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*Wishing You A
Healthy & Happy 2018*



This 'n That ...

Did you know ... you do not have to live in the Montgomery County 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



When I agreed to take the lead over the club newsletter project, back in the first quarter of 2015, it was with a bit of trepidation. Would enough quality articles be found to make a worthwhile presentation? What was the ultimate goal and vision of the newsletter? I, quite frankly, dreaded the thought of having to reach out to authors and publications for permission to use something worthy of reprinting. So, it began just began one issue at a time ...

Here we are with the fourth quarter of 2017 issue and that is TWELVE successful newsletters that are full of quality educational content, fun things to read, lovely photos of our beautiful breed, and the wonderful brags from all over the United States showing our very talented breed succeeding in a huge variety of competitive events. The ultimate goal was to have the newsletter represent an outreach to all Rat Terrier fanciers and to provide as much educational and special interest material as possible. We believe that the newsletter has accomplished those goals and I will continue to strive to achieve a high quality, fun to read newsletter.

We would not be at the twelfth issue without the help of the original collaboration team: Kerry Maguire Cox (Maryland), Cory Downey Hart (Washington), Tricia McCree (Maryland), Marcy Stewart (Nebraska), and Mandy Truitt (Pennsylvania). My special thank you to each of you for your help and several of you who contributed self-authored articles when I requested something for an issue.

I would like to specifically mention Jackie Maye Olsen because she has been an active part of the work from the beginning with the very first newsletter that she compiled before I took over the newsletter project. Jackie has been my assistant and go-to person when I wanted or needed input. She has always stepped up and volunteered her help to contribute to a successful newsletter in many ways.

The most important part of all of this has been the wonderful friendships developed with a cohesive group of people who are involved in MCRTC (formerly MARTC). Each person exhibits the characteristics necessary to have in a TEAM and that creates the environment where it is fun to contribute and be a part of the growth.

In closing, this has been a labor of love for me and I thank each person who reads and shares the issue as it is released to the public. I appreciate the positive feedback that is received with each issue and treasure the many friends who have come into my life as part of this process.

**Sandra Ball, Editor
Arizona**



Pretty as a Picture



Photo by Sue Lee Ringwelski

JUDGING THE RAT TERRIER

PART ONE – 4 Impacting Characteristics

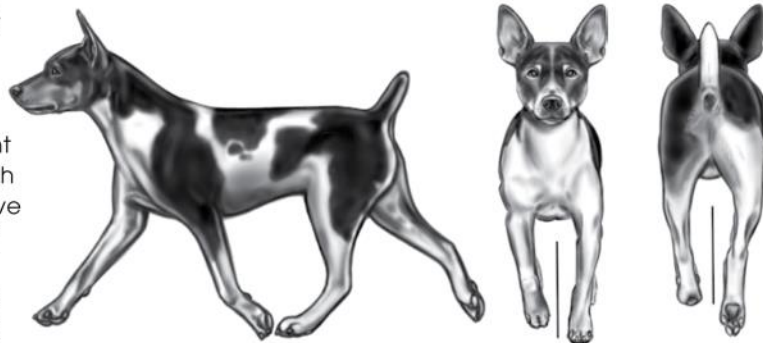
The Rat Terrier became fully recognized by the American Kennel Club in June of 2013. A truly “made in America” breed, the Rat Terrier is a moderate, medium-sized terrier bred to rid the farm of rodents. Fearlessly tenacious and alert, the Rat Terrier has keen eye sight and a very strong hunting drive that is prized by farmers for its working ability and service to the farm. Farmers had use only for those animals that could contribute to the operation of the farm and cared little for anything more than a serviceable sized dog with hunting proficiency. Color and markings were immaterial.

Over the years the easy-going nature and quick intelligence of this versatile breed brought families and exhibitors to the Rat Terrier. The breed quickly became known as a multipurpose performer and a quintessential family dog. A sturdy dog, the Rat Terrier should give the impression of a fit, well-muscled yet elegant dog that can cover ground efficiently and confidently. The stance, build, strength and expression should leave no doubt that the Rat Terrier would still excel at extinguishing rodents.

When we look at the Rat Terrier in the show ring competition we are often looking for an all-

GAIT - Desired Movement

The Rat Terrier should not be shown “strung up” - the goal is to allow for free movement at a fairly good pace and **not a restricted walk**. Proper handling should showcase the ground-covering, efficient trot which allows for the reach through the shoulder and drive from the rear. The gait should appear free and effortless. There should be no elbowing out, or any rolling or weaving action.





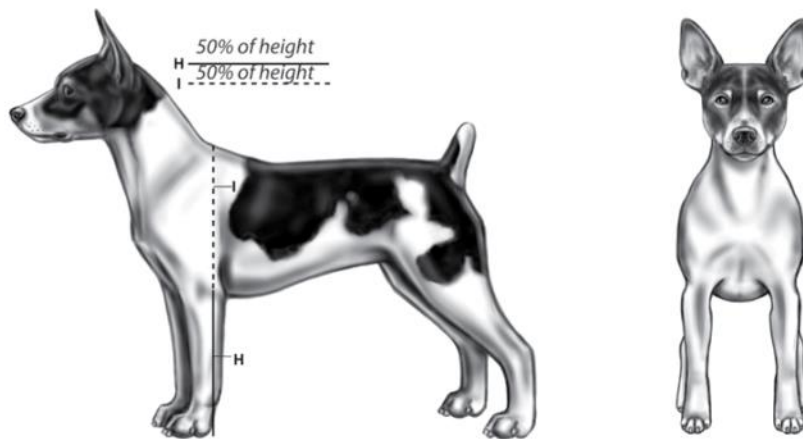
round show dog, flashy and sound with breed type. Since movement is a measure of a dog's conformation, we selected four important movement-impacting characteristics to look for in your ring. And, because breed type and function are also important, we will also discuss the head piece.

In judging the Rat Terrier, there are four premier characteristics which warrant careful evaluation: gait, front assembly, topline, and headpiece.

FRONT ASSEMBLY - It all starts here

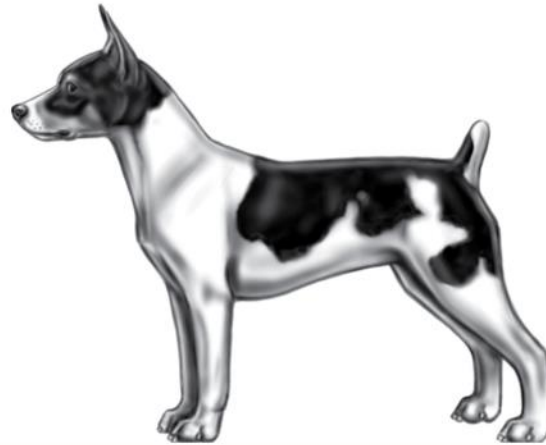
The shoulder blades are well laid back with flat muscles providing enough space between the shoulder blades to allow for free movement. The shoulder blades and the upper arms are nearly equal in length and well set back so that the elbows fall directly under the highest point of the

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 and moderately arched with thick pads and strong nails.



TOPLINE - Supports Breed Function

The topline of the Rat Terrier should be smooth and blend from neck through the withers and into the back, through the loin to the set of the tail, with a gently rounded croup. The Rat Terrier should not have a steep slope to the croup. The tail length is unimportant. The tail carriage is variable depending on attitude; carried from slightly below horizontal to almost erect, but not over the back, or a ring tail.



HEADPIECE - Consists of Breed Type and Strength

The head resembles a smooth, blunt wedge. 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 ears** are 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 ears may be carried erect, semi-erect and tipped, or buttoned, without preference. The expression is intelligent, alert and full of interest. **The eyes** are not large and 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. Bite: Scissor pred or level accepted.



Watch for our upcoming articles in this series of three. Next issue we will provide an explanation of the various colors and patterns for the breed. In the following issue we will discuss breed temperament and size.

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Humor makes the world a better place



Kissing the ground he walks on!!

A Survival Guide for Dog Diarrhea

Mara Bovsun | October 29, 2015

It's not a topic anyone likes to discuss, but if you own a dog, chances are you have found yourself cleaning up a stinking brown puddle (or, politely put, doggie runs) more than you'd care to think about.

Diarrhea is a common canine affliction and it varies in frequency, duration, and intensity from dog to dog.

You may not be able to totally prevent diarrhea, but knowing as much as possible about it might help limit the number times your dog has one of these unpleasant episodes and reduce the duration when the runs do come.

The Canine Digestive System

There are significant differences between the way dogs and people digest food.

Human jaw shape and salivary enzymes, for example, will start breaking down a morsel in the mouth. Dogs, on the other hand, have mouths and jaws made for tearing, crushing, and wolfing food down. Their salivary enzymes are mostly designed to kill bacteria, which is why they can tolerate items that would send their human companions to the hospital.

Food travels rapidly down the canine esophagus and enters the stomach in chunks, where most digestion takes place. Canine stomach acids are about three times stronger than those of humans, so they can digest food that is pretty much intact. Under normal circumstances, transit time from mouth through the small and large intestines should be under 10 hours, producing a firm, well-formed stool at the end.

Dirty Dozen—Top 12 Causes of Doggie Diarrhea

Many things can disrupt this well-balanced system, causing diarrhea or, less frequently, constipation. Some things, like eating too much grass, are not serious at all. Others can be a sign of a life-threatening problem, such as an indigestible object (like a rock) lodged in the stomach, or a disease like cancer.

There are many reasons why a dog may develop loose stools, but most cases may be attributed to one of these 12 triggers:

1. **Dietary indiscretion:** Eating too much, eating garbage, or spoiled food. There's actually a name for it in veterinary circles—"garbage toxicosis" or "garbage gut."
2. **Change in diet:** It may take a few days for a dog's digestive system to adapt to new proteins. That's why many dog-food manufacturers recommend that you go slow when you switch from one brand of food to another.
3. **Food intolerance**
4. **Allergies**
5. **Parasites:** Most of these will cause illness in puppies or in adults with weak immune systems:
 - a. Roundworms
 - b. Hookworms
 - c. Whipworms
 - d. Coccidia
 - e. Giardia
6. **Poisonous substances or plants**
7. **Swallowing an indigestible foreign body**, like a toy or a dozen or more socks
8. **Infections with common viruses such as:**
 - a. *Parvovirus*
 - b. *Distemper*
 - c. *Coronavirus*
9. **Bacterial infections**, such as salmonella
10. **Illnesses**, such as kidney and liver disease, colitis, inflammatory bowel disease, and cancer
11. **Antibiotics and other medications**
12. **Stress or emotional upset**

What Stools Can Tell You About Your Dog's Health

The consistency and color of diarrhea reveals a lot about the cause of the problem and what is happening in your dog. Take very careful note of the color, consistency, and anything else that might help when you describe the symptoms to a vet. In many cases, diarrhea will resolve after a few days of home treatment, but it's a good idea to give your vet a call if it continues for a long period or has any one of several signs that may point to a serious problem.

This infographic from [Just Right by Purina](#) gives you an idea of a "perfect dog poop," which is chocolate brown, shaped like logs, compact, and easy to scoop. Experts say it should feel like cookie dough or Play-Doh when pressed. Large volumes, pudding-like or watery consistency, or signs of mucus (looks like jelly), or blood streaks, are not normal.

What's the Perfect Dog Poop?

Every dog is unique, so your dog's standard of normal, healthy poop may be slightly different than another dog's. The important thing is to talk to your veterinarian if you discover any changes from your dog's usual routine.



COLOR

Dog poop should be chocolate brown. If your dog is eating food with added colors in it, the colors might come through too.



SHAPE

Dog stool should be shaped like logs and maintain their form. If droppings are round, your dog may be dehydrated.



CONSISTENCY

Normal dog poop should be compact, moist, and easy to pick up from the grass, but feel like Play-Doh when squished. Diarrhea or watery feces without any form at all is often an indication of intestinal upset.



SIZE

The volume of your dog's waste should be proportionate to the amount of food he regularly consumes. It also increases as the fiber content in his dog food increases.



CONTENT

Mucus could be an indication of an inflamed colon, while excessive grass in addition to the poop's fecal contents could be an indication of stress or gastric upset. If he has a dermatological problem and he's losing hair or licking a lot, he may have increased hair in his stool. Small, white bits in your dog's stool may mean he's got worms, so a trip to the veterinarian is in order!

Take Note of the Color of the Poop

Color can also indicate a lot about what is going on inside your dog's gut. Chocolate brown is normal, while colors like orange, green, or gray may signify issues with such organs as liver, gall bladder, or pancreas. Black tarry stool is very serious, and may point to internal bleeding. If you see this, contact your vet as soon as possible.

Purina has also provided a handy reference—a color wheel of dog poop.

The Color Wheel of Dog Poop

If your dog's poop is anything but chocolate brown colored, consult your veterinarian. Color changes could be an indication of larger, more serious internal problems.

WHITE SPOTS THAT LOOK LIKE RICE GRAINS
May be a sign of tapeworms



CHOCOLATE BROWN
Normal



GREY & GREASY
May be a pancreas or biliary issue



GREEN
Excessive grass consumed or a gall bladder issue



BLACK & TARRY
May mean bleeding in the upper GI tract



ORANGE OR YELLOW
May be a biliary or liver issue



RED STREAKS
Blood in dog stool; check your dog's anus for cuts






Color, shape, and consistency will all help you and your vet figure out what is wrong when your dog gets diarrhea. These factors will help your vet determine where the problem is originating along the dog's digestive tract.

Other Ways to Decipher Dog Poop

Following are some common abnormalities, in addition to color, and what each might be telling you about why your dog has the runs:

- **Frequency:**
 - Small amounts with straining, several times in an hour, which some people call “the squirts,” can be a sign of inflammation of the large bowel.
 - Three or four times, with large volume, suggest small bowel disorder.
- **Oddly shaped or colored solid objects** can tell you what your dog has gotten into. Several small white rice-like shapes, for example, may signify a tapeworm infestation. Grass, wood, or string could tell you that your dog has eaten something that he couldn't digest.
- **Consistency:** Nestlé Purina developed this well-illustrated chart that shows how vets score canine fecal consistency on a scale of one to seven.

Fecal Scoring Chart		
SCORE	SPECIMEN EXAMPLE	CHARACTERISTICS
1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very hard and dry • Often expelled as individual pellets • Requires much effort to expel from body • Leaves no residue on ground when picked up
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firm, but not hard, pliable • Segmented in appearance • Little or no residue on ground when picked up
3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log shaped, moist surface • Little or no visible segmentation • Leaves residue on ground, but holds form when picked up
4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very moist and soggy • Log shaped • Leaves residue on ground and loses form when picked up
5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very moist but has a distinct shape • Present in piles rather than logs • Leaves residue on ground and loses form when picked up
6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has texture, but no defined shape • Present as piles or spots • Leaves residue on ground when picked up
7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watery • No texture • Present in flat puddles

As disgusting as it may seem, it's important that you examine your dog's poop carefully if she has diarrhea and be able to give the vet as many details as possible. Armed with this knowledge, the vet will be able to tell you whether to schedule and exam or whether you can treat it at home.

Home Remedies for Doggie Diarrhea

A great many cases are mild and, with your vet's advice, may be treated without a trip to the office. They may respond to a regimen of very basic treatments, including:

Fasts

Withholding food for 12 to 24 hours, and providing water in small amounts frequently, can clear the cause of the upset and allow the gastrointestinal tract to settle. It's usually the first line of attack for the runs. Before you decide on a fast, be sure that your dog is healthy enough to endure it. Puppies, and elderly dogs, for example, need nutrients. Also, a fast may not be appropriate for little dogs, who do not have the physical reserves of their larger cousins.

Diarrhea can lead to dehydration, so make sure to give your dog access to water at all times. Many people also offer unflavored Pedialyte to maintain electrolyte balance.

Cures from the Cupboard

After a fast, food is usually introduced slowly and many people start with binders, which can normalize stool consistency. Some tried-and-true methods include:

- **Rice water:** Boil high-quality rice in a lot of water, remove the grains, and offer the dog the creamy white soup that's left. A splash of broth or a bit baby food will make it more palatable.
- **White rice**
- **Canned pumpkin** (plain, not prepared pie filling) has the odd distinction of being effective for diarrhea and constipation.
- **Yogurt**, which has beneficial bacteria, can help in dogs who can tolerate milk and milk products.
- **Probiotics**, live bacteria that aid digestion (these are also found in yogurt)
- **Boiled potatoes**, without skin
- **Cottage cheese**
- **Plain protein** sources such as **egg** (prepared with no butter or oil) or **chicken** (without skin)
- **Herbs**, such as fennel, have gut-soothing properties
- **Specially-formulated dog foods:** Some manufacturers offer foods that can sooth stomach problems. You may need to obtain these from your vet.
- **Over-the-counter medications for humans** may also be effective for doggie diarrhea, but should be given with caution and you should talk to your vet before using them.

Methods that work for one dog may not help another, so you might need to do a little experimentation to find the right formula. It might also be helpful to write down what works and what doesn't so you'll know what to do the next time you find yourself mopping up a mess.

Once you find a recovery diet that agree with your dog, and doesn't cause a relapse, you can slowly increase the portions over a period of days, and then start to add small quantities of your dog's regular food, until things are back to normal.

When Doggie Diarrhea Means A Trip to the Vet

The right time to contact a vet depends very much on what's normal for your dog. Unfortunately, some dogs are more prone to digestive disorders than others, so you have to be very aware of the things that are out-of-the-ordinary on an individual basis.

There are, however, benchmarks that can suggest that you should at least consult with your vet:

- **Other physical symptoms**, such as lethargy, fever, vomiting, dry, tacky or pale gums, or weakness;
- **Diarrhea that does not stop** despite home remedies that worked in the past;
- **Dehydration**;
- **Long duration** (Some say a few days, others give more time. This all depends on what is normal for your dog.);
- **Use of medication** (a dog on antibiotics, for example);
- **Existing conditions**, such as advanced age, diabetes, Cushings, cancer, or any medical issue, and
- **When things just don't seem right**. You know your dog, and only you know the subtle signs that something is wrong. Respect your instincts and if you think you need veterinary guidance, pick up the phone.

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Drum Roll!!



UKC GrCh URO-3 UAG-1 UCD UWP K2's SoBe an Outlaw at COHills CM RA CD BN TKN CL1-H CL1-S CGC SPOT Super Dog or simply known as "Colt". Owned and trained by Amanda Hill earned his CGC and his Novice Trick Dog titles on December 3, 2017 at a UKC show hosted by United Dog Owners Group in Jefferson TX.

UKC Ch PTN URO1 UWP 'PR' COHills Line in the Sand RN BN TKN CGC SPOT aka "Bad" earned his CGC and his Novice Trick Dog at the same show as Colt. Both Colt and Bad earned their SPOT (aka souped up CGC) at the same show.

UKC GrCh COHills Riding the Edge aka "Edge" won Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner Handler on October 14, 2017 at the Tyler Kennel Club show.

UKC GrCh COHills Magic Friday aka "Trigger" won Best of Winners on October 15, 2017 at the Tyler Kennel Club show.

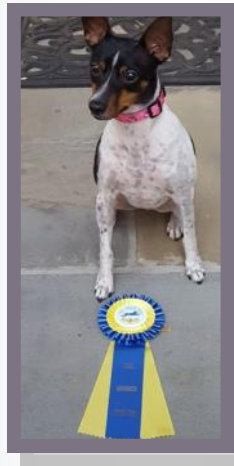
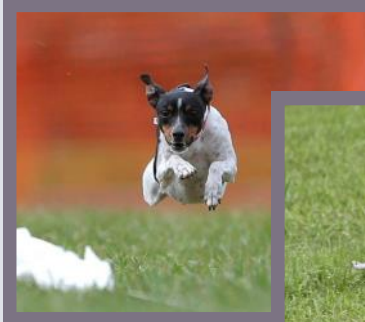
Both Edge and Trigger have both majors.

All are loved and owned by Amanda Hill

~Texas~



FANTASTIC!!!



River Ridge's Devilish Lass aka "Tara" earned her Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Trick Dog titles on October 27. On November 18 she earned her CA title at the Upper Chesapeake Saluki Club trial in Littleton PA and on November 25 she earned her DCAT FAST CAT Title (500 points) at the Potomac Valley Samoyed Club trial in White Post, VA. Tara has had an amazing 1st performance season. Since April she has earned 9 AKC titles: NA, NAJ, OA ,TKN ,TKI, TKA, BCAT, CA and DCAT.

Owner and Handler is Karen McNally

~ Maryland ~

Photographer Terri Kieffer



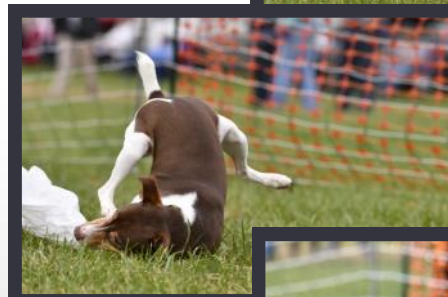
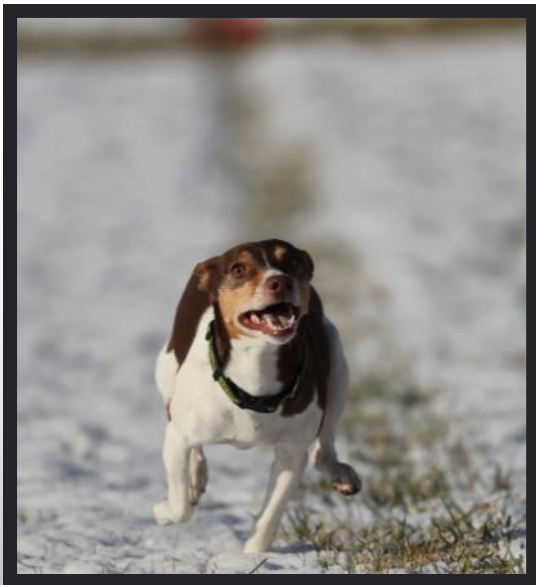
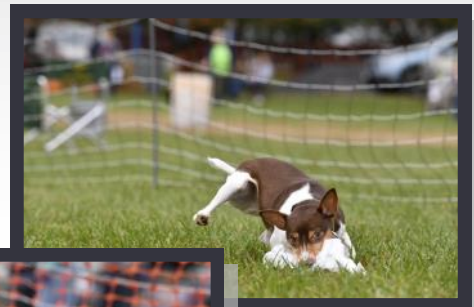
Congratulations!!



River Ridge's Eye of the Storm aka "Fynn" earned his DCAT title (500 points) in FAST CAT at the Dalmation Club of America trial in Union Bridge, MD on December 9th.

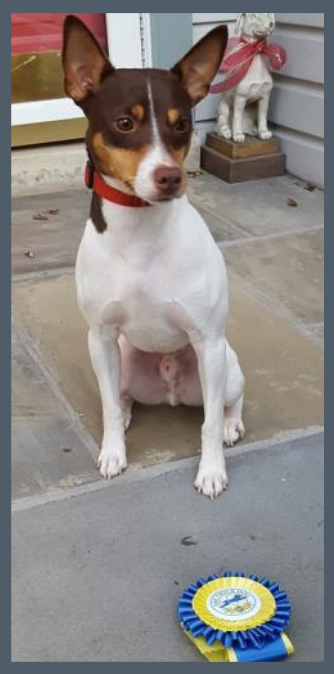
Owned and Handled by Karen McNally
~Maryland~

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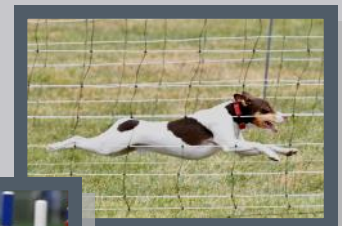
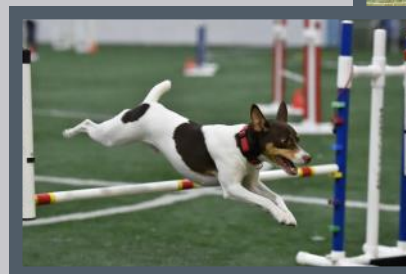
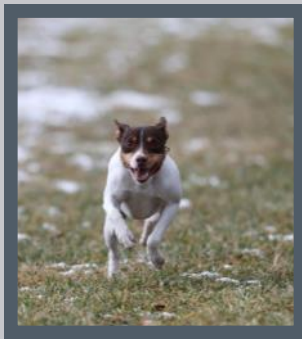
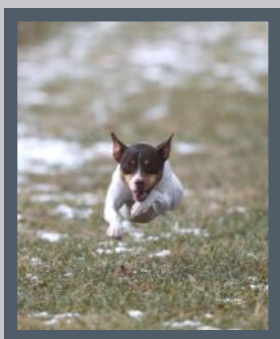


River Ridge's Made in America aka "Luke" earned his Novice and Intermediate Trick Dog Titles on October 27. He earned his BCAT at the Carroll Kennel Club Fast Cat trial on November 4 in Union Bridge, MD and his NAJ at the Carroll Kennel Club agility trial in Westminster, MD.

Owned and Handled by Dave McNally

Photos by Terri Kieffer for Agility and Steve Surfman for FAST CAT

~ Maryland ~



STUPENDOUS!!!



AGCH MACH30 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd aka “Izzy” finished her AGCH title on September 23 at the Portland Agility Club trial in Ridgefield, WA. She is a 10 year old Rat Terrier and is loved, owned and handled by Gayle Capen.

~ Washington ~



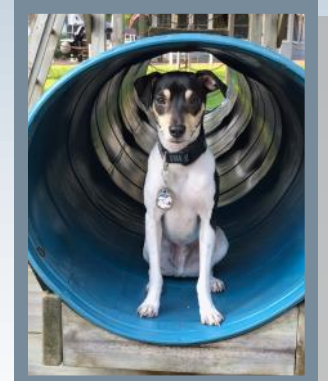
River Ridge’s Kiss My Grits aka “Sassafras” earned her Advanced Snooker and two Advanced Gamblers Q’s.

Owned and loved by Riley Allen

~ Georgia ~

Team Work!!

~ Never Give Up ~



When I got Trooper in June 2015 at 8 weeks old, he was a gift from my loving boyfriend who said "we don't need another dog" after I texted him and begged. Low and behold I got home that night to the cutest rat terrier puppy I had laid my eyes on - he was a total surprise and a surprise I'll forever cherish. He came from a breeder (or lack there of) who truthfully doesn't care about him or where he's at now. He's of course from an unregistered litter but that doesn't stop us.

In my mind he's just as great as the next Rat Terrier, it's all in how you work as a team. We did obedience training starting at a young age (10 weeks or so), and when I thought he was ready for agility (about a year old) I was wrong, so wrong. We showed up to class in a barn and he ran WILD. I finished the 6 week class feeling defeated, I was so lost on what to do, in honesty I spent more time chasing him than working with him.

So we went back to obedience with a different club and worked on everything. We retrained not only him, but me. I learned how to better communicate with Trooper and figured out what helped him understand things. I didn't give up on our agility dream, I put it on hold. I let him get a little bit older and gain more obedience training which helped tremendously. We've tried a few things, I really wanted to compete in Obedience and Rally, we worked with our obedience club but he was mopey and almost bored. He didn't want to be there! He's obedient don't get me wrong, but it wasn't a love, it was more of a "I'll do it because you're asking me to" and that's not fun as a team! We got our CGCA and for Trooper, that was the end of his "formal" obedience training.

We recently tried Barn Hunt (He received his RATN) and I realized, he doesn't love this, why am I wasting his time and mine? Fast forward to right now - after months (almost a year) of trying to figure out what HE loves, not what I love, although I do love agility now that I know it's his favorite, we're revisiting the one sport I put on hold in hopes of gaining more skills and understanding of each other. We're back in agility and on the same barn floor he was on a year ago with no luck, but now, he's excelling. Trooper is 2, almost 3 April 15, 2018 and he's working better than I could have imagined, he looks for me he's focused on where I'm at in the course and gets it. He's blowing my mind, while he still makes the mistakes in class, we're building trust and skills as a team. I'm thankful for the instructors we've had guiding us along the way in our agility "career" so far and look forward to what the future holds for us. Without our instructors giving us confidence to keep going, I honestly probably would have given up completely!

Jordan Clark & Trooper CGCA RATN TKA

AKC Canine Health Foundation-Funded Study Discovers a Genetic Cause of Canine Epilepsy

Samantha Wright | June 26, 2017

Meaningful progress is being made toward understanding and treating canine epilepsy, the most common neurological disorder in dogs.

Canine epilepsy, which results in recurrent, unprovoked seizures, can fall into three categories: caused by structural problems in the brain (symptomatic epilepsy), attributed to unknown causes (idiopathic epilepsy) and inherited (genetic epilepsy).

The latter, genetic epilepsy, is the focus of a current study by Dr. Hannes Lohi and his team at the University of Helsinki and the Folkhälsan Institute of Genetics. Funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), the largest nonprofit funder of health research focused solely on dogs, Dr. Lohi's study has already succeeded in identifying a gene at the root of one type of the inherited disorder.

It's a breakthrough that impacts humans and dogs alike.

"Myoclonic epilepsies [those characterized by quick, involuntary muscle jerks] are one of the most common forms of epilepsy in humans and the canines," Dr. Lohi explains. "Findings will not only help in veterinary diagnostics, but also provide a novel entry point to understand the pathophysiology [the functional changes] of the disease."

These findings could ultimately lead to improved treatment options for dogs with epilepsy and are the first step toward the development of a genetic test, which is crucial to early detection and prevention. "With the help of a genetic test, veterinarians can diagnose this specific epilepsy in their canine patients, while breeders will be able to identify carriers and revise the breeding plans to avoid future affected puppies," Lohi says.

Currently, the genetic test is centered around one specific breed (the Rhodesian Ridgeback) but CHF currently funds over \$500,000 in canine epilepsy research to study different aspects of this multifaceted and common neurological disorder, including the potential role that genetics plays across multiple breeds.

To learn more about the grants being supported through CHF's epilepsy initiative. Go to: http://www.akcCHF.org/canine-health/top-health-concerns/epilepsy/?referrer=http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/funded-study-discovers-genetic-cause-canine-epilepsy/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20170707_pr_communicates&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTkdKbU5Ua3pPV0UzWXBMSIsInQiOiJqUURcL1pTalhRbTZhY0oxUkNSTVdvUXJVcVRGdnRNME5lY0ZwdlwwQ25lUUlzZU54TWs4d1I4d2h0RWdZZ0RpZGw4VkZoaFJINnE1TDhJcXdnU3JuczN5U0pqbU1CaXJ0TWtuNXN5Mk9La281UE81bWE5b1ZCcHp1c2IRc0FJb28yln0%3D

Through 2017, the AKC is generously matching all donations received to support this important and groundbreaking research—up to \$250,000. And to read Dr. Lohi's full publication on this fascinating research, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5347561/> .

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<http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/funded-study-discovers-genetic-cause-canine-epilepsy/>

What's In A Title?

**Not just a Brag; Not just a Stepping Stone to a
Higher Title, Not just an Adjunct to competitive Scores.....
A Title is a Tribute to the dog that bears it, A Way to Honor that dog....**

**An Ultimate Memorial
A Title will remain in the Record
And in the Memory for about as long as anything in this world can
Remain ...
Few Human Honors do Better in that regard
And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his Achievements
Have been noticed ...
A Title says many things in this World of Humans ...
Where such things count A Title says your dog was ...
Intelligent, Adaptable, and Good-Natured**

**It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased
You, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed
A Title says that you loved your dog,
That you loved him Enough ...**

**To Spend Time with him because he was a good dog,
That you Believed in him Enough ...**

**To give him yet another chance when he failed, and ...
That in the end your Faith was justified.**

**A Title proves that your dog Inspired you to have the Special
Relationship enjoyed by so few;
That in a world of disposable creatures, this ...**

**Dog with a Title was greatly Loved,
And Loved Greatly in Return
And when that dear short life is over ...**

**The Title remains as a Memorial of the finest kind,
The best you can give to a deserving Friend.**

**A Title says ...
Volumes of praise in one small set of Initials Before or After the Name**

**A Title is nothing less than ...
Love and Respect
Given and Received Permanently.**

Author Unknown

The Faces of PLL

(Primary Lens Luxation)

**This can be prevented if breeders test before they breed (many do).
This can be treated if the owner tests a dog from unknown or untested parents.**

**A simple genetic test with a swab and analyzed by a qualified laboratory can
provide a pet owner with invaluable information about what must be monitored
and budgeted for in the future.**

A few laboratories are (this is not all-inclusive):

pawprintgenetics.com

gensoldx.com

optigen.com

Many more breeds are affected as well.



Jack
(Australian Cattle Dog)



Lily
(Rat Terrier)

New Rattitude

Rat Terrier Rescue



What New Rattitude is About

This 15-lb. redhead with a heart of gold is 4-year-old Luci. She's the kind of girl who thrives at being a companion to her person. Ideally that person would be a calm, single woman or even a couple who enjoys nature and quiet evenings at home. When she first meets you, Luci may appear a bit shy, but give her a little time to warm up and she will become your loyal best friend.

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

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

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

<http://www.newrattitude.org>

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SENSATIONAL!!



GCH River Ridge's Got 2 Have Faith FDC BCAT RATI aka "Faith" finished her Farm Dog title on October 29 at the Doberman Pinscher Club of Charlotte.

Owned by Jennifer Chappell and Stacy McWilliams.

~ North Carolina ~



GCHS CH River Ridge's Level of Intrigue OA MXJ NJP OF TKN aka "Hunter" finished 2017 as the Number One Rat Terrier in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series. He also finished his agility excellent Standard title.

Hunter is owned by Stacy Zimmerman and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Virginia ~



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Way to go!!!



Correction oopsie from the last Q

Fireballs Gun Power and Lace aka Stoney was Best of Breed and Novice Owner Handler Group 3 at Prescott Valley Kennel Club show on September 24 and the Flagstaff Kennel Club show in July. Owned by Edithmary Stenz and Norine Lehar and shown by Norine Lehar.

CH Ratitatts Seniorita Lolitas Lollipop CD BN RATI CGCU aka Lolly completed her CA title (Coursing ability) on September 24 at the Prescott Valley Kennel Club show. She is owned by Edithmary Stenz and Norine Lehar.

~ Arizona ~



WOW!!!



CH River Ridge Rocket Man Aka "Rocket" was awarded two Best of Breed and two Owner Handler Group 1st to complete his Champion title at the Saw Mill River Kennel Club and Ramapo Kennel Club shows on October 13 and 15. Owned by Loraine Capurso and Stacy McWilliams.



Golden Hills Hades in a Handbasket aka "Atlas" has earned his Champion title on October 28 at the Arapahoe Kennel Club show. He is owned and loved by Terri Burns and Linda Lee.

~ Colorado ~

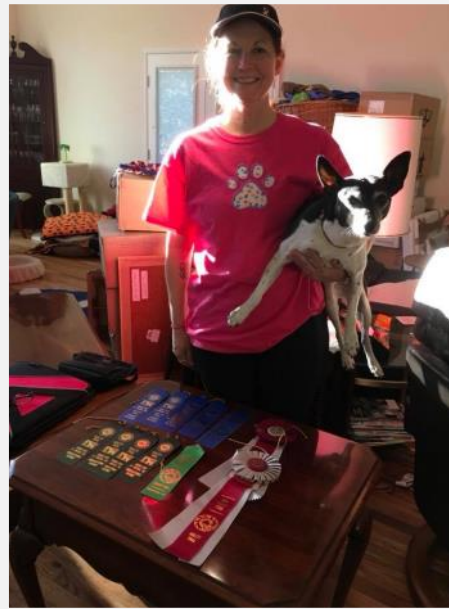
MACH2 ADCH C-ATCH UCH Smartypants Spring Loaded RA MXS MJC MXF T2B CGC FDCH-S ELT1 aka "Spring" on December 15 at the Stokesdale, NC NACSW Nosework Elite Trial earned her Elite 1 title. She is also the first Rat Terrier to earn the Elite 1 title. In Elite you need 150 points for the ELT1 title. You have several searches which may have unknown, known or a range of hides and you earn points for each hide found, and can lose points as well. Although not pass/fail like the prior levels, the searches are more complex and different strategy is involved, especially when searching large areas with a small dog.

Owned, handled and trained by Alyssia Greiner.

~ Virginia ~



AMAZING!!!



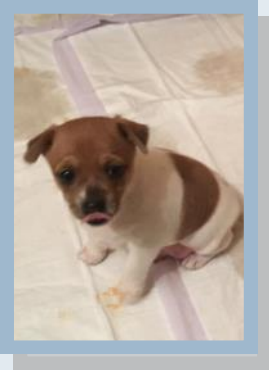
CoHills Thistle Du Nicely NA NJ OA aka "Burns" earned his Barn Hunt Instinct title on October 28 adding RATI to his name. On October 29 he had two Q's in Novice for a 2nd and a 4th place. He is also the second Rat Terrier to be titled in agility on both sides of the Atlantic!! Burns earned his 3rd qualifying legs for agility and jumping. He added OA to his name with his 3rd Q and a 1st place at the Palmer Divide Show on December 8.

Owned, loved and handled by Jeri Berg.

~ Colorado ~

CRATE TRAINING

By Kathy Coffman



Crate training is a very important aspect of Akita ownership. If introduced properly to the crate, your dog will learn to enjoy the time he spends in his own private den.

One of the most important things you will need to remember when training your new puppy is that all dogs (Akitas especially) learn through association. If the experience is pleasant, your dog will enjoy it, if it is uncomfortable or unpleasant your dog will resent it. With that in mind, we must train our dogs to enjoy the crate. **NEVER PLACE ANY DOG IN A CRATE WITH A COLLAR ON-**(Not even for just a few minutes-it only takes a minute for a dog to strangle to death if the collar becomes hooked on the crate)

HOUSEBREAKING YOUR DOG USING A CRATE

Have your crate ready for the puppy when you bring him home.

Place the crate in a place where the puppy can see the activities of the household, the kitchen, the family room, etc. It is perfectly acceptable to move the crate ie: if you want to place the crate closer to the bedroom for the night. It helps if the puppy has a straight shot to the exit door, many puppies dribble to the door.

A crate should be of sufficient size for the dog to stand up and turn around comfortably. Since your Akita will grow considerably in the first year, it is perfectly acceptable to purchase an adult Akita size crate. You will just want to be sure that the bars are spaced close enough so that none of the puppy's' little parts can fit through the bars. Add a soft bedding material, many puppies shred and or soil their first bedding. In order to save expenses you may want to start with some old throw rugs, or blankets. In time, your new puppy will accept laying on the bedding without destroying it. **NEVER EVER** put newspapers in the crate! Your puppy will come to you paper trained and papers in the crate will only tell him this where he SHOULD eliminate (that will yield you a "dirty" dog who eliminates in their crate). A couple of high quality safe chew toys should be placed in the crate with the puppy. Having several toys on hand and rotating them on a daily basis will prevent your puppy from becoming bored. Make these toys the puppy's "crate only" toys. (The puppy should be allowed to play with these toys in the crate only)

Your puppy should be fed in the crate only! This includes snacks and treats. (A puppy/dog will not eliminate where he eats and sleeps) Each time your puppy is placed in the crate he should be either fed or given a treat (a pleasant association). Use the command “kennel up” each time when putting dogs in their crates, after a short time they will immediately enter their crate, turn and face you waiting for their treat. If you follow this method diligently, you will soon find your dog entering the crate, every time he assumes you are going to give him a treat or feed him. Do not place a water bowl in the crate with your dogs/or puppy until you are sure they are fully housebroken. A puppy can and will drink water out of boredom while in the crate, thus needing to urinate more frequently while in the crate. Do make sure they have full access to water immediately after a meal it is a good idea to feed all kibble fully wet with tap water. After meals leave the puppy in the crate for a while, you may notice he quickly falls asleep after eating (this is fine) but watch him closely, as soon as he wakes up he will need to go out. If he does not fall asleep watch for nervous behavior or signs of wanting to go outside, then take him for a potty walk.

A puppy can only hold his urine for a little while, but will quickly learn to “hold it” (the crate really helps). At eight weeks old, your puppy will not be able, to hold it all night long-thus the dreaded 3-4 am potty break. By 12 weeks of age, your puppy should be close to making it through the night without an accident or middle of the night walk.

A young puppy 8 to 20 weeks old will not understand the size of a house or its boundaries. At eight weeks old, the puppy should be restricted to one room in the house to explore or have the run of. The Kitchen is usually best for this. When the puppy eliminates outside, give him lots of praise. Never scold a puppy for having an accident in the house-this only tells the puppy it is wrong to eliminate in front of you, not that it was the wrong place to go. A loud bell (Sleigh type bell) hanging near the exit door is a great way to teach the puppy how to let you know when he needs to potty. Hang the bell at the puppy’s elbow height and ring it each time you open the door to let the puppy outside, you will soon see your puppy ringing the bell when he has to potty. (Remember the association?-a ringing bell means the door opens).



CRATE TIPS AND TACTICS

When teaching your puppy to accept the crate, you must refrain from rewarding him for bad behavior by releasing him from the crate. This includes whining and crying. Wait until your puppy quiets down before allowing him out of his crate.

Do not use the crate for punishment, ever. Your puppy must always find the crate to be a nice quiet place for resting. It is perfectly acceptable to place your puppy in the crate when the household is busy or you are having company.

Crate your puppy at regular intervals during the day, have a naptime several times a day. Young puppies sleep frequently, and teaching them to sleep in the crate, can give you many quiet nights in the future.

Most of our dogs remain crated for the first two years of their lives, when we are sleeping or not at home. Young puppies and dogs can find many dangerous things to do when you are not there to watch them.

When your puppy is crated while you are away, do not run to the crate and let him out. He has been in the crate for some time and has held it thus far. There is no reason to add to his excitement by immediately rewarding him with his freedom. Doing so, can and will create an anxious dog, which will become hyperactive with excitement at the sight of you. Avoid making over him with lots of praise, a simple quiet hello in a normal tone of voice will suffice.

When leaving your home, crate the puppy well in advance of your leaving the house. This allows the puppy to adjust to being placed in the crate, and will avoid his associating your leaving with him being placed in the crate (negative association).

Make sure you crate your puppy when various activities are going on in the home. Crate him at your dinner time, when you are having company, when the house is noisy, when the house is quiet, when he least expects to be crated, doing so will allow the puppy to adjust to many different situations.

Young puppies (eight to twelve weeks) should not be crated for more than 3 hours at a time, without a potty and exercise break.

Keep the puppy's bedtime the same each evening, and within four to five weeks you will see your puppy enter his crate all by himself at that time each night.

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AKC OWNER-HANDLER TOP FIFTEEN STANDINGS

2017 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle
Final Standings

Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handled Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCHS CH River Ridge s Level Of Intrigue OA MXJ NJP OF TKN	Stacy Zimmerman Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	495
2	GCH CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	Patricia Smith	Rat Terrier	365
3	CH Raganrat I Am A Conqueror	Darice Ragan	Rat Terrier	215
4	Raganrat Yamada Feel The Burn CA	Michelle Blackmore	Rat Terrier	190
5	CH Rnb s Princess Winter Winds For Bonne Chance Vicki Lynn Paxton		Rat Terrier	135
6	Sahuaro Sunset Skippin Cj Pacific Rim	Aysha Haines Christina Martinez Jackson Radkie	Rat Terrier	120
7	GCH CH Miyuki From Empress	Yolanda Cunningham Laura Vaught	Rat Terrier	115
7	CH Warrenmtn s Space Pirate	Susan Turner Susan Mulligan	Rat Terrier	115
9	CH Seegmillers Azefer Andi Mint	Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Lila Fast	Rat Terrier	95
10	CH Felixville s Skippin Cj Rougarou RN	Joanna B Plattsmier	Rat Terrier	90
10	GCH CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RE	Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner	Rat Terrier	90
12	GCH CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From The Sun	Linda Lee Jordon Leigh	Rat Terrier	80
12	CH Call Me Tuff Enough Game On RN	Brandy Petry Shannon Piquet	Rat Terrier	80
14	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	Loretta Iazzetti Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	75
15	GCH CH Raganratitatt Absolut Lee Blu	Frances B Nasiatka Valerie Schiefer	Rat Terrier	65
15	GCH CH Evanlee s Dark Side Of The Moon	Lisa Kendrick Hollie Kendrick	Rat Terrier	65

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1	CH River Ridge Rocket Man	Loraine Capurso Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	95
2	CH River Ridge s When Dreams Take Flight	Stacy McWilliams Jane Gardner	Rat Terrier	75
3	GCH CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	Patricia Smith	Rat Terrier	70
4	GCH CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RE NF	Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner	Rat Terrier	60
5	CH Timberlane Tazer	Beth Ann Amico Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	50
6	CH Raganrat I Am A Conqueror	Darice Ragan	Rat Terrier	45
7	Raganrat Yamada Feel The Burn CA BCAT	Michelle Blackmore	Rat Terrier	40
7	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	40
7	Fireball s Gunpowder N Lace	Edithmary Stenz Norine Lehar	Rat Terrier	40
10	CH Rosethorn Call Me Justa Soft Snow At Midnight	Candace Drake	Rat Terrier	35
10	Red Rivers God Of War	Emilie Montoya Kayla Montoya	Rat Terrier	35
12	CH Rnb s Princess Winter Winds For Bonne Chance Vicki Lynn Paxton		Rat Terrier	30
12	GCH CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From The Sun	Linda Lee Jordon Leigh	Rat Terrier	30
14	CH Seegmillers Azefer Andi Mint	Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Lila Fast	Rat Terrier	25
14	Rainbow s End Annie Get Your Gun	Carolyn Helewski Pete Helewski	Rat Terrier	25
14	GCHS CH River Ridge s Level Of Intrigue OA MXJ NJP OF TKN	Stacy Zimmerman Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	25
14	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	Darin Gillies Tracey Gillies	Rat Terrier	25



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AKC ALL-BREED STANDINGS

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	731	0	0	J Ferguson
2	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	658	0	0	T Kallas
3	GCHP CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	550	0	1	T Little/R Little
4	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	474	0	1	K Bosse/J Gardner/S McWilliams
5	GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	296	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
6	GCHS CH River Ridge New Direction	F	292	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
7	GCHS CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue OA MXJ NJP OF TK	M	206	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
8	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	153	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
9	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	128	0	0	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
10	GCH CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	M	101	0	0	P Smith
11	CH Call Me Tuff Enough Game On RN	M	82	0	0	B Pettry/S Piquet
12	GCH CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	74	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
13	GCH CH Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	73	0	0	K Seegmiller/P Smith/A Gouge
14	CH Rnb's Princess Winter Winds For Bonne Chance	F	65	0	0	V Paxton
15	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	61	0	0	T Little/C Martinez
16	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	49	0	0	D Gillies/T Gillies
17	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	48	0	0	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
18	CH Bur-Way Unscripted	M	43	0	0	B Trammell
19	CH Timberlane Tazer	M	39	0	0	B Amico/S McWilliams
20	GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	38	0	0	S Cadell



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AKC BREED STANDINGS

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1	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	252	0	0	J Ferguson
2	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	226	0	0	T Kallas
3	GCHP CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	158	0	1	T Little/R Little
4	GCHS CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue OA MXJ NJP OF TK	M	149	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
5	GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	124	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
6	GCH CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	M	101	0	0	P Smith
7	GCH CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	74	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
8	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	61	0	1	K Bosse/J Gardner/S McWilliams
8	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	61	0	0	T Little/C Martinez
10	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	59	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
11	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	48	0	0	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
12	GCHS CH River Ridge New Direction	F	47	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
13	CH Timberlane Tazer	M	39	0	0	B Amico/S McWilliams
14	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	38	0	0	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
14	GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	38	0	0	S Cadell
16	GCH CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	37	0	0	J Ader
17	CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight	M	33	0	0	S McWilliams/J Gardner
18	GCH CH Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	29	0	0	K Seegmiller/P Smith/A Gouge
19	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	28	0	0	D Gillies/T Gillies
19	CH Rosethorn Call Me Justa Soft Snow At Midnight	F	28	0	0	C Drake



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AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Owner
1	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	173	J Ferguson
2	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	166	T Kallas
3	GCHS CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue OA MXJ M NJP OF TK	M	150	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
4	GCHP CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	121	T Little/R Little
5	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	120	T Little/C Martinez
6	GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	101	L Lee/J Leigh
7	GCH CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	M	97	P Smith
8	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	81	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
9	GCH CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	63	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
9	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	63	K Bosse/J Gardner/S McWilliams
11	GCH CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From The Sun	F	53	L Lee/J Leigh
12	GCHS CH River Ridge New Direction	F	44	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
13	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	42	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
13	GCH CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	42	J Ader
15	GCHS CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	41	V Schiefer
16	GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	40	S Cadell
16	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	40	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
18	GCH CH K2's He's Da Man At Outlaw	M	39	S Sanchez
19	GCH CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RE NF	F	38	S Mulligan/S Turner
19	GCH CH Seegmillerbuzablu Black Diamond Jewels	F	38	L Lee/J Leigh

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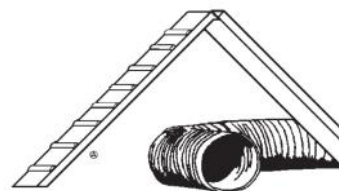
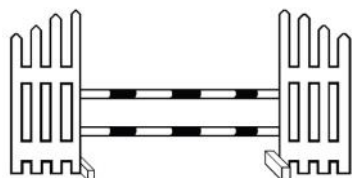


12" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	14.85	Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN MX MXB MXJ OF CA BCAT	B Spilis/D SPILIS	6.19	4.33
2	14.60	Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXG MJG MXF T2B2	M BASU/V Schiefer	5.53	4.54
3	14.31	MACH Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MXB MJB	D Rabbach	5.43	4.44
4	13.46	Ryder — MACH2 Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXC MJC RATO	C Clemente	5.29	4.08
5	13.24	Mazer Rack 'Em Up And Play Again AX AXJ MXF	G Capen	5.08	4.08
6	12.92	Pyxis Maple Leaf Wag AX MXJ	M Obidinski	4.96	3.98
7	12.64	Ratitatt I'LI Take Mine Black AX MXJ	T Rosecrans/V Schiefer	4.80	3.92
8	12.26	MACH Drj's Johnny Boy MXG MJS MXF T2B4	R Taylor/D Taylor	5.00	3.63
9	12.22	Venture Hills Leader Of The Pack Or Else CD GN RAE MX MXB MXJ MJB MXF T2B RATO CGC	K Altenbermd	4.58	3.82
10	11.96	MACH29 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXG7 PDS MJS8 PJD MFS TQX T2B6	G Capen	4.38	3.79

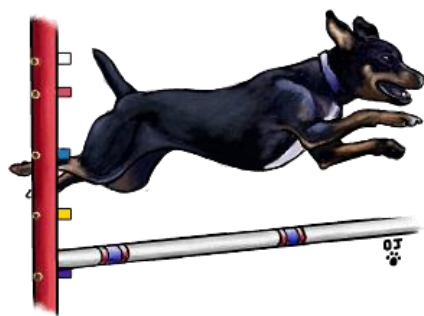
16" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	15.00	Remus — Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXB MXJ MJG MFS T2B2	D Stevenson	5.90	4.55
2	14.26	Porter — MACH5 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXB2 MJB2 T2B CA	M Obidinski	5.29	4.48
3	13.61	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.18	4.21
4	13.23	Taylor — MACH2 Taylorswift MXG MJC OF T2B	S Mcginty	5.09	4.07
5	13.20	Call Me Juno Jupiter MX MXJ MXF	K Brown	4.97	4.12
6	12.32	River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast AX MXJ MXF	D Stevenson/S McWilliams	4.75	3.79
7	12.15	MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF	B Krynski/T Woepse	4.67	3.74
8	11.78	Ratitatt Textin Repete Action CD PCD BN RE AX MXJ NF CGC	S Harames	4.79	3.49
9	11.55	River Ridge's Ricochet Ratchet BN RE MX AXJ OF	N Cush	4.34	3.61
10	11.51	PACH Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX	N James	4.79	3.36



3" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.81	MACH2 Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS MXP2 MJP	N Sewell	4.80	4.00
2	12.40	Jack AX MXJ MXP2 MJP2 MJPB OF OFP T2B T2BP JE	D Hodges/C Hodges	4.84	3.78
3	11.74	MACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB MXP MJP2	R Nicotra	4.24	3.75
4	11.61	MACH2 Jus' Bingo CDX RA MXS MJS XF	T Woepse/B Krynski	4.45	3.58
5	10.23	MACH2 Stoneybays Taffy Apple Martini MXS MJG MXP MJP OF T2B3	E Lee/M Lee	3.85	3.19
6	9.75	MACH20 Lady Abigail Chase My Mom MXG6 MJS6 OF T2B	G Capen	4.01	2.87
7	8.95	Stella — MACH4 PACH5 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP17 MXPS2 MJP16 MJPS2 PAX6 MFC TQX MFPS TQXP T2B6	V Meyer	3.14	2.91
8	8.84	Ratitatt It's Jamboree Jade AX AXJ MXP	R Nicotra	3.15	2.85
9	7.80	Tank AXP AJP	J Robb/R Robb	3.14	2.33

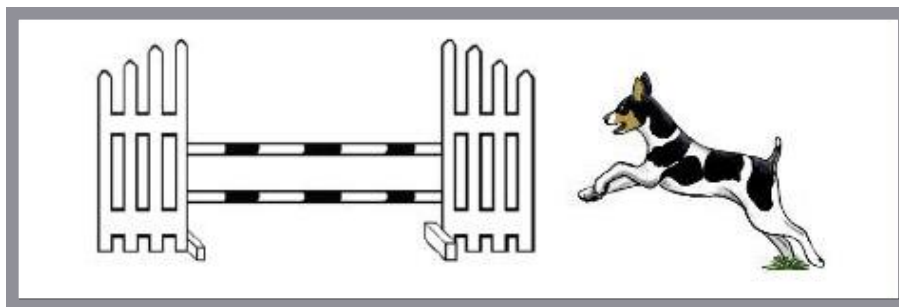


8" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.76	Penny Lane — MACH16 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXS4 MJG4	M Liebhardt/V Schiefer	4.87	3.94
2	10.77	MACH Maggie MXB MJS XF	C Hummel	4.03	3.37
3	9.00	Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN MX MXJ MJB NF CA	C Lent/V Schiefer	3.63	2.68

12" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	11.72	MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB MXP2 MJP2 MJPB	R Nicotra	4.47	3.63
2	11.59	PACH Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX	N James	4.33	3.63



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12" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	14.75	Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN MX MXB MXJ MJB OF T2B CA BCAT	B Spilis/D SPILIS	6.13	4.31
2	14.33	Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXG MJC MXF T2B2	M BASU/V Schiefer	5.48	4.42
3	13.91	MACH Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MXB MJB	D Rabbach	5.54	4.18
4	13.64	Raganrat's Xtra Moving Zumba Master AX MXJ MJB OF	J MASTERSON	5.41	4.11
5	13.52	Mazer Rack 'Em Up And Play Again AX MXJ MXF T2B	G Capen	5.12	4.20
6	13.42	Ryder — MACH2 Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXB2 MJC RATO	C Clemente	5.28	4.07
7	12.77	Pyxis Maple Leaf Wag MX MXJ	M Obidinski	4.92	3.92
8	12.64	Ratitatt I'LI Take Mine Black AX MXJ	T Rosecrans/V Schiefer	4.80	3.92
9	12.33	MACH2 Drj's Johnny Boy MXG MJS MXF T2B4	R Taylor/D Taylor	5.05	3.64
10	12.16	MACH Venture Hills Leader Of The Pack Or Else CD GN RAE MXB MJB MXF T2B RATO CGC	K Altenbernd	4.55	3.81

16" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	15.47	GCH CH River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare AX MXJ OF	B Szczygiel	6.40	4.54
2	14.91	Remus — Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXB MXJ MJG MFG T2B2	D Stevenson	5.81	4.55
3	14.19	Porter — MACH5 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXS2 MJB2 T2B CA	M Obidinski	5.28	4.45
4	13.61	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.16	4.22
5	13.31	Call Me Juno Jupiter MX MXJ MXF	K Brown	5.06	4.12
6	13.12	Taylor — MACH3 Taylorswift MXC MJC XF T2B	S Mcginty	4.97	4.07
7	12.25	River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast MX MXJ MFB	D Stevenson/S McWilliams	4.86	3.69
8	12.00	MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF	B Krynski/T Woepse	4.66	3.66
9	11.95	River Ridge's Ricochet Ratchet BN RE MX AXJ OF	N Cush	4.64	3.65
10	11.88	Pecatonica Infinity & Beyond AX AXJ XF T2B	C Kempf	4.68	3.60



3" Preferred

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1	12.83	MACH2 PACH Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS MXPB MJPB PAX	N Sewell	4.86	3.98
2	12.48	Jack AX MXJ MXP2 MXPB MJP3 MJPB OF OFP T2B T2BP2 JE	D Hodges/C Hodges	4.94	3.77
3	11.53	MACH2 Jus' Bingo CDX RA MXS MJS XF	T Woepse/B Krynski	4.45	3.54
4	11.36	MACH PACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB MJPB PAX	R Nicotra	4.19	3.59
5	11.14	MACH5 Ratitatt Charmin Zboys MXC MJS2 MXF TQX CA	K Meyer	4.52	3.31
6	10.51	MACH2 Stoneybays Taffy Apple Martini MXS MJG MXP MJP OF T2B3	E Lee/M Lee	4.00	3.26
7	10.42	MACH20 Lady Abigail Chase My Mom MXG6 MJS6 PAX OF T2B	G Capen	3.77	3.33
8	8.84	Stella — MACH4 PACH5 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP17 MXPG2 MJP16 MJPS2 PAX6 MFC TQX MFPG TQXP T2B6	V Meyer	3.13	2.85
9	8.66	Ratitatt It's Jamboree Jade AX AXJ MXP	R Nicotra	3.14	2.76
10	7.80	Tank AXP AJP	J Robb/R Robb	3.14	2.33

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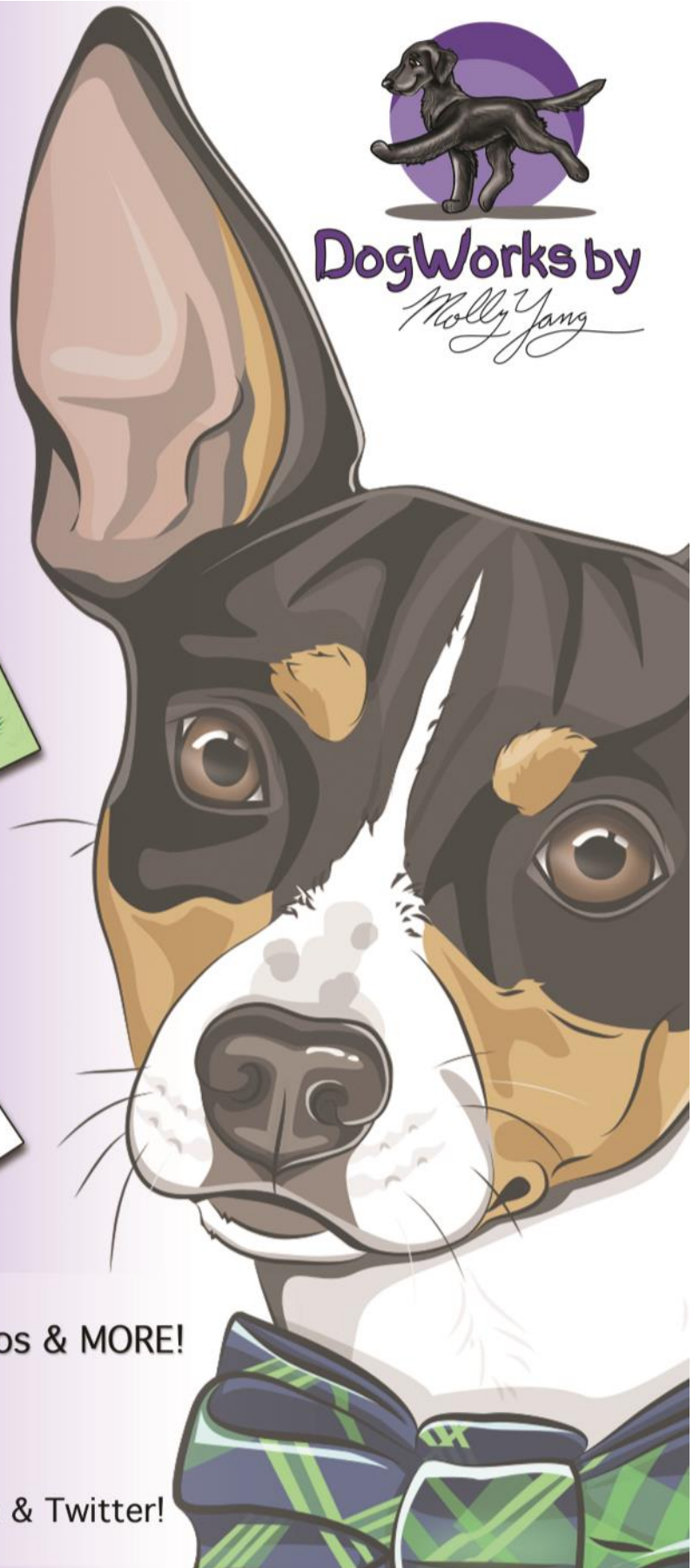


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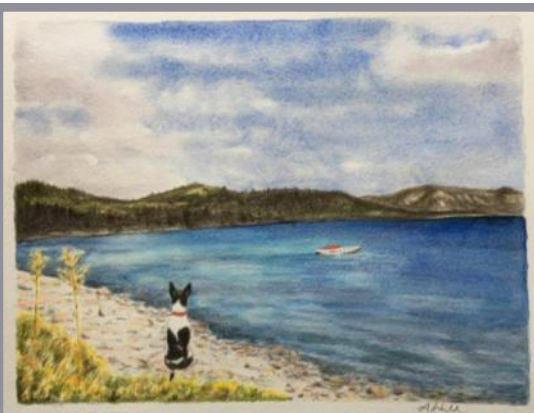


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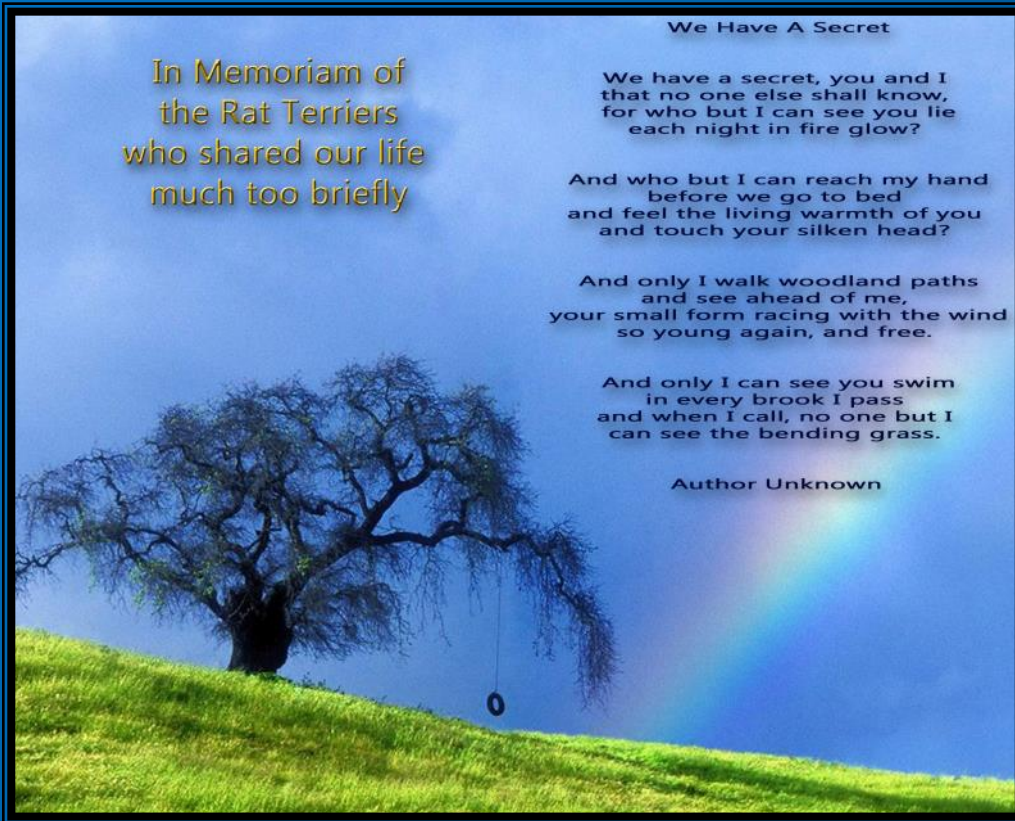


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much too briefly

We Have A Secret

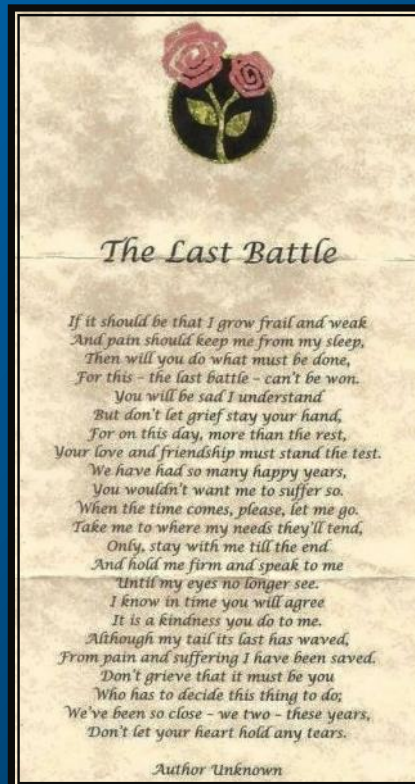
We have a secret, you and I
that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie
each night in fire glow?

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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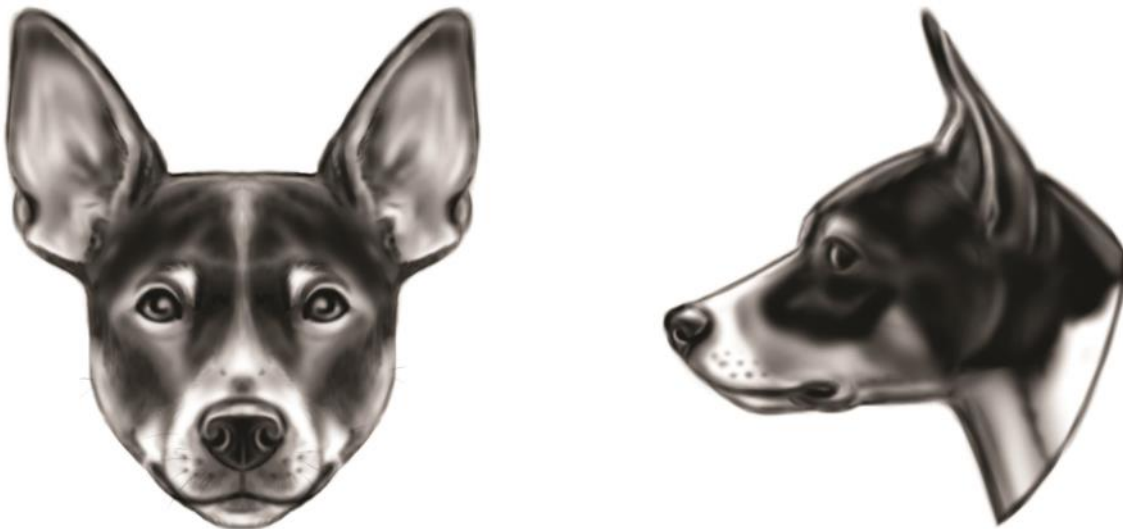
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Rat Terrier
Breed Standard

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.

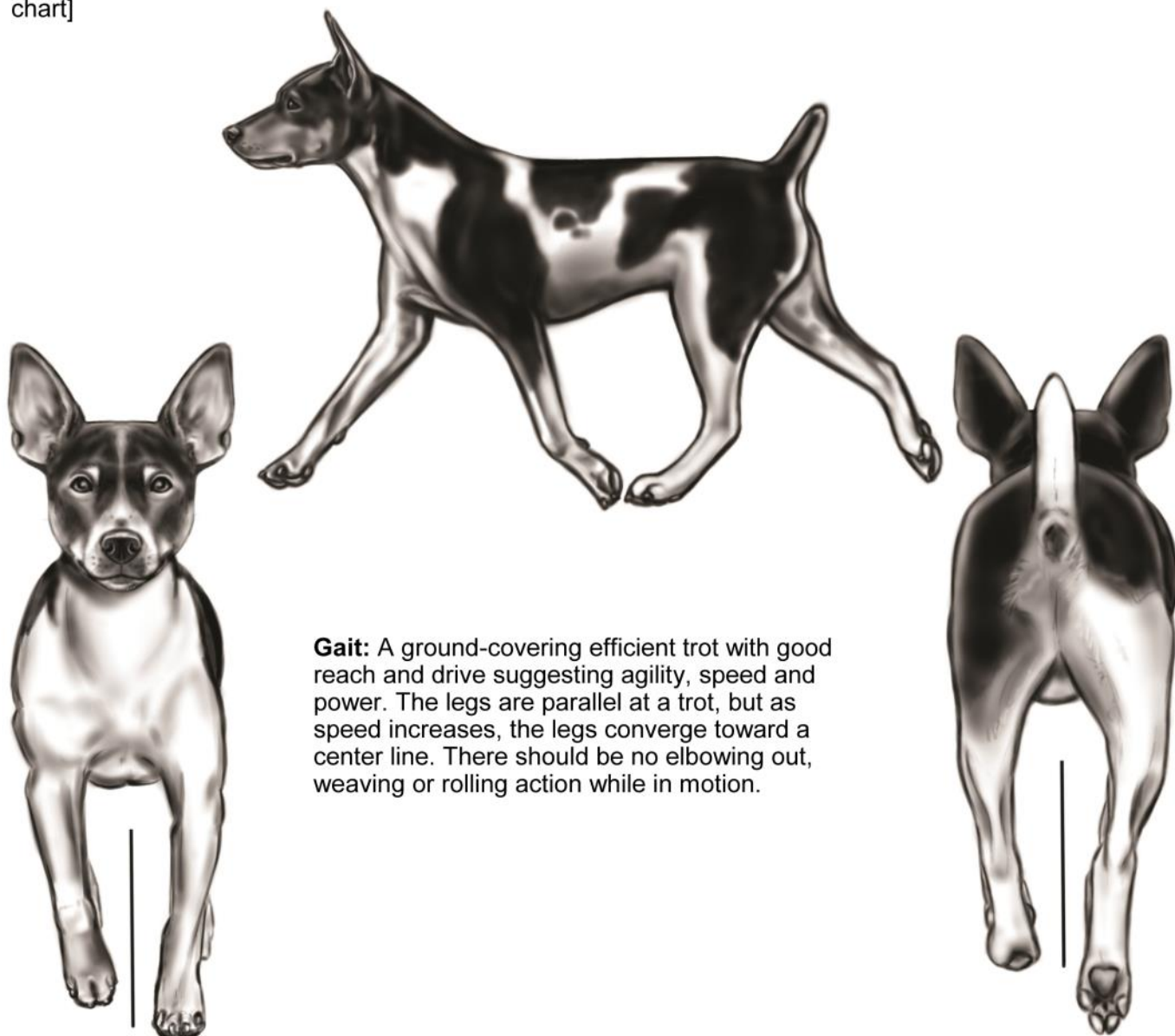
Tail - The tail set is a continuation of the spine. Tails are customarily docked between the second and third joint, or can be a natural bobtail or left naturally long and tapering to the hock joint. Length is unimportant. The carriage is variable depending on attitude, carried from slightly below horizontal 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.

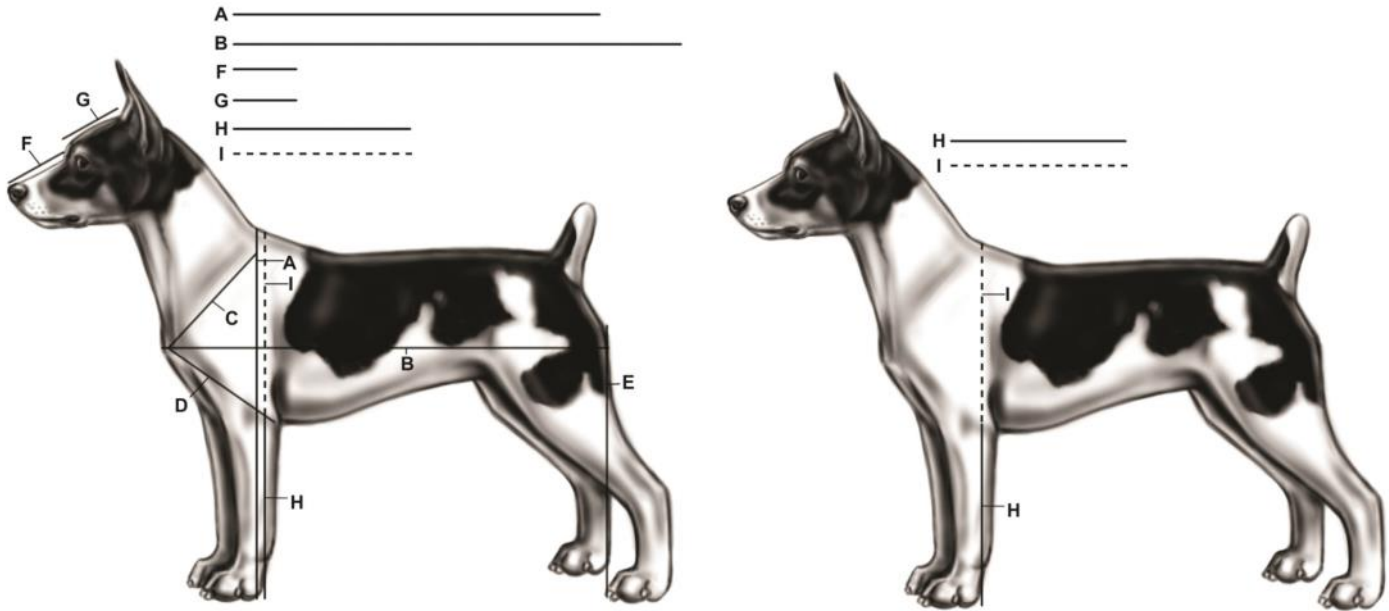
Hindquarters: The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse. Stifles are well-bent with short hocks that are parallel and perpendicular to the ground. The hind feet although slightly smaller are similar to the front feet. Rear dewclaws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

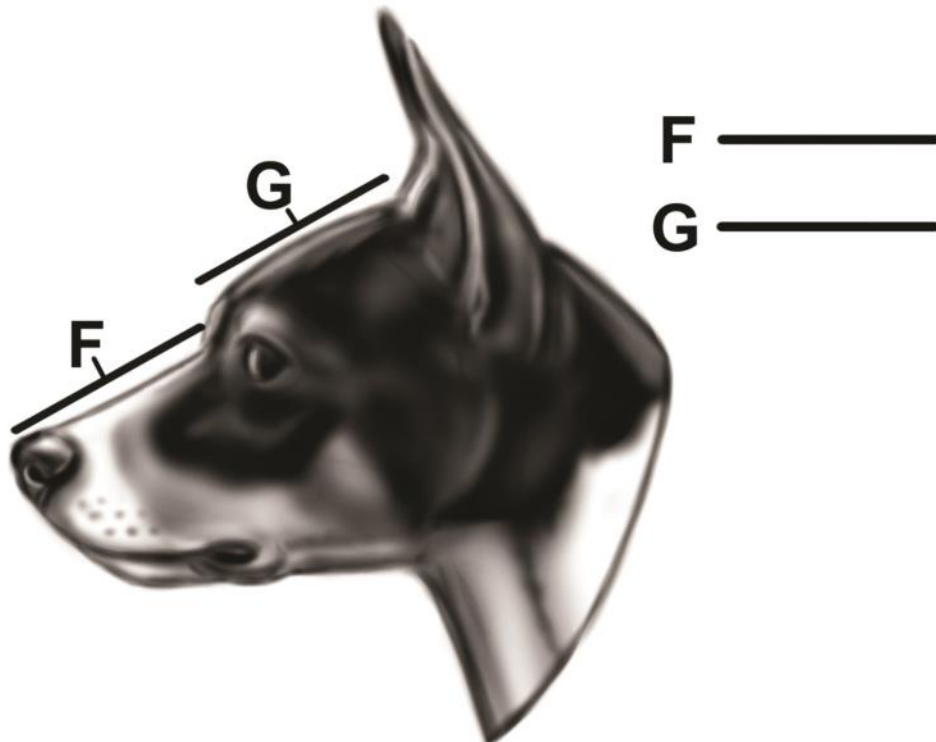
Color: Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without 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. Sabling 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. [see last page for color chart]



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



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





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

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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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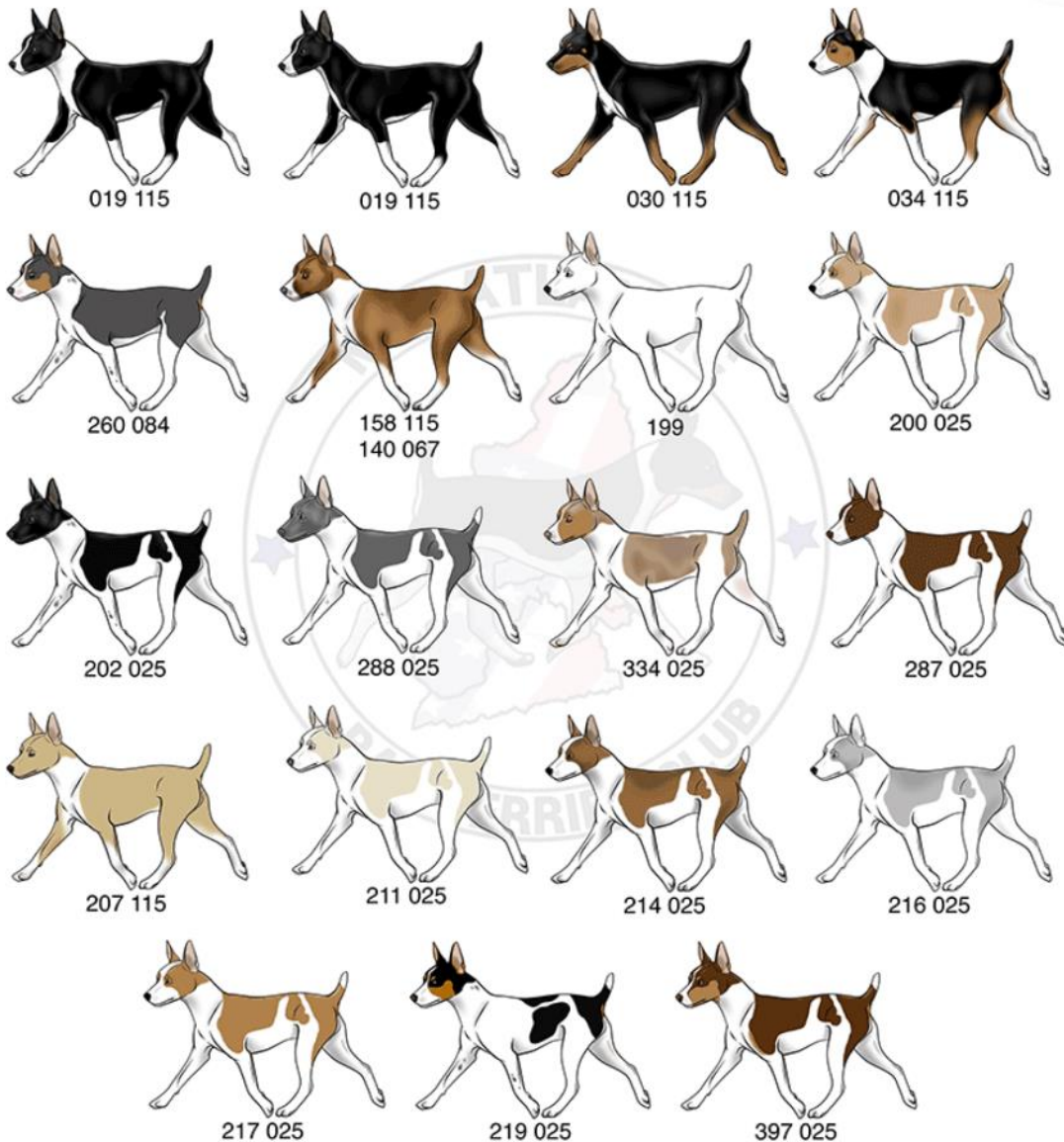
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RED	140	WHITE & RED	214
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We hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletters and are finding them helpful, enjoyable, and worthy of archiving on your computer for future reference.

Please consider joining our MCRTC 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 MCRTC 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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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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1. _____ 2. _____

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Member Name: _____ Date: _____

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY RAT TERRIER CLUB 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (Updated 09.07.2017)



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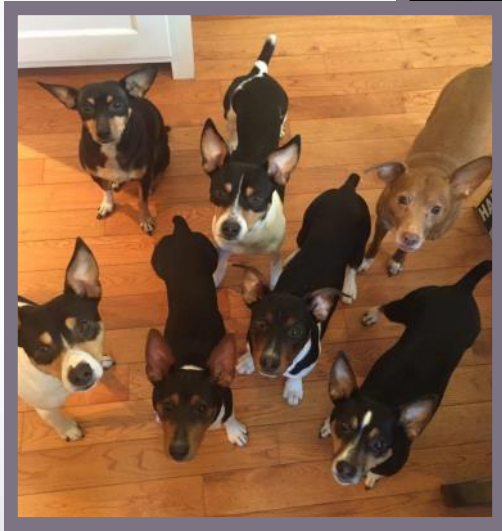
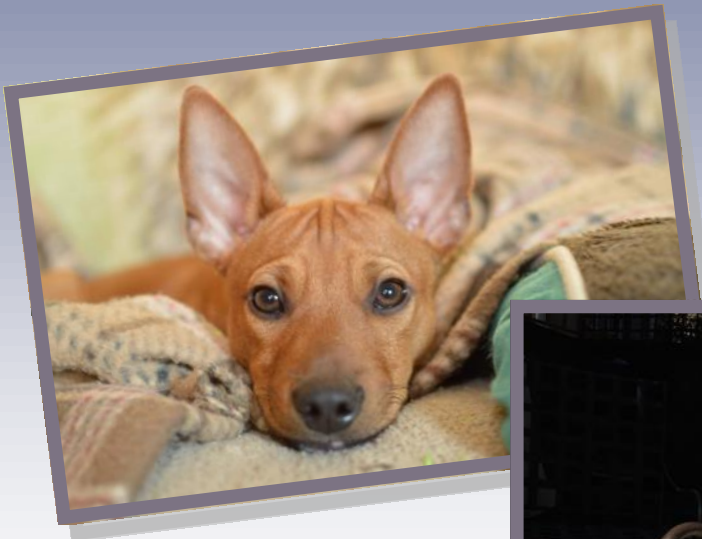
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The faces we adore



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and ... Doing what they do



Thank you to all who have given permission to use their photo in our candid section.

I am always looking for more photos so please send to me.

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ACRONYMS

ADCH	Agility Dog Champion (USDAA)
AGCH	Agility Grand Champion
AKC	American Kennel Club
AN	Advanced Nosework (UKC)
AX	Agility Excellent
AJX	Agility Jumper Excellent
BCAT	CAT plus 150 points
BN	Beginner Novice (obedience)
CA	Coursing Ability
CAT	Coursing Ability Test
C-ATCH	Agility Team Champion (CPE)
CD	Companion Dog
CDX	Companion Dog Excellent
CGC	Canine Good Citizen
CGCA	Advanced Canine Good Citizen aka Community Canine
CGCU	Canine Good Citizen Urban
CH	Champion
CHIC	Canine Health Information Center
CHF	Canine Health Foundation
CL1-F	Canine Performance Events agility title - fun
CL1-H	Canine Performance Events agility title- handler
CL1-R	Canine Performance Events agility title - regular

CL1-S	Canine Performance Events agility title - strategy
CM	Certificate of Merit
CPE	Canine Performance Events
DCAT	CAT plus 500 points
ELT1	NACSW Nosework Elite, level 1.
EN	Elite Nosework (UKC)
FAST	Agility Fast
FCAT	CAT plus 1000 points
FDC	Farm Dog Certificate (title)
FDCH	<u>Flyball</u> Dog Champion
FDGCH	<u>Flyball</u> Dog Grand Champion
GCH	Grand Champion
GCHB	Grand Champion Bronze
GCHG	Grand Champion Gold
GCHP	Grand Champion Platinum
GCHS	Grand Champion Silver
GOCH	United Grand Obedience Champion (UKC)
GRCH	Grand Champion (UKC)
JE	Junior Earth dog (title)
MACH	Master Agility Champion
MACH2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MARTC	Mid Atlantic Rat Terrier Club

MCRTC	Montgomery County Rat Terrier Club
MCV	Master Courser Veteran
MFC	Master Fast Gold
MFPG	Master Fast Preferred Gold
MFPS	Master Fast Preferred Silver
MFS	Master Silver Fast
MJB	Master Jumper Bronze
MJC	Master Jumpers Century
MJC4	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MJP	Master Jumper Excellent
MJP2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MJPB	Master Bronze Jumpers with weaves Preferred
MJPS	Master Silver Jumper with weaves preferred
MJPS2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MJS	Master Silver Jumper with weaves
MJS8	Same earned eight times
MJX	Master Jumpers with weaves
MN	Master Nosework (UKC)
MX	Master Agility Excellent
MXB	Master Bronze Agility
MXF	Agility Master Fast Excellent
MXG	Master Gold Agility
MXG4	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MXJ	Master Excellent Jumper (agility)

MXP	Master Agility Excellent Preferred
MXP2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MXPB	Master Bronze Agility Preferred
MXPS	Master Silver Agility Preferred
MXPS2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MXS	Master Silver Agility
MXS4	Same earned four times
NA	Novice Agility
NACSW	National Association of Canine Scent Work
NAJ	Novice Agility Jumper
NCH	Nosework Champion (UKC)
NF	Novice Fast
NGC	Nosework Grand Champion (UKC)
NJP	Novice Jumpers with weaves preferred
NN	Novice Nosework (UKC)
NW1	Nosework – 1 target odor (NACSW)
NW2	Nosework – 2 target odors (NACSW)
NW3	Nosework – 3 target odors (NACSW)
NW3 Elite	Nosework – 3 NW3 titles
NW3-C	Nosework – Container search
NW3-I	Nosework – Interior search
NW3-E	Nosework – Exterior search
MW3-V	Nosework – Vehicle search
OA	Open Agility

OF	Open Fast
OFA	Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
OFFP	Open Fast Preferred
PAX	Preferred Agility Excellent
PAX6	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
PCD	Preferred Companion Dog
PFD	World Canine Freestyle Organization – Beginners B
PJD	Preferred Jumpers Dog
PR	USDAA Performance <u>Relay??</u>
PTN	UKC Nosework Pre-trial Novice
Q	Qualified
QA	Qualified All-Age
RA	Rally Advanced
RAE	Rally Advanced Excellent
RATI	Barn Hunt Instinct
RATN	Barn Hunt Novice
RATO	Barn Hunt Open
RN	Rally Novice
SN	Superior Nosework (UKC)
SPOT	Specialized Pet Obedience Test (UKC)
SPOT-ON	Specialized Pet Obedience Test – Outstanding Neighbor (UKC)
T2B	Time to Beat
T2B2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
T2BP	Time to Beat Preferred

T2BP2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
TKA	Trick Dog Advanced
TKI	Trick Dog Intermediate
TKN	Trick Dog Novice
TQX	Triple Q Excellent
TQXP	Triple Q Excellent Preferred
UAG-1	United Kennel Club Agility Level 1
UCD	United Companion Dog (UKC)
UCDX	United Companion Dog Excellent (UKC)
UOCH	United Obedience Champion (UKC)
UUD	United Utility Dog (UKC)
UUDX	United Utility Dog Excellent (UKC)
UKC	United Kennel Club
UROC	United Rally Obedience Champion (UKC)
UROG	United Rally Obedience Grand Champion (UKC)
URX	United Rally Obedience Excellent (UKC)
URO1	United Rally Obedience 1 (UKC)
URO2	United Rally Obedience 2 (UKC)
URO3	United Rally Obedience 3 (UKC)
UWP	United Kennel Club Weight Pulling
XF	Excellent Fast (agility)
	If you have any additions or corrections to this list please email me at
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The End

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