



Russell Quarterly

Letter from the President



Dear Members:

It is so exciting to see our members participating in AKC Misc. from the East to the West Coast. The feedback from exhibitors has been very positive. Given the bad weather across the nation in the month of January we expect to see even more fanciers participating in the upcoming months. We haven't received the official tally for AKC performance events in 2009, but close to 300 Russells had earned titles before the close of the year.

I would like to thank **Joseph Harvill**, publisher of Great Scots Magazine, for allowing us to republish his article on the Scottish Terrier. Joseph Harvill, Ph.D., is founder/editor of Great Scots Magazine, with backgrounds in theology, philosophy, and journalism, and careers diverse as ministry, university teaching, and cabinet-making.

We all need to be aware of the great responsibility we have to preserve and protect our breed for future

generations. I think the breeders in Finland who have united to initiate the Genetic Diversity Project are forward thinking individuals. They are putting into action an elaborate project in an effort to insure the Jack Russell Terrier in their country maintains a gene pool diverse enough to support the breed. We have a window of opportunity to make a difference in our breed. In the next issue of our newsletter we will take a more in-depth look at the Finland Project.



Elk Creek Snapper

Yours in Sport,

JoAnn Stoll



Kelli Van Liew
Interim Editor

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Memberships see Page 18 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



National Russell Terrier Specialty Show

National Specialty and Annual Meeting Report by Kelli Van Liew



The weather could not have been better for our 2009 National Specialty. The Hotel Claremont has beautiful grounds. The lawn was a luscious green. Having the luxury of holding the show in S. California, we were able to hold the entire event outdoors even in late November.

Pam Simmons did a wonderful grooming seminar. Chrystal Rackley was kind enough to bring an ungroomed rough coat for Pam to demonstrate hand stripping a terrier. We all learned a lot from her.

We had one glitch. We had to change judges the day of the show. Thankfully, Pat Johnson was available to judge our event. We were honored to have her.

Her choice for Best of Breed was Elk Creek Breezee.

Breezee, was bred, owned and shown by JoAnn Stoll. She is an American Bred Russell Terrier from years of JoAnn's own breeding.



BISS Elk Creek Breezee



Best of Opposite Sex Swampwood Timnah

He was shown and is owned by Janene Wade of Capetown Russells. He was bred by Patricia Brown of Swampwood Jack Russell Terriers. Janene got to take home a lovely ceramic Russell Terrier statue donated by Elk Creek Russells.

Breezee also won Best Puppy in Show. She won the dog bed

donated by Vista Real Russells.

Janene sponsored a beautiful raffle table. She made some lovely baskets. Thank you Janene for your support of the club in this way. You as always are a great raffle person.

The show was held immediately following lunch. Jeanne Nickison was in charge of lunch. She did a great job. Thank you Jeanne.

JoAnn provided the perpetual trophies. They were very nice. She donated a beautiful statue of a Russell Terrier mounted on a nature scene.

The whole event went off smoothly. Thank you again Pat for stepping in at the last minute.

The annual general meeting went very well. Many tears were shed with the awarding of the very first Riley award.

Next we went to dinner at Acapulco's. They served us a great dinner. Lots of fun.

And that was that until next year.

Thank you to all who attended. It was great to see all your faces again.



New Annual Award for Outstanding Service



The year 2009 marks the first year of the new annual award for outstanding long time service to the club. The name of the award is appropriately the Riley Award. The first recipient of this award is Jeanne Nickison. For those of you who are unaware, Jeanne is the mother of club V.P. Kelli Van Liew. She currently owns one of Kelli's retired UKC Grand Champions who is also an ARTC GTG and racing Champion. He has been started on fun dock driving and has done AKC Earthdog.

Even though Jeanne does not breed dogs, she has been involved in the club from its beginning years. Jeanne has been a member in good standing since 1996.

She has unselfishly served the club by helping with countless events, including years of terrier trials, pet expos and as the breed is progressing into the prestigious AKC venue, numerous Meet the Breed's and Responsible Dog Ownership Day events. She has always been willing to do whatever is asked of her. This has included ring stewarding and chairing a Specialty.

Both of which she has admitted are not her favorites, but she was needed so she did it anyway. She has been seen taking entries, serving food and helping anyone who needs help. Jeanne has always been a great P.R. person for the club.

She has become a permanent fixture at all of our Southern California events. She has traveled to N. California, Arizona and as far as Colorado to attend club events. The only time most of us remember her being absent was when she had to take time off to recover from hip surgery. But as soon as she was healed from that she was right back serving this feisty breed she loves.



Riley and Jeanne pictured here with the weekend's winnings, at the Tux & Tails Terrier Trial held in Scottsdale, AZ on March 25th & 26th, 2000.

In the early days of the club (formerly the English Jack Russell Terrier Club) she owned a very special dog named Riley. She used to bring him to all the terrier trials. Riley excelled in racing and Go to Ground. He won many trophies and ribbons. He was hard to

beat. He was a quiet little rough coated terrier who adored her. He was full of fire when it came to racing and Go to Ground.

Kelli originally owned Riley but when Jeanne first laid eyes on him it was love at first sight. She had to have him. He was soon hers and became her constant companion for 8 years. until she tragically lost him.

Jeanne was awarded the Riley Award for outstanding above and beyond service to the club at the annual general club meeting on Nov 20, 2009.

She was awarded a certificate with Riley's picture along with a gift card for TGI Friday's (Jeanne's favorite restaurant).

Everyone was in tears as she received the award. She was very touched to be remembered by the club in this way. It meant a great deal to her that her beloved Riley would be immortalized in the history of the Parent Club for the Russell Terrier in the American Kennel Club.

Written by Kelli Van Liew



The Last Hunt by JoAnn Stoll

The Last Hunt is a film documentary produced by Damon Sinclair about the Ryan family of Ireland, more specifically Thaddeus F. Ryan affectionately called Thady. Thaddeus was the "Master" of the world renown "Scarteen Hunt" for forty years. The Ryan family has kept the legendary "Scarteen Hunt" for 300 years passed down from generation to generation going back to the days of Oliver Cromwell to present times. Thaddeus was recognized as having elevated the "Scarteen Hunt" to world prominence through his service as "Master". He was also known for his service as a hunter Judge at numerous hunts including the prestigious Royal Dublin Show and England. The documentary was actually filmed through the eyes of Thady before his death to explore his world on an intimate level capturing the man, life, and hunt in the most authentic way. His obsession for the ancient sport of fox hunting and passion for his hounds is very evident in the film, the many articles written about him and the people who had the pleasure of meeting him.

I had the pleasure of meeting Thady in Jackson, Wyoming on one of his trips to the states in the early ninety's. He came to visit the Spring Creek Equestrian Center considered one of the premier Sport Horse facilities in the US including an Olympic size indoor arena, cross country course designed by Micheal Tucker from England built by Mick Costello. Mick was employed to build the US Olympic cross country courses in the states. The most significant point of my meeting with Thady was his interest in my

Russells. He insisted on interrupting his tour of Spring Creek to see them. He fell in love with Woody at first



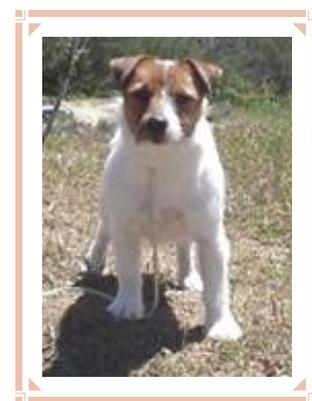
sight and wanted to take him back to New Zealand. He told me he was exactly like the small terriers he used and bred for Fox Hunting in Ireland and England and they were almost impossible to find anywhere anymore. I also found them almost very difficult to find in the states with good working backgrounds. We weren't connected with the internet at that time so the people who kept the smaller Jacks for work independent of the JRTCA were obscure. There was somewhat of a stigma directed towards the smaller terriers during that time period due to the popularity of the JRTCA type of Jack Russell Terrier. The JRTCA Fanciers viewed them as incorrect and they most certainly were incorrect for the JRTCA standard. However, they were correct with their longer body length per the FCI standard. I knew Woody came from good working lines because he had earned his AWTA Natural Hunting Certificates to Fox and Raccoon as did his sire and dam. I also knew from my association with Pam Metts Boyer and Elaine Rigden he came from old working lines in England. Thady even supported the legends in the Fox Hunting circles abroad that valued the little terriers for work. I

remember seeing some of the original imports Alicia Crawford brought to the states. They didn't look anything like our original ARTC stock. I have pictures of the small Jacks imported to the US from Ireland in the late fifties to early sixties that were lovely small Jacks consistent with the FCI standard and very popular with the Americans. They were most certainly inconsistent with the small Jacks more recently imported from Ireland which became so popular in the nineties.

I will always be indebted to Thady for supporting what I always knew in my heart to be true and sharing his knowledge of the small working terriers utilized by the "Master" of the Scarteen Hunt that have been recognized as the AKC Russell Terrier. He would be pleased

Written by JoAnn Stoll

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Health & Genetics News

PLL Testing

As of this publication, 26 Russell Terriers are recorded as being tested for the Primary Lens Luxation (PLL) gene and we have 100% normal/non-carriers of the disease. While these are not significant numbers to be able show any real indication of the amount of carriers/affected in our gene-pool, this is certainly a great start for our AKC Russell Terrier.

Kudos to those breeders who are spending the time and money for this important test for our breed. For only \$65 per test, we can determine the future of our breed regarding Primary Lens Luxation. I encourage everyone to use this irreplaceable tool to determine the status of all Russell Terriers prior to breeding them. Don't breed to a stud dog that has not been tested. This is a horrible disease that can be eliminated through careful breeding only after the status of each dog is known. Our breed is in its beginning stages, now is the time to do it. Be sure and check the box to disclose the results, good or bad! Full disclosure is the best way to go to eliminate genetic diseases from expressing themselves in our dogs. Go to <http://www.offa.org/dnatesting/index.html> to order a PLL DNA test. Don't procrastinate, do it today.



Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)

There are currently 22 Russell Terriers listed with CHIC numbers. Congratulations to their owners and breeders who are proactively health testing and recording the results with OFA for future generations.

Special congratulations to ARTC member Melissa Wilson, DVM of Rolling Hill Russells, who has the most dogs listed on the CHIC site.

The tests required for obtaining a CHIC number for your dogs are, Patella, CERF, and BAER. All you need to do is get these tests done by a qualified veterinarian. Make sure they fill out the proper forms available on the OFA website and CERF website. Then submit the tests along with the fees to OFA and CERF. After all these tests are recorded with OFA, a CHIC number will be automatically generated for your dog. A CHIC certificate showing the completion of the requirements will be mailed out. You don't have to do anything or pay any more fees to receive your certificate.

Your dog does not have to be normal for the test to get a CHIC number. This is about having the tests done and recording the results with OFA. If you've had the tests done and you haven't been issued a CHIC number, you need to contact OFA to find out why. Your dog must be permanently identified with a microchip or tattoo to receive a CHIC number. Be sure to record your dog under Russell Terrier in order for the statistics for our breed to be correct.

Let's see if we can triple our number of dogs meeting the requirements for CHIC for 2010!

Here are some important links to gain information on these tests and for OFA forms:

Eye Testing (CERF):
<http://www.vmdb.org/cerf.html>

BAER Testing Vets:
<http://www.lsu.edu/deafness/baersite.htm>

OFA Patella & BAER (Congenital Deafness) Forms:
<http://www.offa.org/apps.html>

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When Dreams and Genes Go Bad

Identifying Dream Pools that Poison Scottish Terrier Gene Pools

By Joseph Harvill,

Publisher *Great Scots Magazine*

As publisher of *Great Scots Magazine* I hear from a lot of Scottie folks every week. Frequently, callers ask in urgent tones, "Can you please help me find a healthy Scottie to fill a gaping Scottie-shaped hole at the center of my life." I cringe when those calls come. The question is anything but easy to answer. It would be convenient for all of us were Scottie health a mere matter of locating an official kosher breeders list. We would not be required to think or to become change-agents; we'd simply plug into the list and live happily ever after. The truth is, it's not that simple because health—in our dogs and in our Scottie community—is not that easy. Our dogs and our Scottie community are in trouble. Some of our problems are known and acknowledged; others go unrecognized, and they're killing our dogs and breaking our hearts. The acknowledged problems facing us and our Scotties lurk in our breed's gene pool. No one who is informed denies our genetic problems and we've organized ourselves and medical research against them (see my articles on genetics and our breed: "Deconstructing the Diehard," Parts 1-3, *GSM*, Jul/Aug, Sep/Oct, Nov/Dec 2003). The more dangerous problems—more dangerous because they are hidden—lie behind our dogs' gene pool in our own unrealistic dream pools. I'm referring to fuzzy, wrong-headed expectations on the part of both Scottie breeders and buyers, which, though less obvious than known Scottie genetic disease, are

no less real in shaping our modern Scottie health predicament.

Unfortunately, whereas we can marshal medical research to help clean up our dogs' gene pool, there is no comparable service available to clean up the toxins in our Scottie community dream pools.

My argument is we lose in a triple sense—Scotties, breeders, and owners—when genes and dreams go bad. Indeed, cleaning up the Scottie gene pool will be retarded until we first clean up our contaminated dream pools.

Dirty Gene Pool

At the risk of laboring the obvious let me survey again our Scotties' genetic health picture. The stark reality of our dogs' predicament must be driven home to each of us, for until it informs us and frightens us and angers us it won't motivate us to change the way we breed and buy Scottish Terriers.

According to Dr. George Padgett, internationally known canine geneticist, today's Scottish Terrier breed carries a genetic load of 58 genetic diseases or defects, including endocrine/thyroid diseases, immune system dysfunction, eye and ear diseases, heart, blood, and lymphatic diseases, liver diseases, muscle and skeletal diseases, and urinary system diseases, to name but a few.

And that may be the good news. Padgett's book and his Scottish Terrier breed research (*Control of Canine Genetic Diseases*, 1998) mentions nothing about predisposition to cancers now killing our dogs: lymphosarcoma, bladder cancer, malignant melanoma, mast cell sarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin (see: Carole Fry Owen, "Cancer: The Scottie War On Terror," *GSM*, May/June 2002).

One fact alone is the stunning 'poster exhibit' of our breed's genetic predicament: the Scottish Terrier is 18

times more likely to develop bladder cancer than other breeds. Across all purebred dogs the risk for bladder cancer is 0.74, according to Purdue University researchers. Scotties carry a risk factor of 18.09! There is no plausible explanation for this shocking fact short of genetic predisposition. After all, our dogs' world is the same polluted environment other modern breeds inhabit, yet Scotties are 18 times more vulnerable; our dogs are on the whole as well or better cared for as any breed, yet they are at massively disproportionate risk to die of bladder cancer.

This alarming Scottish Terrier vulnerability points to wider trouble in our Scottie gene pool. In "Pet Dollars and Deconstruction" (*GSM*, Sep/Oct 2003), I raised the troubling issue of inbreeding's harmful impact on immunity, referencing the important recent research at University of California, Davis, which for the first time analyzed with 100 microsatellite markers the canine genome's Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC), best known for its role in the immune system. 28 dog breeds, representing the seven recognized breed groups of the AKC, were tested for genetic diversity. Diversity is crucial at the MHC site because the more genetically diverse the site, the wider the immunologic response the individual is capable of mounting, but the more duplicate alleles at the MHC site the narrower range of response an individual can mount when challenged immunologically. The MHC site, therefore, and the UC Davis microsatellite marker research, is a brilliant, hard-evidence look at how inbreeding produces animals that acquire the same allele or gene from both parents as a result of common

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ancestry. Research results: (1) the smaller the breed population, and (2) the longer registered by a kennel club, the more depleted the gene pool. Our 104 year-old AKC registered Scottish Terrier breed is implicated on both counts.

How does today's Scottish Terrier breed end up carrying a load of 58 genetic diseases plus carrying mortality risk of bladder cancer 18 times higher than other breeds? The answer is not flattering. We brought this curse on the breed we love. We genetically engineered the modern Scottish Terrier by a century of fixation on appearance at the expense of genetic vigor and diversity, compulsively attempting to 'championize' the gene pool by rigorously breeding champions from champions. But what we accomplished along the 20th century road to what Cindy Cooke praises as dogs "longer in head, shorter in body, and lower to the ground than their ancestors" (**The New Scottish Terrier**) is overuse of celebrated popular sires and dams which translated into genetic bottlenecks reducing our gene pool to a gene puddle.

Small populations made even smaller by hard-edged elimination from breeding stock of all but a certain phenotype with common ancestry are especially vulnerable to genetic disease because they lack both large numbers and randomization by which to spread the risk of problem matings. What they do spread is their inherited genes, and because those genes have high probability of being the same gene inherited from common ancestors, those genes, good and bad, are doubled.

What is killing us and our dogs are 'typy' good looks that hide recessive genes and late-onset dis-

eases. However, the contamination of our Scottish Terrier gene pool can only worsen until we grasp this elemental truth of population genetics: diversity-reducing breeding practices, sustained over time, in a small breed population, lead inexorably to what population geneticists call "inbreeding depression." Classic signs of inbreeding depression abound in our breed today: (1) shorter lifespans (2) weakened immunology (3) smaller litters (4) increased whelping problems (5) spread of genetic diseases.

The tragedy here is simply this: a purebred system lacking the perspective of biological conservation and driven rigidly by the aesthetics of 'type' is a system obsessed with a small portion of the genetic picture and functionally blind to larger gene pool dangers. Despite manifest signs of a troubled gene pool, we persist in our bargain with the devil for 'typy' good looks blind to the fact that handsome, 'typy' Scotties that have high coefficients of inbreeding can only deepen our inbreeding depression. Worse still, our diversity-reducing breeding practices now are normalized and ensconced as responsible breeding practice setting in motion the irony of breed guardians who believe they are saving the gene pool by holding for rigid 'type' when in fact they are adding to the ravages of depleted genetic diversity in our breed.

The Scottie gene pool, it turns out, is poisoned most by our own contaminated dream pools.

Contaminated Dream Pools

The dream pools to which I refer have to do with what philosopher Stephen Toulmin calls "warrants," which are the assumptions behind our reasons for doing things, the values, goals, and dreams so much a part of us as justification for action they are taken for granted (Stephen Toulmin, **The Uses of Argument**. Cambridge: Cambridge

University Press, 1958).

But they are anything but inconsequential. Warrants are extremely important in understanding persuasion because they are the 'givens,' the assumed definition of the situation, the unspoken mind-set which is typically so embedded in a group or community they work as an unspoken frame of reference, the unnoticed glue of group rationale.

To glimpse these warrants, these Scottie community dream pools, we must hold our behaviors up to the light and attempt to view our rationale from the bottom-up, asking what values are presupposed for this behavior to be justified? What beliefs 'warrant' our acts?

It is my argument we've allowed the Scottish Terrier gene pool to get away from us, we've polluted it, much as we've allowed our physical environment to get away from us, turning our world into a polluted planet. Just as our environment of clean air and water is finite and cannot be sustained at current levels of human exploitation and pollution, so also our Scottish Terrier breed gene pool is a finite resource that cannot be sustained using present diversity-reducing breeding practices. Just as it is important for community action groups to probe for what's behind big polluters of our environment, so also it's vital for us as Scottie lovers to examine the dream pools, the warrants, now driving decisions and behaviors that are contaminating our current breed health picture. Perhaps by rendering explicit our taken-for-granted assumptions, by examining how unwarranted our unspoken values are, we can see ourselves as for the first time and clean up our dream pools before it's too late to save our Scottie gene pool.



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Polluted Value #1: Beauty Reigns

The first of the contaminants in today's Scottie lover's dream pool is the assumption already touched on that 'typy' beauty = supreme value. We don't debate whether beauty should trump other values in purebreed circles; we take it for granted. When we hold up our present Scottish Terrier gene pool predicament to examine it bottom-up to see what has warranted inbreeding our dogs to a degree that would horrify and frighten us were we looking at our own family tree, the answer is: beauty reigns. The end that justifies our means is appearance.

This hidden assumption that appearance is what we're all about lies unrecognized in the comment heard recently from a new breeder echoing the words of her mentor: "After all, that's what we have a standard for." Since our breed standard is at the core of what drives responsible breeding among us, it's worth pondering what our standard is for, is it show or substance?

No one objects to a quest to build a better Scottish Terrier, no one questions that 'well-bred' should reflect highest standards. I do, however, object to breezy rationalizing of inbreeding, to trivializing language, standards, and our dogs by reducing them to glamor quotients.

I realize this is a slippery slope, and that suggesting a comparison between human inbreeding and Scottie inbreeding will have critics accusing me of treating Scotties as if they were human.

I reject that criticism, not because I think humans are wronged by such comparison, but because our dogs are. Frankly, in our neurotic culture to treat Scotties like

we treat humans is abuse! In fact, I'm arguing it is the beauty-as-supreme-value folks who are offending in the matter of Scottie/human separation by co-opting our dogs into our human obsessive-compulsive fixations on looks and appearance. I'm arguing our Scotties deserve better than the psycho-social abuse over appearance we heap on ourselves.

In a frightening sense we've become a 'Barbie Doll' culture in which ubiquitous glamor gurus turn little girls into sexy, thin, blonde, walking-eating-disorders, and turn the rest of us into obese neurotics because we can't live up to the image.

But image—whether negative or positive—is what it's all about. Logos and labels define our image starting in infancy at 'Baby Gap.' These days what once was private envy now is prime time drama: plastic surgery as instrument to happiness and the good life. We've made cosmetic surgery the growth industry of today's medical profession as we hypnotize ourselves in front of our TVs as voyeurs fantasizing our own "extreme make-over."

Although today we know everything the ancient Greeks knew nothing of, our culture knows nothing of what they knew well: the meaning of the good life. They saw clearly what we cannot grasp: that beauty, like all virtues, becomes vice in excess.

My point here is that our culture's obsession with looks by which we torment ourselves, narcissistically chasing the perfect non-aging body, the perfect hair, the perfect skin, the perfect image, is too easily transferred to our dogs. I'm saying the abuse here is that our dogs deserve better than to become yet one more extension of the blatant ways we reduce ourselves to meat and numbers. They are more than the slope of their nose and the length of their back—just as humans are more than "hunks." But in our cul-

ture, where we profoundly skew the measure of human being, can we trust ourselves to see beyond externals in the standard of the Scottish Terrier?

The danger of our being blinded by beauty is seen in its direct impact on our dogs' health. Recently, the notion that 'beauty reigns' was the false assumption behind new cases of vonWillebrand's Disease, a lethal blood disorder, despite the availability of a simple, definitive DNA test to determine whether a dog is affected, is a carrier of the gene, or is clear—and that simple test has been available since 1996. I remember vividly the public heart-break of a respected international breeder going public on the Internet in 2003 with the acknowledgment she produced VWD dogs. She assumed testing was unnecessary expense in the case of her kennel because she 'knew' her dogs were healthy.

I'm not saying all breeders ignore VWD testing, nor am I demonizing this particular breeder—after all, in this VWD case she had the conscience and courage to own her mistake publically instead of hiding it, and to urge others to learn from her shame.

My point is, in our collective rush to dream solutions to our Scotties' gene pool problems we're making the mistake of focusing on our dogs and failing to examine ourselves. It's a mistake because surrounding the magic land of DNA marker research lies the messy swamp of fuzzy thinking, distorted expectations, bad logic, and downright human apathy I'm calling our contaminated dream pools. DNA tests are worthless to us unless used, but such tests can appear superfluous in an environment where beauty

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When Dreams and Genes Go Bad defines 'well-bred,' where practitioners are entranced by phenotype instead of genotype. Why look for problems when I can see my success?

Indirect sanction for such thinking resides at the core of the purebred world of dogs itself where the superficial is ritualized, not deep stewardship. I base this observation on the fact that purebreed clubs are organized as embodiment of the culture of canine beauty pageants and these pageants have devolved into contests having everything to do with looks and show and nothing to do with deep issues of genetic health and vitality. In a cumulative two minutes per animal or less, a showring judge ostensibly validates a breeder's work and worth as "conformation" to the breed standard. Such one-dimensional glamor assessments venerated as canine triumphs of perfection are in truth caricatures of what "well-bred" could and should mean and we're too deep into our tradition to see what our reductionism is doing to our dogs and to ourselves.

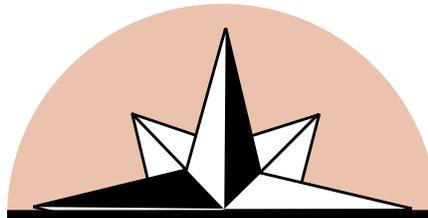
Here at the core of our dog culture is the tainted expectation, the pernicious myth, the contaminated dream that will keep harming our Scotties despite our DNA discoveries: we've taught our best people through public pageantry that appearance defines what matters in the breed and in the breeder, that 'typy' good looks are what counts. When judges choose Best In Breed based on looks alone, whether we admit it or not, we've instructed Scottie breeders and buyers to do the same.

Until we deepen our perspective as to our own worth as well as to the true measure of our Scotties, DNA breakthroughs will enchant us but they will not help us get beyond one-dimensional thinking by which we torture ourselves and harm our dogs.

End of Part I

This is the first section of a 3 part article. Section II section will appear in the Spring Newsletter.

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Renewals must be received no later than

March 31, 2010. These are exciting times for the

Russell Terrier in AKC and you don't want to miss it.

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***Can't find your renewal form?***

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## Walkin' in a Doggie Wonderland

Dog tags ring, are you listening'?

In the lane, snow is glistening'.  
It's yellow, NOT white I've been there tonight,

Marking up my winter wonderland.

Smell that tree? That's my fragrance.

It's a sign for wandering vagrants;

"Avoid where I pee, it's MY property!

Marked up as my winter wonderland."

In the meadow dad will build a snowman,

following the classical design.  
Then I'll lift my leg and let it go

Man,

So all the world will know that it's mine-mine-mine!

Straight from me to the fence post,

flows my natural incense boast;  
"Stay off my TURF, this small piece of earth,

I marked it as my winter wonderland."

Unknown



# News & Raves

## AKC News.....

We are encouraging everyone to get out and enter your Russell Terriers in AKC Misc. Class. Bring your 6 month and up puppies too. It's a great experience for them. This is the fun time. You can all (those of you who are unfamiliar) get to know the way AKC works and see the professional way the shows are run. This is a great time for all of us before we get into the serious Terrier Group. So far every show I have been to the Russells have the most entries in the Misc. Group. Go Russells! So don't miss out on the fun! Who will be the first to earn the new CM title for the Russell Terrier?

The next scheduled BOD meeting is on: Feb 15, 2010.

Visit the Members Only Message Board, for club information and to meet other members. If you haven't already....register for your account with your real name to view the most current treasury reports and other club docs:

[http://sio.invisionfree.com/AR/TC\\_Members\\_Forum/index.php](http://sio.invisionfree.com/AR/TC_Members_Forum/index.php)

Don't see your pictures and show results? Send them in and we'll post them. Now's your chance to brag about your great accomplishments for all to see. We'd love pictures too!

[vistarealrussells@airenetworks.com](mailto:vistarealrussells@airenetworks.com)

Do you have suggestions or ideas to make this newsletter better? We're interested. Please send them to us.

## Meadowbrook All That Jazz

January 10, 2010



This past weekend I had the pleasure of participating in my very first AKC show, the Saw Mill River Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show in White Plains, NY.. My all American bred "MeadowBrook All That Jazz" took Best of Breed and won a ribbon for 1st prize in the Miscellaneous class, she's only 15 months old and I couldn't be prouder. This was a first time showing for both of us and marked a milestone in my life, I am officially addicted. Judge Ronald H. Menaker was extremely kind and patient with all the new exhibitors making us all feel at ease as we took our dogs around the ring. I'll never forget the excitement I felt when I heard everyone clapping and cheering us on, it's a feeling I can wait to experience again.

By Patti Bradford

## Clement Kennel Club Show

Plendleton, SC

January 9 & 10, 2010

To the best of our knowledge the first Best of Breed ribbon for the Russell Terrier was awarded at this show to Billie Sumrell for her bred by exhibitor dog, **Ravenhill's Litl Man.**

Congratulations Billie!!



Results as follows:

**January 9, 2010**

Puppy Dog 6-9

1. Crowe's Nest Dauntless  
Open Dog

1. Ravenhill's Litl Man  
2. Elk Creek Beamer

Puppy Bitch 6-9

1. Ravenhill's Dashing Dana  
Open Bitch

1. Crowe's Nest Jackalyn  
2. Ravenhill's Tiny Abigale  
Best of Breed & Best in Misc.  
Ravenhill's Litl Man  
Best of Opposite  
Crowe's Nest Jackalyn

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# Members Out and About In AKC



Swampwood Timnah



Best of Opposite  
Vista Real's Belgium Babe

Livonia Kennel Club  
Nov, Mi Results:

## Palm Springs Kennel Club Show January 9 & 10, 2010

To the best of our knowledge the first bitch to take a Best of Breed Ribbon in the US was Vista Real's Belgium Babe, owned and bred by Kelli Van Liew of Vista Real Russells. She was definitely the first in CA.

### January 9, 2010

Open Dogs

1 Swampwood Timnah

Open Bitches

1 Vista Real's Belgium Babe

2 Chrystal's Sophisticated Mutt

Best of Breed

Vista Real's Belgium Babe

Best of Opposite

Swampwood Timnah

### January 10, 2010

Open Dogs

1. Swampwood Timnah

Open Bitches

1. Vista Real's Belgium Babe

2. Chrystal's Sophisticated Mutt

Best of Breed

### January 21

Puppy Bitch

1. Elk Creek Peekaboo Mcgypsi

2. Elk Creek Breeze of Corn Row

Best of Breed/Best in Misc

Elk Creek Peekaboo Mcgypsi

### January 22

1. Elk Creek Peekaboo Mcgypsi

2. Elk Creek Breeze of Corn Row

Best of Breed/Best in Misc

Elk Creek Peekaboo Mcgypsi

### January 23

1. Elk Creek Breeze of Corn Row

2. Elk Creek Peekaboo Mcgypsi

Best of Breed

Elk Creek Breeze of Corn Row

### January 24

1. Elk Creek Peekaboo Mcgypsi

2. Elk Creek Breeze of Corn Row

Best of Breed/ Best in Misc

Elk Creek Peekaboo Mcgypsi

## Orange Empire Dog Club Show

San Bernadino, CA

### January 30, 2010

Open Dogs

Swampwood Timnah BOS

Puppy Bitch

Fox Island Nina of Pratsals

BOB/Best in Misc

Open Bitch

1. Thorntree Rosie

2. Vista Real's Belgium Babe

3. Chrystal's Sophisticated Mutt

### January 31

Open Dog

Swampwood Timnah BOB

Open Puppy

Fox Island Nina of Pratsals

Open Bitch

1. Vista Real's Belgium Babe  
BOS

2. Chrystal's Sophisticated Mutt

3. Throrntree Rosie



Patti Bradford attends a local match in January and wins Best Adult in Group with Meadowbrook All That Jazz.

### \*Welcome New Members\*

J Wade (Welcome back)

M & F Wallace (Welcome back), J & M Rivera

B. Fink, P & S Kennedy

S & R Sobel, A Stephens

S Dennie



# Earthdog News and Brags

## Senior Earthdog Title JRS Dr. Watson of Walnut Creek



Bred by JRS Russell Terriers,  
Joyce Chicos, & Laura Ad-  
ams of Walnut Creek Farms  
Owned and handled by Al Rogers  
of Winding River JRT's in New  
Jersey

Dr. Watson earned Sr. Earth Dog  
Title in October 2009

## Senior Earthdog Title Harriet of JRS



Owned and bred by Joyce Chicos of  
JRS Russell Terriers,  
Handled by Al Rogers

Harriett earned her Sr. Earth Dog  
Title in October 2009

## Pictures from some past club events held in So. Calif.



## New Agility Title Soout of Rancho Rivera, JWW



Bred by Joyce Chicos of JRS Rus-  
sell Terriers  
Owned by Juan and Margarita  
Rivera

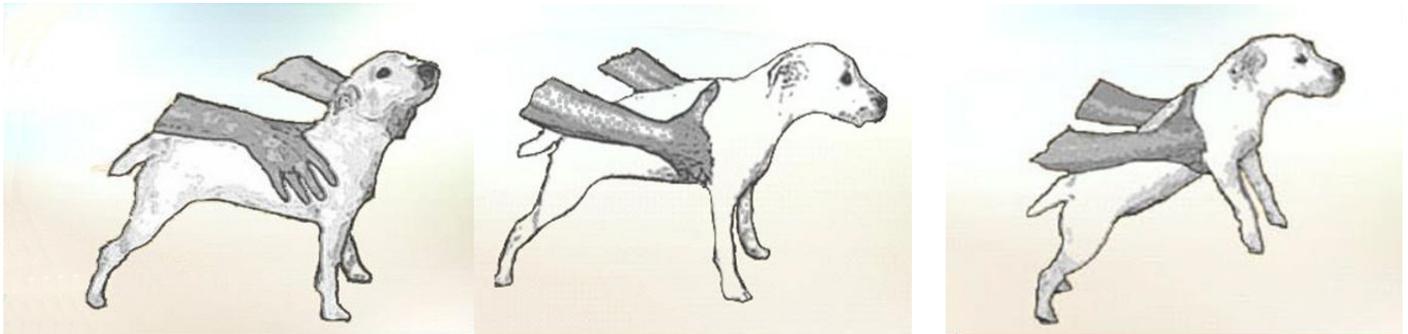
Jumps and Weavers Title earned  
November 7, 2009



# “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.”**



# Miscellaneous Class

## New title Available for Miscellaneous Breeds

Section 23. The Miscellaneous Class shall be for purebred dogs of such breed as may be designated by the AKC® Board of Directors. No dog shall be eligible for entry in the Miscellaneous Class unless the owner has been granted an AKC identification number, and unless the AKC identification number is given on the entry form. Application for an AKC identification number shall be made on a form provided by the AKC and when submitted must be accompanied by a fee set by the Board of Directors.

The regular Miscellaneous Classes for each breed shall be Puppy and Open, with the same eligibility requirements in Sections 4 and 9 of the Chapter respectively. These classes shall be divided by sex. All class winners within a breed shall compete for Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.

Each of the Miscellaneous Class Best of Breed winners shall be eligible to compete for Best in Miscellaneous Class. All entries for Best in Miscellaneous Class shall be made after judging of the individual Miscellaneous breed classes and no entry fee shall be charged. In the event that the owner of a dog designated Best of

Breed shall not exhibit the dog in the Best of Miscellaneous Class Competition, no other dog of the same breed shall be allowed to compete. There shall be no further competition for dogs entered in the Miscellaneous Class.

Winners of the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed in each of the individual miscellaneous breeds will be awarded points towards the Certificate of Merit (CM) title based on the number of dogs defeated. Upon completion of the CM title a dog may continue to compete in the Miscellaneous class so long as they are of an eligible breed. The CM suffix title is an introductory title to AKC conformation events and will be superseded by the CH title when earned. The Certificate of Merit requires 15 points awarded in accordance with the following point structure:

| <u>Dogs Competing</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 2                     | 1             |
| 4                     | 2             |
| 8                     | 3             |
| 12                    | 4             |
| 16                    | 5             |



The ribbon shall conform to Chapter 5, Section 2 of these rules and shall be the following colors:

- \* First Prize - Rose
- \* Second Prize - Brown
- \* Third Prize - Light Green
- \* Fourth Prize - Gray
- \* Best of Breed - Orange
- \* Best of Opposite - Lavender
- \* Best in Miscellaneous - Pink and Green

At present, the Miscellaneous Class is open to the following breeds:

American English Coonhound (eligible as of 1/01/10)

Cane Corso (eligible as of 07/01/08)

Cesky Terrier (eligible as of 07/01/08)

Entlebucher Mountain Dog (eligible as of 01/01/09)

Finnish Lapphund (eligible as of 07/01/09)

Icelandic Sheepdog (eligible as of 07/01/08)

Leonberger (eligible as of 07/01/08)

Norwegian Lundehund (eligible as of 07/01/08)

**Russell Terrier**  
(eligible as of 1/01/10)

Treeing Walker Coonhound

Xoloitzcuintli (eligible as of 01/01/09)



# Fun Pictures



**Have a cute Russell picture  
you'd like to share? Send it to  
us and we'll post it here:  
[kelli@theartc.org](mailto:kelli@theartc.org)**



## Resources

### ARTC Amplified Guide For Judges and Breeders

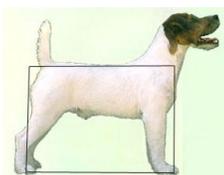
Whether you are an interested judge, competitor or pet owner, we, the breeders of this versatile little fox working terrier are relying on you to help us keep this wonderful old working breed true to its heritage. The Russell Terrier is a dog of moderates, he is composed of a subtle "balance" of these 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.

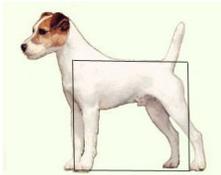
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George A. Padgett, DVM

[The Ultimate Jack Russell Terrier](#)  
Mary Strom

[Solving the Mysteries of Breed  
Type](#)  
Richard G. Beauchamp

[Tricks of the Trade](#)  
Pat Hastings

[The Winning Edge](#)  
George Alston

[Eye For a Dog](#)  
Robert W. Cole

[K-9 Structure & Terminology](#)  
Edward M. Gilbert Jr. and  
Thelma R. Brown

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

[www.terrier.com/newstore/  
itemlist.php4](http://www.terrier.com/newstore/itemlist.php4)

The Jack Russell Terrier  
Betty Smith

Above and Below Ground

The Jack Russell in North America  
Marilyn Massey

Working Jack Russell Terriers  
In North America

A Hunter's Story  
Kenneth James

### RoHM Kennel Application

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.

You must have a RoHM listed kennel in order to list your terriers with the RoHM. Your kennel listing and your terrier application and listing can be filled out and submitted at the same time.

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Listing Fee (\$15 US) must accompany the application. Make checks payable to the RoHM Register and mail to:

**RoHM Register**  
371 S. Yarnallton Pike  
Lexington, KY 40510



For more information on how to list your terriers and obtain the proper application for each dog, please visit the website at: [www.jrtrohmregister.com](http://www.jrtrohmregister.com)

# ARTC Membership Application



## AMERICAN RUSSELL TERRIER CLUB, INC APPLICATION FOR NEWSLETTER/ FOREIGN PARENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member \$24.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \$24.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Membership (up to 16 years) Free

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

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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)

Conformation   Obedience   Agility   Earthdog   Racing   Pet/Just Love the Breed   Hunting   Other

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

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

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

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the American Russell Terrier Club, Inc by-laws, & policies. If I am suspended or expelled by the American Kennel Club, I understand that I will not be able to continue as a newsletter member of the American Russell Terrier Club. Membership is for the current calendar year. All memberships expire on December 31 of the current year. Renewals are accepted at any time. New memberships can be prorated.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please provide the following contact information:

Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check or money order payable to: ARTC, mail along with completed form to:**

ARTC c/o Pam Simmons 371 S. Yarnallton Pike Lexington KY 40510

If you have any questions about your membership, please call: 951 928 1155 or visit our website: <http://www.theartc.org>



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The Russell Terrier has remained true to its original form from the 1900's forward to present day.