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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.

Our club newsletter is made public so that all fanciers can share in learning and enjoying our breed. 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.

**HEALTH
ALERT!**

Suffocation—

for Bonnie Harlan of Houston, Texas, December 15, 2011, began as just another busy day she would spend preparing for the upcoming Christmas holiday.

It was, however, a day that she also will never forget.

When Bonnie returned home from running errands that afternoon, she immediately sensed that something was wrong. Her 4-year-old rescue dog, Blue, a loyal Staffordshire Terrier mix, did not greet her at the door as he always did, without fail.

Trying not to panic, Bonnie began searching for Blue in every room of her home. She discovered that the garbage container in the kitchen had been knocked over, and a grocery bag of discarded papers was spilled on the floor.

As she moved from room to room, she found a lamp also had been knocked off a small table, and other household items were scattered on the floor.

It was on the second floor of her home, in her game room, that Bonnie found her beloved dog lying lifelessly on the floor with a 9-ounce Frito-Lay Cheetos bag covering his head.

The dog that Bonnie had fallen in love with when her son had brought him home from college was gone.

It seems that Blue had gotten into the garbage container in the kitchen and found an empty Cheetos bag, which prompted him to stick his head inside as he innocently searched for a snack.

And then, the unthinkable happened: As Blue breathed into the bag, it began to tighten around his neck, creating an unbreakable, vacuum-like seal that became stronger with every breath Blue took.

Just how strong is the seal that is created when an animal breathes into a chip or snack bag?

"I have had numerous men—strong men—tell me, 'I could hardly get the bag off my dog's head,'" Bonnie says.

"Unlike people, animals do not have thumbs to remove a bag that's over their heads, nor do they have the logic to try and save their own lives," Bonnie says. "All of a sudden, they cannot see or breathe, and they become increasingly anxious and begin to panic. As a result, they stumble around and knock over things, and many dogs, in this state, also will lose control of their bowels."

Within minutes—**yes, minutes**—a family pet could lose his or her life.

"It doesn't matter if it's a Great Dane or a Chihuahua," Bonnie says.

"No dog can fight off a lack of oxygen. It is a horrible—and absolutely horrifying—way for our four-legged family members to die."

After finding Blue in her game room, Bonnie immediately called her veterinarian, who gave her step-by-step instructions on how to perform CPR over the phone as he rushed over to her home.

"There was simply nothing we could do for Blue; he could not be revived," Bonnie recalls. "My vet was as shocked as I was; he had never heard of animals dying from suffocation this way. That day, he told me, 'I could have warned you about 100 things that pose a danger to pets, but this would not have been one of them.'"

Now, more than six years later, Bonnie admits that she is still not over her dog's death.

"I think about Blue each and every day, and I still feel guilty that I didn't know that he could lose his life in such an innocuous way," she says.

Despite her grief and guilt, Bonnie rallied shortly after Blue's death to begin to spread awareness about the preventable accident that took her dog's life.

In early 2012, she founded Prevent Pet Suffocation, which has become a global awareness campaign committed to "educating the public on the suffocation risks our pets face from chip bags and other food packaging."

With a Web presence online at www.PreventPetSuffocation.com, a Twitter account—@PreventPetSuffocation—and an impressive Instagram following—@4YouBlue2—Bonnie also has an active Facebook page, www.facebook.com/PreventPetSuffocation/, which now has more than 16,000 followers.

Bonnie takes advantage of the worldwide presence each of the platforms offers to promote awareness of pet suffocation and to share personal tragedies that other pet owners have experienced. In fact, the "Memorial Photos" page on her website, which now has more than 500 images, is an alarming testament to the number of reported cases of pet suffocation and the pet owners that have reached out to Bonnie since she first launched the website.

Tragically, there may be even more deaths due to pet suffocation than we realize, because many pet owners still believe that this a random or "fluke" occurrence rather than what Bonnie describes as a growing epidemic.

Maintaining and broadening her Internet presence is only one facet of Bonnie's advocacy for pet suffocation. She also has written articles, given interviews, appeared on television news shows and become a vocal activist for packaging changes.

Shortly after Blue's tragic and senseless death, for example, Bonnie repeatedly tried to contact Tom Greco, then president of Frito-Lay, Inc., an American subsidiary of PepsiCo and a \$15 billion "snack and convenient foods business" that manufactures popular chip and snack brands, including Lay's, Tostitos, Doritos and Cheetos, the product whose packaging killed her dog. Bonnie's request to begin including warning labels on every Frito-Lay chip and snack bag eventually was taken "under advisement" by a spokesperson for Frito-Lay (The president of the company never responded to Bonnie's calls or correspondence.).



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Is Your Pet at Risk?

By Candace T. Botha

"I am contacted weekly by distraught owners with horrible stories of their dogs suffocating in chip bags and other food packaging, with Frito-Lay products being the most common," Bonnie says.

Frito-Lay's unwillingness to respond or take action didn't stop Bonnie. Instead, she started a petition on Change.org (<https://www.change.org/p/frito-lay-add-pet-suffocation-warning-labels-to-your-chip-bags/>) that, to date, has more than 13,000 signatures.

This is a petition that every pet owner must sign and share with his or her friends, coworkers and family members.

Now, more than six years after Blue's death, Bonnie's work is still far from over. Despite the global awareness she has created about pet suffocation, there are still far too many pet owners who are unaware of the potentially fatal dangers of leaving snack and food bags within reach of our family pets.

To extend her reach both nationally and globally, Bonnie filed for nonprofit status in 2017, and Prevent Pet Suffocation became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which will allow Bonnie to raise the funds she needs to continue her work.

"My vision is to create more PSAs (public service announcements), to reach out to major companies and secure a corporate sponsor and to travel to different parts of the country to create awareness about pet suffocation," Bonnie says. "I have been invited to speak throughout the United States, and raising funds through the nonprofit will allow me to share this lifesaving message with more pet owners."

How Could This Possibly Happen?

It's amazing that something so deadly also could be something so simple—and preventable.

Dogs and cats that have died from snack-bag suffocation, simply by being curious or hungry, succumb to asphyxiation, or being deprived of oxygen.

Thankfully, there have been some pet owners that have found their beloved, four-legged friends with their heads trapped in these deadly bags before they have passed away and successfully have performed lifesaving CPR. But, more often than not, these animals have suffered frightening deaths before they were found by their unsuspecting owners.

While bags with mylar linings, which are similar to helium balloons, pose the greatest danger, any "soft, collapsible, crinkly plastic bag" that contains—or once contained—sugary, fatty or salty snacks or foods can be equally dangerous. Clear and opaque bags that line cereal boxes also can be deadly, and even pet food bags, resealable sandwich or snack bags and shredded cheese bags have the potential to take an animal's life...in just minutes.

Plastic grocery bags with handles also can be enticing to dogs and cats, who love the smell of the food that lingers in the bags, as well as the crinkling sounds heard when the bags are tossed or trampled. These bags could potentially choke your pets if they slip their heads into the handles and then try to squirm out of harm's way.

The Cold, Deadly Facts

- Pets are dying from suffocation caused by chip and snack bags every day. This is not a freak accident or uncommon occurrence; the Internet is flooded with heart-breaking stories of beloved pets that have lost their lives simply by trying to sneak a snack. Bonnie says that she typically hears from three or four dog owners every week who have lost their pets to suffocation.
- The statistics are staggering: As many as 99.9 percent of pet owners who have lost a dog or cat to pet suffocation did not know that food, chip and snack bags



Bonnie Harlan, founder of Prevent Pet Suffocation, a nonprofit organization committed to raising awareness about the suffocation epidemic, and her 4-year-old rescue dog, Blue, who died from suffocation in 2011. Photo courtesy of Bonnie Harlan

have the frightening potential to kill their pets.

- Both dogs and cats can die from suffocation caused by chip and snack bags **in as little as 3 to 5 minutes.**
- Some pet parents have been at home, but in another room of the house, when their dogs or cats have died from suffocation. This past November, the owner of a 6-month-old Corgi had gone upstairs and left her pup by himself downstairs. The owner had been diligent in "puppy-proofing" her home; baby gates and electrical outlet covers were all in place. The pup, Monty, found an empty potato chip and lost his life before his owner came back downstairs.
- Sadly, snack bags are not the only deadly culprits. Tall, mylar-lined potato chip cans and other hard plastic or cardboard containers with narrow openings also have proven to be fatal to our four-legged friends. Even an empty bag that once contained frozen

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chicken nuggets took the life of a dog, while another dog died after getting into an empty bacon package made of clear plastic. In short, any bag or can that contains food or once contained appetizing snacks can be considered a serious hazard.

Are Other Animals at Risk?

According to Bonnie, our cats and dogs are not the only animals at risk of dying from pet suffocation.

"Empty snack bags and food bags litter our beaches, blow into our backyards or end up in our landfills, where wildlife, including birds, raccoons and squirrels, as well as stray dogs, often forage for food," Bonnie says. "That's why it's imperative for all people—not just pet owners—to cut up every food or snack bag before throwing it in the garbage."

Easy, Lifesaving Steps You Can Take

Through her website, www.PreventPetSuffocation.com, Bonnie offers an array of lifesaving steps that every pet owner should take to keep pets safe from the risk of suffocation:



- Be extra cautious during holiday celebrations, birthday parties, graduations, outdoor barbecues and televised sports events, when people gather at your home or in your yard and may not be paying close attention to what family pets are doing during the festivities.
- Store all cereals, human snacks, treats and pet food in hard-sided and sealable plastic containers rather than in their original packaging.
- Serve all snacks in bowls rather than in bags, even if you are just having a couple of chips or crackers while watching TV.
- Don't tempt your dogs or cats with human "treats," such as potato chips, pretzels, cookies or human cereals. This only will encourage them to seek out these snacks when you are not watching or are not at home.
- **NEVER** throw a bag or container in the trash that has not been

tied in a knot or cut into pieces. Bonnie recommends cutting empty snack bags at least twice—across the bottom and down the side—before throwing them in the garbage.

- Always keep your trash out of reach and locked in a kitchen cabinet or a closet, if possible.
- Make sure that everyone who cares for your dogs or cats—including family members, friends, and pet sitters—are aware of the dangers of pet suffocation.
- Enroll in a Pet CPR class so that you are skilled in resuscitating your pet if this kind of tragedy should happen in your home.

If This Horror Should Happen to Your Pet

Obviously, it takes day-by-day, moment-by-moment diligence to make sure filled or empty snack and food bags are never within easy reach of your pets. However, if by chance, this tragedy should strike in your home, Bonnie recommends the following steps:

- Pull the bag off your pet's head immediately, and check for vitals.
- Perform CPR. If you don't know CPR, call your veterinarian's office to get step-by-step instructions. Some dogs and cats have been revived with CPR, but, Bonnie says, there always is a concern about how much oxygen they may have lost.
- Rush your pet to your veterinarian's office or a local veterinary emergency clinic for further treatment.

What YOU can Do to Prevent Pet Suffocation

As part of her universal awareness campaign, Bonnie has designed a variety of infographics, including ads, flyers and a poster, to spread awareness about how pet suffocation is preventable—if and only if pet owners far and wide become educated about its dangers. These infographics can be downloaded free of charge from www.PreventPetSuffocation.com.

All pet retail business owners, veterinary offices, grooming shops, doggy day care facilities, and other area businesses in our community are encouraged to visit the site and download posters and flyers to post in your place of business or to copy and hand out to your clients and customers.

For Bonnie, losing her beloved Blue six years ago was not only one of the most heartbreaking moments in her life, but one that also has proven to be the most pivotal.

"Since Blue's death, I have dedicated my life to generating awareness about pet suffocation, and I have made this my job and my purpose," she says. "It is both a labor of love and of loss." 🐾

For more information about Bonnie Harlan and her mission to prevent pet suffocation, visit www.PreventPetSuffocation.com or follow Bonnie on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PreventPetSuffocation/>. You also can get updates on Twitter at @PreventPetSuffocation and on Instagram at @4YouBlue2.

Above, left: Infographic courtesy of PreventPetSuffocation.com

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BAGS CAN SUFFOCATE YOUR PET

Snack Food bags, Cereal Box Liners, Pet Food Bags and other food containers can suffocate your pet within minutes.

Always Cut or Tear Bags Open After Use



How does this happen?

Most people know about chicken bones and chocolate, but pets put their heads into bags and containers looking for a treat. As they try to lick and breathe, the package creates a vacuum-like seal around your pet's head cutting off oxygen. Struggling to breathe, your pet panics. Trying to remove the packaging, your pet breathes faster and faster, eventually collapsing and dying of asphyxiation.



What can you do to protect your pet?

- Always Cut or Tear Bags After Use
- Keep air-tight food containers where pets cannot reach them.
- Educate others on the pet suffocation risks from bags and other food packages
- Make the Cut and Pass it On!



In Memoriam

He didn't have to die ...

"I came home to discover my beloved dog Teddy's lifeless body on the floor. The chip bag that suffocated him was still on his head. I could never imagine that a chip bag might kill him. If I had only known . . ."

- Kim, Annapolis MD

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**Keep your pooch safe-
Cut up all chip and food bags after use!**

Chip bags and other food packaging pose serious suffocation risks to our pets. When a curious dog puts its head into the bag looking for leftover crumbs, the bag can create a vacuum-like seal around the dog's neck. Too many pets, especially dogs, have died from suffocating in chip bags, cereal boxes, pet treat bag liners, and dog food and cat food bags. Visit www.preventpetsuffocation.com for more information.



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“Spry”
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MACH Ferris B: An Off Road Journey to Agility Champion

By Deborah Stevenson



Photo by M. Nicole Fischer Photography

Over the years, I have noticed that my very best dogs have been unplanned. They seemed to somehow just "come along" with my name on them. Ferris was certainly one of those dogs. His puppy persona was packed with cuteness and impish charm--irresistible. And I could not resist.

Baby Ferris B (short for Bueller) was incredibly loving, athletic, smart as whip, eager to learn and fun to train. I signed up for an online puppy class shortly after he arrived. Armed with a bag of treats and a clicker, we dutifully did our homework. Ferris was a rock star! He was a quick study, and once he learned something, he had it. Next! We started our agility training in my basement and the little puppy room (a horse stall actually) where we train, and Ferris seemed a natural--fearless on obstacles, eager to please and full of talent. He aced Weave Poles 101 and 2 On 2 Off Fundamentals. I had high agility hopes for Ferris, and things looked very promising indeed.

And then, something happened. Someone (Adolescence maybe?) snatched Mr. Perfect, my eager-to-please pup with the stellar work ethic, while I wasn't looking, and replaced him with Mr. Distracto. Our training sessions rapidly deteriorated into me trudging across the agility field, over and over again, for the duration of our hour lesson, to "go get him" from his latest distraction. A passerby, a sheep, a squirrel, a small object in the grass--no distraction was too minor to warrant his investigation. We'd get through an obstacle or two, and he was off again, and I was off to retrieve him. It was exhausting, and often disheartening.

I'd love to say this was a brief phase and he quickly outgrew it, but that would be fiction, and this is meant to be a true story. The truth is, this went on for the next few years. As a companion, I adored Ferris. He was incredibly clever, endlessly amusing, quick with a kiss for everyone he met, and always by my side (or on my shoulder--his favorite perch). But as an agility partner, I confess there were a number of occasions where I doubted we'd get past our troubles and questioned whether

agility was in our future. On more than one of those occasions, I considered giving up. But, 1) I am not a quitter by nature and 2) I could not help recalling that stellar, talented little puppy with so much potential. I knew he was still in there, somewhere. And I wanted him back.

Ferris had great agility skills. He just was too busy with other things to use them. So our agility lessons became all about working through distractions. My instructors, who have my utmost respect and gratitude for their creativity and perseverance, came up with endless exercises: arm waving, eating their lunches and dinners while we ran, papers on the floor, dancing christmas decorations on the course. You name it, we tried it.

Things improved, but distractions remained an ongoing battle. Eventually we started competing, and Ferris quickly became a crowd favorite. You could see he had talent, but his adorable and endearing antics on course were his claim to fame. He once picked up a feather during a run and carried it for the rest of the course. Another day, he completed the course, and after the final jump, ran back out on the field to pick up a used tissue he'd noticed while running. He visited ring crew and judges with a huge grin and sloppy kisses. He explored every speck of this or that on the turf, dirt or grass. Contacts were the perfect vantage points to check out the surroundings, crowd or trial photographer. I have more than a few photos of Ferris on the teeter, smiling hugely for the camera.

We had a successful run here or there, and slowly managed to move up to Masters level. But it was slow going, and once there, most of our runs were derailed by some lapse of attention. Then, in September of 2017, shortly after his fourth birthday, something changed. Now mind you, I am not saying he was no longer distracted. But now, he was not acting on every distraction. He would look, but he would continue working. Miraculously, we started qualifying. Our runs were not nearly as fast as they should be given Ferris's potential speed, because he would dally on the dog walk to gaze about, or take a wide path to the next obstacle while checking out the crowd. Still, he was getting through the courses. Suddenly, the little dog who wandered had managed to rack up five QQs in the span of a few weeks!

Over the next few months, we had some ups and downs, but increasingly, we had successful runs, despite some distractions. We ended 2017 with eleven of the twenty QQs for our MACH. On New Year's Day 2018, Ferris added one more to make it an even dozen and set the tone for things to come in 2018. By February, Ferris was double qualifying more often than not, and even starting to get a little faster. Instead of being among the slowest of the qualifying runs, he was now not far out of the ribbons.



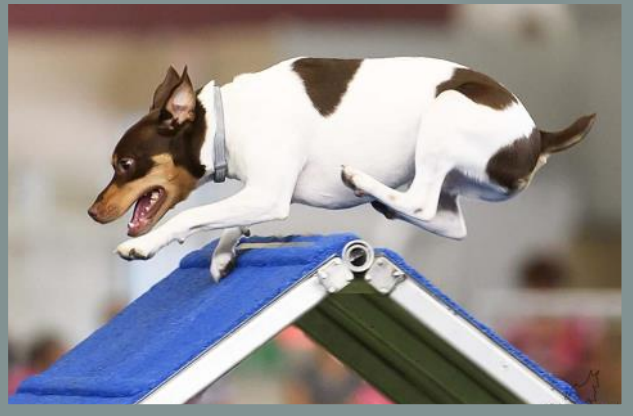
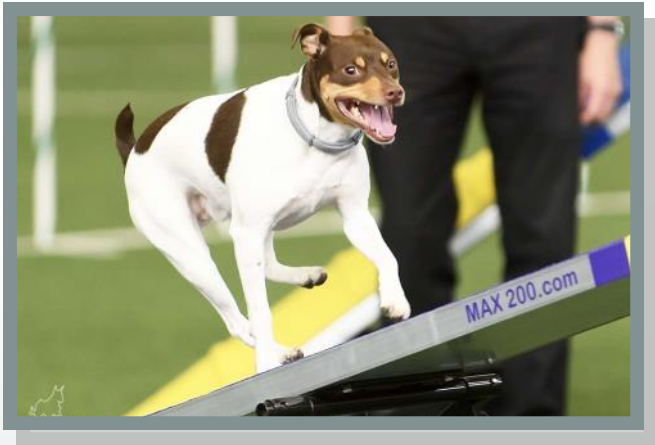
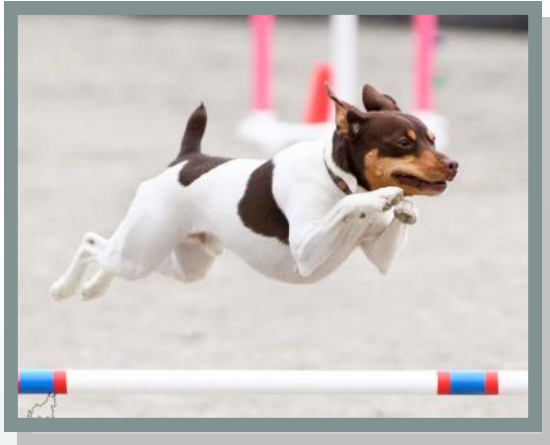


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MACH



ferris

On March 17th, 2018, St. Patrick's Day, my favorite little elf put down two lovely and fairly focused runs for QQ number 20, and became a Master Agility Champion. They say the more effort something takes, the more you appreciate the accomplishment, and to say it was a proud and glorious day would be an understatement. Though certainly not my easiest dog, Ferris was very much a heart dog for me, and to see him succeed despite his challenges ... as they say, priceless!

Now, just a few months after that momentous day, Ferris has been racking up the double Qs and is amazingly close to his second MACH. He's already fully qualified for 2019 AKC National Agility Championships and ranked in the Top 5 Rat Terriers in AKC. He also, just a few weeks after his MACH, finished his Agility Dog Champion (ADCH) in USDAA agility. He has gone from the comical cut up, worthy of his namesake, who managed to derail perfectly good runs with assorted antics, to a pretty Steady Eddy. He has started placing fairly often as well, and has become a terrific distance dog, excelling in the FAST and Gamblers classes that require good distance skills. He made Top 10 Gamblers for all 16" dogs in the country in USDAA for 2017.

I am not sure where our journey goes from here, but I look forward to the next twists and turns. Some roads to a MACH are pretty straightforward, highway rides. Ours has certainly been more of a bumpy, off road adventure. When I think about our agility future, I don't think we've really scratched the surface yet of the potential agility dog I saw inside from the beginning. I do still believe he's in there, and remain committed to unearthing him. And I wouldn't trade one bump of this journey with the little imp I love so much.

For those who may be facing similar challenges, take comfort. If you chose a terrier as your agility partner, you likely already have a sense of humor. If not, one will be provided for you. That, and the heart of a terrier, will see you over the bumps to the light at the end of the tunnel.

Ferris B is formally known as MACH ADCH River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast MXS MJS MFS TQX2 CGC TKA ISD, owned by Deborah Stevenson and Stacy McWilliams. Deb is a telecommunications product manager by day, a children's book author by night and an agility enthusiast the rest of the time. Her children's book, Soaring Soren: When French Bulldogs Fly, is the true story of her French Bulldog who was the first of his breed to earn a MACH.



Pretty as a Picture



**Astro, Boomer, Derby (top to bottom)
Owned, loved, and photographed by Claudia Rhodes**

JUDGING THE RAT TERRIER

PART THREE – Size, Proportion, Substance and Temperament

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. A sturdy, compact, small-to-medium sized parti-colored dog giving the appearance of elegance and fitness, denoting speed, power and balance, the Rat Terrier is a truly versatile companion. The Rat Terrier today has become the quintessential breed, which many are looking to for both the show and performance ring. As a result, the size and temperament have become an important part of a breeders program. Predicting size in a breed with such a wide range is never easy

SIZE, PROPORTION AND SUBSTANCE

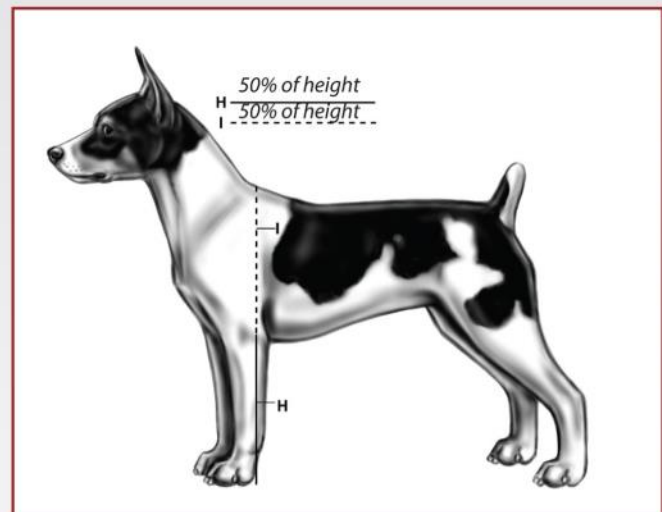
There is a wide range of sizes allowed within the Rat Terrier standard. Dogs and bitches must be at least 10 inches at the withers and must not exceed 18 inches. Any dog six months of age or older measuring less than 10 inches or any dog over 18 inches is to be disqualified. Judges should familiarize themselves with that range in height so that they can correctly “eye” height quickly in the ring. All sizes within this height range should be judged equally and without prejudice. No matter what height the breeder chooses to exhibit the breed standard is still the same for a 10” to 18” dog.

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

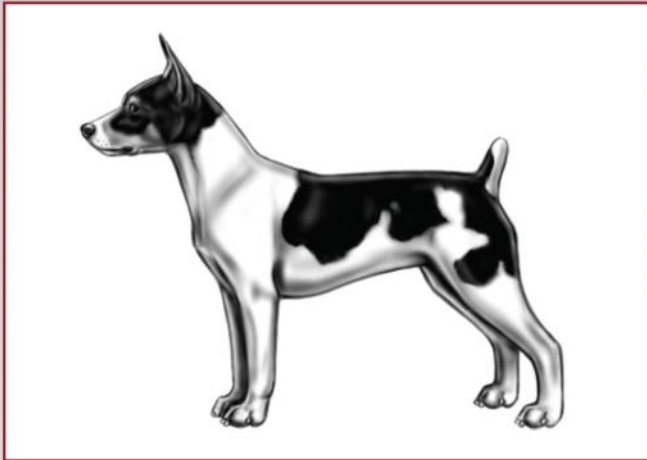
than the length, measured horizontally from the point of the shoulders to the point of the buttocks. Shortness in leg is a serious fault.

PROPORTION: *Very important to the height is the 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. A Rat Terrier is not square.

Shortness in leg is a serious fault.



SUBSTANCE: Moderate bone in proportion to size. The Rat Terrier should be a well-balanced, hard-muscled dog with smooth lines under taut skin. This dog should not be rangy nor fine boned, toyish, and never bulky or coarse. They are shown in good, hard physical working condition.



The ideal Rat Terrier should have moderate bone in proportion to size. A well-balanced, hard-muscled dog with smooth lines under taut skin, the dog should not be rangy nor fine boned and toyish, and never bulky or coarse. Since Rat Terriers are a true working breed, they should be shown in good, hard physical working condition.

Disqualification: Any dog six months of age or older measuring less than 10 inches, or any dog over 18 inches are to be disqualified.

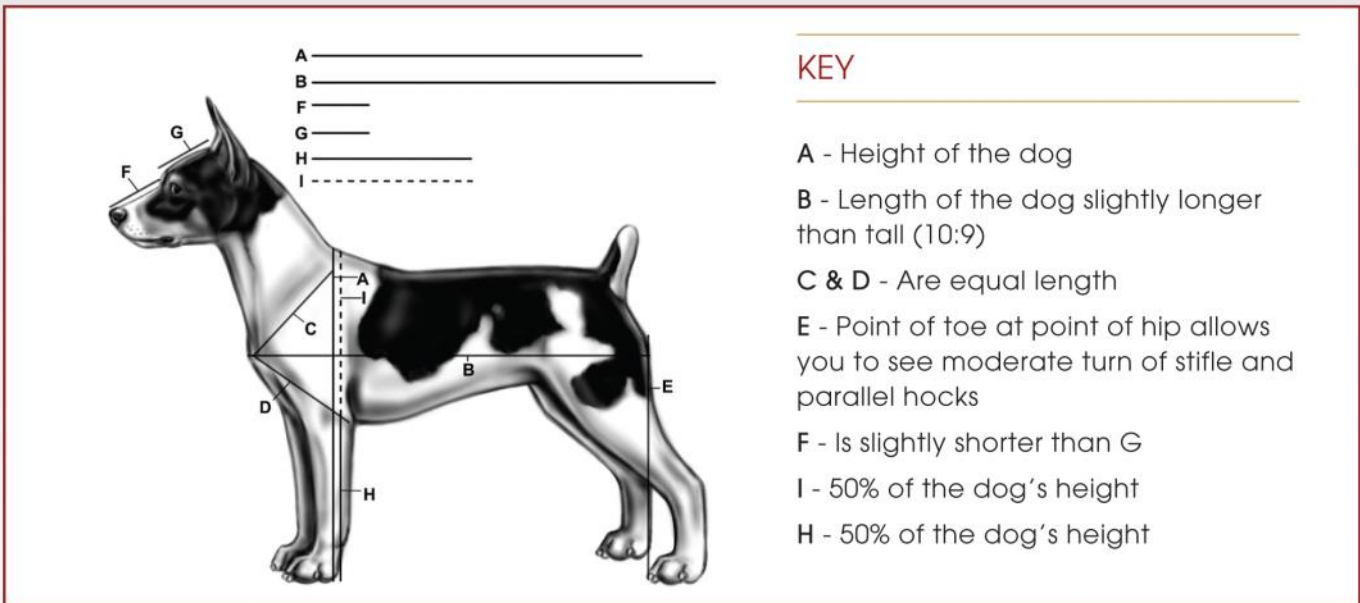
TEMPERAMENT:

The breed is keenly observant, devoted, full of energy, yet easily trained and obedient to command. The Rat Terrier is a non-sparring breed and is generally friendly with other dogs and people but may be reserved with strangers. Submissiveness is not a fault. Overt aggression and excessive shyness should be penalized. The correct Rat Terrier should be confident and lively in the ring while remaining alert to its environment.

Judges should not hesitate to dismiss a dog and certainly never pick a dog (even a 6-12 month puppy) that displays aggression towards humans.

Producing confidence and a friendly Rat Terrier should be the forefront of breeders programs.

Although a relatively new breed, the Rat Terrier is rapidly finding its way into the group ribbons because of its clean lines and alert and lively comportsment. Hopefully, this last article and the previous two have provided judges with the key points to developing an "eye" for the correct Rat Terrier, the "jack of all trades" of the terrier group.



KEY

- A - Height of the dog
- B - Length of the 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 dog's height
- H - 50% of the dog's 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

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Humor makes the world a better place



Created by Darla J Tucker-Ailey

Drum Roll!!



River Ridge's Kiss My Grits aka "Sassafras" had a busy quarter and made her mama proud! She got her FDCH-G (Flyball Dog Champion-Gold) in January in Tennessee at the Chattanooga CHOMPBi-Polar Express tournament. She followed that up in February with AS (USDAA agility Advanced Snooker) at the Southeast Agility Trial in Georgia and NF (AKC agility Novice FAST) at the Pals and Paws trial in Florida. And her last one was OF (AKC agility Open Fast) at the 4 Paw trial in Georgia in March.

She is owned and handled by Riley Allen

~ Georgia ~



At the Apple Valley Kennel Club shows on Saturday April 7, 2018 and Sunday, April 8, 2018, our Sugarloafer Solo Autumn Aria aka "Aria" was Best of Breed both days for majors under Judges Pamela Peat and Debbie Campbell-Freeman.

Owned by Barbara Jordan and Don Jordan.

~ California ~



DJ

FANTASTIC!!!



Left: CH River Ridge Rocket Man CA BCAT aka "Rocket"

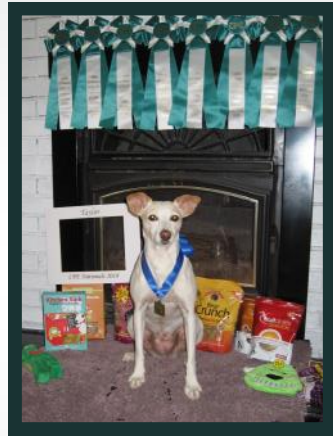
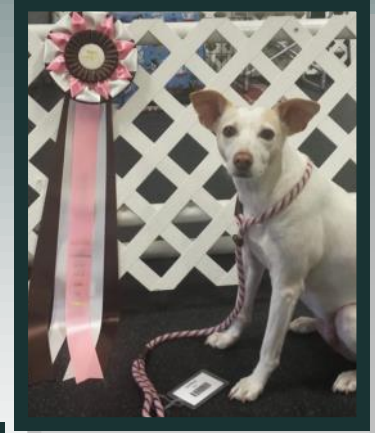
Right: River Ridge Lookout CA BCAT aka "Scout"

Rocket and Scout participated in CAT and FastCAT on June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd that was sponsored by Bayshore Companion Dog Club. Rocket achieved two 2nd and two 3rd placements in 12-18 inch class in FastCAT. Rocket also received his CA title in CAT. Scout achieved three 1st placements which awarded him 3 High in Trials and one 2nd place in 12-18 inch class in FastCAT. Scout also received his CA title in CAT. This was their first time participating in FastCAT. On June 8, Scout earned his BCAT title running his fastest time yet. A 100-yard dash in 7.68 seconds. Scout ran 26.6 MPH. Rocket earned his BCAT title. Both earned their BCAT titles running in 5 trials.

Owned by Loraine Capurso and Stacy McWilliams

~ New Jersey ~

Congratulations!!



River Ridge's Designed 2 Entice U, aka "Spyder", completed his championship March 30, 2018 at the Columbia Kennel show in Concord, NC from the 6-9 month puppy class with only a month of showing. He also took Best Puppy in Match at the same show.

Owned by Stacy Zimmerman
and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Virginia ~

MACH3 TaylorSwift T2B AXF aka "Taylor" earned her MACH3 AKC titles at the Youngstown All breed Club's Agility Trial in Niles, OH on August 20, 2017. She earned her ADCH USDAA titles at the Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center in Washingtonville, OH on April 29, 2018. She also earned her CPE titles at the Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center in Washingtonville on December 31, 2017.

In 2017 Taylor qualified for all 3 top agility organization nationals. She has qualified for AKC Nationals since she was eligible starting in 2013.

Owned by Sue McGinty

~ Ohio ~



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next quarters news-

AWESOME!!!



River Ridge's Eye of the Storm aka "Fynn" earned his FCAT (1000 points) title at the Carroll Kennel Club Fast Cat Trial on May 6, 2018 in Union Bridge, MD.

Owned and handled by Karen McNally

~ Maryland ~



Reba passed her performer tricks test May 31st. Got her Achiever certificate June 5th. Here are her ribbons from FAST CAT today she got her BCAT title. River Ridge Can't Stop Now CGC, TXP, BCAT At 14 months old !! Stacy McWilliams thank you so much for this little gem.

Cindy Hummel

~ Pennsylvania ~

STUPENDOUS!!!



U-CD, U-RO3, U-ACHX NCs Hello Dottie OMAX RE MX MXB MXJ MXJB T2B CAA CGCA
BCAT TKN DN CDX-C RL3 FGDCH-100 MBMCh RATCHX3 CZ8S aka "Dottie"
Earned her 100,000 points (Hobbes Award) in Flyball on March 17, 2018. At the Indiana
show she earned in Barnhunt her RATCHX3 and CRZ8S Silver titles with three perfect runs
that included bonuses added on. She also earned her FastCat (BCAT) title with consistent
runs between 21-25 mph.

Owned by Pat Nickolaou
Photo on right was done by Pics by Kim

~ Minnesota ~



Taurine ... why you should consider supplementing

You've probably heard of the importance of taurine in relation to cats. It's considered an essential amino acid for cats and it must be added to their diet.

Dogs, on the other hand, can synthesize taurine from amino acids cysteine and methionine, so it is considered Nonessential. There are breeds that are predisposed to taurine deficiency, including the American Cocker Spaniel, St. Bernard, English Setter, Newfoundland, and the Labrador and Golden Retriever. Deficiencies in taurine can contribute to Dilated Cardiomyopathy.

Although taurine is an amino acid, it is not incorporated into protein; it's important in bile acid conjugation, retinal and heart function, maintains cell membranes, and affects the release of neurotransmitters in the brain. It is helpful in dogs with liver and seizure disorders and assists in modulating cellular calcium levels.

If dogs can synthesize taurine why do I recommend supplementing?

Availability of taurine in the diet is affected by amount & quality of protein, whether the diet is raw, cooked or has been frozen, and other antagonizing ingredients that may influence the amount of taurine needed. In addition to availability, we have to consider individuality of dogs and their unique response to how much taurine (like all nutrients) is absorbed.

With the explosion of grain free commercial dog foods, comes the use of legumes as the ingredient to replace grain. Legumes contain almost twice as much protein as grains -how much of the overall protein content in the commercial food is coming from legumes? Plant based protein is not a highly bioavailable source for dogs and compared to grain, legumes contain less of the amino acid methionine. How much do the phytate and lectins affect availability of the amino acids?

Monica Segal, Author of K9 Kitchen and Optimal Nutrition, has been formulating proactive and therapeutic homemade diets for canines for over 18 years – “I consider taurine to be a conditionally essential amino acid. There are dogs that don't seem to require it added to the diet, but sadly there are many that do. The hiccup is that we can't know which category your dog falls into. I've been adding taurine to home prepared diets for about 15 years now. There's no downside to adding it as a proactive measure since we don't add therapeutic amounts. Heart disease is very serious and taurine is such a simple addition to make.”

I know that some people may want to wait for studies and more scientific evidence to show that there is a need for the addition of taurine. Although raw fed his entire life, I have a dog with heart disease and I wish I had known earlier that an easy to feed, inexpensive, low risk supplement may have helped.

Jody Zesko

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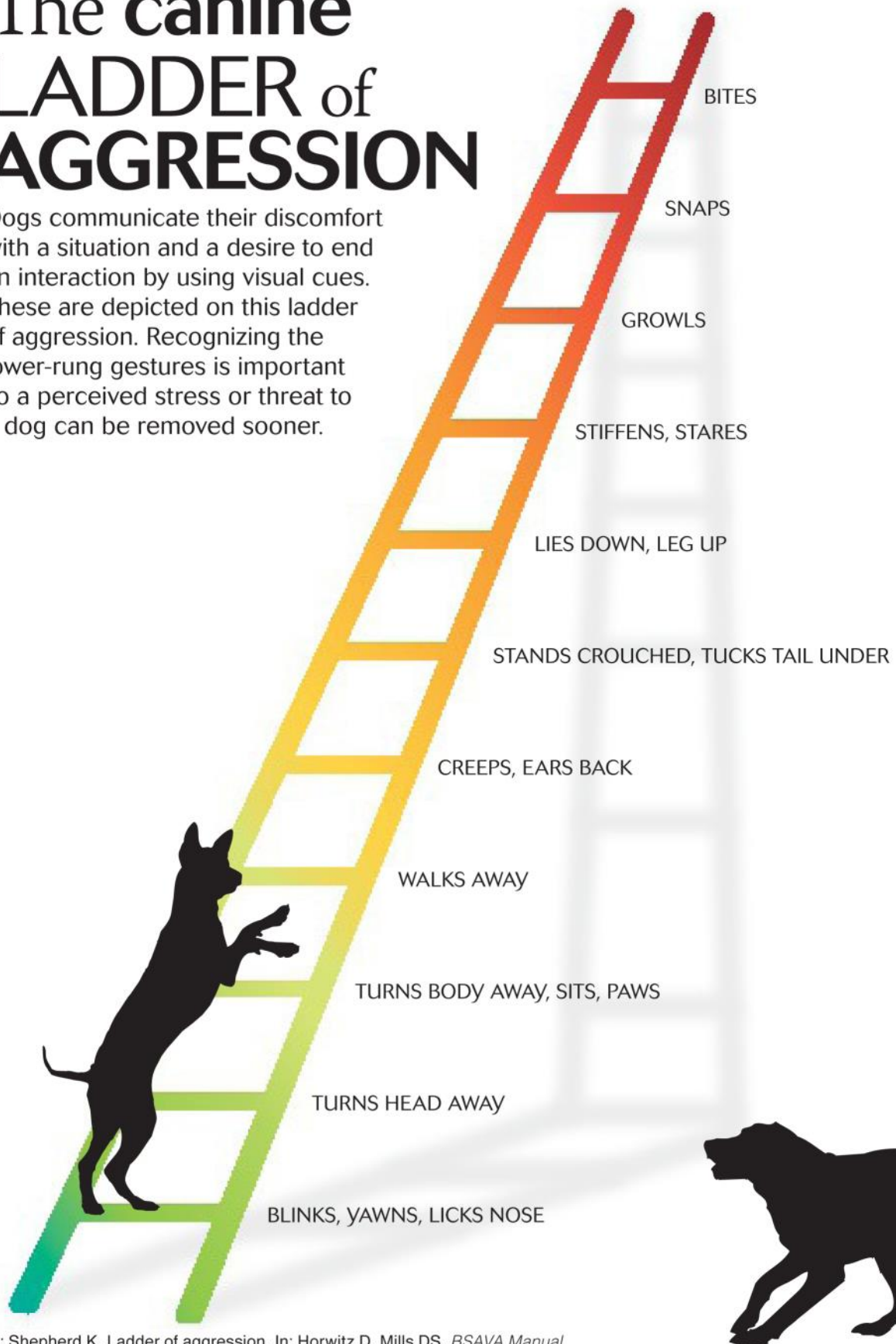
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The canine LADDER of AGGRESSION

Dogs communicate their discomfort with a situation and a desire to end an interaction by using visual cues. These are depicted on this ladder of aggression. Recognizing the lower-rung gestures is important so a perceived stress or threat to a dog can be removed sooner.



Source: Shepherd K. Ladder of aggression. In: Horwitz D, Mills DS. *BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Behavioural Medicine*, 2nd ed. 2009.

The Ladder of Aggression

The Ladder of Aggression is a depiction of the gestures that any dog will give in response to an escalation of perceived stress and threat, from very mild social interaction and pressure, to which blinking and nose licking are appropriate responses, to severe, when overt aggression may well be selected. The purpose of such behaviour is to deflect threat and restore harmony and the presence of appeasing and threat-averting behaviour in the domestic dog's repertoire is essential to avoid the need for potentially damaging aggression. The dog is a social animal for whom successful appeasement behaviour is highly adaptive and it is used continually and routinely in every-day life.

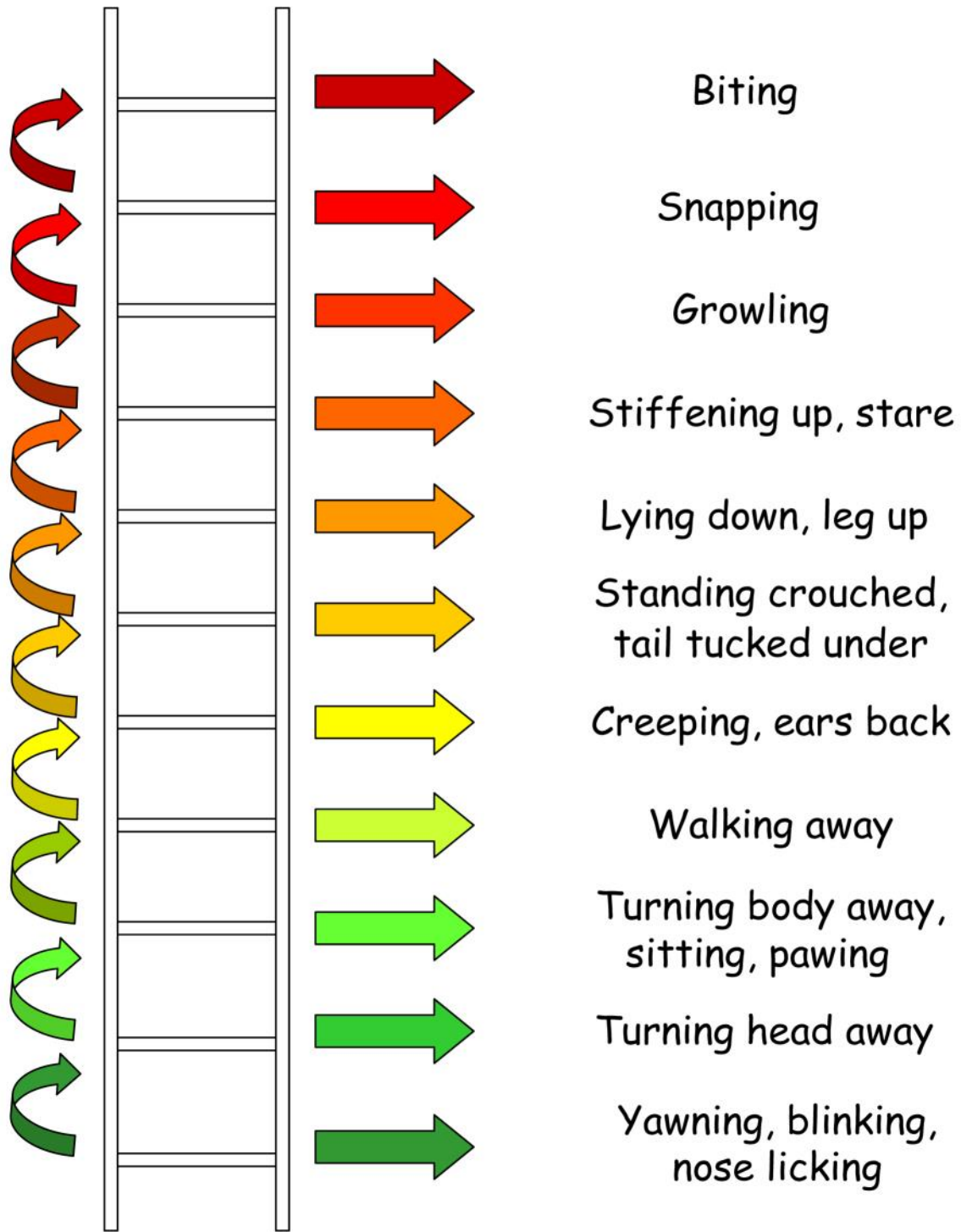
It is most important to realise that these gestures are simply a context and response-dependant sequence which will culminate in threatened or overt aggression, only if all else fails. Contrary to persistent misinformation, the gestures identified are nothing to do with a purported dominant or submissive state relative to companions. In all dogs, inappropriate social responses to appeasement behaviour will result in its devaluing and the necessity, from a dog's perspective, to move up the ladder. Aggression is therefore created in any situation where appeasement behaviour is chronically misunderstood and not effective in obtaining the socially expected outcome. Dogs may progress to overt aggression within seconds during a single episode if the perceived threat occurs quickly and at close quarters, or learn to dispense with lower rungs on the ladder over time, if repeated efforts to appease are misunderstood and responded to inappropriately. As a consequence, a so-called 'unpredictable' aggressive response, without any obvious preamble, may occur in any context which predicts inescapable threat to the dog, when in reality it was entirely predictable.

(Shepherd, K 2009. BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Behaviour, 2nd edition, pages 13 - 16. Editors Debra F. Horwitz and Daniel S. Mills).

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The Canine 'Ladder of Aggression'



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How a dog reacts to stress or threat



Photo by Jennifer Chappell

BEFORE YOU BUY ANOTHER CAN OF PET FOOD, CHECK FOR THIS ADDITIVE FIRST!

70% of canned pet foods contain the additive *carrageenan*. Peer-reviewed, published research indicates that food-grade carrageenan is known to cause intestinal inflammation with the potential to lead to cancer, even in small doses.



Do you feed your pet canned pet food?

Well, if the answer is yes, a word of caution before your next purchase, if I may.

Before you select a canned pet food product, you'll want to search through the ingredient panel for a deadly and commonly used additive called "carrageenan". If mentioned in the list of ingredients, research says to leave that can on the shelf right where you found it!

Carrageenan is a highly effective thickener and stabilizer found in processed pet foods. These pet foods can be found anywhere from your local grocery store, pet shop or even your veterinary clinic!

The Report

A new report sheds light on serious problems in pet food that could negatively impact companion animal health. Issued by The Cornucopia Institute, a non-profit food/farm policy research group, the report found that more than 70 percent of canned pet foods contain carrageenan, a non-nutritive food stabilizer extracted from red seaweed.

Peer-reviewed, published research indicates that food-grade carrageenan is known to cause Intestinal inflammation and serious related diseases, with the potential to lead to cancer, even in small doses. (<https://www.cornucopia.org/2015/11/new-report-exposes-dangerous-unhealthy-pet-food/#more-18352>)

“ *Animal studies have repeatedly shown that food-grade carrageenan causes gastrointestinal inflammation and cancer at lower doses than the average daily intake. Given the high rates of colon cancer in both dogs and cats, I highly recommend removing carrageenan from your pet's diet.*

The Cornucopia report concludes that the pet food industry overall is failing its customers as a provider of safe and nutritious food for our cats and dogs. www.cornucopia.org

To add to this:

“Numerous studies find that food-grade carrageenan does contain the cancer-causing low-molecular-weight form, referred to as poligeenan. This is particularly troubling because the industry continues to assert that food-grade carrageenan is different from poligeenan, while research clearly indicates that all carrageenan contains varying quantities of poligeenan.” – Linley Dixon PhD, lead author of the report and a policy analyst at The Cornucopia Institute.

Moral of the story: pet parents of the planet, always do your research and always read the labels before purchasing anything you're thinking of feeding your pet!

References and studies:

<http://www.cornucopia.org/USDA/OrganicWatergateWhitePaper.pdf>

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<http://www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com/cancer-causing-carrageenan-pet-food/>

New Rattitude

Rat Terrier Rescue



What New Rattitude is About

When Bud gets the "zoomies" a couple of times a day, racing around the house in high spirits and excitement, he is quite the entertainer. Generally sweet and affectionate, this 13 lb., 3-year-old Rat Terrier/Chihuahua mix enjoys being a snuggly lap dog who is a good listener and well house trained. He walks politely on leash and loves going on walks.

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

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

<http://www.newrattitude.org>

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SENSATIONAL!!



Saturday April 21st, GCH River Ridge's Give Em Somethin' 2Talk About aka "Jaxson" took Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner Handler at the Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia show.

Owned by Jackie Olsen, Beth Sczcygiel and Stacy McWilliams

~ Pennsylvania ~



River Ridges Ricochet Ratchet aka "Ratchet" earned his USDAA ADCH. He also got his Flyball Dog Ch title.

Wild Hearts Press 2 the Dark Side aka "Preston" finished his AX, AXJ, and XF titles.

Ratchet is owned by Nancy Cush
Preston is owned by Nancy Cush and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Pennsylvania ~

Way to go!!!



UKC GrCh URO1 UWP Bur-Way's Wild Ride at COHills RN CGC STAR aka "Dodie" earned her UKC novice weight pull title on April 1, 2018. She is Owned by Amanda Hill, bred by Barbie Trammell. (TOP LEFT).

AKC CH/UKC GrCh COHills Riding the Edge RBIS (aka "Edge") earned a 5 point major on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Shreveport Kennel Club show in Bossier City by winning Best Opposite. On Sunday, April 22, 2018, she earned another 5 point major at the D'Arbonne Kennel Club show in Bossier City by winning Select Bitch. She is owned by Amanda Hill, Debbie Holmes, and Barbie Trammell. (TOP RIGHT).

UKC GrCh URO1 UWP COHills Sweet and Sour Sadie RN TKN CGC SPOT aka "Sadie" earned her United Weight Pull title on April 1, 2018. Her high weight for the weekend was 290 pounds! She is completely trained by her 10 year old owner, Lexi Jones. She was bred by COHills.

~ Texas ~

WOW!!!

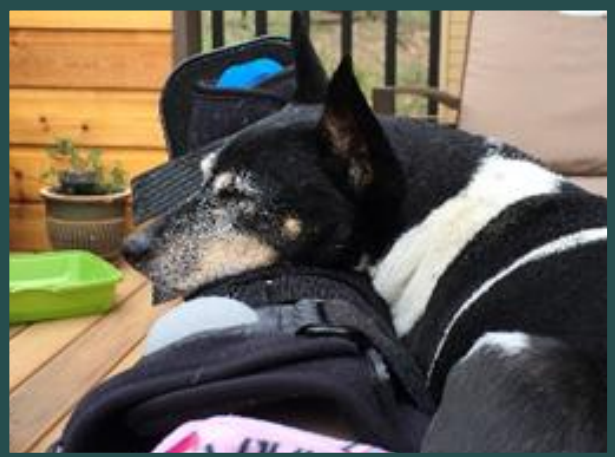


Rosethorns The Award Goes to River Ridge aka “Emmy” turned 6 months old with a bang! We showed several weeks in a row and she has been doing fantastic with all the ring practice. In Maryland on Friday, April 20th, Emmy was awarded Best Puppy at the Columbia Terrier Association. She then went on to take Winner’s Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex the next two days at Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia and Baltimore County Kennel Club. The next weekend at the Wilmington Kennel Club she was awarded Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex two days in a row for 4 points towards her Champion. On Friday, May 4th, at the Garden State All Terrier Show Emmy took Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex winning some lovely prizes that were sponsored by Montgomery County Rat Terrier Club! The club also had a very nice luncheon at the show and it was a very lovely event! Most recently at the Union County Kennel Club on Friday, May 25th, Emmy was also awarded 2 more points taking Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex.

Owned by Jackie Olsen and Stacy McWilliams

~ Pennsylvania ~

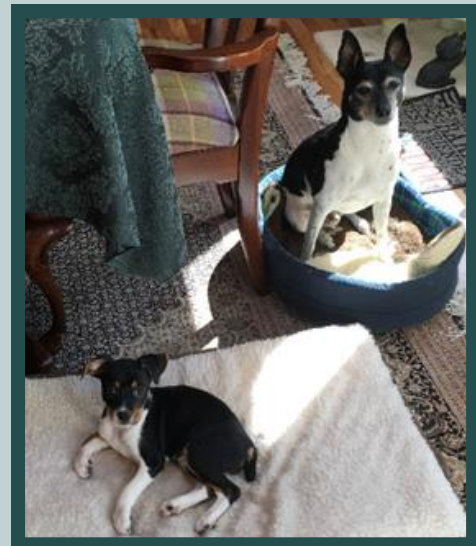
AMAZING!!!



Burns, CoHills Thistle Due Nicely earned his EXCELLENT Jumping title on May 11, 2018. We still need 1 more Excellent Standard Q to advance to Masters. Then the fun of obtaining Double Q's begins! Until then Burns will continue administering PAWSitive healing vibes so I can be up and running again soon.

Owned and Handled by Jeri Berg

~ Colorado ~



Please join Burns and I in welcoming our newest family member, Sookie Jean aka River Ridge Thistle B a Rhythm of My Heart. Thank You Stacy McWilliams for this beautiful bundle of RATitude!! Sookie will be following her in her big brother's paw prints in the show ring this fall. She will also get to have fun in agility and barn hunt... plus much much more.

Owned by Jeri Berg and Stacy McWilliams

~ Colorado ~



Woou Hooo!!!



We here at Golden Hills are so proud of our pups. Out of our litter 2 years ago we have produced 2 champion and 1 GCH. We are now working on our 4th. Pictured here is our newest CH Golden Hills Divine Ecstasy aka "Dio" (left). Also, our Philly girl aka Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu (right) is doing well in the Owner-Handler groups earning a Group 2 and a Group 4. We are so excited for all our pups future in the show ring and going to start some performance events.

Dio is owned by Terri Burns and Crystal Makarov-Junev. Philly is owned by Linda Lee and Terri Burns.

~ Colorado ~





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



The STATISTICS

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AKC OWNER-HANDLER TOP FIFTEEN STANDINGS

2018 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle
Thru May 31, 2018

| Rank | Dog Name | Owner-Handled Name | Breed | OHS Points |
|------|---|--|-------------|------------|
| 1 | GCHB CH River Ridge s When Dreams Take Flight | Stacy McWilliams Jane Gardner Denise Hileman | Rat Terrier | 135 |
| 2 | GCHB CH Rip It Up Never Say Never | Patricia Smith | Rat Terrier | 130 |
| 3 | Raganrat Yamada Feel The Burn CA BCAT | Michelle Blackmore | Rat Terrier | 120 |
| 4 | CH River Ridge Rocket Man | Loraine Capurso Stacy McWilliams | Rat Terrier | 115 |
| 5 | CH Felixvilles Skippin Cj Lucky Traveling Gal | Mr. Jason Sharp Christina Martinez | Rat Terrier | 110 |
| 5 | CH Wild Heart Take A Chance On Me River Ridge CA | CAYLA WALLWORK Stacy McWilliams | Rat Terrier | 110 |
| 7 | GCH CH Raganrat I Am A Conqueror | Darice Ragan | Rat Terrier | 105 |
| 8 | GCH CH Turn Slice Of Heaven BN RE NA NF | Susan R Mulligan Susan D Turner | Rat Terrier | 85 |
| 9 | GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN | Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Brandy Pettry | Rat Terrier | 65 |
| 9 | GCH CH Srk K2 Zero Sight Adjustment | Rebekah Anthony | Rat Terrier | 65 |
| 11 | GCH CH River Ridge s Give Em Someth N 2talk About | Jaclyn Maye Beth Szczygiel Stacy McWilliams | Rat Terrier | 55 |
| 11 | CH Timberlane Tazer | Beth Ann Amico Stacy McWilliams | Rat Terrier | 55 |
| 11 | GCH CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection Buzablu | Ms. Alma Therese Burns Linda Kay Lee | Rat Terrier | 55 |
| 11 | CH Rainbow s End Annie Get Your Gun | Carolyn Helewski Pete Helewski | Rat Terrier | 55 |
| 15 | CH Rosethorn Tokyo Drift | Kim Frazier James Frazier | Rat Terrier | 45 |

Conformation

AKC ALL-BREED STANDINGS

2018 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle
Statistics thru MAY 31, 2018

| Rank | Name | Sex | Points | BIS | GRP1 | Owner |
|------|--|-----|--------|-----|------|--|
| 1 | GCHS CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou | F | 600 | 0 | 4 | T Little/C Martinez |
| 2 | GCHB CH Aacres R E S P E C T @ Dharts | F | 109 | 0 | 0 | C Downey Hart |
| 3 | GCHB CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight | M | 95 | 0 | 0 | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D Hileman |
| 4 | GCH CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery | M | 93 | 0 | 0 | S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey |
| 5 | GCHB CH Evanlee's Glory Bound | M | 59 | 0 | 0 | A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas |
| 6 | GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy | M | 45 | 0 | 0 | S Cadell |
| 7 | Bellridge's It Takes A Village | M | 42 | 0 | 0 | B Trammell/F Trammell/K Jepson/E Blair |
| 8 | GCH CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu | F | 40 | 0 | 0 | A Burns/L Lee |
| 9 | GCH CH Rosethorn I'M A Copa Showgirl | F | 39 | 0 | 0 | K Frazier/J Frazier |
| 10 | GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk | M | 31 | 0 | 0 | J Ferguson |
| 11 | GCH CH Seegmillers Tuffenuff To Envy RN | F | 29 | 0 | 0 | K Seegmiller/B Pettry |
| 12 | GCHG CH Rock-E-Hill Tennessee | M | 25 | 0 | 0 | L Hibbard |
| 13 | GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge | M | 22 | 0 | 0 | T Kallas |
| 14 | CH King Pen's Game On | M | 21 | 0 | 0 | G Harlamoff/R Draper |
| 15 | GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon | M | 20 | 0 | 0 | L Kendrick/H Kendrick |
| 16 | CH Felixvilles Skippin Cj Lucky Traveling Gal | F | 17 | 0 | 0 | J Sharp/C Martinez |
| 17 | GCHB CH Rip It Up Never Say Never | M | 12 | 0 | 0 | P Smith |
| 17 | GCH CH Raganrat I Am A Conqueror | M | 12 | 0 | 0 | D Ragan |
| 19 | GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order | M | 11 | 0 | 0 | L Lee/J Leigh |
| 19 | CH River Ridge's Designed 2 Entice U | M | 11 | 0 | 0 | S Zimmerman/S McWilliams |



Conformation

AKC BREED STANDINGS

2018 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle
Statistics thru May 31, 2018

| Rank | Name | Sex | Points | BIS | GRP1 | Owner |
|------|--|-----|--------|-----|------|--|
| 1 | GCHB CH Aacres R E S P E C T @ Dharts | F | 109 | 0 | 0 | C Downey Hart |
| 2 | GCHB CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight | M | 95 | 0 | 0 | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D Hileman |
| 3 | GCHS CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou | F | 79 | 0 | 4 | T Little/C Martinez |
| 4 | GCHB CH Evanlee's Glory Bound | M | 59 | 0 | 0 | A Morris/D MCMAHANT/T Kallas |
| 5 | GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy | M | 45 | 0 | 0 | S Cadell |
| 6 | GCH CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu | F | 40 | 0 | 0 | A Burns/L Lee |
| 7 | GCH CH Rosethorn I'M A Copa Showgirl | F | 39 | 0 | 0 | K Frazier/J Frazier |
| 7 | GCH CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery | M | 39 | 0 | 0 | S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey |
| 9 | GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk | M | 31 | 0 | 0 | J Ferguson |
| 10 | GCHG CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse | M | 25 | 0 | 0 | L Hibbard |
| 11 | GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge | M | 22 | 0 | 0 | T Kallas |
| 12 | CH King Pen's Game On | M | 21 | 0 | 0 | G Harlamoff/R Draper |
| 13 | GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon | M | 20 | 0 | 0 | L Kendrick/H Kendrick |
| 14 | CH Felixvilles Skippin Cj Lucky Traveling Gal | F | 17 | 0 | 0 | J Sharp/C Martinez |
| 15 | GCH CH Raganrat I Am A Conqueror | M | 12 | 0 | 0 | D Ragan |
| 15 | GCHB CH Rip It Up Never Say Never | M | 12 | 0 | 0 | P Smith |
| 17 | CH River Ridge's Designed 2 Entice U | M | 11 | 0 | 0 | S Zimmerman/S McWilliams |
| 17 | GCHB CH Buzablu Mars Of The 4th Order | M | 11 | 0 | 0 | L Lee/J Leigh |
| 19 | Bellridge's It Takes A Village | M | 10 | 0 | 0 | B Trammell/F Trammell/K Jepson/E Blair |
| 19 | GCH CH Srk K2 Zero Sight Adjustment | M | 10 | 0 | 0 | R Anthony |
| 19 | Sugarloafer Solo Autumn Aria | F | 10 | 0 | 0 | B Jordan/D Jordan/S Gruber |



Conformation

AKC GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

2018 Rat Terriers

The Canine Chronicle
Statistics thru May 31, 2018

| Rank | Name | Sex | Points | Owner |
|------|---|-----|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | GCHB CH Aacres R E S P E C T @ Dharts | F | 116 | C Downey Hart |
| 2 | GCHB CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight | M | 86 | S McWilliams/J Gardner/D Hileman |
| 3 | GCHS CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou | F | 65 | T Little/C Martinez |
| 4 | GCH CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy | M | 55 | S Cadell |
| 5 | GCHB CH Evanlee's Glory Bound | M | 46 | A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas |
| 5 | GCH CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery | M | 46 | S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey |
| 7 | GCHS CH Indigo Igo He's All Evans Sgk | M | 37 | J Ferguson |
| 7 | GCH CH Rosethorn I'M A Copa Showgirl | F | 37 | K Frazier/J Frazier |
| 9 | GCHG CH Rock-E-Hill Tennesse | M | 33 | L Hibbard |
| 10 | GCHS CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge | M | 32 | T Kallas |
| 11 | GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah | F | 31 | B Veltri |
| 12 | GCH CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu | F | 29 | A Burns/L Lee |
| 13 | GCH CH Skippin Cj Double Trouble | F | 26 | C Martinez |
| 14 | CH Felixvilles Skippin Cj Lucky Traveling Gal | F | 24 | J Sharp/C Martinez |
| 15 | CH Tbl Mtn Cal Val Lulu Laroo | F | 23 | G Holloway |
| 15 | GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon | M | 23 | L Kendrick/H Kendrick |
| 17 | CH Wild Heart Take A Chance On Me River Ridge CA | M | 17 | C WALLWORK/S McWilliams |
| 18 | GCH CH Hime Masako Of Miyuki | F | 15 | Y Cunningham/L Vaught/C McKee-Sanchez |
| 19 | GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge | M | 14 | K Bosse/J Gardner/S McWilliams |
| 19 | CH River Ridge's Designed 2 Entice U | M | 14 | S Zimmerman/S McWilliams |
| 19 | GCH CH Raganrat I Am A Conqueror | M | 14 | D Ragan |

AGILITY



Quarter 1, 2018

| 8" Preferred | | | | | |
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| | Power Score | Dog | Owner | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
| 1 | 13.45 | MACH2 PACH Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX | N Sewell | 5.23 | 4.11 |
| 2 | 11.95 | Flash — MACH4 Call Me Greased Lightning MXB2 MJG2 MXF T2B3 CA | K Brown | 4.88 | 3.54 |
| 3 | 11.52 | MACH PACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB MXPB MJPB PAX | R Nicotra | 4.37 | 3.58 |
| 4 | 11.10 | MACH20 PACH Lady Abigail Chase My Mom MXG6 MJS6 MXP4 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX OF T2B | G Capen | 4.18 | 3.46 |
| 5 | 9.92 | MACH2 Stoneybays Taffy Apple Martini MXS MJG MXP MJP OF T2B3 | E Lee/M Lee | 3.60 | 3.16 |

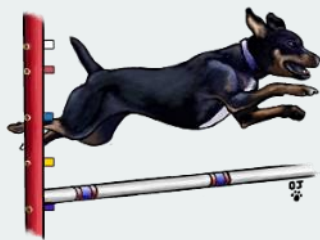
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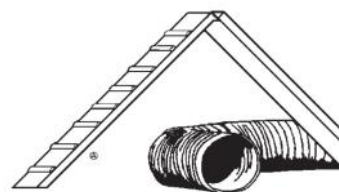
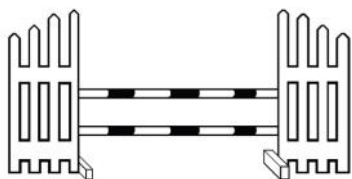
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| 1 | 15.79 | GCH CH River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare AX MXJ OF | B Szczygiel | 6.35 | 4.72 |
| 2 | 14.50 | Porter — MACH6 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXS2 MJS2 T2B CA | M Obidinski | 5.37 | 4.56 |
| 3 | 13.61 | Taylor — MACH3 Taylorswift MXC MJC XF T2B | S Mcginty | 5.25 | 4.18 |
| 4 | 13.14 | GCHS CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue AX MXJ MJB NJP OF TKN | S Zimmerman/S McWilliams | 4.86 | 4.14 |
| 5 | 12.81 | MACH River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast MXB MJB MFB CGC TKA | D Stevenson/S McWilliams | 5.20 | 3.80 |
| 6 | 12.12 | River Ridge's Ricochet Ratchet PCD BN RAE MX MXJ XF | N Cush | 4.93 | 3.60 |
| 7 | 11.47 | Raganrat's Xtra Ebony Kiss RE AX AXJ OF CGC TKA | H Browne/D Ragan | 4.81 | 3.33 |
| 8 | 11.31 | GCH CH MACH Raganrat's Quintessential Q CM CD RAE MXS MJS XF CGCA CGCU TKA | H Browne/D Ragan | 4.67 | 3.32 |
| 9 | 11.21 | MACH6 Windwood Rafael TD MXG2 MJS3 MFB2 TQX T2B3 CAA | L Mancino | 4.31 | 3.45 |
| 10 | 10.81 | Ratitatt Textin Repete Action CD PCD BN RAE MX MXJ NF CGC TKN | S Harames | 3.82 | 3.49 |



12" Regular

| | Power Score | Dog | Owner | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|----|-------------|--|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 15.33 | Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN MX MXB MXJ MJB XF T2B CA BCAT | B Spilis/D SPILIS | 6.34 | 4.50 |
| 2 | 14.09 | Mazer Rack 'Em Up And Play Again MX MXJ MJB MFB T2B | G Capen | 5.36 | 4.36 |
| 3 | 13.78 | MACH Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MXB MJS | D Rabbach | 5.44 | 4.18 |
| 4 | 13.39 | Ryder — MACH2 Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXB2 MJC RATO | C Clemente | 5.18 | 4.11 |
| 5 | 13.35 | Pyxis Maple Leaf Wag MX MXB MXJ MJB | M Obidinski | 5.16 | 4.10 |
| 6 | 13.17 | Raganrat Wild Gypsy Rose MX MXJ MJG XF | M Liebhardt/D Ragan | 5.43 | 3.87 |
| 7 | 12.88 | MACH2 Drj's Johnny Boy MXC MJG MXF T2B5 | R Taylor/D Taylor | 5.06 | 3.91 |
| 8 | 12.23 | AGCH MACH32 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXB8 PDS MJC8 PJS MFC TQX T2B6 | G Capen | 4.56 | 3.83 |
| 9 | 12.23 | MACH Venture Hills Leader Of The Pack Or Else CD GN RAE MXB MJB MXF T2B RATO CGC TKN | K Altenbernd | 4.47 | 3.88 |
| 10 | 12.14 | Warrenmtn Little Rascal AX MXJ NF | L McCay | 4.83 | 3.66 |



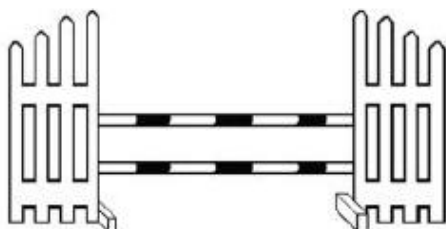


8" Regular

| | Power Score | Dog | Owner | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|---|-------------|--|------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 12.72 | Penny Lane — MACH18 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXC4 MJB5 NF | M Liebhardt/V Schiefer | 4.88 | 3.92 |
| 2 | 10.15 | Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN MX MXJ MJB NF CA | C Lent/V Schiefer | 3.77 | 3.19 |
| 3 | 9.78 | MACH2 Maggie MXS MJG MXF | C Hummel | 3.58 | 3.10 |

12" Preferred

| | Power Score | Dog | Owner | JWW YPS | STD YPS |
|---|-------------|--|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 12.76 | PACH Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP6 MJPS PAX | N James | 4.95 | 3.90 |
| 2 | 10.21 | Adamacres Whosa Star Cruiser MX MXJ MJB MXF T2B | D Key | 3.82 | 3.20 |





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FAST CAT RANKINGS

| Today's Date: June 11, 2018 | | Ranking for Rat Terrier | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------|
| Rank | Dog Name | Sex | MPH |
| 1 | Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN MX MXS MXJ MJB XF T2B CA BCAT | Bitch | 25.85 |
| 2 | Trudy Mae BellJordan BCAT ACT1 | Bitch | 25.38 |
| 3 | Warren Mtn's Terrier Blu Blood RI ME CA BCAT RATS CGCA CGCU TKI | Dog | 25.26 |
| 4 | River Ridge's Made In America NA NAJ DCAT CGCA TKA | Dog | 24.78 |
| 5 | River Ridge's Eye Of The Storm FCAT CGCA TKA | Dog | 24.24 |
| 6 | I Kit You Not JE BCAT RATM | Bitch | 24.13 |
| 7 | NCS Hello Dottie Omax RE MX MXB MXJ MJB T2B CAA BCAT ONYX DN CGCA TKN | Bitch | 23.76 |
| 8 | Spitfire's Two Minute Warning | Dog | 23.53 |
| 9 | CH Evanlees Its Good To Be Bads BCAT | Dog | 21.44 |
| 10 | Rough Rider CAA BCAT ACT1 | Dog | 21.30 |
| 11 | River Ridge Can'T Stop Now CGC TKA | Bitch | 21.15 |
| 12 | GCH CH Hime Masako Of Miyuki | Bitch | 18.19 |
| 13 | Evanlees Take It Outside | Dog | 15.60 |



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| <i>Rat Terrier</i> | | <i>Total Registered Dogs:260</i> | |
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| 1 | Riley | Bob Atol | E-Z-Goin' 114,241 |
| 2 | Nancy Carols Hello Dottie Omax | Patricia A Nickolaou | Happy Hurdlers 102,560 |
| 3 | The Pocket Rocket | Brian Fryia | Total Anarchy 90,843 |
| 4 | Radar | Gloria Budziak | Ruff Position 77,910 |
| 5 | Talon | Jessica Jalbert | Denver Speed Demons 64,499 |

Love At First Rat

By Jackie Olsen



Love at First Rat. A true love story that introduced me to the breed I couldn't imagine my life without.

An animal lover since birth, I spent years taking care of other people's pets but I never had a dog in my life growing up. It took serious begging and pleading to get a cat when I was in first grade but my parents held strong that we would not get a dog.

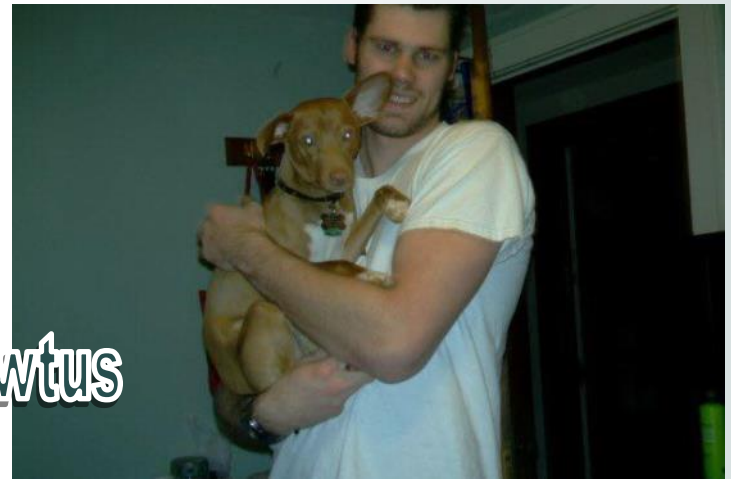
In 2007 I was in college and living with my now husband- Justin. We would toss around the idea of getting a dog but we could never agree on the right breed. We both had our ideas of what we wanted. Justin didn't think logically about what different breeds would need as far as care and training and I probably thought about it too much.

For example, Justin would insist on getting a border collie because he had a mix growing up and I would tell him that two college kids living in a shared house with a small yard shouldn't bring home a herding dog.

That summer I got a job at a local boarding facility close to school and I got my "dog fix". While working there I met Trisha, the kennel manager who also recently had her first litter of Rat Terrier puppies. It was a small litter of only 3 and she had hinted to me more than once that I should consider getting a Rat Terrier.



Brewtus



I had no clue what a Rat Terrier was but all I could think was that I did not want a small lap dog. Honestly the image that came to mind was a Chihuahua looking dog and that definitely didn't seem like the right breed for me and Justin being very active and loving the outdoors. I politely told her no and didn't think about it again.

One weekend I went to work and found a note left by Trisha saying that she needed a puppy free weekend and brought the last remaining pup into the kennel. She said his name was Brewtus and he was 4 months old in the last luxury suite. Intrigued I went to go see what this Rat Terrier puppy was like and I fell head over heels for him.

I glanced into the suite and there he was looking up at me with his way too big ears he hadn't grown into and the sweetest expression on his face. I spent as much time as I could with him that day and I quickly learned that this smaller dog had some serious big dog attitude and I loved it. When it was almost time for me to go home and the office was closed I brought him into the office with me and decided he needed to come home at least for the rest of the weekend. I didn't want him to spend the night alone at the kennel.

I called Trisha and asked her if I could take him home for the weekend. She sounded skeptical about it but told me that was fine. After getting her approval I called Justin and told him I was bringing home a puppy for the weekend. I promised him it would be just for the weekend and very reluctantly he told me that was fine.

I knew there was no way Justin couldn't fall in love with him and I was right. By the first night he told me we should keep him and those two have been inseparable ever since. We spent days at the dog park, going on hikes, and taking him everywhere. Brewtus was an official Penn State mascot he even rode in a float during the homecoming parade with me.

A year later we decided Brewtus needed a brother to play with and we got our second dog, his half-brother Whiskey a coated American Hairless terrier.

After seeing Brewtus' drive for toys I really thought he would make a fantastic agility dog but I was so busy during college with work and all of our other activities that I never took the time to learn about the sport or train him. Instead my boys learned all sorts of other tricks I could think of and we spent time impressing our friends with all they could do, including synchronizing playing dead at the sound of a fake bang bang.

Falling in love with this breed led me to where I am at now... With a lot of rat terriers and a LOT of love. I got to do some agility with my next dog Stella and meeting her breeder led me to a passion for conformation shows which has really driven me to where I am today. I really enjoy conformation shows, showing my dogs gives me pride but I also love working with other people's dogs and spending time training puppies.

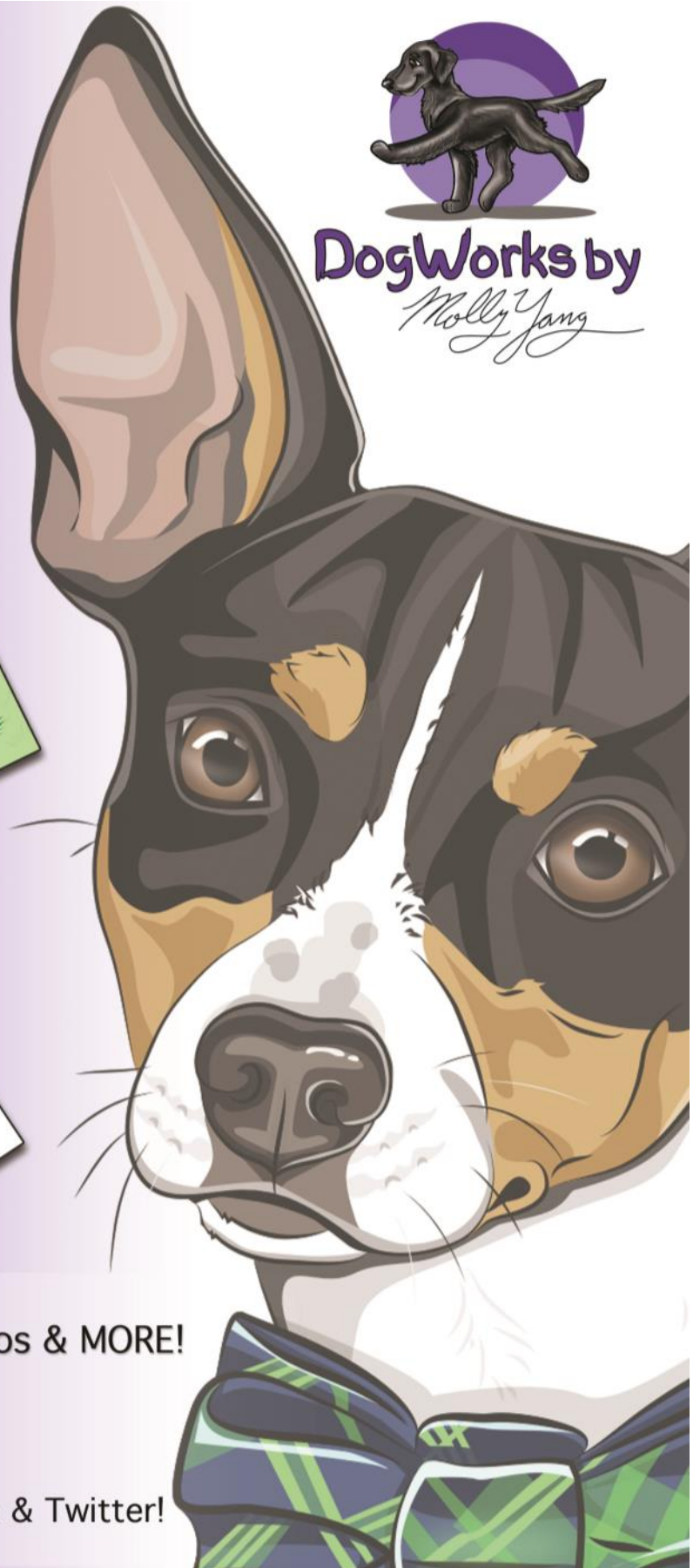
I could go into detail about the stories behind all of my dogs but it all started because of Brewtus. I am so thankful that I found him when I did because I would have never known what a fantastic breed the Rat Terrier is. I am glad to say I am loved by so many other dogs since Brewtus and Whiskey came into my life and they cannot be left behind in this story so I am listing them below.

Stella, my feisty queen bitch of the household. Skyy, my crazy outdoors boy who could swim for days. Jaxson, my special little boo boo head, bug killer, and crazy bird dog. Raven, the sweetest girl in the world and best snuggler. Emmy, the silly puppy who will get more nicknames as she grows up with us





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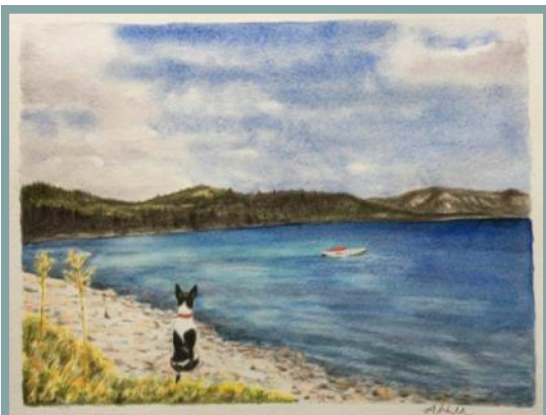
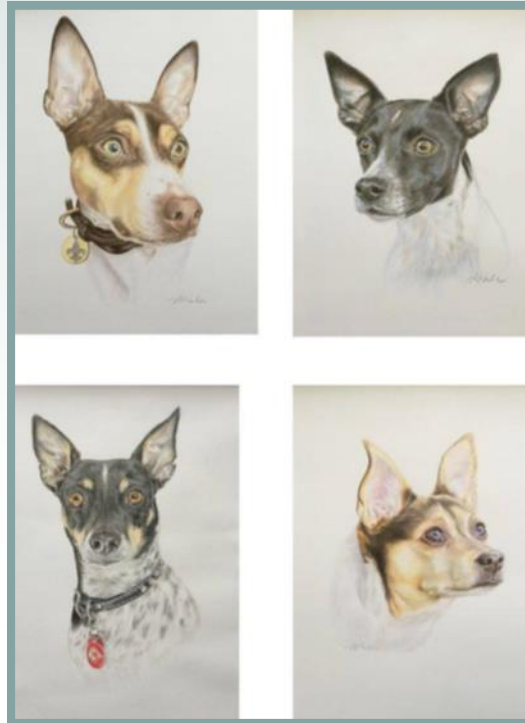


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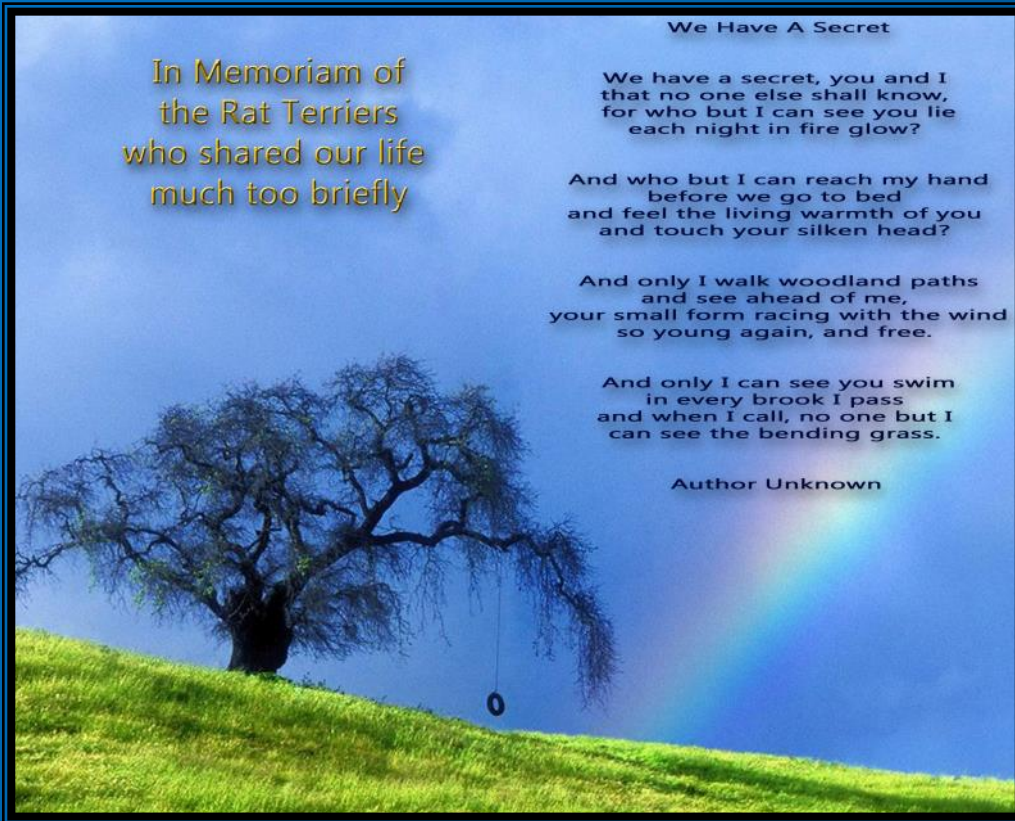


Rattiescapes

by Amanda Hall

If you can imagine it I can paint it





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

We Have A Secret

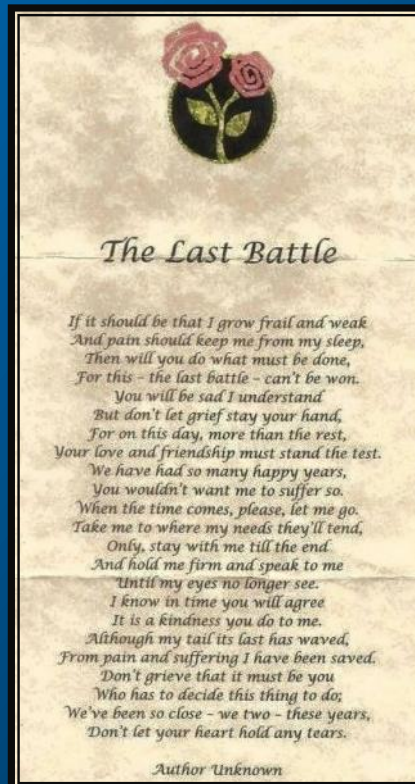
We have a secret, you and I
that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie
each night in fire glow?

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

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

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

Author Unknown



The Last Battle

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

Author Unknown

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



Thorsen McBorsen December 30, 2003 – March 5 2018

USDAA 2009-2010: Agility Dog, Masters Jumpers & Standard,

Advanced Gamblers, Snooker & Pairs

The Kennel Club UK 2007-2015: Grade 6, Agility Warrant Bronze, Agility Warrant Silver

First Rat Terrier to have titles in the US and UK.

We started our lives together in February 2004 in Katy, Texas. Thor was a wee 2lb ball of energy when he came to our home and took over our lives. He was a very fast learner and stealer of hearts. Thor was quite the character, being such a small dog, 11 5/8 at the withers didn't stop him from being a BIG dog at life. Who knew that this wee guy would travel so many miles and touch so many lives!

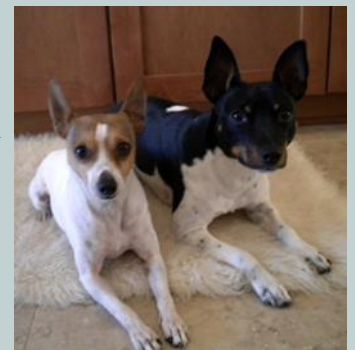


We moved to Aberdeen, Scotland September 2005. We started obedience classes in January 2006 and followed it with Agility classes with Deeside Agility Club that summer. Thor was the first mini dog in the club. We had our first competition with The Kennel Club UK in July 2007, after a rough start in our first 3 events we finished with a 2nd place in our last one. We moved up the grades and were a few points shy of being awarded his Agility Warrant Silver when we moved back to Katy, Texas in July 2009.

We settled into a new home, welcomed a new rat terrier to the family, Burns and started competing in USDAA. Working our way up the rankings and learning new games too. Within a year we had earned a place to attend Nationals in October 2010; due to handler error we did not advance to the big arena for the finals.

Shortly after Nationals we were boarding a plane back to Aberdeen, Scotland; bit of a shock to our system leaving the sunshine and heat of Texas and Colorado for the grey and cold of the North. We didn't take long to rejoin our agility club for the 2011 season. We started traveling around Scotland and down to England for events, training Burns along the way.

Thor retired from regular agility events and started competing in Veteran events in 2014 due to back issues. He still came to all the shows with us, helping to provide PAWSitive vibes to my agility clients. In July 2015 he retire completely due to disc problems. At his last event all his friends lined the ring; the judge had all the bars put on the ground and allowed Thor to make his own course, to the loud applause of everyone. It was a very sad moment but so



so wonderful to share with so many who had been at the beginning of our journey. Thor had surgery in August and recovered completely; he continued attending events with us to enjoy the excitement and fun of agility.

We moved to Evergreen, Colorado in August 2017. Thor loved the fresh mountain air, SUNSHINE and being closer to the rest of his pack, my son Andrew – his original owner, and our daughter, Tamara. He welcomed with love and enthusiasm the new pack members Hank - Tamara’s husband & daughter, Sagan, and Andrew’s wife Gretchen. Thor would rather be around people than dogs.



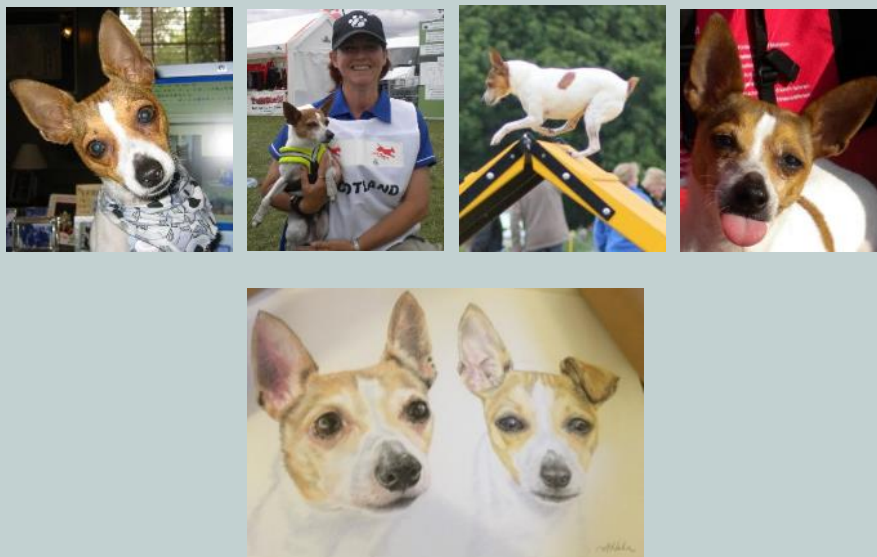
Thor continued to have disc issues, causing him to have balance issues with his rear legs and a neck disc problem. We increased his medication which help with his pain and discomfort. He was a happy, spoiled, grumpy old man.

I went back to Scotland to visit with friends and attend Crufts Dog Show in England at the end of February 2018. Thor’s health declined rapidly after that, he made his last journey and traveled to the Rainbow Bridge on March 5, 2018.

Our house is much quieter without him; no more hearing him tell me ‘It’s 5 o’clock FEED ME!’ when it is only 4. No more gagging and gasping for air after he would release silent but deadly farts. No more white hairs every where, stuck to every thing. No more wee paws on my arm or wee body snuggled on my legs. But what is here is a massive smile, a huge heart and a love that will never be replaced. He enriched so many lives and had an incredible journey.

Until we meet again, run free, love and snuggle the humans lucky enough to be at the bridge and never never never forget how much you meant to me.

Your beloved owner, faithful servant and RAT momma, Jeri





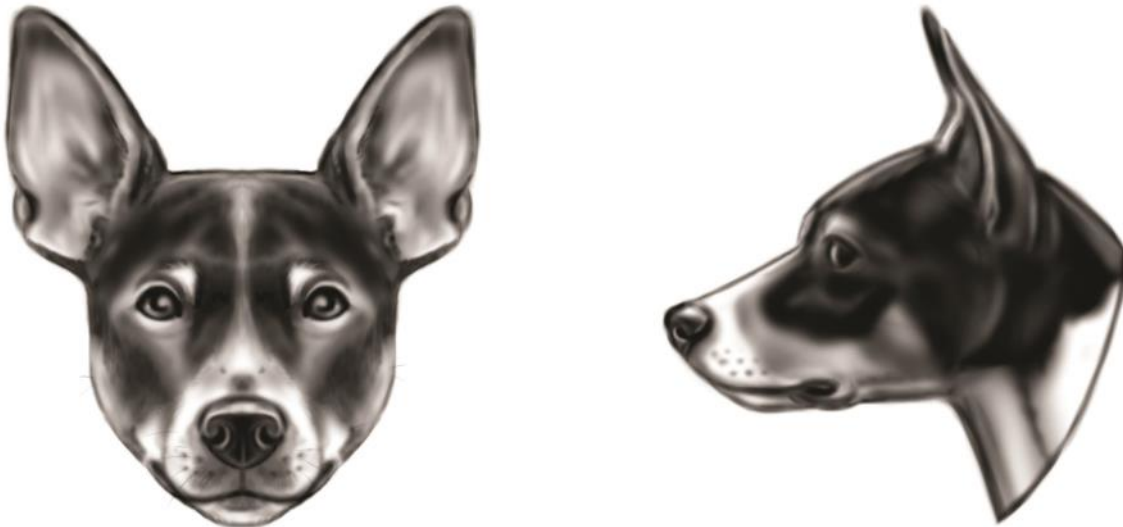
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Rat Terrier
Breed Standard

Official AKC Standard of the Rat Terrier

(Illustrated)

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

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



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



Neck, Topline, Body:

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

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

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

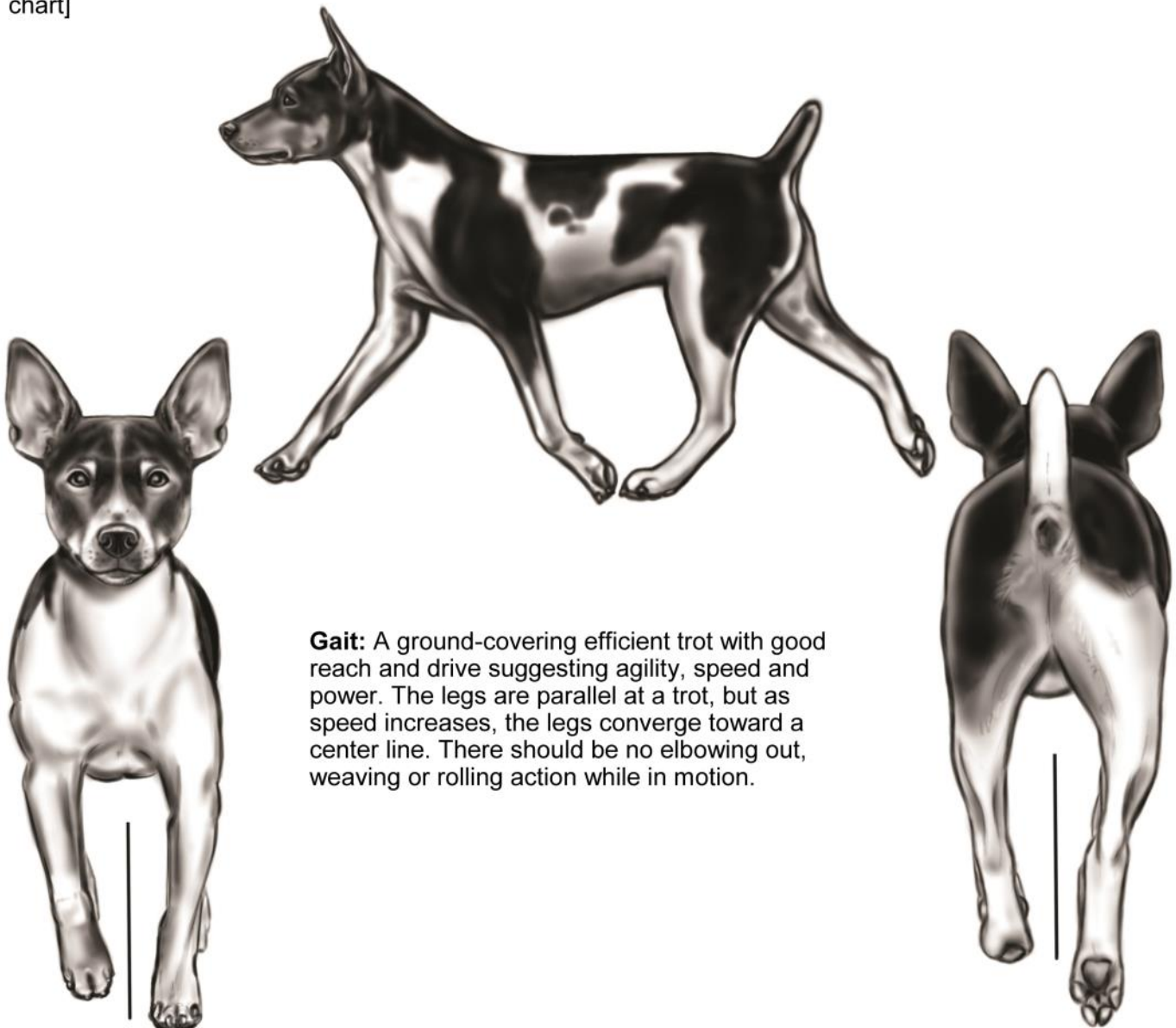
Tail - The tail set is a continuation of the spine. Tails are customarily docked between the second and third joint, or can be a natural bobtail or left naturally long and tapering to the hock joint. Length is unimportant. The carriage is variable depending on attitude, carried from slightly below horizontal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

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

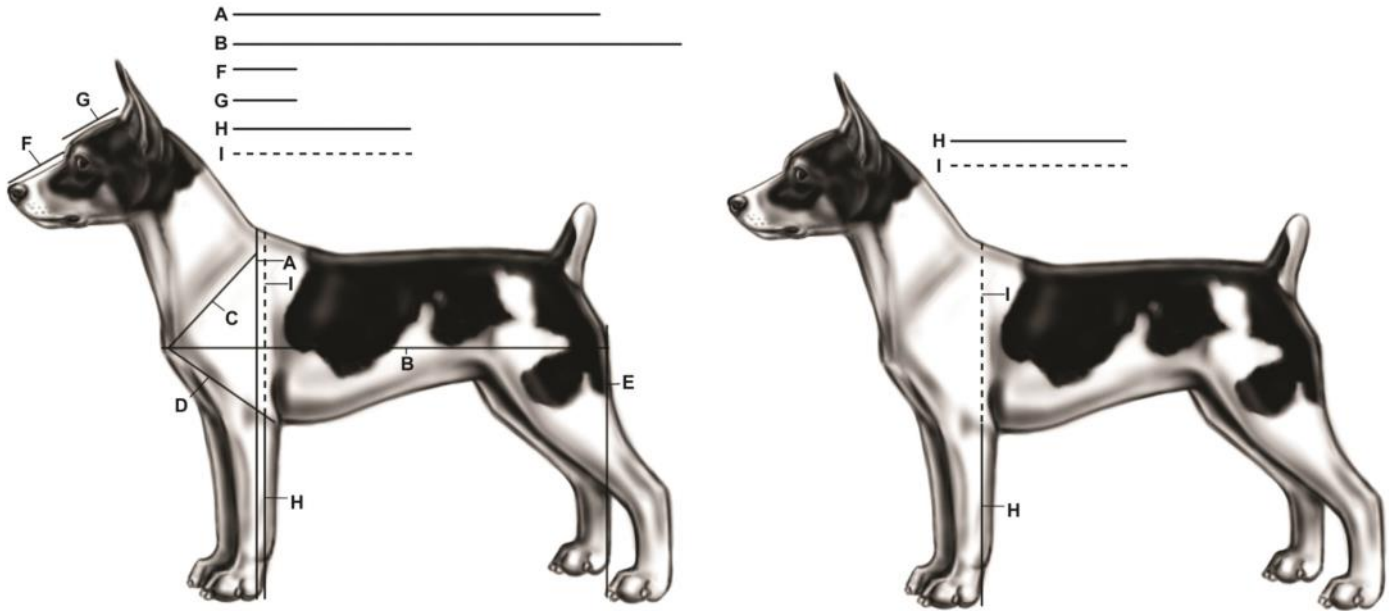
Hindquarters: The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse. Stifles are well-bent with short hocks that are parallel and perpendicular to the ground. The hind feet although slightly smaller are similar to the front feet. Rear dewclaws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

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

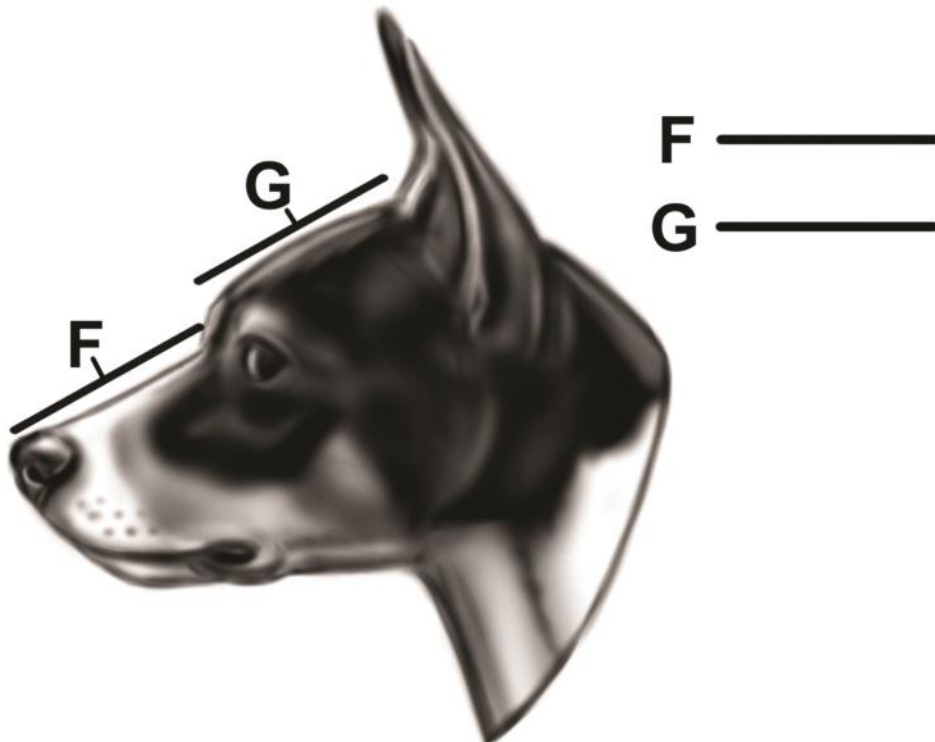
Color: Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without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



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



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





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

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



CORRECT BITE

Scissors
(Preferred)



Level
(Acceptable)



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



Temperament: Keenly observant, devoted, full of energy, yet easily trained and obedient to command. The Rat Terrier is a non-sparring breed and generally friendly with other dogs, but may be reserved with strangers. Submissiveness is not a fault. Overt aggression and excessive shyness should be penalized.

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

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY RAT TERRIER CLUB MEMBERSHIP APP



Type of Membership:

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

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Tell us about yourself and your dogs...

We would love to hear about your hobbies, accomplishments, show brags or how your dogs like to spend their time. Please include registered names and call names for your dogs, as well as anything else you would like to share!

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

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

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

1. _____ 2. _____

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Member Name: _____ Date: _____

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For Quickest Processing:

Send Dues via PayPal to:
MidAtlanticRatTerrier@yahoo.com

Applications will also be accepted electronically to the above e-mail address

For Regular Mail:

Make checks payable to **MARTC** and mail to: Jackie Maye, PO Box 233, Hellertown, PA 18055

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



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Name (or Names if Household): _____

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

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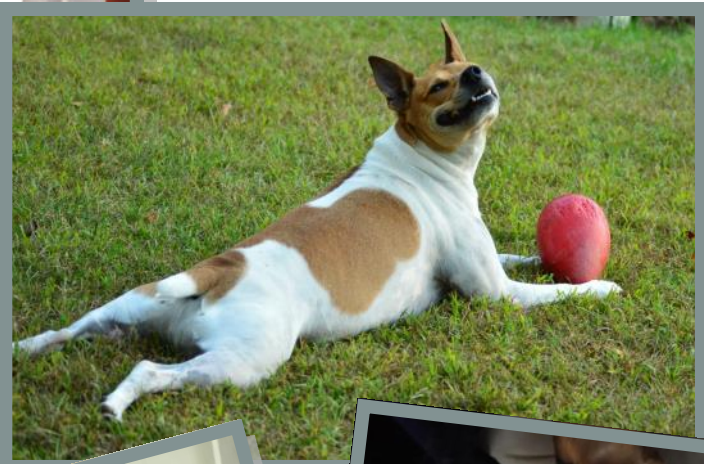
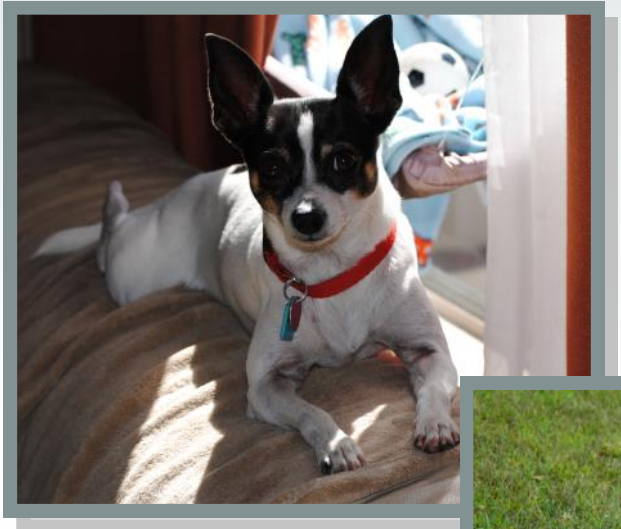
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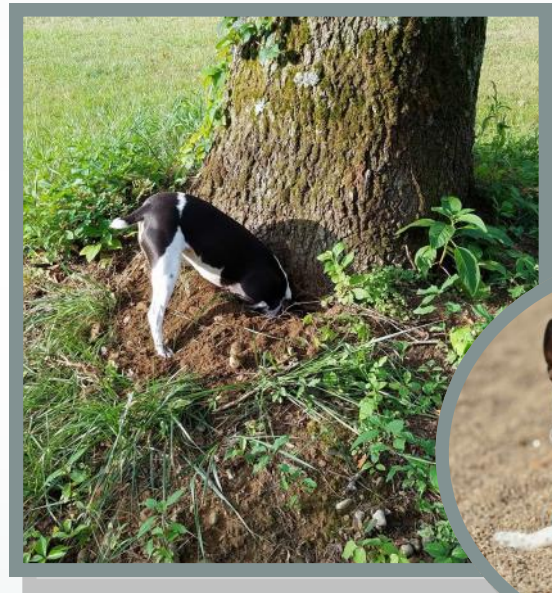
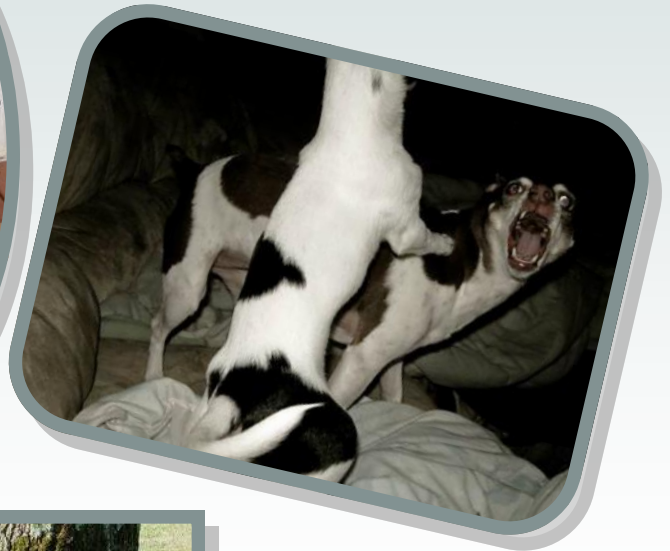
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The faces we adore



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and ... Doing what they do



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

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ACRONYMS

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| 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 |

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| 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. |

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| 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. |

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| 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 |

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| 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. |

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| 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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