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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.



December 17, 2017



**Best of Breed was awarded to GCHS CH River Ridge's
Level of Intrigue OA MXJ NJP OF TKN aka "Hunter"
owned by Stacy Zimmerman and Stacy McWilliams.**

~ Virginia ~



GCH CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From The Sun aka "Sunny" was awarded the Best of Opposite Sex and Best Bred-By-Exhibitor at the National Championship. Pictured on the right.

Owned by Linda Lee and Jordon Leigh.

~ Colorado ~

December 17, 2017 Winners

Best of Breed—GCHS CH River Ridge Level of Intrigue OA MXJ NJP OF TKN

Best of Winner and Winners Dog—Evanlee's Its Good To Be Bads BCAT

Select Dog—CH River Ridge Rocket Man

Select Bitch –GCH CH Turn Slice of Heaven BN RE

AOM-GCH CH Cal Me One Tuff Cricket RA CA CGC

AOM-GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order

AOM-GCHS CH HDK K2's Shockwave@Bellridge

AOM-GCH CH Evanlee's Glory Bound

Best Bred-By-Exhibitor-GCH CH Buzablu 3rd Rock FromThe Sun

Winners Bitch-Rainbow's End Annie Get Your Gun



GCH CH Turn Slice of Heaven BN RE was awarded Select Bitch at the National Championship show and Best of Opposite Sex in the National Owner Handled Series Finals.

She is owned by Susan R Mulligan and Susan D Turner.

~ Washington ~



CH River Ridge Rocket Man aka "Rocket" was awarded Select Dog at the National Championship show.

Owned by Loraine Capurso and Stacy McWilliams.

~ New Jersey ~



Best of Winner and Winners Dog—Evanlee’s Its Good To Be Bads BCAT aka “Spanky” owned and loved by Anna Morris & Donna McMahan & Ashley Mroz & Tracey A Kallas.

~ Tennessee ~



Winners Bitch—Rainbow’s End Annie Get Your Gun aka “Annie” was awarded the win for a major and completing her Champion title at the National Championship show.

She is owned by Pete and Carolyn Helewski.

~ Florida ~



AOM-GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order aka “Mars” owned by Linda Lee & Jordan Leigh. Pictured on left.

~ Colorado ~



AOM-GCH CH Evanlee’s Glory Bound aka “Vance” owned by Anna Morris & Donna McMahan & Tracey Kallas.

~ Mississippi ~

NOT PICTURED

AOM-GCH CH Cal Me One Tuff Cricket RA CA CGC

AOM-GCHS CH HDK K2’s Shockwave@Bellridge

Westminster

2018



Best of Breed ~ GCH CH Evanlee's Glory Bound

Best of Opposite Sex ~ GCHS CH River Ridge New Direction

Select Dog ~ GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge

Select Bitch ~ GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff to Envy RN CGC TT

Award of Merit ~ GCHS Ch Evanlee May D'Odds B'Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge

Award of Merit ~ GCH CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight



Best of Breed ~ GCH CH Evanlee's Glory Bound aka "Vance" owned and loved by Anna Morris & Donna McMahan & Tracey A Kallas.



**Best of Opposite Sex ~ GCHS CH River Ridge New Direction aka "LV"
owned and loved by Jane Gardner and Stacy McWilliams**



**Award of Merit ~ GCHS Ch Evanlee May D'Odds B'Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge aka "Victor"
owned and loved by Karen Bosse & Jane Gardner & Stacy McWilliams.**



Award of Merit ~ GCH CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight aka "Flyer" owned and loved by Stacy McWilliams.

Not pictured are:

**Select Dog ~ GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge
owned by Tracey A Kallas & Rebekah Anthony.**

**Select Bitch ~ GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff to Envy RN CGC TT
owned by Kimmy Seegmiller & Brandy Pettry.**



The Final Cut



The Iron Chef visits the Rat Terriers!!!

Rat Terrier Club Of America National Specialty

October 22, 2017



Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner Handled was awarded to CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight aka "Flyer" at the Rat Terrier Club of America National Specialty which was hosted by Illinois Capitol Kennel Club. Flyer is owned and handled by Stacy McWilliams.

~ Pennsylvania ~

**Rat Terrier Club of America
National Specialty Winners**

October 22, 2017

Hosted by the Illinois Capitol Kennel Club

Best of Breed—River Ridge’s When Dreams Take Flight

Best of Opposite Sex—Seegmillers Twinkle Twinkle

Select Dog—GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN

Select Bitch—Seegmillers Dark Anthem

Best of Winners—RNB’s Super Sport

Winners Dog—RNB’s Super Sport

Winners Bitch—Seegmillers Twinkle Twinkle

Reserve Winners Bitch Seegmillers Turn & Burn

Best of Breed Owner-Handled—River Ridge’s When Dreams Take Flight



Rattlesnake Bites The Dog

The Dos, The Don'ts, And The Mumbo Jumbo Myths

By Shea Cox DVM, July 2012



We all love to bask in the California sun and rattlesnakes are no exception. Snakebite envenomation is something that is frequently seen in the ER, in fact, we treated three pets for this *just this past weekend alone!* Sadie, an 11-week old Cocker Spaniel, was one of those patients. She was gardening with her Mom when a rattlesnake bit her.

Poisonous snakes of the United States belong to two groups: pit vipers and elapids. Pit vipers are the largest group and include at least 26 subspecies of rattlesnakes (*Crotalus* spp.), with the Western Rattlesnake being the most common in our region.

Click:

<http://www.californiaherps.com/identification/snakesid/rattlesnakes.html> for an excellent resource guide that includes pictures of the many species of California rattlesnakes.

How does the venom work?

An understanding of the function of venom is helpful in appreciating how envenomation works. The snake uses its venom to immobilize the victim and predigest body tissues. There are over 50 types of enzymes in pit viper venom, *with a minimum of 10 in any individual snakes venom.* Additionally, there are many other non-enzymes present in the venom, called *killing fractions*, which are **50 times more toxic** than the “crude” venom. When the venom destroys the body tissues, it is possible for up to 1/3 of a pet’s body fluid to be lost into the tissue spaces within several hours, which can result in life-threatening drops in blood pressure resulting in shock.

What makes a bad bite worse?

Several factors influence the severity of snakebites. The most important factors are the volume of venom injected and the toxicity of the venom itself. Other factors include:

- o The amount of regenerated venom since the last bite: there is more venom and it is more concentrate if the snake hasn't bitten in a while.
 - o The age of the snake: younger snakes have more "potent" venom.
 - o Aggressiveness of the snake: the more threatened they feel, the more concentrated the venom.
 - o Motivation of the snake: offensive strikes are more severe.
 - o The size of the pet being bitten: smaller dogs and cats are more severely affected than large dogs due to their small body size to venom ratio (less body to "absorb" the amount of venom).
 - o The size of the bite.
 - o The location of the bite: the "best" place to be bitten is in the legs or face as the regional swelling and changes in the local blood supply can actually slow the uptake of the venom; envenomation to the body is more concerning as the broader area allows for the venom to be absorbed more rapidly; bites to the tongue are the worst and result in rapid and devastating clinical signs.
 - o The time elapsed from bite until seeking medical treatment.
- The amount of physical activity since the time of the bite.

What are the general signs of a snakebite wound?

Snakebites are not always easy to diagnose, especially if it was an unobserved bite and if a pet has a heavy hair coat that may hide puncture wounds. With pit viper bites, you can usually see bleeding puncture wounds and single or multiple puncture sites may be observed. The initial signs are marked swelling, which is due to the tissue destruction and body fluid "leaking" into the damaged area (see the picture of the little Chihuahua, showing a what a typical bite to the face looks like). Clinical signs may develop immediately or be delayed for several hours. Bruising and skin discoloration often occurs within hours of the bite because the venom causes the blood to not clot. There is usually intense and immediate pain at the site of the bite, which helps differentiate snakebites from other causes of swelling, and swelling is generally progressive for up to 36 hours. You can also see collapse, vomiting, muscle tremors, and depression in breathing.

What to do if a snake bites your pet:

- o If your pet is bitten by a snake, it is best to assume it is a venomous bite.
- o Seek veterinary attention as soon as possible!
- o If the swelling is not in the face, muzzle your pet (if you can do it safely) to avoid being bitten: snake bites are very painful and your pet may unintentionally snap at you; if the swelling is in the face, avoid touching this area all together.
- o Immobilize the part of your pet that has been bitten by the snake, if this can be done safely; try to keep the area at or below the level of the heart.
- o Keep your pet calm and immobile, carry if necessary.

What *NOT* to do (and the mumbo jumbo myths)

- o Do not try to suck out the venom! (This technique only works for John Wayne in old Western movies).
 - o Do not attempt to “make an X” and cut open the area around the bite (you will only cause a wound).
 - o Do not bother to use a Snake Bite Kit or Extractor Pump (they will actually do more harm to your pet- and your wallet!).
 - o Do not apply ice to the area: this constricts the blood vessels locally and actually concentrates the venom causing severe muscle damage to the area.
 - o Do not rub any substances into the bite: the venom has entered the blood stream, and any substance applied topically is ineffectual.
 - o Do not apply a tourniquet: you will only succeed in causing further tissue damage and possibly create a need for limb amputation.
 - o Do not allow your pet to move about freely.
- Do not attempt to capture the snake for later identification (you’d be surprised...)

Tips for prevention:

- o Stay on open paths while hiking with your pet.
 - o Keep your pets on leash away from high grass and rocky outcrops where snakes like to rest.
 - o Don’t let your pet explore holes or dig under rocks.
 - o Keep an open ear for that telltale rattling noise and keep your pet at your side until you determine where the sound is coming from, and then move slowly away.
 - o If you see a snake that sees you, remember that a snake can strike only a distance of half its body length; give the snake time to “just go away” as they are not looking to interact with you or your pet.
 - o Don’t let your pet examine a dead snake as they still can envenomate.
- For around your home: cut off the snakes food supply and shelter by mowing close to the house, storing firewood away from the house, plugging up holes in the ground, and limiting birdseed waste which can attract rodents to your home.

What is the treatment?

Since the onset of clinical signs can be delayed for several hours, all pets that have been bitten by a snake should be hospitalized for at least 12 hours and ideally 24 hours. Although most pets generally need to be supported and monitored, the vast majority (95%) do survive with early and proper treatment.

Antivenom is the only proven treatment against pit viper envenomation, and the earlier it is administered, the more effective its action. The biggest downside to antivenom is cost, and it can range anywhere from \$450-\$700 *per vial*. Usually a single vial will control the envenomation but several vials may be necessary, especially in small dogs or cats. Many animals may do “fine” without it, but it does decrease the severity of clinical signs, as well as speed overall recovery with a reduction in complications. Blood work is also recommended to monitor your pet’s platelet count as well as clotting times of the blood. IV fluid support, intensive pain management, antibiotics and wound monitoring are required for best clinical outcomes. Blood and plasma transfusions are sometimes needed in severe envenomation.

What about the vaccine?

There is a “snake-bite vaccine” that may be useful, but there have been no controlled studies for its effectiveness. The main benefit of the vaccine is that it may create protective antibodies to neutralize some of the injected venom, and in turn may lessen the severity of the clinical signs. One of the biggest myths is that if your pet has had the vaccine, then they don’t need to be treated if they are bitten; this is not true, and *they still require the same treatment despite being given a vaccine or not!*

Thankfully, most snakes will try to avoid you and your pets and typically only bite as a last resort. But if your pet does happen to get bitten by a snake that you think might be venomous, it is best to err on the side of caution and get medical attention immediately. As always, feel free to ask questions or leave comments!



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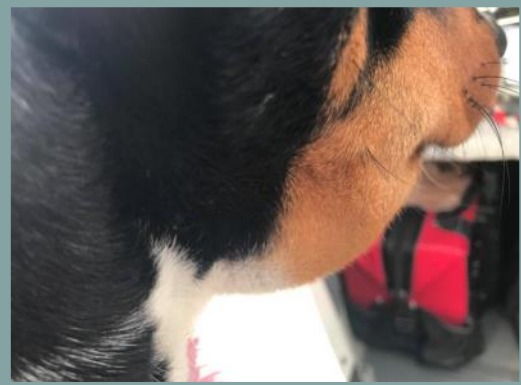
Jewel and the Rattlesnake

The Ride Home From The AKC National Show

Owned and loved by Linda Lee and Jordon Leigh



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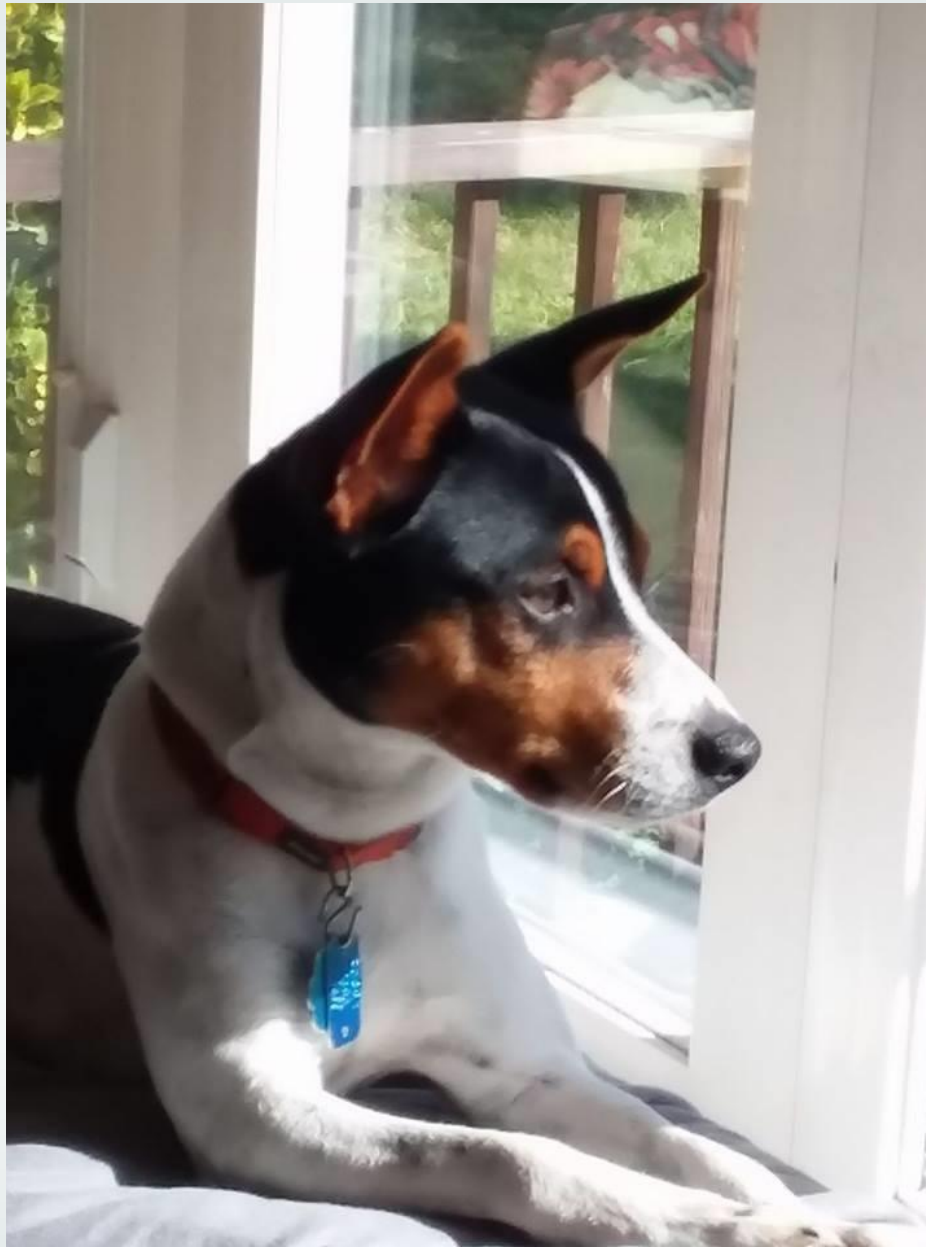
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Pretty as a Picture



“Extra”

Photo by Anita Crum

JUDGING THE RAT TERRIER

PART TWO – Colors and Patterns

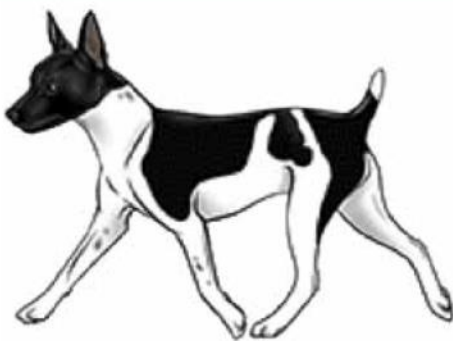
At first it could appear that all the sizes, colors and patterns that make up the Rat Terrier are overwhelming and difficult to understand. Keep in mind that farmers cared little for the conformation and/or patterning of these invaluable rodent killers. However, with the acceptance of the Rat Terrier in AKC and the attempt by breeders to solidify the standard, the multitude of sizes, colors, and markings may have caused some dilemmas for judges. Here we will illustrate the variables to help you understand the dogs you have before you in the ring.

First and foremost, the color and/or pattern are important as they adhere to the standard, but never more important than solid, correct structure.

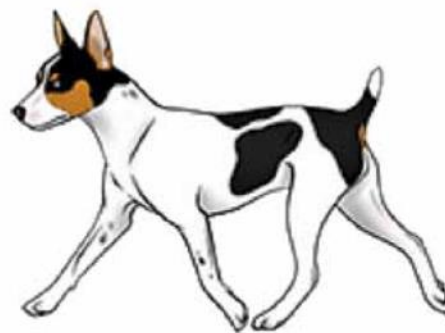
When judging the breed, all color and patterns within the standard are acceptable without prejudice.

THE COAT: The Rat Terrier should always have a short, close lying, smooth and shiny coat. Texture varies, and 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.

COLOR: Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Accepted by the parent club, but not seen often is "solid white," extreme piebald dog with only mottled/ spotted skin.



Example: Bi-colored piebald



Example: Tri-colored piebald



"Tan points" are common and vary in shades of cream to rust.

Acceptable colors with or without "tan points" include predominate black, chocolate, red, apricot, blue, fawn, tan, lemon, or white.

An intense dark shade of color with clearly defined and delineated coloration is preferred.

White on the body is preferred to be between 10 percent and 90 percent. 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.



Badger markings are acceptable.

These are examples of badger markings of different shades



These are examples of masks of different shades



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 that does not have black as coloration is to be seriously faulted.

If any Rat Terrier walks into your ring and it does not have one spot of white at least 1" wide, it's a disqualification.

Color Disqualifications:

- Absence of coat (total genetic hairlessness)
- Brindle or merle color patterns
- Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without white markings or bi-colored without one color being white.
- Less than one inch of white at its widest dimension is a disqualification

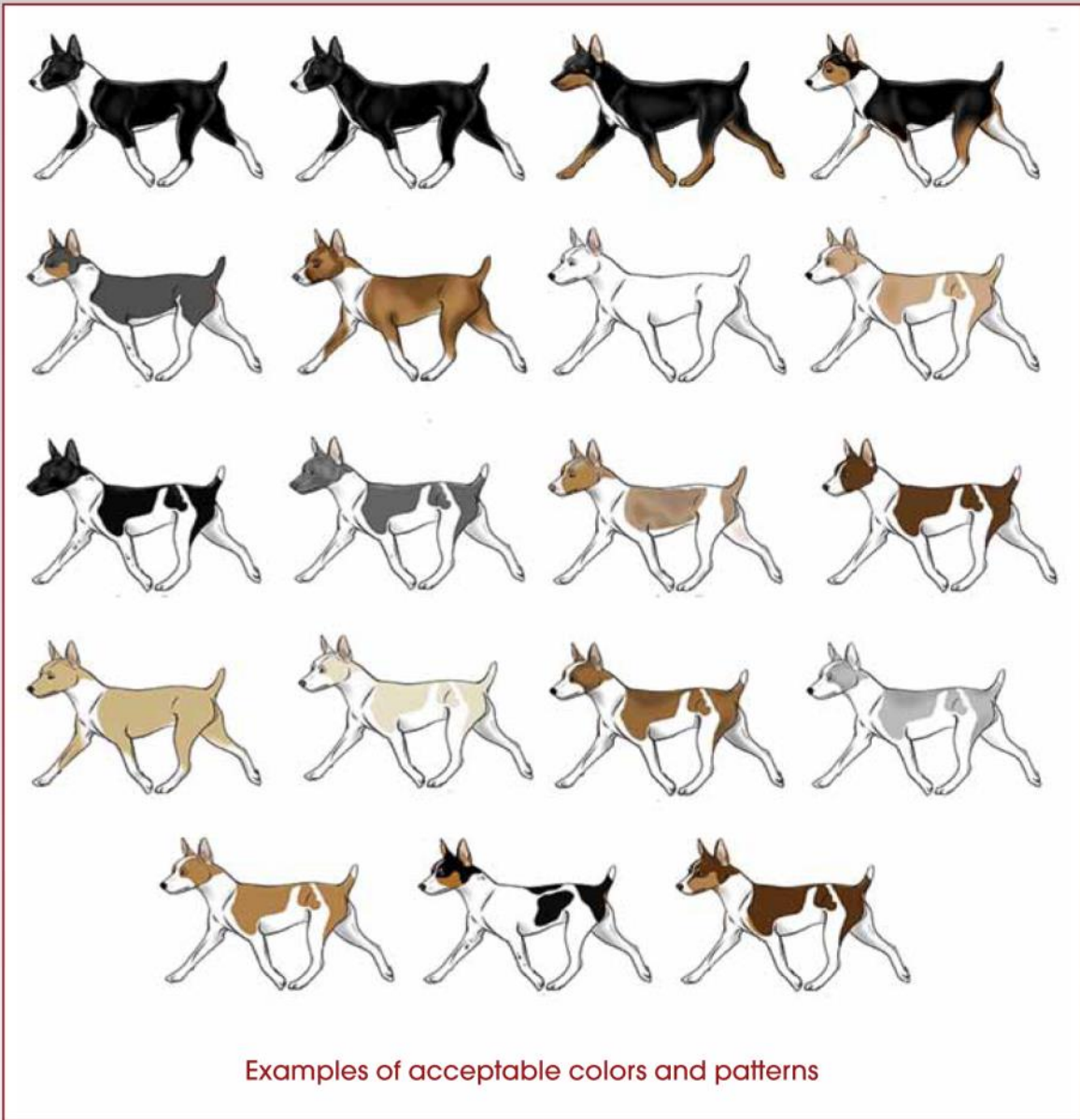
While it is easy to succumb to personal preference regarding color and patterning, especially when confronted with multiple dogs covering the entire range of both, judges must focus on the complete dog and adherence to the standard and accept those colors and patterns as delineated above without prejudice.



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 fore chest or body that exceeds one inch.

Look for the final part of the Judging the Rat Terrier series where we will review substance and height.

Publisher's Note: A well written, well informed article accompanied by clear professional illustrations will always enlighten and educate readers. There are many opinions experienced individuals have concerning the judging of any breed. The articles in TG are published to bring those opinions to light.



Examples of acceptable colors and patterns



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Only a Dog

Occasionally, people tell me, "Oh, it's only a dog," or... "Well, that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They see the travel distance, the time spent and spending of the money for just a dog, and they don't understand.

Hour after hour passes and my only company is just a dog.

Some of my most proud moments were with only a dog, and also some of my saddest moments came only with a dog.

However, in those dark days, it was the gentle touch of only a dog that made me strong and motivated to keep going.

Only a dog brings me pure friendship, trust, and perfect happiness.

Only a dog brings compassion and patience, which makes me a better person.

Only with a dog will I get up early, take long walks, and look forward to the future.

For people like me, it is not "just a dog."

My dog is an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams for the future, many a happy memory from the past, and the pure joy for the present

Author Unknown



Humor makes the world a better place



“Little Rooster”

Playing with the puppy In the mirror or is he dancing to the music on the radio?

Drum Roll!!



Blackwood's I'll Have Your Hide aka "Mattie" was awarded a Group 1 in the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills 4-6 month competition on March 4, 2018. She is owned, loved, and handled by Jackie Ader.

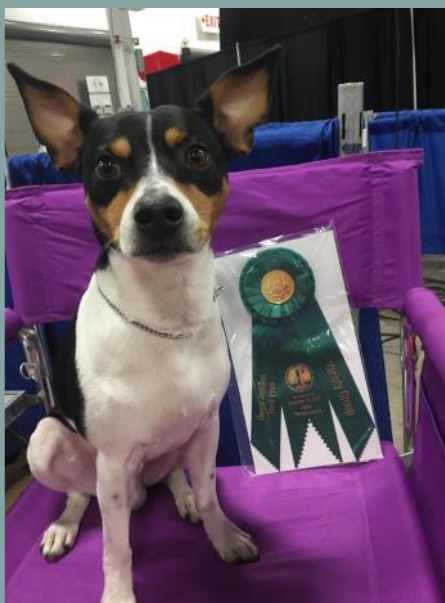
~ California ~



GCH River Ridge's Give Em Somethin 2Talk about aka "Jaxson" was awarded Best of Breed Owner Handler and a Owner Handler Group 3 at the Penn Treaty Kennel Club show at Oaks in Philadelphia PA on November 15. At the Valley Forge Kennel Club show at Oaks in Philadelphia he was awarded Best of Breed to finish his Grand Champion title. At the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club show in Allentown on December 16, he was awarded another OH Group 3.

Owned and Loved by Jackie Maye

~ Pennsylvania ~



FANTASTIC!!!



River Ridge's Top Shelf aka "Topper" earned his Champion title on January 26 in Richmond, VA at the Terrier show. He is owned by Stacy Zimmerman and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Virginia ~



GCHS CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue AX MXJ MJB NJP OF TKN aka "Hunter" earned his Bronze Jumpers title on February 18 at the Lexington, VA agility trial. He is owned by Stacy Zimmerman and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Virginia ~



UKC Ch PTN URO2 UWP 'PR' COHills Line in the Sand RN BN TKN CGC SPOT aka "Bad". Amanda Hill and her boy Bad earned his UKC URO2 (UKC equivalent to AKC Rally Advanced) title in Houghton LA on February 17, 2018 with a 95 and first place.

~ Texas ~

Congratulations!!



Wild Heart's Press to the Dark Side aka "Preston"
Earned his FDX in Flyball. Also has OA and OAJ in
AKC agility and his Novice Agility title in UKI agility.

Owned and loved by Nancy Cush
and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Pennsylvania ~

River Ridge's Ricochet Ratchet BN RE AX AXJ MX
OF AD AAD ARCH RL1X RL2 aka "Ratchet" earned
his P-CD on Jan 7, 2018. Other accomplishments
are FDX in Flyball, MX MXJ in AKC agility, and
Jumpers Master Snooker Master Gamblers Master
and Standard Agility Master in USDAA agility. Just
needs 1 more Pairs Q for his USDAA ADCH. Owned,
loved, and handled by Nancy Cush.

~ Pennsylvania ~



Send us your brags for
next quarters news-



AWESOME!!!



COHills Thistle Du Nicely aka “Burns” earned his AKC Open Agility title December 8, 2017 and his AKC Open Jumping title on February 16, 2018. He won both of his Excellent Jumping classes on February 17-18. One more jumping and 3 more agility for his Master’s and he will then start earning points!!

Owned, loved, and handled by Jeri Berg.

~ Colorado ~

STUPENDOUS!!!



WarrenMtn's Ishkoodah the Comet, "Ishka", earned her AKC Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title on January 28, 2018 at the CarDunAI Dog Training Club's Obedience Trial in Huntley, Illinois with a score of 197 and First Place among 21 Dogs in her class. She placed first in all three of her qualifying legs. To say I am very proud of this girl would be an understatement! She is owned by Mary Beth Backstrom and lives in northern Illinois near Rockford where we train with JoAnne Brettschneider.

At the end of February we entered our very first UKC Obedience Trial held by the Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club. Ishka earned her UCD title, winning the Novice class in all 4 trials and also placing High in Trial at each event with scores of 198, 198, 198 and 199.

~ Illinois ~

Training Your Puppy for Conformation Shows

By Shirley Bell, [Bellcrest Boxers Perm Reg'd](#)

Lesson 1 - 'Watch Me'

One of the first things that I teach a puppy is to **'watch me'**.

To do this, stand in front of your dog with a treat that they really love in your closed fist. Let them smell it, and then hold your arm up at shoulder height, stretched right out to the full length of your arm. This exercise can be done with or without a leash. In the beginning I use a show lead so that the puppy will associate the lead with getting treats.

At first your puppy will jump at your outstretched arm trying to get the treat. Ignore him. Continue to ignore him until he glances at you. This may take some time and patience on your part, but once he gets it he will learn quickly.

Reward him/her for even the quickest little glance up at you. You may use a clicker for this exercise, or a word like **'yes'** said enthusiastically to mark the exact moment that he looked up at you.

This is a fun exercise and one that you both will come to enjoy. You may find that one arm gets tired holding the bait up and out while waiting for his attention. Use the other arm and consider this your exercise (smile).

Continue to do this a couple of times a day. For however long it takes for him/her to learn to watch you. When he looks right into your eyes, you may extend the giving of the reward for longer periods of time. Now you are ready to add the command **'watch me'**.

The **'watch me'** command is one that will come in handy many times during your puppies show career. Each time his attention wanders in the show ring, you say **'watch me'** and 'voila', you have his attention back on you and the bait.

Next he will learn to concentrate on your bait pocket in much the same way as he concentrates on looking at you. You can teach this exactly the same way. This is a personal choice. Not necessary, but I like a dog to go into 'show mode' when my hand goes to my pocket. This is very useful in rings where the judges preference is NO BAIT. By having a dog that turns on just by putting your hand in your pocket, you are one step ahead of the crowd. The competition looks kind of dumb founded when they run across a judge the slaps your hand if you try to bait your dog.....it happens!!!

Once the puppy understands **'watch me'**, it is a short trip to learning to watch the pocket from which comes all those wonderful surprises that puppies love. A really focused dog will look right into your eyes at the watch me command, then glance at your pocket and then back at your eyes. This is the beginning of a SHOW DOG.

We also learn to play catch very young. This usually follows the **'watch me'** lessons. I use popcorn to teach a puppy to catch. I aim the piece of popcorn between his eyes. For the first few times it will ping him in the forehead and he will look kind of stunned. Make a game of it, and if by chance he does catch it, make a big deal of it by telling him/her how great they are. Repeat often.

Lesson 2- 'Stand'

I usually start puppies around 4 weeks of age, as soon as they can stand.

I start them by standing them on the grooming table and cuddling them, playing with them and just plain loving them. Making this a fun experience. Then I just kind of place them 4 square. More loving and laughing, and cuddling, and that is the lesson for today.

If you did not breed your pup, but purchased it from a reputable breeder as a show prospect, odds are that what I do above is also done by your breeder. You will want to carry on teaching the stand/stack as the puppy grows.

Here is how you go about doing just that. A good time to begin formal show training is around three to four months of age. Prior to this time, any standing or stacking is playtime.

For the purpose of these show training lessons, we will assume that your puppy is lead trained. I will offer references on lead training at the end of these lessons. Puppies should never be dragged or forced to do something. You should develop methods that encourage proper behaviour rather than punishing poor behaviour.

The training methods that I employ work well for all ages. I train our dogs to show on the floor and only use the table for young puppies. Should you be training a breed that is shown on the table, these methods should work well too.

'Stand' is the second exercise that I teach. The most important part of the stand exercise is what I like to call **head control**. If you have control over the head then you are able to control more easily where the rest of the parts go.

Choose a word to use when placing a leg. Some people use the word **'place'** as they set the leg where they want it. I use the word **'step'**. You will see in later lessons why I use the **'step'** command.

Next, I hold the head firmly, by the muzzle with the left hand. Then, with your right hand hold the right elbow of the dog and place it straight down, pointing your finger downwards as you do this and giving the command that you have chosen for this exercise. Change hands. Now you are using your right hand to control the head as you place the left leg by the elbow.

Using your right hand under the jaw for head control, reach back with the left hand as you put each rear foot in the proper place. Use another word that you have chosen for this particular part of the stand exercise. I use the word **'foot'** or **'back foot'**. In the first few lessons, the feet don't have to be in perfect position.

Imagine a drawing of a rectangle on the floor.

'Place' a front foot on the inside of each of the two upper corners. On the back corners, place the feet on the outer corners of the rectangle. Make sure feet are pointed forward. Hocks should be straight up and down not slanted inwards or outwards. **Toes forward**.

What you are teaching here is the words and commands and relating them to the movements that they refer to. It won't take long before your puppy understands what you want. Make this fun and when the puppy is standing comfortably, even if just for a second or two.....reward him/her. Praise praise praise. They love to be told how good they are.

Another great aid in teaching a puppy to stand are 'stacking blocks'. These are available from

<http://www.happylegs.com>

Lesson 3- 'Stay'

Next we include the stay while standing. Once I have puppy standing, I add the word **'stay'**. Then in future lessons as I increase the standing time, I use the words **'stand stay'**.

A happy **'Okay'** is the way the puppy knows that I am releasing him/her from the command followed by praise praise praise and a reward.

This is now play time. Time to let the puppy know that this is fun, and he/she has been very good.

As the puppy becomes more accustomed to having his legs placed you can stop using the commands if you want. I continue to use them as later I may want the dog to move a certain foot and he will know what I expect. Your puppy will soon learn to stand/stay. It is my belief that obedience and show training go hand in hand, in fact they compliment one another. Many breeders go nuts when you tell them you have your **'show prospect'** in obedience classes!

Show training is just another form of Obedience training. Our dogs are smart enough to distinguish the difference. As you train, your dogs will learn what you expect and you will find that they differentiate between collars/leads. They also watch your body language. Funny enough, though you may not realize it, you move and posture differently depending on what it is you are asking your dog to do.

If you have a breed that should have its tail up while stacked, now is the time to begin teaching him/her to do this. After placing the rear legs in position, slowly bring your hand up under the tail and gently tickle with finger tips saying **'tail up'** in a happy voice. Should the puppy resist having its tail touched you must then start touching his tail as often as you can during his daily routine.

While eating, or sleeping, going for a walk or just playing, reach down and tickle under his tail. Remember to say **'tail up'** each time you touch the tail. Even if the tail is up during these occasions, tickle the underside, it is good practice.

Soon it will become old hat to him and he will no longer resist having his tail put into the **'tail up'** position during a stack. In fact, in no time at all he will be holding the tail up the moment the show lead comes into view. Keep it fun and talk in a happy happy voice. I have even trained one of mine to **'wag wag'** on command. A neat trick, and easily done.

Once you think your pup understands what you want during the stand/stay with tail up exercise, you will be ready to move on to the next part of the show training exercise.

Lesson 4- 'Baiting'

Baiting while stacked. This differs from Free baiting.

To teach your pup to bait while stacked choose a word and use the same word each time.

Your mirror will help you teach this to your dog and show you what both you and your dog look like while baiting.

First lets understand why we bait a dog after we have hand stacked them. This isn't necessary for many breeds that are shown by freebaiting, but for some breeds, where competition is pretty stiff, this exercise, if taught correctly, can be what give you the winning edge. You want your dog to look his/her very best at exactly the moment that the judge looks at him. You want your dog to show his best features, making the most of the good features he has while minimizing where he is lacking.

When I start this with a young dog, I use stacking blocks. These can be seen at <http://www.happylegs.com> or you can make your own. Some people even use 4 cans of vegetables as stacking blocks. Whatever works for you and your dog! It is possible to teach this without using stacking blocks, but it takes longer and is more difficult to get the message across to the dog. Many pups want to lean forward, which creates a slope to the topline and does funny things to the rear angles. This is NOT what you want. Watch your mirror!

With Mr. Puppy on the stacking blocks, practice what you have learned up to now. Stack the pup, placing each leg as taught in prior lessons. Go slowly and smoothly, from one leg to the next, maintaining head control at all times. Perhaps we need a section on 'head control'? Let me know if you don't understand what this is.

Once puppy is stacked, slowly lift his/her head and THEN bring the collar up to the under the ears position. Then and only then do you hold the collar. You do NOT hold the puppy's head up with the collar while stacking him/her. By doing this you will create a dog that leans into the collar and looks awful while doing so.

Now, puppy is all together, standing nicely on the blocks in the correct position for his/her breed with head held high and collar in position. Tail up too if that is required in your breed. Tickle under tail and say "tail up" while placing it in the proper position.

We are now ready to bait this puppy. What you are attempting to do is use the bait to bring the pup up on his toes and arch his neck without losing the proper stack. Not an easy task. And on top of this, we want you to do all this and make it look easy and natural. Ready?

From the non show side towards the front of the dog.....I put my left hand on the pup's chest, about where the breast bone is to keep them from leaning. I then use the word 'show', holding the liver in my right hand with the liver slightly in front of the nose, away from the body in line with the dogs nose.

In the beginning, I have to keep going back and lifting the pups head, bringing the collar up and showing the bait at nose level. They are over excited at this point. You do not want to discourage this, just tone it down slightly <grin>. Keep training sessions short and fun.

In time, I hold the bait further away from the pup, and if he tries to lean, I push on his chest. He will eventually understand that you want him to stay in position and stretch his neck. This will come, be patient.

It won't take long, you will be able to say what ever word you are using for this exercise and your pup will stand up on his toes and stretch his neck looking for that bait. Once he understands that you want him to remain standing/stacked while receiving his 'treat' then you can work at getting him to arch his neck at the appropriate time (when the judge is trying to make up his mind between your dog and another dog)

Now you should be able to go back to stacking your pup.....bringing the collar up, and then baiting your dog....all in one smooth easy step.

Take your bait from your pocket while holding your dog in position, with bait in your right hand and left hand holding the collar, bait your dog. Where you hold the liver will determine how your dog looks. How he arches his neck and how he concentrates on that bait.

Your pup has learned to stay in a prior lesson so this should be easy. He should be concentrating on that bait and doing exatcly what you want.

Once your dog is steady at this and understands totally what is expected, try dropping the collar and see what happens.....he should still be so engrossed in the bait that he has no idea that you have released his collar. He will still be in perfect position, up on his toes and arching his neck.

In the beginning, don't make him stand there too long. Release him by praising him and using a silly voice, clapping and laughing. Make it lots of fun. Make it a big game. He will then not only anticipate the bait, but will anticipate being released and played with by someone he adores....you!!

When you are sure that you pup knows what is expected. Try stacking the pup and baiting him on the ground as well as on the stacking blocks.

One more thing.....do not continually move the bait while holding it in front of your dog. Too many novice handlers have the poor dog jacking his head up and down following that piece of bait. Never say no during this exercise. If you get frustrated Quit!! Try it again another day. Do not show dis-pleasure to your pup at anytime during show training. This should be fun, fun, fun!! Never work!

Handling should be done smoothly. The handler should not be obvious, he/she is there to present the dog. The dog is the one that should stand out, not the handler.

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~ Water Intoxication/Poisoning ~ Siryn's Story Could Save Your Dog

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I wanted to share what I learned in case it could help someone else because many people and vets may not have had experience with this. Basically, water intoxication is a potentially fatal disturbance in brain functions that results when the normal balance of electrolytes in the body is pushed outside of safe limits by excessive water consumption in a short period of time. The cells absorb all the water, causing the tissues, including the brain, to swell. When the cell membranes can no longer withstand the pressure, the cells can begin to die. Water intoxication can lead to brain damage, heart failure, and death. The famous artist, Andy Warhol, died from cardiac arrhythmia, a direct result of water intoxication after hospital staff overloaded him with fluids after routine gallbladder surgery. Athletes are also prone to this if they replace lost fluids with large quantities of water without added electrolytes.

I'll list my story below, but please read this for signs and treatment as the vet you end up with may not be as educated as my vet friend was. Early signs of a problem can include mild lethargy, nausea, and slight weight gain resulting in a bloated appearance. Later symptoms, noting that Siryn went from no significant signs to major distress in about 15 minutes, may include neurological signs such as a loss of coordination (tripping, falling, or collapsing), dilated pupils, and glazed eyes or lack of awareness of their surroundings. They may also have difficulty breathing, have an increased heart rate, be restless, have excessive salivation, have poor color in their gums, and even have seizures or slip into a coma.

TIME IS CRITICAL. If your dog is showing signs of water intoxication, get them to a vet immediately. The vet needs to run bloodwork and it will show very low electrolytes. Some of the other values, like the kidneys, may be "off", too, but this is a result of the electrolyte imbalance. The vet needs to immediately start the dog on a slow drip of IV sodium chloride fluids and with Siryn, they added potassium to it. The fluids need to be given slowly because the goal is not to hydrate the dog but to slowly put the electrolytes back in the system. Here is another key piece the emergency clinic vet didn't know about that my vet told her to do. Give the dog a diuretic, such as Lasix, to help pull the fluid out of the tissue. I believe this was the key to Siryn recovering to normal bloodwork values in 9-10 hours while another friend's dog with this condition who wasn't given Lasix was in the hospital for 2 days. There are more lessons about dealing with the vets in my story below.

Siryn has been swimming all her life and never had this problem. She does not bite at the water and she does not stand there and gulp down the water. She will sometimes bark or whine in the water because she's so excited and probably takes in water when she does that and I would imagine she also ingests quite a bit of water when she's fetching. I don't know why yesterday was different. My friend Val saw her vomit up several cups of something that looked like water logged dog food. I have no idea where that came from since she eats raw. Perhaps she found it while we were walking. The only thing I can think of to make this trip different is that the dog food absorbed all the water and didn't let it pass through her system like it normally does, though I'll never know for sure. My vet said she could be more prone to this happening in the future now that it's happened once so I will have to be careful with her, watch her for starting to look bloated, and make her take breaks.

Here's my story:

Val and I took the dogs swimming and fetching at the lake for an hour or two yesterday evening. When we were done, Siryn looked bloated, but that's normal for her after swimming for a while. She always swallows a lot of water and either vomits it up or urinates a lot for the next couple hours. Val said her face even looked a little bloated yesterday. After swimming, we went for a walk. We'd walked about a mile when I noticed that Siryn wasn't walking right. She was tripping over her feet and starting to lose her balance. Val suggested I put her in the water to see if she was hot but it didn't help. We checked her color and her gums were white. Within minutes, she was having a hard time walking and within a few minutes after that, she couldn't stand at all so I had to carry her. We waited for Val to run back and get the car. Her breathing was raspy and labored, she was panting heavily, she started excessively salivating, and she couldn't stand or sit. Her eyes were glazed and her pupils were dilated.

We rushed her to the emergency clinic where the technician was so not good. She checked Siryn out, saw her have no color to her gums, unable to stand, panting, with dilated eyes, and told us she would put us in a room for a while until the doctor could see us. Val said she checked her own pulse instead of Siryn's! I told her the doctor either needed to see my dog (who still couldn't stand up!) right away or I was going to take her and find a vet who would see her. She said she'd take her to the back and maybe put her on oxygen or something (not helpful). Apparently, when the doctor saw her, she recognized she was in shock and started treating her immediately.

I think not all, but a lot of the vets who work the night and weekend shifts at the emergency clinics are new in practice (who else wants to work weekend overnights?!) and may not have a lot of experience. This vet figured out to put her on slow fluids with the additives, but it took having my awesome vet (thanks Laura Beth!) calling her to suggest Lasix to really get the ball rolling. The emergency vet also was thinking perhaps Siryn had Addison's Disease based on her bloodwork but my vet was able to tell her that she's known Siryn all her life and she's never shown any signs of that and that she needed to just treat her for water intoxication and stop looking for other things that it could be.



SIGNS OF WATER INTOXICATION IN DOGS



Siryn



Weezer



Stoli

Some of our canine friends that we've lost to Water Intoxication

What to watch for:
Glazed Eyes, Nausea,
Pale Gums, Lethargy
Difficulty Breathing,
Bloated Appearance,
Dilated Pupils,
Loss of Coordination
Loss of Consciousness
Seizures, Coma
and Death.



Murphy



Snasher

Pepper



Kenetic



Jushi
I Survived!

**WATER INTOXICATION CAN HAPPEN TO ANY SIZE DOG - BIG OR SMALL-
KEEP THEM SAFE - GET TREATMENT PROMPTLY
PROPER TREATMENT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE OR DEATH**

Siryn was groaning while she was lying on the table and the vet asked me if she normally did that. I told her no and she started saying that it might be a sign of something else and we might need to do x-rays. I told her that Siryn was probably miserable because she was so fat at that time from all the water in her body. She looked at me and asked, incredulously, "This is fat for her?" It was kind of laughable because Siryn is an in shape competition dog and very thin compared to the fat pet dogs most vets are used to seeing. So what was obvious to me as discomfort from severe bloating she didn't see because Siryn looked like the normal weight of dogs she was used to seeing!

Remember, you and your vet know your dog and the emergency vets don't! You have to be ready to speak up, demand an immediate assessment by a doctor if you don't feel the entry staff are giving you proper attention, and educate them about what is and isn't normal for your dog (like the lack of Addison's symptoms and the groaning from being bloated). If she would have started treating for Addison's, we could have gone in the whole wrong direction. I am so lucky my wonderful vet was willing to call up there late in the night and make sure Siryn got the appropriate care.

So, that's my story. Since posting this yesterday, I have heard from several other people who have had dogs have this or who know people who have. I hope this helps educate everyone on a potential problem many don't know exist. I sincerely hope this note won't discourage people from taking their dogs to the water to have fun. Siryn will still go swimming because it's her favorite thing to do and I refuse to keep my dogs in a glass bubble just because something might happen. We are fortunate to have every day we have with each other and I want my dogs to love their life; however, I will be more educated in the future about making each trip as safe as possible.

Some additional links to read about water intoxication in dogs:

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<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/10/28/water-intoxification.aspx>

<https://topdogtips.com/water-intoxication-in-dogs/>

<http://thebark.com/content/danger-water-intoxication>

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2013/10/28/water-intoxification.aspx>

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New Rattitude

Rat Terrier Rescue



What New Rattitude is About

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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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SENSATIONAL!!



New AKC Champion—AKC CH/UKC GrCh COHills Riding the Edge aka “Edge” at Nolan River in Glenrose, TX. January 6, Edge was awarded Winners Bitch Owned by Amanda Hill, Debbie Holmes and Barbie Trammell.

~ Texas ~



River Ridge's Made in America "Luke" owned by Dave McNally earned his Advanced Trick Dog Title on Feb. 28 at Reisterstown, MD.

~ Maryland ~



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Way to go!!!



Rosethorn The Award Goes To River Ridge aka Emmy was awarded a Best of Breed and a Terrier Puppy Group 1 at the Valley Forge Kennel Club fun match in February. She is owned and loved by Jackie Olsen and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Pennsylvania ~



Aris Up Up and Away aka "LCPie" earned her CAT at the Southern California Lure Coursing. Owned loved, and handled by Deb Harpur.

~California~



Blkwd's She's Got Brazile'n Style aka "Puppy Style" has certainly become a Good Citizen—she's earned AKC's STAR puppy, CGC, CGC-A, CGC-U and her Farm Dog Certified certificates. She is owned, loved and handled by Deb Harpur.

~California~

WOW!!!



CH K2's Kiss My Ice of Erandi aka "Demi" aka "Demali" was awarded Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex over bitch specials for a 4 point major to complete her Champion title. She finished with 4 majors in only 5 show weekends. On her first day showing as a special she was awarded Select Bitch for her first Grand Champion major of 5 points and her first win over a Champion. Thank you to Judge Mr. Alfred J. Ferruggiaro for the Select Bitch award. She is owned by Heidi Sparks and Tracey Kallas.

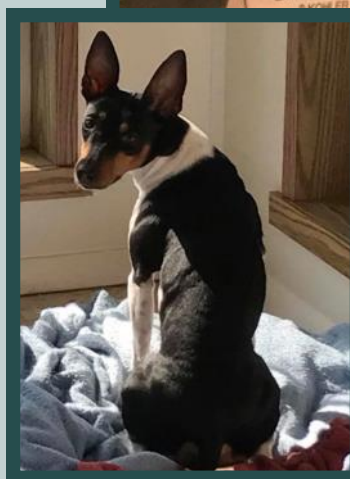
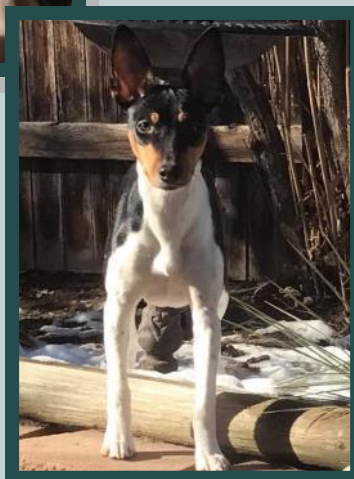
~ Colorado ~



AMAZING!!!



Golden Hills Divine Ecstasy
aka Dio



Golden Hills Genuine
Reflection @ Buzablu aka
Phil

On February 18 at the Colorado Kennel Club show: We are still floating on cloud 9 and in awww of how nice our pups are coming along. So so proud ! We here at Golden Hills Standard Rat Terriers are well on our way to having yet another AKC champion out of the same litter, GCHB Arkay SGK Sumthing2tlkabout@ GLHL aka Nyx and Seegmillers Fortunate Son aka Nate ! I also want to say THANK YOU to our Co-Owner Linda Lee in sharing in our dream!

Today was just Amazing ! Our girl Phil took her first BOB and Best owner Handled over 8 specials, 3 of them being in the top 5 invitees to Westminster ! In the same moment our newest boy to come in the ring Dionysus aka Dio, took WD, Best of Winners and best bred by, both being a 5 pt major. Dio also earned a Group 2 in Bred-by. I couldn't be prouder of all our pups!

Owned by Linda Lee and Terri Burns

~ Colorado ~

EXCEPTIONAL



CH Senorita Lolitas Lollipop aka "Lolly" received her Rally Excellent title, Coursing Ability title and Barn Hunt Novice title. Also she won 2 BIS (altered) at her first UKC show and then received her dog ACHEIVER AWARD all from Nov 2017 THRU February 2018. Owned by Edithmary Stenz and Norine Lehar.

Fireballs Gun Powder N Lace aka "Stoney" was Best of Opposite Sex at the Sliver Bay KC show and received 2 pts towards her championship. AND, she is marked as #10 for NOHS for 2018.

Handled by Norine Lehar.

Owned by Edithmary Stenz and Norine Lehar.

~ Arizona ~

OUTSTANDING!!!



River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast, aka “Ferris B”, earned his AKC Master Agility Championship (MACH) at the York Dog Training Club trial on 3/17/2018. Ferris B is trained and loved by Deb Stevenson and lives in NJ. He also earned his CGC, Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Trick Dog titles and his Achiever Dog title on the same day. Owned by Deb Stevenson and Stacy McWilliams.

~ New Jersey ~



Brodie, a 2 year old rat terrier, was named to the World Agility Open team as an alternate. He is loved and handled by Estelle White Robinson of Orange County, CA. They will compete in Switzerland with the team should one of the regular team members have to stay home. Photo is of Brodie at the World Agility Open Team Practice in preparation . Photo by Britney Collins-Imhof.

Winners Bitch Seeks Best of Opposite Sex

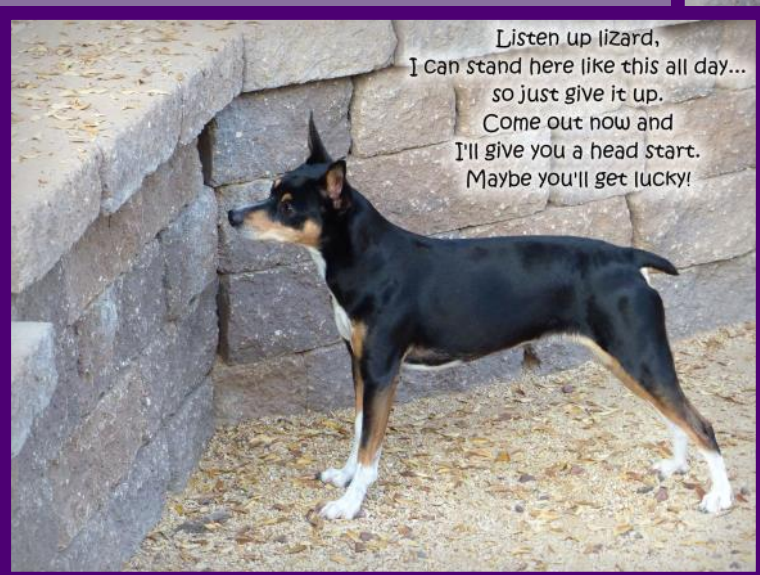
You know you've waited too long to find a mate when...

- you think stripping is something you do to a terrier
- you meet a guy named Bob and instantly visualize purple and gold rosettes
- you think nothing about loudly discussing studs and bitches in a fancy restaurant
- the first thing you notice about a guy is what breed of dog he has
- your biggest turn-off is a guy with an obnoxious, untrained dog
- you have ever ruled out a guy as a prospective date based on the breed of dog he owns
- you dismiss all the guys your mother introduces you to as "not breeding quality"
- you never could stick to a diet to impress a guy, but you can do it to get through that TDX track
- your only nice jewelry features either dogs, dumbbells, or rosettes
- you have a video on how to artificially inseminate your dog but last watched a dirty movie in junior high school
- when you talk about "scoring" you mean how you did at last weekend's obedience trial
- your dog has more letters after his name than the last ten guys you've dated and actually completed obedience school
- you start using operant conditioning techniques to get what you want from your boyfriend, and you won't let him read your copy of "Don't Shoot The Dog"
- you think that maybe your current guy has potential if you use the proper combination of positive reinforcement and the occasional well-timed ear pinch
- you "people watch" at the mall by making mental lists of the conformation faults each passerby has to contribute to the gene pool
- you think if you ever did marry and have children that you wouldn't have to buy a playpen because you already have an extra x-pen. And why buy a crib? Crates are cheaper and they're enclosed on all sides
- you give all of your married friends child-rearing advice based on your extensive background in dog training
- your mother's worst fear is that you'll have a child and make it wear a pinch collar
- your mother's second worst fear is you'll get married and your dog will be in the wedding party
- you actually have friends whose dogs HAVE been part of the wedding party
- when your cousin tells you how much her wedding costs you think how many show-quality puppies that could buy you
- all of your friends always include your dog in any invitation they issue to you. Of course, you reciprocate because you only have doggy friends left...the others have stopped inviting you places because you insist on bringing the dog!
- when you read the personal ads you skip past the vital statistics and rule out any that don't say "animal lover"
- you know your dog's cholesterol count, but not your own
- when you lament to your friends about chronic yeast infections, they don't know you're talking about your dog's ears
- you last had a professional portrait done for your high school graduation, but you just spent 50% of your dog's purchase price having his done by the best canine photographer in the country
- you and your dog use the same kind of hairbrush, and you never can keep straight whose is whose
- you spend 8 hours grooming your dog for a show the day before, and 1.25 minute ponytailing your hair the morning of the show
- you think that people with bad bites shouldn't be allowed to breed
- your mother is ecstatic to see you browsing the aisle with the hair coloring, after hounding you for three years to try highlighting....only to be disappointed when she finds you are looking for peroxide to "touch up" your Clumber's drool mark
- when someone mentions single bars, you wonder if they are talking about utility or agility jumps
- when you go "clubbing", you have your choice of the all-breed club, the specialty club, the obedience club, or the tracking club
- you once made earrings out of old rabies tags, and all your friends wanted a pair

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A Day In A Life of a Rat Terrier

“Miss Shanti”



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

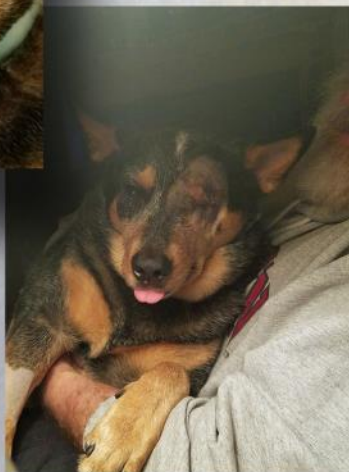
gensoldx.com

optigen.com

Many more breeds are affected as well.



Jack
(Australian Cattle Dog)



Lily
(Rat Terrier)



The STATISTICS

Conformation

AKC ALL-BREED STANDINGS

2017 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle
Statistics thru December 31, 2017

Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	739	0	0	J Ferguson
2	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	663	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 AX MXJ NJP OFM TK		232	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 BN RN	M	82	0	0	B Pettry/S Piquet
12	GCH CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	78	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
13	GCH CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight	M	73	0	0	S McWilliams/J Gardner
13	GCH CH Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	73	0	0	K Seegmiller/P Smith/A Gouge
15	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	70	0	0	T Little/C Martinez
16	CH Rnb's Princess Winter Winds For Bonne Chance	F	65	0	0	V Paxton
17	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	49	0	0	D Gillies/T Gillies
18	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	48	0	0	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
19	CH Bur-Way Unscripted	M	43	0	0	B Trammell
20	CH Timberlane Tazer	M	39	0	0	B Amico/S McWilliams

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	260	0	0	J Ferguson
2	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	231	0	0	T Kallas
3	GCHS CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue AX MXJ NJP OFM TK		175	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
4	GCHP CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	158	0	1	T Little/R Little
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	78	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
8	GCH CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight	M	73	0	0	S McWilliams/J Gardner
9	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	70	0	0	T Little/C Martinez
10	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	61	0	1	K Bosse/J Gardner/S McWilliams
11	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	59	0	0	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
12	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	48	0	0	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
13	GCHS CH River Ridge New Direction	F	47	0	0	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
14	CH Timberlane Tazer	M	39	0	0	B Amico/S McWilliams
15	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	38	0	0	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
15	GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	38	0	0	S Cadell
17	GCH CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	37	0	0	J Ader
18	CH Rosethorn Tokyo Drift	M	31	0	0	K Frazier/J Frazier
19	GCH CH Seegmillers Kung Foo Fighting	M	29	0	0	K Seegmiller/P Smith/A Gouge
20	GCH CH Rosethorn Call Me Justa Soft Snow At Midnight	F	28	0	0	C Drake
20	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	28	0	0	D Gillies/T Gillies



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1	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	181	J Ferguson
2	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	171	T Kallas
3	GCHS CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue AX MXJ M NJP OF TK	M	155	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
4	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	141	T Little/C Martinez
5	GCHP CH Felixvilles Traveling Pooch	M	121	T Little/R Little
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	99	P Smith
8	GCH CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	84	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
9	GCHB CH River Ridge Winning Ways	M	81	L Iazzetti/S McWilliams
10	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	58	L Lee/J Leigh
12	GCHS CH River Ridge New Direction	F	54	J Gardner/S McWilliams/K Cryan
13	GCH CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RE NF	F	43	S Mulligan/S Turner
14	GCH CH Rnb's Shootout @ Blkwd Corral	F	42	J Ader
14	GCH CH Seegmillers Challenge Accepted RN	M	42	K Seegmiller/A Chestnut
16	GCHS CH Ratitatt Gala Shindig	F	41	V Schiefer
17	GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	40	S Cadell
17	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	40	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
19	GCH CH K2's He's Da Man At Outlaw	M	39	S Sanchez
20	GCH CH Seegmillerbuzablu Black Diamond Jewels	F	38	L Lee/J Leigh

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Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handled Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	GCH CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	Patricia Smith	Rat Terrier	110
2	CH River Ridge Rocket Man	Loraine Capurso Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	95
3	GCH CH River Ridge s When Dreams Take Flight	Stacy McWilliams Jane Gardner	Rat Terrier	85
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
5	GCH CH River Ridge s Give Em Someth N 2talk About	Jaclyn Maye Beth Szczygiel Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	50
7	CH Raganrat I Am A Conqueror	Darice Ragan	Rat Terrier	45
8	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	40
8	Raganrat Yamada Feel The Burn CA BCAT	Michelle Blackmore	Rat Terrier	40
8	GCH CH Rosethorn Call Me Justa Soft Snow At Midnight	Candace Drake	Rat Terrier	40
8	Fireball s Gunpowder N Lace	Edithmary Stenz Norine Lehar	Rat Terrier	40
12	CH Rosethorn Everest All Mighty	Carrie Anderson Kendra Knowles	Rat Terrier	35
12	Red Rivers God Of War	Emilie Montoya Kayla Montoya	Rat Terrier	35
14	CH Rnb s Princess Winter Winds For Bonne Chance Vicki Lynn Paxton		Rat Terrier	30
14	GCH CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From The Sun	Linda Lee Jordon Leigh	Rat Terrier	30



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AKC ALL-BREED STANDINGS

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	80	0	1	T Little/C Martinez
2	GCH CH Aacres R E S P E C T @ Dharts	F	65	0	0	C Downey Hart
3	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	31	0	0	J Ferguson
4	GCHB CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	30	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
5	GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	29	0	0	S Cadell
6	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	22	0	0	T Kallas
7	CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu	F	17	0	0	A Burns/L Lee
8	CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery	M	13	0	0	S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey
9	GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	11	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
10	GCHB CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	M	10	0	0	P Smith
11	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	9	0	0	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
12	CH King Pen's Game On	M	8	0	0	G Harlamoff/R Draper
13	CH Bur-Way Unscripted	M	7	0	0	B Trammell
14	GCH CH Wildcliff Steady N Strong Duty Calls CA	M	6	0	0	A Agostine/T Spillane
14	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	M	6	0	0	L Hibbard
16	CH Felixvilles Skippin Cj Lucky Traveling Gal	F	5	0	0	J Sharp/C Martinez
16	Skippin Cj Cruzin Red Diamond Victory	F	5	0	0	J Sharp/C Martinez
18	River Ridge's Hot Topic CGC TKN	F	4	0	0	P Cary/S McWilliams/H Carpenter
18	CH Wild Heart Take A Chance On Me River Ridge CA	M	4	0	0	C WALLWORK/S McWilliams
20	Rainbow's End Dreaming Of Chocolate	F	3	0	0	D Lasseter
20	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	3	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Petry



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1	GCH CH Aacres R E S P E C T @ Dharts	F	65	0	0	C Downey Hart
2	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	31	0	0	J Ferguson
3	GCHB CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	30	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
4	GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	29	0	0	S Cadell
5	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	24	0	1	T Little/C Martinez
6	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	22	0	0	T Kallas
7	CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu	F	17	0	0	A Burns/L Lee
8	CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery	M	13	0	0	S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey
9	GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order	M	11	0	0	L Lee/J Leigh
10	GCHB CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	M	10	0	0	P Smith
11	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	9	0	0	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
12	CH King Pen's Game On	M	8	0	0	G Harlamoff/R Draper
13	CH Bur-Way Unscripted	M	7	0	0	B Trammell
14	GCH CH Wildcliff Steady N Strong Duty Calls CA	M	6	0	0	A Agostine/T Spillane
14	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse	M	6	0	0	L Hibbard
16	CH Felixvilles Skippin Cj Lucky Traveling Gal	F	5	0	0	J Sharp/C Martinez
16	Skippin Cj Cruzin Red Diamond Victory	F	5	0	0	J Sharp/C Martinez
18	River Ridge's Hot Topic CGC TKN	F	4	0	0	P Cary/S McWilliams/H Carpenter
18	CH Wild Heart Take A Chance On Me River Ridge CA	M	4	0	0	C WALLWORK/S McWilliams
20	Rainbow's End Dreaming Of Chocolate	F	3	0	0	D Lasseter
20	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	F	3	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Pettry



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1	GCH CH Aacres R E S P E C T @ Dharts	F	62	C Downey Hart
2	GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk	M	32	J Ferguson
3	GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	29	T Kallas
4	GCHB CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	27	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
5	GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	24	S Cadell
6	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	23	B Veltri
7	GCH CH Skippin Cj Double Trouble	F	22	C Martinez
8	GCHB CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	20	T Little/C Martinez
9	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	18	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
10	CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery	M	13	S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey
11	CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu	F	12	A Burns/L Lee
11	CH Cal Val Mtn Top Cleo	F	12	G Holloway
11	CH Hime Masako Of Miyuki	F	12	Y Cunningham/L Vaught/C McKee-Sanchez
14	GCHB CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	M	11	P Smith
15	GCH CH Skippin Cj Crash Bandicoot	M	10	C Martinez
16	CH Felixvilles Skippin Cj Lucky Traveling Gal	F	9	J Sharp/C Martinez
17	GCH CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From The Sun	F	7	L Lee/J Leigh
17	CH Bur-Way Unscripted	M	7	B Trammell
17	CH Rnb My Small Town Throwdown	M	7	B Veltri
20	CH Wild Heart Take A Chance On Me River Ridge CA	M	6	C WALLWORK/S McWilliams
20	GCHS CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee	M	6	L Hibbard

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1	GCHB CH Rip It Up Never Say Never	Patricia Smith	Rat Terrier	130
2	CH River Ridge Rocket Man	Loraine Capurso Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	95
3	GCH CH River Ridge s When Dreams Take Flight	Stacy McWilliams Jane Gardner	Rat Terrier	85
4	GCH CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RE NF	Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner	Rat Terrier	65
5	CH Timberlane Tazer	Beth Ann Amico Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	50
5	GCH CH River Ridge s Give Em Someth N 2talk About	Jaclyn Maye Beth Szczygiel Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	50
5	GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN	Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	50
8	CH Raganrat I Am A Conqueror	Darice Ragan	Rat Terrier	45
8	CH Rainbow s End Annie Get Your Gun	Carolyn Helewski Pete Helewski	Rat Terrier	45
10	CH Wild Heart Take A Chance On Me River Ridge CA	CAYLA WALLWORK Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	40
10	Fireball s Gunpowder N Lace	Edithmary Stenz Norine Lehar	Rat Terrier	40
10	Raganrat Yamada Feel The Burn CA BCAT	Michelle Blackmore	Rat Terrier	40
10	GCH CH Rosethorn Call Me Justa Soft Snow At Midnight	Candace Drake	Rat Terrier	40
14	Red Rivers God Of War	Emilie Montoya Kayla Montoya	Rat Terrier	35
14	CH Rosethorn Everest All Mighty	Carrie Anderson Kendra Knowles	Rat Terrier	35
14	GCH CH Buzablu 3rd Rock From The Sun	Linda Lee Jordon Leigh	Rat Terrier	35



AGILITY



2017 FINAL

3" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.66	Penny Lane — MACH17 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXG4 MJB5 NF	M Liebhardt/V Schiefer	4.86	3.90
2	10.84	MACH2 Maggie MXS MJS MXF	C Hummel	4.08	3.38
3	9.17	Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN MX MXJ MJB NF CA	C Lent/V Schiefer	3.51	2.83

4" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	8.13	Tank AXP AJP	J Robb/R Robb	3.06	2.54

12" Regular

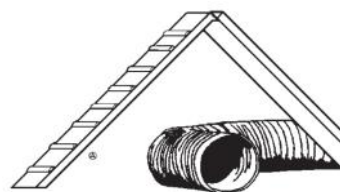
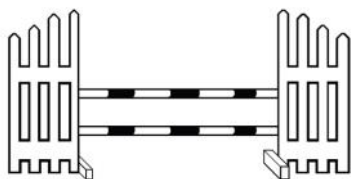
	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	14.75	Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B CA BCAT	B Spilis/D SPILIS	6.18	4.29
2	14.27	Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXG MJC MXF T2B2	M BASU/V Schiefer	5.48	4.39
3	14.03	Mazer Rack 'Em Up And Play Again AX MXJ MJB MXF T2B	G Capen	5.24	4.40
4	13.88	Raganrat's Xtra Moving Zumba Master MX MXJ MJB OF	J MASTERSON	5.42	4.23
5	13.75	MACH Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MXB MJB	D Rabbach	5.41	4.17
6	13.37	Ryder — MACH2 Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXB2 MJC RATO	C Clemente	5.25	4.06
7	12.70	Pyxis Maple Leaf Wag MX MXJ MJB	M Obidinski	4.89	3.91
8	12.64	Ratitatt I'LI Take Mine Black AX MXJ	T Rosecrans/V Schiefer	4.80	3.92
9	12.36	MACH2 Drj's Johnny Boy MXG MJG MXF T2B5	R Taylor/D Taylor	5.05	3.66
10	12.05	MACH Venture Hills Leader Of The Pack Or Else CD GN RAE MXB MJB MXF T2B RATO CGC	K Altenbernd	4.48	3.79

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	14.84	Remus — Riverridge Mischief Managed RN MX MXB MXJ MJG MFG T2B2	D Stevenson	5.90	4.47
3	14.36	3bf Turn & Burn AX AXJ OF	E Robinson	5.82	4.26
4	14.25	Porter — MACH5 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXS2 MJB2 T2B CA	M Obidinski	5.31	4.47
5	13.61	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.16	4.22
6	13.24	Call Me Juno Jupiter MX MXJ MFB	K Brown	5.05	4.09
7	13.07	Taylor — MACH3 Taylorswift MXC MJC XF T2B	S Mcginty	4.95	4.06
8	12.49	River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast MX MXJ MJB MFB	D Stevenson/S McWilliams	4.90	3.80
9	12.13	River Ridge's Ricochet Ratchet BN RAE MX AXJ XF	N Cush	4.70	3.72
10	12.00	MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF	B Krynski/T Woepse	4.66	3.66

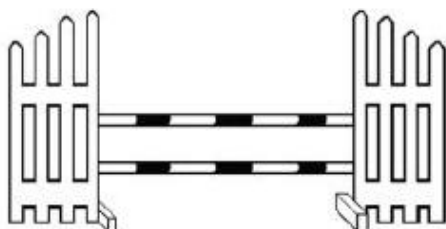
8" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.80	MACH2 PACH Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS MXP3 MXPB MJPB PAX	N Sewell	4.86	3.97
2	12.37	Jack AX MXJ MXP2 MXPB MJP3 MJPB OF OFP T2B T2BP2 JE	D Hodges/C Hodges	4.89	3.74
3	11.53	MACH2 Jus' Bingo CDX RA MXS MJS XF	T Woepse/B Krynski	4.45	3.54
4	11.25	MACH PACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB MJPB PAX	R Nicotra	4.18	3.54
5	11.14	MACH5 Ratitatt Charmin Zboys MXC MJS2 MXF TQX CA	K Meyer	4.52	3.31
6	10.53	MACH20 PACH Lady Abigail Chase My Mom MXG6 MJS6 MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX OF T2B	G Capen	3.85	3.34
7	10.41	MACH2 Stoneybays Taffy Apple Martini MXS MJG MXP MJP OF T2B3	E Lee/M Lee	3.90	3.26
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



12" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	11.91	PACH Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXP3 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX	N James	4.51	3.70
2	11.32	MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB MXP2 MJP2 MJPB	R Nicotra	4.35	3.49
3	9.77	Adamacres Whosa Star Cruiser MX MXJ MJB MXF T2B	D Key	3.46	3.15

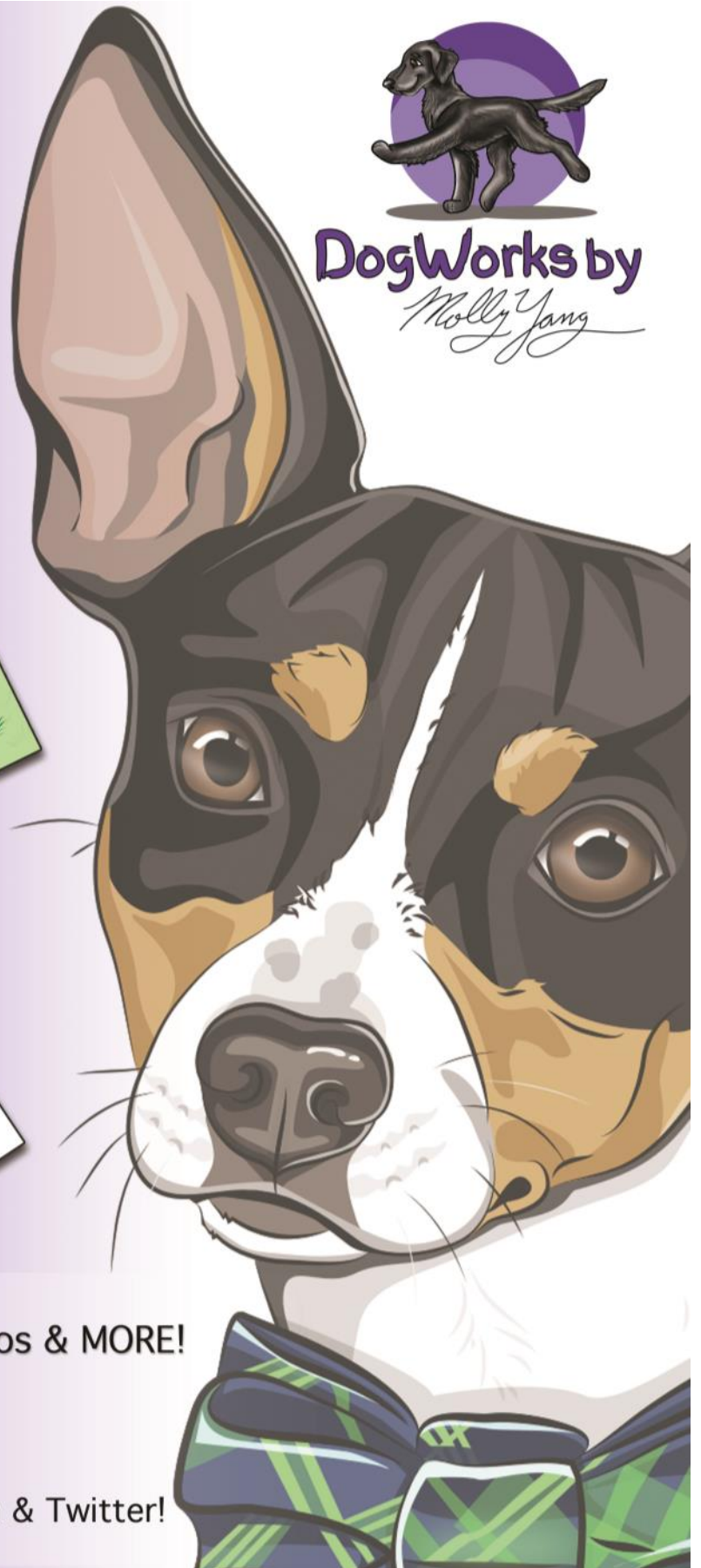


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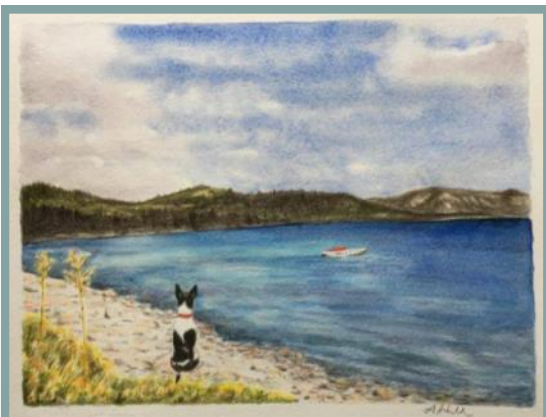
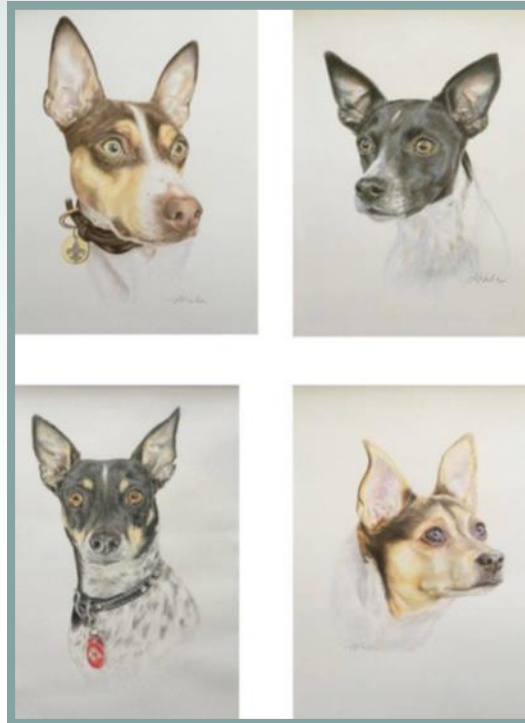
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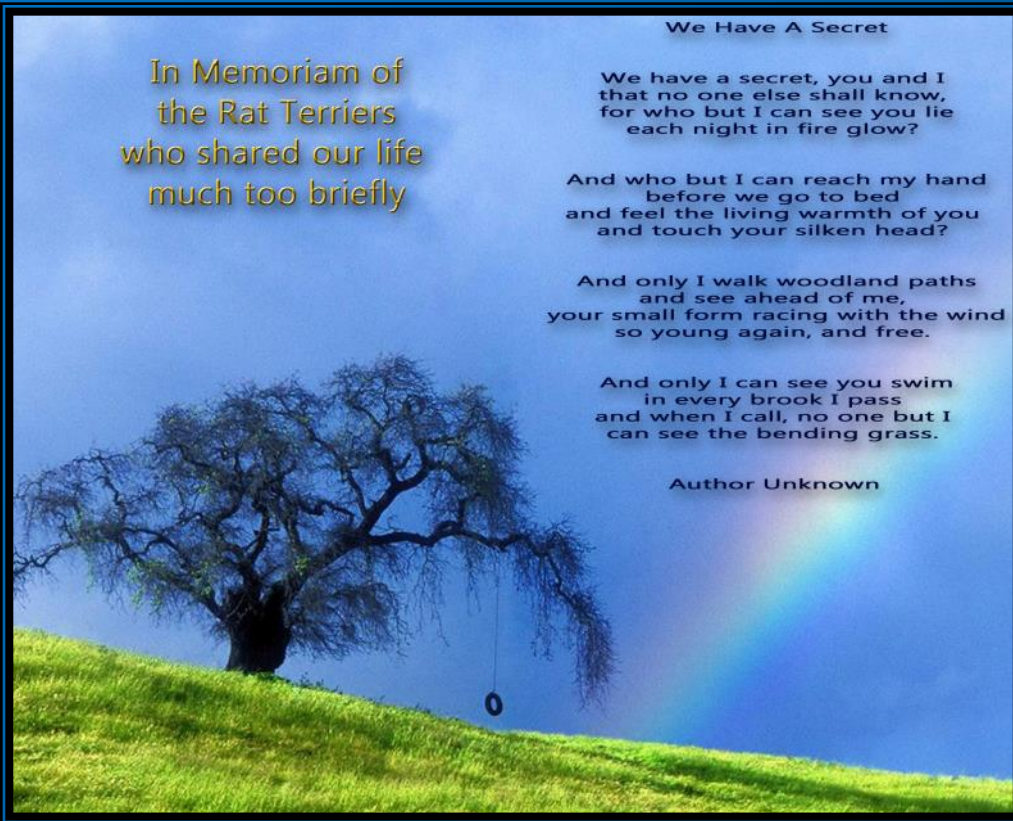


Rattiescapes

by Amanda Hall

If you can imagine it I can paint it





In Memoriam of
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who shared our life
much too briefly

We Have A Secret

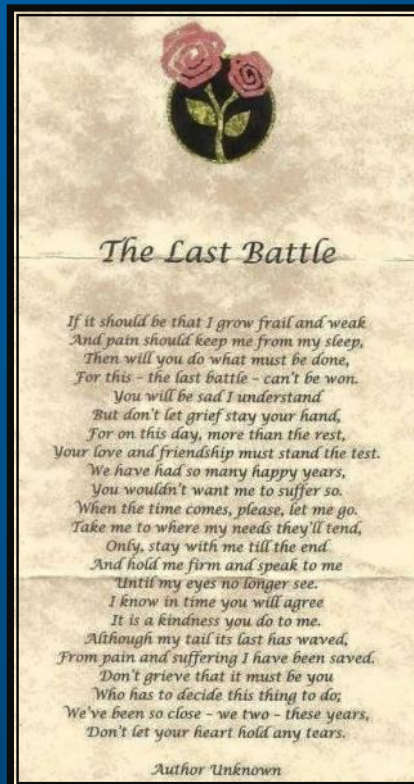
We have a secret, you and I
that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie
each night in fire glow?

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

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

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

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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.*

Author Unknown

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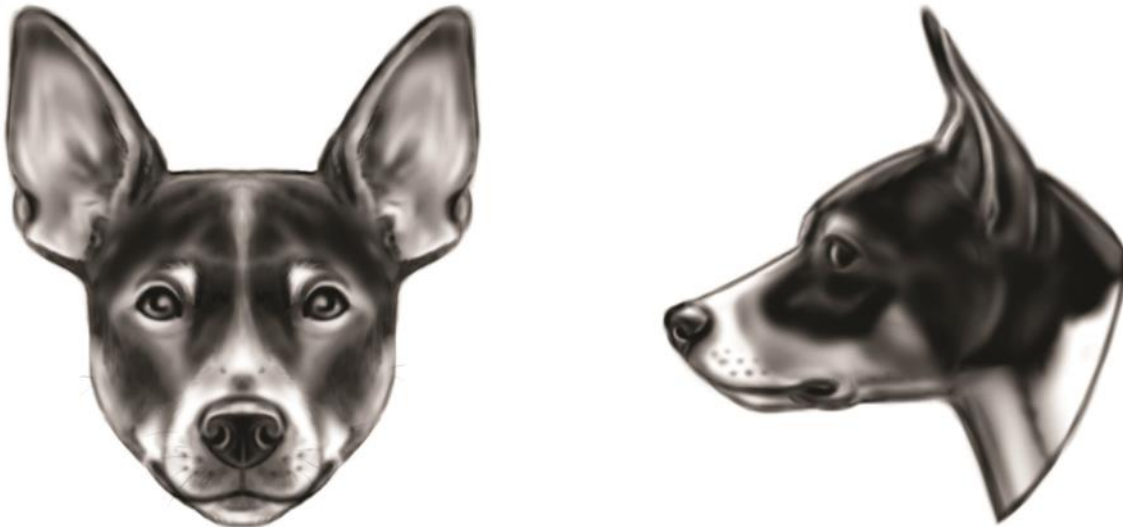
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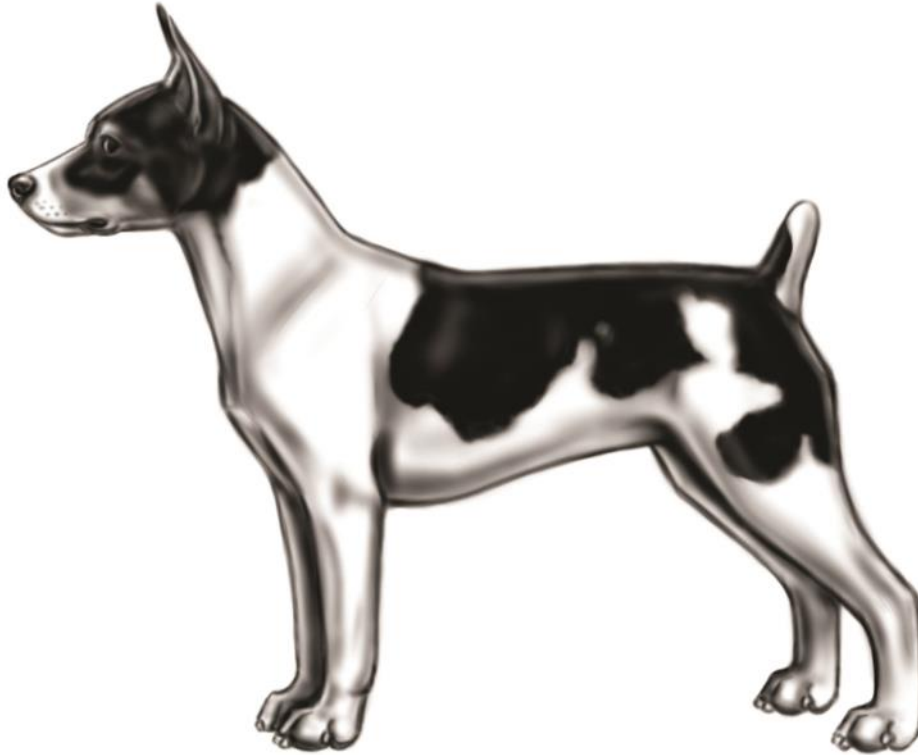
(Illustrated)

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.

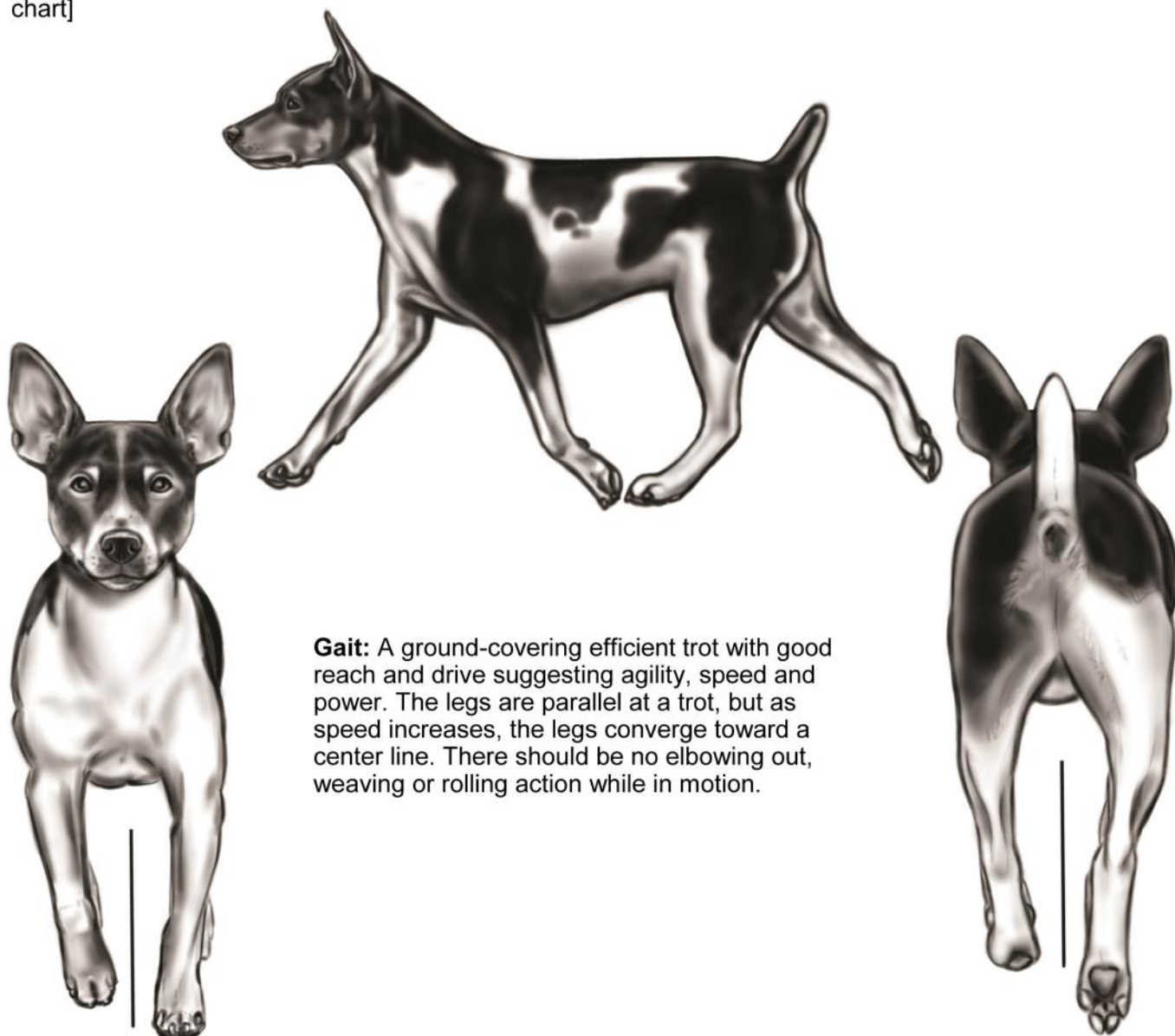
Tail - The tail set is a continuation of the spine. Tails are customarily docked between the second and third joint, or can be a natural bobtail or left naturally long and tapering to the hock joint. Length is unimportant. The carriage is variable depending on attitude, carried from slightly below horizontal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

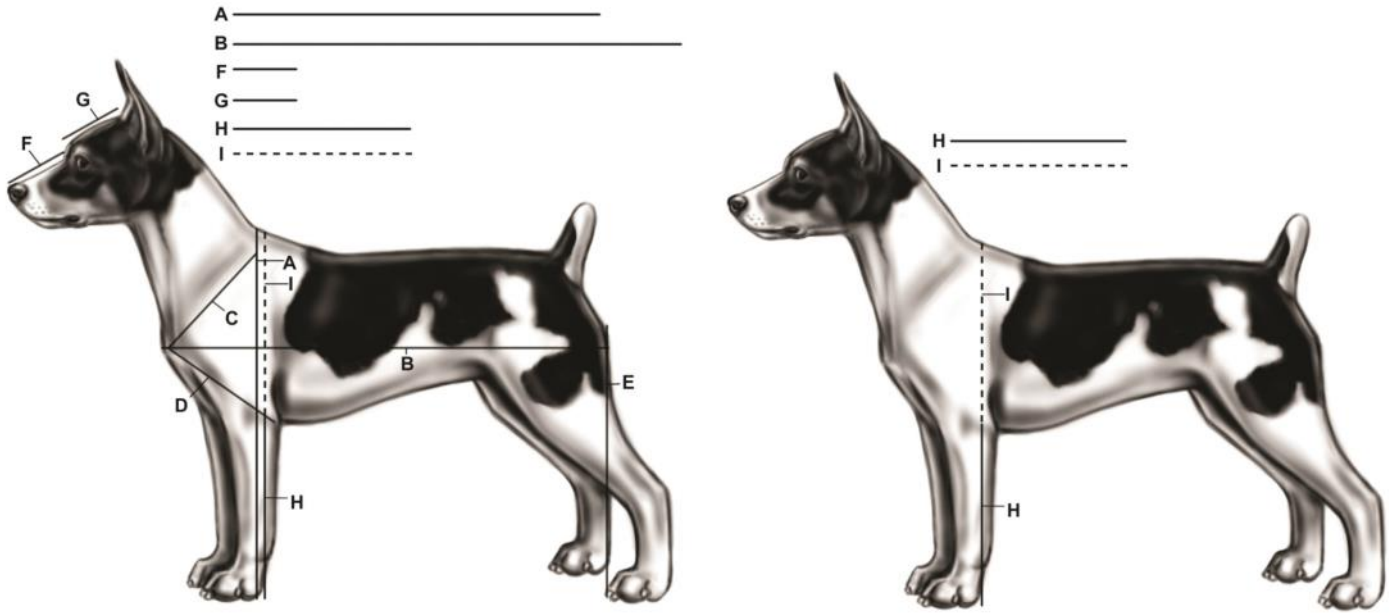
Hindquarters: The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse. Stifles are well-bent with short hocks that are parallel and perpendicular to the ground. The hind feet although slightly smaller are similar to the front feet. Rear dewclaws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

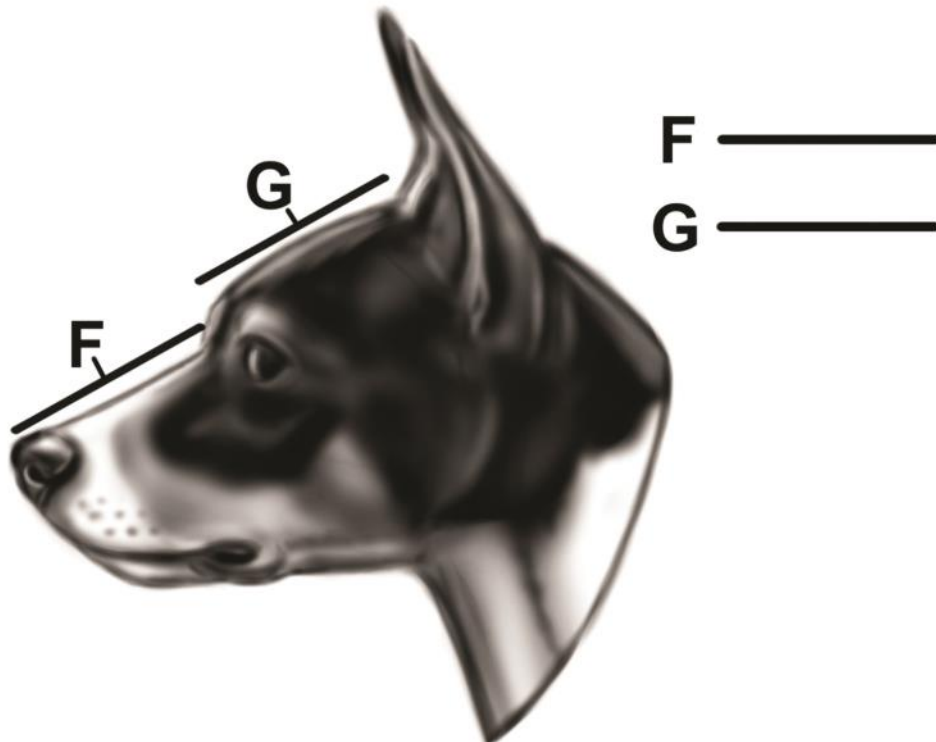
Color: Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without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





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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.

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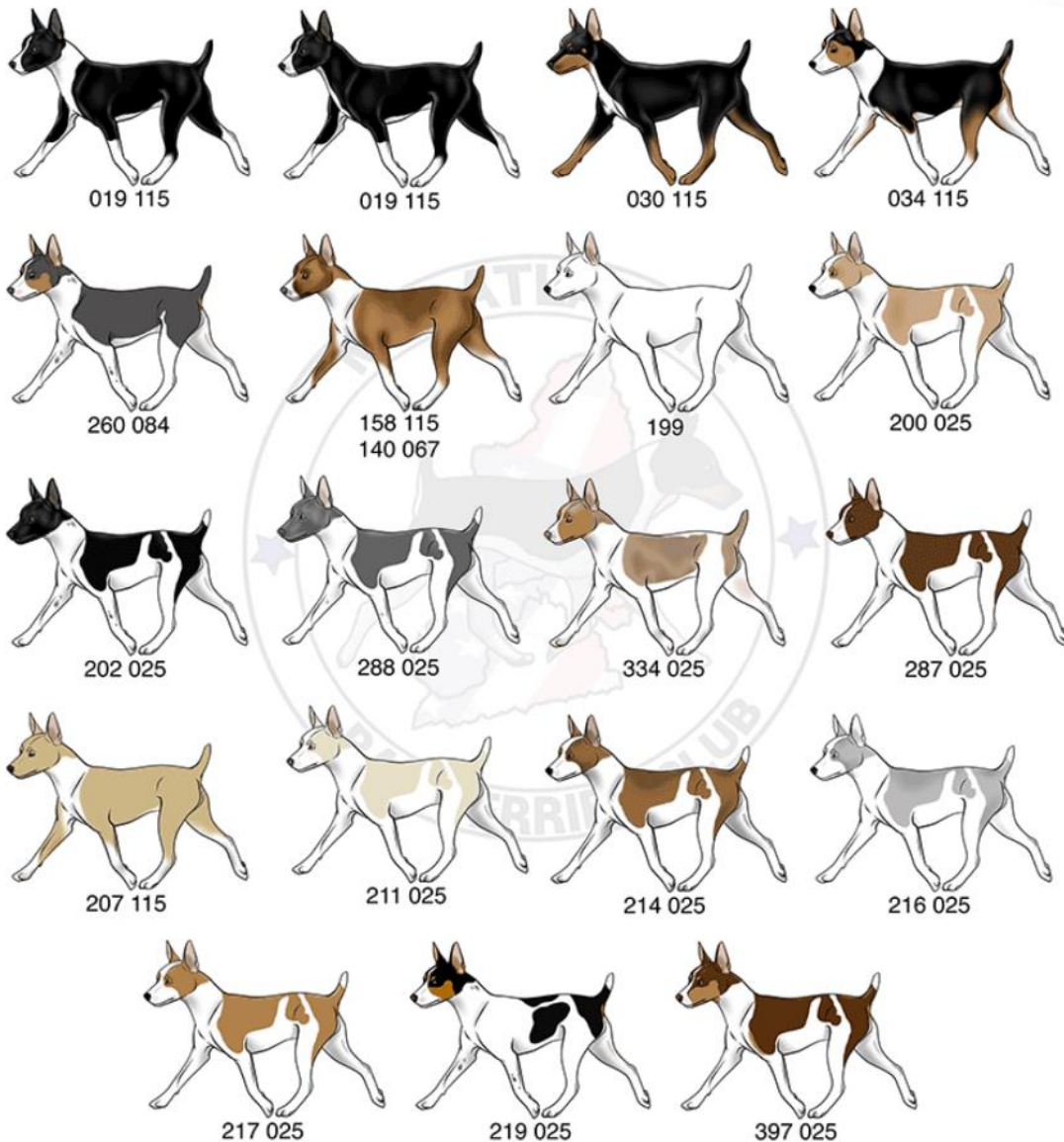
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AKC Colors and Patterns



COLOR CODES

BLACK & WHITE	019	WHITE & BLUE FAWN	334
BLACK TAN & WHITE	030	WHITE & CHOCOLATE	287
BLACK WHITE & TAN	034	WHITE & FAWN	207
BLUE WHITE & TAN	260	WHITE & LEMON	211
RED	140	WHITE & RED	214
RED WHITE & SABLE	158	WHITE & SILVER	216
WHITE	199	WHITE & TAN	217
WHITE & APRICOT	200	WHITE BLACK & TAN	219
WHITE & BLACK	202	WHITE, CHOCOLATE & TAN	397
WHITE & BLUE	288		

MARKING CODES

BADGER MARKINGS	001
BLANKET-BACK	084
IRISH MARKED	115
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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 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.

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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MONTGOMERY COUNTY RAT TERRIER CLUB MEMBERSHIP APP



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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

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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 MCRTC 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 MCRTC 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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Make checks payable to **MARTC** and mail
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY RAT TERRIER CLUB 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (Updated 09.07.2017)



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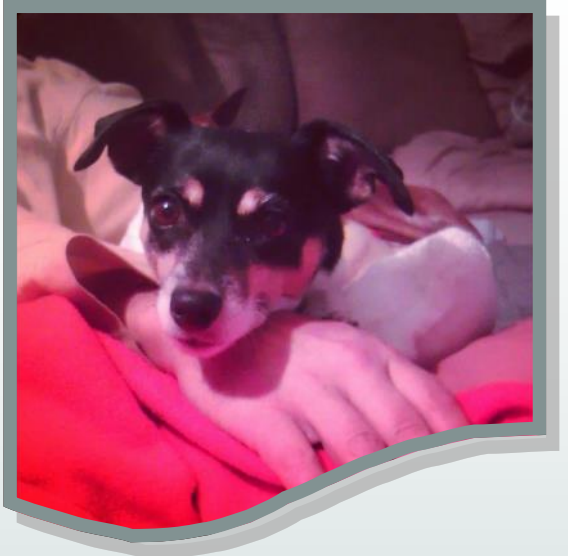
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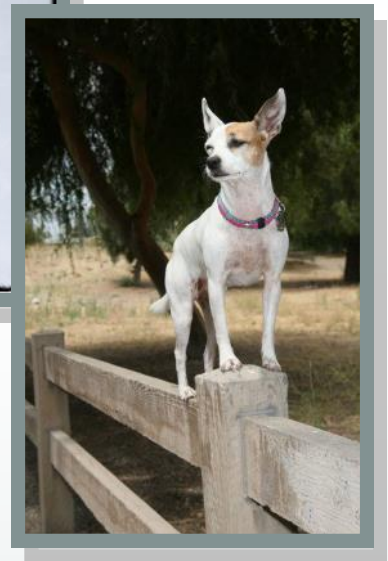
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ACRONYMS

ADCH	Agility Dog Champion (USDAA)
AGCH	Agility Grand Champion
AKC	American Kennel Club
AOM	Award of Merit
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	Flyball Dog Champion
FDGCH	Flyball 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
NW3 - 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 Relay ??
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)

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The End

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