



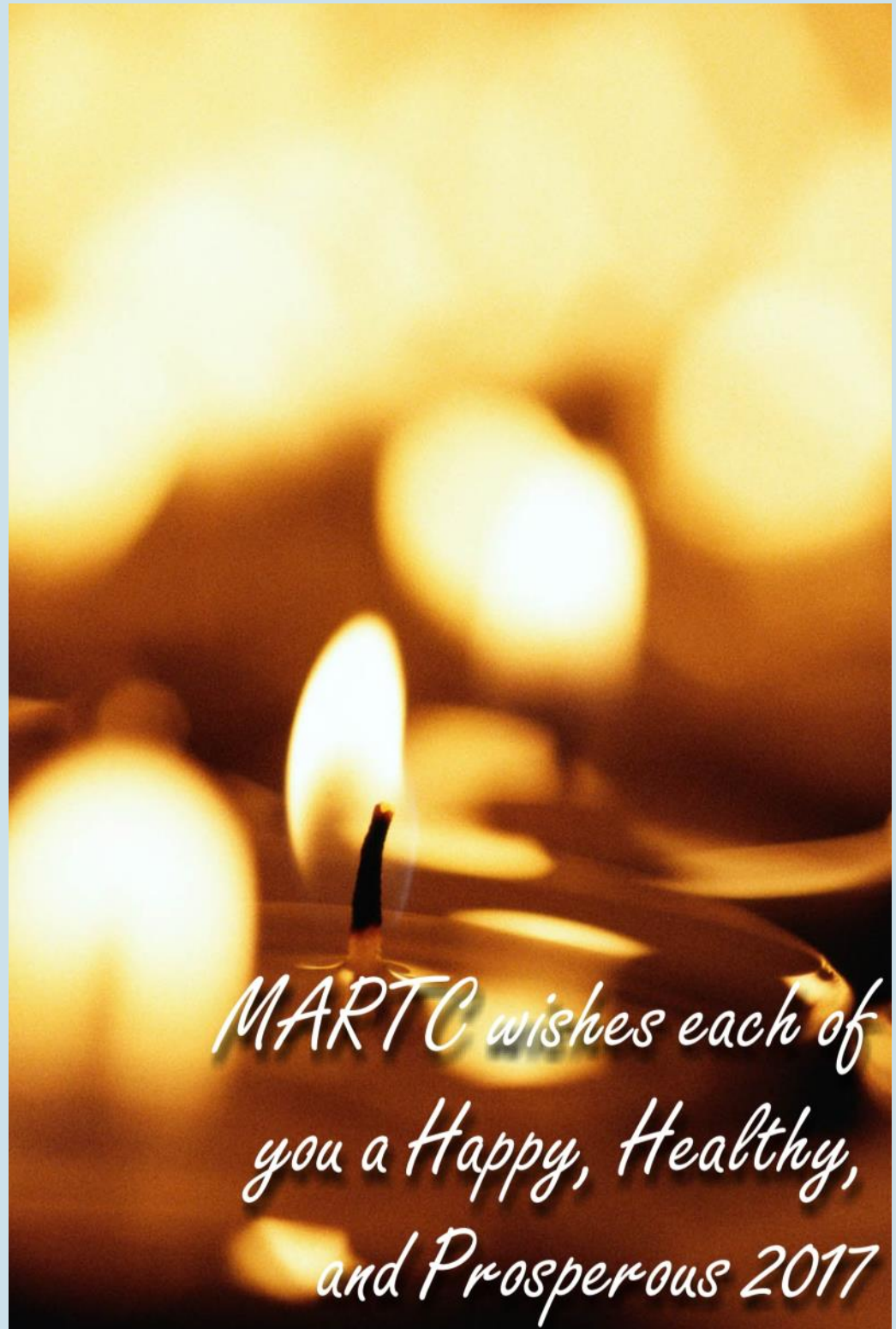
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*MARTC wishes each of  
you a Happy, Healthy,  
and Prosperous 2017*

## This 'n That ...

Did you know ... you do not have to live in the Mid-Atlantic region to be a 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 events 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](mailto:midatlanticrtc@cox.net) OR you can send to the club email at [midatlanticratterrier@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## Treasurers Report

December 16, 2016

Greetings to all and Happy Holidays!

Our accounts continue to be in good shape. Grand total of both the PNC Bank Account and the PayPal Account is \$2,497.54.

Things have been quiet this last quarter as far as Club activities and our Treasury.

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](http://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 Babarsky  
Treasurer





# Pretty as a Picture



**Winter Wonderland with Odin**  
**Photo by Sue Lee Ringwelski**



# Responsible Breeders Do Responsible Things ...

By Jennifer Sider

Responsible breeders do responsible things when they plan breedings. They try to balance out conformation faults and strengths. The attempt to create confident, true-to-breed-standard dogs with the temperament to do their job. They check Co-efficiency of Inbreeding, they research the ancestors of the dogs they are mating, they try to use older animals with proven health, they do physical health tests and they do DNA health tests.

Sometimes it sucks to be a responsible breeder.

In September, while planning a mating between a friend's male dog, named Carter and my girl Misty, I decided to run a "batch" genetic health screen on Carter. I had purchased two tests on sale, from a company called CanineHealthCheck and decided, using one for him would be a good way to confirm Clear By Parentage results that made him a good choice for Misty. She had whelped 2 previous litters. She was 5 years old, no health issues. She was health tested with good results, her only issue was PLL carrier results. She was a Natural Bobtail and had a hunting dog's temperament, very driven and focussed on her job. Carter was PLL clear, had a little more outgoing temperament and his conformation balanced out hers. I was looking for PLL results and Degenerative Myelopathy results, confirming what I knew about Carter.

The batch/bulk genetic health screens can seem gimmicky. 150 tests are run, very many of them are specific to a breed or two. You really wouldn't suspect your Rat Terrier to have any results for Collie eye anomaly, for instance. I mailed off the cheek swab and awaited the email to confirm my test results were done.

When the company sent back my test results, Carter was clear for 149 tests. Clear for PLL, clear for DM, which confirmed what I already knew. What he wasn't clear on, what he wasn't a carrier on, what the test confirmed he was in fact, at-risk for . . . was PRA-PRCD - Progressive Retinal Atrophy - Progressive Rod Cone Degeneration. I sent the results to his owner, she was astonished. After consulting numerous veterinarians about the rarity/complete absence of known Rat Terriers WITH the condition, we decided, maybe it was an anomaly with the bulk test, and we authorized running Carter's DNA with a single gene test for PRA-PRCD. Disappointingly the test results we got back confirmed that Carter was in fact an at-risk for PRA-PRCD.

We alerted Carter's breeder, and then as a group, we proceeded to run tests on our dogs. As a group, we had many related animals and results came back, - mostly clears, several carriers and a few more at-risk. Once we had confirmed that Carter wasn't in fact, an anomaly, that there were other dogs carrying the defective gene, we presented our findings to the Rat Terrier community at large. We started a FB page to announce our test results and to encourage other Rat Terrier owners and breeders to test and share their test results.

It is beneficial to the breed to know the results of tests, but at this point PRA-PRCD is a brand-new issue to us. The Primary Lens Luxation DNA test was the answer to a painful debilitating late-onset blindness that puzzled breeders. Carrier dog A bred to Carrier dog B could produce an all at-risk litter, an all-clear litter, an all-carrier litter . . . or any variation thereof. With onset usually starting at age 6 or later, breeders could have produced a variety of litters with a variety of results and never replicate them. With PLL, there was no "proving" of crosses, it took too long and the chance of replicating the exact same result not sure enough.

With PRA-PRCD we had a DNA test result, with no corresponding health anomalies. There are anecdotal reports of a Rat Terrier with Progressive Retinal Atrophy, in Sweden, diagnosed at age 5, progressing slowly, not blind yet at 8 years old. The exact “type” of PRA is unknown, this dog hasn’t had a DNA test. There are two sister AHTs in Finland, who have both been diagnosed with PRA at age 6 & 7, with quicker progression, same issue, no DNA test to diagnose “type” of PRA. So we have dogs with diagnosed PRA with no DNA to confirm and dogs with DNA results but no symptoms.

Breeding dogs is never easy, and we’ve added a new wrinkle in breeding Rat Terriers (and consequently American Hairless Terriers). Fortunately it seems that most breeders learned very valuable lessons when the gene for PLL was discovered. To panic and spay or neuter all carriers or even all at-risk dogs, quickly decimates the gene pool. And what has become very apparent at this point, is that to feel that you can “expunge” the gene pool by spaying or neutering dogs with one detectable issue, impoverishes the gene pool. Now we have a new gene issue, and if we expunge the gene pool of “these” dogs, we further impoverish the gene pool. The few people that have at-risk dogs are considering keeping the dogs intact or using siblings to continue their genetics. Carrier dogs are having matings planned with complementary animals.

A breed will never be without genetic anomalies, never be without physical health issues. As living beings the dogs we choose to breed will always produce autonomous results, no matter how deeply thought out our breeding choices are. Health tests are a wonderful tool to weigh the scales slightly, ever so slightly in your favour, but they are a tool to help you in your selection of broodstock, not, sadly, a magic wand to make perfect puppies.





# What is PRCD-PRA?

Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration, Progressive Retinal Atrophy

## PRA Disease

The genetic disorder, *prcd*-PRA, causes cells in the retina at the back of the eye to degenerate and die, even though the cells seem to develop normally early in life. The “rod” cells operate in low light levels and are the first to lose normal function. Night blindness results. Then the “cone” cells gradually lose their normal function in full light situations. Most affected dogs will eventually be blind. Typically, the clinical disease is recognized first in early adolescence or early adulthood. Since age at onset of disease varies among breeds, you should read specific information for your dog. Diagnosis of retinal disease can be difficult. Conditions that seem to be *prcd*-PRA might instead be another disease and might not be inherited. OptiGen’s genetic test assists in making the diagnosis. It’s important to remember that not all retinal disease is PRA and not all PRA is the *prcd* form of PRA. Annual eye exams by a veterinary ophthalmologist will build a history of eye health that will help to diagnose disease.

Unfortunately, at this time there is no treatment or cure for PRA. If your dog is affected, you may find it helpful to read about other owners’ experiences living with blind dogs. (suggested links: [www.eyevet.org](http://www.eyevet.org) and [www.blinddogs.com](http://www.blinddogs.com))

## Inheritance

*Prcd*-PRA is inherited as a recessive trait. This means a disease gene must be inherited from each parent in order to cause disease in an offspring. Parents were either “carrier” or affected. A carrier has one disease gene and one normal gene, and is termed “heterozygous” for the disease. A normal dog has no disease gene and is termed “homozygous normal” – both copies of the gene are the same. And a dog with two disease genes is termed “homozygous affected” – both copies of the gene are abnormal.

It’s been proven that all breeds being tested for *prcd*-PRA have the same disease caused by the same mutated gene. This is so, even though the disease might develop at different ages or with differing severity from one breed to another.

Although *prcd*-PRA is inherited, it can be avoided in future generations by testing dogs before breeding. Identification of dogs that do not carry disease genes is the key. These “clear” dogs can be bred to any mate - even to a *prcd*-affected dog which may be a desirable breeding prospect for other reasons. The chance of producing affected pups from such breedings depends on the certainty of test results. Again, you’ll find the specific information on certainty of test results for your dog by linking to breed specific information.

## The Genetic Test

The OptiGen *prcd* test is done on a small sample of blood from the dog. The test analyzes the specific DNA mutation causing *prcd*-PRA. The OptiGen test detects the mutant, abnormal gene copy and the normal gene copy. The result of the test is a genotype and allows separation of dogs into three groups: Normal/Clear (homozygous normal), Carrier (heterozygous) and Affected (homozygous mutant).

Possible results using the OptiGen <i>prcd</i> test			
Genotype	Risk Group	Significance For Breeding	Risk of <i>prcd</i> Disease
Homozygous Normal	Normal/Clear	Can be bred to any dog, extremely low risk of producing affecteds	Extremely low
Heterozygous	Carrier	Should be bred only to Normal/ Clear to remove risk of producing affecteds	Extremely low
Homozygous Mutant	Affected	Should be bred only to Normal/ Clear to remove risk of producing affecteds	Very high

### Breeding Strategies Benefits & Limits to All Genetic Testing

#### How you can participate

The *prcd*-PRA test is done on a small sample of blood obtained by your veterinarian. This allows the lowest risk of contamination of the sample and added assurance of a match of the sample with the identified dog. Please read Instructions and Information to learn about ordering a test, shipping a sample and prices.

Affected dogs are tested at no charge. Please review the conditions for this before submitting a sample from an affected dog.

**Registries:** Breed clubs may sponsor genetic disease registries and OptiGen may provide some test information directly to the registry in accordance with the club's official policies. Please go to your club to learn more about this.

The research leading to this discovery was undertaken by scientists at the James A Baker Institute of Animal Health at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, New York. Initial data are published in volume 95 of the March, 1998 issue of the Proc.

National Academy of Sciences. Publication of the *prcd* mutation is being prepared. The patented technology underlying this test is under exclusive license to OptiGen from Cornell Research Foundation, Inc.

This information is from: [http://www.optigen.com/opt9\\_test\\_prcd\\_pra.html](http://www.optigen.com/opt9_test_prcd_pra.html)

**OFA currently recognizes test results from two laboratories**

**Optigen**

**Paw Print Genetics**



# Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration

## Common Symptoms

Progressive retinal **Atrophy**, progressive **Rod-cone** degeneration (PRA-prcd) is a late onset, inherited eye disease affecting many breeds of dog. PRA-prcd occurs as a result of degeneration of both rod and cone type **Photoreceptor Cells** of the **Retina**, which are important for vision in dim and bright light, respectively. Evidence of retinal disease in affected dogs can first be seen on an **Electroretinogram** around 1.5 years of age for most breeds, but most affected dogs will not show signs of vision loss until 3 to 5 years of age or later. The rod type cells are affected first and affected dogs will initially have vision deficits in dim light (night blindness) and loss of peripheral vision. Over time affected dogs continue to lose night vision and begin to show visual deficits in bright light. Other signs of progressive retinal atrophy involve changes in reflectivity and appearance of a structure behind the retina called the **Tapetum** that can be observed on a veterinary eye exam. Although there is individual and breed variation in the age of onset and the rate of disease progression, the disease eventually progresses to complete blindness in most dogs. Other inherited disorders of the eye can appear similar to PRA-prcd. Genetic testing may help clarify if a dog is affected with PRA-prcd or another inherited condition of the eye.

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## Testing Tips

Genetic testing of the PRCD gene will reliably determine whether a dog is a genetic **Carrier** of PRA-prcd. PRA-prcd is inherited in an **Autosomal Recessive** manner in dogs meaning that they must receive two copies of the mutated gene (one from each parent) to develop the disease. In general, carrier dogs do not have features of the disease but when bred with another carrier of the same **Mutation**, there is a risk of having affected pups. Each pup that is born to this pairing has a 25% chance of inheriting the disease and a 50% chance of being a carrier of the PRCD gene mutation. Reliable genetic testing is important for determining breeding practices. Because symptoms do not appear until adulthood, genetic testing should be performed before breeding. In order to eliminate this mutation from breeding lines and to avoid the potential of producing affected pups, breeding of known carriers to each other is not recommended. Dogs that are not carriers of the mutation have no increased risk of having affected pups. However, because there are multiple types of PRA caused by mutations in other genes, a normal result in PRCD does not exclude PRA in a pedigree.

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# Surviving Winter ...

## Hints, Tips, and Recommended Products

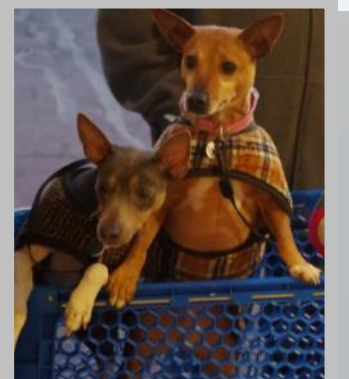
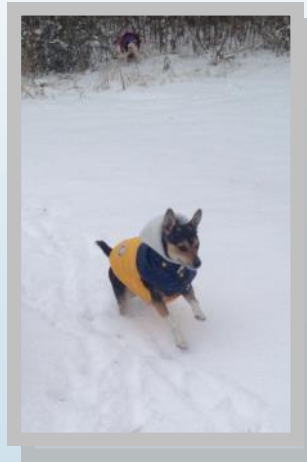
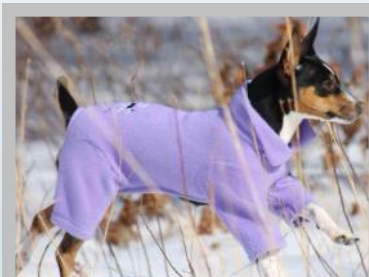
### Winterizing Your Pet

By Pam Reynolds

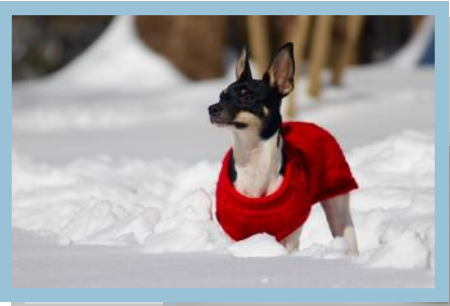
There is a nip in the air here in the Northeast and we know that colder, much colder weather is on the way. What can we do keep our 4-legged companions warm and safe from the elements this winter?

I like to keep several options on hand for my dogs. A warm jacket is a must. There are many good brands out there. Some can be expensive and can be well worth the price, others not so much. We use jackets for walks, but remember if it is really cold keep the walks short and provide alternate exercise and indoor activities for them. My dogs have never been fans of booties or shoes but if you can get your dog to wear them that is extra protection for them. I also have sweaters from my dogs. Since we have a dog door and they run in and out all day trying to catch them to put a jacket on them would be impossible. I really like the new sweaters that are fleeced lined. Those are wonderful for days when the wind chill is in the negative numbers.

I also keep our house heated a consistent temperature as much as possible. We only lower the thermostat a few degrees at night and provide lots of dog's blankets. You can also use heating pads between the floor and the bottom of their crates, crate covers to help keep the heat in, and dog pajamas. How do I know if my dog is cold? If he/she is curled into tight ball, if his/her ears or paws feel cold, or if I'm cold. If we are out on a walk and he/she holds up a paw, time to go home, even if we are only a few feet from the door. Listen to your dog. Most of all never leave your dog tied outside.









# Snow Tips ...



- \* **Shovel out a long circular pathway to the potty area.**
- \* **Some people put down a tarp so that they can pull back to expose grass at potty time.**
- \* **Warm coats are a must.**
- \* **Boots are very helpful and the dog adjusts to them very quickly.**
- \* **Use a litter box for when it is storming.**
- \* **Do not leave your dog tied outside.**
- \* **If it is really cold, keep walks very short.**
- \* **Sweaters are very helpful inside when the house is coolish.**
- \* **Lots of dog blankets so they can snuggle up and stay warm inside if you keep the thermostat set low.**
- \* **Heating pad between bottom of crate and floor set on low.**
- \* **Cover crate to help retain heat inside if the inside temperature is kept low.**
- \* **If your dog is curled up in a tight ball, it is cold. If you are cold, the dog is cold. If their ears or paws are cold, they are cold. Listen to your dog.**



Thank you to our suggestion contributors



# ***THE LEAVES OF FALL***



***HUNTER***

***PHOTO BY STACY ZIMMERMAN***

# Is training your dog worth it?

## The cost of training or not training your dog.

By Marcy Stewart

During our lives we each go through periods of training, we are trained how to use silverware, trained to drive a car, and trained at a specific task at work. Each level and stage of our life we are bound to have some sort of training to go through. This training is a benefit for us. Likewise, dogs have stages though out their lifetime that requires training as well. Most people think that puppy training is all the dog needs and then adolescence is on us and dogs go through changes and look to us for guidance. We think we took them to puppy class so that is all that is needed. Maybe, in rare cases that is all that is needed, but in puppy class did you introduce that puppy to everything possible he could run across in his lifetime and show him how to get through that challenge? Walking politely on a leash, accepting strangers and all the other things taught in puppy class is a great start but just like us there is bound to be something we have to help the dog through.

Even though puppy class is a great start for our dogs bad habits can and do arise in adolescence and onward. Julia McDonough a dog trainer at Fortunate K9 states this in her paper called "We Already Did Training, But" Many times, the owner of who's already "done training" really hasn't done any training. He may have taken his dog as a pup to a socialization or manners class and ended things there. Now Pup is a three year old with a host of bad habits. Other owners try to do their training at home, using what seemed to have been sufficient for their last dog. They usually find out the hard way that not all dogs are created the same, and that what worked for Ol' Shep might not be as effective for Young Buck. Unfortunately, all too many dogs are surrendered because of these two types of training or lack thereof that Julia speaks. Many rescues and shelters are taking in dogs that had little or no training and we are giving them a second chance. But training is vital in keeping a dog in their forever home.

The first thing most people think about is what will it cost? The cost is a valid question to think about because a good trainer can be what some people might classify as expensive. But I urge you to think about the cost of not doing training, what will that cost you, cost your dog? I asked my dog trainer for some information regarding training so she provided me with some good information.

She says every dog trainer hears that dog training costs too much! A story she regularly tells is of a client who had Cocker Spaniel pups (littermates) who happily ignored all they learned in puppy kindergarten class. Now these pups run roughshod throughout the house peeling back molding, pulling on wallpaper and carpet. She states the client is on their fourth couch and one of the dogs had to have GI surgery to remove an upholstery tack.

My trainer's story goes on, so let's do some math. Estimate, the costs of the home repairs, add in the cost of three couches, fold in the price of major abdominal surgery... the cost of training far exceeds what I'd have charged them for puppy kindergarten and three months of private lessons.

She tells this story often and it usually changes their perspective on the cost of training. Who really pays the price for not training? Not us but our dog.

Another option for training is to hire a professional trainer to take your dog and train them and give the dog back to you trained. My trainer sent me an average cost from professional trainers from Maryland/DC area, Florida, Arizona, California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Wisconsin and greater Chicago. This may shock you but if you want to hire training out for thirty days it can cost \$5000. I think this way of training takes all the fun out of bonding with a dog.

When we add a new dog to our family it is fun and exciting. We are now ready to bond with them and learn all about them, we play with them, walk them and have a constant shadow. What better way to learn about the dog's personality is to have that one on one time teaching them to be a great companion and member of your family. Rat Terriers are easy to train and thrive on pleasing their owners. These dogs are wonderfully, loyal and love to be active. Rat Terriers are working dogs by nature so keeping them active and their minds busy is tapping into the natural bred DNA. There is no better feeling than watching your new dog (or old dog) learn something new. The look in their eyes and the bounce in their step after you praise them for doing well is priceless!

Not all dog owners want to compete in obedience trials but basic obedience training is a lifesaver for these dogs. Every dog should know sit, down, stay and come. A rock solid recall is a must. If your dog gets out of the fenced in yard and is running away a quick Spot Come should get the dog to stop and come. Realistically, who can catch a running Rat Terrier! The sit and stay are valuable skills for when you are in the vet's office. During an exam a sit stay or down stay will make your dog the vet's favorite patient. If your dog is squirming and snapping at the vet the dog is not safe and neither is your vet. When we as dog owners take the time to train our dogs to be good citizens the rescues sees fewer dogs in their midst.

We owe it to our new (or old) dogs to protect their lives by giving them the best possible chance with putting in a little time each day with training. Once obedience training class is over get a pet trick book and teach these dogs all the tricks in that book. If you have children get them involved with teaching the tricks to the dog. This will be fun for everyone. They will love you forever for it!!! Most importantly, training increases the bond between you and your dog. By putting a little time and money into training you will end up with these benefits 1) a trained dog is a confident and happy dog 2) training keeps the mind busy and helps with tiring out the dog along with regular exercise he is a tired dog 3) a trained dog is a loyal loving companion forever.

Something I think about is if I am not training my dog my dog is training me to adjust my life to his needs. Let's keep ourselves, family, neighbors, community and of course our dogs safe by training our dog not him training us.





# Humor makes the world a better place



**PURE JOY!!!**

**Photo by Claudia Rhodes**

**Left to right Boomer & Derby  
and Astro in the rear**

# Drum Roll!!



Wild Heart's Raving Reviews aka "Raven" finished her Champion title at the Montgomery County Kennel Club show, October 9. Raven is owned by Jackie Maye Olsen and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Pennsylvania ~



Wildheart Take a Chance on Me River Ridge aka "Chance" was Best of Winners for a major at the Montgomery County All Terrier show in October. He is bred and owned by Cindi Etheridge and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Pennsylvania ~



GCHS Evanlee's May D'odds B Evr'n Ur Favor River Ridge aka "Victor" was Best of Breed at the Montgomery County All Terrier show in October. He is bred by Donna McMahon and Stacy McWilliams and owned by Jane Gardner, Rebekah Fendleson and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Pennsylvania ~



# SENSATIONAL!!



Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout aka "Lindy" finished her Master Excellent Jumpers (MXJ) title at the Montgomery All Terrier Agility trials in Palmyra, PA on October 4, 2016. Lindy then earned her Master Excellent (MX) agility title at the Mattaponi Kennel Club trials on October 23.

Lindy is owned and handled by  
Betsy Spilis.  
~ Maryland ~



CH Wild Oak's Anson St. Church aka "Church" was Best of Breed at the Malibu Kennel Club show in Costa Mesa, CA on December 11. He is owned by David and Nancy Littleton and handled by Nancy Littleton

~ California ~



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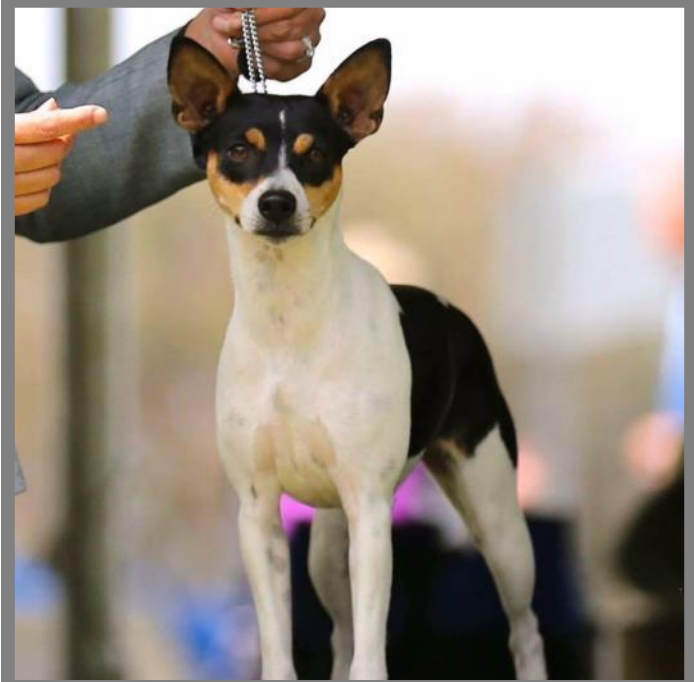


# FANTASTIC!!!



Happy to share that little Tierney earned her first AKC ribbon in agility in the Novice B Standard class at Dog agility sport handlers in Garden Grove CA in October. Formally known as Pyxis 21st Century Fox @ Burway.  
Owned and handled by Deborah Davidson Harpur

~ California ~



'PR'RNB's Shootout @ BLKWD Corral aka "Bang" was Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner/Handler at the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club show on September 11 under Judge Ms. Virginia Latham Smith. Bang is owned and handled by Jackie Ader.

~ California ~



14 year old Gigi is still competing and bringing home the ribbons! Mach 4 Catch3 Natch Pdch2 Alch Harpurs Giddy Upp had a great time at the Cynosport World Games held in November in Scottsdale Az.

Fun fact:

Gigi was the 1st rat terrier to earn a title in AKC competition and got a write up in the AKC gazette for those efforts.

Owned/handled/loved by Deborah Davidson Harpur.



# AWESOME!!!



MACH DJR's Johnny Boy MXS MJB FX T2B3 aka "Johnny" earned his MACH at the Atlanta Obedience Club show in Alpharetta, Georgia on October 28, 2016. Bonus for this team is that this was 5 years from the day that he went to share his life with his owner/handler.

Robin trains with Annette Alfonso from Achieve Agility in Davie Florida.

His owner/handler is Robin Marie Taylor.

~ Florida ~



USDA (United States Dog Agility Association) National Agility Championships, November 9-13 in Scottsdale AZ.

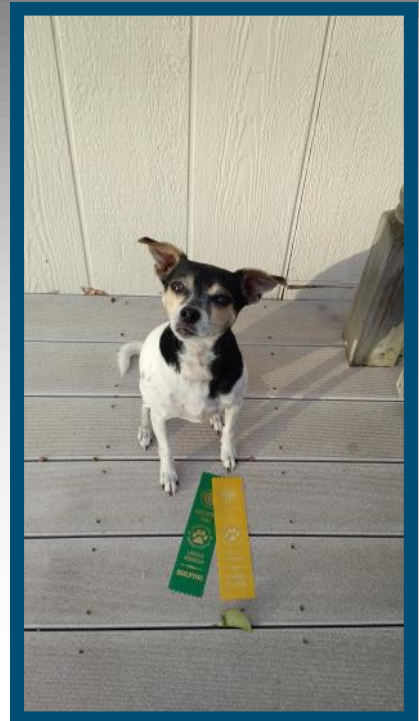
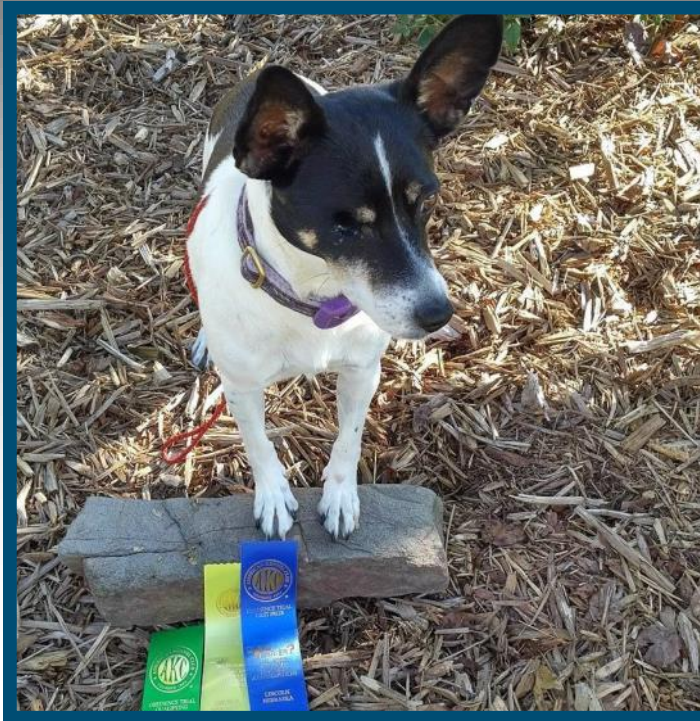
VAA 8" class Rat Terriers placed 1st and 3rd.

1st Willis (call and formal name) owned by Mary Obidinski from San Diego, CA

3rd RPK's Lexi (call name Lexi) owned by Linda Samson from Laguna Woods, CA



# STUPENDOUS!!!



**Raynie BN CD (left) earned her CD title at the Greater Omaha Terrier Show with a 3rd placing ranking. She was also High Terrier for the show in November.**

**Enzie CD placed 3rd in Preferred Open Class at the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club show in November. Both are trained, loved and handled by Marcie Stewart.**

**~ Nebraska ~**



**Rhett Butler aka Burway Son of the South obtained his CGCA at the Southwest Obedience Club annual C Match on Sat. Dec. 17, 2016. Owned and Handled by Judith Brecka.**

**~ California ~**





# Rat Terriers, Nile Rats and Egypt

*For thousands of years the Nile river flowed from the highlands of Uganda to the Mediterranean Sea with its annual flood covering the farmlands of the Nile Valley of Egypt with water and a rich layer of silt, making Egypt one of the ancient world's most productive agricultural areas. When the Romans conquered Egypt at the end of Cleopatra's reign, the country was assigned to be the personal property of the Roman emperor, such was judged its importance.*

But the annual flood did more than enrich the soil for Egyptian farmers, as they found out to their dismay after the Aswan High Dam was built in 1970. Each year when the waters covered all the cultivated area, the Nile Valley underwent a yearly pest control project. The water and mud filled in and destroyed the burrows used by rats in the countryside, causing them to flee to drier areas, which were also more open, leaving the rats prey to foxes, dogs, cats, and raptors. This yearly cleansing of the valley was very important in keeping the rodent population in balance.

When the High Dam was constructed in Aswan to control flooding and provide water for irrigation and electrical power, the yearly inundation ceased, although the level of the river does rise and fall to a certain extent. Undisturbed by the flood, rats stayed in their homes all year and bred like....rats. By the late 1970's, Egypt had a serious rat problem. The United Nations sent in experts to help the agricultural workers deal with the situation, and, to a certain extent, the rats were kept in check using the common modern methods of bait and traps. With increasing population density, however, rats all over the world are on the increase and Egypt is no exception. The closeness of agricultural areas to cities makes the rat problem even more difficult.

Egypt has three main types of rats. The Black Rat (*rattus rattus*), which is commonly called a roof rat in the United States, is the smallest species, and they can be seen in the evenings in quieter areas moving about on the tops of buildings and walls and through the trees and vines of both city and farm. Black roof rats can only be caught when they make the mistake of coming down off the roof or tree. Still, they do make this error, and they do get caught, especially in my garden which has an outdoor aviary that attracts them. The Brown Rat (*Rattus Norvegicus*) is a more formidable creature that usually inhabits towns and port areas. Like the Black Rat, the Brown (Norwegian, or Sewer) Rat is primarily nocturnal, foraging in the evening and early morning hours. The Nile Rat (*Arvicanthus Niloticus*), on the other hand, is diurnal, foraging along the canals and in fields during the day. The Rat Terriers used in the grain siloes in Alexandria primarily hunt Brown Rats, while the females who live with me hunt the Nile Rats that are found in the countryside. I recently built paddocks for horses near a village at the edge of the desert near Abu Sir, and my dogs love to go out there to hunt. Riding in the countryside has given me the idea of trying to train some of the young people to hunt the rats that are so common there. It would be impossible to eradicate them because the countryside is so lush and water is so

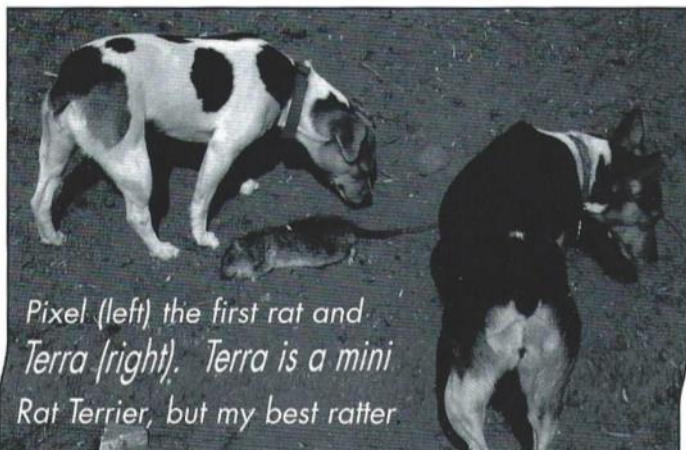


available that the rats are living in paradise. There are no cold winters or dry summers to give the rats problems. Instead, the farms grow up to 6 different crops each year with no time off for the fields, and the irrigation ditches give a constant source of water. Pest control personnel usually recommend cutting the rodents off from their source of food and water, but in Egypt that simply isn't possible.

The Nile rats, which are most commonly seen during the daylight burrow into the high walls of the irrigation ditches and under building walls near water. They venture out at all hours of the day quite fearlessly. We recently caught a pair of them that were attempting to establish a nest near my feed room. The terriers were extremely efficient, dispatching these rodents that weighed in at about 1/2 kilo (1 pound) in seconds. My grooms were most impressed and have been watching for more rats for the dogs to hunt.

Many people in Arab countries are not that fond of dogs, and the very realistic concern for rabies among the feral dogs and farm dogs causes Egyptians to be very reluctant around dogs. The Rat Terriers, however, fascinate them because they are so extremely clean, fast, and also small. That dogs will kill in seconds a huge rat with no blood or mess and then leave the body for disposal amazes them. The local farm dogs kill rats as well, but not with the single-minded efficiency of the terriers, who go out hunting for the rats.

As my neighbours become more accustomed to my dogs, I am getting more calls to come over to inspect areas around their homes for incursions of rats and



*Pixel (left) the first rat and Terra (right). Terra is a mini Rat Terrier, but my best ratter*

other vermin. Very recently the fellah family taking care of a doctor's weekend residence and stud farm lost 40 ducks and chickens in one night.

This is a major financial disaster

for people from the countryside who depend on the eggs for food and barter and on the birds themselves for sales to get cash. Although the farm has the burrows around the smaller interior irrigation canals that suggest Nile rats, the crime was perpetrated at night and the poultry killed while they slept, indicating instead of rats, a pair of weasels.

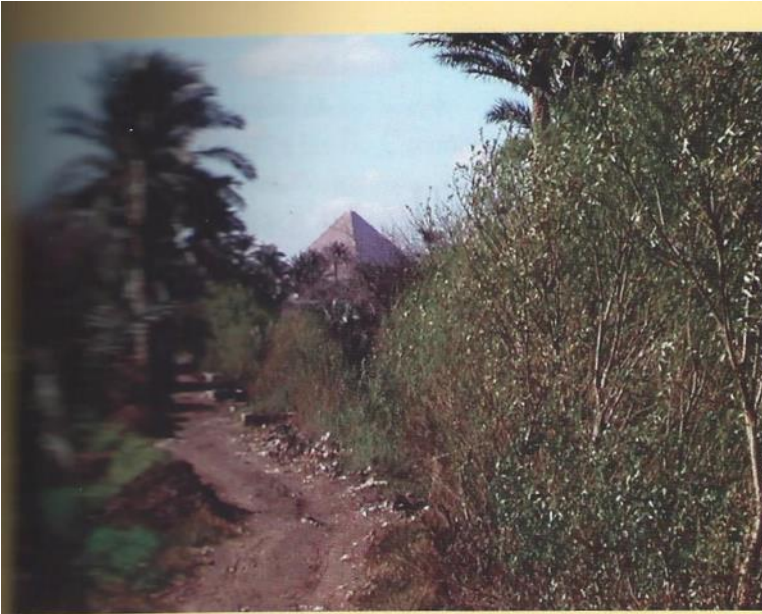
The local weasels, although quite pretty with a dark brown coat and a beige underbelly, are common visitors in both urban and rural areas and a pair will either go on a killing spree where just the choicest portions of the birds are consumed (as was the case on the farm) or they will return night after night to kill a few birds until all are dead. With an aviary in the garden, I have had to deal with weasels a few times. Since the terriers are loose in the garden at night, they have ceased to invade, as the last one was dropped in my lap by the ever-helpful Dalmation while I was working at the computer one morning. At almost 2 feet long, it was an impressive specimen and killed, Rat Terrier fashion, with no trace of wounds other than an obviously broken back.

I plan to be moving my entire menagerie to the countryside sometime in the next year or so and hope to begin training dog handlers, especially among the young women who will then both have a useful skill and a protector. Meanwhile, I continue with my slow education process as I marvel at the beauty of the Egyptian countryside.



*Reeno, a standard Rat Terrier, checking out the kill.*





*Left; One of my countryside riding trails.*

*Center; These two pictures are of the farmland outside of Cairo.*

*The center picture shows the edge of one of the larger canals.*

*There are millions of miles of irrigation ditches in the Nile Valley and it simply isn't possible to build them of concrete. About twice a year a back hoe on a narrow base makes its way along the canals to dredge and clear the canals.*



*Black rats make their homes in the palms and at the bases of the trees, while the Nile rats make their burrows right along the edge of the canal.*

*Right; Shows traditional construction with palm logs and palm frond roofing. The palm trees themselves are along a small irrigation ditch.*

*The proximity of food and water make this a haven for rats and mice. They can build burrows that extend right under the buildings from the edge of the canal.*



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# New Rattitude

Rat Terrier Rescue



## What New Rattitude is About

Meet Winnie— She is an older girl at 9 years and she is available. She is currently in Virginia. Ellie represents one of the many faces that New Rattitude rescues and rehomes each year.

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

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

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

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# AMAZING!!!



Pyxis Maple Leaf Wa (AKA Mae Mae or Pyxis had a blast at her very first USDAA Trial, winning both Grand Prix and Steeplechase! Since her proud Auntie Deborah Davidson Harpur is sending in the brag on her behalf, it must be said that she beat out SEVERAL world team dogs. It seems she has a VERY promising future!

Owned by Mary Obidinski  
~ California ~



MACH Burway Ryder on the Storm CM MXG MJG RATO from Agua Dulce, CA has officially qualified for the AKC National Agility Championships!!! Ryder and I will be flying to Perry, GA March 23rd through 26th!! Photo is from last year's Nationals.

Owned and Handled by Candy Clemente  
~ California ~

# EXCEPTIONAL



**CH Cal Val Lily Luna of Sugarloaf aka "Luna" was Best of Breed and Best Owner/Handler on September 10 under Judge Joe Walton at the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club Show. Owned by Barbara and Don Jordan, handled by Barbara Jordan  
~ California ~**



**GCH CH River Ridge's Level of Intrigue AXJ, NA NJP NF aka "Hunter" received his Excellent JWW title at the All Terrier trial in PA on October 5. He also earned his Nov STD title on November 5 at the CVAC trial in Doswell, VA. Owned, loved, and handled by Stacy Zimmerman.  
~ Virginia ~**



**Burway Anything Goes "Porter" was all smiles going into the Finals at the USDAA Cynosport World Games. He brought home several ribbons running with his owner Mary Obidinski.  
~ California ~**



# OUTSTANDING!!!



Bronze GCH Indigo IGO He's All Evans SGK aka "Evans" has earned a Group 1, two Group 3, and a Group 4 this past fall. Group one was at Vancouver Kennel Club under Judge Fredrick Stephens and handled by Dixie Rae Sick in late October. Group 4 was at the Wenatchee Kennel Club weekend of October 21-23.

*"I also want to extend my regards to the breeders of his Sire and Dam since Evans, whom is the result of this combined path, would have never happened without all the due diligence of both your past efforts with this "feisty" and amazing breed."*

Evans is Bred by and owned by Jennifer Lee Ferguson.

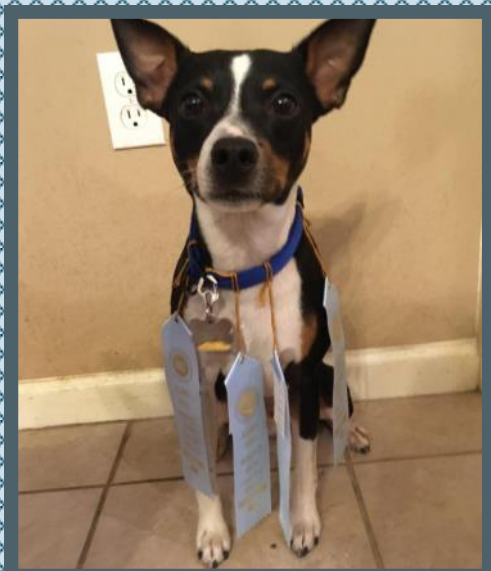
~ Northern Idaho ~



GCH Indigo IGO Pistol Pack'N Baby SGK aka "Caras" completed her Grand Champion title at the Vancouver Kennel Club in October. She was awarded BOB & Best Owner Handled over her handsome brother Evans at the Greater Clark Kennel Club Show in Ridgefield, WA on December 11. She is bred by and owned by Jennifer Lee Ferguson.



# YOU ROCK!!!



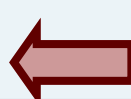
Ch Felixville's Seasoned Traveller CA CGCA RN BCAT aka "Basil" earned his BCAT title at the Fast CATS put on by the Alamo Area Whippet Club on August 27-28. He is owned by Joanna Plattsmier.

~ Louisiana ~

GCH CH Felixville's Seasoned Traveller CA CGCA RN BCAT aka "Basil" earned his GCH at the Hatboro Dog Club show in October. He is owned by Joanna Plattsmier.

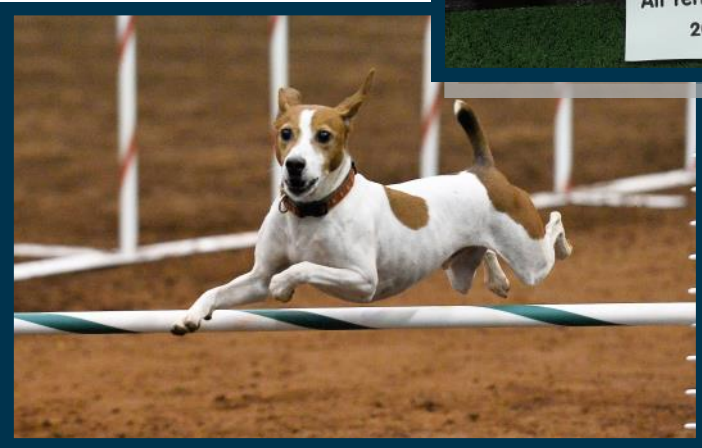


CH Felixville's Skippin CJ Rougarou aka "Rougarou" earned his CH title at the Hatboro Dog Club show in October. He is owned by Joanna Plattsmier





# Congratulations!!



Deb Stevenson reports that:

In USDAA, Remus (Riverridge Mischief Managed) earned his Master Agility Dog (MAD) and Tournament Master titles.

In AKC, Ferris (River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast) earned his Excellent Agility and Excellent Jumpers titles, and his Advanced Gamblers title in USDAA.

~ New Jersey ~



# WELL DONE!!!



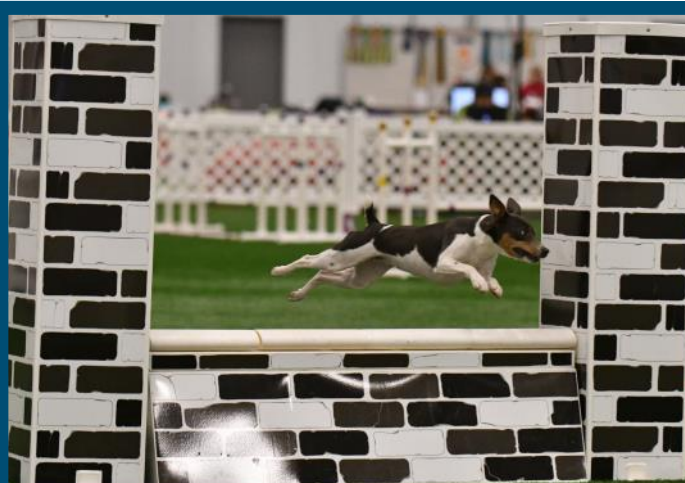
GCH Wildcliff She'll Tickle Ur Fancy RATN FDC owned by Beth Ann Amico of Choctaw, Oklahoma became the first Rat Terrier to earn AKC's newest title, Farm Dog Certified (FDC). The Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA hosted Farm Dog Certified tests on October 1 and 2, 2016 at their herding event in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Tickle passed a series of twelve exercises under two different judges that represented situations a dog might encounter in a farm environment, including walking past sheep and waiting while Beth Ann fed them.

~ Oklahoma ~



River Ridge's Wicked Good, AKA Ticket, earned two 5-pt majors at the Royal Canin shows in Orlando, one at the first Rat Terrier Club of America's National Specialty where she was also awarded a Award of Merit. At just 14 months' old, she finished her AKC Championship. Ticket also has a UKC CH and a IntCH. Owned by Penny Cary & Hosea Carpenter & Stacy McWilliams.

~ Florida ~



On 10-15-16 GCh River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare "Spry" earned her Excellent Standard title (AX) with a first place. On 11-26-16 "Spry" won Masters Standard at the largest dog show in the country, the Thanksgiving Cluster in West Springfield MA with 100+ dogs in the 16" division by 2.31 seconds 12.3/4.16 At 3 years old "Spry" competed in her first European Open Tryout in Latrobe, PA. Spry is owned, trained and handled by Beth Szczygiel.

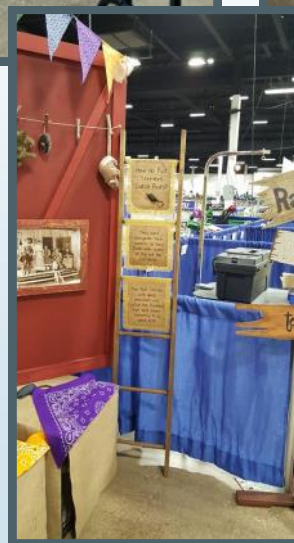
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**WINNER!!!**  
 MARTC booth at the National Dog Show put on by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia the weekend of November 19-20, 2016. Each year there is very stiff competition for this honor and this year the MARTC team won!!





The booth had baskets with handouts about the breed. Mastermind: Denise Reinert Hileman. Set up crew: Stacy Zimmerman, Lynda McWilliams and Stacy McWilliams. To help with breed education there was a big basket of breed specific questions and prizes for those who answered correctly (and ... well, incorrectly too). These were fun days for breed education and seeing friends... oh and the dogs got lots of attention.

# AKC National Championship



The peace & quiet before the activity begins

## THE GREATS

A great dog is elusive. A quest. Yet we settle for nothing less.  
Because The Greats possess a definite style, unbound by time or trend.  
Some are perfect demons, proudly wearing their honorable scars;  
Others, untappable - impressive by their dignity.  
They stand over more ground than is usual,  
Distinctive members of an ancient family.  
The Greats embody power and determination,  
And exhibit the devotion of a true friend of man.  
They are steadfast; the Diehards.  
The Greats are lithe and agile, each in his way;  
Exuding an air of distinction peculiar to themselves.  
Filled with fire, on the tiptoe of expectation,  
They indelibly impress by their strength and spirit.  
Canny, graceful makers of history;  
The Greats are difficult to define, but unmistakable when present...

**The Greats are among us.**

**THIS IS THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.**

This show was previously known as Eukanuba and  
is now sponsored by Royal Canin.



# Orlando Show Circuit

## December 2016

<p>Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay</p> <p>December 13</p> <p>Entries present 22</p>	<p>BOB/BOBOH – GCH River Ridge’s Level of Intrigue, Dog – owned by Stacy Zimmerman &amp; Stacy McWilliams, bred by Stacy McWilliams</p> <p>BOS – CH River Ridge’s Blu, Hip &amp; Full of Zip – Bitch – owned by Denise Hileman &amp; Stacy McWilliams, bred by Stacy McWilliams</p> <p>Select Dog – GCH HDK K2’s Shockwave@BellRidge – owned by Tracey A Kallas, bred by Tracey A Kallas &amp; Rebekah Anthony</p> <p>Select Bitch – CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From the Sun – owned/bred by Linda Lee &amp; Jordan Leigh</p> <p>WD – Wild Heart Take A Chance On Me River Ridge - Dog – owned by Stacy McWilliams, bred by Stacy McWilliams &amp; Cindi Etheridge</p> <p>WB/BOW – Felixvilles Skippin CJs Tooloulou - Bitch – owned by Theda Little &amp; Christina Martinez, bred by Theda Little</p>
<p>Brevard Kennel club</p> <p>December 14</p> <p>Entries present 30</p>	<p>BOB/WD/BOW/BOBOH – Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting - Dog – owned by Kimberly Seegmiller &amp; Patrick Smith II, bred by Kimberly Seegmiller</p> <p>BOS – CH Seegmillers Stars On The River – Bitch – owned/bred by Kimberly Seegmiller</p> <p>Select Dog – GCH Kennan’s Liv’n N Lov’n Life CM – Owner Annette Agostine, Breeder Kenny &amp; Sheila Wilcher</p> <p>Select Bitch – CH Felixvilles Skippin CJ Bebette – owned/bred by Theda Little</p> <p>WB – River Ridge’s Wicked Good – owned by Penny Cary &amp; Hosea Carpenter &amp; Stacy McWilliams, bred by Stacy McWilliams</p>
<p>Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.</p> <p>December 15</p> <p>Entries present 33</p>	<p>BOB – GCH Evanlee May D’Odds B’Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge, Dog – owned by Stacy McWilliams &amp; Jane Gardner &amp; Rebecca Fendlason, bred by Stacy McWilliams &amp; Donna McMahan</p> <p>BOBOH – GCH River Ridge’s Level of Intrigue, Dog – owned by Stacy Zimmerman &amp; Stacy McWilliams, bred by Stacy McWilliams</p> <p>BOS – CH Dogs of Steel 3BF Sleepy Princess, Bitch – owned by Tracey Gillies &amp; Darin Gillies, bred by Tracey Gillies &amp; Electra Blair</p> <p>Select Dog – GCH HDK K2’s Shockwave@Bellridge – owned by Tracey A Kallas, bred by Tracey A Kallas &amp; Rebekah Anthony</p> <p>Select Bitch – CH Felixvilles Skippin CJ Bebette – owned/bred by Theda Little</p> <p>WD/BOW – Wild Heart Take A Chance On Me River Ridge - Dog – owned by Stacy McWilliams, bred by Cindi Etheridge &amp; Stacy McWilliams</p> <p>WB – Dogs of Steel 3BF Empress Awakens - Bitch - owned by Tracey Gillies &amp; Darin Gillies, bred by Tracey Gillies &amp; Electra Blair</p>
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# Orlando Show Circuit, Continued

## December 2016

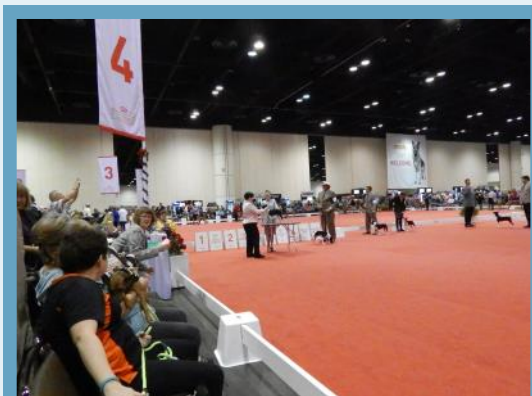
<p>Rat Terrier Club of America – National Specialty</p> <p>December 16</p> <p>Entries Present 34</p> <p>Junior Entries 4</p>	<p>BOB – GCH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch – Dog – owned by Theda Little &amp; Ransome Little, bred by Theda Little</p> <p>BOS/BOBOH - CH Dogs of Steel 3BF Sleepy Princess - Bitch – owned by Tracey Gillies &amp; Darin Gillies, bred by Tracey Gillies &amp; Electra Blair</p> <p>Select Dog - GCH HDK K2's Shockwave@Bellridge – owned by Tracey A Kallas, bred by Tracey A Kallas &amp; Rebekah Anthony</p> <p>Select Bitch – CH Seegmillers Stars on the River – Bitch – owned/bred by Kimberly Seegmiller</p> <p>WD/BOW/BBE – Evanlee's Its Good to be Bads – owned by Donna McMahan &amp; Tracey Kallas &amp; Ashley Mroz &amp; Balynda Brown. Breed by Donna McMahan</p> <p>R – Wild Heart's Press To The Dark Side – Dog – owned by Nancy Cush &amp; Stacy McWilliams, bred by Cindi Marie Etheridge &amp; Stacy McWilliams</p> <p>WB – River Ridge's Wicked Good – owned by Penny Cary &amp; Hosea Carpenter &amp; Stacy McWilliams, bred by Stacy McWilliams</p> <p>R – Seegmillers Dark Sonnet – Bitch – owned by Kimberly Seegmiller &amp; Amy Chestnut, bred by Kimberly Seegmiller</p> <p>BP – Rip It Up Never Say Never – Dog – owned/bred by Patricia Smith</p> <p>AOM – CH Buzablu Mars of the 4th Order – Dog – owned/bred by Linda Lee &amp; Jordan Leigh</p> <p>AOM – GCH Evanlee May D'Odds B'Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge, Dog – owned by Stacy McWilliams &amp; Jane Gardner &amp; Rebecca Fendlason, bred by Stacy McWilliams &amp; Donna McMahan</p> <p>AOM - GCH Seegmillers DOS Miss Margo – Bitch – owned/bred by Kimberly Seegmiller</p> <p>AOM - River Ridge's Wicked Good – owned by Penny Cary &amp; Hosea Carpenter &amp; Stacy McWilliams, bred by Stacy McWilliams</p> <p>BJ—Seegmillers Last Call—owned by Kimberly Seegmiller, bred by Dorothy Baker and Kimberly Seegmiller. Jr. Handler—Melony Lopez</p> <p>RBJ—Call Me Tuff Enough Game On RN CGC— owned by Brandy Pettry, bred by Brandy Pettry &amp; Cynthia Humpthrey, Jr. Handler—Shannon Piquet</p>
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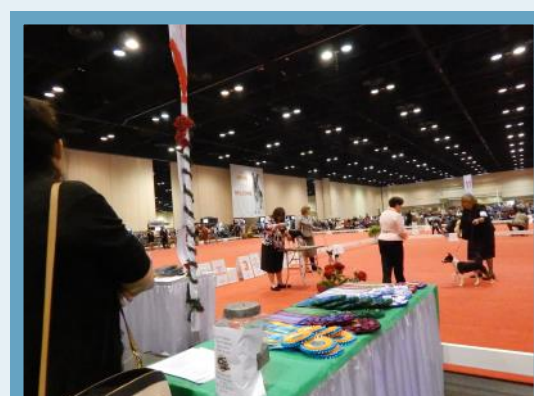
# A FEW PHOTOS FROM THE FIRST RAT TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY



**Juniors**



**Some of the Judging**



**Breed Booth**



Thank you to the exhibitors who were able to squeeze in a few photos from the show so that we could share here. A LOT of hard work goes into putting on a National Specialty. Our congratulations to RTCA for a successful FIRST National that drew a nice large entry from around the country.

# 2016 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



## RAT TERRIERS

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If you had a win during the Florida Circuit and would like to share your brag please send to [midatlanticrtc@cox.net](mailto:midatlanticrtc@cox.net)



# A Large Vaccine Problem For Small Dogs

by Dana Scott in Vaccine Articles and News



If you look at cats, they're pretty much all the same size. It's the same with other species like ferrets and horses.

But no other species has such a vast variation in size and weight like the domestic dog does.

This creates a unique vaccination challenge, the consequences of which are starting to surface.

## One Size Does Not Fit All

Did you know that a 160 pound Mastiff and a 10 pound Chihuahua both get the same amount of vaccine? Unlike every other veterinary drug, 1 ml of vaccine is given to every dog, regardless of his size.

## Why is this a problem?

There seem to be a few problems with this approach. Researchers (Moore, Guptill, Ward et al, "Adverse events diagnosed within three days of vaccine administration in dogs" ) looked at veterinary records gathered from Banfield veterinary clinics for two years to find any trends in reactions suffered three days after vaccination. What they found was that small breed dogs (especially if they were young or neutered), were at the greatest risk.

In fact, the risk increased as the body weight went down, just like a sliding scale. Overall, dogs weighing 11 pounds or less were four times more likely than dogs over 99 pounds to suffer an adverse event (and medium sized dogs also had an increased risk over larger dogs).

## Why Are Small Dogs More At Risk?

The answer to that is simple. Vaccines contain only a small amount of antigen for safety reasons; you wouldn't want your dog to get rabies from the vaccine! So vaccines contain either small amounts of inactivated antigen or, more recently, subunit antigen particles that look like a virus to the body but can't really stimulate much of an immune response on their own.

So the vaccine needs to contain some pretty toxic ingredients called adjuvants (stuff like aluminum) that make the body respond to vaccines quicker, longer and more actively. These adjuvants create an inflammatory response that can range from a bump at the injection site to allergic reactions, anaphylaxis and even cardiac arrest. With time, they may even lead to chronic allergies, joint disease and cancer – but we'll stick to adverse events that occur within 72 hours of vaccination, because most vaccine reactions that occur outside that timeframe (and many do!) aren't considered vaccine related by most vets and aren't reported.

So that's why small dogs are more at risk of vaccine damage...they get the lion's share of adjuvants (and other things like mercury, formaldehyde and foreign animal protein) in their 1ml of vaccine.

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## The (Not So) Good News

If you have a small dog, the good news is that antibody titers seem to increase as body weight decreases. That means that the little guys should show protection when you titer test them (and you do titer test instead of vaccinating, right?)

The downside is that while high antibodies mean the body has responded to a vaccine, they also mean that the dog is in a pretty inflamed state and can set the stage for auto-immune disorders like allergies, hypothyroidism, diabetes, joint disease and more.

## What About The Large Dogs?

Don't feel too good about this if you own a large breed dog. Because vaccines are tested on medium sized dogs, the large and giant breeds might not be getting enough! This could be why many large breed dogs are more susceptible to parvovirus, even when vaccinated.

## What To Do?





If you choose to vaccinate your pet, it's a very good idea to run a titer test two to three weeks after the vaccination. This is good for the big guys, because any amount of titer means he will be protected, likely for life, and won't need another vaccine.

If you have a small guy, ask your vet to give a smaller dose of the vaccine. Again, thanks to titer tests, you can measure whether the dose was large enough to produce immunity in your dog. If it does, he won't need another vaccine.

There are inexpensive, in-house titer tests available. If your vet doesn't offer one, encourage him to do so. Alternately, pay to have the titer test sent to a lab. It's worth the money to do so, if it means protecting your dog from unnecessary vaccination.

## What About Rabies?

While vets may be able to give partial doses of the core vaccines, the law requires them to give a full dose of the rabies vaccine. This is bad news indeed for the little guys. If you live in an area where rabies is required, make sure you give the vaccine no more often than necessary. It's also a good idea to have a homeopathic vet on hand to deal with any possible vaccine reactions or issues. You can find a great homeopathic vet at [theavh.org](http://theavh.org).

Remember that adverse events are vastly under-reported and the incidence of vaccine related disease is much higher than you would think. If you are wondering why you need to vaccinate less, you can view a list of vaccine related health problems and how long vaccines really last [here](#).

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# Lifelong Immunity – Why Vets Are Pushing Back

by Dana Scott in Vaccine Articles and News



Did you know your dog's (and your cat's) vaccines last a lot longer than 3 years?

The duration of immunity for Rabies vaccine, Canine distemper vaccine, Canine Parvovirus vaccine, Feline Panleukopenia vaccine, Feline Rhinotracheitis, feline Calicivirus, have all been shown to last a minimum of 7 years by serology (measuring blood antibody levels) for rabies and challenge studies for all the rest.

In the *Duration of Immunity to Canine Vaccines: What We Know and What We Don't Know, Proceedings – Canine Infectious Diseases: From Clinics to Molecular Pathogenesis*, Ithaca, NY, 1999, Dr Ronald Schultz, a veterinary immunologist at the forefront of vaccine research and chair of the University of Wisconsin's Department of Pathobiological Sciences, outlines the duration of immunity for the following vaccines:

## Minimum Duration Of Immunity For Canine Vaccines

Distemper- 7 years by challenge/15 years by serology

Parvovirus – 7 years by challenge/ 7 years by serology

Adenovirus – 7 years by challenge/ 9 years by serology

Canine rabies – 3 years by challenge/ 7 years by serology

Dr Schultz concludes: "Vaccines for diseases like distemper and canine parvovirus, once administered to adult animals, provide lifetime immunity." (*Are we vaccinating too much JAVMA*, No. 4, August 15, 1995, pg. 421)

Yet vets continue to vaccinate annually. Dog owners feel that their vets are doing their dogs a great service by vaccinating every three years instead of annually – why do we allow it when these studies were done over thirty years ago and have been replicated time and again by other researchers?



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**- Immunologist Dr Ronald Schultz**

Ian Tizard states: “With modified live virus vaccines like canine parvovirus, canine distemper and feline panleukopenia, calicivirus, and rhinotracheitis the virus in the vaccine must replicate to stimulate the immune system. In a patient that has been previously immunized, antibodies from the previous vaccine will block the replication of the new vaccinal virus. Antibody titers are not significantly boosted. Memory cell populations are not expanded. The immune status of the patient is not enhanced.

After the second rabies vaccination, re-administration of rabies vaccine does not enhance the immune status of the patient at one or two year intervals. We do not know the interval at which re-administration of vaccines will enhance the immunity of a significant percentage of the pet population, but it is certainly not at one or two year intervals. *Tizard Ian, Yawei N, Use of serologic testing to assess immune status of companion animals, JAVMA, vol 213, No 1, July 1, 1998.*

“The recommendation for annual re-vaccination is a practice that was officially started in 1978.” says Dr. Schultz. “This recommendation was made without any scientific validation of the need to booster immunity so frequently. In fact the presence of good humoral antibody levels blocks the anamnestic response to vaccine boosters just as maternal antibody blocks the response in some young animals.”

He adds: “The patient receives no benefit and may be placed at serious risk when an unnecessary vaccine is given. Few or no scientific studies have demonstrated a need for cats or dogs to be revaccinated. Annual vaccination for diseases caused by CDV, CPV2, FPLP and FeLV has not been shown to provide a level of immunity any different from the immunity in an animal vaccinated and immunized at an early age and challenged years later. We have found that annual revaccination with the vaccines that provide long-term immunity provides no demonstrable benefit.”

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Why then, have vets not embraced the concept of lifelong immunity in dogs?

“Profits are what vaccine critics believe is at the root of the profession’s resistance to update its protocols. Without the lure of vaccines, clients might be less inclined to make yearly veterinary visits. **Vaccines add up to 14 percent of the average practice’s income**, AAHA reports, and veterinarians stand to lose big. I suspect some are ignoring my work,” says Schultz, who claims some distemper vaccines last as long as 15 years. “Tying vaccinations into the annual visit became prominent in the 1980s and a way of practicing in the 1990s. Now veterinarians don’t want to give it up.”

The report of the American Animal Hospital Association Canine Vaccine Taskforce in JAAHA (39 March/April 2003)<sup>3</sup> includes the following information for vets:

“*Misunderstanding, misinformation and the conservative nature of our profession have largely slowed adoption of protocols advocating decreased frequency of vaccination’; ‘Immunological memory provides durations of immunity for core infectious diseases that far exceed the traditional recommendations for annual vaccination.*”

‘This is supported by a growing body of veterinary information as well-developed epidemiological vigilance in human medicine that indicates immunity induced by vaccination is extremely long lasting and, in most cases, lifelong.’

Both the AAHA and the AVMA must do more to “step up to the plate” says noted immunologist, Dr. Richard Ford. But the reality is the vets do not have to listen to the AAHA or the AVMA and it appears the state veterinary medical boards are not interested in enforcing vaccine schedules, opting to leave it up to the individual vet.

Dr Bob Rogers hired a Chicago based law firm and initiated a class action suit for pet owners who were not given informed consent and full disclosure prior to vaccination administration. His article entitled “The Courage to Embrace the Truth”, states “While attending conferences like WSVMA and NAVMC I have asked over 400 DVMs from various parts of the country if they attended the seminars on New Vaccination Protocols. I was told by all but one, “I don’t care what the data says, I am not changing.” One DVM here on VIN even said “I am not changing until the AVMA makes me change.”



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**- Immunologist Dr Ronald Schultz**

It seems that pet owners are against the wall when it comes to vaccination.

You need to educate yourself on vaccination and start being a more active partner in your dog's vaccine decisions. You can start by grabbing our Free Vaccine Guide to see if your dog is at risk for health issues because he's getting too many vaccines.

At the very least, question every vaccine that goes into your animal – but none of the above information indicates you will get an honest or well-informed answer from your vet.

Be your dog's advocate – protect him with knowledge and by taking a stand against unnecessary vaccination.

His life may depend on it!

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### AKC ALL-BREED STANDINGS

2016 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle  
Statistics thru November 30, 2016

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	1076	0	1	T Little/R Little
2	GCHB CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	795	0	2	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
3	GCH CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	354	0	1	J Ferguson
4	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	F	176	0	0	K Seegmiller
5	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	164	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
6	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	M	134	0	0	L Hibbard
7	GCH CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	126	0	0	T Kallas
8	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	60	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
8	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	60	0	0	B Veltri
10	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	F	51	0	0	Y Cunningham/L Vaught
11	GCHB CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	49	0	0	V Schiefer
12	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	44	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
13	GCH CH Seegmillerbuzablu Black Diamond Jewels	F	38	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
14	GCH CH Seegmillers Black Diamonds	F	36	0	0	K Seegmiller/S Halma
14	CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	36	0	0	J Ader
16	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	F	34	0	0	P Smith/M Martin
17	CH Aacres John Henry	M	28	0	0	C Hart
17	CH Rnb She's Destine For Stardom	F	28	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
19	CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	27	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
20	CH Indigo Igo Baby Blu'Z Almighty Nitro	M	25	0	0	J Ferguson
20	CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	25	0	0	D Gillies/T Gillies



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## AKC BREED STANDINGS

### 2016 Rat Terriers

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	354	0	1	T Little/R Little
2	GCHB CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	156	0	2	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
3	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	F	153	0	0	K Seegmiller
4	GCH CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	137	0	1	J Ferguson
5	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	134	0	0	L Hibbard
6	GCH CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	126	0	0	T Kallas
7	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	109	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
8	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	60	0	0	B Veltri
9	GCHB CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	49	0	0	V Schiefer
10	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	44	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Petry
11	GCH CH Seegmillerbuzablu Black Diamond Jewels	F	38	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
12	GCH CH Seegmillers Black Diamonds	F	36	0	0	K Seegmiller/S Halma
12	CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	36	0	0	J Ader
14	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	35	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
15	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	F	34	0	0	P Smith/M Martin
16	CH Rnb She's Destine For Stardom	F	28	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
16	CH Aacres John Henry	M	28	0	0	C Hart
18	CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	27	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
19	CH Indigo Igo Baby Blu'Z Almighty Nitro	M	25	0	0	J Ferguson
19	CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	25	0	0	D Gillies/T Gillies



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## AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

### 2016 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle  
Statistics thru November 30, 2016

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Owner
1	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	249	T Little/R Little
2	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	F	223	K Seegmiller
3	GCHB CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	142	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
4	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	115	L Hibbard
5	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	99	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
6	GCH CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	97	J Ferguson
7	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	90	B Veltri
8	GCH CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	78	T Kallas
9	GCHB CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	68	V Schiefer
10	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	F	65	P Smith/M Martin
11	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	43	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
11	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	43	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
13	GCH CH Ratitatt Bonnie Blue	F	41	L Deitrich
14	GCH CH Indigo Igo Pistol Pack'N Baby Sgk	F	38	J Ferguson
15	GCH CH Felixville's Sauce Piquant CA	F	37	T Little
15	GCH CH Seegmillers Black Diamonds	F	37	K Seegmiller/S Halma
17	GCHB CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkbout@Ghl	F	35	A Burns/L Meek
17	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	F	35	Y Cunningham/L Vaught
19	GCH CH Seegmillers Direction To Perfection	F	33	K Seegmiller
20	CH River Ridge's Give Em Someth'N 2talk About	M	32	J Maye/B Szczygiel/S McWilliams





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## AKC OWNER-HANDLER TOP FIFTEEN STANDINGS

### 2016 Rat Terriers

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Statistics thru November 30, 2016

Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handled Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	Yolanda Cunningham Laura Vaught	Rat Terrier	90
2	Rnb s Princess Winter Winds For Bonne Chance	Vicki Lynn Paxton	Rat Terrier	70
3	Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	Kimberly Seegmiller Mr. Patrick Smith II	Rat Terrier	45
4	Raganrat Yamada Feel The Burn CA	Michelle Blackmore	Rat Terrier	40
4	Seegmillers Azefer Andi Mint	Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Lila Fast	Rat Terrier	40
6	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	Patricia Smith Marcia Martin	Rat Terrier	20
6	CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	Darin Gillies Tracey Gillies	Rat Terrier	20
6	GCH CH Dos Onesti Mischief Managed	Ms. Kathryn McKewen	Rat Terrier	20
6	CH Evanlee s Ticket To The Stars CA	Anna Morris DONNA MCMAHAN	Rat Terrier	20
6	GCH CH HdK K2 s Shockwave Bellridge	Tracey A Kallas	Rat Terrier	20
6	GCH CH Indigo Igo Pistol Pack N Baby Sgk	Jennifer Ferguson	Rat Terrier	20
6	Raganrat s Xtra Clutch Play RA CGC	Harriett Browne Darice Ragan Vincent Lech	Rat Terrier	20
13	Knd s Rapsody N Blue V Merlin	Martha J Wixom	Rat Terrier	15
14	CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	Linda Lee Jordon Leigh	Rat Terrier	10
15	CH 3bf All About The Bass	Ms. ELECTRA C BLAIR	Rat Terrier	5
15	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	Frances B Nasiatka Valerie Schiefer	Rat Terrier	5
15	Rosethorn Gabriel Z Creed	Candace Drake	Rat Terrier	5
15	Skippin Cj I Ain T No Fool	Renee L Morgan Christina Martinez Brandy Edwards	Rat Terrier	5
15	Skippin Cj Johnny Cash	Katheryn Gonzalez Christina Martinez	Rat Terrier	5
15	CH Wild Heart Legacy Quest	Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	5



# AGILITY



## Quarter 3—2016

### 3" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.75	Penny Lane — MACH13 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXC3 MJB4	M Liebhardt/V Schiefer	4.87	3.94
2	11.73	Ellie — MACH4 Ellie May MXB2 MJS2 MXF T2B4	H Williams/B Williams	4.33	3.70
3	10.76	MACH Maggie MXB MJS XF	C Hummel	4.15	3.31
4	9.36	Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN AX MXJ NF CA	C Lent/V Schiefer	3.62	2.87



## 12" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	13.99	Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN AX AXJ OF	B Spilis/D SPILIS	5.94	4.02
2	13.35	Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXS MJG MXF T2B	M BASU/V Schiefer	5.17	4.09
3	13.18	Ryder — MACH Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXG MJS RATO	C Clemente	5.14	4.02
4	13.11	MACH26 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXC6 MJG7 MXF TQX T2B4	G Capen	4.91	4.10
5	12.75	MACH Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MXB MJB	D Rabbach	5.00	3.87
6	12.62	Drj's Johnny Boy MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B3	R Taylor/D Taylor	5.14	3.74
7	12.61	Raganrat Wild Gypsy Rose MX MXJ MJS XF	M Liebhardt/D Ragan	5.04	3.79
8	12.45	MACH2 Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS	N Sewell	4.79	3.83
9	11.69	Flash — MACH3 Call Me Greased Lightning MXB2 MJS2 MXF T2B2 CA	K Brown	4.70	3.49
10	11.45	Venture Hills Leader Of The Pack Or Else CD GN RAE AX MXJ XF T2B CGC	K Altenbernd	4.35	3.55

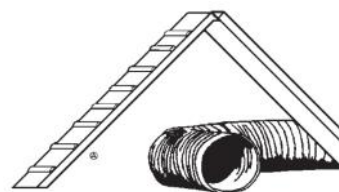
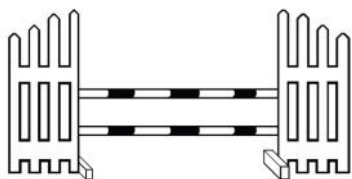
## 16" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	14.88	Remus — Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXB MXJ MJS MFS T2B2	D Stevenson	5.76	4.56
2	14.24	Porter — MACH3 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXC MJC T2B CA	M Obidinski	5.40	4.42
3	13.72	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.09	4.31
4	13.70	Taylor — MACH2 Taylorswift MXG MJG OF T2B	S McGinty	5.28	4.21
5	12.57	MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF	B Krynski/T Woepse	4.96	3.80
6	12.34	Pecatonica Infinity & Beyond AX AXJ OF T2B	C Kempf	4.38	3.98
7	12.12	Warren Mtn's Roman Gnome AX MXJ MJB OF	L McCay	4.80	3.66
8	11.90	Call Me Greased Lightning's Heir Jordan MX MXJ MJB MXF	D Penha	4.76	3.57
9	11.43	MACH5 Windwood Rafael TD MXS2 MJC2 MFG TQX T2B3 CAA	L Mancino	4.58	3.42
10	10.65	GCH CH Raganrat's Quintessential Q CM RE MX MXJ OF CGCA	D Ragan/H Browne	4.48	3.09

## 12" Preferred

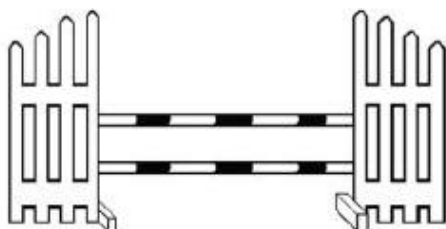
	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.84	Willis — MACH6 PACH Willis MXS2 MJG2 MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX T2B	M Obidinski	4.91	3.96
2	11.75	MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB MXP MJP2	R Nicotra	4.48	3.64
3	11.22	Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXP MJP2 MJPB	N James	4.24	3.49





### 3" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	13.29	MACH2 Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS	N Sewell	4.93	4.18
2	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
3	12.62	Jack AX MXJ MXP MJP2 MJPB OF OFF T2B T2BP JE	D Hodges/C Hodges	4.98	3.82
4	11.49	MACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB MXP MJP	R Nicotra	4.39	3.55
5	10.50	MACH3 Rpk's Lexi MXG MJG MXP MJP XF	L Samson	3.90	3.30
6	9.45	Stella — MACH4 PACH4 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP14 MXPB2 MJP14 MJPB2 PAX5 MFC TQX MFPS TQXP T2B6	V Meyer	3.31	3.07
7	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



# Love At First Rat

By Adam B Ward



Like many young people, I moved back in with my parents in my early 20s to help get me on my feet. I never thought I'd end up staying for nearly five years, but that ended up being the case. So a week or two before getting on the plane to head back to my old hometown to move back in with my parents (oh, joy!), my mother told me she'd just gotten a Rat Terrier. To be honest, I chuckled quite a bit when hearing the news, thinking to myself that my mother had just bought a lap dog. You know the type. The kind of dog you see on reality TV shows, sleeping in Paris Hilton's purse. Or looking miserable with some other ditzzy celebrity as their owner. Or perhaps sporting a poodle haircut that looks absolutely absurd and being danced and pranced around dog beauty contests, otherwise known as "shows." (Blasphemy, I know, but I find them comical.) Silly Mom. With the constant grooming, manicures, and the like, I figured I'd have nothing to do with this dog. Why would I? He was sure to be a spoiled little pooch. After all, what do these lap dogs do anyway but eat and sleep (in purses) all day?

So suffice it to say, I was pretty skeptical about owning a rat terrier... let alone two. Don't get me wrong, I've always loved dogs, but I've *never* been a fan of "lap dogs" or small yappy dogs. I've always preferred bigger breeds like Labradors and German Shepherds. Big drooly dogs that greet you with a face full of slobber when you walk in the door. As far as I was concerned, she might as well have bought a cat. Eww.

So my first day back at my childhood home, this tiny little puppy and I made our first acquaintance. It wasn't a good one. I do have to admit though, he was one of the cutest little puppies I'd ever seen. But my ideas of his cuteness changed almost immediately upon actually trying to pet him. Man, he was a cold-blooded savage. His little teeth were like razor blades. Razor blades that he *loved* using to chew my arms into oblivion every time I sat down. Like Alcatraz, there was no escape. He was like a homing missile or something, always aware of where I was, ready to close in and pounce on me, causing mayhem the moment I sat down somewhere within his reach. Well... as much mayhem as a five pound puppy can cause, that is. (To my surprise and chagrin, it was a lot!). He'd be on the other side of the house, I'd sit down to watch some television, and next thing I know... here comes little maniac Darby, charging at me full speed, eyes wide with excitement, tongue flopping around out the side of his mouth, elated as all heck to have another go at chewing my arms and hands to shreds. Like a teething baby mixed with a rampaging toddler on a sugar high...



Needless to say, those first few months I avoided him like the bubonic plague. But to no avail. He was always ready, waiting. My arms were in a constant state of healing, always covered in scratches and bite marks. In public, people probably thought I was some kind of jungle man, routinely covered in thorn bush scratches and slashes from eagle talons from my wild adventures scaling trees and mountains... Except, in this case, I was scaling the stairs in an effort to get away from a psychotic little puppy. I would say he was relentless, but that would be an understatement. A massive understatement. I've never once felt scared to the point where I had to run away from a German Shepherd or a Pitbull. Honestly. But a little Rat Terrier? I was like a damsel in distress screaming for someone to save me when I saw the little guy running towards me.

It's hard to pinpoint when exactly everything changed... but it did, and pretty drastically so. Maybe it was when little Paolo, our second rat terrier, came along. Regardless, at some point crazy little Darby matured into slightly bigger, friendliest-dog-on-the-planet Darby. If I had to venture a guess I'd say it was around the time he turned nine months, which was also about the same time my mother got Paolo. Darby seemed to take on a sort of mentor role to the younger pup, teaching him the ways of looking pathetically cute at the dinner table so as to get table scraps, among other cleverly mischievous things Darby had begun to master.

Either way, it was around this time that Darby began endearing himself to me. His relentless bites turned to relentless licks, and his new favorite pastime became sleeping in my lap. He'd trot up to me sitting on the sofa, and with masterful nonchalance he'd plop himself down on my laptop keyboard, inserting a nice "asljflkasjglksjf" into the middle of the essay I'd just spent hours working on. I would try my hardest to be irritated, but he'd look up at me with his big puppy dog eyes and I'd immediately feel guilty. "Okay, Darby. I can't bring myself to shove you off me, so go ahead and take a nap, buddy. I'll just rewrite this essay later. Who cares about due dates anyway?"

Paolo, on the other hand, was and is of a whole different breed than Darby. No pun intended. (That's a lie; it was intended, but I digress). Much more of an introvert, *his* favorite pastime quickly became perching himself on the back of the adjacent sofa and pretending like he's sleeping. Keyword being pretend." If a bird so much as dares to fly by the window or a squirrel risks a sprint across the yard, Paolo makes it his sole mission to ensure everyone in the house knows about it. The neighbors too...

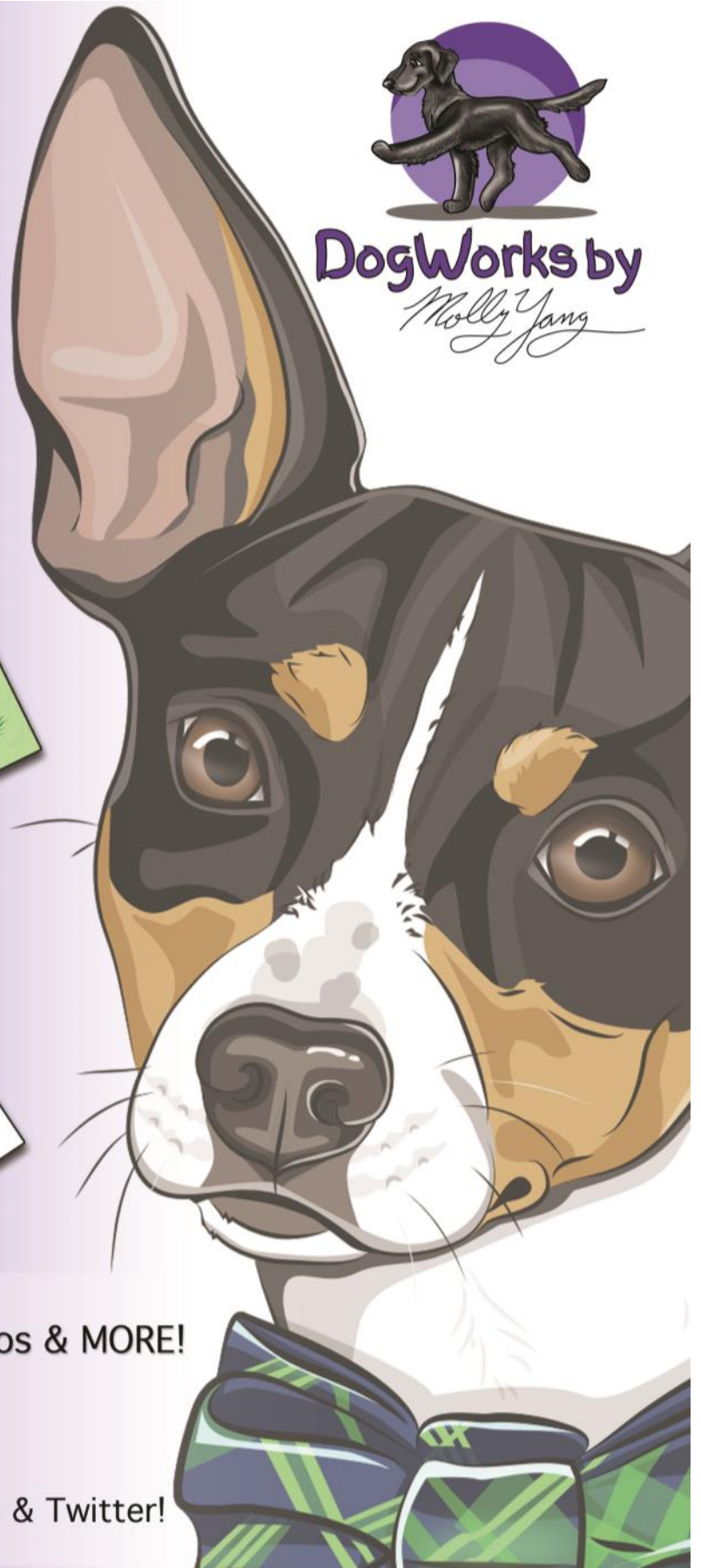
All in all, I never thought I'd come to love these little "lap dogs" as much as I do, but boy was I wrong. Their intelligence never ceases to amaze me, and they have a special way of bringing out a person's sense of humor. It saddens me more than I can express that I'll be moving out next month. Not because I'll miss my parents. (Nope, not so much). But rather because Darby and Paolo have both become such an enormous part of my life that I'll feel very lonely without them there to cuddle and play with. Obviously they're irreplaceable, but I already have an idea of what one my first new purchases will be once I'm back out on my own again.



**Paolo**



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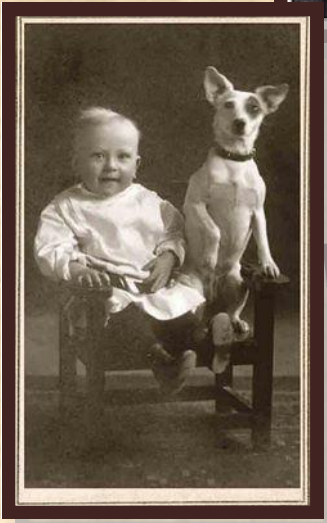
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# Blast to the Past



Please send your oldies  
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# The Art of Amanda Hall

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The “eyes” say it ALL



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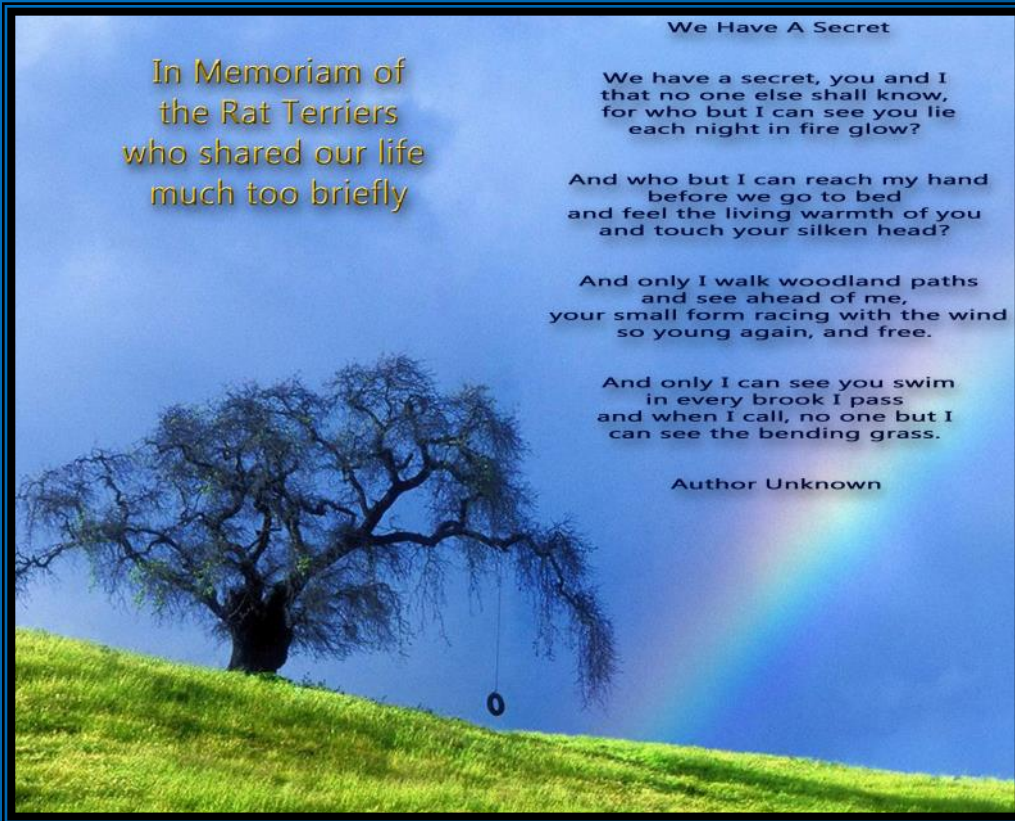


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If you can imagine it I can paint it





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much too briefly

We Have A Secret

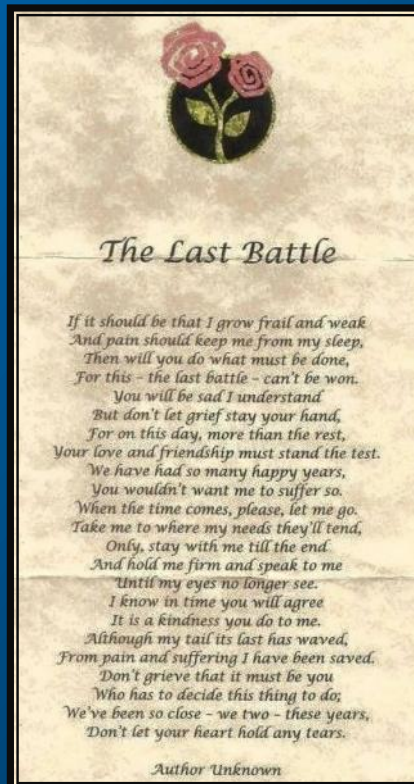
We have a secret, you and I  
that no one else shall know,  
for who but I can see you lie  
each night in fire glow?

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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*Illustrated AKC*  
**Rat Terrier**  
*Breed Standard*



# Official AKC Standard of the Rat Terrier

(Illustrated)

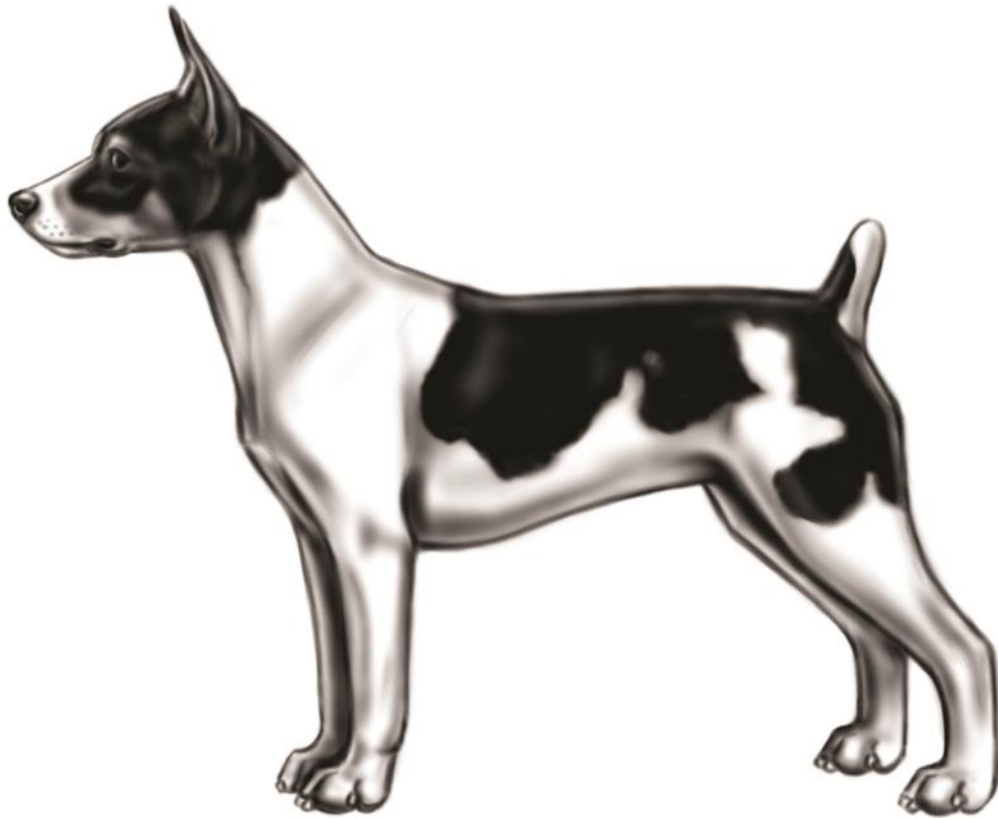
**General Appearance:** The Rat Terrier was originally bred for ratting and farm work. A multipurpose companion dog that is capable of hunting rodents and vermin above and below ground, and to course small game. He is a sturdy, compact, small-to-medium sized parti-colored dog giving the appearance of 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.

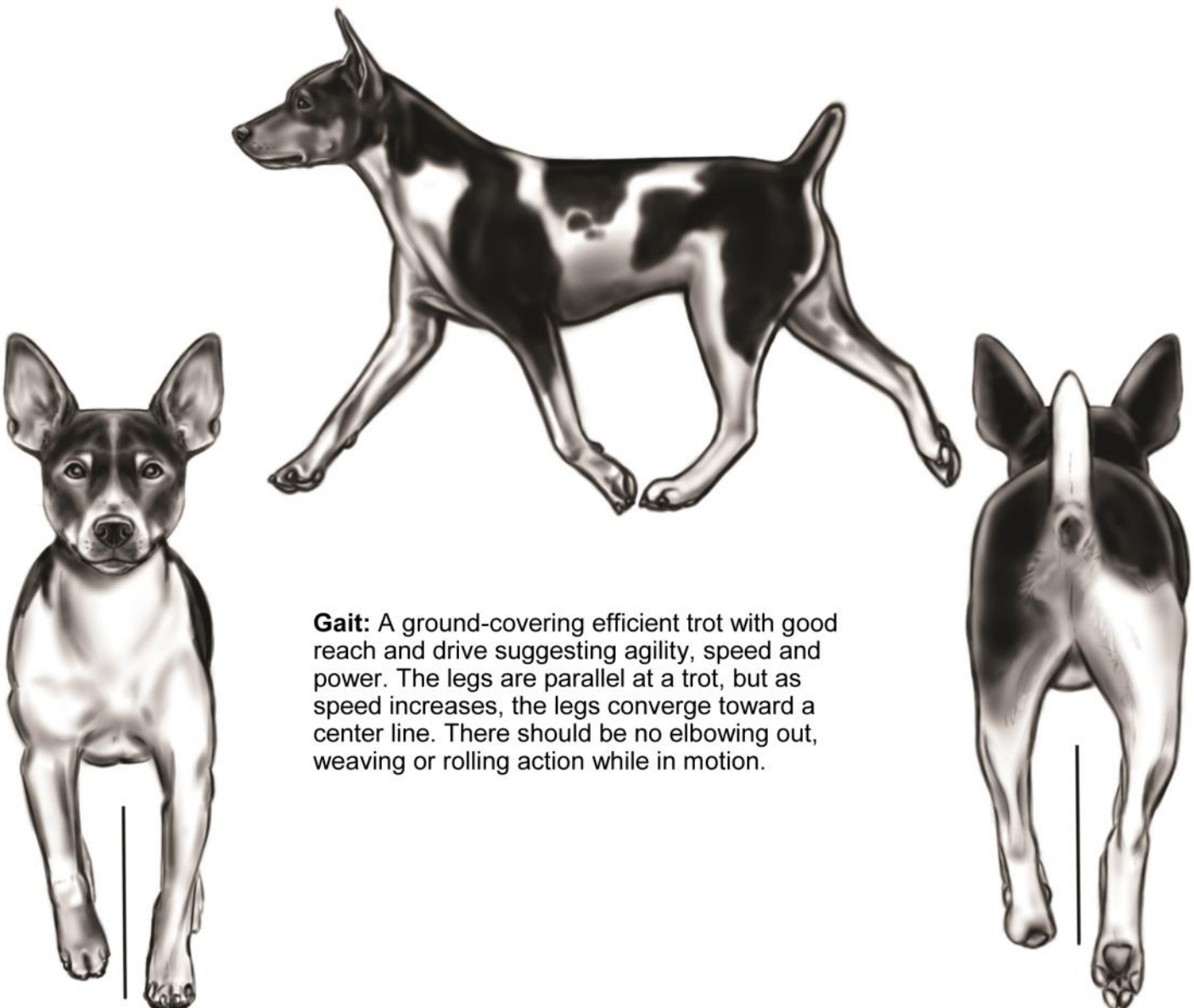
**Forequarters:** The shoulder blades are well laid back with flat muscles providing enough space between the shoulder blades to allow for free movement. The shoulder blades and the upper arms are nearly equal in length and well set back so that the elbows fall directly under the highest point of the 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.

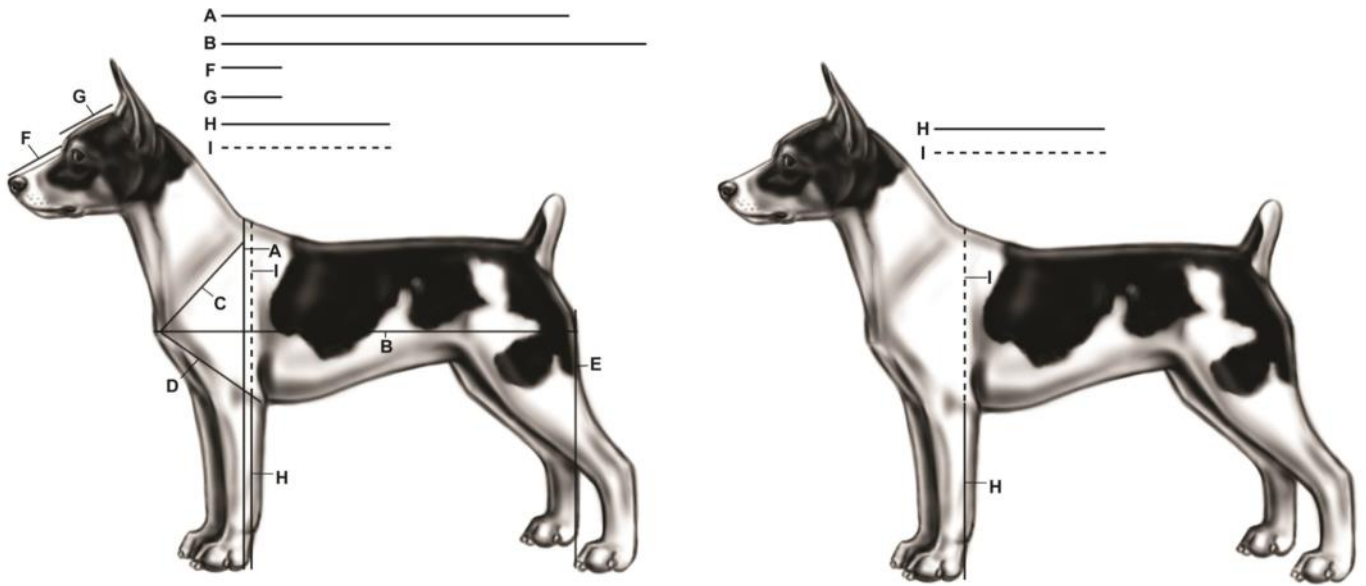


**Coat:** Short, close lying, smooth and shiny coat. Texture varies; a very slight ruff or wave along the back is allowed, but undesirable. Any suggestion of kink or curl is cause for disqualification. Whiskers must not be removed. Absence of coat (total genetic hairlessness) is a disqualification.

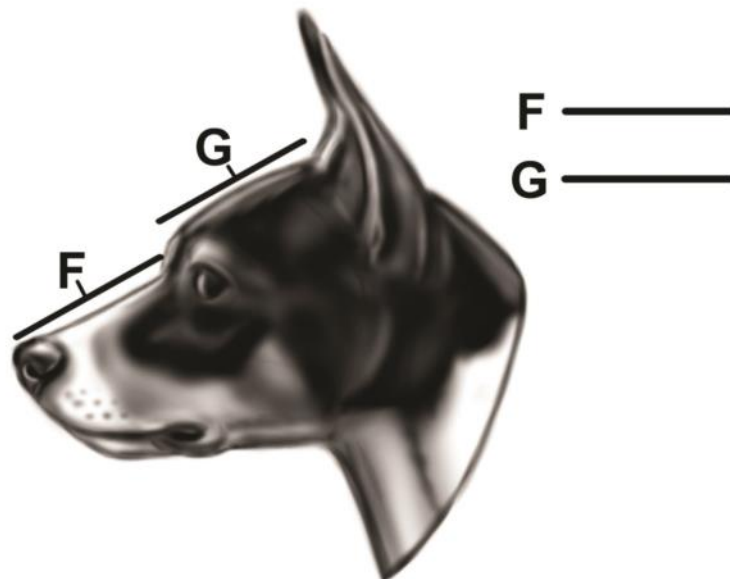
**Color:** Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color 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**







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### **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.

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

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# Rat Terrier

## AKC Colors and Patterns



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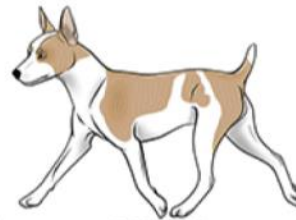
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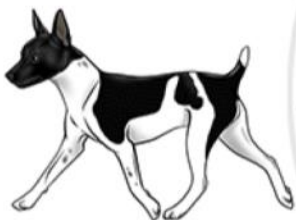
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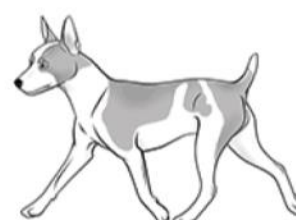
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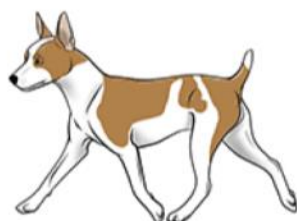
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BLUE WHITE & TAN	260	WHITE & LEMON	211
RED	140	WHITE & RED	214
RED WHITE & SABLE	158	WHITE & SILVER	216
WHITE	199	WHITE & TAN	217
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We hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletters and are finding them helpful, enjoyable, and worthy of archiving on your computer for future reference.

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While MARTC is not an AKC affiliated club at this time, it is the hope and future goal to become an AKC Specialty Club. As has been mentioned previously in this newsletter, you can become a member and not live in the Mid-Atlantic region. 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.

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

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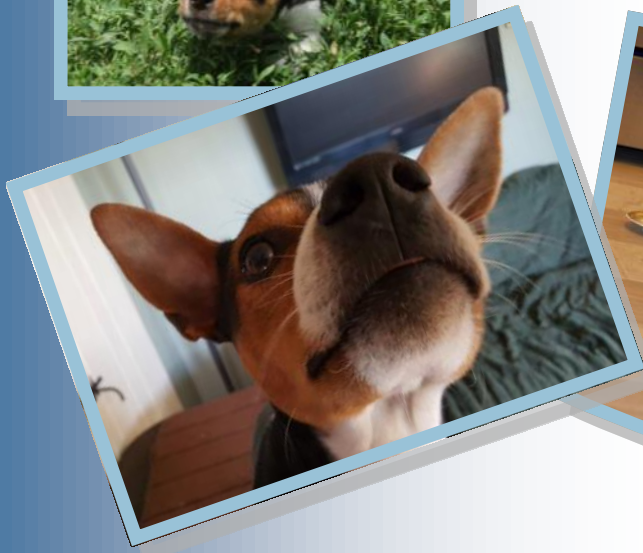
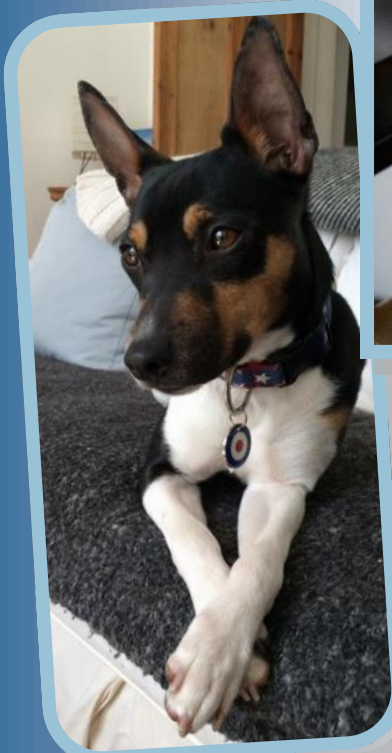
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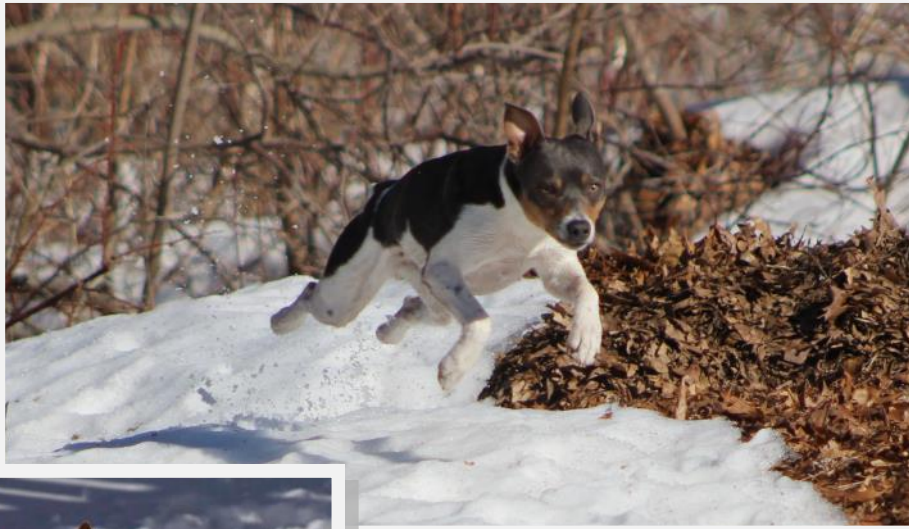
# The faces we adore



Don't forget to send us your fun photos to include in future issues of our newsletter.

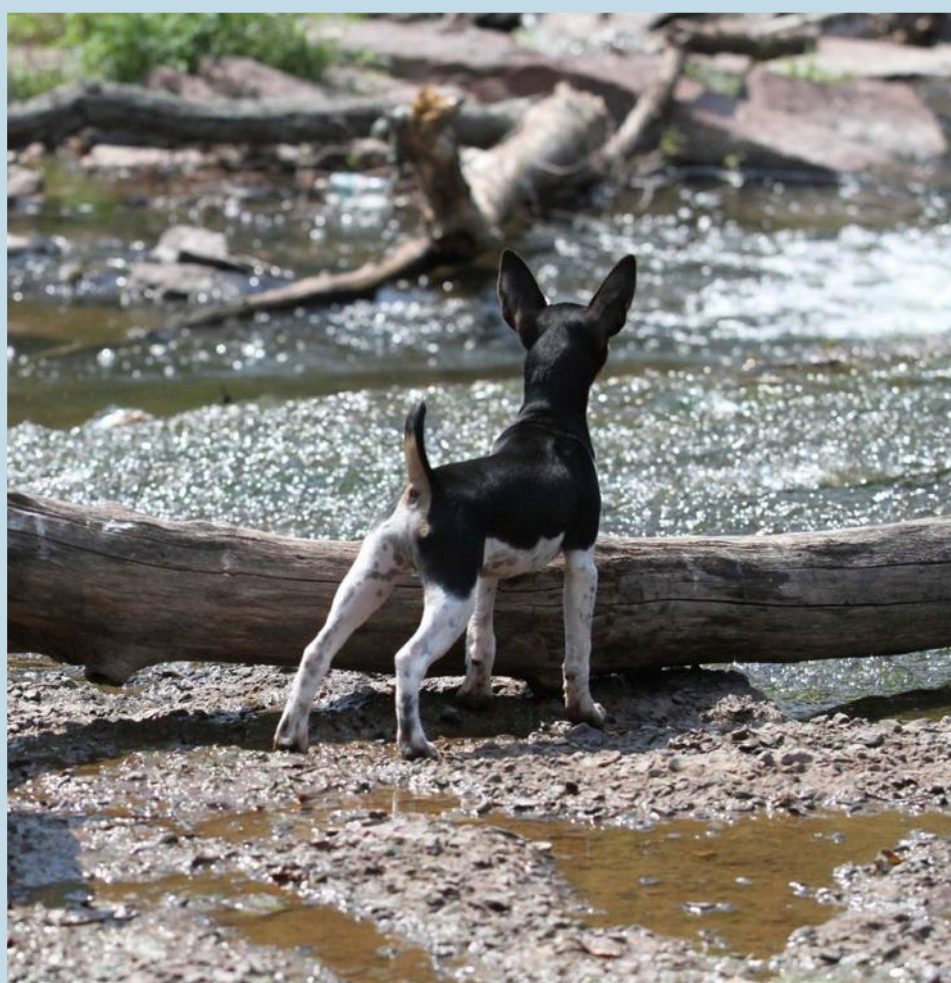


# and ... Doing what they do





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# The End

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See you next issue!!

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