



Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club

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Issue 1

As a nonprofit club we depend on the support and participation of our members to keep moving forward in all we do. I would like to urge anyone with interest or talents to reach out to the board of directors and let them know you're interested! We value help from each individual and we wouldn't be where we are at today without it. As a paying member this club is about you and what your interests are within the breed. If you are not yet a member, then what are you waiting for? You don't need to be living within the Mid-Atlantic region to join either. We need you and your ideas to help us grow and continue to support the breed while getting to know one another.

Because we value our members so much we wanted to say thank you and welcome to the Mid Atlantic Rat Terrier Club by providing membership welcome packets. These packets would include at the least: A Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club key chain, a welcome letter with some information about our club, contact information for the board of directors, and the custom made color chart our club had made, as well as some other handy breed specific information!

These packets will be sent to all current members as well as any new members as we move forward. Plans are to have the membership package contents completed around the end of the month hoping to start sending them to members in April! We already have the lovely key chains made and can't wait to give a little back to the members who make this club everything it is! Thank you for being a part of our journey to support the breed we all hold dear to our hearts.

Sincerely
Jackie Maye Olsen
Secretary



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 events with their dogs. You don't even have to participate in any event 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 event (AKC only for conformation), 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 events (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.

Rat Terrier History Tidbits

AKC FSS Program Firsts

(Foundation Stock Service)

First AKC CM was Ktr's Last of the Mohicans CM (Certificate of Merit) Owned by Beverly Calhoun

AKC Full Recognition Firsts

- First AKC CH was GCH King Pen Rnb's Queen Ann owned by Sherry Hendrix
- First AKC CH Dog was Silver GCH Stoneybays ur Martini's Serv'D CM owned by Stacy McWilliams and Tammy Jordan
- First AKC GCH Bitch was AKC GCH River Ridge Nice Tri, Blu By-U CGC owned by Shannon Coleman and Balynda Brown
- First AKC GCH Dog was GCH Riverridge Trin2 Sail 2 The Top CM CA CGC owned by Balynda Brown and Stacy McWilliams

The First Westminster 2014

Silver GCH Stoneybays ur Martini's Serv'D CM was Best of Breed at the very first Westminster show after the Rat Terrier was accepted into full status with AKC. Marti was also the Best of Breed the following year before he retired from the ring.

***As best as I was able to determine, ownerships are listed as they were at the time that the awards were given. Some may have changed since that time. ***

I wanted to extend a special thank you and recognition to Darla Jones for designing the many cute graphics that you will find appearing throughout the newsletter. I asked her to take on the project for me with both fun photos and agility photos and she did a wonderful job . I hope you enjoy each as they make their appearance in various issues. Below is a sampling of a few ~ Sandra



Pretty as a Picture



Once again we have a delightfully beautiful photo featuring Charlie Buckets.



By: Amanda J. Truitt

Why Everyone Should Own a Rat Terrier

“The Greatest Dogs on Earth”

-Luna T. Terrier.

Rat Terriers. Fun loving. Energetic. Quite possibly the best dog going. In this author's opinion, they really embody everything anyone could ever want in a loyal companion. A



Google search will provide many descriptive words to describe the Rat Terrier. Feisty, friendly, lovable, inquisitive, and loyal are a few of the words commonly associated with this amazing breed. Those descriptors though are only words, and words themselves truly do

not do justice to the Rat Terrier. For one to truly appreciate this breed, you really need to know just what you are getting into. I have always been an animal lover, but since 2002 I am a Rat Terrier owner for life. There is no hope for me now; I am too far gone. I am now one of those people: “dog people”. We have our own subculture, social circles, and zany ideas. In the dog world you have many wacky and eclectic groups of dog enthusiasts: lab people, shepherd people, hound people, etc. One may even go as far as saying those “dog people” are group of loons, especially terrier people. Terrier people are our own entity; we have our own special quirks. We have secret circles on social media, we train our dogs to do amazing things, we brag about our Rat Terriers to whomever will listen. We ourselves are a unique breed of human. You can only enter into our world by diving in with your own Rat Terrier. Owning a Rat Terrier is like belonging to a secret club, like Harley riders and Jeep owners. Ask any Rat Terrier lover and they'll say it's a “terrier thing”, but unless you have Rat Terrier as a family member, you truly don't know what that means. If you want to belong to an extended family of crazy dog people, have a ride or die dog

companion with you daily, and live life to the fullest, you should consider adding a Rat Terrier to your family.

RAT TERRIERS CAN ACTUALLY SAVE THE AVERAGE CONSUMER HUNDRED OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR.

You will no longer need to invest in a gym membership or expensive exercise equipment. Rat Terriers are exercise kings. The days of insane exercise fads are over. Who needs a personal trainer when you have a Rat Terrier? If you like to do interval training use your Rat Terrier as your own personal motivator. Why you ask? Well if you take your Rattie for a walk, they will make you walk faster. If you jog, they will push you to jog faster. If you run, of course they will run faster. You not only get exercise from taking your dog on a walk outside, you can burn endless calories chasing them around inside. By that I mean chasing them around the house trying to take back your belongings you didn't hide away quick enough. For example, say one day you forget to set your purse ten feet off the floor and it is now in the line of sight of your Rat Terrier. You may burn off an extra hundred calories hunting down your debit card before cooking supper. (I'm not saying this has happened to me, but there is always that possibility!) Sign your terrier up for obedience class, even the teacher will push you to exercise with statements such as “maybe



you'd better run that dog a few miles before coming to class." Like I said, who needs a personal trainer when you've got a Rat Terrier? No one.

Forget spending money on fad diets. So you say you want to lose that holiday weight you may have added on? What American these days doesn't try some new-fangled way to shed a few extra pounds? Whether your choice be Atkins or Weight Watchers, those days are over if you get your very own Rat Terrier. If your Rat Terrier isn't working you hard enough in the personal training area, don't waste your money on expensive foods and calorie counting; a Rat Terrier can take care of all that for you. Using a Rat Terrier to lose weight is simple. Step one, prepare your meals as you normally would. Step two, step away from the kitchen for five minutes before consuming your meal. Step three, when you return to the kitchen eat what's left on your plate. In most cases, your caloric intake will be drastically reduced.

You will no longer need to invest in a paper shredder. Every worry about identity theft? Fear no more! If you plan on getting a Rat Terrier you will no longer have to waste your money on a paper shredder to stop would-be thieves from getting important information about you. Shredding is one of a Rat Terrier's favorite past times. If you have anything that needs shredded- old newspapers, boxes, mail, magazines, toilet paper, cardboard-



your Rat Terrier can handle that. Forget wasting your money on a commercial paper shredder which will cost you hundreds of dollars, toss those papers to your dog and voila: instant shred.

[Important Disclaimer: Their shredding skills are also not limited to paper products; I have seen my terrier shred bed

pillows, stuffed toys, and bedding in so much as minutes given the chance.]

Forget wasting money on mouse traps. Not only are conventional methods of killing household pests kind of disgusting, they can be costly. Rat Terriers are the best vermin killers going; way better than conventional mousetraps, poison, and sticky traps. If you have a mouse in your residence, chances are once you get a Rat Terrier it will be gone in no time. Be warned though, sometimes Ratties are a little too efficient at their job, killing more than what you bargained for. When my Rat Terrier killed her first mouse I was ecstatic and praised her. The same praise went for the moles, chipmunks, a squirrel, and a garden snake. It may be possible to praise your Rat Terrier too much and make them think they are a killing machine who does not differentiate between vermin and chickens. Did I mention I live on a farm where I used to free range chickens? When I say used to, that is what I mean, past tense. I have it on good authority that some Rat Terriers have banded together to make chicken killing an Olympic dog sport. I think my Rattie is head of the committee and determined to win the first gold medal once approved.

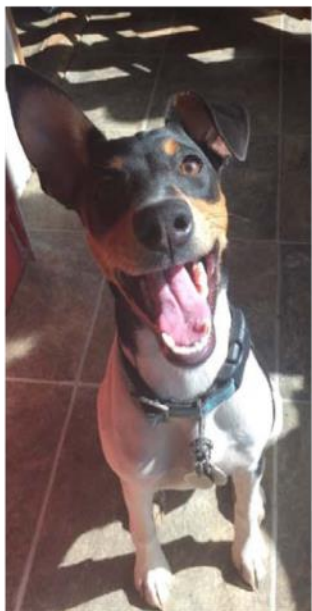
RAT TERRIERS SHARPEN YOUR MIND

You will keep your brain engaged since you will have to terrier proof your house. Literally. If you plan on getting yourself a Rat Terrier, just know nothing you own is sacred. Be prepared to lock things up like Fort Knox. I have no young children living at my house, yet if company came to visit they would think I was running a daycare center for six youngsters. Be prepared to use baby gates to block off rooms and set your valuables up high. Lock up your cabinets; heck, lock up your daughters and lock up your wife! Why have a "Rat Terrier proof" gate to block off rooms? The answer is simple: Rat Terriers can open many kinds of gates. If they can't open them, they will find a way to jump or climb over it to escape. You will actively use your mind to find ways to make sure certain cabinets and drawers are either locked or blocked. Why? So your underwear and kitchen utensils remain where you put them. Anything you deem valuable is definitely fair game in a terrier's eyes. Make sure you find safe places to set houseplants. Think you have a

green thumb and love your pretty flowers...well let's just say you 'had' green thumb. Set your plants up high or they will be dug up, tipped over, and spilled on the floor. There is nothing better than finding chewed up roots and dirt under your bed pillow before laying down for the night. You will find you are using your mind daily to find creative ways to keep your dog using their own toys for fun and not yours.

Smarter than the Average Dog. Now I know everyone thinks their dog and specific breed is the smartest thing going, but Rat Terriers really are smarter than the average dog. What other dog breed is so versatile? They make great loving family pets, do well in obedience and conformation, excel at agility, and triumph in the barn hunt venues. They are eager learners and love performing for their human. They will do almost anything for a little snippet of food. Sit, stay, down, come, go, heel, roll over, ride a skateboard, lick your face, jump thirteen feet in the air, kill a mouse, open the refrigerator door...the list is essentially endless.

They have a great memory and learn the meanings to many human words and phrases too. Some good examples are:



"Drop that chicken!"
"Let go of the cat!"
"Give me back my _____!"
"Give mom a kiss."
"Time for bed."
"Who wants a bully stick?"
"Let's have steak for dinner."
"I'm going for a drive."
"I bought a new toy."
"Bath time."
"I need a hug."
"Don't let the dog see."

For anyone who wishes to add a Rat Terrier to their family, all you really need to know is they are smart, super smart. In the words of one Rat Terrier I know, they may just be smarter than you.

RAT TERRIERS KEEP YOU STOCKED UP FOR NATURAL DISASTERS AND ARMAGEDDON

Rat Terriers keep you stocked up on the essential items. Ever wonder what it would be like to be one of those dooms day preppers? Owning a Rat Terrier may put you on that path. If you find yourself forgetting to keep all of your perishable items, shoes, socks, soap, makeup, newspapers, magazines, books, or anything else that resembles something fun in a terrier's eyes locked up, you will find yourself making multiple trips to the grocery

store. Have I mentioned yet that Rat Terriers love toilet paper? Shredding it, unrolling it, eating it, and scattering it about the house seem to be a favorite past time. I have never purchased as many rolls of toilet paper as I have since bringing my newest Rat Terrier home. (I have been buying so much TP, I think the local grocer is ready to recommend I be tested for IBS and politely offer me some Imodium!) Owing a Rat Terrier will definitely turn you into someone who is prepared for just about any situation. You will find yourself stocking up on items like paper towels, toilet paper, bully sticks, dog treats, and dog toys. You will turn into a dog toy hoarder as well since your new terrier will have many favorite toys they can't part with. So in actuality, you may not be truly prepared for Armageddon but you will be prepared for what I like to call "Dog-a-geddon". Owing a Rat Terrier will make you ready for any dog related mishap and event you could possibly conjure up in your head.

You will never have to worry about a stalker hiding in your closet and accosting you in the middle of the night. Ever watch a dark sinister movie and scare yourself half to death? Ever think



that sometimes you are being watched or that the shadow around the corner may reach out and grab you? If you are the paranoid sort, adding a Rat Terrier into your household may alleviate your stress. Owing a Rat Terrier is like having a second shadow. You will never have to worry about someone grabbing you from behind, your Rat Terrier will be there to alert you the danger. The Rat Terrier

mentality towards their owner is this: you move; I move. If you are sitting on the couch and walk into the kitchen, your Rat Terrier will follow. If you are in bed at night and need a bathroom quickie, your Rat Terrier will follow. Going downstairs to check the laundry, your Rat Terrier will be your shadow.

Walking across the room to answer the phone, your Rat Terrier will be there. Think there is a zombie in the yard and you make a dash for the house, too late, your Rat Terrier beat you to it!

THE ABSOLUTE BEST THINGS ABOUT A RAT TERRIER

Each has a unique personality and a dog smile that goes on for days. Each Rat Terrier is truly a unique being. Although they all share that same inquisitiveness, stubbornness, and carefree attitude, they all truly have their own quirks and personalities. They get along well with other dogs; it is super fun to watch them try to be the alpha dog in the pack when they are the smallest dog. They have loud personalities and love trying to be the house boss. Give them an inch and they will take three miles. They have smiles that can light up your day. There is nothing better than coming home from a hard day to see that big grin and have their exuberance rub off. Being around a Rat Terrier can brighten any mood.

An amazing snuggle buddy. At the end of the day, the Rat Terrier can be wild, crazy, spirited, willful, and have a mind of their own; but they truly are the best snuggle buddies out there. When it comes time to sit back and relax in front of the fire, curl up with a good book, binge watch your favorite television series, or just go to bed for the night, be assured your ever faithful Rattie will be by your side. If you have had a hard day and need to relax, they can sense it and will there to comfort you. Somedays when all you need is a hug, that little paw touching your hand and furry head laying on your lap makes the world seem like a better place. Rat Terriers can lift spirits and brighten moods. Always happy to see you, they bring joy wherever they go. They will be curled up beside you, maybe on top of you, and will most likely be under the covers with you, but as Rat Terrier owner for life, I wouldn't want it any other way.



In a nutshell, the Rat Terrier is a smart, loyal, money saving, snuggle monster that will brighten your day, enhance your life, and keep you young. They literally are the best dog ever. Who wouldn't want one...or ten?



Westminster

2016 Rat Terrier

RAT TERRIER

Judge: Mr. Ronald H. Menaker

Day: February 16, 2016

Time: 12:00

Ring: 1

Best Of Breed Competition

SEL 6 CH Evanlee's Ticket To The Stars

Breed: Rat Terrier

Sex: Dog

AKC: RN 27342204

Date of Birth: October 29, 2014

Breeder: Donna McMahan & Stacy McWilliams

Sire: CH Fourpaws 3BF Ticket To Ride

Dam: GCH RiverRidge Writ'n In The Stars

Owner: Anna Morris & Donna McMahan

7 GCH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River

Ridge

Breed: Rat Terrier

Sex: Dog

AKC: RN 27342201

Date of Birth: October 29, 2014

Breeder: Donna McMahan & Stacy McWilliams

Sire: CH Fourpaws 3BF R Ticket To Ride

Dam: GCH RiverRidge Writ'n N The Stars

Owner: Stacy McWilliams & Jane Gardner & Donna McMahan

9 GCH River Ridge Winning Ways

Breed: Rat Terrier

Sex: Dog

AKC: RN 24043405

Date of Birth: April 02, 2012

Breeder: Stacy McWilliams

Sire: Stoney Bays UR Martin's Serv'd

Dam: River Ridge Shineon Sweet Stuff

Owner: Loretta Iazzetti & Stacy McWilliams

10 CH River Ridge's Give Em Someth'N 2talk About

Breed: Rat Terrier

Sex: Dog

AKC: RN 26906508

Date of Birth: May 30, 2014

Breeder: Jackie Maye & Beth Sczygiel

Sire: CH River Ridge's Passion 4 Perfection

Dam: CH River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare

Owner: Jackie Maye & Beth Sczygiel & Stacy McWilliams

OS 11 GCH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA

Breed: Rat Terrier

Sex: Bitch

AKC: RN 21126201

Date of Birth: March 31, 2010

Breeder: Cynthia Humphrey

Sire: Call Me Lighting Strikes Twice

Dam: Call Me Italin Chocolate

Owner: Cynthia Humphrey & Brandy Petry

B 12 GCH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse

Breed: Rat Terrier

Sex: Dog

AKC: RN 25943207

Date of Birth: June 27, 2013

Breeder: Anita Culp

Sire: Rosenthorn Almighty Shogun

Dam: Rock-E-Hill Cal Val Bella Mia

Owner: Linda Hibbard

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

1/W 8 River Ridge's Golden Ticket

Breed: Rat Terrier

Sex: Dog

AKC: RN 27688202

Date of Birth: February 07, 2015

Breeder: Stacy McWilliams

Sire: CH River Ridge's Legacy Quest

Dam: River Ridge's Simply Irresistable

Owner: Stacy McWilliams & Deena Mapley

The Fun of Westminster 2016



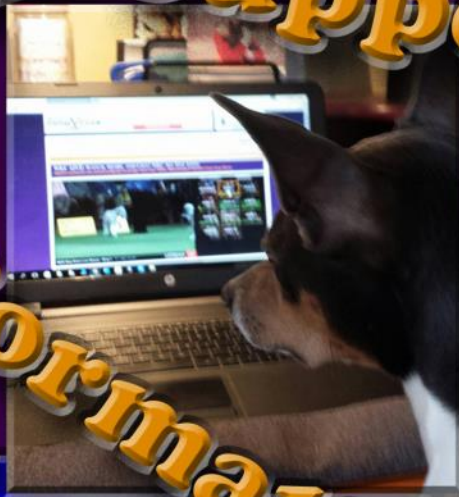
Comradery



Support



Conformation



Agility



Humor makes the world a better place



Lizzie or “Reds”

Drum Roll!!



GCH ARKAY SGK Sumthing2tlkabout@GLHL aka "Nyx" was Best of Breed in the Owner Handler Series competition under Judge Carole Beatie at Eukanuba in December 2015. Nyx is owned by Alma Burns and Linda Meek and handled by Alma Burns.

~ Colorado ~



AAcres John Henry aka "Spike" finished his Champion title in Puyallup, WA. He is owned and loved by Cory Downey Hart.

~ Washington ~



Rosethorn IGO Flare Spins Z World aka "Flare" owned by Jennifer Ferguson finished her Champion Title on January 18, 2016 at the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers Show under Judge Mrs. Peggy J. Haas.

~ Idaho ~

Congratulations!!



River Ridge's Kiss My Grits aka "Sassafras" earned a Barn Hunt Novice Q and first place at the Big Bear Canine Activity Center Barn Hunt in Pine Mountain, GA. In February. This was her first time in the class. She is owned, loved, and trained by Riley Allen.

~ Georgia ~



Sands' Holy Mackerel, RATI, RATN, RN "Mackerel" owned and handled by Alison Raposo earned a 2nd place CDSP obedience leg by winning a runoff at the Monadnock Humane Society Trial on February 19 under Judge Mrs. Barb Burri.

~ Massachusetts ~



Send us your brags for next quarters newsletter!



FANTASTIC!!!



GCH Evanlee's May D'odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge aka "Victor" received a Group 4 under Dr Robert Smith at the Clearwater Kennel Club show in January. Victor is owned by Stacy McWilliams, Jane Garner & Donna McMahan.

~ Pennsylvania ~



River Ridge's Stop the Press Who Is That? Aka "Bruce" was Winner's dog, Best of Winners, Best Puppy In Breed, and then Puppy Group 3 at the Rocky Mountain Cluster under Judge Clay Coody on February 13. Owned by Stacy McWilliams, Matt and Chelsea Allen.

~ Colorado ~



There is room for your brag here. Don't forget to send in your brags as you earn them so that they can be in the next newsletter.

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AWESOME!!!



CH Wildcliff She'll Tickle Ur Fancy aka "Tickle" owned by Beth Ann Amico and Stacy McWilliams earned her RATI and RATN titles at the Four Hoof Drive Country Critters in Norman, Oklahoma on January 30-31, 2016. This was her first barn hunt and on the second day of the hunt she improved her time by a minute and won a First and a Second Place in the Novice Medium Dog Division.

~ Oklahoma ~

River Ridge's Itchin' to Party RATI, TDCH, RATN aka "Pox" owned by Ashley Kutzli earned his Barn Hunt Novice title on January 21, 2016 at the Great American Dogs event in Novi, Michigan.

~ Michigan ~



CH Ratitatt's Senorita Lolita's Lollipop RATI CGCA aka "Lolly" finished her Rally Novice title on January 7, 2016. Lolly is owned by Edithmary Stenz and Gretchen A. Chambers. Trained and handled by Edithmary Stenz.

~ Arizona ~



STUPENDOUS!!!

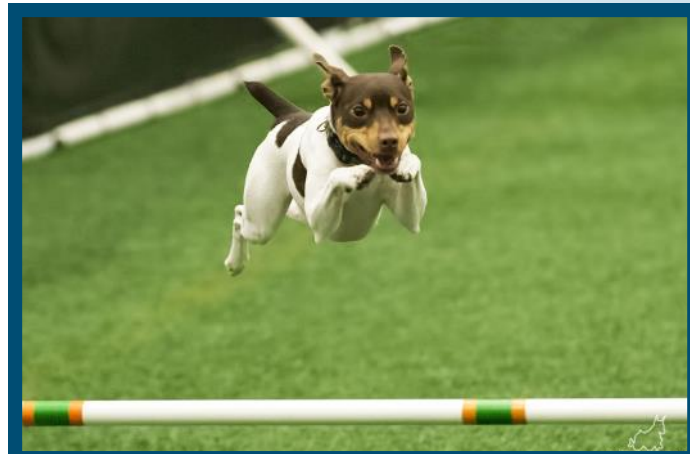


Riverridge Mischief Managed aka “Remus” had a blast competing at the 3rd Annual Westminster KC Master Agility Championships. Apparently third time is a charm—Remus made it to the final round, which was televised nationally. He had a super run, just missing winning the 16” class by a toenail (literally) ... he would have had it but for a very close miss on the A-Frame contact. He says, “Next year don’t cut my nails the night before mom!” Remus also earned his Jumper Champion title in USDAA.

River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast aka “Ferris” earned his International Novice Dog title in UKI, his Novice Jumpers title in AKC and his Started Gamblers title in USDAA .

Both boys are Owned, Loved, and Trained by Deb Stevenson.

~ New Jersey ~



Take Your Pup for a Walk on the Wild Side

by Beth Ann Amico



With over two hundred million nasal olfactory receptors, a dog's nose has a sense of smell that's thousands of times better than a human's. It's a highly refined sense inherited from its Canidea ancestors. So pity the poor pup that spends the majority of its time in one of the most sterile environments – the backyard. Dogs destined for careers in the hunting field can benefit greatly from early introductions to “sweet dirt” – areas most ripe with nature's aromas. Taking nature walks with your young dog also serves as an excellent way to further its socialization, allowing it to become even more at ease with the world. Most importantly, it's the first step towards developing a pup that actively hunts game in an efficient manner.

The Nose Knows

At birth, a pup's nerve system is still incomplete – it cannot hear or see and it lacks the ability to regulate its own body temperature. For the first two weeks of its life, its only real contact with the environment is afforded by its developing sense of smell and touch, enabling it to seek out the warmth of its mother and her supply of milk. The instinctive action of crawling towards and finding nourishment is also a pup's first experience of “positive reinforcement” – a principle fundamental to its life-long learning process.

By the time a pup is ten weeks old, it should be acclimated to its home and the human routine. You should now begin expanding its world and introduce it to the hunting field. But no matter the age or breed of your sporting pup, the curriculum sequence remains the same.

Location, Location, Location

Successful hunters understand the importance of pre-scouting an area before the hunt and the same concept should be applied prior to outings with your canine partner. Since your goal is to develop your budding hunter's ability to use its nose, choosing the most stimulating scenarios is paramount. While cattle pastures may offer more olfactory opportunities than the average neighborhood park, agricultural and remote undeveloped areas are an even better choice. Look for sites with varying terrain so the pup will learn to negotiate multiple changes of cover. Tip: Match the size of the cover to the size of the dog. A pup faced with overbearing obstacles tends to stay too close to the handler and not strike up a hunt.

Keep your dog's safety and physical well-being in mind also. Check for unexpected drop-offs, swift water or other hazards. If your pup hasn't been exposed to swimming yet, your ideal location may include a shallow pond with a graduated water entry. Tip: Avoid ponds with scummy or stagnant water as they may harbor toxic cyanobacteria or distemper.

Prepped for Adventure

Now that you've chosen some suitable areas and gotten the landowner's permission, you're ready for your adventure, right? Not so fast. A few key items will help make your outing even more enjoyable for you and your dog:

1. Drinking water: Be sure to pack an extra bottle or two for your dog and start teaching it how to drink on cue. This will come in handy in a lot of situations.
2. Collar with identification: A sturdy buckle collar with an I.D. plate will help ensure your dog's safe return if lost. Make sure the collar fits snug around the dog's neck with room for just two fingers. Loose collars can easily come off or hang a dog in low-lying branches. Fluorescent colored or reflective collars help keep your dog easy to spot in high brush and at distances.
3. Check cord: Fifteen foot 3/8 inch braided cotton rope with a brass swivel snap at one end and a knot in the other.
4. First aid kit: Be ready to handle any minor injuries – EMT Gel is great for minor wounds and abrasions. Keep your vet's number on your cell phone's speed-dial.
5. Flea and tick collars and other dermal treatments: Your dog should already be protected with age-appropriate pest preventatives and vaccinations. Bring home memories and experience, not tiny pests which can carry Lyme disease.
6. Grooming kit: Brush out burrs and stickers before the ride home, especially on long-hair sporting breeds.
7. Kennel Crate: Your pup may enjoy riding up front with you, but after a long day in the woods, *your* nose might appreciate a break from the smell of wet or dirty fur.

The Outdoor Classroom

Once you've arrived, unload your vehicle and prepare yourself *before* letting your pup out. Countless dogs have become lost or even worse while their owners' backs were turned, so play it safe and release your dog only when you can give it your full attention. Tip: Don't give in to an excited pup's pawing and whining to be let out. Teach it that only sitting quietly will result in its release – vocalizing will get it nothing.

The next step is the easiest – walk with the pup and let it explore. Let your pup set the pace, but keep it moving with you. If it seems to dawdle too long over some varmint smell, move it along with a verbal cue “hup” (which means “come around”) and walk off in the opposite direction. Keep unnecessary chatter to a minimum so as not to distract the pup away from its work.

When an older or “big running” pup starts paying more attention to its nose than you, let it start dragging the check cord attached to the “D” ring on its collar. A simple step on the end of the cord with a “hup” cue and quick movement away will remind the dog to hunt with you.

As you take your pup on these walks, you will see its instinct to hunt grow. It’s now time to teach pup what to hunt and how to find it.

Happy Trails

Here’s the first exercise to introduce your pup to hunting birds – learning to trail scent. Slice up a hot dog in ¼ inch pieces. Feed a couple to your pup so that it’s familiar with the smell and wants more. Put your pup up for a minute (just so it’s not able to see you) and lay a straight trail ten feet long with slices every foot. The trail should be laid in short grass, into the wind so that the scent of each successive hotdog is blown back in the pup’s face. This layout helps the beginner pup follow the progression of the trail.

Bring the pup to the downwind end of the trail, point at the first slice and cue pup with a word or phrase to begin hunting. “Hunt ‘em up” or “birds in here” are typical verbal cues. Moving down the line, help your pup stay focused by pointing your finger and repeating the verbal cue at each upcoming slice.

When the pup becomes proficient at finding the hotdogs on the verbal cue alone, reverse the trail’s head to upwind. Now the pup has to follow the trail on its own – there’s no wind to help it. Repeat these trailing lines in various locations so that the pup starts to generalize the task of trailing on cue.

The next step of the exercise is to teach the pup to trail birds, transitioning the “prey” from hotdogs to bird scent. Most sporting breed pups are exposed to live birds at an early age to make sure that they revel in the smell, sight and taste of their ultimate prey. If your pup has not been exposed to birds, use a clipped wing pigeon as an introduction. Flip the pigeon across the ground and let the pup go after it. As with the hotdogs, proceed only after your pup has had a taste or two and enjoys chasing it.

Now establish a bird trail by making a drag pole with a four foot stick and equivalent length of string tied to the end. Tether the bird’s feet to the free end of the string. Pick a few feathers from the bird’s rump and place them at the head of your trail. Drag the bird from this point ten or fifteen yards downwind through moderate cover and hide the tethered bird at the desired end. Wear rubber boots and avoid touching surrounding cover with the bird to avoid laying false trails. Bring the pup to the head of the trail and use your verbal cue to hunt.

Once your pup masters straight line trails, add a right angle to the mix. Drag the first leg of your trail into a crosswind, then turn downwind 90 degrees to an end point (your trail will resemble an “L”). This set-up will teach the pup about the strength of scent, how to recover from its loss and follow it to its conclusion.

Quarter Master

So far, you have taught your pup how to find and follow scent to a bird. Your pup is now ready to be taught the next skill – quartering to the gun.

As in your previous training, location is vitally important. Select a long field at least one hundred yards in length with moderate cover, approximately 40 yards across. The orientation of the field should be set to the prevailing wind. The lateral edges should be well defined with heavy cover, i.e. trees, thick brush, high weeds, etc. To set up the field, you'll need 5 pigeons, each in its own mesh sack (onion sacks are ideal). Proceed into the wind and place the birds just inside the perimeter in a zig-zag pattern, spacing the birds approximately twenty yards apart. This distance will condition the pup to hunt within reasonable gun range.

Bring your pup to the center of the field and walk into the wind towards the first bird, coaxing the pup to follow along. Let the dog find the bird. Praise your pup, set the sack back in place and move diagonally across the field towards the next bird until you've worked your way through the pattern at the end of the field. What you will observe is that after a day or two of this exercise, the pup will start running towards the remembered bird locations. When you see this behavior, remove the second and fifth birds and run the pattern again. When the pup doesn't find a bird at the second location, "hup" him towards the third and so on. This strengthens the dog's understanding of the quartering pattern and reinforces the meaning of the word "hup".

Once the pup is running freely to the birds, change your walking pattern and simply move up the middle of the field in a straight line. The dog should start to quarter in front of you looking for the birds. Move to different locations with similar terrain features when the dog masters this scenario. Tip: Each time you change location, remove different birds from the pattern so that the pup always has to hunt. This technique will cause the dog to better conceptualize the task of quartering.

These lessons of discovery will develop a confident hunting partner that knows how to trail wounded game and actively seeks it in an efficient pattern within gun range. Your pup's first hunts will be much more productive because you introduced it to the wild side.

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Three Things Every Dog Owner Should Know About Antibiotics

by Dogs Naturally Magazine in Holistic Care, Uncategorized



It seems that these days, it's a good bet that if you bring your pet into the vet's office for any sort of issue, you're going to leave with antibiotics in your pocket. Having surgery? You'll go home with antibiotics (wouldn't sterile surgery be a better option?) Does your dog have kennel cough or another viral infection? You may be going home with antibiotics (which ironically fight bacteria, not viruses). Does your dog have a hot spot? Yep, antibiotics.

Are we saying antibiotics are being overused in veterinary medicine? Well, if it's anything like human medicine, then yes! According to an article by James Hughes of Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia, which was published in February by the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, as much as 50% of antibiotic use is unnecessary or inappropriate.

And antibiotic overuse doesn't just mean we're wasting money. There are very real problems associated with antibiotic use that every pet owner should be aware of before consenting to their use. Here are some problems with antibiotic use as we see them:

Superbugs

Dr Alexander Flemming, who first discovered the antibiotic penicillin, immediately saw the drawbacks of the drug. In 1945 he cautioned people that the misuse of penicillin could lead to

mutant forms of bacteria that would resist the drug. He was absolutely right.

An estimated 14% of the staphylococcus strains isolated from human patients in a London hospital had developed resistance to penicillin by 1946, just three years after the miracle drug was introduced. Penicillin was the stepping stone to other microbe killers.

Within three decades, several more drugs had been introduced to combat bacteria and infections including amoxicillin, tetracycline, and streptomycin. By the 1970s, there were over 100 human antibiotics on pharmacy shelves.

Britain's most senior medical adviser, Dr Sally Davies, says that the threat from infections that are resistant to antibiotics is so serious that "There are few public health issues of potentially greater importance for society than antibiotic resistance. It means we are at increasing risk of developing infections that cannot be treated."

Drug resistance arises when drugs knock out susceptible infections, leaving hardier, resilient strains behind. The survivors then multiply, and over time can become unstoppable superbugs, such as MRSA.

"In the past, most people haven't worried because we've always had new antibiotics to turn to," said Alan Johnson, consultant clinical scientist at the Health Protection Agency. "What has changed is that the development pipeline is running dry. We don't have new antibiotics that we can rely on in the immediate future or in the longer term."

The overuse of antibiotics is creating a worldwide threat of infection that could have catastrophic results. But antibiotics also have more immediate problems.

Antibiotics Kill Bacteria

At first glance, this might seem like a good thing. After all, that's what they're designed to do, right?

The problem with antibiotics is that they're indiscriminate killers. Good bacteria, bad bacteria, any bacteria that aren't resistant to the antibiotic will be killed.

The majority of the immune system resides in the gut and is reliant on beneficial bacteria that produce vitamins, help in hormone production and out-compete harmful bacteria. Antibiotics will kill these friendly bacteria and lead to the growth of yeast in the body, most commonly the *Candida* species.

The short term benefit of antibiotics has the potential to do real damage to the immune system, leaving dogs more vulnerable to other diseases, as well as the chronic skin and bowel issues caused by yeast overgrowth; so there had better be a very good reason to give those antibiotics and the benefit of doing so should definitely outweigh the long term risks.

Antibiotics Cause Nutrient Deficiencies

We mentioned that antibiotics kill beneficial bacteria. One of the jobs of beneficial bacteria is to help manufacture nutrients that are critical to cellular health. Antibiotics will deplete vitamins B1, B2, B6, B12 C, E, K inositol and magnesium. This can lead to a plethora of health problems including, but not limited to, anemia, diarrhea, behavioral changes, wound healing and immune health, oxidative stress, nerve degeneration and more.

In today's world of processed pet foods enriched with synthetic vitamins and minerals, it's critical to keep vitamin stores intact because they're unlikely to be replaced by most diets.

The next time you're faced with a condition that your vet wants to prescribe antibiotics for, it's important to understand that there are both benefits and risks to those drugs and both must be considered.

Better yet, the next time he suggests antibiotics, it might be time to trade your rusty old conventional vet in for a shiny new holistic vet who may have some great alternatives to antibiotics. If you're still not convinced that antibiotics might not be worth the trouble, you should read *Treatment By The Numbers* for more great information on why antibiotics aren't a reasonable solution in many cases of illness.

You can also visit the Academy of Veterinary Homeopaths for a list of homeopathic vets.

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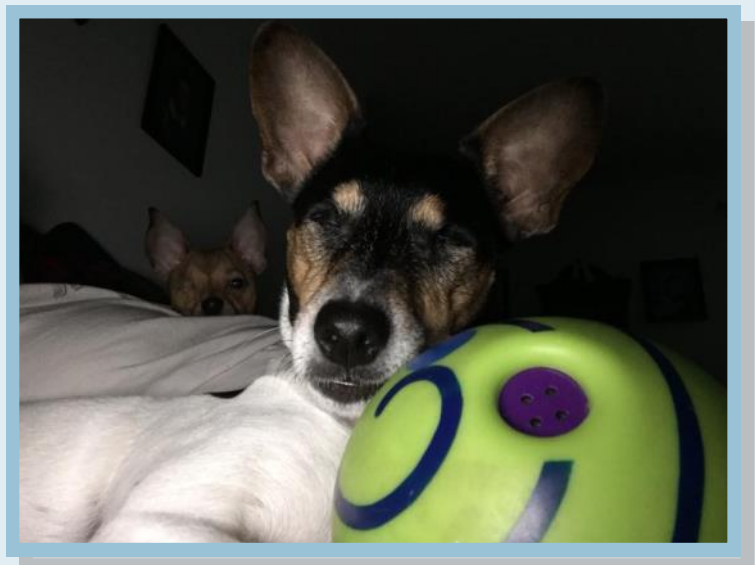
The Love of Cindy and Harry

By Sandra L Ball

This is a love story and it is more. It is a story of struggle, commitment, devotion, dedication, and success. It is a story to inspire because when life deals us the negative, it is up to us to turn it into the positive and it can be done if we never lose hope and vision.

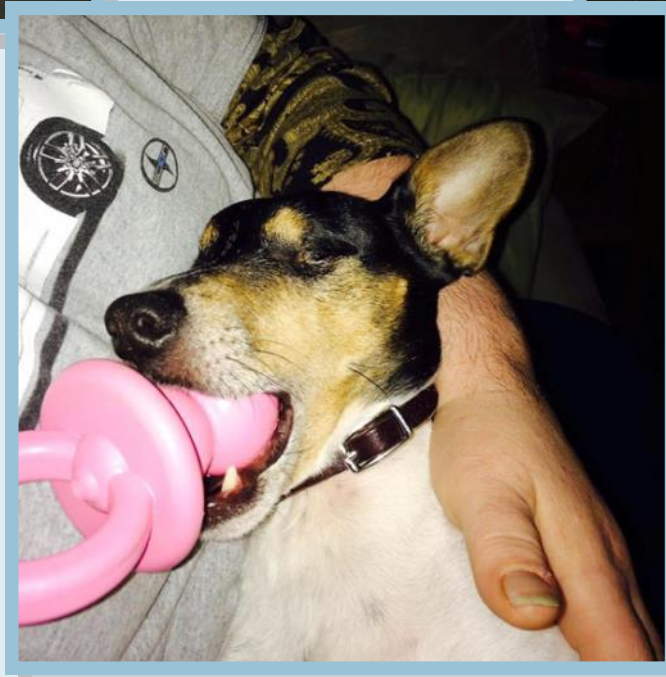
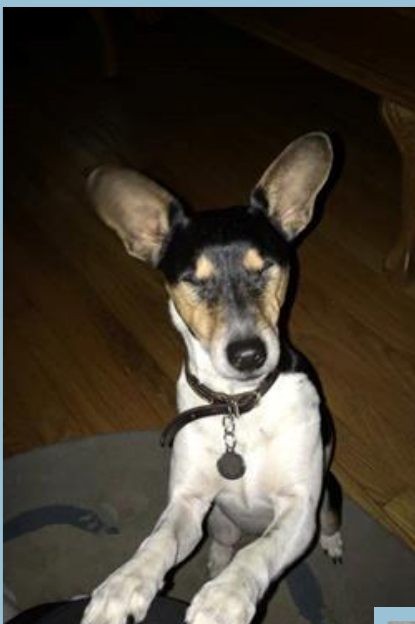
Cindy Guffey brought Harry home to live with her in April 2012. While Cindy knew Harry was blind, she did not know that Harry had serious eye problems from PLL (Primary Lens Luxation) a genetic eye disorder that affects some Rat Terriers. Harry also had the intense pain from glaucoma that frequently happens if the lens luxates in the wrong direction. Cindy faced the problem of not having the funds to perform a necessary surgery on Harry, even though both she and her husband were working hard at jobs to make ends meet. A benefactor began the effort to collect the funds needed and several "aunties" joined the effort. On August 31, 2012, because of some very generous and kind hearted donors, Harry had eye surgery to remove his painful eyes. He was finally set free from his pain and able to live a pain free life that was full of love, happiness and security. The angel aunties saved Harry's life through their generosity.

Part of this story includes a very personal success for Cindy. Cindy was not able to read or write very well until she spent two years working on improving her skills prior to Harry arriving. She had seen something written by the previous owner indicating they did not want him any longer and if they could not find a home he would go to the shelter. It took her two days to read and comprehend what all the words about the little dog meant and she began her effort to bring Harry to her home. When Harry arrived he was so very upset and trying to bite any human who came close. So to pass the time Cindy decided to do some reading practice. She read out loud to Harry and in about 20 minutes he calmed down enough for her to put a leash on him and take him to the yard to try to potty. Harry returned to his crate with the same bitey attitude that he had displayed so she read to him again and the calming sound of her voice relaxed him again and she was able to give him a bath. Cindy realized that he was going to take a very special kind of training. She spent time reading to him because it was a comfortable thing for her to do and she was not embarrassed by a sweet little dog that patiently sat and listened. This began the partnership between owner and beloved dog that has only grown since. They worked together to achieve success.



Once Harry was beyond the terrible eye pain he became calmer, happier, and was excelling at learning new things. Cindy turned to YouTube to help her learn more about how to train her boy. Eventually she found a class to help the Cindy/Harry Team advance in their training. Harry learned his lessons quickly and excelled in what he was doing. He did it with heart, love, repetition and respect. Cindy credits his angel aunties because without their help Harry would not be here. Harry earned his Canine Good Citizen Title on June 18, 2015. But, that is not the final goal for Harry and Cindy. She wants Harry to become a Therapy Dog. Their training continued and Harry learned how to do an off leash recall from 165 feet away simply by listening to the voice of his person and her left/right/forward commands. This was done in a busy store and Harry succeeded!! Cindy hopes to have Harry certified by a therapy dog organization in the near future. Harry is preparing for the Canine Good Citizen Advanced title as I write this. The story does not end here because the goal is for Harry to do therapy work at St. Jude's Hospital. I can think of no better example for a struggling child than to see a totally blind little dog succeeding in life and being a role model for persevering and overcoming the odds.

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# What's So Dangerous about Xylitol?

by Dr. Deva Khalsa in Featured Articles, Nutrition And Diet



## What's So Dangerous About Xylitol?

Xylitol is a naturally occurring substance that is widely used as a sugar substitute. Chemically, it's a sugar alcohol and, in nature, it's found in:

- » berries
- » plums
- » corn
- » oats
- » mushrooms
- » lettuce
- » trees
- » and other hardwood trees and fruits.

Commercially, most xylitol is extracted from:

- » corn fiber
- » birch trees
- » hardwood trees
- » other vegetable material

Although it's been used as a sugar substitute for decades, its popularity has increased dramatically in the last few years. Xylitol is manufactured into a white powder that looks and tastes similar to sugar. It's about as sweet as sucrose, but contains only about two-thirds the calories.

## Xylitol Is Really Bad For Dogs ...

While xylitol is OK for humans, it's extremely toxic to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol can cause hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), seizures, liver failure or even death in dogs. The higher the dose ingested, the greater the risk of liver failure complications.

The most common source of xylitol poisoning reported to the Pet Poison Helpline is sugar free gum. As xylitol is becoming more popular and it's included in more and more foods, we all have to be on alert as our dogs will also find these foods appetizing and a decent percentage of our best friends practice the art of stealth food burglary.



## ... And Life Threatening

While xylitol doesn't stimulate the release of insulin from the pancreas in humans, it certainly does in dogs. When a dog eats something containing xylitol, it's quickly absorbed into the bloodstream, resulting in a potent release of insulin from the pancreas. This rapid release of insulin results in a profound decrease in the level of blood sugar (hypoglycemia) – an effect that occurs within 10 to 60 minutes of ingestion. Untreated, this hypoglycemia is often life threatening. There's no antidote for xylitol toxicity.

The prognosis is good for dogs who are treated before symptoms develop or for dogs who develop uncomplicated hypoglycemia that is reversed rapidly. If liver failure or a bleeding disorder develops, the prognosis is generally poor. Most dogs who develop liver problems never make it.

To make things worse, some manufacturers are adding this sugar substitute to peanut butter! (However, this is just **one** of many reasons **NOT to feed your dog peanut butter**. [Click here to learn more.](#))

## Glutathione to the Rescue

The first and most important thing to do is give glutathione. Glutathione exists in every cell. It protects the cell's tiny but important engines, the mitochondria. This little protein made up of three amino acids is the king of all antioxidants in the body. Without it, cells would disintegrate from unrestrained oxidation. Our more familiar antioxidants, such as vitamins C and E, have short life spans and glutathione has the ability to bring back spent antioxidants from the dead and even recharge itself.

Because *all other* antioxidants depend on glutathione to function properly, doctors call it the **master antioxidant**.

Glutathione is the most important, abundant, most active and most powerful of the antioxidants. None of the over the counter antioxidants would work without the glutathione

created in the cells. The highest level of glutathione exists in the liver and it's no accident that the liver is the major organ of detoxification and desperately needs its glutathione to stay healthy.

# Delivery Matters

The thing about glutathione is that it's very poorly absorbed when taken orally. And when there is not time to waste, that's a huge problem.

## Case Example:

A (dog) patient had to get glutathione to protect and regenerate his necrotic liver fast as his liver was disintegrating from unrestrained oxidation. The patient's owner literally ran to a compounding pharmacist who made up a form of glutathione that could be administered intramuscularly. The emergency service in the hospital agreed to administer it. The change was dramatic. The patient perked up and his liver enzymes began to go down. We also put him on several homeopathic remedies for the liver, including Aesculus, Ptelia, Chelidonium and Phosphorus.

It's important to note that although this patient had initially been given glutathione orally, as in standard treatment, it could possibly not have worked. That's because the precursors are made into glutathione in the liver. His liver was in a double bind because its own cells were rotting and dying. They needed glutathione to repair themselves but they were too sick to be able to convert the precursors the patient was given orally. That's why the glutathione needed to be administered intramuscularly. By the way, it can also be administered intravenously, but we would have had to wait for it to be shipped from California and there was just not time!

## ... After The Treatment

Soon after treatment, the patient went home and was eating on his own and beginning to enjoy his walks again. His liver levels were normal but he still had elevated kidney levels, meaning he was too acidic. Both the kidneys and liver work much more efficiently in an alkaline environment (up to 40 times more efficiently), so the patient went on a vitamin C Intravenous drip to create alkalinity in his body and his kidneys responded and healed.

The body's organs *can* heal themselves with a little help from their friends (in this case the antioxidant glutathione).

With xylitol becoming more and more common in foods, we should all remember glutathione is there, in case of emergency. Most compounding pharmacies can prepare this for you as an intramuscular solution. But because prevention is the best medicine, I recommend storing foodstuffs made with xylitol in a dog proof location; our canine friends love a delicious cupcake just as much as we do!

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## About Dr. Deva Khalsa

Since beginning her holistically oriented veterinary practice over 25 years ago, Dr. Khalsa has been incorporating homeopathy, acupuncture, Chinese Herbs, nutritional advice, allergy-elimination techniques such as N.A.E.T and also J.M.T. into her approach. Today her work is a blend of sophisticated holistic techniques and traditional veterinary medicine designed to best enhance the natural strengths and attributes of her patient. Aside from her impressive career and dedication to teaching within the veterinary world, Dr. Khalsa loves sharing her knowledge with the public. She coauthored, 'Healing Your Horse: Alternative Therapies' (Howell Book House, 1993), and most recently authored, 'Dr. Khalsa's Natural Dog' (Kennel Club Books, 2009), a book best described as a 'holistic bible' for dog owners. Dr. Khalsa is a Fellow and Professor of the British Institute of Homeopathy. She has lectured both nationally and internationally.



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# New Rattitude

Rat Terrier Rescue



## What New Rattitude is About

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 medication, 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>

If you are looking for a sweet dog to love and nurture while carefully helping to widen her world, BlueBelle is your girl. She was born into puppy mill conditions and lived almost four years birthing puppies in a deprived environment. When she came to rescue, she was classified as semiferal, and has spent the past months overcoming many challenges to learn to live in a home and interact with humans. This has not been easy for her, and she needs a special family who understands how best to gently, patiently help her continue to adapt. You may read the rest of her story here: <http://www.newrattitude.org/index.htm>

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# SENSATIONAL!!



Icon's A Legacy Begins aka "Anna" owned by Renee Morgan earned her RATI title and two legs towards her RATN. She placed with the fastest instinct run of 0:13.97 and the fastest novice run of 0:36.44. This was at the Four Hoof Drive Country Critters barn hunt event in Norman, Oklahoma on January 30-31, 2016.

~ Oklahoma ~

WarrenMtn's O' What a Knight aka "Teddy" owned by Lois Kietur earned his first leg in Rally Novice B at the Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club on February 7, 2016. He scored a 98.0 and Fourth place.

~ Maryland ~



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# AMAZING!!!



UCI INT/NAT CACH-G, UKC GRCH UCD UAG1 URO3  
URX UWPCH UWPV UCA PTE CoHills Amber Spice  
Muffin NA NF NAJ CAA CM BN RN CL3 CL1-PLT CGC  
BIS RBIS, UKC Total Dog, UKC Super Dog "aka"  
Amber" owned, loved and handled by  
Beverly Calhoun completed her AKC Novice  
Jumpers With Weaves (JWW) title on  
March 6, 2016.

~ Texas ~

CH Rattitat's Senorita Lolita's Lollipop RN, RATI,  
CGCA, aka "Lolly" finished her Obedience  
Beginner Novice (BN) title on March 5, 2016 at the  
Superstition Kennel Club show in Phoenix.

Lolly is owned by Edithmary Stenz and  
Gretchen A Chambers. Trained and handled by  
Edithmary Stenz.

~ Arizona ~





# WOW!!!



UCI INT/NAT CH, UKC AN GRCH UWP 'PR' KTR's Last of the Mohicans CM CGC aka "Hawkeye" owned, loved, trained and handled by Beverly Calhoun continues to earn titles in Nosework. November 21, 2015 he passed both of his advanced vehicle tests to earn his Advanced Vehicle (AV) title, November 23 he passed both of his advanced exterior tests to earn his Advanced Exterior (AE) title. January 9, 2016 he passed his interior tests to finish his Advanced Interior (AI) title and earn his first superior interior leg. This also finished his overall Advanced Nosework (AN) title. See below with Judge Debbie Farmer La Mont.

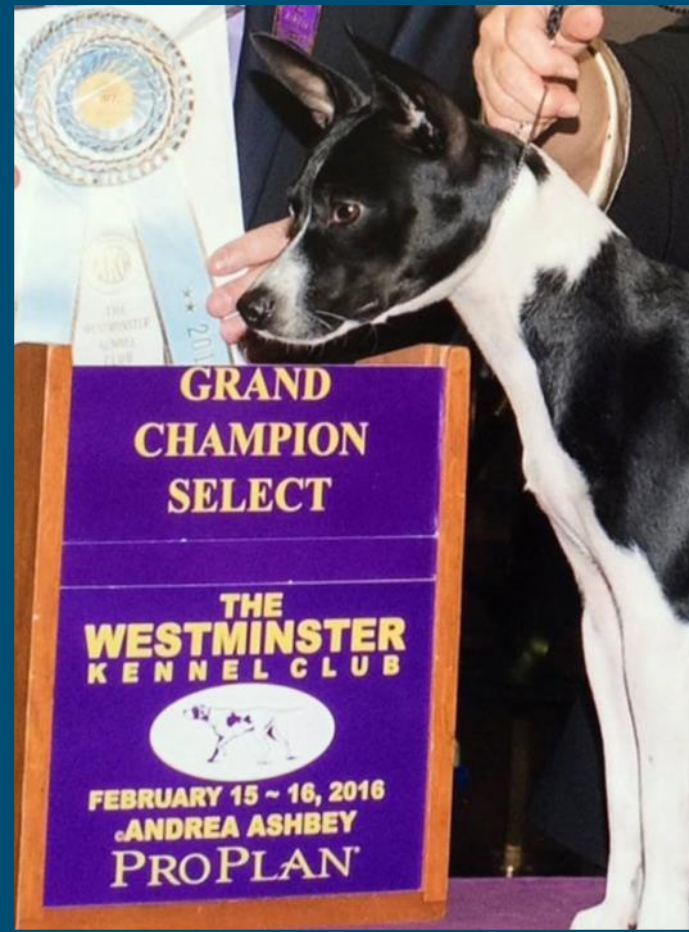
~ Texas ~

River Ridge's No Stoppin' Da Charger aka "Charger" owned by Jeff LaPrarie was 2015's TOP DOG IN BREED in Flyball with a best time of 4.273. United Flyball League International, Inc. Fastest 2015 U-FLI Rat Terrier and is recognized as a Breed Ambassador.

~ Washington ~



# WELL DONE!!!



Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout aka "Lindy" finished her AKC Excellent Standard title at the Blue Ridge Dog Training Club trial on March 11. All three legs were first place runs. She also added her 2nd MXJ leg with a first place and posted the fastest time of all jump heights on this JWW course. She is also affectionately known as the "Black Bullet". Lindy is owned and handled by Betsy Spilis.

~ Maryland ~

GCH Evanlee's Ticket 2 The Stars aka "Zeb" owned by Anna Morris and Donna McMahan was Select Dog at Westminster 2016. Zeb is also currently ranked #1 in the Owner-Handler series with multiple Owner-Handler series group placements.

~ Mississippi ~



# The STATISTICS

## Conformation

### AKC ALL BREED STANDINGS

#### RAT TERRIERS

The Canine Chronicle Statistics  
Thru February 29, 2016

| Rank | Name                                                   | Sex | Points | BIS | GRP1 | Owner                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch                     | M   | 276    | 0   | 0    | T Little/R Little                |
| 2    | GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge | M   | 175    | 0   | 0    | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D MCMAHAN |
| 3    | GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse                            | M   | 45     | 0   | 0    | L Hibbard                        |
| 4    | CH Miyuki From Empress                                 | F   | 36     | 0   | 0    | Y Cunningham/J Cunningham        |
| 5    | GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah                   | F   | 35     | 0   | 0    | B Veltri                         |
| 6    | GCH CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo                      | F   | 28     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller                     |
| 7    | CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN                    | F   | 25     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller/B Petry             |
| 8    | CH Aacres John Henry                                   | M   | 11     | 0   | 0    | C Hart                           |
| 9    | Wild Oak's Kiss Me Quick                               | F   | 9      | 0   | 0    | D Littleton/N Littleton          |
| 9    | GCH CH Cal Val Ib A Red Chili Pepper                   | F   | 9      | 0   | 0    | D Baker/K Seegmiller             |
| 11   | Rnb She's Destine For Stardom                          | F   | 6      | 0   | 0    | S Hendrix                        |
| 12   | CH Wildcliff Steady N Strong Duty Calls                | M   | 2      | 0   | 0    | A Agostine/T Spillane            |
| 12   | CH Broc Silver Bullett CA                              | M   | 2      | 0   | 0    | Y Cunningham/J Cunningham        |
| 12   | CH Bur-Way Black Hawk Down                             | M   | 2      | 0   | 0    | P Smith/M Martin                 |
| 12   | Seegmillers Dos Nuts N Bolts                           | M   | 2      | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller                     |
| 16   | GCH CH River Ridge New Direction                       | F   | 1      | 0   | 0    | J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan   |
| 16   | CH Clover Valley's Finnagain Beginagain                | M   | 1      | 0   | 0    | D Kneeland/C Kneeland            |



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## AKC BREED STANDINGS

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|------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch                     | M   | 116    | 0   | 0    | T Little/R Little                |
| 2    | GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse                            | M   | 45     | 0   | 0    | L Hibbard                        |
| 3    | GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah                   | F   | 35     | 0   | 0    | B Veltri                         |
| 3    | GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge | M   | 35     | 0   | 0    | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D MCMAHAN |
| 5    | GCH CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo                      | F   | 28     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller                     |
| 6    | CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN                    | F   | 25     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller/B Pettry            |
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| 9    | GCH CH Cal Val Ib A Red Chili Pepper                   | F   | 9      | 0   | 0    | D Baker/K Seegmiller             |
| 11   | Rnb She's Destine For Stardom                          | F   | 6      | 0   | 0    | S Hendrix                        |
| 12   | CH Wildcliff Steady N Strong Duty Calls                | M   | 2      | 0   | 0    | A Agostine/T Spillane            |
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| 12   | Seegmillers Dos Nuts N Bolts                           | M   | 2      | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller                     |
| 16   | CH Clover Valley's Finnagain Beginagain                | M   | 1      | 0   | 0    | D Kneeland/C Kneeland            |
| 16   | GCH CH River Ridge New Direction                       | F   | 1      | 0   | 0    | J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan   |



# Conformation

## AKC GRAND CHAMPION STANDINGS

### RAT TERRIERS

The Canine Chronicle Statistics  
Thru February 29, 2016

| Rank | Name                                                   | Sex | Points | Owner                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch                     | M   | 66     | T Little/R Little                |
| 2    | GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse                            | M   | 45     | L Hibbard                        |
| 3    | GCH CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo                      | F   | 43     | K Seegmiller                     |
| 4    | GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge | M   | 33     | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D MCMAHAN |
| 5    | GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah                   | F   | 25     | B Veltri                         |
| 6    | CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line                   | F   | 23     | P Smith/M Martin                 |
| 7    | CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN                    | F   | 22     | K Seegmiller/B Pettry            |
| 8    | CH Ratitatt Bonnie Blue                                | F   | 15     | L Deitrich/V Schiefer            |
| 9    | CH Hdk K2 Erandi Mistress Of The Night                 | F   | 13     | H Sparks/T Kallas                |
| 9    | CH Felixville's Sauce Piquant                          | F   | 13     | T Little                         |
| 11   | GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout@Gihl                 | F   | 10     | A Burns/L Meek                   |
| 11   | CH Surfari Sic Semper Tyrannis                         | F   | 10     | R Anthony/B Brown/S Coleman      |
| 13   | GCH CH Cal Val Ib A Red Chili Pepper                   | F   | 9      | D Baker/K Seegmiller             |
| 14   | CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RN                          | F   | 8      | S Mulligan/S Turner              |
| 14   | CH Miyuki From Empress                                 | F   | 8      | Y Cunningham/J Cunningham        |
| 16   | GCH CH River Ridge's Got 2 Have Faith                  | F   | 7      | L Massie/S McWilliams            |
| 17   | GCH CH River Ridge New Direction                       | F   | 6      | J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan   |
| 18   | CH Cohills Spotted Eye Kandi CGC                       | F   | 5      | C Etheridge                      |
| 19   | CH Seegmillers Fortunate Son                           | M   | 4      | K Seegmiller/T Dennis            |
| 19   | GCH CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig                           | F   | 4      | V Schiefer                       |



# Conformation

## AKC OWNER-HANDLER BREED STANDINGS

### RAT TERRIERS

The Canine Chronicle Statistics  
Thru February 29, 2016

| Rank | Dog Name                                   | Owner-Handled Name                                  | Breed       | OHS Points |
|------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1    | CH Evanlee s Ticket To The Stars           | Anna Morris DONNA MCMAHAN                           | Rat Terrier | 115        |
| 2    | CH Miyuki From Empress                     | Yolanda Cunningham Joel Cunningham                  | Rat Terrier | 90         |
| 3    | CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN        | Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Brandy Pettry         | Rat Terrier | 80         |
| 4    | CH Wildcliff Steady N Strong Duty Calls    | Annette Agostine Tracey Spillane                    | Rat Terrier | 65         |
| 5    | CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line       | Patricia Smith Marcia Martin                        | Rat Terrier | 55         |
| 6    | CH Rnb s Virgin Queen                      | Margaret Van Der Hagen                              | Rat Terrier | 35         |
| 6    | GCH CH Cal Val Ib A Red Chili Pepper       | Dorothy Baker Kimberly Seegmiller                   | Rat Terrier | 35         |
| 6    | CH Felixville s Seasoned Traveller CA CGCA | Ransome little Joana B Plattsmier                   | Rat Terrier | 35         |
| 9    | CH Short s Flash Of Blue Kitchi            | Wendy Sherman                                       | Rat Terrier | 30         |
| 9    | Rnb She s Destine For Stardom              | Sherry Hendrix                                      | Rat Terrier | 30         |
| 9    | GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout Glhl     | Alma Burns Linda Meek                               | Rat Terrier | 30         |
| 12   | GCH CH Trimark s Take It All River Ridge   | Patricia Smith Barbara Trammell                     | Rat Terrier | 20         |
| 13   | GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity             | Tracey Gillies Darin Gillies                        | Rat Terrier | 15         |
| 13   | CH Hdk K2 Erandi Mistress Of The Night     | Heidi L. Sparks Tracey A Kallas                     | Rat Terrier | 15         |
| 15   | CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RN              | Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner                     | Rat Terrier | 10         |
| 15   | Seegmillers Queen Lizbeth                  | Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller PATRICK DEMETRIUS SMITH II | Rat Terrier | 10         |
| 15   | GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways            | Loretta Iazzetti Stacy McWilliams                   | Rat Terrier | 10         |
| 15   | CH Broc Silver Bullett CA                  | Yolanda Cunningham Joel Cunningham                  | Rat Terrier | 10         |





# 2015 Conformation Finals

## AKC ALL BREED STANDINGS

### 2015 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle  
Statistics thru December 31, 2015

| Rank | Name                                                   | Sex | Points | BIS | GRP1 | Owner                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch                     | M   | 1018   | 0   | 1    | T Little/R Little                |
| 2    | GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town                   | M   | 676    | 0   | 0    | L Schroll/S McWilliams/J Gardner |
| 3    | GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee                           | M   | 208    | 0   | 0    | L Hibbard                        |
| 4    | GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah                   | F   | 118    | 0   | 0    | B Veltri                         |
| 5    | GCH CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo                      | F   | 102    | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller                     |
| 6    | GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN               | M   | 89     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller/A Chestnut          |
| 7    | GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM                 | M   | 82     | 0   | 0    | A Agostine                       |
| 8    | GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity                         | M   | 71     | 0   | 0    | T Gillies/D Gillies              |
| 9    | CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It                           | F   | 70     | 0   | 0    | F Trammell/B Trammell            |
| 10   | GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge | M   | 61     | 0   | 0    | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D MCMAHAN |
| 11   | GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout@Ghl                  | F   | 60     | 0   | 0    | A Burns/L Meek                   |
| 12   | GCH CH Trimark's Take It All River Ridge               | F   | 44     | 0   | 0    | P Smith/B Trammell               |
| 13   | CH Seegmillers Mission Complete                        | F   | 43     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller                     |
| 14   | GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal                          | M   | 41     | 0   | 0    | L Thoming                        |
| 15   | Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy                          | F   | 36     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller/B Pettry            |
| 16   | Kn'd's Prehistoric Princess                            | F   | 30     | 0   | 0    | V Boyle                          |
| 17   | GCH CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig                           | F   | 22     | 0   | 0    | V Schiefer                       |
| 18   | GCH CH Cal Val Stiletto's Igo Tequila                  | F   | 19     | 0   | 0    | J Ferguson/M Ferguson            |
| 19   | GCH CH Wildcliff A Likely Story                        | F   | 17     | 0   | 0    | B Kneale/S Kellogg               |
| 19   | Seegmillers Fortunate Son                              | M   | 17     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller/T Dennis            |
| 19   | CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line                   | F   | 17     | 0   | 0    | P Smith/M Martin                 |
| 19   | CH Atencio's Once Upon A Dream                         | F   | 17     | 0   | 0    | R Anthony/D Atencio-Kupfer       |



# Conformation

## AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

### 2015 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle  
Statistics thru December 31, 2015

| Rank | Name                                                   | Sex | Points | Owner                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch                     | M   | 283    | T Little/R Little                |
| 2    | GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town                   | M   | 247    | L Schroll/S McWilliams/J Gardner |
| 3    | GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee                           | M   | 186    | L Hibbard                        |
| 4    | GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah                   | F   | 107    | B Veltri                         |
| 5    | GCH CH River Ridge New Direction                       | F   | 89     | J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan   |
| 6    | GCH CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig                           | F   | 77     | V Schiefer                       |
| 7    | GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tkbout@Glhl                  | F   | 66     | A Burns/L Meek                   |
| 8    | GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity                         | M   | 65     | T Gillies/D Gillies              |
| 9    | GCH CH Trimark's Take It All River Ridge               | F   | 53     | P Smith/B Trammell               |
| 10   | GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge | M   | 50     | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D MCMAHAN |
| 11   | GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN               | M   | 44     | K Seegmiller/A Chestnut          |
| 12   | GCH CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo                      | F   | 36     | K Seegmiller                     |
| 13   | GCH CH River Ridge's Flower In Her Hair                | F   | 35     | D Hileman/S McWilliams           |
| 14   | GCH CH River Ridge's 2 Busy B'N Foona                  | F   | 34     | S McWilliams                     |
| 14   | GCH CH Wildcliff A Likely Story                        | F   | 34     | B Kneale/S Kellogg               |
| 16   | GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal                          | M   | 32     | L Thoming                        |
| 17   | GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM                 | M   | 31     | A Agostine                       |
| 18   | GCH CH Cal Val Stiletto's Igo Tequila                  | F   | 24     | J Ferguson/M Ferguson            |
| 19   | GCH CH Wild Oaks Courage Under Fire                    | F   | 22     | J Ader                           |
| 20   | GCH CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA                  | F   | 21     | C Humphrey/B Pettry              |
| 20   | CH Wildcliff She'll Tickle Ur Fancy                    | F   | 21     | B Amico/S McWilliams             |
| 20   | GCH CH Rnb She's A Witchy Woman                        | F   | 21     | S Hendrix                        |



# Conformation

## AKC RAT TERRIER BREED STANDINGS

2015

The Canine Chronicle  
Statistics thru December 31, 2015

| Rank | Name                                                   | Sex | Points | BIS | GRP1 | Owner                            |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch                     | M   | 412    | 0   | 1    | T Little/R Little                |
| 2    | GCH CH Crosswind The Big Man In Town                   | M   | 309    | 0   | 0    | L Schroll/S McWilliams/J Gardner |
| 3    | GCH CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee                           | M   | 208    | 0   | 0    | L Hibbard                        |
| 4    | GCH CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah                   | F   | 118    | 0   | 0    | B Veltri                         |
| 5    | GCH CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge | M   | 61     | 0   | 0    | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D MCMAHAN |
| 6    | GCH CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tkbout@Ghl                   | F   | 60     | 0   | 0    | A Burns/L Meek                   |
| 7    | GCH CH Rnb Dos Defying Gravity                         | M   | 54     | 0   | 0    | T Gillies/D Gillies              |
| 8    | GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN               | M   | 51     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller/A Chestnut          |
| 9    | GCH CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo                      | F   | 47     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller                     |
| 10   | GCH CH Trimark's Take It All River Ridge               | F   | 44     | 0   | 0    | P Smith/B Trammell               |
| 11   | GCH CH King Pen Bentley Royal                          | M   | 41     | 0   | 0    | L Thoming                        |
| 12   | GCH CH Kenann's Liv'N N Lov' N Life CM                 | M   | 38     | 0   | 0    | A Agostine                       |
| 13   | CH Bur-Way Cock It & Pull It                           | F   | 24     | 0   | 0    | F Trammell/B Trammell            |
| 14   | GCH CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig                           | F   | 22     | 0   | 0    | V Schiefer                       |
| 15   | GCH CH Cal Val Stiletto's Igo Tequila                  | F   | 19     | 0   | 0    | J Ferguson/M Ferguson            |
| 16   | Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy                          | F   | 18     | 0   | 0    | K Seegmiller/B Petry             |
| 17   | CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line                   | F   | 17     | 0   | 0    | P Smith/M Martin                 |
| 17   | GCH CH Wildcliff A Likely Story                        | F   | 17     | 0   | 0    | B Kneale/S Kellogg               |
| 17   | CH Atencio's Once Upon A Dream                         | F   | 17     | 0   | 0    | R Anthony/D Atencio-Kupfer       |
| 20   | CH River Ridge's Got 2 Have Faith                      | F   | 15     | 0   | 0    | L Massie/S McWilliams            |
| 20   | GCH CH Call Me One Tuff Cricket RN CA                  | F   | 15     | 0   | 0    | C Humphrey/B Petry               |
| 20   | GCH CH River Ridge New Direction                       | F   | 15     | 0   | 0    | J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan   |





# Conformation

## AKC RAT TERRIER JUNIORS TOP TEN STANDINGS

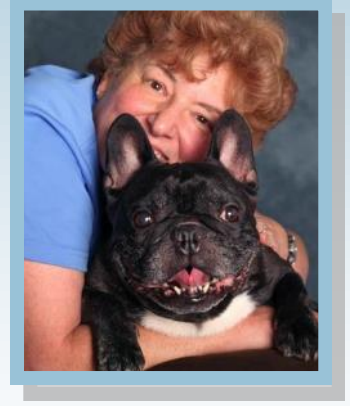
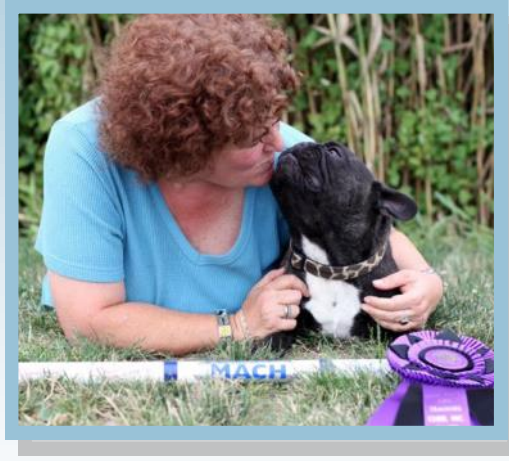
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| Breed       | Rank | Junior Name        | Best/Top Junior Wins | Reserve Wins | Class Wins | Total Defeated |
|-------------|------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Rat Terrier | 1    | Jaimie Smith       | 1                    | 0            | 1          | 33             |
| Rat Terrier | 2    | Olivia Yarnold     | 0                    | 0            | 3          | 6              |
| Rat Terrier | 3    | Joy L Ecuyer       | 0                    | 0            | 0          | 5              |
| Rat Terrier | 4    | Gabriel Lopez      | 0                    | 0            | 0          | 1              |
| Rat Terrier | 4    | Kenzie Carl        | 0                    | 0            | 0          | 1              |
| Rat Terrier | 4    | Elizabeth L Dellos | 0                    | 0            | 1          | 1              |



# MEET THE EXHIBITOR!!



Hi ... My name is Deb S and I'm an agility addict. It's been 2 days since my last agility trial.

I got hooked on the sport of dog agility quite by accident. In 2003, I adopted a stray Doberman from a shelter in PA and named her Muzzy. Though her background was unknown, it appeared she had been abused as she was extremely hand shy, to the point that if you reached out to her, she would fall to the floor in fear. She was also in terrible physical condition, emaciated at just 40 lbs., and with terrible skin infections and ear infections. She was a mess. We began the journey to get her physically healthy, but getting her mentally healthy was a more perplexing issue. I decided to take her to a rally and obedience class to try to build up her confidence. Initially it was a struggle as she was so afraid to be wrong. But slowly she started to enjoy it. Still she was so serious, and my instructor at the time said, "Why don't you try agility with her ... maybe that would get her to loosen up and have fun."

And so it began. Truth be told, we never got too far in agility. Muzzy never could get past her fear of teeters, so we could only do Jumpers. And she wasn't crazy about weave poles either. But we still had fun and did what we could with what we had to work with. My favorite agility memory with her was at a local trial in a horse arena. Muzzy got a bee in her bonnet to just bust loose and have fun on the course. She was running around with a big grin taking obstacles in any order that suited her fancy. Of course we did not qualify, and as we were leaving the ring, another exhibitor said, "I feel your pain." I replied, "No, you don't understand ... for THIS dog, that is the best run we ever had." In that moment she was free of all her fears and baggage, and was just having fun, and it was a joy for me to see her that way.

My next agility partner was a little French Bulldog named Lulu. Unlike Muzzy, she was pretty fearless, but also had a mind of her own about what she would and would not do, and her physical limitations were, well, limiting. So we dabbled and she had a lot of fun, but we could not go beyond a certain point. I, however, was bitten by the agility bug and decided that I would like to get a dog that was more suited for the sport so I could try to go a bit farther.

Enter Soren the Frenchie. "Another French Bulldog?" you might ask, and I asked the same thing. I really wanted a dog more physically suited to the sport. But people kept telling me about this Soren dog that I just had to meet. Yes he was a Frenchie, but he was smart, athletic and needed a job to do. I was skeptical, but after about 6 months of prodding, I agreed to meet him. He was 1.5 years old at the time, and he was totally precious. "Just take him for the weekend," they said. And the rest, as they say, is history. I took him to the agility field where we trained and let him run around with my other Frenchie and was amazed to see him flying over jumps, running over contacts, banging down the teeter with glee. He was in heaven. "Okay," I remember telling

him, " I guess you're my new agility dog." And what an agility dog he turned out to be. He went on to become the first French Bulldog ever to earn a MACH, a feat he accomplished on my birthday no less. He qualified for and competed at Invitationals twice, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year finished 16<sup>th</sup> out of all 12" dogs, just missing making it to the finals. He qualified for AKC National Agility Championships 6 times in his career and attended 3 times. He was even nationally ranked in the Top 10 Non-Sporting dogs in regular agility, and when he later moved to Preferred, he was ranked in the Top 20 Lifetime Agility Dogs all breeds.

Aside from his talents in agility, he was pure fun to run. People adored watching him ... a little bulldog with a huge passion for the sport. He would emerge from tunnels with the whites of his eyes showing and I knew I had better start running. And occasionally he was a comedian, like one run where he decided he'd like to take the tire a few extra times. He took it once, then again as an off course. Before the finish jump he ran ALL the way across the ring to take it one last time before returning to complete the course with me. He had to retire at age 9 after an injury unrelated to agility, but the memories we made will make me smile for many years to come.

Though agility could not be more fun than it was with Soren, in 2010 I started again to think about an agility dog that would be more physically suited to the sport. I wanted to do some of the agility camps and seminars over the summer that were just too hot and demanded too much endurance for a Frenchie. I started researching some breeds, came upon the Rat Terrier and went to visit a local litter a few times. When I went to visit them at 7 weeks, a little red and white pup informed me that he was mine. That would be Remus and I had no idea what I was in store for when I decided to take him home a few weeks later.

From the start, Remus was intense and fast. My agility friends would ask how the training was going and I'd say, "He's really fast." I am sure they thought, sure (eye roll), she runs a Frenchie and thinks this one is fast. When we did our first trial, and many of our agility friends saw him run for the first time, they all had the same expression as we left the ring ... mouths open J Agility with Remus was clearly going to be a whole different sport than the one I'd been doing up till then. And training Remus presented many new challenges for me: Super speedy, super athletic and super impulsive.



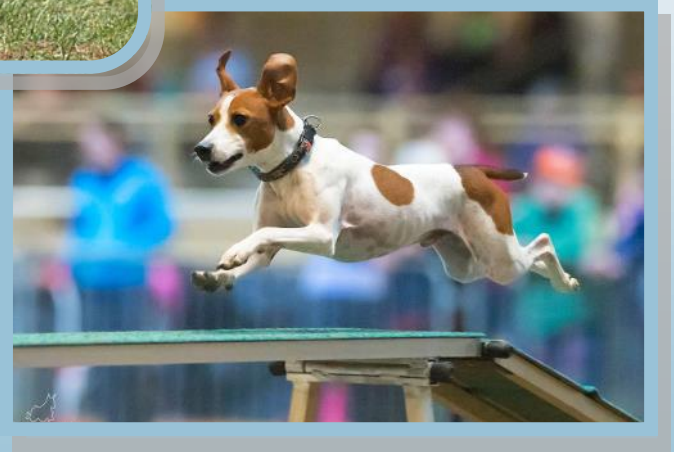
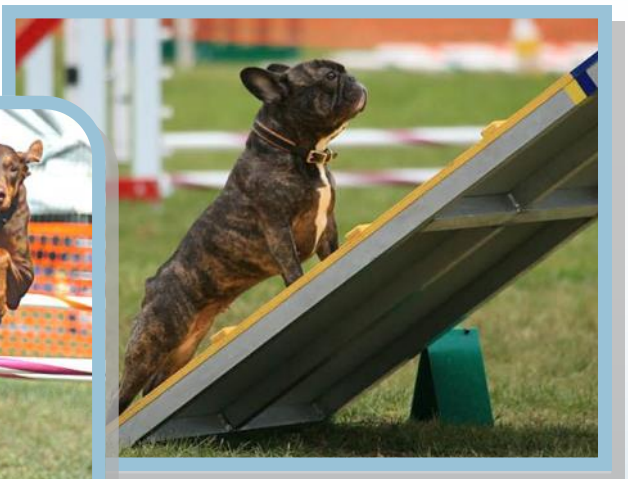
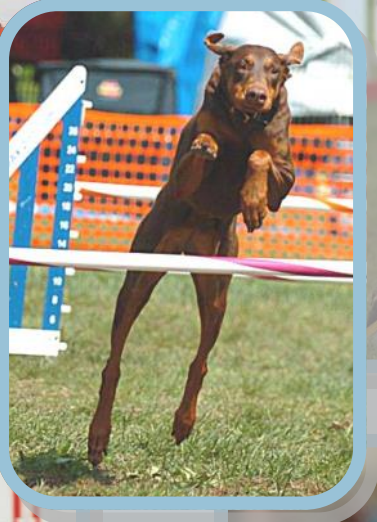
Remus loves the sport, and he gives it his all, but certain aspects require self-control, and that is not his strong suit. How to get that control without curbing his wonderful enthusiasm was my challenge, and one I'm still working on. But his immense talent has encouraged me to really try to up my own game as a trainer and a handler, and for that I am eternally grateful to him. From quitting smoking, to losing weight, to working out regularly, to taking many seminars to learn to be a better handler, Remus has pushed me to be a better me.

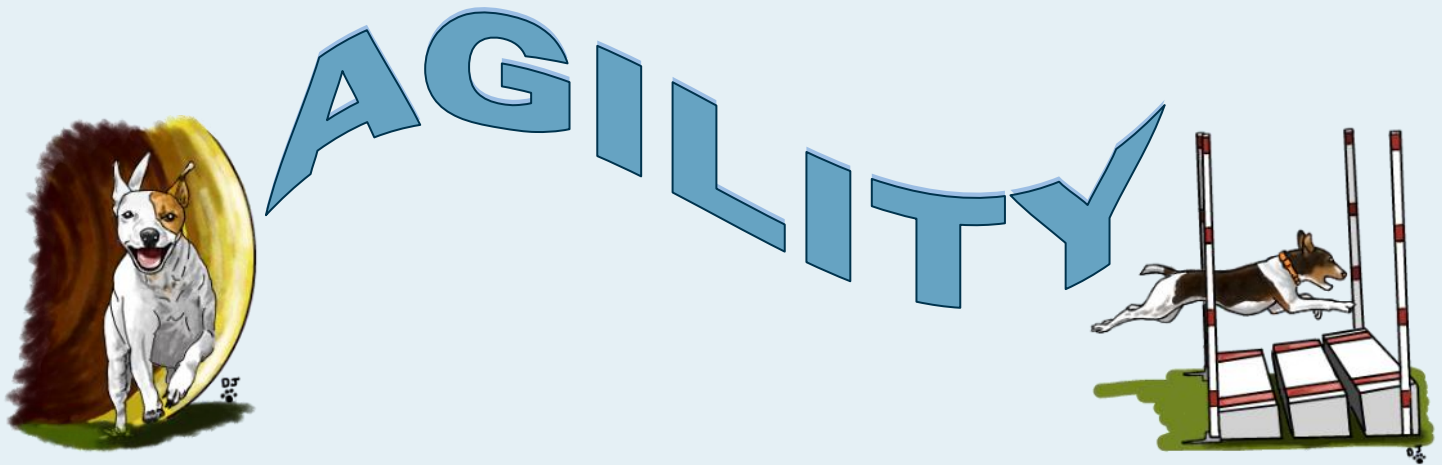
A few years back along came Rattie #2 ... Ferris B as we fondly call him. He is a little slower to mature, but he is full of potential and one of the sweetest, most charming dogs I have ever had the pleasure to know. I'm excited for our journey together and I think in the end, he might be the perfect combination of athleticism, drive and fun, with a pinch of sanity thrown in that Remus seems to lack sometimes.



So there's the how of my agility addiction. The why – agility to me is just the perfect sport. First, it has dogs, and I adore dogs. The relationship you build with your dog in agility is like no other for me. There is a bond that is so close, and a level of communication that allows you to negotiate a complex course at high speed with one mind, each knowing what the other needs, wants and will do in a given situation. It is magical. It is physically challenging, but also mentally challenging, requiring you to strategize, think on the fly and to constantly learn new things. And it is social, and a chance to interact with others who share my love of dogs and the sport of agility. So as addictions go, I figure I could do worse.

By Deb Stevenson





## Rat Terrier Ranking by PowerScore for 2015

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



### 8" Regular

|   | Power Score | Dog                                                          | Owner                  | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 12.65       | Penny Lane — MACH11 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXS3 MJG3 | M Liebhardt/V Schiefer | 4.80    | 3.93    |
| 2 | 11.82       | Ellie — MACH4 Ellie May MXB2 MJS2 MXF T2B4                   | H Williams/B Williams  | 4.52    | 3.65    |
| 3 | 9.49        | Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN AX MXJ NF CA                 | C Lent/V Schiefer      | 3.58    | 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  | 13.79       | Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXS MJG XF T2B        | M BASU/V Schiefer          | 5.27    | 4.28    |
| 2  | 13.39       | Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MX MXJ                                       | D Rabbach                  | 5.17    | 4.11    |
| 3  | 13.20       | Ryder — MACH Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXS MJS RATO                  | C Clemente                 | 5.02    | 4.09    |
| 4  | 12.67       | Woody — MACH9 Ratitatt Wood U Buzz Me MXS3 MJC3 MXP MJP 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  | 12.32       | Dij's Johnny Boy MX MXB MXJ OF T2B                                      | R Taylor/D Taylor          | 5.03    | 3.65    |
| 7  | 12.27       | MACH22 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXC5 MJC8 MXF TQX T2B2                  | G Capen                    | 4.68    | 3.79    |
| 8  | 12.14       | MACH23 Pebbles' Magic Act MXB6 MJG6 MXF TQX T2B                         | D Kennedy                  | 4.76    | 3.69    |
| 9  | 12.00       | MACH Penelope's Pied Piper MXS MJS                                      | N Sewell                   | 4.55    | 3.72    |
| 10 | 11.94       | Flash — MACH3 Call Me Greased Lightning MXC MJB2 XF T2B2 CA             | K Brown                    | 4.80    | 3.57    |





## 16" Regular

|    | Power Score | Dog                                                              | Owner              | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|----|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| 1  | 14.76       | Remus — Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXJ MJB MXF MFB T2B2   | D Stevenson        | 5.92    | 4.42    |
| 2  | 13.72       | Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXS MJG XF T2B | M BASU/V Schiefer  | 5.38    | 4.17    |
| 3  | 13.68       | Taylor — MACH Taylorswift MXS MJS NF T2B                         | S Moginty          | 5.13    | 4.27    |
| 4  | 13.53       | Porter — MACH2 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXG MJS T2B CA              | M Obidinski        | 4.99    | 4.27    |
| 5  | 13.52       | Tuckaway Arrow MX MXJ OF T2B                                     | P Caldwell         | 5.08    | 4.22    |
| 6  | 12.44       | Warren Mtn's Roman Gnome AX MXJ MJB OF                           | L McCay            | 4.52    | 3.96    |
| 7  | 12.19       | Pecatonica Infinity & Beyond AX AXJ OF                           | C Kempf            | 4.69    | 3.75    |
| 8  | 12.02       | MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF                         | B Krynski/T Woepse | 4.93    | 3.54    |
| 9  | 11.52       | MACH8 MR. Big MXS3 MJC3 FTC2 MFC2 TQX T2B                        | C Oman             | 4.45    | 3.54    |
| 10 | 11.39       | MACH5 Maggie Mae Becker MXS2 MJG2 XF                             | B Becker/B Becker  | 4.21    | 3.59    |

## 12" Preferred

|   | Power Score | Dog                                                              | Owner             | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|---|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 12.61       | Willis — MACH6 PACH Willis MXS2 MJG2 MXP4 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX T2B | M Obidinski       | 4.97    | 3.82    |
| 2 | 12.05       | MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB MXP MJP                  | R Nicotra         | 4.68    | 3.68    |
| 3 | 11.82       | MACH5 Maggie Mae Becker MXS2 MJG2 XF                             | B Becker/B Becker | 4.23    | 3.80    |
| 4 | 11.30       | Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MJP                               | N James           | 4.31    | 3.50    |



## 8" Preferred

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| 1 | 13.01       | Woody — MACH9 Ratitatt Wood U Buzz Me MXS3 MJC3 MXP MJP MXF MFS TQX T2B                                       | Y Mancino/D Mancino | 5.03    | 3.99    |
| 2 | 12.77       | Jack AX MXJ MJP OF OFF T2B T2BP JE                                                                            | D Hodges/C Hodges   | 5.09    | 3.84    |
| 3 | 12.17       | MACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB                                                                         | R Nicotra           | 4.92    | 3.63    |
| 4 | 11.77       | MACH5 Ratitatt Charmin Zboys MXC MJS2 MXF TQX CA                                                              | K Meyer             | 4.51    | 3.63    |
| 5 | 11.21       | MACH3 Rpk's Lexi MXG MJG XF                                                                                   | L Samson            | 4.29    | 3.46    |
| 6 | 10.22       | MACH Rudolph's Wish Upon A Star RA MXB MJC MJP OF                                                             | R Rudolph           | 3.78    | 3.22    |
| 7 | 9.40        | Stella — MACH4 PACH3 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP10 MXPC MJP10 MJPC PAX4 MXF MFC TQX MFP MFPB T2B6 | V Meyer             | 3.41    | 3.00    |
| 8 | 9.37        | Ratitatt It's Jamboree Jade AX AXJ                                                                            | R Nicotra           | 3.40    | 2.98    |
| 9 | 8.94        | Austin — MACH10 PACH Hollys Hope Of Austins Powers MXB3 MJS3 MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF MFS TQX MFP T2B T2BP | K Wells, Dvm        | 3.29    | 2.83    |

# Love At First Rat

By Kate Adams



A little about me personally. I am a retired Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Patient Advocate. I also served 4 years in the US Air Force and met my husband at Chanute AFB, in Illinois. I live in Oklahoma but was born and raised in Wethersfield, Connecticut. My husband was from California and spent 21 years in the Air Force, our last base being Tinker AF here in Oklahoma, we felt it was a good “in-between” place to be. We’ve been married 35 years. Combined we have 3 children, of whom 1 is in the US Air Force, one is a teacher, and the other is a bug man! We have 8 grandchildren! We are blessed.

We all started somewhere. Some of us were lucky enough to have a good mentor or grew up in a show/breeding home. Others like myself had to learn the hard way. I got my first rat terrier as a rescue from a home in Eufaula OK. The man’s daughter had gone on to college, leaving Lily behind with 9 half-grown Great Pyrenees puppies, I had to get her out of there. Lily started my love for Rat Terriers. She stayed with us 13 years.

Over the years with much trial and error, I happened to meet people who bred “for real”. I made a decision sometime back in 1992 to learn all I could and do what’s right for the breed. I got my first computer and it took off from there. Soaking up all the information like a sponge. The first rat terrier that literally changed my way of thinking was Rat Time Kennels TooBee Blue. I started showing UKC with him and met a lot of people who fed me



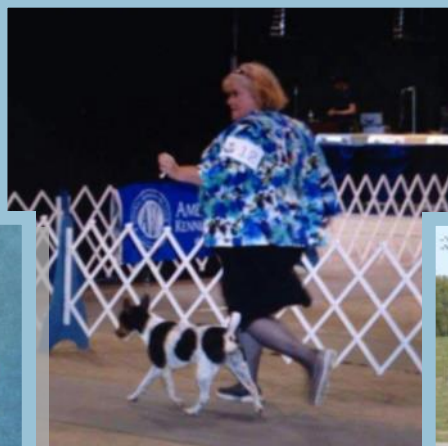
a lot of information. I was willing to listen and learn. He is still with us. I pulled off a breed standard, studied it, and used it as a guide, and still do, for the choices I make. It was sometime not long after, that I learned of OFA and testing for Rat Terriers. So I found a vet, got busy, and started advocating for testing, .....not to eliminate dogs, but to have a tool to make the best choices and produce the best dogs possible. I felt and still feel, it's my responsibility to the breed.

Since my retirement I have cut back drastically and am hashing around the idea of performance, maybe not just yet, but soon. I love the versatility of our breed and the variety of our breed, the colors, the patterns, the sizes, different earsets (let me interject here how sad I am to see button and tipped ears almost extinct in our breed), just everything that makes the rat terrier a rat terrier. I love their tenacity and drive, and their ability to turn it off and lie next to me peacefully while watching a show or just visiting....but just one word from me and that terrier "tude" returns.....SQUIRREL! I am blessed they have allowed me to be a part of their lives.

I think the most rewarding thing I've experienced in the rat terrier world of showing and performance have been the long friendships forged. There are those who are as dear to my heart as any rat terrier. I don't know what the future holds for me, but I'm willing to stick around and see.

See you in the ring!.....or not.

Kate Adams



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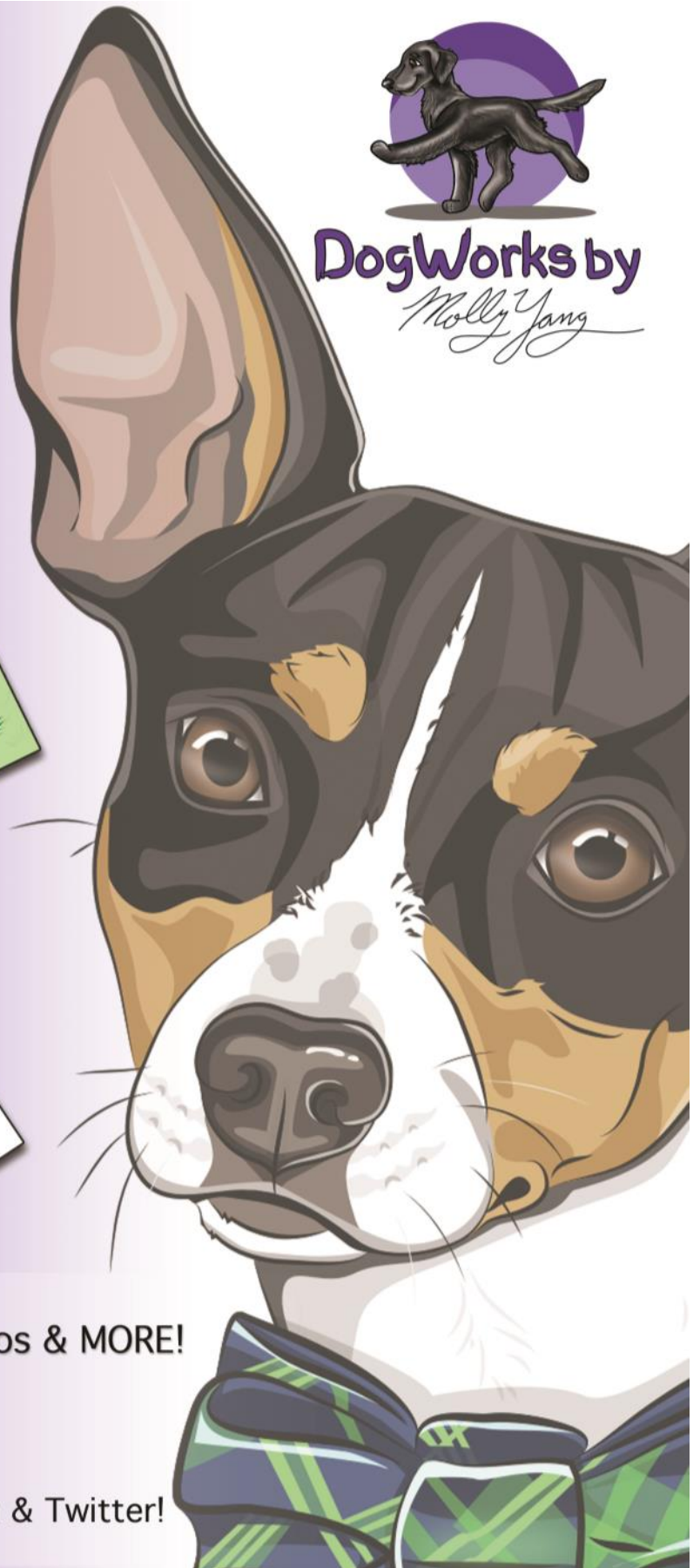
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# RAT TERRIER COLORS & PATTERNS

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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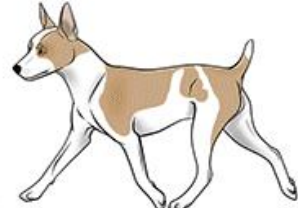
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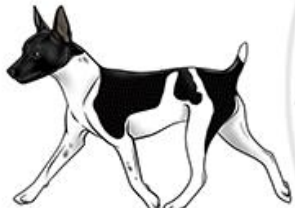
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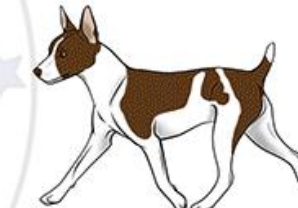
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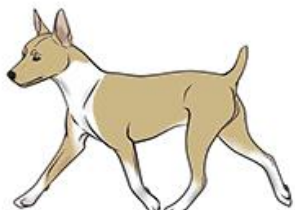
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RED WHITE & SABLE	158	WHITE & SILVER	216
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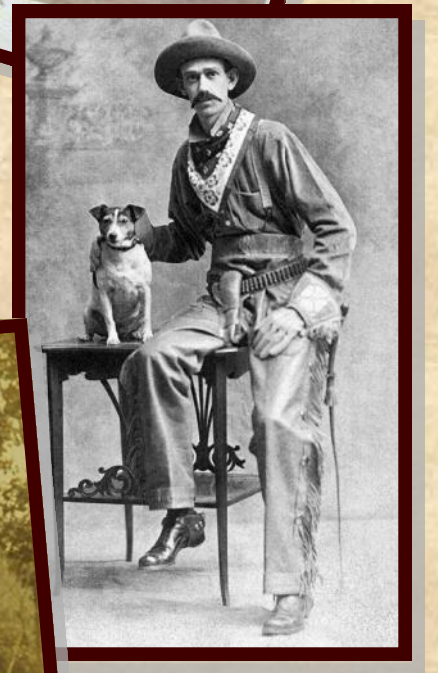
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Blast to the Past



A special thank you to Nancy Littleton for sharing these.

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



many faces of Ratties

*The Art of
Amanda Hall
"You Yo W Tails"*

The "eyes" say it ALL

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beautiful Rat terriers

In Memoriam of
the Rat Terriers
who shared our life
much too briefly

We Have A Secret

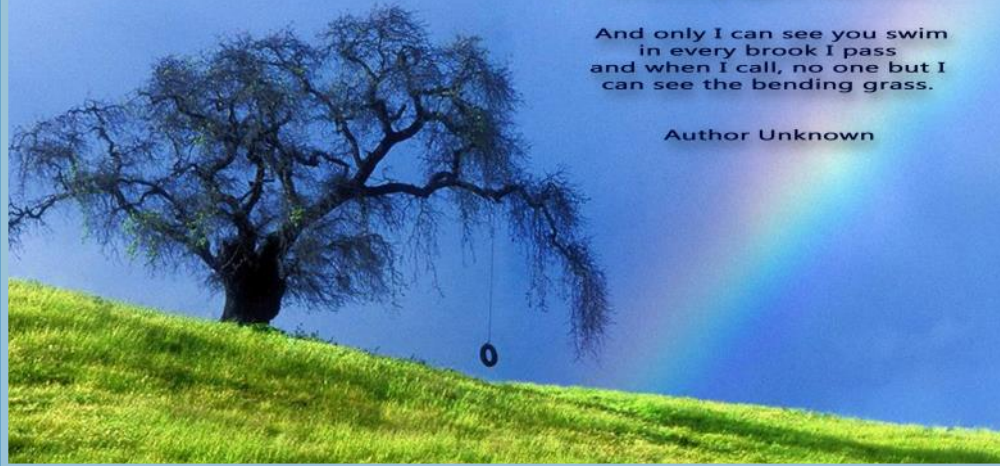
We have a secret, you and I
that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie
each night in fire glow?

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



**CH'PR' StormChasers Prince Rosco Roo aka
"Rosco Boomer Roo" or "Rosco" or "Roo"**

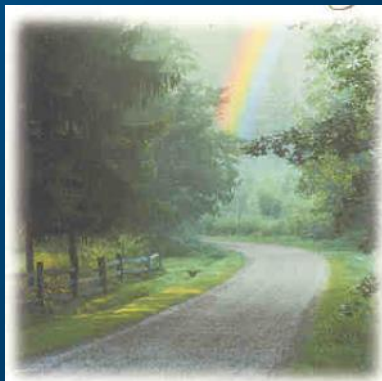
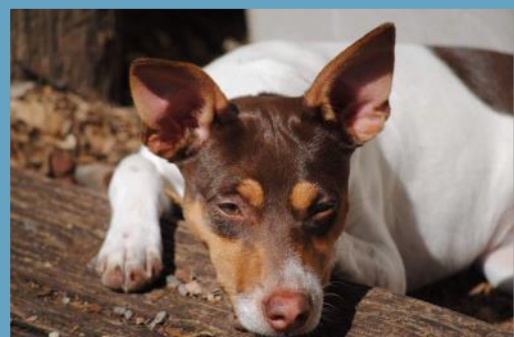
October 16, 2011 ~ December 27, 2015

Rosco was loved and owned by Angela Wise. He possessed the special talent of being her seizure alert dog and was a true blessing in Angela's life. With his calm, gentle and loving nature he easily captured the heart of Angela and those who met him. Rosco is very missed and leaves behind good memories for a life well lived even though it was cut too short.

~ Oklahoma ~

**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.**

In Memory of the tragic loss of Karen Ward and her five Rat Terriers, plus several Australian Shepherds in a devastating house fire on February 28. Kaytee, Poppy, Wyatt, Jack and Ali. We grieve the loss of a special lady and her beloved dogs.





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 its 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.*

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Rat Terrier Breed Standard

General Appearance

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

Size, Proportion, Substance

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

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

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

Head

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

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

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

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

Neck, Topline, Body

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

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

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

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

Forequarters

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

Hindquarters

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

Coat

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

Color

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

Gait

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

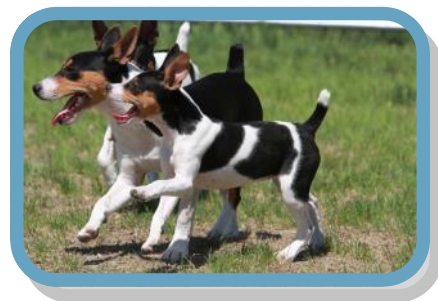
Temperament

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

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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!!!



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MID-ATLANTIC RAT TERRIER CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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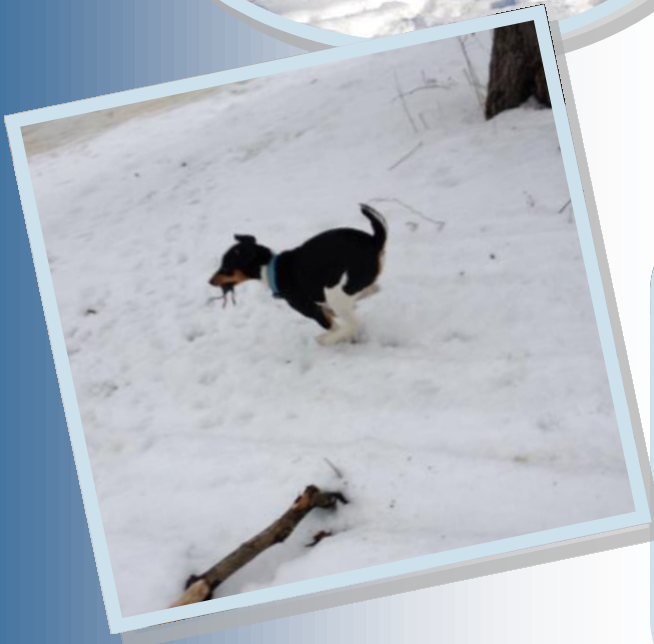
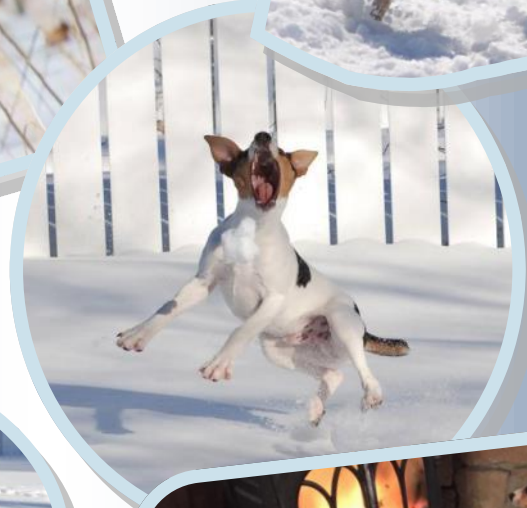
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