Presidents Letter Dec 2018

Here we are again, ending another year, how does it go by so fast! I would like to start out by wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year! Looking back over the past year it I would like to thank all of the Board members for their help and support, it takes a village! Overall it appears to have been a good year. The Newsletter has been digital for 9 months now, which appears to be working just fine. Our National Specialty in St Louis was a great success, thank you again for all who made it possible, especially Lynn Meyer!

Now we are looking forward to returning to Boxboro, May 26th thru 31st, 2019! Travis Brock, our Show Chairman, and his team are working hard to make this another exciting National! This team is really working to welcome all TT people, not just us show people, at their Jamboree Celebrations! They are also engaged in acknowledging not just our awesome Rescue Committee but also the families who have adopted these dogs. Be sure to watch for details from the 2019 National Specialty team! The plans for our 2020 National June 6th- 10th, in Tampa, Florida are well under way under the guiding hands of Fran Kridakorn, our Show Chairman! Be sure to support this event by participating in the 2019 auction! 2021 is still not decided so if anyone has some ideas or would be willing to be the Show Chairman, support teams are being established to make it an easier task!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Paul Soderman for developing the ability to enter the TROPHY SPONSORSHIP at the TTCA Store. Unless you are an IT person, most do not realize the amount of work it took to create this project! Our goal is to make more National Specialty features, where money is involved, available to order from the Store on the TTCA website, so as to simplify the transactions and prevent re-creating the wheel each year for our National Specialties.

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Here are a few additional accomplishments/changes/additions:

The TTCA Board has pledged to support The AKC MUSEUM of the DOG. We will provide more on this in the future.

With the new Board in place we have been successful in holding meetings every couple of months. The minutes from these meetings are being placed on the website, under the Members Only section, as opposed to printing them in the Newsletter.

Another new and exciting feature of the TTCA is the development of our Breed Ambassador program, thank you Karen Tromblee for making this a reality!

Our Meet the Breeds teams have done a fabulous job at both the AKC National Championship and Westminster, thank you Karen Tromblee and Travis Brock and all who helped and supported them.

We have a NEW Education Committee Chairman, Rene Stamm, thank you Rene for taking on this responsibility!

Sharon Hurd, our Recording Secretary is now in charge of collecting all of our AKC Reports that are the foundation of our Annual Journal.

Great news, Nancy Doyle has done it again! She chaired a weekend agility all breed trial and had a fabulous turnout, bringing in income that is dedicated for our TTCA performance events.

There has been a Judge Change for Futurity at the 2019 National Specialty. We are happy to announce the new judge will be Jami Smith.

FYI, December 1st has come and gone and there were no write-ins for 2019-2020 Board positions, those sent to you by the Nomination Committee will be our new Board members on March 1, 2019. Watch for these results in our next Newsletter. I want to thank them for their trust in me to carry on another year as President.

Have a safe Holiday and Don’t forget to search for TT treasures to donate to the auction this year in Boxboro. Watch the website for more on where to send your items. Also be sure to Sponsor this year’s National Specialty Trophies by going to the TTCA Store!

Betsy
In Memory of Ch Lost Valley Dpal Sgron Malishar "Vinci", he was such a well loved boy of Margy & Ron Mankiewicz, from Paul & Cindy Douglass

In Memory of GCH Malishar’s Kawagebo White Snow Mountain “Monte” for Margy & Ron Pankiewicz, from Linda Hufnagel

In Memory of Ch Lost Valley Dpal Sgron Malishar "Vinci" and GCH Malishar’s “Pemba”, for Margy & Ron Pankiewicz, from Linda Hufnagel

In Memory of Handsome Krynzel from Terry Harquail

In Honor of Jim Greenwood & Daniele Richer Greenwood Ahkama, Thank you from Jane Goodell

In Memory of Chelsi from Victoria White

In Memory of Tashi, GCHB Moonrise Doubleshot Espresso RN, CGC, TKN, ROM from Joyce & Bill Killinger

In Honor of Rus Smith and in Memory of Maroo from Nancy Cadwalleder, Epic Kennel

In Honor of Auntie Rene, HUGE thank you’s from Tapey for letting Tempie come stay with him

In Memory of Yogi Hartnig (3/10/03 - 09/26/18) from Barbara Hartnig
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.
2019 Dues Notice
Membership Renewal
March 1, 2019 - February 28, 2020

Payment due by February 28, 2019
Associate & Regular Membership - $40.00
Household & Foreign Membership - $55.00
Junior Membership - $20.00

Please consider adding a donation to the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation to your payment. Feel free to indicate Health and Welfare or Rescue on the memo line.

Preferred methods for member renewals are Master Card and Visa payments or PayPal***
www.ttcastore.com

If sending a check, please be aware that deposits will be delayed due to lack of access to Bank of America teller locations. For this reason: Checks are not the preferred method of payment.

If sending a check, please make payable to TTCA then send to: Amy Soderman, Treasurer
TTCA   PO BOX 217   Boonville, CA 95415

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On Monday evening, U.S. House and Senate conferees released a final compromise version of the federal Farm Bill (HR 2) which includes important priorities regarding animal importation and domestic violence. The measure could go to the House of Representatives for a vote as soon as Wednesday, and to the Senate by the weekend.

**Pet Imports: Pet and Public Health.** The final version of the Farm Bill provides language consistent with House and Senate versions passed earlier this year that require reporting on the import of unknown numbers of potentially contagious, unhealthy dogs into the United States. This measure is important because in recent years the United States has simultaneously experienced a large increase in the number of dogs imported for sale/adoPTION and a significant increase in disease consistent with imported pets. Diseases or parasites with increased incidence include a canine variant of previously believed to be eradicated in the U.S., canine flu, screwworm, brucellosis, and a variety of other infectious and zoonotic diseases directly related to irresponsibly-imported pets.

Part of the problem surrounds a lack of checks and reporting on pet animals being imported into the U.S. Currently, it is not even known how many pets are imported into the U.S. annually. To complicate matters, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has stated that animal health certificates required for entry into the U.S. are **often invalid or forged.**

The new report called for by the Farm Bill is a first step in attempting to address those issues. It will require the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to submit a report to Congress that provides information from the last three years on the total number of dogs imported in the U.S. and a breakdown on the number of dogs imported as personal pets versus for retail sale of any kind, including shelter/rescue adoptions.

The conferees underscored the importance of this issue by adopting a further provision to *strengthen the coordination efforts between the Departments of Commerce, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security to enable the (Agriculture) Secretary to collect, compile, and disseminate this data to Congress in order to better understand the public health implications of importing dogs into the United States. The report noted, (Conference) Managers recognize that little is known about the volume of live dogs imported into the United States, whether as personal pets or animals seeking adoption or purchase by American households. Animal and zoonotic diseases pose serious risks to the U.S., and greater understanding of the pathways these diseases could be entering the U.S., such as via imported live dogs, is warranted.*

The AKC thanks Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow, and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Peterson for ensuring this important language remained in the final version of the bill. AKC also thanks committee sponsors Senators David Perdue (R-GA) and Bob Casey (D-PA), and Congressmen Neil Dunn (R-FL), Vicki Hartzler (R-MO), Kurt Schrader (D-OR), Ted Yoho (R-FL) and Ralph Abraham (R-LA) for advancing this initiative in the Senate and House versions of the Farm Bill.

AKC has worked to educate members of Congress on this issue for several years and thanks the many members of Congress whose support and concern over that time has helped advance this measure. AKC also wishes to highlight the efforts of our partner in this initiative, the National Animal Interest Alliance, whose shelter reporting project has shined an important light on this issue nationally.

**Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence.** Another AKC supported measure, the Pets and Women’s Safety Act (HR 909/S322), known as the PAWS act was also included in the final text of the Farm Bill conference report. The measure adds certain federal protections for pets owned by victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence if a pet becomes a victim in a domestic violence situation. The measure further creates a program to award grants to eligible entities to aid victims of crimes related to stalking and domestic violence. This program is similar to a program established by the AKC Humane Fund a decade ago to provide support to domestic violence shelters so that victims can seek shelter with a pet that may be endangered in a domestic violence situation.

AKC thanks sponsoring Senators Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Dean Heller (R-Nev.); and sponsoring Representatives Katherine Clark (D-Mass.), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.), Jeff Denham (R-Calif.), Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.) and Mimi Walters (R-Calif.) for their years of effort on this initiative.

For more information, contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org.
TTCA Member Brenda Peters Passed Away After A Long Illness

CASPER—Brenda Meier Peters was born in Sioux Falls, SD in November, 1952. After graduating from Huron High School in 1971, she attended the University of Wyoming and graduated with a degree in Music in 1975. After teaching music for a brief time at Western Wyoming Community College, she moved to Casper and began her long career in communications where she initially worked in sales for Custom Radio before joining Verizon Wireless from whom she retired.

An accomplished musician, Brenda played the French Horn, Oboe and played the organ for 30 years at Mount Hope Lutheran Church. She also enjoyed playing the piano for her fellow Rotarians, much to the delight of members and their guests.

A true lover of animals, especially her Lhasa Apsos and Tibetan Terriers, she was widely known and recognized on the dog show circuit and won many trophies, ribbons and certificates for her hard work.

An accomplished Master Gardener, Brenda’s flower gardens were her second passion and served as a refuge from her very busy days. If you couldn’t reach her by phone, she would most likely be found in the yard, sometimes working to plant the last flower or bulb well into the darkness aided by a headlight.

Brenda passed away peacefully early Thanksgiving Day at Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Karl E. Meier and Norma Werning Meier.

She is survived by numerous cousins.

Memorials may be sent to Casper Humane Society, Kindness Ranch or Central Wyoming Hospice and Transitions.
At her request, no services will be held.

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.newcomercasper.com.
Presenting our very own TIBETAN-OPOLY board game!

We are excited to have made this game for our members. It just went to the press to be made. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards the 2020 Tampa Florida National and to our TT rescue program.

The first copy will be sold at the 2019 Boston Tibetan Terrier National AUCTION at the end of May. The game will go on sale right after the auction for the price of $35.00. We will take pre orders so we can bring it to Boston for you. Shipping will be $18 so the savings is quite a bit.
Results For AKC National Champion Dog Show In Orlando

AKC Royal Canin Puppy & Junior Stakes
12/14/2018

TIBETAN TERRIERS
JUDGE: Ms Mary L Wuest

TIBETAN TERRIERS, Twelve To Fifteen Month Dogs.


TIBETAN TERRIERS, Fifteen To Eighteen Month Dogs.


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TIBETAN TERRIERS, Puppy Bitches 6 Mos & Under 9 Mos.


TIBETAN TERRIERS, Twelve To Fifteen Month Bitches.


A 22 BOOTTIFF'S BRIGHTEST STAR BY FAR. NP492630/01. 09/22/2017. BREEDER: Joyce Ayotte & Pam Desrosiers. By Gch Ch Snopaw I'm Your Man At Bootiff-Atisha's Blazing Star Of Ballynah. OWNER: Joyce Ayotte & James Lenehan.

TIBETAN TERRIERS, Fifteen To Eighteen Month Bitches.

1 6 CH SNOWSHOE'S ALL GUSSIED UP CGC. NP473952/04. 09/07/2017. BREEDER: Joyce Killinger. By GCh Ch Tripitaka Cruze Control-GCh Ch Moonrise Over Raleigh For Snowshoe THDN TK. OWNER: Joyce Killinger.
AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals
12/14/2018

TIBETAN TERRIERS
JUDGE: Mr Dana P Cline

TIBETAN TERRIERS, Best of Breed Competition.

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11 GCHS CH BOOTTIFF'S GREAT STAR SIRIUS BLACK AND WHIT. NP377384/03. 08/19/2014. Dog. BREEDER: Joyce Ayotte & Pam Desrosiers. By Gch Ch Snowpaw I'm Your Man At Bootiff-Atisha's Blazing Star Of Ballynahg. OWNER: Daniel Lenchner & James Lenchner.

AKC National Championship 12/15/2018

TIBETAN TERRIERS
JUDGE: Mrs. Charlotte P. Patterson

TIBETAN TERRIERS, Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs.


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TIBETAN TERRIERS, Veteran Bitches.

1 8 GCH CH MOONRISE OVER RALEIGH FOR SNOWSHOE THDN T. NP299588/01. 08/14/2011. BREEDER: Joyce Killinger & Charles & Delene Travella. By GchB Ch Moonrise Doubleshot Espresso TKN RN CGC-Ch Moonrise Desert Flower. OWNER: Joyce Killinger.

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TTs TAKE OVER ORLANDO

When one thinks of the land of the “MOUSE,” one thinks of adventurous rides, Disney Characters, the World of Epcot, Animal Kingdom and the 100th Celebration of Disney. Yet, at the Orange County Convention Center there is another celebration, that of DOGS.

The journey for this celebration began on Monday very, very early! Cuing in line just to be able to have a space to groom is quite interesting! The line was very, very long and many exhibitors were in a tailgating mood even though it was quite windy and in the low 40’s. Wait, isn’t this Florida? 14 crates, 7 tables, dryers, and chairs were trolleyed in by Mary Ann and Karen. While waiting Fran and Apple appeared. They were in line as well with their gear. We decided to join the tailgating atmosphere and partake in the famous Gordano’s Pizza. Although we were freezing, the pizza hit the spot.

The magic hour of 2 struck. On we all go to the grooming area. It was mayhem, as it was first come first serve for the spaces. Whew, we found spaces for our northern friends who were still traveling. Jim, Cindy, Kim, Emily, and Mary Beth had spaces and all was ready for their arrival. Fran, Mary Ann, Apple, Angela, Debbie, and Karen were all set as well. We were delighted to have space to groom, by Friday our space was severely diminished as more and more dogs and handlers arrived.

Tuesday through Thursday were the following shows: Space Coast, Brevard and Central Florida. Congratulations to Lois and Team Bullet as they won each day.

Each and everyone of us loves puppies and is there anything cuter than a TT puppy. Fran and Chase won in the puppy sweeps with Cindy and Spyder going BOS. These puppy classes were held for the nonsporting group on Friday. It was pure puppy fever for all groups.

Also so on Friday, we gathered around the Owner Handled Ring to cheer all of our TT friends on with their gorgeous dogs. Kim and her dog Decker won the OHBOB. Every dog and handler showcased their dog beautifully. Those of us on the outside of the ring could not have been more proud of our breed representation and of Kim.

Now on to set up the breed booth. As usual, being at the end of the alphabet in the line-up, we were set up in the very last row facing the wall. (We did speak with the AKC Chair of the Meet the Breeds, and asked for consideration of reversing the alphabet or setting the booth up according to groups. Surprisingly, the suggestions were greatly appreciated.)
Many of us being height challenged, greatly appreciated Jim’s willingness to set up the tent with the assistance of Cindy. He hung the lights, prayer flags, banner, with a wonderful sense of humor. Lots of giggles along the way!

Mary Beth, Mary Ann, Kim, Emily, Josh, Jim, and Karen put the finishing touches on Tibetan Terrier Club of America Booth. Our mantra was let’s get this done right and welcome all visitors to our booth beginning the next day.

And so the public came by the droves, to meet Jane with Doris, Adria, Sandi with Skylar, and Debbie with Sawyer for the morning session. Who would not love these dogs as they shook paws, gave slurry kisses, and TT love. The ladies talked about the breed, handed out stickers and bracelets and told the world that the Little People are very special.

In the afternoon it was off to the breed ring to cheer on 20 TTs. Oh, the beauty of each dog, perfectly groomed, presented so professionally and with such love. Every handler in this ring should be so very proud as the comments heard around the ring, were “Spectacular, Gorgeous, Wow, What coat, How do they get them so white, They must groom them for hours, Beautiful in motion”, and on and on. What a tribute to the breed. Each dog was applauded and cheered on. Louis and Bullet won the breed. Later that evening Team Bullet went on to win a Nonsporting Group 3. It was a great day for TTs. While all of this was happening the judging of the Breed Booths was taking place. Upon return to the booth, we saw the large Group 4 Rosette. Wow, first time ever acknowledged! All of the team celebrated.

Many of the TTs that were in the breed ring came over to the breed booth to meet the many spectators who were so curious about our breed. Thank you to Emily with Squeege, Kim with Decker, Mary Beth with Bentley, Jim with Rocket, Cindy with Spyder, Mary Ann with Bishop, Fran with Chase, and Joyce with Tara and Kitsi. Joining the above were TTCA members and friends: Dee and Charlie, Jane, Pam, Josh, Angela with Kona and Scout, Karen with Frankie, and Tuula, owned by Mary Beth. It indeed was a gathering of TTs.
After closing the booth for the day and with a bit of shopping, off we go for a bit of rest and dinner.

Sunday morning came very quickly. Jane, Debbie, Mary Ann, and Karen opened up the booth. Already visitors were present looking over the flyers and exhibits and ready to greet: Frankie and Dexter. Kim and Decker joined in as well. The little Brownies and Girl Scouts that were trying to earn a new badge had many questions and really loved the stickers that Jane had made. Later on in the day Joyce brought Kitsi and Tara who were tail wagging the entire time.

At the end of a very long week, it is time to pack-up all of the gear and booth items. Thank goodness Jim Tromblee appeared on the scene, as again we needed “height” !!

Thank you so very much to Kim, Emily, Debbie, Mary Ann, and Joyce for helping us do the “grung” work. Especially to Emily and Kim for waiting at the loading dock with all of our treasurers until we could get there, Leaving Real Canin on Sunday night, well you can only imagine….

Mary Ann and I extend our sincere thanks to all of those who made the booth so very special this year by spending time at the booth with their dogs, and to those who came without dogs to talk about TTs, we appreciate your wisdom and presence. We look forward to improving our booth for next year. Thank you to all of the exhibitors who presented our breed so beautifully……till next year in the land of the “MOUSE”.

Breed Booth Participants:
Karen- Breed Ambassador with Frankie
Mary Ann  Breed Ambassador with Bishop
Jane- Breed Ambassador with Doris
Debbie with Dexter
Sandi with Skylar
Debbie H with Sawyer
Emily with Squeege
Kim with Decker
Mary Beth with Bentley and Tuula
Jim with Rocket
Cindy with Spyder
Joyce with Kitsi and Tara
Angel with Scout
Fran with Kona
Adria
Pam
Josh
Dee and Charlie with Chase
Ancient Breeds – Shih Tzu, Tibetan Terrier, and Lhasa Apso

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By Amy Fernandez

It's truly amazing that some breeds manage to surmount the hurdles along their path to recognition. DNA analysis confirms that the Shih Tzu, Tibetan Terrier, and Lhasa Apso rank among the world's most ancient breeds. Their histories have been entwined for centuries in the East. Unfortunately, that also became the case when they arrived in the West – thanks to possibly the biggest train wreck in kennel club history.

The Western world was fascinated with Asian breeds long before kennel clubs appeared on the horizon. Exotic breeds from India, Southeast Asia, and the Far East began trickling into Europe by the 16th century. However, accompanying information about them ranged from sketchy to ridiculous.

For instance, the Chow Chow is another ancient breed originated along the borders of northern China and Mongolia about 4,000 years ago. It was later introduced into China, where it became known as the Songshi Quan. But it was breaking news when it arrived in Europe in the eighteenth century. The naturalist Gilbert White first encountered the breed when his neighbor, an agent for the East India Company, returned to England with a pair of these curious dogs. Similar random imports accounted for much of the early stock.

When China resumed trading with the West in 1516, the Pug, known as the Lo-sze, had been well-established in China for centuries. When the first specimens arrived in Europe, their rarity inevitably led to crossbreeding with Bulldogs and Pinschers. Within a few decades Pug type deteriorated. It became known as the Dutch Pug due to its association with Holland’s House of Orange. Luckily, the breed was immortalized by a series of major artists. Their portrayals provide an ongoing record of Pug evolution in Europe. When 19th century dog experts began speculating about its origins, it was considered a miniature mastiff. That theory was widely accepted despite a conspicuous lack of historical evidence or the unexplainable differences between Pug and Mastiff skull shape.

The Pug bears a much closer resemblance to the Pekingese and Japanese Chin, which were both labeled as Peking Pugs when they arrived in England in late 19th century. The modern dog world eventually realized that these were different breeds, but the confusion did not end there. The Chin was classified as a spaniel, in spite of its complete lack of spaniel traits. Before that, Lamb and Moss arrived from China in 1860. Registered as Pugs, they were incorporated into foundation breeding programs, even though they were probably Pekingese. Their genetic legacy would explain the long-coated puppies frequently noted by Victorian era Pug breeders.

Contrary to prevailing 19th century views, Western Europeans were not the penultimate authorities on canine evolution. When it came to Asian breeds, they made a complete mess of it. To be fair, Cynology was a relatively new concept at that time. Modeled on the science of Zoology, efforts to classify and define canine types within the context of natural science was meant to standardize a heretofore chaotic process. Historically, canine classification systems reflected personal and national views, and deferred to the only acknowledged expert on subject, Dr. Caius, who had authored his treatise on dog breeds way back in 1570.

Canine classification systems devised in the 19th century can fairly be called rough justice. Although approximately half of them are now extinct, it's estimated that over 800 breeds have existed since the dog was domesticated. The experimentation that governed breed development since prehistory was suddenly subjected to rigid precepts that rarely meshed with reality. Inevitably, this effort became increasingly problematic as the number of breeds grew and relationships between them became more complex. For instance, primitive breeds were crossed with working breeds and working breeds were miniaturized. Rather inauspiciously, these ancient Asian breeds made their European debut in the midst of this big ball of confusion.

And they all came prepackaged with complex histories. Tibet, founded in the 7th century, represented an amalgamation of cultures from Siberia, Nepal, and Kashmir. Those eclectic influences, combined with one of the world’s most challenging environments, resulted in several amazing breeds. Thanks to its inhospitable climate, rough terrain, and centuries of diplomatic indifference to the outside world, Tibet remained an impenetrable mystery. At its center was the forbidden city of Lhasa, home to its leader, the Dalai Lama or “Ocean of Wisdom”.

Life is strange, often, our dogs provide a rare haven of predictability and security within its chaos. That fact explains one of the most extraordinary friendships in the history of modern dog breeding. The possibility of such a relationship between the 13th Dalai Lama and Charles Suydam Cutting, who descended from one of New York’s most affluent patronian families, was unlikely to say the least. Born in 1889, he was variously described as a naturalist, explorer, big game hunter, and financier.

When AKC Gazette editor Arthur Frederick Jones visited the Cuttings at their Somerset, New Jersey home in April, 1925, their Hamilton Farms prefix had a formidable reputation for breeding and showing horses and German Shepherds. Mediocrity pervaded the American
German Shepherd at that time thanks to skyrocketing popularity. A few dedicated individuals like the Cuttings attempted to reverse this discouraging trend by importing the cream of Germany’s bloodlines. One of the first arrivals in 1921 was Sieger Erich von Grafenwerth. Extremely prepossessing, Erich is acknowledged as one of the breed’s most influential stud dogs. Along with his son, Klodo, also imported that year, they radically influenced breed development in America.

Hamilton Farms was a serious operation in every sense of the word. From that perspective, their next venture in purebred dogs was unconventional to say the least. But it wasn’t completely surprising considering Cutting’s background.

Like many wealthy young men of that era, Cutting sought independence and self-respect as an adventurer. He joined brothers Kermit and Theodore Roosevelt Jr. in 1925 for the Chicago’s Field Museum expedition to the Pamirs, Turkestan and the Tian Shan mountains, following the fabled Silk Road into China. In 1926-27 he traveled to Liberia and the Belgian Congo for the Harvard African Expedition. The next year he led the Indochina division of the Kelley-Roosevelt Eastern Asian Expedition, and became the first Westerner to enter the Forbidden City in Lhasa.

Helen Cutting shared her husband’s passions for dogs and foreign travel. Their fascination with all aspects of Tibetan culture became laser-focused after a 1928 meeting with Col. Eric Bailey and his wife, Irma, in Nepal. That year, the Baileys formally introduced the Lhasa Apso to Britain.

When Cutting returned to Tibet in 1930, he had the advantage of being American, not British. That got him in the door to meet the 13th Dalai Lama. Their mutual love for dogs became the basis of a unique friendship. Cutting became the only westerner to establish an ongoing relationship with the Dalai Lama who loved European breeds as much as native dogs. In 1931 Cutting sent him two Dalmatians. A pair of Harlequin Danes soon followed. Two years later when the Cuttings returned to Tibet he reciprocated by sending them a pair of Lhasas – a male, Taikoo and a bitch, Dinkai.

The Cuttings launched the Lhasa Apso as a modern purebred in America. But it already had a long history in Britain. Tibetan dogs first arrived in 1854. Early imports were generally named to signify their place of origin – Tibetan Poodle, Lhasa Terrier, Lion Dog, Bhutanese, or Bhuter Dogs – to name a few. This was a very open-ended arrangement. For example, in 1904 Col. Francis Younghusband returned with a small dog he found in Bhutan. Calling it a Bhutanese and naming it “Lhassa”, he explained that it accompanied him over the mountains from Lhasa to Simla, India. Back in England, the Lhasa was exhibited as a Tibetan Spaniel.

Several breeding programs were established during this era such as Miss Marjorie Wild’s influential Coteswold Farm kennel founded in 1901. Mrs. McLaren Morrison imported Tibetan Spaniels in the 1880s. Her foundation dog, Yezo, paved the way for Tiffies at Cruffs and sired the first documented Tibetan Spaniel litter. She came to be regarded as an authority on all Asian breeds, and was one of the first experts to sound the alarm when these random classifications threatened the integrity of Tibetan breeds. Although defining traits were less obvious and grooming was more primitive, the unmistakable differences in size, proportion, and head type made it apparent that these were different breeds. This debacle began getting airplay in the dog press in 1895 when McLaren Morrison wrote a lengthy overview of Asiatic breeds for Our Dogs. It had no impact on Kennel Club policy. In her 1977 book, Angela Mulliner explained, “the name Lhasa Terrier gradually became the most widely used and was applied to dogs of varying leg length but roughly similar type.”

In 1902, McLaren Morrison’s contemporary Rev. H.W. Bush petitioned the Kennel Club for that name change, which was regarded as a step in the right direction. In reality, it only made matters worse. In 1908 the Kennel Club recognized the Lhasa Terrier as a breed with 10 and 14 inch classifications. It caught on quickly and the Kennel Club soon granted CCs. Imported in 1907, Ch. Rupso became Britain’s first champion in 1910. After his death in 1917, he was donated to Tring where he remains on display today.

Like many rare breeds, World War II decimated the Lhasa Terrier. Breeding slowed to a trickle and ceased completely by 1925 when the Kennel Club revoked its championship status.

It was a blessing in disguise. By then, the Lhasa Apso, Tibetan Terrier, and Tibetan Spaniel had been hopelessly intermingled in the studbook. But the relative scarcity of imported stock had limited the scope of the resulting mess. That was changing by the 1930s when interest in Tibetan breeds surged to an all-time high in Britain.

However, acquiring Tibetan stock via direct means had become tricky because diplomatic relations with the British had drastically deteriorated. In 1904 troops led by Col. Francis Younghusband invaded Tibet and forced a trade agreement despite the absence of significant international trade commodities at stake. It ended any prospect of cordial relations in the region. Back in Britain, it was condemned as a pointless, deliberate massacre and the cause of political repercussions that culminated in communist China’s takeover of Tibet.

Lieut. Col. Eric Bailey had been part of Younghusband’s disastrous incursion into Tibet. The experience made a permanent impression, which shaped his subsequent career in the region. He served as Tibet’s British political officer from 1921-28. The Baileys acquired their first Apos from a fellow officer, Col. Kennedy who received them from a grateful patient several years earlier. When he returned to Britain the Baileys inherited this pair and established a breeding program. But they had problems getting additional purebred stock. When they returned to England seven years later they brought six Lhasas to continue their bloodline and formally introduced the breed to Britain. By then, several other breeding programs had been founded with Tibetan stock.

The first, and most influential, was established in the late 1920s by Mrs. A. Renton Greig and her daughter, Dr. A. R. H. Greig, who spent 12 years in India as a member of the Women’s Medical Service. They had started in Cockers and Pekes and also showed horses. Over the years, they bred and exhibited Tibetan Spaniels and Lhasas, but made the biggest contribution to establishing the Tibetan Terrier. Dr. Greig’s extensive writing on Tibetan breeds became a major factor in their eventual separation.
Soon after the Baileys returned to Britain, they joined forces with other fanciers to seek recognition for Tibetan breeds. Around that time on August 19, 1929, the Daily Mail introduced the word Apso to the lexicon of western fanciers. It immediately became an accepted catchall definition for all small/medium-sized shaggy dogs of purported Tibetan ancestry. For decades, knowledgeable breeders had attempted to clarify the distinctions between Tibetan breeds. Unfortunately their insights were dismissed or overlooked, and once again these breeds faced the prospect of collective classification. Then as now, the Kennel Club operated within a self-contained universe that was often oblivious to the realities of the dog world.

Will Hally’s Foreign Fanciers column for Our Dogs became the main platform to protest ill-advised policies. In 1930 he quoted a letter from Dr. Greig who unequivocally stated, “There are two distinct breeds now classified under heading of Lhasa Terrier, my mother, Mrs. A.R. Greig, having one and the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison the other. I am hoping the Kennel Club will ultimately separate them, calling ours, the larger one, Tibetan Terrier, and the smaller one Lhasa Terrier.” Not long afterwards Hally reported, “Mrs. Greig has re-registered her Lhasa Terriers as Tibetan Terriers,” adding that Terrier was a misleading label for the breed.

Things didn’t improve. On October 3, 1930, Hally wrote, “Dr. Greig agrees with me that anything which would affect the purity of Eastern breeds would be a calamity, but she adds that such a calamity has already occurred in the cases of the Tibetan Terrier and the Lhasa Terrier.” He reiterated that separately classifying these breeds, “would help to undo the harm.”

His journalistic harassment of the Kennel Club continued as things got worse. On January 31, 1931, he reported on the January 6 Kennel Club General Committee meeting. They discussed a request to exhibit an Apso in the Lhasa Terrier Class. Apsos were then slated to the Mixed Foreign Division for any other variety not otherwise scheduled. In retrospect, it was an unprecedented episode in the bumpy history of Kennel Club legislation. They inexplicably created two separate designations for the Lhasa Apso without actually acknowledging its existence as a breed. Their newly-minted Apso class put it in the unique position of being simultaneously registered under two different names. And that wasn’t the end of it.

Admitting that he was accustomed to the Kennel Club’s “frequent bewildering legislation” regarding foreign dogs, Hally wasn’t prepared for their recommendation to re-register the Apso as a Lhasa Terrier in order to exhibit it in that class. Unable to grasp the rationale for this suggestion, he sarcastically noted, “there can be only one meaning, if anyone cares to register a dog as a Lhasa Terrier, it can have open sesame to those classes even if it is a totally different breed.” Adding that it wasn’t an isolated incident, he cited a 1930 petition to the General Committee to register an Apso under the novel classification of Tibetan Lion Dogs. “Apparently the Kennel Club was equally in the dark so suggested that it be registered as a Tibetan Spaniel.”

He couldn’t conceal his frustration with the sheer insanity of the situation. Emphasizing that Tibetan Spaniels had been well-established in Britain for decades, “there should have been no difficulty knowing at first glance if these Lion Dogs were Tibetan Spaniels … but apparently there is no first glance where Foreign Dogs are concerned…Had those Lion Dogs been seen by anyone who knows a Tibetan Spaniel, the suggestion to register them as Tibetan Spaniels would never have been made for good and sufficient reason that those Lion Dogs were not Tibetan Spaniels.”

He called the committee’s present policy a, “free dumping ground for any and every kind of foreign dog. . . I cannot find any excuse for our governing body….unless some system of checking is inaugurated, our rapidly growing foreign dog community is in grave danger of ending up in absolute chaos.” He was right because as it turned out, the Lion Dogs didn’t belong in any of those categories. They were Shih Tzu.

The decision to dub them Tibetan Lion Dogs was even more puzzling since the breed’s Chinese origin was well-documented. Among others, Vero Shaw had noted this in The Book of the Dog in 1881, “The Shih Tzu is a relative newcomer to the British dog fancy and is not at all well-known. The few people who have heard of it (apart from canine enthusiasts) seldom fail to confuse it with the Lhasa Apso, a Tibetan breed. . . However, the Shih Tzu is a Sino-Tibetan creation with the Chinese influence particularly strong: so strong, in fact that the breed is found in China, not in Tibet.”

Nevertheless, the lunacy continued. The Kennel Club had approved the newly founded Apso and Lion Dog Club and granted their petition for Apso classes in 1929. Col. Bailey judged the Apso’s fateful debut in formal competition. This public showcase graphically highlighted the scope of a problem that had been brewing for years. When the dogs entered his ring he was stunned by the pronounced differences in type. In part, his subsequent critique declared that, “stock derived from “Pekin” imports had to be a different breed.” It unleashed a firestorm. The volatile debate in the dog press that ensued was comically dubbed The War of the Noses.

“It was only in the 1930s that the careful reclassification of all the smaller breeds from Tibet was achieved,” said Angela Mulliner in The Tibetan Terrier. That long overdue resolution was achieved by the Tibetan Breeds Association, founded in 1934 to grapple with this mess. Subsequently, the Kennel Club officially recognized the Tibetan Mastiff, Lhasa Apso, Tibetan Terrier, and Tibetan Spaniel. And in June 1934 the Kennel Gazette reported that descendants of three dogs that had been initially registered as Apsos were reclassified as Shih Tzu. It was a bit late in the game to repair that faux pas. Back then, where England went, America followed. Shih Tzu imports continued to be AKC registered as Apso until 1952 when the Shih Tzu Club managed to stop the madness. Unfortunately, that mistake derailed Shih Tzu recognition for years to come.

The Cuttings were aware of this ongoing horror show when they decided to found an American breeding program. But they had a crucial advantage. They had been through it before. Albeit, only one breed was involved in the German Shepherd catastrophe a decade earlier, but the damage done by inferior imported stock that had flooded the American market lingered on for decades. Hamilton Farms had made significant contributions to reverse that trend. But like many of their dedicated contemporaries, they eventually became discouraged with the overwhelming magnitude of the problem and simply gave up. Undoubtedly, they deliberated long and hard before venturing back into the dog game.
A lucrative foreign market existed for Tibetan dogs by 1933 when the Cuttings began gathering foundation stock for their breeding program. Commercial breeding had become a lucrative sideline for many traders who offered every canine make and model to eager foreign buyers.

The type and purity of these Tibetan imports was contingent on a crucial detail that Western breeders wouldn’t grasp for decades − Eastern breeds must be evaluated in context. Trusted sources represented the only quality control in this tricky market, which James Watson documented back in 1906. “The latest European introduction in toy dogs, the Lhasa terrier and Tibet spaniel, neither of which has yet reached America. As they will undoubtedly be brought to this country where long a few words about them are advisable. And for the following we thank the Hon. Mrs. McLaren Morrison, the acknowledged authority in England on Central Asiatic dogs.” In part she said, “One of these little Asiatics which has the honor to be called the standard by experts was purchased out of a Bhutee’s market cart, unkempt, unwashed, uninviting, and loath to be civilized till he was made reluctantly to understand that he was born for higher things and a show career beyond the waters awaited him…Another was brought down from the very interior of Tibet accompanied by an attendant wreathed in turquoise. Yet another was in the saddle for many miles...Although up to recently rarely bred in this country, they are valued and fetch long prices in the East. For the wily Asiatic is fully aware of their value...for they have now (1906) found many admirers in England.”

The dog world hadn’t heeded this valuable advice, so Margaret Hayes reprimed this warning in Our Dogs on June 3, 1932. “When buying a dog in Lhasa it is essential to buy only from a few well to do men who breed the dogs. Any dog bought haphazardly from a caravan ...has quite probably been picked up on route and may not be purebred...there are a lot of half caste dogs in Bhutan...if not personally acquainted with a Tibetan of repute great care should be taken.” Acknowledging that Tibetans were devoted to their dogs, she also noted that they maintain 5-6 different breeds. “Though many dogs are not perfect in type...the blood is pure but the Tibetans' ideas do not go beyond like to like.”

Unfortunately, the 13th Dalai Lama died months after the Cuttings received their first pair of Lhasas from him. They managed to initiate correspondence with Kimpochi, Tibet’s Interim Regent, who sent them a second pair of dogs. They returned to Tibet in 1935 and ’37 and obtained their last pair of Lhasas, Le and Phema, from the 14th Dalai Lama in 1949 shortly before the Chinese Invasion of Tibet precluded opportunities for additional indigenous stock. Both became champions. Phema was never bred but lived to 15. Le lived to 18. Praised for his ability to stamp his progeny with his straight foreface and strong underjaw, he sired several influential dogs.

Altogether seven Tibetan imports formed the basis of the Hamilton Farms Lhasa Apso breeding program, which became internationally famed for its type and consistency. Their stock was found in pedigrees throughout the world and attracted celebrity fans who brought valuable public attention to the breed in the 1940s and ’50s. Hamilton Farms kennel managers, Fred Huyler and James Anderson, originally came onboard as German Shepherd experts. We can only speculate on their thoughts when they contemplated the transition to a breed that was literally its polar opposite. But it was a resounding success. In 1959, Huyler became the first president of the American Lhasa Apso Club.

In 1935, the Lhasa Apso became the first small Tibetan breed admitted to the AKC. Then designated as Lhasa Terrier, the first AKC standard was approved in April that year, and the breed was unfortunately assigned to the Terrier Group. Throughout its history, the breed’s name has remained a source of confusion. AKC revised the name to Lhasa Apso in January, 1945. In 1959 it was changed from Lhasa Apso to Tibetan Apso. Ironically, in the midst of this irrational, illogical process, that change was rationalized as an effort to establish consistency because all other Tibetan breeds carried the country’s name. Despite that, it was again revised to Lhasa Apso in 1970. AKC transferred the breed from the Terrier to Non-Sporting Group in 1956.

That year, Ch. Hamilton Farms Torma earned the breed’s first Westminster group placement. On October 26, 1957 she also became the first Lhasa Best In Show winner. After Helen Cutting’s death in 1961, the Hamilton Farms Lhasas were sold to Dorothy Cohen’s Karma Kennel in Las Vegas. Cohen bred actively until 1974 producing 71 champions and leaving the breed a legacy of notable improvements in head type, bite and topline.

The Lhasa’s road to success was far rockier in Britain. The Tibetan Breeds Association issued the first Lhasa Apso Standard in 1934. The following year, only 12 were exhibited at Crufts, and only 10 were registered with The Kennel Club. The breed made scant progress when World War II dealt it another near-fatal blow. Numbers plummeted and once again the Kennel Club revoked its championship status.

New stock was imported from Tibet before that became impossible. Additional imports from India and America were also used to rebuild the breed. In 1955, a dedicated band of fanciers led by Irma Bailey broke away from the Tibetan Breeds Association and formed an independent specialty club which was Kennel Club-approved in December 1956. The breed was known as the Tibetan Apso in 1965 when the Kennel Club again offered CCs for the breed. Of the nine sets offered that year, five were won by the breed’s first post-war champion, Brackenbury Gunga Din of Verles. He picked up his sixth and final ticket at Crufts in 1967.

Gunga Din’s grandson, Ch. Verles Tom-Tru, became Britain’s first Best In Show Lhasa, winning an open show in 1967. In 1973 the first Championship BIS win, at the Ladies Kennel Association, went to Ch. Cheska Alexander of Sternroc bred by Frances Sefton and handled by Pamela Cross Stern. Winning a total of 36 CCs, he was also the breed’s first Crufts group winner. Finally, after more than a century of dodgy treatment as a British purebred, the Lhasa Apso got its paycheck with a win that would have been unimaginable 50 years earlier. In 1984, Jean Blyth’s Ch. Saxon springs Hackensack handled by Geoff Corish and sired by Am/Eng Ch. Orlande Intrepid won Best in Show at Crufts.

Seeking recognition for a breed is never a simple process. It involves multiple challenges, which demand enormous financial and physical resources, creativity, steely perseverance, and incredible patience. Those responsible for establishing the Shih Tzu, Tibetan Terrier, and Lhasa Apso required extra helpings of these qualities to overcome the truly bizarre obstacles they confronted along the way.
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Mark has been actively involved in purebred dogs since he was 9 years old. His original breed is Bulldogs and has finished over 20 champions which included a dog that was ranked one of the top 10 Bulldogs in the United States, with limited showing. He received the George M. Beckett Memorial Award for one of his dogs that produced five champions in one litter. He is one of the youngest judges to be approved by the AKC at the age of 24. He officiated at the World Bulldog Federation Specialty Show in Mexico City in 2017 with an entry of over 300 dogs.

He is the President of the PA Dog Judges Association and cluster/show chairman of an all-breed and specialty club. Mark is currently approved to judge all Non-Sporting breeds, All Toy breeds, 4 Sporting breeds, Junior Showmanship, and Best In Show. He resides in Murrysville, PA and has a Master’s Degree in MIS & Finance from Carnegie Mellon University. He has judges 3 times at the Westminster Kennel Club.

2019 Parent Club Specialty Breed Judge: Pam Bruce

Pamela is a fourth generation 'dog person'. She finished her first champion at age four along side her parents who bred Maltese and Lhasa Apsos.

Pam has handled and appreciates all breeds. Her expertise ~ coated breeds ~ conditioning and presenting numerous Top Hounds, Terriers, Toys. all varieties of Poodles, and Bearded Collies. She has also bred and exhibited top winning Weimaraners.

For over forty years Pam specialized in the breed she is best known for ~ co piloting numerous top dogs under the Afghans of 'Grandeur' prefix with her mentor Michael Canalizo.

Pam has bred Airedale Terriers under the 'Accolade' prefix for the past 18 years.

She is a retired investigator with the Toronto Police Service ~ An expert, specializing in, DNA, cold cases, dangerous offenders, sexual assault and child abuse investigations.

She also is an avid basketball fan.
Pam is an all breed judge, and has traveled the world.
Canadian Profile ~ CKC Judges # 5111
Save the Date
Saturday, April 27, 2019
TTCA Mid-Atlantic Regional Specialty
Sweepstakes Judge: Lynne Fardell
Regular Classes: Mr. David R. Miller

Friday, April 26, 2019
Supported Entry
TT Judge: Dr. Robert A. Indeglia

To be held at the
Wilmington Kennel Club All-Breed Show
Lums Pond State Park
Camping Area
3355 Red Lion Road, Route 71
Bear, Delaware 19701
Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club is holding their 2019 Specialty on SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019, after the TTCA National Specialty.

**PLACE:** the Crackerbarrel Fairgrounds in Wrentham, MA, only a short distance from the hotel in Boxborough, MA.

**Judge:** Michael Canalizo.

**Sweepstakes Judge:** Alice Smith of the famed Prin-Su Tibetan Terriers.

The BCTTC Specialty is held in conjunction with **Ladies Dog Club, superintendent, MB-F, Inc.**

**Supported Entry on Sunday, June 2 with judge Allen Odom.**

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