President’s Message

HIGH PRAISE FOR NATIONAL TTCA SHOW CHAIRS, CONTRIBUTORS

As President and Recent Show Chairman, the first thing I have to acknowledge is a big THANK YOU to all of the Committee Chairman and workers at this year’s TTCA national and regional specialties at the Peek n’ Peak. For those of you who could not make it, if I may say so myself, you missed what I think was an awesome show! Wearing two hats at this year’s national proved to be a daunting experience but thanks to the support of all of the committee and club members, I think every second was worth it! Even the weather was great! A huge congratulations to not only the winners but to all who competed and made it such a fun show. Special acknowledgement needs to go out to Kim Lenox (trophy chairman), Marybeth Frosco (reservations chairman), Patricia Meelich and Pat Fitzpatrick, (hospitality, sales and anywhere else help was needed!), Glenn Connell (obedience and rally), Mary Martin (Agility), Andrea Campbell (TT Companion Celebration), Elaine Lilak (Parade of Champions), Camille Manfredonia (Top 20), Brenda Algar and Lynn Meyer and her team for this year’s auction, Gale Mattison (chief ring steward) and Rob Smith who jumped in to save the day by stewarding at our Sweeps, Futurity, 4 – 6 months Puppy and Breeder’s Class. I hope I haven’t (Continued on page 3)
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At the Annual Meeting, I have to admit, I had to wing it with the assistance of a few members, since my “identity” was that of Show Chairman” more than it was of “President.” Actually, I think people enjoyed this because it made for a “quick” meeting. We were able to have Lynn Meyers talk about our exciting TTCA National Specialty next year at Purina Farms, which sounds like it is going to be great! Nancy Hammel also shared the TTCA Awards acknowledgements as our new Awards Chairman. One of the best parts of the evening was having the honor of awarding The AKC Good Sportsmanship Award to Sheryl Getman, who is so deserving! Please see the tribute to her in this newsletter. Another award presented that evening was the “President’s Award.” This was given out to Gale Mattison, who has been working on the board in multiple capacities, especially as TTCA Treasurer for years. He has been there helping me personally for the past few of years.

On a sadder note, we have lost another of the early TTCA members Phyllis (Jeanie) Helton. Jeannie had been a member of the TTCA before it was an AKC club! Please see the article in this issue on Jeannie’s life with her TTs.

As many of you may have heard by now the TTCA Rescue Program has been extremely busy in the past months. In this newsletter you will see a fundraising appeal. Please be sure to read it and please, if you can, support them by making a tax deductible donation to the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation (TTHWF).

Have a great summer and be sure to keep you and your Tibetan Terriers cool during the heat waves covering the country!

– Betsy Richards, TTCA President

“i’ve seen a look in dogs’ eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts.” — john steinbeck and charley
Congratulations Phoebe and Team David Murray

BEST OF BREED

GCHB Players As You Like It
Owners Janet Krynzel, Anthony DiMardo, David Murray, Brian Leonard

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## Stud Dog: Judge Susan Carr

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TOP 20 INVITATIONAL: Judges Karen Mammano, David Kittredge and Marjorie Wikerd

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2017 Top 20 Invitational Evening of Champions Winner

A three-judge panel selected BARNSTORM DZINE NEVER FORGET ME D’ESCAPITA as the winner of the 2017 Top 20 Invitational Evening of Champions, shown here with Lynn Meyer and American Kennel Club (AKC) judges Mrs. Karen Mammano, Mr. David Kittredge and Mrs. Marjorie Wikerd, on Tuesday, May 30 as part of 2017 TTCA National Specialty Week. The TTCA established the annual event in 1999 to honor those Tibetan Terriers who the AKC ranks in the Top 20 in our breed and in all-breeds in a given year.
WINNER’S CIRCLE: 2017 TTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUNE 1 CLYMER NY

Top left: Best of Breed, Best in Specialty Show GCHB PLAYERS AS YOU LIKE IT with David Murray. (Official photograph unavailable at the time The TT Times went to press.)

Above: Best of Opposite Sex CH TRIPITAKA BITE THE BULLET with Mikki DeMers, Judge Susan Carr (left) and TTCA President and 2017 TTCA National Specialty Show Chair Betsy Richards.

Lower right: Best of Winners HONEYCREEK TIDEWATER & ASHLYN RETURN THE HEIR with Ron Jaramillo. Judge Susan Carr and Betsy Richards.

Select Bitch GCHG STARLIGHT’S LADY IN WAITING with Cassandra Basgall and Judge Susan Carr (left).

Select Dog GCH BARNSTORM DZINE NEVER FORGET ME D’ESCAPITA with Lynn Meyer, Judge Susan Carr (left) and TTCA President and 2017 TTCA National Specialty Show Chair Betsy Richards.
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COMMITTEE and members of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America for inviting me to judge the Regional specialty in conjunction with your National. I feel that it is always an honour to judge your own breed even more so internationally at such a prestigious event.

A quality entry of 82 awaited my assessment. Starting of course with the younger classes I was more than happy with what I saw. These positive thoughts continued throughout further classes culminating in the impressive BOB class which was a sight to behold. Breeders are to be commended on their efforts.

There seemed to be some distinct head types. Most were of the correct balance with very few that were too short in foreface which would have affected the typical resolute expression that we all love so much. Pigmentation was in general excellent.

Bodies in proportion were overall what I was looking for. In particular length of leg was very good balancing with length of back. Those that are too short in leg are so untypical. Most had sufficient spring of rib and correct length of loin with few being slab sided. Toplines were excellent. Bone was generally of correct strength with very few too fine. We cannot forget a most important breed feature which is the large round flat feet which pleasingly was displayed in many. Size did vary as it does worldwide and is too be watched. Temperaments on the whole were outstanding.

Movement was also excellent but I must state that there is a fashion to move your TT’s way too fast. This may appear flashy, but can alter the appearance of the balance of the dogs. They rush in an attempt to keep up instead of the lovely easy steady gait which is so attractive in the breed. Even on the out and back gaiting too fast is often not attractive with legs flying everywhere not displaying what the dog is built to do.

Whilst there is a trend for black and whites to predominate it was nice to see a variety of colours. This is an important part of the breed that should not be lost. In general the dogs were presented in excellent condition.

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### Winner’s Circle: 2017 TTCA Regional Specialty June 2 Clymer NY

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MOURING GLORY
The Legacy of Jeanie Helton

“These little mutts do help form lasting relationships”

PHyllis (Jeanie) Helton, a doyen of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) and a much lauded Tibetan Terrier fancier and breeder under the kennel name “Ka-Ba” who together with her husband Robert “Bob” Helton founded a line of Tibetan Terriers with progeny from TTCA founder Alice Murphy and who produced the first Tibetan Terrier frozen semen litter died Monday, June 19 after a brief but valiant battle with pancreatic cancer.

“Jeanie was a member of the TTCA before it became an AKC club” “wrote her friend Molly Shell to The TT Times who recalls that “she kept the health records for the TTCA for many years.”

Jeanie began her odyssey with Tibetan Terriers in 1974—the same year the breed received AKC recognition—when she and husband Bob acquired Bear Creek Mandala “Mandy” for their daughter, Jenny.

“We had been showing Old English Sheepdogs for some time and had become friends with Dee and Jim Mattern,” Jeanie wrote in a 2005 tribute to her husband shortly after he died. But OES were a bit much for the 8-year-old Jenny, explained Jeanie, so they set about looking for a different breed.

“Dee introduced us to her first TT ReBa and our daughter Jenny fell in love with her.” Already active in AKC Junior Showmanship, Jenny

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knew at once that she wanted a Tibetan Terrier. After they obtained Mandy, the Helton’s met TTCA founder Alice Murphy, who in 1957 had brought the first Tibetan Terrier, “Gremlin Cortina,” to the United States from the Lamleh Kennels of Dr. Agnes R.H. Greig in England.

“Dee paved the way for us to meet Alice Murphy,” Jeannie wrote.

“Bob went to Alice’s home and persuaded Mrs. Murphy to sell him KaBa Lamleh of Kalai (“Herk”)” an 18-month-old male who went on to win Best of Breed at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog show in 1980. “Bob stayed with Herk and specialized him until he was 8 years old.”

Building the KaBa Line

When Alice Murphy died in 1976, Jeannie and Bob received another Lamleh of Kalai dog, Echo Lamleh of Kalai (“Echo”); shortly after that, they welcomed Siddi Wang Mo (“Mari”), a bitch that a breeder had promised to Alice Murphy before she died.

“When Alice Murphy died, they began placing many of the older dogs in Alice’s kennel, and Echo Lamleh of Kalai (“Echo”) was given to us,” Jeannie explained.

“Mari Thomas, a Canadian judge, had Herk’s brother, and she had a breeding arrangement with Alice and owed her a bitch puppy from a breeding.

“She called us after Alice died and asked if we wanted the bitch she had kept for Alice. That was how Siddi Wang Mo “Mari” came to us. She was a beautiful little girl...”

The Helton’s then acquired Thomas (KaBa Thomas of Karchen) from Ruth and Charles Tevis in 1980, another kennel in the Tibetan Terrier line of nobility.

“In Virginia, Ruth and Charles Tevis became active...because of their close friendship with Alice Murphy, who was in failing health, theirs was an extension of her line” writes Anne Kelleman in Tibetan Terrier, A Complete and Reliable Handbook.

“Their breeding was limited and selective, and many important dogs have come down from their Karchen line, a prefix they selected after the purchase of Ch Karchen Lamleh of Kalai from Alice Murphy.”

These Tibetan Terriers—Mandy, Herk, Echo, Mari and Thomas—became the basis of the Helton’s KaBa breeding program, which resulted in the Helton’s personally finishing championships on more than 30 Tibetans and many other
Artie Ortega and Vanessa Reiter have been throwing a Memorial Day TT Partee for more than 15 years and this year was no exception. Food, frolics and fun? Yes, but the Tibetans were the stars. Because it’s all about the Tibetans.

MOURING GLORY

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champions across the United States.

First TT Frozen Semen Litter

The Helton’s KaBa kennel produced for the first Tibetan Terrier frozen semen litter.

“The straw came from ‘Harry’ who came from their first Mandy and Herk litter and was used in a breeding with Ka-Ba’s Hey Look Me Over (“Lucy”),” explained Molly Shell, in an email to The TT Times.

The Helton’s had not planned the artificial insemination; unknown to them, Walt and Glenna Kuehn had frozen Harry’s semen. (Harry had come from the Helton’s first litter from Herk—the Alice Murphy dog—and Mandy.) When Walt and Glenna told them about holding Harry’s semen, the Helton’s used it in a breeding with their bitch “Lucy” (Ka-Ba’s Hey Look Me Over), which produced the first frozen semen litter.

According to Molly Shell, the last KaBa litter was born in 1993 to Ka-Ba Frozen Assets (“Herbie”), another product of the first frozen Tibetan Terrier semen litter and Ch Ka-Ba Forever Amber (“Amber”).

Jeanie wrote that friends from the OES camp Walt and Glenna Kuehn as well as Ron and Margy Pankiewics, Brenda Brown and others all got puppies from Mandy and Herk’s litters “and we all traveled together to many shows and even piled into a van to go to Westminster together.”

Jeanie also named Brenda Brown, Toodie Connor, Marteen Nolan, Sue Collier, Jackie Lamb, Molly Shell and Karen Kay Bumpus among the many friends who took KaBa dogs and used them in their breeding programs as well as Carole Kreis “who gave a wonderful home to Dan-Ba and Amber.” “These little mutts do help form lasting relationships,” Jeanie wrote.

— Pat Carroll
Unleashing the Party Animals

RMTTC breaks for summer and raises money for rescue

The Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club (RMTTC) held its annual “Play Day” on June 10 when members and their Tibetan Terriers got together over a picnic lunch in Loveland, Colorado at the home of Sandy and Dallas Benton.

The unleashed Tibetan Terriers roamed free in a fenced grassy field and munched canine popsicles while their humans watched from the comfort of a large shade tree. Although the area was experiencing an unusual heat wave, the Gods were kind and the weather was mild.

After an afternoon romp, RMTCC members put their Tibetans up in crates in an adjacent garage enjoyed a fried chicken lunch.

After lunch, members raffled off TT-related items with proceeds going to RMTTC rescue.

A short business meeting followed. Those in attendance included: Elise Kind with “Emily”; Joe and Nancy Suarez with “Hazel”; Pat Linehan with “Deiki”; Noelle Brownson with “Pico” and “Daisy”; Natalie Tishkowsi with “Po”; Peter Springberg with “Sydney”; Alane Franklin and Deb Hawkins with “Pheeny”; Claire Coppola with “Jhana”; Judie Bevacqua with “Daisy”; Sandy and Dallas Benton with “Razzi, Randi, Maggie, Caddi and William”; Ann Stack with “Clyde”; Marcia and Sterling Babcock with “Tisha and “Lita;” Debbie Lasher with “Pirate and “Cassidy”; Donna and John Holloway; the Rusin family; Marika Ujari; and Bob and Carole Kreis. A good time was had by all.

– Bob Kreis
TTCA RESCUE

Rescue me, Rescue me

“Whitey” is a recent rescue in need of a forever home. No age, gender or health information is available at this time. To obtain an adoption application, click on Tibetan Terrier Club of America Rescue Information Form. The TTCA Rescue Committee regrets that it is unable to accept telephone calls at the time of application.

The TTCA Rescue committee predicts that the current year will be the busiest ever for Tibetan Terriers needing new homes. From March 2016 to March 2017, more than 45 Tibetan Terriers came through the rescue program and have been rehomed or placed in foster care. Since this March alone, an additional 45 have come into the rescue program. TTCA has taken in Tibetan Terriers from individuals, families, shelters and a recent larger scale rescue situation, with the hope of finding each a better life with new families.

The Tibetan Terriers have come from all parts of the country from Texas to California to New Jersey to Colorado. Many that come through Rescue are older, some may not have had the best start in life, and others may have medical needs. Some may be elderly and just need a soft place to lay their heads and be treasured for whatever years they may have. All have had their lives disrupted, and are in need of loving, understanding homes.

If you can open your heart and home to a Tibetan that is older, or may have special needs, please click on Tibetan Terrier Club of America Rescue Information Form to begin the application process. When a TT becomes available for adoption, the rescue committee prescreens potential adopters through their applications to try to find a match with the TT’s needs. If a match is found, we contact the prospective adopter at that time. Please understand that due to the sometimes overwhelming work that needs to be done in coordinating intake, care and placement, phone calls from prospective adopters cannot be returned at the time of application. Our rescue fund will be severely impacted as we tend to the medical, housing and other needs of these TTs in the TTCA Rescue program. We estimate the cost to our rescue fund will be more than $30,000 the first two quarters of this year alone. Even if you are not in a position to adopt, you can still help us get these dogs to their forever homes by making a donation to the Tibetan Terrier Health and Rescue Foundation (TTHWF) Rescue Fund. TTHWF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides funding for the operational activities of TTCA Rescue as well as funding TT health research. Your tax deductible gift will help us help TTs in their time of greatest need.

Thank you for caring about TTs and thank you for your support.

–TTCA Rescue Committee
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Task Force Recommends Change

Judges, exhibitors and trainers explore revisions to obedience “stay” exercises

JULY 5, 2017 – THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (AKC) recently convened a three-day task force of five judges, exhibitors and trainers to explore concerns and suggestions from all sectors of the sport and to formulate changes to maximize safety while still testing the important aspect of the “stay” skill.

Their work resulted in the following recommendations:

• The creation of new individual exercises for Novice and Open that will test a stay with distance between dog and handler

• That one group exercise be retained in Novice that will test both “sit” and “down” stays in the presence of other dogs, with spacing and leash use to ensure safety, and a formation option that will allow up to 10 dogs in the ring

• That open out-of-sight stays be replaced by an individual exercise also testing sit and down skills, and a command discrimination exercise that will demonstrate steadiness and obedience at a distance with skills performed in place.

• For Open A dogs, the exercise creates a stepping stone toward Utility.

• For Open B dogs, a randomized order of skills challenges experienced teams at least as much as the group exercises do now.

“The recommended changes will streamline scheduling for judges, reduce conflicts for exhibitors showing multiple dogs and maintain a level of challenge appropriate to the class,” said Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking. “With more confidence in their dogs’ safety in the ring, we hope that concerned owners will re-engage in AKC obedience and feel inspired to pursue their goals.”

“In today’s culture of diverse dog training methods and philosophies that variously impact the behavior of dogs coming to trials, the AKC recognizes exhibitor concerns for stronger safety measures to protect all dogs from interference of any kind in the ring during competition,” she said. “At the same time, there is also a strong consensus in the sport that the impulse control and obedience demonstrated in group stays must be preserved.”

The AKC will publish further details in September. For regular updates, see Obedience News and Updates. To comment, write to rally@akc.org

Stacey LaForge, TTCA Delegate to the AKC

AKC Revamps Breeder of Merit Program

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (AKC) CEO and President Dennis Sprung reported in the June AKC Gazette “President’s Letter” that the AKC has revamped the Breeder of Merit Program to include levels of recognition. Effective October 1, the AKC will recognize individuals in the Breeder of Merit program on one of four levels:

• Breeder of Merit Bronze
• Breeder of Merit Silver
• Breeder of Merit Gold
• Breeder of Merit Platinum

“Each level requires a certain number of dogs to have earned titles with a minimum number required prefix titles,” Sprung wrote. “This program is for all breeders and we encourage you to explore the current requirements of the program and determine if it is a fit for you.”

– Pat Carroll
AKC Delegate Report

AKC launches “Puppy of Achievement” Program to encourage conformation

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB (AKC) Delegate Meeting was held on June 12-13, 2017 in Newark, New Jersey.

In the Parent Club Committee meeting, AKC Archivist Brynn White spoke about her role at AKC, and the AKC Club records that can be stored at the AKC. This may prove to be a route that the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) might want to pursue for the storage of club documents.

AKC Government Relations has been tracking around 1800 bills and 400 regulations. They have had a number of recent successes in opposing legislation that would be detrimental to dog owners and breeders. Please let the AKC Government Relations department know if you become aware of emerging legislation that affects dog owners in your local community. For more information: see About Government Relations.

The AKC website is scheduled to relaunch in October.

There is a new “Puppy of Achievement” pilot program to encourage new conformation exhibitors. A certificate (not a title) is awarded when a puppy receives 10 points from the 4-6 Beginner Puppy Competition or in the regular puppy classes at a show. There is a set point scale for the program and points are earned based on the number of puppies in competition in that class/sex. For more information, see Getting Started for Puppy of Achievement.

At Tuesday’s meeting, a change to Chapter 16, Section 6, in the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows was adopted. This section deals with how Grand Champion points are calculated. The rule change calls for non-regular single entry class entrants (such as veterans) to be included in the calculation of Grand Championship points.

Other votes included changes to the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers.

Proposed Amendments

A few proposed amendments were read that are scheduled to be voted upon at the September Delegates Meeting. There is a proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This change would include the dog awarded Select Dog/Bitch in the calculation of Grand Championship points for that award.

Another proposed amendment is to Chapter 11, Section 8-A, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. This amendment would require permanent identification prior to an incident for a dog that is disqualified if it is ever to be considered for reinstatement. Reinstatement would be conducted by AKC staff; judges would not participate in the process. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board. The Dog Show Rules Committee requested that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

The next meeting is scheduled for September in a new location in the New York-New Jersey area.

— Stacey LaForge, TTCA Delegate to the AKC

Filed under “I second that emotion”

“Do you own a dog?” “he asked the boy, who said no. Faulkner said, ‘Every boy should have a dog. He should be ashamed not to own a dog, and so should everybody else who does not own a dog.’” — Faulkner in Hollywood, May 7, 1932 upon his arrival in Hollywood to begin work as a screenwriter.
IN SESSION

Animal-Assisted Interventions

Tibetan Terriers aid psychiatrist to heal autism, depression, psychosis and other disorders

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SATURDAY IN OCTOBER, with the air cool and fresh and the leaves changing into all shades of red and orange. I had come to the psychiatric unit to complete rounds on the patients I was scheduled to see. “Domino,” my Tibetan Terrier and a Certified Therapy Dog, accompanied me to visit with the patients. He was sitting quietly and calmly by my side in his usual Zen state.

I was thinking about the patient who was about to enter the office. She was paranoid, psychotic, and selectively mute. Her eyes were vacant and she seemed lost in a world known only to her. She had been in the hospital for six days and had not improved. She did not engage with the staff, her peers, her family or me. She did not participate in therapy or any activities. Despite all my efforts, the medication I had prescribed was not working.

I was puzzled, having known her from previous admissions in which she had recovered quickly and was discharged home. I knew that this weekend I was likely to make the decision to commit her to the state psychiatric facility for long term care. It was not a pleasant thought.

My patient entered the office, body taught, with no eye contact and mute. Suddenly I saw her eyes flicker with interest towards Domino and then dart quickly back into emptiness. As I struggled to engage her I noticed Domino get up, lie down on her feet and lean against her legs. I was wary and uncertain as to what she would do when I noticed her lean down and begin to stroke him. She looked me directly in the eyes and asked, “Is he your dog?” They were the first words she had spoken since admission.  

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TTs Helping the Helper

“Providing a safe conduit through which my patient could emerge from her psychosis”

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Domino came again on Sunday. Again, my patient was very interested in him and began to tell me about a dog she had as a child. Monday was a very busy day on the unit and I was unable to bring Domino. My patient immediately came over to me and said, “Dog doctor, where is Domino?” On Wednesday after significant improvement, the patients was discharged home.

What was it about the human-animal connection that brought this patient out of her psychosis? How did Domino behave in such an intuitive way? What biochemical neurological pathway was ignited for my patient? It was from this event that I began to learn more about Animal Assisted Interventions (AAI).

The use of animals in therapeutic settings was originally based on visitations in which personally owned pets visited convalescent homes and other institutions. Over the years, other terms were introduced as it became clear that pets enhanced or facilitated or assisted in therapy. Eventually, the Delta Society advanced standard definitions. Animal Assisted Activities (AAA) provides recreational, educational and therapeutic benefits to enhance the quality of life. These activities include therapy animal visits to college campuses during exams and to nursing homes for stress relief. Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) uses animals in psychotherapy and rehabilitative medicine, such as occupational therapy and physical therapy. A patient who is recovering from a shoulder injury may be more encouraged to throw a tennis ball repeatedly if a willing Golden Retriever is happily bringing it back. AAI covers both AAA and AAT.

What kind of animals can be used in AAI? I have worked with goats, horses, dogs, cats and rats. During a medication check in a children’s clinic a young boy could not focus in the session. He was very interested in the clinic’s pet rats that were being socialized. I taught him

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TIBETAN TERRIER CLUB OF CANADA – 2017 Specialty
in conjunction with the
Oakville Kennel Club
as well as
Club VI 2017 Specialty
The International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd, Mississauga, ON

Oakville KC, TTCC Booster – Friday, 8 September 2017    Judge: Joy Lynne Huntley (Ontario)
Oakville KC – Saturday, 9 September 2017    Judge: Terry Berrios (USA)
TTCC National Specialty – Saturday, 9 September 2017

- Specialty: Judge: George Corneille (Ireland)
- Regular Classes (divided by gender): Junior (6-9 mo.), Senior (9-12 mo.), Juvenile (12-18 mo.), Canadian Bred, Bred By Exhibitor, Open, Veteran, Specials
- Non-Regular Classes: Stud Dog, Brood Bitch, Brace
- Unofficial Class: Altered Class, and Baby Puppy
- Sweepstakes (divided by age and gender): Judge: Georgina Corneille (Ireland)
- Puppy/Juvenile: 3-6 months, 6-9 months, 9-12 months, 12-18 months, and 18-24 months
- Veterans: 7-9 years, 10-12 years, and 13 years and over

Club VI Specialty – Sunday, 10 September 2017    Judge: Ekarat Sangkunakup (TH)
Oakville KC – Sunday, 10 September 2017    Judge: Hans van den Berg (NL)

Yes, that means five sets of points for Tibetan Terriers. For additional information, go to: www.mjnshowservices.com
IN SESSION

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how to open the cage, take the rat out safely and hold it securely. From then on, the rat was my co-therapist.

Animal Assisted Programs are now found in a wide range of facilities, including nursing homes, hospitals, hospice, assisted living, residential treatment centers, prisons (cell dogs), juvenile detention centers, domestic violence shelters, mental health clinics and programs and in programs for children with special needs.

Where did my quest for answers about the connection between Domino and my patient lead me? I was motivated to obtain certifications in Animal Assisted Activities and Therapy, Animal Assisted Psychotherapy and Human-Animal Connection through the University of Denver. I learned that Domino may have provided a safe conduit through which my patient could emerge from her psychosis. Through his touch, his warmth and his acceptance of her she could access the healthy part of her brain to re-emerge into reality. Perhaps Domino brought her back in touch with the positive memories of her own dog, reducing her levels of stress and increasing her endorphins. Perhaps her medication was beginning to take effect.

I am now working primarily in private practice and children’s clinics. Although Domino is no longer with me, he helped mentor Brooklyn who became a certified therapy dog as well. She is energetic, mischievous and engaging, quite a bit different from the calm, spiritual Domino. Through her energy and affectionate nature, she is working wonderfully with children with Attention Deficit Disorder, Autistic Spectrum Disorder, anxiety and depression.

– TTCA Member Dr. Susan Fuchs is a psychiatrist in Trenton, New Jersey specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and young adults.
The 2018 Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) National Specialty will mark 40 years of TT nationals, and this is a year we are really celebrating! So mark your calendars and prepare for a great reunion of friends, frivolity, surprises and, of course, our beloved Tibetans. The 2018 TTCA National Specialty will take place April 29 – May 2, 2018 at Purina Farms, and the host hotel is the Holiday Inn St. Louis West at Six Flags.

If you have never visited Purina Farms, you are in for a treat. The facility was built for dog shows and features a professional dog bathing room, RV hook-ups, and much more. Take a look at this video overview of Purina Farms. Upcoming newsletters will have complete details, including hotel information, area attractions, trophy donations, judges, etc. Our TTCA website will provide ordering information for our fundraising 2018 Tibetan Terrier calendars, glitter TT tees and sweatshirts and our wonderful logo merchandise. Another fundraiser will feature “State Baskets.” We are asking whoever is willing to put together a basket filled with items coming from your state or area. It’s a lot of fun to gather products unique to where you live and to arrange them in an attractive manner. The baskets will be raffled on Tuesday, May 1 directly following the judging.

If you attended the 2012 TTCA National Specialty in St. Louis you know we had THE BEST TROPHIES. We promise 2018 will not disappoint! Be sure to “Like” our 2018 Tibetan Terrier Club of America National Specialty in St Louis page and check it frequently for updates and more information.

An event of this scope takes lots of folks to help. We are actively seeking volunteers. Many jobs can be done without leaving your home area. If you are willing to help, contact Show Chair Polly Naumann at rviewlhasa@aol.com or Show Liaison Lynn Meyer at dzinett@frontiernet.net.

– By Laurel MacMinn
Tentative Schedule

2018 TTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY APRIL 29 – MAY 2, 2018 GRAY SUMMIT, MISSOURI

Agility, Obedience, Rally and Conformation ALL Indoors at One Location

Sun Apr 29

• ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AT HOST HOTEL
  o VERY WELL DOG-EQUIPPED HOLIDAY INN AT SIX FLAGS, EUREKA, MISSOURI CLOSE TO SHOW HEADQUARTERS at PURINA FARMS

Mon Apr 30

Morning

• OPENING CEREMONIES AT SHOW HEADQUARTERS TO INCLUDE:
  o HOSPITALITY BOOTH WITH COFFEE, SNACKS, HOSPITALITY BAGS AND INFORMATION
  o DROP OFF "STATE BASKETS" FOR RAFFLE

Afternoon

• SET-UP FOR SHOWS
• PARADE OF CHAMPIONS
• BBQ LUNCH
• EDUCATIONAL SPEAKERS
  o INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED
• TIBETAN-TERRIER-ONLY INDOOR AGILITY
• COMPANION EVENT (PLUS MORE SURPRISES)
• CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TESTING

Evening

• TOP TWENTY COMPETITION WITH COCKTAILS AND DINNER AT PURINA 2ND LEVEL

Tues May 1

Morning

• OBEDIENCE/RALLY
$100 CASH PRIZE FOR HIGHEST SCORING NOVICE RALLY

Afternoon

• CUT DOWN SWEEPS
• 4-6 MONTH CLASS
• FUTURITY
• PUPPY/VETERAN SWEEPS
• STATE BASKETS RAFFLE DRAWING FOLLOWING SWEEPS

Evening

• COCKTAILS/DINNER WITH AUCTION AT PURINA 2ND LEVEL

Wed May 2

Morning

• JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
• REGULAR CONFORMATION CLASSES
• BEST PUPPY/BBE/VETERAN
• STUD DOG/BROOD BITCH/BRACE

Evening

• ANNUAL DINNER MEETING AT HOST HOTEL

Thurs May 3

• TTCA REGIONAL IN CONJUNCTION WITH GATEWAY NON-SPORTING DOG SHOW WITH PUPPY AND VETERAN SWEEPS

Fri May 4 - Sun May 6

• ALL-BREED SHOWS ALL WITH TTCA-SUPPORTED ENTRIES

Other Events at PURINA (SPONSORED BY NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA)

• MON- TUES BARN HUNT TEST, COURSING ABILITY TEST (CAT)
• WED FAST CAT TEST
• SAT HEALTH CHECK CLINICS (MORE DETAIL TO FOLLOW)
• SUN EARTHDOG TRIALS
K9 Nose Work

NACSW Trials

*CH Tibicinan Qualité de Vie “Finn”* earned his NW2 title at the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) Trial on Saturday June 17 in Weimar, California. Hosted by Haute Dawgs Agility Group, the all-day event featured 38 canines.

Handled and trained by TTCA Member Amy Soderman, Finn is the fourth Tibetan Terrier to achieve the NACSW NW2 title after his half-sister *MPBIS Ch Grand Ch Tibicinan Patricia Joli “Sisu.”* At the end of the trial, the judges assembled and provided an overview of their observations, answered questions, and discussed the trial hides and the challenges they posed during the trial.

The judges then awarded ribbons for titles, overall placement and individual element trial, and the volunteers in the scoring room finished tabulating and verifying scores.

Each score sheet contained information for each competitor useful in evaluating his or her performance: time limit, number of hides, time and comments. Judges also provided feedback on areas to improve individually and working as a team. Scores and score sheets were made available after all competitors had completed the

— Amy Soderman

Finn in January 2017 at the NACSW trial in Livermore, California on the day he earned his NW1 title. Finn earned his NW2 title June 17.

**Homer:** Well crying isn't going to help. Now, you can sit there feeling sorry for yourself or you can eat can after can of dog food until your tears smell enough like dog food until your dog comes back, or you can go out there and find your dog.

**Bart:** You're right. [Gets up and leaves]

**Homer:** Rats. I almost had him eating dog food.

— Homer Simpson, The Simpsons
Sisu’s Corner

In canine sniffing sports, no one loses and anyone can play

I HAVE THE PLEASURE of attending a Sniffing Dog Novice Trial in Santa Rosa, CA hosted by Sniffing Dog Sports, LLC on July 8. I can hardly wait.

Founded in California in 2016, Sniffing Dog Sports (SDS) is a sanctioning organization for the sport of nosework. Events are currently scheduled in California, Oregon and Washington. SDS was created to meet the growing demand for opportunities to compete in the sport of detection. SDS nosework has four trial levels: Novice, Advanced, Excellent, and Iron Dog. Because legs and titles are earned, many handlers felt less anxious than other nosework venues. Every team has the opportunity to succeed and the relaxed atmosphere allows teams to test their skills, while enjoying realistic search situations.

It’s thrilling to see the sport of canine nosework growing. For those readers who are unfamiliar, nosework is an exciting new sport that uses techniques similar to those employed to teach dogs to detect narcotics or explosives. It’s a race to find a legal substance that’s hidden by the judge. Once the dog finds each hidden odor, he must show the handler where it is, within a few inches, so the handler can call “alert” within the allotted time. Capitalizing on dogs’ natural scenting abilities, nosework offers both mental and physical exercise, even for dogs with physical limitations that prevent them from participating in other sports.

Every dog can do nosework. All ages, sizes, breeds, reactive dogs and dogs with mobility challenges are welcome. I’ve seen deaf dogs, dogs recovering from surgery, reactive dogs and puppies as young as 5 weeks. It’s safe mental and physical exercise for the dogs and their humans. No matter the weather, you can play nosework every day, even while you’re travelling. Supportive friends help each dog to succeed. You never know what to expect; that’s part of the fun.

There are several different organizations offering nosework of various flavors across North America. Sniffing Dog Sports is unique. It affords each team the chance to perform in three classes: containers, area search and a game. The area search is intended to mirror real life searches. Each contained class has two or more clusters of containers. For example, one cluster might be boxes and another might be shoes and another might be suitcases. Games include Speed searching, Distance Handling, Distractor Mania, Extreme Sniffing and Goldilocks. The game varies per trial. The games highlight particular search skills. For example, a game might focus on a team’s ability to work quickly. Another game might highlight a dog’s ability to work at a distance from the handler. A third game might test a dog’s ability to correctly find a hide in the presence of distractions. Teams never know what to expect and each search presents an exciting new puzzle to solve.

Unlike some other organizations, dogs didn’t need to pass an odor recognition test first in order to participate fully. In fact, in Sniffing Dog Sports you can choose the level that you enter: either start at the bottom and work your way up comfortably as you gain experience, or start at the highest level if you’re ready for the ultimate challenge.

Amy and I thoroughly enjoy the sport of nosework and look forward to participating whenever it’s available near us. If you enjoy nosework, you too may find Sniffing Dog Sports and the Games a welcome new adventure.

— Sisu the Tibetan Terrier and Amy Sodeman

“Anybody who doesn’t know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.”
— Franklin P. Jones (humorist and PR executive)
**AWARDS**

**TTCA Versatile Companion Dog**

*Veteran Tibetan Terrier shows you CAN teach an old dog new tricks*

At 12.5 years old, **GCHB Moonrize Doubleshot Espresso RN CGC TKN ROM “Tashi”** officially joined the ranks of “Trick Dogs,” as he zoomed his way onto his American Kennel Club (AKC) Novice **Trick Dog** (TKN) title. But this old boy did not stop there. **Tashi** also added the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) **Versatile Companion Dog** (VCD) award to his biography, a new performance program created this year that recognizes Tibetan Terrier and TTCA-member teams who earn titles in three or more programs at the novice, advanced or excellent levels of achievement. Combining his TKN title with his Rally Novice (RN) and Canine Good Citizen (CGC) titles, Tashi became the first Tibetan Terrier to earn the TTCA’s VCD award. Well done, Tashi!

Joining Tashi in earning the new TTCA VCD award is his 5-year-old daughter **GCH Moonrise Over Raleigh for Snowshoe RATN CGC TKN “Kitsu”** is busy demonstrating just how versatile Tibetan Terriers can be: Kitsu earned titles in AKC CGC, **Barn Hunt** (Novice) and AKC Trick Dog (Novice) programs this year. Combining brains with her stunning knock-out beauty, Kitsu not only participated in conformation shows but also earned her stripes as an AKC **Certified Therapy Dog** who now goes to work at **The Cardinal at North Hills** facility for assisted living and memory care and **The Oaks at Whitaker Glen Mayview** nursing and rehabilitation center. “Her visits seem to help those in memory care and assisted living,” TTCA member **Joyce Killinger** (who trained and

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*Photo courtesy of Joyce Killinger*
owns *Kitsu* and *Tashi*) modestly explains. And the feeling is mutual, as *Kitsu* truly enjoys her outings to the senior care facilities.

“She gets very excited when she sees her [Canines for Therapy](#) vest because she knows we are going on a visit,” said Joyce.

Thanks to Joyce’s meticulous care and training, *Kitsu* and *Tashi* enjoy an extremely broad range of stimulating and joyful activities—from conformation to performance events. And sometimes the pictures—or in this case the lack thereof—convey a thousand words.

“I have *Kitsu*’s photo with a ribbon after getting her novice title in Barn Hunt,” said Joyce. “But it rained, so she looks bedraggled. Coming from conformation, I guess I always want them to look good.” The inference is that conformation experience can easily collide with performance experience, and Joyce—for now—is withholding the rainy day pics. The upside is that Joyce makes sure that when it comes to her Tibetans, they are not “just another pretty face.”

“I really do let mine play and get dirty,” she said, beaming a broad smile. “So their coats are not always perfect.”

But as handler, trainer and all-around-mom to her Tibetans, Joyce does not always have the bandwidth to add canine photographer to her tasks. “I didn’t take any Trick Dog trial pictures,’ she said. “I should’ve tried to get one with the agility tunnel, which was one of their tricks.”

Well, for that, Joyce may need to clone herself. For now, may I join the entire TTCA in saying, “Well done, Joyce!”

— *Pat Carroll*
Membership Matters July – Aug

THE TIBETAN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA (TTCA) is delighted to welcome six new associate members:

- Kerry Abbott
- Jim Lenchner
- Jane Graham
- Debbie McClellan
- Pamela Desrosier
- Jennifer Cibor

The new additions bring the total number of members to 353. Welcome Kerry, Jim, Jane, Debbie, Pamela and Jennifer! Tibetan Terrier ownership can be a lifelong journey, and the TTCA looks forward to walking with you on yours. The TTCA also received four Associate Member applications and a Junior Member application; in addition, an Associate Member applied for status as a Regular Member.

Associate Member Applicants

Sybil Turner of Lake Toxaway, North Carolina acquired her first and—as yet—only Tibetan Terrier in April 2016. She is interested in joining the TTCA as an opportunity to learn more about the breed and to be a part of an organization that plays an important role in furthering its health and welfare. She has no plans to breed. Her sponsors are Mary Ann Griffin and Jill Hardy.

Heidi Warner of Anchorage, Alaska currently owns two Tibetan Terriers and has no plans to become a breeder. She enjoys training her dogs and competing in performance events, including agility, obedience and rally. She has achieved master levels in agility. Her sponsors are Susan Meluzin and Nancy Hammel.

Donna Getz of Manhasset, New York currently owns two Tibetan Terriers and has no plans to become a breeder. As an optometrist, she is interested in learning more about canine ophthalmology testing. Dana is interested in supporting the TTCA and representing the breed with her certified therapy dog. She also plans to train her dogs in agility. Her sponsors are Lynne Fardell and Joanne Frank.

Traci Vosen of Brainerd, Minnesota will acquire her first Tibetan Terrier next year. She has no interest in becoming a breeder. She has previously owned and trained a Golden Retriever, a Gordon Setter and an Irish Setter in obedience and rally and as certified therapy dogs. Traci has taught numerous classes at her local kennel club. Her sponsors are Lannie Beckman and Kathleen Anderson.

Deidre Philpot of Washington, DC currently owns one Tibetan Terrier and has no plans to breed. She has been a pet sitter/dog walker for 20 years. Deidre is interested in joining the TTCA because she has a deep passion for the breed and especially for her TT “Cookie.” She has attended the last two TTCA National Specialties and, most recently, assisted in the search for a lost dog at the 2017 TTCA National Specialty in Clymer, New York. Her sponsors are Janet Slothower and Sharon Hurd.

Regular Member Applicant

Lisa Gillen, of Sewell, New Jersey has been a TTCA Associate Member since 2013. She currently owns two Tibetan Terriers, has bred one litter and plans to breed in the future. Lisa wants to become more involved with the breed. She intends to actively support the TTCA, because she knows the club directly benefits the breed. She has exhibited in conformation for one year. Jackie Faust continues as her mentor.

Junior Member Applicant

Madison Smith of San Jacinto, California currently lives with three Tibetan Terriers. Madison wants to become a TTCA member because she enjoys showing her TTs and would like to learn more about the breed. She is also interested in becoming a TT breeder with her father TTCA 1st Vice President Rob Smith. She has exhibited in conformation for a year. Her sponsors are Paul Douglass and Marian Murphy.

If you wish to submit any comments regarding these applicants, please do so within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this newsletter. Send comments to:

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Attention Sponsors

The application forms can be confusing, and even a small error can delay membership for months, so please check with your sponsors before he or she submits the membership application to help ensure that it is completed correctly.

Associate Members Applying to Become Regular Member

Do not include a check with your application. You will receive an annual membership renewal notice in January. – Vicki Hawkins, TTCA Membership Chair
AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship

The American Kennel Club (AKC) established the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award in 2006 to honor individuals who deserve special recognition, who have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, and who embody the AKC Code of Sportsmanship. Each year the AKC provides an AKC Medallion to each member club to award to one of its own. This year, the TTCA is proud to bestow the 2017 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award to Sheryl Getman. TTCA Member Claire Coppola shares her experience of Sheryl and why she is deserving of the award.

Sheryl has been a member of the TTCA since 2005. There is only one Sheryl. She is truly SPECIAL. She has touched every member of our club and the dog-loving public at large with her artistry. Her superb rendering of our Tibetan breed through artistic interpretation will live on forever. She has lent her talents over and over again in creative ways to journal covers, notecards, specialty logos, prints sold at our auctions, and posters. Each one is a masterpiece. She enters her art studio in Montana after a hard day’s work in her family’s fruit orchard and out emerges another stunning piece of TT art that truly captures the spirit and beauty of our breed. She is never too weary to paint her beloved Tibetan Terriers for us.

If you’re fortunate enough to have her designs in your home, you know that her spirit and love of this Tibetan breed is evident in every brush stroke and each finished work gives joy to the viewer daily.

In addition, Sheryl’s selfless ability to communicate in a personal way with club members and work for the good of the club is unmatched. She has always put the club’s interests forward and is able to get things accomplished when others cannot by her quiet, behind the scenes “backroom” discussions, special and unusual to her style of leadership.

Along with all of this she has worked to create and maintain the TTCA Facebook page, she has served on the TTCA Board of Directors, and has been a long time owner and breeder. Originally from Montana, she established herself as an artist while living in California, but then moved back to what is now her fabulous orchards, especially noted for the cherries they produce!

Through her art and her creative, kind and caring personality, she is a bridge over troubled waters, more times than not. She is not only a treasure to our club but also to the sport of pure-bred dogs, and deserves this honor bestowed upon her by the greater canine community, the AKC.

– Claire Coppola
SHOW TIME

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Top right: TTCA members Claire Coppola and Lorna Cook with “Presley” at the Peek n’ Peak front desk. Lower right: TTCA members Joyce Killinger, Karen Tromblee with “Louis” and Pat Meechum. Lower left: TTCA Member Kerry Abbott with “Pippa” at the TT Companion Celebration Tuesday May 30.

“Outside of a dog, a book is man’s best friend. Inside of a dog it’s too dark to read.” —Groucho Marx
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Top right: Joshua Desrosiers at the TTCA Annual Dinner. Top left: TT watches the crowd as his mom watches the show. Lower left: TTCA members Joyce Killinger models her Tibetan Terrier tee-shirt for TTCA Member Sandy White while her boy “J.R.” waits patiently. Lower right: Unidentified woman takes her TT out the night before the big event on Thursday.
SHOW & TELL

Two Tibetan Terriers meet by accident on the street. While not rare, it’s not exactly commonplace either. But the odds of two littermates meeting that way is downright, well . . . serendipitous. “Bodhi” on the left with his mom, Jill Fergus, live in “TriBeCa,” a decidedly dog-friendly neighborhood in New York City. The other puppy on the right is “Frida,” Bodhi’s littermate and sister. Frida also lives in TriBeCa with her family, Patrick and Sharonne Laviens. “These gorgeous pups were born to CH. Snowlions China Tigre of Cashmere (“Dazzle”) and their wonderful sire, Gamin Golden Gift of Peace, on February 10, 2017,” writes TTCA member Rosalind Wald. “Dazzle is the GREAT granddaughter of Cashmere, my first Tibetan Terrier,” writes Rosalind, who still remembers June 15, 1996 as the day she brought Cashmere home. “Cashmere (1996-2011) lived almost 16 years and is the inspiration that has inspired me for now 21 years.”


“Dogs got personality. Personality goes a long way.” — Quentin Tarantino
Your letters, notes, photos and brags

Letter to the Editor

To all of the wonderful Tibetan Terrier people who attended the TTCA specialty in Clymer, New York in May, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

As many of you know, my TT, “Devon,” somehow managed to get out of the hotel room at the Fairway Suites across the golf course from the Peak and Peek Resort on Tuesday evening while I was at the top 20 dinner. She was missing for 5 days in the farm fields and woods surrounding the resort. Many, folks helped in our search which was extensive and continued day and night. I was awed that people gave up attending events at the specialty and showing their dogs in order to help find her.

The dedication of everyone would not have been shown by other breed clubs with which I have been involved over the years, and especially at a specialty week. I will continue to be deeply grateful for everyone who had even a little part in bringing her home. I know that there are others behind the scenes whose names I may not even know and I apologize for not mentioning everyone, but there are several TT people I need to thank again. Rene Stamm, Devon’s breeder, was the epitome of what a reputable breeder should be. She never wavered in her support and caring for Devon and even though she had a very long drive home with many things to do before traveling internationally, she stayed to help groom the mats, sticks and other stuff out of Devon’s formerly full coat. Camille Manfredonia and Fran Kridakorn were nonstop in their efforts to try to track Devon through the dense woods and huge fields. Their knowledge of rescuing dogs was so valuable to me because in 35 years of owning many dogs, Devon was the first one I ever lost. They refused to give up even for a second. Deidra Philpot was the queen of the posters. I think she put a lost dog poster on anything that didn’t move within a 2-mile radius of the resort! And of course, Chaix Luna who set up and managed Devon’s Go Fund Me account, which relieved a little of the stress knowing that funds would be available should we need more drastic efforts if she wasn’t found before we had to leave for the 4-hour drive home. I know that there were many people contributing in many ways: prayers, physically looking, providing moral support, donating, and doing anything else that needed to be done; I can never thank you all. I also have to mention my friends who made the trip to NY to help find Devon and the incredible staff at the Fairway Suites and the Peak, who never gave up, and the local people who all were trying their best to help. In many ways, this is an experience I will never forget. It was horrible, stressful and scary, but it was also uplifting and wonderful to find out that despite the awful things you hear about in the news these days, that there are the most wonderful people just waiting to do the right thing and help out those in trouble. Devon is home, unscathed, and settled back into her role as Diva. Again, THANK YOU! – Gay Stahley and Devon

From Gay’s Facebook page: “For those of you that so very generously contributed to Devon’s go fund me account, a huge thank you. We paid $764.54 in fees and tracker expenses. Of the remainder, $3892.85 has been donated to rescue in the US and $1297.61 has been divided between three UK rescues—Independent Tibetan Terrier Rescue, A-1 Tibetan Terrier Rescue, and Hungary Hearts Rescue. I know all the deserving rescue dogs thank you, too.”
TTCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

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I cannot thank enough my steward Gale Mattison who ensured the smooth running of the ring throughout the day. His efficiency ensured that I could focus on the job at hand and immerse myself in the dogs themselves rather than the procedure. Special mention must be made of Betsy Smith Richards who was amazing to deal with from her initial contact right up to the day itself and in fact after. Her communication and organisational skills are second to none and I hope that you all realise what fantastic assets you have in these two. I must also make mention of the amazing venue that we were so lucky to have the use of. I would have loved to have spent some extra time there exploring the area and in fact enjoying the resort itself.

I have been judging for several decades and have been lucky enough to judge in many countries throughout the world and I have to say without a doubt that this assignment was one of the highlights of my judging career.

In conclusion breeders keep up the good work and I look forward to catching up with you all at a show somewhere in the world soon. Thank you. – Ashley Reid

DONATIONS

THE TIBETAN TERRIER HEALTH AND WELFARE FOUNDATION received the following donations in May and June:

- In memory of “Bailey,” Adria’s Martino’s dear Tibetan Terrier from Eileen Clancy
- In memory of “Chelsi” from Victoria White
- In celebration of RinChen Tibetan Terriers puppies from Claire Coppola
- In honor of “All the people who helped search for Devon” from Jane Goodell
- $3892.85 via Go Fund Me from donations that remained after paying to find “Devon”

– Kerry Abbott, TTHWF Treasurer.

The Tibetan Terrier Club of America will offer its’ newest line of designer apparel for sale via the TTCA Online Store on August 1. Featuring the Tibetans for Tibet logo, all sales will benefit Tibetan Terrier Rescue. This popular design is sure to sell out, so shop early to get the best selection of colors and sizes.

Tibetans for Tibet design by TTCA Member Fran Kridakorn