



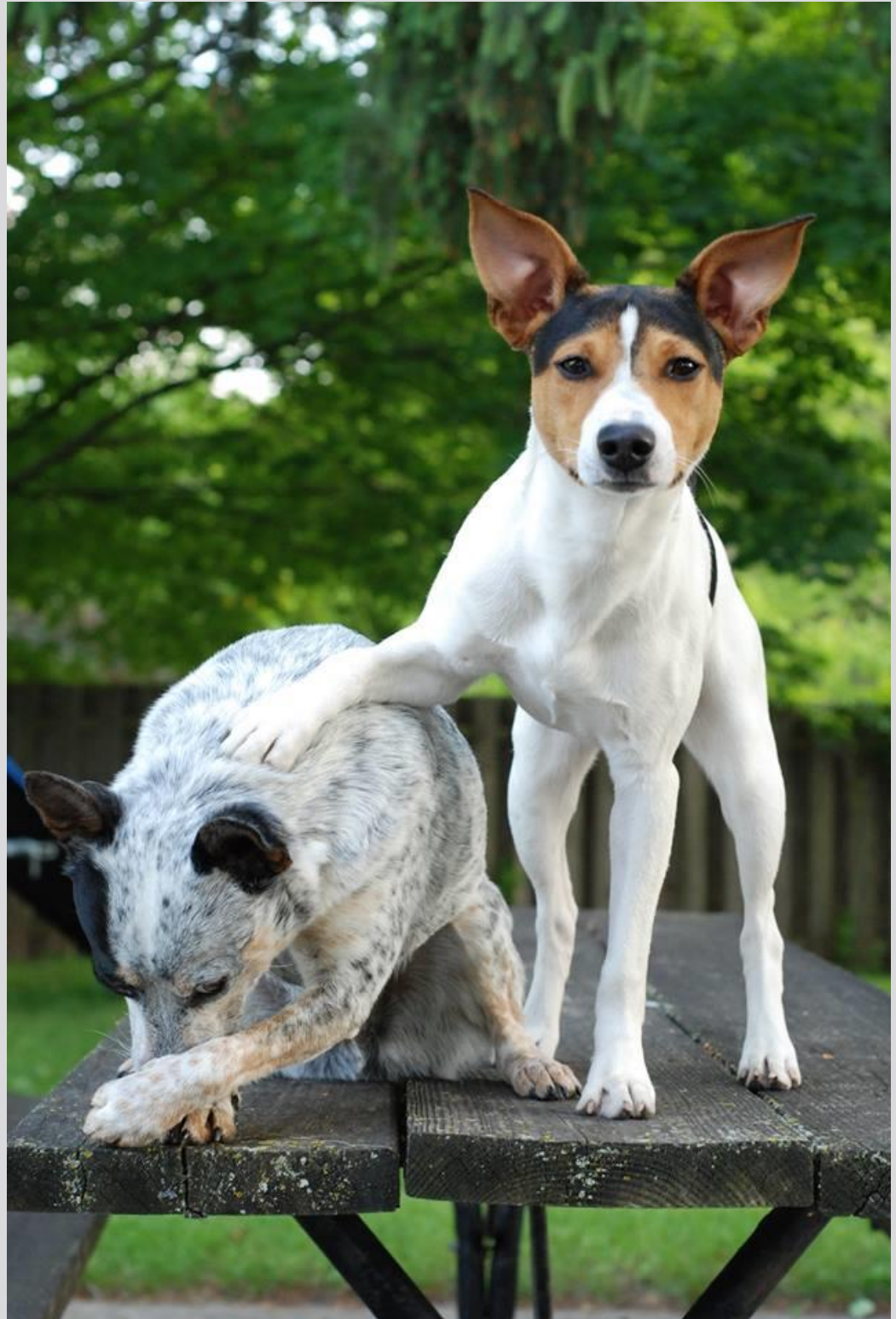
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This 'n That ...

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 OR you can send to the club email at midatlanticratterrier@yahoo.com.

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

Pretty as a Picture



Spry owned by Beth Szczygiel



LICKING LIFE

and Sick Tricks! :)



*setting the scene (please feel free to modify in your mind the furniture and movie set details that occupy your relative time and space)

They hear my shoes on the sidewalk when I'm about a klick from the porch. They attack me in all the good ways when I open my door. They follow me to my closet where I shed my suit and slip into my polka-dot footie pajamas. They walk in perfect step as we descend the stairs to the living (er... training) room. When I drop down criss-cross applesauce on the black and red rug in the center of my 'happy place' where it all happens, I let the realities of the human world slowly escape my mind. I paws, close my eyes, and let myself slowly relapse into my canine mind-it drives 'them', the terriers, crazy-and they flagrantly flog me with their lickers. This, my friends, is zen.

Speaking of my little zen-foodists, next up is Tricks-for-Treats! with the TrickRats! If Bikram Yoga is 90 hot minutes of 26 different postures, I guess I'd describe what we do as 15 minutes of 26 hot tricks with terriers:)

By the way— It has been proven and experienced by millions that the 26 postures of Bikram yoga (AND THE 26 HOT TRICKS OF BARK-RAM YOGA) systematically works every part of the body, gives all the internal organs, all the veins, all the ligaments, and all the muscles everything they need to maintain optimum health and maximum function-each component takes care of something different in the body, and yet they all work together synergistically, contributing to the success of every other one, and extending its benefits mentally and physically (TO BOTH HUMAN AND TERRIER!)

We are a mid-Michigan, mid-winter, indoor-constrained, terrier-izer splinter group bent on combating cabin fever with our 'hope chest' of dog toys and religious, nightly, TRICK TRAINING SESSIONS!

Don't get me wrong, we miss the agility, the frisbee, and the out-of-door abilities—but we also enjoy the opportunity for shaping, bonding, training, tricks and frivolity! The season indeed gives us the reason, for games that are pleasing...

Sit. Somersault. Roll Over. Sit Pretty. Spin. Best Friend. Hide your Eyes. Bang. Handstand. Cop Cop. Figure Eight. Parrot. Head Down. Say your Prayers. Hug. High Five. Skateboard. Play Basketball. Boing. Touch. Bow. Inside Voice. Cross your Paws. Yawn. Dog Catch. Limp.— and that's twenty-six

Tricks are beneficial to the body, to the mind—both human and canine. They strengthen communication and your bond and create pictures in which fans will be quite fond!



Wishing sick tricks to all who read this!!!

Ashley Kutzli, Michigan

& Trick Ratz: River Ridge's Itchin' to Party "Smallpox" & the Wannabe Rat, Crossbone

Westminster 2017



Westminster

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And the Winners are ...

Best of Breed	GCH CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch. Breeder: Theda Little Owner: Theda and Ransome Little
Best of Opposite Sex	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo. Breeder: Kimberly Seegmiller Owner: Kimberly Seegmiller
Best of Winners & Winner's Dog	CH River Ridge's Golden Ticket. Breeder: Stacy McWilliams Owner: Stacy McWilliams & Deena Mapley
Winner's Bitch	Warrenmtn She's a Firecracker. Breeder: Carmeta French & Jennifer Sider Owner: Pete & Carolyn Helewski
Select Dog	GCHB CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N UR Favor River Ridge. Breeder: Stacy McWilliams & Donna McMahan Owner: Stacy McWilliams & Jane Gardner & Rebecca Fendlason & Stacy Zimmerman
Select Bitch	CH Felixvilles Skippin CJ Tooloulou. Breeder: Theda Little Owner: Theda Little & Christina Martinez
Award of Merit	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways. Breeder: Stacy McWilliams Owner: Loretta Iazzetti & Stacy McWilliams
Award of Merit	GCH CH River Ridge's Level of Intrigue. Breeder: Stacy McWilliams Owner: Stacy Zimmerman & Stacy McWilliams

What a Rattie
wants...



a Rattie goes
after!!

Spry does not take no for an answer

The Babysitter ...



Meet Ben ... he is a babysitter ...

Ben belongs to Angela Wise in Oklahoma and he takes his bedtime seriously. So when Angela's nephew was fighting sleep and talking; Ben would jump on the bed, stare, and then lie down next to him. When the little guy got up to talk to his aunt, Ben chased him all the way back to his bed and sat on him. Ben was corrected for chasing the nephew, but this added a lot of humor to the evening for Angela.

Good job Ben!!!!

It's Not "All In How You Raise Them": The Role Of Genetics In Behavior

If you're a dog owner, I'm sure you've heard this refrain.

Conventional wisdom says that young puppies come to us as blank slates. Full of promise and limitless potential, ready to be molded into your ideal companion as long as you do your part – provide lots of love, the right amount of discipline, and appropriate training along the way. If you're a caring, responsible pet owner, there's no reason that your puppy should not grow up to be a model canine citizen.

"Bad" dogs are the fault of bad owners, right? After all, it's all in how you raise them.

As always, in the world of behavior – it's not quite that simple.

There are few myths in the field of dog training that get under my skin quite as much as this one. Perhaps it's because I've seen so many kind, committed owners with deeply troubled dogs break down in tears during a behavior consultation, certain that they have done something to cause their dog's crippling anxiety or aggression issues. After all, they've had him since he was a puppy – so clearly, something must have been lacking in his upbringing.

Or perhaps it's the countless number of fundamentally mismatched dog/owner pairings that every veterinarian and trainer sees on a regular basis. The gentle elderly couple, with the adolescent field-bred Lab. The busy young professionals with three children under the age of five, with the spooky English Mastiff who doesn't like kids. Or even the lovely middle-aged woman who wants to do therapy work in a local nursing home, with her aloof and introverted Chow.

What all of these situations have in common, at their core, is a lack of understanding combined with an unfortunate and excessive sense of optimism – an unshakeable faith in the notion that any dog can be molded into the perfect pet for the owner's particular lifestyle, as long as they're "raised right." That every eight-week-old puppy is a formless mass of behavioral clay, ready to be imprinted with whatever characteristics and personality traits are most convenient for their living situation and the wishes of their new family.

Unfortunately for all involved in the examples above, this is utterly and emphatically not true.

But wait, you might say! What about socialization and training? Can't we influence our puppies' adult characteristics through exposure to the things we want them to be comfortable with? Can't we teach them early on how we want them to behave, thus preventing any problems later on? In other words, a perfectly socialized and well-trained puppy should be a foolproof bet to turn out the way we want – right?

Well... the answer, as they say, is complicated.

Don't get me wrong – socialization and early learning are very powerful things. (See my previous posts on these topics for a more complete discussion of how they influence puppy development, if you're interested.) *[other posts on this topic will be in future newsletters]* There is a lot we can do to set our puppies up for success, and also to address possible problems or behavioral red flags early on. This is the “nurture” side of the nature-and-nurture paradigm, and it's incredibly important – but it's only half of the equation.

So what does nature have to say?

We all know intuitively that behavioral characteristics can be inherited. After all, this basic notion is the reason for thousands of years of selective breeding in the dog world – it's why we've been able to develop specific lines of dogs who are consistently driven to retrieve things, herd sheep, guard our homes, or track rabbits without any formal training at all. Why, then, does it surprise us that other types of behavioral tendencies can also be passed from parents to offspring?

The truth is, your dog's genetic background plays a tremendous (and often under-valued) role not only in what inborn skills he might have, but in *who he is* – whether he is friendly or reserved with strangers, tolerant of other pets or not, a high-drive athlete or a snuggly couch potato, easily startled by loud noises or relatively “bombproof.” Since the 1940s, studies in canine behavioral genetics have consistently shown that traits such as fearfulness, impulsivity, problem-solving ability, working drive, and even tendencies toward aggression are strongly influenced by breeding. Socialization and early learning can certainly help to sway things in one direction or another, but these forces are operating on a pre-existing genetic blueprint.

Is behavior moldable? Of course it is – to a point. You can only modify what you already have, not create the dog of your choosing from scratch. So if you have specific goals for your pup or need a dog with a certain personality type, it pays to make sure that you're getting a temperament you can live with!

Please note that none of this should be taken as a defense of breed-specific stereotyping or discrimination, on the theory that certain breeds are bound to be aggressive or otherwise “bad.” There is a tremendous amount of genetic variability within every breed – so much so that it's not possible to make any reliable predictions about behavior based solely on breed identification. It's much more valuable to look specifically at the parents and littermates of a particular puppy, or at a certain line of dogs within a breed.

So, what can we do with this knowledge?

If you have specific personality traits that you need in a dog, don't choose a puppy based on looks or a cheap purchase price and assume that you can “make it work” – this rarely goes well, in my experience.

Instead, I would strongly encourage you to look into getting a puppy from an excellent breeder, with a good track record of producing dogs with the traits that you want – this is your very best chance of ending up with a dog that will be a good fit for you and your family. Many owners need a dog that is reliably gentle and tolerant with kids, or with low prey drive because of smaller pets in the home, or easygoing and low-energy because they are elderly or disabled. Getting an adult dog from a trusted source who knows the dog well (such as a breeder, or a good rescue group) can also be a great option.

This kind of predictability may not be important for all owners – which is fine! Many of my clients don't have any specific plans or goals for their dog, and their lifestyle is flexible enough that a wide range of personality types would fit into their household with no problems. If this describes you, then you could absolutely open your home to a puppy or older dog with an unknown background and see where life takes the two of you. There are many such dogs who desperately need homes, and the relationship that you have with a dog like this can be extremely special.

By the same token – if you are thinking about breeding your dog, or if you already have an active breeding program, please carefully consider temperament in your breeding decisions! Most good breeders know this already and are very selective about which dogs they choose to breed, but this idea can be surprising to many owners who are new to the process and aren't aware that personality traits can be inherited. Excessively fearful or aggressive dogs should not be bred – period. These issues should be taken as seriously as hereditary physical problems like hip dysplasia or degenerative myelopathy, as they are every bit as devastating for both the puppy and his/her new family.

And finally, if you have a pup from an uncertain background (or a known, not-so-great background) who is struggling with a behavior problem despite your best efforts, don't beat yourself up! For many of my clients, it comes as a relief to know that they have done nothing wrong – the misplaced guilt that comes with having a much-loved dog who is also severely aggressive or fearful of everything can be crushing.

It helps to understand that you can only play the hand you're dealt; all dogs come with their own personalities and behavioral tendencies, for better or worse. We can do a lot to help these dogs live safer, happier lives with training and careful management – we can build their confidence, teach them better coping skills to handle stress, and strengthen their bond with their owners – but we can't change who they are. And usually, that's okay.

So if you have a dog like this, to paraphrase the famous Serenity Prayer – I would encourage you to work on the things you can change, and accept the things you can't.

The trick is learning to know the difference.

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Humor makes the world a better place



ADVENTURES OF SUPER RATTIE

Thank you to Darla Ailey for her delightful
Adventures of Super Rattie to make us chuckle

Drum Roll!!



GCHB CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N UR Favor River Ridge received a Group One at the St. Charles Kennel Club show in January 2017. He was Select Dog at Westminster in February. He is owned by Stacy McWilliams, Jane Gardner, Rebecca Fendlason, and Stacy Zimmerman. He is handled by Paul D Catterson. Victor is Number One Rat Terrier All Breed for 2017 according to Canine Chronicle statistics through February 28.

~ Pennsylvania ~

FANTASTIC!!!



MACH Burway Ryder on the Storm MXC MJG
RATO aka "Ryder" has officially qualified for the
AKC National Championships to be held in Perry,
GA March 24 - 26, 2017

Owned by Candy Clemente

~ California ~



River Ridge's Kiss My Grits "Sassafras" finished her
Starter Pairs, Snooker, Jumpers, and Gamblers
titles at the Southeast Agility USDAA trial over the
weekend of February 24—26 in Gainesville, GA.
She also had several qualifying runs at the Pals and
Paws AKC Trial in Jacksonville, FL, including one
first place in the T2B class and her first
Open JWW Q.

She is owned, loved, and handled by Riley Allen

~ Georgia ~



Congratulations!!



GCHB Indigo IGO He's All Evans SGK aka "Evans" was awarded a Group 4 at the McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers Club, Inc. in Albany OR on February 27 under Judge Fredrick R Stephens.

He was Best of Breed at the Seattle Kennel club show both days on the weekend of March 11-12 under Judges Robert E Hutton and Don L Evans.

Evans is bred and owned by Jennifer Lee Ferguson of Indigo Rat Terriers

Handled by Dixie Rae Sick.

~ Northern Idaho ~



New Grand Champion!!! GCH "PR" RNB's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral aka "Bang" at the Desert Empire Terrier Club of California show in January with a Best of Breed 3 of the 4 days and a Best of Opposite Sex on the 4th day, all five point majors.

Bang finished her CH in 3 shows and also her GCH in 3 show weekends. She earned OH top 10 for 2016 and her GCH before the age of two.

Bang is owned and handled by Jackie Ader.

~ California ~

AWESOME!!!

Snidget



Luna



Cal Val Lily Luna of Sugarloaf completed the requirements for her Grand Champion title under Judge Elizabeth “Beth” Sweigart at the Kennel Club of Palm Springs show on January 7, 2017. Luna is owned by Barbara Lancaster-Jordan and Don Jordan. Luna was bred by Gail Holloway and handled by Barbara Lancaster-Jordan

Ch. Dynamite Snidget of Sugarloaf aka “Snidget” took Best of Breed for a 4-point major at the Beverly Hills Kennel Club show on March 5, 2017 under Judge Clay Coady . He is owned by Barbara Lancaster-Jordan and Donald Jordan. Snidget was bred by Kacye Yates.

~ California ~

STUPENDOUS!!!



AKC, UKC, Int CH. River Ridge's Wicked Good, aka Ticket, recently earned her Coursing Ability title (CAT) and her FastCAT title BCAT. Ticket is just 17 months old. She is owned by Penny Cary, Hosea Carpenter, and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Florida ~



Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN OF MX MXJ CA "Lindy" finished her Coursing Ability title December 4, 2016 at the Upper Chesapeake Bay Saluki Club coursing test in Hanover, PA. The black bullet loves lure coursing and earned her title in 3 tries/runs. She earned her first 2 legs at the Montgomery Terrier trials in Palmyra PA in October.

Lindy is owned and adored by Betsy Spilis.

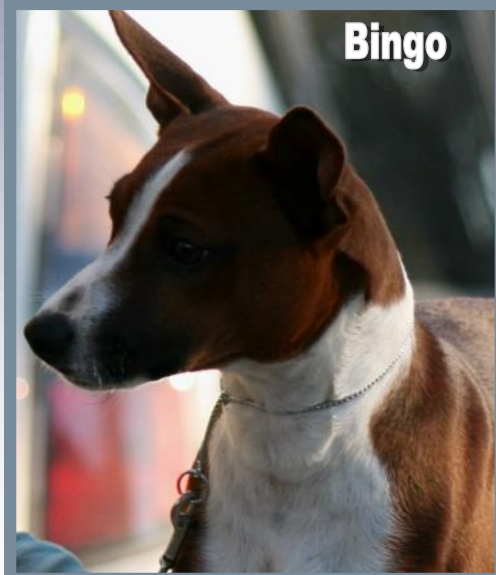
~ Maryland. ~

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SENSATIONAL!!



Bingo



Trouble



Brook

Sahuaro Sunsets Skippin CJ Bingo aka “Bingo” was awarded his first 3 point major with a Best of Winner’s at the Kennel Club of Palm Springs show on January 7 under Judge E. Sweigart, a 5 point major with Best of Winner’s under Judge D.A. Alexander and a 3 point major with a Best of Winner’s at the Beverly Hills Kennel Club shows under Judge Clay Coady in early March.

He is owned by Christina Martinez & Lynn Pinkey.

CH Cruzin’s Beside Still Waters aka “Brook” finished her Champion title in December. She is owned by Christina Martinez and Lynn Pinkey.

Skippin CJ Double Trouble aka “Trouble” was Winner’s Bitch for a 5 point major at the Desert Empire Terrier Club of Southern California show in Indio, CA. She is owned by Christina Martinez.

~ California ~

Addison's Disease in Dogs

by Nancy Kay, DVM



In 1855 Dr. Thomas Addison was the first person to describe a human affliction he dubbed Addison's disease. Since that time, this disease has become a well-recognized syndrome in both people and dogs. The scientific name for Addison's disease is *hypoadrenocorticism*— an insufficient production of essential hormones manufactured by the adrenal glands.

Addison's disease can occur in any size and breed of dog. Middle-aged females are most commonly affected. A familial or inherited predisposition for the disease has been described in Standard Poodles, Bearded Collies, Great Danes, and Portuguese Water Dogs.

Normal adrenal gland function

Let the physiology lesson begin! Every dog is born with two adrenal glands located adjacent to each kidney within the abdominal cavity. These glands are responsible for producing several important hormones. Dogs with Addison's disease lose their ability to produce two of these hormones, namely cortisol (aka, cortisone) and aldosterone. Neither man nor beast can live without adequate levels of both of them.

Cortisol is essential for normal function of virtually every organ within the body. It's responsible for normal appetite and an overall sense of well being. Cortisol production is amped up during times of stress. Canine "stress" can stem from fear, excitement, anxiety, or significant physical exertion. Examples might include: thunderstorms, dates at the grooming parlor, a free-for-all at the dog park, running an agility course, or visiting the veterinary hospital. (Please read my thoughts on Fear-Free office visits).

Aldosterone regulates sodium and potassium levels in the body. Without aldosterone, the potassium level in the bloodstream increases and the sodium level decreases. If severe enough, these changes can be life threatening. Every once in awhile a dog develops "atypical Addison's disease" in which there is cortisol depletion, but aldosterone production remains normal. These dogs have normal blood levels of sodium and potassium.

Cause

The cause of Addison's disease is incompletely understood. Autoimmune destruction is suspected. This means that the individual's own immune system is somehow triggered to attack and destroy the body's normal tissues; in this case, cells within the adrenal glands.

Cushing's Disease is the polar opposite first cousin of Addison's disease. A dog with this disease develops symptoms caused by the overproduction of cortisol by the adrenal glands. Overzealous treatment to reduce the cortisol production can result in Addison's disease.

Symptoms

Early on in the course of the disease Addisonian dogs may show rather vague waxing and waning symptoms. As the disease progresses, symptoms tend to become more consistent and fulminant. Not all Addisonian dogs exhibit all of the symptoms- in fact, only one or two may be observed. The most common symptoms caused by Addison's disease include:

- diminished appetite
- lethargy/weakness
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- increased thirst
- increased urine output
- weight loss
- hair coat changes
- trembling
- collapse

Diagnosis

Addison's disease is suspected based on symptoms. Abnormal physical examination findings may include a slowed heart rate (caused by the elevation in blood potassium), dehydration, weak pulses, thin condition, generalized weakness, and even collapse or coma.

The diagnosis of Addison's disease begins with blood and urine testing. The urine is typically dilute rather than well concentrated. Blood test abnormalities may include increased levels of potassium, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), creatinine, and calcium along with decreased sodium and glucose levels. A chest x-ray may demonstrate decreased heart size.

Addison's disease is definitively diagnosed by measurement of blood cortisol levels both before and after an injection of ACTH (adrenocorticotrophic hormone), a substance that stimulates the adrenal glands to release cortisol. This is known as an ACTH response test. Addisonian dogs have extremely low levels of circulating cortisol both prior to and following adrenal gland stimulation.

The great imitator

Addison's disease is known as the "great imitator" because its symptoms are often vague and non-specific and they may mimic those associated with a plethora of other diseases. Additionally, unless the dog is in a state of crisis, symptoms tend to be on-again, off-again. So, it's easy to talk oneself out of a veterinary visit. And, if basic blood test abnormalities are mild, the veterinarian may not even consider Addison's disease as a potential diagnosis.

Because of all of this, the biggest pitfall associated with Addison's disease is its lack of recognition. The most famous Addisonian of all time, John F. Kennedy, had waxing and waning symptoms for years before his physicians finally thought about testing for Addison's disease!

Treatment

In the case of collapse or profoundly slowed heart rate, emergency therapy for the Addisonian dog may be necessary including intravenous fluid therapy, cortisone injections, and treatment for circulatory shock.

Long-term treatment for Addison's disease involves life-long hormone replacement therapy and, in some cases, sodium supplementation- table salt added to the dog's diet. Cortisol supplementation (prednisone is the drug most commonly used) is initiated and is ultimately weaned down to a physiologic dose or discontinued. Whether or not it is discontinued depends upon the aldosterone replacement therapy selected. A physiologic dose is intended to imitate the amount of cortisol normally released by the adrenal glands. If it is known that an Addisonian dog will be experiencing some version of stress, the dose of cortisone is increased accordingly.

Aldosterone replacement is achieved one of two ways. An injectable drug known as DOCP (desoxycorticosterone pivalate- how's that for a mouthful!) can be administered via an injection under the skin approximately once every 25 days. Most veterinarians are willing to teach their clients how to administer this drug at home. Another injectable option is a brand new drug called Zycortal. An orally administered daily medication called Florinef can also be used for aldosterone replacement therapy.

Unfortunately, these drugs can be pretty darned pricey. Given that they are dosed based on the dog's body weight (large breed dogs are more commonly affected) and that dogs with Addison's disease must receive life-long medication and blood test monitoring, the cost of treatment can be enormous.

Prognosis

Well-managed Addisonian dogs are expected to have a normal life expectancy and an excellent quality of life. The keys to success are affordability and conscientious life-long treatment and monitoring.

Sources of support

Not all veterinarians have vast experience recognizing and/or treating dogs with Addison's disease. Additionally, successful treatment requires considerable finesse based on lots of experience with this disease. Consider getting help from a veterinarian who specializes in internal medicine and who likely has dozens of Addisonian patients under his or her belt.

An excellent, long-running, online source of support is the forum called AddisonDogs. The site is well moderated and provides a wealth of information for those in the position of caring for an Addisonian dog.

Have you ever managed a dog with Addison's disease? If so, what was your experience like? If you would like to respond publicly, please visit: <http://www.speakingforspot.com/blog/?p=5141>.

Best wishes,
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New Rattitude

Rat Terrier Rescue



What New Rattitude is About

Meet Leia– She is a 10 year old girl, weighs 21 pounds and she is available. She is currently in Georgia. Leia 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.

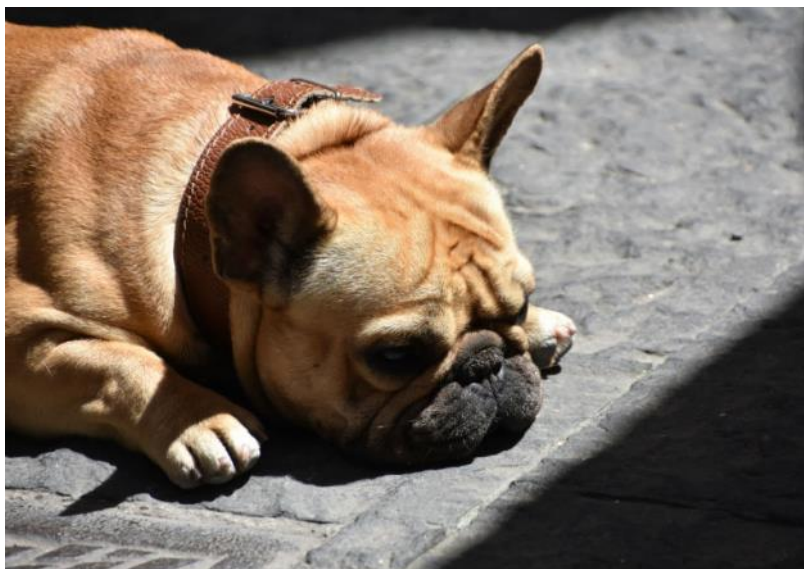
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Tramadol for Dogs: Uses and Side Effects

Anna Burke



WHAT IS TRAMADOL?

Tramadol is a medication veterinarians commonly dispense to manage pain in dogs. Physicians also frequently prescribe tramadol for human aches and pains, and it is one of the few human painkillers that is safe to give to dogs under the guidance of a veterinarian.

Scientifically speaking, tramadol is a member of the opioid family, which means it alters the transmission and perception of pain in humans and animals. In

addition, tramadol inhibits the reuptake of norepinephrine and serotonin in the dog's brain, which increases the level of these chemicals in the bloodstream, and creates that feeling of euphoria and well-being that human patients

sometimes experience.

What Is Tramadol Used for in Veterinary Medicine?

Like most opioids, tramadol is used to treat pain. The Merck Veterinary Manual recommends using tramadol to treat “acute and chronic pain of moderate to severe intensity,” which could mean anything from helping your dog recover from surgery or as a way to help manage the pain associated with osteoarthritis when taken with other medications.

Your veterinarian might prescribe tramadol if your dog has any of the following causes of pain:

- Osteoarthritis
- Nonsurgical intervertebral disc disease
- Cancer
- Lameness
- Post-operative pain
- General pain from an injury or another condition

Other uses includes treating:

- Anxiety
- Coughing
- Canine degenerative myelopathy (progressive disease of the spinal cord)

Tramadol does not have the anti-inflammatory properties associated with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). It does not treat the underlying cause of the pain. Instead, it alters the way the body perceives pain, giving the patient some relief. As a result, it is often used in conjunction with another drug, such as the NSAID carprofen (Rimadyl), or as an additional pain management strategy for chronic conditions.

Side Effects of Tramadol in Dogs

Like most medications, tramadol has side effects. Most dogs tolerate tramadol well, as long as the dosage instructions are followed properly, but there are a few adverse reactions you should be aware of.

Vomiting

- Nausea
- Loss of appetite

Constipation

Diarrhea

- Drowsiness
- Anxiety
- Dizziness
- Tremors



These reactions range in severity, but play it safe and call your veterinarian if your dog experiences any of these tramadol side effects.

Overdose of Tramadol In Dogs

Adverse reactions aren't the only thing owners need to worry about when it comes to medications. Overdoses happen. Sometimes dogs get into things that they should not, like medication, or well-meaning pet sitters or family members accidentally give dogs a higher dose than prescribed. These reactions are serious. Here are the symptoms of a tramadol overdose that you need to be aware of:

- Respiratory depression
- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Decreased heart rate
- Tremors
- Sleepiness
- Seizures
- Excessive drooling
- Sedation
- Agitation
- Dilated pupils
- Ataxia (uncontrollable movement)
- Loss of consciousness
- Coma

If you notice any of these symptoms, stop giving tramadol and call your veterinarian immediately.

Tramadol Dosage for Dogs

Tramadol requires a prescription and is a class 4 controlled substance. The only way to get tramadol for your dog is a prescription from your veterinarian. As tempting as it might be to pop your dog a pill from a human tramadol prescription, remember that dosages for dogs differ greatly from those for humans, and giving your dog tramadol outside of the guidance of a veterinarian could result in a tramadol overdose.



Owners should never attempt to calculate the dosage of tramadol for their dogs without a veterinarian. Veterinarians calculate tramadol dosages based on weight, but they also take into consideration other components of your dog's health, such as pre-existing conditions and liver values, and the cause of the pain itself. The dosage for chronic pain, for instance, might be different from the dosage used to treat acute pain.

Ask your veterinarian if tramadol is right for your dog, if your dog meets the following criteria:

- Dogs taking monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs), like the drug selegiline, used to treat canine cognitive dysfunction and pituitary dependent hyperadrenocorticism (Cushing's Disease)
- Dogs taking selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), like fluoxetine, sertraline, paroxetine, and fluvoxamine
- Dogs with a history of recent seizures
- Pregnant or nursing dogs
- Dogs with liver or kidney disease

Tramadol can help manage your dog's pain levels and improve his quality of life. Now that you know a little more about tramadol for dogs, don't hesitate to bring up any questions or concerns you still have with your veterinarian.

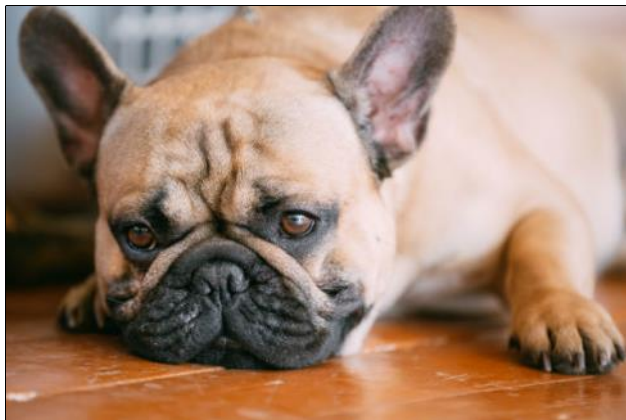
What Dogs Should Not Take Tramadol?

Most drugs have counter-indications, drug interactions, and safety restrictions. While tramadol is relatively safe, there are some exceptions.

Tramadol's effects on serotonin uptake means that some dogs should avoid tramadol unless a veterinarian states otherwise, as it can result in drug interactions. Tramadol can also pass from a mother to her pups, and there have been instances of tramadol increasing seizure activity in dogs with pre-existing conditions.

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2017 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle
Statistics thru February 28, 2017

Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handled Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	Yolanda Cunningham Laura Vaught	Rat Terrier	90
2	CH Rnb s Princess Winter Winds For Bonne Chance	Vicki Lynn Paxton	Rat Terrier	80
3	CH Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	Kimberly Seegmiller Mr. Patrick Smith II	Rat Terrier	60
4	CH Call Me Tuff Enough Game On RN	Brandy Petry Shannon Piquet	Rat Terrier	50
5	CH King Pen s Game On	Gail Harlamoff Raymond Draper	Rat Terrier	45
5	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	Patricia Smith Marcia Martin	Rat Terrier	45
7	GCH CH Aacres Go The Distance	Christel Carl Kenzie Carl	Rat Terrier	40
7	Seegmillers Azefer Andi Mint	Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Lila Fast	Rat Terrier	40
7	Raganrat Yamada Feel The Burn CA	Michelle Blackmore	Rat Terrier	40
10	Rip It Up Never Say Never	Patricia Smith	Rat Terrier	35
10	CH Felixville s Skippin Cj Rougarou	Joanna B Plattsmier	Rat Terrier	35
10	Raganrat I Am A Conqueror	Darice Ragan	Rat Terrier	35
10	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	Frances B Nasiatka Valerie Schiefer	Rat Terrier	35
14	CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	Darin Gillies Tracey Gillies	Rat Terrier	25
14	GCH CH Indigo Igo Pistol Pack N Baby Sgk	Jennifer Ferguson	Rat Terrier	25
14	Pocomtuc s Oki-Doh-Ki Anoki	Wendy Sherman	Rat Terrier	25

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AKC ALL-BREED STANDINGS

2017 Rat Terriers

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	230	0	1	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
2	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	188	0	0	T Little/R Little
3	GCHB CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	180	0	0	T Kallas
4	GCHB CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	129	0	0	J Ferguson
5	GCH CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	37	0	0	J Ader
6	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	36	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
7	CH River Ridge's Wicked Good	F	18	0	0	P Cary/S McWilliams/H Carpenter
8	Rip It Up Never Say Never	M	15	0	0	P Smith
8	CH Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	15	0	0	K Seegmiller/P Smith
10	CH Ib Seegmillers Little Black Dress	F	10	0	0	K Seegmiller
10	GCH CH Seegmillers Stars On The River	F	10	0	0	K Seegmiller
12	CH Trimark's Ur The 1 River Ridge	M	8	0	0	P Smith
13	Raganrat I Am A Conqueror	M	6	0	0	D Ragan
13	CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	6	0	0	T Little/C Martinez
13	GCH CH Evanlee's Ticket To The Stars CA	M	6	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN
13	CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	6	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
17	CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	4	0	0	S Cadell
17	GCH CH Wild Oak's Anson St. Church	M	4	0	0	D Littleton/N Littleton
19	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	3	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
20	Hime Masako Of Miyuki	F	2	0	0	Y Cunningham/L Vaught/C McKee-Sanchez
20	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuf To Envy RN	F	2	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
20	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	F	2	0	0	Y Cunningham/L Vaught



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AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

2017 Rat Terriers

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Owner
1	GCHB CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	51	J Ferguson
2	GCH CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	28	J Ader
3	GCHB CH HdK K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	25	T Kallas
4	CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	22	T Little/C Martinez
4	CH River Ridge's Wicked Good	F	22	P Cary/S McWilliams/H Carpenter
6	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	21	B Veltri
6	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	21	T Little/R Little
8	GCH CH Seegmillers Stars On The River	F	18	K Seegmiller
9	GCH CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	17	L Lee/J Leigh
10	CH Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	16	K Seegmiller/P Smith
11	GCH CH Cal Val Lily Luna Of Sugarloaf	F	15	B Lancaster-Jordan/D Jordan
12	CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From The Sun	F	13	L Lee/J Leigh
13	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	9	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
13	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	F	9	P Smith/M Martin
15	GCH CH Wild Oak's Anson St. Church	M	8	D Littleton/N Littleton
15	GCH CH Aacres John Henry	M	8	C Hart
17	GCHB CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tlkabout@Ghl	F	7	A Burns/L Meek
17	CH Trimark's Ur The 1 River Ridge	M	7	P Smith
17	GCH CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RA	F	7	S Mulligan/S Turner
20	GCH CH Evanlee's Ticket To The Stars CA	M	6	A Morris/D MCMAHAN



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AKC BREED STANDINGS

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHB CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	70	0	0	J Ferguson
2	GCHB CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	56	0	0	T Kallas
3	GCH CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	37	0	0	J Ader
4	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	34	0	0	T Little/R Little
5	CH River Ridge's Wicked Good	F	18	0	0	P Cary/S McWilliams/H Carpenter
6	Rip It Up Never Say Never	M	15	0	0	P Smith
6	CH Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	15	0	0	K Seegmiller/P Smith
8	GCH CH Seegmillers Stars On The River	F	10	0	0	K Seegmiller
8	CH lb Seegmillers Little Black Dress	F	10	0	0	K Seegmiller
10	CH Trimark's Ur The 1 River Ridge	M	8	0	0	P Smith
11	Raganrat I Am A Conqueror	M	6	0	0	D Ragan
11	GCH CH Evanlee's Ticket To The Stars CA	M	6	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN
11	CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	6	0	0	T Little/C Martinez
11	CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	6	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
11	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	6	0	1	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
16	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	5	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
17	CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	4	0	0	S Cadell
17	GCH CH Wild Oak's Anson St. Church	M	4	0	0	D Littleton/N Littleton
19	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	3	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
20	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	2	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
20	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	F	2	0	0	Y Cunningham/L Vaught
20	Hime Masako Of Miyuki	F	2	0	0	Y Cunningham/L Vaught/C McKee-Sanchez



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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	1143	0	1	T Little/R Little
2	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	934	0	2	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
3	GCHB CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	357	0	1	J Ferguson
4	GCHB CH River Ridge New Direction	F	189	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
5	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	F	176	0	0	K Seegmiller
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	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	60	0	0	B Veltri
8	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	60	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
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	CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	36	0	0	J Ader
14	GCH CH Seegmillers Black Diamonds	F	36	0	0	K Seegmiller/S Halma
16	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	F	34	0	0	P Smith/M Martin
16	Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	34	0	0	K Seegmiller/P Smith
18	CH Rnb She's Destine For Stardom	F	28	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
18	CH Aacres John Henry	M	28	0	0	C Hart
18	GCH CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue NA AXJ NJP NF	M	28	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams



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1	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	421	0	1	T Little/R Little
2	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	191	0	2	S McWilliams/J Gardner/R Fendlason
3	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	F	153	0	0	K Seegmiller
4	GCHB CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	140	0	1	J Ferguson
5	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	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	112	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 Pettry
11	GCH CH Seegmillerbuzablu Black Diamond Jewels	F	38	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
12	CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	36	0	0	J Ader
12	GCH CH Seegmillers Black Diamonds	F	36	0	0	K Seegmiller/S Halma
14	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	35	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
15	Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	34	0	0	K Seegmiller/P Smith
15	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	GCH CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue NA AXJ NJP NF	M	28	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
17	CH Rnb She's Destine For Stardom	F	28	0	0	S Hendrix/D Hendrix
20	CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	27	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh



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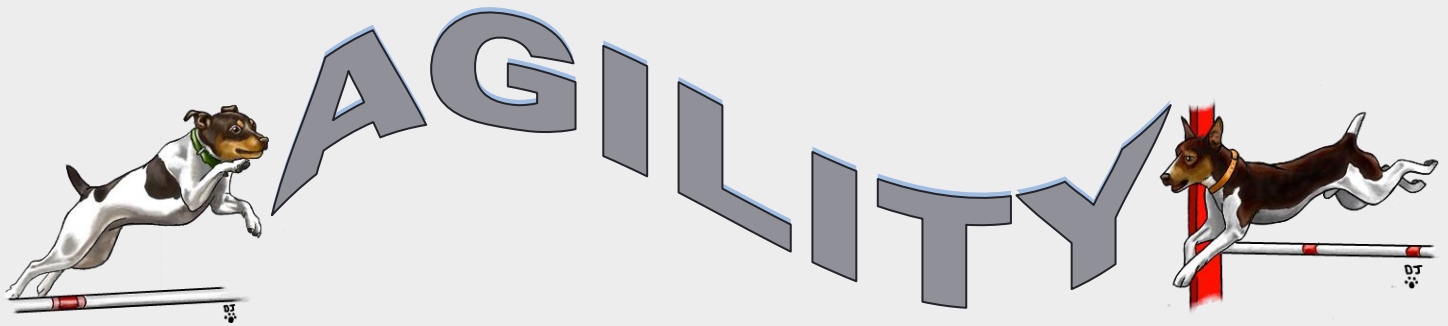
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1	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	Yolanda Cummingham Laura Vaught	Rat Terrier	325
2	CH Wildcliff Steady N Strong Duty Calls	Annette Agostine Tracey Spillane	Rat Terrier	280
3	CH Evanlee s Ticket To The Stars CA	Anna Morris DONNA MCMAHAN	Rat Terrier	270
4	CH Indigo Igo Baby Blu Z Almighty Nitro	Jennifer Ferguson	Rat Terrier	175
5	GCH CH Bur-Way Crossin The Thin Red Line	Patricia Smith Marcia Martin	Rat Terrier	145
6	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	135
7	GCH CH Felixville s Seasoned Traveller RN CA BCAT CGCA	Ransome little Joanna B Plattsmier	Rat Terrier	105
8	GCH CH Trimark s Take It All River Ridge	Patricia Smith Marcia Martin	Rat Terrier	95
9	Seegmillers Azefer Andi Mint	Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Lila Fast	Rat Terrier	65
10	CH Indigo Igo Pistol Pack N Baby Sgk	Jennifer Ferguson	Rat Terrier	55
10	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	Loretta Iazzetti Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	55
10	CH Rnb s Shootout Blkwd Corral	Jackie Ader	Rat Terrier	55
13	Black Label s Jedi Master	Felicia White	Rat Terrier	50
13	CH River Ridge s Give Em Someth N 2talk About	Jaclyn Maye Beth Szczygiel Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	50
15	GCH CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RN	Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner	Rat Terrier	45





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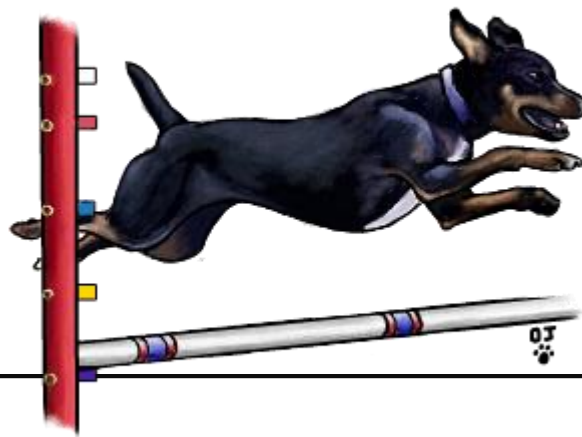
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1	13.97	Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN MX MXJ OF	B Spilis/D SPILIS	5.90	4.03
2	13.42	Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXG MJG MXF T2B2	M BASU/V Schiefer	5.19	4.11
3	13.12	Ryder — MACH Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXC MJG RATO	C Clemente	5.12	4.00
4	12.99	MACH27 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXB7 MJC7 MFB TQX T2B6	G Capen	4.87	4.06
5	12.83	MACH Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MXB MJB	D Rabbach	5.02	3.91
6	12.65	Raganrat Wild Gypsy Rose MX MXJ MJS XF	M Liebhardt/D Ragan	5.05	3.80
7	12.53	MACH Drj's Johnny Boy MXS MJB XF T2B3	R Taylor/D Taylor	5.11	3.71
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 T2B3 CA	K Brown	4.68	3.51
10	11.69	CH Raganrat's Xtra Xtraordinary Q CD RE AX MXJ OF CGCA CGCU	H Browne/D Ragan	4.60	3.54

8" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	13.09	MACH2 Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS	N Sewell	5.04	4.02
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	12.63	Jack AX MXJ MXP MJP2 MJPB OF OFP T2B T2BP JE	D Hodges/C Hodges	4.98	3.82
4	11.78	MACH2 Jus' Bingo CDX RA MXS MJS XF	T Woepse/B Krynski	4.60	3.59
5	11.59	MACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB MXP MJP	R Nicotra	4.47	3.56
6	10.96	MACH25 Pebbles' Magic Act MXS6 MJB7 MXF TQX T2B	D Kennedy	4.32	3.32
7	10.23	MACH3 Rpk's Lexi MXG MJG MXP MJP XF	L Samson	3.89	3.17
8	9.43	Stella — MACH4 PACH4 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP15 MXPS2 MJP15 MJPS2 PAX6 MFC TQX MFPS TQXP T2B6	V Meyer	3.35	3.04
9	9.22	MACH2 Stoneybays Taffy Apple Martini MXS MJG OF T2B3	E Lee/M Lee	3.59	2.82
10	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

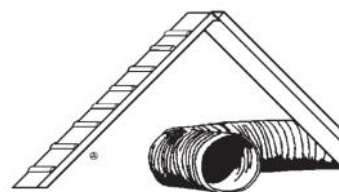
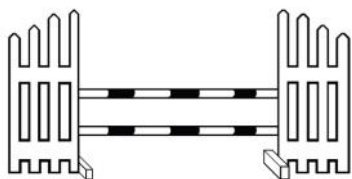
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	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.77	Penny Lane — MACH14 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXB4 MJS4	M Liebhardt/V Schiefer	4.89	3.94
2	11.73	Ellie — MACH4 Ellie May MXB2 MJS2 MXF T2B4	H Williams/B Williams	4.33	3.70
3	11.04	MACH Maggie MXB MJS XF	C Hummel	4.23	3.41
4	9.59	Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN AX MXJ NF CA	C Lent/V Schiefer	3.74	2.93



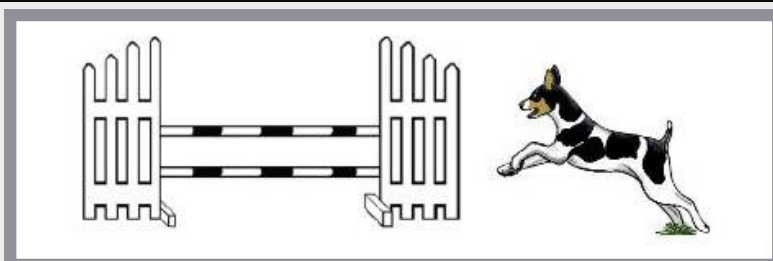
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	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.74	Willis — MACH6 PACH2 Willis MXS2 MJG2 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX2 T2B	M Obidinski	4.92	3.91
2	11.89	MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB MXP MJP2	R Nicotra	4.58	3.65
3	11.34	Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXP2 MJP3 MJPB	N James	4.27	3.53



16" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	16.26	GCH CH River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare AX MXJ OF	B Szczygiel	6.18	5.04
2	15.67	3bf Stars King Uf Da Castle AX AXJ NF	L Abbott/E Blair	5.81	4.93
3	14.91	Remus — Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXB MXJ MJS MFS T2B2	D Stevenson	5.79	4.56
4	14.18	Porter — MACH4 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXC MJC T2B CA	M Obidinski	5.38	4.40
5	14.02	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.16	4.43
6	13.70	Taylor — MACH2 Taylorswift MXG MJG OF T2B	S McGinty	5.27	4.22
7	13.24	Call Me Juno Jupiter AX AXJ XF	K Brown	5.03	4.10
8	12.47	MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF	B Krynski/T Woepse	4.92	3.78
9	12.36	Ratitatt Textin Repete Action CD PCD BN RE AX MXJ NF CGC	S Harames	4.68	3.84
10	11.99	Warren Mtn's Roman Gnome AX MXJ MJS OF	L McCay	4.66	3.66



FAST CAT TOP 20 FASTEST DOGS BY BREEDS

Events are processed through February 16, 2017.

This listing displays the rankings of Top 20 dogs in Fast CAT events by MPH.

Today's Date: February 23, 2017

Ranking for Rat Terrier

Rank	Dog Name	Sex	MPH
1	GCH CH Felixville's Seasoned Traveller RN CA BCAT CGCA	Dog	27
1	Call Me Greased Lightning's Screaming Bullet OA OAJ OF	Dog	27
2	Crosswinds Mikki Tikki Tavi CA BCAT	Dog	26
2	Raganrat Sam I Am RE CAA BCAT CGC	Dog	26
3	GCHG CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	Dog	24
3	Warren Mtn's Terrier Blu Blood SE CA RATO CGCA CGCU	Dog	24
3	Black Label's Ready To Rock CA	Dog	24
3	CH River Ridge's Wicked Good	Bitch	24
4	GCHS CH Seegmillers Dos Miss Margo	Bitch	23
4	Pyxis Not Bi Chance	Dog	23
4	Felixvilles Rosemary Pooch	Bitch	23
5	Polo CAA	Dog	21
5	CH Evanlee's Ticket To The Stars CA	Dog	21
6	Cricket Hjerpe CA BCAT	Bitch	20
7	CH Poochville's Katie-Too	Bitch	8

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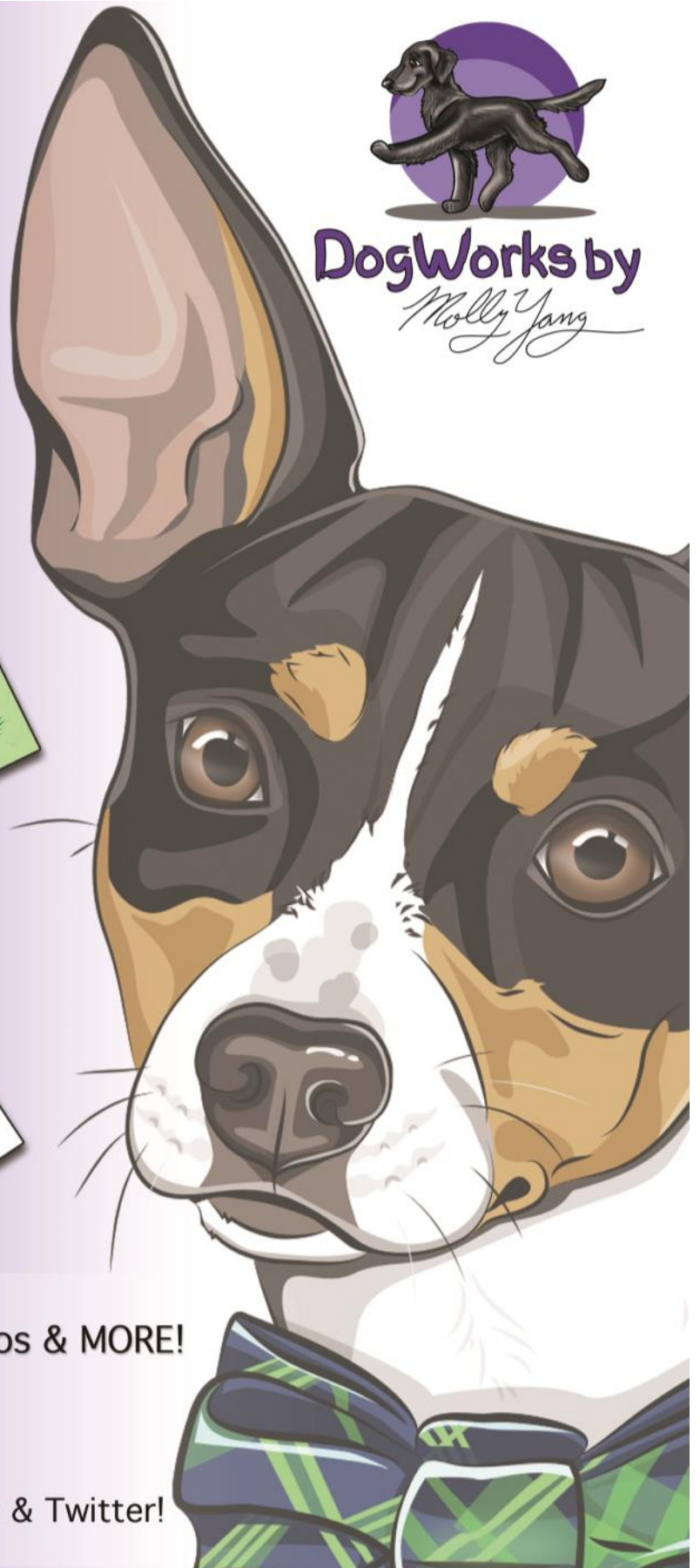
We would LOVE to share your story about how you first became hooked on Rat Terriers. Many of us remember them from our childhood so many years ago and they have been a part of our life since. Others came more recently to the breed for a variety of reasons. And, some of us remember them from childhood and are only more recently bringing them into our homes for a variety of reasons. What is your story? We can help you edit your story if you need the assistance. We'd like something 1-2 pages with photos, but certainly are willing to go extra space if you have a particularly good story to tell.

Please contact us at midatlantictc@cox.net so that you might be part of an upcoming issue.





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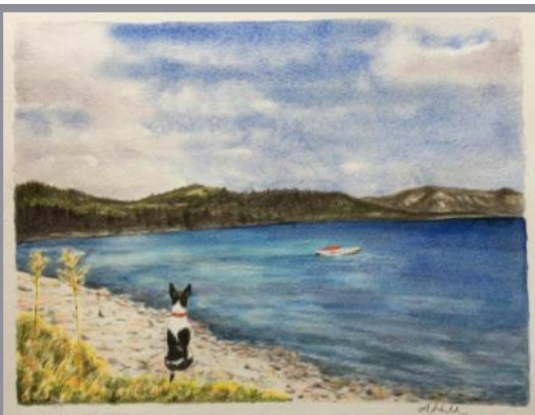


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The Art of Amanda Hall

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The “eyes” say it ALL



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Rattiescapes
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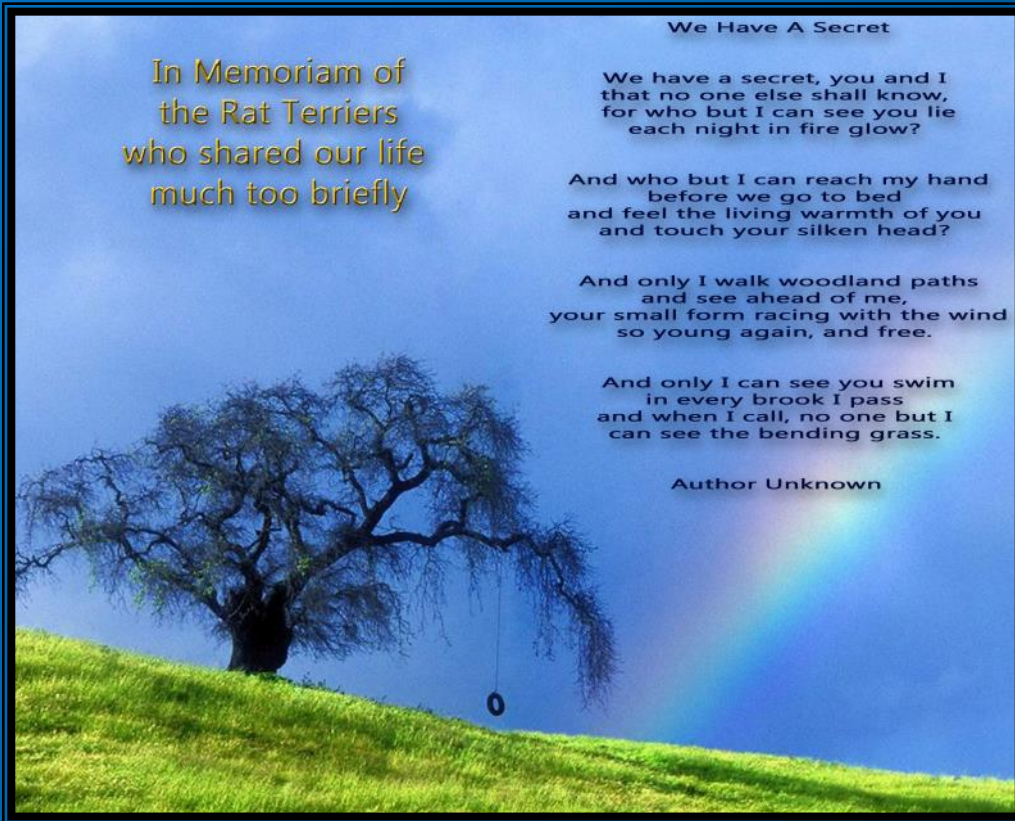
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We Have A Secret

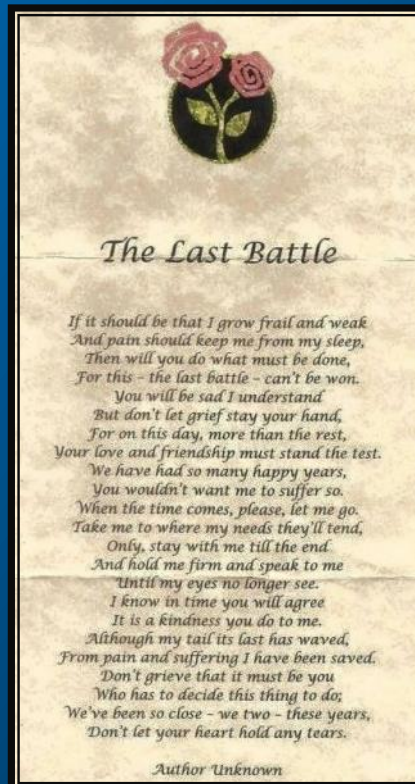
We have a secret, you and I
that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie
each night in fire glow?

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

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

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

Author Unknown



The Last Battle

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

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

MEET THE EXHIBITOR!!

Are you an exhibitor in conformation or any performance event who would like to share your story about the experience of competing with your dogs? We can help you polish up what you write and look forward to sharing photos of you and your dogs. To share your experiences please

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Illustrated AKC
Rat Terrier
Breed Standard

Official AKC Standard of the Rat Terrier

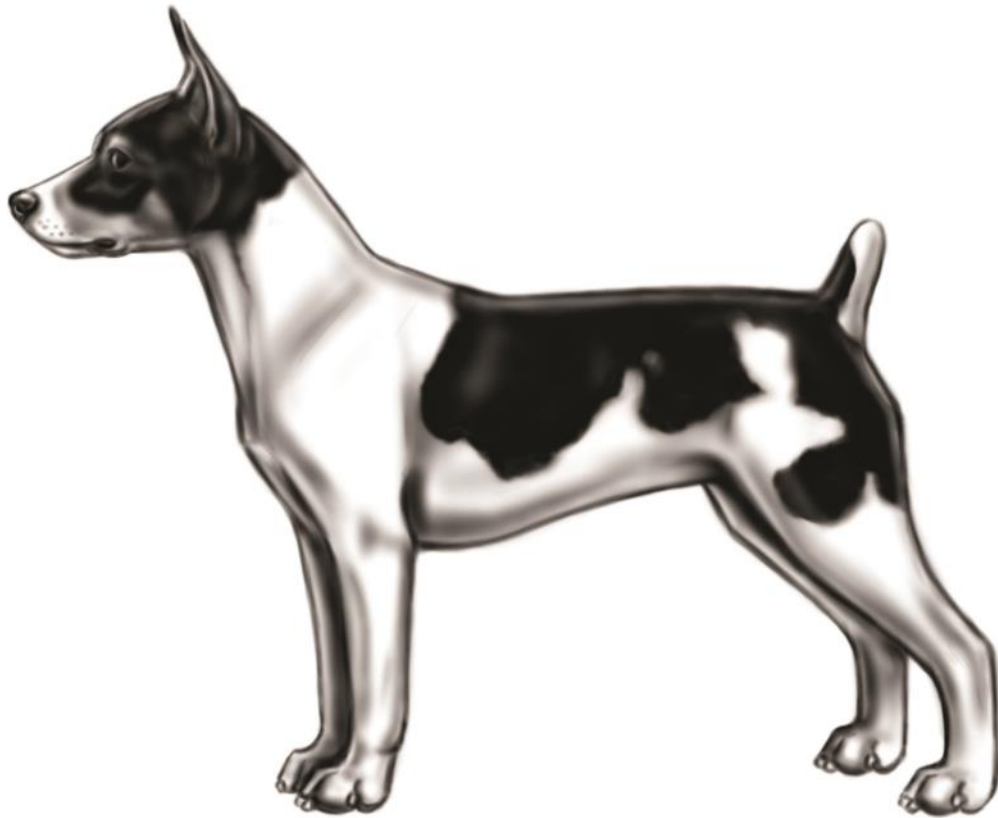
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General Appearance: The Rat Terrier was originally bred for ratting and farm work. A multipurpose companion dog that is capable of hunting rodents and vermin above and below ground, and to course small game. He is a sturdy, compact, small-to-medium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

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



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



Neck, Topline, Body:

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

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

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

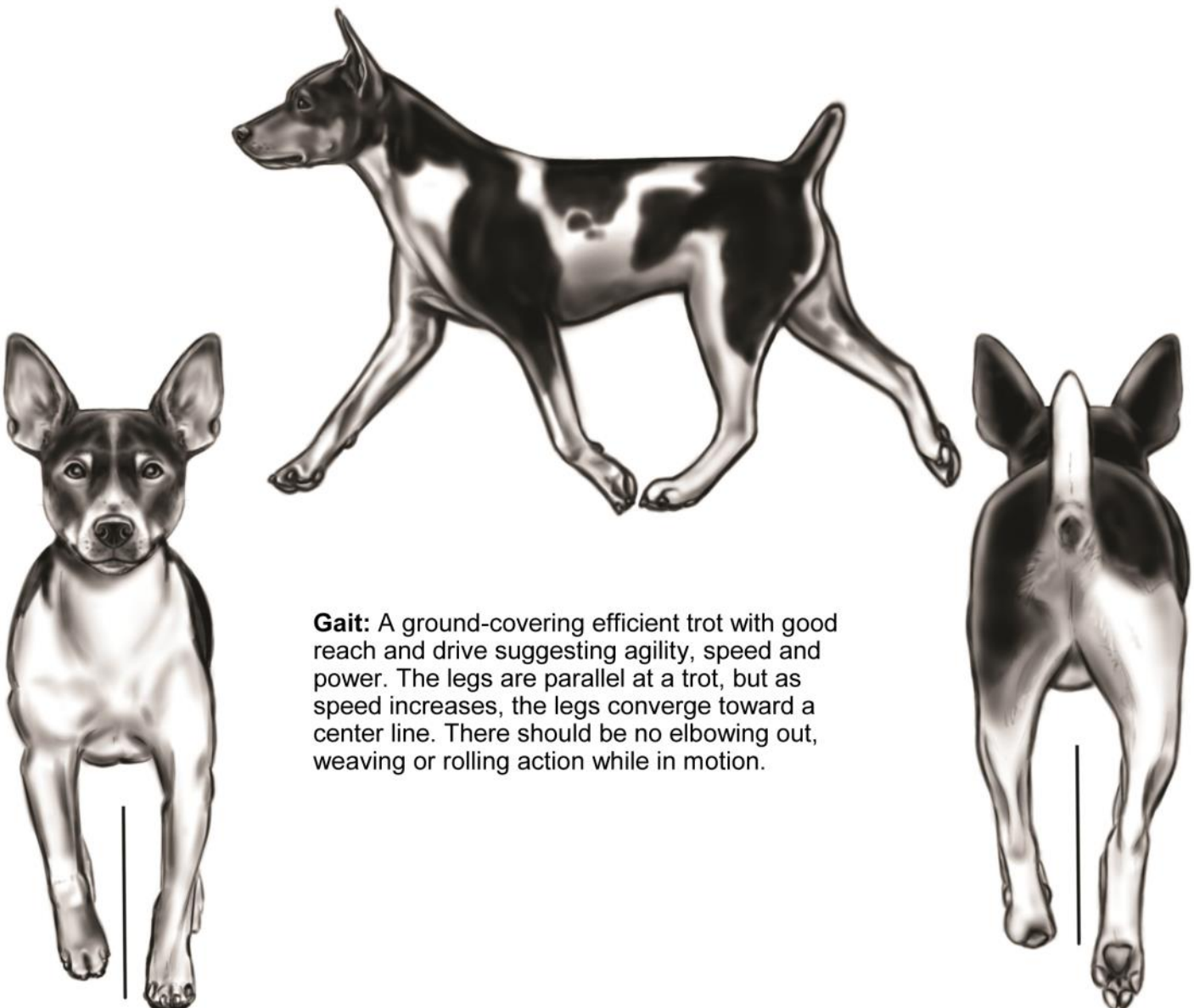
Tail - The tail set is a continuation of the spine. Tails are customarily docked between the second and third joint, or can be a natural bobtail or left naturally long and tapering to the hock joint. Length is unimportant. The carriage is variable depending on attitude, carried from slightly below horizontal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

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

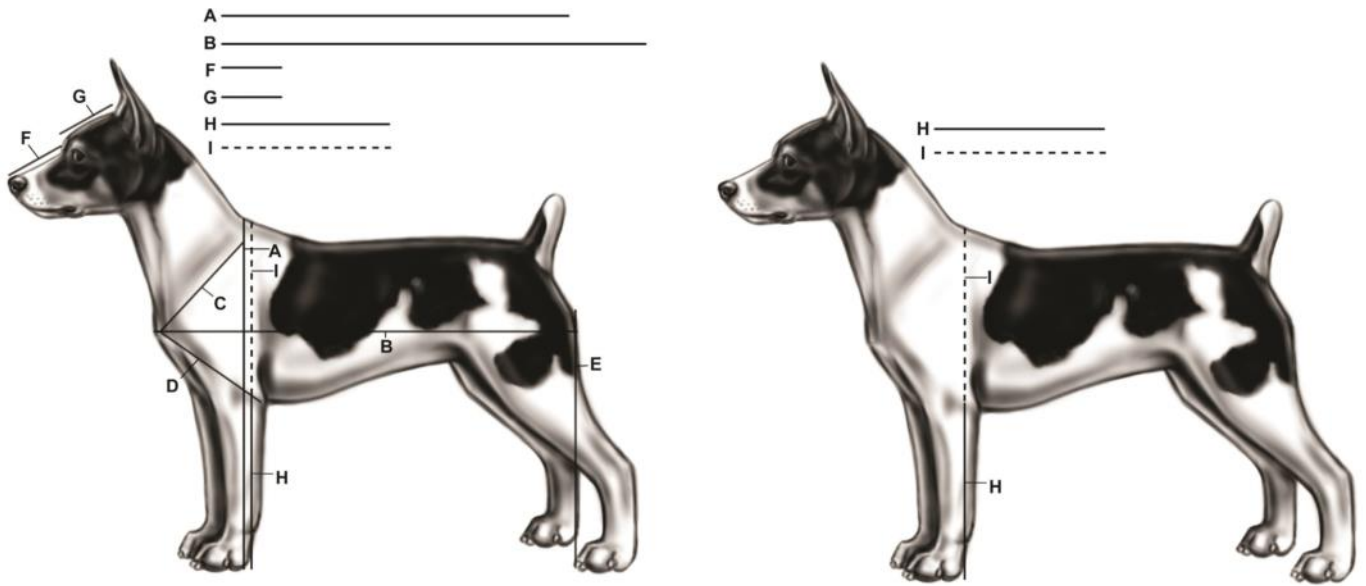
Hindquarters: The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse. Stifles are well-bent with short hocks that are parallel and perpendicular to the ground. The hind feet although slightly smaller are similar to the front feet. Rear dewclaws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

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

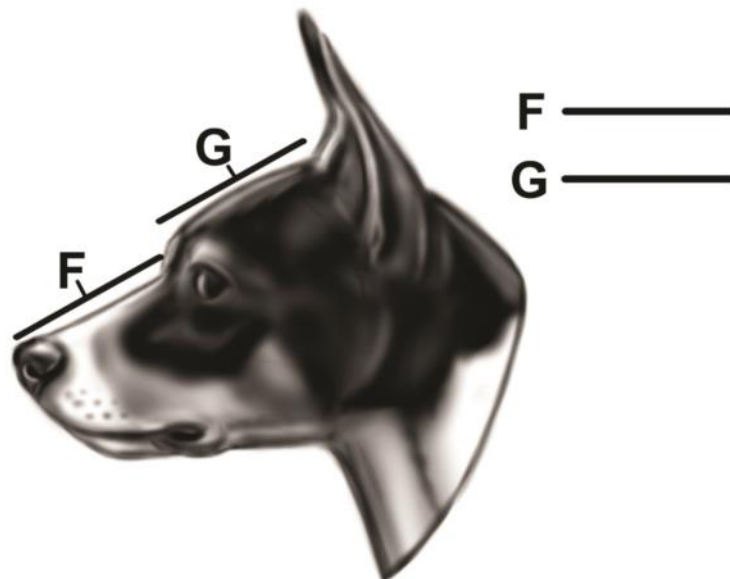
Color: Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without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



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



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





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CORRECT BITE

Scissors
(Preferred)



Level
(Acceptable)



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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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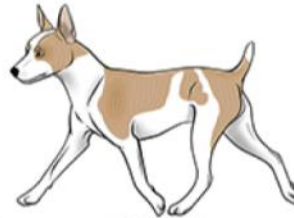
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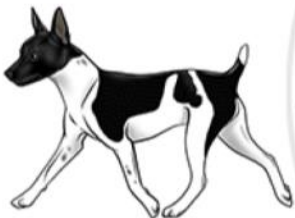
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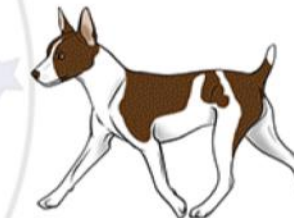
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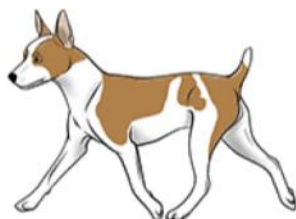
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Shameless Plug for ...

NEW members!!!

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

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

While MARTC is not an AKC affiliated club at this time, it is the hope and future goal to become an AKC 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.

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



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MID-ATLANTIC RAT TERRIER CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Type of Membership:

- Regular-\$25.00**
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Name(s): _____

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Email: _____

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

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Tell us about yourself and your dogs...

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

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

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

1. _____ 2. _____

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

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Member Name: _____ Date: _____

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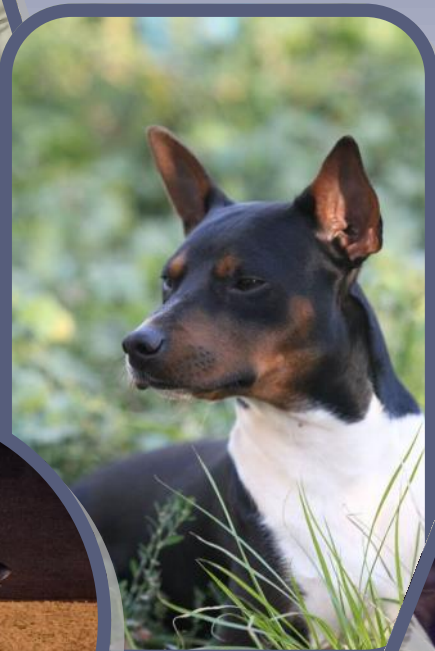
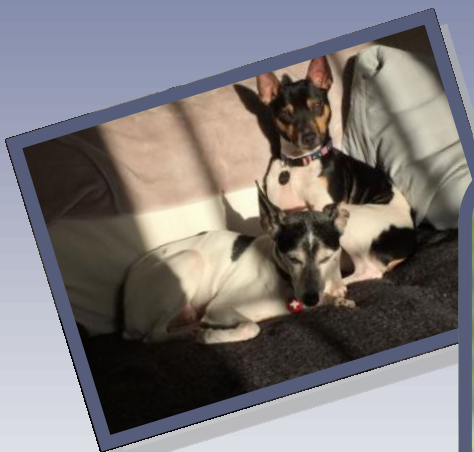
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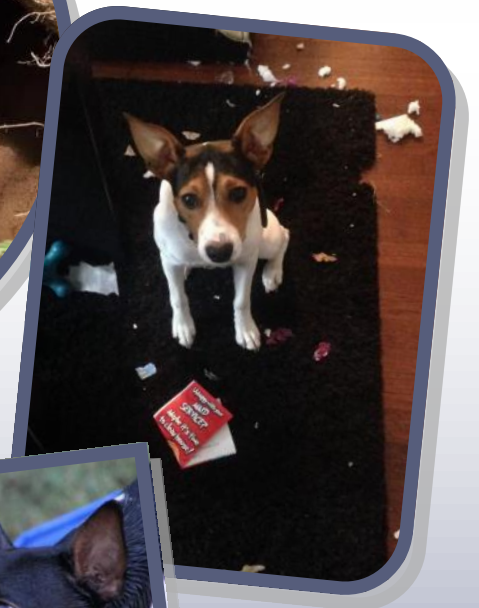
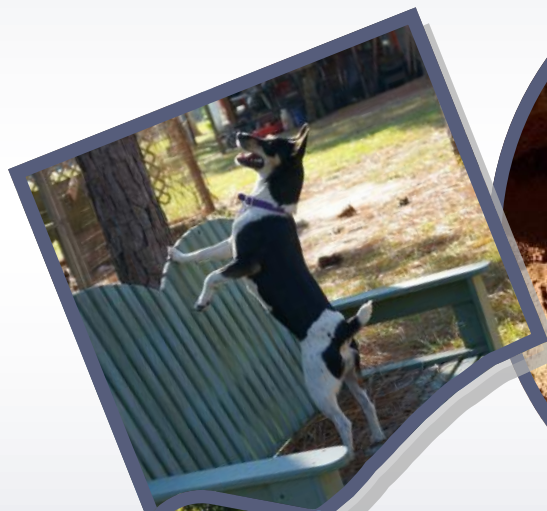
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