President’s Message
March, 2015

First off, if we were all in a room I would ask you to stand and give your outgoing president, Ken Edmonds, a round of applause for a job well done. Five years as President is dedication to our Tibetan Terrier Breed that is outstanding. Thank you, Ken.

On a personal note, I thank the club for entrusting me with the office of President and providing an exceptional Board and Committee Chairs/members to help in our mission. I look forward to continuing the work of protecting our Breed.

The major event for TTCA coming up is, of course, National week and the Annual Meeting. I encourage all who can, to come and participate in the activities. Besides the conformation and performance events, your show committee has lined up a full week of items that should interest all. If you have not already done so, please go to the website for all the details. National week is a fantastic time for you to immerse yourself in all things TT, meet old friends and make new ones. It is also a great time to find out about how your club works and what you can do to contribute and make it stronger. If I have not met you before, please take the time to introduce yourself at our National, or whenever the opportunity comes about. If you have an idea for the club to work on, let me, or any Board member know. Also let us know what, in your opinion, we are doing right, wrong, or can strengthen/improve.

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There are going to be a number of committee chairs coming open. I should have at least a partial listing in time for the next Newsletter. Even if you do not wish to be the Chair, there are always openings for committee members on most of the committees. Compared to many other breed clubs, TTCA is rather small and we often find ourselves with too much to do and not enough volunteers. Give one of the committees a shot. It can be a very rewarding experience.

Ron Pankiewicz

Ron Pankiewicz
I have been involved in purebred dogs for almost 40 years and Margy and I welcomed our first Tibetan Terrier in 1979. We have a limited but successful breeding program under the Malishar prefix. I am a founding member of the Cuyahoga Valley Tibetan Terrier Club and am currently the President of the Mount Vernon Tibetan Terrier Club. In the past, I have held President, Vice President and Director positions in both the Tibetan Terrier Club of America and the Agathon Kennel Club. I have worked on and chaired various club committees and I am currently the TTCA Legislative Liaison and an approved Judges Mentor for the TTCA. In my capacity as Judges Mentor, I have frequently conducted both Judges Study Groups and provided ringside mentoring for judges at our National Specialties.

Additionally, as a member of the TTCA Judges Education Committee, I have presented seminars on the Tibetan Terrier for prospective judges at the American Dog Show Judges Advanced Institute, the Princeton Judges Study Group and the Maxon-Dixon Dog Judges Association.

My professional background includes over 30 years in technical, managerial and leadership positions in the Dept. of Defense. I have extensive experience working in both large and small diverse groups on complex issues and achieving successful outcomes.

I have a deep desire and commitment for health issues and the preservation of type in the Tibetan Terrier. I will continue the progress made by previous TTCA Boards in guarding the Tibetan Terrier Standard and promoting initiatives that advance the overall health of our special breed.
2014 AWARD APPLICATION

Every year at the National Specialty, the TTCA awards a Register of Merit 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 located below. Award certificates for TTCA members are AUTOMATICALLY printed for: all 2014 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 here we will need you to contact me since this data is not as easy to find. Award certificates can also be given if your dog has won a group placement by requesting it on the form below. Deadline for submission is APRIL 15th. FMI, contact Betsy Richards abrich27@aol.com or cell #716-866-3130, house 716-681-2233

TTCA AWARD APPLICATION

I wish to receive an Award Certificate for the following:

ROM Breeder of Merit_________________________________________Kennel Name_________________
(Please attach list of 10 Champions you have bred with the date they finished)

ROM Stud Dog_____________________________________________Call Name_________________
Owner(s)___________________________________________________________________________
5 Champion Get:

___________________________________________________________date finished_____________
___________________________________________________________date finished_____________
___________________________________________________________date finished_____________
___________________________________________________________date finished_____________

ROM Brood Bitch____________________________________________Call Name_________________
Owner(s)___________________________________________________________________________
3 Champions Produce:

____________________________________________________________date finished____________
____________________________________________________________date finished____________
____________________________________________________________date finished____________

Versatility Award_____________________________________________Call Name_________________
(Requirements: 1-Champion, 2-Obedience, Rally or Agility titled and 3-ROM)
Owner(s)___________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________date completed______________2014

Group Placing or Other_________________________________________date____________________2014
Owner(s)___________________________________________________________________________

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION SO IT IS HERE BY APRIL 15th: to
Betsy Richards, 36 Nichter Rd., Lancaster, NY 14086. abrich27@aol.com
Everyone please assist the people you sponsor to ensure the forms are filled in correctly. Members applying for REGULAR STATUS DO NOT SEND ME YOUR CHECK.

The following people have applied for membership. If you wish, you may address comments regarding the applicants, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Newsletter to:

Jean Allen, Membership Chairperson,
55 ½ North Main Street
South Hadley, MA 01075
ttcamembers@yahoo.com

Regular Members

Lee Whittier of Vancouver, WA has provided stud service for one litter with David Murray. She has shown in conformation and wants to become more involved in parent club.

Associate Member

Cathy Renk of Niagara Falls, NY has one TT and may consider being a breeder. She has been exhibiting her dog in conformation for the past 8 months and has done obedience and agility with dogs in the past. Her sponsors are Charlene Wagner and Karen Matuszak.

I am going to be leaving as membership chair by May 2015. Anyone interested in assuming the position please contact me or any TTCA board member.

Jean Allen
TTCA Membership Chair

BRAGS!! BRAGS!! BRAGS!!

Bronze GCH Moonrize Doubleshot Espresso RN CGC won 1st Award of Excellence and Best Veteran TT at the 2014 AKC Eukanuba National Championship. Tashi was shown by his owner Joyce Killinger.

Snowshoe's Abigail of Savannah, "Abby" is pictured here at 6 months in her first AKC conformation experience with the young Miss Shields who also stepped into the ring for the first time. Abby is a Tashi granddaughter and it is wonderful to have more junior handlers with TTs in the ring and support from family and new TT friends. They both did great!
AKC REUNITE AND LOCAL AKC DOG CLUBS ROLL OUT HELP FOR PETS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

San Diego, CA - Local AKC dog clubs and AKC Pet Disaster Relief, a national program spearheaded by AKC Reunite that is dedicated to keeping pets and their owners safe in the aftermath of tornadoes, floods, wildfires and other natural or civil disasters, presented three trailers in the state of California to officials from the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services on Saturday.

Remember the pets in despair after Katrina?  Remember the plight of pets displaced from their families in Missouri and Oklahoma after those states were hit by epic tornadoes?  With AKC Pet Disaster Relief, there is now a way to effectively help the pets and their owners affected by such disasters, and San Diego communities will be prepared to roll out help to pets and their owners in need when a disaster is declared, whether it's a wildfire evacuation, an earthquake response or the unthinkable. 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 purchase of the trailers for the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services was made possible by more than $65,000 in donations and grants from the members of Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego, Del Sur Kennel Club, Bahia Sur Kennel Club of Chula Vista, Cabrillo Kennel Club, Hidden Valley Obedience Club, The Obedience Club of San Diego County, Inc. and AKC Reunite, the nation's largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service.

Donations also came in from American Kennel Club dog breed clubs with members nationwide, including the American Tibetan Mastiff Association, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Tibetan Terrier Club of America, English Springer Spaniel Foundation, Spinone Club of America, Collie Club of America, Schipperke Club of America Rescue & Health Foundation, Borzoi Club of America, American Shih Tzu Club, The Vizsla Club of America, Australian Terrier Club of America and Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association.

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 AKC dog clubs in the San Diego area want to help our local community and its pets be prepared for any disaster and its aftermath," said Del Sur Kennel Club Delegate Andrew G. Mills. "We are all very proud to donate these trailers to the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services to assist in the agency's future disaster response efforts."

"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 trailers will provide animal care services during the first critical hours if a disaster ever hits San Diego County or surrounding areas."

Dan DeSousa, Deputy Director for the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services said, "These new trailers will allow us to set up extensive emergency shelters to assist pet owners during future natural disasters. We're excited about our improved ability to care for our county's pets and thank the members of our local dog clubs and other donors for their efforts in helping us acquire AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers."

Individuals, corporations and other interested parties can donate to trailer projects in local areas or across the country. Donations are tax deductible and accepted at http://www.akcreunite.org/donate. Approved organizations that raise a minimum of $1,000 will have their logo featured on the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer.
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.
2015-2016 Dues Notice

Membership Renewal
Payment due by February 28, 2015
Regular and Associate Memberships $30
Foreign Membership $45.00

You can pay your annual dues using PayPal from the TTCA online store web site www.ttcastore.com or by using the link from the TTCA website main page.

Using PayPal is very convenient payment method for members and assists the Club by making transactions easy to account for and deposit.

ALSO

Please consider adding a donation to the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation to your payment. You can make the donation via the online store or by check. The online store has an easy to use separate item for TTH&WF donations. If you pay by check use the memo box on your check to note any memorial that the donation is made in behalf of...

Please send checks to: TTCA Treasurer
PO Box 271814
West Hartford, CT 06127
USA

Member Name(s)_________________________________________________________

Dues Amount: _________________ TTHWF Donation ________________________

Please provide new information only if it is different from data on club membership list

Address________________________________________________________________

Primary Phone____________________________ Email ________________________

My email address is: g.mattison@comcast.net
It is with great sadness that I report the loss of our almost 4 year old Tibetan Terrier, Keaton. On November 16th he lost his fight with the complications resulting from Immune-Mediated Thrombocytopenia (ITP). This is an autoimmune illness that destroys platelets in a dog's blood and restricts the dog's ability to quickly form a normal clot.

In thinking back over the past six months and knowing what we know now we speculate Keaton picked up a tick transmitted illness sometime in the early spring despite our use of tick repellent medication. Over the course of the summer his energy level was a bit down but we explained it as the result of a hot summer and his growing maturity. In mid-August he seemed to be scratching all of the time. We thought that it might be allergies to the late summer pollen and had him checked by our vet. There were no signs of a skin condition and the vet recommended an antihistamine and medicated soap. The itching settled down through September.

At the end of September, during the daily grooming, my wife noticed a rash like discoloration on Keaton's abdomen the size of a third of her palm. Our first thoughts were a mite infestation or a hot spot. We took him to the vet and it was diagnosed as bruising. The vet ordered up a tick panel test and a comprehensive blood analysis. Within 24 hours the vet told us he was marginal for two tick viruses and his blood work was normal except the platelet count. After further platelet blood work it was determined that he needed care from the regional animal hospital to prevent a potential bleed out due to extremely low platelet count. He had Immune-Mediated Thrombocytopenia possibly triggered by a tick bite.

After a one week stay in the animal hospital for monitoring and steroid treatment to shock the immune system to develop and release platelets Keaton started a turn around. A third of dogs diagnosed with ITP don't survive the initial onset of the illness. After five weeks at home and daily steroids his platelet count returned to within the normal range. What we did not realize is that he had picked up a secondary infection of unknown source that his weakened immune system could not fight off. The staff at the animal hospital did their best and Keaton fought the impacts of the infection for seven days. In the end it was just too much for him to recover from. With one big breath he succumb to the illness on his own terms in the arms of the vet.

My wife Vanessa and I wanted to bring this illness to the attention of the association because as first time TT / dog parents we were caught off guard by the telltale signs and the existence of ITP. I have included the web address of an ITP Support Association http://www.itpsupport.org.uk/itpindogs.htm for more detailed information. Hopefully if you see what appears to be bruising get it checked out early. It can be treated if caught in the early stages.

As a post script, the days following Keaton's departure were followed by many well wishes from the many people he would meet on his daily walks. As you know TTs touch people in a special way. We look forward to becoming TT parents again.
Two Specialties- One Location

2015 TIBETAN TERRIER NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK

May 18-22, 2015
BOXBOROUGH, MA

Superintendent: Show Secretary Lori Carver
P.O. Box 22107, c/o MB-F Inc., Greensboro, NC 27420-2107
Phone: (336) 379-9352  Fax: 336-272-0864 or 1-800-SHO-FAXS
Online entry: www.infodog.com/entry

Fabulous 2015 Specialty Merchandise
Including Shirt, Jackets, Mugs, Hats, Garment Bags and other items embroidered or printed with the Specialty logo.
For merchandise photos and ordering information:
http://www.ttca-online.org/html/2015specialty/merchandise.html

Support the Specialty by Advertising in the Combined National and Northeast Specialty Catalog
More information, prices and ad specifications are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. Or contact:
Sandy White, 1869 Glenfield, Ortonville, MI 48462-9051
Email: sanwhite tt@charter.net  Phone: 248-627-6170
Ads must be received before 3/28/15

For More Information visit the TTCA Website at:
www.ttca-online.org/html/2015specialty/2015sp.html
Seminars & Workshops
Tuesday, May 19th

FUN WITH RALLY OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP
for Tibetan Terriers
Join Tibby Chase, Rally Judge, for an interactive Rally obedience workshop. Learn how to get the best out of your ring experience, sharpen your handler skills and practice specific Rally exercises. This workshop combines demos, discussion and lots of practice. New and experienced Rally handlers are welcome. Beginner dogs should have basic obedience skills. Bring lots of treats!

Perfect Your Presentation with THE WINSLOW WAY HANDLING SEMINAR
taught by Rose Chandless with assistant, Caryl Crouse. THE WINSLOW WAY is a unique and exciting approach to train and handle your show dog in an effective, professional manner. Learn about selecting a show candidate, balance, energy transfer, movement, lead control, ring navigation and presentation. Make a lasting impression with THE WINSLOW WAY!

“PUPPY CULTURE” SEMINAR
presented by Jane Killion. Learn about the Powerful First 12 weeks That Can Shape Your Puppy’s Future.

Two Specialties - One Location
2015 TTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY & NORTHEAST SPECIALTY
May 18-22, 2015
Boxborough, MA
Don’t Miss the AKC Tibetan Terrier Agility Trial!
held in conjunction with the 2015 TTCA National Specialty
at Surefire Dogs Training Center, Westborough, MA
Monday, May 18, 2015

The Agility Trial Premium List is available online on the TTCA Specialty Website:

Treasure Hunt.....

It’s time to search your closets, attics and basements for hidden treasures!

All donations will be gratefully received!
Please let Lynne Fardell know what items you will be bringing or sending. Her contact information is:
sunstibetanterriers@gmail.com / 302-276-1541 or 302-983-0088

You can also send items in advance to:
Devon Powers
81 High Street
Florence, MA 01062
413-586-0929 or 413-559-0784
The Enrichment Effect

Did you know that puppies raised in an enriched environment can have larger brains and be more emotionally stable? Are you providing the Right Enrichment for your puppies? The answer may surprise you! Learn the three key components of puppy enrichment and how they work together to build strong hearts and calm minds in your puppies.

Socialization

What is socialization? If you’re thinking it’s the maximum exposure to new things while the puppy is young, you’re only partly right. In this section, you’ll learn how to build emotional intelligence in your puppies with the seven elements of the Puppy Culture Socialization Program.

The Function of Emotions

Are you aware that, during the critical socialization period, you have just as much power to do harm as good for your puppies? Learn the delicate interplay between developing emotions and socialization, and how to “rate” your puppies experiences appropriately for his developmental stage.

The Communication Trinity

What do human babies, American Sign Language, autistic children, and four week old puppies have in common? They all need to talk to us, but they don’t have language skills. This segment demonstrates our program, drawn from work with non-verbal humans, that teaches puppies to “talk” to us. You’ll learn the huge behavioral benefits of teaching very young puppies non-verbal communication. Your puppy owners will thank you!

Everything Here is Mine

Can you really permanently change a puppy with just 120 seconds of the right interaction at the right time? In this amazing segment, you’ll see a real life case of a puppy with seemingly horrible aggression issues, and watch him transformed by just a few timely interactions - and see how that transformation “sticks” into adulthood.
Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club
Independent Specialty
April 4, 2015
West Springfield, Massachusetts

MB-F, Superintendent.
Enteries Close March 18, noon

The Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Specialty will be held in West Springfield, MA for the first time, joining a large cluster of shows that will draw big entries. There will be four shows in three days, with trophies sponsored by the Bay Colony TT Club. 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 from Finland, Mrs. Tuula Plathan judging regular classes and Jackie Faust judging Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes. Sunday’s Supported Entry will be judged by breeder judge Mr. Bill Lee.

Please join us in New England for an exceptional Easter specialty, and we promise you an enjoyable weekend.

3 all-breed shows premium list:
http://www.infodog.com/prm/080/prm080.pdf#pagemode=bookmarks
BCTTC premium list:
http://www.ttca-online.org/htmldownloads/PremiumListBCTTC%202015.pdf

Wilmington Kennel Club All-Breed Show
Lums Pond State Park, Camping Area, Rte. 71
Bear, Delaware 19701

Superintendent: Rau Dog Shows
Entries close April 8, 2015 noon

Don’t miss the
TTCA Mid-Atlantic Regional Specialty
Saturday, April 25, 2015
Sweepstakes Judge: Robin Stamm
Regular Classes: Mr. Elliott B. Weiss

Supported Entry
Friday, April 24, 2015
TT Judge: Mr. David R. Miller

Regional Specialties
Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada
National Specialty

The Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada is holding a National Specialty on August 22, 2015 in Brockville, Ontario. This is in conjunction with 3 all breed shows and a Club VI Specialty, thus providing 5 sets of points in 3 days! Visit the Tibetan Terrier Club of Canada Facebook page or our website for further updates.

Send all of your pictures, brags, articles, forms, and any other information to: Elise Kind TTCA Newsletter Editor davidtt09@comcast.net

Letters to the editor are welcomed, but please limit the content to 250 words.

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