Hope all are surviving this bitter winter, I know the dogs don’t appear to be bothered by it! I would like to start out with a huge THANK YOU to all who participated in the “Meet The Breed” at the AKC National Show sponsored by Royal Canin! Thanks to the efforts of MaryAnn Griffin and Karen Tromblee it was witnessed to be a huge success! There is a great article in this Newsletter sharing some of the details but I would like to note some of the people who helped to make it such a success, besides MaryAnn and Karen, they are: Gina DiNardo, Jim Letchner, Pam Desrosiers, Debbie & Jim Griffiths, Lynn Meyer, Debbie Hamilton, Kim Lenox, Stacey LaForge, Sheryl Getman, Tom and Sandi Dotson and Janet and Jay Slothower. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize, hopefully I will be there next year to help out! This is an example of another of the TTCA committees known as the Public Education Committee. Thanks to dedicated TT lovers these people donate time and energy to sharing with the general public the joys (and challenges) of bringing our wonderful breed into our families. At present the main events revolve around the AKC National Show and Westminster, which is coming up very soon. The Westminster show also has a great team participating in the Meet the Breed program. If you are attending it this year be sure to stop by and thank all. If you would like to help out please contact Travis Brock at travbrock@hotmail.com.

If anyone is interested in setting up a booth at a show weekend in their area, please contact the Public Education Committee Chairman, Claire Coppola, who can give you ideas and support in helping the public learn more about our wonderful breed.
President’s Message con’t

Along the public education topic, be sure to read in this Newsletter about the TTCA’s new Breed Ambassador Program led by Karen Tromblee.

Another step to help share with our members all that goes on in running the club is the addition to our website’s “members only” section, where our Committee Reports are available for all to read. We are hoping people will find a committee that interests them and they will think about joining and helping out!

I would also like to say Thank you to the Futurity Committee, especially Claire Coppola, for all the work they have continued to do to get more members involved in and excited about the TTCA Futurity program. Be sure to read Claire’s most recent work on the Futurity Stakes in this Newsletter.

I need to send a heads up and reminder, only Regular Members are entitled to vote in the upcoming election (see Biographies included below). It seems that a couple of Associate members may have received the voting ballots in error, if so please disregard them.

I really hope to see many of you at our upcoming National Specialty at the Purina Farms Event Center, just outside of St Louis, MO. Lynn Meyer and many others have been, and are continuing to work hard to make this a fantastic event. Please consider helping out since they can still use some help in the performance events, Hospitality helpers, catalog sales and Sunday night set up helpers. See how you can help and who to contact in the article on the Specialty in this Newsletter! It looks like it will be an awesome event!

Please note, it was pointed out to me that in last months Newsletter, where I mentioned the loss of TTCA members, I inadvertently left out the fact we lost long time member Lorraine Simon, I apologize it was not done intentionally, I am just getting old!

Betsy
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with Article III, Section I of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc., please be advised that the Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc., will hold its annual meeting dinner on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at the Holiday Inn St. Louis West at Six Flags.

Please refer to the TTCA website or the specialty show brochure for information regarding dinner and hotel reservations.

The Board of Directors of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc. will meet on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at the Holiday Inn St Louis West at Six Flags at 8:30 a.m. If you have items to place on the agenda, or if you have any questions, please contact Corresponding Secretary, Janet Slothower at janet@janetslothower.com 615-945-1929.

TTCA Fees Increase

Our club has been fortunate over the last 10+ years in that we have been able to offer a consistent membership fee with no cost increases. As with all things, nothing lasts forever. We must make some changes in order to keep up with technology and to help keep our club going.

Effective March 2018 you will see the following changes taking place:

- Membership fees will increase by $10: Regular and Associate $40, Household and Foreign $55, no increase for Juniors, currently $20

Anyone applying for new membership between July 1 and November 1 will only be responsible to pay a $20 fee.

- ALL newsletters will be sent via electronic mail. If you choose to receive a hard copy via postal mail, you will be required to pay an annual subscription of $30 per receiving membership. This fee must be paid at the time of membership renewal. If paid at any other time during the year, there will be NO prorating of costs.

As we have done in the past, Master Card and Visa payments are accepted through PayPal*** www.ttcastore.com, additionally payments can be sent directly to our Treasurer at the following:

Amy Soderman, Treasurer TTCA
PO BOX 217
Boonville, CA 95415

New benefit to all members: all previously printed materials available through the club, such as The Breeders Manual, Owners Guide, and Illustrated Standard will now be made available in digital format and will be part of membership.

Should you have any questions concerning the increase in fees or the new fees, please contact one of the TTCA board members for clarification.

Rene Stamm
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.
2018 Dues Notice
Membership Renewal
March 1, 2018 - February 28, 2019

Payment due by February 28, 2018
Associate & Regular Membership - $40.00
Household & Foreign Membership - $55.00
Junior Membership - $20.00

Master Card and Visa payments are accepted through PayPal***
www.ttcastore.com

Please consider adding a donation to the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation to your payment. You may send a separate check or include an amount in your check or PayPal charge.

Please send checks to: Amy Soderman, Treasurer TTCA
PO BOX 217
Boonville, CA 95415

Member Name(s)________________________________________

Dues Amount: ___________ TTHWF Donation ____________

If different from what is on web membership list (see new presort zip request):

Address_____________________________________________________________________

City______________ State_____ Zip__________-________________

For Standard Presort discounted mailings, please update your address with zip +4.

Primary Phone________________________

Email ________________________________________________

My email address is: asoderman613@gmail.com
WHAT IS A TTCA BREED AMBASSADOR?
NEW TTCA PROGRAM!

This brand-new Board-approved program connects the public with appointed TTCA Club Ambassadors for the purpose of educating on all aspects of our Breed. We join a number of other AKC Parent Clubs with similar public education programs already in place.

Ambassadors receive and respond to inquiries from individuals by phone or email about our wonderful breed, either in their local region or in response to a specific skills and knowledge the Ambassador has that may be pertinent to the inquiry (breeding, local fun events & shows, agility, obedience, therapy work, etc.) or as a response related to a geographic region. Each Ambassador’s contact information is listed on the TTCA website as an Ambassador Program member.

Ambassadors provide an informed and balanced understanding of the pros and cons of owning and living with a TT such as health issues, potential costs, longevity, exercise requirements, grooming needs, socialization and training.

Ambassadors inform and educate about what constitutes a responsible breeder and provide guidance about the importance of health clearances, pedigree information resources, and how to use that information in breeder/litter evaluation.

The Ambassador acquaints interested individuals with the benefits of TTCA club membership and how to connect with regional TT clubs and owners.

Ambassadors will be approved based upon their geographic region, knowledge and willingness to commit to the Program for at least one year. They should be a TTCA member for a minimum of 5 years.

Would you like to be one of the first Ambassadors?

If you wish to know more about the Program or receive a Breed Ambassador application, please contact the Breed Ambassador Chair, Karen Tromblee, at kbtromblee@together.net

“Around us, life bursts with miracles—a glass of water, a ray of sunshine, a leaf, a caterpillar, a flower, laughter, raindrops. If you live in awareness, it is easy to see miracles everywhere. Each human being is a multiplicity of miracles. Eyes that see thousands of colors, shapes, and forms; ears that hear a bee flying or a thunderclap; a brain that ponders a speck of dust as easily as the entire cosmos; a heart that beats in rhythm with the heartbeat of all beings. When we are tired and feel discouraged by life’s daily struggles, we may not notice these miracles, but they are always there.” (Thích Nhất Hạnh)
Alice Murphy’s name will not be forgotten by the TTCA. At the 2016 National Specialty, the Alice Murphy Memorial Trophy was retired from service on its 25th year of presentation to the Grand Futurity Winner. In 2018, the TTCA will continue to honor Alice Murphy’s invaluable contributions as a founding member and first President of the TTCA with the establishment of an annual Prize to be awarded in her name to both or either of the dam and sire of the Grand Futurity Winner providing each meets CHIC health testing requirements. This new Prize was established by unanimous vote of the Board in 2017.

FUTURITY STAKES ALICE MURPHY MEMORIAL BONUS PRIZES

To encourage the health testing and screening of Tibetan Terriers breeding stock, the Tibetan Terrier Club of America will offer the following Bonus Prizes as part of the Futurity Stakes Event held at the annual Tibetan Terrier National Specialty, in memory of Alice Murphy, the founder in 1957 and first President of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America.

The following prizes shall be awarded only if the Dam & Sire are CHIC listed:

• The Breeder(s) of the Grand Futurity Stakes Winner shall be awarded $50.00 in aggregate by the TTCA.

• The Owner(s) of the Sire of the Grand Futurity Stakes Winner shall be awarded $50.00 in aggregate by the TTCA.

The Sire and Dam shall be deemed CHIC listed if they appear on the CHIC data base 10 days before the judging of the Futurity.

The Futurity Chairman shall determine the eligibility of the winners as soon as possible after the conclusion of Futurity judging.

Being CHIC listed requires no special effort by the owners of Tibetan Terriers. It is automatic after the owners have completed the 5 core health screenings and are permanently identified and agree to have the results appear in the open data base.

• Hearing (BAER test)
• Eyes (CAER or CERF)
• Hips (OFA or Penn Hip)
• Primary Lens Luxation (PLL)
• Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (NCL)

Since CHIC lists both normal and abnormal results. No Dam’s Breeder(s) or Sire’s Owner(s) are prevented from receiving this Bonus Prize.

If possible, the Bonus Prizes shall be awarded during the awards banquet held in conjunction with the TTCA National Specialty and the Bonus Prize Winners shall be recognized in the TT Times newsletter.

These Special Prizes do not require any changes to the Futurity rules.

(TTCA Breeder’s Showcase “Futurity” Rules applying to Litters and Individual Dogs Whelped On or After January 1, 201

VII. AWARDS, TROPHIES AND RIBBONS: E. The TTCA Board may approve specific Futurity Incentive Programs to encourage health screenings and health data collection of Tibetan Terriers. These prizes shall be awarded to the Owners of the eligible Sires and the TTCA Member-Breeders of the eligible Best Puppy, Best Junior and Best Adult winners.)

Please direct any questions to Claire Coppola, Futurity Chair
rinchentibetanterriers@gmail.com  973-769-0907
SAVANNAH LIVINGSTON  
Burton, MI

I started my show career at the age of 4 years old showing my first Tibetan. I had to grow up to enter the Junior ring at 9 years. My Grandma Karen gave me my own dog Barkley when I was 8. I trained him myself to become my own show dog. With Salishan Sir Barkley of Hightower we maintained top 10 junior for many years. In 2010 I entered Juniors at Westminster for the 4th time. I placed 3rd that year with TT Salishan's Dash for the Gold. I continued to make the trip to Westminster qualifying from ages 9-17. In 2013, I accomplished the dream every Junior has by winning Best Junior at Westminster. I continue to show TT’s along with Akitas, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Bulldogs, Australian Shepherds and many other breeds. I have just bought a mini farm.

JAMI SMITH  
Sacramento, CA
"Serbu" Tibetan Terriers

I have been training dogs for 20 years in performance sports and service dog training. I acquired my first Tibetan Terriers about 16 years ago and have been breeding Tibetan Terriers for 14 years. I have produced many dogs that have been extremely successful in conformation along with 6 performance sports. Having a background that covers so many different areas has shown me the need for form and function as well as a decent temperament to create a well balanced Tibetan Terriers.

LEE WHITTIER  
Vancouver, WA

Ms. Lee Whittier currently owns, exhibits, and occasionally breeds Tibetan Terriers. She has has been actively involved in the sport of purebred dogs for more than three decades. Her involvement began as owner, exhibitor, and subsequently a breeder of Rottweilers. Ms. Whittier began judging in 2000 but took a several year-hiatus to work for the American Kennel Club as an Executive Field Representative. She returned to judging in 2011 and currently judges the Toy and Working groups, a number of breeds in the Hound, Terrier, and Non-Sporting groups, as well as Best In Show.
The following individual has submitted an application for membership in the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA).

**Associate Member Applicant**

Taylor Schwartz of Lakeville, MN is a student who currently owns 1 Tibetan Terrier, which she acquired in 2013. She is interested in becoming a member to continue learning about Tibetan Terriers and to be an ambassador for the preservation of the breed. Taylor has co-bred one TT litter with Earl Miller, who has been her mentor. She has been showing her TT in confirmation for 4 years, and has also shown several other breeds in confirmation. Her sponsors are Krista Johnson and Earl Miller.

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

Vicki Hawkins  
23577 Darkhorse Drive, Auburn, CA 95602  
(530) 268-9150  
vrhawkins@hotmail.com

**Sponsors:** The application forms can be confusing, so please assist the people you sponsor to ensure that they are correctly completed.

**Associate members applying for Regular membership status:** Please do not include a check with your application. You will receive a dues renewal notice in January.

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**We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.**  
Immanuel Kant

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**TTCA Resources Available to Members**

If you have questions about how things work in the TTCA you may find the answers on the DOWNLOADS page in the MEMBERS ONLY SECTION.

- TTCA Constitution and by-Laws  
- Specialty Guidelines  
- Breeder referral documents.  
- Procedural Manuals for officers and committees that layout duties and responsibilites  
- New this year: Reports from all the committees  

Other useful documents:  
- Forms for paying dues  
- TTCA logo in jpg and pdf formats  
- Award applications for Versatile Companion and ROM  
* Forms for submitting Expense Statements  
* Futurity Judge Nomination Forms
The Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation received the following donations in September, October, November and December, 2017

Kerry Abbott

In memory of Christine Friemel from:
John & Pam Roeth
Cassandra Basgall
Steve & Shirley Harris
Patricia Angus
Ed Maxwell
- In memory of “GCH Malishar’s Pemba” and “CH Malishar’s Molly Morada, CGC” from Margy & Ron Pankiewicz
- In memory of “Roshi” & “Lorna” from Pamela Stones
- In memory of “Echo” a very special TT from Roni Siegal & Liz Angelino
- In memory of “Pirate” from Robert & Carole Kreis
- In memory of “Trapper” and “Kara” from Barbara Strong
- In memory of Nancy Branco, Loleta Branco & Carol Travella from Anonymous
- In memory of “Gus Bernstein” from Barbara Callahan
- In memory of “Gus” from Lee Bernstein
- In memory of “Calvin” from Jon Persky
- In memory of “Allie”, “Jolie”, “Emma” & “Lilli” from Anita Lamison
- In honor of Linda Bofenkamp & Cynthia Schmidt and the amazing TT’s Scarlet & Gracie from Greg & Amy McClallum
- In memory of “Tanner Mae Mae” from Andrea Campbell
- In honor of Lorraine Simon’s dogs from Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club
  Jane Goodell & Travis Brock
- In honor of Margy & Ron Pankiewicz from Cindy & Paul Douglass
- In honor of “Gates” from Judy & John Guidry
- In honor of Linda Bofenkamp & Cynthia Schmidt and the amazing TT’s Scarlet & Gracie from Greg & Amy McClallum
- In honor of Travis Brock from Jane Goodell – Merry Christmas
- In honor of Dee & Charlie Travella from Anonymous
- In honor of “Wolfi’s” amazing AKC Invitational Performance and “Tashi’s” AKC Top Dog award in Preferred Agility 2016 from Heidi Wanner
- In honor of Flash & Kitsi’s 4 puppies born 9/7/17 for the Breeder’s Challenge from Joyce Killinger
- In honor of All TT’s from
The Connecticut TT Meet Up on 11/5
The 2017 TT Romp – 30 Representatives
LuLu and Howie
Sonam and the TT’s
- In honor of All TT’s from The Connecticut TT Meet Up on 11/5
- To celebrate “Wolfi’s” amazing AKC Invitational Performance and “Tashi’s” AKC Top Dog award in Preferred Agility 2016 from Heidi Wanner
The AKC National Show sponsored by Royal Canin is held during the month of December in Orlando. It is one of the biggest AKC sponsored shows and most certainly is very prestigious. During the event not only are dogs competing for confirmation awards, but there is also juniors, agility, rally, obedience, dock diving, honors bestowed to canines for excellence in therapy work, companion work, and of course recognition of the many outstanding breeders.

Yet, the event that children and adults swarm to is the part of the show site called “Meet the Breeds.” This year 197 breeds were on display and your very own TTCA was there for the two exciting days. The main purpose of the booths is to educate people about the various breeds, responsible dog ownership, and which breed might be a match for a family.

“Meet the Breeds Booth” takes plenty of planning. Thanks to Mary Ann Griffin for being in communication with Gina DiNardo in obtaining our space and electricity, coordinating the schedule of those working, and making sure all volunteers had their entry passes for the day they worked.

We were allowed to unload all of our gear on Friday in order to set up. Thanks to Jim Lechner, Pam Desrosiers, and the dock crew for getting us to our site. Thank goodness that Jim is tall as putting the tent up, stringing lights, and the banner are a challenge for those who are height challenged. Pam went to work quickly making sure all of the tables were just perfect and everything was in the right place. Without their help, I would still be at the unloading dock!

Bright and early Saturday morning Mary Ann Griffin, Bishop, Frankie and I began greeting the many people who came to see the TTs. We gave each visitor a paw wrist bracelet and shared our pamphlets while talking about our wonderful breed. Soon Debbie and Jim Griffiths arrived with their KDEE. Talk about a TT who loves people, KDEE greeted everyone with wiggles and shared her love. Also working the booth at that time was Lynn Meyer, who took time from her string of dogs to help us. It was most certainly appreciated.

The booth closed during the TT judging in order for all of us to cheer on our breed. Congratulations to the following winners:

**Best of Breed**  
GCHS CH Tripitaka Bite The Bullet  

**Best of Opposite Sex**  
GCHS CH Players As You Like It  

**Select Dog**  
GCHG CH Barnstorm Dzine Never Forget Me Descapita  

**Select Bitch**  
GCHB CH Gemm's Elvira Queen Of The Night  

**Best Bred By in Breed/ Variety**  
GCHS CH Players As You Like It  

**Best of Winners**  
Ri Lee’s Iconic Performance
AKC MEET THE BREEDS FLORIDA STYLE  con’t

**Winners Dog**
Ri Lee's Iconic Performance

**Winners Bitch**
Zodi's All In

**1st Award of Excellence**
GCH CH Kimik's Royal Pursuit

**2nd Award of Excellence**
GCH CH Kimik's Some People Are Worth Melting For

**3rd Award of Excellence**
GCH CH Dreammaker Salishan Starry Starry Night

Hurrying back to the TTCA Breed Booth after the breed judging were: Kim Lenox, Stacey La Forge, Debbie, Jim and KDEE Griffiths, Karen Tromblee and Frankie, and a special friend Sheryl Getman. The winners were all busy having pictures taken yet Lois DeMars lent us a beautiful golden puppy named Handsome. It is amazing how generous our professional handlers and breeders are with their time and their pups.

Saturday came to a close only to welcome Sunday with Tom and Sandi Dotson with Skylar and Debbie Hamilton with Sawyer and Peyton, Jim and Debbie Griffiths with KDEE, Janet and Jay Slothower, Susan Carr, Vicki and Bruce Walsh, Lynn Meyer all spending time at the booth throughout the day spreading TT joy.

At the end of the day all of the display had to be taken down and removed. A very special thanks goes to Tom and Sandi Dotson, and Debbie Hamilton. They closed the show for 2017. Each and every year the merry band of TT owners gathers at this site to make sure our breed is well represented and brings forth an educational component for the public to learn about our “Little People.” Until next year......
November 5, 2017 was a fun packed Tibetan Terrier day. A group of 14 dogs and their human companions spent an afternoon socializing, playing games, learning more about the breed, and supporting Tibetan Terrier rescue efforts. The event started with free play and socializing. There was space for dogs to mingle, space for dogs on leash to stay close to their owners, and rest areas (crates) for dogs to take a break. All the owners were very attentive to their pups. While the dogs played, human companions also mingled and talked dog - of course.

While one group did some obstacle course games, another group played “scent fun” Dogs exploring obstacles enjoyed seeing new items, feeling new textures, going through tunnels and learning to maneuver over jumps. In scent fun owners and dogs were introduced to scent games to play at home and had a basic introduction to nosework. All dogs had the opportunity to do both activities.

Sue Carr spent individual time with the dogs and owners offering suggestions on grooming, feeding, and keeping our pups happy and healthy. Sue shared some funny stories about her dogs, pointing out the uniqueness of the breed and their fun, yet sometimes frustrating, antics. It is reassuring to know that even a long time Tibetan Terrier owner and breeder has the same dog situations as the new owner. Thank you Sue for joining us and making the day very special.

All money raised from entry fees ($10.00 per family) and raffles went to the TTCA Tibetan Terrier Rescue. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks Our Companions, Travis Brock and Don Broderick for helping to make this a successful event. There are plans for another Connecticut Meet Up in June 2018. There are monthly activities the second Sunday of the month such as, walks, nosework outings, obstacle course games, and obedience work. **If you would like to be notified of these events, please contact janegoodell46@gmail.com.**
Meet Up Events and Planning

Planning a Tibetan Terrier Meet Up in the Boston area for mid March. If interested in being part of the planning process or attending the event, please contact janegoodell46@gmail.com. This event will benefit the TTCA Tibetan Terrier Rescue.

There is also interest in having Meet Ups in Long Island and New York/Brooklyn area, if interested please contact janegoodell46@gmail.com. We need people to help plan these events.

Central Connecticut (Hartford area) outdoor Meet Ups generally the second Sunday of the month. Contact janegoodell46@gmail.com to get on the emailing list for these events.

Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club
Activities in the West

For over twenty years the RMTTC has been an active club. Early TT activities, before we became a club, were made up of more spontaneous “get togethers” after showing our dogs. When Bob and Carole Kreis joined the group we formed an active club to sponsor national specialties and help with rescue activities.

The club has sponsored four national specialties over the years. Sandy Benton has been our rescue coordinator for this area of the country. Along with these activities, there is one play day in the spring where members bring their pups to play for a Saturday morning. While pups snooze after a strenuous morning, we dog parents have a fun drawing during lunch, with money going to the RMTTC rescue fund. Our other activity is a holiday luncheon, at a members home, with a gift exchange. Members show their dogs in conformation and performance, while some people train their dogs for therapy work. Our membership is made up of about half rescue dogs and half TTCA and/or RMTTC bred pups. All dogs and their owners are welcome to join the club. Right now RMTTC has about forty members from Colorado and the rest of the US.

Club committees are as follows:

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fox711711@msn.com

Claire Coppola webmaster 973 769 0907
rinchentibetanterriers@gmail.com

Sandy Benton membership 970 669 0181
classictt@lpbroadband.net

Elise Kind media (newsletter) 970 667 3505
davidtt09@comcast.net

Debbie Lasher treasurer 303 752 2017
debbie_lasher@comcast.net
Biographies for National Specialty Judge Ballot 2020

Jacqueline Stacy

Jacqueline Stacy’s involvement in purebred dogs began with Pomeranians over 50 years ago where her lifetime commitment to the sport began as an exhibitor and breeder.

As a profession handler, her accomplishments were affirmed by her peers who voted her the top female professional handler in the USA in 1987. She is credited with the management of the successful breeding programs of several of her clients including the Maltese who won the WKC Toy Group in 1996 and his father who she piloted to the top Toy Dog at the AKC Centennial show in 1984.

Mrs. Stacy began her judging career in 1995. She has judged many National Specialties, and most of the Premier shows in the USA in addition to others in Canada, Europe, Asia, South America, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Finland and Scotland. She is now approved to judge All Breeds.

Along with her husband, Terry, she maintains a small but highly respected breeding program of Affenpinschers under the Tamarin Prefix.

She has been closely associated with the Tibetan Terrier over many years and appreciates them and finds them worthy at the Group level.

Marjorie Wikerd

I was first approved by AKC in 1997 to judge Basset Hounds, Tibetan Spaniels and Tibetan Terriers. Currently, I am approved to judge seven hound breeds, four non-sporting breeds and junior showmanship. I judged the 2005 TTCA nationals, the 2000 TTCC nationals and have judged the Bay Colony and Mt. Vernon TT specialties. I have twice judged at the Basset Hounds Club of America nationals, have judged the Tibetan Spaniel Club of America nationals twice, and have judged Basset specialties from coast to coast as well as in Argentina.

Our involvement in purebred dogs began 46 years ago with the arrival of the Basset Hound Wikerd’s Lady Amanda, CDX. Not long after, Musicland’s Baby Doll, CD made her debut in the conformation ring and so began a lifetime commitment as a breeder and exhibitor. In 1987 TT Ori, CH Abbey’s Orient Express, joined the pack with the Tibetan Spaniels, future CH Kinderhof’s Bluvali Eurosha, joining in 1988. I continue to breed and exhibit Tibetan Terriers and also live with two Standard Poodles and one remaining Tibetan Spaniel.

Over the years, 98 Tibetan Terriers (56), Tibetan Spaniels (28) and Basset Hounds (14) carrying the Bluvali prefix have earned the title of Champion and 8 of the Tibetan Terriers have gone on to finish a Grand Championship. In addition, others have earned obedience, rally, agility and tracking titles.

Lisa Warren

I began my involvement in purebred dogs in 1965 with obedience, but I soon realized that my true passion was in breeding and conformation. My husband and I bred multiple BIS winners in both Dachshunds and Akitas while living in Australia from 1983 to 1990. After returning home to America, I served on the Dachshund Club of America’s Board of Directors and as the founding Chairman of the DCA Health & Welfare Trust Fund for fifteen years, and as Judges Education Coordinator for 10 years. I am currently approved by the AKC to judge the Sporting, Hound, Non-Sporting and Toy Groups, and many Working breeds. I have also had the pleasure of judging in England, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

I am intrigued by the Tibetan Terrier’s history and development and always thoroughly enjoy judging these charming, lovely dogs. It is truly an honor to be nominated to judge the breed’s National Specialty Show. Thank you.
Biographies for the 2020 Judging Ballot  con’t

Dana Cline

In the late 1960’s, Dana Cline’s parents gave him his first Great Dane and from that moment he knew that he would have a lifetime of involvement with this breed and with dogs. As a young child he exhibited in 4H, training in both obedience and conformation. He found the dog show world in his teenage years, spending nearly every weekend traveling to shows, helping professional handlers and handling dogs for friends with other breeds as well. While his main interest was always in Great Danes, he worked hard to learn about other breeds and to become more active in all breeds. All of his weekends spent at dogs shows eventually led him to a career as a professional handler, where he specialized in Danes and sight hounds, but also handling various other breeds along the way.

Breeding has always been a favorite aspect of this sport for Mr. Cline. He has bred nearly 100 champions in a number of breeds, primarily Great Danes, but also Borzoi, German Wirehaired Pointers, Miniature Bull Terriers, Beagles, Italian Greyhounds, and Tibetan Mastiffs. He was a long time member of the Great Dane Club of America.

Mr. Cline is an All-Breed Judge. He has judged in a number of foreign countries, multiple National Specialties, as well as many of the country’s top shows.

Mr. Cline exhibited many Tibetan Terriers throughout his handling career and also judged the Tibetan Terrier Sweepstakes in conjunction with International Kennel Club of Chicago.

Ann Hearn

Mrs. Hearn has been involved in the sport of pure-bred dogs since 1952 beginning with Fox Terriers and then Non-Sporting breeds – Bichons in particular. After a great deal of grooming Wires and Bichons, she now has a “wash and wear” breed – Miniature Pinscher. She has bred Best in Show, Group and BISS winners and has finished many Bichons, Fox Terriers and MinPins.

When the Tibetan Terriers were just coming into AKC, I jumped on any education to be found – they were love at first sight! They have changed very little since their beginning other than to correct some close rears. So many new breeds go through a “modeling” period to better attract a look from judges. I truly appreciate the breeders adhering to their vision and beliefs in the natural breed. The joy in judging this wonderful breed is the happy attitudes and fun outlooks they impart.

Mrs. Hearn has been an AKC judge since 1984 and judges all over the World. She spent a month in Australia judging in Melbourne, Sidney, and the beautiful coastal area. She has also judged in Russia, Italy, Sweden, Finland, France, New Zealand, Taiwan, China and South Africa. Ann has been an executive committee member of the Bichon Frise Club of America, Greater Atlanta Fox Terrier Club, Atlanta Kennel Club, Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club, Lawrenceville Kennel Club and Kennesaw Kennel Club. She is a member of the Judges Association of Georgia, Dog Judges Association of America, Senior Conformation Judges Association and American Dog Show Judges. Mrs. Hearn is also an all-breed judge for the United Kennel Club.

Ann was the AKC Gazette columnist for both Wire Fox Terriers and Bichon Frise for many years. She has been editor of the American Fox Terrier Club Newsletter, Atlanta Kennel Club Digest, Bichon Frise Club of America Bulletin, and various other publications. She has been published in many dog magazines and has written books about Bichons, Wire Fox Terriers, Smooth Fox Terriers, Chihuahuas, and AKC Judging published by TFH Publications, Inc. and Kennel Club Books. She was nominated in 1997 for Writer of the Year for a Breed Specific Book by The Dog Writers Association.

Ann feels it is important that she give back as much as she has received from the dog sport, and has developed and presented many educational forums for judges to help them better understand breeds and thereby become better judges. Mrs. Hearn thoroughly enjoys judging. She says she can legitimately get her hands on as many dogs as she likes – and she likes them all!
Biographies for 2020 National Specialty Judge  con’t

Toddie Clark

Toddie Clark of Decatur, Tennessee, became an all-breed handler in the early 1960s. She and her husband, fellow judge Houston Clark started their careers as exhibitors. bred a few of their dogs, built a large boarding and grooming kennel in Chattanooga they eventually became all-breed handlers.

The Clarks were two of the busiest and most successful handlers on the circuit, handling dogs from all the groups at more than a hundred shows a year. They finished dogs in all seven groups, and along the way won hundreds of group firsts, group placements and best in shows.

The Clarks retired from handling in 1986 and Toddie applied for and was approved to judge the Toy Group. In addition, she now judges the Hound, Working, Terrier and Non-Sporting breeds, groups, and best-in show. She is a lifetime member of the Chattanooga Kennel Club and is the author of several articles on grooming and judging.

In the early days of judging Mrs. Clark was the principal of Clark Enterprises, which invested in real estate and stocks. She says, “My family has always been uppermost on my scale of importance; we were blessed with four children and now we are happy spending hours teaching our eight grandchildren how to fish at our lake home.”

Thank you and your members for thinking of me for your National Specialty. When the email came in I read it and then my computer ate it so I never had a chance to answer it.
Around 5 or do years ago we quit taking Nationals unless they are in conjunction with all breed shows where we are on the panel.
We have traveled all of our adult life and we did this in an effort to stay home more. We actually enjoy the Nationals more so it is painful but they do cost more days.
Good luck with your wonderful breed's national.

Robert Hutton

I’ve just returned from being out of town and must be away again in two days. Even if I could judge your Specialty I wouldn’t have time to submit a bio on short notice. With the restrictions that come with a National Specialty contract havoc is played on my appointment book. And, a hardship is brought to the many all breed clubs I deal with who have troubles assigning their shows and who perhaps face trying to afford another judge or replacing me altogether. I then lose a weekend of shows. I always say being invited to judge a National is quite a complement and very important. But, with difficulties that may be involved I must send my regrets.

Sincerely,
Bob Hutton
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018!

TIME IS FLYING.

Now is the time to make your reservations and plans to attend the 2018 TTCA National. 1978-2018 marks a celebration of friends, fanciers, and our beautiful Tibetan Terriers.

DATES: APRIL 30TH – MAY 2ND
PLACE: GRAY SUMMIT, PURINA FARMS – Just outside Saint Louis

Hotel Reservations – Holiday Inn Six Flags 636-938-6661 and ask for Tibetan Terrier Club of America room block rate $126. per night.

Catalog Advertising - $75. for a b/w inside page. For details contact Sandy White at sanwhite.tt@charter.net. Deadline March 15th.

Auction Items to benefit 2019 National to be mailed to – Travis Brock, 561 Hickory Hill Rd., Thomaston, CT. 06787

Start putting together your State Basket, to include anything special to your area or state. There will be prizes awarded for the baskets and a raffle to win the baskets.

Expect a complete informational TTCA National Booklet in the mail just after mid- Feb.

Don't forget to order your 2018 TT merchandise now. Monday, April 30th, for Opening Ceremonies Day, we are encouraging everyone to wear their 2018 National clothing.
Volunteers are still needed!! Do your part to pitch in. We need Agility and Obedience Stewards, Catalog Sales, Hospitality Helpers, Sunday night set up help, and more.

*Contact Lynn @ DzineTTs@frontiernet.net.*

Show Superintendent is Onofrio at www.onofrio.com. Complete entering, RV reservation sites, and details will come to you in the Premium List to be mailed to all TTCA Members.

For more show information email TTnationalinfo@gmail.com

Advertise in the 2018 National Specialty Catalog.

Let everyone there know about your dog’s accomplishments.

All ads are black and white. Full page $75. Half page $40.
Contact Sandy White 248-627-6170
More info and downloadable ad form:
ttca-online.org/html/2018specialty/2018forms.html

Deadline is March 7
Winterize Your Pet

This winter seems to be particularly difficult. Bitter cold with high wind and feet of snow confound everyone who must get to work, not to speak of longer trips to visit family or just do weekly shopping. Making sure you have layers of warm clothes on is important to staying comfortable during this weather. Your dog also needs to be comfortable and warm, so don't forget to include your pet in your winter plans. Here are a few tips on keeping your Tibetan Terrier healthy and warm during this cold.

1. Chemicals on your dog’s paws, legs, and tummy need to be washed off right after your TT comes in the house. This reduces the risk your dog may be poisoned by antifreeze or deicer.

2. Make sure you always keep your TT on his leash when walking. Unleashed dogs can easily wander onto thin ice of lakes and rivers and get stranded on the ice or fall through the ice.

3. Check your dog’s paws regularly for cracks and dryness or accumulated ice balls. Paw salve can help soothe dry feet, while snipping some hair from the bottom of the dog’s pad can help your dog’s feet feel better.

4. Young puppies and older Tibetan Terriers or those with short coats, may need a coat and boots when the temperature dips low.

5. Your dog still needs exercise no matter how low the thermometer goes. Taking your dog to day care will give him some good exercise in a warm place.

6. Tibetan Terriers suffering from Arthritis or other chronic conditions may need to be checked by a veterinarian to make sure they are able to regulate their temperature.

7. Your Tibetan Terrier needs to be in a warm house eating good food and drinking plenty of free water and waiting for spring.

AVMA website and Dr. Nancy Kay Speaking for Spot
Join us for a
TTCA Supported Entry
Saturday, April 28, 2018
Wilmington Kennel Club Dog Show

Lums Pond State Park
Camping Area
3355 Red Lion Road, Rt. 71
Bear, DE  19701

Judge: Mr. Robert E. Hutton

Make it a weekend... shows Friday, Saturday and Penn Treaty KC on Sunday.

Look for the return of the TTCA Mid-Atlantic Regional Specialty in 2019!
Please send all articles, pictures, brags, etc, to the TTCA newsletter editor by February 24th for the next newsletter. I plan to send this newsletter to the membership on March 10th. It is always wise to send your information to me a bit early in case of problems. Please send me pictures of your dogs in class, on walks, and any other place.

Send all information to:

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970-667-3505  
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Remember!!

Your newsletter will come to you by email unless you have paid for a paper copy!

Thank You!!

Jack and Judy Williams, Roxy is a wonderful little Valentine.

Debbie Lasher, Parker is just a darling puppy. What can I say, thank you for letting me use the great picture of Pirate.

Nancy Mauer, you are so kind to let me use the wonderful saying by the Tibetan Monk. It is just lovely.

Jane Goodell and Karen Tromblee what fun articles. Great pictures, great articles!

Allison Preston what a happy smile on your girl's face! She’s so pretty.
Every year at the National Specialty, the TTCA awards a Register of Merit (ROM) to breeders who have bred 10 Champions. They also award ROM to Stud Dogs who have 5 Champion Get and Brood Bitches who have 3 Champion Produce. The Versatility Award is given to dogs that have earned a Championship plus an obedience rally or agility title, and have qualified for the ROM. If your dog qualifies for any of these awards, please fill out the form below. Award certificates for TTCA members are AUTOMATICALLY printed for: all 2017 titles, Best in Show and Group 1 winners in AKC competition, and the top TT in Breed Points and All Breed Points. You DO NOT need to send in a request for these. We also want to honor the Top Performance TT and you will need to contact me for this since this data is not readily available. Award certificates can also be given if your dog has won a group placement by requesting it on the form below. Please attach additional sheets if necessary. Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR AWARD SUBMISSION IS Saturday, March 10, 2018. If you need further clarification, please contact Nancy Hammel (nancyleehammel@icloud.com), or 406-982-3336. Send completed form to: Nancy Hammel, 21916 Montana Hwy 35, Bigfork, MT 59911

2017 AWARD APPLICATION
Register of Merit, Versatility Titles, and Miscellaneous Awards

ROM Breeder of Merit
Name ________________________________________________________________
(Please attach list of 10 Champions you have bred and their finish dates.)

ROM Stud Dog
Call Name ____________________
Owners: __________________________
5 Champion Get: 
_________________________ Finish Date __________________________
_________________________ Finish Date __________________________
_________________________ Finish Date __________________________
_________________________ Finish Date __________________________

ROM Brood Bitch
Call Name ____________________
Owners: __________________________
3 Champion Produce: 
________________________________ Finish date: __________________________
________________________________ Finish date: __________________________
________________________________ Finish date: __________________________

Versatility Award
Call Name ____________________
(Requirements: 1-Champion, 2-Obedience, Rally or Agility titles, and 3-ROM)
Owner(s): ________________________ Date completed ____________

Group Placing or Other Award Requested
Call Name: ____________________
Owner(s): ________________________ Date: ____________________

(Requirements: 1-Champion, 2-Obedience, Rally or Agility titles, and 3-ROM)