Hello, TaTashi Delek
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Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would be writing this message during a national emergency, I pray that you, your family, friends, and of course your dogs (other animals, too) are all safe. As you realize our 2020 TTCA National Specialty is scheduled for June 5-10th here in Florida. Unfortunately we as a TTCA Board, after careful consideration, decided on (3/29/20), have made the decision to reschedule this event for 2021. No doubt you have questions as to how we came about the decision and how we are moving forward. I will do my best to explain, but first I need to thank several people.

Thank you to Betsy Richards for your service as President of TTCA and for chairing the NY TTCA National Specialty. Filling her shoes will not be easy.
Thank you to Grant Gibson for serving on the Board. We wish Grant the best as he prepares for his daughter’s wedding.
Thank you to Renee Stamm for serving on the Board and for chairing the Breeder Education Committee. We appreciate all that Renee has done for TTCA.
Of course we as a club need to extend our sincere thank you to Gale Mattison for stepping in and filling the Treasurer’s position at a critical time. Gale you are most certainly a team player.
Thank you to Vicki Hawkins for her many years serving as Membership Chair. Vicki can now relax and not worrying about all of those time frames she had to meet.

The 2020 TTCA National Specialty.
My sincere gratitude is extended to Elise Kind for delaying this newsletter deadline so that I could make sure our members had all of the most current information regarding the 2020 TTCA National Specialty.

**Now for the TTCA 2020 National Specialty update:**
On 3/15/20 Your TTCA Board created a COVID-19 Response Team. This team had enormous responsibility as all information gleaned was to help in renegotiating contracts. The Team consisted of Fan Kridakorn, Team Leader and members, Ron Pankiewicz, Stacey LaForge, Adria Martino, Hollis Matson, Jim Lenchner, and Karen Tromblee. We teleconferenced every Wednesday and Sunday and often many times in between as the situation continued to be very fluid throughout our country and it still does today. It was decided that I would post on our FB page an update every Monday keeping our members informed.
Additionally we created a team to negotiate with the Sheraton/Tampa hotel. Canceling an event can cost thousands and thousands of dollars if not done correctly. Our contract had penalties that would be in effect if we did not cancel by certain dates. We are a small club and do not have that kind of money, so we had to do quite a bit of negotiating. Time is not always on one’s side, but patient we had to be. The team consisting of Fran Kridakorn, Jim Lenchner, Ron Pankiewicz, and myself brainstormed checked insurances, other contracts, contacted other clubs, and consulted an attorney here in Florida. (no charge). It was decided to begin the e-mail correspondence with the Sales Director. Jim was our contact person. After many e-mails going back and forth it was decided by the team to give the Sheraton a timeline as we needed to inform our membership. Jim sent the e-mail with the timeline. Finally, we received the response and the Sheraton accepted our offer. Basically, no penalties, could be scheduled for next June (6/11/21-6/21/21), same items in the old contract would be put into the new contract. Additionally the new scheduled dates also correspond with the Florida Cluster. The team had a big sigh of relief and we considered this a huge win.

I realize there are many questions as to how things are going to be handled such as: reimbursements, Top 20, Sweepstakes, etc. Please know that we are working on that as I write. I ask for your patience as these are waters that we have not had to navigate before.

The 2020 TTCA National Show Committee under the guidance of Fran Kridakorn, is working very hard to make the 2021 Tampa National the very best. I can reassure our membership that we will do everything possible to keep you all informed. I ask that you check your e-mail for updates (check you spam mail too) and I will continue to use the FB page for updates as well. Please stay safe and I hope to see all of you in Tampa 2021 to celebrate ིི (life).

Respectfully,
Karen

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In Honor and Memory of CH Yonpo Esha’s Tag You’re It from Maureen Dwyer

In Honor of “Sammy” from Jeanette Shown

In Memory of Megan McCrory’s beloved Tully Bean, run free in the stars beautiful boy, from Kerry Abbott

In Memory of Champion Kappy, our first TT from Deborah Griffiths

Thinking of Kate Stanuch; in Memory of “Mariah” from Jane Goodell

In Memory of Megan McCrory’s “Tully” from Jane Goodell

In celebration of GRCHB Kensington's 1st Dance with Michael's 2020 litter of puppies, from Wendyll Behrend

The Bay Colony Specialty on May 30th and 31st is cancelled. At present there is no information on if or when the specialty will be rescheduled.
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
March 2020

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

**Regular Member Applicant**

**Hollis Matson** of Oakland, CA has been an Associate member since March, 2018. She acquired her first Tibetan Terrier in 1993 and currently owns 2 TTs. She has assisted with past rescue efforts and is currently assisting with the National Specialty show. She is not a breeder and has no plans to breed.

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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:

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**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.
THE QUARANTINED TT
by Mary Frances Martin

Since many people are housebound with their precious fur kids & human kids as well, I thought some ideas on things you can do at home to have fun and do some prep work for performance activities.

I have many objects that are just hanging around the house that I use for training, cardboard boxes, pop cans and bottles, yard sticks etc. So let’s get creative & have some fun!!!!!

**Agility:** I have a human balance exerciser, photo included, that I use to teach both front leg and rear leg stability. I simply get them to place 2 paws on front by luring with a treat and increase the time they must balance, I also do this with rear paws to teach rear leg awareness. I then progress to using 2 balance exercisers to help stabilize the core. This is great for all contact obstacles, also, I started this for rehab on my senior girl Tara.

A large cardboard box makes an excellent tunnel training tool!

I also make at home cavallettis, great for beginning jump training and also used for Tara. Simply take 2 old pop cans and crush the center, place a yard stick across and instant small jump!

Old pop bottles can be weighted down with change or pebbles & used to teach weave poles!!

**Rally:** I use the pop bottles here as well to teach figure 8’s, weave & serpentines!!

Now is also a great time to work on sit, down, stand and add a stay, walk around dog.

Circle heeling is also fun for the dog!!

I would also teach spin as that is used in Master rally!

**Scentwork:** I don’t do much of this and have just started but a friend with a Master Beagle gave me these suggestions. I bought Birch scent online and scent a cotton swab & tape under dog bowl so they associate the scent with food.

Also, she suggested pairing, get a small cardboard box & place scented cotton swab inside, then place food on the box so the dog again associates it with food.
**Rodeo Dog:** using a folding laundry basket to teach the dog to go around it from right side to left. Also, helps distance in agility training.

**Barn Hunt:** If you have any old straw or hay from decorations or a farm nearby, start teaching the dog to jump on haybales.
Add the cardboard tunnel and put some hay around it to simulate a straw tunnel on the course.
Place food in a small toy or just use a toy and teach the dog to find it in different locations with lots of rewards!

**Dock Diving:** For those of you in the warmer climates, you can get started. I used a small child’s pool at first with just a little water and tossed a toy into it so Rishi got used to water, then I gradually raised the amount of water.
I then took him swimming at a local facility but not an option now. However, when I trained at home I ordered a deeper kid’s pool so he needed to swim & a life preserver with a handle! Once he was comfortable with that I added a dock! Well a grooming table to jump into the pool and at home dock diving!
The dock in shows is very high & we still have not accomplished that jump, we are at 8”.

**Trick Dog:** Many of the above things can be incorporated into trick dog testing. You can also hide treats under plastic cups, crawling under legs, going to crate from a distance, hitting a tap light and really anything your imagination comes up with!!!!
For fun we also use the sit stay as a group & I hide somewhere in the house and then say “ok, come find me” big rewards when they find me & I think this helps with recalls as well!
Hope this gives you things to do!!
Stay safe & healthy!!!
Mary, Rishi, Fennie, Dhania & Rika Too!!
Following the February meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, Event Operations is writing to inform our clubs of recent actions taken that impact the sport and may impact your events. Any questions should be sent to eventsnew@akc.org.

Stacy LaForge

Announcing the National Owner-Handled Series Level of Achievement

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has been a tremendous success, viewed very favorably by the fancy as a mechanism to showcase dogs exhibited by non-professional owner-handlers. In the time since its inception, the AKC has developed an NOHS ranking system and launched the AKC NOHS Finals, an event held annually in December during the week of the AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Consistent with the AKC’s ongoing efforts to grow the NOHS program and the sport overall, the Board of Directors at its February 2020 meeting voted to approve the implementation of NOHS Levels of Achievement to include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

The Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Awards of Achievement will be earned by obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points for each level and award. This will mimic the inaugural levels of recognition for the Grand Champion title introduced in May 2011.

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For each Achievement Level, the first owner of the dog will receive a certificate to commemorate the accomplishment and a NOHS Achievement Level pin. The pin will be the NOHS logo cast to reflect the color of the Achievement Level. As this is not a titling program, it will not reflect as a prefix or suffix to the dog’s AKC registered name. Dogs will be grandfathered back to the beginning of the NOHS program (2012). Dogs grandfathered would be awarded only the highest Level of Achievement certificate and pin that they have earned.

More information on the new NOHS Levels of Achievement will be sent in the near future. The expected launch date for the NOHS Levels of Achievement is July 1, 2020.

Modification to the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

The Board at its February meeting voted to approve a modification to the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations to allow minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers to participate in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition effective immediately.

The Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations posted on the AKC website has been updated to reflect the Board’s action. The area of the regulations impacted by this recent change is provided below for your review.

Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

Section 2. Entry and Eligibility

Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition.
Update March 12, 2020
The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 11, 2020 – indicating its significant spread throughout the world. As the situation continues to rapidly evolve, it is recommended you consult the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html or contact your local and state officials for the latest updates.

As of this update, one pet dog in China (whose owner had been diagnosed with COVID-19) has tested “weak positive” for the virus underlying this pandemic. The dog has not shown symptoms of illness and is under quarantine and care of the appropriate health officials. At this point, there is still no evidence that pets can spread COVID-19 to other animals or people.

What is a coronavirus?
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses found in both humans and animals. The name is derived from the Latin word corona, or crown, since coronavirus particles have a ring of projections resembling a royal crown or solar corona. Coronaviruses can be subdivided into groups (1-4) based on microbial organization and evolution of the virus.

What are some common coronaviruses?
- Canine enteric coronavirus (a group 1 coronavirus) is a highly contagious intestinal infection seen mostly in young puppies. It is spread by oral contact with infected feces and causes diarrhea that is self-limiting in adult dogs but can be more severe in young puppies. A vaccine is available. This virus is not contagious to other species.
- Canine respiratory coronavirus (a group 2 coronavirus) is genetically related to the common cold in humans. It is spread by direct dog to dog contact and causes acute respiratory symptoms and contributes to canine infectious respiratory disease complex (sometimes called CIRDC or kennel cough). No vaccine is available for this respiratory virus, although there are vaccines for some of the other causes of CIRDC, such as canine influenza virus, distemper virus and Bordetella. (Learn more at akcchf.org/tophealthconcerns.) Canine respiratory coronavirus is not contagious to other species.
- Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) is caused by a mutation in the otherwise innocuous feline enteric coronavirus. Due to this mutation and/or an alteration in the cat’s immune system, white blood cells become infected with the virus and create an intense inflammatory reaction throughout the body. This disease is almost always fatal. A minimally effective vaccine is available. Feline enteric coronavirus is not the same as canine enteric coronavirus and neither disease is contagious to the other species.
- SARS-CoV (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus) was first recognized in China in 2002. This virus is believed to have originated in bats before it was transmitted to civet cats and then humans. No cases have been reported worldwide since 2004.
- MERS-CoV (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus) was first reported in Saudi Arabia in 2012. Since then all cases have been linked to countries in or near the Arabian Peninsula. This virus is believed to have originated in bats before it was transmitted to dromedary camels and then humans.

What is the 2019 Novel Coronavirus?
SARS-CoV-2 is a viral infection identified as the cause of a respiratory illness outbreak first detected in Wuhan, China in 2019. The disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” or “COVID-19.” Early on, many patients had some link to a large seafood and live animal market in the area, suggesting animal-to-person spread. Later, a growing number of patients reportedly did not have exposure to animal markets, indicating person-to-person spread. This virus causes symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath in varying intensity.
The first infection with SARS-CoV-2 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring the situation and working to prevent sustained spread of SARS-CoV-2 in the United States.

**Can dogs (or other pets) contract SARS-CoV-2?**
At this time, health officials have expressed no concern about transmission to or from companion animals.

**Can I contract SARS-CoV-2 from my pet?**
Both the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) report that there is no evidence that companion animals such as pet dogs or cats can spread SARS-CoV-2.

**Can I travel with my pets or import pets from regions where cases of SARS-CoV-2 are reported?**

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service oversees international pet travel. While no specific warnings or recommendations have been issued regarding pet travel, you should consult with your local and state veterinarians about any potential risk associated with international travel.

**What can I do to keep myself and my pets safe from infectious disease?**
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.
- Isolate (keep separate) dogs that have been exposed to an animal with respiratory or intestinal illness, and those currently showing signs such as coughing, sneezing, vomiting or diarrhea. Notify your veterinarian of these signs for direction on when and how to bring your dog to the clinic for evaluation and treatment.
- Follow your veterinarian’s recommendations for preventive care, such as heartworm and flea and tick control, vaccinations, and nutrition to keep your pet as healthy as possible.
- Practice good hygiene and sanitation in your home and at all facilities where you and your pet visit.

**Summary:**
- Coronaviruses comprise a large family of viruses that affect humans and animals.
- The coronaviruses that cause diarrhea and respiratory symptoms in dogs are not the same, nor are they the same as the 2019 novel coronavirus currently in the news.
- According to the World Small Animal Veterinary Association there is “no evidence that existing [coronavirus] vaccines would protect against pathogenic [disease-causing] variants of [canine coronavirus].”
- Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) report that at this time (March 2020) there is no evidence that companion animals such as pet dogs or cats can spread SARS-CoV-2.

**References and Resources:**

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2019 Novel Coronavirus Home
- World Health Organization – Health Topics - Coronavirus
- American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) – What do you need to know about coronavirus?
- World Small Animal Veterinary Association Guidelines for The Vaccination of Dogs and Cats
- Disease Prevention at Canine Group Settings
- Coronavirus 2019-nCoV Global Cases by Johns Hopkins Center for Systems Science and Engineering

AKC Canine Health Foundation article March 12, 2020
Dear Stacey,

We are currently in uncertain times. At AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF), we take the health of our employees as priority one. The staff and office remain fully functional as we are working remotely for now, with our dogs at our sides. As a canine health supporter, you understand CHF is dedicated to advancing the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound scientific research. While we navigate the uncharted weeks ahead, we hope your confidence in CHF’s rigorous scientific work as it pertains to your dog(s) provides you reassurance. We see the critical role companion animals play in everyday life and more than ever draw upon their good health and well-being in our unknown environment today. Each day CHF and its funded researchers continue to add to the body of scientific work to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. Please stay up to date on how COVID-19 relates to your dogs, and other top health concerns and infectious disease information at the links below.

**Information for Dog Owners: COVID-19**

**Top Health Concerns & Infectious Disease Information**

With so much uncertainty, we hope your love for dogs and prioritizing their health as well as the health of you and your family remain a comforting constant. We send our best wishes from the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board and Staff.

Stay well,
Diane Brown, DVM, PhD, DACVP
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Relaxing Reading

Now that so many of us are sheltering at home except to go out for groceries and a solitary walk, let’s look at some books that may be good to read at this time.

Sirius by Jonathan Crown

Levi is a Fox Terrier living with his wealthy Jewish family, the Liliencrons, in a beautiful area of Berlin in 1938. One night Levi now named Sirius alerts the family that the Nazis are storming the city and searching houses. The family flees to California where everyone takes a job in the movie industry. Will Sirius, now a movie star named Hercules, through a series of events be able to help the German resistance in bringing down Hitler. This is a wonderful fairy tale about humanity and love.

The Friend by Sigrid Nunez

A woman loses her lifelong best friend and mentor to suicide. His only remembrance to her is a huge harlequin Great Dane. Through their despair the two become close friends and the woman is unable to leave this huge grieving dog. Even in the face of eviction the woman can not leave the dog. This is a beautiful story of the bond between a dog and a woman. I hope you read this moving story. This book won the National Book Award for fiction.

The Boy, The Mole, The fox and The Horse by Charlie Mackesy

This very small book offers inspiration and hope in these times of uncertainty. Check it out. Yes, I’ve told you about this book before, but it is one of those reads that is so pertinent to our current situation.

Here in Colorado our libraries are even closed down. Check ebooks and audio books if you can’t get to a book store. Your independent bookshop probably has an app you can put on your tablet for these electronic books.
March 27, 2020


The COVID-19 outbreak and rapidly evolving policy responses are having a significant impact on the lives of dog owners around the country. The AKC Government Relations Department remains committed to keeping you up to date on the latest information impacting you and your dogs.

Our new COVID-19 resources page in the AKC Legislative Action Center provides a wealth of timely news and information to keep you informed, including:

- Updates on state legislative activity. Are you wondering if your state is going to be considering animal bills soon? Check our legislative status link (updated daily) to see if your legislature is currently in session - or when they plan to return.
- Updates on stay-at-home orders - Has your state instituted a stay-at-home order? What does that mean for finding dog food or essential pet services? AKC GR is maintaining a list (updated daily) of each state's actions on this issue.
- Ideas on ways to be effective advocates from home - We provide a list of easy, effective things you can do at home to continue to protect your rights as a dog owner.

These are just a few of the many resources we provide on this page - and we are continuing to update it with new information. We encourage you to share this page with your club members and fellow dog owners for the latest news and alerts impacting your dogs during this time.

We also encourage you to check out the rest of our Legislative Action Center (www.akcgr.org) for the latest legislative alerts and materials/resources on canine legislative issues.

AKC Government Relations continues to work to protect your dogs and your rights and to keep you informed. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact us at doglaw@akc.org or at (919) 816-3720.

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The opportunity to love a dog and to treat it with kindness is an opportunity for a lost and selfish heart to be redeemed. They are powerless and innocent, and it is how we treat the humblest among us that surely determines the fate of our souls.

Dean Koontz

AZ Quotes
Thank you Mary Frances Martin and your wonderful pups for the great article on training during this pandemic. A perfect article for these times we are all Do you have any pictures of your TT’s playing, running, snoozing, etc. Your pictures add so much to the newsletter. You don’t really want to see my dogs over and over again. Anyone got a funny story they want to tell us about. Send it to me or call me and we can discuss it.

I have an article coming from Dr. Greg Burns, a well known reproduction vet in this area. It should be in the next newsletter. I hope! I’ve also got several stories that should be fun and take our minds away from coronavirus.

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Due Date May 15th
Hope

On Monday Castle Rock, a town south of Denver, decided to light their Christmas star every night during the pandemic to signify hope during this terrible time. By Wednesday, Loveland decided to light their star on top of Namaqua Mountain and Boulder has their star shining every night on top of Flagstaff Mountain. Every night these stars shine along the front range showing hope for every person, not just those in Colorado but all over the world.

Many of us and our family members are health care workers and first responders - real heroes, not television make believe heroes. To everyone we can only say stay safe. Take care of your animals, family members, and friends. Let’s talk again in May and June.