

The TTCA Health Committee is proud to announce a new Longevity Listing Pilot Program. Information about the program and how to apply to have your dog listed can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions Document below. The actual listing of the dogs participating in the program will be coming soon to the TTCA website!

Longevity Listing Pilot Program **FAQs**

What is the purpose of the Longevity Listing Pilot Program?

The purpose of the Longevity Listing Pilot Program will be to recognize dogs that have lived to the age of 13* years or more. At its outset, this program will simply track dogs that have lived beyond age 13, as opposed to tracking ongoing current age or age at death.

Which dogs are eligible?

Any registered Tibetan Terrier, owned by a TTCA Club member in good standing, who has lived 13 years or more, will be eligible, so long as the proper application, veterinary verification of age and other documentation is submitted.

Foreign dogs are eligible so long as they meet the other requirements of the program, including being owned by a TTCA member in good standing. Although one can expect it will be easier to obtain the necessary documentation on dogs that are currently living, even long since deceased dogs may be listed posthumously so long they meet the other requirements and were owned by a TTCA member who is currently in good standing.

Why a pilot program?

This program is intended as a starter program. The Club may choose to expand, amend or change the program in the future.

Where will the listing occur?

Dogs meeting the program qualifications will be listed on the TTCA website. The dog's registered name, call name, date of birth and registration number will be listed. At this time, no differentiation will be made between dogs living or deceased, or any notation as to how long the dog actually lived, other than they had reached the age of 13.

* For the purposes of this pilot program, the age of 13 was chosen as it was over the weighted average for TT longevity as reported in two British surveys. A Report from the Kennel Club/ British Small Animal Veterinary Association Scientific Committee reported the median age of death for Tibetan Terriers to be 12yrs, 2 months. A 1999 survey showed longevity of 14.3 years, but had a very small sample size. The weighted average longevity for the breed (taking into account the two surveys) was 12.31 years. See <http://users.pullman.com/lostriver/breeddata.htm#Companion%20Small>

The website listing will be the primary means of acknowledgement. Certificates will not be issued.

Will the listing need to be updated as a dog ages?

No. For the pilot program, this is a one-time listing. The list is currently intended to include dogs who live over a certain age, not to specify exactly how long they live. It also does not necessarily require a death certificate as a dog may be listed at any time after they reach the age of 13 (assuming proper documentation is submitted.)

How does a member apply to have their dog listed?

1. The club member/owner fills out a TTCA Application for the Longevity Listing. The application can be downloaded shortly on the TTCA website.
2. The owner submits a copy of the dog's registration papers from the recognized breed registry of their country. (Unregistered dogs, ILP/PAL dogs, or dogs from "alternate" registries are not eligible for listing at this time.)
3. A veterinarian's verification that the dog has reached age 13 (or veterinarian verification of the date of the dog's death) must be submitted with the application. This verification can be a letter from the veterinarian that the dog was living (or died) over the age of 13, a signed rabies certificate dated after the dog turned 13, or a letter from the veterinarian that the dog was alive (or died) on a certain date which when taken in conjunction with the registration papers would indicate that the dog reached age 13.
4. The application and documentation is sent to a TTCA health committee volunteer for processing.

What does the health committee volunteer do?

Upon receiving the documentation, the volunteer reviews it for completeness. It is not the job of the volunteer to look up registration information etc, - this must be submitted with the documentation by the member/owner. Under normal circumstances, the volunteer should not need to contact the verifying veterinarian.

The health committee volunteer then uploads the dog's name & basic information to an online webpage at the TTCA site. Uploads will be made on a periodic basis.