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This 'n That ...

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

By joining you will find a supportive group of like minded friends who have Rat Terriers and who participate at a variety of 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.

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Annual meeting will be held Saturday October 8th at 8pm EST on Morwood Road in Telford PA. Thank you to Stacy McWilliams for letting us use her upper level apartment for this meeting. We will be able to open this up to members in other territories with a conference call. The details for this call have been provided to the current members. The address for the meeting will be provided to members as well. Please feel free to come at 6:00 PM and enjoy some refreshments and other food provided by the club. We will start promptly at 7:00 PM as we all know Sunday is an important day for everyone!

If you need more information please e-mail us at midatlanticratterrier@yahoo.com or post your question on the members Facebook page. We also created a Facebook event and would appreciate your acceptance or rejection of attendance for this event.

Treasurers Report

September 9, 2016

Greetings to all as we wind down summer and look forward to crisp fall days (at least here on the East Coast!).

Our accounts are healthy! Grand total of both the PNC Bank Account and the PayPal Account is \$2,512.50. The Club completed our educational project [drawings by Molly Yang depicting the Rat Terrier according to the AKC Standard]. Thanks to Deb Harpur, Sandra Ball and Jackie Maye who spearheaded the fundraising drive to make this project possible and to the many members and friends who purchased items from our online auction.

As an IRS 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, MARTC has a mandate to provide education to the public concerning the Rat Terrier breed as well as to promote the breed to the public. The drawings by Molly Yang will assist us in this endeavor.

As always, thanks to all who contribute to MARTC, making our work possible. Please remember that, as an IRS 501(c)3 non-profit, any donations are TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!! So, don't forget MARTC as you make your end-of-year contribution designations. Also, if you are a shopper on Amazon (who isn't, right?) please consider shopping through www.smile.amazon.com and designating Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club Llc [Amazon has been slow about correcting our name which is Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club] as your charity. When you shop, MARTC receives .01% of the total expenditures you make – at NO cost to you!

Judith R. Babarsky
Treasurer

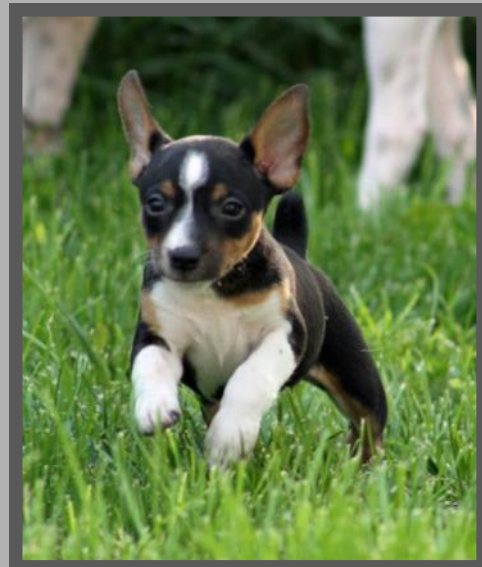
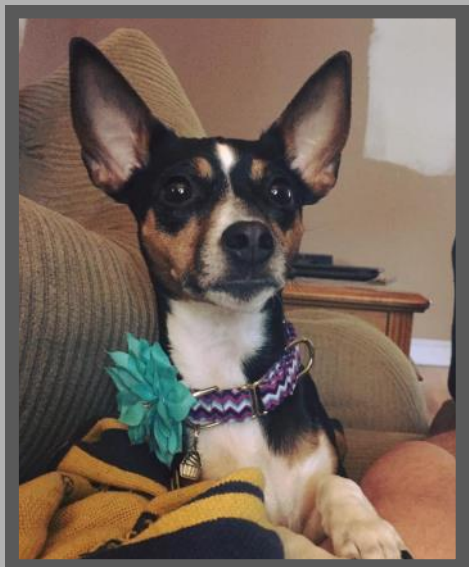
Pretty as a Picture



Once again we have a delightfully beautiful photo featuring Hunter.
Photo taken by Stacy Hall Zimmerman.

So ... your Rat Terrier is "at risk" for PLL, what are your options?

By Jackie Maye



What are your options if you know your dog is at risk for PLL (Primary Lens Luxation)?

This is a controversial topic and the hope is no one produces at risk puppies on purpose, but with dogs being dogs an accidental mating can happen. I decided almost 4 and a half years ago that I would purchase an at risk puppy. I knew the basic details of what I had to face so I made the decision to learn as much as possible. I decided to follow through with everything necessary to make her life enjoyable. Plus let's be honest; I had fallen in love with her already and I am stubborn and I had to have her!

Knowing she was at risk for PLL (possessed both genes), I had a timeline set in my head based on the information I gathered by talking to my breeder and doing research on my own.

I knew PLL was a late onset disease typically affecting dogs between the ages of 3 and 8. Since Pet insurance is not obtainable after they show signs of the condition, I decided to obtain pet insurance early and purchased this before she turned 3 years old. Knowing what I know now, I would recommend that anyone with an at risk dog obtain insurance by the time the dog is 2 at the latest because I have heard of some earlier onset cases and my girl started luxation only a few months after her 3rd birthday!

I also found an ophthalmologist in my area and scheduled her first visit proactively so we could obtain baseline results and speak in greater detail about her diagnosis. It turns out I visited the ophthalmologist just in time, so again I would recommend others visit an ophthalmologist earlier in order to prevent the chances of missing anything.



When Stella was first examined she had a partial posterior sub-luxation of her left pupil. Sounds scary right? Well she was fine and I again am thankful we got her in to see the vet. Her pressures were normal and the chances that she felt any pain were none. Her other eye looked normal though and here is where we begin our discussion about what we can do to treat this condition.

What I learned was that she would be put on Latanoprost drops immediately. These drops would keep her pupils constricted. We would treat both of her eyes based on her predisposition for this condition. Therefore I stress again that going in early doesn't hurt. Do not think you can wait or sit by until they are 3 or 4 years old. Get your dog to an ophthalmologist and on the drops BEFORE THEY LUXATE to keep their pupils constricted as early as possible! Stella also gets Optixcare eye drops to help reduce the risk of glaucoma and she will be on those for the rest of her life even after surgery.

When she was first put on medication I would see my ophthalmologist regularly. We monitored her pressures every 4-8 weeks for the first 6 months or so and now we go in every 3-4 months. During the examination the ophthalmologist checks her pressures and looks at her pupils to check for any signs of a wobble or sub-luxation.

To be clear it takes about 24-48 hours off the Latanoprost drops for the doctor to see her pupils in a normal state so the ability to see any luxation at these ophthalmologist visits is very slim as he views them right before her second dosage that day.

For Stella's prescription we give her Latanoprost drops every 12 hours. This also means we need to be as close to that 12 hour time frame as possible to keep her on a normal schedule. It was recommended not to exceed 2 hours off of her schedule (past her 12 hour mark) in order to keep her pupils properly constricted. This lowers any chances of pressure build up and luxation which is still a possibility, even while she is on the drops.



I know Latanoprost is not the only eye-drop prescribed for this condition and some medications must be given more often (i.e. every 4 hours). I am very confident in my ophthalmologist who has invested years in his practice. He urges me every time I see him to stay on the prescribed medication because other medications may not last as long nor provide the proper protection for 12 hours!! That means **DO NOT** purchase a generic or other variety of pupil constriction drops and always listen to the ophthalmologist you trust! While the Latanoprost constricts her pupils I was worried her vision wouldn't be the same. If you're worried about that don't be. She runs agility and watches TV just fine with her meds!

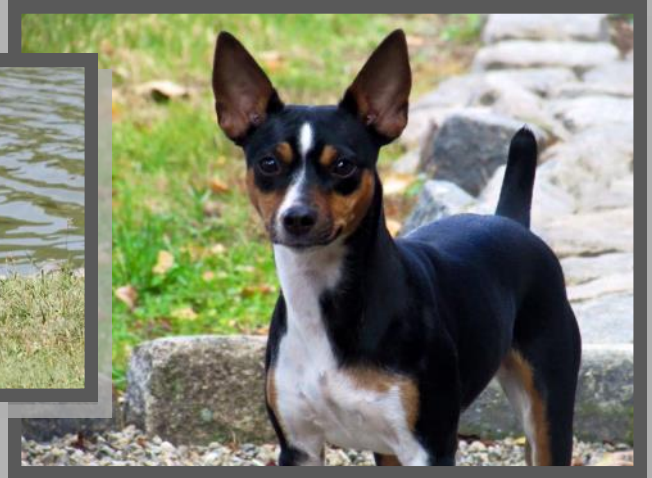
What is in Stella's future?

I could keep her on drops for the rest of her life and **HOPE** she doesn't luxate. If she were to start to luxate while on her drops the pressure would be on me to make an emergency visit to trusted surgeons. For me the closest one is 4 hours away which could make or break her vision. My Ophthalmologist recommended I get a pressure reader if I decide to do that so I can do her pressure readings at home. The readings could then be taken more frequently and I would be better prepared. This is a very expensive tool!

Another option is to schedule her for a consultation at one of the surgical facilities I trust and one my ophthalmologist recommends. For me on the east coast that is Animal Eye Care Associates located in MD, VA, and SC. This means a 4-8 hour trip and a 4-5 day stay in a hotel with my girl and the surgery could still not be 100% effective. It is **VERY** close to 100% effective in dogs with no luxation, but cases do vary and once a dog has started to luxate the operation becomes much riskier.

Be aware if you plan to do this surgery - your dog needs to be off of the eye drops for the appropriate amount of time to bring their pupils back to normal. For our medication this would be 24-48 hours. This enables the surgeons to properly see the condition of the lens to determine how surgery will play out and if surgery will even be possible. Keeping your dog off medication poses a severe risk. Your dog should be kept calm during this time and away from other dogs. She should not shake any toys violently or jump around too much (either of which could cause damage to an eye with partial detachment). Stella and I would have to be close to the surgery site while she is off meds in case of an emergency.





This surgery is an actual lens replacement surgery, like cataract surgery in humans. This means the dog will still have great vision if the surgery is successful! If they cannot save the lens or the detachment is too far gone they would remove it and hopefully save the vision. The dog would have a slightly diminished depth of perception. This happened in the case of Rickie Roo, who still went out and competed in agility at Westminster like a super star!

In other cases if pressure builds up too high; trying to save the dogs vision is out of the question and the eyes must be removed to avoid unnecessary pain. Again I reference another dog, Harry, who has great quality of life because of a fantastic owner who worked with him in classes so he could become the first blind dog in the state of Indiana to become a certified therapy dog!

For Stella and me; we have a trip to Virginia in the not so distant future. I am just waiting for the time off of from work and the funds to pay for whatever my credit card won't cover. I knew signing up for this that I had one expensive vet bill coming my way but I didn't look at owning her like that. She is a beautiful spunky little girl with the most amazing set of eyes and expression I have ever seen! She is the queen bitch of my household and she is also the best trained dog I have and she would do anything for me. So in return I do everything for her. She deserves that and everyone out there deserves to know there are options for dogs at risk for PLL. There are many options and acquiring knowledge is the first step. So become educated and get your dogs tested for PLL!



New Breed First!!!!

Group One ~ Best In Specialty Show
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July 29, 2016



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Breeder: D McMahan & Stacy McWilliams

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Judge: Mrs. Marcia Field

The Truth About Nails

Nails, Nails, Nails ... The Truth about Nails

We do a lot of Meet and Greets in pet stores and we see a lot of canine nails. Add to those all the nails we've cared for over the years and that adds up to a heck of a lot of nails. Unfortunately, many of these nails are overgrown – some quite severely so. Almost all of the greyhounds that come into our program have some degree of overgrowth. Some of the most severe cases, however, have been seen among the owner surrenders. In a few cases, the dog's nails were so long that their paws were deformed, they could not walk properly and they were in pain.



This dog's nails were so long that his toes were terribly extended, causing him to walk on the back portion of his foot, rather than on his toes. Also notice how splayed his toes are. He was in a great deal of pain and could not walk properly.

This newsletter is dedicated to helping our readers understand the importance of keeping nails trimmed and some helpful hints on how to trim nails quickly and easily.

Here is another case of painful overgrowth that has caused the dog to walk and stand improperly. The article [Canine Nails 101](#) explains why this is such a problem.



Here at NEOGR, Inc., we trim nails as soon as a new dog comes into our program (usually right before the bath). We continue to trim nails every 5-7 days to help the quicks recede. Once we get the nails to their proper length, we trim them every 2 -3 weeks to keep them healthy and as short as possible.

Diseases and Injuries of Canine Toenails

by Amy Wolfgang, DVM

Dogs can have many diseases and injuries that affect their toenails. Most of these can be successfully treated if caught early or even prevented if the toenails are maintained properly. As a dog owner, it is important to be aware of these problems and check the nails at home regularly. Nails should be trimmed at least once or twice a month to prevent pain, disease and injury.

There are several types of injuries that can happen to the toenails if they are not properly trimmed on a regular basis. Nails that are too long or sharp can get caught on things resulting in injury or loss of the nail. This is a very painful injury to the dog and can often lead to bleeding or infection. The nail will eventually grow back but often requires medical attention initially.

Another problem that can arise when toenails get too long is that they can start to grow into the paw pads. This is also very painful to the dog and can cause a deep infection in the pad. When this happens, the nail needs to be cut and removed from the pad. The pet is usually placed on antibiotics and a bandage is applied to the paw until the pad can heal.

Finally, nails that are too long can affect the dog's ability to walk and run properly, especially on slippery surfaces. The gait abnormality may be caused by a lack of traction from the long claws or from pain due to an injured or ingrown toenail.

The main types of diseases that affect canine toenails are infections, auto-immune diseases, and cancer. Infections can be caused by either a bacteria or a fungus. A bacterial infection can occur secondary to trauma or underlying metabolic disease. The nail may appear swollen or red and will have pus coming from it. Treatment includes antibiotics, foot soaks and possibly even removing the affected nail.

Fungal infections are usually caused by either ringworm or yeast. The nails will look weak and misshapen and there may be loss of fur around the claws. There is sometimes a brown discharge and bad odor associated with this disease. Fungal infections are diagnosed by doing a skin scrape or culture and treated with a long course of antifungal medications and shampoos.

Symmetric Lupoid Onychodystrophy (SLO) is a type of autoimmune disease that affects canine toenails. An autoimmune disease means that the dog's immune system malfunctions and attacks itself, in this case the toenails. The nails will start to become very painful and fall off or break easily. Treatment includes vitamins to strengthen the nails, antibiotics to prevent infections, and medications to suppress the immune system. SLO may never be cured, but many dogs will go into remission after treatment.

Finally, dogs can get cancer such as melanoma and squamous cell carcinomas in their toenails or in the skin surrounding the claws. Melanomas are usually black or brown, raised, firm irregular growths that grow rapidly on or around the toenails. Squamous cell carcinomas usually cause swelling and pain of the entire affected toe. The claw may be loose or deformed and there may be bleeding present. Cancer is diagnosed by doing x-rays and biopsies of the lesions. Both of these types of cancer can spread to other areas of the body so it is important to diagnose them early and treat aggressively by having the affected toe removed. Because many of these diseases are contagious or potentially life threatening, it is important to examine your dog's toenails regularly and report any concerns to your veterinarian.

In conclusion, it is very important to check the toenails on your dog frequently for proper length and signs of disease because most of these problems are much easier and less painful to prevent than to treat.

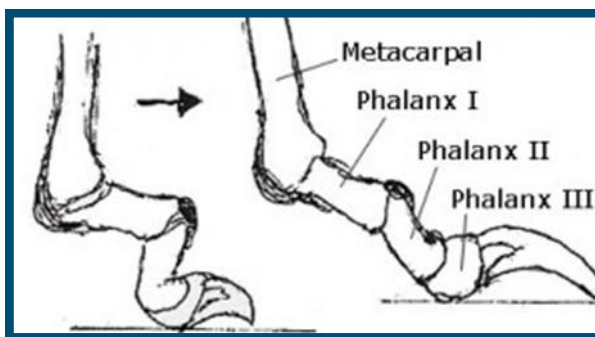
Canine Nails 101

By Christein Sertzel (*Reprinted with permission from author*)

We see them every day, in sets of four usually, but sometimes 5 or even 6. Multiply that by 4 legs and it adds up to a lot of nails that we see, clip and address with clients each and every day.

But do we really understand all that we should about these incredible little appendages?

We should first realize the larger picture. Dogs walk on their toes like a horse, not on their pads or the "soles" of their feet like a human. So this puts weight dispersion and balance of the dog's entire mass on a very small center of impact absorption (especially if they are also overweight). If they feel pain in a toe or a nail, they will then have to rock back on their heels and extend the ligaments of their larger pad and the back of their ankles to try to ease the pain in their toes. This puts them at a tremendous risk of injuring their ankles, elbows, hocks, shoulder and hips, as well as their connective tissues such as ACLs. Everything in one's musculoskeletal system is connected with every other part of the body. Overgrown nails are also one of the leading causes of obesity.



Left: proper nail length allows dog to stand on its toes

Right: overgrown nails causing lengthening of toes and pain

So, simple overgrown nails can be the root of not only much discomfort, but much financial expense in the long run... We as people can address to our own needs and vocalize when we have pain to someone who can help. For dogs, they rely on their caregivers to take notice and give them relief. So, it is my belief that proper care and maintenance of a dog's toenails is one of the most important jobs and skills a groomer needs to have.

Canine Toenail Composition

The canine nail is comprised of 3 main parts. They are of the quick or the vein and nerve endings that supply both blood circulation and sensitivity to pressure and hot/cold senses of the toe and the foot.

Surrounding this very soft, fluid filled center is a pulp, inner nail bed, or layers of soft and moist tissue that helps to protect and cushion the sensitive vein and nerves much as our fatty tissue and subcutaneous makeup does for our own bodies. This area is slightly harder than the layers beneath it, yet still cannot be counted as the nail itself because it cannot protect the quick of the nail when exposed. This area is also what is visible in a light colored nail as the darker circle or half-moon shape when we trim back the nail and get closer to the quick. On dark nails it can be nearly impossible to see, but it does make a different sound in the nail trimmers when clipped into. This area feels pressure and will often cause the dog to begin to pull back as it feels this pressure and anticipates possible pain.

Around these inner layers is a harder more durable wrap of many layers of protein and keratin- or fibrous structural proteins that are tough and insoluble. These layers make up the nail and round out its full length.



This is a cross section of the nail bed, and the bit of moisture in its center.

Here, layers forming the inner and outer portion of the nail and how they grow out in rings and wrap around the nail, creating its shape.



Notice that this nail is quite overgrown.



So, looking at these photos, we can clearly see how important it is to keep nails trimmed up as short as possible to avoid the inner quick from getting too long and therefore the nail growing out ahead of it too far.



Overgrown nails cause extension and lengthening of the toes and the dog's weight is shifted to the back of the foot. This is what creates pain, difference in weight distribution and eventual physical issues.

Proper Clipping of the Nail

For clipping the nails—everyone does do it differently, so this technique might not work for you, but it is the best way I have found for myself.

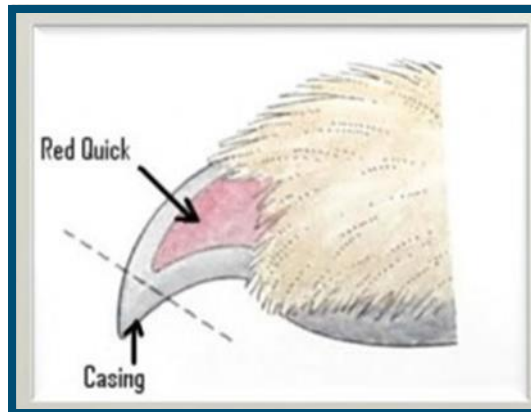
I will always clip the nails as soon after or nearest to the pet's arrival as possible, before the bath- not just in case I quick a nail, but also because elevated blood pressure actually surges blood flow into extremities—including the toes, so it will be possible to clip a nail SHORTER if the nail is clipped before the dog sits and works itself up (if it is anxious), or before the bath- as the elevated water temp. also elevates the dog's core temp. and therefor increases circulation.

For me personally, I have found it works best to bring the foot softly back under the dog so that the elbow is tight to the pet's side, and the foot is not too overly bent at the ankle- in case the pet has stiffness there from age, etc. This can be tough though, depending on the size of the dog and if working on a stationary table.

Why hold the foot back instead of forward? First, you're back away from the dog's mouth and range of view. Also, holding the foot out away from the dog encourages them to pull, you then squeeze to equal their pull with yours, and then you have a less steady foot for cutting the nails. Also, it is proven that tucking up the foot does help dampen the nerve endings of the toes and therefor they may be less sensitive for the feel of the clipping. If you clip a nail on a dog out in front of their body—listen to the sound that the nail makes when you clip. Listen to it when you clip- the sound will be noticeably quieter when the foot is tucked up. Some dogs just fear that “kajunk!” sound the clippers make.

After lifting the foot back and slightly up, then I clip the nails back, straight up & down, until I see the little dark spot in the center of the nail that signals the beginning of the soft spongy tissue that encapsulates the actual vein. With some dogs like those who are old and lack the softness in the center of the nail (this happens from loss of circulation, trauma to the nail bed after years of overgrown nails, or an ongoing low grade nail fungus) it is harder to tell the beginning of this soft area, so even after all of these years, I'll find myself sometimes still taking off a sliver at a time until I see the spot. Cutting the nail straight up & down pulls the angle of the nail up and back from the floor when the pet's foot is down, therefor helping to keep the nails' not “ticking” on the floor to last longer. You can also go back over the nails and clip off the left and right side of the nail to soften the ends and give a “pedicured” look, and of course, clipping first and then going over the nails with a Dremel will pull the quick back even more and give each nail a soft tip. This is my technique, and it will likely work great for you.

The guide below shows the angles that I use the clippers to take length off. Clipping the nail at these angles also encourages the quick to “die back” and therefore each trimming session will result in a shorter nail.



Notice the green lines that show the proper angles for trimming.



This photo shows a clipped set of nails. This dog will need to come in about every other week for a few clips to get the nails back a little more each time.



The full article can be found here:

<http://www.petgroomerforums.com/chat/content.php?237-Canine-Nails-101>

Some Nail Trimming Tips

By Cindy Commisso

A dog's nail is constructed of a hard outer cover, which protects the quick, which is the inner soft part containing blood vessels and nerve endings. In dogs with light colored nails the quick is often pinkish in color so it is easy to avoid cutting into. In black nails the quick is totally invisible so trimming off a little at a time instead of big slices can avoid cutting into the quick.

Look for a dark spot in the middle of the newly clipped area. This spot shows where the quick starts.

It is very important to use sharp nail trimmers. Dull trimmers can crush or break the nail and can be painful to your pet.

These are Plier type clippers, usually preferred over the Guillotine type because of accuracy and ease of cutting.



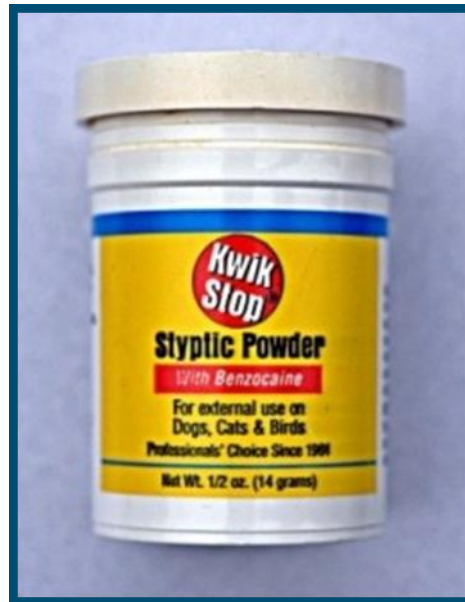
Sometimes it is helpful to have two people do the nail trim. One person can trim while the second person can sooth the pet and give small bites of treats. Less restraint is often better than holding your pet down as this sometimes frightens them. (See the article, “Nails Trims Are Scary?” below for more information.)

Start off by trimming a couple of nails a day until your pet gets used to the process. Nails on the front feet often grow faster than nails on the rear feet, so if you can only trim a few nails at a time, concentrate on the front feet.

You should clip your pet’s nails about every three weeks. If you get into a routine it is likely your pet will cooperate more each time. Many pets even come to enjoy their nail trims.

Would you like to file [dremel] nails instead of clipping? Here is one of the best set of directions we’ve found:

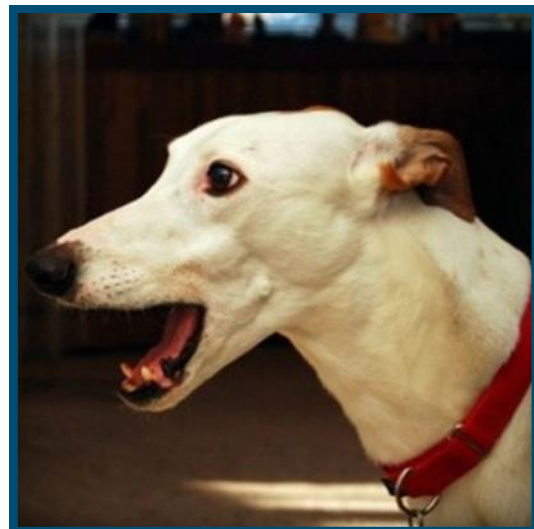
<http://www.DoberDawn.com>



When you start trimming the nails you should have a product called Kwik Stop on hand just in case you cut into the quick and it bleeds. Just apply a small amount on the quick and it will stop bleeding.

If you don’t have Kwik Stop you can use flour. If you do cut into the quick don’t panic, use your Kwik Stop, apply a little pressure and it will stop bleeding. You should always trim your pet’s nails in good light and when they are calm.

Nail Trims are Scary!!



By Sherrie Yuschak RVT, VTS (Behavior)

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Six weeks old puppies do not instinctively fear nail trims yet most adult dogs are afraid and try to avoid the procedure through hiding, struggling or even aggression. Why is this so? Nail trimming does not hurt. Heck, many humans regard it as a relaxing, spa experience!

Not our fellow canine...his aversion often begins as a puppy when he squirms in confusion about the strange cutting pressure felt on his nails or the frustrating length of time he must remain still for the trimming. Sometimes he also experiences pain from the restraint or a nail cut too short. As a discriminative learner the puppy remembers every detail of the traumatic nail trim event: how the person approached him, how he was restrained, the sight of the nail trimmers, the way the person held his foot and spread his toes, the pressure on his nail, the sound of the cutting and even the smell of the people and location. Instinctively he tries to avoid the next repetition using body language to communicate his fear: lip licking, refusing food, panting, flattened ears, crouched body, tucked tail, leaning body away, trying to hide, pulling feet away, showing teeth or growling.

If the person notices the puppy's stress and intervenes with positive reinforcement training the puppy will learn to freely accept or even enjoy nail trims. But, if the person does not understand canine body language or believes that the puppy should submit regardless, and forces the puppy to comply, in perceived self-preservation the puppy will amplify his communication using escape tactics, forceful struggling or even aggression.

That is how the dog can learn to fear nail trims and why he displays frustrating and/or dangerous behavior. Here is how you can teach the dog that nail trimming is not scary.

***Caution: If your dog has ever bared teeth, growled or snapped during a nail trim, please seek professional assistance and do not try these techniques without guidance.*

Remember: behavior modification/training is not a sprint and there are no prizes for speed, not even for greyhounds.

The goal: change your dog's emotion from fear to contentment/pleasure.

The rules: your dog should NEVER show fear during your practice sessions. (See above for fearful body language to watch for.)

The Process

Arrange the steps of the nail trimming procedure in order from LEAST to MOST scary for your dog. (See photos at end of article)

- Sight of the nail trimmers (reward the dog for looking or sniffing them)
- Restraint
- Hand reaching for the paw
- Hand holding the paw
- Spreading toes/holding a toe
- Front paw handling vs. rear paw (usually dogs don't mind the rear as much)
- Nail trimmer touching paw
- Pressure on the nail
- Sound of clipping the nail (this can be mimicked by trimming a dry spaghetti noodle)

Gather 1 cup of pea sized, irresistible treats (ex. cheese, hot dogs, lunch meat, or jerky).

Choose a quiet time and location where your dog is comfortable.

Begin with the least scary step. Perform the step feeding a treat every 3-5 seconds (If your dog is clicker trained, use of the clicker will expedite this process.)

Keep the sessions short (3-5minutes) and fun for your dog!

Proceed through each step and do not skip steps

Start each new session at the beginning (the least scary step for your dog.)

* If at any step your dog begins to appear anxious, feed a few treats and stop the session. Start the next session at the first non-scary step and proceed more slowly during the next session.

Tips

Once you are able to actually trim a toe nail do not feel you must trim all of them at once. Take it easy on you and your dog. Trim a couple every day and carefully avoid trimming to short.

Avoid traumatic nail trims during your re-training program. Even by the groomer or vet. Otherwise your dog's fear memory will over ride all of the progress you made.

For a brief video of two people performing one practice session with a dog please watch Dr Sophia Yin: http://drsophiayin.com/resources/video_full/training_a_dog_to_enjoy_toenail_trims

You cannot “reward” fear by feeding food to a scared/anxious dog.

If you would like more information about this please read this blog post from Patricia McConnell, PhD,

Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist:

<http://www.theotherendoftheleash.com/you-cant-reinforce-fear-dogs-and-thunderstorms>

The Process

1. Clippers on ground, far enough from dog, relaxed, feed treats. Continue to move clippers closer while feeding treats.



2. Clippers in hand, far enough dog relaxed, feed treats. Note forward ears, eager anticipation appearance. Dog must be relaxed and eager at every step! Continue to move clippers closer while feeding treats.



3. Touch paw with hand, feed treats



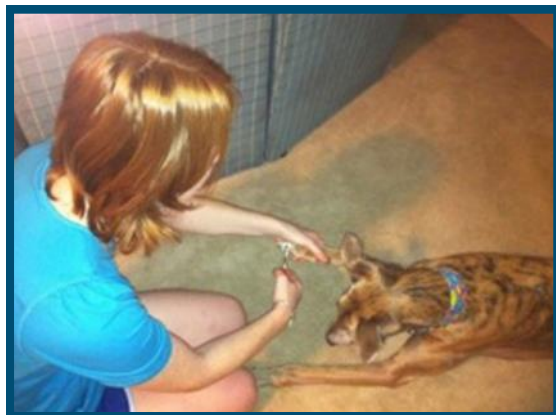
4. Hold paw briefly, feed treats. (Clippers on ground, in sight). Gradually increase time holding paw. Then spread and manipulate toes another step.



5. Trimmer in hand, touch briefly to foot, feed treats



6. Hold paw, barely trim edge of 1 nail, feed treat. You can very gradually increase number of toes trimmed in a row.



Monthly Nail Trims That Boost the Economy

By Fran Lavigueur

Call me squeamish but I refuse to trim my two greyhounds' nails. Maybe it's because I am afraid of hurting them if I accidentally cut the quick (don't tolerate blood either) so I have always taken them to our vet to have it done every month.



Fran's girls, Tootsie (brindle) and Bunnie

In 2009 my husband was in the market for a new vehicle. After some searching he decided on a crossover (Dodge Journey). His reasoning was that instead of the two of us taking separate vehicles to transport Tootsie and Bunnie to the vet for their nail trims, he could just fold down the back seat so they would have a wide area to lie down on. Sounded logical to me so that is what he purchased. It was quickly followed by bills for pin striping, special floor mats, a plastic liner and some gadget that beeps while backing up. He wanted “the girls” to ride in style I suppose.

The first appointment in the new vehicle was not a smooth experience. There was a small section with a gap and my husband placed some cardboard over it so the dogs’ feet would not slip through and I provided an old flannel sheet to cover the area. Unfortunately the dogs would not lie down and ended up sliding from one end to the other as if they were skating on a frozen pond. Before the next appointment, I had ordered two rugs (matching the interior of the vehicle, of course) with rubber backing to prevent any more sliding. Our older dog is not a fan of car rides and drools non-stop from the time we pull out of the driveway to when we return. This necessitates a major cleanup when we get home. We have to be sure to have lots of Windex available for this project as well as paper towels.

Well to recap our effort to save on mileage by using one vehicle, it calculates as follows:

New vehicle with accessories: \$25,000

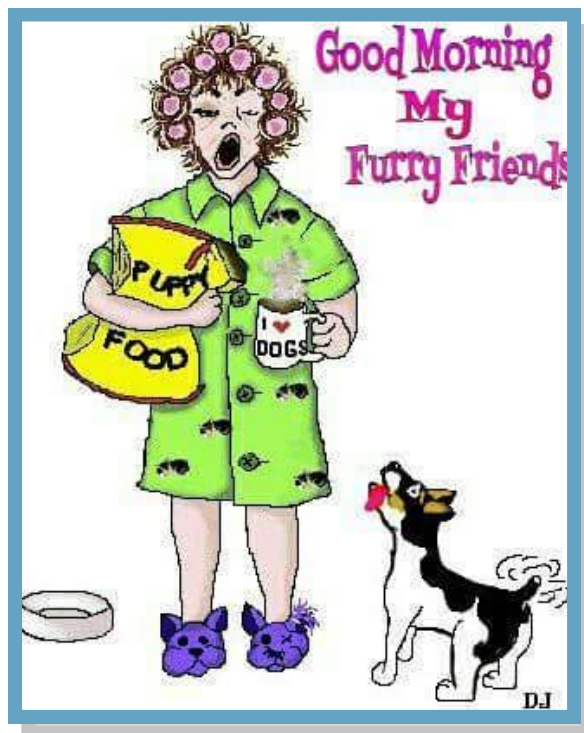
Cost of rugs and cleaning supplies: \$100

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Grand total for saving a gallon of gas: Priceless

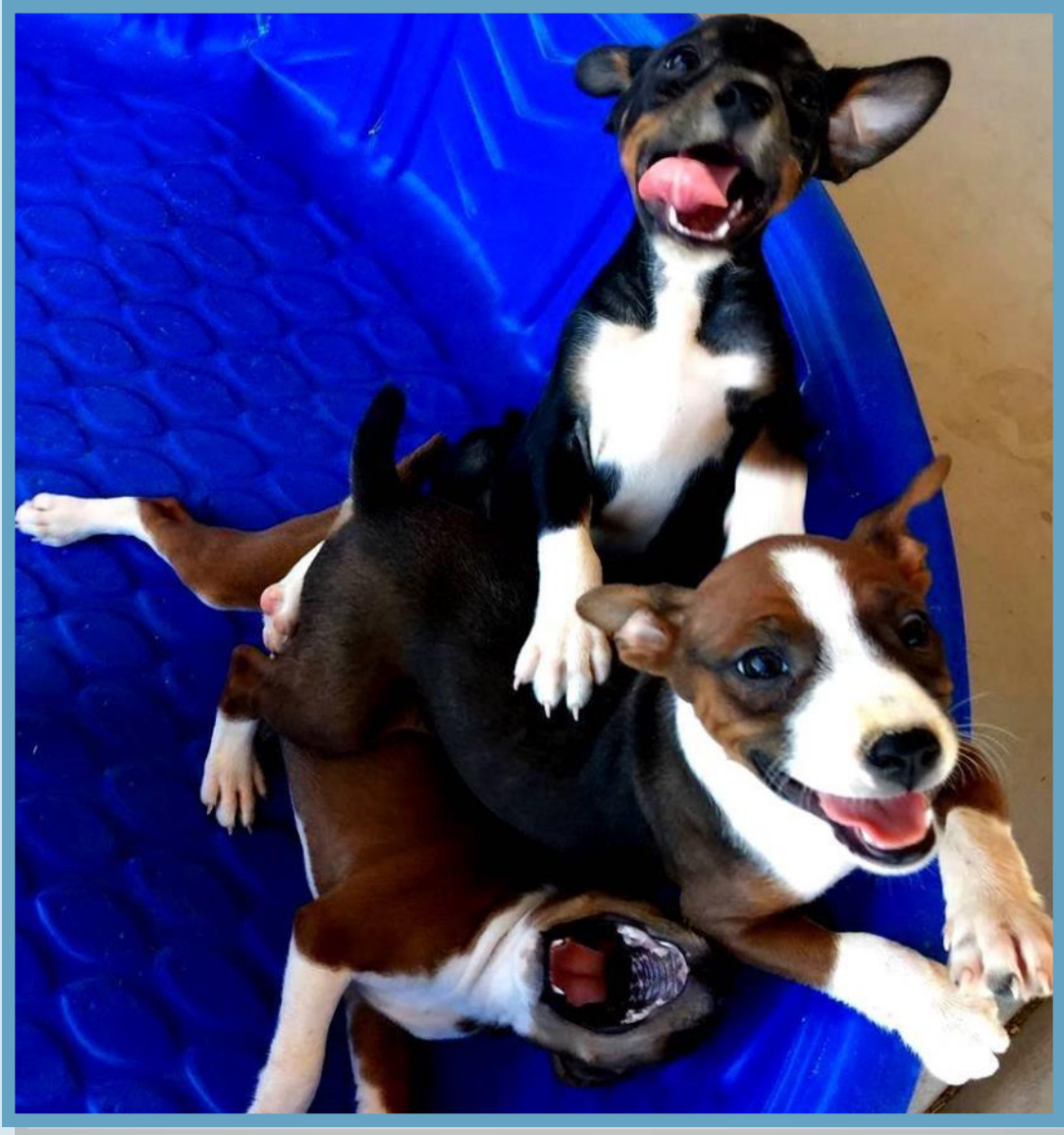


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<http://neogreyhound.com/truth-about-nails/>



Humor makes the world a better place



**There is nothing quite like
a smiling puppy**

**photo by
Christina Martinez**

**TOP
DOGS IN REVIEW
SIREs & DAMS
2015**



TOP SIRE

**KND's Both Barrells Loaded
aka "Buck"**

TOP DAM

**Riverridge Shineon Sweetstuff
aka "Hannah"**

Most Champion or Grand Champion offspring for 2015

Link to list: <http://www.dogchannel.com/dogsinreview/2015-top-producing-sires-dams.aspx>

Drum Roll!!



On June 24th, Cal Val Lily Luna of Sugarloaf aka "Luna" was Winner's Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex under Judge Kenneth Kauffman at the Beverly Hills Kennel Club show in Long Beach, CA for a 4 point major and her Championship. She completed her championship with 5 wins, 5 majors, 5 Judges. She was bred by Gail Holloway. Owned and loved by Barbara and Don Jordan. Handled by Barbara Jordan

Ch Dynamite Snidget of Sugarloaf was Select dog at the Beverly Hills Kennel Club show. Snidget was bred by Kacye Yates. Thank you to Edy Stenz for showing him for us.

Snidget is owned and loved by Barbara and Don Jordan.

~ California ~



Congratulations!!



'PR' RNB's Shootout @ BLKWD Corral aka "Bang" earned a 5 point major at the Long Beach Kennel club show under Judge Miss Virginia Lyne. She finished her Champion title at the Bahia Sur Kennel club show with a Best of Breed. Bang was Select Bitch on June 24 and she was Best of Breed and Owner-Handler Best of Breed at the Great Western Terrier Association show June 26 under Judge Clay Coady.

Owner and Handler Jackie Ader
~ California ~



FANTASTIC!!!



River Ridge's Kiss My Grits "Sassafras" ran in her first flyball tournament, double-Dog Dare's Summer Camp in Athens, GA in July. Sassa earned her FD and FDX titles. She then ran in her first agility trial, Sirius Dog Agility's USDAA trial in Perry GA on August 12-13 with first place qualifying runs, "Q's" in Starter's Gamblers (twice) and Starter's Snooker. Then a flyball teammate came down with kennel cough and was unable to run at the Lunatic Fringe's Barkham Asylum tournament the following weekend. Sassafras stepped in to run full time instead of doing warm-ups and earned her FDCH title by the end of the first day.

Very proud owner and Handler is Riley Allen.

~ Georgia ~

Indigo IGO He's All Evans aka "Evans" earned his Grand Champion title at the Sequim, WA show with Handler, Dixie Rae Sick, on July 31. Evans was 10 months, 11 days old. Evans had also won his Champion title the first weekend that he was shown at 8 months and has been Best of Breed every time he has been in the ring, with the exception of one Best of Opposite to his litter sister in June.

Breeder/Owner is Jennifer Ferguson

~ Idaho ~



AWESOME!!!



Burway Son of the South aka "Rhett" earned a Best of Winners and Handler Group Fourth at Lake Mathews Kennel Club on May 1, 2016, Best of Winners and Best of Breed at Santa Ana Kennel Club on September 12, 2015. He also earned his Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title at Southwest Obedience Club on November 21, 2015.

He is handled and owned by Judith Brecka.

~ California ~



DRJ's Johnny Boy MX MXB MXJ XF T2B2 aka "Johnny" earned 2 QQQQ's (T2B, FAST, Standard and Jumpers), 1st place Q in FAST, Q in Standard & Jumpers and a 3rd in FAST at the Tailwaggers Agility Club of South Florida over the July 28-31 weekend.

Owned and loved by Robin Taylor
~ Florida ~

STUPENDOUS!!!



On Sunday, July 10th at the Holyoke Kennel club show in West Springfield MA, Wild Heart Raving Reviews aka "Raven" went Winners Bitch and Best Puppy for a 5 point major under Judge Col. Joe B. Purkhiser! She then went on to have fun in the Puppy Ring earning her a Puppy Group 3 ribbon. With limited showing this girl is on fire and went to Ballston Spa NY shortly after to take Winners Bitch for a 4 point major! Owned by Stacy McWilliams and Jackie Maye, bred by Cindi Etheridge.
~ Pennsylvania ~



K2's Try N Catch Me Ryden Dirty aka "Cowboy" was Best of Winners for a Major at the San Fernando Kennel Club in Pomona, CA on May 28 under Judge Carolyn A Herbel. Bred by Tracey Kallas. He is owned by Kacye Yates
~ California ~



GCH CH Wildcliff She'll Tickle Ur Fancy RATN. Aka "Tickle" finished her Grand Championship a Best of Breed and a 5 point major at the Oklahoma City Summer Classic on July 3rd over top ranked Specials. She was expertly handled by Kari Smith, our handling coach. The OKC show will always be very special to Team Tickle - It was her very first AKC show, where at six months old, she won her first major and now where she finished her Grand Championship. Owners are Beth Ann Amico and Stacy McWilliams.
~ Oklahoma ~

A growing health problem

~ Dog obesity ~

By Marcy Stewart

One of the fastest growing health problems for dogs today is obesity. The latest pet obesity study done by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP) estimated 53% of adult dogs and 55% of adult cats are overweight or obese. That is 88.4 million pets classified as overweight or obese in the United States. But the bigger problem, reports APOP founder Dr Ernie Ward, is that pet owners don't even realize their four legged friends have a weight problem.

Just as in their owners, obesity in dogs will have an impact on their overall health. The health risks associated with this growing epidemic are diabetes, hypothyroidism, osteoarthritis, cardiopulmonary disease, forms of cancer, and shortened life span of up to 2 ½ years. These health conditions negatively impact the quality of life and longevity for our overweight companion and dramatically increase the cost of veterinary care.

What can we do about keeping our pets healthy and at an ideal weight? Knowledge of course is a place to start. The more we know about this issue the better pet parents we can be as we advocate for their health and a better partner to our veterinarians.

How to assess the ideal weight for your dog

It is hard to assess if your dog is overweight or obese without a scale. But there is a simple non-invasive way of assessing your dog's weight called Body Condition Score. An easy way to monitor your dogs BCS at home is by feeling his ribs. When a dog is at their ideal weight you should be able to feel the ribs easily. A good comparison to identify what you are feeling is right is to make a fist and look at your knuckles; the bony part of your knuckles is a pet who is too thin. Now open your hand and look at your palm. Feel right where the fingers meet the palm, the ribs should feel just like that. An additional check is to look down from above the dog you should see a slight hourglass shaped waist after the ribs. When dogs are obese the waist disappears and is flat or rounded out.

Even though these tips are a great monitoring tool for you to keep watch on their weight your veterinarian is the most reliable source. Make sure to get in the habit of asking your veterinarian "What is my dog's BCS?" With the knowledge of what your dog's BCS you will know what your dog's ideal weight should be and devise a plan with your veterinarian to achieve a healthier weight.

Causes of being overweight or obese

What causes our pets to be overweight?

Like us, dogs can suffer from an underlying medical condition, like hypothyroidism, that maybe causing the issue. Most likely, though, overweight pets are consuming too many calories and not exercising enough. Your veterinarian will and should check to make sure a health condition is not the source before putting the dog on a diet and exercise program.

Strategies in combating obesity are portion control and increased exercise. Do not free feed your dog. Ideally, the dog should eat two meals a day. Measuring your dog's food is also vital in keeping their waist slim. This chart (link to the chart at bottom of article) is a good starting point to determine the amount of calories to give your dog but as always talk to your veterinarian to get their advice. Good quality food will have their caloric level per cup on the bag. Also, don't forget to calculate in the treats your dog receives in a day's time.

Obesity is a very treatable disease and it is up to us to keep our pets healthy and happy. Clearly, we are not contributing positively to our dog's health if we allow them to become overweight. The next time you think about giving Fido that extra ¼ cup of food or treat because he looks so cute think about how badly does he need that extra little bit. Future articles will address more nutrition tips and exercise ideas to help your dog keep your waist slim and healthy for a long time.

Chart below is from this link:

<http://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/Calorie%20requirements%20simple%20dog.pdf>




Calorie Needs for an Average Healthy Adult Dog in Ideal Body Condition*

Weight (kg)	Weight (lb)	Kilocalories/day	Weight (kg)	Weight (lb)	Kilocalories/day
2	4.4	140	26	57.2	970
3	6.6	190	27	59.4	1000
4	8.8	240	28	61.6	1020
5	11	280	29	63.8	1050
6	13.2	320	30	66	1080
7	15.4	360	31	68.2	1100
8	17.6	400	32	70.4	1130
9	19.8	440	33	72.6	1160
10	22	470	34	74.8	1180
11	24.2	510	35	77	1210
12	26.4	540	36	79.2	1240
13	28.6	580	37	81.4	1260
14	30.8	610	38	83.6	1290
15	33	640	39	85.8	1310
16	35.2	670	40	88	1340
17	37.4	700	41	90.2	1360
18	39.6	730	42	92.4	1390
19	41.8	760	43	94.6	1410
20	44	790	44	96.8	1440
21	46.2	820	45	99	1460
22	48.4	850	46	101.2	1480
23	50.6	880	47	103.4	1510
24	52.8	910	48	105.6	1530
25	55	940	49	107.8	1560

Note: These recommendations are for guidance only. Dogs are individuals and some may have higher or lower caloric requirements in order to maintain an ideal, trim body condition.

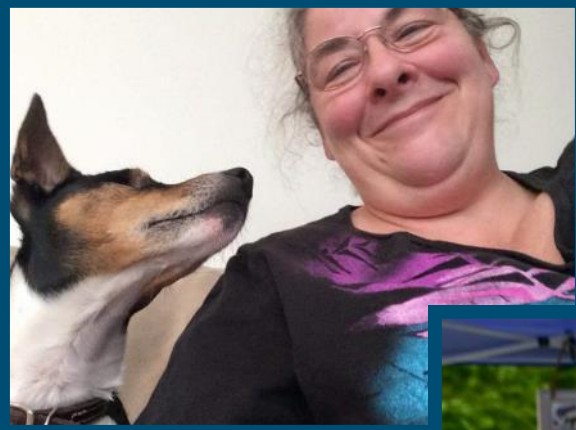
* If the dog is overweight, these estimates may be too high and further calorie restriction will be required.

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HARRY & CINDY DID IT !!!!

Tenacity, Love and a Terrier Attitude got it done!!



The KING at the Rat Terrier Jamboree in April 2016



They did it!!!
August 28, 2016

I want to write about a very special person who is fully devoted to the Rat Terrier breed and has an amazing accomplishment with an extremely special Rattie. Many many Rat Terrier accomplishments worth a shout out come across my news feed on Facebook, but this one is super special ... I wanted to acknowledge it ... Here's why

Cindy Guffey has been working with Harry to achieve what some thought may be impossible. You see Harry is blind and Cindy had a big dream. She wanted Harry to go on to help other people like he has helped her. To achieve a therapy dog status. Harry has a disability he is 100% blind and he's a Terrier. But to defy all odds they set out to train together. After a few disappointments and telling Cindy that Harry wouldn't make it ... They stepped it up and worked harder.

So I am proud to announce that Harry is a certified therapy dog. They PASSED THE EXTENSIVE TEST. I couldn't be more proud of this team. Many who know me also know that hard work and drive is important to me and this team showed everyone it can be accomplished. Please take some time to send them a huge congrats because this team deserves it.

By Stacy McWilliams

Rat Busters of Cairo

Rats have been a problem for mankind for centuries. They carry diseases such as Leptospirosis, Rat Bite Fever, salmonellosis, Murine Typhus Fever, and the plague, to mention a few.



Maryanne enjoying her dogs.

Many of these diseases are transmitted simply by rat urine or droppings in a water supply, and each rat excretes approximately 25 thousand droppings a year. Furthermore, rat teeth grow at a rate of two to four inches a year, and the rats control the growth by chewing on anything harder than their teeth, like metal, concrete, wood and so on, causing structural damage to buildings and occasionally electrical fires. One pair of breeding Norway rats is capable of producing 15 thousand offspring in one year, which means that rat control can only be that: control but not eradication. Looking for a solution to rat control in a port area filled with grain in Egypt has led me to become the only breeder of American Rat Terriers in the country and to appreciate the value of the work of these delightful little dogs. The Rat Terrier has been bred for many years as a working breed, rather than a show breed. They are a mixture of many types of terriers and come in a variety of sizes and shapes, but with a common calm, loving personality, a fearlessness in protecting their family from vermin or human intruders, and a hardy constitution.

In 1995, my late husband, Diaan el Din el Gabbani, an Egyptian/Canadian engineer who had returned to Egypt after spending about 15 years in Canada, initiated a very ambitious project,

one of the largest deep-water port grain discharge terminals in the Mediterranean just outside of

Alexandria, Egypt. He spared no expense in the planning and building of the terminal, which could be run almost entirely by a small group of men from a room with computers that controlled every aspect of the unloading and storage of corn, wheat, and soy beans in a huge array of silos and flat storage areas. Over a mile of conveyor belt carried the grain from the ship at the berth to the appropriate storage place or to another area where the loose grain could be put into bags and loaded directly onto trucks. Other conveyor belts and the wiring for all the computers and equipment ran through tunnels underground in the vast complex that covered 12 acres.

The one thing, however, that was not taken into account was the use that Norway rats, the inevitable inhabitants of wharves and grain silos, would make of these same tunnels and the garden surrounding the administration building that houses the computer control room. As the terminal began working, being able to move approximately 2 million tons of grain a year through it, the rats came. Pest control companies were contacted and contracted with to try to control the rats. Like most pest control companies, they used a combination of bait, traps, and slow-acting poisons that caused internal bleeding in the rats. While the conventional meth-

ods had some effect, there were some extremely unwanted side-effects as well, such as a couple of large brown Norway rats that crawled up into the ceilings of the administration building and died, leaving the offices below uninhabitable for some time. The weather in Alexandria is the classic Mediterranean climate, similar to that in Southern California coastal areas, with cool rainy winters and hot humid summers. Unexpected rat bodies, especially during the summer months, were seriously unpleasant. As one of the offices affected by a rotting rat was my husband's, he arrived home one day and asked me to research rat control to find something that might actually work. I sat down at the computer and began to learn about rats, but the problems increased at the terminal. The copper cables for the electricity and the computers proved to be highly desired by the rats for gnawing to control tooth growth. True, a few zapped rats were found, but the power outages were causing some major difficulties with the discharge rate.

My research indicated that for bait and traps to be effective they had to be changed daily as rats learn very quickly where they are and that they are dangerous. No pest control company was going to spend all day moving bait and traps around 12 acres. Furthermore, the slow-acting poi-

sons have been in use long enough for rats to build up a tolerance for them, making the required poison levels higher and higher all the time, and posing a danger both to humans who may come in contact with it and killing animals that prey on rats. Therefore, we began looking for a more natural form of rat control than chemicals and traps. Of the natural predators of rats, birds such as owls and falcons are available in Egypt, but a port is not such a friendly environment for such wildlife and introducing them would take a great deal of time and effort. Cats were out of the question because we were dealing for the most part with Norway rats, who average at least one pound in weight and are sometimes as large as cats. I moved on to dogs, reasoning that rats have been a problem for farmers for centuries and there must have been solutions before the poisons were available. Questioning email lists of horse and bird breeders for a breed of dog that could be used in this situation brought us to the American Rat Terrier.

Research on the internet led me to believe that I might have found the solution and I contacted various breeders to ask about rat-hunting abilities for these dogs and how they interacted with people. The latter was very important, as many Egyptians are afraid of

dogs due to the feral dogs that are part of the environment in Egypt. I contacted Julia Kluetsch of Poochville Kennels near Seattle, Washington, to get more information and to discuss the best way to handle the introduction of Rat Terriers to Egypt. She suggested that we import a pregnant female from a good hunting line and a non-related male to start our pack and she worked with me for a year to find the right dogs for us. Our first female, High Sierra Terra, was a mini Rat Terrier from Shirley Rouse's Green Valley Kennels in California and the male was a standard, L'il Pal's Bluto Man from Sylvia Beecher's L'il Pals Kennels in Texas. Both dogs were shipped to Seattle and from there they traveled to Amsterdam, where I met them for the flight to Cairo. The plan was that Terra could be bred to Bluto and her daughters could also be bred to him....however, she had three sons, Geo, Eco, and Captain Planet. But I got my first assessment of their hunting abilities when Terra dispatched a couple of rats at home who had been attracted by the aviary in our garden. One snap and the neck was broken, a clean and more humane death than a slow hemorrhage or dying slowly in a trap. Bluto was moved to the silos with Terra's sons, and we imported two more females from Washington and, later, another from Shirley Rouse. Terra, however, had

become my shadow and it was decided that she would stay at home, where she was joined by Sofia and Marta from Washington and her gorgeous son Geo, who it became apparent had no hunting ability whatsoever. Bluto, Eco, and Captain were highly successful, with Bluto proving to be the Rat Master. Marta and Sofia joined the boys and we found that Sofia was a good hunter, while Marta was not, and that she was also allergic to something in the garden at the terminal. Both girls came back to the house in Cairo, but not before Sofia had been bred to Bluto, as Terra was shortly later. Sofia proved to be highly prolific, producing two litters of eight before she retired. Marta and Sofia are currently pampered sofa warmers for a Canadian family here in Cairo. Terra gave us five in her second litter, raising the terrier population at home to seventeen. This was in addition to the other three family dogs that we also had at the time.

Since we began breeding and hunting the dogs in 1999, I have bred twenty-six dogs for work, keeping the best hunters and neutering and adopting out for pets those that haven't done so well. I have found that Bluto's progeny are excellent hunters, as are Terra's, and that Sofia's sons do well, while her daughters tend to be rather shy for pack life. Unlike

dogs bred to be pets or show dogs, these dogs have to be able to work together to deal with a vicious and intelligent prey. Not all are suited for this and I've found that Rat Terriers who did not thrive in the hunting pack have made the transition to house pets wonderfully. Much of my knowledge of rat-hunting and pack dynamics has come by trial and error, as I haven't found many other people who use dogs quite the way we do. My dog handlers come from the Egyptian army generally, but they have been trained to work with German Shepherds and Rat Terriers are quite a different story. Also the parameters for hunting around a grain silo are quite strict. Grain dust is highly explosive, so no fires, sparks or explosives can be tolerated. We've found that a water hose will flush rats out of their burrows, which can be as much as 4 feet underground, allowing the dogs to catch the fleeing rats. The highest kill by this rate was about 45 in one day. If the dogs scent a rat burrow in the garden, they dig down to the prey, an activity not much appreciated by the gardeners but highly appreciated by the computer technicians. On the other hand, the mere presence of the dogs is also a deterrent to rat activity when they find the odor of dog in their path.

We consider the experiment in rat

control a success, although we have found that there are certain spots in the terminal in which we still have to use bait. These are certain areas that are accessible to rats, but not to dogs. Some of the benefits of using dogs rather than relying on poisons is that some of the birds which prey on the rats and pigeons that are constantly around the terminal have come back into the area. Despite cultural difficulties, the Egyptian workers have come to appreciate their four-legged co-workers who help keep their workplace safe. We keep daily statistics on rat kills to assess the dogs' abilities. During January,

February, and March of 2002 (three of the most rainy, most difficult hunting months in the year) the dogs have killed 413 rats, with Bluto accounting for over half of the kills. There are clearly rat-killing super-stars. I have also given dogs to some of the local people who have farms and stables that are appropriately enclosed for the dogs' safety and they are proving their worth in these environments as well as being highly popular among apartment dwelling dog-lovers. Breeding Rat Terriers is also always a surprise because there is so much variation among the pups in a litter. I have found

that the best ratters for our work are more heavy-set, square standard size dogs, and have had them proudly produce prey as large as a weasel from my garden. Feral cats enter the garden at their own risk but the two house cats are quite safe. This is not to say that the more leggy elegant dogs can't hunt as it seems to be a matter of degree and the size of the prey. Three years into our breeding program, American Rat Terriers definitely seem to be one of the more popular imports from the United States to Egypt.



The Gabbanni Rat terriers at work.

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New Rattitude

Rat Terrier Rescue



What New Rattitude is About

Meet Finley – He came to New Rattitude with both physical and surgical needs. The physical needs have been addressed and he is still working on to overcome the socialization neglect of his first year of life. He is making progress and would do best in a home with another dog to show him the ropes.

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

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

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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.

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SENSATIONAL!!



Skippin CJ Bubblegum aka "Bubblegum" earned her Canadian Champion title and a Group 3 at the Club Canin Du Fjord show in Canada.

Bred by Christina Martinez.

Owned by

Marie-Claude Lantagne and Julie Sansregret

~ Quebec ~



Skippin CJ Crash Bandicoot aka "Crash" won Best of Breed for a major at Long Beach on June 24. Owned by Lisa Kendrick and Christina Martinez.

~ California ~



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Amber



Bree



Amber and Bree Barn Hunt brags

I wanted to try my dogs in the sport of Barn Hunt ever since it started. I took them to some local “fun” matches but there were no sanctioned trials in this area. Finally, a training club started hosting trials about 1.5 hours from me. On a whim, I decided to take Amber and Bree to a “mini trial” on Saturday, July 9.

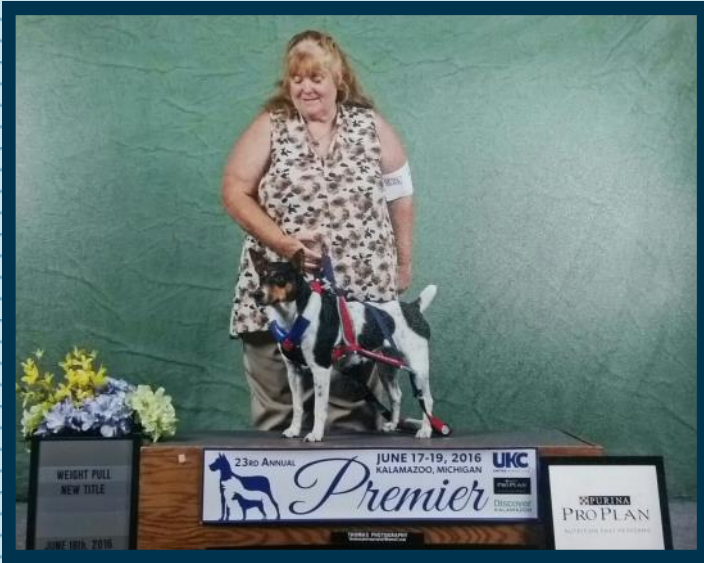
After the “mini trial”, I decided to enter them in the Barnhunt trials at the huge NRG show July 21-24.

Amber, COHills Amber Spice Muffin, earned her instinct (RATI) title at the mini trial. At NRG, she earned her novice (RATN) title and two legs toward her open (RATO) title with a first place, a second place, and three third places. There were 12 to 13 dogs in each of her divisions. She is now 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 CGC CL3 CL1-PLT RATI.

Bree, Bur-Way After the Storm at KTR, also earned her instinct (RATI) title at the mini trial. She then went on to earn her first novice leg, taking first place in her division and earning “High in Class” (fastest of all dogs in her level). At NRG, she finished her novice (RATN) title and earned her open (RATO) title. She earned two first places and three second places. She also earned another “High in Class”. At the end of the four day trials, I was very happy to hear that she earned the “High Scoring Terrier” in the whole trial weekend. That included all terrier breeds, all levels (Instinct through Master). She also competed in Flyball on Saturday and Sunday. She was quite tired by Sunday afternoon. She is now UKC GRCH UWP UCA PTE Bur-Way After the Storm at KTR FMX MBDCHX CAX CGC.

Owned and Handled by Beverly Calhoun—Texas

WOW!!!



With one qualifying pull from 2015 under her belt, GRCH ACRES Go For It aka "Katie", pulled 234lbs two additional times to earn her UKC UWP Title. All pulls were completed at Premier. We are proud of our girl.

Owned by Kate Adams and Rachel Townsend.

~ Oklahoma ~



Dharts Artemis Hunts At Skippin CJs aka "Artemis" was Winner's Bitch on August 14 at the Nisqually Kennel Club show. She is owned by Cory Hart and Christina Martinez.

~ Washington ~



AAcres John Henry, CHIC aka "Spike" was Best of Breed at the Nisqually Kennel Club show on August 13.

He is owned by Cory Hart.

~ Washington ~



AMAZING!!!



GCH CH River Ridge's Level of Intrigue NAJ NJP NF OAJ aka "Hunter" received his Novice FAST title and Open JWW title at August 11-14 agility trial in Concord, NC. Owned, loved, and handled by Stacy Zimmerman.

~ Virginia ~



CH SeegmillerBuzablu Black Diamond Jewels aka "Jewels" was Best of Opposite, Winners Bitch, and Best of Winners to complete her Champion title under Judge Kathleen Ferris at the Greeley Kennel Club dog show on August 20. Since then she has received two more Best of Opposite and a Best of Breed to take her over 1/2 way to her Grand Champion title.

Owned Linda Lee and Jordan Leigh.

~ Colorado ~

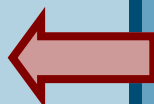


CH Ratitatt's Senorita Lolitas Lollipop CD CGCA,BN,RN,RATI aka "Lolly" earned her CD title at the Great western Terrier show in June 2016.

Lolly is owned by Edithmary Stenz and Gretchen A Chambers.

Trained and handled by Edithmary Stenz.

~ Arizona ~



EXCEPTIONAL!!



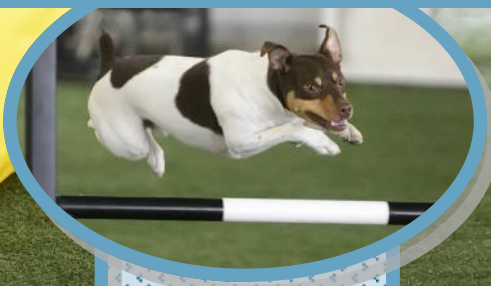
Riverridge Mischief Managed aka "Remus" earned his Master Jumpers Silver title in AKC, and in USDAA, he earned his Master Relay and Master Snooker titles as well as his Jumpers Champion Bronze, his Gamblers Champion and his Snooker Champion titles. In UKI, he finished 5 more championships! - his International Agility Champion 2 and 3, his International Win Agility Champion 2 and 3, and his Speedstakes Champion 2.



River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast aka "Ferris" earned his Open FAST, Excellent FAST, Open Standard and Open Jumpers titles in AKC. In USDAA he finished his Starter Standard, Agility Dog and Starter Relay titles.

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

~ New Jersey ~



OUTSTANDING!!!



Results are in from the Tyler Obedience Club trial (Longview TX AKC, July 29-31, 2016)...
The goal was to go to the show with two novice ratties and come home with a few ribbons and maybe a couple new titles.

Nara entertained the crowd by rolling over on her back during the "down". She still managed to nab a Q with a score of 80. She followed it up with scores of 96 and 93. New AKC Rally Novice title!!

Friday was my rock star of the weekend by winning 3rd out of a huge class of 20 on Friday with a score of 97. She followed it up with a 4th out of 24 on Saturday with a score of 96. On Sunday, we were thrilled to get that last leg with a beautiful score of 98. Another new AKC Rally Novice title!

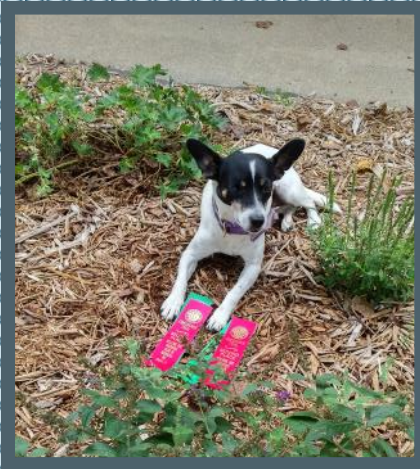
Nara Jean was entered the following weekend in UKC rally at UDOG trial in Haughton, LA, August 6-7. She scored 92, 93, and 91. Mom was under some stress and got lost a couple times in the courses or it would have been better. But she earned her UKC URO-1 title!

Here are Nara Jean the Beauty Queen (left) and Friday (right) ...

UKC Ch URO1 Kenann's Serenity of COHills RN CGC
And
UKC GrCh URO1 K2's Shoot to Thrill at COHills RN CGC

Owned and trained by Amanda Hill
~Texas~

YOU ROCK!!!



~ Raynie BN ~

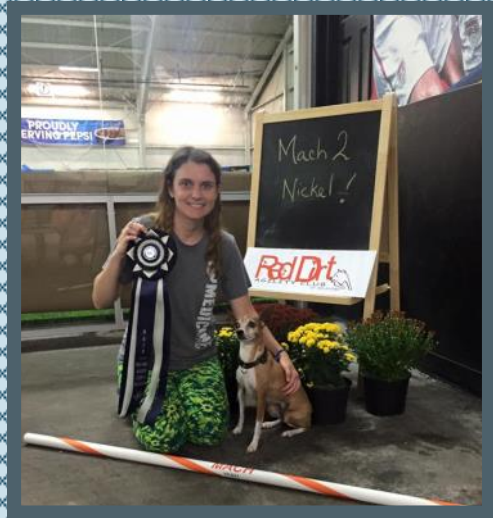
Earned two legs in Novice B towards her CD title at the Bellevue Dog Club in Omaha, NE.

Saturday Aug 6 2016 - Second place with a score of 195.5

Sunday Aug 7 2016 - Second place with a score of 195.5

Owned and trained by Marcy Stewart

~Nebraska ~



Stoneybay's Taffy Apple Martini aka "Nickel" earned her MACH2 at the Red Dirt Agility Club's Labor Day Trial on September 3. She is owned and handled by Erika Lee.

~ Oklahoma ~

Your brag would fit into this space. If you would like to be included in the next newsletter, please send to midatlanticrtc@cox.net



What Happens When A Dog Reverse Sneezes?

Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer of AKC | May 19, 2016



Reverse sneezing is a condition found in dogs of different types, but often smaller such as miniatures, Terriers, and brachycephalic breeds. It is a "paroxysmal" respiratory response (coming in spasm like episodes).

What Is Reverse Sneezing in Dogs?

It is a fairly common respiratory event in dogs, but is rarely seen in cats. We suspect the cause to be irritation or inflammation of the nasal, pharyngeal, or sinus passages (upper airways). It may be a way for the dog to attempt to remove foreign particles such as dust, powder or other irritants or allergens from its upper airways. It is also seen after periods of over-excitement.

Reverse sneezing is characterized by sudden rapid and repeated inhalations through the nose, followed by snorting or gagging sounds. It can be alarming to an owner, but is not known to be harmful to dogs with no other underlying condition such as heart disease. Most dogs are completely normal before and after these episodes. In dogs that exhibit reverse sneezing, it is not uncommon for them to have repeat episodes of reverse sneezing throughout their lives.



What Happens When A Dog Reverse Sneezes?

During a reverse sneeze, the dog will start suddenly stand still, and extend its head and neck. A loud snorting sound is produced.

This condition should be differentiated from a tracheal collapse (often seen in toy breeds), which is characterized by a loud "honking" sound.

A tracheal collapse is of a more serious nature than a reverse sneeze.

What Should I Do If My Dog Reverse Sneezes?

A common remedy is to briefly hold close the dog's nostrils for a second and lightly massage the throat to calm. Lightly blowing in its face may also help. This should cause the dog to swallow a couple of times, which will usually stop the spasm of the reverse sneeze. Getting the dog in a cool area or outside with fresh air while trying to verbally calm them can also be useful.

Most dogs do not require medication, however some veterinarians recommend antihistamines if the problem is serious, chronic, and allergy related. An evaluation of the environment would also be helpful in determining possible causes of these events. Perfumes, carpet cleaners, etc. are often cited in these dogs' histories.

Dr. Jerry Klein is the Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC and is an emergency and critical care veterinarian who has been a valued member of the Chicago veterinary community for more than 35 years. In addition to his work as a vet, Dr. Klein is a licensed judge for the AKC and has judged shows both nationally and internationally.

<http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/what-happens-when-a-dog-reverse-sneezes/>

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Needle Felting

By Kelly Wagner



Many dog owners are very enthusiastic about arts and crafts that reflect their love of dogs. One of those crafts is called needle felting, which takes dyed wool from sheep or llamas and allows the artist to manipulate it into shapes using a barbed needle.

I started needle felting in April, using a You Tube video as my teacher. I found it to be one of the most relaxing and rewarding crafts I have ever done. I started with a craft kit of a fox. Once I understood how to do it, I immediately went to making dogs. There are many practicing fine artists out there right now who make beautiful replicas of show dogs. Since I believed that I wouldn't have anything significant to add to that art form, I chose instead to make toys!

The difference is that toys usually don't require a wire form underneath the wool. They are meant to be handled more frequently. Toys have a whimsical, almost primitive look, which allows the artist to more easily highlight each dog's individual characteristics. Wool is a very forgiving medium and is almost waterproof. It is also a relatively inexpensive medium.

Needle felting is very time-consuming so the prices of some fine artist's work reflect that. I have priced my toys more modestly and have done most of my work so far for family and friends. One of my first projects were two rat terriers I hold near and dear to my heart—my two dogs, Hank and Dixie. I also did two toys for a friend who has two awesome rat terriers—Izzy and Murphy. My last project was done as a gift in loving memory of the famous and lovable Rickie Roo.

Please visit my website at www.heartfeltedtoys.com to see more dogs and if you would like to learn the craft, check out some of the resources I have listed. If you would be interested in having your own toy dog made, please email me at keldog4511@yahoo.com.



Canine Cushing's Disease

by Nancy Kay, DVM



Of the handful of hormonal imbalances dogs develop, Cushing's Disease is one of the most common. Also called hyperadrenocorticism, dogs with this disease have an overproduction (hyper) of cortisol (corticis) by their adrenal glands (adreno).

Cushing's Disease occurs primarily in middle-aged and older dogs, and, while it can develop in any size or breed, smaller dogs are more commonly affected.

Normal cortisol production

The pituitary gland is a small pea-sized structure situated within the base of the brain. When the hypothalamus- also within the brain- sends the appropriate trigger, the pituitary gland releases a hormone called ACTH (adrenocorticotrophic hormone) into the bloodstream.

The role of ACTH is to tell the adrenal glands to manufacture and then release cortisol (aka, cortisone) into the bloodstream. Just as is true for us, dogs come equipped with two adrenal glands. They are small bean-shaped and bean-sized organs situated adjacent to each kidney.

Cortisol plays a role in a number of body functions. It's responsible for normal appetite and an overall sense of well being. Additionally, the release of extra cortisol is vital during times of stress.

Three types of Cushing's Disease

When Cushing's Disease is suspected or has already been diagnosed, it is important that the veterinarian involved differentiates which form of Cushing's Disease is at play. There are three possibilities:

Pituitary-dependent: This is the most common form of Cushing's Disease, diagnosed in 85-90% of cases. The underlying cause is typically a small, benign growth within the dog's pituitary gland. It is considered to be a "functional tumor" in that it produces an overabundance of ACTH. In response to this excess ACTH, both adrenal glands enlarge as they gear up to pump out excess cortisol.

Adrenal-dependent: This form of Cushing's Disease is less common and occurs when a "functional tumor" develops in one of the adrenal glands. Without any influence from ACTH, this "rogue adrenal gland" produces excessive cortisol. The adrenal gland containing the tumor is enlarged. The other adrenal gland shrinks in size. For all practical purposes, it "takes a nap" because there is no longer need for it to manufacture cortisol. So fascinating how body parts work!

Iatrogenic: The term iatrogenic is an adjective meaning, "of or relating to illness caused by medical examination or treatment." This form of Cushing's Disease can occur in dogs receiving cortisone-containing medications.

Cortisone (often in the form of prednisone, prednisolone, or dexamethasone) is used to treat a variety of inflammatory, autoimmune, and cancerous conditions. It may be administered orally, via injection, or applied topically (skin medication, ear or eye drops). It's not uncommon for dogs to develop Cushingoid symptoms in response to such therapy, particularly if it is administered long-term.

Symptoms

Cushing's Disease can cause a huge long list of symptoms. Cushingoid dogs are extremely individualized in terms of which symptoms they manifest. Some develop classic symptoms and look like the dog in the accompanying photo. Others are far more subtle in their presentation.

All of the symptoms below can occur in response to an elevated concentration of cortisol in the bloodstream.

- Increased thirst
- Increased urine output: Affected dogs may need to go outside to urinate multiple times during the night. The dog that has always been well-house trained is now having accidents in the house. Urinary incontinence (involuntary urine leakage) may result from over distention of the bladder.
- Increased appetite: Some dogs become ravenous, begging for food or getting into the garbage for the very first time.
- Pica: Eating strange things such as dirt, carpeting, etc.
- Increased panting: The hallmark here is that the dog pants at inappropriate times with no apparent relationship to external temperature.
- Hair coat changes: Thinning, baldness, change in texture
- Recurrent skin infections
- Recurrent ear infections
- Recurrent bladder infections
- Calcium deposits within the skin (calcinosis cutis)
- Muscle wasting and weakness: This is most apparent in the hind legs and may result in less stamina on walks and difficulty jumping up or into the car or onto the couch. You've no doubt heard of anabolic steroids that increase muscle mass. Cortisol is a catabolic steroid- it causes muscle wasting.

- Abdominal distention: Note that this is not caused by weight gain. Rather it is a result of weakness of the abdominal muscles

Less obvious abnormalities caused by Cushing's Disease

In addition to the symptoms listed above, there are a few Cushing's Disease-related abnormalities that are not readily apparent simply by observing the dog. Nonetheless, they are significant in terms of health consequences, and should be investigated and treated. In many cases, treatment of the Cushing's Disease makes the following abnormalities go away:

- Hypertension- high blood pressure
- Proteinuria- excess protein in the urine
- Poor diabetic regulation- Not uncommonly, diabetes and Cushing's Disease develop hand-in-hand. Cushing's Disease is suspected in diabetic dogs whose blood sugar levels have proven difficult to regulate with insulin. Cortisol is "gluconeogenic," meaning that it ramps up sugar production in the body. So, it's no wonder that Cushing's Disease wreaks havoc on management of blood sugar levels in diabetic patients!

Diagnosis

Cushing's Disease is initially suspected based on symptoms and/or characteristic abnormalities seen on routine screening blood tests. Measurement of the amount of cortisol within a urine sample increases suspicion.

A clear cut diagnosis of Cushing's Disease is made via specific blood testing that measures the amount of cortisol in the dog's blood stream. The results can help differentiate between the pituitary and adrenal forms of the disease (see above). Dexamethasone suppression and ACTH response tests are the names of the blood tests most commonly performed to establish a diagnosis.

Once the diagnosis has been established, abdominal ultrasound is commonly recommended to further confirm which form of Cushing's Disease is at play. In the case of pituitary-dependent Cushing's Disease, both adrenal glands appear enlarged. With adrenal-dependent disease, the adrenal gland containing the tumor is enlarged, and the opposite adrenal gland is typically smaller than normal in size.

In cases of adrenal tumors, a computed tomography (CT) or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan of the abdomen may be recommended, particularly if surgical removal of the tumor is being considered. The scan identifies how aggressive (invasive) the tumor appears and helps predict the surgeon's ability to safely remove it. The scan also screens for evidence of spread (metastasis) to other spots within the abdomen.

The iatrogenic form of Cushing's disease is suspected based on symptoms and a history of cortisone therapy. The diagnosis is confirmed when withdrawal of the drug results in resolution of the symptoms.

Treatment

The goal of treatment of Cushing's Disease is reduction of cortisol production back down to a normal range. This is tricky business as doing too much too quickly can result in a crisis caused by too little cortisol, a condition referred to as Addison's Disease.

The best treatment for a dog with Cushing's Disease depends most significantly on the following factors:

1. The form of Cushing's Disease that has been diagnosed
2. Severity of the symptoms: If symptoms are mild and well tolerated (by the dog as well as the humans involved) and there are no significant abnormalities caused by the Cushing's Disease (high blood pressure, protein in the urine, poorly controlled diabetes, etc.), taking a "wait and watch" approach is completely reasonable. In such cases, twice yearly recheck examinations are recommended to reevaluate the need for treatment.

Treatment of pituitary-dependent disease: Oral medication is the mainstay treatment for this form of Cushing's Disease. There are a few medications to choose from- trilostane (Vetoryl) and mitotane (Lysodren) are the two drugs most commonly used. Both cause the adrenal glands to decrease cortisol production. It is imperative to perform blood testing- initially quite frequently- to evaluate the effect of the medication. Treatment is typically life-long.

Every dog is different in terms of how quickly their cortisol production decreases in response to the medication. The key is to reduce cortisol production ever so gradually until just the right level is achieved. If treatment overshoots the mark, the result can be a whole host of symptoms (Addisonian crisis) brought about by too little cortisol in the blood stream.

Treatment of adrenal-dependent disease: Surgical removal of the adrenal tumor is the ideal therapy. This may not be possible because of the dog's overall condition or the invasiveness or spread of the adrenal tumor. If surgery is not an option, medical treatment (trilostane or mitotane) is usually recommended.

Treatment of iatrogenic disease: The ideal treatment is gradual withdrawal of the cortisone-containing product the dog has been receiving. Abrupt withdrawal can result in an Addisonian crisis caused by too little cortisone in the bloodstream.

Prognosis

Many dogs with Cushing's Disease are successfully treated and go on to achieve a normal lifespan. The prognosis is somewhat dependent on the type of Cushing's Disease diagnosed. Most importantly, the prognosis depends on the finesse with which treatment is managed. Treatment can be tricky business- the more experience the veterinarian has with this disease, the greater the likelihood of a successful outcome. For this reason, it is wise to consider getting help from a veterinarian who specializes in internal medicine. Such a specialist will have likely managed dozens if not hundreds of dogs with Cushing's Disease.

Questions for your veterinarian

1. How do we know that my dog has Cushing's Disease?
2. What form of Cushing's Disease has been diagnosed?
3. Does my dog have high blood pressure?
4. Does my dog have excess protein in the urine?
5. What are the treatment options?
6. Is treatment necessary at this time?
7. How many patients with Cushing's Disease do you typically treat during the course of a year?
8. Can you recommend veterinary internist who can be involved my dog's care?

If you would like to respond publicly, please visit: <http://www.speakingforspot.com/blog/?p=5147>.

Best wishes to you and your four-legged family members for abundant good health,

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AKC ALL-BREED STANDINGS

2016 Rat Terriers

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	896	0	0	T Little/R Little
2	GCHB CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	520	0	2	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
3	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	F	135	0	0	K Seegmiller
4	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	129	0	0	L Hibbard
5	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	98	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
6	GCH CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	84	0	0	T Kallas
7	GCH CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	71	0	0	J Ferguson
8	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	59	0	0	B Veltri
9	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	58	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
10	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	44	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
11	GCHB CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	42	0	0	V Schiefer
12	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	F	40	0	0	Y Cunningham/L Vaught
13	CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	31	0	0	J Ader
14	CH Rnb She's Destine For Stardom	F	28	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
15	CH Indigo Igo Baby Blu'Z Almighty Nitro	M	25	0	0	J Ferguson
16	CH Seegmillers Black Diamonds	F	24	0	0	K Seegmiller/S Halma
17	Pocomtuc's Oki-Doh-Ki Anoki	M	21	0	0	W Sherman
18	CH Aacres John Henry	M	20	0	0	C Hart
19	GCH CH Seegmillers Direction To Perfection	F	19	0	0	K Seegmiller
20	CH River Ridge's Give Em Someth'N 2talk About	M	17	0	0	J Maye/B Szczygiel/S McWilliams

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AKC BREED STANDINGS

2016 Rat Terriers

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1	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	335	0	0	T Little/R Little
2	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	129	0	0	L Hibbard
3	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	F	112	0	0	K Seegmiller
3	GCHB CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	112	0	2	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
5	GCH CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	84	0	0	T Kallas
6	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	83	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
7	GCH CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	71	0	0	J Ferguson
8	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	59	0	0	B Veltri
9	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	44	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Petry
10	GCHB CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	42	0	0	V Schiefer
11	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	33	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
12	CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	31	0	0	J Ader
13	CH Rnb She's Destine For Stardom	F	28	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
14	CH Indigo Igo Baby Blu'Z Almighty Nitro	M	25	0	0	J Ferguson
15	CH Seegmillers Black Diamonds	F	24	0	0	K Seegmiller/S Halma
16	CH Aacres John Henry	M	20	0	0	C Hart
17	GCH CH Seegmillers Direction To Perfection	F	19	0	0	K Seegmiller
18	CH River Ridge's Give Em Someth'N 2talk About	M	17	0	0	J Maye/B Szczygiel/S McWilliams
19	CH Wildcliff Steady N Strong Duty Calls	M	16	0	0	A Agostine/T Spillane
19	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	F	16	0	0	P Smith/M Martin



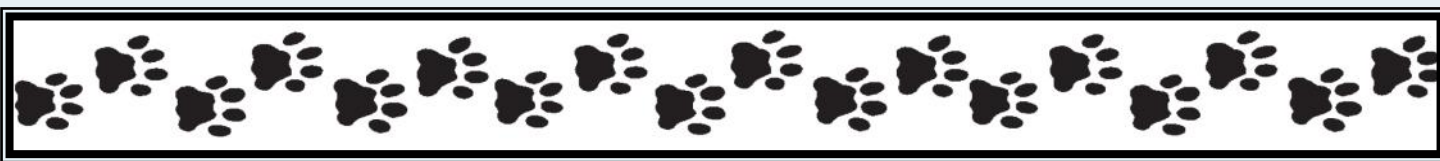
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AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

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1	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	230	T Little/R Little
2	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	F	172	K Seegmiller
3	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	M	110	L Hibbard
4	GCHB CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	106	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
5	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	73	B Veltri
6	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	69	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
7	GCHB CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	57	V Schiefer
8	GCH CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	45	T Kallas
9	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	F	44	P Smith/M Martin
10	GCH CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	43	J Ferguson
10	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	43	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
12	GCH CH Ratitatt Bonnie Blue	F	41	L Deitrich/V Schiefer
12	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	41	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
14	GCH CH Felixville's Sauce Piquant CA	F	37	T Little
15	GCH CH Seegmillers Direction To Perfection	F	33	K Seegmiller
16	CH River Ridge's Give Em Someth'N 2talk About	M	28	J Maye/B Szczygiel/S McWilliams
17	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	F	26	Y Cumingham/L Vaught
18	GCH CH Hdk Rumor Has It @ Lace	F	25	L Deitrich
19	CH Rnb She's Destine For Stardom	F	24	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
20	CH Hdk K2 Erandi Mistress Of The Night	F	22	H Sparks/T Kallas



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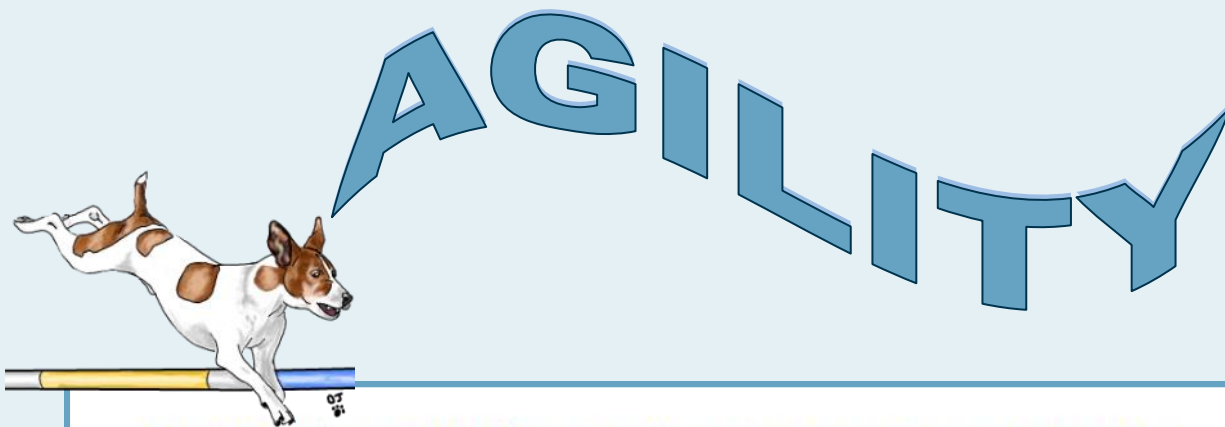
AKC OWNER-HANDLER TOP FIFTEEN STANDINGS

2016 Rat Terriers

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Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handled Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	Yolanda Cunningham Laura Vaught	Rat Terrier	205
2	CH Wildcliff Steady N Strong Duty Calls	Annette Agostine Tracey Spillane	Rat Terrier	185
3	CH Indigo Igo Baby Blu Z Almighty Nitro	Jennifer Ferguson	Rat Terrier	170
4	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	135
4	CH Evanlee s Ticket To The Stars CA	Anna Morris DONNA MCMAHAN	Rat Terrier	135
6	GCH CH Trimark s Take It All River Ridge	Patricia Smith Marcia Martin	Rat Terrier	95
7	CH Felixville s Seasoned Traveller RN CA CGCA	Ransome little Joana B Plattsmier	Rat Terrier	80
8	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	Patricia Smith Marcia Martin	Rat Terrier	65
9	CH Rnb s Shootout Blkwd Corral	Jackie Ader	Rat Terrier	50
10	CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RN	Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner	Rat Terrier	45
11	CH River Ridge s Give Em Someth N 2talk About	Jaclyn Maye Beth Szczygiel Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	40
12	Seegmillers You Cannot Possess Me	Kimberly Seemiller Jason Luciano	Rat Terrier	35
12	GCH CH River Ridge Winning Ways	Loretta Iazzetti Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	35
12	CH Rnb s Virgin Queen CGC	Margaret Van Der Hagen	Rat Terrier	35
12	CH Hdk K2 Erandi Mistress Of The Night	Heidi L. Sparks Tracey A Kallas	Rat Terrier	35
12	GCH CH Cal Val Ib A Red Chili Pepper	Dorothy Baker Kimberly Seegmiller	Rat Terrier	35





Rat Terrier Ranking by PowerScore for 2016 Q2

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

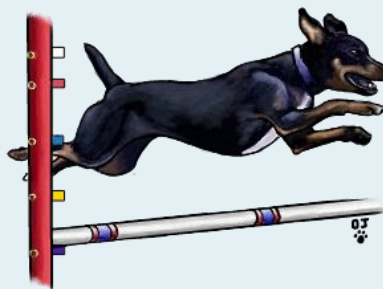


8" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.77	Penny Lane — MACH13 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXC3 MJB4	M Liebhardt/V Schiefer	4.88	3.95
2	11.73	Ellie — MACH4 Ellie May MXB2 MJS2 MXF T2B4	H Williams/B Williams	4.33	3.70
3	10.03	MACH Maggie MXB MJB OF	C Hummel	4.31	2.86
4	9.64	Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN AX MXJ NF CA	C Lent/V Schiefer	3.73	2.96

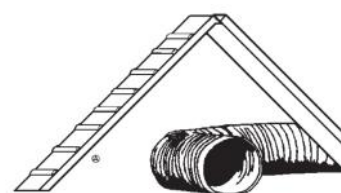
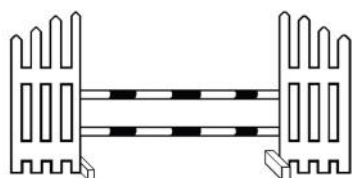
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	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	13.62	Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN AX AXJ OF	B Spilis/D SPILIS	5.72	3.95
2	13.58	Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXS MJG MXF T2B	M BASU/V Schiefer	5.32	4.13
3	13.15	MACH25 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXG6 MJS7 MXF TQX T2B3	G Capen	4.95	4.10
4	13.04	Ryder — MACH Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXG MJS RATO	C Clemente	5.07	3.98
5	12.64	Drj's Johnny Boy MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B2	R Taylor/D Taylor	5.13	3.76
6	12.51	Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MX MXB MXJ MJB	D Rabbach	4.96	3.78
7	12.46	Raganrat Wild Gypsy Rose MX MXJ MJS OF	M Liebhardt/D Ragan	4.97	3.74
8	12.36	MACH Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS	N Sewell	4.72	3.82
9	11.60	Flash — MACH3 Call Me Greased Lightning MXC MJS2 MXF T2B2 CA	K Brown	4.69	3.45
10	11.52	MACH24 Pebbles' Magic Act MXS6 MJC6 MXF TQX T2B	D Kennedy	4.51	3.51



16" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	15.06	Remus — Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF MFB T2B2	D Stevenson	5.82	4.62
2	14.03	Porter — MACH3 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXC MJG T2B CA	M Obidinski	5.34	4.34
3	13.83	Taylor — MACH2 Taylorswift MXS MJG OF T2B	S Mcginty	5.34	4.24
4	13.81	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.16	4.32
5	12.41	MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF	B Krynski/T Woepse	4.86	3.78
6	12.18	Warren Mtn's Roman Gnome AX MXJ MJB OF	L McCay	4.86	3.66
7	11.86	Call Me Greased Lightning's Heir Jordan MX MXJ XF	D Penha	4.71	3.58
8	11.39	MACH5 Windwood Rafael TD MXS2 MJC2 MXF MFG TQX T2B3 CAA	L Mancino	4.63	3.38
9	10.94	Adamacres Whosa Star Cruiser AX MXJ XF	D Key	4.18	3.38
10	10.35	Speckled Speedemon Slyfox Dex AX AXJ OF T2B	M Corbett/J Corbett	4.35	3.00



8" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.85	Woody — MACH9 Ratitatt Wood U Buzz Me MXS3 MJC3 MXP MJP MXF MFS TQX T2B	Y Mancino/D Mancino	4.93	3.96
2	12.62	Jack AX MXJ MXP MJP2 OF OFP T2B T2BP JE	D Hodges/C Hodges	4.92	3.85
3	11.50	MACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB MXP MJP	R Nicotra	4.41	3.54
4	10.56	MACH3 Rpk's Lexi MXG MJG MXP MJP XF	L Samson	3.91	3.32
5	9.52	Stella — MACH4 PACH4 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP13 MXPB2 MJP13 MJPB2 PAX5 MXF MFC TQX MFP MFPS TQXP T2B6	V Meyer	3.35	3.08
6	8.74	Austin — MACH10 PACH Hollys Hope Of Austins Powers MXB3 MJS3 MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX MXF MFS TQX MFP T2B T2BP	K Wells, Dvm	3.20	2.77

12" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.79	Willis — MACH6 PACH Willis MXS2 MJG2 MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX T2B	M Obidinski	4.94	3.93
2	11.81	MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB MXP MJP	R Nicotra	4.54	3.64
3	11.40	Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXP MJP2	N James	4.30	3.55



December 2016 AKC Agility Invitational for Rat Terriers

Qualifying Period Starting July 01, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016

Events Processed Through Thursday, June 30, 2016

Rank	Name	Class	Formula Value
1	MACH25 Lady Maria Isabella Bovd MXG6 MJS7 MXF TQX T2B3	REG	5,242
2	MACH13 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXC3 MJB4	REG	4,411
3	MACH17 Lady Abigail Chase My Mom MXC5 MJS5 OF	REG	4,365
4	MACH24 Pebbles' Magic Act I MXS6 MJC6 MXF TQX T2B	REG	1,990
5	MACH3 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXC MJG T2B CA	REG	1,619
6	MACH4 Ratitatt Cool Jazz MXB2 MJG2 XF T2B	REG	1,132
7	MACH3 Call Me Greased Lightning MXC MJS2 MXF T2B2 CA	REG	1,050
8	MACH2 Taylorswift MXS MJG OF T2B	REG	979
9	Raganrat Wild Gypsy Rose MX MXJ MJS OF	REG	907
10	MACH Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXG MJS RATO	REG	905
11	Dri's Johnny Boy MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B2	REG	872
12	MACH2 Matthew's Caesar Augustus CD MXG MJG	REG	872
13	Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF MFB T2B	REG	834
14	MACH3 It's A Bugs Life RN MXC MJC	REG	813
15	MACH Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS	REG	793
16	MACH Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MXB MJB	REG	754
17	MACH5 Windwood Rafael TD MXS2 MJC2 MXF MFG TQX T2B3 C/	REG	684
18	MACH Stoneybays Taffy Apple Martini MXS MJG OF T2B3	REG	640
19	MACH4 Ellie May MXB2 MJS2 MXF T2B4	REG	584
20	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	REG	529
21	MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXS MJG MXF T2B	REG	520
22	Ratitatt Repete Action O'Chip MX MXB MXJ MJS CGC	REG	495
23	Call Me Greased Lightning's Heir Jordan MX MXJ XF	REG	439
24	MACH Sophie RN MXS MJG	REG	397
25	MACH8 MR. Big MXS3 MJC3 FTC2 MFC2 TQX T2B	REG	316

Love At First Rat



By Candy Clemente

Yes, I would like to share my love of Rat Terriers!!!!

I have been competing in agility since 1999. My first agility dog was a Pomeranian, Tanu. She was great, very steady and reliable. I enjoyed agility so much that I wanted a faster and more challenging teammate, so I got a Jack Russell Terrier, Harley. He earned MACH 10 before retiring at the age of 11. When he turned 10, I decided I needed to start looking for my next agility dog. I love my Jacks, but they are very opinionated!! They have very specific likes and dislikes, so I wanted a more amiable breed. Had a friend with a couple of Rat Terriers that I really liked, so I decided to research the breed. My friend referred me to her breeder and I decided this is what I want. The breeder had a list of potential owners and she added me to the list. Puppies arrived in October of 2010, I picked my boy. When he arrived from Texas, it truly was love at first sight!! Ryder is now five years old, a Master Agility Champion, Grand Champion UKC, CM in AKC, RATO in barn hunt, has sired his first litter and the love of my life!!

My husband agrees, we will always have a Rat Terrier in our household, the temperament is amazing!! He has all the drive I have ever wanted in performance and the beautiful, sound body and movement for conformation.

We have his son, Rafa and his daughters, Maple and Tierney, live nearby. All three are in puppy agility training.

One more thing to add about my boy, he makes me smile everyday! His love gives me joy and purpose, he saves me in my dark days, he is my heart and soul!

So for us, Rat Terriers Rule!!!



Love At First Rat



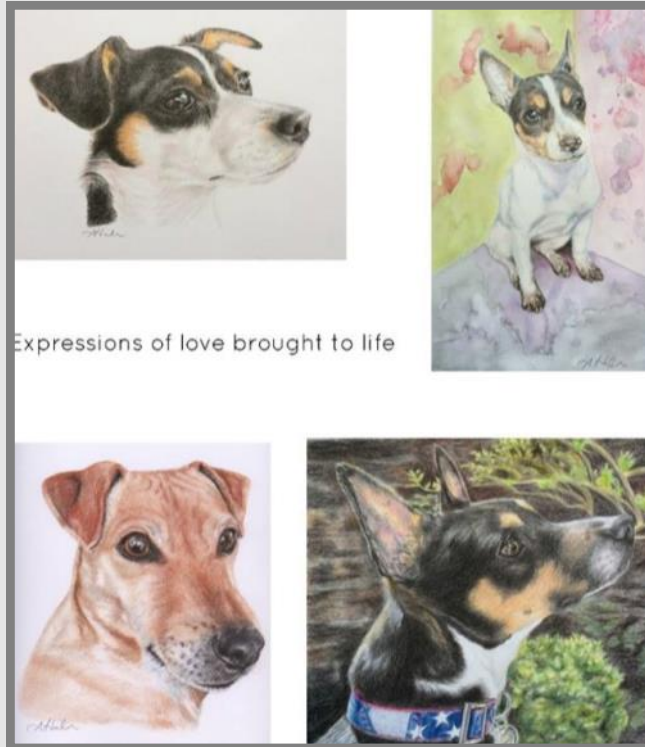
We would love to share your story about how you discovered love for the Rat Terrier: does your story go back years to your childhood or are you a more recent member of the Rat Terrier loving community?

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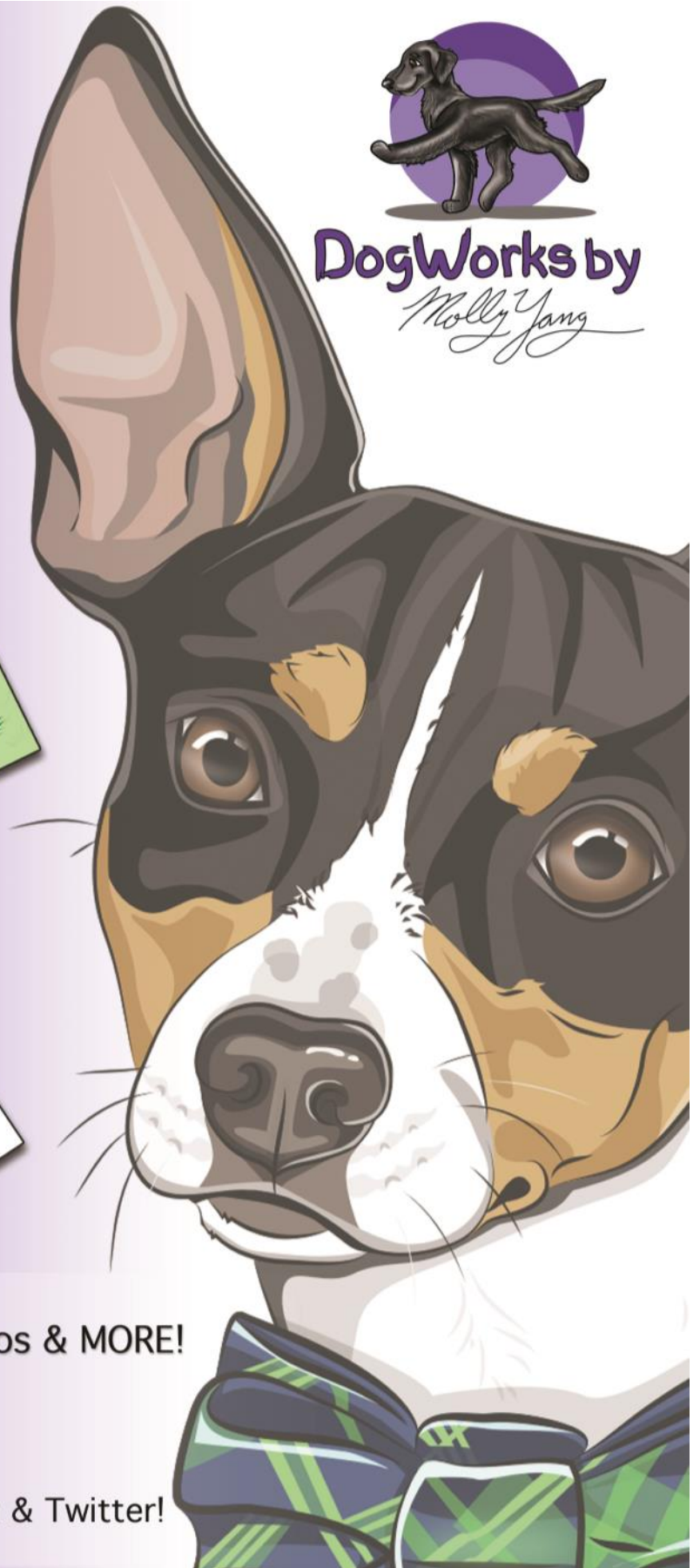


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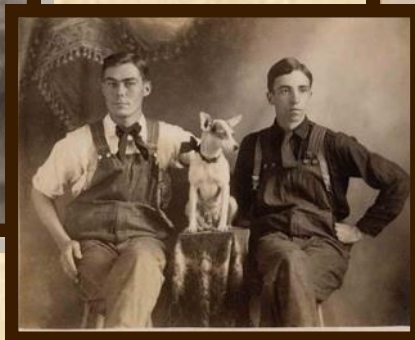
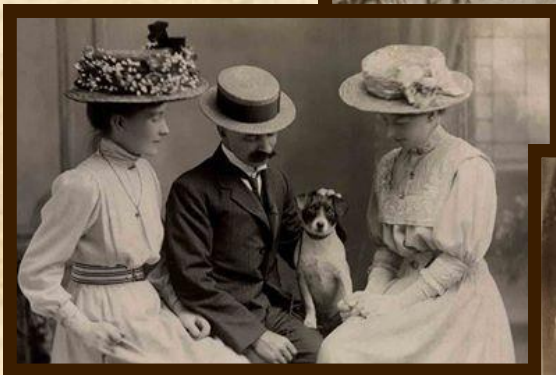
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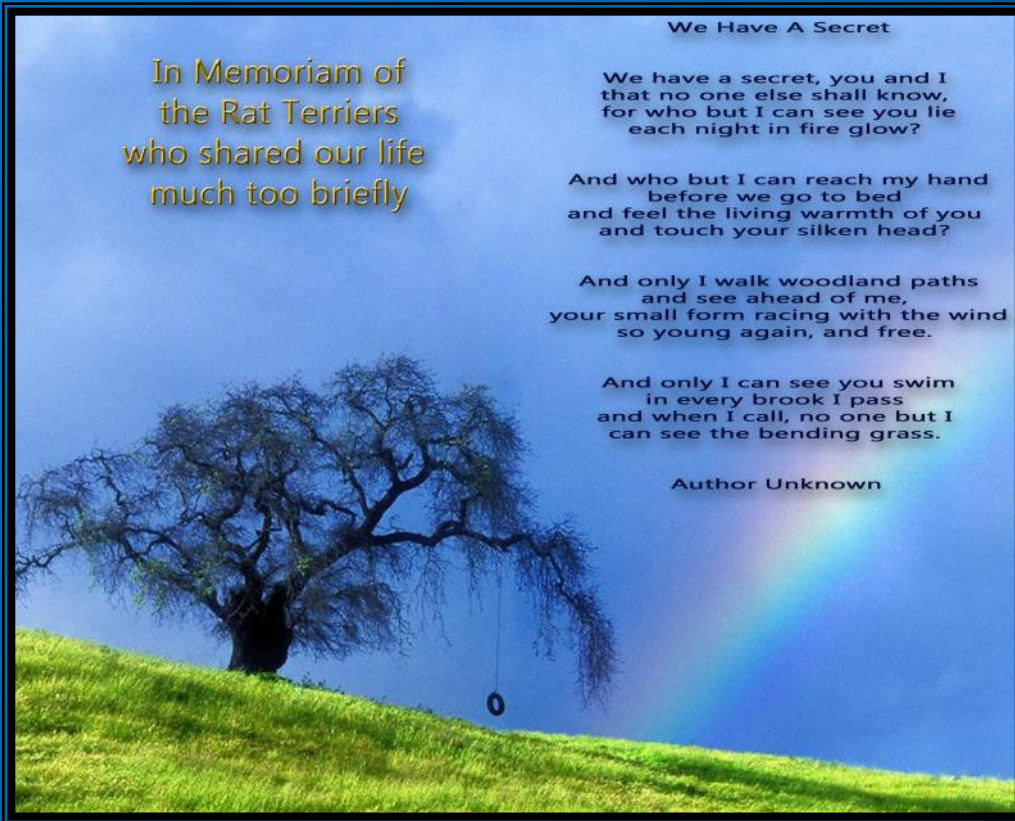
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In Memoriam of
the Rat Terriers
who shared our life
much too briefly

We Have A Secret

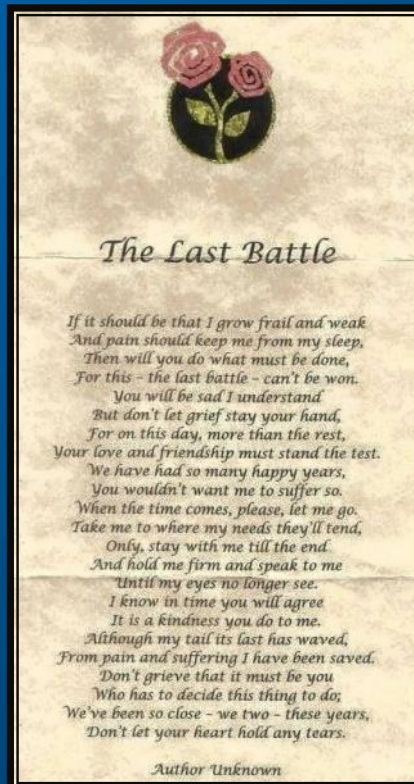
We have a secret, you and I
that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie
each night in fire glow?

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

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

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

Author Unknown



The Last Battle

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

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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.

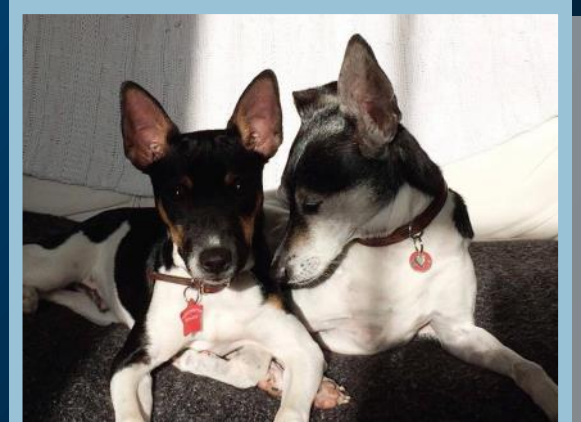
In Honor of Troy



3rd November 2001 - 6th July 2016

Remains in my thoughts everyday. We may not be together In the way we used to be; We are still connected by a Cord no eye can see. So whenever you need to find me We're never far apart If you look beyond the horizon And listen with your heart.

Owned and Loved by Amanda Hall



MEET THE EXHIBITOR!!



My name is Marcy Stewart and I am new to the dog club world but not to owning rat terriers. I have actually been an owner of Rat Terriers for 20 years, majority of those years as a pet owner. All of my Rat Terriers up to this point all have been rescues. Bentley and Scout were the original Rat Terriers who won me over to the breed are long gone. Up until the last 4 years I have really just done the normal pet training but in comes a beautiful Rat Terrier boy, Zeo, who I could not stop from lunging and barking at everything that moved. Because of this I found a great trainer to work with and she opened my eyes to a wonderful world of communication between dog and owner. When I started seeing the light in his eyes and the fun he had working with me an obedience junky emerged.

Our journey started with a few private lessons in the fall of 2012 but I quickly realized we would need continual work, as Zeo is a reactive dog and is very easily distracted. When my trainer offered her summer training classes in 2013 we enrolled to continue our work. After that first summer class he got better, he was no longer lunging and barking at walkers but still had issues with skateboarders, bike riders and joggers. But the more we went out and faced these challenges together the better I became at reading his body language and showing him what was acceptable behavior. That next summer I enrolled Zeo in another class to keep him around as many distractions as I could. I also enrolled my other Rat Terrier, Enzie, in a different summer class. I was busy that summer with two Rat Terriers in different summer training classes.

By the end of the second summer class sessions in 2014 we were enrolled in our first obedience trial. In that trial Zeo had earned two second place ribbons and two legs toward his Beginner Novice title and Enzie earned her two legs toward her Beginner Novice title in first place. They were both enrolled in the same show. The end of 2014 Zeo earned his Beginner Novice title. By the end of 2015 both Enzie and Zeo had earned the Companion Dog (CD) title and are currently training for the Open class. In October they will be entered in the Open class and on the road to their CDX.

A year and a half ago another Rat Terrier, Raynie, entered the picture. This one was intended only to be a foster and temporary resident. When I received her into foster care the previous owners had a laundry list of issues/complaints of what she could not do. According to their dog walker, yep that's right a dog walker, she was not smart enough to learn anything. She would jump on the coffee table, potty in the house, not let them give her a bath or clip her nails and would eliminate in the car during rides. I asked my mentor/trainer if I were to foster this dog would she evaluate her to see if she was truly unadoptable as they claimed. Of course, we both thought all of these were training issues and could easily be fixed but not knowing the dog we were unsure so she agreed to evaluate her and I set the ball in motion to foster her.

I am in Nebraska and Raynie currently lived in Virginia so the only way of getting her to me was flying. So when we finally picked her up at the airport as you can imagine she eliminated in the crate. I was not too worried about it but told my husband she will need to go straight to a bath. When we got home my husband got her out of the crate and carried her to the laundry room to give her a bath in our utility sink. She did not like the bath but she came up stairs bathed and cleaned. So strike one off the list, she can take baths even though the previous owners said she could not. She also was not quick to go out and potty which could be why the previous owners had issues with her pottying in the house, if they were not patient with her. By that I mean she is very picky of where she goes, even to this day if we are in a new place she takes a long time to find just the right spot to go. Other than her pickiness of where to go potty I could not see any issues. I decided to wait and see what my trainer thought; she has been training dogs for 30 years who better to show me what this dog needs or issues were.

As my trainer walks into my house we share pleasantries and Raynie is sitting close to me. My trainer is watching her body language, movement, etc. and finally looks at me and says smiling to me "what is wrong with this dog?" I shook my head. She said to me if you end up keeping her, Raynie will be the competition dog you are looking for. We were not intending on keeping her but that winter she had blood in her eye and after several tests and appointments to try and save her eye she ended up having to have it removed. We knew it would take a patient home for her before losing her eye and sometimes it takes awhile to adopt out a dog with only one eye. That is when my husband and I decided she found that patient home and she became part of our family. She still to this day is shy around people she does not know. Raynie has been around my trainer since day 1 and is a little reserved around her. She would definitely rather be with me but she will for a short time do things with my trainer. And with Raynie having this desire to be close to me and please me I think will make our obedience career a long and fun one.



Zeo



Raynie

Raynie and I started working last spring (2015) on her competition career. In that short time Raynie took and passed her CGC fall of 2015 and had earned her Beginner Novice title with two second place and one first place placements spring of 2016. This summer she has earned two of her legs for Novice B and both are second place placements, by October she should have her CD title. Along with these impressive placements, we have taken a tracking class offered by my trainer and hope to compete this fall for her TD title. And by the end of 2016 I will have three dogs all training in the Open class. This winter we will work teaching the scent discrimination in hopes to be in Utility before too long.

Eventually, all three of my dogs will be in tracking as well. I feel since we live in a pretty urban environment what better way to tap into the natural Rat Terrier ability of hunting than tracking. Since I started Raynie in tracking she has become more confident and is getting more comfortable around strangers and new places. I cannot wait to get more involved in tracking with my dogs. It is so natural for them and it really helps you learn to read your dog. I think this is another sport our breed can excel.

Up until we got Zeo I knew about dog clubs, and dog shows but always thought it was for someone else. Getting into obedience is so much fun and a challenge. Each day the dogs show me something different we need to work through. There is nothing like training for obedience and learning to communicate with your dog. The best compliments come from when I am out walking all three dogs politely walking side by side next to me and people I see along our walks tell me how they are impressed with how my dogs are so well behaved.

I think there are several keys to a successful obedience career but I think starts with a desire to work in conjunction with your dog and learn how to communicate with that dog so you can make a good team. You should always be ready to learn and to be able to laugh at yourself and your dog. Find a good trainer who you respect and who has reached goals you want to reach is a must. Also, do not limit where you train travel your city and train whenever and wherever you can. Your dog needs to train in the presence of distractions so that they can be taught what to do and how to handle those distractions. The most important thing I think about obedience is to have fun with it. I know the word obedience conveys a negative connotation but this is really about teamwork.

What started out as a need to correct some bad behaviors in one dog has turned into a sport I love! There is never a dull moment in training and showing these three dogs. Every time I get in the ring they each show me something different we may need to practice and refine. Obedience is definitely addictive!!



MEET THE EXHIBITOR!!

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Illustrated AKC
Rat Terrier
Breed Standard

Official AKC Standard of the Rat Terrier

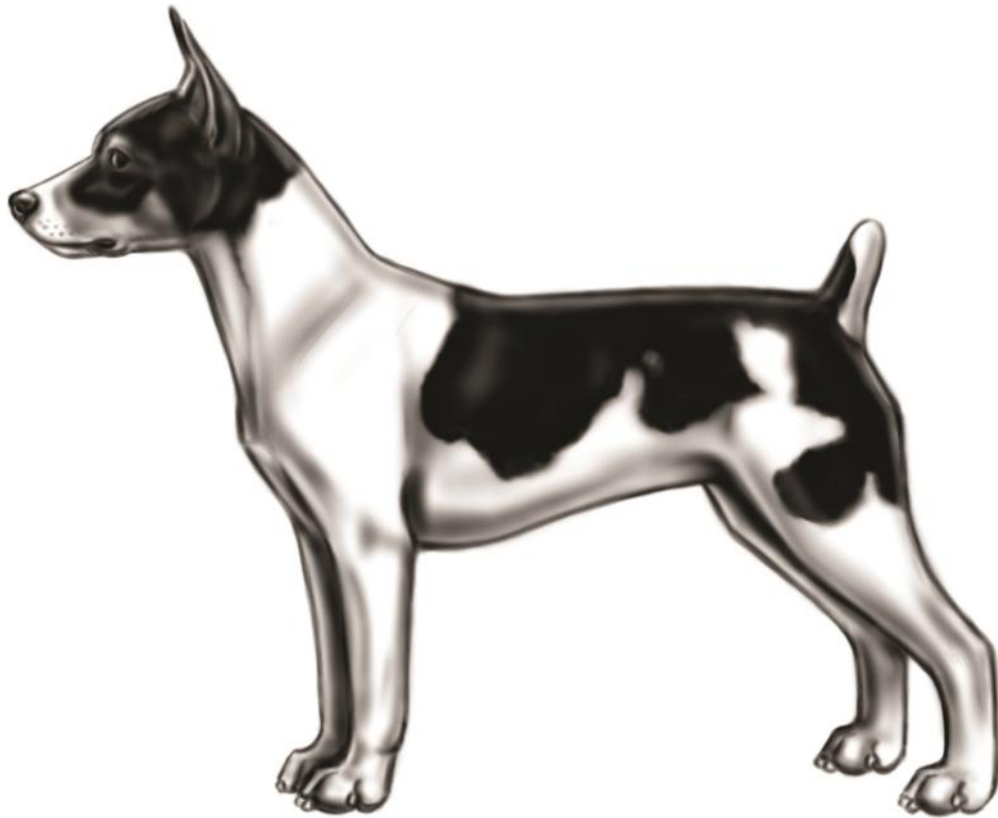
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General Appearance: The Rat Terrier was originally bred for ratting and farm work. A multipurpose companion dog that is capable of hunting rodents and vermin above and below ground, and to course small game. He is a sturdy, compact, small-to-medium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

Size, Proportion, Substance: **Size** - There are two separate size divisions. Miniature - At least 10 inches, not to exceed 13 inches. Standard - over 13 inches, and up to and including 18 inches in height measured at the withers. Any dog six months of age or older measuring less than 10 inches, or any dog over 18 inches are to be disqualified. **Proportion** - The Rat Terrier is just slightly longer than tall. The height, measured vertically from the ground to the highest point of the withers, is slightly less than the length, measured horizontally from the point of the shoulders to the point of the buttocks. Shortness in leg is a serious fault. **Substance** - Moderate bone in proportion to size. A well-balanced, hard-muscled dog with smooth lines under taut skin. This dog should not be rangy nor fine boned and toyish, and never bulky or coarse. They are shown in good, hard physical working condition.



Head: The **head** resembles a smooth, blunt wedge from a front or profile view. When seen from the front, the head widens gradually towards the base of the ears in an unbroken line and is well filled up under the eyes. The **expression** is intelligent, alert and full of interest. The **eyes** are not large. They are obliquely set wide apart and are oval in shape. Eye color varies with coat color from darkest brown to hazel. Eye rim pigmentation corresponds with nose color and facial markings. Gray eyes are acceptable in blue or blue-fawn dogs only, being a serious fault in other colorations. Any blue in the eye(s) is a disqualification. **Ears** - Set on the top outer edge of the skull, V-shaped, with the length in proportion to the head moderately pointed at the tip. When viewed from the side, the base of the ear is on line with the outer corner of the eye. Ears should match in shape and carriage when alert, and can be carried erect, semi-erect and tipped, or button without preference. When alert, a rose ear is a fault. Cropped ears are a disqualification. **Skull** -When viewed from the front the skull is moderate in width, relatively flat on top, and rounded at crown and the sides as it widens smoothly from the corner of the eyes to the base of the ears. The occiput is not prominent. The cheeks are flat and well-muscled, but never bulging. The stop is moderate but distinct. The **muzzle** is strong, just slightly shorter in length than the skull and tapers smoothly along the sides to the nose. The nose color corresponds with the body color and is entirely pigmented. Flesh-colored noses are considered a fault in lemon or light apricot colorations while being a serious fault in other colorations. Seasonal fading is permitted. The lips are clean and tight, and correspond in color with the nose leather or may be pink; either solid or spotted is acceptable. The lower jaw and teeth are strong and well developed with no sign of being snipey or weak. **Bite**- A scissor bite is preferred. A level bite is acceptable.



Neck, Topline, Body:

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

Topline - Smooth and blending from the back through the loin and set of the tail.

Body - The body is compact, strong and flexible with well sprung ribs. The brisket extends to the elbow. When viewed from the front, the ribs appear to be oval. The Rat Terrier, while muscled and fit, has flat muscles that blend into the body. The chest is moderately wide and well filled with a discernible forechest. The underline ascends gradually with the ribs extending well back to a moderate tuck-up. Back - The back is level and firm from the withers to the loin. The short loin has a slight muscular arch blending into the gently rounded croup.

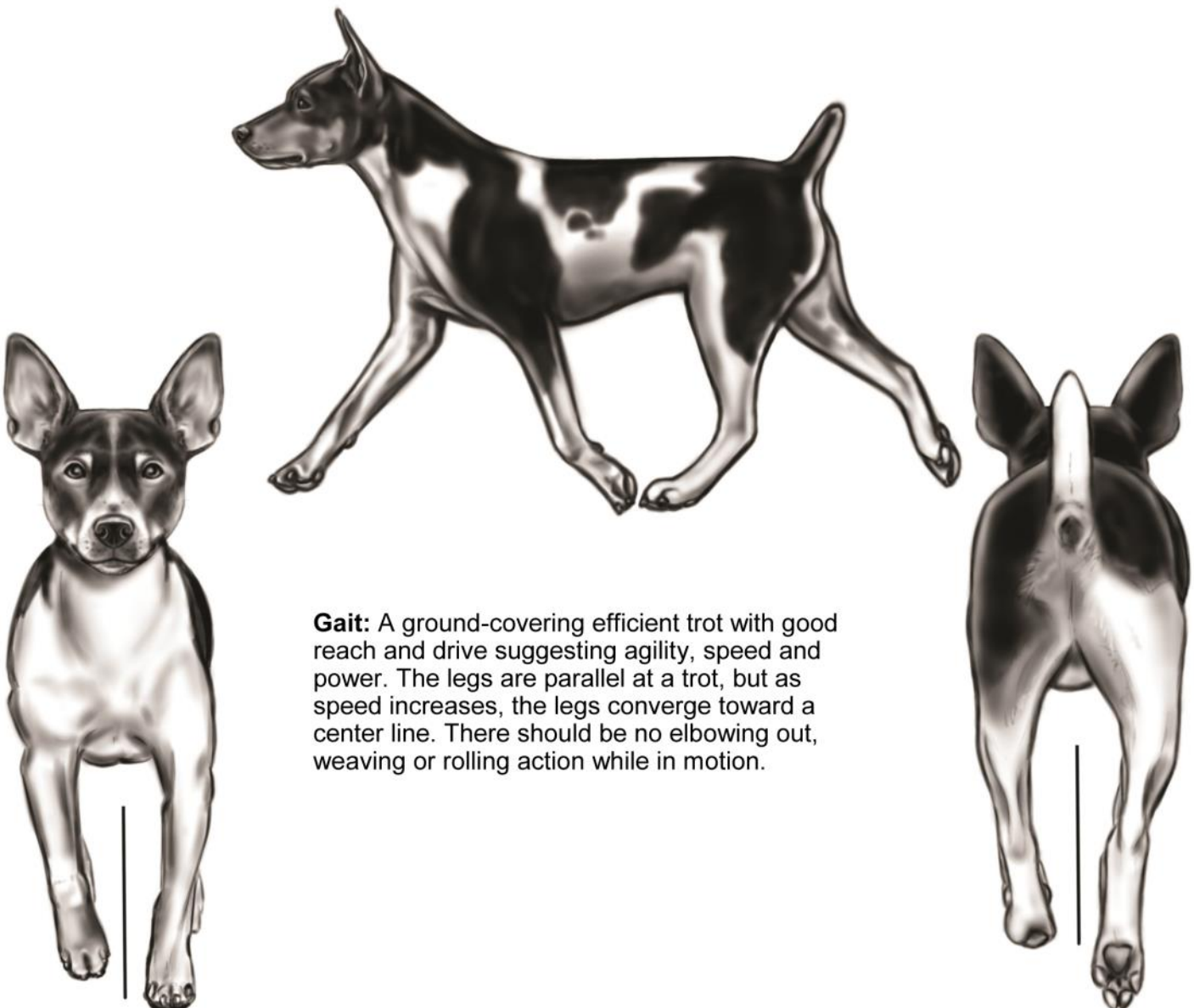
Tail - The tail set is a continuation of the spine. Tails are customarily docked between the second and third joint, or can be a natural bobtail or left naturally long and tapering to the hock joint. Length is unimportant. The carriage is variable depending on attitude, carried from slightly below horizontal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

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

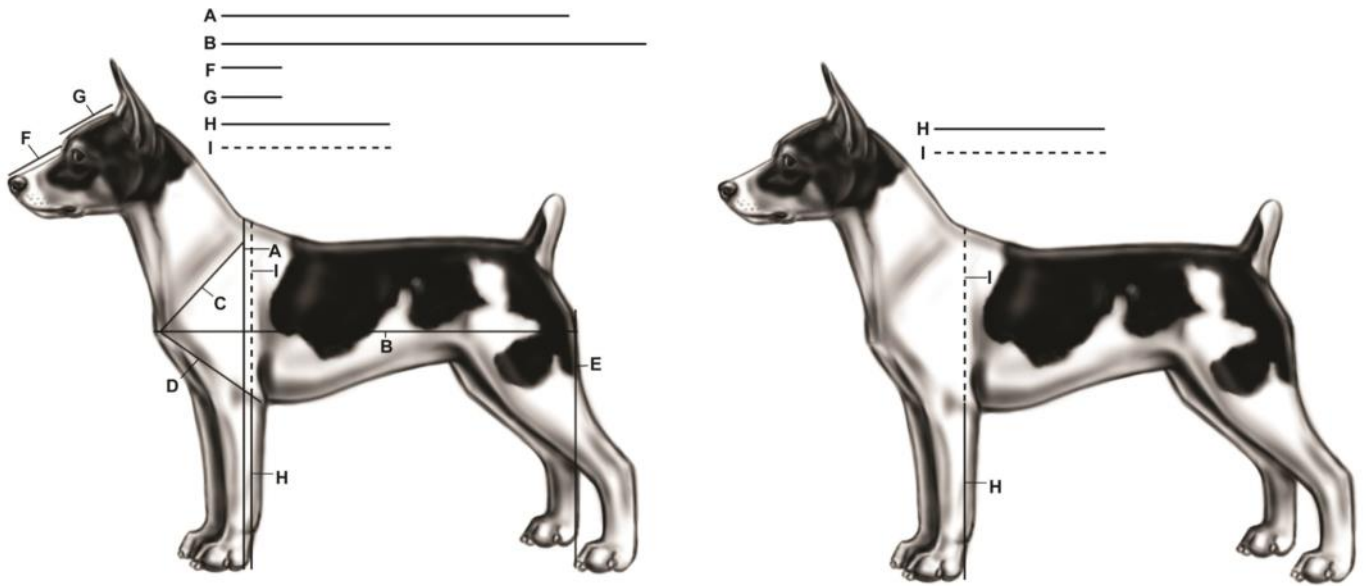
Hindquarters: The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse. Stifles are well-bent with short hocks that are parallel and perpendicular to the ground. The hind feet although slightly smaller are similar to the front feet. Rear dewclaws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

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

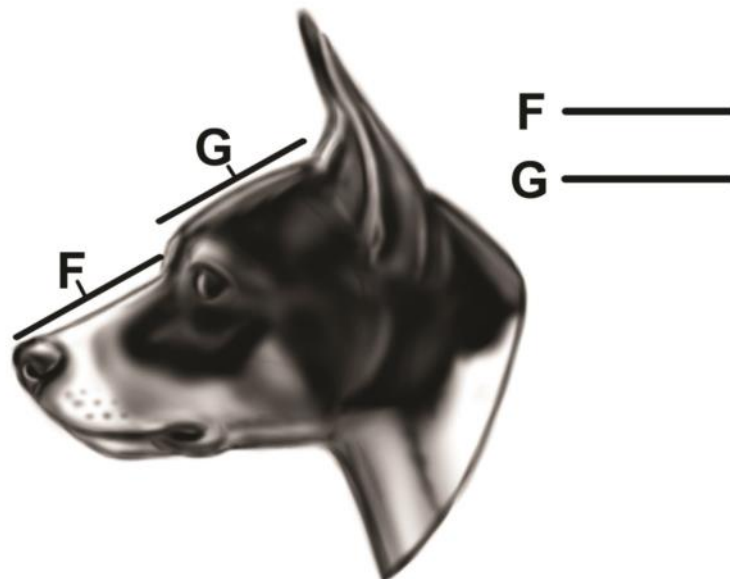
Color: Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without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



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



- A - Height of the dog**
- B - Length of dog slightly longer than tall (10:9)**
- C & D - Are equal length**
- E - Point of toe at point of hip allows you to see moderate turn of stifle and parallel hocks**
- F - Is slightly shorter than G**
- I - 50% of the dogs height**
- H - 50% of the dogs height**





The chest is moderately wide and well filled with a discernible forechest.

The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse.



CORRECT BITE

Scissors
(Preferred)



Level
(Acceptable)



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

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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Rat Terrier

AKC Colors and Patterns



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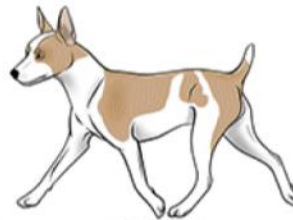
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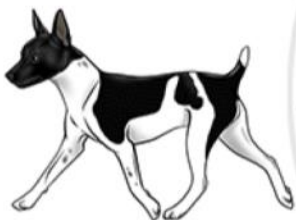
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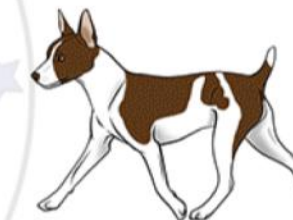
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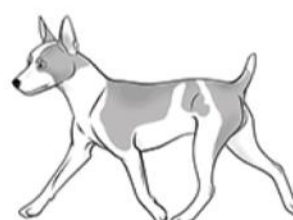
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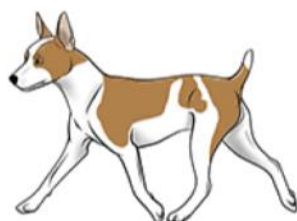
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Shameless Plug for ...

NEW members!!!

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

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

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



Type of Membership:

- Regular-\$25.00**
Individual adult member residing in the Mid-Atlantic. Enjoys all privileges, including the right to hold office.
- Regular Household-\$30.00**
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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

- Agility Barn Hunt Breeder Conformation Obedience Pet Owner Other _____

Tell us about yourself and your dogs...

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

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

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

1. _____ 2. _____

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

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Electronic Signatures

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Member Name: _____ Date: _____

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For Quickest Processing:

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

For Regular Mail:

Make personal checks payable to MARTC and mail to: Jackie Maye
420 Wile Ave
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Name (or Names if Household): _____

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

Address*: _____

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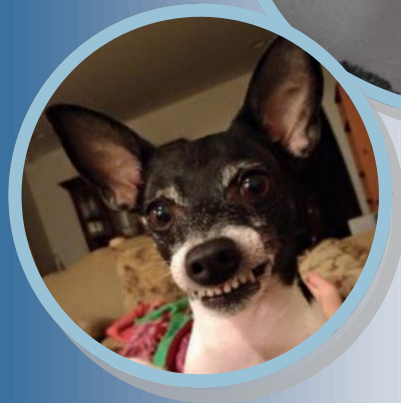
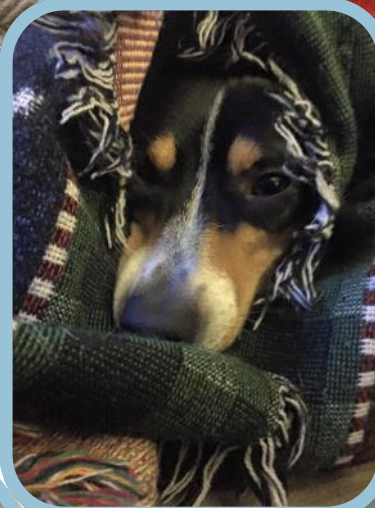
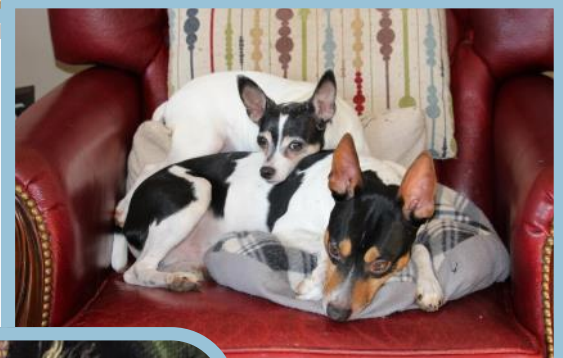
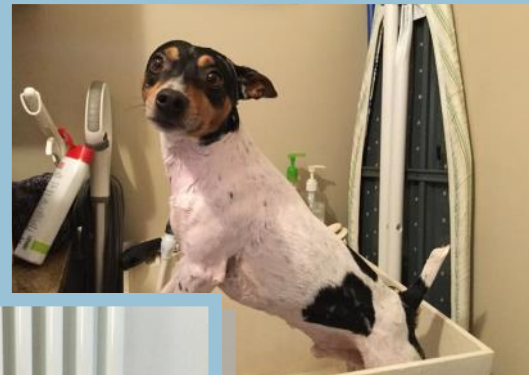
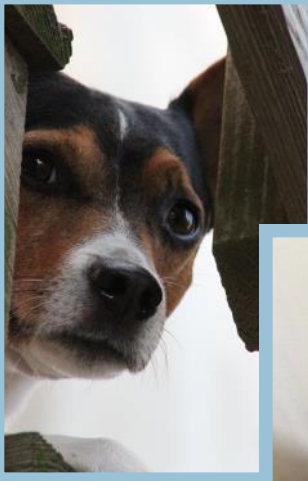
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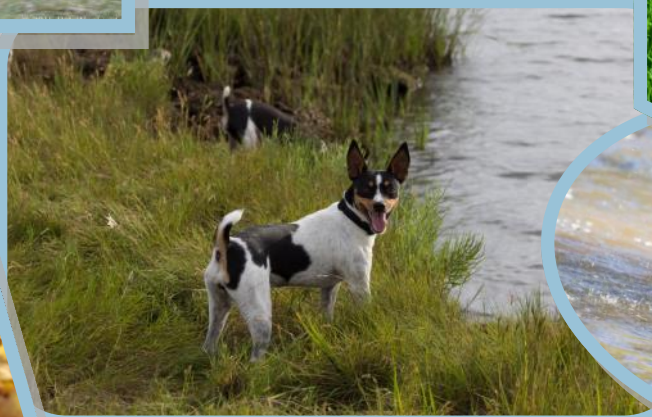
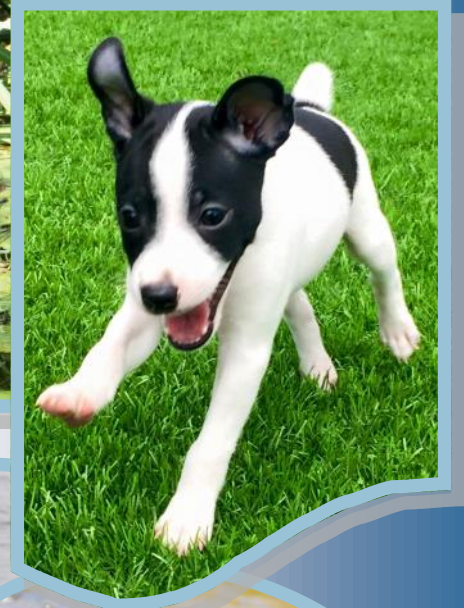
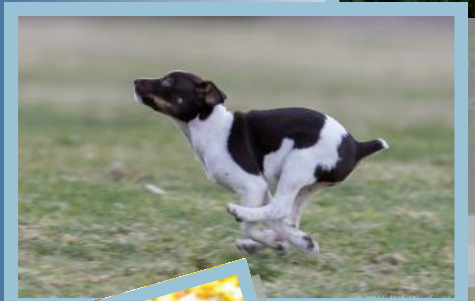
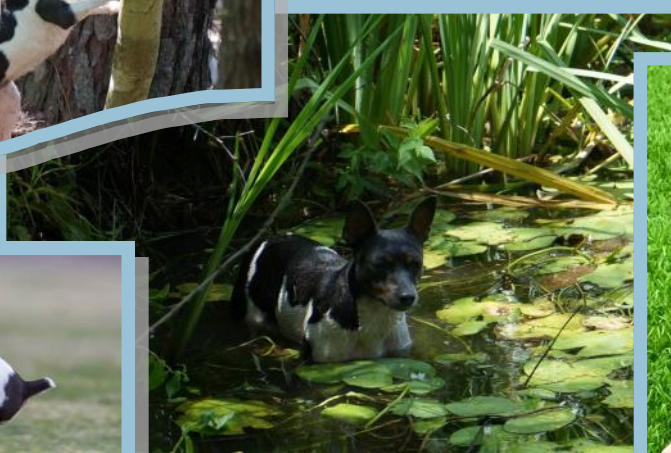
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