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## DEAR FRIENDS,

I can't believe how fast time is flying by. This is our fourth newsletter and instead of running out of information we keep getting more suggestions and information to give to you.

If you don't want to print this email, (it's large with color), go to the website and you can print or download the pdf of each newsletter.

Soon you will be able to go to the Index and just get the pdf's of the articles that interest you.

We are now in 20 countries.

Facebook has 155 members.

We have raised almost \$3500 for Canine Health Foundation.

We will be posting grant requests to the website. If the study will allow a few affected Aussies into it, we will post it for a vote.

The study with the most votes will be supported this year.

We wish you a Happy Easter, a Happy Passover and a wonderful Spring.

Pamela Levy

## EDUCATION NIGHT WITH SUE HOLSINGER



The first two call-in's were very successful. The podcasts are on the website and available for you to listen to at your leisure.

The April call in will be with Sherrie Beattie, DVM.

Dr. Beattie is a Reproduction Specialist at Brighton Animal Clinic an ICSB Clinic.

We will do a three part breeding series.

Part 1-The Female, Part 2-The Stud Dog and Part 3-Whelping.

This seems to be the time of the year Breeders start to think about breeding.

We will be looking at:

How do we promote optimum health in the female we are thinking of breeding? What tests should be done before breeding? What is the difference between doing a live breeding, an AI with fresh semen and an AI with frozen semen? This and so many other questions will be answered. Do you have a question? This evening will focus on the FEMALE. Please send your questions to: [all4dogs@aol.com](mailto:all4dogs@aol.com)

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 28th  
6pm PCT and 9pm EST

BUNNY + AUSSIE = BAUSSIE OR DO WE MEAN BOSSY?



Photo Courtesy of Cheryl Mechalke

Happy Easter from the Mechalke's

## THE AGING AUSSIE BY HEATHER RIFE, DVM

This 3 part series is written by Heather Rife, DVM and reflects her experiences in over 25 years of veterinary medicine. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1985 and owns her veterinary clinic in East Haven, Connecticut. The following articles reflect her experiences and opinions only. We recommend that you always consult your health care professional prior to instituting any changes in the care of your dogs.



Photo Courtesy of Sue Bachman Ryba's Rikki of Mountjoy

This article will discuss those conditions that are commonly seen as your dog ages and are easily treated once diagnosed.

The first and possibly the most important is dental health. Teeth are a crucial part of chewing and eating. Diseased teeth cause a buildup of tartar that traps bacteria and pus under the gums. The bad breath that we often smell in older dogs mouths is a result of the bacteria and decay of the teeth and gums. This bacteria can then travel through the very vascular, gum tissue to the heart, kidneys and liver, causing micro abscesses. Eventually this increased strain on the organs increases the workload and contributes to their failure. At this time the dog usually becomes lethargic and anorexic and is presented to the veterinarian for an exam. The teeth are infected and very painful. They need to be extracted under anesthesia, but the blood panel shows kidney failure. Can your pet survive the surgical procedure? Preventing the build up of tartar is the first step toward keeping your dog out of the dentists' chair. The most effective way to prevent buildup is to brush the teeth. There are many dental kits available for dogs. It is crucial to only use animal toothpaste (not baking soda!). Human toothpaste contains fluoride, which should not be ingested. Use the brush to massage the toothpaste on the area between the gums and tooth surface. For dogs that are very resistant to the toothbrush, you can use a gauze sponge wrapped around your finger to apply the toothpaste. For those of us that are very busy, (and who isn't), just allowing the dogs to eat a small amount of toothpaste every day is still better than doing nothing. In addition to brushing, dental chews are also good for maintaining dental health. They contain enzymes that help prevent the buildup of tartar. Dogs should always be supervised while chewing, of course.

The second health issue is osteoarthritis. Arthritis is a painful condition characterized by a gradual onset of signs, which are often missed by owners. The dog is slow to rise from his bed but warms out of it in a few minutes. He is reluctant to go for walks that he used to cherish. He does not want to take part in play with other dogs, and often growls and shows his teeth to warn other dogs away. He walks with his back legs under him and he is stiff. He does not want to climb stairs.

Osteoarthritis can be diagnosed with a good physical exam and radiographs. The most important aid for arthritic dogs is keep them at an optimum weight. Extra weight on joints exacerbates the pain of arthritis. Increased pain decreases exercise. Start a weight loss diet immediately and discuss pain control with your veterinarian. There are numerous treatments for arthritis, including pain medications, acupuncture, chiropractic adjustments and medications designed to increase joint lubrication. Pain medications include non steroidal anti-inflammatories, narcotics, and, on occasion, steroids. Aspirin is not a good drug to use on a continual basis. The dose required for adequate pain relief in dogs is often high enough to cause gastric ulcers. There are excellent drugs for dogs that can be used on an every day basis, or only as needed. All of these drugs require periodic blood tests to ensure they are not causing organ compromise. Occasionally I recommend a trial dose of a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory to determine if the dog is painful, and often the owner reports a marked change in behavior, a dog that is happy and once again eager to participate in life. Acupuncture can be very helpful in older dogs, as well as chiropractic adjustments. Make sure you use a veterinarian trained in these modalities. Supplements are also useful as a tool against arthritis. Glucosamine and chondroitin as daily supplements and adequan injections can help with joint lubrication. Canine rehabilitation and therapy is available in some areas and can help return your dog to his younger self, especially after orthopedic surgical procedures.

Another very common condition seen in older dogs is related to the urinary tract. Signs of a UTI (urinary tract infection) can be very subtle, and are often attributed to increased age of the dog. In reality, urinary accidents are often ignored and accepted by the owner as natural to the aging of the pet. Many times the culprit is a simple bacterial infection, although bladder stones can contribute to chronic infections. A urinalysis, complete with a culture and sensitivity to identify the bacteria and an extended course of antibiotics can clear the infection. Another cause of "accidents" can be true urinary incontinence, a condition where the urine leaks from the vulva (or occasionally the penis). This is characterized by urine pooling when the dog is sleeping. The sphincter relaxes and the urine leaks out where the dog is lying. It can be due to a lack of estrogen and estrogen supplementation can be used to tighten the sphincter. Other medications include phenylpropanalamine, anticholinergics and holistic supplements. Acupuncture can help with this problem also. This is not something you and your dog need to live with! Discuss all options with your veterinarian.

The final area I want to cover is that of emotional/ mental enrichment. Your aging Aussie craves attention and wants and needs a job to do. Put your younger bossy dogs in the yard to play and set up some games inside for your older dog. Set up some cardboard boxes or paper bags in the family room with a smelly treat inside one of them. Watch your dog investigate each box to find the prize, or rip a bag apart to discover the treat. Hide some kibble in the kitchen and watch your dog hunt for the snacks. [Cleanrun.com](http://Cleanrun.com) has a terrific hard plastic toy (The Dog Pyramid), which dispenses treats when the dog knocks the toy around. Fill your pockets with treats and while folding clothes; toss a sock out for your dog to retrieve. There are many games to play with your older dog that will make him feel useful. He has given everything to you; so let him know how special he is.



Photo Courtesy of Pamela Levy "Alfie enjoying the Red Mountain Spa"

When your travel plans include an overnight stay and you can't bear the thought of leaving your pet off the packing list, these resort and hotel spas welcome you to bring along your furry friends-with indulgences that spoil the four-legged loved ones as much as they do the pet lover. Some resort spas offer treatments for your animal (a pampering massage, perhaps?), while others offer pup-tailored packages or amenities to make Rufus's stay more comfortable.

For a pawsitive and relaxing trip, it's good to note that certain weight and breed restrictions may apply, as well as fees; advance booking may also be required.

#### EPIC Hotel - a Kimpton Hotel Miami, Florida

Tails will be wagging for EPIC Hotel's EPIC Pet Getaway, a two-night package that includes a pet bed, welcome amenity, complimentary Paw Treat hour, continental breakfast for two (for the animal owners, that is), and your pick of two woof-worthy treatments: pawdicure and shampoo service; 60-minute daily dog play time; 60-minute daily dog walk at Flamingo Bark park; and 90-minute massage for two (for the masters). Plus, we give two paws up for Exhale Spa's canine wellness program; on its service menu is a dog massage and 30-minute doga session, combining meditation, massage (for the pup), and yoga (for the pet owner).

#### Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch Scottsdale, Arizona

Like many Hyatt properties, the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch is pet friendly, offering the 4Paws program for man's best friend. Animals receive a welcome letter from Uno, the 4Paws pet ambassador, and receive amenities catering to the canine, cat, and companion alike. These may include gourmet treats, beds made by Labor of Love, food and beverage saucers, clean-up bags and litter boxes, and walking route recommendations. When it's chow time for your chow, the 4Paws Beastro menu serves delicacies like the Canine Veggie Bruschetta and Seafood Parfait.

Hotel Monaco

Alexandria; Baltimore; Chicago; Denver; Portland; Salt Lake City; San Francisco; Seattle; Washington, D.C.

Part of Kimpton Hotels, which has its own Hospitality program, Hotel Monaco locations across the country are designed to be animal friendly, where VIP stands for "Very Important Pet." Pet amenities vary at each property but include features such as Doggie Happy Hour, "In the City," "It's Reigning Cats and Dogs," and "Best Friends" packages and the two-year-old bichon frise, Charlie, director of pet relations at Hotel Monaco Alexandria. Those without a pet needn't feel left out-Hotel Monaco's "Guppy Love" program provides a complimentary companion goldfish in your room.

The Inn at Palmetto Bluff

Bluffton, South Carolina

It's a dog's world at the Inn at Palmetto Bluff, just one of the Auberge Resorts that is pet friendly. Canine pals enjoy Italian linen-trimmed beds, pet walking, sitting services, and baskets filled with toys and treats. Spend a dog day afternoon boating along the May River, playing catch on the sandbar, or going on a nature walk.

Las Ventanas al Paraiso, A Rosewood Resort

Los Cabos, B.C.S., Mexico

The Pets' Luxury Program at Las Ventanas will have furry friends feeling as spoiled as hotel guests. Feline and Canine Delights menus will leave pets licking their whiskers (made-to-order delicacies are also an option!), while massage treatments at the Spa at Las Ventanas, along with in-suite and beachside pet cabanas, are sure to bring on a cat (or dog) nap. Walking services are also available.

L'Auberge Del Mar

Del Mar, California

The L'Petit Pooch leisure package for petite pups at the L'Auberge Del Mar offers features like a 10% discount off of the best-available room rate and a tasty treat from the Three Dog Bakery. Plus, a donation will be made to Second Chance Dog Rescue organization-a l'petit price for a great cause! The dog days of summer can be celebrated year-round here, with everything from nearby dog beaches to the annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon.

Loews Coronado Bay, San Diego

San Diego, California

Dogs staying at Loews Coronado Bay will make a splash at Su'ruff Camp-this pet package includes lodging, a one-hour surf lesson for your pup at the Coronado Surfing Academy on Coronado's Dog Beach, a Surf & Turf doggie meal, board shorts, and a bandana. Surf's up!

Mandarin Oriental, Miami

Miami, Florida

Doggie delights and kitty treats can be had at the Mandarin Oriental, Miami. The Mandarin Oriental Pet Program is a perfect fit for Fido and Felix, with comfy bedding, in-room dining, turndown service (did we mention this was for just for the pets?), a gold collar tag, and dog-walking. But what animal owners will really love is Doggie Boot Camp, which provides a personalized fitness experience for you and your pooch.

Miracle Farm Bed & Breakfast, Spa & Resort

Floyd, Virginia

This eco-conscious Miracle Farm Bed & Breakfast, Spa & Resort, tucked away in the Blue Ridge Mountains, splits its 25 acres with the nonprofit Miracle Farm - A

Sustainable Living Center/Animal Sanctuary, which we animal lovers adore (a portion of the B&B's revenue is also donated to Miracle Farm). Pets are invited to this rustic resort, which features organic, vegetarian breakfast, private house, cottage, and cabin accommodations, an abundance of nature, and spa and fitness amenities.

### Nemacolin Woodlands Resort Farmington, PA

While their masters play, four-legged guests can be pampered at the Nemacolin Wooflands Pet Resort and Spa, an enterprise of the 3,000-acre Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, located in western Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands. The animal spa and daycare center offers animal-friendly amenities such as "luxury suite and condo" accommodations, a grooming salon, outdoor exercise areas, daycare services, massage modalities, and more. Animal care services are also on-site.

Plus, check out the several North American lodging venues that have been stamped with the Pets Can Stay certification, where criteria include fair kenneling policies, no arbitrary pet fees, and a safe environment.

For information, pictures and more pet-friendly spas go to [www.SpaFinder.com](http://www.SpaFinder.com)

## BELGIUM

### My First Podium.

May I introduce myself, my name is Unique Boy , I am an Australian Terrier. I am 11 years old, and I did not participate at Shows since 2003. This year Marie-Francis (called M.F.) did enter me in the Veteran Class at the Golden Dog Trophy. What is she expecting ?

One week before the Show, I was trimmed, plucked, and also pampered .... When I saw myself in the mirror I knew that I had still a chance, for I have made a very nice career.

The day of the show at the judgment of the Breed I was selected best Veteran, it is absolutely normal . I have participated at 32 Shows in 5 different countries (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxemburg and the Netherlands) and I was always Excellent, only one Very Good, in the Junior Class.(I was so happy to see other dogs that I wanted to play with them, but the Judge did not appreciate my behaviour).

Today, I am going as almost every time on the Ring of Honour where neither my construction, nor my look did raise the slightest interest during all these Years. I have to say that In the Groupe 3 (Terriers) the Australian Terrier is seldom in the pre-selection. In the Scandinavian Countries Australian Terrier are more successful.

In Liege, It is a big Ring of Honour with Flowers, Music, Lights . Tail and head proudly up I entered the Ring, M.F. was stressed. Everything went well, I was amongst the three Selected. M.F. was moved and some tears were running on her cheeks as for her the Podium, so many times missed, was for me. I was placed second. The First one was a Schnauzer (8 years old), and the third was an American Staffordshire Terrier (9 years old).

I was able to feel all the huge pride of M.F. and for me - after all these years of Love

and care, I knew that this 23rd of July 2007 I had made her a nice present.

Boy Petry, Your friend.



Photo Courtesy of Marie Francis Petry (Belgium) "MF and Boy"

## CRUFT'S RESULTS

Cruft's Dog Show is one of the largest in the world. Cruft's is named after its founder Charles Cruft. The first Cruft's show in that name was booked into the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington in 1891. In 1991, the Crufts Centenary Show was held at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre, this being the first time the show had moved from London.

I flew into London Heathrow Airport. I left on Tuesday from Aspen, CO and arrived on Wednesday. I opted to take a bus from Heathrow, which went direct to the Birmingham Airport. From there I took a taxi a short distance to my hotel, the Holiday Inn Express. They had a shuttle that takes you directly to the NEC so I didn't need a car. A great pub was next door to the hotel, The Little Owl and I ate many of my meals there. Thursday I went to opening day of Cruft's. There are 5 very large Halls 1, 2, 3, 3A, 4, 5 and the Arena.

In Hall 3 they have Discover Dogs with over 200 Breeds represented. The way they have that laid out is really lovely.

The dogs that are being shown that day are benched so you can also see all the show dogs that day.

The Groups are in the early evening around 5pm in the Arena. The shopping is not to be believed. Five halls of shopping!

On Friday I got up early to go and see the Aussies. There were so many beautiful Aussies and wonderful, friendly owners. Sheila Stoddart was Judging and it was such a pleasure to watch.

On Saturday I went back to watch agility and found myself watching bichon frises. I went back to London, Saturday night so I could catch an early flight on Sunday to go home. The trip went so quickly and it was so much fun. Thank you so much to Brenda Brown and Lorna Brown who befriended me and showed me around.

If you are thinking of showing your dog at Cruft's next year the show will be held on Day Three - Saturday 12 March 2011. You will find more information about exhibiting at the end of the article with links.

If you are thinking of attending as a spectator, it's a must, at least once in your life.

## Winners for 2010



### BEST OF BREED

SILHILL LIMITED EDITION AT WYEAFON SHCM (dog)

Owner: MRS M R JONES

### BEST PUPPY

WILFNBELL MISS MULBERRY (bitch)

Owner: MRS J C COOK

### DOG CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

SILHILL LIMITED EDITION AT WYEAFON SHCM (dog)

Owner: MRS M R JONES

### BITCH CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

EST/FIN CH TRUOZZY'S HAND IN HAND (bitch)

Owner: MRS A L SILD

### RESERVE DOG CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

CH SILHILL RED DRAGON (dog)

Owner: MRS S MCCOURT

### RESERVE BITCH CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE

CH SILHILL SWEET PEA (bitch)

Owner: MRS S MCCOURT

For class results please click on the link below:

<http://crufts.fossedata.co.uk/Breed.asp?>

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If you are interested in exhibiting at Cruft's:

In order to show your dog in the UK (and at Crufts), your dog must either be already registered with the Kennel Club or you must have obtained an Authority to Compete (ATC) number from the Kennel Club.

Please click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.crufts.org.uk/authority-compete-atc>

N.B. Dogs with cropped ears are NOT eligible to compete at any Kennel Club licensed event.

## EXHIBITION OF DOGS

### Class Eligibility

Kennel Club regulations for the preparation of dogs for exhibition in the UK (Regulations as published by the Kennel Club in the Year Book 2006/2007) It is the exhibitors' responsibility to make themselves aware of the Rules and Regulations that appear in the show schedule. In particular, they should be aware that:

No substance which alters the natural colour, texture or body of the coat may be present in the dog's coat for any purpose at any time during the show.

Any other substance (other than water) which may be used in the preparation of a dog for exhibition must not be allowed to remain in the coat or on any other part of the dog at the time of exhibition.

No act or operation which alters the natural conformation of a dog or any part thereof may be performed except:

- a) Operations certified to the satisfaction of the General Committee of the Kennel Club
- b) The removal of dew claws of any breed
- c) The shortening of tails of customarily docked breeds but only up to an acceptable age limit which shall be prescribed from time to time
- d) Operations to prevent breeding provided that such operations are notified to the Kennel Club before neutered dogs are shown.

### RALLY WITH RUTHANN McCaulley

Rally Around the World -The United States  
Ruthann McCaulley



Photo Courtesy of Ruth McCaulley "Wally" by Doug Smith

The AKC rules and regulations describe Rally: AKC Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the Rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10-20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

The team of dog and handler moves continuously at a brisk, but normal, pace with the dog under control at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect "heel position" is not required. Any faults in traditional obedience that would be evaluated and scored as a one-point deduction or more should be scored the same in Rally, unless otherwise mentioned in the Rally Regulations. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly.

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is to be encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections.

AKC rally courses consist of 10 - 20 stations plus start and finish. Rally Novice courses may use any of the 29 signs designated for that level. All of the Rally Novice signs may also be used at the other levels. Novice signs include basics like right and left turns, about turns, about U turns and 270 and 360 turns which, really test the teamwork of the dog and handler. In addition there are several cone exercises requiring the team to negotiate spirals, serpentines and straight figure eights. Of course there is a fast and slow. Call front and finish exercises help

prepare the team for traditional obedience if they would like to move on. Novice is all done on lead.

Rally Advanced introduces 14 new signs including a jump, and any of the three obedience jumps may be used - high jump, bar jump or broad jump. Advanced is done off lead, although the team must enter and exit the ring on leash. Pivots to the right and left both 90 and 180 degrees add a degree of difficulty to training and performing correctly for both the dog and handler. The cone exercise "Off Set Figure 8" included distractions of toys and food that the dog is taught to ignore.

Rally Excellent is also done off lead and has 6 more signs - including the Honor, where the dog, on leash, stays in a sit or down (as designated by the judge) 6 feet from the handler while another dog runs the course. Excellent level requires two jumps be successfully completed. The "Back up 3 Steps Dog Stays in Position" is probably the most dreaded of all rally exercises and admittedly difficult to teach, but most teams enjoy the challenge and once learned really enjoy doing this in the ring. All of the other signs may be used at the Excellent level.

A perfect score is 100 points. Deductions are made for errors by both the dog and handler. 70 points are needed for a qualifying score (a Q). Each Q is called a "leg" and three legs achieved under two different judges earns the rally title RN, RA or RE.

AKC does not allow dogs that are deaf, blind or lame to compete. No food may be used in the ring at any time. Starting April 1, 2010 mixed breed dogs may compete in AKC rally trials if the club hosting the trial elects to do so. Mixed breed dogs earn the same titles and compete in the same classes as purebred dogs.

For more information see <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/>

United Kennel Club (UKC) began their Rally program in 2009. The description on the UKC website states: Rally Obedience was created for the purpose of providing a more informal form of Obedience that would be attractive to those considering involvement in dog performance sports.

Rally Obedience is an uninterrupted performance by the dog and handler without direction from the judge. The arrangement of the exercises found in Rally Obedience are randomly chosen and unlike the rigid set of exercises found in traditional obedience, the team is evaluated on a more natural approach to the performance. The overall performance should convey an image of fun, enthusiasm and the ability of the team to work in partnership.

The UKC concept of Rally Obedience is that all handlers, regardless of physical abilities, and all dogs, regardless of physical structure, should have the opportunity to participate and experience success in Rally Obedience. All dogs need to have basic obedience training and if they can follow their handlers' commands, they should be able to qualify for Rally Obedience Titles. The dog and handler team is allowed unlimited communication, praise and encouragement by the handler without penalty and are judged on the overall execution and completion of each exercise (station).

The UKC rules allow not only a retry but also state that you may "fix" the part of the exercise which is incorrect rather than retrying the whole thing. You may even ask the judge if you've done the exercise correctly. Blind and lame dogs may not compete, but Deaf dogs and dogs missing all or part of one limb may participate in Rally Obedience trials but must be able to perform all required exercises. A Judge may excuse a canine amputee for lameness only if the Judge determines that the

dog is stiff or sore in one or more of its remaining limbs.

For more information see [http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/RulesIndex?  
OpenView&group=DE](http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/RulesIndex?OpenView&group=DE)

Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) will begin their Rally program on June 1, 2010. Their rulebook describes rally: ASCA Rally is a sport that focuses on the partnership and teamwork that develops between the dog and handler, referred to in these regulations as the "Team." Rally Trials are designed to not only showcase the ability and relationship of the team, but also the camaraderie between exhibitors. Dog and handler teams are required to perform a course, consisting of a set of exercises designed by the Judge, according to these regulations. All teams are held to the same standard of performance. Courses are to be executed as one continuous performance, moving fluently between stations. While a team is on the course, they should exhibit accuracy, briskness, and smoothness, as well as enthusiasm and enjoyment. Above all, an exhibitor should exhibit good sportsmanship, both toward their dog and other exhibitors.

Dogs that are blind or have lost a limb may not compete in ASCA. Mixed breeds may compete.

ASCA has more classes and exercises than the other venues.

For more information: [http://www.asca.org/programs/rally\\_](http://www.asca.org/programs/rally_)

## USA CONFORMATION RANKING SYSTEMS



Photo Courtesy of Sue Bachman CH Ryba's Diamond Jim "Brady" Retired

There are many different ranking systems depending upon which publication you subscribe to! The American Kennel Club system is used by the publications Canine Chronicle and Show Sight. There are a host of lesser-known systems that rank dogs by region or have their own systems. The following is a brief description of the better-known systems and how they arrive at their totals.

#### AKC/Canine Chronicle>Show Sight Systems

Breed Statistics - the Best of Breed winner is awarded one point for each dog defeated in the breed ring. Example: If, the total Australian Terriers exhibited at a particular show is 10 dogs then the breed winner is awarded 9 points. They do not defeat themselves.

A subset of AKC's system is the statistics they compile for invitations to the AKC (Eukanuba) Invitational. These are compiled in the same fashion. The difference being is they are not for a calendar year; they are for 12 consecutive months starting in October after Montgomery County Kennel Club and ending the next year before that show.

All Breed Statistics - these are points awarded for dogs earning group wins, placements or best in show awards. One point is awarded for each dog defeated in the group ring or best in show ring. For instance if an Australian Terrier won a group 2 placing behind the Scottish Terrier then the total dogs exhibited that day in the Terrier group would be counted with the exception of the Scotty. If 80 terriers were exhibited that day, you would subtract all the Scotty's exhibited for example 15 dogs and one Aussie. The Aussie would earn 64 points.

A Best in Show award would earn a dog the number of points corresponding to the number of dogs exhibited at a show less one.

When tabulating a dogs total points for ranking these systems, combine their breed points with their all breed points. So if a dog had 9 breed points on one day and then the next earned a group two of 64 points that dogs total points would be 73 points.

### Dog News System

Breed points are tabulated the same way as the above systems. The difference is how Dog News tabulates their All Breed points.

They DO NOT include breed points. So in the scenario of above the dog would only have 64 points.

### Terrier Type System (old)

The old TT system used a combination of their own and the "old" Knight system. For breed points the "old" Knight system split dogs from bitches; so you would have the top 10 dogs and top 10 bitches in breed points.

Terrier Types All Breed system is tabulated the same as AKC except they do not give points for Best In Show wins. They only track group wins and placements. So a dog winning a Best In Show would only earn the number of points corresponding to the number of Terriers exhibited that day less one.

Article written by Janet Mass

Your Aussie could be ranked #1 in Breed points and/or #1 in All Breed points and/or #1 in Eukanuba points. If your Aussie is ranked #1 in all 3 you will commonly hear that dog is #1 in All Systems.



Photo Courtesy of Pamela Levy #1 All Systems 2008 "Alfie" Retired

If you have any questions about rankings and or points please email them to:  
[info@australianterrierinternational.org](mailto:info@australianterrierinternational.org)

## BREEDER DISCUSSION-LIPS, NOSE AND TEETH

Lips-Tight and dark brown or black rimmed.

Nose-Black. A desirable breed characteristic is the inverted V-shaped are free of hair extending from the nose up to the bridge of the muzzle, varying in length in the mature dog.

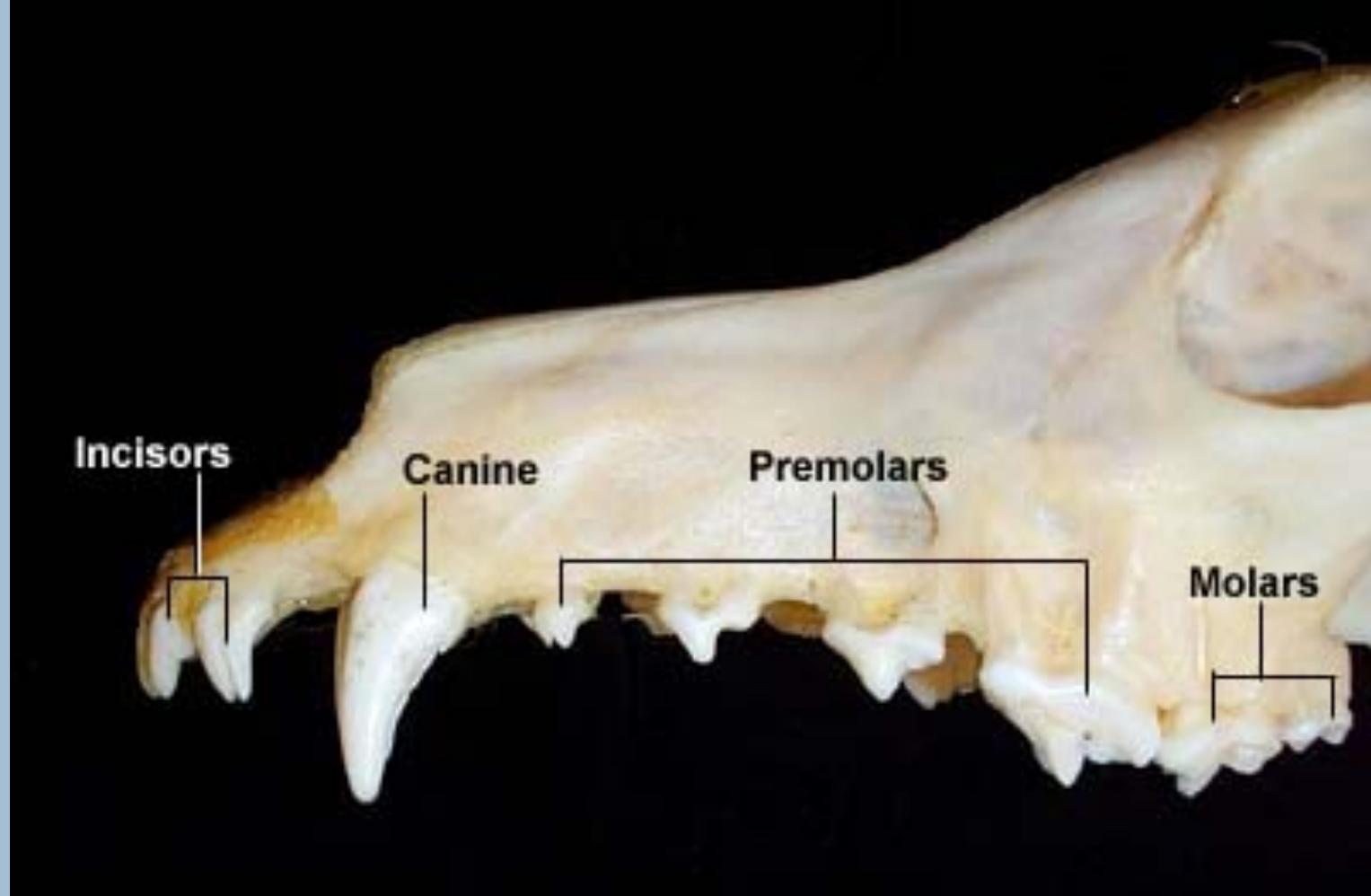
The leather on the nose is the black, hairless area which narrows as it goes from the nose back towards the eyes. It generally develops after middle age. It is unique to this breed.

Example of black nose, tight lips and leather below.

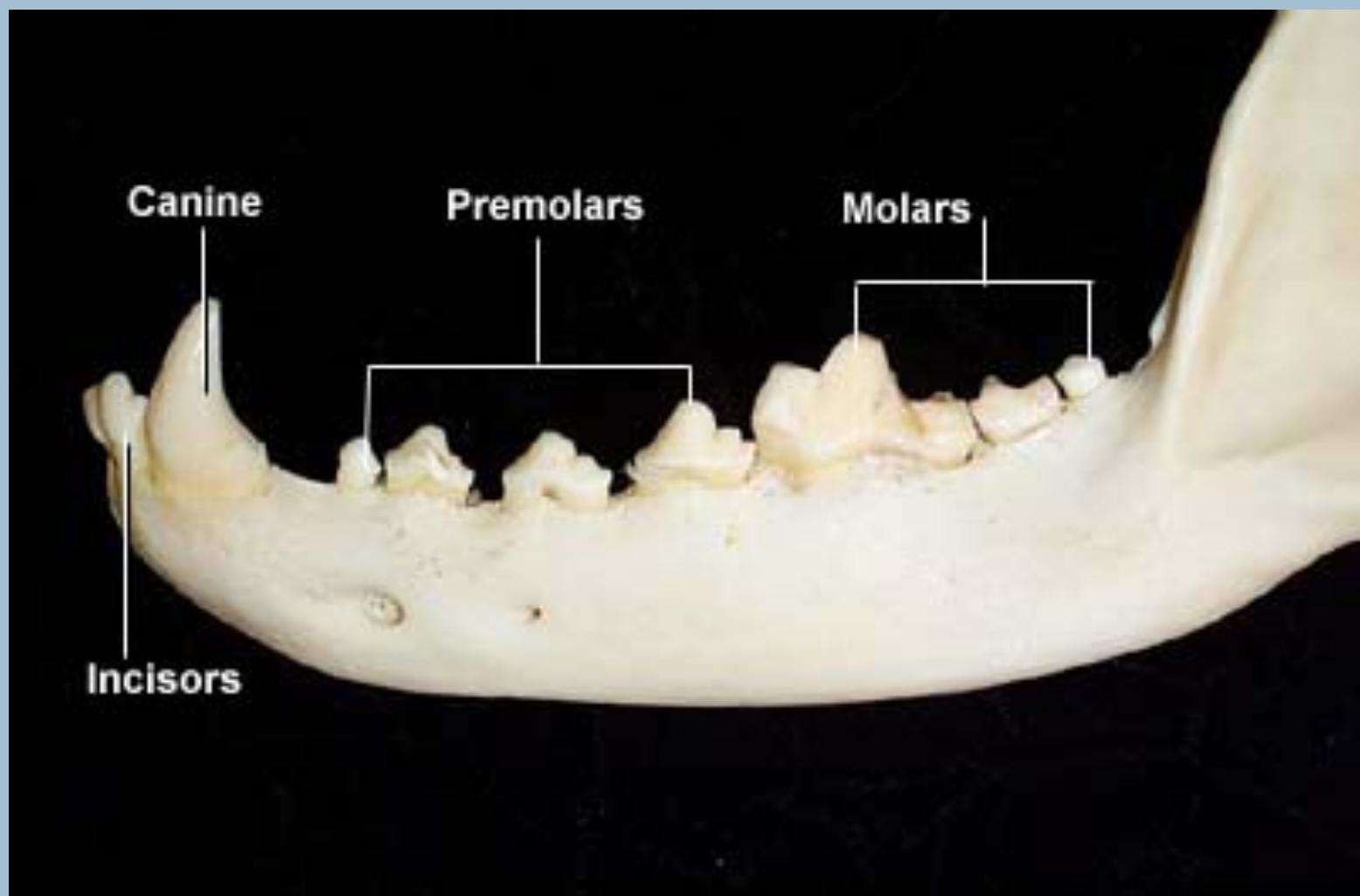


Photo Courtesy of Judy Stallings "Lida Rose"

Bite-Scissors, with teeth of good size.



The correct bite has the upper incisor fitting over the lower incisors. The teeth are evenly spaced, not crowded. The two jaws line up, one directly over the other. A full mouth of 42 strong teeth is highly desirable. The teeth should be large and strong for a dog of this size.



VACCINE FOLLOW-UP IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In our quest for more knowledge about healthy vaccines and protocols, there is one company that stands out. I want to share the info and you can talk with your vets about it.

The company Merial has done a lot of great research on dog vaccines. They have come out with a line of vaccines that are Thimerosal FREE.

Thimerosal is mercury based and is thought to be behind many of the reactions we see.

<http://www.naturalnews.com/011764.html>

[http://us.merial.com/pet\\_owners/dogs/products\\_imrab.asp](http://us.merial.com/pet_owners/dogs/products_imrab.asp)

When it comes to preventing rabies, there's no room for compromise. That's why veterinarians worldwide trust IMRAB®, the proven leader in rabies protection. IMRAB's safety record is established by years of experience and more than 400 million doses administered worldwide. For the past four years, IMRAB has sold more than any other rabies vaccine in North America. It has exceptionally high virus-neutralizing antibody titers. It has rapid build-up of titers to reach protective levels in just seven days. It has potency in excess of World Health Organization recommendations for rabies vaccines.

Make sure you have your vet order the IMRAB 1TF or IMRAB 3TF.

These are the single dose vials of the rabies vaccine that are Thimerosal free.

Rabies vaccines are sold in trays of 50 single doses to the vets.

The Recombitek's are sold in trays of 25 single doses to the vets.

In speaking with the company, they said there is no way for breeders to get the doses as they sell only to vets.

Many Aussie owners do not have lepto in their areas and want it left out of their vaccines. Since there appears to be almost no reason for vaccinating for corona, I would have your vets look into these vaccines that are both Thimerosal free and do not include lepto or corona.

#### RECOMBITEK® C3

Adenovirus Type 2

Parvovirus, Vaccine modified Live Virus

Distemper Virus

#### RECOMBITEK® C4

Adenovirus Type 2

Parainfluenza-Parvovirus, Vaccine modified Live Virus

Distemper Virus

Canarypox Vector

The company also makes vaccines that have Thimerosal in them so be careful about what you are asking for and make sure you are getting the correct vaccine, once you are at your Vet's.

I also want to introduce you to author Jan Rasmussen and her work. She is the author of a book about dog care and health entitled, Scared Poopless.

Please check out her website at: <http://www.dogs4dogs.com/>

## FOOD FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to all who called in for the Education evening discussing Food. The

podcast of the conversation is now up on the website. I hope you find it informative.

James Pendergast from Darwin's was very kind to offer USA members a rate of \$14.95 of 10lbs including shipping. Call 877-738-6325

The offer will be for 10# of Natural Selections for \$14.95 which includes shipping it to your door, when you sign up for their service. Darwin's is a subscription service. The reason for the subscription is so they have a general idea of how much food to make each week to avoid over producing and assure freshness.

They put you on autoship, (if you like the product). There are no long term commitments/obligations, and you can cancel at any time.

You can also change your ship date WITH notice without any problems.

Please refer to their website for further information. <http://www.darwinstpet.com/>

Make sure if you order, to mention the club, Australian Terrier International and they will also include one pound of duck necks free. (great for a treat or teeth cleaning).

Dr. Fox has co-authored, Not Fit for a Dog! The Truth About Manufactured Dog and Cat Food. You can find it on amazon.com or the book store of your choice.

Dr. Fox told us about a site for dog recipes:

[https://secure.balanceit.com/\\_clients2/index.php?dl=1](https://secure.balanceit.com/_clients2/index.php?dl=1)

They do charge for the recipes but it may be well worth it for the person who wants to home cook and for the dog which has an imbalance or illness.

<http://www.twobitdog.com/DrFox/>

Interestingly enough, there is another great website to go to re: food. Martin Goldstein, DVM is considered by experts to be one of, if not THE foremost veterinarian on holistic vet medicine.

<http://www.drmarty.com/feeding.htm>

If you are not a resident of the USA and would like me track down good raw diets in your country please email me.

## PHOTOS PHOTOS PHOTOS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM



Photo Courtesy of Lynne Jennings (England)



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**SWEDEN BY ULLA-BRITT NORDGREN**



Photo Courtesy Of Ulla-Britt Nordgren

Q: Do you have much patellar luxation in your dogs in Sweden? Do many require surgery? Do you breed them if they have patellar luxation?

A: The breed has few cases of serious patella luxation. 1 is most common. The examination for patella luxation is made by hand by some veterinarians who must have special qualifications. No dogs with serious patella luxation are used in breeding, although you are allowed to use a 1 providing the dog is good and healthy otherwise and it is used with a dog with 0 patella. I also believe that one needs to look at the siblings and the relatives of the dog.

Within small breeds you cannot fight singular hereditary dispositions too hard since this might increase the risks to bring in other diseases and defects into the breed. You have to think ahead. We do not know exactly how it is passed on, but the fact that patella shows differently in different breeds and that we can sometimes find lines more affected indicate that patella is hereditary.

The clinical findings are graded on a scale from 0 to 3.

0 is Normal

Grade 1 patella can be luxated manually but will spontaneously retain normal position.

Grade 2 patella can be easily luxated either manually or spontaneously and can remain luxuated.

Grade 3 patella is permanently luxuated.

Bitches weighing less than 10 kilograms are slightly more often affected by Medial patella luxation. Patella luxation occurs among many terrier breeds.

I have also had surgery on an imported bitch for serious patella before the bitch had turned one. She recovered completely and functions without any problems as a pet

dog in her family. What I felt was mainly that the convalescence was tough and demands a lot of work. The aussie is a hardy breed with a high tolerance for pain and I had trouble getting her to use all four legs since she transported herself just as well using only three. But thanks to many walks in a leash and swimming she finally started to walk on all four legs again.

Q: What do you mostly feed your dogs? Dry food, wet food, raw food? Any special brands you would recommend and why?

A: Regarding what to feed the Aussies, I have through the years tried many different dry food brands and I do not believe that the food in itself matters all that much. Every brand here is rigorously tested and of good quality. What I do believe matter a great deal is the amount you give your dog. You must be careful not to give them too little or too much.

Puppies should not solely eat dog food but should have tried different things during their time with the breeders. My puppies have eaten minced meat, egg yolk, soured milk and gruel. They also chew on moose bone. When they leave at the age of eight weeks I give them dry food which has been soaked in water. I believe that if puppies are allowed to taste different things, it will prevent future allergies.

To mix your own dog food is also perfectly fine as long as you have a good enough source of protein. It demands more work but otherwise this is just as good as feeding them fodder. In this I believe that, as with everything else, the fodder industry has made the making of dog food sound difficult, similarly to a mother believing that a product bought in the shops is better than what you can produce at home. For example, we can buy mashed carrots by several different baby food brands although it's the simplest thing in the world to boil and mash a carrot...

Q: What do you do if you have a 90 year old breeder who lives alone and passes away with 5 Aussies? Do you all go to the aid of the Aussies? Do they go to an animal shelter? Do friends step in and help?

A: In Sweden, I believe that a fellow friend or a fellow breeder would help to place the dogs with new owners, since we do not have any help organization of the kind that you have.

Q: Do you test for brucellosis in your country before breeding?

A: In Sweden we hardly know of Brucellosis and as far as I know we do not have that disease in our country.

If we bring sperm it is checked and treated. But we do not check this if we go abroad to mate the dogs. Then it is our own responsibility to demand a test for brucellosis on the male dog.



Photo Courtesy of Ulla-Britt Nordgren

## FINLAND BY IRMA HARDEN

The Australian Terrier Club of Finland has been active now for over twenty years. The club's first meeting was held on June 13th, 1987. The Finnish Kennel Club registered our association in the autumn 1989. Our Membership has grown steadily since its creation and is currently has a membership of approximately 600 people. Each year we hold a Club Specialty Show and various other events/parties for our club members. Included are a few old photos, which were taken at an unofficial Club Show in 1987 that might be of interest to many of the ATI readers.

Wishing all ATI's members-A Very Happy Easter!  
Regards, Irma Hardén

## ARCHIVAL PHOTOS FROM FINLAND



All Photos Courtesy Of Irma Harden Above:Tahee Fire Light



Swedish Breeding Winthertoppet's Janta Till Bienehof Owned By Mervi Wallenius.



Tahee Krackertoa Was One Of The Most Famous Males At That Time. He Was Owned By Ingrid Salo, Kennel Reimin. Nowadays Krista Riihela Breeds Under That Prefix.



Danish Breeding Mariendals Jesse James Was Owned By Aulikki Narakka, Kennel Haka-Haun.

For more archival photos please go to the website and visit the Finland page.  
[www.AustralianTerrierInternational.org](http://www.AustralianTerrierInternational.org)

## PHOTO CONTEST

Please send a photo of your Aussie, in the same photo with any animal other than another Aussie. Perhaps it's another breed of dog, a cat, a bird or a farm animal. Don't do anything dangerous. This is just for fun. Although I do see a prize in the future of the winner.



Photo Courtesy of Theresa Goiffon "Molly and Beckham"

## GREAT WESTERN SAVE THE DATES

Great Western Terrier Association's show this year will be held on June 26th and 27th. One of the finest All Terrier shows in the USA should not be missed!

Saturday, June 26. Breed Judge: TH Barrie and Group Judge: Col. Purkheiser.  
Sunday , June 27. Breed Judge: Ms. KJ Ferris and Group Judge: Mrs. MM Hanson.  
Sunday there are puppy sweeps. Entries close on June 9th.

The show site is one of the prettiest, surrounded by the Pacific Ocean, it has ample parking, good food and nice hotels nearby. Let's make sure this show has a major in both bitches and dogs.

For more info please contact:  
Kathy Vega (626-335-3830) or Eve Steele ([es@evesteele.com](mailto:es@evesteele.com))

## HISTORY

The Great Western Terrier Association conducted its first show in Los Angeles at Elysian Park in 1966. The purpose of the show was to showcase terriers on the West Coast by combining terrier breed club dog shows together on the same site. Great Western served in the capacity of the central or "umbrella" organization that

performed the mechanics of conducting the joint terrier show. Terrier breed clubs representing Airedales, Bedlington, Fox, Kerry blue, Lakeland, Miniature Schnauzers, Scottish, Skye and Welsh Terriers participated as charter members. The strategy and structure of the Great Western Terrier Association has allowed this organization to grow each year and to continue to receive the support of terrier exhibitors everywhere. In 1995, the American Kennel Club recognized the success of the Great Western Terrier Association and sanctioned them as the first American Kennel Club group club in the United States. Today, every single terrier breed is represented at Great Western Group shows and obedience trials. These events are held annually at the University of California at Long Beach, George Allen Field on the third Saturday in June.

Over the years, the Great Western Terrier Association has also been actively involved in education. Workshops on terrier breed conformation, health related issues, canine good citizenship, grooming and handling have been extremely successful. Terrier breed rescue is also an important part of our organization. Each year the Great Western Terrier Association conducts outstanding breed seminars held on Thursday before the annual group show. Moreover, you will find a list of Terrier rescue coordinators on our web site.

Additionally, Great Western continues to encourage and support education and other related programs to be developed by member terrier breed clubs. It is not uncommon at Great Western events to see several booths adjacent to individual breed club's show rings, for the purpose of supporting health-related issues, rescue and education.

Great Western has developed several other special programs and events. The blessing of the animals has become a traditional ecumenical event at the beginning of each terrier group show that makes Great Western a special place to exhibit Terriers. Also, the outstanding hospitality by individual breed clubs is a culinary event. Moreover, our Earth Dog Tests, which are held in the second weekend of November, are becoming favorite events for terrier fanciers to attend. The Great Western Terrier Association is also actively involved in supporting the Valley Orthopedic Hospital in caring for indigent children with orthopedic deformities.

The magnificence of the Great Western show site, the success of our many programs, and the continuing support of our member clubs and exhibitors is evidence of the style and intensity of this organization's continuing commitment to excellence. The Great Western Terrier Association has become a true paragon to emulate among dog clubs everywhere.

## BEWARE OF EASTER POISON TO DOGS



Easter baskets can be fatal to your Aussie. Chocolate, as we've spoken about before can kill your dog. Macadamia nuts can also be lethal. Beware of them in chocolate or cookies. If your pet ingests anything it shouldn't, call your veterinarian or poison control center immediately. (You can reach the non-profit NAPCC at 888-4ANI-HELP).

For more info on chocolate toxicity go to:

<http://vetmedicine.about.com/cs/nutritiondogs/a/chocolatetoxici.htm>

For more info on macadamia toxicity go to:

<http://vetmedicine.about.com/od/toxicology/f/ToxicMacadamiaNuts.htm>

Beware, too, of the artificial grass in Easter baskets, which can cause digestive blockage.

#### **What are the signs of chocolate toxicity?**

Signs are most commonly seen within 12 hours (or less) of chocolate ingestion.

Excitement / nervousness / trembling

Vomiting / diarrhea

Excessive thirst / sometimes excessive urination (at higher levels of Theobromine toxicity)

Muscle spasms

Seizures

Coma (rare)

Death (rare) -- likely due to heart rhythm abnormalities.

**TRACKING-NELLYSON'S NITRO**



Lars Strom and "Nitro"

Nellyson's Ihihottie (Nitro) is the first Australian Terrier in Scandinavia, to be awarded his Championship in Swedish Blood Tracking.

This all began as a game on the puppy tracking course. We tested a track, and learned that Nitro was very good at this sport and we found out that he liked doing this. His human "father" Lars is a hunter and he dreamed of owning a hunting dog. Nitro's human "mother" Agneta, was not so happy with the thought of that. She did not want Nitro to be a hunting dog because he might be tracking far from home for many days at a time.

So we decided that the sport of Blood Tracking would be a less risky activity for our boy, Nitro. We found and took him to a tracking course, and he and we learned the rules of how to follow the blood tracking course. This was a nice way to meet other "dog crazy" owners and a good way to be out and about in nature with our dog.

Nitro sometimes performed very well on the course and then we were so proud of him. Sometimes, he was hopeless and not interested in tracking at all!

When the course was completed, we decided that we will try to take an ability test in Blood Tracking, so in June of 2006, Nitro passed the test, and we were very, very proud of him.

After that we continued on training him at home and in August of 2006, we were ready for the next test, but this time, Nitro was more interested in squirrels, birds, and other fun things.

He was only 1 ½ years old at that time.

Then in January of 2007, he was more focused at blood tracking again, so in May of 2007 we tried the first test and this time he passed the test. So we went on to take the second test in June of 2007 and again this time he also passed! So in July of 2007, Nitro passed his third and final test and was awarded the title of Swedish Blood Tracking Champion at the young age of two years and two months!

Well, even though Nitro became his "father's" hunting dog, he continued on to be his

"mothers" show dog and in September 2007, he became a Swedish Champion in Confirmation, and November of 2007, he sired his first litter of puppies, and some of them are following in his "paw steps!" Needless to say we are very proud of him and look forward to more fun years enjoying adventures with Nitro!

Note: Tracking is different in Scandinavia from the USA, in that these dogs once they become a test champion of record, work to find injured or downed game.

Greetings! Agneta Simonsson and Lars Strom



Photo Courtesy of Agneta Simonsson and Lars Strom



Photo Courtesy of Agneta Simonsson and Lars Strom



Photo Courtesy Of Agneta Simonsson "Nitro"

## AGILITY-LEARNING THE TUNNEL

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<http://affordableagility.com/agility101/200912.html>



Photo Courtesy of Ruthann McCaulley "Wally" photo by John Quinn

### Starting off on the Right Paw

Start out with the tunnel set up straight and 'scrunched' up so that it's shorter. Have your dog sit and stay (or have someone hold him), and then go to the other end and call him through the tunnel. Give treats and praise and tell him how wonderful he is and wasn't that fun? Repeat that, slowly lengthening the tunnel. Don't make it too long, too fast. Remember, light at the end of the tunnel is just as important for dogs as it is for people! The next stage is to send your dog through the tunnel with you running alongside it. Then you can start... \*horror\* ...curving it so your dog doesn't see the light at the other end. More advanced work is to 'send out' ahead to a tunnel with you standing still.

### Popular Call Words

Use a specific command for this obstacle, like 'tunnel', 'go tunnel' or 'through'. This is called "obstacle discrimination", and while body language is the most important thing, there are certain challenges on courses that are better tackled if your dog knows the obstacle name. The goal is to get your dog to go bonkers for this word just as much as he does for 'wannagoforaride'?

### Avoiding the Traps

Judges (who design courses for competitions) know how much dogs love tunnels. They can sometimes be tricky in setting up their courses by including a tunnel 'trap', where your dog has to choose between a tunnel and another obstacle that are placed very close together (snaked under an A-frame or a Dog-Walk). The trick here is make sure your dog knows his obstacle or directional commands to avoid the vacuum of tunnels over the proper obstacle. Train for tunnel traps! Place your tunnel under a contact obstacle or near a jump where it will tempt your dog to run in (because it's fun!) and train him that nope, tunnel is not always the best choice. Set

up another tunnel on the other side of the course, and lay out your course so that sometimes it's tunnel A he runs through, sometimes its' tunnel B, and he only gets to go in when he hears those marvelous words, 'Go Tunnel!' You'll save yourself and him points at trials, and by limiting when he can go in the tunnel, you'll make them even more wonderful when he does get to go in (like that favorite toy you keep out of reach and is only for when he is a very very good dog!). Mix things up. Sometimes he gets both tunnels, and sometimes no tunnels to keep him looking to you for tunnel directions.

## Let's Talk Tunnels

Practice tunnels are good for most back-yard purposes, providing they are as close as possible to the competition diameter of 24". Too small and your dog will learn to crouch and this will slow him up. Get one that is at least as thick as canvas (not the lighter weight nylon) because not only will it last longer, but also the heavier weight makes it more secure against rolling and moving. Competition Tunnels are best for this reason, as they have very thick coils. The longer the better, because you can do curves and s-shapes for 'tunnel traps' (see above). If you have two shorter length tunnels with the same diameter, you can attach them together to make a longer tunnel by using large office binder clips on the edges. No matter what kind of tunnel you have, they're easy to handle; they scrunch up like a slinky for storage.

Remember, if your dog gets scared of tunnels, straighten them out, shorten them, and let the light shine in with plenty of praise and love and treats. Agility is fun!

## JUNIORS BY THERESA GOIFFON



Photo Courtesy of Theresa Goiffon "Lydia and Harley"

Junior Showmanship is a great way for your child to enjoy their dog as they work together and build a bond as a team.

I will be interviewing both former and current Aussie Junior Handlers, in the US and abroad. However, this month I want to take a look back in history and review how the AKC Junior Showmanship began.

Let's look at a brief history of Junior Showmanship according to the American Kennel Club:

Part of the mission of the American Kennel Club is to "Take whatever actions necessary to protect and assure the continuation of the sport of purebred dogs." The AKC's Junior Showmanship Program is just one example of the kennel club's commitment to fulfilling this portion of its charter statement.

In the late 1920's a group of dog show exhibitors led by Mr. Leonard Brumby, Sr., decided to develop a special competition for children. The purpose of the competition would be to introduce a new generation of fanciers to the sport and to give children the opportunity to measure their skills against those of their peers. The children would be judged by how well they presented their dogs with respect to the nuances of the breed being shown. The first Children's Handling class was held at the Westbury Kennel Association show of 1932, and quickly became a popular feature at other AKC events.

In 1949 the Professional Handlers Association donated a trophy in honor and memory of Mr. Brumby to the winner of the Children's Handling Classes at the Westminster Kennel Club show. This trophy is still awarded to the winner of the Junior Handler competition at Westminster and is the most sought-after prize in the sport.

Children's Handling classes were very informal when the program began. The judging of the classes would normally start whenever the first breed ring became available. The judges were usually professional handlers themselves, and the participants were allowed to use any dog that was available to them.

In 1951 the name of the competition was changed from Children's Handling to Junior Showmanship. Twenty years later, in 1971, the American Kennel Club recognized the virtues of Junior Handler competition and granted official recognition for these classes at AKC events.

The Junior Showmanship program has grown and changed in dramatic fashion since its humble beginnings in 1932. The AKC now has guidelines for participation and adjudication of this event. For example, juniors must be between 10 and 18 years of age to participate. They must win three first placements in the Novice class before advancing to the Open class. Judges must be approved by the AKC to judge Junior classes, and the dogs that the junior handlers exhibit must be owned by them, a member of their family, or a relative.

In 1999 the Junior Showmanship program was expanded to include performance events. Currently, a Junior Handler that handles a dog to a performance title will receive a certificate from the AKC acknowledging this accomplishment.

The American Kennel Club also awards Scholarships to deserving Junior Handlers to encourage them to continue on with their education. The AKC awarded 38 Junior Handler Scholarships in 2002. The Board of the American Kennel Club has just increased the Junior Scholarship Fund from \$60,000 to \$100,000. This can truly be seen as affirmation of the AKC's commitment to the youth of our sport.

Junior handlers become ineligible to compete in Junior Showmanship classes at the

age of 18. In most cases, their participation in the sport of purebred dog does not cease once they have "aged out" of competition. From the ranks of Junior Handlers we find the future breeders, AKC Club Members, approved judges and Registered Handlers who will be the caretakers of our sport in the future. We see many of these kids go on to pursue careers as veterinarians. One former Junior is now the CEO of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals; others have gone on to serve as Board Members of the American Kennel Club. Still others have gone onto make their contribution to the sport as AKC employees.

While the Junior Showmanship program itself has gone through changes, the concept and reasons for its implementation have remained the same: to encourage participation in the sport by young purebred dog enthusiasts; to teach good sportsmanship, win or lose; and to educate the next generation of the fancy. So the next time you find yourself at a show with a few moments to spare, stop by the Junior Showmanship ring to witness the AKC's commitment to its mission statement and the future of our sport.

I found this information quite interesting, I hope you did too.

We can clearly thank those dedicated exhibitors from the 1920's for paving the way for our Junior Handlers today!

Since we're talking about the history and getting started in Junior Showmanship, I'd like to address a question that has been asked of me several times.

What is a better choice dog for your Junior Showman to begin showing with? Is it better to start showing a young dog, where they can learn together and teach themselves or a finished Champion? In my opinion, if you are fortunate and have access to an already finished Champion for your junior to show, that is by far the best way to go!

However, if you don't have access to show a Champion, working and training your young dog does work. In some respects, it may be more rewarding to train your own dog, but it takes more time and patience on the part of both Junior Handler and dog.

I am discovering more and more breeders in general are becoming aware of the importance of getting our young people started in dog showing. It's not uncommon here in the US for breeders to look for Junior Handlers to co-own one of their show dogs. It can actually be a benefit for both breeder and Junior Handler.

What is your opinion or experience with this subject? Please email me your thoughts and comments or any other Junior related topic to  
[info@australianterrierinternational.org](mailto:info@australianterrierinternational.org)

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Until next month...

## CHEF'S CORNER WITH CHERYL MECHALKE

### SLEEP OVER EGGS BENEDICT



Photo Courtesy of Cheryl Mechalke

### Ingredients

4 slices of turkey bacon  
4 English muffin halves  
1 tsp vinegar (5 ml)  
4 eggs  
1 cup (30g) spinach

In a nonstick skillet, saute the turkey bacon following the package directions. Break the bacon in half, place on a plate and keep warm.

Toast English muffins until golden.

In a large skillet, bring 2 inches (5 cm) of water and the vinegar to a boil. Crack one egg into a small glass or cup. Reduce heat to simmer and pour egg into the water. Add remaining eggs, cracking each one into a small glass or cup and pouring it quickly into the water.

Let eggs cook 4-5 minutes

Using a slotted spoon (spoon with holes in it), remove the eggs and drain on a paper towel.

In a small skillet, bring 1/4 cup (60ml) of water to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and add spinach. Cook until all water has evaporated, being careful not to burn the spinach.

To assemble Eggs Benedict, top each muffin with spinach, two pieces of bacon and a poached egg.

Yield: 4 servings



Photo Courtesy of Cheryl Mechalke "Chef Luna"

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Photo Courtesy Of Janet Maas "Patsy"



Photo Courtesy of Angela Smith Humpert "Nipper"

BARK-OUT



Woody and Syd Mutch

I just saw the ATI news letter and wanted to thank you for putting Woody and Syd in. I had not had a little cry for a day or so and it was a perfect little remembrance. It also explained the Rainbow Bridge which I was not clear about. I have heard it referred to but did not realize it was a place holder until we got there. I am glad it was clarified for me because I was planning on skipping Heaven and opting for the Rainbow Bridge. I did not want to be somewhere without my pups !  
I looked at the news letter as well and there was great information. I did not realize how few Aussies there were. I applaud the effort to maintain the breed standard. Wood's dad was Ibeth Mr. President and I believe he was a Grand Reserve Ch. at Crufts. Maybe someone in the UK can share more information about him. Thanks for all your hard work! George Mutch



Ozzie Wall

Once again a home run for the team putting together the monthly educational call-in sessions. The raw food diet discussion, featuring Dr. Michael Fox and Jim Pendergast, provided a wealth of information in how to provide a healthy lifestyle for our pets, as well as ourselves! Since I have a special needs Aussie, I feel like I am informed better to do more research into what his nutritional needs are and to try something different for his diet. Thank you for once again providing this recording on the club's web page for those of us who find it more convenient to listen via our computers. Thank you, Pamela, for not only reading my question, but for your own follow-up questions to clarify the panel's answers.

Best Regards, Dianne Wall



Lida Rose Stallings

Once again, a truly fabulous newsletter. You do a wonderful job and I know many people are thankful SOMEONE is giving the Australian Terrier aficionados (and breeders) a forum for much appreciated and needed information and the always wonderful photos. Thanks so much for your efforts... the Rainbow Bridge article always makes me cry. I have always imagined ALL the dogs I've owned in line to greet me. Guess I better be good so their wait isn't in vain!  
Judy Stallings

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