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Dear Friends,

Here in the Northern hemisphere our days are getting shorter; however, the leaves are changing colors and it is a visual feast for most of us. What a great time of year to take your dog(s) for those beautiful long walks.

ATI continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Our proudest moments, however, are the wonderful members who jump right in to help our other members with health, training or behavioral issues.

Education and health continue to be two of our missions. It is so rewarding to see so many wonderful, positive Aussie owners reaching out and helping those who need a little help.

From the bottom of my heart I thank you, as do the people you are helping.

This month we were congratulated by Constant Contact, the hosts of this newsletter, by being the very first users to reach their photo library capacity!

Therefore I needed to go elsewhere to find and buy photo storage to store our ATI photos. This will allow you to view the photos in the archived newsletters. As a result, this newsletter is later than usual and a few articles with multiple pictures will be in the November issue.

Thank you for understanding!

Pamela Levy
Editor

Education Call-In



ATI would like to thank Sue Bachman and Teresa Schreeder for their time for September's call-in. It is now available on the website as a podcast for those of you who were unable to be with us. They gave tips ranging from how to help your dog get over car (motion) sickness to what oils to use to keep your show dog's furnishings from breaking off. It was Aussies A to Z.

Next month ATI members will be receiving education surveys.

Please take the time to answer just a few questions to help us help you.

In November, Elaine Strid will be leading the Education Call-in. She will be discussing acupuncture and chiropractic treatments with cutting edge veterinarians from Colorado State University located in Fort Collins, Colorado. The date and times for the call-in will be on the ATI website and published in the November newsletter.

Silja From Vejle, Denmark



All Photos Courtesy Of Ute Scheinkönig "Silja" is 3 1/2 years old.



"Silja" lives in Vejle, Denmark with Birthe and Ole Buch.



"Silja" loves to play football.



When she finishes football, she loves to have a glass of milk.
"Silja", Surely Nothing To Lose

Luisa Bustamante, USA



Photo Courtesy of Luisa Bustamante "Miles"

Meet Luisa Bustamante. Luisa might have a new Aussie puppy, but she is not new to the Australian Terrier breed.

Luisa lives in Miami with her family. She has a 12 year old son, Elijah. She also lives with her significant other Peter, (who is from Australia), "Gracie", a rescued Jack Russell Terrier, two cats and now her new Aussie, "Miles".

Australian Terriers have been a part of my life for over 16 years. I had adopted a retired Champion Aussie, "Allie", from a wonderful Aussie breeder, Beverly Bailey, of Besteba's Kennel. "Allie" passed away in 2010 at the age of 15. I also had adopted an Aussie puppy, "Buddy", from Debbie Sharp of Vaneicha Kennels. "Buddy" passed away at the old age of 16. They were wonderful companions and very loved.

I am an accomplished Cellist, but have always dreamed of some day owning an Australian Terrier show dog, so I began to research for the right puppy. The former breeders no longer were breeding and I didn't know of any breeders in the area where I live.

I contacted an Australian Terrier breeder, who was very helpful but did not have any puppies available. I was willing to wait for a puppy from her, with hopes that there would be a show puppy in an upcoming litter.

After many months of waiting, the puppies was born. We kept in contact several times a week, evaluating the puppies and reviewing photos. I found it to be a very beautiful and consistent litter, so making the choice for my puppy wasn't easy.

Recently, I flew to pick up my puppy, "Miles". He was like sunshine to me. I love his personality and the fact that he had been raised with children, cats and other dogs. I knew he would fit into our home seamlessly.

I am so excited about this new journey in my life. I am excited about learning a new skill and enjoying the camaraderie of the show ring. I am also looking forward to the fun and time shared with my puppy Miles. I've already made some wonderful new Aussie friends.

I have created a kennel name for myself, Cressy Aussie's, after a town in Tasmania, where my research suggested the breed originated. I hope my love and devotion to Aussies does my namesake proud. I am grateful to have been introduced to this wonderful breed so many years ago and to my new friends and breeder for providing me with my wonderful Aussie, "Miles". I also want to thank ATI. I feel I have found a warm supportive community of Aussie lovers and it is clear they are all over the world.



What is a Bully Stick?

We have frequently been asked, "What exactly is a bully stick?"

Bully sticks, also known as beef pizzles, pizzle sticks, beef sticks and steer stix, are made from 100% bull penises. Bull penis is the single ingredient of bully sticks. Some suppliers and merchants say that they sell bully sticks made of "beef tendons" or "dried muscles" as that part of the anatomy is a tendon and muscle indeed. This may sound less repulsive for some people with psychological barrier thinking of feeding bull privates to their dogs.

In the beginning of the manufacturing process, the bull's penis that is usually 23-25 inches long, is removed and cleaned. It is hung vertically for the fluids contained

to fully drain out. Without these fluids bully sticks are odor free. At the next stage of processing bull penises are stretched, twisted or braided, dried and then may be smoked for flavor. The result is a 30-40 inch long very hard brown stick, which is cut into pieces suitable for dogs of any size. Thus, you can buy small bully sticks of 4", large beef pizzles of 30 inches and any length between, such as 5", 6", 7", 9" and 12". For Australian Terriers I prefer the 6".

As bully sticks are a 100% natural product, thickness, shape and color may slightly vary.



Bully stick dog chews are not only highly palatable treats, but they also provide a lot of benefits for dogs. Since bully pizzles are pure beef, they are 100% easily digestible. Natural organic bully sticks offered on Bully Sticks for Dogs website do not contain any additives, chemicals, preservatives, antibiotics, hormones or steroids. They are made from cattle that graze on the green fields of Brazil and drink from fresh, clean streams. Production under USDA strict specifications ensures the bully sticks are healthy and not contaminated.

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Bully Stick Analysis:

Crude Protein: not less than 80%

Crude Fat: not less than 1%

Crude Fiber: not more than 1%

Moisture: not more than 20%

Ash: not more than 2%

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 - Aid in treatment of arthritis
- Enhance ability to cope with stress including physical, emotional and chemical

The Australian Terrier Market is now carrying these antler chews.

ATI advises you always check with your vet before giving your dog new treats.



Photo Courtesy Of Thecla Harper "Cody"



Photo Courtesy Of Tracy Nelson "Kiwi and Foster"



Photo Courtesy of Barb and Bob Saylor "Taddy"



Photo Courtesy of Elaine Strid "Puppy Boy"

Double Litters by Terhi Oksanen (Finland)

I interviewed Terhi who just recently had a double litter and is currently raising 11 puppies.

What is a double litter?

I would define a double litter as breeding two of my females at around the same time.



Why would a breeder have a double litter?

Most of the time I don't do this on purpose. As I decide which bitches (females) I'm going to use that year, it sometimes happens that they come in season around the same time. One of the reasons I like double litters is that, in case I needed a foster mom, I would have it right there and then. I have never needed a foster mom, but it is nice to be on the safe side.

Do the mom's get along?

At this time I'm not going to breed either of the bitches I have at home right now. The dogs that come here for whelping are co-owned by me and living in separate households. Most likely the two females have never met before. I don't think it's fair to ask them to be friends when they are with their puppies. Usually they are not very protective of the puppies, but I wouldn't want to try it. As the puppies get older and the mothers lose their interest in them they can all hang around in the same area with no problem.

Do you breed all your co-owned bitches?

No, I don't. I make the decision on who to breed based on the health, looks and temperament no matter where they live.

Do you keep the mom's (bitches) in the same room?

As the puppies are still very small they are in the same room, but the moms are not able to see each other. They are separated in their own puppy pens.

How many double litters have you had? Four.

Are the puppies from double litters easier to raise or more difficult?

The time when I swore "never again" was when I had mother-daughter litters. They both had, what I think, are world records, 11 puppies in both litters. They were born just 10 days apart! So, I was raising 22 puppies at one time! I think it's easier in a sense that you have two litters with one hassle.

The more the merrier?

It doesn't go like that. Double litters means double work but also double fun! After one litter, let alone two litters, I usually need at least a year to recover. My litters are

usually fairly big, far bigger than the average Aussie litters. That does make it harder due to the number of puppies. Can you imagine 22 seven-week-old puppies running around the house? There is a lot of cleaning! Gladly I have helping hands around. My two eldest daughters are the "main petters." They are busy cuddling and holding the puppies as much as I let them.



Do the puppies all get along?

The puppies have always gotten along very well. They do not pay attention to whether they are related or not. You just need to make sure the size, age and development of the puppies is close to each other, to prevent bigger and more active puppies from hurting the younger ones.

How many dogs do you normally have at your home?

I have two dogs living here permanently at the moment. Neither of them has been bred, nor will they. Three dogs at home would be perfect for me.

I believe every dog needs and deserves a lot of attention. They need training, walking and cuddling, just to name a few things. You just can't give them the individual attention they need if you have too many dogs.

How many is too many?

I think everyone must decide that for himself or herself. For me, three is a good number with a maximum of four permanent dogs. That is enough. That's why I like to place them elsewhere, where they usually can be the only pet in the household. I believe, even if I want to use them in my breeding program, that they need to be able to live as pets. That's why I don't like to collect too many dogs here. I know I wouldn't have enough hours in the day to give them all the time they would need.

I also like to place them as pups. If I keep a dog at home too long, they'll live here forever, no matter how they turn out.

Can you explain how your breeding program works?

I breed a dog and then sell or place the puppies. The puppies that are promising I sell with a co-ownership. I then watch them grow up. If the dog grows up nicely then I might make a decision to breed it. I don't like to compromise on health

matters; I'd rather compromise on the looks. I then would choose the dog to breed it to. Then depending on what the co-owner would like or what is best for the bitch, I might bring her home to whelp her.

I feel I have enough experience that if I whelp the mom, it gives the moms and puppies the best chance at a healthy and successful birthing process. Many of the co-owned females are with families that have never whelped females. Aussies are generally easy whelpers but in a crisis it's very nice to have experience on your side.

In this way, I can make more of an impact on the breed with my breeding program and have less of an impact on my household.

Like I said earlier, the dogs get to live in their forever homes and get more individualized attention and this is better for them.

Are all of these puppies spoken for?

I have many homes lined up already but I may have a few puppies available.

May people contact you if they are interested in a puppy or have any questions about breeding or double litters?

Yes, that would be fine.

Would you export or ship a puppy?

Yes, I would export but I would want to have an established relationship with the person I am shipping to. I would want to feel very comfortable that the puppy is going to a good home. I would prefer if people came to visit and picked the puppy up from me so I could meet and visit with the new owner.

Editor's note: Terhi was on her 100th cup of coffee during this interview. We wish her the best of luck raising this double litter. In addition, Terhi also has four small children so the puppies will be well socialized.

For more information please go to Tehri's website at <http://www.terhierin.com/> or email her at: terhierin@terhierin.com

Photos from Henny van den Berg

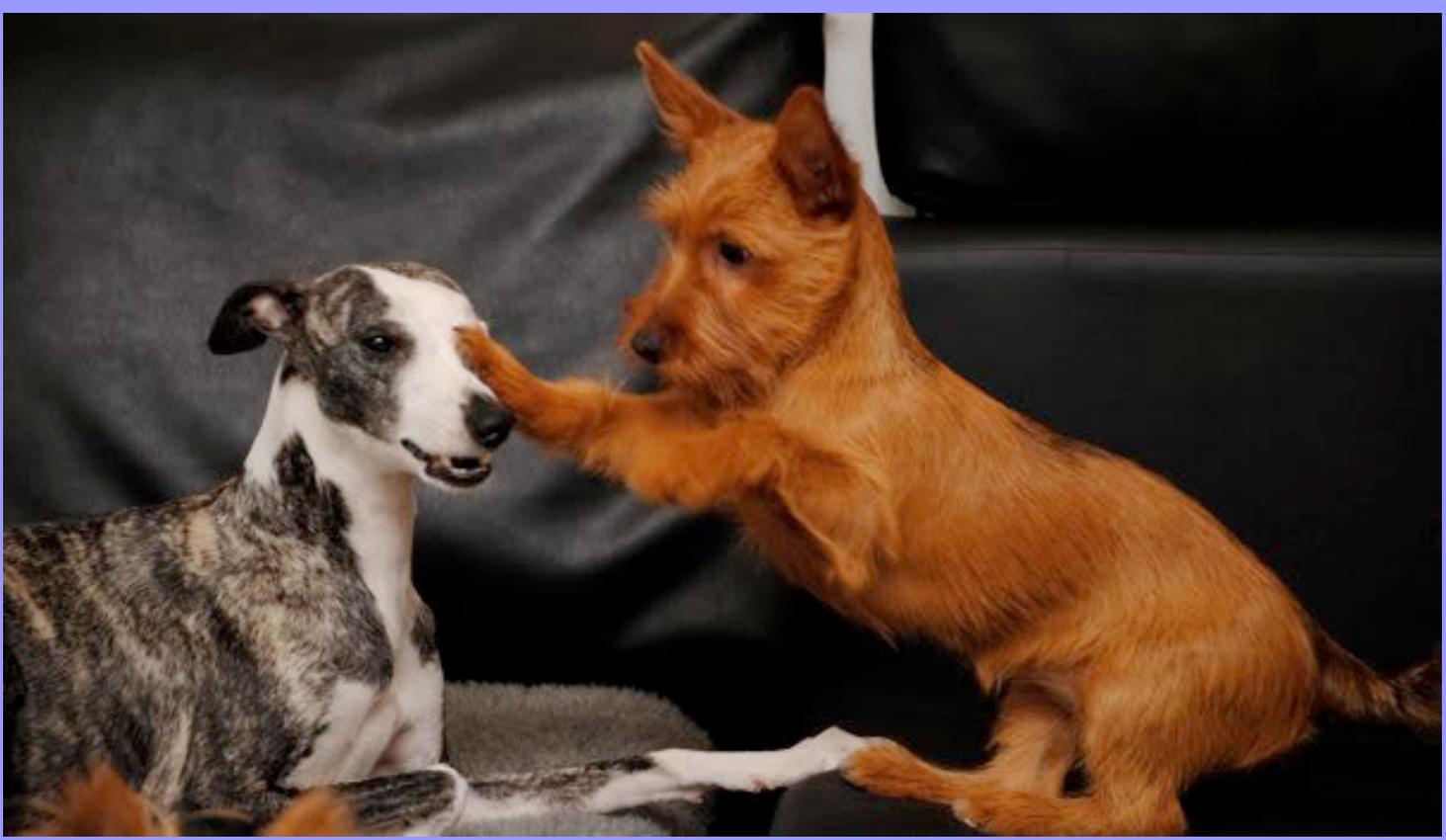
Henny is a member of ATI and a wonderful photographer. She always has her camera ready to capture the most wonderful pictures.



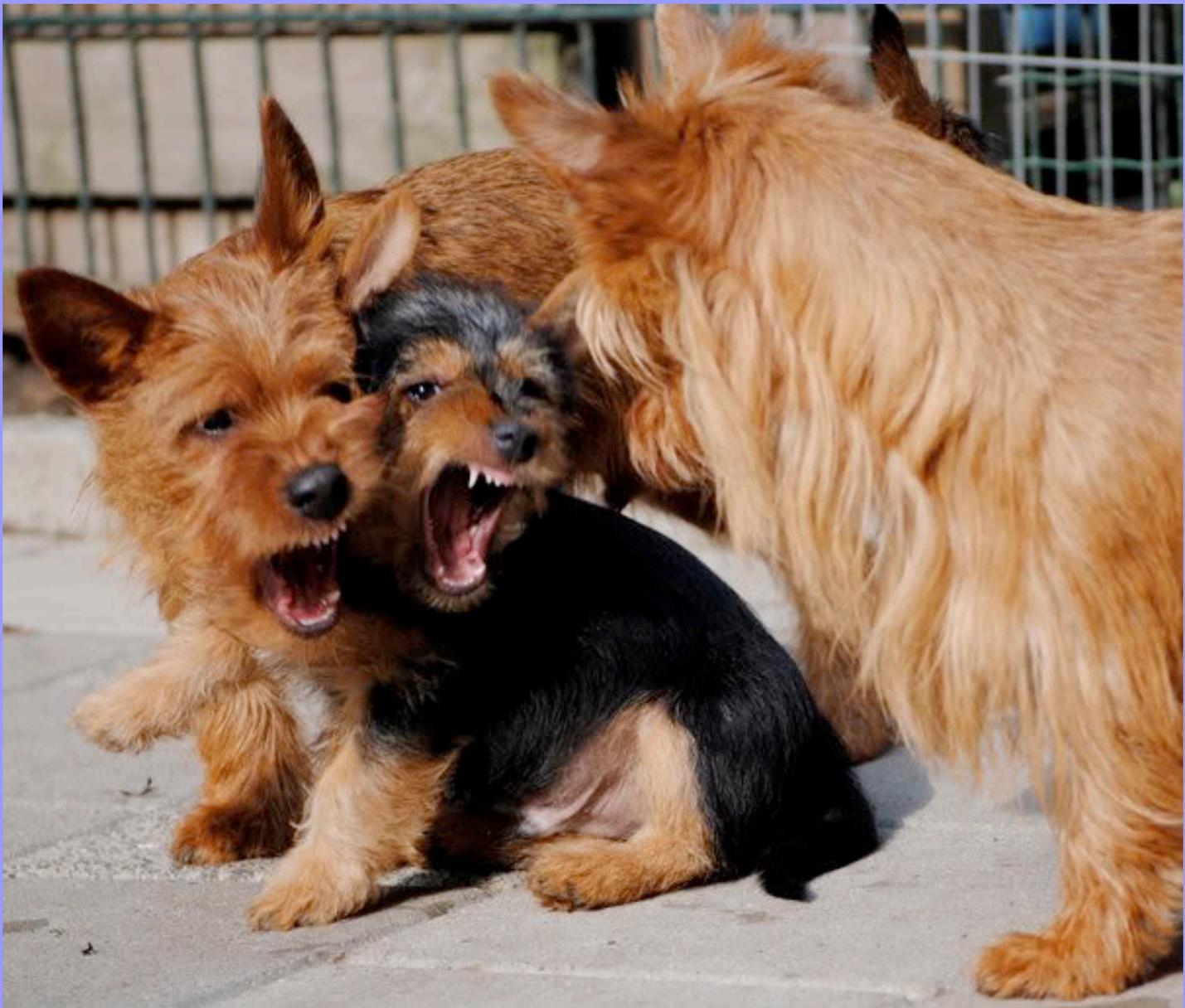
Aussies love a good parade.



Leapin Aussies know how to have a good time.



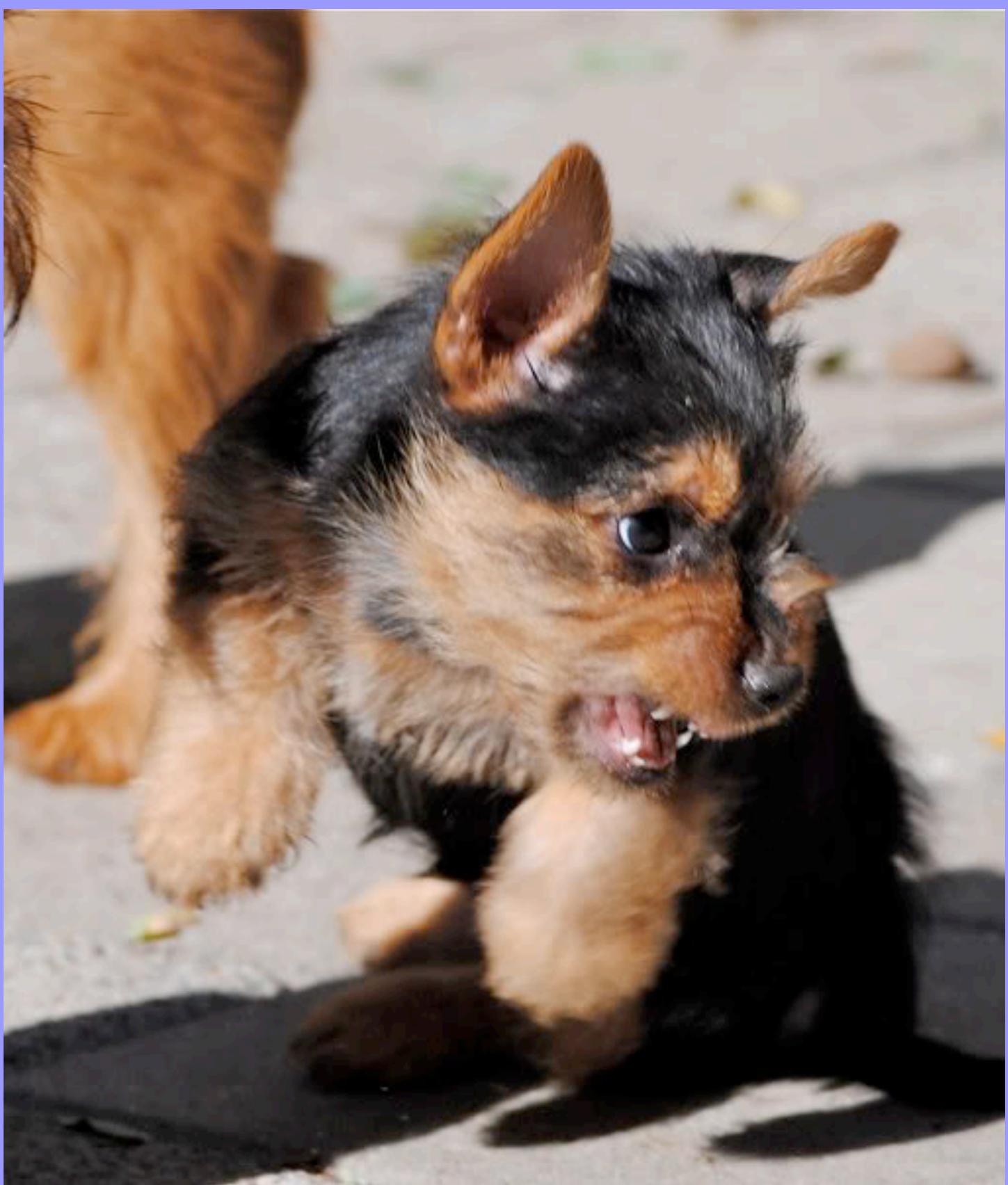
Aussies can be very friendly and loving.



Aussies can sing.



Aussies can be reflective and occasionally vain.



Even little Aussies can be protective of their loved ones.



Aussies enjoy friendship even if their friend is stuffed.



Aussies were bred to kill snakes.
Don't you think everyone needs an Aussie?

Cooking Corner With Cheryl Mechalke

"Orange You Glad It's Halloween" Soup



Photo Courtesy Of Cheryl Mechalke "Chef Luna"

Makes 1 ½ cups (360 ml)
Prep 10 MIN Cook 10 MIN

3 large carrots, peeled and coarsely chopped
3 (45 ml) tablespoons sour cream

1. In a saucepan of boiling water cook the carrots until very tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain, reserving the cooking liquid. Using a blender, puree the carrots and cooking liquid. Using a blender, puree the carrots and cooking liquid, adding more water to thin out as desired. Let cool and pour into a doggy dish or bowl.
2. Place the sour cream in a pastry bag or a small, resealable plastic bag with a corner snipped off. Squeeze a small ring of sour cream into the middle of the soup, and 2 bigger rings surrounding it. Starting from the smallest circle, drag a toothpick outward through the sour cream rings at equal intervals to create a spider web design.

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Halloween Around The World

Halloween is one of the world's oldest holidays and is celebrated in many

countries. Every year over 65% of Americans decorate their homes and offices to celebrate Halloween. More candy is sold during this time than any other time during the year.



"Alfie" as Elvis

Canada

Modern Halloween celebrations in Canada began with the arrival of Scottish and Irish immigrants in the 1800s. Jack O'Lanterns are carved and the festivities include parties, trick-or-treating and the decorating of homes with pumpkins and cornstalks.

Ireland

In Ireland, believed to be the birthplace of Halloween, the tradition is still celebrated as much as it is in the United States. In rural areas, bonfires are lit as they were in the days of the Celts and children dress up in costumes to spend the evening "trick-or-treating" in their neighborhoods. After the visiting, most people attend parties with neighbors and friends. At these parties, many games are played, including "snap-apple", in which an apple on a string is tied to a door frame or tree, and players attempt to take a bite out of the suspended apple. In addition to bobbing for apples, parents often arrange treasure hunts with sweets or pastries as the "treasure". The Irish also play a card game where cards are laid face-down on a table with sweets or coins beneath them. When a child selects a card, he or she receives whatever prize might be found there. A traditional food is eaten on Halloween called "barnbrack". This is a type of fruitcake, which can be baked at home or store-bought. A muslin-wrapped treat is baked inside the cake, which, so it is said, can foretell the future of the one who finds it. If the prize is a ring, then that person will soon be wed and a piece of straw means a prosperous year is forthcoming. Children are also known to play tricks upon their neighbors on Halloween night. One of which is known as "knock-a-dolly", where children knock on the doors of their neighbors but then run away before the door is opened.

Sweden

In Sweden, Halloween is known as "Alla Helgons Dag" and is celebrated from October 31 until November 6. As with many other holidays, "Alla Helgons Dag" has an eve, which is either celebrated or becomes a shortened working day. The Friday prior to All Saint's Day is a short day for universities while school-age children are

given a day of vacation.



"Rocky" the Clown

To see how many different countries celebrate Halloween [click here](#).



Photo Courtesy Of Terri Butchkavitz "Cowboy Zane"



Photo Courtesy Of Terri Butchkavitz "Pirate Zane"



Photo Courtesy Of Terri Butchkavitz "Baby Zane"



Photo Courtesy Of Terri Butchkavitz "Biker Zane"

A Halloween Story By Chuck Bessant

In August 1992, Deborah, my wife, found a small terrier mix running down the middle of Academy Boulevard in Colorado Springs. Deb managed to get her off the street and into a parking lot. The dog crawled over to Deb, and Deb brought her home. She was close to death. She was offered food, but she buried it in the dog run as she couldn't eat it. Her teeth were rotting and looked like oyster shells. (Over the next two years, we had to have them all extracted.) She sat in my lap for two hours that night and wouldn't let me leave her alone. She was so starved for attention. We were going to rehabilitate her and adopt her out as we already had three dogs. We tried to adopt her out once and changed our mind and decided to keep her.

Deb named her "Bubba". "Bubba" was a red 18 pound terrier mix. In the photo below she is posed in a 70 pound pumpkin. I use to carve almost 18 pumpkins each Halloween and I thought it would be fun to have "Bubba" look like she was popping out of one. In August 1994, we took our pack consisting of "Bubba", an Airedale/Lab, "Morgan" a Standard Poodle and "Mogul", to a dog event. At this event we met a woman, Beverly Bailey, (Besteba's Kennels) as she was leaving with a "gaggle of red dogs." We thought the dogs were adorable. We also thought "Bubba" was part Australian Terrier after seeing Beverly's dogs.

In 1996, we lost our dogs "Mogul" and "Morgan" to old age. In August 1998, we lost "Bubba" to old age too. Deb and I always remembered the "gaggle of red dogs." Deb was on a quest to find two Australian Terriers. After several weeks and many phone calls to screen breeders, we learned that Beverly's, "Ransom" had sired a litter in Silver Spring, MD with Seadog breeder Miki O'Connell. "Jordan" and "Tyler" were born on 22-Aug-1998, just the time "Bubba" passed over. We found "Jordan" and "Tyler" when they were 3 weeks old. I flew out to Silver Spring, MD and brought them home when they were 9 weeks old to the day.

August appears to be an auspicious month for us. Perhaps it was just coincidence that Deb found "Bubba", an Aussie red terrier mix in *August 1992* and then we met Beverly and the soon-to-be grand-sire of our first Australian Terriers in *August 1994*. We lost "Bubba" in *August 1998* to old age just as "Tyler" and "Jordan" were born. Was this a coincidence? Serendipity?

If the trick was on us it turned into such a wonderful treat!



Photo Courtesy Of Chuck Bessant "Bubba"

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Grand Champions

Grand Champion #5



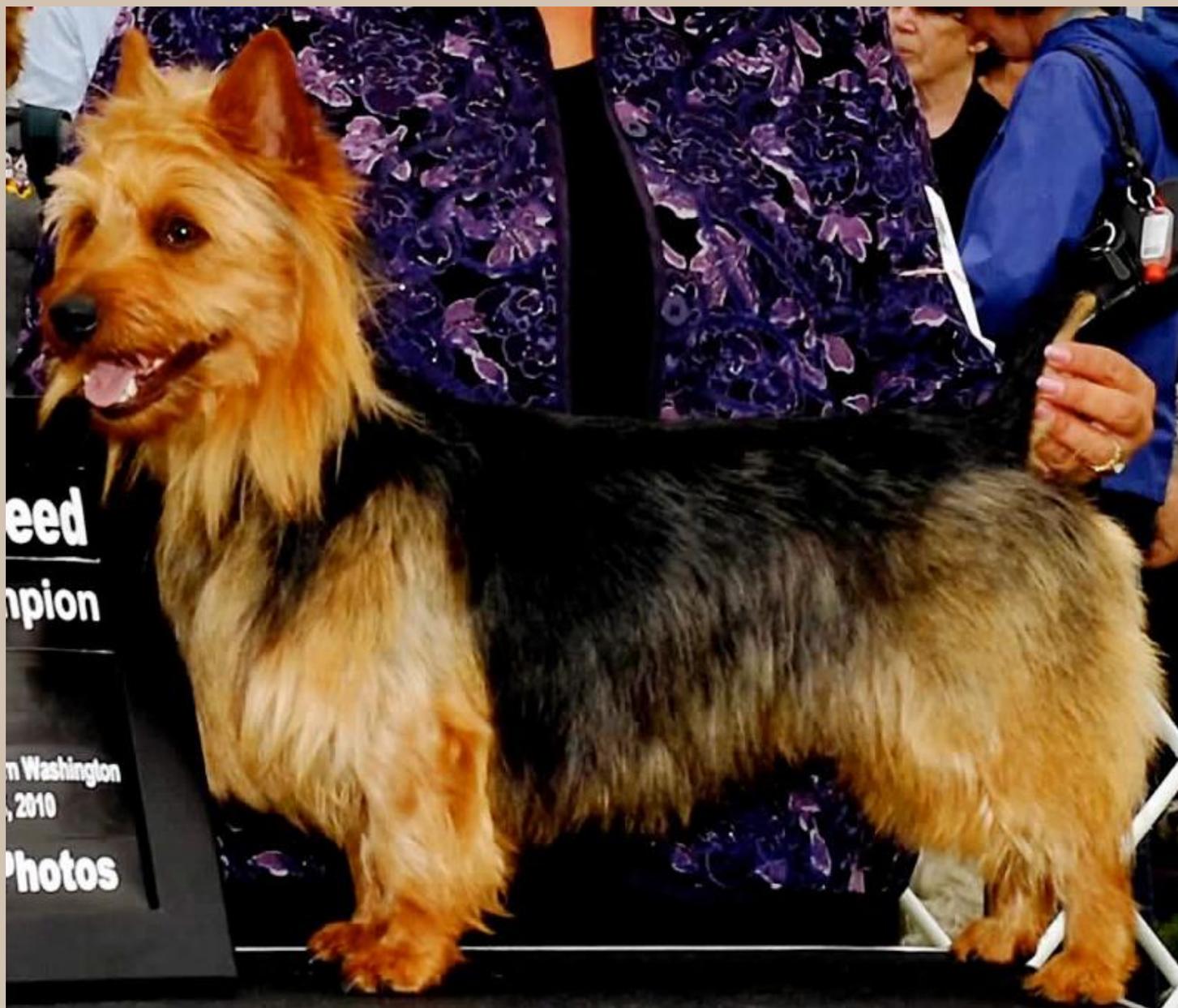
Photography by Cook

GCH CH Ryba's Matinee Idol "Dash"

Breeder: Sue Bachman and Teresa Schreeder

Owner Michael Langham, Teresa Schreeder and Sue Bachman

Dash is a multiple group winning Aussie who also enjoys living with his cats, chasing them and when he wants a bath, he puts himself right into the shower.



Photography by Roberts
GCH CH Conchise Living Treasure "Foster"
Breeder: Shirley Rothacker
Owner: Tracy Nelson and Chris Nelson

Foster is a multiple BOB winner. He enjoys hanging out at home with his sisters Kiwi and Magic. He likes playing ball, killing squeaky toys, and trying to eat pizza.



Photography by Cook
GCH CH Tera-K's Parson Brown "Parson"
Breeder/Owner: Darlene Evans

Parson is a mutiple group placing Aussie that enjoys food, attention, his human mommy and his sister, Jingles.

Grand Champion #8/9



Photography by Kit

GCH CH ABQ SanIsidro Christhill
Owner/Breeder Kreg B. Hill & William I. Christensen

Grand Champion #8/9



Photography by Bob Kohler
BISS GCH CH Black Back Firefly "Ringo"
Breeder: Mervi Soiletsalo (Finland)
Owner: Pamela C. Levy

Ringo achieved his GCH in just four weekends. We are proud to have this wonderful accomplishment for his breeder and for Finland.

Grand Champion #10

Randy



Photography by Carol Beuchat
GCH CH Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible
Breeder/Owner: Jeanne Popvits

*Dogs finishing on the same day received two numbers ex. #8/9.

Grand Champions -The First Ten

These dogs are all qualified for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.
It will be held December 2010 in Long Beach, CA.

No. 1	GCH CH Kambara's Zebulon	06-27-2010
No. 2	GCH CH Nellyson's Mr. Dont Skip The Zip	07-03-2010
No. 3	GCH CH Marble Arch Lady From Castile	08-01-2010
No. 4	GCH CH Benayr Just For Kicks	08-06-2010
No. 5	GCH CH Ryba's Matinee Idol	08-22-2010
No. 6	GCH CH Conchise Living Treasure	08-28-2010
No.	GCH CH Tera-K's Parson Brown	08-28-2010
No. 8	GCH CH Black Back Firefly	09-04-2010
No.	GCH CH Abq San Isidro Christhill	09-04-2010
No.10	GCH CH Blue Moon Call Me Irresitible	09-05-2010

Kennel Names

Kiku Kennedy used Qantas, the Australian Airline, as her kennel name. When she finally let me have an Aussie (after my 17 year apprenticeship), I wanted to honor

her so I chose the kennel suffix O'Kiwi. The Ki is the first syllable of her name and the Wi the first syllable of mine. A Whippet breeder once asked me why I hadn't put my syllable first. I replied, " Would you buy a dog from Wiki Kennels?"
Willy Baldwin, O'Kiwi Kennels

Kathleen O'Donnell, Australia

1. How many years have you owned Aussies?

I've had Aussies for 20 years.



Australian Ch Maymuru Mighty Mouse, "Bouncer", my first male Aussie.

2. How did you get started in Aussies?

I knew someone with one in the 1970's and just loved the attitude but due to family circumstances had to wait until the 1990's to get one.

3. What do you like about Australian Terriers?

I love the large dog attitude, the loyalty to their people and the arrogance of their brain telling them they are the largest dog on the planet. I also love the wonderful companionship and love they give to you.



Wart & Shadow "Taufield Warts Gift & Wanora Last Gift"
Having a lovely play in the yard.

4. How many years have you been breeding?

I have been breeding dogs for 40 to 45 years. I had different breeds until I got the Aussie.



Australian Ch Redgundi Sara Lee "Tuppence", my very first show Aussie.
She has a blue coat.

5. Have many litters have you bred?

I have bred 42 litters of Aussies. I have kept 1 or 2 pups from every litter I have bred and taken most of them through to their Championship. I have given a lot of people a pet to be proud of.



Faye & Wart "Taufield Fayes Gold & Taufield Warts Gift" enjoy the sun

6. Have you imported or exported any Aussies?

Yes, I have both imported and exported. I have imported from New Zealand and I have exported dogs to Europe.

7. Would you say importing and exporting was easy or difficult?

Personally, importing from New Zealand is very easy. For exporting I use an agent and they do the basic work. I have found that quite easy.

8. Do you have any Aussies that were your favorites and why?

Yes, a couple! Bouncer "Ch Maymuru Mighty Mouse" my first male Aussie would have to be my all time favorite. He was so arrogant, just so Aussie. As a baby he bounced around the ring like he was on two legs instead of four. He was the best stud dog as he never mounted a bitch until she was ready to be bred and he just gave me so much love. He is always in my heart. My Muffin "Ch Negura The Heartthrob" has the sweetest nature. She is now 15 years old and is still the boss in the yard. She sleeps on my bed and loves her walks.

9. How has the Aussie evolved since you have been breeding them?

They are getting too big in my opinion. I have 10 inch dogs and often get told my dogs are too small (our standard is 10 inches [25cm] no leeway as in the US.) Also, there is too much creep of tan up the legs. It seems to be prevalent these days (standard states tan on lower legs not the whole leg).

I would like to see breeders try to fix these things.

Too many diseases seem to have crept into the breed and not been stopped.

A lot of breeding seems to be done to the closest dog not always the best dog.



Australian Ch. Taufield Mighty Mouse, "Clif".

He is a 3 1/2 year old male. The great great great grandson of "Bouncer".

10. Do you think the Aussie has improved?

Yes and No. They have better substance to them but with regard to my answer above, no. I would like to see breeders be honest and not use dogs with problems for breeding.

11. Is there anything you would like to say about health?

Ten years ago, I sold a puppy and the lady spoke with her vet, who, when told it was an Aussie, made the comment, "Well I won't see much of you then, will I? They are a very healthy breed." I wonder what has happened in ten years, in Australia, where we seem to be seeing a lot of health problems cropping up? I honestly don't know and can't comment on it.

12. What do you think new breeders need to know before getting started?

Newcomers to the breed need to talk with different breeders to get a wider picture of the Aussie. They need to understand what the Aussie was bred for and what it did. This will give them a better understanding of the standard. If possible they should compare the current standard with the original standard. The Aussie has only had 4 standards with very little change in each one. They should understand terriers in general and remember the Aussie is still a working terrier.

13. Are you involved in any of the Aussie clubs in Australia?

Yes, I am publicity officer for the Australian Terrier Club of Queensland and a member of the Australian Terrier Club of South Australia.

14. Has that experience been helpful to you?

Yes, in many ways. Being able to discuss the breed with like minded people is always helpful.

15. Are there many breeders in Australia?

There are about 40 breeders, but, I am not sure of actual numbers. There are only a few left in Queensland.

16. ATI newsletter readers, read in an early story, that your Australian Aussie puppy numbers have dropped way down. What do you think the causes are?

We lost a lot of breeders when tail docking was abolished. We get a lot of interference from the government these days. People cannot keep the numbers of dogs they used to. Breeding is now more limited as most people have only 3 or 4 dogs in total. I have a permit for 10 dogs but I am limited myself. If I have a litter and want to keep a puppy, I have to place one of my older dogs first. That makes it quite difficult.

17. How would you like to be remembered in the breed?

That I tried to breed a good Aussie with a wonderful temperament remaining true to the standard. As a breeder, I gave help to everyone I sold a pup to regardless of whether it was a show or pet puppy. I would also like to be remembered that I loved the breed and it was always first with me.



Taufield Anzac Utu.
He is a 12 inch 7 kilo dog.
He is now in Germany at Va Bene Kennels

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Dew Claws

Opinion #1

Should a dog's dewclaws be removed when it is spayed or neutered?

Dr. Eric Barchas' answer is no.

Dewclaws are the anatomical equivalents of thumbs on the front feet and of big toes on the rear feet. Of course, dewclaws aren't true thumbs or big toes. They are small and they don't serve much purpose. They come in two forms. Most dogs have dewclaws that are articulated, or attached firmly to the legs by joints. Some dogs have unarticulated, floppy dewclaws that don't have proper joints where they meet the legs.

Some people advocate dewclaw removal for cosmetic purposes. In my opinion that is not a valid reason to amputate a digit.

Other folks point out that dewclaws have nails that may grow into the pads, causing pain and infection. They also note that dewclaws (especially unarticulated dewclaws) are prone to injuries-for instance, they can snag on plant matter while playing fetch. They advocate routine dewclaw removal in order to prevent these injuries.

However, if you trim your dog's nails routinely they won't grow into the pads. And in over 10 years of active veterinary practice I have yet to see a dog seriously injure a dewclaw while playing or engaging in any other activity. (Dewclaw nails do tear more frequently than other nails. Torn nails are not serious injuries.)

Dewclaws are surprisingly difficult to remove. The articulated variety must be disarticulated. That process sounds nasty, and it is. All dewclaws have surprisingly robust blood supplies. Dewclaw surgery has significant potential to cause pain. In short, I see no reason to perform a procedure such as dewclaw removal that carries minimal medical benefit to the patient. In this regard I place dewclaw removal in the same category as tail docking, ear cropping, and declawing. Don't do it. For the full article [click here](#).

Opinion #2

Dewclaws are like thumbs. They are the first digit on a dog, and, unlike digits 2,3,4 and 5, are not used for walking. They are located a short distance up the leg on the inside surface. They are usually removed at the same time the tail is docked, at 2 to 5 days of age. At this age, the bones that make up the toes are tiny and soft so that snipping them off is easy. If the dewclaws are not removed at 2-5 days of age, like the tail dock, one should wait until the pup is old enough to anaesthetise safely.

Removing dewclaws from an adult animal is much more difficult than snipping them off of a days old puppy. Recovery time is also longer and many adult animals will bother the incision excessively because it is so easy to reach. This usually necessitates the placement of an Elizabethan collar, a funnel shaped plastic device that surrounds the animal's head, so that it cannot lick or chew its sutures out. Dewclaws serve no purpose to the dog. They are easily snagged on things and often traumatised. For Full article [click here](#).

Many of the European standards call for the Dew Claws to NOT be removed. The American Standard calls for the Dew Claws to be removed.

Cushing's Disease

[Cushing's Disease In Dogs - What is it? How do we treat it?](#) (Click on link)

Cushing's is also referred to as hyperadrenocorticism. Most frequently it is seen in older dogs and can be mistaken as being just a part of the aging process. It can be caused by benign pituitary tumors or by benign or carcinogenic adrenal tumors. It can also be caused by giving your dog too much external glucocorticoid (steroids like prednisone) for chronic conditions such as allergies.

Some common symptoms are:
Increased or excessive water consumption
Increased or excessive urination
Increased or excessive appetite

Accidents in the house with a housebroken dog
Coat changes such as a dry coat or a dull coat

[Dogs, Diet and Disease](#) By Caroline Levy, has been recommended as a good book to read to educate yourself.

For Comprehensive information of Cushing's [click here](#).

For more information on Cushing's [click here](#).

Here is a link for a Cushing's [support group](#).

ATI would like to thank Sabine Baker, Marcia Gray and Heather Rife DVM for their quick and caring responses to an ATI member whose dog developed Cushing's type symptoms.

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Autumn You Tube Videos Featuring Aussies

For taste of Aussies in the Autumn [click here](#).



Photo Courtesy Of Rick Crandall "Maroon Bells"

BEST IN SHOW

The American dry spell has been broken. It has been ten years since an Australian Terrier has received the honor of Best In Show, in the USA. We congratulate Anne and Craig Mitchell and their dog, GCH CH Kambara's Zebulon "Zeb" on his recent Best In Show. We also congratulate his handler, Kelly Dahlberg who just recently finished the AKC Junior handling program.



Judge Gary Doerge, "Zeb" and Handler Kelly Dahlberg

Finnish Specialty

These are the results of the Australian Terrier Club Specialty Show, held September 4, 2010 in Lahti, Finland.

Judge: Leslie Crawley, United Kingdom.

BOB (Females / CH Class) C.I.B. FI SE DK NO CH,FIJW-06 EUJW-07, FIW-07-09, EUW-08, DKW-09 NORDW-09, WW-08-09-10

Bluepepper's Funny-Bunny
FIN16523/06 d.o.b. 8.1.2006

Sire: Bluepepper's Godfather

Dam: Jaskarin Catwalk

Breeder: Marjo Ahola, Sotkamo

Owner: Paavo Tervonen and Erika Okkonen and Marjo Ahola



Photo Courtesy Of Marjo Ahola Photo: Erika Okkonen
CH. Bluepepper's Funny-Bunny "Selma"

2nd Best Bitch (Females / Veteran Class) C.I.B. FI SE NO NORD CH, JW-01
NORDW-05. VetWW-10
Bluepepper's Black Mint
FIN11262/01 d.o.b. 16.11.2000
Sire: Bluepepper's Tomahawk
Dam: Bluepepper's Ginger Ale
Breeder: Marjo Ahola, Sotkamo
Owner: Jaana Saloniemi

3rd Best Bitch (Females / CH Class)
Jaskarin Carissima SE FI EE CH
FIN32435/07 d.o.b. 30.9.2006
Sire: Jaskarin Bravo
Dam: Millvalley Styled In Red for Sillhill
Breeder: Saija Reiman Walldén and Markus Walldén, Ruotsi
Owner: Jaana Saloniemi

4th Best Bitch, CC-winner (Females / Junior Class) JWW-10
Bristregal Rocking Regal
FI39219/09 d.o.b. 31.5.2009
Sire: Akiba's You've Got Mail
Dam: Nellyson's Ikkitikkitavi
Breeder: Nina Janger Jarvenpaa
Owner: Nina Janger and Mari Pajaskoski

RES-CC- winner (Females / Open Class)
Black Back Blackberry Jam
FIN20998/05 d.o.b. 18.2.2005
Sire: Black Back Jam Session
Dam: Black Back Pandora's Box
Breeder: Mervi Soiletsalo, Orimattila
Owner: Juhani Kuusiluoma

BOS (Males / CH Class) C.I.B. NORD FI SE NO DK CH
Jaskarin Peperoncino
FIN51016/07 d.o.b 30.9.2006
Sire: Jaskarin Bravo
Dam: Millvalley Styled In Red For Silhill
Breeder: Saija Reiman Walldén and Markus Walldén, Ruotsi
Owner: Eija Hyvonen and Marjo Ahola



Photo Courtesy Of Marjo Ahola Photo: Eija Hyvonen
Ch. Jaskarin Peperoncino "Kino"

2nd Best Male (Males / Ch Class) FI SE CH
Bluepepper's Freestyler
FIN29738/05 d.o.b. 12.5.2005
Sire: Iandor Summertime Blues at Sherex
Dam: Jaskarin Rokkirakki
Breeder: Marjo Ahola, Sotkamo
Owner: Marjo Ahola and Nina Oikarinen

3rd Best Male (Males / Veteran Class) C.I.B. FI NO EE CH
Bluepepper's Oliver Wood
FIN36914/02 d.o.b. 26.7.2002
Sire: Twee-Die-Dee Banana Bender
Dam: Bluepepper's Guess Why,
Breeder: Marjo Ahola, Sotkamo
Owner: Maire Jaaskelainen and Marjo Ahola

4th Best Male (Males / CH Class)
C.I.B. NORD, FI SE DK NO EE LT HR CH, EUW-07, W-09, NORDW-09,
SEW-07, BALTW-06, EEW-07, LTUW-05
Bluepepper's Smile

FIN34022/03 d.o.b. 8.7.2003
Sire: Wild West Regency Red Devil
Dam: Bluepepper's Thunder Rose
Breeder: Marjo Ahola, Sotkamo
Owner: Maritsa Pietikainen and Marjo Ahola and Paivi Saarinen

CC-Winner (Males / Open Class)
Black Back Top Banana
FIN13284/08 d.o.b. 18.12.2007
Sire: Selendia Name Of The Game
Dam: Bristregal Just Like BB
Breeder: Mervi Chydenius, Orimattila
Owner: Juuli Huuhtanen

RES-CC Winner (Males / Junior Class)
Black Back Caribou Lou
FI20367/09 d.o.b. 3.2.2009
Sire: Black Back Please Please Me
Dam: Black Back Side by Side,
Breeder: Mervi Soiletsalo, Orimattila
Owner: Arja Seppala and Mervi Soiletsalo

BOB-Puppy (Females-Puppy Class 7-9 months)
Melukylän Rakas Tuli Takas
FI13251/10 d.o.b. 10.12.2009
Sire: Selendia Sugar Daddy
Dam: Melukylan Olan Kohautus,
Breeder: Kirsi Ola. Sipoo
Owner: Kirsi Ola and Heidi Koivisto

BOS- Puppy (Males / Puppy Class 7-9 months)
Smartpaw's Blueberry
FI18052/10 d.o.b. 1.2.2010
Sire: Terriway Fill the Bill
Dam: Somehow Some Try'n Oz
Breeder: Minna Laine, Salo
Owner: Heidi Visulaaka

BOB-Veteran C.I.B. FI SE NO NORD CH, JW-01 NORDW-05. VetWW-10
Bluepepper's Black Mint
FIN11262/01 d.o.b. 16.11.2000
Sire: Bluepepper's Tomahawk
Dam: Bluepepper's Ginger Ale
Breeder: Marjo Ahola, Sotkamo
Owner: Jaana Saloniemi

BOS-Veteran (Males / Veteran Class) C.I.B. FI NO EE CH
Bluepepper's Oliver Wood
FIN36914/02 d.o.b. 26.7.2002
Sire: Twee-Dle-Dee Banana Bender
Dam: Bluepepper's Guess Why
Breeder: Marjo Ahola, Sotkamo
Owner: Maire Jaaskelainen and Marjo Ahola

BOB-Breeder Kennel Bluepepper's
Owner: Marjo Ahola

BOB-Progeny Class
Nellyson's He Dog
FIN32137/07 d.o.b. 15.12.2004
Sire: Tatong's Name of the Game
Dam: Tatong's Indiana
Breeder: Tina Nordgren, Sweden
Owner: Nina Janger and Kenneth Holmberg

For results in English, [Click here](#)

Macy

Could this be a new record?



Finnish and Spanish Ch Jaskarin Catwalk "Macy"
C.I.B, NORD CH, SE CH, NO CH, ESP CH,
World Junior 2003 and Nordic Winner 2003.



Photo By Roberts Photo

"Macy"

At just around the same time that C.I.B. FI SE DK NO CH,FIJW-06 EUJW-07, FIW-07-09, EUW-08, DKW-09 NORDW-09, WW-08-09-10 Bluepepper's Funny-Bunny went BOB at the Finnish Specialty Show, her 8 year old mother was gathering majors from the open classes at The Colorado Regional Specialty held in Greeley, CO. Although a champion of record in other countries, Macy was trying to get her American championship. Congratulations to Tere Cruz, who "Macy" lives with, as well as her breeder Saija Reiman-Wallden and co-owners, Marjo Ahola and Eve Steele.

"Macy" is out of Eve Steele and Marjo Ahola's dog, Ch Wild West Regency Red Devil, "Beasley" and Saija Reiman-Wallden's Jaskarin Lounatuuli. "Beasley" is also an International Champion C.I.B..

"Macy" is very proud of her daughter, "Selma", who was Top Aussie in Finland in 2007 and 2009.

Colorado Regional Specialty Results

9/10/10 [Results](#) Regional Specialty



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CH NELLYSON'S MR DONT SKIP THE ZIP

Breeder: Tina Nordgren

By Ch Nellyson's Ihihottie-Ch Tatong's Indiana

OWNERS: Cheryl Mechalke and Jim Mechalke Jr.

9/11/2010 [Results](#)

9/12/2010 [Results](#)



Regional Specialty Judge Desmond Murphy



Australian Terrier decorated by Eva Campbell



Eva Campbell with "Fancy" who went select bitch.



FEATHERTOP KITT N CABOODLE
Breeders: Kenneth P Goesch & R J Bushey
Owners: Nancy J & Kenneth P Goesch



Luna Mechalke
ARALUEN'S HARVEST MOON OVER TATONG.
Breeder: Cheryl and Jim Mechalke Jr..
Ch Nellyson's Dont Skip the Zip-Tatong's Shepherds Moon.
Owner: Cheryl A. and Jim Mechalke Jr..

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Kristina Rock Completes Her Junior Career By Theresa Goiffon

This month I had the privilege to interview Kristina Rock. Kristina has been involved in showing Australian Terriers since she was 4 years old. Both of Kristina's parents are involved in professional handling. Her grandmother, Doris Robbins showed Australian Terriers, as well, under her kennel name Azul Australian Terriers, many years ago.

This was Kristina's last year showing as a Junior. She turned 18 in September. Kristina has been invited to participate in the 2010 AKC Eukanuba show this December. It will be her last show as a Junior Handler.



Photo Courtesy Of Kristina Rock

Kristina lives in Glendale Arizona and is currently attending college. She is interested in psychology. After Kristina finishes college, she is quite likely going to follow in her parents footsteps and pursue the occupation of Professional Handling.

How did you become interested in showing dogs?

I was born into the dog show world. Both of my parents are professional handlers. I was 10 years old when I entered the Junior Showmanship arena. At that time, that was the youngest age to participate.

I showed primarily in areas such as; Arizona, California, Utah and New Mexico.

Why did you choose the Australian Terrier breed to show?

My grandmother raised the Aussie Terriers; my parents showed them and I grew up with them and loved them. Although, the first dog I showed, was a Miniature Pinscher.

What did you enjoy about showing as a Junior Handler?

I enjoy being at dog shows. The people are really great. Even though it's very competitive, Juniors get together and hang out. It's very competitive inside the ring, but it's just about being with friends outside the ring.

What do you like about showing the Aussie Terrier?

I love showing my Aussies; they are very easy to train. Other breeds, such as the Cocker Spaniel, that I have shown, are a bit showier and can be a somewhat easier breed for a junior handler. Sporting dogs tend to be flashier.

What is your least favorite part of Junior Showmanship?

The most difficult part is knowing what the judges expect from you. Each judge has his or her own procedure in the ring and learning from them and adapting to their expectations can be, at times, challenging.

Do you foresee becoming a professional handler someday, if so will you still show the Australian Terrier breed or other breed/breeds?

I love handling dogs! My parents are very supportive and after I finish my degree I envision myself pursuing professional handling as well.



Photo Courtesy of Kristina Rock

How many hours a week do you think you spend training your dog?

Typically, I spend 3 days a week training my Aussie, Bear. He is my favorite Aussie. I achieved his Rally titles as well as Championship. I try to participate in a dog show every weekend.

Do you groom your dog yourself?

I do groom my dogs, but I've also had a lot of help from a friend in the breed as well as my older sister who also showed Aussies from the time she was 5 years old.

Is Junior Showmanship something you would recommend to your friends?

It really depends on the person. For me, it's a great sport.

Do you envision yourself being a breeder someday or is the show ring of more interest

to you?

I have already done some breeding and I really love it. I enjoy biology so this is of interest to me.

What breed are you currently showing in Juniors?

Australian Terriers will always be a favorite to me but, currently, I am showing Labradors and I really enjoy showing them as well.

What advice would you give to someone new interested in Junior handler?

Try to do your best; learn from others and like any other sport, just have fun!

Thank you Kristina for providing us with your insight into the world of Junior Handlers. We wish you the best of luck this year at Eukanuba.

Bev Powell And Her Rescue Aussies By Theresa Goiffon

Beverly and Andy Powell had always opened their home to an animal in need.

Many years ago the Powells had the pleasure of meeting Rose Parker, owner of Yaralla Kennels in Chilliwack, BC. Rose helped Beverly and Andy identify their dog, Daisy, as an Australian Terrier. Beverly sometimes went with Rose to shows in BC where Rose showed her dogs. Rose loved talking about a dog that she bred, who won best in breed at Westminster, "Rocky." (CH. Yaralla's Rock The Ring)

Beverly learned from Rose how very important a good breeding program is for the health of a dog. "I had never really thought about it before. She was a very nice lady and very devoted to her dogs. I lost touch with her many years ago, but was so glad to have met her."



Daisy Powell

Beverly and Andy live in Lynden, Washington. It's a quaint little Dutch town they enjoy greatly! Bev and Andy found their first Aussie (Daisy) running by the side of a lonely county road. Her back had open, oozing wounds, probably from an untreated skin condition. When they opened their car door, Daisy jumped right in!

Smart girl, they thought. They were hooked from the beginning, and, truth be told, they hoped they would NOT find the owner. Fortunately, for them, they didn't! Daisy was such a delight. Beverly had never seen a dog like her before. It was more than a year before she discovered that Daisy was an Australian Terrier.

Years later Beverly found a breeder of Aussies living approximately 20 miles from where she and Andy lived. Beverly suspected Daisy came from this breeder. While she did not know for sure if this was an ethical breeder, she was still happy that Daisy came to live with them and enjoy a great life with their family for many years.

Their second Australian Terrier was also a rescue, but an unintentional one. After Daisy had passed away, they found a breeder in the southern part of Washington who had advertised in the Dog Fancy Magazine. Beverly phoned her to find out if she had pups. She did not have any puppies, but she did have a lovely red Aussie that was a 4 year old retired breeder. The breeder no longer had use for her as she had already had 4 litters. The breeder also did not like her excessive shyness. Once the breeder approved of Beverly and Andy as adoptees of this dog, they would be able to take her home with no adoption fee required. Of course, they were excited and went to see this dog, named Katie.



Katie Powell

Katie was a quivering, shy dog; she had not been socialized; she seemed uncomfortable around people. Upon examining the breeder's home and dog areas, it was apparent that they had stumbled onto a puppy mill! There were stacks of plastic kennels in the house. Outside there was a very tiny unkempt area with many Aussies living in a small space. There wasn't any way they were going to leave Katie there. So, they gratefully took her home to live with them.

Sweet Katie lived with the Powells for nearly a decade until, sadly, they had to put her down when she developed kidney failure. What a delight these two dogs were to them. They still miss their feisty personalities so very much!

"Aussies will always have the most special place in my heart. Always!"



Bev, Andy, Christy and Katie Powell

"Thanks so much, ATI, once again. Aussies are such wonderful dogs and I am glad you are doing all you can to educate people and provide them with wonderful family dogs!"



Katie Powell

My Aussie Routine By Pamela Levy

People who see my Aussies are frequently asking me what do I feed my Aussies and what products do I use to bathe them because they think their coats are so shiny.

I feed [Halo dry food \(chicken\)](#) and mix it with [Darwin's raw food](#).

I also feed Halo wet and I generally use the lamb.

I also cook for them. I use an antibiotic free beef or chicken with organic green beans or green peas and I use quinoa. I add in a small amount of Greek yogurt.

Cheryl Mechalke turned me on to Dorwest products. <http://www.dorwest.com/>

I add a little Keeper's Mix to their food daily and also, occasionally, 1 pill of Garlic and Fenugreek.

I shampoo them weekly and, at the very least, every two weeks in [Lorenzo Borghese's Royal Treatment Shampoo](#). This shampoo is made in Italy. I am currently using the Honey Dipped Banana and Oatmeal (100% organic oatmeal). It is brightening and tearless. I switch shampoos and try them all. I love them!!! You can join their [club](#) for free for great pricing.

They do have great prices. I also really love the lavender shampoo. It is fabulous! I find these shampoos are also really nice for puppies, especially if they have itchy coats.

I don't find I need the conditioners.

I also love the [Pure Paw products](#) and they have a nice oil you can use on hard coats to condition their furnishings.

I also use a product Fem for my females [Female and Pregnancy Supplement](#).

There was a time when I had a few urinary track infections. So, sometimes I use a product called [Cranberry relief](#). We haven't had a UTI in years.

For food proportions or more questions please email me pamelalevy@aol.com.



Pamela, Ringo, Leila, Rocky and KT

Please check with your veterinarian before switching foods or trying new products. Not all products work well for all dogs. I've come upon this regime through trial and error. I live in a dry climate at 8500 feet. Altitude, climate, time of year, the age of your dog, and if your dog has any medical conditions, may all play a part in what food and products you might want to use.

Do you have any great tips to share?
email us at info@australianterrierinternational.org

Junior Showmanship Statistics Jan 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

Top Twenty-Five Junior Handlers

C.T. Giese	Border Terrier	215
Morgan Miller	Bedlington Terrier	206
Bridget Ratcliffe	Wire Fox Terrier/Smooth Fox Terrier	194
Benjamin Ceccarell	Smooth Fox Terrier	192
Melissa Thorson	Cairn Terrier	179
Kaylene Scotton	Parson Russell Terrier	144
Cameron Henson	Smooth Fox Terrier	120
Abigail Luce	Miniature Schnauzer	117
Blade Kilbourne	Miniature Schnauzer	116
Abby Lock	Border Terrier	105
Juliana McKamey	Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier	99
Michael Inman	Scottish Terrier	84
Angela Chase	Kerry Blue Terrier	82
Clair M Aguillard	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	82
Reegan Weninger	Smooth Fox Terrier	77
Devon Kipp	Norfolk Terrier	73
Lindsay Siflinger	Smooth Fox Terrier	73
Milla Larjaza	Norfolk Terrier	63
Natalie Brewer	Smooth Fox Terrier	59
Ashleigh White	Parson Russell Terrier	58
Lindsey Mullen	Bedlington Terrier	57
Lauren Heun	Parson Russell Terrier	56
McKenna Vance	Kerry Blue Terrier	53
Sadie Grace Hughes	Norwich Terrier	43
Sophia LeBel	Bedlington Terrier/Cairn Terrier	42

Junior Handler Statistics in the USA

Junior Showmanship Statistics Jan 1, 2010 - September 30, 2010

Top Australian Terrier Junior Handlers

Eleanor Goiffon - 31
Lydia Goiffon - 30
Mackenzie Alonso - 17
Ashleigh Sims - 6
Christina Worley - 6

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Bark Out

Kudo's, the newsletter just keeps getting better and better. Judy Stallings

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Not included this month because we needed more photo storage.

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Barbara Schmidt (Germany)

Also,

More information on TOPS 2011

More information on World Show 2011, Paris France

Results from Montgomery Dog Show October 2010

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