



Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery County PA

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Odin and Nessa

Sue Lee Ringwelski

This 'n That ...

Did you know ... you do not have to live in the Montgomery County region to be a member of the club.

By joining you will find a supportive group of like minded friends who have Rat Terriers and who participate at a variety of events with their dogs. You don't even have to participate in any events to join and still find support from those who love the breed. All you need is to love the Rat Terrier breed. Finding sponsors is pretty easy, just ask and someone will step up. The application is at the back of this newsletter to make it easy for you and you can pay dues via PayPal or snail mail.

Right now our club newsletter is made public, but at some point that will possibly not be the case. We welcome contributions in the form of brags about your dog successes in any event (AKC only for conformation), love photos of your dog just being a Rattie, and if you have ideas for something you'd like to see in the newsletter please let us know. Email any newsletter contributions directly to Sandra at acdlady@cox.net OR you can send to the club email at midatlanticratterrier@yahoo.com.

To avoid confusion: this club was first known as Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club (MARTC) and then Montgomery County Rat Terrier Club (MCRTC) and, with acceptance into AKC, it is now Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery County PA (RTCMCPA).



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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.

Letter from the Secretary -

There may be some confusion on all of our name changes over the last couple of years so I would like to explain that we have been going through the process of becoming AKC accredited for quite some time. We were Mid-Atlantic Rat Terrier Club (MARTC) when we first started, AKC expressed concern over the territory range being rather large and asked that our name represent a smaller geographical area. We then voted on new bylaws and a name change of Montgomery County Rat Terrier Club (MCRTC). When that paperwork was sent to AKC they came back again and wanted a more precise name to focus on our geographical region. AKC stated that there are many Montgomery County's and that is why we decided to add Pennsylvania to our name. Finally with a name that AKC approved (Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery County PA –RTCMCPA) we moved forward with another accreditation presentation. After lots of hard work and many learning curves we finally heard back from AKC on September 5th that our accreditation process was moving to B status!

This doesn't mean we are done putting in the work though. With this exciting news came some more required changes to the bylaws (to be voted on soon). We also had to arrange a B match which we successfully hosted on November 9th! That was some super-fast organization and coordination among members! Many thanks to all of those who attended and helped get the B match up and running with just a month to plan and facilitate!

Now that we have completed our B match, we have a lot of work to do before we can hold an A match and move onto full accreditation. If you are interested in helping please reach out! While hosting the A match will be a lot of fun we have some important secretarial duties to adjust due to our name change. We must complete all of the requirements for the changes of our name and bylaws prior to holding the A match and we have a vigorous timeline for that as well. We hope to have everything completed so that our A match can be held in conjunction with the Garden State All Terrier Show in early May 2020!

This is an exciting time for our club, and we look forward to growing everything we can support and do with full accreditation. With the vacancy of the treasurer filled by previous director John Capurso and the new addition of Sharon Carey as a director, we are still in need for 1 person to step up to help by joining our board as a director. If you are interested please send a letter of intent to RTCMCPA@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your interest in this club and the breed. Looking forward to 2020 and all it has to offer.

Respectfully,

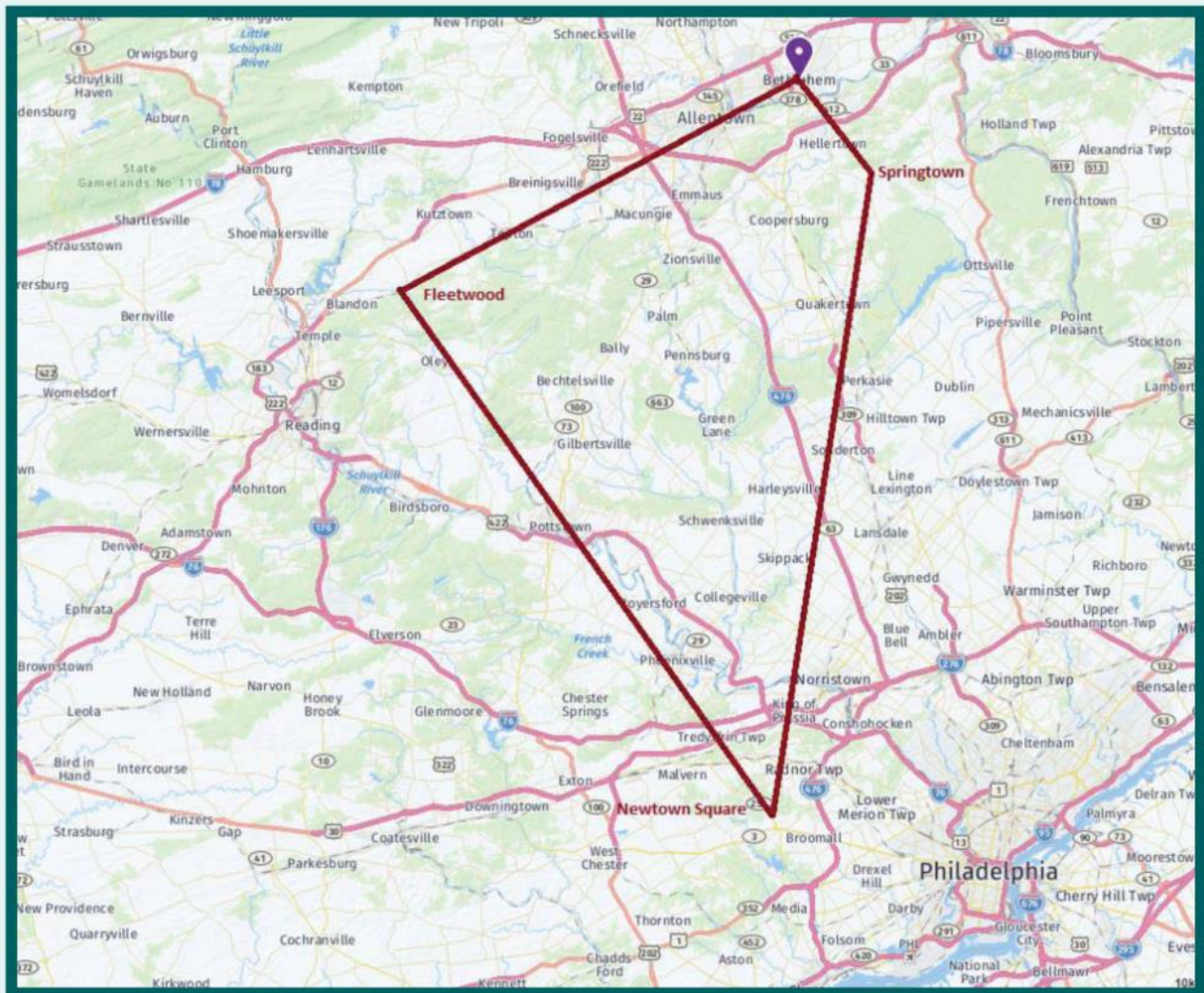
Jackie Olsen
RTCMCPA Secretary

Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery County PA

Designated boundaries

The American Kennel Club (AKC) has approved the Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery County PA to begin the process to qualify as a specialty club representing the Rat Terrier breed. Below is a map that represents the core boundaries that AKC has assigned to the club, however because the Rat Terrier is considered a **rare breed** members in the **surrounding area** are allowed full membership and able to vote in the club elections. This is subject to change as the breed grows in popularity.

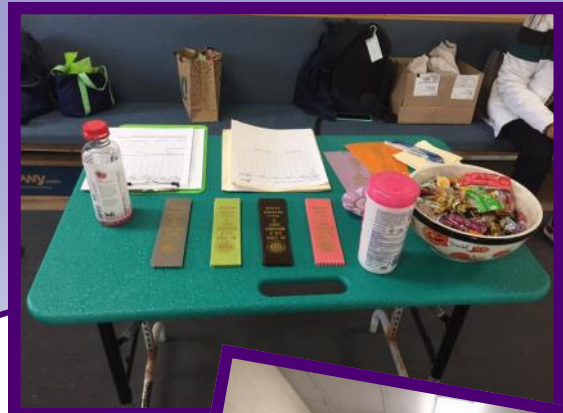
The boundaries, as seen in this picture, are outlined within the bylaws.



Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery County PA

November 9, 2019

AKC Sanctioned "B" Match



AKC Sanctioned "B" Match
 Hosted By
Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery County PA
 Match for Rat Terriers ONLY
Saturday, November 9, 2019
 Location: Sanmann Kennels
 1825 Diamond Street
 Sellersville, PA 18960
 Event will be indoors
 Judging Panel: **AKC Judge Mrs. Diane K. Ondo**
Prizes offered for Best Puppy & Best Adult
 Classes offered:
 4-6 month puppy
 6-12 month puppy
 12-18 month puppy
 Bred-By Exhibitor
 American Bred
 Novice
 Open
 Amateur Owner Handler
 Match is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM
 Entries will be accepted in person at the match from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
 Entry Fee: \$10 per dog - CASH ONLY (Please bring exact amount)
Champions may be shown For Exhibition Only
 No Winners and No Ribbons
 \$5 per entry - CASH ONLY, exact amount please
Training is allowed in the ring after the match and exhibition are completed!!!
 3 months and older
 Match Secretary: John Capurso - ratclubmontcopa@yahoo.com
SPECTATORS AND BEGINNERS WELCOME. COME HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DOG!
 Quakertown Veterinary Clinic 2250 N Old Bethlehem Pike, Quakertown, PA 18951 (215) 536-6245 - Open 24 Hours



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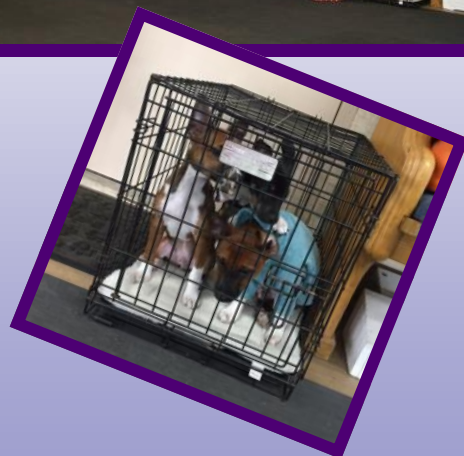
On Nov 9th 2019 the Rat Terrier Club of Montgomery Co PA held there 1st official B Match.

The Judge was Diane Ondo, and was fantastic, there were 5 entries for the match and 4 Champions entered for Exhibition only, The Match winner for Adult was River Ridge Renegade RN. Owned by Harry and Carol Wert. Puppy winner was Leonards Feeling Rebellious @River Ridge owned by Jackie Olsen and Stacy McWilliams. The match was a great learning experience and all the dogs did a nice job. Afterward we all went to lunch and celebrated some club members birthdays! Thank you to Sanmann Kennels for use of their training building to hold our match.



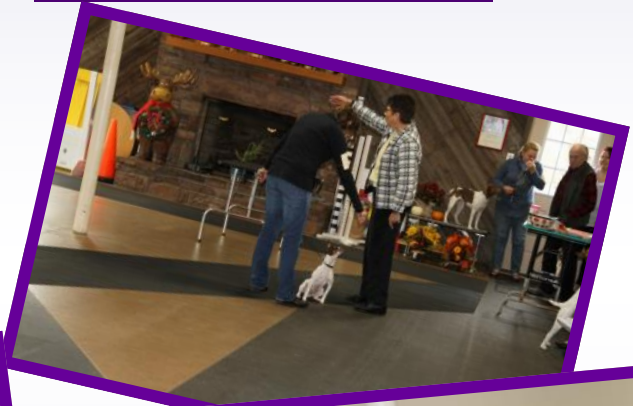
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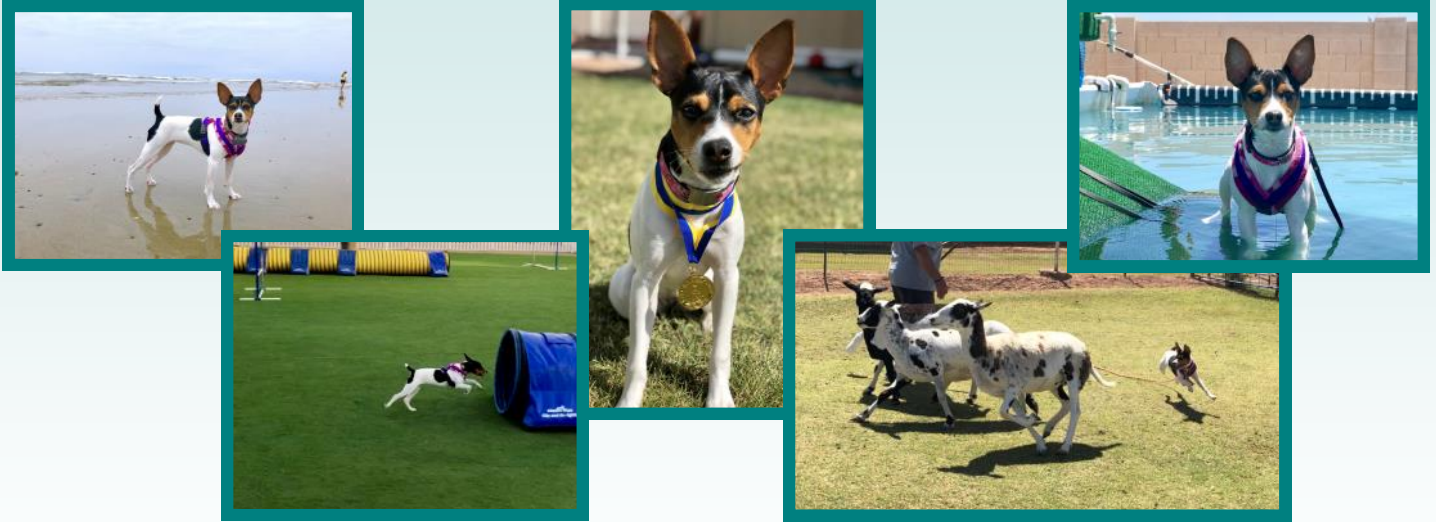
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Training Miss Mazie

By Kate Fischer



Prior to adding Mazie to my family, my only experience with dog training was with middle aged and senior dogs from the pound. I'd fostered for a couple years and had 3 resident dogs with various issues from resource guarding to recurrent tumors. I'd never had a puppy as an adult and I was terrified I was going to screw it up. I made training plans, contacted the breeders sometimes daily to ask questions, and asked advice from various trainers.

Mazie arrived via flight nanny at 2am on a Sunday. She's been in a carrier for many hours making the journey from North Carolina, to Minnesota, to Arizona and was FULL of energy! From the moment I opened her kennel in the wee hours of the morning, she was like nothing I had expected. She was confident, sweet, and even though she had just met me and my dogs, she adored us already. She came to me well socialized from the breeders. She made me laugh with her silly antics at a really hard time in my life. My Mom died unexpectedly 2 weeks after I got Mazie and that's when all the training plans I had went out the window.

I was spending a lot of time with my family and making arrangements so we trained in the moment. Mazie was charming and silly and made me laugh so training became therapeutic for me. Training had to be as much fun as she was, and as adventurous as she was bold. When she was hyper, we did more high energy training like running recalls, intense games of tug, and restrained sends to toys. When she was calmer we did clicker training for tricks and obedience, started scent work, and put her mind to work with puzzles. She never ate from a bowl; she earned her meals either through training or problem solving.

When she was interested in exploring the house or yard, I took that as a cue that she was ready for environmental socialization and we'd go somewhere new. We always went at her pace, protecting her confidence over forcing interaction. By training according to her mood and at her pace, we had great success and training became an in the moment experience instead of a scheduled activity. We both enjoyed it and looked forward to it. This led to a puppy that was potty trained at 3 months, that earned her Novice Trick Dog title at 3 months and her Intermediate at 4, a puppy that received her AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy at 5 months and her CGC at 6.

Mazie is 6 months old now and has been started in agility, herding, barn hunt, dock diving, scent work, obedience, and trick training. The sky is the limit with this puppy. My fear of messing her up has turned into confidence that my training partner will let me know if she's not ready for something. Puppies aren't so scary after all.

Pretty as a Picture



Astro

Owned and loved by Claudia Rhodes

Dog Diabetes: The Unknown Link To Diet



By: Jean Hofve

Dog diabetes is a serious and sometimes life-threatening illness ...

And just like humans, it isn't just what your dog eats that causes diabetes. Sure, diet plays a significant role in susceptibility to diabetes and in managing the disease if it occurs, but there are several other nutrition-related factors that can play a role too.

Nutrition-related factors in the development of diabetes include:

- food allergies
- inflammatory ingredients
- contaminants (drugs, toxins, BPA and other endocrine-disruptors)
- weight (fat cells actively secrete pro-inflammatory messenger molecules and hormones)
- diet-related pancreatitis

Here's how each of these nutrition-related factors impacts your dog's system.

Dog Diabetes: Nutrition-related Factors

Dog Diabetes And Food Allergies

Food allergies are not as common as flea and airborne particle allergies, but they do occur in dogs. Symptoms may include digestive issues such as vomiting and diarrhea, or skin symptoms, like pruritus (itching), redness and rash. Some experts suggest that 20 to 35 percent of dogs with non-seasonal pruritus have food allergies.

Food allergies cause inflammation in the gut, regardless of where symptoms appear. Since inflammation can damage insulin producing cells in the pancreas, this is a problem.

Inflammation causes leaky gut syndrome, which allows undigested food particles and toxins to leak through the damaged intestinal lining and into the bloodstream, where they stress the liver and may cause irritation, inflammation and other havoc throughout the body.

Dog Diabetes And Inflammatory Dog Food Ingredients

1. Carbohydrates. Wheat, barley and rye contain gluten, and nearly all corn is genetically engineered. Grain allergies are rare, but gluten – all by itself – causes inflammation.

2. Starches. Starches, like grains and potatoes, quickly break down to sugar in the small intestine. Sugar consumption creates excess free radicals in the body, which causes inflammation. Heat processing makes many starches more bioavailable, which means they are even more apt to degrade into sugar soon after ingestion.

3. GMOs (Genetically Modified Organisms). Most people are aware of Monsanto's glyphosate herbicide, RoundUp®, but very few know about the "Bt" (Bacillus thuringiensis) on their corn and potatoes. Bt is a naturally-derived pesticide used by many organic gardeners and farmers. It's safe and easily washed off. But when Monsanto engineered Bt to live inside the plant cells, they really created a monster. The Bt gene is easily passed from the plant to the dog's microbiome. Subsequently, as that gene is spread around, the dog's gut becomes a Bt factory, pumping out the pesticide 24/7.

In addition to directly eating the genetically engineered corn and soy found in many dog foods, the meat ingredients used in dog food come from animals fed GMO corn, soy, alfalfa, and cottonseed oil. GMOs can directly damage the intestines. GMOs in pet food are especially dangerous, because crops rejected for human consumption due to excessive herbicide and pesticide residues can legally be used without limit in pet food.

4. Vegetable oils (corn, safflower, sunflower, soybean). These oils contain mostly Omega-6 fatty acids, which lead to pro-inflammatory metabolic pathways. Unsaturated fats (usually of vegetable origin) are more likely to be associated with pancreatitis than saturated (usually animal-source) fats.

5. Conventionally-raised meat (grain-fed and grain-finished beef). During their time at the feedlot before slaughter, almost all of the Omega-3s that cattle derive from grass and forage are converted to Omega-6s. Poultry are typically fed GMO corn.

6. Heat-processed proteins. Moderate to high heat denatures (damages) proteins, creating distorted molecules that can trigger an inflammatory immune response.

7. Conventional dairy products. Dairy cows are commonly treated with hormones and antibiotics; residues in the meat can irritate the gut. They may also be fed grocery waste such as bread and bakery items. Casein, a milk protein, is a common allergen in pets.

8. Common additives (artificial and natural flavorings, coloring agents, and preservatives). MSG (monosodium glutamate) is derived from sugars fermented with yeast, so it is "natural" and can be hiding under that label. Texturizers include carrageenan (a seaweed derivative that causes intestinal inflammation) and compounds made from wheat and corn.

9. Human food wastes. The cheapest dog foods may also be using ingredients like grocery store and restaurant wastes, including spoiled meat and dairy products, plate waste, and used fryer grease. Rancid grease is packed with inflammation-causing free radicals.

THE LINK BETWEEN DOG DIABETES & HARMFUL DOG FOOD INGREDIENTS

THESE INGREDIENTS IN YOUR DOG'S FOOD CAN CAUSE INFLAMMATION - A MAJOR CAUSE OF DOG DIABETES.

CARBS



Wheat, barley and rye contain gluten and nearly all corn is genetically engineered. Grain allergies are rare, but gluten - all by itself - causes inflammation.

STARCHES



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HUMAN FOOD WASTES



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Dog Food Contaminants

Drugs

Antibiotics and hormones are frequently used in domestic livestock. It's illegal to use hormones in poultry, but antibiotics are legal. These can directly affect dogs when they accumulate in the body over time. While some antibiotics have anti-inflammatory properties, others actually cause inflammation by disrupting the normal microbiome (bacterial population) in the gut.

Toxins

1. **BPA and other endocrine disruptors.** Bisphenol A (BPA) is a chemical used in plastic manufacturing. It has a nasty habit of leaching from plastic containers, as well as the lining epoxies in metal cans, into the food. Analysis has found just as much BPA in pet foods that claim to be BPA free as in other products.
 2. Unfortunately, the chemicals used as a substitution may be as bad or worse than BPA. BPA is also found at fairly high levels in fish. BPA causes metabolic alterations, widespread inflammation, and obesity. It specifically damages the pancreatic cells that produce insulin, which can directly cause diabetes.
- 2. Other phenols.** Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) are present in many pet foods. As bad as these original toxins are, dogs' digestive systems break them down into even more toxic metabolites. These compounds can cause inflammation of blood vessels throughout the body. Animal fat, a common pet food ingredient, is a major source of PCBs in food.

One very important consideration regarding the dog food you use is the source of ingredients. For example, dioxin has been banned in the US for decades, but is still used in other countries. American pet food makers have been importing feed-grade chicken products for years, including chicken meal and chicken by-product meal. While dioxin and many other toxins are banned in the U.S., they're still used in other countries, especially China. Chicken raised overseas is also apt to contain many other chemicals as well as heavy metals.

Excess Body Weight

Overweight and obese pets are victims of body-wide, chronic, low-grade inflammation. That's because fat cells secrete a variety of hormones, enzymes and pro-inflammatory messenger molecules. Obesity also predisposes dogs to pancreatitis, and overweight dogs get sicker with it than thinner dogs.

Diet-Related Pancreatitis

Inflammation of the pancreas, called pancreatitis, is an extremely dangerous and painful condition. The pancreas produces the sugar-controlling hormones insulin and glucagon, as well as two other less well-known hormones, somatostatin and gastrin. About five percent of pancreatic tissue is devoted to hormone production. But the main products of the pancreas are digestive enzymes: proteases that digest protein, amylases that digest starch and lipases that digest fat.

Swelling is one hallmark of inflammation. When cells swell, their walls stretch and start to leak. When those digestive enzymes leak out, they go right to work digesting everything in sight – disrupting more cells and causing even more inflammation. It's a self-perpetuating cycle that can lead to death.

Pancreatitis can be acute (sudden) or chronic. Both are painful, dangerous and hard to definitively diagnose. Chronic pancreatitis may wax and wane. If enough pancreatic tissue is destroyed, the dog may become diabetic, develop exocrine pancreatic insufficiency (lack of sufficient digestive enzymes), or both.

Traumatic injury, toxins and other factors can cause pancreatitis, but for most dogs, dietary fat is the issue. A single ingestion of too much fat can trigger life-threatening pancreatitis. Many dogs develop pancreatitis after Thanksgiving or Christmas, when they are given (or they steal) a “treat” of fat-laden turkey skin or drippings. However, a regular diet containing a bit too much fat can also be problematic, especially in dogs who are already overweight. This can be a serious problem when switching from, say, a grocery or discount store brand to a better-quality food. Many natural, low-carb, and organic brands are much higher in fat than cheaper brands, and the changeover can stress the pancreas beyond its limits.

Preventing And Managing Dog Diabetes

Not all causes of diabetes can be eliminated, but diet related factors certainly can be. Here are the most important ways to prevent (and manage) do diabetes:

- Eliminate heat-processed food (kibble, canned foods)
- Eliminate sugar and starch (kibble, starch-containing canned foods)
- Avoid foods that come in containers with BPA and similar chemicals
- Feed a moderate protein, moderate fat, high fiber, low carb diet
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The Bottom Line

Recognizing the hidden link between diabetes and nutrition is really important. The food you feed your dog is crucial to his health. By making a few changes to your dog's diet, you can significantly reduce the risk of dog diabetes or manage it if he already has it.

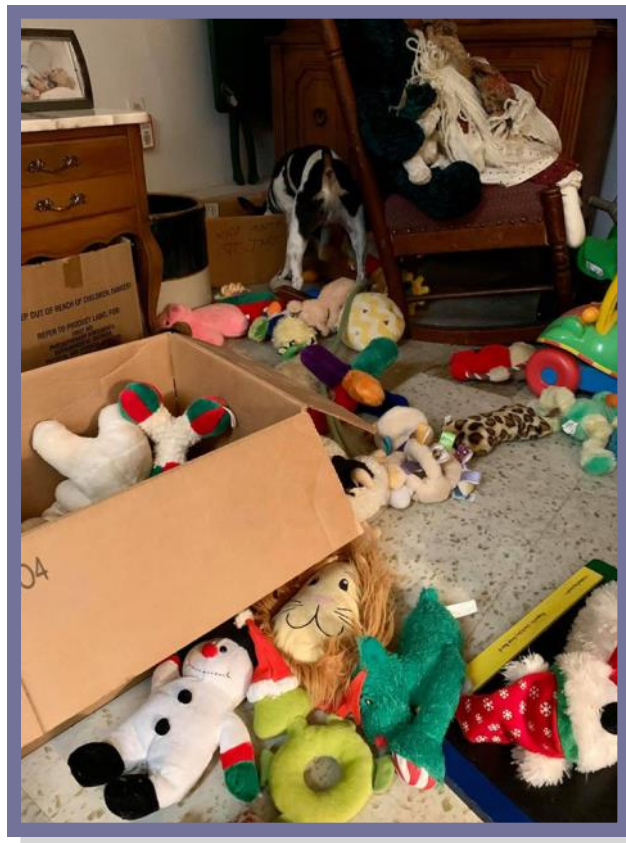
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Dr Jean Hofve DVM discovered holistic medicine in her third year of veterinary school. She has more than 20 years' experience in integrative veterinary medicine. In the early 1990s, Dr Hofve became interested in how pet food is made and how nutrition affects our pets' health. She has since been helping others discover how best to feed their pets for optimal health and wellness. She is an advisor to AAFCO, the organization that sets standards for pet food production. Dr Hofve has lived in Colorado for 40 years and retired from active practice in 2007. Visit her online at www.littlebigcat.com

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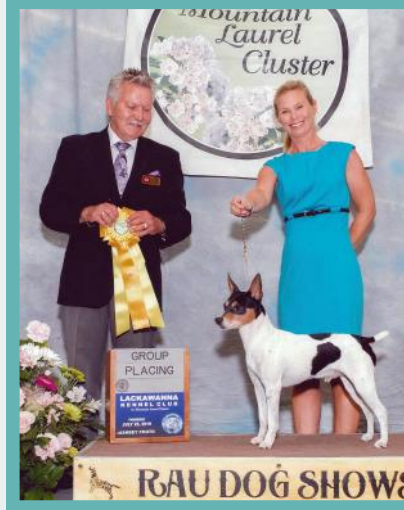


Humor makes the world a better place



“You are NOT my dental hygienist!!!”

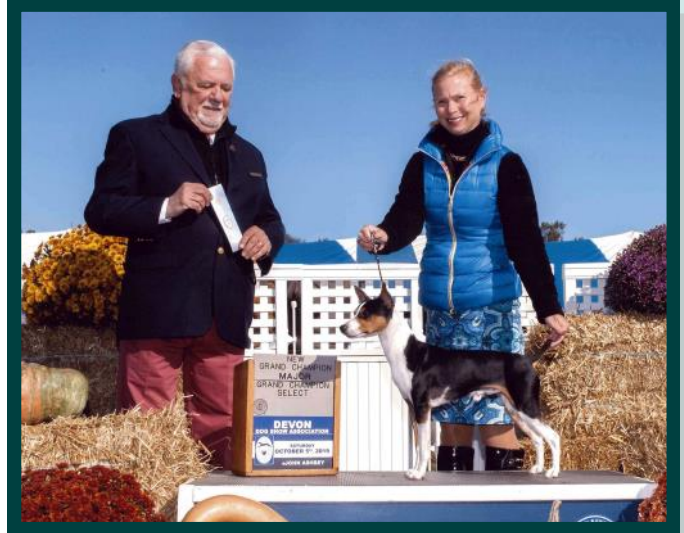
Drum Roll!!



BISS GCHG CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue FDC MX MXJ MJS NJP XF T2B2 TKN aka Hunter won Best of Breed at the prestigious Montgomery County Kennel Club All Terrier show on October 6, 2019. That same weekend he earned another agility title at the all terrier trial in Palmyra, PA. In July 2019, Hunter earned a group 3 in Bloomsburg, PA. In August, he won breed all 5 days, two of which were supported specialties at the Mountain Valley cluster in Salem, Va. In September, he earned a group 3 at the Magungie shows in PA and a group 4 at the Danville Kennel Club show. In November, he won a group 4 at the Furniture City Kennel Club show in Winston Salem. He is currently ranked as the #1 Rat Terrier.

**Owned by Stacy Zimmerman and Stacy McWilliams,
~ Virginia ~**

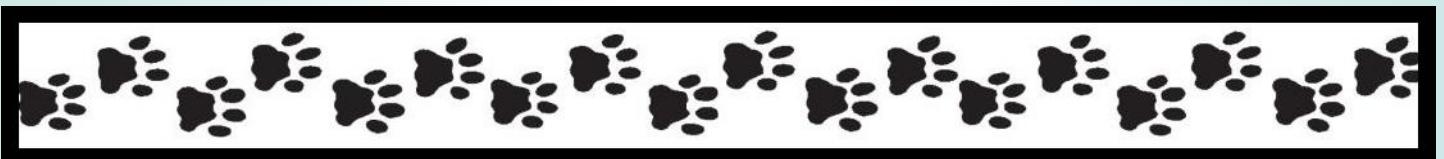
FANTASTIC!!!



RIVER RIDGE'S C YA LATER ALLI-GATOR, Allie, became a champion at the Furniture City Kennel Club show on November 9, 2019. Owned by Stacy Zimmerman, Jane Gardner, and Stacy McWilliams.

GCH CH River Ridge's Got My Eye on U "Stewie" earned his Grand Champion on October 5, 2019 at the Devon dog show in PA. He is owned by Stacy Zimmerman and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Virginia ~



Congratulations!!



CH Sugarloaf Solo Autumn Aria aka Aria. Aria lives in Sugarloaf, CA. She is owned by Barbara & Don Jordan and Sharon Gruber. She went Best of Breed at the Kennel Club of Riverside show on October 26th for a 4 point major and Best of Opposite Sex on October 27th. The weekend also included two champion defeats towards her Grand Championship.

~ California ~

CH River Ridge Laugh with the Sinners FDC CA DCAT TKN aka Sin finished her CA title on September 29 in King, NC.

She is owned by Jennifer Chappell and Stacy McWilliams.

~ North Carolina ~



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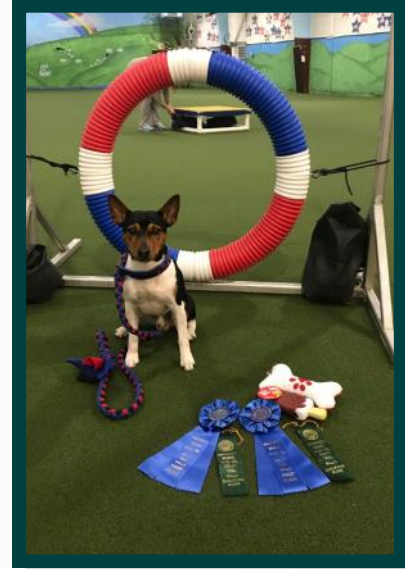


River Ridge Thistle B A Rhythm of My Heart CGC BCAT TKI aka Sookie Jean earned her first FASTCAT title, BCAT, on October 13 in Brighton, Colorado. She is owned by Jeri Berg and Stacy McWilliams.

COHills Thistle Du Nicely AX MXJ DCAT CGC TKI aka Burns earned his 2nd FASTCAT title, DCAT on October 13 in Brighton, Colorado. He is owned by Jeri Berg.

~ Colorado ~

STUPENDOUS!!!



River Ridge's Runnin N'Sync CGC NA NAJ TKN aka Sync achieved his CGC, NA, NAJ, and TKN titles. He was Winner's Dog for a 5 point major at the Cranberry Cluster in West Springfield, MA. He is owned by Fred and Rebecca Guaraldo.

~ Massachusetts ~



Nimh's Live Long N Prosper ACT1 CGCA CGCU TKN FDCh MBDX aka Spock received his first leg towards his Standard Novice Agility "NA" title along with 1st place on September 22 at a trial hosted by The Des Moines Golden Retrievers Club in Des Moines, IA. He also obtained his first two Multi-breed Flyball titles "MBD" and "MBDX" on November 3 at a tournament hosted by Ball Driven Bandits in Omaha, NE. He is owned by Jordan Clark.

~ Iowa ~



What Causes Diabetes In Dogs? The Signs, Symptoms And What To Do About It



By: Julia Henriques –

Did you know one out of every 300 dogs is diagnosed with diabetes? Especially in senior and middle aged dogs, diabetes is becoming frighteningly common in dogs today.

Once your dog gets diabetes, he will most likely need insulin for the rest of his life. So it's really important to do everything you can to prevent your dog from becoming diabetic.

There are many things that can contribute to the risk of your dog getting diabetes ... but the good news is, there are also lots of things you can do to help prevent it and minimize the risk.

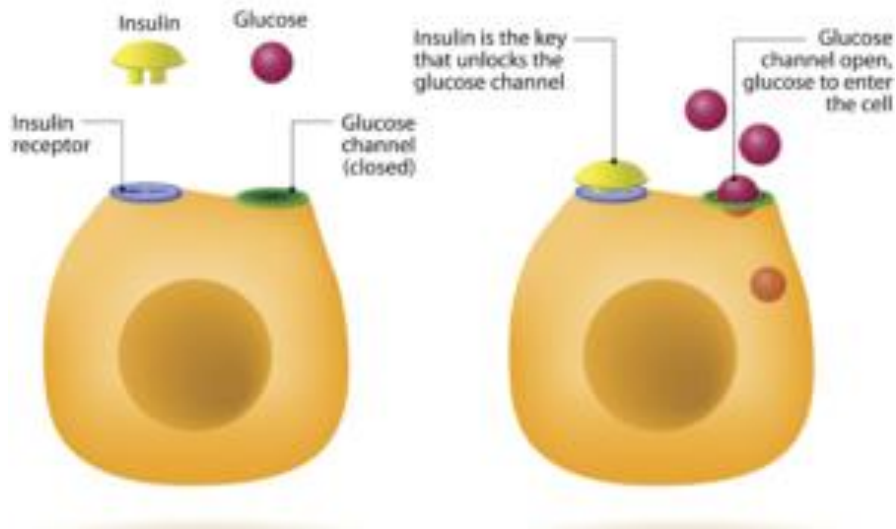
So we called on an expert to tell us how to do that. At Raw Roundup 2017, Dr Jean Hofve gave a talk on canine diabetes and its connection to diet and environmental factors and the best ways to prevent it.

But first, what is diabetes and what's the difference between the two types of the disease?

What is Diabetes?

Diabetes is all about glucose and how the body handles it. All cells use glucose as their primary source of energy.

The pancreas produces the hormones that control glucose ... primarily insulin and glucagon. The pancreas is mostly made up of tissue that secretes digestive enzymes ... but about 5% of the pancreas is made up of *beta* cells that produce insulin. The body's cells need glucose for energy – it's their primary fuel. But glucose can't get into those cells without the help of insulin. Dr Hofve explains insulin as the key to a lock ... the cells need the "key" (insulin) to let the glucose in.



When glucose can't get into the cells without insulin, it builds up in the blood. This causes hyperglycemia, meaning too much sugar in the blood (*hyper* = too much, *glyc* = sugar and *emia* = in the blood)

This is why the pancreas and its creation of insulin is so important. And when it's not working right, your dog can become diabetic.

Types Of Diabetes

There are two types of diabetes – and we're starting with the last one first.

Type 2 Diabetes

Type 2 diabetes is usually due to obesity and eating too many carbohydrates. In type 2 diabetes, there is plenty of insulin production, but the body becomes resistant to it because there is too much sugar coming in. This type of diabetes is reversible in some cases.

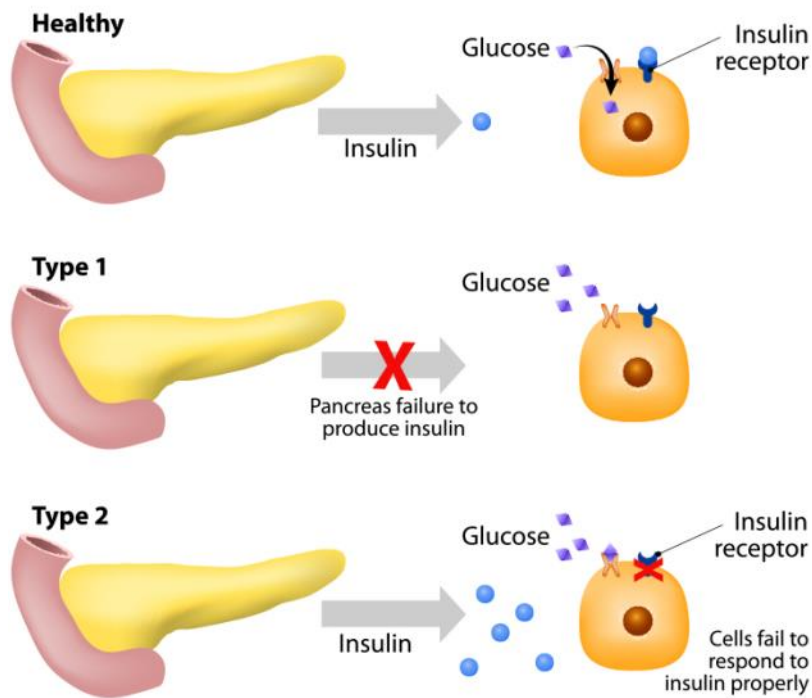
Type 2 diabetes is the most common in people (90% of human diabetics have Type 2) – and it's also the type of diabetes that cats get.

But dogs are different. Most diabetic dogs have Type 1 diabetes. And it's a lot more serious.

Type 1 Diabetes

Type 1 diabetes is when the pancreas fails to produce insulin properly. This means glucose can't get into the body's cells to be used for energy. It's quite dangerous, and it usually requires lifelong treatment with insulin shots. So you can see that preventing diabetes in dogs is really, really important.

Type 1 diabetes is not *caused* by diet – but diet is a huge factor in preventing and managing it.



Dr Hofve has a lot of really good advice on how to do that. But first, how do you recognize the signs that your dog might have diabetes?

Signs Of Diabetes

- Frequent urination – diabetic dogs drink a lot and pee a lot
- Hunger – your dog will be extra hungry because his cells are screaming for glucose
- Weight loss – because the cells can't use sugar without insulin, your dog will start burning off tissue to produce more glucose, and he'll lose weight
- Vomiting – this is common if your dog also has pancreatitis
- Weakness or fatigue

If you see these signs in your dog, you'll want to have your vet test him for diabetes before his condition worsens.

Understanding what can increase the likelihood of diabetes is key to preventing it. So what are the risk factors?

Risk Factors For Diabetes

Here are some of the risk factors for diabetes – and we'll get into more detail on each of these.

- Auto-immunity
- Breed or genetics
- GMOs (genetically modified organisms)
- Inflammation
- Metabolic syndrome
- Obesity
- Pancreatitis
- Toxins
- Vaccination
- Diet

Autoimmunity

Autoimmunity means the body attacks its own tissue and destroys it. If the beta cells that make insulin in the pancreas get destroyed, this causes diabetes. Half of all canine diabetes cases are thought to be due to autoimmunity. It can be triggered by a number of things:

- Infections
- Drugs including antibiotics
- Food allergies, irritable bowel disease, leaky gut syndrome
- Toxins (heavy metals, mold, endocrine-disrupting chemicals)
- Vaccination

Breed

Here's a list of breeds that are prone to diabetes – but diabetes isn't limited to these breeds ... Any dog can get diabetes.

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- Alaskan Malamute
- Beagle
- Boxer
- Cairn Terrier
- Chow Chow
- Dachshund
- Doberman Pinscher
- Finnish Spitz
- German Shepherd Dog
- Golden Retriever
- Hungarian Puli
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- Keeshond
- Labrador Retriever
- Miniature Pinscher
- Miniature Schnauzer
- Old English Sheepdog
- Poodle
- Samoyed
- Schipperke
- Springer Spaniel
- Tibetan Terrier
- West Highland White Terrier
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Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

GMOs contain many toxins that can damage your dog's body.

95% of corn and soy are genetically engineered and if you feed kibble, your dog is eating them – unless it's organic.

GMOs are in Roundup weed killer (glyphosate) and something called Bt toxin. Both are in and on crops at very high levels. Glyphosate is a highly toxic herbicide but Bt toxin is even more dangerous.

Bt Toxin

Bt toxin kills worms and larvae – and the really scary thing is that it's made from bacteria so it's considered organic. This means organic farmers can use it ... but beware! It's a very, very vicious toxin.

Bt toxin is taken up in the cells of the plant, so when your dog (or the animal his meat comes from) eats the plant, he'll then have Bt toxin in his system – along the whole digestive tract.

Bacteria transfer genes back and forth very easily. This means the Bt toxin gene gets into your dog's own bacteria and he'll have a Bt toxin factory in his gut that will operate for the rest of his life. The toxin can also continue through generations, because the mother passes it on to her puppies through the placenta.

This applies to you too. For example, if you get a steak in a restaurant, it was likely fed GMO corn, so you will get the gene through the meat. Bt toxin then creates endocrine disrupting chemicals in the body and it's very dangerous.

Glyphosate

The reason they created GMOs was to prevent damage to crops, with the goal of making crops cheaper to feed more people. In theory, that's a good goal. Except it's not what happened.

Bugs and weeds are good at adapting to environment, so they learned to resist these toxins and started growing alongside corn that was produced to be resistant to toxins. So farmers added more and more herbicides to kill the resistant bugs and weeds.

And then there's the wind, helping to spread it around. When you plant Roundup or Bt toxin-soaked plants upwind, the wind picks up the pollen and blows it. It can travel surprisingly far ... glyphosate-contaminated pollen has been found 50 miles downwind, even years later.

These chemicals are in our food because they're taken up by the plant ... they're inside the soybean and the corn and you can't wash them off. These toxins cause oxidative stress and inflammation as well as DNA damage. They're very dangerous and it's really important to eat (or feed your dog) organic food as much as you can.

Inflammation

Inflammation isn't all bad. It's actually a normal body response that's part of the healing process. It removes dead tissues and brings in immune cells to fight infection.

Inflammation can be caused by ...

- Injury
- Infection
- Stress
- Certain foods (like sugar and gluten)
- Body fat

Inflammation is only a problem if it gets out of hand. If this happens, it can cause pancreatitis, autoimmune disease, leaky gut and many other chronic diseases.

Metabolic Syndrome

In humans, metabolic syndrome is the name for a group of risk factors that raise the risk for ...

- Heart disease
- Type 2 diabetes
- Atherosclerosis
- Kidney damage
- Brain degeneration
- Stroke
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The term metabolic syndrome is now being used broadly for obese dogs who develop insulin resistance and other metabolic syndrome symptoms such as ...

- Obesity
- Insulin resistance
- Glucose intolerance
- Vascular inflammation
- Altered lipid profile (like high cholesterol)
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There are disagreements among experts as to whether metabolic syndrome truly exists in dogs.

But it's a chicken or egg situation – does diabetes cause metabolic syndrome, or vice versa? They do go hand in hand, so keep an eye on your dog for metabolic syndrome symptoms.

Obesity

More than half of US dogs are overweight or obese ... and there are more every year.

Dr Hofve feels most veterinarians don't take obesity seriously enough, with many vets saying things like "Fluffy could lose a pound or two" ... but not stressing the importance of weight loss nearly enough.

She says chubby animals may be cute, but it's actually serious abuse to let your dog become obese
Excess weight causes arthritis, heart disease, skin problems, and more.

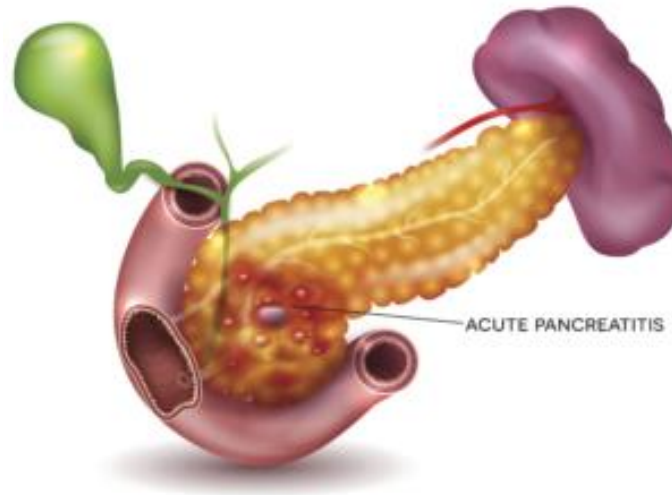
Fat cells secrete hormones and chemical messengers that promote inflammation. Obesity is a chronic pro-inflammatory state that contributes to risk factors for both pancreatitis and diabetes.

Weight loss is essential for good diabetes management. What your dog eats and how much you exercise him can make a big difference in his tendency to become diabetic.

Pancreatitis

The pancreas produces hormones and digestive enzymes.

25% of diabetic dogs have or have had pancreatitis. Pancreatitis destroys beta cells in the pancreas – and remember, beta cells are the ones that produce insulin.



When the cells get inflamed, they swell up and get leaky. And when you have leaky gut, you get substances leaking into the blood stream that shouldn't be there. The digestive enzymes produced by the pancreas get loose and start destroying the surrounding tissue. They break it down and turn it into liquid (think about what happens if you leave an old bag of lettuce in the fridge by mistake – it turns into a bag of brown water!)

When the beta cells get destroyed, this causes diabetes because there's no insulin being produced.

The most common cause of pancreatitis in dogs is dietary fat. This might be a one-time occurrence (like your dog getting into the garbage) or it could be chronic intake of a high fat diet.

About a quarter of all diabetic dogs have pancreatitis. So monitor your dog's fat intake to help prevent pancreatitis *and* diabetes.

Toxins

We talked about glyphosate and Bt toxins earlier. But there are other toxins that can contribute to the likelihood of diabetes.

- BPA (Bisphenol A) And Other Endocrine-Disrupting Chemicals

Most people are aware that BPAs are contained in many plastic containers. But it's in other places too – for example, the cash register receipts you get at the grocery store contain BPAs. Many cans are lined with plastic that contains BPAs as well. So do your research to avoid these substances, as they are linked to obesity as well as cancer.

- Aflatoxin And Other Molds

Aflatoxin molds in dog food have led to illness and death of many pets. It's almost impossible to have aflatoxin-free corn. It may be too moldy for human use but it's still used in animal food. These molds can also contaminate meat and fish – and nobody's testing for that!

- Vaccines – This Is Another Big Topic So Keep Reading.

Vaccines

Vaccines are grown in a culture of cells (for example, rabies vaccines are cultured on eggs) or serum.

When they're injected, vaccines cause antibodies to be made to the infectious organism – but the body also makes antibodies to the proteins from the culture medium.

The manufacturers filter the vaccines to remove contamination ... but the virus or bacteria that you're giving the virus against is larger than the protein in the culture medium. So, while bigger things are filtered out, the culture medium is still in the vaccine.

When a vaccine is injected into your dog, it bypasses the body's normal defense system. The body not only makes antibodies to the virus or bacteria in the vaccines, but also to other cells and cell pieces that are in the vaccine – including red blood cells, DNA, connective tissue – things that are everywhere in the body. If your dog is vaccinated every year or three years, each time you inject him, more antibodies are made. This doesn't improve immunity but it does cause autoimmune disease. Most vaccines given to puppies will protect them for life ... so don't give your dog unnecessary vaccinations year after year, as this will increase his risk of chronic disease, including diabetes.

The Influence Of Diet

Diet doesn't directly cause Type 1 diabetes, but it does cause many other risk factors: obesity, inflammation, pancreatitis, metabolic syndrome and autoimmune disease.

There are six classes of nutrients:

- Proteins
- Fat
- Carbohydrates
- Vitamins
- Minerals
- Water (people forget this one!)

Protein, fats and carbs are all sources of energy (calories).

Protein

Carnivores like your dog need meat and can't be really healthy without it. It's the most expensive ingredient in pet food so they don't put much of it in the food – in fact, most companies use the very smallest amount they can get away with, to increase profits.

You should feed your dog at least 30% protein to minimize the risk of diabetes.

Carbohydrates

Once your dog has been weaned from his mom, he has NO requirement for carbohydrates – none at all!

But, carbs are the cheapest ingredients, so pet food companies put a lot of them in dog foods. They're also what holds the kibble together. Carbs will make your dog fat because grains and starchy vegetables break down into sugar very fast, and the excess is stored as fat.

Fiber is different. Fiber is an indigestible carbohydrate, so it doesn't contribute calories ... and dogs who eat a high fiber diet tend to be leaner. It does help your dog feel full so adding fiber like non-starchy vegetables can help your dog lose weight. Dogs don't *need* fiber but it can be quite helpful. You can also use a little powdered psyllium husk (available at health food stores). It will add bulk to the stool but is a good fiber addition. Start slowly and make sure your dog drinks plenty of water to avoid constipation.

Fat

Fat is necessary in the diet as it's the basis of all the hormones. But one big problem with fat is the increased potential for pancreatitis ... leading to diabetes.

Even one big dose of a really fatty food can cause a problem (like giving your dog the skin off your Thanksgiving turkey!).

Long term feeding of a high fat diet can also cause pancreatitis. A lot of home made raw diets are quite high in fat, and even some raw frozen diets contain a lot of fat. So if your dog's overweight or is a breed susceptible to diabetes, it's a good idea to feed him extra green leafy vegetables to keep the fat down (and increase fiber).

Fat Types

The type of fat you feed is important.

- Omega-6: these fats promote inflammation. Dogs get plenty of omega-6 in their diets (unless you're feeding all pastured meats, free range eggs etc) and you usually don't need to supplement it.
- Omega-3: these are important and usually need to be supplemented. Sources like phytoplankton or green-lipped mussels are much better than fish oils that can turn rancid very easily.
- Omega-9: there's no need to give omega-9 fats like olive oil.
- Coconut oil: this is a medium chain fatty acid. It's not an essential fatty acid in a dog's diet. Many people like using coconut oil for its other health benefits but Dr Hofve cautions that it's very high in calories and should be used in moderation with dogs who may be overweight and thus prone to pancreatitis and diabetes.

Helpful Additions To Your Dog's Diet

Antioxidants

Antioxidant foods fight free radicals that cause inflammation, aging, degenerative diseases and tissue damage. They're the plant pigments that give fruit and vegetables their color. Feed foods rich in antioxidants like phytoplankton, berries, other colorful fruit and veggies, and even parsley is a powerful antioxidant.

Probiotics

Give these friendly bacteria to keep your dog's gut and digestive tract healthy and support his immune system. A recent study found altered gut bacterial populations in diabetic dogs. Give your dog a good human grade probiotic as some products made for pets have been found to contain no live organisms!

Turmeric

This is an excellent antioxidant and it's one of the very few things that may actually help beta cells regenerate. If you have a dog with beginning diabetes you may be able to get some of those beta cells working again. Dr Hofve says nobody's proved it but it's definitely worth a try.

Berberin

Berberin has long been used in China to treat diabetes. It's found in Oregon grape and goldenseal. Goldenseal is endangered so use Oregon grape if you can. It's important to ask your herbalist or holistic vet about the dosage that's best for your dog, as you don't want to overdo berberin.

Digestive Enzymes

Adding digestive enzymes can help your dog get more nutrition out of his food and may help reduce the burden on a compromised pancreas, as well as aid digestion.

So, in summary, do these things to help minimize your dog's risk of diabetes.

Avoid The Risk Factors

- Eliminate processed foods (kibble, canned foods)
- Eliminate sugar and starch (kibble, starch-containing canned foods)
- Feed a moderate protein, moderate fat, high fiber, low carbohydrate diet
- Reduce weight (and increase exercise)
- Reduce stress (exercise helps, but consider flower essences and calming herbs as well)
- Minimize vaccinations. Titer if necessary to measure antibodies – but even if the antibody count goes down, don't worry that your dog isn't protected. The rest of the immune system may not be measureable – but it's still there!

Follow these guidelines to help keep your dog diabetes-free. If your dog does develop diabetes, this advice will also help manage his condition and may help you minimize the need for insulin.

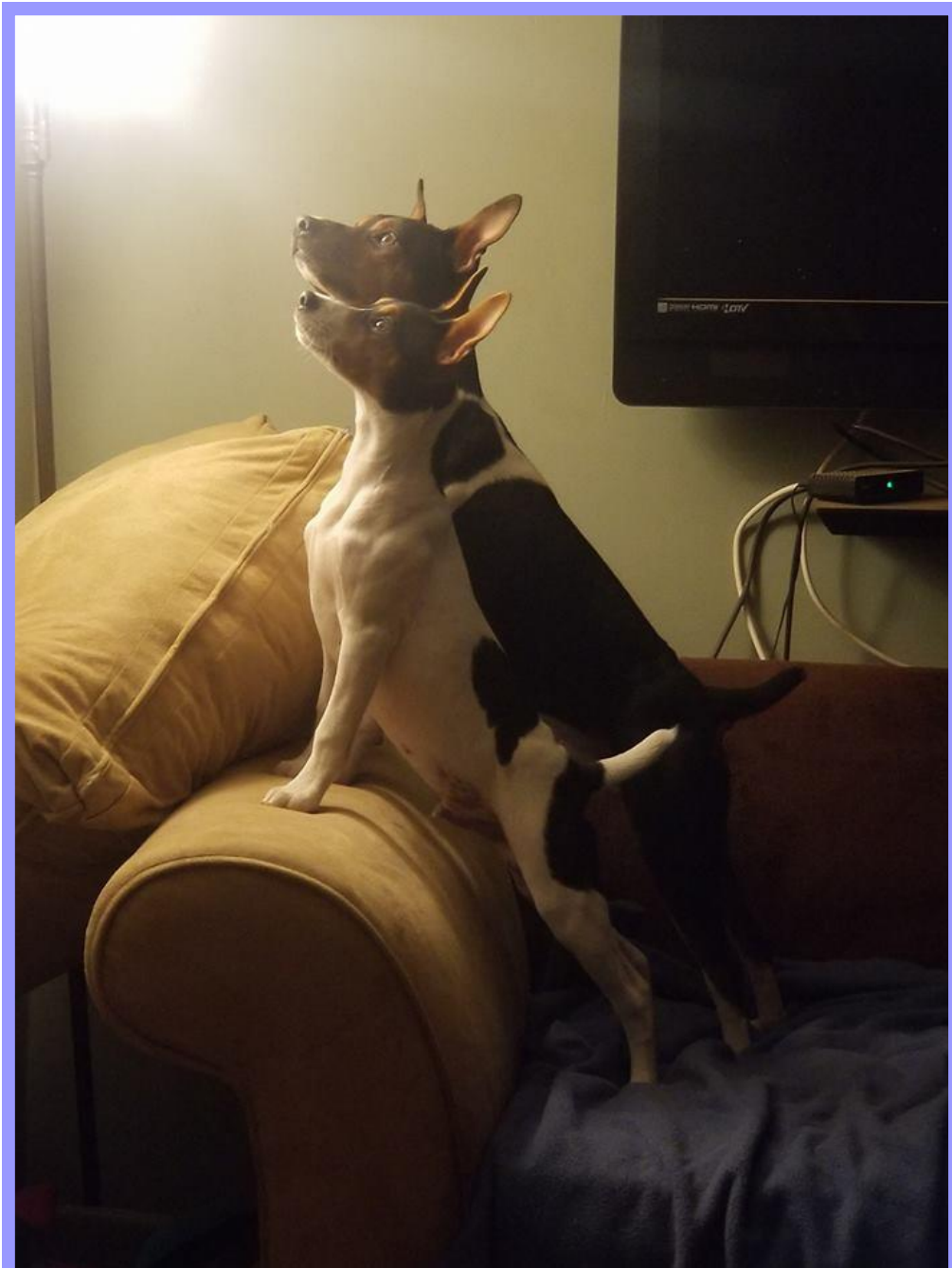
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GCH Golden Hills Divine Ecstasy aka Dio has achieved his Grand Champion title at Southern Colorado Kennel Club in Pueblo with a 5 point major Best of Breed. Dio is owned by Crystal Makarov and Terri Burns.

~ Colorado ~

GCHS Golden Hills Genuine Reflection aka Philly has completed her Silver Grand Champion at the Southern Colorado Kennel Club show in Pueblo with two 5 point major Best of Breed and one 3 point major Best of Opposite Sex. She also won an Owner Handler Group 3 and a Terrier Group 4. Beautiful Philly is owned by Terri Burns.

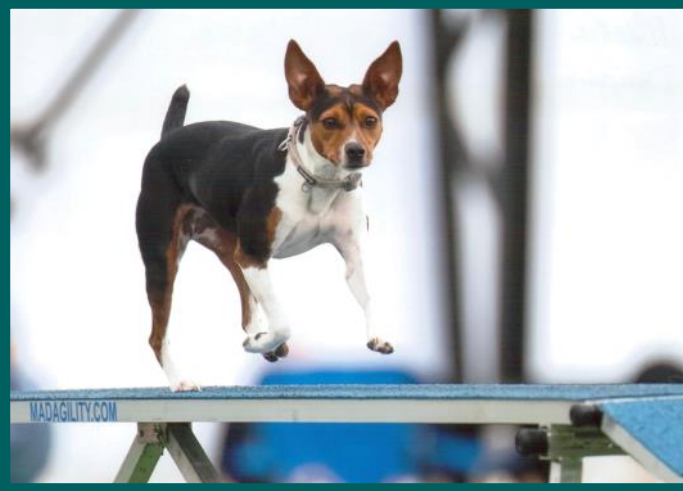
~ Colorado ~



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Way to go!!!



River Ridge Hey Macarena AX AXJ BCAT CA aka Mackie finished her Excellent Standard agility title at the Potomac Valley Belgian Sheepdog agility trial on September 15. She then finished her Excellent Jumpers title at the Montgomery All Terrier trials on October 1. Changing over to a different sport, Mackie earned her BCAT title in FastCat at the Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club trial on November 1.

Mackie is owned by Betsy Spilis.

~ Maryland ~



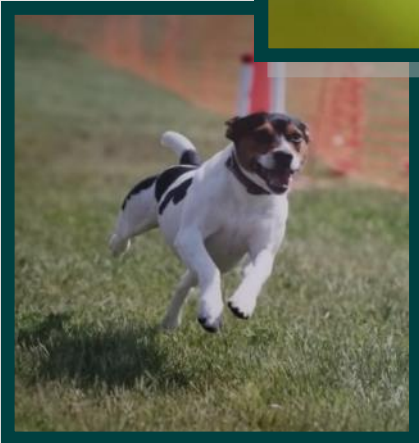
Meraki A Star is Born aka Mazie went Winners Bitch all 4 days, OH BOB all 4 days and Owner Handler Group 4 for 8 Championship points in September at the Arizona White Mountain Kennel Club in Show Low, AZ. She earned her Farm Dog Certified title from GCSBMDC in New River, AZ in November and has successfully started herding sheep at Ironspoon Ranch in Laveen, AZ.

She is owned by Kathleen Fischer.

~ Arizona ~



WOW!!!



GCH River Ridge's Designed to Entice You aka Spyder obtained his BCAT title at the Fast Cat trial on May 19 sponsored by the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America. We are so proud of him and it was exciting to see his love for Fast Cat. He is working towards his DCAT title. Photos in collage are by ML Baer photography at the Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley First Annual Harvest Run on November 2 and 3.

He is owned by Stacy McWilliams and Stacy Zimmerman and resides with Sharon Carey.
~ Pennsylvania ~

AMAZING!!!



River Ridge's Livin' Life Limitless aka Logan was Best of Winners at Montgomery County Kennel club. He is owned by Sharon Carey.

~ Pennsylvania ~

CH River Ridges Mercury Rising aka Freddy earned his Championship at Augusta, NJ in August.

He is owned by Stacy McWilliams and Stacy Zimmerman.

~ Virginia ~



EXCEPTIONAL



Canyon Sunsets Leather N Lace aka Tawney was Best of Breed at the Madera Canyon Kennel Club show in Tucson, AZ. She is owned by Edithmary Stenz and Norine Lehar.

~ Arizona ~



CH Fireballs Gunpowder N Lace CGC finished her Champion title at the Mesilla Valley Kennel Club show in New Mexico with a Best of Breed and Owner/Handler Best of Breed. She is owned by Edithmary Stenz and Norine Lehar.

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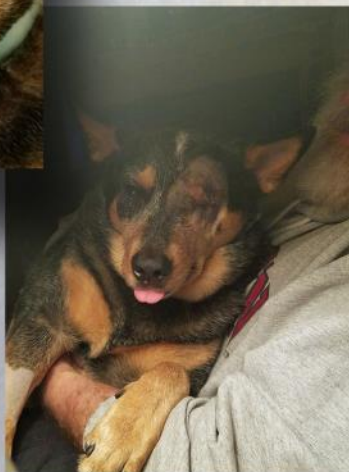
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(Rat Terrier)



Fruits and Vegetables Dogs Can or Can't Eat

By AKC Staff



It's not uncommon to want to spoil your dog by sharing table scraps or your favorite snack. After all, if it is safe for you to eat, it must be OK for them to eat, right? Not necessarily. While many [human foods](#) are perfectly safe for dogs, some are very unhealthy and downright dangerous, so it's critical to learn which fruits and vegetables dogs can eat. Dogs digest differently than humans do, and eating the wrong foods can lead to long-term health problems and, in extreme cases, even death. As carnivores, they have no real need for fruits and vegetables as part of their diet, but an occasional fruit or veggie as a treat is OK. Read on to find out which fruits and vegetables are OK for sharing in moderation and which should be avoided.

Fruits Dogs Can and Can't Eat

Apples

Yes, [dogs can eat apples](#). Apples are an excellent source of vitamins A and C, as well as fiber for your dog. They are low in protein and fat, making them the perfect snack for senior dogs. Just be sure to remove the seeds and core first. Try them frozen for an icy warm weather snack.

Avocado

No, [dogs should not eat avocado](#). While avocado may be a healthy snack for dog owners, it should not be given to dogs at all. The pit, skin, and leaves of avocados contain persin, a toxin that often causes vomiting and [diarrhea in dogs](#). The fleshy inside of the fruit doesn't have as much persin as the rest of the plant, but it is still too much for dogs to handle.

Bananas

Yes, [dogs can eat bananas](#). In moderation, bananas are a great low-calorie treat for dogs. They're high in potassium, vitamins, biotin, fiber, and copper. They are low in cholesterol and sodium, but because of their high sugar content, bananas should be given as a treat, not part of your dog's main diet.

Blueberries

Yes, [dogs can eat blueberries](#). Blueberries are a superfood rich in antioxidants, which prevent cell damage in humans and canines alike. They're packed with fiber and phytochemicals as well. Teaching your dog to catch treats in the air? Try blueberries as an alternative to store-bought treats.

Cantaloupe

Yes, [cantaloupe is safe for dogs](#). Cantaloupe is packed with nutrients, low in calories, and a great source of water and fiber. It is, however, high in sugar, so should be shared in moderation, especially for dogs who are overweight or have diabetes.

Cherries

No, [dogs should not eat cherries](#). With the exception of the fleshy part around the seed, cherry plants contain cyanide and are toxic to dogs. Cyanide disrupts cellular oxygen transport, which means that your dog's blood cells can't get enough oxygen. If your dog eats cherries, be on the lookout for dilated pupils, difficulty breathing, and red gums, as these may be signs of cyanide poisoning.

Cranberries

Yes, [cranberries are safe for dogs](#) to eat. Both cranberries and dried cranberries are safe to feed to dogs in small quantities. Whether your dog will like this tart treat is another question. Either way, moderation is important when feeding cranberries to dogs, as with any treat, as too many cranberries can lead to an upset stomach.

Cucumbers

Yes, [dogs can eat cucumbers](#). Cucumbers are especially good for overweight dogs, as they hold little to no carbohydrates, fats, or oils and they can even boost energy levels. They're loaded with vitamins K, C, and B1, as well as potassium, copper, magnesium, and biotin.

Grapes

No, [dogs should never eat grapes](#). Grapes and raisins (dried grapes) have proved to be very toxic for dogs no matter the dog's breed, sex, or age. In fact, grapes are so toxic that they can lead to acute sudden kidney failure. Always be mindful of this dangerous fruit for dogs.

Mango

Yes, [dogs can eat mangoes](#). This sweet summer treat is packed with four different vitamins: A, B6, C, and E. They also have potassium and both beta-carotene and alpha-carotene. Just remember, as with most fruits, remove the hard pit first, as it contains small amounts of cyanide and can become a choking hazard. Mango is high in sugar, so use it as an occasional treat.

Oranges

Yes, [dogs can eat oranges](#). Oranges are fine for dogs to eat, according to veterinarians, but they may not be fans of any strong-smelling citrus. Oranges are an excellent source of vitamin C, potassium, and fiber, and in small quantities, the juicy flesh of an orange can be a tasty treat for your dog. Vets do recommend tossing the peel and only offering your dog the flesh of the orange, minus any seeds. Orange peel is rough on their digestive systems, and the oils may make your dog literally turn up their sensitive nose.

Peaches

Yes, [peaches are safe for dogs](#) to eat. Small amounts of cut-up fresh or frozen peaches are a great source of fiber and vitamin A, and can even help fight infections, but just like cherries, the pit contains cyanide. As long as you completely cut around the pit first, fresh peaches can be a great summer treat. Skip canned peaches, as they usually contain high amounts of sugary syrups.

Pears

Yes, [dogs can eat pears](#). Pears are a great snack because they're high in copper, vitamins C and K, and fiber. It's been suggested that eating the fruit can reduce the risk of having a stroke by 50 percent. Just be sure to cut pears into bite-size chunks and remove the pit and seeds first, as the seeds contain traces of cyanide. Skip canned pears with sugary syrups.

Pineapple

Yes, [pineapple is safe for dogs](#) to eat. A few chunks of pineapple is a great sweet treat for dogs, as long as the prickly outside peel and crown are removed first. The tropical fruit is full of vitamins, minerals, and fiber. It also contains bromelain, an enzyme that makes it easier for dogs to absorb proteins.

Raspberries

Yes, [dogs can eat raspberries](#). Raspberries are fine in moderation. They contain antioxidants that are great for dogs. They're low in sugar and calories, but high in fiber, manganese, and vitamin C. Raspberries are especially good for senior dogs because they have anti-inflammatory properties, which can help aging joints. However, they do contain small amounts of [xylitol](#), so limit your dog to less than a cup of raspberries at a time.

Strawberries

Yes, [dogs can eat strawberries](#). Strawberries are full of fiber and vitamin C. Along with that, they also contain an enzyme that can help whiten your dog's teeth as he or she eats them. They contain sugar, so be sure to give them in moderation.

Tomatoes

No, [dogs should avoid tomatoes](#). While the ripened fruit of the tomato plant is generally considered safe for dogs, the green parts of the plant contain a toxic substance called solanine. While a dog would need to eat a large amount of the tomato plant to make him or her sick, it's better to skip tomatoes all together just to be safe.

Watermelon

Yes, [dogs can eat watermelon](#). It's important to remove the rind and seeds first, as they can cause intestinal blockage, but watermelon flesh is otherwise safe for dogs. It's full of vitamin A, B-6, and C, as well as potassium. Watermelon is 92 percent water, so it's a great way to help keep your dog hydrated on hot summer days.

Vegetables Dogs Can and Can't Eat

Asparagus

No, [dogs should not eat asparagus](#). While asparagus isn't necessarily unsafe for dogs, there's really no point in giving it to them. It's too tough to be eaten raw, and by the time you cook it down so it's soft enough for dogs to eat, asparagus loses the nutrients it contains. If you really want to share a veggie, something more beneficial is probably best.

Broccoli

Yes, [broccoli is safe for dogs](#) to eat in very small quantities and is best served as an occasional treat. It is high in fiber and vitamin C and low in fat. However, Broccoli florets contain isothiocyanates, which can cause mild-to-potentially-severe gastric irritation in some dogs. Furthermore, broccoli stalks have been known to cause obstruction in the esophagus.

Brussels Sprouts

Yes, [dogs can eat Brussels sprouts](#). Brussels sprouts are loaded with nutrients and antioxidants that are great for humans and dogs, alike. Don't overfeed them to your dog, however, because they can cause lots of gas. Cabbage is also safe for dogs, but comes with the same gassy warning!

Carrots

Yes, [dogs can eat carrots](#). Carrots are an excellent low-calorie snack that is high in fiber and beta-carotene, which produces vitamin A. Plus, crunching on this orange veggie is great for your dog's teeth (and fun).

Celery

Yes, [celery is safe for dogs](#) to eat. In addition to vitamins A, B, and C, this crunchy green snack contains the nutrients needed to promote a healthy heart and even fight cancer. As if that wasn't enough, celery is also known to freshen doggy breath.

Green beans

Yes, [dogs can eat green beans](#). Chopped, steamed, raw, or canned – all types of green beans are safe for dogs to eat, as long as they are plain. Green beans are full of important vitamins and minerals and they're also full of fiber and low in calories. Opt for low-salt or no-salt products if you're feeding canned green beans to your dog.

Mushrooms

No, [dogs should avoid mushrooms](#). Wild mushrooms can be toxic for dogs. While only 50-100 of the 50,000 mushroom species worldwide are known to be toxic, the ones that are poisonous can really hurt your dog or even lead to death. Washed white mushrooms from the supermarket could be OK, but it's better to be safe than sorry; skip the fungi for Fido all together.

Onions

No, [dogs should never eat onions](#). Onions, leeks, and chives are part of a family of plants called Allium that is poisonous to most pets, especially cats. Eating onions can cause your dog's red blood cells to rupture, and can also cause vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, and nausea. Poisoning from onions is more serious in Japanese breeds of dogs like Akitas and Shiba Inus, but all dogs are very susceptible to it.

Peas

Yes, [dogs can eat peas](#). Green peas, snow peas, sugar snap peas, and garden or English peas are all OK for dogs to find in their bowl on occasion. Peas have several vitamins, minerals, and are rich in protein and high in fiber. You can feed your dog fresh or frozen peas, but avoid canned peas with added sodium.

Spinach

Yes, [dogs can eat spinach](#), but it's not one of the top vegetables you'll want to be sharing with you pup. Spinach is high in oxalic acid, which blocks the body's ability to absorb calcium and can lead to kidney damage. While your dog would probably have to eat a very large amount of spinach to have this problem, it might be best to go with another vegetable.

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AKC OWNER-HANDLER TOP FIFTEEN STANDINGS

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Rank	Dog Name	Owner-Handled Name	Breed	OHS Points
1	Omb Ratitatt True Loves True Form	Ms. DAWN L Jacobson	Rat Terrier	65
2	CH Seegmillers Make It Look Easy	Kimberly Seegmiller Lila Fast	Rat Terrier	40
3	GCH CH River Ridge Total Eclipse Of The Heart	Ted Vida Stacy McWilliams Jerry Barlet	Rat Terrier	35
4	GCH CH Madera Sofia Of The Catalans	Don and Janell Catalano	Rat Terrier	30
5	Canyon Sunsets Leather N Lace CGC	Edithmary Stenz Norine Lehar	Rat Terrier	25
5	CH Fireball s Gunpowder N Lace CGC	Edithmary Stenz Norine Lehar	Rat Terrier	25
7	CH Cal Val Nickle Of Merry Oaks	Jean M Hill	Rat Terrier	20
7	CH Rainbow s End Dreaming Of Chocolate	Debby Lasseter	Rat Terrier	20
7	CH Wild Heart s Little Babalu At River Ridge	Cayla Wallwork Stacy Zimmerman	Rat Terrier	20
10	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	Darin Gillies Tracey Gillies	Rat Terrier	10
10	GCH CH Golden Hills Divine Ecstasy	Alma T Burns Crystal R Makarov-Junev	Rat Terrier	10
10	GCH CH River Ridge Got My Eye On U	Stacy Zimmerman Lenore Hedemark Stacy McWilliams	Rat Terrier	10
10	Turn Hunter Of The Cosmos	Jo Anne Mulligan Susan Mulligan	Rat Terrier	10
10	Yc Deckers Chiisana Ryu Of Miyuki	Yolanda Cunningham Laura Vaught	Rat Terrier	10
15	CH Blackwood They Say He Has Grit	Jackie Ader David Ader	Rat Terrier	5
15	Buzablu Skippincj Blue Bayou Rip It Up	Patricia Smith Linda Lee Marcia Martin Christina Martinez	Rat Terrier	5
15	CH Rainbow s End Annie Get Your Gun	Carolyn Helewski Pete Helewski	Rat Terrier	5
15	River Ridge Quest 2 B Fabulous NAJ NF	Kelly Maier	Rat Terrier	5
15	Seegmillers Classical Rhetoric Tef	Mrs. Kimberly Seegmiller Mrs. Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	5
15	GCH CH Seegmillers Ways 2b Wicked	Kimberly Seegmiller Brandy Pettry	Rat Terrier	5

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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCH CH Indigo Igo Legacys Next Phase Shake Ur Money Make	M	619	0	1	J Ferguson/T Carter/A McLaughlin
2	GCHS CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery	M	430	0	1	S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey
3	GCHG CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue FDC MX MXJ MJS N	M	391	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
4	GCHG CH Aacres R E S P E C T @ Dharts	F	317	0	1	C Downey Hart
5	GCHG CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	305	0	3	T Little/C Martinez
6	GCHG CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	297	0	0	T Kallas
7	GCHS CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight	M	296	0	0	S McWilliams/J Gardner/D Mapley/D Hilema
8	GCHG CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	132	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
9	GCH CH Aacres Be My Valentine @ Icon	F	109	0	0	R Morgan/F Towell
10	GCH CH River Ridge Total Eclipse Of The Heart	M	90	0	0	T Vida/S McWilliams/J Barlet
11	GCH CH Miakoda How Jafar Will He Go @Mysthaven	M	79	0	0	S Myers
12	GCHB CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu	F	71	0	0	A Burns/L Lee
13	GCH CH Bellridge's It Takes A Village	M	61	0	0	B Trammell/F Trammell/K Jepson/E Blair
14	GCH CH Golden Hills Divine Ecstasy	M	60	0	0	A Burns/C Makarov-Junev
15	GCH CH King Pen's Game On	M	55	0	0	G Harlamoff/R Draper
16	GCH CH Seegmillers Ways 2b Wicked	M	44	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
17	GCHB CH Skippin Cj Cruzin Woody @ Blackwood	M	38	0	0	C Martinez/J Ader/J Sharp
18	GCH CH Kicking Bear She's So Zen	F	36	0	0	J Lillis/L Kendrick
19	GCH CH Canyon Sunset Phineas @ Mysthaven@Calval	M	30	0	0	S Myers/G Holloway
20	CH River Ridge's Jesse's Back In Town	F	28	0	0	S McWilliams
20	GCH CH Madera Sofia Of The Catalans	F	28	0	0	D Catalano
22	GCH CH River Ridge Rocket Man CAA DCAT	M	27	0	0	L Capurso/S McWilliams
23	GCH CH Kenann Hunk Of Burnin Luv@Rip It Up	M	26	0	0	P Smith
24	CH K2's Devil In The Details	M	22	0	0	T Kallas

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24	CH Indigo Igo Windward's Sir Percy	M	22	0	0	D Gatcombe/J Ferguson/T Colson
24	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	22	0	0	K Bosse/J Gardner/S McWilliams
27	GCH CH Surfari's Stirred Not Shaken Of K2	M	21	0	0	T Kallas/B Brown
27	GCH CH River Ridge's It Happened By Chance	M	21	0	0	S McWilliams/S Zimmerman
29	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	20	0	0	D Gillies/T Gillies
30	CH Seegmillers Make It Look Easy	F	18	0	0	K Seegmiller/L Fast
31	CH River Ridge's Mercury Rising	M	17	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
32	CH Cal Val Nickle Of Merry Oaks	M	15	0	0	J Hill
32	CH Blackwood I'LI Have Your Hide	F	15	0	0	J Ader
34	GCHB CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	13	0	0	S Cadell
35	GCH CH Cal Val Koala T Blujeans	F	12	0	0	G Holloway
36	Jv Pay The Piper Call The Tune	F	11	0	0	J Voltz
36	CH Rainbow's End Dreaming Of Chocolate	F	11	0	0	D Lasseter
38	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	10	0	0	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
39	GCH CH River Ridge's Top Shelf NA NAJ OF	M	9	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
39	Sundancer's Lucky Seven @ Bur-Way	M	9	0	0	B Trammell



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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	BIS	GRP1	Owner
1	GCHG CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue FDC MX MXJ MJS N	M	256	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
2	GCHG CH Aacres R E S P E C T @ Dharts	F	234	0	1	C Downey Hart
3	GCHG CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	129	0	0	T Kallas
4	GCHG CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	118	0	0	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
5	GCHS CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery	M	111	0	1	S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey
6	GCHS CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight	M	103	0	0	S McWilliams/J Gardner/D Mapley/D Hilema
7	GCH CH Indigo Igo Legacys Next Phase Shake Ur Money M Make	M	98	0	1	J Ferguson/T Carter/A McLaughlin
8	GCH CH Miakoda How Jafar Will He Go @Mysthaven	M	56	0	0	S Myers
9	GCH CH King Pen's Game On	M	55	0	0	G Harlamoff/R Draper
10	GCH CH River Ridge Total Eclipse Of The Heart	M	46	0	0	T Vida/S McWilliams/J Barlet
11	GCH CH Seegmillers Ways 2b Wicked	M	44	0	0	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
12	GCH CH Aacres Be My Valentine @ Icon	F	41	0	0	R Morgan/F Towell
13	GCHB CH Skippin Cj Cruzin Woody @ Blackwood	M	38	0	0	C Martinez/J Ader/J Sharp
14	GCH CH Kicking Bear She's So Zen	F	36	0	0	J Lillis/L Kendrick
15	GCH CH Canyon Sunset Phineas @ Mysthaven@Calval	M	30	0	0	S Myers/G Holloway
16	GCHG CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	28	0	3	T Little/C Martinez
16	CH River Ridge's Jesse's Back In Town	F	28	0	0	S McWilliams
16	GCH CH Madera Sofia Of The Catalans	F	28	0	0	D Catalano
19	GCH CH Golden Hills Divine Ecstasy	M	27	0	0	A Burns/C Makarov-Junev
19	GCH CH River Ridge Rocket Man CAA DCAT	M	27	0	0	L Capurso/S McWilliams
21	GCH CH Kenann Hunk Of Burnin Luv@Rip It Up	M	26	0	0	P Smith
22	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	22	0	0	K Bosse/J Gardner/S McWilliams
22	CH Indigo Igo Windward's Sir Percy	M	22	0	0	D Gatcombe/J Ferguson/T Colson

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24	GCH CH Surfar's Stirred Not Shaken Of K2	M	21	0	0	T Kallas/B Brown
24	GCH CH River Ridge's It Happened By Chance	M	21	0	0	S McWilliams/S Zimmerman
26	GCHB CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu	F	20	0	0	A Burns/L Lee
26	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	20	0	0	D Gillies/T Gillies
28	CH Seegmillers Make It Look Easy	F	18	0	0	K Seegmiller/L Fast
29	CH River Ridge's Mercury Rising	M	17	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
30	CH Blackwood I'LI Have Your Hide	F	15	0	0	J Ader
30	CH Cal Val Nickle Of Merry Oaks	M	15	0	0	J Hill
32	GCHB CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	13	0	0	S Cadell
33	GCH CH Cal Val Koala T Blujeans	F	12	0	0	G Holloway
33	GCH CH Bellridge's It Takes A Village	M	12	0	0	B Trammell/F Trammell/K Jepson/E Blair
35	CH Rainbow's End Dreaming Of Chocolate	F	11	0	0	D Lasseter
35	Jv Pay The Piper Call The Tune	F	11	0	0	J Voltz
37	GCH CH Evanlee's Dark Side Of The Moon	M	10	0	0	L Kendrick/H Kendrick
38	Sundancer's Lucky Seven @ Bur-Way	M	9	0	0	B Trammell
38	GCH CH River Ridge's Top Shelf NA NAJ OF	M	9	0	0	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
40	Kickingbears Wildest Dreams Come Tru	M	8	0	0	C Lincoln/L Kendrick
40	GCH CH Indigo Igo Li'L Tequilas Legacy A Vision Of Kaize	F	8	0	0	J Ferguson/R Carter/T Carter/A McLaughli
40	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	8	0	0	B Veltri



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Rank	Name	Sex	Points	Owner
1	GCHG CH River Ridge's Level Of Intrigue FDC MX MXJ MJS N	M	255	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
2	GCHG CH Acres R E S P E C T @ Dharts	F	230	C Downey Hart
3	GCHS CH Skippin Cj Cruzin At Gallery	M	156	S Halma/C Martinez/L Pinkey
4	GCHG CH Evanlee's Glory Bound	M	127	A Morris/D MCMAHAN/T Kallas
5	GCHS CH River Ridge's When Dreams Take Flight	M	112	S McWilliams/J Gardner/D Mapley/D Hilema
6	GCHG CH Hdk K2's Shockwave@Bellridge	M	101	T Kallas
7	GCH CH Indigo Igo Legacys Next Phase Shake Ur Money Make	M	87	J Ferguson/T Carter/A McLaughlin
8	GCHB CH Skippin Cj Cruzin Woody @ Blackwood	M	86	C Martinez/J Ader/J Sharp
9	GCH CH River Ridge Total Eclipse Of The Heart	M	72	T Vida/S McWilliams/J Barlet
10	GCH CH Mtn.Top Razz-A-Me-Jazzy@Mysthaven	F	63	S Myers
11	GCH CH Acres Be My Valentine @ Icon	F	62	R Morgan/F Towell
12	GCHB CH Golden Hills Genuine Reflection @ Buzablu	F	53	A Burns/L Lee
13	GCH CH Seegmillers Ways 2b Wicked	M	52	K Seegmiller/B Pettry
14	GCH CH Miakoda How Jafar Will He Go @Mysthaven	M	43	S Myers
15	GCH CH River Ridge's It Happened By Chance	M	41	S McWilliams/S Zimmerman
16	GCHG CH Felixville's Skippin Cj Tooloulou	F	40	T Little/C Martinez
17	GCH CH Indigo Igo Li'L Tequilas Legacy A Vision Of Kaize	F	38	J Ferguson/R Carter/T Carter/A McLaughli
18	GCH CH K2's Wicked Rabbit	F	36	A Turner/T Kallas
19	GCH CH River Ridge's Top Shelf NA NAJ OF	M	35	S Zimmerman/S McWilliams
20	GCH CH Kicking Bear She's So Zen	F	34	J Lillis/L Kendrick
21	GCH CH King Pen's Game On	M	32	G Harlamoff/R Draper

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23	GCHB CH Felixvilles Skippin Cj Lucky Traveling Gal	F	29	J Sharp/C Martinez/L Copelin
23	GCHS CH Evanlee May D'Odds B Evr N Ur Favor River Ridge	M	29	K Bosse/J Gardner/S McWilliams
23	GCH CH Madera Sofia Of The Catalans	F	29	D Catalano
26	GCH CH River Ridge Got My Eye On U	M	28	S Zimmerman/L Hedemark/S McWilliams
27	GCHB CH Rnb's Blue Chip Boy	M	27	S Cadell
27	GCH CH Surfari's Stirred Not Shaken Of K2	M	27	T Kallas/B Brown
29	GCH CH Cal Val Koala T Blujeans	F	25	G Holloway
29	GCH CH Canyon Sunset Phineas @ Mysthaven@Calval	M	25	S Myers/G Holloway
31	GCHB CH Seegmillerbuzablu Black Diamond Jewels NA NAJ NF	F	24	L Lee/J Leigh
32	GCHB CH Arkay Sgk Sumthing2tikbout@Ghl	F	23	A Burns/L Meek
33	GCH CH Bellridge's It Takes A Village	M	22	B Trammell/F Trammell/K Jepson/E Blair
33	GCH CH Dogs Of Steel 3bf Sleepy Princess	F	22	D Gillies/T Gillies
35	GCH CH River Ridge Rocket Man CAA DCAT	M	21	L Capurso/S McWilliams
35	CH Rainbow's End Dreaming Of Chocolate	F	21	D Lasseter
37	CH Seegmillers Make It Look Easy	F	19	K Seegmiller/L Fast
37	GCHS CH Trimark's Ooh La-La-Polka-Dah	F	19	B Veltri
39	CH River Ridge's Jesse's Back In Town	F	18	S McWilliams
39	CH Rosethorn Ciara The Heart's A Wonder	F	18	J Lillis





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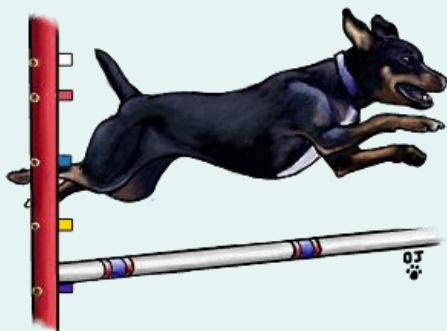
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16" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	16.46	GCH CH River Ridge's Blue Solar Flare MX MXJ OF	B Szczygiel	6.48	4.99
2	15.25	3bf Turn & Burn MX MXJ MJB XF T2B	E Robinson	6.04	4.60
3	14.44	Porter — MACH8 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXB3 MJC2 T2B CA BCAT	M Obidinski	5.45	4.49
4	14.02	3bf Magoo's Electric Mayhem AX MXJ OF CGC	H Burchsted	5.19	4.42
5	13.60	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.09	4.25
6	13.27	Taylor — MACH4 Taylorswift MXB2 MJB2 MXF T2B	S Mcginty	5.08	4.09
7	12.78	Call Me Juno Jupiter MX MXB MXJ MJS MFS T2B2	K Brown	4.84	3.97
8	12.58	Call Me Greased Lightning's Heir Jordan MX MXJ MJB MXF	D Penha	5.16	3.71
9	12.43	MACH River Ridge's Ricochet Ratchet CD PCD BN RM RAE MXS MJB MXF T2B	N Cush	4.70	3.87
10	12.30	CH Wild Heart's Press To The Dark Side RE AX MXJ MXF T2B	N Cush/S McWilliams	4.68	3.81

12" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	14.82	MACH Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN MXG MJG MXF T2B CAA FCAT	B Spilis/D SPILIS	6.26	4.28
2	14.23	Raganrat's Xtra Moving Zumba Master MX MXJ MJG XF T2B	J MASTERSON	5.29	4.47
3	13.69	MACH Pecatonica's Angelina Nali MXB MJS	D Rabbach	5.23	4.23
4	13.37	MACH Mazer Rack 'Em Up And Play Again MXS MJC MFG TQX T2B5	G Capen	5.33	4.02
5	13.02	Ryder — MACH4 Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXB3 MJC2 RATO	C Clemente	5.06	3.98
6	12.92	MACH4 Drj's Johnny Boy MXS2 MJB2 MFB TQX T2B7 TKI	R Taylor/D Taylor	5.15	3.89
7	12.72	MACH3 Raganrat Wild Gypsy Rose MXG MJS2 XF TKN	M Liebhardt/D Ragan	5.39	3.66
8	12.47	Ratitatt Once In A Blue Moon MX MXB MXJ MJB NF CA SEN	C Lent/V Schiefer	5.05	3.71
9	12.44	MACH2 Pyxis Maple Leaf Wag MXS MJC	M Obidinski	4.93	3.75
10	12.29	MACH2 Call Me Zap It! MXS MJG	A Rotelle	4.99	3.65

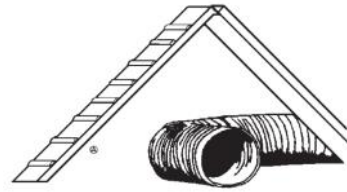
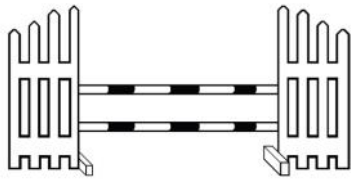


8" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	13.18	MACH2 PACH3 Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS MXP7 MXPG MJP8 MJPG PAX3	N Sewell	5.06	4.06
2	11.26	MACH6 Matthew's Caesar Augustus CD MXS2 MJG2 MXP MJP OF T2B TKI	M Backstrom	4.44	3.41
3	11.08	MACH2 Stoneybays Taffy Apple Martini MXS MJG MXP2 MJP2 OF T2B3	E Lee/M Lee	4.31	3.38
4	10.73	Flash — MACH4 Call Me Greased Lightning MXB2 MJG2 MXP2 MJP2 MJPB MXF MFP T2B3 CA	K Brown	4.16	3.28

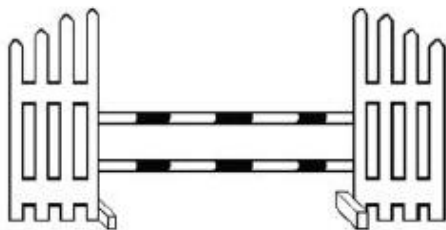
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	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.72	PACH2 Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXP6 MXPS MJP10 MJPC PAX2	N James	5.12	3.80
2	12.65	MACH2 River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast MXG MJG MXP MJP MFG TQX T2B CGC TKA	D Stevenson/S McWilliams	5.04	3.80



8" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	13.05	Penny Lane — MACH23 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXB6 MJS6 NF TKN	M Liebhardt/V Schiefer	5.08	3.99
2	9.48	MACH3 Maggie FDC MXG PAD MJG PJD MFB TQX TKI	C Hummel	3.63	2.92

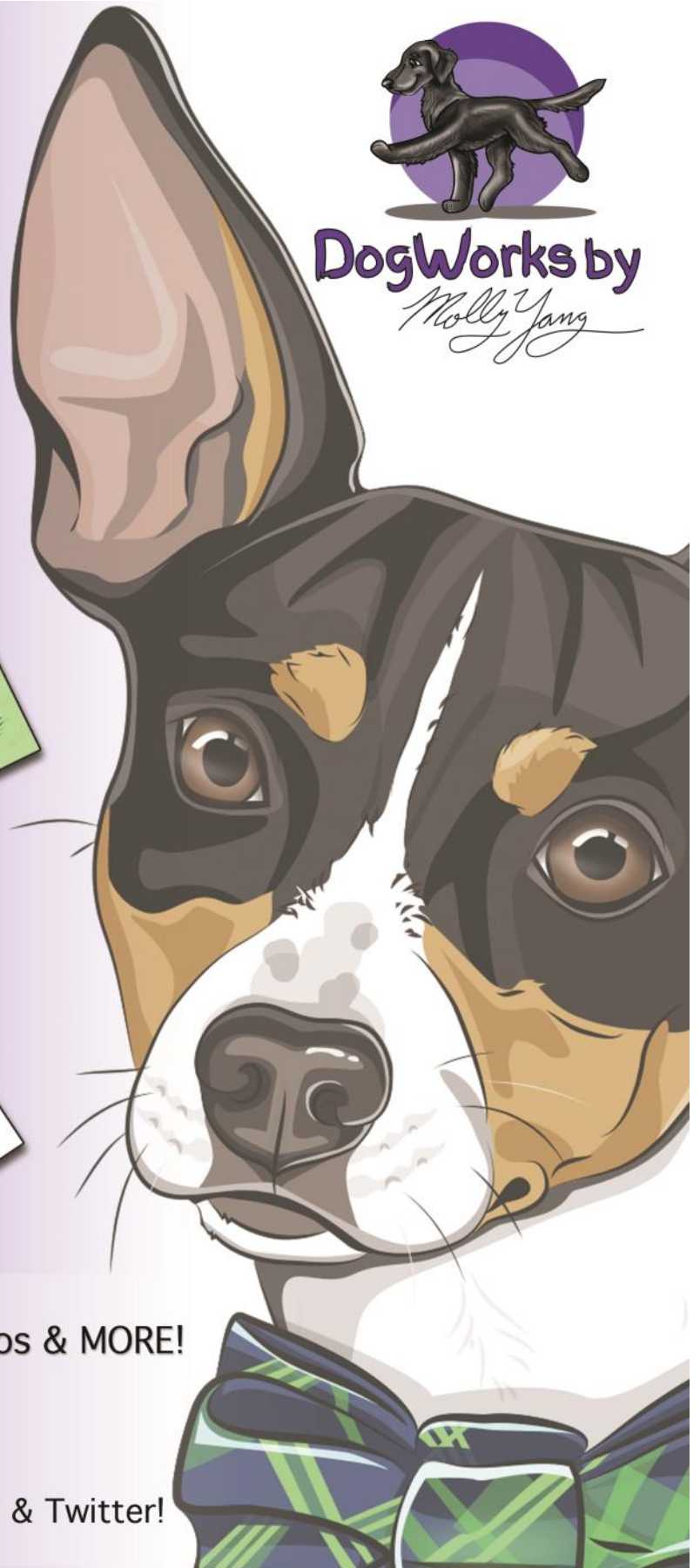




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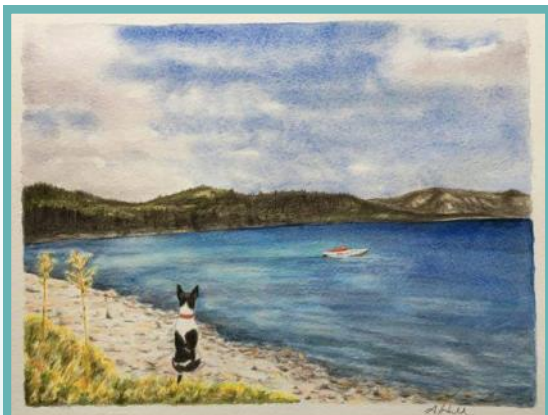
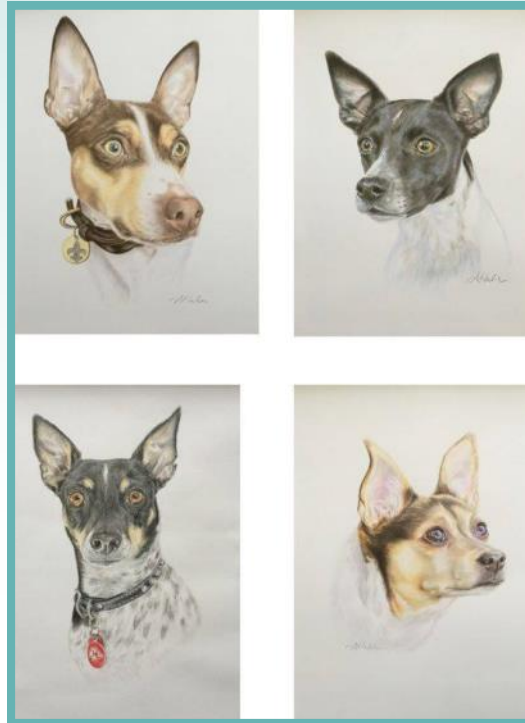


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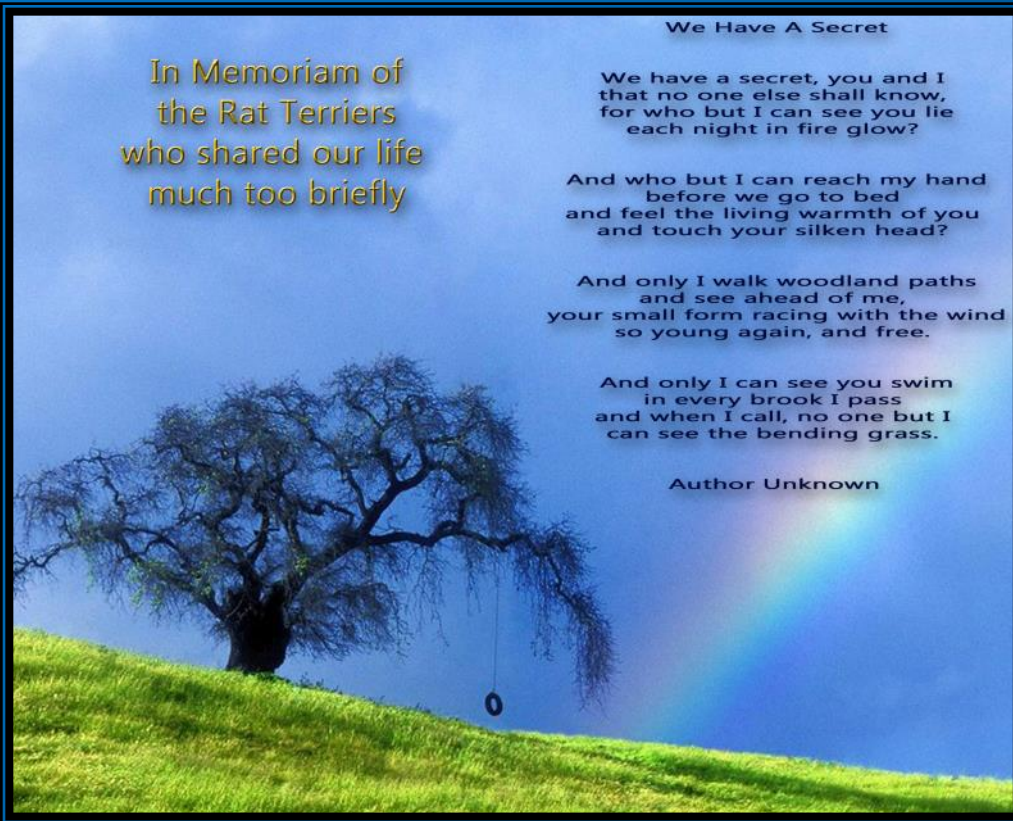
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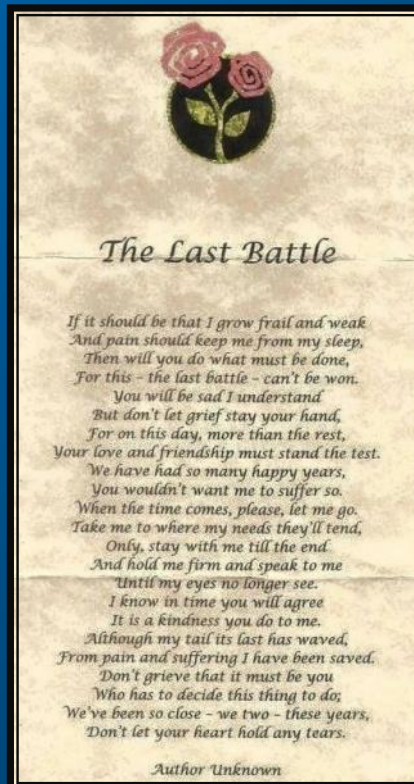
We have a secret, you and I
that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie
each night in fire glow?

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

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

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

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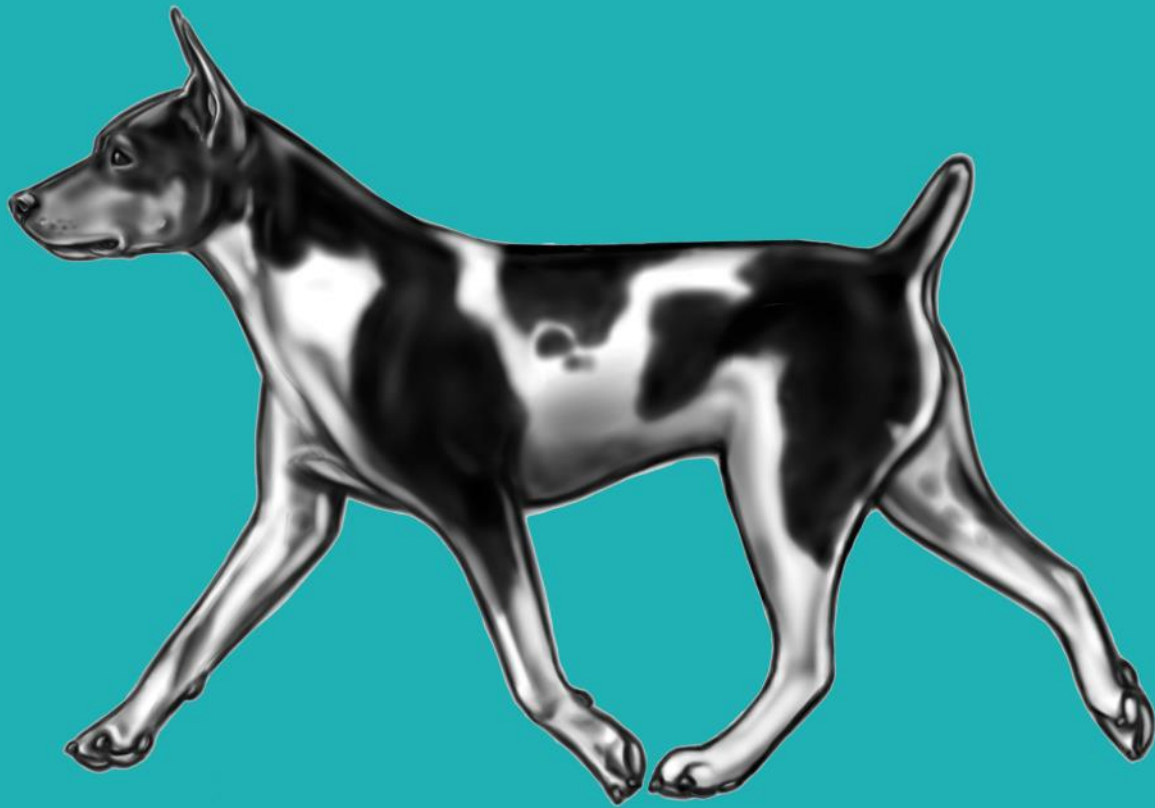


The Last Battle

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

Author Unknown

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.



Illustrated AKC

Rat Terrier

Breed Standard

Official AKC Standard of the Rat Terrier

(Illustrated)

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

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



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



Neck, Topline, Body:

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

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

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

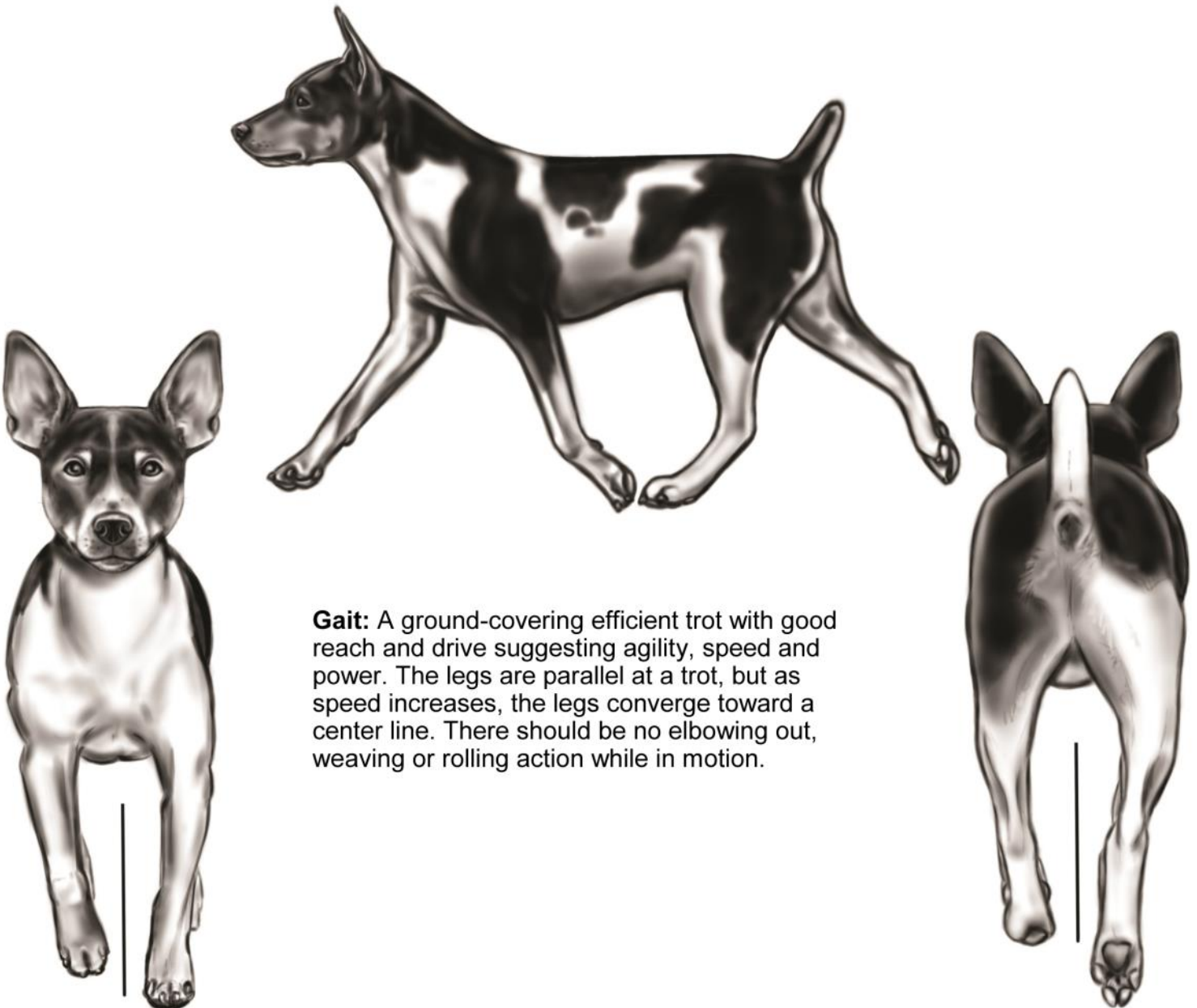
Tail - The tail set is a continuation of the spine. Tails are customarily docked between the second and third joint, or can be a natural bobtail or left naturally long and tapering to the hock joint. Length is unimportant. The carriage is variable depending on attitude, carried from slightly below horizontal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

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

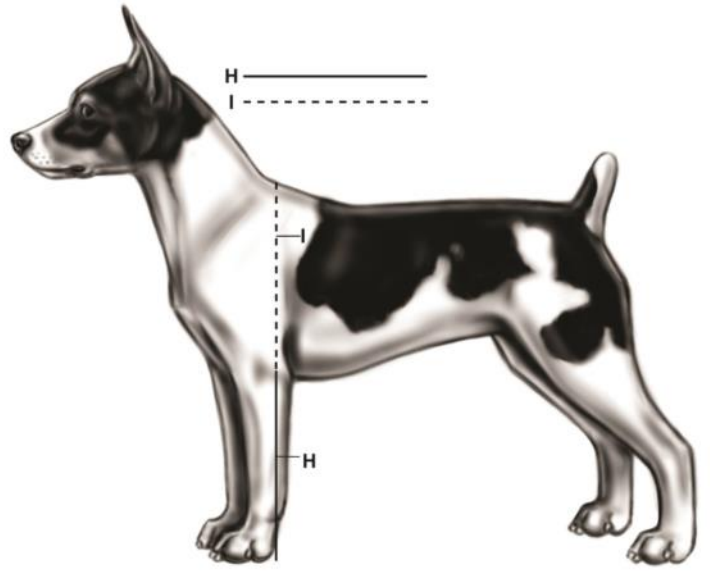
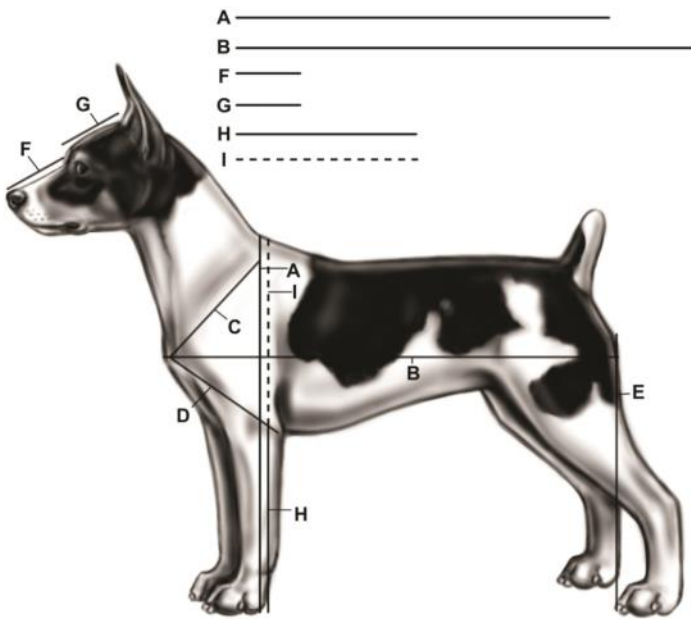
Hindquarters: The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse. Stifles are well-bent with short hocks that are parallel and perpendicular to the ground. The hind feet although slightly smaller are similar to the front feet. Rear dewclaws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

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

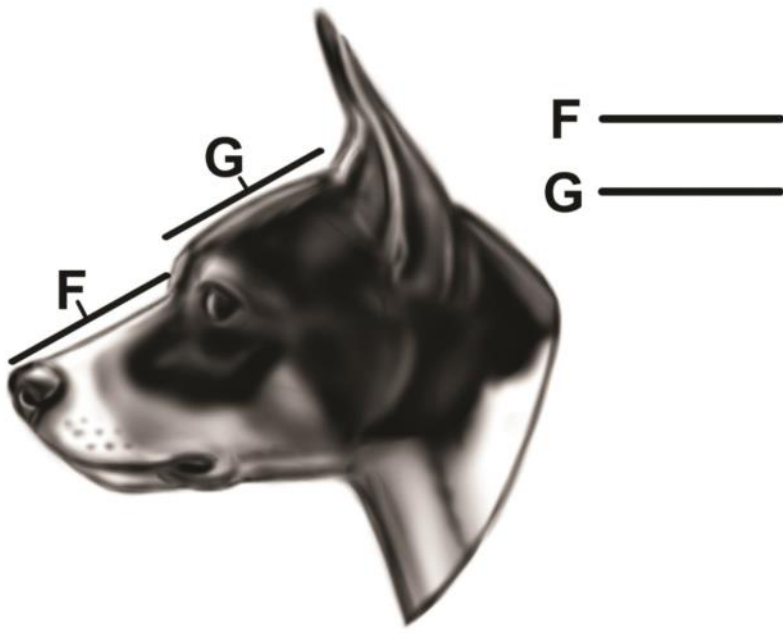
Color: Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without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

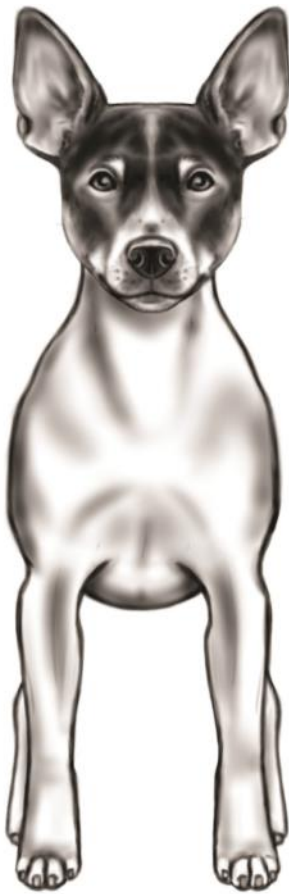


Gait: A ground-covering efficient trot with good reach and drive suggesting agility, speed and power. The legs are parallel at a trot, but as speed increases, the legs converge toward a center line. There should be no elbowing out, weaving or rolling action while in motion.



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





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CORRECT BITE

Scissors
(Preferred)

Level
(Acceptable)



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

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Rat Terrier

AKC Colors and Patterns



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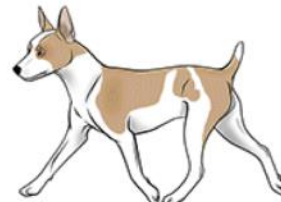
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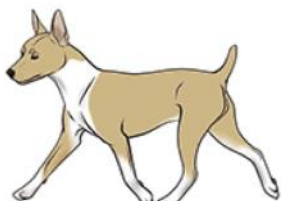
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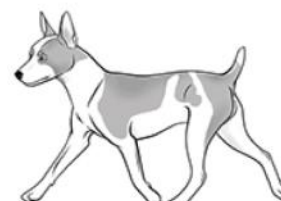
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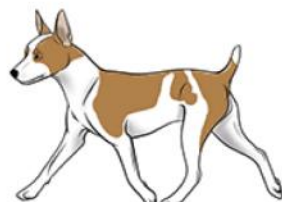
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COLOR CODES

BLACK & WHITE	019	WHITE & BLUE FAWN	334
BLACK TAN & WHITE	030	WHITE & CHOCOLATE	287
BLACK WHITE & TAN	034	WHITE & FAWN	207
BLUE WHITE & TAN	260	WHITE & LEMON	211
RED	140	WHITE & RED	214
RED WHITE & SABLE	158	WHITE & SILVER	216
WHITE	199	WHITE & TAN	217
WHITE & APRICOT	200	WHITE BLACK & TAN	219
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BADGER MARKINGS	001
BLANKET-BACK	084
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Shameless Plug for ...

NEW members!!!

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

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

As has been mentioned previously in this newsletter, you can become a member and not live in the Mid-Atlantic region. How exciting it is to anticipate the growth of a club with the goals of benefitting the breed, educating the public, and developing friendships all across the country!!

We welcome people who participate in conformation, agility, barn hunt, lure coursing, rally, obedience and any other venues with this delightful breed. More importantly, we welcome people who have the pets that never compete in any venue because, for all of us, our dogs are pets first and the rest is frosting on top.

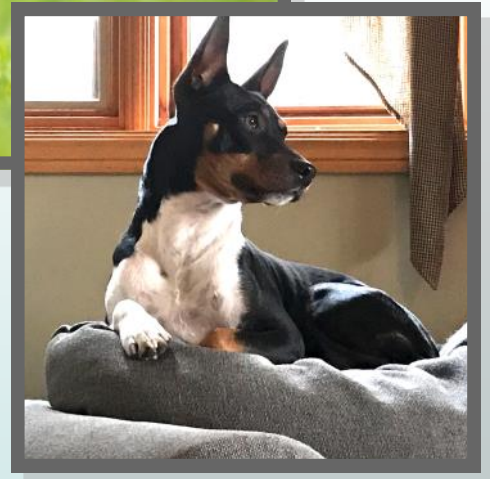
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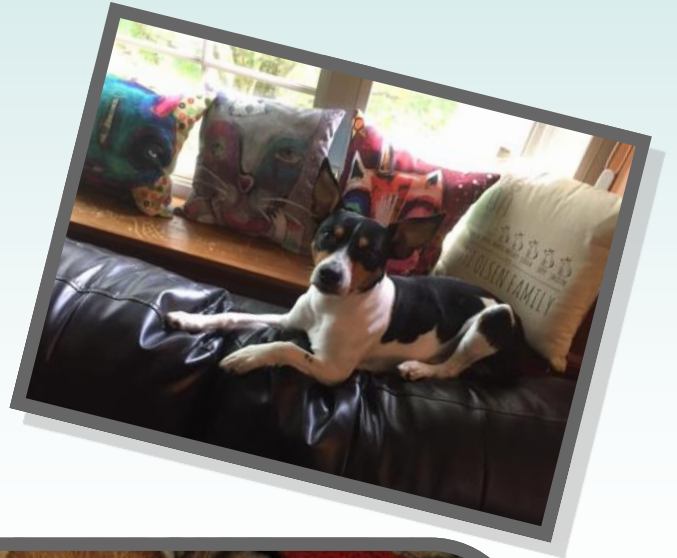
The faces we adore



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and ... Doing what they do



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

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

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RAT TERRIER CLUB of MONTGOMERY CO PA 2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Type of Membership:

- Regular-\$25.00**
Individual adult member residing in the Montgomery County. All privileges, *including* the right to vote & hold office.
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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:

- Agility Barn Hunt Breeder Conformation Obedience Pet Owner Other _____

Tell us about yourself and your dogs...

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

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

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

1. _____ 2. _____

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

Consent to Electronic Communications

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Member Name: _____ Date: _____

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Send Dues via PayPal to:
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PO Box 233, Springtown, PA 18055

Club Email for Questions:
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**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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ACRONYMS

ADCH	Agility Dog Champion (USDAA)
AGCH	Agility Grand Champion
AKC	American Kennel Club
ADM	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
CAX	Coursing Ability Excellent
C-ATCH	Agility Team Champion (CPE)
CD	Companion Dog
CDX	Companion Dog Excellent
CGC	Canine Good Citizen
CGCA	Advanced Canine Good Citizen aka Community Canine
CGCU	Canine Good Citizen Urban
CH	Champion
CHIC	Canine Health Information Center
CHF	Canine Health Foundation
CL1-F	Canine Performance Events agility title - fun

CL1-H	Canine Performance Events agility title- handler
CL1-R	Canine Performance Events agility title - regular
CL1-S	Canine Performance Events agility title - strategy
CM	Certificate of Merit
CPE	Canine Performance Events
DCAT	CAT plus 500 points
ELT1	NACSW Nosework Elite, level 1.
EN	Elite Nosework (UKC)
FAST	Agility Fast
FCAT	CAT plus 1000 points
FDC	Farm Dog Certificate (title)
FDCH	Flyball Dog Champion
FDGCH	Flyball Dog Grand Champion
GCH	Grand Champion
GCHB	Grand Champion Bronze
GCHG	Grand Champion Gold
GCHP	Grand Champion Platinum
GCHS	Grand Champion Silver
GOCH	United Grand Obedience Champion (UKC)
GRCH	Grand Champion (UKC)
JE	Junior Earth dog (title)
MACH	Master Agility Champion

MACH2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MARTC	Mid Atlantic Rat Terrier Club
MCRTC	Montgomery County Rat Terrier Club
MCV	Master Courser Veteran
MFC	Master Fast Gold
MFPG	Master Fast Preferred Gold
MFPS	Master Fast Preferred Silver
MFS	Master Silver Fast
MJB	Master Jumper Bronze
MJC	Master Jumpers Century
MJC4	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MJP	Master Jumper Excellent
MJP2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MJPB	Master Bronze Jumpers with weaves Preferred
MJPS	Master Silver Jumper with weaves preferred
MJPS2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MJS	Master Silver Jumper with weaves
MJS8	Same earned eight times
MJX	Master Jumpers with weaves
MN	Master Nosework (UKC)
MX	Master Agility Excellent
MXB	Master Bronze Agility
MXF	Agility Master Fast Excellent
MXG	Master Gold Agility

MXG4	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MXJ	Master Excellent Jumper (agility)
MXP	Master Agility Excellent Preferred
MXP2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MXPB	Master Bronze Agility Preferred
MXPS	Master Silver Agility Preferred
MXPS2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
MXS	Master Silver Agility
MXS4	Same earned four times
NA	Novice Agility
NACSW	National Association of Canine Scent Work
NAJ	Novice Agility Jumper
NCH	Nosework Champion (UKC)
NF	Novice Fast
NGC	Nosework Grand Champion (UKC)
NJP	Novice Jumpers with weaves preferred
NN	Novice Nosework (UKC)
NW1	Nosework – 1 target odor (NACSW)
NW2	Nosework – 2 target odors (NACSW)
NW3	Nosework – 3 target odors (NACSW)
NW3 Elite	Nosework – 3 NW3 titles
NW3-C	Nosework – Container search
NW3-I	Nosework – Interior search
NW3-E	Nosework – Exterior search

MW3-V	Nosework – Vehicle search
QA	Open Agility
OF	Open Fast
OFA	Orthopedic Foundation for Animals
OFFP	Open Fast Preferred
PAX	Preferred Agility Excellent
PAX6	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
PCD	Preferred Companion Dog
PFD	World Canine Freestyle Organization – Beginners B
PJD	Preferred Jumpers Dog
PR	USDAA Performance <u>Relay ??</u>
PTN	UKC Nosework Pre-trial Novice
Q	Qualified
QA	Qualified All-Age
RA	Rally Advanced
RAE	Rally Advanced Excellent
RATI	Barn Hunt Instinct
RATN	Barn Hunt Novice
RATO	Barn Hunt Open
RN	Rally Novice
SN	Superior Nosework (UKC)
SPOT	Specialized Pet Obedience Test (UKC)
SPOT-ON	Specialized Pet Obedience Test – Outstanding Neighbor (UKC)
T2B	Time to Beat

T2B2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
T2BP	Time to Beat Preferred
T2BP2	Same as above, numeric digit counts number of times earned.
TKA	Trick Dog Advanced
TKI	Trick Dog Intermediate
TKN	Trick Dog Novice
TQX	Triple Q Excellent
TQXP	Triple Q Excellent Preferred
UAG-1	United Kennel Club Agility Level 1
UCD	United Companion Dog (UKC)
UCDX	United Companion Dog Excellent (UKC)
UOCH	United Obedience Champion (UKC)
UUD	United Utility Dog (UKC)
UUDX	United Utility Dog Excellent (UKC)
UKC	United Kennel Club
UROC	United Rally Obedience Champion (UKC)
UROG	United Rally Obedience Grand Champion (UKC)
URX	United Rally Obedience Excellent (UKC)
URO1	United Rally Obedience 1 (UKC)
URO2	United Rally Obedience 2 (UKC)
URO3	United Rally Obedience 3 (UKC)
UWP	United Kennel Club Weight Pulling
XF	Excellent Fast (agility)

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The End

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