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In this Issue

Puppies!!!

*How to Find a Breeder
what to look for ...*



This 'n That ...

Did you know ... you do not have to live in the Mid-Atlantic region to be a member of the club.

By joining you will find a supportive group of like minded friends who have Rat Terriers and who participate at a variety of events with their dogs. You don't even have to participate in any events to join and still find support from those who love the breed. All you need is to love the Rat Terrier breed. Finding sponsors is pretty easy, just ask and someone will step up. The application is at the back of this newsletter to make it easy for you and you can pay dues via PayPal or snail mail.

Right now our club newsletter is made public, but at some point that will probably not be the case. We welcome contributions in the form of brags about your dog successes in any event (AKC only for conformation), love photos of your dog just being a Rattie, and if you have ideas for something you'd like to see in the newsletter please let us know. Email any newsletter contributions directly to Sandra at midatlanticrtc@cox.net OR you can send to the club email at midatlanticratterrier@yahoo.com.



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We are continually looking for photos, articles, and news to include in a future newsletter. Please send us anything that you think might be of interest. Providing us with URL links for potential items is welcome too. We LOVE photos of the Rat Terrier doing those things that they were bred to do, plus any of them doing the various performance events (Lure coursing, Barn Hunt, rally or obedience, agility, and on and on). Help us make this newsletter something that you look forward to and want to keep.



So ... you want a new puppy

What do you look for in a breeder?

By Sandra Ball

The time has arrived and you are ready to make the plunge ... you want a new puppy. Where do you research? There are many ways to approach such important decisions, but some are fraught with the possibility of heartbreak. Why? Some people breed puppies with “papers”, but they pay no attention to breeding dogs that are as genetically healthy as possible. They are sometimes running a puppy mill and sometimes they are just the neighbor who dabbles in breeding to make a little extra cash. None of those situations would likely involve doing the basic breed specific genetic screening which is important to the health and longevity of the puppies produced. I hope this is a helpful article about how to screen potential breeders. I confess that I am very biased towards purchasing from a breeder who does comprehensive genetic testing. I look for what is recommended by the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) for that breed. I will admit to learning my lessons the hard way and having my heart broken in the process.

I suggest that you become familiar with the two great resource sites listed below:

The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) is a site which records the genetic testing results that a breeder or owner submits for public information. Some testing is done and sent directly to the OFA for evaluation (hip and elbow x-rays, for example) and the breeder and/or owner will indicate on the form whether or not they wish to have failing results reported publicly. Anyone can research the public database that this site has to offer to discover recorded results for a specific breed or a specific dog. It is an excellent tool that has high value for breeders and puppy buyers alike. It is also an imperfect tool because not everyone will choose to submit their testing results for recording. www.ofa.org

Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) is a site that lists specific testing that is required or suggested by the national parent club for the breed. The parent club is recognized or approved by the American Kennel Club (AKC) or United Kennel Club (UKC) depending on whether they recognize that breed. If a dog has had all of the required testing performed and recorded in the OFA database, the dog will be issued a CHIC number. That number does not indicate if the dog passed the testing. It only indicates that the testing was done. <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>

How in the world do you begin the search? It can be daunting. It requires work, perseverance, and diligence. But the effort will pay off. To begin, there are many approaches you might take:

- Ask friends. Facebook is a great place to make the initial query.
- Look for breed specific groups on Facebook and inquire there.
- Go to dog shows in your area and watch the breed that you are interested in as it is being judged. Talk to the exhibitors and learn all that you can from them. I do caution to take criticism of another breeder cautiously – Yes, jealousy does exist! Do your research beyond what someone tells you about another person. I usually file such comments in my mind as interesting to know, but I seek to discover for myself because ... well, I know people have their biases.
- Google for the breed and check out websites for any breeders who catch your eye. Beware that there are unscrupulous breeders who do indeed take photos from a highly respected and successful breeder's site and use them as their own. Check out photos using <https://www.tineye.com> to determine if they belong on the site. *(I conducted a brief search for some photos and did not have any hits, so I am not certain about how effective this tool is. It is, however, another potential option in your quest for information and was recommended by a friend who has had success using it.)*
- When you have found a breeder who interests you it is time to begin more in depth research. This is where the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals is quite helpful. I search for kennel names or specific dog names in their database. I am looking to see just how much testing is being done. Do keep in mind that some breeders will not allow OFA to publish all results, but only "passing" results. This does a great disservice to the breed, but it does happen. Some breeders do not record all of their testing results on OFA. I have never understood why they do not, but I am not trying to imply that those who do not are not being honest. It is just a "deal breaker" for me if they do not record with OFA (remember, I said that I was biased). You have to decide for yourself if their paperwork satisfies you or if you want a breeder who records on the OFA site.
 - Some breeders do minimal testing such as: if your breed has a genetic test for a specific eye disorder, that is all they test for (see below).
 - Other breeders will follow much or most of what the Canine Information Health Center suggests for the breed. Some national breed clubs have a list of required tests that a breeder must complete before they get their CHIC certification. The dog does not have to pass the tests, but it must have had all tests done which are required by the national breed club for that specific breed. These tests can include: hip and elbow dysplasia, Progressive Rod Cone Degeneration-Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRCD-PRA), Primary Lens Luxation (PLL), cardiac evaluation, patella luxation, BAER (hearing), dentition and so many more.

RAT TERRIER

(search)

Cardiac Evaluation

- Congenital Cardiac Exam - OR
- Advanced Cardiac Exam

Hip Dysplasia

- OFA Evaluation - OR
- PennHIP Evaluation

Patellar Luxation

- OFA Evaluation

Legg-Calve-Perthes

- Legg-Calves-Perthes
- OFA Evaluation

Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist- Annual exams until at least Age 8ys (96mo) (Optional)

- Results registered with OFA - OR
- Results registered with CERF

Congenital Deafness (Optional)

- OFA evaluation based on BAER test
- GDC evaluation based on BAER test

Elbow Dysplasia (Optional)

- OFA Evaluation


Primary Lens Luxation (Optional)

- DNA based PLL test results from an approved lab

Visit the official AKC and UKC club websites

- <http://www.therratierclubofamerica.com/>
- <http://imageevent.com/arta>

*Note - In addition to the breed specific requirements above, a CHIC requirement across all participating breeds is that the dog must be permanently identified via microchip or tattoo in order to qualify for a CHIC number.



- If you find an advertisement in your local paper for a puppy at a cheaper price, you can probably assume it has not had any genetic testing done on its parents. Be careful. You might hit the jackpot and end up with a wonderful lifelong companion OR you might end up with the heartbreaker.
 - If the breeder says that he/she tests and provides paperwork to “prove” it, I recommend that you check it out on the OFA site. Unfortunately I know of a dog seizure case where the breeder forged certain genetic testing documents to give the false impression that the puppy was tested or his/her parents were tested.
 - If you go to see the puppy and are smitten by a little face, remember this is a lifelong commitment and that you need to do more research. If the price is too good to be true, you are likely not getting a puppy from tested bloodlines and all too often you get what you pay for and then end up paying for the rest of that dog’s natural life.

Below is a sample of an OFA report on a Rat Terrier that I own. You can see that extensive testing was done on him as part of my dedication to the breed. You can see that he is a carrier for the Primary Lens Luxation (PLL) and this information is valuable to a breeder who would choose to breed him. He should only be bred to a bitch that is “clear” (i.e. does not carry that gene) to avoid offspring who are affected by PRA.

OFA Number	Registry	Test/Film Date	Report Date	Age	Final Conclusion
RAT-PLL1174/3M-PI-CAR	PRIMARY LENS LUXATION	Jun 12 2015	Jun 24 2015	3	CARRIER
RAT-BR34/6M-PI	BAER HEARING TEST	Oct 20 2015	Nov 3 2015	6	HEARING (NORMAL)
RAT-CA824/12M/C-VPI	CARDIAC	Apr 26 2016	May 3 2016	12	NORMAL - CARDIOLOGIST
RAT-DM11/17M-PI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	Sep 1 2016	Sep 12 2016	17	NORMAL
RAT-PA1099/18M/P-VPI	PATELLA	Oct 12 2016	Oct 27 2016	18	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
RAT-PRA3/18M-PI	PROGRESSIVE RETINAL ATROPHY	Oct 21 2016	Oct 27 2016	18	GENOTYPICALLY NORMAL FOR <i>prcd</i> -PRA
RAT-LP517/24M-VPI	LEGG-CALVE-PERTHES	Mar 29 2017	Apr 6 2017	24	NORMAL
RAT-552E24M-VPI	HIPS	Mar 29 2017	Apr 10 2017	24	EXCELLENT
RAT-EL361M24-VPI	ELBOW	Mar 29 2017	Apr 10 2017	24	NORMAL
RAT-EYE39/25M-PI	EYES	May 4 2017	May 19 2017	25	NORMAL: 2017

The OFA report above will also show you any recorded testing results for the sire, dam, siblings, half-siblings, and offspring of the dog you are researching. This can be a very valuable tool in learning more about the bloodlines of the puppy you are evaluating.

- Also, Google the name of the breeder and combine it with words like “problem”, “red flag”, “issues” and so on. You never know what you might turn up by using the search engines to your advantage.
- Take the time to check out www.akc.org for your breed’s official standard. Know what is considered a disqualification for the breed.

Before you begin serious conversation with a breeder, take the time to compile a list of what it is that you want in a puppy. What goals do you have? Do you want a conformation puppy, a performance puppy, or just a well-rounded pet? What do you absolutely NOT want in a puppy? For example: I am not overly fond of soft puppies. By soft I mean a puppy who cannot take a fair correction without melting. I find that such a puppy will not thrive with me. I do like a very intelligent puppy with drive and one that will “push back” a bit while not being over the top with the civil disobedience. There is a balance. Every person has preferences and dislikes regarding a puppy and future dog. Be honest with yourself and with the breeder about what it is you want because this will give you, the breeder and the puppy the best chance at finding a successful lifelong match in a companion.

After doing your research, when you have that conversation with a breeder about their puppies, you will be more informed and you will also be seeking specific answers from them. Some questions you may want to ask the breeder might be:

- What genetic testing have they done? Results?
- What vaccinations has the puppy had (check with your veterinarian about what he/she recommends)? Has the puppy had a health exam by a veterinarian?
- Can you visit and see the parents? (Not all breeders have the stud dog on the premises – many breeders do send their bitches out for breeding). If you visit: pay attention to the social behavior of the dogs, cleanliness of puppies and environment, and if the dogs appear well cared for.
- Ask for references.

- What sort of activities does the breeder do with their dogs: Conformation? Agility? Obedience? Barn Hunt? Herding? Tracking? And so on. Is the breeder an active participant in the dogs' lives or just breeding to sell puppies?
- Are they active with local clubs, any breed clubs, or breed rescue? And so on.

When you reach the point of saying that you want a puppy from this particular breeder and the breeder has approved you for one of his/her puppies it is time to ask about the contract that you will likely need to sign. Read the contract! C-A-R-E-F-U-L-L-Y. If you do not agree with the terms – STOP! If the terms are non-negotiable, move on and find a new breeder. This is very important because you must be willing to adhere to the terms of the contract and not all breeders are fair in what they expect or demand. By signing the contract you are giving your word and you are agreeing to the contents.

There is nothing more exciting than picking out and bringing home that new and special little furry member of your home. I hope these suggestions and information are helpful as you begin your quest for that life-long companion to your home.



More Puppies!!



Pretty as a Picture



*"ODIN"
In the clover*

Photo by Sue Lee Ringwelski

Introducing Our Roving Reporter ... Style!!!!



~ Beginning with this issue ~

Watch for her interviews with Rat Terriers from all over the country.

Style knows how to get them to tell their secrets!!

Style's transcribing assistant is Deb Harpur.

Puppy Style Interviews HERSELF!

It's me, Puppy Style and I'm not so busy today so I'm interviewing myself. I hope you find this interview totally fascinating.

What is your every day name, where do you live and how old are you? *My name is Style. I live in Los Angeles, CA and I am 7 months old.*

What is your super fancy dog show name and who gave you that name? *Blackwoods She's Got Brazile'n Style is my fancy name. My mom named me after a cowgirl named Style Brazile. Her daddy and mommy are super famous in Rodeo and mommy met Style (who is a human girl) and she was the most mannered, pretty and spunky girl she could remember meeting in a long time. And she said to herself, If I get a girl puppy, I'd like it to be just like Style. So when I came along and mommy fell in love w me, I was named Style. So I get called Puppy Style so you know it's not human Style she's calling.*

What is the name your mommy calls you when you are super naughty? *HEY YOU! PUP PY STYLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE. NO MA'AM! Is what she calls me.*

Who are your doggie mommy and daddy? *My doggie daddy is Colt. He lives in Texas w grandma Amanda. My doggie mommy is Courage, she lives with Grandma Jackie in Anza, CA.*

Who introduced your mommy and daddy – meaning who is your breeder? *I'm not sure if it was grandma Jackie or grandma Amanda who introduced them, but I know I was born at Grandma Jackies house and I've got her kennel name, so I'm gonna guess it was her. I heard they were really in love. But they don't live together anymore. But my human mommy and daddy still live together so I'm not from a broken home.*

What is it like where you live? What does it look like outside? *I live near the port of Los Angeles. That's in Southern California. It's a city. Lots of houses and some refineries and stores and stuff but there's room too. We go 3 miles up the road and there are horse trails and stuff. If we got across the street from our work (and my agility yard) there is ocean water. Not the pretty beach kind of water, but flat smooth water with giant ships in it. But if we go a couple miles past that there is a beach. I haven't got to go to the beach yet but I can smell it and almost every day a seagull comes to our yard and invites me to come over.*

What kind of dog sports or activity do you like to do? *My family is very active in agility. I am learning that. When not training, I like to run amok and herd the border collies Bunnee and Gabriel, play with toys with my sisters Tierney, LCpie and Gigi or destuff a toy and make it look like snow all over the house. That is super fun.*

Which sport / activity are you best at? *Killing toys for sure. But I got my CGC and my STAR Puppy so I must be good at manners too. I'm really good at sitting still near horses too, and giving them kisses on their big noses. That's cause I'm part cowgirl.*

Is there a dog sport or activity that you would love to do? *When I learn how to swim maybe I'll go dock diving with Bunnee.*

Would you like to share any accomplishments, etc with us? *I learned how to potty outside and on a piddle pad. And I learned to jump up on the bed and claim MY spot. Oh and I'm a supermodel. I pose and look good and people take my picture.*

Who is your handler/ handlers in your various activites? *My mommy Deborah Davidson Harpur*

What do you reward your handler with for a job well done? *Kisses! I kiss her inside her nose and then all over her mouth and cheek!*

If you were not a rat terrier what breed do you think you would be and why? *I'd be a cowgirl and compete in the rodeo.*

What do you think is your best asset? *I make dog collars and stuff look good.*

What does your human think is your best asset? *She says I'm spunky but have manners... most of the time.*

Do you have any enemies? What do you do if you see that enemy? *I have not gotten one yet. I need to find myself a MORTAL ENEMY so I can see them and say GRRRRRR mortal enemy grrrrrrr!*

What is your most embarrassing moment? *I guess when I was a baby and great aunt Kadoodle scared me. I piddled and ran and hid.*

Have you ever done something that you thought was perfectly fine, but your human thought was super yucky, embarrassing or funny? *The only thing I can think of is when I threw up in the car and then ate it up again. Mommy said YUCK GROSS! But I knew it had to be good 'cause Gigi was trying to steal it away from me.*



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NutriSource
Super Premium Pet Foods
Puppy!

I'm a Quick Learner!
Demand only the best
in everything and start early.

"Style"
Blackwoods She's Got Brazile'n Style
4 mo old Rat Terrier.

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Small & Medium Breed
Puppy

Do you like to wear outfits? *No, but as a supermodel I wear what I'm told and then they give me rewards. I do like my coat when it's cold. I heard there are doggies who live in the snow that do not wear coats at all! I get shivery when it's 50 degrees. Sometimes when it's 60 and breezy. I just wore a coat yesterday 'cause I was cold and it's June.*

What would you like to be known for in the rat terrier community? *I want to follow in the footsteps of Rickie Roo and be a world famous Roving Reporter. My sister Tierney was a reporter for USDAA last year, but I'm gonna try to take her job away this year.*

Do you have a doggie hero or someone you look up to? *Rickie Roo. She died before I was born but she was super famous and really helped out a lot of charities and spread the word about the importance of genetic testing. She was super special. I heard she was super naughty though, so I'm not sure if I can be quite that naughty. OH and Mr. Willis. I want to be martian royalty just like he is, and all the other calico rat terriers. Did you know that calico rat terriers are royalty on mars and must be treated as so? My sister Tierney is royalty and I'm not. Since Mr. Willis is my brother in law and he was married to Rickie Roo, I'm kinda adopted Royalty, but not really and boy do Tierney and her littermate twin Maple let me know that. I'm honorary royalty but not REAL martian royalty so I will never ever get my spaceship driving permit. It's simply not allowed. Since Mr. Willis is king of the martians, I think he's my hero too.*

Why do you like about MARTC? *I like winning stuff in the raffle. I won a WELCOME stick and now mommy uses it to whack daddy in the butt when he's being cranky. OR she hits it on the table to yell SHUTTTTTT UPPPPPPPP! When all of us dogs are going nuts in the office. It is a super cool stick.*

Well, it's been a pleasure interviewing myself. I must say it's easier to ask the questions than to answer them.

Puppy Style.

The 10 Human Medications Most Dangerous to Dogs

Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald | September 06, 2016



One of the most dangerous rooms of the house with regard to accidental poisonings is the bedroom, on account of the nightstand next to the bed. Many adult dogs and teething puppies sleep in the bed with their humans, and thus have easy access to the drugs on that nightstand. Medications left on counters in kitchens and bathrooms find their way into the stomachs of bored dogs, too.

If your dog ever does happen to ingest human medication, bring the original container to the veterinarian. The original bottle or package can tell you which drug is involved, what strength, how many pills or tablets were in the container, and possibly the manufacturer's recommendations concerning poisoning.

DANGEROUS DRUGS

The most common human medications to cause poisoning in dogs include:

10 Most Common Human Medications Harmful to Dogs

1. Aspirin
2. Ibuprofen
3. Naproxen
4. Indomethacin
5. Acetaminophen
6. Xanax
7. Ambien
8. ACE inhibitors
9. Beta Blockers
10. Adderall

Pet Poison Hotline
Keep this number on your fridge should your pet ingest a poison or medication*:
855-764-7661
24/7 Animal Poison Control Center
*fee applies

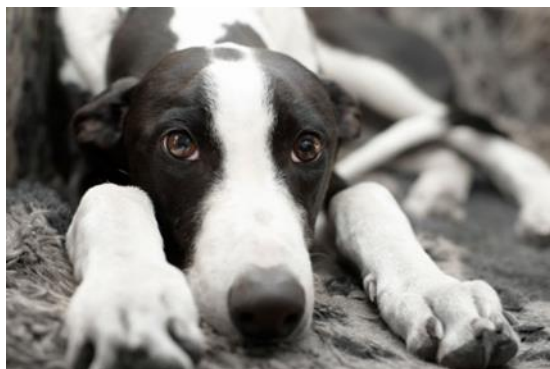
The **nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)** are widely used and readily available — many of these can be purchased over the counter. These drugs are used to treat pain, inflammation, and fever in people. Examples of NSAIDs include **aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and indomethacin**. In dogs, orally ingested NSAIDs are rapidly absorbed. Most achieve peak concentrations in the blood within three hours. The most commonly seen side effects of these medications are gastrointestinal irritation and damage to the GI tract.

At recommended dosages, NSAIDs have little effect on the kidneys, but in cases of overdose (and also with chronic usage) renal damage has occurred. The simultaneous use of two NSAIDs can lead to kidney dysfunction. Additionally, NSAID overdose has caused clotting problems and liver disease. These drugs can also react with other drugs.

Another readily available human medication often used to treat pain and inflammation in dogs is **acetaminophen**. This drug, sold as **Tylenol** and other brand names, can be obtained both over the counter and in some prescription preparations. Exposure to dogs usually occurs through administration of acetaminophen by uninformed but well-meaning owners intending to treat fever, pain, or inflammation in their animal. Poisoning can occur from a single exposure to a large dose or from chronic exposure to a low dose.

Acetaminophen poisoning in dogs causes injury to the liver and, in high enough dosages, even liver failure. Clinical signs can include lethargy, loss of appetite, belly pain, and jaundice. Swelling of the face and paws is also commonly seen. Cats are even more sensitive than dogs to acetaminophen — clinical signs can result from ingesting a single tablet.

Medications used for attention-deficit disorder and hyperactivity contain **amphetamine**, a potent stimulant. Ingestion of these medications by dogs can lead to life-threatening tremors, seizures, elevated body temperature, and even cardiac and respiratory arrest.



Blood pressure medications, like ACE inhibitors and beta blockers, can cause weakness, stumbling, and dangerously low blood pressure.

Medications designed to aid with sleep, like Xanax, Ambien, and Valium, can cause dogs to become lethargic, seem intoxicated and, in some cases, have dangerously slowed breathing rates. Some dogs become severely agitated after ingesting these drugs.

Treatment

The vast majority of these accidental intoxications can be successfully managed with early treatment. For poisonings, the best outcomes involve seeking immediate advice from your veterinarian followed by aggressive, proactive treatment, if necessary. Your vet may suggest making the animal vomit if ingestion just occurred, but your pet may also need intravenous fluid support or treatment with specific medications and antidotes to combat the toxin. Always check with your veterinarian before starting any treatments to neutralize the poison.

It's important to note that time is of the essence for many of these poisonings, and most treatments are best done at a veterinary hospital.

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http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/the-10-human-medications-most-dangerous-to-dogs/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=health-20170321

Socializing Your Puppy: Why “Later” Is Too Late

It's a common scenario.

You've just brought home your new puppy. Eight weeks old, all roly-poly fluff and cute as a button. You've heard that puppies need to be “socialized,” and you definitely plan to work on that when you get a chance. Maybe sign up for a class with your local trainer, or start taking her for walks around the neighborhood. But not just yet.

You'll start when the weather gets warmer. When your work schedule eases up a bit and you have more time. When the kids go back to school. And you want to make sure she's had all her shots first, right? There will be plenty of time for socializing later.

Wrong.

Unfortunately for many new puppy owners, it's easy to assume that there's no need to worry about training or behavior issues at such a young age. I talk to owners about puppy kindergarten classes and socialization during every new puppy exam at our veterinary clinic, and it's a constant refrain: “Oh, we don't need to start anything like that yet. She's doing fine right now, no problems. Maybe when she's older.”

The fact is, “when she's older” will be far too late. Scientifically, here's the reason why: puppies go through a critical socialization period from 6 to 16 weeks of age that will dramatically impact their behavior for the rest of their lives. During this period, their brains are like tiny sponges – soaking up everything they experience and filing it away for the future.

(I should note here that some experts in the field consider the socialization period to end as early as 12 weeks, and there is also some evidence to suggest differences in the optimal socialization window for different breeds – which is a fascinating topic in itself, but beyond the scope of today's post! Suffice it to say, as a general rule of thumb, 16 weeks is a good estimation.)

Whatever puppies see at this age, they will consider a normal part of life as adults. Kids on bicycles? Fine. People with umbrellas and shiny coats? No problem. Lawnmowers, crying babies, men with beards and hats – for a well-socialized puppy, these things are all a normal part of the world around them.

BUT... beyond 16 weeks, something happens. New things, which before were accepted with cheerful curiosity and a wagging tail, are now met with suspicion. Anything that the pup has not already encountered is automatically assumed to be dangerous and scary – so bicycles, umbrellas, lawnmowers, etc. are now terrifying monsters to be barked at or cowered away from. You may have met adult dogs who are fearful of everyday objects or unfamiliar people; in many cases, this is the end result of poor socialization during this all-important period.

This is actually a pretty staggering fact – nothing “bad” has to happen at all. A simple lack of exposure at the right time can result in an adult dog who is unable to cope with normal life. And in practice, this is one of the saddest things I see.

Why are dogs wired this way? From an evolutionary standpoint, in the wild, having a short window of time for accepting new things makes a lot of survival sense. For wolves, coyotes, and foxes (the domestic dog's closest wild relatives) as well as for feral dogs living on their own, odds are high that anything truly “new” is bad news – something that may hurt or kill them.



Thus, there's an expiration date on how long the canine brain is open to novel experiences. An adult wolf or coyote that happily walks up to unfamiliar things (like other predators, cars, or even humans) won't survive long. Even though our pet dogs lead comparatively protected lives with little to fear from their environment, they have inherited this hard-wired behavior pattern from their more cautious ancestors. This is why no amount of cajoling and coaxing can convince a poorly socialized adolescent dog that a plastic bag blowing across the parking lot is no big deal – to her, escaping from it or defending herself is a matter of life or death.

So when should you start actively socializing your puppy? Right now. As soon as possible. From the very first day your new pup comes home, the clock is ticking.

Now, one final caveat... what about vaccines? You may have heard that your puppy should not go anywhere until she's had all of her shots.

You should absolutely be careful! Diseases like parvo, distemper, and others can be deadly, and are unfortunately common in many areas. But consider this – your puppy will not be fully vaccinated until after she's 4-5 months old. If you wait until then, you've already missed your opportunity.

The American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior (AVSAB) feels so strongly about this issue that they published a **position statement on puppy socialization** in 2008, stressing that owners should be introducing their puppies to new places, people and other dogs **prior to completing their vaccination series**. In particular, they strongly recommend beginning puppy kindergarten classes as early as 7-8 weeks of age. So, what does this mean for you? It means to be smart about where you take your puppy before she's fully vaccinated. I normally recommend avoiding places like dog parks, pet stores, and high-traffic public areas where lots of strange dogs are walked. Instead, visit friends with healthy, vaccinated pets. Go for car rides – visit McDonalds, Starbucks, or the drive-thru lane at your bank or pharmacy. Walk your pup around the block to meet your neighbors. Invite the kids playing outside to say hello.

Just do it before 16 weeks of age. Someday, when she's a happy, well-adjusted adult, your puppy will thank you for it.

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ADVENTURES OF SUPER RATTIE

Thank you to Darla Ailey for the
chuckle

Drum Roll!!



Sahuaro Sunsets Skippin CJ aka "Bingo" finished his Champion title on March 19, 2017 at the Del Sur Kennel Club show in California. He is owned by Christina Martinez & Lynn Pinkey.

~ California ~



UKC CH UR01 COHills Line in the Sand RN BN CGC aka "Bad". Amanda Hill and her boy Bad earned his Beginner Novice title in Marshall TX on May 7, 2017 with two firsts and a second place.

~ Texas ~



FANTASTIC!!!



UKC Ch COHills Riding the Edge aka "Edge" earned a 4 point major in Bossier City, LA with co-owner Debbie Holmes in May. Edge is also co-owned by Amanda Hill and Barbie Trammell. Also pictured are Amanda Hill and UKC GrCh COHills Ride Like The Wind aka "Mariah" and Lexie with UKC GrCh COHills Sweet N Sour Sadie aka "Sadie" (co-owned by Jennifer Jones and Lexi Foster Jones). Sadie has been totally trained by 9 year old Lexi and she is also pursuing Rally. Mariah is the dam of both.

~ Texas ~



UKC GrCh COHills Sweet and Sour Sadie RN aka "Sadie" and her lovely little handler Lexi Foster Jones earned their first performance title. Lexi trained Sadie completely by herself! The delightful team earned two second placements and a first place. Lexi is also enrolled in the AKC Junior Handler program. Lexi and Sadie attended the UKC Premier n June and made two qualifying scores in Rally 1A. Good job Lexi!!!

~ Texas ~



KUDOS!!!



UKC CH UR01 COHills Line in the Sand RN BN CGC aka "Bad". Bred, owned and handled by Amanda Hill. Amanda and Bad attended the UKC Premier on June 16-18 and he earned a new weight pull title. Bad qualified all three times by pulling 8 times his body weight. He pulled 177 pounds on Friday and Saturday, Sunday he pulled 145 pounds. Bad-Dog has now added the UWP title to his long list of titles.

~ Texas ~



UKC Ch URO-1 RPK's Unwritten Paige at COHills aka "Roolz" earned her three qualifying legs to achieve her URO-1 title in Rally Obedience at the UKC Premier in Michigan. Roolz is owned and handled by Amanda Hill. Bred by Shelly Heist of Rat Pack Kennel.

~ Texas ~



Congratulations!!



MACH Burway Ryder on the Storm CM MXC MJG RATO has officially qualified for the AKC National Agility Championships to be held in Reno, NV in March 2018. Ryder is owned and handled by Candy Clemente. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

~ California ~

GCH Felixvilles Skippin CJ Tooloulou aka "Tootie" owned by Theda Little and Christina Martinez, handled by Robert Chaffin was Best of Breed 3 days straight at the show in Wichita, KS and again at the Mid-Continent KC of Tulsa show in March and April 2017.

~ California ~



Send us your brags for next quarter's newsletter!

AWESOME!!!



Francis was adopted from a shelter a year ago. Last September, a groomer friend of ours talked us into going to see a Barn Hunt. It looked like fun when we watched on Saturday, and they were taking day of show entries, so we signed him up for instinct and Novice runs for the next day. When we drove home, I said to my friend, "Well, I guess he'll have to learn the tunnel." And being a Rat Terrier, he did! Sunday we Q'd in Instinct and he got his first leg of Novice (flubbed the second round that day, as always, handler error) and we've been hooked ever since. He got his second leg of Novice in November and I felt like I like my mind — I adopted some rats and we practice in my basement. He knocked it out of the park at the trial in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. He got his third leg of novice on Friday, moved up and got all three legs of open that same weekend. He got three first places in open, his fastest time was 28.56 seconds to find two rats, tunnel, and climb. He also got two First in Class in open. I'm so excited about Barn Hunt, can't wait to go to the next trial! He'll be looking for four rats, plus have to complete a tunnel with two right angles. There's no doubt when he alerts, he shrieks and scratches at the tube.

Owned and Handled by Liese VanderBroek
~Iowa~



GG Fasterthanaspeedingbullet aka "Bullet" owned and handled by Vera Boyle was Winner's dog at the Sunflower Cluster in Wichita, KS April 6-9th. Vera is also happy to share that he is PLL, PRA, Degenerative Myelopathy, and Congenital Hypothyroidism-Normal (Clear). OFA certified normal Cardiac, Dental, and Patella normal at 13 months of age.

~ Kansas ~



STUPENDOUS!!!



CH RATITATTS SENORITA LOLITAS LOLLIPOP CD RA
RATI CGCU aka "Lolly" has added the RL1 to her
list of titles on April 29. WCRL is an ADPT rally
sport. It is challenging and fun with two trials per
day. Owned by Edithmary Stenz and Gretchen A.
Chambers and handled by Edithmary Stenz.

~ Arizona ~

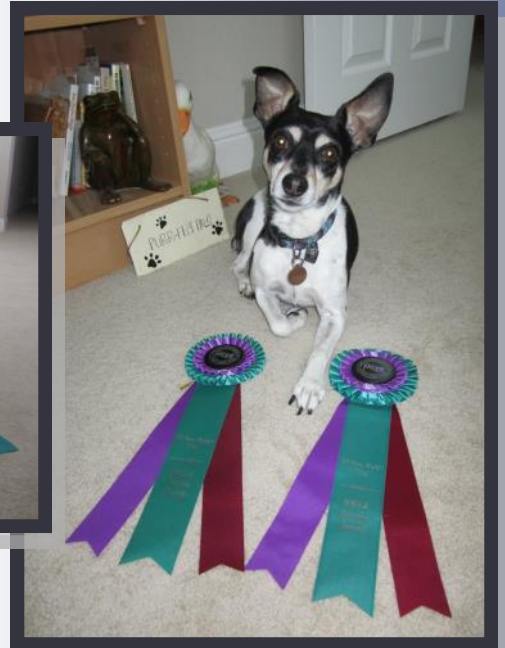
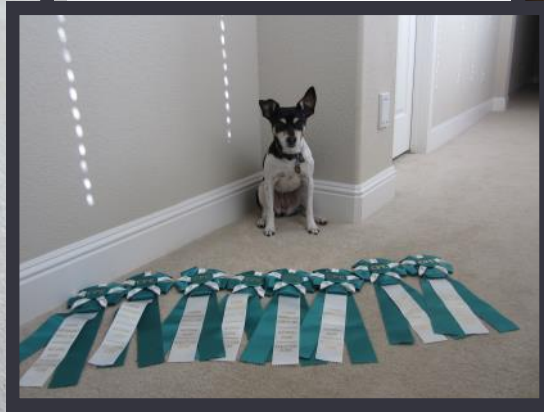
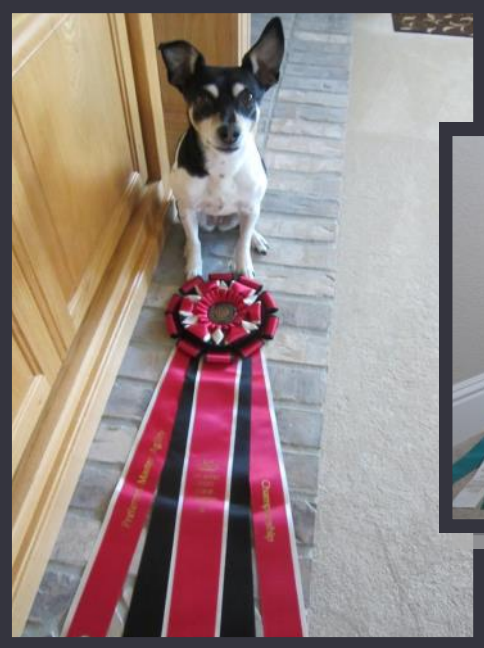


AKC/UKC/Int CH River Ridge's Wicked Good CA
BCAT aka "Ticket" finished her Rally Novice title
April 15 at the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, GA.

Ticket also went Best of Breed twice, earned 2
AKC JWWs legs, and 1 AKC FAST agility leg and 1
AKC standard agility leg in the same cluster. She
needs 1 point for her AKC GCH and is ranked #7
Rat Terrier in Conformation and #2 Rat Terrier in
FastCAT. She has also added AKC NA and NAJ
titles. Ticket is owned by Penny Cary, Hosea
Carpenter, and Stacy McWilliams.

~ Florida ~

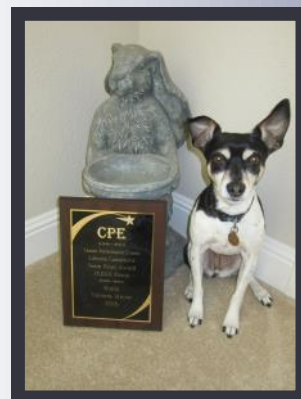
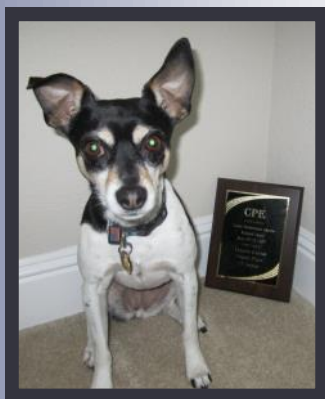
TERRIFIC!!!



MACH4 PACH5 (AKC) C-ATE, C-ATCH9 (CPE) Dragonfly's Shooting Star (lots of other titles in both agility venues). This year Stella has been busy - AKC PACH5, CPE Nationals 2017 eight out of nine Q.s and in Veteran Games 4th Place in the 12" height, Also in CPE she got her plaque for Lifetime Cumulative Team Point award - 15,000 points, In Nosework she is competing in NACSW Level 3 and recently got two Element titles - Interiors and Vehicles. To roll back the clock a bit - she was the Number 1 Preferred Rat Terrier in AKC Agility, invited to the Invitational 2015 and went, In 2016 invited, but stayed home because I didn't want to fly a 12 year old dog across the country and she hated the astro turf .

Owned and Handled by Vickey Meyer.

~ California ~



Demodectic Mange In Dogs



Most new pet owners expect, or at least hope for, perfect health in their new little pup. There is hardly anything worse than having to deliver a diagnosis of mange. This is where the phrase “mangy dog” came from; these dogs can look awful in a hurry! But it doesn’t have to be so upsetting if you understand a few basic points about this potentially serious skin disorder.

Demodex

There are two types of mange and the mites that cause them. Understanding the differences between the two will greatly affect what you identify as cause, pursue as treatment and expect for prognosis.

Demodectic mites live deep in the skin, while sarcoptic mites live on the surface. A skin scrape is necessary to identify which type is present.

Demodex are very easy to pick up on a scraping, so long as the practitioner does a deep scraping. Sometimes more than one scraping is necessary. All skin disorders should be skin-scraped to rule out either of these mites as an underlying cause.

Horrifyingly, we all have demodex on us all the time. They look like microscopic alligators. Thankfully, we don't realize they are present unless there is a body flora imbalance, which allows them to proliferate abnormally. That's when they begin to do their damage. They are not contagious.

Sarcoptic

Sarcoptic mange, also called scabies in humans, is contagious. We do not carry these around unless we are exposed to another pet or person who has them – yes, you can get these from your dog. These mites like to chomp on dogs' ear margins and are very difficult to identify on a skin scraping.

Localized mange consists of small spots of alopecia (hair loss) in one location. Generalized mange is much more serious and can encompass the entire body with not only hair loss but secondary infection, causing redness, oozing, crusts and thickened, even elephant-like skin. These inflammatory changes can become very uncomfortable, to the point that the pruritus (itching) causes the pet to scratch incessantly and excoriate the skin even more.

All this begins with a few mites, too small to see with the naked eye, gone wild.

What's The Cause?

So, what causes demodectic mites to flourish and make your beautiful new puppy bald and uncomfortable? An immune system imbalance or a hereditary factor may predispose an animal to develop juvenile-onset demodicosis (*Clinical Medicine of the Dog and Cat*).



The conventional approach

To speed the healing of localized demodicosis, many vets use a topical insecticide, Goodwinol Ointment, to decrease the parasites in that location. Alternatively, a holistic practitioner might recommend topical essential oils, which have insecticidal and/ or anti-inflammatory properties. These can include citronella, neem or lemon grass.

Be cautious with essential oils in puppies. Be sure the oils have not been chemically adulterated or perfumed, and that they are generally regarded as safe by the FDA for internal consumption, because pets lick!

Generalized demodicosis can be more serious, difficult and expensive to manage. These dogs, especially adults, should be checked for concurrent hormonal disorders such as hypothyroidism or Cushing's disease.

Using mite-killing dips too early in the onset of the disorder can lead to mite resistance and a worsened prognosis (*Small Animal Dermatology*, Muller and Kirk's). Corticosteroids should never be used in dogs with any form of demodex (*Clinical Medicine of the Dog and Cat*). Steroids suppress the immune system further and this can cause a case of localized disease to become generalized. This is also why veterinarians should never prescribe steroids for an inadequately diagnosed skin condition.

Concurrent staphylococcal infections are also considered immunosuppressive in dogs with demodex. Although veterinarians might feel this is a good reason to treat the pet with antibiotics, indiscriminate use of antibiotics and the subsequent development of resistant bacteria only exacerbates the situation.



The holistic approach

A holistic vet's regime of essential oils, immune balancing herbals and promotion of gut flora balance is a much more common sense approach than dips and antibiotics. For more serious cases, I sometimes prescribe intense, repetitive full body essential oil detoxifying soaks on a daily basis. My practice wouldn't survive without Nature's Rich soap, which aids in the dispersal of the essential oils in the soak water. Most soaps are too harsh and drying for the irritated skin of a mange condition. Nature's Rich soap contains very pure ingredients including soothing and antimicrobial coconut oil. It is so gentle it can even be used on open wounds.

Topical Spray

You can also make a topical spray to apply between baths. Fill an 8 ounce spray bottle with spring water or distilled water, a few drops of healthy soap and approximately 20 drops of lavender (soothing and antimicrobial), 10 drops of Young Living Purification Blend (insecticidal) and 2 drops of peppermint (cooling and anti-itching).

Herbal Formula

A Chinese herbal formula called Xiao Yao San is known to help against demodicosis. Also called "Rambling Ease Powder," it is intended to bring balance when the Chinese medicine diagnosis is blood deficiency. Blood deficiency may be related to an emotional stressor or circulatory disorder, which may be the root of the problem (*Manual of Natural Veterinary Medicine*, Wynn and Marsden).

Fish Oil

Many holistic vets prescribe large doses of quality fish oil. Omega-3 fatty acids or other nutrient deficiencies can contribute to inadequate skin health, making it susceptible to the overgrowth of the mites.

Diet

Finally, the diet must be considered. Probiotics, prebiotics, a fresh food source of enzymes, a starch-free diet, and a species-appropriate raw diet should all round out the holistic approach to successfully managing this potentially serious disorder.

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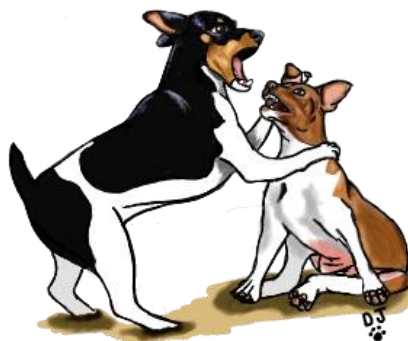
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Rat Terrier Rescue



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Puppy Style Interviews Woody!

It's me, your MARTC reporter puppy Style and today I am interviewing a spunky rat terrier who lives in VIRGINIA!

What is your every day name, where do you live and how old are you? *So my name is Woody and I am almost 9 months old and I live in a little place called Lynchburg, va. I have a cool yard with tunnels to play in and we can dig holes and we don't get into too much trouble. Which is great as digging holes is a blast. Me and uncle Topper are really good at it. And the other great think is that we have pretty good weather, sometimes we get a little snow which is fun but most the times it's just great outside.*

What is your super fancy dog show name and who gave you that name? *My super fancy name is River Ridge Wood U Tri'N Stop Me, so my human mom gave it to me because I think she thought I was going to be really fast....I am not really fast but it is hard to stop me as I jus plow other dogs over!*

What is the name your mommy calls you when you are super naughty? *Woodrow Wilson! I am like wow! A president? What ever.*

Who are your doggie mommy and daddy? Do you see them often? *I live with my dog dad. His name is Hunter. He keeps me in line. He is kind of serious. My mom is Zoey and she lives with another family now and I heard I won't be having any more brothers or sisters! Which is cool by me.*

Who introduced your mommy and daddy – meaning who is your breeder? *Her name is Stacy McWilliams. I get to see her some and she even shows me sometimes when I am too naughty.*

What is it like where you live? What does it look like outside? *Well it's pretty good weather. Sometimes it snows but not a lot, most of the time it's great weather . But I do hate when it rains! We have lots of trees and birds and squirrels and deer and rabbits. My dad chase them all and I just watch.*

If you are a rescue dog where did your human family find you?

Well I am not a rescue dog but I live with a whole bunch. We get new ones here every so often....they call them fosters! I hear the name New Rattitude thrown around a lot so that must be where they come from.



What kind of dog sports or activity do you like to do? *Well I have started training for agility and boy is it fun! My dog dad does it and he does pretty good. I moved right out of super beginners class next level right after my first class! I like the tunnels the best! Sometimes though I have to get a bath and go stand on a table and let strangers touch me! That is not very much fun but people say I am kind of cute so we keep going back.*

Which sport / activity are you best at? *I think I am best at agility even though I am really new. I think one day I may grow up to be a superstar! At least I hope so. I try really hard.*

Is there a dog sport or activity that you would love to do, but sadly you or your handler kinda suck at it? If so, do you try it anyway? If not, why do you think you are so lucky? *Well I would like to try lure coursing I think.....my dog dad says it's fun but he said he doesn't like to get too far from human mom so he doesn't do too well. Kind of freaks me out if he is scared, I mean he is a grown dog. Once I am 1 year old I think I will try it.*

Would you like to share any accomplishments, etc with us? You can brag, we are totally OK with that. *Well I don't have to brag about yet. I did get to go to show big dog shows when I was much young. I just walked around and showed off. Now that I have to do the real thing it's not as cool.*

What is your FAVORITE reward? *My favorite reward is really any food. I am not picky. Sometimes in agility class I steal the whole container of treats and run around with it and no one can catch me. That's when my human yells, "Woodrow!". Yikes then I know I am in big trouble.*

Who is your handler/ handlers in your various activites? *Stacy Zimmerman is my human and she handles me.*

What do you reward your handler with for a job well done? *Well I try to let her catch me but only if she handled me correctly. Sometimes she tells me to do the wrong things, amateurs.....*

If you were not a rat terrier what breed do you think you would be and why? *Hmmmmm, I think I would be a cat actually. They get to get on the table and never get in trouble and they have such soft fur.*

What do you think is your best asset? *Well, I would like to think it's my brain. I think others opinion may differ.*



What does your human think is your best asset? *Well not my brain, I think she would go with my head as well. Sometimes I catch her staring at me, kind of makes me feel uncomfortable but what's a guy going to do.*

Do you have any enemies? What do you do if you see that enemy? *Well my gramps got pretty mad at me one day and gave me a bit of whooping but I let it go, I mean he is family. I am not a big fan of strangers touching me but I wouldn't call them enemies, annoyances maybe but not enemies. I like to treat everyone the same, with indifference really.*

What is your most embarrassing moment? *Oh, well I think it's when I fell of the table in conformation ring....I mean I kind of jumped but it looked more like a fall. Since I haven't been alive as long as my dad I don't have many but I will tell you his. He pooped in The agility ring one time! In competition right in front of the weave poles, but omg don't tell him I told you! He will take me down!*

Have you ever done something that you thought was perfectly fine, but your human thought was super yucky, embarrassing or funny? *Well, I am pretty cool and I dont like to do too many bad things. But I do think it's funny to run away with my dog sisters tennis ball. She does not think it's funny and then human mom tries to catch me but I let her just get close and then run but just a little bit....kind of makes her mad, it makes me laugh.*

Do you like to wear outfits? *I do enjoy a nice pair of fleece Jammies in the winter.*

What would you like to be known for in the rat terrier community? *I think my mind.....I know when people and dogs look at me they just see a pretty face but I have a brilliant mind.....I just keep it hidden behind my rugged good looks*

If you came to my house in LA CA what would you like to do for the weekend?

Oh dude! Go to the beach! I am sure I would be a great surfer dog!

If I came to your house, what would we do for fun? *We would chase squirrels and then get ice cream and maybe go for a hike. Lynchburg is a bit boring.*

Do you have a doggie hero? Someone you look up to or admire? *I admire my dog dad Hunter. He is a good dog and never gets in trouble and he is smart. I also like Underdog! Because well he is here to save the day. Oh and I like Woody Woodpecker, he is my favorite cartoon. I wish I could laugh like him, alas all I can do is bark.*

Why do you like being a member of the MARTC?

Because I get to learn about other cool rat terriers and what they are up to.



Thank you Woody for telling us a bit about yourself. You are one cool dude! I look forward to competing against you in the agility ring someday.

SENSATIONAL!!



The PM2 Dog Agility Team of Los Angeles, CA is very proud to introduce it's newest team member, little puppy **STYLE** aka **BlackWoods She's Got Brazile'n Style**. Style was born in October of 2017 and already has earned her AKC STAR Puppy and her AKC Canine Good Citizen awards/ titles. Just like allthe other dogs in her family, she has started her road to an alphabet soup of letters (before and after their names) all of which include at least one CGC. She is scheduled to take her Farm Dog Certified test soon. Wish her luck!

Owned, loved and handled by
Deborah Harpur.

~ California ~



River Ridge Rocket Man aka "Rocket" is already impressing the Judges from the 4-6 months Beginner Puppy Competition in the Freehold, NY cluster. May 27, he was Best of Breed, Group 1st, Best Beginner Puppy in show at the Union County Kennel Club show. May 28th, he was Best of Breed, Group 1st at the Plainfield Kennel Club show. May 29th, he was Best of Breed, Group 1st at the Plainfield Kennel Club show. He is owned and handled by Loraine Capurso.

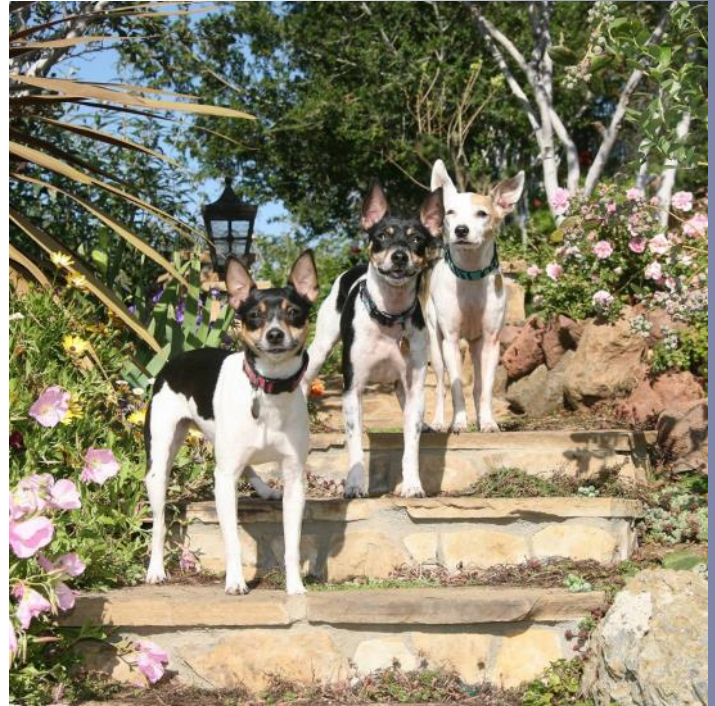
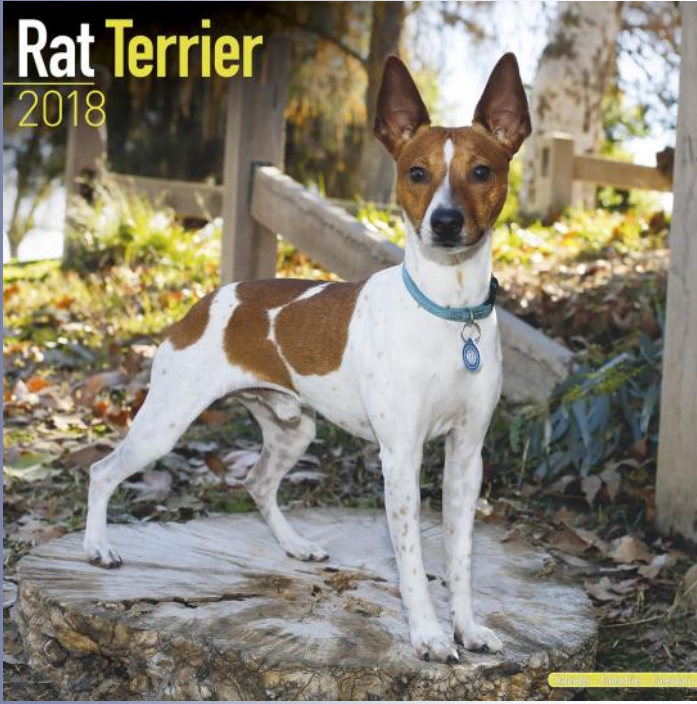
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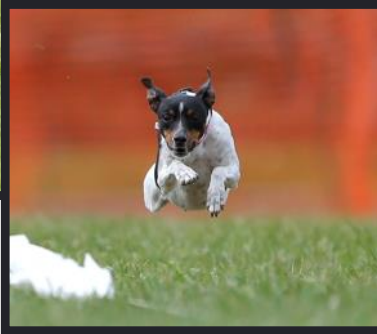
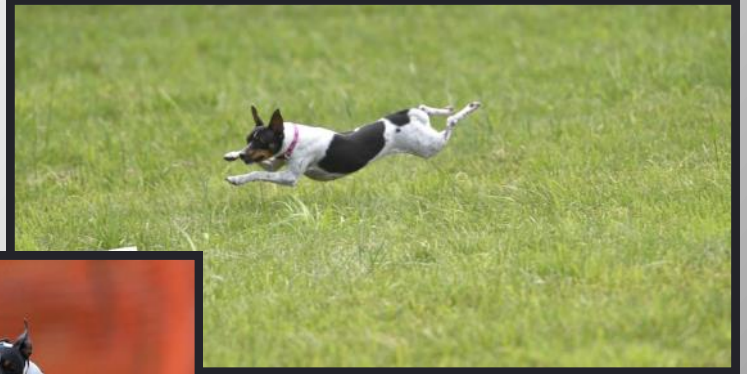
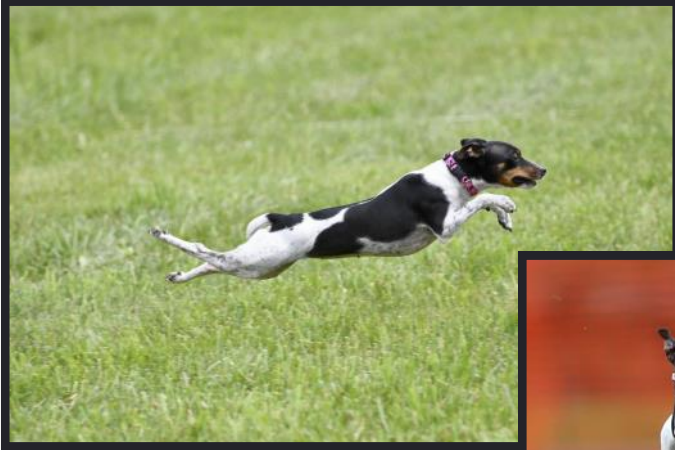


Judith Brecka and Deborah Harpur of Los Angeles, are excited to give you something to look forward to. Their dog RHETT "Burway Son of the South" is the COVER dog for the 2018 Avonside / Pet Prints rat terrier calendar. The cover photo was taken by Pam Marks of Pawprince studios whose work is throughout the calendar. Also in that same calendar are some of their relatives, Ryder, Rafa and Tierney all of whom got their own month! The relatives are also in ANOTHER widely published calendar by Browntrout, with Rhett, LCpie, Gigi and Rickie Roo all getting their own pages. Both calendars are avail for preview and purchase through amazon.com - which is where we found out about our Cover Boy !

Picture of cover of Avonside Calendar/Inner photo of BrownTrout 2018 and Avonside Calendars. Rhett Cover, then LC Rickie Roo and Gigi and finally Tierney.
~ California ~



WOW!!!



River Ridge's Devilish Lass CGCA NA aka "Tara" earned her 1st 2 Q's in FAST CAT at the Dalmatian Club of American in Westminster, MD on April 7. It is a 100 yard dash like lure coursing and her fastest time was 24.91 mph. Tara was ranked 6th Nationally of all Rat Terriers at that time. At 18 months old, Tara earned her Novice Standard title at the Weimaraner Club of the Washington DC Area trial in Frederick MD on May 21. Tara earned her first Q in Lure coursing at the Lure Coursing Hounds Assoc of the Mid Potomac in Leesburg VA on June 3. Lure Coursing is a 600 yard course. Her placements have all been first places. Owner and handler is Karen McNally. Lure Coursing photo credit to Terri Keiffer and Mark Baer. Agility Photo credit: Terri Keiffer.

~ Maryland ~



AMAZING!!!



River Ridge's Made In America CGCA aka "Luke" owned and Handled by Dave McNally. On April 8 at the Capital Dog Training Club, Frederick, MD Luke earned a Novice Standard Q and 1st place. On May 21 At the Weimaraner Club of the Washington DC Area, Frederick, MD he earned a Novice JWW Q and 1st Place with a smoking 23 second run. He just began trialing in April..
~ Maryland ~



UCD UR01 CH Bur-Way I'm Justa Georgi Girl RN Level 2 aka "Georgi" owned and handled by Jana Elizalde won the Novice B class under Judge Randy Caleb on April 21 at The Blue Bonnet Show in Mesquite, TX. She scored 197.5 in Novice and she also placed 2nd in Rally Advanced B. She placed 2nd in the Nation for World Cynosport Rally Level 2 in 2016 and only needs one leg to complete her RATN in Barn Hunt.
~ Texas ~

EXCEPTIONAL



GCHB CH River Ridge's Level of Intrigue NAJ NJP NF OAJ aka "Hunter" earned his Master Jumpers title on April 2 at the Greater Monroe Kennel Club Agility Trial and a week later earned his Open FAST title at the Danville Kennel Club on April 7. Hunter has earned numerous Best of Breed in the past three months which helped him earn his Bronze GCH title at the Trenton Kennel Club show on May 7. Hunter also won Best of Breed and Group 3 Owner Handled at the Garden State All Terrier show on May 5. This June he earned 3 regular Group 4 placements at the Speedway Classic in Concord, NC and through May 2017 is the #1 Owner Handled Rat Terrier with multiple group placements. He is owned, loved, and handled by Stacy Zimmerman.

~ Virginia ~



Pyxis 21st Century Fox @ Burway aka "Tierney" of Los Angeles, CA earned her first USDAA ribbons June 11th at the GO Dog Agility Trail in Oceanside, CA. She is loved by Deborah Harpur and Barbie Trammell. This was her first USDAA trial and she had a blast, getting to go for a swim afterwards.

~ California ~

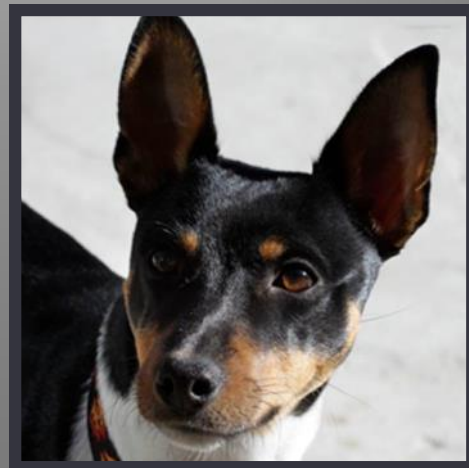
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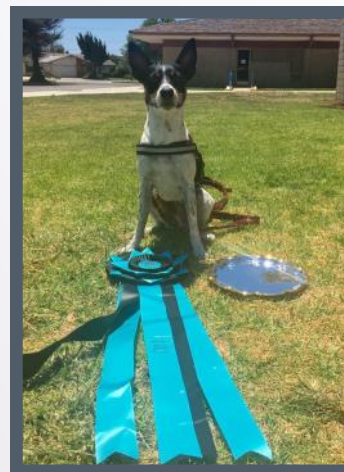
Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN OF MX MXJ CA BCAT aka "Lindy" earned her first FAST CAT title in 4 runs on April 7, 8 & 9 in Westminster, MD at the Dalmation Club of America and Carroll County Kennel Club tests. Her top speed in this 100 yard dash was 27.02 MPH. Lindy is owned and handled by Betsy Spilis.
~ Maryland ~



Above: GCH Cal Val Lily Luna of Sugarloaf was Best of Opposite Sex at the Antelope Valley Kennel Club show in Pomona, CA under Judge Robert J Shreve. Breeder is Gail Holloway.
Below: CH Dynamite Snidget of Sugarloaf was Select Dog April 22nd and 23rd at the Angeles Canyon Dog Club show in City of Industry, CA under Judges Johan Becerra Hernandez and Keke Kahn. Breeder is Kacye Yates.
Both are owned by Barbara and Don Jordan.
Handled by Barbara Jordan
~ California ~



YOU ROCK!!!



Pyxis Maple Leaf Wag aka “Maple” is doing very well earning her way up to Excellent and Masters in AKC. She has earned 3 QQ’s to date and has started competing in USDAA as well, having already earned some CASHOLA at a USDAA Trial in the steeplechase class. This past weekend she added in a few more blue ribbons to her stash winning the starters standard, pairs, jumpers, gamblers, and snooker classes at the Go Dog trial held in Oceanside, CA.

Burway Anything Goes aka “Porter”. Porter Pup is still running his little heart out and recently earned his MACH 5 in AKC. Porter got MACH 5 at Simi Valley Kennel Club in Camarillo in May. He had a smoking hot Grand Prix run at the Go Dog USDAA trial in Oceanside, CA and brought home another bye and first place ribbon too.

The veteran of the group is Mr. Willis with the formal name of WILLIS is still running strong at 12 years old and winning his classes in both AKC and USDAA.



Bags for the Flying Rat Ranch pack of Vista, California
Owned, trained, handled and loved by Mary Obidinski



Press Release

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THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES NEW TRICK DOG TITLING PROGRAM

New York, N.Y. – The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of the AKC Trick Dog program. The program will include four levels allowing dogs with any amount of experience the ability to participate. Teaching their dog tricks is enjoyable for owners, mentally stimulating for their dogs and can take place at any time or place that fits their lifestyle.

“It is easy to see why trick training is becoming so popular,” said Dr. Mary Burch, AKC Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Director. “The primary characteristic of trick dog training is having fun. Tricks can be both entertaining and practical, such as teaching a dog ‘paws up’ for a therapy setting. Trick dog training makes a team out of the handler and dog. We hope this exciting new program will encourage more dogs and owners to become involved in training.”

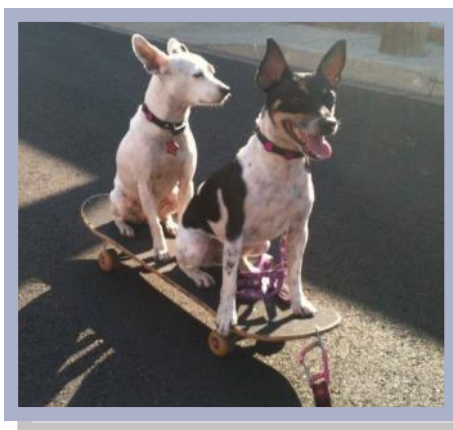
All dogs (purebred and mixed breeds), can earn Trick Dog titles provided the dog is AKC-registered, enrolled with AKC Canine Partners, or enrolled in the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program. The titles will be listed on the dog’s AKC record and will appear on pedigrees.

Trick titles can be awarded by AKC approved Canine Good Citizen Evaluators, and the AKC will also recognize trick titles earned through the *Do More With Your Dog* (DMWYD) organization.

“The AKC is proud to partner with DMWYD. Founded in 2005 by Kyra Sundance, DMWYD has introduced trick dog training to thousands of owners and their dogs,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Sports and Events. “By providing basic training to our dogs, whether through CGC training, trick training or in preparation for AKC sports, we prepare our dogs to participate in more areas of our life. Together we encourage all owners to join the fun.”

To learn more about the AKC Trick Dog program and access the title application form, please visit www.akc.org/trick-dog.

The AKC will begin processing Trick Dog title applications on May 1, 2017.



Puppy Style Interviews SNIDGET!

What is your every day name, where do you live and how old are you?

My everyday name is Snidget. I am 3 years old and I live in Sugarloaf, CA.

What is your super fancy dog show name and who gave you that name? *My super fancy dog show name is Dynamite Snidget of Sugarloaf.*

What is the name your mommy calls you when you are super naughty? *When I ignore my mommy she says SNIDGET very loudly.*

Who are your mommy and daddy? *My mommy and daddy are Barbara and Don. My doggie sire is TNT Captain Jack Sparrow, dam is TNT's Liberty Belle Star.*

Who introduced your mommy and daddy – meaning who is your breeder? *Kacye Yates introduced me to my mommy and daddy.*

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What is it like where you live? What does it look like outside? *I live in a forest high on a mountain top. Sometimes a lot of white stuff falls out of the sky and it is very cold when I walk on it. There are lots of wild beasts in the forest here, like coyotes, bears and mountain lions. There isn't any grass here and there are a lot of really tall trees.*

What kind of dog sports or activity do you like to do? *I take part in conformation now.*

Which sport / activity are you best at? *I am best at rat and mouse catching, with an occasional chipmunk thrown in.*

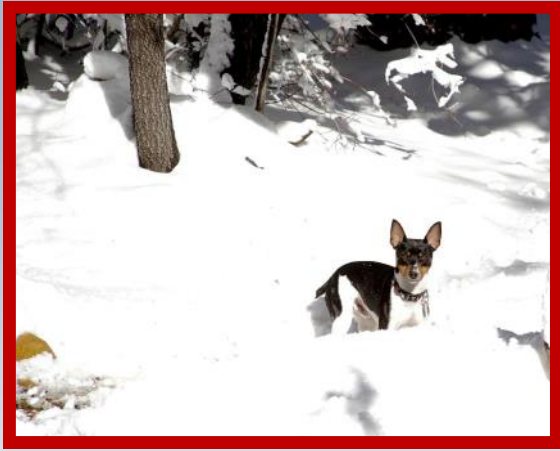
Is there a dog sport or activity that you would love to do? *I don't know how good my mommy and me would be at barn hunt, but I would like to try it.*

Would you like to share any accomplishments, etc with us? *I am an AKC and UKC Champion in conformation.*

What is your FAVORITE reward? *My very favorite reward is getting lovings from my mommy.*

Who is your handler/ handlers in your various activities? *My mommy handles me.*





What do you reward your handler with for a job well done? *I give her lots of kisses to reward her for her hard work handling me.*

If you were not a rat terrier what breed do you think you would be and why? *I guess if I were not a rat terrier, I might be a fox terrier.*

What do you think is your best asset? *I think my humans think I am just really cute. I think my best asset is that I give really good kisses.*

What does your human think is your best asset? *I think my best asset is that I give really good kisses.*

Do you have any enemies? What do you do if you see that enemy? *I have raccoon enemies. My rattie pack helps me tree them.*

What is your most embarrassing moment? *I was really embarrassed when I was little and the fan scared me. Now I know it is just a fan.*

Have you ever done something that you thought was perfectly fine, but your human thought was super yucky, embarrassing or funny? *My humans didn't appreciate me throwing the chipmunk up into the air over and over again. I thought it was really fun and a great thing to do.*

Do you like to wear outfits? *I DO NOT wear outfits! I don't even wear a coat in the winter.*

What would you like to be known for in the rat terrier community? *I really hope everyone I meet in the rat terrier community remembers me as a lover.*

If you came to my house in LA CA what would you like to do for the weekend? *If I ever visit with you, I would like to meet a whole lot of other ratties.*

If I came to your house, what would we do for fun? *If you came to my house we could chase squirrels together.*

Do you have a doggie hero or someone you look up to? *I really look up to lots of my rattie friends that do agility. They are super heroes!*

Why do you like about MARTC? *I like seeing how happy my mommy is when she reads the MARTC newsletter and all the other things on the MARTC*

Thank you Snidget for giving me some of your time today. It's really great to learn a bit about you and to get know you. Ratties Rule!

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~ Puppy Style Interviews ~

Whiskey



Brewtus

It's me, Puppy Style and I am reporting live from my office in Los Angeles, CA. Today I am talking with my pals Whiskey (an AHT Coated) and Brewtus (Rat Terrier). I must say I am so happy that Whiskey is feeling up to this interview, I know he's been VERY sick. Lets not focus on that though, and see what these two have to say.

What is your every day name, where do you live and how old are you? *W: Hi Puppy Style! My names Whiskey and my brother from another father is named Brewtus. My mom calls me a Rattie but my dad was naked so idk what she's talking about! We live in Souderton Pennsylvania but my mom and dad have been packing a lot of boxes so I don't know where we are going to go! I just turned 9 and my big bro Brewtus is a year older!*

What is your super fancy dog show name and who gave you that name? *B: Dog show? What's a dog show? Is that where my mom always goes with her favorite cow looking dog? We have nicknames. Mine are Brew, Brewface, Brewman, and Brewtie. They call Whiskey, Bottoms a lot!*

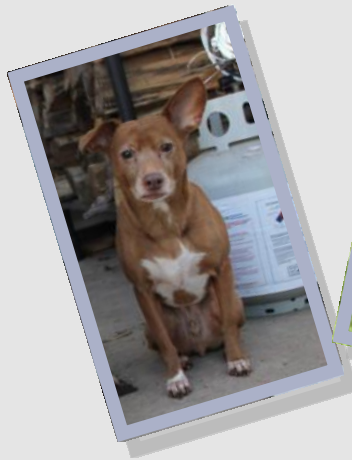
What is the name your mommy calls you when you are super naughty? *B: Mom doesn't use nicknames when she's being serious.. she often yells BREWTUS OLSEN when she wants my attention. I only listen when I want.*

Who are your mommy and daddy? *W: My mommy is the best mommy ever. She feeds me.. and walks me... she also feeds me.. and then we go on car rides ... but I am most happy when she feeds me. She is Jackie and my daddy is Justin. Daddy likes to help keep my skin clean and he tells me how much he loves me when mom- my isn't around. Daddy doesn't feed me tho.. that's why I like mommy more.*

Do you see them often? *W: Always. When mom and dad are away sometimes this nice lady Theresa comes to love me and take me potty. Mom doesn't take me everywhere anymore cus she says I can't handle it but she stays home with me more now. I like when she's home.*

Who introduced your DOGGIE mommy and daddy – meaning who is your breeder? *B & W: We were born in State college PA at Trisha's house. Trisha was Moms friend from work at the super fun pet resort! I met my mom when I was 4 months old. She took me home from the pet resort and never brought me back. Then she had to get my brother to keep me company a year later.. whatever!*

What is it like where you live? What does it look like outside? *B: it's pretty nice where we live but some- times it snows and I want to stay inside. The yard is open for us to run around with lots of bushes to pee on. I want to chase the squirrels and the cat on the other side of the fence!*



What kind of dog sports or activity do you like to do? *B: I like chasing balls and bringing them back to mom. I'll chase sticks too! But balls are my favorite. I also like to do tricks. Mom gives me treats for tricks. Her favorite trick I do is play dead when she says bang! She makes me do it a lot! W: I'm not a fan of sports. But I do like doing tricks for food. I'll do anything for food!*

Which sport / activity are you best at? *B: I'm really good at killing toys and playing fetch, does that count?*

Is there a dog sport or activity that you would love to do? *B: Mom always wanted to do agility and flyball with me but now my back leg gets sore and mommy doesn't want me to jump. I know she is just protecting me but I like to jump and run anyway.*

Would you like to share any accomplishments, etc with us? You can brag, we are totally OK with that. *W: Mommy makes a big deal about me getting better since the scary hospital place. She said I had something called Pnumonia but all I know is it was hard to breathe and I had no energy. Mom says that I am a miracle so I think that's pretty pawesome!*

I know that you were super duper sick Whiskey and your hair got all funny. What was up with that? *W: I was **diagnosed** with pemphigus foliaceus.*

What the heck does that mean? *W: It means I got an itchy flaky skin rash that made me lose all my hair. Let's not focus on that today OK? I am doing much better and I'm sure there's other stuff people want to know about me.*

What is your FAVORITE reward? *W&B: All the FOOD!*

Who is your handler/ handlers in your various activites? *B&W: Mommy trains us. Daddy snuggles with us.*

What do you reward your handler with for a job well done? *W: Mommy likes kisses as a reward.*

If you were not a rat terrier what breed do you think you would be and why? *W: well I'm a coated AHT so I think I would be a Rat Terrier because my Brother is one. B: I would be a border collie because they are fast and like balls too.*

What do you think is your best asset? *B: My soft fur that humans like to pet. W: I hypnotize humans to give me food.*

What does your human think is your best asset? *B: Something called personality? W: Hey! They like my personality best too!!*

Do you have any enemies? *B: Jaxson.. he's always trying to take my toys and play with me. I don't play with him. I like Skyy..*

What do you do if you see that enemy? *B: I stare at him and growl. He doesn't understand me.*

What is your most embarrassing moment? *B: mom put these camp PJs on me.. I wouldn't even get up so I could hide from my brothers and sister.*

Have you ever done something that you thought was perfectly fine, but your human thought was super yucky, embarrassing or funny? *B: I peed on 4 people in one day! I still think it's funny.*

Do you like to wear outfits? *W: I love my PJs and Santa outfit! I also make a great T-Rex or Rastafarian!*

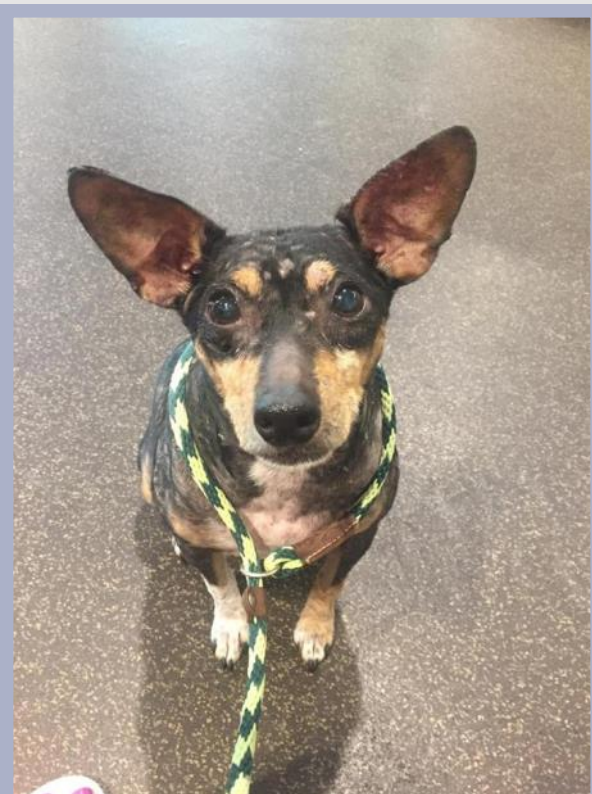
What would you like to be known for in the rat terrier community? *B: I want to be known for killing the most stuffies in the shortest time frame! W: I think I'm known for having all the bestest friends! Mom says they are from all over the world and they sent me toys treats and sweaters to help me get better!*

If you came to my house in LA CA what would you like to do for the weekend? *W: mom says your family gets something called in n out burger. I think I'd like to eat there all weekend.*

If I came to your house, what would we do for fun? *B: we would make sure Jaxson can't get any of the toys W: we would go to the river and hang with all our friends.*

Why do you like being a member of the MARTC? *W: I like talking to other rat terriers like you! Martc doesn't care that I'm an AHT and I get to meet so many cool Rat Terriers!*

Thank you Brewtus and Whiskey for visiting with me today. I sure hope you both get everything you dream of. – Puppy Style.



AGILITY



Power SCORE Q1

12" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	14.79	Crosswind Lindy Hop Swingout RN MX MXJ OF CA	B Spilis/D SPILIS	6.27	4.26
2	14.60	Gus — MACH2 Ratitatt Gusters Rebel Force CD BN RA MXG MJG MXF T2B2	M BASU/V Schiefer	5.53	4.54
3	13.49	Ryder — MACH Burway Ryder On The Storm CM MXC MJG RATO	C Clemente	5.36	4.07
4	12.64	Ratitatt I'LI Take Mine Black AX MXJ	T Rosecrans/V Schiefer	4.80	3.92
5	12.33	MACH28 Lady Maria Isabella Boyd MXS7 PAD MJB8 PJD MFB TQX T2B6	G Capen	4.55	3.89
6	12.28	MACH Drj's Johnny Boy MXS MJB MXF T2B4	R Taylor/D Taylor	5.00	3.64
7	12.04	Flash — MACH3 Call Me Greased Lightning MXB2 MJS2 MXF T2B3 CA	K Brown	4.88	3.58
8	11.87	Ratitatt Once In A Blue Moon AX AXJ CA	C Lent/V Schiefer	4.32	3.78
9	11.85	Venture Hills Leader Of The Pack Or Else CD GN RAE MX MXJ XF T2B RATO CGC	K Altenbernd	4.55	3.65
10	11.78	Raganrat Wild Gypsy Rose MX MXJ MJS XF	M Liebhardt/D	4.62	3.58

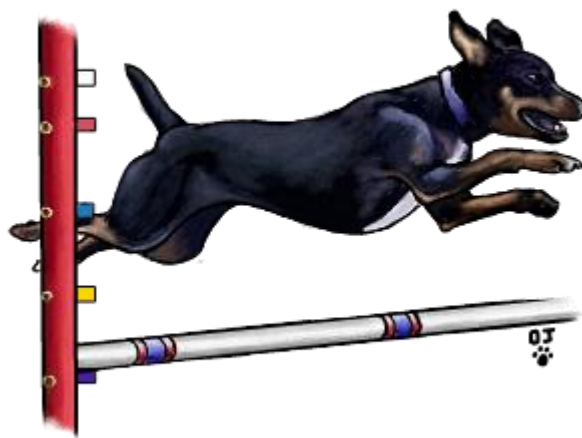
16" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	14.24	Porter — MACH4 Bur-Way Anything Goes MXB2 MJC T2B CA	M Obidinski	5.27	4.48
2	14.24	MACH Tuckaway Arrow MXB MJB OF T2B	P Caldwell	5.10	4.57
3	13.08	Taylor — MACH2 Taylorswift MXG MJG OF T2B	S McGinty	5.32	3.88
4	12.82	River Ridge Life Moves Pretty Fast AX AXJ XF	D Stevenson/S McWilliams	4.80	4.01
5	12.64	Call Me Juno Jupiter AX AXJ MXF	K Brown	4.48	4.08
6	12.35	MACH2 'R Short Circuit CDX RA MXS MJG XF	B Krynski/T Woepse	4.53	3.91
7	11.51	PACH Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX	N James	4.79	3.36
8	11.42	GCH CH Raganrat's Quintessential Q CM CD RE MX MXB MXJ MJB OF CGCA CGCU	H Browne/D Ragan	4.69	3.36
9	10.98	Adamacres Whosa Star Cruiser AX MXJ MXF T2B	D Key	3.90	3.54
10	10.25	MACH5 Windwood Rafael TD MXS2 MJB3 MFC TQX T2B3 CAA	L Mancino	4.27	2.99



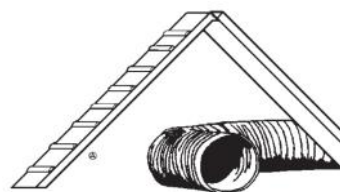
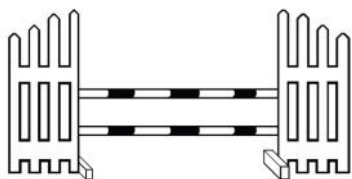
3" Regular

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.49	Penny Lane — MACH15 Ratitatt Portrait Of The Queen MXB4 MJS4	M Liebhardt/V Schiefer	4.75	3.87
2	11.56	MACH Maggie MXB MJS XF	C Hummel	4.38	3.59
3	8.88	Ratitatt Franibur Sing Zblus RN MX MXJ NF CA	C Lent/V Schiefer	3.63	2.62



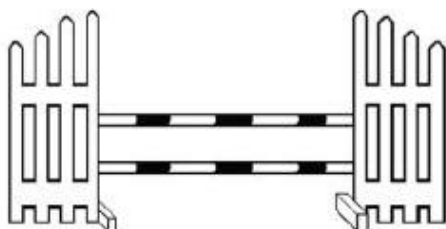
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	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	12.28	MACH Ratitatt Gotta Hava Kitkat MXB MJB MXP MJP2	R Nicotra	4.58	3.85
2	11.54	PACH Raganrat Finding My Way AX AXJ MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX	N James	4.34	3.60



3" Preferred

	Power Score	Dog	Owner	JWW YPS	STD YPS
1	13.18	MACH2 Penelope's Pied Piper MXG MJS MXP MJP	N Sewell	4.94	4.12
2	12.36	Jack AX MXJ MXP2 MJP2 MJPB OF OFP T2B T2BP JE	D Hodges/C Hodges	4.68	3.84
3	11.76	MACH Ratitatt She's Got Moxie MXB MJB MXP MJP	R Nicotra	4.34	3.71
4	11.65	MACH2 Jus' Bingo CDX RA MXS MJS XF	T Woepse/B Krynski	4.39	3.63
5	10.55	MACH2 Stoneybays Taffy Apple Martini MXS MJG OF T2B3	E Lee/M Lee	3.80	3.38
6	9.02	Stella — MACH4 PACH4 Dragonfly's Shooting Star MXG2 MJG2 MXP16 MXPS2 MJP16 MJPS2 PAX6 MFC TQX MFPS TQXP T2B6	V Meyer	3.20	2.91

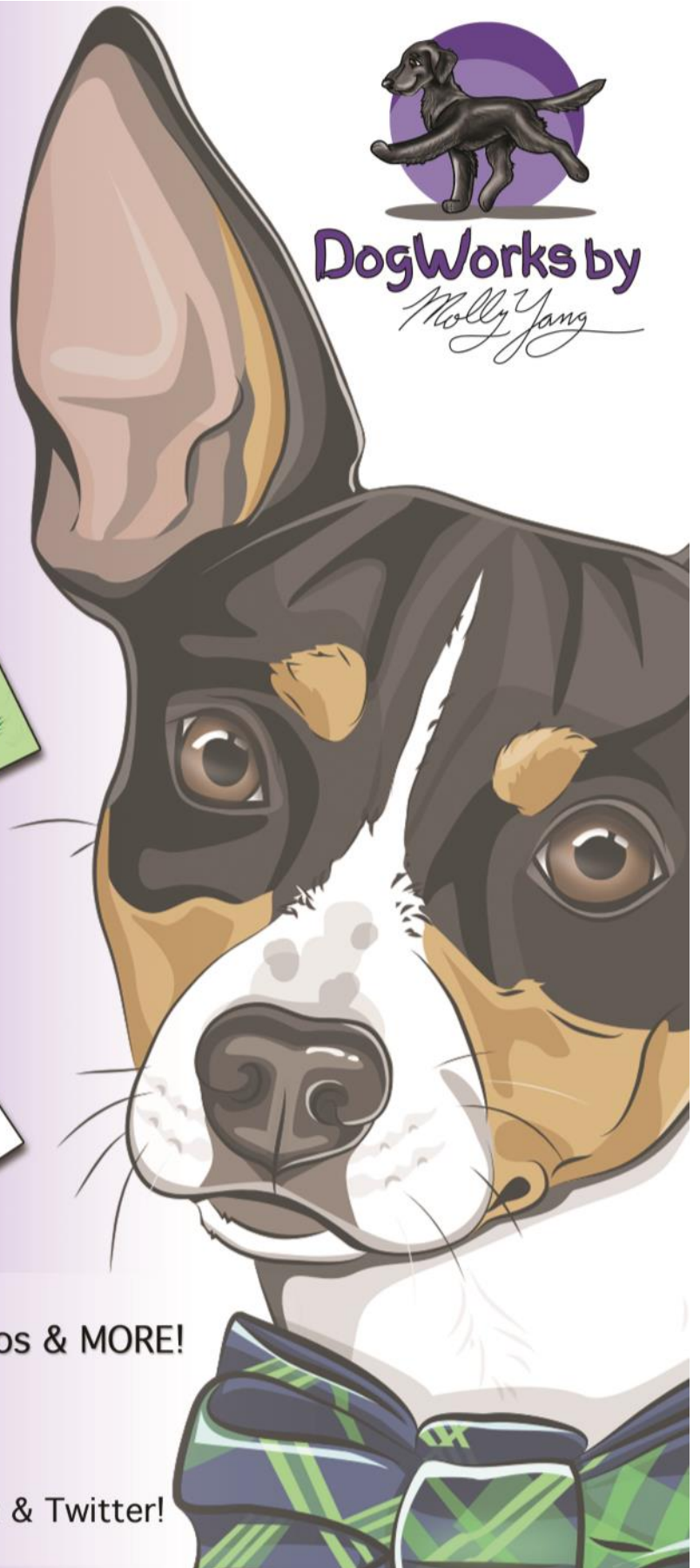


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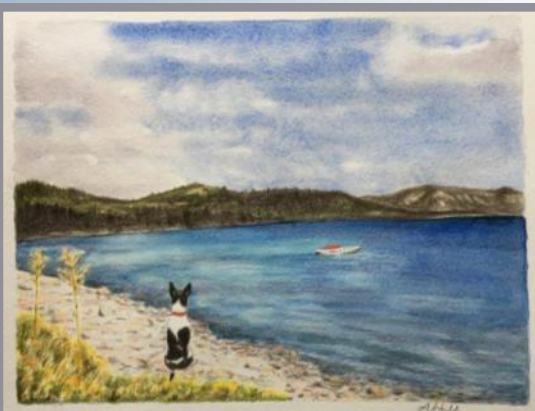


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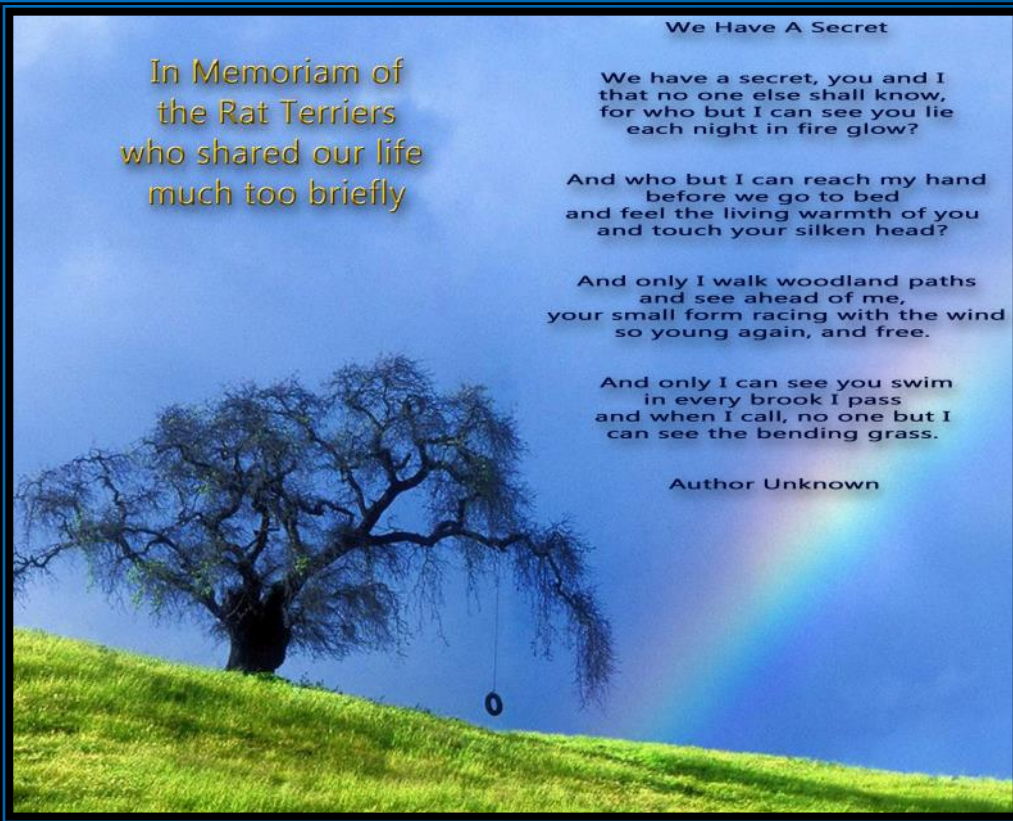


Rattiescapes

by Amanda Hall

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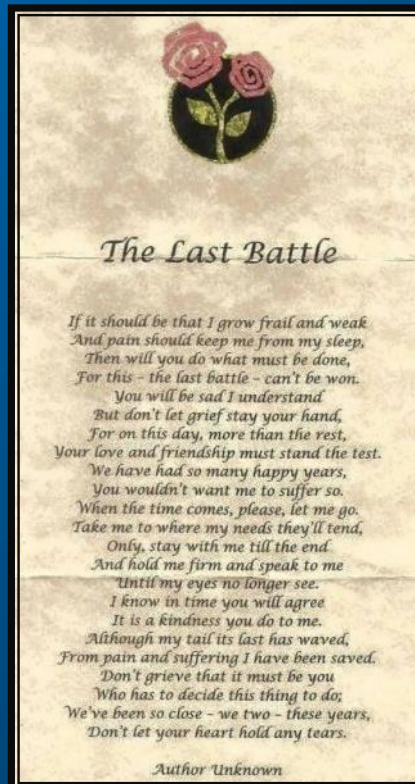
We have a secret, you and I
that no one else shall know,
for who but I can see you lie
each night in fire glow?

And who but I can reach my hand
before we go to bed
and feel the living warmth of you
and touch your silken head?

And only I walk woodland paths
and see ahead of me,
your small form racing with the wind
so young again, and free.

And only I can see you swim
in every brook I pass
and when I call, no one but I
can see the bending grass.

Author Unknown



The Last Battle

*If it should be that I grow frail and weak
And pain should keep me from my sleep,
Then will you do what must be done,
For this - the last battle - can't be won.
You will be sad I understand
But don't let grief stay your hand,
For on this day, more than the rest,
Your love and friendship must stand the test.
We have had so many happy years,
You wouldn't want me to suffer so.
When the time comes, please, let me go.
Take me to where my needs they'll tend,
Only, stay with me till the end
And hold me firm and speak to me
Until my eyes no longer see.
I know in time you will agree
It is a kindness you do to me.
Although my tail 'tis last has waved,
From pain and suffering I have been saved.
Don't grieve that it must be you
Who has to decide this thing to do;
We've been so close - we two - these years,
Don't let your heart hold any tears.*

Author Unknown

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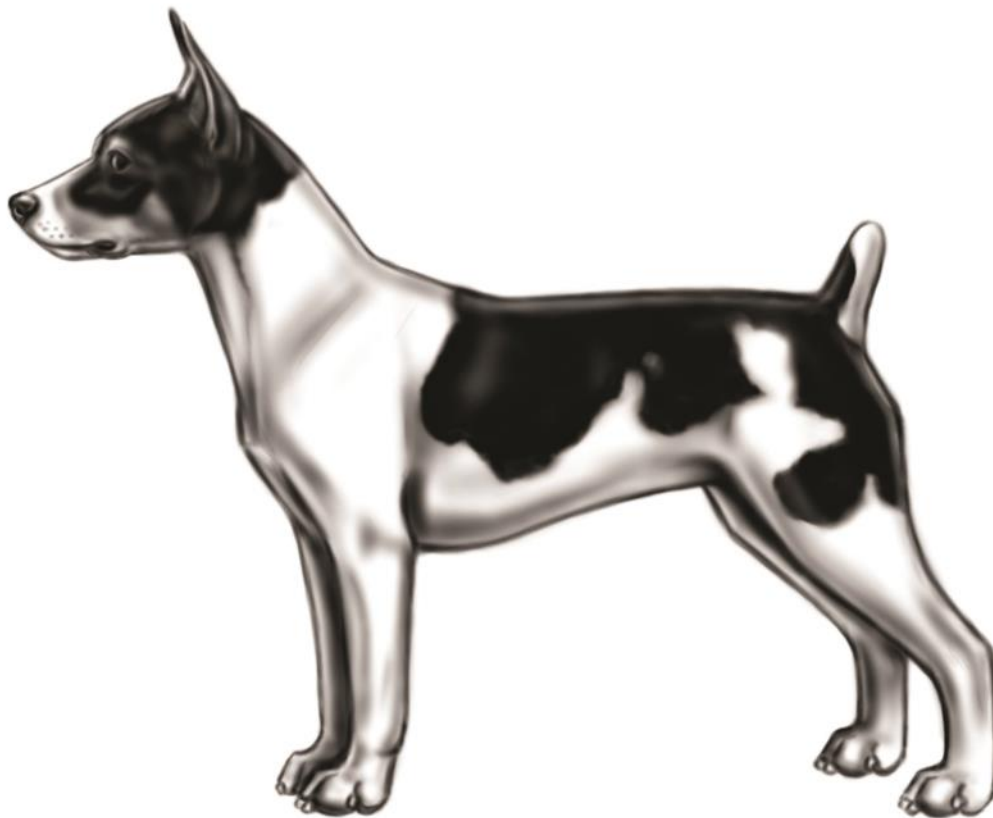
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General Appearance: The Rat Terrier was originally bred for ratting and farm work. A multipurpose companion dog that is capable of hunting rodents and vermin above and below ground, and to course small game. He is a sturdy, compact, small-to-medium sized parti-colored dog giving the appearance of elegance and fitness, denoting speed, power and balance. Honorable scars or a couple of broken or missing canines or incisors teeth are not to be faulted. The following is a description of the ideal Rat Terrier. Variations are penalized to the extent of the deviation.

Size, Proportion, Substance: **Size** - There are two separate size divisions. Miniature - At least 10 inches, not to exceed 13 inches. Standard - over 13 inches, and up to and including 18 inches in height measured at the withers. Any dog six months of age or older measuring less than 10 inches, or any dog over 18 inches are to be disqualified. **Proportion** - The Rat Terrier is just slightly longer than tall. The height, measured vertically from the ground to the highest point of the withers, is slightly less than the length, measured horizontally from the point of the shoulders to the point of the buttocks. Shortness in leg is a serious fault. **Substance** - Moderate bone in proportion to size. A well-balanced, hard-muscled dog with smooth lines under taut skin. This dog should not be rangy nor fine boned and toyish, and never bulky or coarse. They are shown in good, hard physical working condition.



Head: The **head** resembles a smooth, blunt wedge from a front or profile view. When seen from the front, the head widens gradually towards the base of the ears in an unbroken line and is well filled up under the eyes. The **expression** is intelligent, alert and full of interest. The **eyes** are not large. They are obliquely set wide apart and are oval in shape. Eye color varies with coat color from darkest brown to hazel. Eye rim pigmentation corresponds with nose color and facial markings. Gray eyes are acceptable in blue or blue-fawn dogs only, being a serious fault in other colorations. Any blue in the eye(s) is a disqualification. **Ears** - Set on the top outer edge of the skull, V-shaped, with the length in proportion to the head moderately pointed at the tip. When viewed from the side, the base of the ear is on line with the outer corner of the eye. Ears should match in shape and carriage when alert, and can be carried erect, semi-erect and tipped, or button without preference. When alert, a rose ear is a fault. Cropped ears are a disqualification. **Skull** -When viewed from the front the skull is moderate in width, relatively flat on top, and rounded at crown and the sides as it widens smoothly from the corner of the eyes to the base of the ears. The occiput is not prominent. The cheeks are flat and well-muscled, but never bulging. The stop is moderate but distinct. The **muzzle** is strong, just slightly shorter in length than the skull and tapers smoothly along the sides to the nose. The nose color corresponds with the body color and is entirely pigmented. Flesh-colored noses are considered a fault in lemon or light apricot colorations while being a serious fault in other colorations. Seasonal fading is permitted. The lips are clean and tight, and correspond in color with the nose leather or may be pink; either solid or spotted is acceptable. The lower jaw and teeth are strong and well developed with no sign of being snipey or weak. **Bite**- A scissor bite is preferred. A level bite is acceptable.



Neck, Topline, Body:

Neck - Length of neck is in proportion to the head. Strong, arched along the crest and dry, the neck blends smoothly into the flat shoulder blades.

Topline - Smooth and blending from the back through the loin and set of the tail.

Body - The body is compact, strong and flexible with well sprung ribs. The brisket extends to the elbow. When viewed from the front, the ribs appear to be oval. The Rat Terrier, while muscled and fit, has flat muscles that blend into the body. The chest is moderately wide and well filled with a discernible forechest. The underline ascends gradually with the ribs extending well back to a moderate tuck-up. Back - The back is level and firm from the withers to the loin. The short loin has a slight muscular arch blending into the gently rounded croup.

Tail - The tail set is a continuation of the spine. Tails are customarily docked between the second and third joint, or can be a natural bobtail or left naturally long and tapering to the hock joint. Length is unimportant. The carriage is variable depending on attitude, carried from slightly below horizontal to almost erect, but not over the back or a ring tail.

Forequarters: The shoulder blades are well laid back with flat muscles providing enough space between the shoulder blades to allow for free movement. The shoulder blades and the upper arms are nearly equal in length and well set back so that the elbows fall directly under the highest point of the shoulder blade. The depth of the body at the elbow is the same distance as from the elbow to the ground. The forelegs stand straight and parallel with elbows turning neither in nor out. The pasterns are slightly sloping when viewed from the side. The feet are oval in shape. The toes turn neither in nor out, are compact, moderately arched, with thick pads and strong nails. The front dewclaws may be removed.

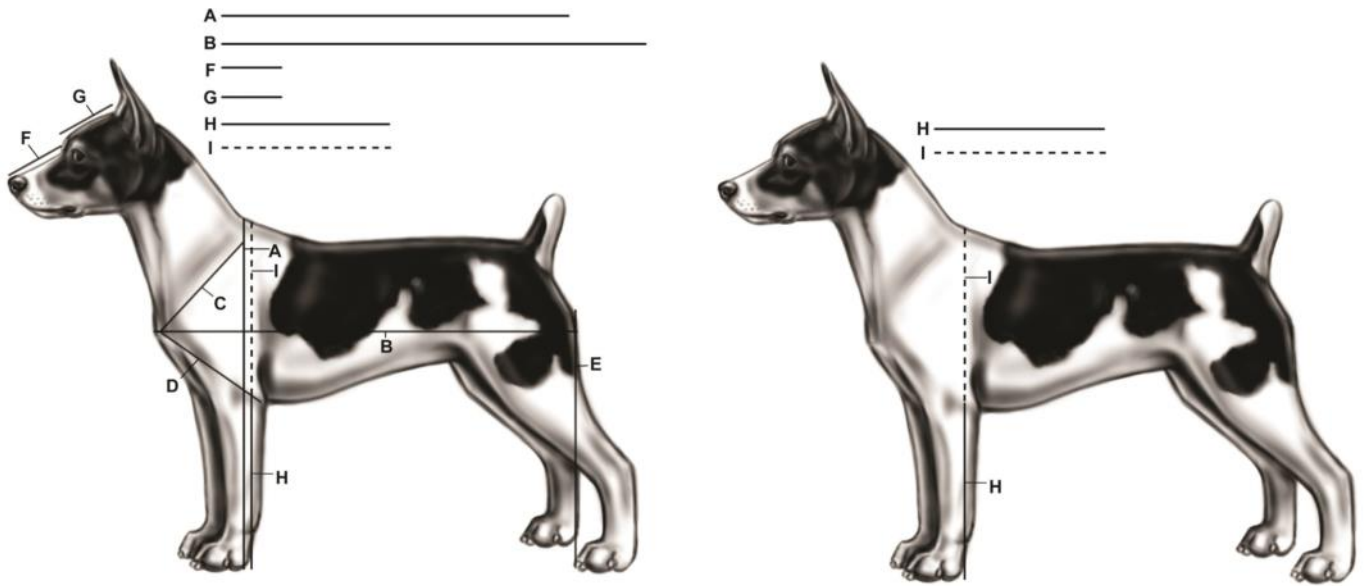
Hindquarters: The hindquarters are muscular but smooth and in balance with the forequarters. They should not be bulging or coarse. Stifles are well-bent with short hocks that are parallel and perpendicular to the ground. The hind feet although slightly smaller are similar to the front feet. Rear dewclaws are removed.

Coat: Short, close lying, smooth and shiny coat. Texture varies; a very slight ruff or wave along the back is allowed, but undesirable. Any suggestion of kink or curl is cause for disqualification. Whiskers must not be removed. Absence of coat (total genetic hairlessness) is a disqualification.

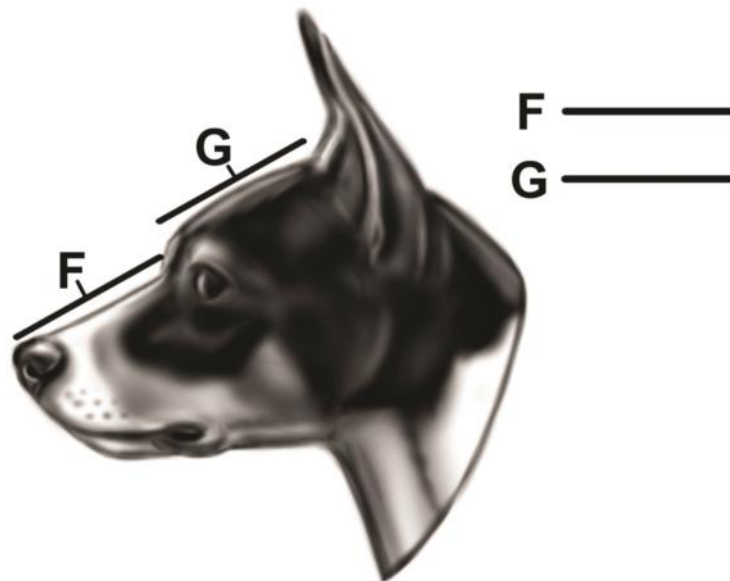
Color: Any variation of pied patterning is acceptable. Pied is described as comparatively large patches of one or more colors in combination with white. Except for the "solid white" extreme piebald dog with only mottled/spotted skin. Disqualification - Rat Terriers are never a solid ground color without white markings, or bi-colored without one color being white. Acceptable colors with or without "tan points", include the predominate black, or chocolate, red, apricot, blue, fawn, tan, lemon, or white. Intense, dark shades of color with clearly defined and delineated coloration is preferred. White on the body is preferred to be between 10 percent and 90 percent, but all patterns; spotted, patched or splashed with white in conjunction with (or without) any combination of white on the face, head or ears are equally acceptable without prejudice. "Tan points" are common and vary in shades of cream to rust. Badger markings are acceptable. Speckling, ticking and mottling is common, but heavy ticking is undesirable. Sabbling is permitted in the coat or as shading on the head or penciling on the toes. A "black mask/black muzzle", on a dog not having black as coloration is to be seriously faulted. A few white hairs do not constitute an acceptable marking. A minimum white marking consists of a patch or strip of white with underlying white/pink skin on the forechest or body that exceeds one inch. Less than one inch of white at its widest dimension is a disqualification. Brindle or merle color patterns are disqualifications.



Gait: A ground-covering efficient trot with good reach and drive suggesting agility, speed and power. The legs are parallel at a trot, but as speed increases, the legs converge toward a center line. There should be no elbowing out, weaving or rolling action while in motion.



- A - Height of the dog**
- B - Length of dog slightly longer than tall (10:9)**
- C & D - Are equal length**
- E - Point of toe at point of hip allows you to see moderate turn of stifle and parallel hocks**
- F - Is slightly shorter than G**
- I - 50% of the dogs height**
- H - 50% of the dogs height**





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CORRECT BITE

Scissors
(Preferred)



Level
(Acceptable)



A scissor bite is preferred. A level bite is acceptable.

Temperament: Keenly observant, devoted, full of energy, yet easily trained and obedient to command. The Rat Terrier is a non-sparring breed and generally friendly with other dogs, but may be reserved with strangers. Submissiveness is not a fault. Overt aggression and excessive shyness should be penalized.

Disqualifications: *Any dog over six months of age measuring less than 10 inches, or over 18 inches. Any blue color in the eye(s). Cropped ears. An absence of coat (genetic hairlessness). Any suggestion of kink or curl, or coat type other than described. Solid colorations (other than white). Bi-colors without white, or dogs with a patch or strip of white measuring less than one inch at its widest dimension. Brindle or merle color patterns.*

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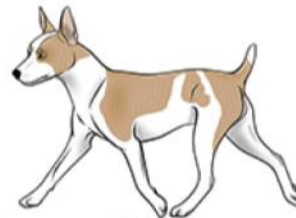
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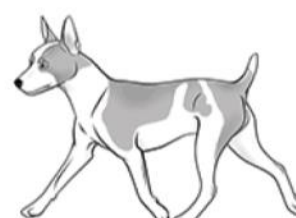
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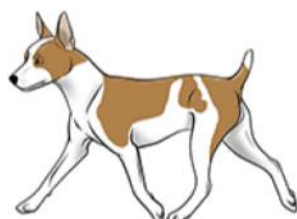
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BLUE WHITE & TAN	260	WHITE & LEMON	211
RED	140	WHITE & RED	214
RED WHITE & SABLE	158	WHITE & SILVER	216
WHITE	199	WHITE & TAN	217
WHITE & APRICOT	200	WHITE BLACK & TAN	219
WHITE & BLACK	202	WHITE, CHOCOLATE & TAN	397
WHITE & BLUE	288		

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BADGER MARKINGS	001
BLANKET-BACK	084
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Shameless Plug for ...

NEW members!!!

We hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletters and are finding them helpful, enjoyable, and worthy of archiving on your computer for future reference.

Please consider joining our MARTC family and developing friendships with people who share a common interest in the Rat Terrier breed at all levels and becoming a part of the work to continue to help the breed grow and prosper within AKC rules and guidelines.

While MARTC is not an AKC affiliated club at this time, it is the hope and future goal to become an AKC Specialty Club. As has been mentioned previously in this newsletter, you can become a member and not live in the Mid-Atlantic region. How exciting it is to anticipate the growth of a club with the goals of benefitting the breed, educating the public, and developing friendships all across the country!!

We welcome people who participate in conformation, agility, barn hunt, lure coursing, rally, obedience and any other venues with this delightful breed. More importantly, we welcome people who have the pets that never compete in any venue because, for all of us, our dogs are pets first and the rest is frosting on top.

Old and new members will be welcomed and appreciated. Let's set the goal together of developing an awesome platform from which to promote our breed!!!



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MID-ATLANTIC RAT TERRIER CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Type of Membership:

- Regular-\$25.00**
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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Tell us about yourself and your dogs...

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If you are a member of any other dog clubs, please list them here. (Note any Board or other elected positions you currently hold.)

This club is run entirely by volunteers, if you would like to contribute, please list any special skills or areas of interest you may have.

Please provide the names of two current MARTC members who have agreed to sponsor your membership in the Club.

1. _____ 2. _____

You agree that, if accepted in membership, you will abide by the MARTC Constitution, Bylaws, and Codes for Ethical Behavior and Good Sportsmanship. You will also adhere to the rules set forth by AKC and their Code of Sportsmanship.

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Jackie Maye, 420 Wile Ave
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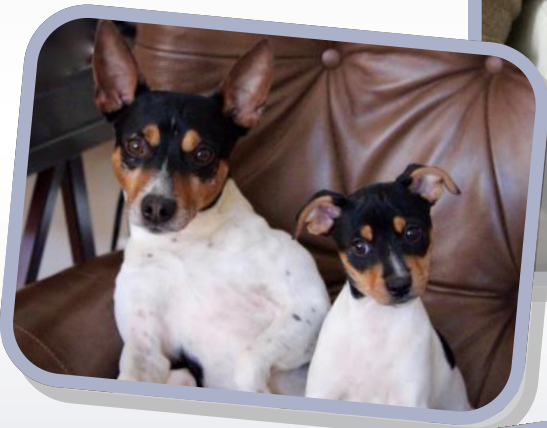
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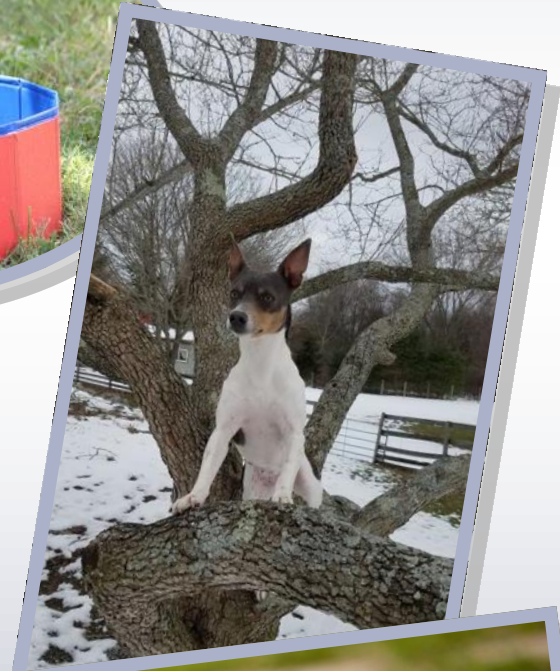
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