Presidents Letter - February 2020

Since this will be my last “President’s Letter” I wanted to be sure to thank all who have supported me as President for the past 3 years, I know I couldn’t have handled it without you! I couldn’t even attempt to name everyone! It has been my pleasure and honor to serve and though no longer on the Board, I will continue to serve behind the scenes. I would also like to honor the new Board starting with Karen Tromblee, your new President. I have had the honor of working with Karen over the past few years and know the TTCA will be in great hands! Our Vice Presidents, Flossie Barczewski and Sheryl Getman are veteran Board members, as are our secretaries Janet Slothower and Sharon Hurd. We are excited to have Jim Lenchner join the Board as our new treasurer. Gale Mattison has been grooming him to take over this arduous position for the past few months so I know he is ready for the job! Three new directors will join the new Board: Krista Johnson, Amy Crane, and Mary Ann Griffin. They will join our current Board Directors, Dee Travella and Ron Pankiewicz to work to support the TTCA. Stacey LaForge will continue on as our AKC delegate, a position she has held with honor for years 😊. I know this new Board will be a great team and will do a fabulous job for the TTCA!

Thank you to the two stepping down Board members Rene Stamm and Grant Gibson for you dedication and hard work in supporting the TTCA! Looking forward to seeing you in the show rings!

Another huge thank you goes out to Karen Tromblee and her team, who ran the Meet the Breed in Orlando and Travis Brock and all who supported him is setting up and working the recent AKC Meet-The-Breeds, in New York City. These gatherings are so wonderful in letting the public learn about our special breed. These two dedicated TT lovers always do such a great job 😊!
The 2018 TTCA Journal has arrived (I forgot to mention it in the last Newsletter)! It always amazes me how much work goes into this fabulous publication, it is one of the most labor intensive volunteer jobs we have! THANK YOU BETSY GREAVES!!!!!!

WHAT’S HAPPENING in 2020 and more

2020 NATIONAL SPECIALTY: Fran Kridakorn and her awesome Committee Chairmen have been hard at work for a couple of years now in preparing for what will be an absolutely fabulous National Specialty, in Tampa, FL. The incentive to participate are unreal, the hotel rates are the best we have ever seen, the entire venue, National, Regional and the supported entries are going to be great! Be sure to come and support this show! The National Judge is our fellow TTCA member Margie Wikerd, who has bred and shown TTs for decades! The pamphlets on the weeks events will be out to you shortly. Our Show Superintendent is Foy Trent Dog Shows

APRIL 24 & 25, MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL & Supported Entry: Bare, Delaware. Flossie Barczewski, Chairman, has again worked hard to bring us one of the few TTCA Regional Specialties! Be sure to try to make it, it is a really fun venue!

OCTOBER 1, 2020 TTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY @ THE MORRIS & ESSEX DOG SHOW: This is such a special show it is only held every 5 years! I will be the contact for this show and hope to have some awesome trophies!

2021 NATIONAL Specialty: Grant Gibson, a current TTCA Board Director, has been working hard on our 2021 National in Colorado Springs in June 2021. Bob Hutton has signed on as our Judge. Now we need people to step up and help him and his current team. Be sure to start to search your closets and shelves for treasures you can donate to the auction at this year’s National! It takes a village so please reach out to him and help, even if you are unable to be a committee chairman!

OTHER MATTERS

MEMBERSHIP DUES: March 1st is the renewal date for your membership! Remember you can easily renew on the TTCA website by going to the TTCA Store! Also, remember, after maintaining an Associates Membership for a full year, you are ELIGIBLE to APPLY for Regular Membership, this is not an automatic process.

I need to take a moment to acknowledge the loss of another TTCA member who had been with the breed for many of its years. Please be sure to read Karen Tromblee’s tribute in remembering Joyce Ayotte.

I wish the TTCA continued success and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President over the past 3 years! Looking forward to seeing you out at the shows ☺.

Betsy
NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR VOLUNTEER NEEDED:
I will be retiring from the Membership Chair position at the end of this fiscal year, or sooner if another member is willing to volunteer for this position. If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact the TTCA Board of Directors. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of the Membership Chair, please contact me and I would be happy to share with you.

Vicki Hawkins

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
February 2019

The following individual has submitted an application for membership in the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA).

Associate Member Applicant

Cheryl McDonald of Weatherford, TX acquired her first Tibetan Terrier in 2009, and is getting a new puppy that she plans to start in confirmation showing. She is not a breeder and has no plans to breed. She is interested in joining the TTCA to meet other TT owners and plans to attend the National Specialty. Her sponsors are Fran Kridakorn and Mary Ann Griffin.

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

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

New Members
We extend a very warm welcome to the following new Associate member:

Abby Razer

Sponsors: The application forms can be confusing, so please assist the people you sponsor to ensure that they are correctly completed. Also, please verify that you are a Regular (not Associate) member, since only Regular members are eligible to sponsor new members.

Associate members applying for Regular or Household membership status: Associate members, please send in your dues and remain listed as an Associate member. Once you are approved for Regular or Household membership, your status will be changed on the roster.
In Memory of “Spencer” from George Sereika
In Memory of “Dori” Morrison from Corinne Fritzell
In Memory of “Molly Girl” and in Honor of “Tashi” from Tracy Woolever
In Memory of my beloved “Ku-Da” from Connie Stefanik
In Memory of “Tashi” who passed this year, from Kim Derr. And in gratitude for the adoption of Jerry Garcia who opened my sad heart and filled it with love.
In Memory of Jackie Faust’s “Really” from Jane Goodell
In Honor of Tibetan Terrier Rescue from the Tibetan Terrier Facebook group
In Memory of Mary Green La Forge from Martha Lynch and Aldo Passarelli
In Memory of Mary Green La Forge from Deborah Savage
In Memory of Joyce Ayotte from Candis Luck
In Memory of Joyce Ayotte from Mary OConnell
In Memory of Joyce Ayotte from Mary Dupree
In Memory of Joyce Ayotte from Dorothy Ayotte
In Memory of Joyce Ayotte from Grace Dupree
Dear Betsy,

Your organization’s 2019 fourth quarter AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Donor Advised Fund (DAF) statement is attached, showing activity for 2019 through 12/31/19. We thank all Donor Advised Fund holders for their continued support of CHF’s mission to advance the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound scientific research.

In 2019, CHF’s research grants portfolio grew by more than $2.9 million with 48 new research and educational projects. These projects aim to provide better treatments, more accurate diagnoses, and a deeper understanding of the mechanisms that cause disease across 23 research program areas including oncology, dermatology and allergic disease, epilepsy and musculoskeletal health, to name only a few. The outcome of research investments is demonstrated through peer-reviewed publications and advancements in clinical practice and can be found through CHF’s Our Impact.

You and your club members have made donations to this DAF and/or participated in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program to enrich the health of all dogs and the breed you love. Already in 2020, more than $1.1 million in new grants have been approved for funding. Review the newly awarded grants and get your club involved today by completing a research sponsorship form to support this innovative canine health research.

Active research grants needing support can also be viewed in the 2020 Research Grants Portfolio or searched by research program area on our website. Please contact Andrea Fiumefreddo, Director of Programs & Operations, at arf@akcchf.org or 919-334-4022 to discuss specific projects.

As the leading funding organization for canine-specific health research, we value your involvement and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to CHF’s mission for healthy dogs!

Sincerely,
Andrea Fiumefreddo, CHF Director of Programs and Operations: andrea.fiumefreddo@akcchf.org
and
Katherine Brantley, CHF Director of Finance: katherine.brantley@akcchf.org

PLEASE NOTE: Notice regarding AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Funds: per Foundation policy, a required minimum 5% annual distribution of your fund balance is a recommended standard for each donor advised fund to meet IRS regulations. Thank you for your help in keeping the Foundation compliant with IRS regulations.
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.  
2020-2021 membership renewal payment

Due by February 29, 2020

Regular and Associate Memberships $40
Family and Foreign Membership $55
Junior Membership $20

You can pay your dues by check or using PayPal from the TTCA online store. www.ttca-online.org then click Store Home / Shop / Membership Dues

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. 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 your payment To:

Jim Lenchner
TTCA Treasurer
208 Kesley Ct.
Queen Ann, MD 21657

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 ______________________
The second TTCA Survey was e-mailed late October to our membership. We had 73 members responding to the survey, which consisted of 11 questions. Unfortunately technology is not always our best friend as some surveys ended up in SPAM and if couples did not have of their e-mail addresses in the data base only one survey went to a household. Yet, the TTCA Board has reviewed and seriously taken into consideration all of the data submitted.

Thank you to everyone for taking the survey and also to all of you who are reading through the data. It is difficult to please everyone, but know that your voices are being heard and your Board is working to improve its working relationships with its members. Change is difficult but:

“Being concerned about other people is especially relevant in today’s world. If we consider the complex inter-connectedness of our modern lives, how we depend on others and others depend on us, our outlook will change. We’ll begin to see ‘others’ not as somehow distant from us, but as people we are in touch with, people close to us; we will no longer feel indifferent to them.

Dhali Lama”

Question #1: How many years have you been a member of TTCA.

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Question #2: Are you a member of other breed and/or performance clubs?

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<td>All Breed</td>
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<td>Performance, Companion Dog (Training Club)</td>
<td>27.40%</td>
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Total Respondents: 73

Question #3: Did you attend the 2019 Specialty in Boxborough, MA?

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TOTAL: 73

Question #4: What events do you feel are essential to the TTCA National Specialty?
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<td>Hospitality Room</td>
<td>65.71%</td>
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Question #5: Other than the Conformation classes held at TTCA National Specialty that you have attended what was your favorite activity or event?

From the responses it appears that all 73 responders enjoyed:
- Education Classes
- Top 20
- Jamboree
- Parade of title Holders
- Performance
- Companion Dog
- Futurity
- Evening Events
- Sweepstakes

Question #6: Least favorite activity or event at a TTCA National Specialty.

From the 73 responses this is where we learn to improve!
- Annual Meeting and Dinner
- Early Morning Start Times
Question #7: How many days are you likely to attend TTCA, Regional and Supported Shows

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<td>Other</td>
<td>23.25%</td>
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Question #8: What would you like to see added or deleted from the merchandise that is offered at the TTCA National Specialty?

**ADDED**
- Grooming supplies
- Garment bags
- Round neck t-shirts
- Embroided show chairs
- Removable TT sticker
- Mid-calf night shirt
- Rain jackets
- Grooming aprons longer ties

**DELETED**
- No more bags

Question #9: Would you like to see a Parade of Veterans Added to the TTCA National Specialty?

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<td>21</td>
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Question #10: Would you be interested in an event with the three Tibetan Breeds together: Tibetan Terriers, Tibetan Spaniels, and Lhasa Apsos?

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<td>41</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>73</td>
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Question #11 Please add any additional comments that would make the TTCA National Specialty better than it is now.

Breeder Education Seminars
Name tags
At hotel
Standard location
Evening Welcome/get acquainted
More education seminars
Hospitality Room expanded
Casual social activities
Closer to west coast
Permit TT rescue dogs to participate in performance and companion dog events
Health Education
Hereditary Diseases
More camaraderie
Grooming tips
Cost
TTCA Officers for 2020

There was no opposition nominations for the slate of officers for 2020. The officers for 2020 will be as proposed by the nominating committee and as followed:

**President** - Karen Tromblee

**1st Vice President** - Florence Barczewski

**2nd Vice President** - Sheryl Getman

**Treasurer** - Jim Lenchner

**Recording Secretary** - Sharon Hurd

**Corresponding Secretary** - Janet Slothower

**Board of Directors**
- Ron Pankiewicz - Pennsylvania
- Mary Ann Griffin - Florida
- Dee Travella - Florida
- Amy Crane - Arizona
- Krista Johnson - Iowa

**AKC Delegate** - Stacey LaForge

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**2021 Futurity Judge  Terry Dennison**

Terry bought her first show dog in 1979, although she grew up with dogs her whole life. Her first show dog was an Old English Sheepdog. She loved the OES and competed in both conformation and Obedience. One day at a show her husband came to her and said “I found a dog that kinda looks like a sheepdog but smaller, you could have twice as many!” Before she knew it she had her first Tibetan Terrier. She started competing with her Tibetans in 1990. through the years her kids wanted different breeds so she showed Newfies, Bernese Mountain dogs, Poms, Afghans and she showed many other breeds for other people. Soon she decided to down size to a smaller breed but It had to have hair. In 2003 she got her first Havanese and still raises and shows Havanese today. She also added PBGV’s to the mix and became a judge. She now travels out of Alaska at least once a month to either show or judge the many breeds that she is approved to judge and loves every minute of it.
Dear Club Representative,

The "at risk" subcommittee consists of members of the AKC All-Breed and Parent Club committees.

The goal of the committee is to develop guidelines for clubs to identify and assist dog owners in their clubs and communities who are having trouble taking care of their dogs. The plan is to offer a positive outreach and assistance to "at risk" individuals. Dog owners may become "at risk" for any number of reasons such as loss of income, age or illness, or by having more dogs than they can adequately care for.

Guidelines will be carefully formulated to be positive and non-judgmental and to respect the privacy and dignity of those being helped. The American Kennel Club may be asked to become involved depending upon the circumstances.

In order to provide the best recommendations for clubs, we have developed a brief survey being sent to the president, secretary, and delegate (if there is one) of all AKC licensed and member clubs. Please designate one person in your club to submit answers for your club. All responses will be kept confidential. If you need any assistance, please email Cathy.Rubens@gmail.com and include a contact phone number.

Deadline for return of the survey is **Monday, February 10th, 2020.**

Please note that the AKC Humane Fund has been invited to join 'SurveyMonkey.com Contributes' roster of not-for-profit organizations that are eligible for donations.

Effective immediately, you can use [this link](#) to sign up for SurveyMonkey's survey panel. For every survey you complete, Survey Monkey will contribute $0.50 to the AKC Humane Fund. It's that simple. The site tracks donations, so you can see how your efforts are making a difference. Please be aware that you must complete the charity sign up to ensure that your contributions go to the AKC Humane Fund.
Meet The Breeds In Orlando 2019

This year’s booth at Meet the Breeds in Orlando began with a focused challenge. We wanted to beat the 4th place award from 2018 Meet the Breeds and have fidelity to our beautiful TTs, their ancestors and their home. “No” circus, no tricks, no grandstanding. After contemplating what could we do with our small Florida crew, it was decided that a visit to a Temple was in order to gather ideas. Thus, a new backdrop of the Potala Palace, which is the winter palace of the Dalai Lama, and a traditional altar with TTs was designed.

It does take an entire village to raise a tent and to recreate a temple in a 10 x 20 space! In record time the booth was up, lights were on, tables decorated, mandalas, banners, and prayer flags, were flying, grooming tables were covered in gold, flowers were carefully placed near treasured art work and the welcome mat was down, and viola, it looked like we were in Tibet. Mission accomplished! Not quite: we needed our “Little People” to greet the many guests at the Orange Convention Center. So as they say Tashi Delek” hello and welcome.

The two days flew by with so many wonderful people visiting our booth to see our beautiful TTs and their owners. Our dogs were the best breed ambassadors allowing many hands to pet them, feel their coats, and to even brush them. Our owners explained about their TTs and handed out lots of information about our incredible breed.
Now the end of the show was near and the take down of the booth is always a challenge as most folks have gone home. But those who helped serve as the ‘Mayflower Movers: Sue Carr, Joyce, Kim and Becky, Mary Ann, Jim T, Grant, Bruce and Vicki a heartfelt thank you. Without your help we would still be in Orlando packing!

Very special thanks you are extended to: Grant and Tara, Mary Ann (Breed Ambassador), Bishop and Myles, Cindy, Vegas, Leo, Hunter, and Squeege, Jim L, Rocket, Stanley and Norman, Joyce (Breed Ambassador), Kim, Becky and Decker, Susan and Georgie Girl, Vicki and Bruce, Deb and Dexter, Debbie and Sawyer, Sandi and Skylar, Adria, Leslie and Freddie, Richard, Sheryl, and Lucy, Sheryl G (Breed Ambassador) and Frankie, Jim T, Pam and Josh.

This entire event can not take place without the support of volunteers. Thank you to each and everyone for your kind efforts and for showcasing your beautiful TTs. We had more TTs this year than ever including all colors, and ages. You should be very proud of your accomplishment and most certainly very proud of your wonderful "Little People".

A very special thank you, Mary Ann Griffin, whose has organized, worked and created the TTCA booth for many years. As of 2020 Joyce Killinger will be in charge of the Meet the Breeds in Orlando. We will be there to support and help her and we hope you will too!

The competition at Meet the Breeds is relentless with professional staging but never fear our team was awarded a Group 2. Darn those Bichons, and their circus act!! Till next year........
More Meet The Breeds Photos
So my dogs & I have participated in many venues. One of our latest adventures is rat finders!! “Cori” and I were introduced to Barn Hunt when he was 8 years and only participated in seminars & run thurs but he LOVED the game. Unfortunately, we did not really get to enjoy the sport. Enter “Rishi”!! This boy loves this more than anything else we have tried. We started with a run thru in a venue called “Hide N Seek” and found out quickly he loves rat hunting. On the other hand, Fennie & Dhania would prefer to NEVER be near rats or hay bales..lol. Well says “Rishi” they are so missing out!!

He has now done both “Hide N Seek” and “Barn Hunt” and loves both!! In both sports dogs find a rat protected by cage or tube, they must climb on a table or hay bale and go through an agility tunnel or hay tunnel depending on venue. In “Hide N seek” the dog can also search for anise scent or hot dogs!

Getting started in either one requires a registration number for your dog. These events are laid back & fun!! The last event we attended was Barn Hunt, once a dogs earns a title, the AKC allows you to request the title be added to the dogs registered name. The first step at the show after checking in, is waiting for your “blind” to be called, dogs/handlers are placed 4 – 6 teams at a time in a restricted area where they can not see the hunt ring, no cell phones either. Once you enter the ring, and take off the leash in the start area, it is all about the dog!! Usually, an empty tube/cage, one with litter & 1 with rat are hidden. The dog has appx 2 minutes to tunnel/climb/find, the handlers job is to correctly say “RAT” when dog indicates the find!! Some dogs give subtle cues like the Shelties I showed a small scratch or standing still and others like “Rishi and Cori” are crazier, digging, trying to grab the tube.

The rats are usually kept as pets & have large enclosures with hammocks and tubes so they are used to the tubes. They are also in homes with dogs so they are not afraid of the dogs in the environment. The rats are changed frequently throughout the show much like sheep in herding trials, yes I have done those too. In fact the rats are very smart and funny. At 1 trial the rat refused to come out of the tube & go back in enclosure so they had to get a new tube out and at another trial every time the dog came near the tube the rat inside would stick out a piece of straw, it made the hunt easy for the dog!!

When we get in the blind, “Rishi” starts whining and as more teams leave the blind he stands, pulls, shakes, cries!! When we are called he is pulling, walking on hind legs…anything to get there!!

“Rishi” is now in masters and has earned 3 of his 5 required legs. Masters requires 1 – 5 rats to be found, a climb and go through a dark tunnel with multiple turns. When he finds the 1st rat , I can ask to have it removed from area and then continue the search, I have to tell the judge when I feel the course has been cleared of all the rats, I find that to be the most difficult part. “Rishi” excels at this & has gone from novice to masters in less than a year. We hope to attend the regionals this year.

I hope some of you decide to try a paw at rat hunting & if you do “Happy Ratting”!!!!

Stay tuned for more TT adventures!!! Mary Martin
Date: January 8, 2020  
To: All AKC Clubs Licensed to Hold Performance Events  
From: AKC Performance Events Department  
Subject: AKC Performance Events Scholarship Program

The Performance Events Department is pleased to announce the creation of a $10,000 scholarship fund for students that are active in AKC Performance Events who will be attending an institution of higher education during the 2020-2021 academic year.

**Definition of Performance Events:**  
Field trials, hunting tests, lure coursing, earthdogs, coonhound events, herding, scent work, and any Parent Club administered performance event that has been recognized by the AKC as part of the AKC Performance Events Title Recognition Program.

**Definition of a Higher Education Institution:**  
Vocational school, two-year junior college program, four-year college program, or advanced studies beyond a four-year degree.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
1. Applicants must be active in AKC Performance Events.  
2. Applicants must be attending or planning to attend an institution of higher education during the 2020-2021 academic year.  
3. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

**The Criteria for Awarding AKC Performance Events Scholarships Include:**
1. Applicant’s degree of involvement in AKC Performance Events. Examples – handler, club member, assistance in hosting events, community involvement in promoting Performance Events.  
2. Applicant’s higher education goals. (vocational/college)  
3. Applicant's financial need.  
4. Applicant's GPA.  
5. Extracurricular activities – school, community related, youth organizations (4-H, FFA, Scouts, etc.)

**How to Apply for an AKC Performance Events Scholarship:**
1. Complete the Application form which can be found online at: www.akc.org/performance-scholarship  
2. Submit a 250–500 word essay explaining how involvement in Performance Events has impacted your life.  
3. Submit an official GPA transcript from current school.  
4. Optional – documentation from club official describing applicant’s involvement with club.  
5. Deadline: All information must be received no later than March 6, 2020.
A common concern across the sports is who will carry on these traditional Performance Events that we love and are so important to maintaining the “purpose” behind purpose-bred dogs. The Performance Events Scholarship Program is meant to assist those young people that have demonstrated their interest in these sports to achieve their higher education goals and encourage them to remain engaged or return to the sports when their lifestyle permits.

A little assistance at a critical time can have a lasting impact. The following is from a “Thank You” letter that the AKC recently received from Treyton (Jai) Diggs, DVM. Jai participates in Beagle field trials. His love for the sport and dogs resulted in a desire to become a veterinarian. He graduated from the Veterinary School at Tuskegee University in Alabama. He now is a practicing veterinarian in Louisiana.

“I am very grateful for AKC’s commitment to aspiring veterinarians, the sport of Beagle field trialing, purebred dog health and research, and dog fanciers across the board. Due to AKC’s commitment to purebred dogs and as a practicing veterinarian, I continue to compete, judge, train, and breed AKC dogs and serve as an AKC club officer. The AKC has laid a rich foundation through their dedication in advocating for purebred dogs. This commitment is reflected in the many programs that the AKC has implemented, including AKC scholarships, which was integral in my success as a veterinary student and continues to serve as a stimulus for my involvement and dedication to the AKC and Beagle field trials.”

Questions or clarifications can be emailed to Juniors@akc.org.

To the future of our sports,

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Director, Performance Events

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Congenital Deafness and the Tibetan Terrier
BAER Testing and TTs – Why Test?… Why Now?
by Margy Pankiewicz

Those of us who have been involved in showing and breeding Tibetan Terriers for a long time probably remember hearing from time to time hushed rumors of the occasional deaf Tibetan Terrier puppy. Most of us breathed a sigh of relief when the rumors did not involve a relative of ours and accepted the explanation that deafness was just “one of those things” that happened from time to time in the breed.

We all knew that Dalmatians had genetic problems with deafness and knew of other breeds like Old English Sheepdogs and Bull Terriers where deafness was associated with certain coloring patterns. However, the low incidence of reported deafness in Tibetan Terriers seemed to reassure us that this was not a problem in our breed.

Besides, we had our own issues to deal with in our relatively new breed - stabilizing “type” in areas of size, coats, bites etc.; health issues which included hip dysplasia, PRA and Lens Luxation; and promoting the breed in general in the show ring, performance arena and as a family companion. So, what’s changed and what’s all this talk of BAER testing?

George M. Strain, Ph.D., who is one of the leading authorities on deafness in dogs, states the most common forms of deafness seen in dogs are:
- inherited congenital sensorineural deafness
- acquired later-onset sensorineural deafness (caused by noise, infections, ototoxicity or senile changes caused by old age etc.)
- acquired later-onset conductive deafness (chronic otitis)

While the acquired forms of deafness are certainly a concern to us in terms of prevention and management, I am going to focus primarily on inherited deafness since this is what we are using the BAER test to screen for.

Hearing loss (partial or complete deafness) may be unilateral (affecting only one ear) or bilateral (meaning the dog is totally deaf). In dogs, congenital sensorineural deafness appears to be inherited.

The mode of inheritance is not yet entirely understood, but experts generally agree that it involves both a gene controlling the deafness itself and the genes which control pigmentation patterns. The complexity of this relationship is still a challenge to the professionals – Dr. Strain has worked with the Dalmatian Club of America for many years screening litters and their parents.

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While he and other neurologists have looked at different forms of genetic transmission (including polygenic cause, two or more different autosomal recessive deafness genes, or incomplete penetrance) their testing and observations still have not been able to establish the exact mode of inheritance. The exception has been the Doberman Pinscher where deafness is a simple recessive gene.
How exactly does color and pigmentation affect deafness? Researchers have found that in most breeds congenital sensorineural deafness is related to the genes (piebald, extreme piebald a.k.a. extreme white spotting, and merle) responsible for white pigment in the hair coat. In some breeds, such as Dalmatians, English Setters and Bull Terriers, dogs with blue eyes are statistically more likely to be deaf.

According to Little in “The Inheritance of Coat Color in Dogs” these would be the “sp” gene for parti-color (a white dog with 20% or more solid colored patches) and “sw” in Extreme White Spotting (a white dog with very limited color - usually only a little on the ear leathers, around one or more eyes and a small amount on the rump) and the “M” gene which is the dominant gene for merle coloring.

Presently it is thought that while some Tibetan Terriers may display ticking (caused by a dominant gene for ticking at the “T” locus) there is no evidence that they carry the “M” or merle gene. The other gene which affects white coat color which does NOT seem to be related to deafness is the “c” gene which pales the coat color to near white (this is the white found in West Highland White Terriers).

In the simplest terms, there are specialized hair cells deep in the cochlea of the inner ear. The vibrations of sound waves bend these hair cells and the neurons then transmit this information to the brain as sound. Cells called melanocytes produce pigment (melanin) which is used to nourish these cochlear hair cells.

Deafness results from the degeneration of the vascular supply to the cochlea followed by the loss of the spiral ganglion cells (those neurons transmitting the “sound” to the brain). When melanin fills the hollow hair shaft, the hair will be colored. When the melanocytes no longer produce melanin the resulting hair shaft is white.

Most melanocytes originate in the embryonic neural crest and the exact reason for their failure to continue production is still being studied. Pigmentation is one of the last areas to develop in the embryonic puppy and continues development even after birth. The melanin producing cells spread in a very specific pattern starting first along the spine, then progressing down the sides and finally to the legs, tail and head.

The genetic make-up of the puppy will determine the spotting pattern and where these pigment producing cells will stop their spread. Obviously, they will stop earliest in the Extreme White Piebald dog, next in the Parti-colored dog, then in the Irish marked (colored body and head with white chest, collar and sometimes feet) and finally in the basically solid colored dog.

Neurologists have told us that the low incidence of deafness previously reported in Tibetan Terriers was probably due to the wide variety of colors and patterns which were accepted and interbred within the gene pool. Whether we are actually seeing an increase in the number of deaf (bilateral and unilateral) Tibetan Terriers or our awareness of these issues has made the reported cases seem higher, deafness has become an issue in our breed.

Although breeders may be able to detect some bilaterally deaf puppies in the whelping box, sometimes, deaf puppies do not distinguish themselves from their hearing littermates; the deaf puppy may react to vibrations, or the movement of other littermates and follow along with them. Color alone is also not a defining characteristic. Just because a puppy has color over its ears, does not guarantee that it will not be deaf. There are Tibetan Terriers with a lot of color on their heads and ears that have BAER tested as unilaterally or bilaterally deaf. There are TT litters in which a predominately white puppy has BAER tested as bilaterally hearing, and the predominately black puppy with a predominately black head has tested as deaf.

Totally deaf puppies present their own problems. Bilaterally deaf puppies require different training techniques by their owners as well as different precautions to keep them safe. They may startle easily since they don’t hear people or other dogs approaching. This can develop into a dog which growls or snaps for what appears to be no reason. And most importantly, many deaf dogs fail to develop bite
inhibition as puppies because they do not pick up on the verbal cues from their littermates. It’s important to know the hearing status of the puppy before sending it home, so that the new owners can be prepared to best address the puppies needs.

“How do we know when we have a puppy that is unilateral? In most cases, without testing, you won’t be able to tell. Fortunately, there is a simple test called the BAER or brainstem auditory evoked response test.”

Unilateral puppies have basically no problem adjusting to the life of a pet. Occasionally they might have problems locating the source of a sound but overall have few adjustment problems.

How do we know when we have a puppy that is unilateral? In most cases, without testing, you won’t be able to tell. Fortunately, there is a simple test called the BAER or brainstem auditory evoked response test. This test uses small electrodes to register the nervous system’s response to a series of clicks.

The pattern of clicks is displayed on a computer screen as a series of peaks if the ear can hear. If the ear is deaf, it will register a flat line showing no response to the clicking noise. This test can be done as early as 5 weeks and usually can be done without sedation of any kind. (some pups may require a small amount of tranquilization but this depends upon the tester) only requires a small amount of tranquilization for puppies (some neurologists may do the test with no sedation).

In a defect where the mode of inheritance is unknown, early screening helps the breeder find both bilaterally deaf and unilateral pups and remove them from the breeding pool early in their selection. While breeding parents that are both BAER tested clear is no guarantee of not producing a deaf offspring, it greatly reduces the incidence of the disease as proven by the studies and hopefully will help us to eventually eliminate this problem in our breed.

For more information regarding deafness in dogs, including BAER testing sites, you should check the following websites:

https://www.ofa.org/diseases/other-diseases/congenital-deafness

http://www.lsu.edu/deafness/deaf.htm

http://www.lsu.edu/deafness/baersite.htm

http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/cgr/deafness_project.htm

REFERENCES:


BAER Test Registry
The OFA offers a Congenital Deafness Registry. BAER test is the only accepted method of diagnosis, and a photocopy of the test result is required for this application. To obtain an application for the Congenital Deafness Registry, go to the OFA website homepage at www.ofa.org
As with all friendships there is a story and this one began with the loss of my dog, Bosley an OES.

Most of you know that Joyce was a “tell it like it is person” yet had a heart as big as the universe. So on this cold April day in northern New York at a swim class, a unique and special friendship began.

Class was loud with ladies chatting, music blaring and water splashing. Doing my best to hold it together after the loss of my dog, I heard a voice of a senior lady telling me to get out of the water. So scrambling I did wondering what on earth. Under the swimming cap was Joyce. She wanted to know what was wrong with me and I told her with tears flowing. Needless to say, she started to cry. She then told me she had a solution. “Farley” was being re-homed and would meet my needs. I told her you don’t know me and being stoic she told me I sure do, your office is right across the road and by the way you work too hard! I was thrilled to think Farley would be entering my life, but later would learn that the folks who had “Farley” decided to keep the grey and white dog. Being Joyce, she had another solution. Ravel had sired a litter in Canada, but we had to wait to see the litter in a few weeks.

Needless to say and true to her word, a little black and white Louis Snopaw’s Hallelujah, became my first TT. Our friendship grew to having lunch every week, chatting on the phone daily, attending shows in the US and Canada, evaluating litters, shopping, Sunday Mass, and of course going to see Pam and Josh.

Upon retiring to Florida, I remained in contact with Joyce through phone calls, letters, and the tech savvy Joyce would e-mail, too and oh how she loved Facebook. She loved the photos of the TTs and seeing what friends were up to. Weekly, I would catch her up on what was happening in the world of dog shows and sending her photos of specialties that she could not attend. I would fly up to see her as often as I could and as with true friends, we just picked up wherever we left off and never missed a beat.

The last national that Joyce would be in Clymer, NY. Oh what a time she had. Bootiff Star Wars: Edge of the Empire (and she was out of Fred’s 30 year old frozen semen) won WB and BOS in Sweepstakes. Bootiff’s A Star is Born won BOS at the Top 20 and was BOS at the Regional. All of her dogs that were entered placed or won their classes including AOM and the best was yet to come. Joyce’s dogs won the Breeder Class. That was the ultimate for her.

The saddest day was when she called to tell me she could no longer see. This broke everyone’s heart as she was a reader and so loved her iPad which helped get her through some very rough days but the worst she no longer had eye contact with her heart dog, Robbie, GCH Snopaw’s I’m Your Man at Bootiff ROM.

Through the years there were many wonderful Tibetans and Beardies in her life winning BIS, BISS, Group Winning and ROMs both in Canada and the US. Pam was usually at the end of the lead, but Joyce would show when asked and she loved it! Joyce understood the dog world and accepted it into her life. She was the best mentor and friend one could ask for.

The entire Bootiff Family was there in the end to send her off with love, prayers, and woofs.

Her final wish was that Robbie return to Canada to be with his breeders, Deb and Murdock McFarlane, and that is where he is living with his mom, Clara, and sister Eve. Rest in Peace my very special friend, see you at the Rainbow Bridge.

by Karen B. Tromblee
A couple of years ago the serial autobiographer Karl Ove Knausgaard asked, in The New Yorker, “Has a single good author ever owned a dog?” No offense, Karl, but that question, to borrow a Chris Evans line from the movie “Knives Out,” was stupid with two o’s. The internet bristles with rejoinders — oh yeah? how about Anton Chekhov’s dachshunds? Or Faulkner’s Jack Russell terriers? Or Virginia Woolf and her beloved cocker spaniel, Pinka? Woolf even wrote a biography of Elizabeth Barrett Browning’s dog, Flush. Emily Brontë’s dog Keeper was so grief-stricken after Brontë’s death that he howled outside her bedroom door for weeks. An early draft of Of Mice and Men was shredded and eaten by John Steinbeck’s setter puppy, Toby. (“Two months of work, gone,” he lamented.) There’s a great picture of Edith Wharton posing with a Chihuahua perched on each shoulder. Anyway I could go on, and on, at the risk of burning out my Google machine.

My point is that right now I am dogless.

This is a sad state of affairs that I hope to remedy soon. A dogless life is lived in black and white.

Until her death a couple of years ago I was owned by Mia, a Golden Retriever. We adopted her from The Seeing Eye in Morristown, New Jersey, which trains dogs — Goldens and Labs and German Shepherds, mostly — as guide dogs for the blind. Some dogs, failing to meet the school’s high standards, are given away for adoption. After some three years on the waiting list, we got a sudden phone call one day: a “gorgeous” two-year-old Golden Retriever named Mia was available. We had twenty four hours to say yes or no.

Understand, we knew nothing about this dog. But she was a Golden, and Goldens tend to be easy-going. She’d also gone through years of training, so we figured she’d be trainable. Mia had already worked with some blind people. She’d flunked out of dog-training school in her senior year, but it was for a good reason: she was too “friendly.” How could you go wrong with a dog that flunked out of training for being too friendly?

So we said yes, and drove down to Morristown to meet this dog whom we’d accepted sight unseen. But first we had to be interviewed, to make sure we were fit adoptive parents. From the next room we could hear frantic canine whining and squealing, accompanied by some kind of crashing sound.

“That’s Mia,” said the woman, Judy, who was interviewing us. She sounded almost apologetic. Once we’d passed, Judy went to get Mia from the room across the hall.

A moment later there was a blurred motion—a dog came flying through the air into our room—and a cloud of fur floating in the air, and the dog came at me like a guided missile. She knocked me to the floor and proceeded to lick my face, to smother me with kisses.

We’d been expecting a docile, obedient, sober-sided canine and what we got instead was a rebel. Boisterous and affectionate and loving beyond belief, but not a conformist. It took us a while to come to the realization that Mia was in fact clever. She’d escaped a life of servitude. Seeing-eye dogs have to be on duty nearly all the time, doing their wonderful work for the blind. Mia wasn’t having any of that. Let other dogs be dutiful and submissive; Mia just wanted to have fun.

Once we got her home and my wife was eating her lunch, a burger, Mia dove through the air to nab it — but taking only the bun and ignoring the burger, which fell on the floor. She turned out to have a particular affinity for French bread, particularly sourdough. If you left a sourdough baguette on the kitchen counter, Mia would somehow find a way to scramble up there. Goldens are famously food-motivated, but Mia took it to another level. She was an outlaw with a jones for bread. If she saw some, she snagged it. She couldn’t resist. We had to hide our bread in high, inaccessible places.
One day she stole an enormous bar of dark chocolate from Trader Joe’s that my dad had left on the counter, not imagining my dog could easily get up there. We had to make her drink peroxide, in order to make her vomit up the dangerous stomachful. Chocolate can be deadly to certain breeds of dogs, including Goldens.

Make no mistake, she was no blond bimbo. She knew plenty of commands and even obeyed them when she felt like it. As she grew older and her face whitened, she calmed down, mellowed a bit. But she remained adamantly puppyish.

Once I tried bringing her to my office, a few blocks away from our apartment. Writing is a solitary business, and I was maybe envisioning her curled at my feet under my desk, sighing contentedly as I finished a chapter. I’m actually not sure what I had in mind.

But Mia had other ideas. When she wasn’t asking to go out, she just wanted to play. She’d bring me a tennis ball. She’d nudge me. She’d grunt. She constantly wanted attention. She made it impossible to focus. She was not good for productivity. She wasn’t a work dog, but she had other, deeper talents. If you were sad or stressed, she’d come sit beside you and sometimes even pat you with her paw.

Sometimes, when I’m on deadline, I find myself getting up at four in the morning to write. Mia quickly figured this out. So she started waking me up at right around four every morning — I mean, within five minutes either side of four. I have no idea how she did it, but after making sure I got up, she returned to her bed and went back to sleep and didn’t ask for food until it was light outside. She was a reliable canine alarm clock.

Somehow Mia was so tuned into me that she knew when I was returning home from work. Ten minutes before I arrived, she’d start whining, pacing. I could hear her throwing herself at the front door as I approached.

One morning when she was nearly fourteen, she wouldn’t get up. After a few hours of this, we took her to the animal emergency room. They told us she had cancer, that she’d bled internally so much that she lacked the energy to stand. We put her through an arduous and expensive surgery, but the tumors came right back. We made the agonizing decision to put her down, rather than let her die in pain, feeling, our vet said, like she was drowning.

The terrible time came, and we surrounded Mia. My wife was the one who held her, and in the last few seconds of her life, Mia reached out to my sobbing wife and patted her hand with a consoling paw.

No dog can ever replace Mia, I know that, but the author needs his dog.

We’re on the waiting list for another dropout.

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Joseph Finder is a wonderful thriller writer. I first encountered his books at the Atlanta airport on my way back to Denver from Florida. I had read the two books I had with me which means I was at loose ends with 4 hours to kill before my flight home. Hitting the news stand to find some good reading material, all I seemed to find were fashion magazines and a few romance novels. We can just skip both of these genre's. Not my cup of tea. I dug a little further among the books on the shelf and found two Joseph Finder books and decided I would give these thriller books a try. By the time the plane had landed at DIA, I had read one of my books and was ready to start the other one. I hope you'll try his books. They are great. I've included the cover of his new thriller. Give it a try.

Mia, Joseph Finder's dog, was a purposefully bred dog. She was bred to work hard guiding and protecting her person, but all dogs have their own personalities. Not every dog turns out to be the perfect dog for a job. Congratulation Mr. Finder for having one of these wonderful crazy creatures.

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Debbie Lasher, the article on dogs in Nepal was great. Thanks for showing it to me. Parker your snow pictures are wonderful. Looking good cute pup!

Claire Coppola the pictures of your dogs running in the snow are wonderful What joy. What happiness.

Margy Pankiewicz, your article on BAER testing really is terrific. Health and breeding articles are always needed.

Jack and Judy Williams, with romance in the air, your pictures of Roxy in her Valentine wear is just great.

Mary Martin and Linda Milbrath thank you so much for keeping everyone up to date on performance activities. Your articles are wonderful!

Joseph Finder thanks so much for letting me use your article from the Mystery Fanfare blog. I was so pleased that you would let me use it in this newsletter. Elise kind

All articles, pictures, cartoons, or anything else you can think of are due

March 18th

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It takes a lot of information, pictures, and articles to make up each newsletter. I always need articles on therapy dogs, performance activities, picnics, seminars, and anything else your dog is doing. If you’ve written a story, researched a topic, taken your dog to a seminar, or whatever send me some pictures off your phone. If your not the world’s greatest writer, that’s okay. I would be glad to help you put your information into an interesting article.

You may have great knowledge about dogs and especially Tibetan Terriers, but I won’t know unless you send me the information.

Elise Kind
TTCA Newsletter Editor
Every year, in the fall, the people of Nepal hold a festival celebrating all dogs of the country, whether well-bred or dogs of the street. The Nepalese people give thanks for the dog’s unconditional love, true friendship, and loyalty during this celebration.

On the second day of the five-day “Diwali” or Festival of Lights, people celebrate dogs by offering them good food and adorning them with flowers. Dogs are also marked with red powder on their foreheads called a “tika.” This signifies that the animal is a sacred being. The royal treatment of all dogs is given as the Nepalese people believe dogs are the messengers of Yama, the Hindu God of death. This celebration is to appease the God of death and allow all dogs to enter heaven with their person.

Dogs are mentioned in the Mahabharata, where King Yudhishthira, the king of righteousness, said he didn’t want to enter heaven without his dog. This ceremony celebrates this beloved dog who followed his master into heaven, showing his loyalty and love for the king.
TTCA Versatile Companion Dog Award
CONGRATULATIONS JOSEE

Amy Soderman’s dog Josee is one of those rare Tibetan Terriers that qualifies for novice level: TTCA Versatility Companion Dog (TTCA VCD)

TTCA awards for a TTCA member’s dog who has earned titles in 3 different performance programs offered at three levels of achievement — Novice/Beginner, Advanced/Intermediate and Excellent.
NOVICE LEVEL: TTCA Versatile Companion Dog (TTCA VCD)

AKC titles:
Obedience: Beginners Novice (BN) April 7, 2012
Companion Dog (CD) August 26, 2012
Rally: Rally Novice (RN) August 14, 2008
Canine Good Citizen Program: Canine Good Citizen (CGC) May 6, 2006
Trick Dog: Novice Trick Dog (NTD) (approved for May 1, 2017) February 1, 2020
Farm Dog: Farm Dog Certified Title (FDC) February 3, 2020

Josee has won titles in performance events for over almost 14 years now and is still achieving. This after getting her CH title in 2005.

These cute porkers are Josee’s friends from the farm dog competition.