Hello, Tashi Delek (བཀར་ཤིས་བདེ་ལགས།།)

We as individuals and as a nation are facing so many difficult challenges. As I watch the news it seems trite to be addressing the membership as to the club’s updated activities. Yet, this is a family that supports each other no matter the strife. We are a solid community and we are here for each other.

Dog Shows and Breed Clubs are a “safe haven” for all of us, taking us away from the everyday chaotic stressful world. It is here that we build capacity to do what is right for our breed. It is here we share our compassion, love, and celebration of our dogs freely; it is here that we embrace inclusiveness of all no matter the various beliefs. As 2020 moves forward and we see the list of show cancellations and the lack of national specialties, let’s work hard to support and encourage each other with kindness, as we are all longing to be together. Let’s reach out send an e-mail, card, or even a phone call to a member that you have not seen in awhile. The Dalai Lama said, “I see with ever greater clarity, that our spiritual well-being depends not on religion, but on our innate human nature, our natural affinity for goodness, compassion and caring for others.”

Your TTCA Board continues to move forward taking positive steps. We have met at least bi-monthly via teleconferencing. Board Member teams have taken on various tasks to make sure TTCA is addressing the needs of our membership. The Annual Board Meeting will be held on August 2, 2020 via zoom. Unfortunately, our Annual Meeting will not take place because of COVID-19. The TTCA Board Meeting actions will be documented in our next newsletter. Any critical decisions will be sent out via e-mail to all members and posted on our TTCA FB page, if needed.
President’s Message con’t

Ron Pankiewicz and Dee Travella have been diligently working on the Procedural Manual. Updating this document takes time and patience. Once completed we will continue to keep the manual current. Thank you Ron and Dee.

The next task of the Board is to review the By-Laws to make certain we are in compliance with AKC, as well as, making certain we address national emergencies. This update will be included in our National Specialty Guidelines Manual, too. As we have learned, these new updates are critical in negotiating contracts.

Claire Coppola, Dee Travella, and Joyce Killinger have been working on updating the Futurity requirements and forms, which can now be completed and submitted on line. Thank you ladies.

Paul Soderman and Sheryl Getman have taken the work of Claire, Dee, and Joyce and included it in the TTCA website. Paul and Sheryl continue to work on the ever evolving website. Thank you for your diligence.

We now have an editor for the AKC Gazette. Sonam Kushner has agreed to write the articles for the gazette. We are grateful to Sonam. We know her writings will be appreciated by all. Thank you Sonam for agreeing to do this work.

Meet the Breeds in Orlando has been canceled for 2020. The AKC is currently making hard decisions regarding this event in other cities as well. This event attracts thousands of people who want to see all of the breeds, but at this time one can’t even fathom the consequences of so many people being gathered in once location.

As we move through the pandemic it has been uplifting to follow the FB blog of Judith Keagle Fisher and the “Unfortunate Events of Indiannabel the TT”. Through this blog that is followed by hundreds, Annabel takes us away from our worries and introduces us to her disbarked attorney GR brother, Dr. Meowchi, Big Buns, and of course Betti Yetti. Needless to say Annabel loves her Milos Meatballs and taking us on many adventures.

A big shout out to Deidre Philpot for making the most adorable TT masks. She donates $5.00 for every mask that she makes. Every time I wear mine, I receive compliments and am asked who made that for you? Thank you Deidre.

The amazing Lee Bernstein has championed a fundraiser for Rescue on FB. If one donates to Rescue, Lee will create a front cover of a “magazine” and list the attributes of your dog. You can find her work on the Tibetan Terrier FB page. Lee’s goal was to raise $1000, but she has exceeded that goal and is heading for $3500. If you would like to have your dog featured, PM Lee.

As you know we committed to a $2500 donation to the AKC Museum of the Dog. This donation is for a plaque on the wall for TTCA. We need to continue to pay off our commitment. If each one of us would send in the amount of 1 dog show entry to our treasurer, Jim Lenchner, we could pay this commitment off. This could be our COVID-19 fundraiser! Please consider this request.

A couple of reminders: if you have not paid your annual dues, please do so. Additionally, Smile Amazon, is a wonderful way to help TTHWF. To date the Amazon Donation has raised $4,035.67 for our foundation. Since many of us are shopping on line this is an easy way to support TTHWF.
Let’s all take the time to reflect on what we can do to help each other. Many of us are basically quarantined or fearful because of age or health issues. Many of us have restricted travel limiting us from seeing family and friends. Our dogs like us being home, yet they are missing the activities that they enjoyed. My dogs are missing their therapy visits, seeing their special friends at the nursing home through a window is not the same as the one-to-one contact for special pats and belly rubs. I am sure many of your dogs are missing performance; obedience, conformation, and group play dates.

This is pandemic has created stress in our lives on many levels. Our dogs bring us PEACE; hold your dogs’ close and think kindness for all in this divisive world.

Know I am thinking of you and your dogs everyday and send positive thoughts that we will all be together soon to celebrate, Tibetan Terriers, friendship and life. Please remain safe.

Karen

“We are alone, absolutely alone on this chance planet: and, amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us.”

Maurice Maeterlinck
Associate Member Applications

Ashly Erickson-Keaweehu, of Kailua, HI, has submitted her application for Associate Membership. Ashly acquired her first TT in 2009 and is currently a co-breeder with Manapua Kennels. She has been exhibiting TTs in conformation for the past ten years.

Wendy Schofield-Ching, of Honolulu, HI, has submitted her application for Associate Membership. She has owned two TTs over the past 19 years and, while supporting responsible breeding programs and teaching others about TTs, she has no current plans to become a breeder. Wendy has exhibited in conformation for the last three years.

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:

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Sponsors: The application forms can be confusing so please assist the people you sponsor to ensure the applications 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.

Still need to renew your TTCA membership for 2020-2021? You’re in luck!

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the TTCA Board has extended this year’s deadline to August 28, 2020. If you haven’t done so already, please remit your dues now to avoid having to reapply for membership. (Individual $40, Household $55)

All of our TTCA committees, as well as the Board, strive to provide our members with valuable tools, health information, fun activities, an annual journal that includes statistics on our breed and news updates from AKC. Your involvement in the club is important and your membership matters!

For questions or to refer potential new members, please contact Amy Crane, Membership Chair.
galenatt@gmail.com
In Memory of “Charlie Cheesecake” who made Paul Burbidge’s and everyone’s life better by being with us. From Jeanette Shown.

In Memory of “Bailey” Manfredonia from Karen Tromblee.

In Loving Memory of Paul Burbidge’s wonderful TT pal, “Charlie Cheesecake” from Molly Sartori.

In Memory of “Bruce” Cleary 2006-2020 from Winifer Hogge.

In Honor of Paul Burbidge and “Charlie Cheesecake” from Jane Goodell.

In Memory of “Archie” my true love from Karen Fishel.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD ELECTIONS NOTICE**

If you are interested in being considered for an Officer or Board position of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America for the term beginning March 1, 2021, please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Flossie Barczewski, flossiebar@comcast.net by September 7, 2020.
Purina Parent Club Partnership Program

The Purina Parent Club Partnership Program supports AKC Canine Health Foundation research in partnership with national breed clubs (including TTCA) and their members who participate in the PPCP through Purina Pro Club. Since 2002, more than $7 million has been raised for canine health research, education and rescue efforts through the PPCP.

Support the AKC Canine Health Foundation, the TTCA and TT health research by submitting Purina proofs of purchase

Participating Pro Club members earn Purina Points by submitting proofs of purchase from qualifying Purina pet foods. For every $100 of qualifying Purina Points earned by Pro Club members, Purina donates $10 to the participating national parent club, in which half goes to the breed club and half to the club’s Donor Advised Fund at the AKC Canine Health Foundation. (Participation in PPCP does not reduce the points members earn in their personal Pro Club Rewards Program.)

How to Participate

You must be a Purina Pro Club Member to participate. If you are not yet a Purina Pro Club member, and you are a breeder or care for 5 or more dogs, you can apply at PurinaProClub.com or 1-877-PRO-CLUB

Pro Club members can log into their account at PurinaProClub.com and declare their participation in the program and identify the Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc. as the breed parent club that will receive their Purina Points.

Submitting proofs of purchase is easier than ever as receipts can now be uploaded online at: purinaproclub.com/submit-receipt.

This is your quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification. Your charity, Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation, recently received a quarterly donation of $263.39 thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com.

To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of:
$4,035.67 to Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation
$183,120,221.33 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 May 27, 2020.
Announcing the Addition of Rally Intermediate to the AKC Rally® Virtual Program

The AKC Rally Department is excited to announce the expansion of the AKC Rally Virtual Program to include the Rally Intermediate class. Rally Intermediate is the next level of AKC Rally above the entry-level Rally Novice class. The Rally Virtual Program was announced three months ago and the positive response to it has been tremendous.

As with Rally Novice, the Rally Intermediate competitor sets up a pre-designed AKC Rally® course, records the team’s performance, and submits it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team’s Rally performance.

Rally Intermediate is open to all dogs six months of age and older that have earned the Rally Novice (RN) title but have not earned an AKC Rally Advanced (RA) title.

There are five pre-designed courses published on the AKC website for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will setup the course according to the Instructions provided and with answers to the commonly asked questions in the FAQ document. They will video the performance, upload the video to their personal YouTube account, set the required YouTube viewing options, and submit the video link with the online entry form and pay the fee electronically to AKC.

Once the entry form is received, the video link will be assigned to a judge for review. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog’s AKC record and applied toward the three required for the Rally Intermediate (RI) title.

The virtual Rally program is planned to end at midnight December 31, 2020 and all video submissions must be received by that date and time. We are excited to offer this virtual option to our Rally Intermediate exhibitors!

If you have questions, please email us at Rally-VRE@akc.org.

Wishing you lots of fun in your Rally runs!

Sincerely,
AKC Companion Events Team
2021 TTCA Calendar

To purchase a calendar please **send a $20.00 check (made out to TTCA)** along with your name and address to

Jane Goodell, 465 Middle Road #91 Farmington, CT 06032.

A calendar will be mailed to you. Any questions contact Jane at janegoodell46@gmail.com.
The Learning Cluster
Lazy E Arena  Guthrie, OK

With a focus on meeting facility, Local and State regulations and applying event specific best practices, successful shows can be held with high priority given to safety. The rules must be clearly explained in the premium and through signage at the event. Judges, exhibitors and organizers must be aware of the expectations and not deviate. Working together to enhance the safety for all resulted in an enjoyable event.

Sign stacks on the floor to remind exhibitors what is expected. These towers were placed at the main entrances and throughout the floor.

Floor markings provided social distancing reference markers. Markers include white arrows to show the flow of the ring. Next is a white line to indicate six foot spacing with the neighboring ring. Finally, there are 6-foot markers (orange dashes) to provide reference points for exhibitors to social distance during the judging.
Self-serve armband tables at the ring entrances.

Ribbons are laid out for the exhibitor to pick-up as they exit the ring.

Exhibitors using social distancing markers on the ground to maintain safe distances.
Plexi-glass screens were used to protect exhibitors and officials.

A few weeks ago AKC, Jack Onofrio Superintendent, and three Oklahoma kennel clubs combined to see if it was possible to produce a safe dog show following all of the public health rules. From all accounts, it was a successful show using social distancing both in and outside the rings. Masks were worn by all participants and lots of hand sanitizer could be seen around rings. Only 1200 entries were allowed at each show and there were special invitations for show chairmen to show their dogs at these shows. Many also worked as stewards to learn how dogs and handlers could safely bring their dogs in and out of the rings.

These pictures give you an idea how the COVID-19 dog show will probably look.
Lutheran comfort dogs bring compassion, care during disasters

Cathleen Falsani

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (RNS) — Early on the morning of Nov. 8, Bonnie Fear awoke at her home in Colorado to a two-word text message from Rich Martin, director of K-9 Ministries for Lutheran Church Charities in Chicago.

"Call me."

Something terrible had happened, and Fear knew she was about to be deployed to wherever it was.

In no time, Fear was on a plane headed to Los Angeles, along with Cubby, the 4-year-old golden retriever she handles for the Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry, and their ministry partner Carol Salander. Hours earlier, a mass shooting at the Borderline Bar and Grill in suburban Thousand Oaks had claimed the lives of a dozen people, including students from California Lutheran and Pepperdine universities.

Cubby and her handlers are part of the Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry run by Lutheran Church Charities of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

The ministry has more than 130 specially trained golden retrievers in 20 states, most of them owned and cared for by individual Lutheran congregations. Cubby’s home congregation is Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, Colo.

“Our mission is to bring the mercy, compassion, and presence to those who are suffering,” said Martin, who has been part of the comfort dog ministry since its inception shortly after Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

“When we leave the house, God’s sending us, he’s deploying us.”

When Lutheran Church Charities disaster teams responded to the devastation along the coast of Louisiana and Mississippi 13 years ago, the Federal Emergency Management Agency asked them to help rescue people stranded by floodwaters who wouldn’t leave their homes without their pets.

“We started to see that canine-human bond at that time, and over the next few years we also started to see some other people who had their own dogs that were working with people in times of stress and grief,” Martin said.

After a mass shooting killed five students and injured 21 others at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb on Valentine’s Day 2008, a campus minister asked Martin whether he could find a few therapy dogs to bring to the school for a few hours to comfort students.

That was the birth of the Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry. It started with four golden retrievers, the first of which was placed with a congregation in Hawthorne Woods, Ill.
Beginning when they’re 8 weeks old, the comfort dogs undergo 2,000 hours of training before they’re deployed in a crisis, whether it’s a natural disaster or a human-made calamity such as a mass shooting. In recent years, the dogs and their handlers have been deployed to a series of disasters, including hurricanes Sandy and Harvey, the deadly tornado in Joplin, Mo., the Boston Marathon bombing and the Parkland, Sandy Hook and Las Vegas mass shootings.

When they’re not deployed to disasters, the comfort dogs work daily with people of all ages in various settings from convalescent homes and veterans' hospitals to juvenile courthouses and schools. Increasingly, they are called upon to provide solace to students and teachers after a child completes suicide, Martin said.

By late afternoon on Nov. 8, Cubby, six other golden retrievers and a dozen handlers from Illinois, Nevada and Northern California had arrived at the university chapel in Thousand Oaks for the standing-room-only vigil.

The K9 ministry team decamped in the narthex with the dogs — Cubby, Hannah, Lois, Emma, Jacob, Ruthie and Aaron — and invited grieving, shellshocked students and others to interact with the dogs.

“‘There was this girl that came out — she had her arm in a sling. I said, ‘Come here; would you like to pet the dog?’ and she said, ‘Yes,’ so we cleared a path and she sat in the chair and we brought Cubby right up to her,’” Fear recalled. Cubby did her signature move — putting her head down and leaning into the girl’s body. Fear calls it her “golden hug.” Salander and Fear silently comforted the girl, who told them her name was Taylor, while she petted Cubby. After a few minutes, Fear told Taylor that Cubby is good at keeping secrets in case she had anything she wanted to get off her chest.

Taylor told Cubby she had been at the Borderline on the night of the shooting and didn’t think she was going to get out.

“'But my friend didn't,'” Fear recalls Taylor saying.

Taylor’s friend was Justin Meek, a 22-year-old graduate of Cal Lutheran who died trying to save others from the shooter inside the country-western bar. Fear and others from the comfort dog ministry comforted the girl and cried with her, too. All the while, Cubby sat at her feet, a constant force of calm and comfort.

“You could see it was a release for her,” Fear said. “You see that little glimmer of hope in their eyes. You see the hurt and then it changes to hope and a smile. It’s that easy. It’s just that presence. We show up.”

The Lutheran Comfort Dog Ministry team deployed to southern California to help the victims of the Borderline shooting on Nov. 8, and ended up responding to a second disaster when wildfires broke out the next day, forcing thousands of residents of Thousand Oaks, Malibu, and surrounding areas to evacuate.
The morning after the Lutheran Comfort Dogs team arrived in Thousand Oaks to respond to the mass shooting, massive wildfires broke out in the Simi and San Fernando valleys adjacent to Cal Lutheran and Pepperdine in nearby Malibu, forcing the evacuation of tens of thousands of people. The team extended its stay to attend to the needs of fire victims and first responders. Many of them not only had attended the scene of the shootings at Borderline but also had to evacuate from their homes because of the massive fires. Some even had lost their homes to the very fires they were battling.

The K-9 team brought the golden retrievers to comfort fire victims at evacuation shelters, including a youth center in Thousand Oaks that, days earlier, had served as a reunification center where families of the Borderline victims had waited to learn whether their loved ones had survived the shootings.

“It’s so important when you’re involved in this kind of disaster to have a means to (find) comfort,” said Cindy Huge, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross who was on the scene in Thousand Oaks earlier this week. “A resident who’s been affected by the fire, they don’t really want to talk the first couple of days. But if you bring a comfort dog in, they’ll sit down, hug the dog, and maybe they’ll start talking.”

Barb Granado of Arlington Heights, Ill., agreed. She brought comfort dog Hannah to Thousand Oaks.

Quite often people just want to pet the dog, and then they open up.”

Cubby (who also is specially trained to work in the Lutherans’ Kare 9 Military Ministry) was named after a veteran. After five days in southern California, the comfort dogs and their handlers headed home to await their next call.

Aaron, one of the comfort dogs who is based at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Napa, Calif., was already on his way to his next deployment: the enormous “Camp Fire” in Northern California’s Butte County, where wildfire has decimated the town of Paradise, claiming the lives of at least 59 people as of midday Thursday (Nov. 15).

“People say, ‘You’ve come all this way just for us? Why?’ That’s the most consistent comment I’ve heard,” said Fear, who has been on seven deployments in two years — her first was to Orlando, Fla., after the Pulse nightclub shooting in 2016.
He is your friend, your partner,
your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love, his leader.
He will be yours, faithful and true,
To the last beat of his heart.
You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

*Author Unknown*

The dog modeling the mask is my girl Mika. Thanks for actually letting me take your picture with the mask. I’m proud of you punk.

Cubby, the Golden Retriever in the comfort dog story lives fairly close to me. She can often be seen in Scheel’s sporting goods store with one of her handlers. These dogs are owned by the Lutheran church not by the person handling them. They are always asked or invited to disasters often by first responders at the disaster. Through the years the reputation of these comfort dogs has grown, so that they are well known now for their work with all people no matter their religion.

All information articles, and pictures for the September/October newsletter are due to: Elise Kind
elisebethk1063@gmail.com

**September 16th**

Anyone have some information or an article on scent work. Dogs love to do scent work. Let’s see if we can get an article or two about this fun sport. Any articles on therapy dogs. I know some of you have wonderful therapy dogs. Let’s have some pictures and an article.