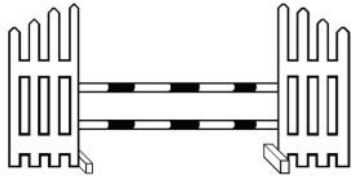


16" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	14.57	Remus — Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXJ MJB MXF T2B	D Stevenson	5.63	4.47
2	13.62	Taylor — MACH Taylorswift MXS MJS T2B	S Mcginty	5.20	4.21
3	13.52	Porter — MACH2 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXS MJS T2B CA	M Obidinski	5.06	4.23
4	13.51	Tuckaway Arrow MX MXJ OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.09	4.21
5	12.35	Pecatonica Infinity & Beyond AX AXJ OF	C Kempf	4.69	3.83
6	11.96	MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF	B Krynski/T Woepse	5.06	3.45
7	11.94	MACH8 MR. Big MXS3 MJG3 FTC1 MFC2 TQX T2B	C Oman	4.59	3.68
8	11.83	MACH4 Windwood Rafael TD MXB2 MJG2 MXF MFG TQX T2B3 CAA	L Mancino	4.61	3.61
9	11.39	MACH5 Maggie Mae Becker MXS2 MJG2 XF	B Becker/B Becker	4.21	3.59

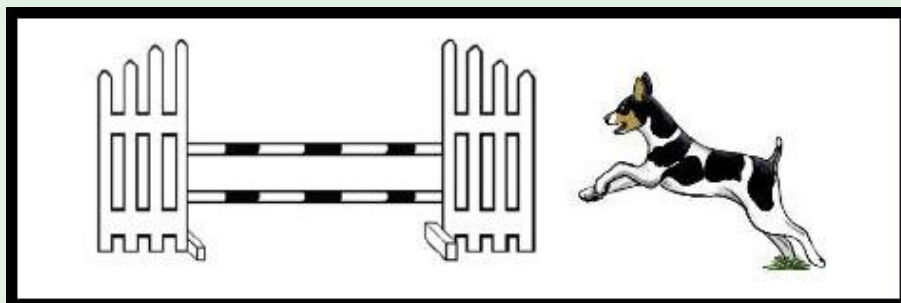
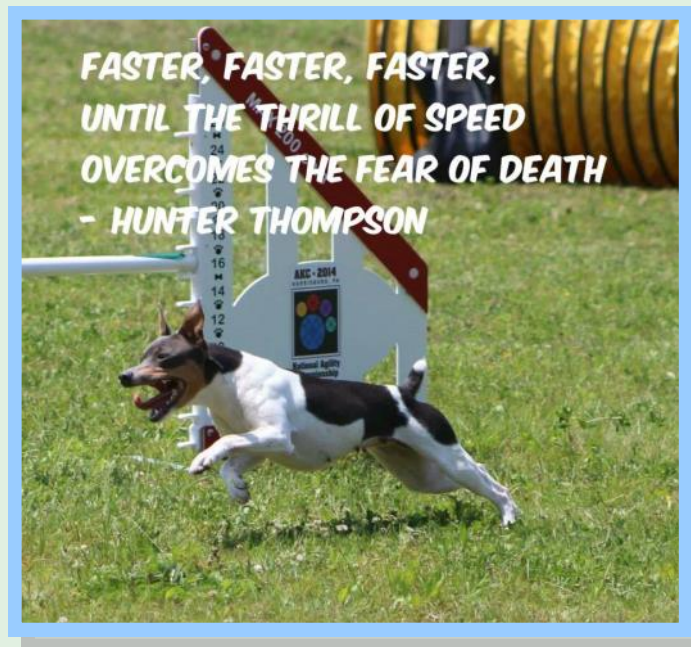
8" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.80	Jack AX MXJ OF OFP T2B T2BP JE	D Hodges/C Hodges	5.09	3.86
2	12.43	MACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB	R Nicotra	5.00	3.71
3	11.21	MACH3 Rpk's Lexi MXG MJG XF	L Samson	4.23	3.49
4	10.19	MACH Rudolph's Wish Upon A Star RA MXB MJC OF	R Rudolph	3.75	3.22
5	9.63	Stella — MACH4 PACH2 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP7 MXPB MJP7 MJPG PAX3 MXF MFC TQX MFP T2B6	V Meyer	3.48	3.08
6	9.24	Ratitatt It's Jamboree Jade AX AXJ	R Nicotra	3.40	2.92
7	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	12.79	Willis — MACH6 PACH Willis MXS2 MJG2 MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX T2B	M Obidinski	5.00	3.89
2	11.85	MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB	R Nicotra	4.60	3.63
3	11.37	MACH5 Maggie Mae Becker MXS2 MJG2 XF	B Becker/B Becker	4.23	3.57



Member Bio

Let me introduce myself to those who are not familiar with me, I am Sandra Ball. I joined MARTC in the fall of 2014 when the club was formed. I live in the east valley of the metro-Phoenix area with my husband of almost 43 years, Steve, and our five dogs, plus three rats.

My rat terriers are Rimi, Gunner, and Kai. Rimi and Gunner are both tri-black piebald sister & brother and Kai is a red sable Irish marked boy. We also share our home with two Australian Cattle Dogs, Rider and Trace. Rider is an AKC Grand Champion blue boy and Trace is an AKC Champion red boy – both are now neutered and retired. The three rats (Georgie, Gracie, & Fiona) joined our household earlier in 2015 because of my newly found interest in Barn Hunt.

My first exposure to the breed was when I was a child and my grandmother raised them. My first Rat Terrier was a little spayed girl named Dot. What I love about the breed is their happy, playful attitude, the lack of unnecessary barking (they only bark for good reason), and their intelligence. They are a perfect complement to my Cattle Dogs and the combination certainly does create some fun times.

Currently, I am training Rimi in obedience and will soon be resuming our Barn Hunt training. We hope to earn some titles during this coming Arizona cool season. She has just completed her Canine Good Citizen and her Community Canine titles for AKC. I also hope to finish up a Barn Hunt title with my Trace. My Rider has earned titles in obedience, rally, herding as well as conformation. My other interests include continued work towards improving my skills with Photo Shop, working on the MARTC newsletter, and hopefully being able to see another of my dogs in the conformation ring again soon. In other words, all things dog. Photos below are from Barn Hunt and obedience events.



Love At First Rat



My name is Kelly Wagner and I work from home in Auburndale, Florida. I used to be Stacy's [McWilliams] roommate so I fell in love with rat terriers from living with her and the whole gang.

I was lucky enough to get Dixie "Smalls" Wagner, formerly Marianne of the Gilligan litter born June 24, 2011. Dixie was the tiniest puppy of the litter and was quickly nick-named "Smalls". I took her home to Florida on a plane on September 11, 2011 and she took her place as the princess of the family. She is a beautiful tri-colored piebald and grew up to be a smaller version of her mother Hannah.

Dixie leads the slightly more sedate life of the pet rat terrier. Dixie enjoys lying in the sun out on the screened porch and watching all the birds and golfers go by. Like all rat terriers, she is alert, agile, and intelligent. She plays tug, loves laser chase, chews on bully sticks, and also destroys stuffed toys on a regular basis. She loves to sleep under the covers of my bed at night.

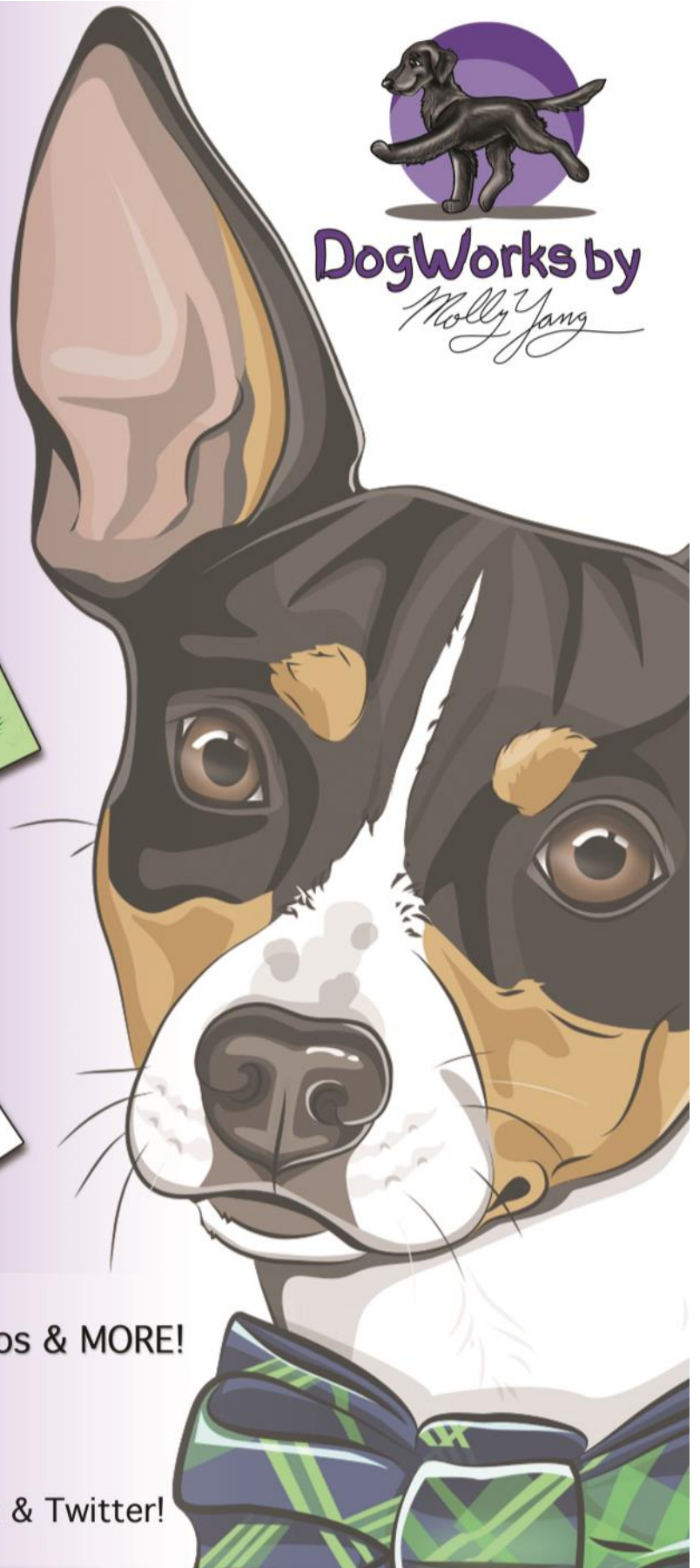
I do not have a back yard so she is walked on a leash every day. This is her favorite thing to do together. (Since Florida is full of wildlife, it is probably better that she not be outside unattended. We had a 7-foot alligator in the front of the house yesterday!) For more exercise, we go to the dog park that is located about 5 miles away. She gets to socialize with her dog friends in the neighborhood and hunts lizards in the grass and trees daily. Occasionally she gets to bark at the UPS man or some other unsuspecting delivery person.

Dixie is my best friend and I feel so lucky to have her in my life. So much of her attitude and antics remind me of her relatives back in Pennsylvania. Every day with her is a fun day

We WANT your stories about how you first fell in love with the Rat Terrier breed!!!! If you feel that you cannot write well enough for our newsletter, put your memories on paper and we will help you get it ready to share. We KNOW there are many wonderful memories associated with the Rat Terrier becoming an important part of your life. This is your place to share those stories. Contact information is on page 2.



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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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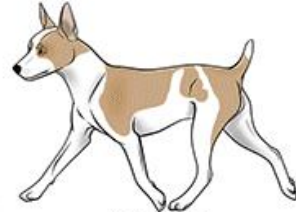
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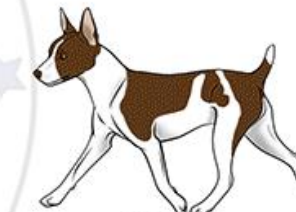
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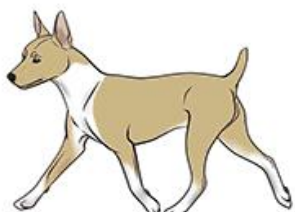
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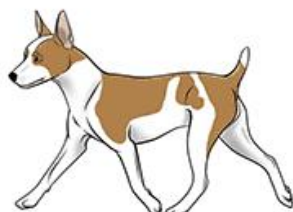
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### COLOR CODES

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| BLACK & WHITE     | 019 | WHITE & BLUE FAWN      | 334 |
| BLACK TAN & WHITE | 030 | WHITE & CHOCOLATE      | 287 |
| BLACK WHITE & TAN | 034 | WHITE & FAWN           | 207 |
| BLUE WHITE & TAN  | 260 | WHITE & LEMON          | 211 |
| RED               | 140 | WHITE & RED            | 214 |
| RED WHITE & SABLE | 158 | WHITE & SILVER         | 216 |
| WHITE             | 199 | WHITE & TAN            | 217 |
| WHITE & APRICOT   | 200 | WHITE BLACK & TAN      | 219 |
| WHITE & BLACK     | 202 | WHITE, CHOCOLATE & TAN | 397 |
| WHITE & BLUE      | 288 |                        |     |

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|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| BADGER MARKINGS            | 001 |
| BLANKET-BACK               | 084 |
| IRISH MARKED               | 115 |
| PIEBALD                    | 025 |
| SABLE, WHITE MARKINGS      | 067 |
| SPOTTED OR PATCHED         | 106 |
| TAN POINTS                 | 029 |
| WHITE MARKINGS, TAN POINTS | 030 |
| WHITE MASK WHITE MARKINGS  | 104 |

### 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.

# Blast to the Past



Please send your oldies  
but goodies to us for the  
next issue.

# *The Art of Amanda Hall*

*"You Yo W Tails"*

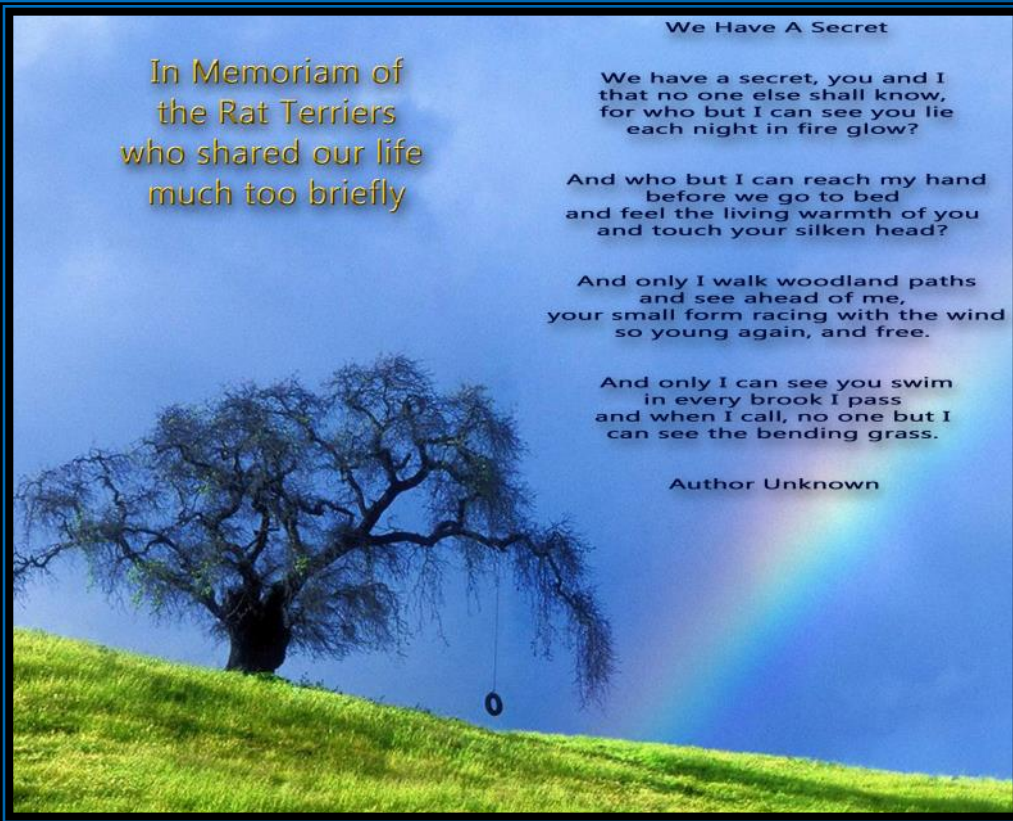
*The "eyes" say it ALL*



**CHECK OUT**

*Amanda's Facebook art page: [www.facebook.com/Youyowtails](http://www.facebook.com/Youyowtails)  
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In Memoriam of  
the Rat Terriers  
who shared our life  
much too briefly

We Have A Secret

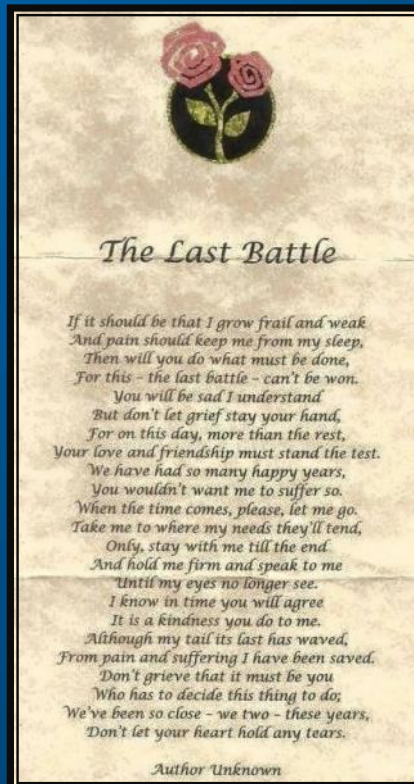
We have a secret, you and I  
that no one else shall know,  
for who but I can see you lie  
each night in fire glow?

And who but I can reach my hand  
before we go to bed  
and feel the living warmth of you  
and touch your silken head?

And only I walk woodland paths  
and see ahead of me,  
your small form racing with the wind  
so young again, and free.

And only I can see you swim  
in every brook I pass  
and when I call, no one but I  
can see the bending grass.

Author Unknown



*The Last Battle*

*If it should be that I grow frail and weak  
And pain should keep me from my sleep,  
Then will you do what must be done,  
For this - the last battle - can't be won.  
You will be sad I understand  
But don't let grief stay your hand,  
For on this day, more than the rest,  
Your love and friendship must stand the test.  
We have had so many happy years,  
You wouldn't want me to suffer so.  
When the time comes, please, let me go.  
Take me to where my needs they'll tend,  
Only, stay with me till the end  
And hold me firm and speak to me  
Until my eyes no longer see.  
I know in time you will agree  
It is a kindness you do to me.  
Although my tail 'tis last has waved,  
From pain and suffering I have been saved.  
Don't grieve that it must be you  
Who has to decide this thing to do;  
We've been so close - we two - these years,  
Don't let your heart hold any tears.*

Author Unknown

This page is reserved as a memorial for the special dogs that we lose. If you have had a loss and would like your dog honored here, please contact us.

# MEET THE EXHIBITOR!!



By Jackie Maye Olsen

Never in my wildest dreams did I think that one of my greatest hobbies would be showing my Rat Terriers in the Conformation ring. My interest in showing dogs started when I met a new breeder looking for a female rat terrier to possibly do agility with. I joined her Facebook page and noticed a group of people who seemed like one big family full of friends; a group of people who all loved their dogs and shared in some of the same hobbies. One huge thing I noticed were the posts pertaining to dog shows, specifically UKC premier. The posts exhibited teamwork and comradery. You could tell that everyone had so much fun on these trips when they congratulated each other on wins, shared photos and inside jokes! I saw this and wanted to learn more. I instantly asked my breeder, “how do I get started?” She sent me training documents and took me to my first show with my new puppy in July of 2012. It was the hottest day in Virginia, but it only took one Judge oohing and ahhhing over my sweet baby, Stella, and earning a ribbon for best novice puppy and I was hooked!

For the first year I was showing, we were not a fully AKC approved breed and would often show at UKC shows or in the miscellaneous class of AKC. Thankfully, this was a more laid back atmosphere, because I had NO idea how to dress appropriately in the ring; I cringe when I think back to some of the awful outfit choices I made! I was a novice to the sport, having no clue how to present my dog to the best of her abilities and not truly understanding the structure and movement of my dog. We struggled, but we had fun and as I kept with it the more I learned. One of the most important things I learned in my 3 short years of showing conformation was do not give up on yourself or your dog. At times I wanted to give up and I had only just started. The moment I felt like giving up we would land a nice win and I would regain the hope that I needed to stay in the game and I'm so glad I did.

Being a newbie to the show world can be pretty intimidating to some! Here we are showing our pride and joys to be torn apart or criticized not only by a Judge who may or may not know the standard but also from passerby's, our peers, and our competitors. So many times I have taken my dogs in the ring and been beyond proud of how they showed only to come out of the ring empty handed, and although I don't think we are ever happy to come out of the ring without a ribbon or placement I learned that that should not be what matters most. Every show is a new day in the ring with your dog. It is a time to have fun, to learn and to be a great team. If I come out of the ring happy with how my dog showed that is a personal win that no one can take from you.

Luckily in my 3 short years, I have had a variety of mentors and friends in the breed or dog show communities that have helped me learn a lot about myself as a handler and a person. I would not have stuck with this if I did not have fun with my dogs and have fun showing other peoples dogs. The opportunity to show dogs and meet many new people had led to a learning experience for me and I am proud of every accomplishment and opportunity I have had. I have come so far and have had great experiences from showing at Westminster to being able to attend Eukanuba with my puppy this past year. I highly recommend if you are new to showing or thinking about getting into the sport, that you attend handling classes and seminars. These training opportunities are so important to learning and understanding how to present your dog because standing ringside these handlers and breeder owner/handlers make it look easy peasy! As an owner handler of my rat terriers I hope more owner handlers get out and into the show ring to have some fun with their dogs and their fellow exhibitors.

Some of my personal accomplishments in the show ring include: Stella "River Ridge's Simply Stunning" Needs 3 Singles to her AKC CH title, Skyy "River Ridge's Passion 4Perfection" AKC CH working towards his Grand, Jaxson "River Ridge's Give em somethin' 2Talk about" AKC CH working towards his grand, currently number 7 owner/handled rat terrier.

If you are ever at a show that I am attending, please feel free to stop by for a chat and to meet my dogs. Bring your prospective show dog (if the show allows) and socialize them because the atmosphere can be pretty busy. I would love to meet any new or experienced rat terrier handlers and help each other out in the show ring and have a fun time at the venues, that's what it's all about!



# 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.

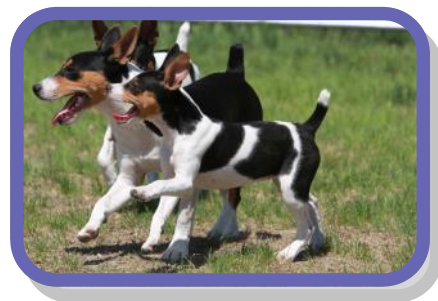
## Temperament

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.

## 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



# 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!!!



Find us on  
**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/midatlanticratterrierclub/>

**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(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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.*

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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(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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  
37649 Snickersville Tpke  
Purcellville, VA 20132

MID-ATLANTIC RAT TERRIER CLUB 2016 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



Type of Membership Renewal:

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Regular Household-\$30.00
Associate-\$20.00
Associate Household \$25.00
Junior-\$15.00

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Name (or Names if Household):

\*Please update any address, email or other information which has changed. If there are no changes to the information provided on your original application, please leave these fields blank.

Address\*:

City\* State\* Zip Code\*:

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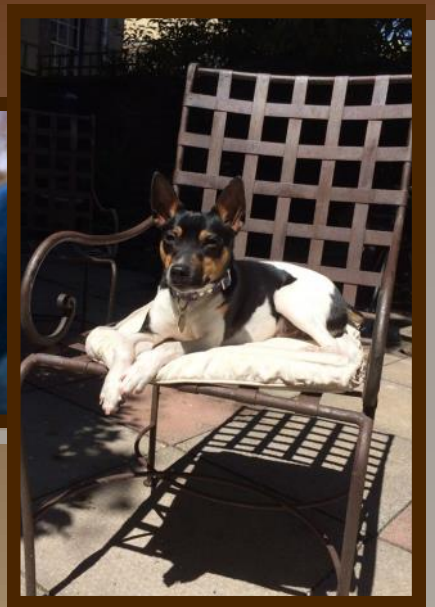
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# and ... Doing what they do



**Thank you ... Thank you!!! To our many contributors who help make our newsletter a success. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and valued.**



# The End

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**See you next issue!!**

**If you would like to see your favorite "end" here send us the photo to consider for future issues of the newsletter.**