



Russell Quarterly

Letter from the President

Dear Members,

We are pleased to announce the ARTC will be represented at the New York "Meet the Breeds" with a special thank you to Patti Bradford for participating. In addition Terry Crow - White and Billie Sumrell will be representing our club in Raleigh, NC for their "Meet the Breeds" in September, again thank you to Terry and Billie for their participation in helping us move the breed forward. Due to the work of Laura Adams, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, the Russells will be awarded AKC Medallions at the Eukanuba finals competing in Agility and Obedience. Thank you Laura for making this possible. Jeanne Nickison will be presenting the Russell Terrier in Ontario, Ca. in conjunction with Orange Empire Dog Club RDOD event, thank you Jeanne.



As you all know our Standard was sent to the membership for final approval passing with an overwhelming majority. One major task to be completed before moving into Misc. The response to our Standard from many expert sources and Fanciers

has been very positive. We are aware their have been concerns from the European Community and will be addressing those concerns in the upcoming months.

The AKC "Responsible Dog Ownership" month is fast approaching. This is a very integral part of our Community service to the Sport of Purebred Dogs. We will be contacting members to organize events in their areas which may go well into October.

The ARTC will be hosting our National Specialty in Claremont, CA. November 20, 2009. Complete details will be coming soon posted on our website.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Stoll
Founder, Pres. ARTC



Kelli Van Liew
Interim Editor



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Coming soon:
Awards
RDOD

Support Your Club

Memberships see Page 19 for the application. Getting the newsletter and keeping an eye on the website helps to let you know when your club's events are scheduled.

A volunteer is needed to organize Responsible Dog Ownership Days.

Youth Member



We Did It! But We've Only Just Begun

by Terry Crowe-White

Let me preface my remarks with a little information about myself. I am 60 years old, and I've been in dogs all my life. Some of my earliest memories are of my father, an AKC licensed, all-breed, professional handler, getting dogs ready to go to shows. I spent so many days in the kennel, and weekends on the road at shows, I was probably in my teens before I realized you could get hotdogs without hair as a condiment. My dad later became an AKC licensed Superintendent, and even later on, so did I. I spent my entire life learning to respect people, authority, democracy, and the American Kennel Club – not necessarily in that order. I am not now, nor have I ever been “anybody.” I'm a nobody, and the vast majority of people in the dog world have never heard of me, nor will they. I've been trying to learn everything I can absorb about this wonderful little breed we all love, since I was in my teens and traveling to horse shows and barns, where I met my first Russell, and fell in love. I acquired my first Russell, a red and white smooth bitch, in 1997. I bred my first litter in 2006. I'm a relative newcomer to the breed – but not to the sport.

Our “founding fathers” (actually they were mostly mothers) worked, fought, and struggled for more years than most of us realize to attain the “holy grail” of AKC recognition for our breed, and at

long last, we were approved for FSS registration, followed quite swiftly by inclusion in the Miscellaneous Class competition at AKC sanctioned dog shows. HOO-RAY!! If we will now get out there and show our dogs that best fit our Standard at AKC shows, full recognition will surely follow in comparatively short order.

But we've still got a lot of hard work to do, and the future of our breed depends on us completing the task. AKC recognition and approval of a Standard does not automatically confer knowledge on those who have never studied our breed, and just because a respected judge is knowledgeable in enough breeds to be qualified to judge a Group or Best-In-Show, it doesn't mean he instinctively knows what is proper and correct for a “new” breed.

“But, he's got the written Standard to tell him all that,” some say. Well and good, but I can write a complete and carefully detailed description of a drop-dead gorgeous sunset on an island in the South Pacific and the mental image the reader forms will probably be quite different from what I actually saw. Likewise, though carefully structured and worded, our Standard is wide-open to interpretation and imagination—think about the blind man and the elephant.

My unabashed Professional Smart-A** Dictionary defines a Camel as a horse designed by a committee. Unless we want our

breed defined and designed by that same committee, we've got quite a lot of work to do between now and January 1, 2010. This is where I should probably make some inspirational and noble statement like “We must do this for the good of the breed.” But I'm a realist. I know that to an alarming number of people in the dog world “for the good of the breed” frequently means “for the good of my position in the breeder's hall of fame.” I don't subscribe to that school of thought, because I've known enough truly successful breeders in our sport to understand that their passion was exclusively for the dogs. I've known a lot of “rich” people in our fancy, but they had the money before they got into dogs. The same is true for the “rich” horse-people I know. I can tell you in 25 words or less how to end up with a million dollars in dogs or horses. Start with 10 million.

What is “good for the breed” is a widespread, profusely illustrated, educational program that demonstrates to the eye what the words spinning in the brain look like in the flesh. It will take an enormous cooperative effort, and many, many dogs, both of correct and not-so-correct type. The first step toward that program is going to be the most difficult – because we need to agree upon what is not only “correct,” but also “acceptable” and “unacceptable” when visually compared to the written Standard. Unless we put aside our self-interests we are

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doomed. Our "Official Standard" was prepared by our own officers and members, we acknowledged their expertise by the very fact that we selected them to serve on the committee. Their description of our breed was approved by an overwhelming majority of our members. Our duty as members is to accept the majority opinion as correct and "good for the breed." It doesn't mean we're not still entitled to our opinion, it simply means putting self-interest and self-importance aside for the good of the breed. Our job as members is to participate in the promotion of our breed and educating ourselves and others about our breed – especially those whose show ring decisions will have a major impact on what our breed becomes.

This is a good spot to address those who continue to wail that AKC recognition will "ruin the breed." Well, yes, I suppose it can . . . but only if we allow and encourage it to happen. We prevent our breed from becoming something different by actively supporting the Standard which we have approved and which AKC has accepted as the definitive description. We accomplish that by getting on the same page, and concentrating on the improvement of the breed in the United States by breeding dogs that more closely and uniformly fit the Standard which we have adopted. Our dog shows are ruled by American registries, our Standard was written for an

American audience. Comparison of our Standard to those originally approved by foreign registries proves that we are talking about the same dog – but some of those registries have revised, and re-revised, their Standards to fit the dogs their breeders are producing, rather than penalizing competitors for consistently producing dogs that just don't adequately fit the Standard. There's where your breed is ruined – not by the registering body, but by breeders, especially the irresponsible ones. Our breed has long been enormously popular and there has been a significant impact on what the public, including a prospective judge, sees as a "typical" Russell Terrier through the helter-skelter and improper breeding methods employed by the unknowing, the all-knowing, the uncaring and the unscrupulously profit motivated.

When we say slightly longer than tall – is the emphasis on "slightly" or "longer?" Is a Russell supposed to be half a dog high by a dog and a half long? How much longer is "slightly?" Is it like a Dachshund? (Lovely dogs really, and I understand they come in wire-coat too.) Percentages were never my strong suit, *show me the picture!* Is a strong under-jaw really heavy and coarse, or is it refined yet well-muscled over strong bone? Show Me! Is "refined" snikey, or well-chiseled, being neither snikey nor coarse? By the way, what is "coarse?" Show me! If my dog is otherwise genuinely better constructed and a better mover than the other dogs

in the ring, will his just-a-bit-high ear set make him automatically out of the running – judged to be inferior to a dog with a great head-piece but who is cow-hocked and travels a little funny? Do foxes or other vermin care how his ears or tail are screwed on – will they laugh? My dog is the image of the breed standard conformation-wise, but he's too aggressive or too shy or too "wired" – is that something I want to exhibit as the ideal and to reproduce? These are only a few of the "silly" questions we must address by clear and concise illustration. There are many, many more, and the answers we provide will determine whether our breed is "ruined" or not. What happens in the show ring will make that decision for us, so it's of critical importance to provide wise and clear to these seriously silly questions. It's the dogs that win that determine the future of a breed, and many of the current "Champions" out there are severely lacking in comparison to our Standard – or any other standard in any other country. We must teach ourselves and others by visual means what an ideal Russell is, and since none of us has yet produced absolute perfection in every part of just one dog of any breed – we're going to have to feature a lot of dogs, pointing out the one perfect or nearly perfect thing each dog contributes to the whole picture. We're also going to have to illustrate how much wrong is too wrong to be acceptable. It's a great big job, people! But we have



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to get it right!

As we prepare and produce our Illustrated Guide to the Standard, we must also take into account that our breed has a variety of coat types – we all have our personal preferences in that area, too – I happen to be breeding Smooth Coats. I already know that my dogs will be at a disadvantage in the show ring because Broken Coated dogs currently dominate the show market. But the Standard clearly includes three coat types with no preference designated. Will our Illustrated Guide show dogs with all coat types – or are we going to concentrate only on photos of titled dogs with broken-coats? What about roughs? We are a diverse and complex group, we “Russellers.” We all have our own opinions, and we’re entitled to them. But we *must* unite behind our approved Standard if our breed is to survive intact. It is time, now, for *all* of us to *really* work together “in the best interests of our breed.”

I didn’t vote for Barack Obama – but he’s my President because a majority of my fellow “members” of the United States Voters Club did. I don’t spend my time whining about how wrong the majority is, nor complaining about how the country is going to be ruined, or hoping he fails. That would be, ultimately, self-destructive. I support his presidency in the best interests of my country. Our

situation in ARTC is absolutely parallel to our last national election – except that the popular vote count in the election was comparatively much closer than the vote on the Standard for our breed. Please, let’s get over it and move on. Dissension from within will destroy our club and our breed, not AKC recognition.

Other new Parent Clubs have faced the same situations and problems that we now face – virtually all of them have. Our reputation is at stake, just as theirs were. Some of them had a great deal of disagreement among themselves, but they survived through the united efforts of their members who were more interested in their breed than in how much control they had over it or how many dollars they could put in their pockets through ridiculously high priced puppy sales. Our entire breed is getting a bad rap in the dog world because we seem to have, as we say in the South, “a gracious sufficiency” of contentious and overbearing know-it-alls flooding the internet and other venues with misinformation. There’s way too much “dissing” out there, and huge numbers of people are both rightly and wrongly influenced by what is written on web sites, forums and blogs. When I started down the road to registration and recognition, I visited many web sites and I was very nearly turned off entirely by the vicious commentaries appearing on some of them.

Our club is the American Russell Terrier Club, it is affiliated with

the American Kennel Club, it’s membership is mostly comprised of people living within the United States. Our Standard applies to the judging of dog shows held in the United States. Disqualification and/or excusal from the breed show ring in the United States does not doom our dogs to neutering or death – all it means is that it should be representing our breed in other classes instead. That DQ’d dog is still eligible to compete in Obedience classes, Agility and Earth Dog Trials, he’s also still a great pet for someone – and there’s no real reason why that dog shouldn’t be allowed to reproduce because he’s a ½” too small or an inch too tall (though some DQ defects should keep a dog out of the gene pool.) We all have dogs in our breeding programs that won’t quite cut it in the conformation ring – does that mean we should fight to revise the Standard? Not in my estimation. In my opinion it only means we need to work harder, look at our dogs more critically, learn more about genetics, and improve the quality of our dogs through improving our breeding programs. The final responsibility rests on us to make the choices that will improve our breed specimens across the board, relying on strict interpretation of our Standard and adherence to it.

Many other AKC breeds began with an influx of “foreign dogs,” and ours is no different. A “new” breed here is popularized originally with dogs registered

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in other countries, and as that population grows through selective breeding it becomes more popularly recognized and recognizable. The Parent Clubs of those breeds were faced with the same dilemma that our breed now faces – are those dogs imported from the country of breed origin and development universally better than our “home-made” dogs? There is a subliminal message built in when someone announces they’ve acquired a dog from the “old country.” We tend to immediately focus on the idea that because it is imported from wherever, it naturally follows that it is a definitive representative of the ideal. WRONG! Though there are a huge number of high quality dogs elsewhere, few of them are sold to breeders in the United States. Think about it – if you have a puppy that appears to be the best specimen of your breed that you’ve ever laid eyes on, and it’s *your* breeding – are you really going to ship that world shaking pup halfway around the world for somebody else to make a name with? I’m dedicated to improving the quality of my breed, but not *that* dedicated – and neither is Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Mountbatten, or Mrs. O’Reilly.

In the early years of the American Kennel Club and American dog shows there were, naturally, many more “new breeds” than there are today, and imported specimens of those breeds grew to dominate the competition at shows. Domestically bred dogs

of superior quality were frequently overlooked, many times due to the skills of a Professional Handler with the imported dog overwhelming the less polished skills of the handler of the home-bred – that foreign dog just *looked better* as it moved around the ring. The end result was that AKC, in its wisdom, created two new classes for breed shows – the American-Bred and Bred-By-Exhibitor classes leveled the playing field, and American dogs, and dog shows, improved across the board. It remains a distinction of note to win the breed, let alone “finish” a dog exclusively from those two classes. And if it turns into a Best-in-Show winner? WOW! That’s HEADLINES!

I’m not saying we shouldn’t be looking abroad to expand the gene pool – I’m simply saying that animals from “over there” are very similar to animals over here, and, just like over here, there are far fewer show quality (let alone Best-in-Show quality) dogs than there are great pets available for sale. What I am saying is simply “pay attention” and be true to our breed. If that expensive import isn’t a far better specimen of the breed than what is available in the U.S., well, what’s the point? Glory? Or impressing others with the fact that you *have* thousands to spend on a crapshoot? Not for me, thank you. Most of us have a serious need to recoup what we spent on that dog, and it *will* influence what we do – in direct relationship to the size of the Visa bill. Neither am I going to depend on my first, or any other litter of puppies produced by this or any

other dog to refurbish my kennel, add a room to my house, and put my kids through college. As I said earlier, I don’t know anybody who ever got rich from being in the dog business, but I do know plenty who started out with a modest income and one dog, which they showed, then bred, and after years of frustrated infighting and trying, ended up with a bad taste in their mouths, virtually no savings and one dog of several breeds, never to attend a dog show again. What we do, how we behave, has far more impact than we imagine.

When I was a child, it was commonplace to know people who had been devoted to one breed for 20, 30 or more years. Newcomers to our fancy in those days worked hard to produce the same quality of dogs those breeders did, and they stayed with it for 20, 30 or more years. That mind-set was universally applied in that day and time – a car lasted ten years, you bought a house and that was home forever, your grandparents bought the house you went to on holidays back when they were first married 50 years before. Our mind set is different now, we require instant gratification. If at first we don’t succeed, forget it, move on to something different. We devote more of our time to the improvement of our finances than the improvement of our stock. Most new-



Articles

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comers to our world are leaving it after just a very few disillusioning years. We are more focused on our own significance *in the breed* than the significance *of the breed*. In the immortal words of Pogo, "We have met the enemy, and he is us!"

I pride myself on being an equal opportunity offender, and if I've spoken out of turn, that's typical. If I've stepped on toes, that's typical too, and I fully expect (even encourage) commentary. If the guilt fits, wear it, but not as a badge of honor. In journeys of extreme importance, the squeaky wheel gets replaced. What we require at this time and place of extreme importance in our breed's history and development is unity in a common cause as determined, defined and guided by the majority. We must become and remain united in our efforts to cooperate for the expansion of the knowledge base both within and outside the cloister we've built for ourselves – that's truly in the best interests of the breed.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Crowe-White, Crowe's Nest Kennel, Pittsboro, North Carolina

Russell Terrier 3rd Place in Surfing Competition

The 4th annual Lowes Coronado Bay Resort Surf Dog Competition held at Imperial Beach, Ca. was held June 22, 2009. Dogs came from all over the US to compete. Kia a Russell Terrier owned by Rene Bruce placed 3rd in the small surf dogs, 40 lbs and under. Each dog had 3 waves or chances to impress the judges. They were scored on confidence level, length of ride, and overall ability to "grip it and rip it". All proceeds from the event was donated to the Modest Needs Foundation, an inspirational organization to prevent poverty before it happens. The versatility of the Russell Terrier can't be limited by our lack of imagination

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AT THE DOOR

Kleenex Warning

They were at the door. Her little dog was growling softly. She tried to hush the sound. She knew what they wanted. She felt

as though her heart was being ripped from her chest. She had managed to hide her little friend for years. She shared her food and bed with her. She had bought her on the black market. It had cost her dearly but it was worth it.

She had been so alone. Nothing to love her or for her to love in return. Her children had grown up and forgotten her. Her husband had died two years before she found Sweetie. Sweetie had been a tiny black and tan ball of fur showing her Yorkshire Terrier background. Of course, she knew that Sweetie could not be pure-bred. There had been no pure-bred dogs for years. There were few dogs since the breeders had been slowly and methodically beaten down.

When this first started, everyone sat back and said they could not possibly be the breeders they were talking about. After all, they loved their dogs and they were not puppy mills. They would never let themselves be overloaded with dogs. Some of them did not get overloaded nor did they breed more than a litter or two a year. They were smug and secure in that only the puppy mills were being raided.

The raids were relentless. They would take place in one state then another. The dog raiders got smarter with every raid. They learned about warrants, the court system, the law in different states and they used whatever means they could to eliminate the breeders of dogs. Some people thought the raiders were dog lovers trying to save the poor mistreated puppies. Some of

them were dog lovers, at first. The well-meaning rescue groups were used. The American Kennel Club was used. They would revoke the rights of the breeder who was raided. Kennel clubs were infiltrated and destroyed from within. The very fiber of the dog world was silently unraveled one string at a time.

Everyone would rise to arms against every breeder raided. Saying things like that terrible person mistreated those poor dogs; that person had too many dogs; and that person is crazy. If the truth were not provoking enough they would lie and say that person should die. They campaigned by e-mail, petitioned the courts, and used political pull. Even when common sense would tell them that they did not know the facts or circumstances, they persist. They would see fat happy tail wagging dogs and would say abused dogs. They no longer believed their own eyes. The dogs tried to tell the truth but no one could hear them.

True, there were cases of abuse, beaten, starved, and sick animals, at first. Then the tide shifted. Good honest dog loving people started to being raided. Any reason was used. Dogs were taken and the owners refused rights to reclaim their dogs. The raiders started to narrow the number of dogs which were in violation. Any person with a dog became a target. Dog grooming became a thing of the past. Veterinarian services were performed out of back room under the dark of night until there were

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AKC Russell Terrier Breed Standard

Brief History

The Russell Terrier originated in England with Australia being designated as the country of development for the breed. The breed was established for use in the sport of fox hunting, from Reverend John Russell's original fox working terriers in the early part of the nineteenth century.. The small size of the breed made them ideal to be carried on horseback in terrier bags, a requisite for certain terrain. The nose to locate and the voice to bolt the fox were far more important than speed. The breed's handy size, small flexible chest, nose, strong voice and fearless nature made them excellent specimens to work vermin below ground. The breed derived from the Reverend Parson's fox working terrier strains, sharing many common characteristics of the Parson Russell Terrier. However, it must be noted the two breeds are distinctly different in body structure and height, 10-12 inches, and have been maintained as separate breeds in the US and Europe. The Russell Terrier may be described as game but not quarrelsome. The breed is confident, highly intelligent, faithful, versatile and hardy. They view life as a great adventure up for any task. First and foremost, they are hardy earth working terriers.

General Appearance

The Russell Terrier is a strong, active, lithe, predominately white bodied working Terrier of character with a flexible body of moderate length and rectangular profile

The overall dog must present a balanced image with no one part exaggerated over another. The Russell Terrier is full of life, and moves with confidence that matches his keen expression. Coat may be smooth, broken or rough and may have tan and/or black markings with no preference for coat type or markings. Tail docking is optional.

SIZE, SUBSTANCE & PROPORTION

In size the Russell Terrier measures from 10"-12". Substance and weight should be proportionate to height, being neither too coarse nor too refined. The body is proportioned marginally longer than tall, the silhouette representing a distinct rectangle when measured from the point of shoulder to point of buttocks than from the withers to the ground. The height and weight descriptions indicate a sturdily built yet balanced dog with smooth muscle transitions, able to traverse narrow tunnels. There may be slight differences between males and females. Males should look masculine while females should look feminine. However both sexes must adhere to the breed standard. When viewed in profile the midline of the dog is at elbow and the bottom of the brisket. **Severe Fault:** Any hint of achondroplasia

Disqualification: Height under 10 inches or over 12 inches.

HEAD and NECK

The skull is flat and of moderate width gradually decreasing in width to the eyes and then tapering to a wide muzzle, that narrows slightly to the end maintaining very strong jaws. The stop is well defined with minimal falling away under the

eyes. The length of muzzle is slightly shorter than the length of the skull from the occiput to the stop. The cheek muscles are well developed. **Nose:** Black and fully pigmented. **Disqualification:** Any color other than black, not fully pigmented.

Ears: Small V-shaped button or dropped ears carried close to the head of good texture and great mobility. The points of the ears are even with corner of the eye and pointed downward. The fold is level with the top of the skull or slightly above and forms a straight line when alert. **Disqualification:** Prick or semi-prick ears. **Eyes:** Dark, almond shaped with a keen expression of alertness. Eyes must not be prominent. Eyelid rims are to be fully pigmented black. **Disqualifications:** Blue eye or eyes. **Bite/Teeth:** The bite is a scissor bite with comparatively large teeth. A level bite is acceptable. Missing and broken teeth due to terrier work should not be penalized. The lips are black and are tight fitting. **Disqualification:** Over shot, under shot, wry mouth.

NECK

A clean, strong neck tapering gradually into the withers is required for terrier work. The neck is of sufficient length to allow the terriers mouth to extend beyond its forepaws when working.

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AKC Russell Terrier Breed Standard

Forequarters

Shoulders are well laid back and not heavily loaded with muscle. The upper arm should be equal or nearly equal to the length of the scapula forming an approximate 90 degree angle. This assembly allows for sufficient length of upper arm to ensure the elbows are set under the body, with the sternum clearly in front of the point of shoulder. Proper reach matched with equal drive allows for efficiency of movement.

FORELEGS

Forelegs are straight in bone from the elbows to the toes whether viewed from the front or the side with a slight angle to the pastern from the side. Legs are moderately well boned. The depth of the body from the withers to the brisket should equal the length of foreleg from elbows to the ground.

Severe Faults: Benched or bent legs, leg length either less/more than the depth of body.

BODY

The body of the Russell Terrier is proportioned marginally longer than tall, measuring slightly longer from the withers to the root of the tail than from the withers to the ground. The overall presentation is a compact, harmonious rectangular silhouette, in sound athletic condition. From the withers to the bottom of the brisket should represent 50% of the distance from the withers to the ground. The brisket should never fall below the elbow. The loins are short, strong and well muscled. The

tuck up may be described as moderate. Scars incurred while hunting are not to be penalized. **Top line:** Level while in motion. There is a slight arch of loin, from muscling that is felt rather than seen.

Chest: The small oval shaped, compressible chest is the hallmark of the breed and is the single most important attribute the Russell Terrier must have allowing it to work efficiently below ground. It must be compressible and small enough to be spanned by an average size mans hands, approximately 14"-15" at the top set. Ribs are to be well sprung from the spine, tapering on the sides forming an oval shape so that average-size hands of an adult can span the girth behind the elbows. The chest must never fall below the elbow. **Severe Faults: Incorrectly shaped, unspannable, uncompressible chest falling below the elbow.**

HINDQUARTERS

Muscular and strong; when looking down on the dog, the width of the hindquarters is equal to the width of the shoulders. Angles are equal and balanced front to rear. The hind legs, when viewed from a rear standing position, are parallel. The stifles and low-set hocks are well angulated, allowing for good driving action.

FEET

Both front and hind are moderate in size, oval shaped, hard padded with toes moderately arched, turning neither in nor out.

TAIL

The tail is set high enough so that the spine does not slope down to the base of the tail. Customarily, if

the tip of the tail should be level with the top of the ears. When moving or alert, the tail may be straight or with a slight curve forward and is carried erect or gaily. When the dog is at rest, the tail may drop.

MOVEMENT

Movement must be unrestricted and effortless, while exhibiting an attitude of confidence. The dog must always be exhibited and gaited on a "loose" lead. On the lateral, the dog must exhibit equal reach and equal drive. When moving down and back at slower speeds the dog must parallel track. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward a centerline of balance.

COAT

May be smooth, broken or rough. Must be weatherproof: all coat types have an undercoat and a harsh outer coat. Coats are preferably natural and unaltered. The conformation underneath is the same with no preference being given to any particular coat type. The belly and underside should be well covered. The terrier is shown in its natural coat with minimal grooming. **Sculpted furnishings are to be severely penalized.** **Smooth-** A dense short, coarse smooth hair with an undercoat.

Broken- Intermediate length hair, between smooth and rough, usually with facial furnishings and possibly a slight



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ridge down the back.

Rough- Harsh and dense hair with an undercoat. Not thin, woolly, curly or silky.

COLOR

White is predominate with black and/or tan markings. There is no preference to markings so long as the dog remains 51% white. Tan can vary from lemon to mahogany. Ticking is acceptable.

Disqualification: Less than 51% white, brindle coloring, any other color than listed above.

TEMPERAMENT

An alert, lively, active, keen terrier with a very intelligent expression. The sporting character of the Russell Terrier is that of a spirited and game hunter. Their intensity for life is one of their most endearing traits. They are playful, curious, loyal and affectionate. Sparring is not acceptable.

Faults: The foregoing description is that of the ideal Russell Terrier. Any deviation from the above described dog must be penalized to the extent of the deviation.

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Height under 10 inches or over 12 inches

Nose: Any color other than black, lack of pigment

Prick or semi- prick ears

Blue eye or eyes

Over shot, under shot, wry mouth.

Less than 51% white, brindle coloring, any other color than listed above

What does a height DQ mean in according to AKC rules?

SECTION 3. In those breeds where certain heights are specified in the standard as disqualifications, or in any class the conditions of which include a height specification, the judge shall have the authority to make a determination as to whether any dog measures within the specified limits, provided such a determination has not been made previously during the competition at the show. If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor or handler then in the ring, the height of a dog under judgment appears not to be in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, such exhibitor may, before every dog in the class has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge make a determination as to whether the dog measures within the specified limits, and the judge shall comply with the request, provided such a determination has not been made previously during competition at the show. In all cases, the judge shall use equipment that meets AKC requirements. If the judge finds that the dog's height is in accord with the breed standard or the conditions of the class, he shall mark his judge's book "Measured in." If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accord with the breed standard, he shall disqualify the dog, marking his judge's book "Measured out—disqualified." A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown. If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accordance with the conditions of the

class, he shall declare the dog ineligible for the class, marking the judge's book "Measured out—ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for its class shall be considered to have been wrongly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class at the show. A dog that has thus been found to be ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. However, the owner of such a dog may enter the dog in subsequent shows in another class, provided that he is satisfied that the dog measures within the height limit of that class.

~ Excepted from the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows page 56 & 57 <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RREGS3.pdf>

Will AKC pull the dog's papers once he has been DQ'd from the Conformation ring preventing the dog from being bred?

No they do not pull the dog's papers. The dog can still reproduce. AKC will continue to register their offspring.

Should a dog with a height DQ be bred?

That is up to the individual breeder to determine for themselves.

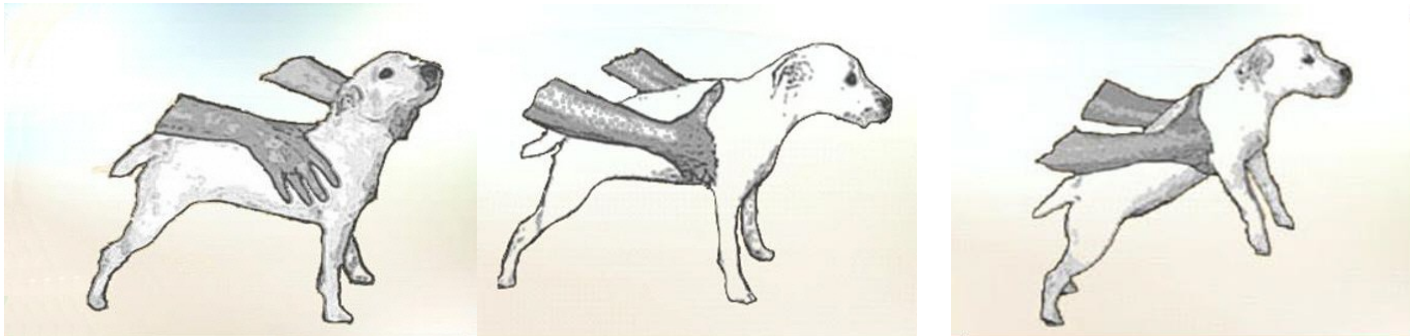
Standard Voting Statics

82 % voted
3.7 % were invalid
3.7 % arrived late
Out of valid votes 87% for
16 % against

“Spanability is the Hallmark for The Russell Terrier”

SPANNING GUIDE

Of critical importance to maintaining correct Russell Terrier Breed Type is the process of spanning and the judges ability to assimilate that information into the evaluation process. The procedure takes seconds to complete, most exhibitors will be happy to assist you. You are to access three important features: the dogs chest size (14”-15”), chest shape (oval) and the compressibility of the chest. Failure to span or doing so incorrectly adversely affects and forever alters correct Breed Type.



While on the table move the rear of the dog toward you so the tail-end is closest to you.

Slide your hands around the chest, thumbs meeting over the withers and fingers meeting at the mid-line.

Raise the dog onto the back legs, then exert slight pressure on the rib cage top to bottom.

“Learning to properly span your terrier is the only way to accurately measure the size of the chest as it relates to the standard.”



MORE

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no veterinarians. Dog shows had long disappeared along with the American Kennel Club. Children were told tales of the days when every boy had a dog to run with through fields. The stories of "Old Shep", "O'Yeller", "Call of the Wild", "Lassie" and all those wonderful stories which would bring tears to the eyes of grown men were being forgotten except by a few.

But she remembered as a little girl the small dog who loved her, followed her everywhere, and gave her comfort like no one on earth could give. She just had to find her

that special warmth, the grateful lick-kiss, something that loved her unconditional and a reason for getting up in the morning. She found Sweetie.

Now they were at her door to take the life that she cherished. The warm little black and tan 3- pound body that loved her as much as she loved it. And there was no one to stop them.

~~The old lady with the last dog on earth.

This could become a reality. We all need to stand up for our rights to own and breed dogs before it's too late!!



Welcome New Members

Your fellow club members look forward to meeting you and working with you during these exciting times as the breed moves forward into the AKC world:

A. Rogers, D. Franks
B. Sumrell, T.C. White
A. Bauer, M & M Asher

Jill Soble-Smith Resume

By Jill Soble-Smith

I started "in dogs" in the late 70's with a Doberman Pinscher bitch. A mentor persuaded me to show her and once I won a class I was hooked. She was shown little but later produced a few nice show puppies and a top 20 OTCH bitch. I purchased a Smooth Fox Terrier from a terrier friend and have not stopped with that breed since. Thus started the McGypsi Kennel. I have bred, shown and specialed my own dogs. A number of my dogs are multiple BISS winners and multiple Group winning specials. I personally showed a homebred third generation dog for four years ranking him top 10 and as high as third in the U.S. and #4 in Canada. I have spent a lot of time in the Terrier group with him and others that I have specialed.

I have three "grand dogs" that have won breed at Westminster four times, one of, which was the top winning Smooth bitch of all time until just recently. These dogs

are all a descendant of a multi BISS dog I bred who became the foundation dog for another well respected kennel.

Over the years I have shown Dobermans, Brittanys, Wire Fox Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers, Chihuahuas, Chinese Cresteds, Cairns, Am Staffs, Bassets, Akitas, and Bull Terriers. I now own and raise Parson Russell Terriers along side my Smooths. I have owned and bred Russell Terriers and await their acceptance into AKC.

I am currently approved to judge, in AKC, Smooth Fox Terriers, Wire Fox Terriers, Min Schnauzers, Am Staff Terriers, Cairns, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Welsh Terriers, Parson Russell Terriers and Junior Showmanship. I also am approved to judge all breeds and Juniors, in U.K.C. Also, I am approved to judge A.S.C.A specialty shows. I have judged sweeps for a Regional Brittany Club. I have also been asked to judge matches, too numerous to count.

I am still actively breeding and showing Smooth Fox Terriers and Parson Russell Terriers. For some 15 years I've owned the Russell Terrier and have bred Russell Terriers on a very selective basis. I'm in the process of acquiring a show puppy and hope to bring her home in the next few weeks as soon as the weather breaks. (Cont on page 14)

Jill Soble-Smith Resume

I have held the position of Vice President and Show Chair along with numerous other offices, at my local All Breed Kennel Club, a member of the Valdosta, Ga. K.C. and I am a founder and officer of the newly approved Mid South Fox Terrier Club of Memphis. I am a long-standing member of my National Breed club and have also held memberships and offices in regional clubs.

I have given numerous parent club approved seminars on my breed and have scheduled and organized parent club approved seminars for the local show cluster. I am often asked to give lectures on Artificial Insemination and have presented this subject to both an all breed club and a Doberman Pinscher Specialty Club. I have also authored professional papers and articles printed in dog magazines.

I have attended numerous breed seminars, showing seminars, judging seminars and anatomy of movement seminars. I attended the U.K.C. seminar which included breed seminars in Toy Fox Terriers, American Eskimo's and American Pit Bull Terriers. This seminar also included a breed seminar on Labradors. Just previous to this I attended the 4 day seminar on judging, anatomy and general show information in Las Vegas directed towards judges. I have also attended the AKC Grounding Terrier Seminar in addition I am an AKC Earth Dog Judge.

I have taught obedience and conformation classes to both the general public and within club memberships.

I was trained as a Medical Technologist early on in life and I then pursued a degree in Veterinary Technology later in life. I recently retired from work in human research for the Department of Neurosurgery, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis. I have been in this position over 17 years. I spend most of my time in and around the Neurosurgery operating rooms collecting tumor specimens. I maintain the "tumor bank", write the Informed Consents and liaison with the hospital Internal Review Board. I take care of all of the paper records involving the patient Informed Consents for the Department of Neurosurgery which includes maintaining the multiple data bases. Before that I worked in a number of veterinary clinics and prior to the veterinary training, I was a Medical Tech in both hospitals and private practice offices in the Chicago area, where I was raised.

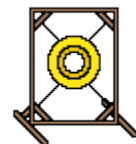
Jill Soble Smith



Honoring Our Eukanuba Russell Terrier Entries



MACH 5 Booker CDX accomplished his MACH 5 at the age of 12 years old on May 9, 2009. Booker is 9.5 inches at the shoulder and weighs in at 13.5 pounds. He has been my constant companion for 12 years and I have loved every minute of it. He earned his CD & CDX in obedience not because he loved it but because I asked it of him. So I told him after he earned his CDX he wouldn't have to do obedience anymore, and I kept my promise. He also did very well in flyball, very fast and of course was the smallest dog on the team. But his true love is agility. When we pull into a trial sight he starts his whining and crying. He loves to run. He is owned, loved, trained and handled by Deborah Franks of Groveport, Ohio.



Russell Terrier Eukanuba Stars



Chloe of Misty Meadow UDX VER was the first (and I believe the only) Russell Terrier to earn the CD, CDX, UD, UDX, and VER titles in AKC obedience, as well as, invited to the 2008 and 2009 National Obedience Invationals. She has also received two Front and Finish Obedience Platinum Awards (FFX-OP2). Chloe began her AKC career, with a High in Trial, in March 2007. Before that, she earned numerous awards in terrier trials and fun matches.

-Pictures and article contributed by Ann Bidwell



The Bug MX MXJ OF What can I say about Bug, except she is the cutest, funniest, happiest little dog ever! She started competing in AKC agility Jan. 28, 2007 and moved into the excellent class on Jun 22, 2007. And by June 30, 2008 we were on our way to the 2008 AKC Agility Invitational. Then on December 13 & 14, 2008, she came home from Long Beach, California Top Russell Terrier in the country in AKC agility after competing for two days at the 2008 AKC Agility Invitational. She loves agility and still to this day will sometimes get the zoomies in the ring. She is 9 inches at the shoulder and weighs 10 pounds, just a tiny little thing with big personality. She is owned, loved, trained and handled by Deborah Franks of Groveport, Ohio.

News & Raves

AKC News.....

We are very excited to announce that our breed standard passed by an overwhelming majority vote! And for those who haven't heard yet, we will be moving forward into Miscellaneous Class on January 1, 2010. These are indeed exciting times for the club and the AKC Russell Terrier. Thank you members for all your support.

At the time of publication, our By Laws have been mailed out for membership approval. Be sure and vote and get them mailed back ASAP.

The BOD is working on... finalizing the details for the National Specialty and AGM in the Fall, the Eukanuba Medallions and many other things, Stay Tuned much more to come!

We would like to thank AKC Judge and Russell Terrier Fancier Jill Soble-Smith for volunteering to fill a vacancy in our BoD (see page 13)

Thank you to Cathy Jo Long for her 18 month service as the acting club Secretary.

The next scheduled BOD meeting is on: July 28, 2009.

Visit the member only message board, register for your account to view club treasury report and other club docs and to chat with other ARTC members:

<http://z6.invisionfree.com/ARTCMembers/index.php?act=idx>

Meet The Breed Events

We are pleased that the American Russell Terrier Club was invited to participate in the NYC's first stand alone Meet the Breed held in at the Javitis Center. This event will be held in conjunction with the Cat Fancier's Association on Oct 17-18, 2009. This will be a huge event, if you are in the area, you should attend. It is important in these times for the public to see caring responsible breeders. Special thanks to Patti Bradford for stepping up to the plate and chairing this event. She has some great ideas for decorations. We look forward to pictures.



We are also excited to participate in AKC's Annual Responsible Dog Owner Day held at North Carolina State Fairgrounds on Sept 26, 2009. Special thanks to Terry Crowe White and Billie Sumrell for taking on this responsibility and hosting the club Meet the Breed booth. We can't wait to see the pictures from this event also.



The club will also be represented in So. Calif. The ARTC RDOD Meet the Breed will be held in conjunction with the Orange Empire Dog Club Event held in Fontana, CA on Sept 12. at 15556 Summit Ave. from 10 AM to 4 PM. Thank you Jeanne Nickison for being the chair of this event for the ARTC.

National Specialty and Annual Meeting

The National Russell Terrier Specialty and Annual Club Meeting will be held this year in Claremont, CA on Nov 20, 2009, at the Hotel Claremont. We are pleased to have Jill Soble-Smith from Tennessee judging this event.

Contact the hotel to reserve your room: 800 322 6559, 840 S. Indian Hills Dr. Claremont, CA

See www.theartc.org for more Details.

Canine Good Citizen Award



On May 3, 2009, Saltisgarden's Good Times won his CGC title by passing his Canine Good Citizen test with flying colors. He was bred by Ingrid Saltzman and is owned and loved by Eva-Marie Long.

If you are an ARTC member or newsletter member and would like your AKC brags posted here, please send them, come you guys send them in, we know you are out there:

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Contact Kelli Van Liew Email: vistarealrussells@airenetworks.com or call: 951 928 1155

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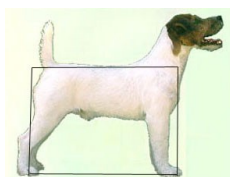
Whether you are an interested judge, competitor or pet owner, we, the breeders of this versatile little fox working terrier are relying on you to help us keep this wonderful old working breed true to its heritage. The Russell Terrier is a dog of moderates, he is composed of a subtle "balance" of these moderates, creating the perfect picture that breeders seek. There is only one exception to the rule of moderation, and that is the Russell's small, oval shaped, spannable chest as compared to most other breeds.

This CD Presentation was compiled by breeders using the Russell Terrier Breed Standard as approved by the American Kennel Club. In addition to information from The American Russell Terrier Club material there are additions and clarifications as deemed necessary based on considerations of correct breed type.

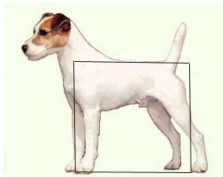
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These books are out of print but can sometimes be found on ebay or try looking at:

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The Jack Russell Terrier
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Your kennel listing is a one time application and fee of \$15. Your kennel name, all owners' names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses and a link to your kennel website will be listed on the Kennel page on RoHM website. In addition, each dog that you enter in the RoHM will be listed alphabetically with a link to that dog's own page which contains his statistics, health clearances, photo (optional) and merit awards.

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If you are a new member, please tell us where/how you learned about ARTC and what prompted you to join us:

Do you belong to any other AKC Clubs? ___ Which ones? _____

Offices held: _____ Committees Chaired or served on _____

How many Russell Terriers do you own?

What areas are you interested in? (Please circle all that apply)

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How would you like to help the ARTC to promote the Russell Terrier?

Rescue home? _____ Seminar/Trial/Specialty Coordinator? _____ Other areas of interest/talents: _____

Do you have any other special skills you would like to contribute? _____

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