**Presidents Letter - September/October 2019**

For those who may not be aware, we have lost three long time members of our Tibetan Terrier family, Jane Reif, Tricia Angus and most recently, Joyce Ayotte. Needless to say all will be missed! I had the honor of knowing both Tricia and Joyce from the world of dog showing and will be missing their presence. I never had the pleasure of meeting Jane personally, but early in my Tibetan Terrier years, I acquired her 2004 publication of *The Tibetan Terrier*, if you have never read it, it is worth adding to your collection on TTs. She also published 4 other books on TTs in 1984, 1988, 1995 and 1996. All are a joy to read.

On a happier note, a huge THANK YOU goes out again to Gale Mattison, who has stepped in as acting Treasurer after Amy Soderman resigned her position for personal reasons. Please be sure to send all financial correspondence to him in the future. Amy will be missed and needs to be recognized for all of her hard work over the past 3 ½ years, she brought a world of expertise to our Club! Her husband, Paul, also needs another thank you for all of his work on the TTCA website!

IT’S OFFICIAL! 2021 National Specialty will be judged by Robert Hutton. Now that our location and dates are being finalized, Grant Gibson, Show Chairman has reached out to Mr. Hutton and he has accepted the honor to judge our National in Colorado Spring, CO. in June of 2021. Let’s be sure to give him the entry he deserves so start thinking about making your vacation plans now to attend!

**YOUR RESCUE TEAM**

Camille recently shared with us that all of the TTs from the Missouri rescue have now found permanent homes. Again, be sure to send her your thanks for all she and her team have done! And THANK YOU for all who donated to fund this rescue!!!!!

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**Articles for the November/December newsletter are due to the editor by November 18. I’d like to send the newsletter off the first week in December.**
YOUR BOARD AT WORK

I feel it is important for membership to be aware of all of the work your Board is doing:

NEW SURVEY COMING: Karen Tromblee, 1st V.P., has worked with the Board in creating a new survey, continuing to reach out to our membership to obtain additional information on our TTCA National Specialties. It will be our very shortly.

2021 NATIONAL Specialty: Grant Gibson, Board Director, has signed on as Show Chairman for the 2021 National Specialty and is in the final stages of formalizing the commitment to having it in Colorado Springs in June 2021, be sure to see the info as it is publicized, in this and future Newsletters.

CONSTITUTION/PROCEDURAL MANUAL

CHANGES: Ron Pankiewicz, Dee Travella, Sheryl Getman and myself, will be working to bring the TTCA Constitution and Procedural Manual into the electronic age. For years now people have had issues with some of the ways things have had to be handled because of the way they are spelled out in our Constitution and/or our Procedural Manual.

IF YOU HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPLEMENTED, PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US. This is a very long and arduous process and must be approved by the AKC, so speak up now.

OTHER MATTERS

Time to start thinking about supporting our 2020 National Specialty in Tampa, FL. SPONSOR a TROPHY! It's so easy to do on line at the TTCA Store, on our website! As you will see in this Newsletter, Fran Kridakorn has put together some AWESOME incentives to not only stay at the Host Hotel, but also to sign up for the TTCA sponsored dinners (Top 20, Auction and Annual Meeting). She and her team have worked hard to make this a truly FUN and EXCITING event for all! Be sure to read all about it, sponsor a Trophy, and reserve a room at the hotel right away!

New Champions and new Titleholders be sure to enter your dogs in the PARADE OF CHAMPIONS AND NEW TITLEHOLDERS (see the add in this Newsletter)! For any who attended this event at our National in St. Louis in 2018, you know what a fabulous job Elaine Lilak does in chairing this event!

Enjoy the fall colors!

Betsy
The following individuals have submitted applications for membership in the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA).

**Associate Member Applicants**

Tracy Woolever of Albuquerque, NM has owned Tibetan Terriers since 2005 and currently owns 2 TTs. She is not a breeder and has no plans to breed. Tracy is interested in joining the TTCA to connect with other owners of Tibetan Terriers and she enjoys participating with her TT in agility. Her sponsors are Bonnie Brock and Claire Coppola.

Shannon Cooper of Minneapolis, MN acquired her first Tibetan Terrier in 2017 and currently owns 2 TTs. She is not a breeder and has no plans to breed. She is interested in joining the TTCA because she is dedicated to the preservation and health of the breed and wants to be involved with others who love Tibetan Terriers. She has been exhibiting in confirmation for the past two years. Her sponsors are Lannie Beckman and Krista Johnson.

If you wish to submit any comments regarding these applicants 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

*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

**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*
In memory of “CH Salishan Abacus Oliver J. Dragon” from Devon Powers, Judith Lak, and John Broglio

In honor and memory of “Bixby” from Christina and Jeremy Lasky

In memory of “Reef” from Carolyn Stevenson

In honor of “Macy” my happy blind girl from Carolyn Stevenson

In memory of my sweet girl, “Remy” (Alpenglow Altair Nashira Remy, BN, THD, CD, RA, SCN, SEN, CGC from Vicki Hawkins

In memory of “Remy” from Zena Zachariah

In memory of Tricia Angus from:
Jane Goodell
Chester and Suzanne Kitchings
The Tibetan Terrier Club of America
Eva Cheshire and Charles Delinks
Suzanne and Robert Gregory
Maryjane Minkin
Nancy Rogers

In memory of Jane Reif from the Tibetan Terrier Club of America

In memory of Joyce Ayotte from the Tibetan Terrier Club of America
Tuesday September 17, 2019, is the 135th anniversary of the American Kennel Club, the world’s largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs. We remain true to our mission of promoting the sport and breeding for type and function and to bettering the world of dogs. Since 1884, we have maintained the definitive registry of purebred dogs and sanctioned over a million events in conformation, companion and performance. We are dedicated to advancing health, upholding the integrity of the registry, protecting the rights of dogs and their owners and promoting responsible breeding and ownership. As we enter the 135th year of our founding, we are a definitive leader in dog-related animal welfare.

Over the past decade, the AKC has grown significantly. We have seen the introduction of several titles, programs and initiatives that are demonstrations of our commitment to dogs.

We created the AKC Breeder of Merit program, the AKC Therapy Dog Program and recognized new titles in AKC Canine Good Citizen, Barnhunt, Field Trials and many others. We have developed new competitions like the AKC Obedience Classic and the National Owner Handled Series Finals. In our continued commitment to canine health, we have created the Sir John D. Spurling Scholarship to assist students pursuing studies in veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, physical therapy, animal care, animal behavior, grooming and training, and funded residencies with the Theriogenology Foundation. And we have had May 1st declared as National Purebred Dog Day.

This year, we announced the 1 millionth dog to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen program, and launched new services including AKC Vetline, AKC PuppyVisor, reopened the AKC Museum of the Dog in a new home, held the Inaugural AKC Premier Cup presented by EEM, executed a multiple dog sporting event on ESPN’s campus that aired on the ESPN app and the ESPN2 and much more. This just a small sampling of the progress we have made and continue to make.

Throughout the year, the 135th special anniversary logo is being widely used and is currently featured in an advertising campaign that spans DN (Dog News), Canine Chronicle and Showsight Magazines.

We are also celebrating with the dog-loving public in several ways throughout the year, including looking very forward to the 19th annual AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin on December 14th and 15th in Orlando, FL. Held on a million square feet of space, the show remains the largest dog show in North America. We are excited for our stand alone AKC Meet The Breeds at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City, which is a wonderful chance to educate the public about breeds and responsible dog ownership. Additionally, the AKC Library has created an exhibition composed of photographs, artifacts, and more from our Library & Archives collections that will explore the significant milestones, people, and dogs of this exciting era. It will be on view from September 8 through early October in the library space of the AKC Museum of the Dog. Our website, AKC.org will be highlighting some key moments with classic content on the site and on each of our social media properties and the AKC Gazette will take a look at our treasured history in this month’s issue. The AKC shop will also have a 135th Anniversary collection available on their site with various items commemorating this special birthday.

It is a great time to be a part of AKC and we look forward to celebrating with you throughout the year. See you at the AKC National Championship in December!

Dennis Sprung
President & CEO
AKC Delegates Report
by Stacey LaForge

AKC is celebrating its 135th Anniversary! At the September 9-10, 2019 Delegates Meeting, there was a repeated theme surrounding breed sustainability. One of the highlights of the meeting was a presentation by Doug Johnson and Bill Shelton on “AKC Purposefully Bred Purebred Dogs and Preservation Breeders” which can be viewed here: https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=U6CSNCXNvTk&fbclid=IwAR28xX9oIYHptDNUW3ktbplFSqFljXEMbPt8ku8qzL_b9FSIS5bJYZJljMds

It provides a different perspective about changing the dialogue about purebred dogs through choice of words and messaging, the differences between AKC purposefully bred and random bred dogs, rescuing purebred dogs (and breeders) from extinction, marketing our dogs and our message, and ways for AKC and Clubs to support breeders.

The President’s Report covered many of awards, funding, scholarships and donations that AKC makes. Over 27.7 million has been donated to the Canine Health Foundation over the years. The AKC Humane fund gives grants in support of breed rescue. Millions were given to the Museum of the Dog. They offer Community Achievement Awards, Junior Scholarships, Apprentice Handler Scholarships, Veterinary Scholarships including supporting residencies in Theriogenology, and the ACE Awards for Canine Excellence.

There was also a presentation about AKC Facebook groups, and suggestions for Clubs using Facebook. Some of the AKC groups include those geared to: Club Development, Dog Breeder Education, Meet the Breeds-Exhibitors, AKC Meet-ups, AKC Puppyvisor, and a Pet Loss Support Group.

The Financial report showed total revenues up as of July 31, and expenses are down.

A number of amendments were adopted at the meeting, including a change to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows which allows clubs to efficiently close out a ring on the day, as well as a change that allows move-us to occur when and award has been disallowed in no-regular classes and groups, and when Best In Show is cancelled. On the other hand, a proposed amendment was not adopted that reworded and incorporated broader language as to what identification could or could not be worn by exhibitors in the ring.

Three amendments were read, which will likely be voted on at the next meeting in December. The first would allow dogs registered with an acceptable foreign or domestic registration to participate in Miscellaneous. The second would remove the requirement for an injury to have occurred for an Event Committee to disqualify a dog that has attacked a person or a dog at its event, presenting a hazard to persons or other dogs. The third would allow for a National Walking Gun Dog Championship for Weimaraners.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Florida in December!
The AKC Canine Health Foundation and VetVine have teamed up to offer a series of live webinars featuring leaders in the field of veterinary health research that offer practical advice on common health concerns as well as information on cutting-edge research to benefit all dogs. Mark your calendar for next week's free webinar “Canine Degenerative Myelopathy: From Gene Mutation Discovery to Clinical Trials.”

Register for this informative webinar here. Veterinary Professionals can earn CE credit (approved by AAVSB RACE, NY State, NJVMA).

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2019
Time: 8:00 pm ET
Speaker: Joan R. Coates, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM (Neurology)

Topic: Canine Degenerative Myelopathy: From Gene Mutation Discovery to Clinical Trials

Degenerative myelopathy (DM) is an inherited, adult-onset disease of the spinal cord causing progressive weakness and paralysis of the hind limbs and eventually all limbs. DM has clinical, histopathologic, and genetic parallels to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS - Lou Gehrig’s disease) in humans.

Mutations in an enzyme that converts superoxide to water and hydrogen peroxide, superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1), have been linked to DM and human ALS. These discoveries have guided studies to further understand natural history, establish biomarkers, and initiate clinical trials for therapeutic strategies.

Join us in this webinar for a better understanding of DM including:

- Genetic testing results as a risk factor for canine degenerative myelopathy
- The neurologic progression in affected patients in terms of disease spread and changes in neuroanatomic localization
- The pathophysiology of the mutated SOD1 protein and its consequences in the multifactorial pathogenesis of canine degenerative myelopathy
- A platform of clinical trial designs and their potential applications in veterinary medicine

Previous webinars are available on demand here.

Thank you for your continued support of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and your commitment to help all dogs live longer, healthier lives!

This newsletter may not get to you before this webinar is over. You can go to this site and watch these webinars at a later time.
The Futurity Committee with recent Board approval is excited to present to our Member Breeders updates to the Club’s Futurity Program. The Club’s goal is to encourage Member Breeders and owners of TTs bred by Members to showcase and reward the best of Member’ breeding programs by entering the Futurity Sweepstakes at a National Specialty.

**NEW! UP TO THREE YEARS OF ENTRIES PER NOMINATED DOG! :**

Each nominated Dog (via entire litter prior to 4 months of age or individual dog nomination process after 4 months of age) will have up to 3 opportunities to enter Futurity Sweepstakes, with only one entry per Futurity Sweepstakes age class as a Puppy, Junior &/or Adult. Grand Futurity winners are ineligible to enter in any subsequent years Futurity Sweepstakes.

As per existing AKC Sweepstakes rules, the TT being entered in Futurity Sweepstakes at a National Specialty will also need to be entered in a regular conformation class at that year’s Specialty.

The definition of ‘enter’ is to submit an accepted entry, even if the dog is absent at the start of the class. Puppy Class = 6 mos to under 15 mos, Junior Class – 15 mos to under 24 mos, Adult Class = 24 months & over.

The 2020 TT National Specialty in Tampa, Florida will be the first event reflecting these changes. Futurity Sweepstakes Judge is Dee Travella.

This rule change will take effect for all Futurity Sweepstakes entries for TTs who have already been nominated or competed in the past or who have never entered Futurity to date. Both nominated litter entries AND individual dog entries are eligible. This would be the first year a TT would be able to make a SECOND entry, if it has previously been entered in ANY prior Futurity Stakes, so long as it is not already the Grand Futurity winner.

**EXPANSION OF ALICE MURPHY BONUS PRIZE ELIGIBILITY! :**

The Board Approved the Alice Murphy Bonus Prize in 2017 to encourage and reward health testing as recommended by the TTCA, the Board has given additional approval to award the Owners of the eligible SIREs and the TTCA Member-Breeders of the eligible DAMs of the Best Puppy, Best Junior and Best Adult winning TTs, to receive $25 each (if the TT has not won Grand Futurity) THIS IS NEW! and the Owners of the eligible SIRE and the TTCA Member-Breeders of the eligible DAM of the Grand Futurity Winner receive $50 each per qualifying/ eligible sire and/or dam based upon the sire and/or the dam having CHIC numbers. SIREs and DAMs are eligible to win in more than one age class category.

The last date sires &/or dams can have eligible CHIC numbers posted on the OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals website to be eligible for the cash prizes is the closing date of entries for each year’s National Specialty. www.OFA.org.
This award is based upon the current Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) health certifications. To receive a CHIC number, each TT sire and/or dam must have health testing results posted for the 5 TTCA approved health tests: hips x-rays, eye exam, BAER hearing, and the two genetic tests for NCL and PLL. The CHIC number need not be current nor does the dates of the individual tests for sires or dams need no coincide with the date of breeding of the winning entries.

A silent auction is planned to kick off the funding of the Alice Murphy Bonus Prize. Stay tuned for more information!

REMINDER TTCA MEMBER/BREEDERS- OWNERS!

To complete the steps to get your TTs in the Futurity Sweeps rings, TTCA Futurity Sweepstakes is a TWO STEP process.

**Step One:** A one-time nomination fee is due by EITHER of two methods:

- TTCA Member/Breeders nominate a litter within 4 months of whelping which entitles all the puppies in a litter to compete. ($35- BEST VALUE!)
- TTCA Member/Breeders or owners (with breeder’s approval) nominate an individual dog prior to a National Specialty ($50), (owners need not be TTCA members).

Applications for each path are online at the “STORE” on the TTCA website.

**Step Two:** Enter the Futurity Sweeps via the Show Premium prior to the closing date of a National Specialty in up to THREE National Specialty Futurity Sweepstakes events in THREE separate years.

The Futurity rules are in the “MEMBER” section of the website. The Futurity Committee records the litter and individual dog nominations as well as the Futurity Sweeps entries and placements. If you are unsure of your dog’s status, or have any questions, please contact the Futurity Chair.

Futurity Committee:

Claire Coppola, Chair  RinchenTibetanTerriers@gmail.com  (973) 769 0907
Joyce Killinger & Dee Travella, Committee members

If you are interested in joining the Futurity Committee please contact the Committee Chair!
Under the Rinchen kennel name, I have been participating in the TTCA Futurity Sweeps since 2008. Over the years, I have bred the Grand Futurity winner twice and winners of all three Puppy, Junior, and Adult classes. I want to especially thank TTCA member & breeder Judge Jami Smith for flying cross-country at her expense to participate as the 2019 Futurity Judge.

In 15 years of success owning, showing, training and earning front & back-end & American and Canadian titles with our Tibetans, and 21 years doing the same with our Bernese Mountain Dogs, and also giving back in time and leadership to my breed parent clubs, the responsibility of being a reputable breeder remains the most important part of the picture to me.

It is a great honor to bring healthy, excellent temperament and correct type TTs into this world. As a breeder and representative of the TTCA, I strongly support mentoring other owners and breeders to create, present and breed the best possible TTs, so as to keep the breed true to the standard and thriving in the future.
Amazon Smile Donations

This is your quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification. Your charity, Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation, recently received a **quarterly donation of $216.13** thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com.

To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of:
- **$3,260.86 to Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation**
- **$144,958,582.84 to all charities**

Thank you for supporting Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation by shopping at smile.amazon.com. You can track your impact throughout the year at your My Impact page.

This notification reflects the charity you were supporting **as of Sept 27**.

Podcasts

Podcasts are becoming more and more popular as ways to listen to articles. They are free and usually an app right on your phone. Not only are their quite a few political podcasts, but there are also many dog and cat programs. AKC has a podcast for their popular health shows **HealthE-Barks.**

**Pure Dog Talk** has programs with such judges as Bill Shelton and Ann Katona. There are shows on preserving our breeds and the winning edge to name a few.

Among other shows is **The Dog Show** and **Creative Dog Training.**

These are just a few of the podcasts out there. Check them out and see what you find. They are great to listen to while doing chores around the house and yard. Podcasts can also relieve boredom when you are driving to a dog show.

Nutrition

We all know one of the “hot button” topics in dog care is nutrition. Do I feed grain free? Do I use food that has some grain. Is it peas and legumes causing the problem with hearts? What is best for my Tibetan Terrier? Tufts University has a good blog on nutrition. You may want to check it out. Flossie Barczewski has sent me three citations for articles on nutrition. Give them a look and see what you think.

**FDA Investigation on Grain Free Dog Food and Canine Heart Disease**

https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/nutrition/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-fdas-grain-free-diet-alert/


https://vetnutrition.tufts.edu/2019/07/dcmupdate/
Nominations and Biographies

TTCA Director
Dee Travella

Thank you to the committee for your continued confidence in nominating me to serve another term as a Director of the TTCA. I have been involved with Tibetan Terriers since 1979 when my husband and I rescued our first TT. We currently share our home with 3 Tibetans that we’ve bred, the oldest of which will be 17 in November, and 2 Havanese. Our dogs have been a large part of our lives for many years, and we have enjoyed showing in AKC and international dog shows. All are AKC Champions, some Grand Champions, and several have earned international titles (in the Bahamas, Mexico, Portugal, and Brazil). I have also had the honor of judging puppy and veteran sweepstakes for both TTCA and HCA Regional Specialties. Although we are no longer breeding, we have always been firm believers in health testing for the betterment and welfare of our breeds.

In 2009 I chaired the Nominating Committee for TTCA, and worked with a wonderful group of dedicated Volunteers. I have served as a member of the Futurity Committee since 2016, and participated in revising the Futurity Stakes rules and qualifications for our Breeders to showcase their breeding accomplishments. In addition to the TTCA, I am a member of the Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club, the Greater Fort Myers Dog Club, and the Havanese Club of America, where I also serve on the Board of Directors.

Prior to retirement, I spent over 25 years working in the Financial/legal services industry working for Bank One, Solomon Brothers, First Union, Wachovia, Wells Fargo, and Axiom Law.

Thank you for your consideration,
Dee Travella

TTCA 1st Vice President
Florence (Flossie) Barczewski

In 1986, I acquired my first Tibetan Terrier and have been smitten ever since! Today, I have 4 TTs, have bred 4 litters and have acquired titles in Obedience, Rally, Agility and Conformation. Since becoming a TTCA member in 2003, I have been editor of the newsletter (July 2006-Dec. 2010), editor of the Journal/Yearbook (2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011) have co-chaired 3 National Specialties (2011, 2016 and 2019), and am Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Specialty (2013-present). I served on the TTCA Board as a Director from 2013-2015 and as Second Vice President from 2015-2016. I also served as a Director at the Wilmington Kennel Club from 2010-2012 and as President from 2012-2016 and am currently the Chair for their Agility Trials. I am a full-time employee of a major financial institution in Wilmington, Delaware, where I was born and raised. My dedication as a member of the TTCA has always been and will continue to be for the welfare and protection of our Tibetan Terriers. It is an honor to be considered for the position of First Vice President.
Nomination Biographies  con’t

TTCA Director
Mary Ann Griffin

Hello, My name is Mary Ann Griffin and I reside in Ruskin, Florida with my husband, Rick, grandson Jacob and 10 beloved dogs, 4 of them being Tibetan Terriers. I grew up in Maine, (always with dogs) but moved to Florida 33 years ago to enjoy the sunshine. After raising a son and daughter, and teaching for 32 years, I retired 11 years ago to devote my time to my dogs, attend shows and groom... all the things I love to do. While I had Afghan Hounds and Whippets in Maine, a few of my friends had Tibetan Terriers and I was intrigued, knowing I would one day have one. I was fortunate enough to get Tyler, my first Tibetan in 1995 and never looked back. I have had the privilege of loving more than 20 Tibetan Terriers over the past 33 years and have 4 at this time. I have been involved in conformation and obedience activities since 1975 and am still active in the breed and owner handled rings. I would be pleased to serve the TTCA members as a director having the ability to view situations from the owner, breeder as well handlers position. Thanks to the committee for nominating me for the office as TTCA Director. I would be honored to serve the club in this position.

TTCA Corresponding Secretary
Janet Slothower

I am Janet Slothower and I am Corresponding Secretary of TTCA.
I am honored to hold this position and to do my part for TTCA. My husband Harold and I live in Aiken SC with our eight Tibetans. In my past lives I have been Vet Tech, a Mortgage Banker and a Real Estate Agent. Conformation is our primary interest. I have Posh who is a therapy dog. Posh, and Misty also do rally and obedience. Ziva, Solo and Casper are beginning rally. We have had Tibetans since 2006. We call our pack DreamMaker Tibetan Terriers. I am an ambassador for TTCA and a Breeder of Merit. I look forward for our next year for TTCA.

TTCA Treasurer
Jim Lenchner

My name is Jim Lenchner. I have been raising, showing and loving T.T.s since 1981. This wonderful Breed has woven its way into my soul and will not let go. As I continue in my journey with Tibetans, I think it is time for me to give back to the Club that is at the heart of it all. My mentors in this Breed have been many. Too many to list. But I want to thank Gary and Sue Carr, Joan Rinker and Jane Rief for getting me started on the journey! I am honored to be asked to serve the T.T.C.A. and will work very hard to help move our Club forward.
On a personal note, I work full time for a national BBQ Chain as a franchise consultant. It is my 20+ years working for this company, in various roles, that gives me the skillset to help me perform the Treasurer’s job. I have created and been held accountable to those budgets for these past 20 years.
My wife (I could not do this without her!) and I currently owned by two Tibetans. The TTs are joined by the rest of our pack.
Nomination Biographies  con’t

TTCA  2nd Vice President
Sheryl Getman

I accept the position of Vice President II for the TTCA. My background has prepared me for this position. I have formally studied English Literature, Journalism, Speech, Nursing, and Art. My husband and I own an Orchard together and work as farmers. We also do building, design, and publishing. I have worked in the stock market and as an H. R. Director for the State. I was a writer for Coors Beer, and a restaurant owner. For nearly thirty years, Tibetan Terriers have been in my home. This breed taught me how to show dogs, whelp litters, and learn about the Fancy. This breed has taught me to keep my patience and humor. I never lose hope or our mission direction. This club is always about the health, care, and preservation of our beautiful breed. We must work harder than ever to keep our ethical standards for breeding. Maintaining a viable Rescue program is important. Education for newcomers and planning for Performance activities is our future. Maintaining entries and producing Nationals is always a priority. Most of all, I do try to support our volunteers.

TTCA  Recording Secretary
Sharon Hurd

My husband and I live in North Carolina where we are currently owned by 4 entertaining TT’s. We have two two legged children and two grand sons.
Thank you for offering me, once again, the position of TTCA Recording Secretary. I have been honored to serve the club in this capacity and look forward to another year. I have been a member for 10+ years. I have enjoyed meeting and working with many fellow club members.
We are a good group of people all working for the Tibetan Terrier's well being.
Suzy, our first, TT came to live with us in 2004. Suzy bore the only litter, I have bred. She produced three champions from that litter. Three of our dogs earned their novice trick dog titles at the last National Specialty. They'll do anything for a tasty treat.

TTCA AKC Delegate
Stacey Laforge TTCA

Stacey La Forge has owned Tibetan Terriers for 24 years, breeding under the kennel name “Zodi”. She and her husband Jerry actively compete with their Tibetan Terriers in conformation, agility, and Rally obedience. Stacey has served as the TTCA’s AKC Delegate since 2008. Over the years, she has also served the TTCA as Historian, Secretary, Director, Health & Genetics Committee Chairperson, National Rescue Coordinator as well as a Tibetan Terrier Health & Welfare Foundation Director. She is an approved AKC judge for Tibetan Terriers and Junior Showmanship, and permit in 8 Non-Sporting Breeds. Recently, she had the honor of judging the 2018 TTCA National Specialty. In addition to the TTCA, she is also a member of the Mt. Vernon Tibetan Terrier Club, Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club, Non-Sporting Group Club of the Garden State, Schooley’s Mountain Kennel Club and Morris & Essex Kennel Club.

Stacey has conducted All-Breed show handling classes for over 10 years where she has worked with dogs representing over 100 breeds. She is an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. She has been published or quoted in dog-related magazines including the Association of Pet Dog Trainer’s “Chronicle of the Dog”, “Dog Fancy” and the “AKC Gazette” on topics ranging from the Tibetan Terrier breed, to managing a senior dog, to her experiences working with a therapy dog. Her article, “Adventures in Raising A Singleton Puppy”, is featured in the book The Dog Trainer’s Resource 2. Professionally, Stacey works as an attorney.
I am honored to accept the Nominating Committee’s nomination to serve as President of TTCA. I am a retired Superintendent of Schools having served NY schools for 40 years. I now reside in Florida with my husband, Jim, and two Tibetan Terriers.

My involvement in purebred dogs began in 1969 with OES, and eventually Bearded Collies, and English Setters. We all know what winning a blue ribbon can do, hence a marvelous career in showing, breeding and loving dogs began.

My TTZoomn career began in 2009 when my mentor, Joyce Ayotte, made sure that I thoroughly understood all of the qualities and traits of “The Little People.” Rescue has always been a passion. I founded the Old English Sheepdog Club of America Rescue and Welfare Program. I have served as Vice President of the Bearded Collie Club of America and am a lifetime member of New England Old English Sheepdog Rescue.

Currently, I serve as TTCA 1st Vice President, Chairperson of the Breed Ambassador Program and Public Education, Board member of TTHW, 2019 Hospitality Chair and Co-Chair the 2020 Hospitality. My dogs and I are active in Paws for Friendship, TTCC, OESCA, NEOESR, the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg. Louis and Frankie are titled in conformation in the US and Canada, as well as AKC Therapy, Obedience, Rally, and Trick dog. If I am elected to this position I will continue to seek input from the membership, promote the Health and Welfare of our breed and continue with fidelity to our Breed Standard.

In my professional life, I am a national Account Executive for ScriptSave and ScriptSave WellRx, a pharmacy benefits manager specializing in pharmacy savings programs (that also work for our dogs!). I often work with teams to identify opportunities, collaborate and transform challenges into efficient solutions that work for everyone.

My personal life includes showing and breeding purebred dogs since 1989, welcoming our first Tibetan Terrier and joining the TTCA in 2000. Since 1991, I have also been a member of Tucson Kennel Club, previously serving for a number of years on their Board, including the positions of Vice President and President, in addition to various club and show committees. Although our litters are infrequent, I am very proud of the home-bred champions we have produced and who are owner-handled; the champion, obedience, Top 20 and ROM titles we have accomplished; and the cherished relationships we have developed with other purebred fanciers and families who have our puppies, showing or not.

Both professionally and personally, I am an advocate for improvement. Whether that includes processes, communications, breeding practices or enhancing the team, there is always room for consideration of alternative solutions. I feel that mentorship and teamwork are crucial to our breed and the future of dog shows in general. I look forward to a deeper relationship with TTCA and being part of the valuable work of the club.
Our Dogs, Ourselves  by Alexandra Horowitz

Alexandra Horowitz, the best selling author of Inside of a Dog, has written a fascinating book on our relationship with dogs. We love our dogs and grieve when they pass and we assume they feel the same about us. Pet parents buy their pups sweaters and worry about the food they eat. We look for restaurants where our dogs will be able to eat with their families and take them on airplanes, so dogs can vacation or visit relatives with us. Yet dogs are considered property that can be bought and sold, euthanized, and abandoned at will.

This bond that goes back thousands of years is still little understood. Why do we feel so profoundly about these hairy, sometimes eccentric animals? Why are their so many contradictions in our relationship with dogs? Alexandra Horowitz has written an entertaining book on this dynamic relationship that has last for thousands of years. This is a fascinating look at an enduring relationship.

The Friend  by Sigrid Nunez

2018 National Book Award for Fiction

This absolute wonderful book is a meditation on grief, friendship, and healing. When a woman loses her best friend and mentor to suicide, she finds her battle against her grief intensified by the mute, grieving Harlequin Great Dane that she has inherited from her dead mentor. This huge, traumatized dog comes to live with the woman in her tiny apartment where dogs are forbidden. Even though she could be evicted from her apartment, the woman can not give up the dog. Friends and family worry about the woman and her bond with the dog. Yet the dog and the woman persevere through their grief to celebrate this incomprehensible thing, the canine-human bond.

The Friend is an emotional, sad, and joyous book about the devotion of two beings that learn so much about each other. Read this! It won’t take you long.

Can you see our little unicorn?

Can you see our little unicorn?
At times does your Tibetan have a horn?
Both of these creatures are certainly magical,
And their personalities are very mystical,
TT pups are the cutest pups ever seen,
And We want to wish you all a happy Halloween!!
Therapy Dogs

Therapy dogs need affectionate and kind personalities. They need to be gentle creatures, not overly energetic or wild. These pups need to be able to accept all people in all stressful situations. Can your Tibetan Terrier navigate the halls of a nursing home, hospital, or school, to name a few places where you might find these wonderful therapy dogs. If your TT can sit and listen to a child read, look at the pictures, and look interested you may have a therapy dog in the making.

Therapy dogs are available on request to bring support and comfort to people. Often therapy dogs are requested at disasters to help those living through some sort of traumatic situation. A Lutheran Golden Retriever dog group is often asked to help at large school shootings. Denver International Airport has groups of therapy dogs deployed in the airport to help calm stressful travelers. Libraries are the perfect place for struggling readers to practice their reading skills with a nonjudgemental four legged friend.

Below are listed two organizations that certify therapy dogs. Check them out.

In the west is Alliance of Therapy Dogs in Cheyenne, Wy

In the east is Therapy Dogs International in New Jersey

If you have a Tibetan Terrier that looks like a good candidate to be a therapy dog, check these two organizations out. There are other therapy dog registries that test and teach prospective therapy dogs. Check them out. Find out what their reputation is.

Cindy Douglass with her wonderful therapy dog Malishar’s Leda Miss Mia CGC THD
Welcome to a preview of the 2020 Tampa Tibetan Terrier National, June 6-10th, 2020.

Our host hotel is the beautiful and quiet Sheraton Brandon Tampa. It’s located less than 3 miles from the 5 day Tampa Cluster taking place June 10-14th, 2020.

The Tampa Cluster includes a supported entry and six separate performance trials (agility, obedience rally, barn hunt, dock diving and scent work).

The 2020 National has many exciting new things and a red carpet welcome will be extended to you, your Tibetans and family.

* Rooms just $99 including two breakfasts daily
* Book a room minimum 3 nights and purchase two event dinners to receive a Tibetan Terrier cement statue. This offer is one per room.
* Book a room minimum 3 nights and purchase all three event dinners for a chance to win a Chris Christensen dryer. This offer is one per room.
* Large off leash area to run your Tibetans at the hotel
* All Tibetan Terrier Agility trial located 25 minutes away
* Assorted social fun activities and events held each day
* Beautiful Hospitality Bags full of exciting items
* Wonderful outside activities away from the hotel like Busch Gardens, dog beaches, Hard Rock Casino, Disney, Universal Studios, etc.

We hope you will attend so we can extend the hospitality of the South along with a National extraordinaire.

See you in Tampa

Fran Kridakorn
Show Chair 2020
2020 Tampa Tibetan Terrier National Schedule

**June 5 Friday**

All Day  Early arrivals & PM Pool party hosted by Show Chair

**June 6 Saturday**

6:30-8:30 AM  *Breakfast downstairs Cafe
8:30-5 PM  **Board Meeting**
7 PM  **Treasure Hunt** Poolside area
All Day  Hospitality Penthouse
7:30 until  **Play TibetanOpoly** & drinks and snacks

**June 7 Sunday**

6:30 AM  *Breakfast downstairs Cafe
7:30-11 AM  Hospitality Penthouse serving Bloody Marys & drinks

**Welcome Chair:** Fran Kridakorn

**Agility** is at the Dog Training Club of Tampa 20 mins from the Sheraton includes lunch at 11:00

**Judge:** Bob Jeffers  **Show Chair:** Kathleen Ruprecht

12:45-3 PM  **Breed Education Class Chair:** Rene’ Stamm
3:30-5 PM  Poolside: **Painting** with your TT
6 PM  Cash Bar in the Show Ring area
6:30 PM  **Invitational Evening of Champions Top 20 & Dinner**

**Chair:** Camille Manfredonia
Followed by  Hospitality Penthouse drinks and snacks

**June 8 Monday**

6:30 AM  *Breakfast downstairs Cafe
7:30-8:30 AM  Hospitality Penthouse serving Bloody Mary’s and drinks
9 AM  **Welcome Chair:** Fran Kridakorn
Followed by  **Obedience and Rally Judge:** Robert Withers  **Chair:** Lauren Fox
Followed by  **Futurity Judge:** Dee Travella
Followed by  **Cut Down Sweeps Judge:** Harry Bennett
Followed by  **Veteran Sweeps, Sweeps Judge:** Harry Bennett
Followed by  **Testing:** CGC, CGCA, Urban, TRK, TDI  **Testers:** Lauren Fox and Karen Tromblee

6 PM  Cash Bar and Preview Auction items in the Palm Room
6:30 PM  **Auction & Dinner for 2021 Host:** Grant Gibson
Followed by  Hospitality Penthouse Drinks, snacks and laughs- Join us!
June 9 Tuesday

6:30 AM  *Breakfast downstairs Cafe
7:30–8:30 AM  Hospitality Penthouse serving Bloody Marys
9:30 AM  Welcome Chair: Fran Kridakorn
Followed by  Parade of Champions and Title Holders Chair: Elaine Lilak
Followed by  4-6 month Puppy
   Jr Showmanship
   Conformation, TTCA National National Owner Handler
   Breeders Class
   Brood Bitch/ Stud Dog/Brace Judge: Marjorie Wikerd
6 PM  Cash Bar in the Palm Room
6:30 PM  Annual Meeting and Dinner
Followed by  Hospitality Penthouse Drinks, snacks and laughs

June 10 Wednesday

6:30 AM  Breakfast downstairs Cafe
7:30-8:30AM  Hospitality Penthouse serving Bloody Marys
   Welcome Chair: Fran Kridakorn
Followed by  4-6 Month Puppy, Veteran Sweeps, Sweeps, Judge: Terry Dennison
Followed by  Jr Showmanship Judge: Terry Dennison
Followed by  TTCA Regional Specialty at the Sheraton Judge: Terry Carter
Followed by  Last fun activity surprise
   Mixer in Hospitality Drinks & snacks

Side Notes:  June 11 - 14 Supported entry and Tampa Fairgrounds All Breed Show Cluster
   Foy Trent is Superintendent.
   We have a dedicated Fairground area for Grooming and Hospitality room.

*Breakfast served in the Cafe next to lobby from 6:30-8:30am  2 FREE Breakfasts each day!
   Fenced Dog run behind the Tennis courts is available to run your Tibetans.

This schedule is tentative and might be subject to minor changes.
Absolutely Wonderful Free Stuff and Contests!!

Spend 3 nights at the Sheraton Brandon Tampa Hotel where the TTCA nationals are being held and attend, at least 2 dinners in Tampa and you will receive one of these statues to take home!

Spend 3 nights at our hotel and attend 3 dinners at the TTCA nationals in Tampa and you will be entered into the drawing for a Chris Christensen Air Dryer. Your chances are better here than any lottery you can enter!

Auction for the 2021 Nationals in Colorado
It’s time to clean out that closet. Check those boxes that are stored away and bring your TT stuff to the Tampa nationals for the nationals in Colorado. If you’re in the west, send your treasures to Grant Gibson and if you’re in the east Phyllis Huffstettler is the person to send things to.

Phyllis Huffstettler
11470 S.E. 73rd Ct.
Bellview, Florida 34420

Any questions on the auction or to send things for the auction contact Grant Gibson, auction chair, at gibson244@comcast.net 303-358-7409.
17818 Ardsley St.
Parker, Co 80134
Changes for this great fundraiser.

This fundraiser’s price is now $50, which will cover the cost of shipping.

Also money will go for both the Tampa National and Rescue.

Be sure to get one of these creative, exciting games and help out our rescue group.

Got questions?

Contact: Fran Kridakorn bowwowpublications@hotmail.com or 334-303-5727
2020
Parade of Champions and Titleholders

The TTCA invites you to join us for
The Parade of Champions and Titleholders

2020 TTCA National Specialty
Tampa, Florida
June 8 – 10

All Tibetan Terriers with old or new AKC Championship or Performance titles, in long coat or cut down coats are invited to participate in the Parade of Champions and Titleholders.

Join in the fun of showing your beautiful and successful TT! A short story will be read as you showcase your TT around the ring and receive a beautiful rosette.

Any Questions please contact Elaine Lilak 330-507-2217
This is the 2020 Tibetan Calendar for $20 and it’s a fundraiser for the Tampa National. You can buy it directly from the TTCA website store or my by emailing Adria Martino at aswlx@aol.com
2020 Tampa National Trophy Fund Raffle

We are excited to announce that we have been given eight Danny Quest sculptures. The sculptures will be raffled off at the end of our trophy fund drive. There are two new designs never sold included in this raffle. Every $10 you spend on the 2020 Tampa National Trophy Fund you will get a ticket for a chance to win a Danny Quest sculpture. For example, if you spend $100 on your trophy choice you will get 10 tickets. If you would like to just buy one ticket for $10.00 you can too. All eight sculptures will be raffled off in Tampa, Florida. Your name and tickets will automatically be entered if you sponsor a trophy. Contact Adria Martino at 954-257-2077 or aswlx@aol.com for all information on trophies.
Trophy Sponsorship Form

TTCA 2020 National Specialty

Show your support by donating to a class or award.

https://ttca-online.org/national-specialty-trophies/
Donor Information (please print)

Name ________________________________________________________________________________

Billing Address_________________________________________________________________________

City, ST, Zip Code______________________________________________________________________

Phone 1| Phone 2___________________________________________________________________________

Email_________________________________________________________________________________

Please check one:

☐ I (we) wish to donate a total of $____________________ to the Trophy Fund Donors List.

☐ I (we) prefer to sponsor a specific class (or classes). My preference is:

1._____________________________________________________________________________________

2._____________________________________________________________________________________

If the class you choose is spoken for, may we substitute another? Please check yes or no.

☐ YES ☐ NO

My contribution is in the form of: ☐ check

Acknowledgement Information:

Please use the following name(s) (e.g., kennel or business) in all acknowledgements:___________
______________________________________________________________________________________

☐ I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

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Signature(s)                                                                                 Date

Please send checks to:

Adria Martino
516 Melrose Ln
Sebastian, FL 32958
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Thank you Flossie Barczewski for your wonderful citations on nutrition. This is such an important topic.

Jack and Judy Williams, your pictures are wonderful. One goes through so many pictures and so much information. Thanks for knowing that!

Cindy Douglass thank you so much for the pictures of you and your doing therapy work. I love all the little chubby hands petting and talking to your girl. What a great group. She’s good in hospitals too. A place they aren’t always good at visiting.

Winnie Wuesthoff, my mentor, thank you so much for letting me use the wonderful water colors of TT’s in the TTCA newsletter. They are lovely.

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HALLOWEEN

Make sure your dogs are safe in their kennels when the spooky little trick or treaters come knocking.
Keep that candy high up on cupboards where those big fluffy feet can’t reach the treats. Lastly keep them inside where spooks can’t scare them.

If your dog does go out trick and treating, be sure his face isn’t covered so he can see where he’s going. Lastly make sure the costume isn’t binding or to long, so your Tibetan Terrier can move.

This lovely spook is my thirteen year old Emily. She’ll do anything for a puppy cookie.

All newsletter articles and pictures for the November/December newsletter are due to Elise Kind by November 18th.

I want to send the newsletter out by the first week in December.
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