President’s Message
KEN EDMONDS
OCTOBER 2014

Futurity is a longstanding core event in AKC breed clubs including the TTCA. In many breed clubs, Futurity far outranks sweeps in participation and is second only to conformation. In recent years we have devoted a lot of publicity to Futurity to include awarding the inside front cover of the Journal to the Grand Futurity winner. However, we have not seen an uptick in nominated litters or entries at our national.

The Board appointed Claire Coppola Futurity Chair at the annual board meeting in May. Claire has taken on the responsibility to review and present recommended revised Futurity rules and procedures to the board with the goal to grow and increase breeder interest in this event. As is Claire’s “modus operandi” she has taken on this challenge with a huge amount of research, enthusiasm and positive energy! Breeders were sent a survey in mid-September (the link was also posted in the TTCA FaceBook page) that contained a multitude of questions regarding various approaches to Futurity and how best to structure it for maximum participation. Claire will assimilate the responses and submit proposals to the Board. Due to time constraints, we will maintain the current procedures through the 2015 National. There is a 2015 Futurity Judge’s ballot in this newsletter.
President’s Message con’t

Our Nominating Committee under the leadership of Chair Brenda Brown and members Karen Sponable, Bob Kreis, Margy Pankiewicz and Lynne Fardell; along with alternates Jean Allen and Sue Carr have worked very hard to fulfill their goal of presenting an outstanding slate for the 2015 Board. We thank the committee very much for their efforts. Their report is in this newsletter.

I hope everyone has a great fall season!

Ken

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for the TTCA Program year 2015-16 comprised of Brenda Brown, Lynne Fardell, Robert Kreis, Margy Pankiewicz, and Karen Sponable, has completed its work and offers the following regular members in Nomination:

President: Ron Pankiewicz, Pennsylvania
1st Vice President: Betsy Richards, New York
2nd Vice President: Flossie Barczewski, Delaware
Corresponding Secretary: Janet Slothower, South Carolina
Recording Secretary: Sharon Hurd, North Carolina
Treasurer: Gale Mattison, Connecticut
Directors for two year term: Paul Douglass, Pennsylvania, Rob Smith, California

Additional Nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary and received at her regular address on or before December 1, 2014, signed by five voting members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. Except for the position of Delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one position.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Brown
Nominating Committee Chair

Paul Toracinta

Paul A. Toracinta, longtime member of TTCA passed away on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in Westerly, RI. He is survived by his wife, Gail M. Toracinta and their two children Ian and Adriane. He and Gail bred and showed TT’s for many years. The dogs were a big part of their life. They also founded Power Resources, Inc. a RI based company located in Hope Valley RI. Also known to friends as Newport Slim, Paul was an avid musician playing in several RI and MA bands. He wanted to make music for people to dance and was well loved in the world of musicians. Paul was an amazing guy, once you met Paul you were a friend forever and you would never forget him.

ALL MATERIALS FOR THE December/January NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY November 5th To Elise Kind at davidtt09@comcast.net Remember to send those great candid pictures of your TT’s.

TTHWF Challenge Participants

Jac Herschler

Social media was recently full of videos of "The Ice Water Challenge" to raise money for ALS. As only TTs can do, a few decided to added a little spin to that challenge. We’d like to thank the following people who participated in the Warm Water Bath and Toy and Money Dump Challenges. A total of $810.00 was raised for the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation!!

Stacey La Forge
Cassandra Friemel
Cindy Douglass
Danièle Richer Greenwood
Claire Mathieu
Janet Krynzel
Margy Panciewcz
Fran and Apple Kridakorn
Adria Martino and Eileen Clancy
TTHWF Donations

From Flossie Barczewski in memory of Maddie (Arkaden’s Dalai Madison), owned and loved by Dianna and Ron Smyser

From Fran and Apple Kridakorn in memory of Sadie and Bella. We see you every day.

From Joni Holinger in memory of Mary Doyle’s Bernice.

From Eileen Clancy and Adria Martino in memory of all the Tibetans that have gone to the bridge this year.

From Cindy Douglass in memory of Ringo

Marjorie Kyriopoulos in celebration of Zuzu’s 2nd birthday

Cindy Douglass in memory of:
Ampo
Keeper
Tang
Fordham

Sandy and Ronnie Brenner in memory of Karma-Pa’s Heart and Soul, called Q

Bob and Carole Kreis in memory of Paul Toracinta

Ron and Margy Pankiewicz in honor of CH Malishar’s Phoenix

Beverly Seger in honor and memory of Fordam and with thanks to Camille Manfredonia for the time and love she gives our rescue dogs

Deborah Kuntzman in memory of Louie

Gayle Reeder in honor of Charlotte

Tapey

Many TTs come into rescue as lost souls, struggling to find their way in adapting to a new household. Just a year ago Tapey (formerly known as Max) was one of those TTs. He had many behavioral issues, and his previous owner was considering the option of euthanasia. His immediate family stepped in and contacted TTCA Rescue because they felt it was their own family member’s fault, not Tapey’s, as he was very well behaved in their home. Through the efforts of TTCA Rescue in finding the right home, and the love and patience of his new mom, Ro Morrison, Tapey is now a happy, well adjusted, and polite TT.

Recently Ro celebrated Tapey’s One Year Anniversary by throwing a party. Ro asked that friends and family make a donation to TTCA Rescue in lieu of gifts for Tapey, and a very large donation was received by the TTHWF. Thank you, Ro, for thinking of TTHWF, but most importantly, for loving and caring for this wonderful Tibetan Terrier.
AKC Pet Disaster Relief Rolls Out Help For Pets In Calvert County, Maryland
(Monday, September 15, 2014)

AKC Pet Disaster Relief presented its third trailer in the state of Maryland to officials from Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Animal Control Unit this weekend during the Sheriff’s Office Open House.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers help to create a safe, temporary home base for at least 65 pets immediately after a disaster is declared. The trailers house and deliver essential supplies such as fans, lighting and generators; cleaning supplies; maintenance items; and animal care items including crates and carriers, AKC Reunite microchips and an AKC Reunite universal microchip scanner, as well as bowls, collars and leashes. These supplies can be used as co-location shelters, where people can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.

The National Capital Kennel Club, Capital Dog Training Club of Washington D.C., Chesapeake Kennel Club of Maryland, American Tibetan Mastiff Association, Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Tibetan Spaniel Club of America, and AKC Reunite donated the $22,000 needed to purchase the trailer.

“Safe, effective pet sheltering solutions in times of disaster are incredibly important, and AKC Reunite is helping communities across the nation prepare by mobilizing AKC Pet Disaster Relief,” said Tom Sharp, AKC Reunite CEO. “The trailer donated today will provide animal care services during the first critical hours if a disaster ever hits Calvert County or surrounding areas.”

Captain Steven R. Jones, PIO for the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office Animal Control Unit said, “This brand new trailer will allow our agency to help pets by setting up an extensive emergency shelter during future disasters. The efforts of the members of the AKC kennel clubs are appreciated by those of us who want to ensure the safety of our pets.”

Here is a link to the AKC article about the Maryland trailer presentation: https://www.akc.org/press_center/article.cfm?article_id=5677
IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI:  
PRA RESEARCH UPDATE AND FREE PRA DNA TESTING OFFER

We have used support from the TTHWF to generate separate whole genome sequences from two different Tibetan Terriers with PRA, one with a relatively early onset and the other with a later onset. We have analyzed both whole genome sequences and identified two plausible causal mutations: one for each of the dogs. Both mutations are relatively rare among our archived DNA samples. To determine if these new mutations are true causes of PRA, we are eager to test living Tibetan Terriers that have had recent eye examinations by Veterinary Ophthalmologists. Thus, we are offering 3 free DNA tests (one for each of the two new mutations plus a test for the “RCD4 mutation” currently offered through OFA) to Tibetan Terrier owners, provided the dogs meet the following conditions:

- The Tibetan Terrier was seen by a Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist within the last two years.
- The Tibetan Terrier owner will provide us with a copy of the Eye Examination Report by FAX (573-884-5414) or email (HansenL@missouri.edu).
- The Tibetan Terrier was at least 5 years old when most recently examined by a Veterinary Ophthalmologist.
- The Tibetan Terrier is currently in good health except for possible eye disease

OR

- The Tibetan Terrier (of any age) has been confirmed to have PRA disease by a Board Certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist and the Tibetan Terrier owner will provide us with a copy of the Eye Examination Report by FAX (573-884-5414) or email (HansenL@missouri.edu).

The offer applies to tests requested before the end of 2014. Samples for particular Tibetan Terriers meeting the above criteria may already be in our archives because they were submitted to us directly or indirectly via Orthopedic Foundation for Animals or CHIC. We would prefer to test these samples when possible. To request a test for a Tibetan Terrier with a previously submitted sample, please contact Liz Hansen by email (HansenL@missouri.edu) and clearly state that you want free PRA tests for a sample in our archives. She will email back a form with questions that will help us find the pertinent sample and questions that will help us evaluate test results including how to send us a copy of the Eye Examination Report. If you would like the free PRA tests for a dog that is not already represented in our archives, please contact Liz Hansen by email (HansenL@missouri.edu) and clearly state that you want the tests on a new sample. Either attach a scanned copy of the Eye Examination Report to the email request or FAX a copy to us (573-884-5414). Also provide us with your mailing address. Once we receive the copy of the Eye Examination Report, we will mail a sampling kit to you. The kit contains a cheek swab, a sample storage card, and instructions on how to use them to obtain DNA sample that can be mailed back to us at room temperature.

For already achieved samples, the results of the “RCD4” test will be provided by email, usually within two weeks from when the sample was requested. For newly received samples, the results of the “RCD4” test will be provided by email, usually within two weeks from when sample was received. Results of the 2 new PRA tests, along with a recommendation of how to interpret the results, will be provided early in 2015.

We thank participating Tibetan Terrier owners in advance for their help with our efforts to determine the clinical significance of the two new mutations we identified.

Sincerely,
Gary S. Johnson, DVM, PhD
To Neuter, Or Not, and Our Lack of Omnipotence.
Part I of Three Parts.
Suzanne Wille

Ever feel a bit helpless? I do, especially when I don’t know all the options available to me in the service of taking care of our TTs. At times I hear others echoing similar sentiments of impotence. Still we trudge on because we TT advocates love our canine kids and that’s not going to change. What does seem to be constantly changing is the knowledge of how to care for them, train them, feed them, and how to prevent and treat disease. Lack of clarity isn’t helped when one considers the circularity of health, nutrition and behavioral connects.

Still, we do everything we can to protect our cuddle bunnies, including decisions regarding whether to neuter. We listen to our vets who encourage some of us at each wellness check to neuter our TT as a means of reducing the risks of mammary and testicular cancers, and as prevention of pyometra. We listen to trainers; many of whom advice neutering to reduce different forms of dog aggression, and as a means to reduce scheduling conflicts around performance trial events and training sessions. To triple check things out (to make certain we’re doing the so called ‘right thing’ for our canine kids) we go to contemporary medical researchers who tell us that some of the advice given to us in the past is now considered to be obsolete, and possibly dangerous, but which led us in the past to unknowingly make decisions that may have put our kids at increased risk for other health problems. In the case of neutering, these problems include (but are not limited to) negative reactions to vaccines, hip dysplasia, osteosarcoma, cardiac sarcoma, splenic sarcoma, hermangiosarcoma, hypothyroidism, prostate cancer, cranial cruciate ligament tears (1), lymphosarcoma, mast cell tumors (females only), increase of more severe geriatric cognitive impairment (2), and urinary incontinence and urinary tract infections (that can result in kidney infections and damage then possible death) if we neuter. This isn’t even a complete list. In addition, newer research informs us that many of the behavioral benefits once espoused regarding spaying / neutering are not quite right, and that training may be a better option than surgery.

We feel guilty and are scared to death for our little people because, darn it, we’re not omnipotent. Then to top it off, as we travel the explosive informational highway, we’re told that some breeds are at greater risk than others for certain possible negative effects; also, literature is not available today as to breed specific risks for the Tibetan Terrier.

Current research has also informed us that the method used in traditional neutering (complete removal of the uterus and ovaries in females and the testes in males) has put our kids at additional surgical risks (5)(6) due to the trauma done to the tissues by the invasive traditional method. Research has disclosed that the trauma may not even have been immediately apparent, but may have required an additional surgery.

This simmering pot of confusion is brought to a rolling boil by important Rottweiler (3)(4) studies which posit that neutering may grant greater longevity. What? Doesn’t the list of greater risk of life threatening diseases and increased longevity sound a bit contradictory, at least on the surface?

Thank goodness we find that some consistency appears across many well constructed peer reviewed studies. Such as, that the younger the dog at the time of the spay / neuter, the higher the risk for possible negative effects over time; also, that neutering at an older age (e.g., 6-8 years and beyond) is harder on the dog; and, that the health status of a dog is an important variable to be considered in regard to which method may be the most protective of our loved ones. Finally, in our search for information regarding how to protect our enigmatic and beguiling little people we are cautioned by respected researchers that many of the most cited studies employed research subjects from medium to large sized breeds, of which the TT is neither. Therefore, the findings may or may not apply to all breeds. Also, findings may not apply to all dogs within the same breed.
Before we go any further we must ask ourselves if our legislators, vets and trainers historically meant to cause harm by advocating for early neutering or use of the traditional method? My answer is “absolutely not!

Our legislators wanted to reduce the number of homeless pets in shelters and to secure the public’s well being. Our vets took oaths to do no harm and they used the method taught to them by their veterinary schools who in the past only taught the traditional technique (with the traditional rationals) while their students received their practical clinical training in over crowded animal shelters. Our trainers just tried to help solve behavioral problems that they believed were under hormonal influence.

Currently, a few more progressive schools are investing in the research and development of less invasive effective alternative methods for neutering and sterilization. They are asking the questions if one should neuter, for what reason, and at what age within the context of a particular dog’s health issues. The students are competing hard for entry into these more progressive schools of veterinary medicine. Our trainers of today are adding many new tools and learning theories to their training repertoires.

In our search for answers regarding the issues related to neutering we learn that there is no one perfect answer; but, that there is some hope of finding a ‘best possible’ answer for each unique dog that better fits the needs of each family. Our hope is born from the development of new safer and effective methods of sterilization. Beyond all else, now or in the future, our hope is dependent upon if we receive full disclosure of the pros and cons of each neutering option from our vets; and, through our own search of alternative options.

This is a three part series on the issue of neutering our TT lasses and lads. In Part II we look at different options currently available for our females, as well as some of the options that are still being developed; but, which are not quite ready. Part III looks at possible options for our guys. Part III lists some resources for your consideration before making final decisions - decisions that are your’s, and only your’s, to make.

In the meantime, let’s give a huge ‘shout out’ and applause to the progressive schools of veterinary medicine, the DVM Board Certified Behavioralist’s, the progressive legislators who are strong enough to do a ‘double take’ on past legislation, and to the vets who go to the time and expense for continued education and Board Certifications.

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Futurity Judge Nomination Form  
2016 TTCA National Specialty

1. Judges must be a member in good standing of the TTCA. They are to be nominated by the membership of the TTCA and elected by written ballot of the membership of the TTCA. The candidate who is 2nd in the balloting shall be designated Alternate Judge should the 1st be unable to judge.

2. Anyone who has accepted an assignment to judge the Futurity in the past 3 years is ineligible to be nominated.

3. Futurity judges are personally responsible for all expenses incurred in such an assignment.

4. A judge must be **nominated by 3 TTCA members** in good standing on the Futurity Nomination Form.

5. Each nominee must sign the nominating blank below, indicating acceptance and understanding of the accompanying responsibilities. The nomination form must also bear the signatures of the 3 TTCA members submitting the nomination.

We Hereby Nominate:

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________   Email: _______________________________________

1) __________________________________________________ ____________________________
   Signature of TTCA nominating member               Date

   Printed or Typed Name of TTCA nominating member

2) __________________________________________________ ____________________________
   Signature of TTCA nominating member               Date

   Printed or Typed Name of TTCA nominating member

3) __________________________________________________ ____________________________
   Signature of TTCA nominating member               Date

   Printed or Typed Name of TTCA nominating member

I ACCEPT THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND AM FULLY AWARE OF THE COMMITMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO TTCA AND THE TIBETAN TERRIER FANCY SHOULD I BE ELECTED. I affirm that I am aware, if elected, neither I nor any person residing in the same household with me shall exhibit or act as agent or handler in the regular competition of the show and dogs owned wholly or in part by myself or any member of my household shall be ineligible to be entered in the regular competition at such show. TTCA Futurity judges are personally responsible for all expenses incurred in such an assignment.

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Signature of Nominee               Date

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Printed or Typed Name of Nominee

Please send completed forms to the TTCA Corresponding Secretary:
Janet Slothower, 7172 Goldview Dr., Aiken, SC 29801

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE December 1, 2014.
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
-- A Summer of Positive Action for AKC --

New York, NY - It is back to school time across America and students are being asked that time-tested question - "What did you do over the summer?"
For my wife and I, it's a rather easy question to sum up in just five words - "We had 13 Bullmastiff puppies." Enough said.

For the American Kennel Club, answering that question takes considerably more words.
The summer yielded a large number of new initiatives to help dogs and the people who love and care for them, beyond the normal day-to-day world of certifying and recording registrations and listings; managing thousands of Conformation, Companion, and Performance events; and the current programs educating the dog owning public about responsible breeding, ownership, care, health and welfare, and training.

Summer at AKC saw a continuation of our commitment to relentless positive action.
We continue to improve our customer service quality and response times - achieving over 90% of our performance goals for the period - with no day falling below acceptable performance.
We increased the number of Customer Service Representatives with Spanish language skills to better serve this important and growing customer segment.
We leveraged technology to assure uninterrupted customer service - even when the North Carolina office was closed due to inclement weather - and to improve the user experience for breeders with our new EZ Breeder Reg service. This service is receiving strong positive reviews and eager acceptance by breeders, particularly AKC Breeder of Merit program participants.
The two shows in one-day pilot was employed three times with terrific results. The originator of the Board action allowing the pilot, Pat Cruz, participated in the first pilot at the Riverhead and Brookhaven Kennel Clubs on July 12, 2014. The other participating clubs were the Memphis Toy Dog Club and the Marquette Kennel Club in Michigan. In all three instances, the events were a success. Most interestingly, the entry at Marquette's other three shows was up almost 15%.
I directed Staff to reach out to Parent Club officers and Delegates through two online surveys requesting advice on both effective educational experiences for judges seeking approval in that club's breed and for their opinion of the breed exam and its use. Our goal is to continue to ensure we approve knowledgeable breed judges. With the help of the Parent Clubs, I believe we can accomplish that.

New opportunities for participation with your dog were created in a variety of other areas.
There are now two new Performance event titles to acknowledge higher levels of achievement - the Grand Field Champion title for Pointing breeds and the Retriever Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement title.
In response to requests for the ability to create special events, starting January 1, 2015, Agility clubs may host special events in which a club proposes a unique mix of regular AKC classes.

The AKC associated with the North American Dock Diving organization, allowing us to recognize the achievement of AKC registered or listed dogs in the growing sport of dock diving.

Participation in therapy dog work has grown, as has interest in the AKC Therapy Dog titling program. As a result of this growth, four new Therapy Dog titles were added starting July 1 to acknowledge a dog's lifetime achievement in this very valuable service to those in need.

We increased our outreach to public shelters and to owners of dogs from shelters. A major concern for shelters is their recidivism rate - the number of dogs returned. Adding a dog to one's family is a major life decision, and there are responsible and necessary questions to ask before this step is taken, no matter where the prospective owners plan to obtain the dog. Responsible breeders have long known the importance of addressing questions like these. We developed a helpful list of the most important questions to ask when getting a dog from a shelter to aid in that quest for a forever home. In addition, we are expanding our AKC Canine Partners and AKC GoodDog Helpline programs with shelters as tools to aid in lowering recidivism at their shelter.
Chairman’s Report con’t

On the legislative front, AKC Government Relations - led by Sheila Goffe - is developing two new programs to increase our visibility with legislators. We plan to award approximately 50 AKC Legislator of the Year Awards for federal and state legislators across the country who play an important role in supporting responsible dog ownership, and protecting the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders.

In addition, AKC Government Relations is developing a law school outreach program for future legislators and policymakers. Law schools are one of the primary training grounds for future state and congressional lawmakers. AKC is collaborating with other groups, such as the AVMA and Cat Fanciers Association, to develop writing contests, a speakers bureau, and other outreach to this important segment.

Understanding the critical importance of grassroots legislative efforts, we developed the Canine Legislative Support Fund Educational Grants program in support of clubs' educational and advocacy initiatives to help protect the future of responsible dog owners and breeders.

We continue to fuel a positive, engaging, and educational conversation with our many constituents through AKC Communicates emailed every Friday; WOOFipedia, the consumer website for everyday dog owners with over one million users a month; our new content syndication with Vet Street, Pet 360, Best in Show Daily, ShowSight and Canine Chronicle – and more on the way; our new AKC Breeder Education and Government Relations pages on Facebook; and the continued growth of our Facebook page, now with over 2.1 million fans. The AKC has had a very busy, innovative, and productive summer. So, what lies ahead for the balance of the year?

We are working on a major effort that will combine a number of initiatives all aimed at enhancing our role as the leading authority and voice on dogs, and increasing the public’s ability to find a happy, healthy puppy or purebred rescue. Those initiatives include a way to identify those breeders who follow Parent Club recommended health testing. A sub-committee of the Parent Clubs Committee is responsible for assembling the information and I will make sure it is readily available on the AKC website for all those looking for a puppy. How many people was that last year? In 2013 we had 20 million individual visitors and 95 million page views, of which 3.2 million were the breeder classifieds. We will exceed those numbers this year and we are planning for even more in 2015 with the new website.

I have been working with Staff on renewing the TV broadcast of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. We have a proposal to present to the Board this week that would create a TV showcase for all the events during the weekend. I will strongly recommend the Board approve it, allowing Chris, Gina and Michael to move forward with the final negotiations.

A lot changed this summer at the American Kennel Club. A lot more will be changing in the future. Even though, as Billy Crystal said, change is such hard work, we know without change, there is no progress. With change, there is great opportunity.

As we pursue those changes, we will do so understanding those things that should change for the better and those things that must not change, so we are sure to stay true to our principles. I believe you will appreciate those changes, and like what stayed the same.

Alan Kalter
The Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club, established in the late 60’s, and originally named the Tibetan Terrier Club of New England, is one of the few recognized Tibetan Terrier Clubs who holds an Independent Specialty. This year, the show is moved from Topsfield, MA to West Springfield, MA, joining a larger cluster of shows, and is expected to draw big entries. There will be a Friday show, two shows Saturday, followed by a Supported Entry on Sunday. Saturday morning is Troy Kennel Club’s show, and TTs will be judged by Mr. Robert Hutton. Saturday afternoon will be the BCTTC Independent Specialty, with esteemed judge Mrs. Tuula Plathan judging Tibetans and Jackie Faust judging Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes. Sunday's Supported Entry will be judged by breeder judge Mr. Bill Lee.

We will be soliciting trophy donations soon and welcome your support. Trophy donations for the Specialty and the two Supported entries should be sent to Gail Toracinta, PO Box 1185, Hope Valley RI, 02832.

Judges’ Autobiographies

Mrs. Tuula Plathan Karamain Tibetan Terriers FINLAND
My first dog in my childhood was a black Cocker Spaniel and he was followed by two Borzois. 40 years ago my husband and I obtained our first Tibetan Terrier and I have owned, showed and bred them since 1978 and Tibetan Spaniels since 1992. I’m sharing my kennel prefix KARAMAIN with my daughter Marianna Plathan, who is responsible for our breeding program for the Bourbonnais Pointing Dogs. We have also owned and showed a Saluki. I got my judging license in 1982 and judge Sighthounds, Tibetan Breeds and Toys. I have judged in several European countries, America, South Africa and Australia. I founded The Tibetan Terrier Club of Finland together with my husband and friends some 30 years ago and have been active in it for several years. I’m the Honorary Member of the TT Club of Finland and still serve as the Breed Advisor for it. I’m also a member of The Ladies Kennel Club and The Finnish Kennel Club, where I am a member of the Breed Standard Committee. I’m currently also a board member of The Finnish Dog Show Judges’ Society. I’ve been awarded the Finnish Kennel Club’s silver medal.

Ms. Jackie Faust Arkeden Tibetan Terriers Medford, New Jersey
I have been involved in the TTCA and breeding Tibetan Terriers for 25 years under the kennel name Arkeden. I bred 2012 TTCA National winner GCh Arkeden N Kiskades Havin A Ball and several several Futurity winners. I served as President of the TTCA in 2005-2006, during the years we instituted the Tibetan Terrier Health & Welfare Foundation.