Happy August to all! Almost time to get out and enjoy the pumpkins and rake the fallen leaves. Myself, I’m hoping for a late Sept. trip to the Atlantic Shore for some solitude while the beaches are empty and the water is still warm.

Major item during the past couple of months was The Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) decisions to allow China to host the 2019 World Dog Show (WDS) and their reassigning the origin for the Tibetan Terrier, Tibetan Mastiff, Lhasa Apso, Tibetan Spaniel, and Shih Tzu from Tibet to China. As they say in non-polite society #!*^%^! These decisions caused a furor both nationally and internationally. Many TTCA members immediately wrote to AKC and FCI to express their outrage. Your TTCA Board spearheaded the effort to get a joint position from all AKC Tibetan breed Parent Clubs. To my knowledge this is the first time all five Tibetan breeds have spoken in one voice in protest. This position was sent to all members of the AKC Board. You can find this letter and AKC’s response to it, plus other related items, in this Newsletter. In AKC’s response are two significant commitments.

1) No AKC breed history would be changed unless a request to do so was submitted by the AKC Parent Club for the Breed.

2) The AKC records accurately reflect that the Tibetan Terrier, Tibetan Mastiff, Tibetan Spaniel and Shih Tzu all originated in Tibet.
Follow up with AKC gave assurance that the omission of the Lhasa Apso was in error and the above statements pertain to them also.

Responding to the worldwide criticism, the FCI modified their stance on the origin of the Tibetan breeds and designated their country of origin as Tibet (China).

While the above shows that criticism and condemnation helped to ameliorate the damage, some damage has been done i.e. the WDS is still in China and, in my opinion, the assault on the origin of Tibetan breeds is not over.

I would encourage all to visit the TTCA Facebook page for continuing developments.

You will also find in this Newsletter another excellent article by Andrea Reiman that was originally in the June 2015 online Gazette. This article deals with the correctness of the moderate and properly proportioned Tibetan Terrier. I had the opportunity at our 2015 National Specialty in Boxborough to sit ringside with a group that was planning to apply for approval to judge Tibetan Terriers. This group had recently studied our standard in depth and their comments/observations mirrored much that Andrea stressed. Common comments were: Isn't that dog too long/legs too short? Why is it so angulated? Doesn't that neck seem too long? You can only answer so many times that no dog is perfect before you fall back on: what does your eye and knowledge of the standard tell you. As it does not pertain to the article, I will not comment on the many observations of scissoring that the group also expressed. Thank you Andrea for a timely, and hopefully, thought provoking article to the breeders and supporters of this ancient breed.

May all of you enjoy the rest of the summer and the beginning of Autumn with your companions beside you. It is a blessing.

Ron

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**Articles and Letters on The Tibetan Breeds Country of Origin**

**FCI Explanation of Actions**

Always attentive to the opinion of the breeders worldwide, we took note of the uproar concerning the attribution of the 2019 World Dog Show to China and to the decision regarding the country of origin of the following breeds: DO-KHYI (230), TIBETAN TERRIER (209), TIBETAN SPANIEL (231), LHASA APSO (227) and SHIH TZU (208).

Whilst we understand the concern expressed by the breeders worldwide about both situations, the FCI wishes to inform that the decision to grant the organization of the WDS 2019 to China was taken by a decision of our General Assembly where 68 countries were present or represented and by a large majority of votes, in total transparency and according to the principles of democracy internationally recognised and accepted. That decision was made on basis of a very open and complete presentation made by our Chinese member, CKU, during which our Chinese member delegation has clearly mentioned the cultural differences between China and most of the other countries in the world. The FCI sees it as an excellent opportunity to raise awareness among the Chinese population that the dog, our beloved friend, is a member of our families, a living entity and most of all Man's best Friend. May we add that China won the right to organise this WDS over several other countries, namely Spain, Germany and Croatia, in a clear victory.
In addition, we find it important to clarify that our Chinese member, CKU, is an FCI full member. As such, CKU has the right to ask to be the country of origin of the breeds indicated above. It is important to know that any change in a breed standard can be implemented worldwide if and only if the FCI General Committee, following recommendations of the FCI Standards and Scientific Commissions, approves it.

Nowadays, the FCI is more than ever committed to the betterment and safeguard of the Dog and to promoting its welfare, love and respect in the four corners of the world.

For the FCI

Rafael de Santiago
FCI President

On August 3, We received this correspondence:
August 3rd, 2015

Brexds originating from Tibet
On July 3rd, 2015, the FCI General Committee published a communication regarding the FCI-recognized dog breeds
Tibetan Mastiff (Do-Khyi) (230)
Tibetan Spaniel (231)
Tibetan Terrier (209)
Lhasa Apso (227)
Shih Tzu (208)

Sensitive and attentive to the many voices heard after this publication, receptive to the opinion of FCI members and breed clubs, after extensive communication with CKU, with respect to historical considerations about these breeds’ origin, the FCI General Committee have amended their decision to mention China as country of origin. Consequently, the above-mentioned breeds’ country of origin is “Tibet (China)”.

The FCI General Committee

Dear Sirs and Madame,
As American Kennel Club (AKC) member clubs, we represent the Tibetan breeds, their owners, their breeders, and their supporters in this country. Please note these are Tibetan breeds, not Chinese breeds. It is outrageous that the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) has changed the country of origin of these ancient breeds from Tibet to China. These breeds share a culture that is indigenous to Tibet. Their unique and distinctive characteristics were shaped by the terrain, the climate, the culture and the people of Tibet. They were not of Chinese origin when they were developed, and they are not Chinese now. This attempt to revise canine history dishonors those who made these dogs into the wonderful breeds they are. While we understand AKC and FCI are independent of each other, we also understand that the position of AKC, as a recognized authority throughout the dog world, is well respected and carries considerable weight. As such we call upon the Board of AKC to affirm that, as a historical fact, these breeds are of Tibetan origin.

The FCI has also decided to hold the 2019 World Dog Show in China. This decision was made notwithstanding the generally poor treatment of dogs in China, with the Yulin “Meat Festival” being a particularly egregious example. The politics associated with allowing China to host the World Dog Show and acceding to their request to be given origin status for the Tibetan breeds shows that the FCI, at least where China is concerned, has abrogated any standing as a moral force for canine welfare. As member clubs, we ask that the Board of AKC support the dogs in China by issuing a letter refusing to support or participate in the 2019 World Dog Show unless legislative steps are taken to improve dog welfare in China and the Yulin “Meat Festival” is banned.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Pankiewicz, President - Tibetan Terrier Club of America
Martha Feltenstein, President – American Tibetan Mastiff Association
William Chaffee, President – Tibetan Spaniel Club of America
Bonnie Prato, President – American Shih Tzu Club
Tom Worlton, President – American Lhasa Apso Club
From AKC, James Crowley, Executive Secretary:
Dear Mr. Paniewski,(sic)

This concerns the attached letter sent to the AKC Board on behalf of the Parent Clubs for Tibetan breeds.

We do appreciate the position of the AKC Parent Clubs for the breeds originating in Tibet as to their breed history, and share the abhorrence of the mistreatment of dogs anywhere in general, and in connection with the Yulin Dog Meat festival in particular.

The attached releases state the AKC position on both issues. With regard to the historical origin of a breed, AKC would not try to rewrite history as a political expedient. No AKC breed history would be changed unless a request to do so was submitted by the AKC Parent Club for the breed, and the justification for the change was well documented. AKC, however, has no control over what other registries may put in their histories, or breed standards for that matter. The AKC historical records accurately reflect that the Tibetan Terrier, Tibetan Mastiff, Tibetan Spaniel and Shih Tzu all originated in Tibet. (Lhasa was omitted in error, sg.)

There are several registries, formed in China in recent years, to accommodate a growing interest in dogs as pets and in the sport of purebred dogs. These registries put on many dog shows each year. The FCI World Show is one more show, although it is of course larger with a much higher profile than the events held by the indigenous clubs. AKC is not a member of FCI, and it has never participated in, supported, or had an official presence at a World Show. A threat to not participate in or to not support something in which AKC has never participated, nor intends to participate in, would be meaningless. Further AKC would not comment on the selection of a location of a foreign registries events any more than we would expect them to comment on the selection of the location for AKC’s National championship show. The one exception AKC made was for the World Show in Russia and that was only because of the official government threat of harassment and imprisonment to which some of attendees from the US could have been subjected.

Sincerely,

James Crowley, Executive Secretary

Editors Note:
I have not given formal citations for the above correspondence. All letters can be found at the Tibetan Terrier Club of America Facebook site.

FCI - Federation Cynologique Internationale considered by many to be the largest canine organization in the world.

CKU - China Kennel Union

WDS - World Dog Show
One of the best ways to learn about a breed and gain insight into the essentials of breed type is to befriend those whose dogs you see consistently epitomize what is described in the TTCA and AKC breed standard and illustrated in breed-specific reference literature. Even better, sit next to these exceptional breeders at the TTCA national specialty or regional events where there is a good TT entry and listen to their comments and critique of exhibits.

I feel quite fortunate to have abundant mentoring from passionate, educated, preservationist-leaning breeders both locally and nationally, as well as from breed specialists internationally.

In hindsight, it has occurred to me that these TT experts all have a singular word they bestow to convey their highest praise for superb TT’s. With concise brevity, the word that sums up a supreme TT for all of them is moderate.

That word moderate is something I think I dismissed early on. It seemed “code” for boring and possibly lacking in any particular attribute. My eye for a dog was just beginning to develop, and like a teenager going for the latest trending fashion, it was drawn to pizzazz angles, the perfect shoulder layback, the stand-out rear, and big, fleet, striding movement around the ring.

In other words, my eye was drawn to exaggerated parts and aggrandized presentations of dog exhibits. That unlearned eye was oblivious at how all anatomical elements came together (if at all) in a pleasing harmony.

Luckily my perceptions evolved, and somewhere along the way my fashion penchant became more timeless Giorgio Armani and less avant-garde Pierre Cardin. Likewise, my eye for a correct dog became drawn to the natural beauty and balance of that which is normal, typical, and correctly proportional in a TT—the magnificently moderate!

Moderate is from the Latin moderat, which means “reduced, controlled” and derives from the verb moderare, related to modest.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines moderate as “Being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme. . . of medium or average quantity or extent” (ahddictionary.com). The word is used at least six times in the Illustrated Guide to the Tibetan Terrier (TTCA, Inc., 2003), with cautionary statements such as “In judging the Tibetan Terrier, it is important to keep in mind that it is a moderately sized, moderately angled dog” (p. 37).

So “moderate” by its very definition indicates something commonplace, ordinary, and typical. However, it is ironic that “moderate” used in the context of describing a TT is in fact anything but common. Perhaps in the same way that “common sense” ends up being relatively uncommon, the ordinary, “moderate” TT is also somewhat extraordinary.

There’s much written about how judges often have succumbed to award those dogs most exaggerated, the most extreme, creating over time a generic, a flamboyant show dog seen across all breeds. In a ring of TT’s, however, a judge should endeavor to find the moderate exhibits, perhaps scaling them on a continuum. Try to observe what is typical and correct in each exhibit, and how that converges to create a balanced picture possessing the essential breed characteristics. Award that which best exemplifies a moderate TT on that given day, and breed experts will applaud, as such decisions have positive impact on the breed over time.

And as the saying goes, “Do not let the perfect be the enemy of good,” as the perfectly moderate TT is a rare sighting indeed.

—Andrea Reiman.

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**TTHWF Donations**

Cindy Douglass - in memory of CH Malishar’s Jigme Lingpa (Jaymie)

Adria Martino - in memory of Izzie and Quincy, gone too soon

Victoria White - in memory of Chelsi

Barbara Hartnig - in honor of Yogi and Molly

The Kridakorn Family - in honor of Chelsea and Sasha, get well from your FB friends
2016-2017 Nomination Committee
The Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating Committee for the 2016-2017 Club year.

The committee members are:
Caryl Crouse, Chair
Gale Mattison
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Margy Pankiewicz

If any regular member has an interest in serving as an Officer or Board member, please contact Caryl Crouse no later than October 1, 2015 at lyractt@yahoo.com

2017 - 2018 Judges Election Results

2017:
Susan Carr (accepted)

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Midwest Canine Influenza Outbreak: A New Virus Within the United States by Nancy Kay, DVM

If you keep tabs on dog-related news, you're probably already aware of the recent outbreak of canine influenza in the Midwest. Chicago appears to be at the epicenter of the epidemic. The first dogs affected by this virus were observed in mid-March of this year. Since then, more than 1,000 known cases have been reported in and around Chicago, and there have even been a few deaths.

New virus within the United States

Until a week ago, the virus responsible for this canine influenza outbreak was thought to be H398, a strain of Influenza A that has been present in the United States for some time. Cornell University (thumbs up to my alma mater) recently reported that scientists there have isolated a brand new influenza virus from affected dogs in the Midwest. This virus, referred to as H3N2, is closely related to strains of influenza affecting dog populations in South Korea and China. H3N2 is now making its debut appearance within the United States. How the virus was introduced here is anyone's guess. Dogs living within the United States have no natural protection against H3N2 because their immune systems have never been exposed to it before. For this reason, it will remain highly contagious until canine populations develop immunity, either through natural infection or vaccination. The contagious stage of canine influenza begins a few days before symptoms arise. In other words, the healthy-appearing pup at the dog park or doggie daycare center may be on the verge of developing viral symptoms. Spread of the disease occurs via respiratory secretions (discharge from nose, mouth, and eyes). Both dogs and cats are susceptible to the H3N2 virus. It is not transmissible to humans.

Symptoms

The symptoms most commonly associated with influenza virus include: high fever, loss of appetite, coughing, nasal discharge, and lethargy. In the best-case scenario, an infected dog may show only mild symptoms or none at all. Worst-case scenario, pneumonia may develop. Pneumonia was the likely cause of death in five dogs who have reportedly succumbed to this disease.

Diagnosis

Many infectious bacterial and viral diseases are capable of producing the symptoms described above. Knowing that H3N2 is the culprit requires specialized testing performed on a mouth or nose swab. Cornell reports that the development of a blood test capable of diagnosing this disease is in the works.

Treatment

Treatment of influenza ideally involves supportive and symptomatic care until the dog's immune system wins the battle against the virus (requires approximately two weeks for most dogs). Therapy may include supplemental fluids, special diets to entice appetite, anti-inflammatory medications, and cough suppressants. Antibiotics may be prescribed to prevent secondary bacterial infection. If evidence of pneumonia is present, much more intensive therapy is indicated and may include hospitalization for intravenous fluids and antibiotics, supplemental oxygen, and 24-hour monitoring by a veterinarian.
Canine Influenza Outbreak con’t

Prevention

At this time, it is not known if the vaccine currently available to prevent H3N8 is also protective against the newer H3N2 strain. There may be some cross over protection, but just how much is uncertain. I suspect that updated information about the effectiveness of the current vaccine and/or development of a new vaccine will be forthcoming in the near future. For now, I recommend discussing use of the current influenza vaccine with your veterinarian.

If you live in or around Chicago, or if you learn that influenza cases are beginning to pop up in your neck of the woods, know that the very best protection involves keeping your dog away from popular, public, canine venues such as dog parks, boarding kennels, grooming parlors, pet stores, and doggie daycare facilities. Please know that there is no cause for panic. The vast majority of dogs affected by this new strain of influenza fully recover. Talk with your veterinarian about the incidence of canine influenza in your locale to help determine the level of concern for your dogs.

Have you had any experience with canine influenza? If you live in the Midwest, are you taking specific measures to protect your dog?

If you would like to respond publicly, please visit: http://www.speakingforspot.com/blog/?p=4755.

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Futurity or Breeders Showcase Stakes is a premier TTCA National Specialty event showcasing Tibetan Terriers who compete for awards and a monetary prize once in their lifetime at any age coming from litters produced and nominated for a fee by TTCA member breeders within 90 days after whelping.

Dogs compete in three age brackets: Puppy up to 12 months old, Junior - between 12 and 24 months old and Adult - any age after 24 months old.
The Best Puppy, Junior and Adult compete for Grand Futurity Winner. The event honors the breeders of those dogs as they point the way to the future of the breed.

This year’s winning breeder is Rene & Mark Stamm of Euphoria Tibetan Terriers.
From puppy to TTCA 2015 Grand Futurity winner.

What does it mean to win Grand Futurity? To us, it means that your efforts and hard work are paying off. Someone else has not only acknowledged your efforts but rewarded them. It is a wonderfully feeling to be recognized for all you do with your dogs. That being said... none of those things can be accomplished without the efforts and hard work of those that helped you get to where you are, and where you hope to continue to go.
Having mentors to help you with your breeding program, no matter how long you have been in dogs or how many breeds you’ve bred, is a must! Breeding is a learning experience, one that never stops.
We can only hope that the knowledge we have obtained and put to use for ourselves will be beneficial to others along the way. Imagining what the next litter will bring to us is part of the fun!

The Futurity Committee announces that, by vote of the TTCA Board, the Alice Murphy Memorial Trophy, which is engraved with the names of all the Grand Futurity winners and their breeders, will be retired permanently to the 2016 Grand Futurity Winner member breeder(s) in honor of the 25th anniversary of Futurity Stakes. The judge of the 2016 Futurity event at the National Specialty will be member breeder Valerie Barber.
Trophies
I am hard at work making sure we get some great trophies for our 2016 National but in order to ensure that, we need all of your support to make it happen. And by support I mean your cash 🎁. Please contact me to reserve your spot for a trophy or a donation into the general trophy fund ASAP. Email me at rene@euporiatt.com to discuss your donation. Thanks for your support!

René Stamm

Featured Merchandise

Ceramic Coffee Mug
Full Color Digital Image
Colored Handle and Interior
Light Green or Light Blue
CMCH
$10.00

Stainless Steel Travel Mug
Full Digital Color
TMWSS
$20.00

Felt Hobo Tote Bag
12” h x 18.75” w x 5.5” d
BG403
$20.00

Gray with Lime or Turquoise

Here are this month’s Featured Items, silk screened (mugs) or embroidered (tote) with the 2016 National logo and embroidery logo. You can find the catalog on the TTCA website along with the order form at http://www.ttca-online.org/html/2016specialty/2016sp.html. Please direct your questions and send your orders to Eileen Bair, our National Merchandise Chair. Detailed information is on the order form or you can contact Eileen at 717-872-5198 or email her at chesapeakeenterprises@comcast.net.

Calling all TTs...
Items are needed for the AUCTION in support of the 2017 TTCA National Specialty. Tell mom or dad that it’s not too early to search the house for items to donate. We appreciate your help!

Please contact Fran if you will be donating or bringing something for the auction. Email Fran at bowwowpublications@hotmail.com or call (334) 424-3159.

You can send auction items to:
Dianna Smyser, 22 Middleton Lane, Landenberg, PA 19350.

Please e-mail Dianna at dsmyser@spinnakerleadership.com when you send any items.

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**2016 TTCA National Specialty**

**Tentative Schedule**
*(Pending AKC approval)*

**April 25-28, 2016**

Lums Pond State Park
Bear, Delaware

**Monday, April 25**
A.M. - P.M.
Board of Directors Meeting
Sheraton Wilmington South, Susquehanna Room

**Tuesday, April 26**
Morning:
Obedience, Rally, CGC Testing
Indoors, Wilmington Kennel Club Building

Afternoon:
Education
Sheraton Wilmington South, Susquehanna Room

Evening:
Top 20
Wilmington Sheraton South
Chesapeake Ballroom

**Wednesday, April 27**
Morning:
Agility, Indoors, Get Rev’d Agility, Elkton, MD

Late Morning-Afternoon:
Companion Dog Celebration, Futurity, Sweepstakes, 4-6 mo. Puppy Class, Breeders Class
Outdoors (under canvas), Lums Pond State Park

Evening:
Auction
Wilmington Sheraton South, Chesapeake Ballroom

**Thursday, April 28**
Morning & Afternoon:
Junior Showmanship and all Conformation Classes, Parade of Titleholders
Outdoors (under canvas), Lums Pond State Park

Evening:
Annual Meeting
Wilmington Sheraton South, James Room

**Friday, April 29**
4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Specialty including Sweepstakes held in conjunction with the Wilmington Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show
Outdoors (under canvas), Lums Pond State Park

**Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1**
Supported Entry for All Breed Shows

Saturday, Wilmington Kennel Club

Sunday, Penn Treaty Kennel Club
Including Obedience and Rally

**IMPORTANT! RABIES CERTIFICATE REQUIRED IN STATE PARK - STATE LAW!**
**Tibetan Terrier Club of America**  
**2016 National Specialty**  
**Wilmington, DE**

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Send your pictures and articles of your dog working on a performance activity or if your dog has won send a win picture of your dog. Nosework, barn hunt, lure coursing, rally obedience, obedience, agility are just some of the sports your dog may be enjoying and competing in.

Thank You

Suzanne Penner isn't Bentley handsome now that he's all grown up in his big coat.

Claire Coppola, it's so nice to see a TT working so hard at the computer. What a cute picture.

Debbie Lasher what a happy boy Pirate is cooling off in the pool at the RMTTC playday.

The newsletter uses many pictures of Tibetan Terriers all the time and I am always in need of photos of Tibetan Terriers. As long as your camera has, at least, 300 pixels, your pictures will be fine for the newsletter. You can use your smart phone and even your tablet for a lot of pictures. Then attach your pictures to an email and send them to me.