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Glenmars American Classic at Classy Staffys

ALCHEMIST STAFFORDS *PRESENTS*

SBTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINNER

BISS ALCHEMIST'S BLACK OPAL

(AUS Ch. Highbourne Dancing Brave [AI] x GCh. Nightguards Lucky Charm CA)



Thank you to UK Judge Kevin Jones for thinking so highly of her. We would also like to thank UK breeder judge Mary Coble (Surestaff) for Winners Bitch at the NESBTC Classic 2018 and to AKC breeder Judge Jason Nicolai (Homebrewed) for Reserve Winners Bitch at the 2019 SBTCA National weekend.

BREEDERS: ERIC ORASCHIN (ALCHEMIST) AND TATIANA LOHR (NIGHTGUARD)



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On the Cover

MBISS, Multi Group Winning, CAN Ch/ INTL Ch/ AKC GCHG Glenmars American Classic at Classy Staffys

is known better to his friends as "Gunner" is the cover dog this issue.

He was bred by Larry and Maryanne Goethals of Glenmar Staffords and is owned and loved by Lynn Heimbuch of Classy Staffys. Gunner has always been trained and handled for the showring by his co-owned and best friend Delores Dills (pictured on the front cover).

Gunner began his show career at the early age of 6 months in AKC where we found he loved being a showoff. He has never slowed down and has managed to be in the Top 5 Staffords in the USA 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 having qualified to compete at Westminster every year. Unfortunately for us Westminster is a long way from home so Gunner has not been able to attend but maybe when he retires, he will show up there. At this time, he is not slowing down at all!

He is a busy boy at home. Going strong all day long at running his yard. Playing hard with his housemates. He looks forward to Delores arriving in the "fun bus" and their trips to dog shows.

We hope to try some new things with Gunner. He is learning some tricks. Maybe barn hunt. But for now, we will see you all ring side at conformation shows having fun with Delores!!!

Still having fun....



Pictured above winning BOB at the SBTCPS August 2018 Specialty shows with Judge Karen Ericson.



Another SBTCPS Specialty winning photo (BOB) on the same weekend under Breeder Judge Sylvia Barkey.

Delores and Gunner finished the weekend with another BOB and also picked up a Group 3 and a Group 1

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BISS CH Redwood Coast Show of Shows Imogene
Dam: Redwood Coast Penny Lane



CH Redwood Coast
Legend of the Black Badger
Dam: Redwood Coast Penny Lane



CH Shasta's Number One Magic Spice
Dam: GCHB Trugrip Rockin Snow Belle



CH Trugrip Pay it Forward Star Traveler
Dam: CH Distaff Galaxina CGCA CGCU CD



CH Qwik n Thik Boot Scootin Boogie
Dam: Distaff & Redline @ Qwik n Thik

President's Report
Lorelei Craig

Greetings Membership

2019 Club Highlights!! Finances * Communication * Education

So far this year:

- We have defined the mission of the club: Promote, Protect and Preserve!
- We have a new JEC committee that has rolled out some good educational product!
- We have a new Health committee TEAM
- We have a new Public Ed Coordinator.
- We have moved our website to a new host with a new email interface.
- We have a "*new* monthly newsletter
- We have our 1st Online edition of the Staff Status

Our new Health Committee is Danielle Carpenter of Hillsboro OR, Jenn Irwin of Glenn Rock PA, and Christine O'Donnell formerly Kriger of Anchorage AK. We have provided this team with a job description outline and are looking forward to their feedback and updates to develop our SBT Health Resource. They all agree that Staffordshire Bull Terrier Health is much more than just DNA and OFA. I am excited to see what these brains come up with!

After many years Lucille Perry has decided to step down as our Public Education Coordinator. I think this is a super important function as it helps bring value to pet homes and new owners and even breeders in our community. If we want to attract, keep and grow up new members and enthusiasts we need to provide value. Kevin Boyer of San Rafael CA is a new member to the SBTCA. He has been a standout since he helped move our old website over to word press so that we could start upgrades. When that job was done I offered him the Public Ed job and he said YES and the Board agreed. The job description is in process and we can start watching for updates and resources from Kevin soon!

Brenda Holmen has decided to step down from her Area 4 Director position. I would like to thank Brenda for her time on the Board. She has served her area and the club for almost 3 years. She will continue on as Junior Committee Chair. The remaining board members put their heads together and ended up agreeing that Danielle Carpenter, Oregon would be a good addition.
Kim Washington reached out to Danielle and she gave us an emphatic "YES".

It took a bit of wrangling but we got the old website moved on to word press and a new host with a new email interface. We can thank Kevin Boyer and Jodie Berry for facilitating this. We also owe Rich Neuberger a huge thank you for building the club's original award winning website and hosting it for so many years.
Word press is a user friendly product that will help make it easier for us to add pages and make changes to our website and that is just what we are doing right now. Please realize this is a work in progress but keep checking for changes and additions. I am personally looking forward to our judge's educational and performance pages being developed!

The *new* newsletter has been well received and I feel membership is benefitting from more timely communication. I did not do the April newsletter in lieu of putting everything in this issue of the Staff Status! Please feel free to make suggestions or see what is planned for the future or who you can help us, because we really do need help.

We really need help.
Positions available for:

SBTCA Staff Status Editor **Urgent**
AKC Gazette Columnist
AKC Legislative Liaison

To find out more please contact your Area Director.

On the financial Front:

- Kentucky made money! Monica & Lynn & Co. all worked like a well-oiled machine to accomplish this.
- The "shared" Texas Agility trial brought home $1700.00. Thank you to Deb Roseman and Gil Chapman for making this "easy money" happen.
- The SBTCA Fast Cat has made its first deposit to the club. We think we could end up $3000 profit when the dust settles. Deb Roseman has worked hard on this project.
- Membership is up by 25 members since Dec 1st. I know there are at least 6 more in the pipeline. My goal was for a 50 member increase this year. I believe we can make it.

It takes money and volunteers to make things happen! If you want to put on a show you can see that one Fast Cat could pay for the weekend!! Having a National should not break the bank and hosting an event beforehand could really help. It also is good for your community. Talk to Deb Roseman or your Area Director about fund raising options for your events. The SBTCA is approved to host Agility, Fast Cat/Cat and also Scent work events. I am including a resource sheet that AKC was kind enough to provide. (see page 42) If you are a regional club some of these events will help toward your club becoming sanctioned. Talk about promoting! Highlighting performance in your community is a win-win for so many reasons.

As usual I am a bit wordy so I will let it go for now. Never fear, I will be back for the next newsletter! Keep watching for club email correspondence and FB Members posts! Keep giving us Feedback! We appreciate all of it.

Lorelei Craig
SBTCA President 2019/2020

Junior's Report
Kate Holmen



I'm super grateful for junior committee because it has inspired me to be a better version of myself. I'd like to say great job to Natalie for entering agility at nationals. She worked so hard with her dog to be able to compete at that level. Three of us juniors were recognized at nationals this year. I was awarded the 2018 SBTCA Top Junior and Natalie and Makayla were awarded 2018 SBTCA Junior Award of Merits for our efforts and hard work with our dogs. Great job everyone!



I'm looking forward to next year's nationals and hope we have more junior entries!
Don't forget we are always looking for more junior members, so if you see a junior with a Stafford please let them know about our club!

Thank you!
Kate Holmen

Secretary's Report
Dianne De La Rocha

Greetings wonderful members! It is lovely to see how our membership is growing! Please reach out to each other- our love for the Stafford really does bind us together in a special way. There are so many new and exciting things planned for the future. Please be sure to take the time to read the new Monthly Newsletter via email. Check your spam so you don't miss anything. It is full of information on everything club related.

Brandi Erickson Colorado Springs, CO. Brandi has over 13 years' experience with Stafford's and would like to be more involved in decision making affecting the breed. She is very active is Conformation.
Lori Loiola Coconut Creek, FL. Lori has been in the breed since 1990 and thinks Stafford's are the most wonderful dogs, and wants to support the club.
Mayfair Burhans Georgetown, TX. Mayfair was given the chance of ownership and now has great passions for these dogs.
Brooke Hoopengardner Frederick, MD. Brooke plans to be active with her Stafford's in AKC events.
Darius McPhall Gainesville, FL. Darius wants to promote and educate the general public about the breed. He is involved in showing, breeding and training.
Kevin Boyer San Rafael, Ca. Kevin has been passionate about the breed for over a decade, and now enjoys showing.
Tracy Powell La Honda, Ca. Tracy has had Stafford's her whole life, adopted from Western SBTC in the UK, and has adopted from SBTCA as well. She has 3 Stafford's at home and advocates for the breed at every opportunity.
Susie Keel Ormond Beach, FL. Susie wants to support the breed and has volunteered with rescue since 1993 and has stewarded in Obedience and Conformation.
Sandra Tackett Camp Verde, AZ. Sandra has been showing in conformation and is also interested in Therapy and Scent Work, and has recently bred a litter.
Gwyn Marie Hampstead, NC. Gwyn traveled all over the U.S. with her Therapy dog Gus and promoted Stafford's in a very positive way.
Patty and Janine Strickland Zion, IL. Patty has been a breeder for 15 years and wants to be active in Stafford's again.
Courtney Angerer Montclair, NJ. Courtney has recently acquired a puppy and is planning to show and compete in dog sports. She enjoys volunteer work and would be willing to volunteer when needed.
Kimberly Echeverri San Jose, Ca. Courtney is interested in Conformation, Obedience and Agility.
Amy Thaxton North Plains OR. Amy wants to continue learning about the breed and to be able to participate in club events.
Erin Sullivan and Robert Bartlett Orlando, FL. They have a 9 month old Stafford and plan to do Performance and Conformation.
David and Carolyn Alexander Corral de Tierra, Ca. Many of you know they have been long time Stafford lovers and Judges who want to support our club.
Toni Yoakam Erie, MI. Toni is very active with her dogs and has competed in weight pulling since 1989 and wants to support our breed.
Heather Philips Clearwater, FL. Heather is looking forward to being part of the SBT community and is an active competitor in weight pull and lure coursing.
Doug and Christine Dawson Gig Harbor, WA. They have owned Stafford's since 1980 and have been dedicated to the education of the breed in their community.
Jessica Kinne Monmouth, OR. She is interested in Conformation and Obedience.
Jason Langston West Palm Beach, FL. He really wants to be more involved in our breed.
Dale Porcher West Palm Beach, FL. Many of you know of him through his Thrashers Kennel.
Dr. German Otero Fraud Mexico City, Mexico. German loves our breed, and has been a professional Handler for 42 years. He even judged Stafford's at Santa Barbara last year.
Timothy Corun Frederick, MD. He is a knowledgeable trainer who wants to promote and preserve the breed with particular attention to the "All Purpose" aspect.

Motions:

On 1/22/2019 President Lorelei Craig made a Motion to accept the new JEC packet and members who have provided a resume. All in Favor.

On 2/18/2019 Treasurer and JEC BOD Representative Jodie Berry made a Motion that the JEC is seeking BOD approval to make the following recommendation that SBTCA send a statement to AKC Judging Operations indicating that the club recommends all judges include checking canine placement during their oral exam. Brenda Holmen seconded. Yes Votes: Lorelei, Dianne, Tina, Jennifer, Brenda, Jodie. No Vote: Monica. Angela and Kim are JEC Members so their Vote is considered a Yes.

On 1/10/2019 President Lorelei Craig made a Motion to approve applications received for the JEC as of 1/15/2019. All other applications will be considered if received by 1/21/2019. Motion seconded by Kimberly, all in favor. She also suggested Judy Heller would be the committee head, and that the JEC would have a Dropbox for the future. We will also not fall behind in the future with communications with the JEC. Lorelei will compile all JEC documents for BOD review, then announce to the Committee. Thank-you letters will also be sent for those leaving the JEC and thanking them for their service.1/22/2019 Motion made by President Lorelei to accept the new JEC mission and instructions packet and members who have provided a resume. Jodie seconded, all in favor.

On 2/25/2019 Area 2 Director Monica McGrew made a Motion to approve the JEC SBTCA Ringside Mentoring Ethics and Guidelines. All in Favor.

On 2/25/2019 President Lorelei Craig made a Motion to approve the JEC Judges Education Seminar Feedback Form. All in Favor.

On 2/25/2019 President Lorelei Craig made a Motion to approve the final copy of the SBTCA Staffordshire Bull Terrier Judges Seminar. All in Favor.

On 2/25/2019 Secretary Dianne de a Rocha made a Motion to approve show application submitted by Joan Ganz for Santa Barbara Specialty and Supported Entry with Sweeps August 23, 24 & 25th 2019. All in Favor
On 3/2/2019 Treasurer Jodie Berry made a Motion to transition webhosting & email from club member hosted to external web host. This will enable us to refresh the website to WordPress and allow multiple administrators to ensure we can get updates out to the members and public as quickly as possible. Estimated cost for this web hosting, domain registration, unlimited email addresses is

Secretary's Report continued

approximately $250 per year. We will receive a discount for the first 12 months due to signup offers for new customers. Recommendation is to move to Blue Host for 12 months. (They are the #1 preferred host recommended by WordPress) If after 12 months we are satisfied with the product and service we can look to renew for longer periods of time for cost savings. All in Favor.
On 3/4/2019 Treasurer Jodie Berry made a Motion to approve show application submitted by NESBTC for NESBTC Specialty & Supported Entry with Sweeps September 6th & 7th 2019. Friday Specialty - Fiona McBride (AKC Approval has been received) & Lynn Caswell Sweeps
Saturday Supported - Jodie Sing (AKC Approved) & George Urbanski Sweeps. All in Favor.
4/3/2019 Secretary Dianne de la Rocha made a Motion to approve show application received by David VanLandegen. Show is a 4 day event with Sunday being a Supported Entry with Sweeps September 1, 2019. The name of the show is the Amana Cluster Dog Show held in Amana, IA. We did approve this show last year. All in Favor.

On 4/4/2019 Secretary Dianne de la Rocha made a Motion to approve show application submitted by Area 2 Director Monica McGrew to hold a Specialty with Sweeps in conjunction with the Atlanta Kennel Club in Perry, Georgia 4/11/2020. All in Favor.

Public Education
Lucille Perry

Two-Foot Rule

I have met many dog owners – some are dog fanciers, some just enjoy the company of canine companions; others have their dogs accompany them as they go on Canine Ambassador visits, and some own certified therapy dogs.

I wish they would all abide by the Two-Foot Rule. The term "Two-foot rule" is listed in the Alliance of Therapy Dogs member handbook under "Safety precautions." It states that "Dogs must be kept at least 2 feet from other dogs and animals at all times while representing ATD on a visit or event to discourage play, to ensure that dogs have enough personal space for focusing on the person being visited, and to prevent any interaction between dogs that could possibly lead to an injury to a third party, the handlers or their dogs." It also states that some dogs prefer more than 2 feet.

You've probably already figured that out if you own a Staffordshire Bull Terrier. It's called responsible dog ownership.

I am a tester/observer for ADT and an AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator, and I've known lots of dog owners who have never heard of the 2-foot rule It's one of the first things I mention whenever I conduct a CGC obedience training class or meet someone who is ready to take a therapy dog test. Often persons need a reminder as we go along.

Sometimes during signups for obedience classes I'll observe owners letting their dogs go right up to another dog. "Oh, he just wants to say Hello." Well, Hello! That's not socially acceptable in the dog world.

Even though none of my Staffords have been dog aggressive, it doesn't mean that any of them would back down if challenged. Why would I chance a dog fight when observing the 2-foot rule would eliminate the possibility? However, for the 2-foot rule to work, all dogs must be on leashes.

Years ago, three loose dogs that were all as big as my Amstaff come rushing up to us as I walked my dog on lead. I pulled my dog's choke chain up high on his neck, held the leash tightly, and shouted at the other dogs. What seemed like minutes went by before the weakest of the three retreated. I continued aggressively commanding the others to "go home." By then my heart was pounding like crazy. I kept my Amstaff off balance, practically lifting his front end off the ground with his collar. It was seriously becoming a choke chain. After a bit, the next dog turned away. Finally the last challenger, who was the boldest of the pack, backed off. .

This was in a suburban neighborhood. I hoped someone would become aware of my plight and come to my rescue. No one did. Maybe someone had observed what was going on and didn't want to jeopardize his or her personal safety. I certainly felt my safety was threatened.

Over the years I have had a few other close calls, yet I still enjoy walking my dogs.

I'm very aware of my surroundings as we walk and have had to change course a couple of times. Avoidance is better than encountering a loose dog..

A friend often invites me to walk Lola with her Shetland Sheepdog in a local park. This lady lets her dog greet just about any person and dog they meet on their walks. Her dog is not aggressive; in fact, being a Sheltie it's much more standoffish with people than any Stafford I have known.

On one particular day the four of us were stopped many times by lots of other walkers, with or without dogs, to admire our handsome animals. I stayed back as I always do while the other team did their usual greetings. A gentleman and his companion who were walking a couple of Boxers were the recipients of my friend's introduction. When the fellow took a step towards Lola and me to greet us. I politely informed him that I don't let my dog meet strange dogs. "Mine are friendly," he informed me. To which I repeated that I don't let my dog go up to dogs that I don't know. He looked at me like I was a snob. I thought he was a jerk. Anyone who lets a dog approach unfamiliar dogs is looking for trouble. He didn't know how Lola would react. Wake up! It's our responsibility to keep our dogs and others safe. That's especially important for owners of breeds like the SBT. Should a ruckus occur, guess which breed is going to get the blame.

My Lola is friendly and not territorial. She has fun playing in my fenced yard with her canine buddies when they visit. I know these dogs; they have great temperaments. But when Lola and I are out and about she is on lead and I observe the two-foot rule.

Footnote:

I wrote the above from personal experiences. You may like to see other opinions on the website Smart Dog University- on leash dog greetings.

Lucille Perry



SAVE THE DATE

AREA 2
REGIONAL SPECIALTY
APRIL 11, 2020
PERRY, GA

BREED SPECIALIST
TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

ya'll come on down south now, ya hear?!

AKC Delegate Report

Amy Schwoeble

April 2, 2019

I attended the Delegate's meeting on March 12th, 2019 in Newark, NJ.

The following were the candidates for the three vacancies on the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2023:

Dr. Thomas Davies, Springfield Kennel Club
Dr. Charles Garvin, Dalmatian Club of America
Daniel J. Smyth, Esq., Burlington County Kennel Club
Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club
Steven Hamblin, Pekingese Club of America.

Dr. Garvin and Mr. Smyth were elected on the first ballot. There was no majority on the 2nd ballot, but Ms. Burgess withdrew. Mr. Hamblin was elected on the 3rd ballot.

Following the meeting the new Board met and elected William J. Feeney as Chairman and Patricia M. Cruz as Vice Chairman.

This election was interesting. Mr. Davies, the latest Vice Chairman did not get reelected. Also, both Mr. Feeney and Ms. Cruz will roll off the Board next year, so their election as Chair and Vice Chair is very temporary.

President Dennis Sprung reported on the new AKC headquarters and the Museum of the Dog in NYC. The Delegates had the pleasure of a tour on Monday afternoon. The Museum is very impressive and I recommend it to anyone that will be in NYC.

Mr. Sprung also read an emotional tribute to out-going Chair Ron Menaker. Vice Chair Tom Davies then read a resolution from the Board appointing Mr. Menaker as Chairman Emeritus of The American Kennel Club in perpetuity.

Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Buffuto, gave the March 2019 Financial Performance Report. The AKC is still in very good shape financially.

The following proposed change to the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club* were voted on at the meeting.

Proposed amendment to **Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, Article VIII, Section 1**, that would require that the Board in its appointment of the 5-member nominating committee include three (3) Delegates that have each been selected by a Delegate Committee in accordance with a proposed new standing rule. The Board would be permitted to appoint only two of the five members. The amendment was proposed by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

This change was voted down by a significant majority.

Proposed amendment to **Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club. Delegate Standing Rule on Committees, Section VI**, that would change the nomination process by requiring that the Delegate Committees select three members of the nominating committee and would change the nomination process timeline. This Standing Rule amendment is offered and would only be effective if the amendment to **Article VIII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club** is adopted in March 2019. The amendment was proposed by the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois is demanding that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote as per the AKC Bylaws.

Since the amendment on the composition of the Nominating committee did not pass, this change did not require a vote.

The following proposed changes to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* were read at the meeting. These amendments will be voted on at the June Delegates meeting.

Chapter 11, Section 4, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would only change the format of the section. The proposal was approved by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and Staff recommendation. Read on Chapter 11, Section 4, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows

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I am in favor of this amendment.

Chapter 11, Section 12, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would change the italicized portion of the section to be part of the rule. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is brought forward and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. Read on Chapter 11, Section 12, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*

I am in favor of this amendment.

Chapter 11, Section 13, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would make the section gender neutral, changes the first two paragraphs of italics to become part of the rule and adds clarification. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is brought forward and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. Read on Chapter 11, Section 13, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.

I am in favor of this amendment.

Chapter 14, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of Class or Division of Class Cancellation of Awards which would only reword the section. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. It is brought forward and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. Read on Chapter 14, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.

I am in favor of this amendment.

Chapter 16, Section 6, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Championships would change the italicized sentence to be part of the rule. This amendment is proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. It is brought forward and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. Read on Chapter 16, Section 6, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*

I am in favor of this amendment.

Chapter 14, Section 4 of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers.* – Section 4, which would end the possibility for dogs to run as the first dog of a series more than once at the same stake at the same trial. This amendment is brought forward by Retriever Field Trial Committee. It is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. Read on Chapter 14, Section 4, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers*.

I am in favor of this amendment.

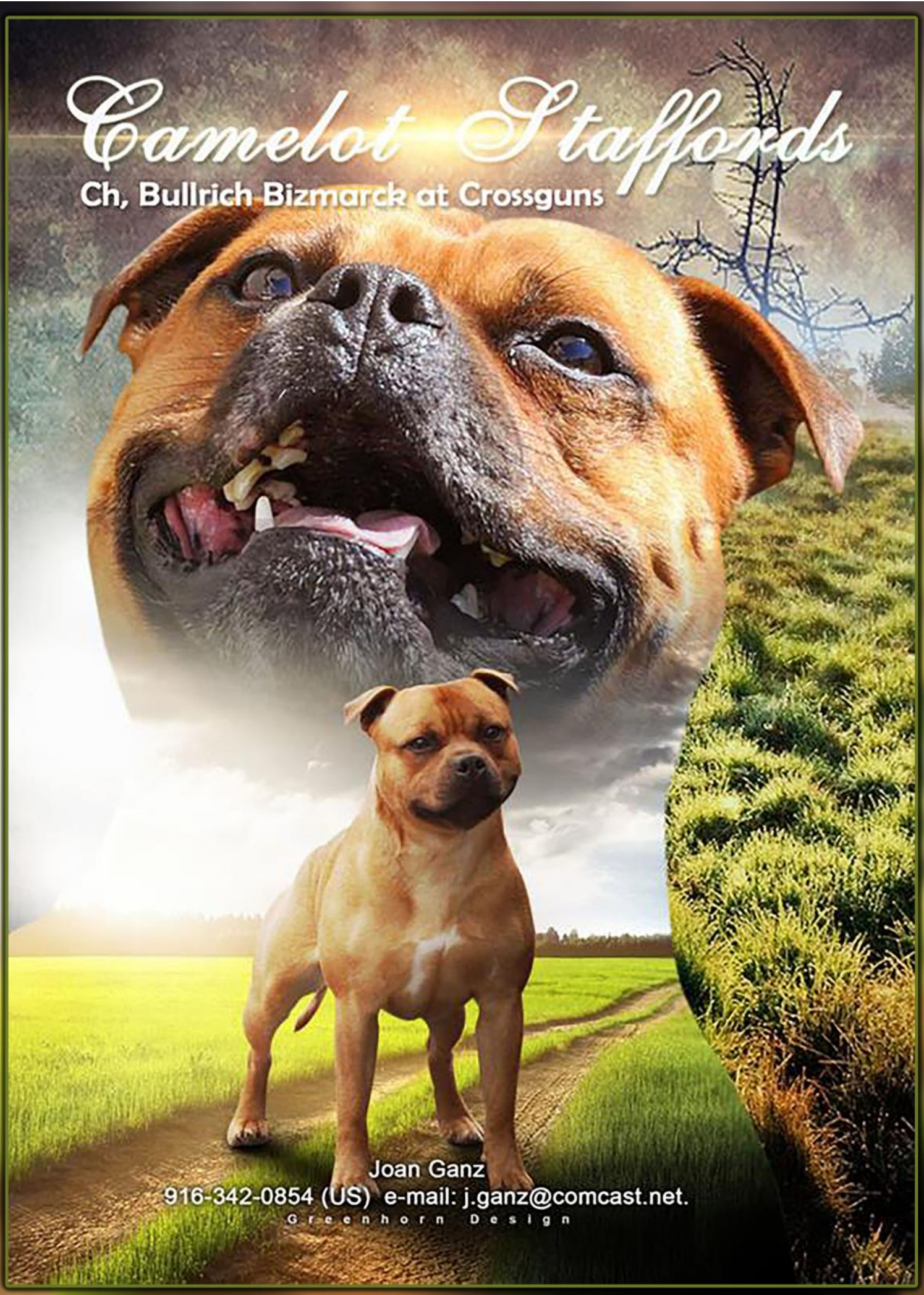
All of these amendments will be published in the AKC Gazette.

I plan to attend the Delegate's meeting in Newark on Tuesday, June 11, 2019

.Respectfully Submitted

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Judges Education Report

Judy Heller

In January 2019 a very knowledgeable and qualified group of individuals was put together as the new SBTBA Judges Education Committee, each of individuals have over 12 years of experience in the breed and 5 of us are AKC licensed judges. So, without further ado, I'm so excited to announce our new team that includes, myself as JEC Chair, Dean Burwell, Sandy Carter, Damon Folmar, Jason Nicolai, Dayna Lemke, Kim Washington, Angela Vaughn, and Jodie Berry as the Board of Directors Liaison.

With the 2019 National right around the corner, the committee got to work updating the JEC seminar, preparing for the AKC Canine College Filming and developing a code of ethics and set up guidelines for judges mentoring.

All of our work was submitted to the SBTCA Board of Directors and received unanimous approval.

When we arrived Louisville Ky, we hit the ground running. Kim Washington set up a well located and nicely marked ringside area for Judges Mentoring, and we started setting up planning for how we would facilitate 35 people for our seminar right after judging on Thursday.

After Judging on Thursday, our 90-minute seminar ran spectacularly with 26 people in attendance plus 4 international breed specialist judges. After the Seminar, a 60-minute workshop was held with 18 people in attendance. Judges were taught breed specific examination techniques for Stafford's and were given the opportunity to go over 5 different Stafford's, write their evaluations and then go over their assessments with the JEC presenters.

The JEC also successfully mentored 13 judges over the 4 days of our National event, and we are very excited about the feedback we have received from the judges we mentored. We also received very positive feedback regarding our seminar and workshop and very nice compliments from our International Breed Specialist Judges.

The AKC was on site in Louisville and we were able to take the opportunity to film dogs and interview Breed Specialist Judges that will be included in our AKC Canine College Judges Education Training Materials. The Canine College team is now reviewing footage that the AKC provided us and the next step will be layout and determining the course materials.

Our work has just begun, and we will continue to update and improve our educational materials, work toward the completion of AKC Canine College and continue work on our seminar presentation.

If you have judges in your area requesting mentoring or are planning an event would like to provide mentors or hold a seminar, please contact me at judgesed@sbtca.com.

The JEC Journal

Introducing The JEC Approved Series

"The role of the SBTCA Judges Education Committee (JEC) is to participate in the protection and preservation of the breed by educating the key players. This will be done by providing up to date and standardized breed education to judges and enthusiasts, to continuously evaluate training materials and results, and to keep and grow databases of information to build tools for the future."

In the recent past the JEC has not had a great deal of regular communication directly with the membership as our focus has been primarily on educating AKC licensed judges and those seeking to become judges. However, the SBTCA currently has at least 6 members who are Stafford breeder-judges with more on the way. Also, with an updated mission statement that is now written to include "key players" we believe there's perhaps no one more "key" than SBTCA breeders and our members. Keep in mind, the JEC still maintains its primary focus outlined by the AKC to put provide parent club approved educational resources and opportunities for judges, but we would like to start sharing more of these resources with the membership for anyone who is interested in furthering their education whether it be for personal interest or if you wish to become a judge one day.

As a part of building the SBTCA educational resource library the JEC will be identifying a series of articles that are recommended and approved reading material. These will be on a wide variety of conformation related topics and will come hand selected by the JEC with permission from the authors to be reproduced and participate in the JEC Approved Reading Library program. Newly created articles and never-before seen materials will also arise out of the program. This will help streamline the process for judges who are looking to sort through for educational materials that are congruent with the SBTCA Breed Standard, SBTCA Breed Seminar, SBTCA Illustrated Standard, and SBTCA ringside mentoring protocol. It will also expose members new and old alike, to a club resource library which we hope to have compiled on the JEC section of our new website once that is ready. All SBTCA JEC recommended and approved educational resources will be easily identifiable for judges by looking for the following seal:



Cornerstone Staffords

Staffords that are exemplary in type & balance



Cornerstone Staffords, The Folmars
E-mail:damonfolmar@gmail.com Web:www.cornerstonestaffords.net

The process of building this library will take some time, and members are encouraged to submit original material or make suggestions for the inclusion of other materials that meet the criteria above and come from sources willing to allow us to redistribute (with author credits) to the Judge's Ed Committee – JudgesEd@sbtca.com

Within the next several issues of the Staff Status the JEC aims to publish the first of its approved articles to create a series that covers many aspects of judging the Staffordshire Bull Terrier for conformation. What follows is the first of these installments:

The Whole Dog Concept

By Jason Nicolai



Before breaking a dog into small parts and pieces it makes sense to begin with a bigger picture and a more general concept of what those pieces look like together based upon what they are actually meant to do. Often you will hear folks say "Always look at the whole dog first." Or "You have to take the whole dog into consideration above all else." What does that mean? Truth be told if you ask some who say these things to explain further, they might not actually have a clear protocol or system in mind. It just sounds good, right? You might find that others don't mean the exact same thing as the next person using those exact same words.

For the sake of making sure we are all on the same page let's arrive upon a common meaning here, remembering that sometimes in a discussion about dogs, it's more important to make sure everyone is going to be using the same definitions than it is to make sure everyone has the same opinion about the way terms or phrases are typically defined. Anatomy is a perfect example. If 2 people have differing definitions of exactly where the "point of shoulder" is or if "shoulder angle" should be measured through the center of the bones or from the edges, then any discussion forward is almost moot. Agree upon the point (at least for the sake of the discussion) first, and then it's safe to delve deeper. So, for the "whole dog" concept let's all get on the same page.

For "whole dog" let's think of the overall general snapshot of qualities that make a Stafford a Stafford (First impression, general appearance, silhouette recognizable from across the room, those sorts of things). Also, for the "whole dog" concept let's make sure we apply our knowledge of the original function of the dog because any discussion of a part or piece of the dog we get into later really needs to be in relation to that function, so apply that mindset right from the start. And finally, just think of the harmonious package of a Stafford who has no parts or pieces that stand out in discord with the others. Think of the balance that the entire dog exudes given that original function.Perhaps "whole dog" means more or less to you personally. That's completely fine, but for the purpose of this discussion let's all work with those points.

The AKC uses Practical Canine Anatomy & Movement by Claudia Waller Orlandi, PhD. as one of their approved "textbooks" for conformation judges. In the book Dr. Orlandi discusses the "Template" approach to judging a dog. As mentioned above this is taking your knowledge of a general snapshot of what the dog should be and quickly applying it at a glance without really getting into breaking apart all the pieces. That falls within the "Whole Dog" approach as we are defining it here. Can a complete amateur do it? Absolutely not. What it really requires is having a well-trained eye for breed type. It is looking at the [whole] dog and in a quick moment answering the question, *How well does the dog exemplify a proper Staffordshire Bull Terrier?* Orlandi contrasts this method with "the evaluation of structural balance" that is done through a series of tests against the breed standard, using all the parts and pieces of the dog to see how well he stacks up. Here's the interesting part; We use (or should use) both methods, i.e. the Template / "Whole Dog" approach to evaluation as well as the individual tests for structural balance via looking at all the parts and pieces of the dog and seeing how each stacks up against the breed standard. But how do we know which approach to use and when?

Let's do a little exercise. Think of a breed you really don't know much about. Something on which your grasp of breed type is really not keen. If you're a master of all dog breeds think of the Selkirk Rex (it's a cat). Now picture 20 of them in front of you. In 30 seconds rank in order the top 4 that are closest to ideal based upon the whole dog / cat method. Doesn't work, because we have no whole dog template to apply. Give us the breed standards and we can try to reason our way through it part by part, evaluating structural balance, but still without that solid "whole dog" vision we are going to have a difficult time since we really have no ideal template solidified in our minds that we can apply.

Next exercise. Take a breed you know pretty darn well. Maybe the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Take the whole dog template you have in your mind for the ideal Stafford. This is your snapshot of ideal breed type at a glance. The mental image of the perfect Stafford. Get 20 Staffords in the room with you. Let them move around quickly and then rank the top 4 in 30 seconds according to who best matches your own mental archetype of the whole dog. Are you finished evaluating? Let's hope not.

The ' Whole Dog' Concept Continued. . .

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Consider this example: You have a keen "eye" for the whole dog. You know proper breed type and how to recognize it in an instant, right? Take those 20 Staffords mentioned above, move them once and place them 1-4 in 30 seconds. Without testing each dog to the specifics of the breed standard you are also not testing your template to the specifics of the breed standard.

Let's say you're 1st place dog upon first glance had everything you though a Stafford should have. You think he's a beautifully balanced animal with exceptional breed type. That's why you immediately placed him 1st. However, when you go through the process of testing the parts and pieces of each dog you also must test your mental template, and see if you can improve upon it any.

What if you start to look at the individual parts and pieces of your 1st place dog compared to the breed standard and also those fine points printed in books, taught in breed seminars, and talked about for decades such as a muzzle to skull ratio of 1:2, and you find that your pick dog indeed has a significant detail that is in conflict? For example's sake, let's say his muzzle to skull ratio on your 1st place dog is actually closer to 1:1. You recall that in the original 100 pt ranking system of all the parts and pieces in 1937 the head was actually ranked as the most important part of the Stafford. With that in mind it must be of significant importance today. Now what do you do? Two things: #1 You have to consider if you can still adjust the order of the dogs. #2 Regardless of adjusting placements, you must adjust your "whole dog" mental template. That 2nd part should be never ending. Continually fine tune and improve your mental image of the perfect Stafford.

> *"Seek an eye for the breed, but do not be too quick to solidify one. Form it, but keep it malleable or else all further learning will cease."*

When you've been in any breed long enough, you'll start to develop a "Template", "Whole Dog Vision", a mental image of "breed type-at-a-glance". This mental image is your "Breed Archetype". There are 1,000 ways to say it, but it is what develops as you form your "eye" for the breed. Seek an eye for the breed, but do not be too quick to solidify one. Form it, but keep it malleable or else all further learning will cease. With every single dog you judge in or out of the ring you should not only test the dog to the standard but also your eye. As you sharpen your sword always stay true to the test even when (or especially when) your personal preference is in conflict with the breed standard.

SBTCA Dog Show

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August 23,24 and 25

Friday, August 23rd, 2019, SBTCA Supported Entry,
Judge Jason Nicolai (Homebrewed Affix)

Saturday, August 24th, 2019, SBTCA Specialty,
judge Colin Davies UK (Mimcol Affix)

Sunday, August 25th, 2019, SBTCA supported entry,
Judge Laurie Ford UK (Blitstaff Affix)

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AND A BULLY COMPETITION

Regional Reports

Area One
Jennifer Rice

Hi area one folks, just wanted to introduce myself and let you know how excited that I'm your Area Director. I have already started gathering information to report on and hope you will add to the column by sending me your accomplishments and stories about you and your Staffords. Hope to hear from you---thank you, Jennifer

Area Two
Monica McGrew

The 2019 National is over and WHAT. A. WEEKEND. It was a super fun time and I am SO appreciative to everyone that took the time to make it out to Kentucky. Thank you all of our judges, sweeps and regular, for coming and giving excellent opinions on our Staffords from all over the country! We raised close to $16,000 for this National, which is a HUGE accomplishment. Thank you to all of our corporate sponsors and thank you to all of YOU – Stafford lovers who graciously donated over the year to this show. It couldn't have been as much of a success without your donations and generosity. Not only did we raise that much, but we were able to put about $4,000 into the SBTCA National fund which was so desperately needed! THANK YOU! I hope you will consider supporting the 2020 National in San Diego as well and all future Nationals that are held from here on out. This is a TEAM effort and when we all come together the Staffordshire Bull Terrier benefits tremendously and that is what we are all here for!

SBTCA Supported Entry –

Sweeps Judge Wil Diaz (sweeps)

UK Breeder Judge Harry Coble (regular)

Sweeps

Best Puppy In Sweeps – L-Belle's Heroin Of Hogwarts

Best of Opposite Puppy In Sweeps – Brittstaff Dream Boy

Best Veteran In Sweeps – CH Revelry Nuff Sed BCAT TKN TD

Best Opposite Veteran In Sweeps – BISS GCHB Dynastaffs Return To Sender

Regular

BOB/BOBOH – GCH Moonstruck Luck Be A Lady

WD/BOW – Von's My Loving Man

BOS – CH Rolona's Gold Coast

SD – GCHB Pinnacle's You Can't Take Command

SB – CH Clandara's Little Dreamer

AOM – CH AdoraBull Apple Of My Eye By Lynwyn

AOM – GCHG Ciera Homebrewed Born Free

AOM – GCH Dynastaffs Sersi The Eternal

AOM – GCH Situation's One Man Show

WB – Clandara Deltoro Fair Warning

Best Bred By – Wavemaker This Charming Man

Best Puppy – Willaby's Gone Walkabout

Best Veteran – CH Oakdell Armstrong's Shock And Awe CD RE MX AXJ MXP2 MJP3 MJPB MXF T2BP CGCA

SBTCA Area 2 Regional Specialty –
Sweeps Judge Conor Keegan (sweeps) &
(NET) Breeder Judge Bianca Janssen (regular)

Sweeps

Best Puppy In Sweeps – Trawden Passion At Thrashers

Best Opposite Puppy In Sweeps – Brittstaff Dream Boy

Best Veteran In Sweeps – GCH L-Belle's Pin It To Win It VST RE OA AXJ OF CAA BCAT DJ TKA

Best Opposite Veteran In Sweeps – CH Revelry Nuff Sed BCAT TKN TD

Regular

BOB/WD/BOW – Windy City Harpalus

BOS/WB – Ballyhoo Bewitched

SD/BOBOH - CH Manorview's Lucky Charm

SB – GCHB Dynastaffs Don't Leave Home Without It

AOM – CH Pinnacle's Blow You Away

AOM – CH AdoraBull Apple Of My Eye By Lynwyn

AOM – GCH Moonstruck Luck Be A Lady

AOM – CH Samross American Dream

Best Bred By – Variant's New Americana

Best Puppy – Black Country's The Glamorous Life

Best Veteran – GCH Gridiron's Flag On The Play CD RE CGC TKN



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AREA 1 SBTCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

Friday Sept 6, 2019

Sweepstakes: Lynn Caswell (Wavemaker)

Regular Classes: Fiona McBride (Brohez - AU)

Tuxedo Park Kennel Club

SBTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY

Saturday Sept 7, 2019

Sweepstakes: George Urbanski (WindyCity)

Regular Classes: Jodie Sing (Pranksta - AU)

Somerset Hills Kennel Club

SBTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY

Sunday Sept 8, 2019

Sweepstakes: Nicola Yates (Yakindow)

Regular Classes: Chris Jacksic (Jaxstock - US)

Westchester Kennel Club

Regional Reports

SBTCA National Specialty –
Judge Damon Folmar (sweeps) &
UK Breeder Judge Kevin Jones (regular)

Sweeps

Best Puppy In Sweeps – Shortyrock's Dreaming Of Neverland

Best of Opposite Puppy In Sweeps – Nevada's Little White Lies

Best Veteran In Sweeps – GCHS Shortyrock's Jasper By Dumbriton

Best Opposite Veteran In Sweeps – GCH L-Belle's Pin It To Win It VST RE OA AXJ OF CAA BCAT DJ TKA

Regular

BOB/WB/BOW/BOBOH – Alchemist's Black Opal

BOS/WD – Windy City Harpalus

SD – CH Samross American Dream

SB – GCH Dynastaffs Don't Leave Home Without It

AOM – CH AdoraBull Apple Of My Eye By Lynwyn

AOM – GCHB Pinnacle's You Can't Take Command

AOM – GCH Situation's One Man Show

AOM – CH Manorview's Lucky Charm

Best Bred By – Shortyrock's Dreaming Of Neverland

Best Puppy – Black Country's The Glamorous Life

Best Veteran – GCHB Wavemaker Pacifica CA BANJ DM AJX BCAT CGC

Best Stud Dog – CH Samross American Dream

Best Brood Bitch – CH Dynastaffs Always and Never RN CGC RATS

Best Brace – GCHB Dynastaffs Return To Sender & CH Pinnacle's Blow You Away

SBTCA Supported Entry –
Judge Lorelei Craig (sweeps) &
AKC Breeder Judge Jason Nicolai (regular)

Sweeps

Best Puppy In Sweeps – L-Belle's Fidelius Charm

Best Opposite Puppy In Sweeps – Jammnstaffs I Put A Spell On You

Best Veteran In Sweeps – CH Serenity Foot Loose & Fancy Free CA RATN BCAT

Best Opposite Veteran In Sweeps – N/A

Regular

BOB/WD/BOW/BOBOH – Windy City Harpalus (New Champion!)

BOS – GCHB Dynastaffs Don't Leave Home Without It

SD – CH Manorview's Lucky Charm

SB – CH Wavemaker Briny Breezes DM DS

AOM – CH Samross American Dream

AOM – GCH Manorview's Mister, It's Your Lucky Day

AOM – GCH Situation's One Man Show

AOM – CH Variant's Strange Love

WB – Ballyhoo Bewitched (New Champion!)

Best Bred By – Wavemaker This Charming Man

Best Puppy – Jammnstaffs Midnight Special

Best Veteran – CH Serenity Foot Loose & Fancy Free CA RATN BCAT

Area 3

Tina Vickrey

We would like to congratulate Monica Mcgrew and Area 2 on an amazing 2019 National Specialty. Monica, Lynn Caswell and the rest of her team really out did themselves and put on a Stafford event for the ages! Though Kentucky is a long way from California, we did have some Area 3 members who not only made the trek, but also had some awesome and impressive results or impact while there while there!

Christine Edwards cross country trek was rewarded as L-Belle's Heroine of Hogwarts TD

Best In Sweeps under Judge Wil Diaz at the SBTCA Supported Entry

With an entry of 25 puppies, BISS Ch Revelry Nuff Sed TD BCAT TKN

Best In Veteran Sweeps under Judge Wil Diaz at the SBTCA Supported Entry and Best of Opposite In Veteran Sweeps under Judge Connor Keegan at SBTCA Regional Specialty, GrCh CT L-Belle's Pin it to Win it RE AX AXJ OF CAA BCAT DJ TKA RATI

Best In Veteran Sweeps under Judge Connor Keegan at the SBTCA Regional Specialty

Regional Reports

Best of Opposite Sex In Veteran Sweeps under Judge Damon Folmar at the SBTCA National Specialty

New Agility Excellent title and was Highest Scoring Excellent Agility Stafford at the SBTCA Regional Specialty

First Double Q at the SBTCA National Specialty and, last but never least, MACH2 Dynamo Sureshot Smart as a Fox VCD2 TDX CDX MXS MJG NF T2B RE CAX BCAT TKA DN CGC RATI

Winner of Amazing Gus award for the oldest dog with a Q at the National! Makes those miles well worth it!

Michelle Watson and Asha were presented with an award for Asha's first MACH in agility! Congratulations Michelle and MACH Southland Staffys Asha Bear MXB MJB MXF T2BT!

Larry Peterson and Juggernaut Kennels had not 1, not 2, but 3 dogs in the SBTCA Top 20! Though they were unable to make the trip, this is such an honor (and they were sorely missed! Juggernaut's Charmer Celtic Warrior Princess (Kara), Juggernaut's Chart a Course Sulu (Stormy) and Juggernaut's Celeste the Stars Align (Celeste)

Kimberly Washington earned a new nickname (Glue!) as she pitched in to help ringside to make sure everything ran smoothly.

One of the most exciting things to see was the number of enthusiastic newcomers just entering our crazy little world of Staffords! In a time where the sport of purebred dogs is struggling, it is heartening to see our enthusiasm and love of the breed enticing new people to join us on our adventures. It helps that they are pretty awesome people to begin with, but this speaks to breeders placing puppies well, and mentoring, providing support for people to take that plunge and try something new.

Area 4

Brenda Holman

Area 4 has had another exciting few months! Here are some highlights of the accomplishments our area members have obtained:

Tanya Johnson's Ch Jaxstock's Miss Demeanor AXJ OA RATI NF (Demi) received her CT-ATCH 2 at the MMBC CPE trial in Isanti, MN. Pictured is Demi with her CT-ATCH 2 jump bar. Congratulations!



Cassie Malloy's CH Hasweth Travellin Man CD BN RN NAP NJP NFP RATM CGC TKA (Hamish) was awarded Best Owner Handled in the Breed ring at the Seattle Kennel Club show.

Following the breed ring, they spent the afternoon meeting all the people at the Meet the Breed event, and then went in and passed both the Therapy Dog International and Canine Good Citizen Advanced tests.

They are currently working towards our RATCH and Crazy 8s titles in Barn Hunt, and playing our way through some issues in Open Agility.

Jenny and Dana Merritt's Trugrip Staffords have two new champions - Trugrip Right On Red (Ginger) and Trugrip Oberon (Micah).

Over in the performance ring, GCH Trugrip Party Girl obtained her Rally Intermediate title and has her eye on moving to Advanced!

Coleen Case's GCH Wavemaker Here Comes Your Man, CA, NW1, L1E, L1I (Francis) earned NW1, L1E and L1I titles in the last few months and will be working toward NW2 and L1C titles soon!

Pictured is Francis with his L1E and L1I ribbons.



Our Alaska members, Christine O'Donnell, Brandi Erickson (honorary AK member), Krystal Sullivan Silva, and Larisa Carlon win the award for most distance traveled to the Nationals this year! Way to go ladies! This just proves how dedicated Area 4 members are! They said it was fun, educational, and enjoyed meeting some nice folks; definitely a must do for people in the breed that want to learn more about it.

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Regional Reports

BOS CH Northernknights Take No Prisoners (Ember), BOW/WD FullThrottle's Wolverine (Korbin),

The Alaska show season has just started and the FullThrottle pups had some nice wins!

On Saturday March 24: BOB/G5 BISS CH Aktions Puckin Awesome (Bruton)

BOS CH Northernknights Take No Prisoners (Ember), BOW/WD FullThrottle's Wolverine (Korbin),

WB FullThrottle's Dawn of Creation (Gaia).

On Sunday March 25: BOB/G1 BISS CH Aktions Puckin Awesome (Bruton), BOS CH FullThrottle's Simple Elegance (Lacey), BOW/WD FullThrottle's Polar Express(Kai), WB Vons Spitfire of the North (Lucy).

Pictured is: Victoria Marsh in the Veterans class with 9 year old BISS CH FullThrottles Last Aktion War Hero (Mafia);



Larisa and CH FullThrottles Here For The Party CAT RATN (Freyja-brindle/white) getting their RATN title;



Kathy and CH Northernknights Take No Prisoners (Ember-red/white) getting their RATN title;



Chad Campoamor and BISS CH Aktions Puckin Awesome (Bruton) earning a Group 1;



and FullThrottles Polar Express (Kai-white pied) at his first show.



I continue to be so proud to represent such a great group of Stafford enthusiasts! Keep up the great work, Area 4 members!

Respectfully yours,
Brenda Holmen

Area 5

Angela Vaughan

Hello everyone. What a busy time it has been for the SBTCA club. We just completed a fantastic National Specialty in Louisville Kentucky. I believe everyone had a wonderful time sharing their passion for our breed and meeting new and wonderful people within the breed. It is always great to get together with like minds and talk about our dogs and the breed itself. I want to give a special thanks to all the National Committee Members for a job well done and an extra special thanks and congratulations to Monica McGrew and Lynn Caswell for their constant attention to the exhibitors and all those little details that make a show great.

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Homebrewed Cheeky Monkey
NW3-Elite CGC RN FMX L1C, L1I, L2C, L2I
Handler:Beth Ruth



GRUB
ELITE



CHLOE
ELITE

Ch Austaff Tomorrows Winter Chloe
L1V, L2E, L2I, L3C, ELT2
Handler:Kristy Strunks

Hi-Impacts Medium Rare
NW3 -ELITE,FM, L1C, L1I, L1V, L2C



ANGUS
ELITE

Handler:Beth Ruth

NACSW



BISS GCH
Ciera Homebrewed Jack Rabbit Slim
NW3
Handler:Lorelei Craig

CHOPPER



CH Elivid's Shaken Not Stirred
CD BN RI CAA SCN SIN CGCA TKN L1C
L1E, L2V, NW3
Handler:Debra Roseman

BONNIE

Sara Van Wijk design



BISS GrChB DayDream Sin With A Grin
CA NSW NW3 L3I L2C L1E L1V
Handler:Dayna Lemke



BOOGIE

CH Ciera Homebrewed Sublimely Self-Righteous
CGC TDN BCAT RATN L1C L1E NW3
Handler:Tina Vickrey

TRISTA JAYNE



Gold GCH Homebrewed Page Three Girl
BN, RN, CGC NW3
Handler:Lorelei Craig

DAPHNE

NW3



CH ClassyStaffys Kiss This
L1E, L2C, L2I, L2V, NW3
Handler:Kristy Strunks





KANE

GCH Dynastaffs Here Comes The Sun NW3
Handler:Jennifer Sala

KEENIE

Sara Van Wijk Design

NACSW RISING STARS

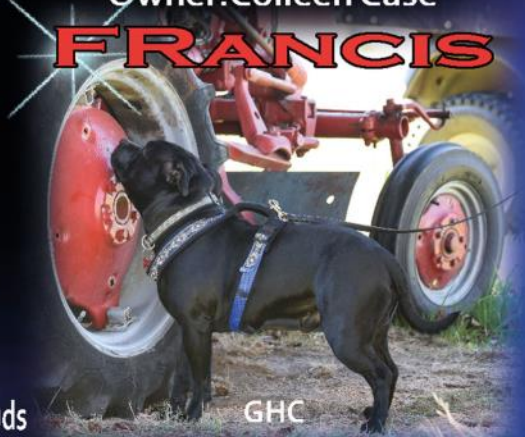


SPRITE

Handler:Kitti Jensen

Massie's Dancing on Thunderclouds

BN, RI, TKA, CGC, NW1, L1C



FRANCIS

Owner:Colleen Case

GHC

Wavemakers Here Comes Your Man

NW1, L1E, L1I



HARTLEY

Handler:Mary Cornelius

Ch Quicksilver Hartley the Heartmender

SCN SEN NW1



HARLEY

Handler:Debra Roseman

CH Ciera Homebrewed Dirty Side Down

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HO TAI

Handler:Mary Cornelius

CH Quicksilver Ho Tai the Budai

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Handler:Dayna Lemke

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Regional Reports

For those of you that could not make it, as you can see from the pictures, Louisville added a fun theme to the weekend, and everyone got in on that fun. Surprisingly the dogs generally seemed unfazed by the situation, but it would have been fun to know what was going on in their minds and what their thoughts were on the subject. LOL.





Unfortunately, I only had one area member send me their information on how they did at the show, so I want to thank Alexa Keetch for letting me know about their weekend. Congratulations are absolutely warranted. GCHB.



Dynastaffs Don't Leave Home Without It, Visa. Won Select Bitch on Friday and Saturday as well as Best of Opposite Sex on Sunday. Ch. Samross American Dream, Ringo. Won Award of Merit on Friday and Sunday, on Saturday he won Select Dog. Devils and Fairies Unforgettable, Cole, was Reserve Winners Dog on Saturday. And Nevada's Little White Lies was Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps on Saturday. Way to go team!

My weekend was a success the first two days, but got cut short on Saturday and Sunday.



However, Von's My Loving Man, Colt won his class on both Thursday and Friday and Thursday he also won Winners Dog and Best Of Winners, the first time he ever showed in a ring. I was just thrilled for him. Von's Prince William, Willie took a third in his class on Thursday and a Second place in his class on Friday. With so many beautiful Staffords in the ring, I was very pleased that the judges noticed something special in the boys. I also want to say a huge Thank You to Christine Kriger from Full Throttle Staffords for coming all the way from Alaska and helping to handle my girl Ch. Canakey Sweet Cherry Wine, Cherry. I was very impressed with her handling skills, as Cherry liked being in the ring with her better than she does with me. It was awesome meeting such a great group of ladies that made their way to the National all the way from Alaska! What a pleasure and a privilege



To all the other winners from the show, well done and congratulations. This was the largest National Specialty on record and to walk away with any wins is a great accomplishment and something to be very proud of! To get a list of all the winners, look at the National Specialty report in this issue of the Staff Status

Warmer weather is now here and I hope to report many more success stories about all of you in our next addition. Have a great time out with your dogs and hope to meet up with you sometime soon.

Angie Vaughan

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Health Report
Breeders Should Take Precautions to Prevent Canine Brucellosis

Canine brucellosis can wipe out a kennel. The highly contagious reproductive disease can cause infertility, abortions and stillbirths in dogs. Many states require kennels infected with brucellosis to quarantine, sterilize or euthanize affected dogs — all causing an enormous emotional and economic toll.

"This disease brought total ruin to one breeder we worked with to the point she had to depopulate her entire kennel," says Lin Kauffman, D.V.M., a faculty clinician at the Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Ames, Iowa.

Many are unfamiliar with canine brucellosis, but its incidence is on the rise, according to Kauffman.

Brucellosis is predominantly seen in rural areas of the Southeast. One survey showed approximately 6 percent of dogs in that region are infected. Mainly stray and feral dogs and those from so-called "puppy mills" have been affected, but spread of the disease to the rest of the dog industry, including show dogs and field trial dogs, has drawn attention, Kauffman says.

Canine brucellosis is a caused by the bacterium Brucella canis or B. canis, one of six species of the genus Brucella. The bacterium was first identified in dogs in 1966, particularly in Beagles in research colonies.

Since then, the disease has been found in Australian Shepherds, Boston Terriers, Chihuahuas, Cocker Spaniels, Dachshunds, German Shepherd Dogs, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Lhasa Apsos, Miniature Pinschers, Pomeranians, Poodles, Shih Tzus, Yorkshire Terriers, and mixed-breed dogs. Cases of brucellosis have been documented worldwide.

"Any breed of dog and either gender can become infected; however, the disease is usually detected and monitored in the intact male and female canine," says R. Bruce Hollett, D.V.M., M.S., DACT, associate professor in the Department of Large Animal Medicine at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine in Athens, Ga. Fortunately, death caused by the disease is rare. No vaccine exists, and treatment is often considered challenging. Dogs generally are treated with at least two antibiotics that are given over a 30-day period. The treatment regimen can be both extensive and expensive, and may require repeat treatments if a dog continues to test positive. How Brucellosis Spreads Canine brucellosis spreads rapidly especially in confined populations and can lead to as many as 75 percent fewer puppies weaned. The disease can spread through fresh-chilled and frozen semen, so dogs do not need to breed naturally to become infected. There are no brucellosis testing requirements for interstate or intrastate travel or for sale of dogs, so known and unknown positive dogs can spread the disease. The risk of infection through bodily secretions puts dogs at risk whenever they come into contact with other dogs.

Though mainly a sexually transmitted disease, brucellosis can also be transmitted via nose, mouth and eye contact with infected vaginal discharge, aborted fetuses, feces, saliva, blood, secretions from the eyes and nose, semen, and urine. Bacteria also can enter through broken skin. Infected females can pass the disease to puppies during pregnancy or through her milk after they are born.

Once the bacteria enter the body, they target reproductive tissue, penetrating and growing intracellularly. In females, the bacteria live in the vagina, uterus and placenta. In males, the organism is found in the prostate and testicles. B. canis infiltrates the bloodstream and can enter organs, including the spleen, liver, lymph nodes, eyes and vertebral column.

Canine brucellosis has a wide range of signs that can mimic characteristics of other diseases. Signs in both males and females include: lethargy; fatigue; unwillingness to breed; joint pain; inflammation of the lymph nodes; eye infections; poor hair coat; exercise intolerance; weight loss; lameness; back pain; and behavioral changes.

Extreme signs include infertility in both sexes. Males can suffer swollen or shrunken testicles, inflamed prostate and poor semen quality. In females, brucellosis causes failure to conceive, stillbirths, and early embryonic death or fetal resorption within 10 to 20 days. Approximately 75 percent of infected females abort after 45 to 59 days of gestation. If carried to term, pups infected in the womb or through their mother's milk can die shortly after whelping.

Some dogs show no signs of the disease, complicating diagnosis. "The dog could look perfectly healthy to his or her owner and be infected," says Hollett, a reproduction specialist who is board-certified in theriogenology.

Testing for Brucella Canis Blood and bacterial culture tests can detect infection with B. canis. Blood tests identify the presence of antibodies to the bacterium, which generally develop within eight to 12 weeks after infection. Culture tests determine the presence of the bacterium by inducing it to grow from a sample of vaginal discharge, bone marrow, milk, blood, urine, semen or tissue from the placenta, aborted fetus, lymph nodes, spleen or liver.

There are problems with both types of test. Neither test allows early detection and both can lead to erroneous results. Variation in incubation period from two weeks to several months means early testing can result in a false negative even as the dog is contagious. Because of that, dogs must be tested multiple times over the course of months, costing time and money. Although culture tests are the current diagnostic standard, culturing B. canis can be difficult.

"B. canis is very picky about what media it grows on and under what conditions, so only a positive culture really means anything," Kauffman says. Kauffman and fellow researchers at Iowa State University are working to develop a DNA-based test to detect B. canis earlier and more reliably. The Canine Health Foundation is funding the research.

The researchers have already developed a test sensitive enough to detect as little as one bacterium in one milliliter of blood, but they discovered that the organism does not remain in the blood long



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before sequestering in reproductive tissue. They now are trying to determine the optimal diagnostic sample, and are considering urine, semen and vaginal swabs.

Using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay, the scientists extract bacterial DNA from the sample and use fluorescent markers to detect the presence of B. canis. Because a PCR assay detects the actual bacterium rather than the antibodies a dog develops in response to it, this test can detect the disease from the time of infection. Such early detection would allow positive dogs in a kennel to be identified in one round of testing and help limit the spread of the disease.

"The diagnostic sampling for this test would really be no different than what it currently is, and potentially it may be easier for breeders to collect samples," Kauffman says. "Instead of blood samples normally collected by veterinarians, the diagnostic samples for this assay would potentially be vaginal swabs for females and urine samples for males."

Kauffman hopes to have a DNA test available later this year.

Breeders should seek veterinary advice regarding treatment, which includes one class of antibiotics such as tetracycline, chlortetracycline, minocycline or doxycycline. The most successful treatment originally combined tetracycline and dihydrostreptomycin antibiotics, says Hollett, noting that dihydrostreptomycin is no longer available for use in dogs. Veteri-nar-ians have found successful alternative treatment using a combination of antibiotics; however, the entire course of antibiotics should be completed to avoid false-negative test results.

More than one course of treatment may be required, and testing should take place one month after completing any treatment. Before being considered clear of the disease, dogs must test negative on two consecutive tests given four weeks apart. Not all treatment will work, and relapse is possible. Even after treatment or sterilization, dogs can shed bacteria for years.

"There is no 'cure' for a dog whose diagnosis of canine brucellosis has been confirmed," Hollett says. "Antibiotic regimens do lower the amount of bacteria passing through the dog's lymphatic and circulatory systems but do not totally eliminate all organisms from the dog's body."

Prevention Is Best Medicine Prevention is cheaper than quarantine. "The potential economic as well as emotional impact on breeders can be huge," Kauffman says. "If the infection is bad enough, an owner may opt to euthanize an entire kennel and go out of business altogether or start over again with brand new, noninfected breeding stock."

To avoid such hardship, breeders are encouraged to test all dogs annually and before breeding. In females, testing is more accurate before or during heat due to the female's sensitivity to the test at this time.

Breeders also are advised to not breed infected dogs, and consider spaying or neutering them. Dogs bred intensively outside the facility should be tested two to four times a year. Before breeding with dogs of unknown brucellosis status, ask to see test results. New dogs brought into the kennel for breeding stock should always be quarantined and tested before adding to the rest of the kennel.

"Breeders should test every animal in their respective kennel or licensed facility," Hollett says. "Even animals that have been neutered or have an undefined history from a previous location may test positive. Brucellosis continues to be a problem common in dogs simply because people lack enough information about it to make an intelligent choice or simply avoid having their breeding stock checked on a routine basis."

The increased incidence of canine brucellosis can be attributed to many causes, including deficient knowledge, lack of uniformity in state regulations and reluctance to test for fear of repercussions — financial and otherwise.

"This disease carries a lot of stigma. Some states will not even recognize that they have this disease in their state," Kauffman says. "It is like a dirty secret that no one wants to talk about, and if you are a breeder who has the disease or has had it, then no one wants to associate with you or your dogs."

Dogs that show no signs of infection can be unknowingly bred or sold. An unscrupulous breeder may mask the bacteria with antibiotics or take a dog for testing in a state with lenient reporting regulations.

"Until states duplicate the governance of canine diseases, the disease will cross state lines with each dog that is sent for breeding or to a show or field trial and has a positive infection that is unknown to the breeder or owner," Hollett says.

Kauffman agrees. "Until all the states unite and pass legislation requiring B. canis testing of dogs for travel across state lines and for sale then the United States is going to have a problem with this disease," she says.

A Danger to Humans

In addition to the danger to dogs, canine brucellosis is a zoonotic disease that can affect humans. It is important to note, however, that humans are rarely infected.

As with dogs, no human vaccine is available, although the disease is easily managed with appropriate antibiotics. Children, pregnant women and people with a compromised immune system are considered vulnerable.

Humans can become infected through direct contact with fluids from infected dogs, including vaginal discharge, semen, blood, milk, urine, feces, or an aborted fetus. Bacteria can enter through the mouth, nose, eyes or broken skin. Infection can also result from inhaling dust and dirt from affected areas.

On average, signs of human infection appear three to four weeks after exposure, but can begin in one week or not for several months. Signs are similar to flu and include fever, headache, weakness, night sweats, chills, back pain, fatigue, enlarged lymph nodes, and weight loss. Proper diagnosis is not necessary as antibiotic treatment generally resolves signs of illness.

When handling infected dogs or materials, wear protective clothing such as latex or rubber gloves, a facemask and eye goggles. Wash hands thoroughly after touching dogs and do not allow an infected dog to lick your face.

Seeking Samples

Researchers at Iowa State Univer-sity in Ames, Iowa, are seeking male urine and semen samples from dogs suspected of being infected with the Brucella canis bacterium. The samples will be used in a study aimed at developing an early DNA detection test for brucellosis. For more information, e-mail researcher Lin Kauffman, D.V.M., at linkauf@iastate.edu.

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Meet the Member!

Lucille Perry has been a member of the club since 1977!! We thought it might be great to highlight a member for each issue of our magazine. I felt that the first one had to be Lucille Perry. I was lucky enough to meet her one time at Appleby's in Redding when we did a rescue dog transfer. I knew at that time she was an unsung hero in our club. I sent Lucille a few questions and asked if she would answer them for this column.

I am Lorelei Craig and I am pleased to introduce you to Lucille Perry!

Lorelei: When did you join the club?

Lucille: I joined the club on the day that I bought my first SBT from Jim Davenport in 1977. His name was Chip (Davenhill Silverlake Chip CD) and he was 2 years old, He (Jim) just said "Why don't you sign up?" and I did.

Lorelei: I guess that answers my next question, why did you join?.

Lorelei: Can you tell us a bit about Chip and your Staffords throughout the years? I also know you have been very active in performance sports if you would also share a bit about your achievements it would be great.

Lucille: My Amstaf had died from a brain tumor a few days before Christmas in 1977. I had NO DOG. I was thinking of getting a Border Terrier for my next dog, as I have always liked their looks and decided to get a smaller dog. I was introduced to a fellow who would let me co-own his two-year old Border but I couldn't pin him down to a contract. Getting a mature dog appealed to me as I was working full time; I didn't want to deal with a puppy.

So I drove to one of the So. California shows to catch up with him and get a commitment. He was gone by the time I got to the show. But I was in the terrier area and saw the Staffords that were getting ready to be shown. I had seen Staffords when they were in the Miscellaneous Classes but kind of forgotten about them. It only took that moment to figure out that I could be very happy with a Stafford. I met Judi Daniels and Jim Davenport. Jim said he was looking to place a two-year old dog. So the next day, which was the President's Day holiday in February 1978 I drove back to the LA area and came home with Chip (Davenhill Silverlake Chip CD).

I'd always had only one dog but Chip was such an easy keeper that I decided to get him a canine companion. This time I bought a champion bitch from Judi Daniels named Pepper (Ch. Twidwr Grand Slam CD). The dogs got along beautifully. I put a few points on Chip but decided he would do better in obedience competition. Chip qualified on the first time in and walked away with the Highest Scoring Terrier award. Both dogs easily earned their Companion Dog titles and made therapy dog visits with me. I always said that Pepper shone like polished wood and decided to have a statue done of her. I searched for probably a year until I found the right artist. I now have a life-sized black walnut sculpture of Pepper by master wood carver, J. Chester Armstrong.

Next came Flash (Trugrip Star In Motion CDX CGC TDI) who earned the nickname Wildman; he had so much energy. but I managed to put an advanced obedience title on him .He wasn't show quality but he excelled doing therapy dog visits. His "bestie" was Ruby (Mahogany Queen CDX CGC),, a beautiful English import that Steve Eltinge brought over. Her energy matched that of Flash. Ruby lived to be 14; Ace was my first dog to reach 16 years old. They both earned the CDX, (Companion Dog) title and Canine Good Citizen designations.

Dana and Jenny Merritt found the next Stafford for me. A puppy named Hercules. The breeder sent me a photo of him and it was love at first sight. After the Wildman I wasn't sure I wanted another puppy but this one was easier to train. Of course, I had to change his name as I couldn't imagine being in the obedience ring and commanding "Hercules, come." So he was renamed Ace (Ch. Baxstaff Supreme Chancellor CD RE CGC Delta Society Pet Partner) because his expression reminded me of the fly boys in WWI in photos I had seen. I had so much fun with that dog. We visited thousands of kids in Canine Ambassador Programs and he was such a wonderful therapy dog. Everyone he visited thought they were his favorite person.

Ace was so much fun that I wrote a book about him, "I Know My Dog can Talk.'' Dana Merritt illustrated it. He also appeared ten times on stage in the musical "Oliver."



Lucille with Flash *(C 1987)*

Meet the Member continued…

Ace's buddy was Josie (Ivanhoe N Inkwood's Josie CD RN CGC TDInc), who I bought from Virginia Antia in Florida. Again, I got a two-year old. Can you tell that I like getting a mature dog from a responsible breeder? Works for me every time. Ace and Josie were a remarkable pair; I could take them anywhere together, always under control. I showed Ace to his Championship, CD and Rally Excellent titles and Josie to her CD obedience title. They were both therapy dogs.

In her later years Josie's arthritis got the best of her and I had to put her down at 16 years old. Ace died later in the same year at 16 ½.

When it was evident that Ace wasn't going to be around much longer, I began thinking about Border terriers again. I had always been a lightweight and by then I was in my late 70's. But then Lola's (Distaff Galaxina CGCA CGCU CD) picture came along in an email to members of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound. She was 5 ½ months old and needed to be rehomed. Again, it only took one look at her expression and I was

and I was hooked. And she was already housebroken, microchipped, been to puppy class and crate trained. I couldn't have gotten a better bitch. She has finished her championship, had a beautiful litter of pups and earned an obedience title and all three canine good citizenship titles.

I have shown in Conformation obedience and rally. I'm not a competitive person and actually enjoy the Canine Ambassador programs more than going in the show ring.

Lorelei: I love that you have always been willing to take older dogs. You have really done right by your dogs by doing so many things with them. This makes me smile.

Can you take a moment to tell us what the club is to you and how it helped you in the early years?

Lucille: I've always felt very connected to SBTCA. I've acquired some good dogs from SBTCA members. And they have given me good advice on a number of things. Also, seeing photos of so many dogs that I'll never see in person have helped me develop a good eye for dogs who meet the standard. I also have always belonged to an all-breed club which has helped others learn about our breed.

Lorelei: What are some of the things from the past that bring back fond memories?

Lucile: One of the things in the past that I really loved was being asked to write an article for the AKC GAZETTE about SBTCA's first national specialty. Watching Ace on stage In the musical "Oliver" as "Bullseye" with "Bill Sykes" was so much fun, and Ace and I got to take a bow before the audience each night. And remembering how much joy my dogs have brought to the people we visited when they were therapy dogs. My favorite Canine Ambassador programs are once a year when four members of the Rogue Valley Kennel Club teach 6th and 7th grades for a day at a local middle school. The kids are studying genetics so we have examples of working and hunting dogs, hounds and bull and terriers. And. Of course, St. Anne's Catholic School where we've had a Staffordshire Bull Terrier there every year since 1999.

Lorelei: How do you think the club can help members in the 21st century?

Lucille: Being a national club, I think holding regional shows is a great thing and having fun with BBQ's Best Parts competition and the like, and of course, the performance events will keep members interested. I like the idea of the Canadian Dog Walk too, but that might be something more difficult to organize.

Competition is good to keep up the quality of our dogs, but let's not forget about camaraderie. It seems to me that a lot of people on the east coast have dropped their membership. I might be wrong on that. A good newsletter or magazine also keeps interest in the breed and I love that we are now featuring The Companion Corner.

Area reps are the backbone of the club along with the officers and directors.

Lorelei: What has the club stopped doing that we should bring back??

Lucille: I'd like to see a breed column back in the GAZETTE, although I don't know how many people read the GAZETTE on line these days.

One thing that I really liked were the lapel pins (I think Steve Eltinge came up with the original) that showed being a member 20 – 25 years. Dane and Jenny are up to 50 years, I'm up to 40. Maybe the club could issue pins for every 5 or 10 years. And special awards for special accomplishments are wonderful.

I think the Registry of Merit and Versatility award program was a good idea. Maybe someday the list will be presented. It may spur some owners to try to match or beat our records.

Lorelei: I like both of those ideas. You are not the only one who has mentioned the lapel pins. We have lost some old records so it might be a bit of a challenge but challenges are good! I think the Gazette is important too. Since I have been President I have been impressed with a very pro-active stance the AKC is taking on many fronts.

We should support the magazine. I also love the new award program for performance dogs. The results will soon be up on our website and I look forward to dogs achieving the highest levels!!

How long have you been contributing to the Staff Status?

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Meet the Member continued...

Lucille: Before I tell you how long I have been contributing to SS, let me say that I wrote the breed column for the AKC GAZETTE from November '87 through November 2001, some 14years.
Then I decided readers may appreciate a new voice.

I started writing for SS in the Winter 2003 issue. I'm proud to say that I've never missed a deadline for the GAZETTE or SS since I began writing columns. I really believe that public education is important.

Lorelei: Agreed on both counts. I am impressed you did the Gazette and the Staff Status!

Lorelei: What has been your inspiration for your articles??

Lucille: My inspiration is usually something that I've experienced in the months prior to my next submission. I look at the dog world from many angles, not just from the show-dog side. My circle of friends ranges from those who just have a dog for a companion and sometimes those who don't have a dog at all, Staffie people as well as kennel club members with other breeds. There is so much to learn.
Lorelei: I have never seen you on social media, any plans to enter that world?

Lucille: I don't want to go on Social Media as I have enough activities to take up my time and I'm the type of person, if I see it, I'll have to open it and read it. Can't spend all day at the computer----which is what I have just done.

Thank you, Lucille, I think you are one of the jewels of the club. I wish you the best and thank you for all your past service and congratulate you on your many successes!! Please accept this virtual *hug*.

WHEN ANIMAL KINDNESS GOES WRONG

No one will argue that saving the lives of dogs in need is a very noble cause. However, when good intentions lead to illness and death, you're doing it wrong. Try telling somebody who has lost their beloved pet that 'it's the thought that counts."

This extreme focus on the Korean meat dog industry is not the first time animal rescue organizations have imported dogs into the U.S. using peoples big hearts, big pockets and extreme love of our dogs to get what they want. It is also not the first time they have introduced viruses and illness into this country. However, it is the first time that we have clearly seen the ramifications that this naïve and short-sighted act of kindness has brought to each and every one of us and our beloved pets.

In 2014 Humane Society International closed down a series of dog meat farms. At that time they imported 526 dogs into the United States and Canada. Shortly thereafter, we began seeing the Midwest canine flu outbreak that sickened more than 1,100 dogs in 2015. The source of which was linked to South China and Korea. Experts feared that the influenza vaccines they had, would not be effective against this foreign strain. Dr. Edward Dubovi, Director of the virology laboratory at the Animal Health Diagnostics Center at Cornell University, has been very outspoken about the threat this brings to the U.S., our pets and even humans themselves.

"We have absolutely, without a shadow of a doubt, proof that foreign animal disease has been imported into the US.," Dr. Ed Dubovi said." I don't think anyone can look at this situation and say we're protecting our animal population the best we can."

There was a dog believed to be rescued from a Korean meat farm and imported into western Canada last year that carried a highly contagious form of canine distemper virus that was never before reported in North America, according to new research studies.

The dog which was reportedly between 3 and 4 months of age, developed a cough and seizures after it arrived in Canada and had to be euthanized. The remains were sent out for testing. This canine distemper virus is called Asia-1, which is prevalent in East Asia and linked to North Korea. This is a disease that is seen frequently in wild animals such as Fox and Raccoons. Asia-1 causes respiratory and nervous system issues and once again is highly contagious. What is even more concerning is that they cannot determine if this sick dog arrived in Canada alone or with other potentially infected animals that have been since adopted and spread out to other areas.

"Well-meaning people are trying to save animals, but when you move animals, you move their infectious disease' states Dr. Dubovi. ' If this particular Asia-1 strain gets out into the wildlife population, then it is here forever, because you cannot get rid of it once it hits wildlife."

Canine brucellosis is a reproductive disease in dogs caused by Brucella canis, a bacterium mainly transmitted during breeding or birth. The infection is found worldwide but is rarely found in pet dogs in the United States.

This disease causes contagious abortion, orchiepididymitis and uveitis. Transmission to humans requires close contact with infected animals or bacterial cultures. Symptomatic human infections are rare, probably because of the low virulence of B. canis. However, 31 cases have been reported. Symptoms can include recurrent fever, headache, joint pain, weakness and constipation. Treatment for this can be long and drawn out.

The reason for mentioning Canine brucellosis in this article is that in March 2019, six Wisconsin animal shelters and rescue organizations received 26 dogs transported from South Korea by Humane Society International. None of the dogs transported showed any signs of illness, but diagnostic testing revealed two dogs to be positive for B canis. Those tests had to be revealed to the state so the Wisconsin Public Health Department, Department of Agriculture and Trade and Consumer Protection Agency are leading the response. Those dogs as well as any dogs known to be potentially exposed will be quarantined until they are considered no longer at risk. In total, that is approximately 100 dogs.

So let's think about these numbers; 26 dogs arrive, 2 test positive and 100 are now quarantined. How many others were not found or tested that we are not aware of.

Lastly, in 2008, 20% of the meat dogs found in slaughterhouses were found to have rabies. Rabies, kills around 39,000 people across Asia annually. I guess Karma would fit well in this part of the conversation. But where would Karma fit in that these dogs are now being rescued and sent here where restrictions on the movements of companion animals across the borders are somewhat nonexistent.

Irresponsible importation is an issue that has been a concern for years. For those who wish to dismiss or downplay the threat, then this information should prove to be a wake-up call.

Most American breeders and dog professionals have been pretty silent when it comes to the attacks that rescue organizations have sent out against us personally. We have kept quite because we too have love and compassion for dogs and would like to see each and every one have a loving home for life. But this is no longer an attack on who we are or what we do. It has now become an attack on our own dogs themselves. I don't believe any of the people I know in my breed will willingly sit by and allow their own dogs to be at risk. So now is the time to stand up for them.

How can we personally make a difference?

Contact your Public Health and Department of Agriculture at the state level. Demand that they stop the importation of rescue dogs into the United States through rescue organizations. (We have plenty here that need help.) Demand that all animals brought into the United States must arrive with a complete Health Certificate proving that testing has been done before they reach our borders, that they must be completed by a respected veterinary professional and not one that works for the rescue organization.

Demand that the meat dog importation be stopped completely. As tragic as the situation is, risking the lives and health of the animals here is not solving the problem. When the meat dog farmers learn that they can make money and receive assistance by giving their dogs to rescue organizations, then we will only be creating a new consumer outlet and yet another vicious cycle.

So please, if you have time to complain on Facebook or write comments about how tragic this situation has become. Take the extra few minutes and write a letter to the agencies that can put a stop to all this. This is our responsibility as responsible dog families, owners and breeders. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart!

Angela Vaughan
Von's Staffords

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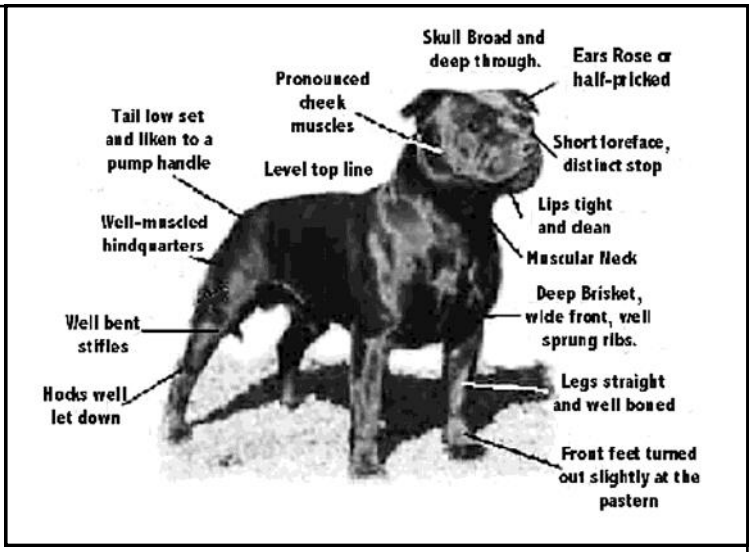
The first Stafford gathering held in the United States met February 4, 1968 with 12 Stafford Fanciers from Southern California bringing 9 Staffords to the first ever US Stafford Rally in Los Angeles at the home of Lillian Rant.

Fifty-one years later at our 2019 National in Louisville, KY we had a record entry of 149 Staffords in the breed ring, 16 entries in Agility, 11 entries in Barn Hunt, 10 entries in Rally, 6 entries in Obedience and last, but certainly not least, 8 entries in Dock Diving

Brags and Letters

I have 2 results on one of my agility Staffords. Her name is "Rufftowns Etched In Ice Of Dragonfyre ", NA,NAJ, OA, OAJ,AX, AXJ, and MX-"Icee". She qualified in Time 2 Beat and Masters Standard. I'm not sure but she may have gotten her Time 2Beat title. She will be 11 years old on April 13! She still loves the game! My other Stafford RJ didn't get any Q's unfortunately. Every run was 1 bar short of a Q! He's 9 1/2 ! I think the running surface was a little hard packed. We are used to running on red clay in Florida which is more forgiving. He had fun though! Daryl Davis

Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Breed Standard



General Appearance
The Staffordshire Bull Terrier is a smooth-coated dog. It should be of great strength for its size and, although muscular, should be active and agile.

Size, Proportion, Substance
Height at shoulder: 14 to 16 inches. Weight: Dogs, 28 to 38 pounds; bitches, 24 to 34 pounds, these heights being related to weights. Non-conformity with these limits is a fault. In proportion, the length of back, from withers to tail set, is equal to the distance from withers to ground.

Head
Short, deep through, broad skull, very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop, short foreface, black nose. Pink (Dudley) nose to be considered a serious fault. ***Eyes***--Dark preferable, but may bear some relation to coat color. Round, of medium size, and set to look straight ahead. Light eyes or pink eye rims to be considered a fault, except that where the coat surrounding the eye is white the eye rim may be pink. ***Ears***--Rose or half-pricked and not large. Full drop or full prick to be considered a serious fault. ***Mouth***--A bite in which the outer side of the lower incisors touches the inner side of the upper incisors. The lips should be tight and clean. The badly undershot or overshot bite is a serious fault.

Neck, Top line, Body
The neck is muscular, rather short, clean in outline and gradually widening toward the shoulders. The body is close coupled,with a level top line, wide front, deep brisket and well sprung ribs being rather light in the loins. The tail is undocked, of medium length, low set, tapering to a point and carried rather low. It should not curl much and may be likened to an old-fashioned pump handle. A tail that is too long or badly curled is a fault.

Forequarters
Legs straight and well boned, set rather far apart, without looseness at the shoulders and showing no weakness at the pasterns, from which point the feet turn out a little. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed. The feet should be well padded, strong and of medium size.

Hindquarters
The hindquarters should be well muscled, hocks let down with stifles well bent. Legs should be parallel when viewed from behind. Dewclaws, if any, on the hind legs are generally removed. Back feet point forward and should be well padded, strong and of medium size.

Coat
Smooth, short and close to the skin, not to be trimmed or de-whiskered.

Color
Red, fawn, white, black or blue, or any of these colors with white. Any shade of brindle or any shade of brindle with white. Black-and-tan or liver color to be disqualified.

Gait
Free, powerful and agile with economy of effort. Legs moving parallel when viewed from front or rear. Discernible drive from hind legs.

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Editor Dana Merritt

This is our first Staff Status On-Line edition. I think this works and serves the membership well. I want to thank all who supported with interesting content and of course the ads. There are a total of 14 paid ads and a very nice expansion of the Breeders Directory. Don't forget that the Breeders Directory listings can be modified through-out the year, but your listing space is limited, if you want to say more consider an ad. Send comments and feedback--let us know what you think. Thank you

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AKC Scent Work	All	Moderate	3 to 6	Moderate	Moderate	$	$$
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