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"Asher"

Top 2019 NOHS
GCHB Shasta's Easy River

"Simply a beautiful Stafford"

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CT Rolona's Lightening McQueen
RN TDU NA NAJ TKI CGC
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Bullet is the first Canadian Stafford
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Breeders: Jean Richardson,
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Foxy

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Champion AND Tracking Champion in the Breed

3 Staffords - 3 Titles - 1 Day!!!



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On the Cover

GCHB Shasta's Easy River

I am so excited to have Asher on the Cover of the second digital edition of our Staff Status. Thank you, Dana Merritt, for creating the front cover.

Asher, GCHB Shasta's Easy River (GCH Shasta's Modern Shaq Pack's I am Sam x CH Earthquake Staffs Dream Maker) is a joy for me to show. Having turned two years of age this past June, he ended this year as the number 1 owner handled dog in the Nation, with multiple variety group placements as well as an Owner Handled Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show. Asher additionally ranks in the top 20 breed and all-breed terrier stats- this despite having had a nearly three-month break from showing while I was caring for Willie's eight puppies!

Ashy, truly the "son I never had" as I tell my two daughters, was never supposed to stay, but his sister Willie took an immense disliking to cousin Roxy and so Roxy found a fabulous home. We are left with the immense blessing, and occasional tensions, of living with siblings, two intact males, Grandma Shaq (GCHB Trugrip Rockin Snow Belle, the one and only and our beautiful foundation) and kitty Cheerio. Happy Times!

Corrinne Minnard



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Junior's Report
Kate Holmen

April 1 – July 15

Juniors report (photos of Ella attached):

I would like to start by thanking the SBTCA for waiving the annual dues for junior members! I'm so excited to grow our junior numbers!

We have one new junior member, Ella Motylinski. Ella announced at 5 years old that she was going to save all of her money to get her own puppy.
She saved all of her money from gifts, did countless chores, and had a lemonade stand, and by 9 she had enough to contribute to a sizeable portion of it. In September 2018 her family brought home Willaby's Gone Walkabout and they have been inseparable. She has been to every dog show he is entered in, she has run him in fast cat, got his TKN title this spring, and hopes to begin working on agility soon! Keep up the great work, Ella!

Natalie Rice finished #1 in 2019 in the Junior Recognition Program for Staffordshire Bull Terriers, and #3 for all breed in Coursing. She finished DCAT titles on 2 dogs at the SBTCA trial in May. She also completed her first AKC agility title; putting an NJP on her dog Ralph.



Not only is Natalie active in competition, in her spare time she invented a do-it-yourself lure coursing machine so she can play with her dogs in her yard. Way to go, Natalie!

I have also been busy this spring with conformation and barn hunts.

Although my youngest Stafford, Chrysanthemum, earned her Open Barn Hunt title; her grandma, Kitty, has yet to earn her final Q in the Senior class. We all love it so much, so we just enjoy the time spent together competing and don't worry about the outcome. My family and I have also been discussing when my next litter will be planned. Watch for more on that in the future!



Don't forget to let the juniors out there with Staffords know that we have free membership and would love for them to join us.

Thank you!

Kate Holmen

Regional Reports

Area One
Jennifer Rice

Area 1 has been extremely busy this summer!

We hope you'll be joining us for our upcoming events:
October 5-6: Devon Supported entry, Montgomery Regional Specialty – Pennsylvania
October 19-20: All Breed Agility Trial – Ohio

Our first ever SBTCA Fast CAT in May was a HUGE success! We had 296 entries during the weekend and the SBTCA made almost $3000! The small, but mighty, crew pulled off a wonderful trial. A big kudos to Deb Roseman for making this event happen. Our next performance event will be an all-breed agility trial held at Pinnacle Dog Sports in Westlake, Ohio.

The Classic in New Jersey was a HUGE success. Thanks to NESBTC for putting on such a fantastic event. Show results on pages 35-38

Seventeen Staffords ran in the FastCAT events held at North Branch Park during The Classic weekend. Fastest Overall Staffordshire Bull Terrier goes to.... 'Harley' Ciera Homebrewed Dirty Side Down with a time of 8.05 seconds.

Congratulations to all who received a new title this weekend:
New DCAT:
Ciera Homebrewed Dirty Side Down

New BCAT:

Ballyhoo All On Black
Willaby's High Voltage
Willaby's Gone Walkabout
Manorview's Lucy Charm
Jammnstaffs I Put A Spell On You
Brohez Breaker of Chains
Black Country's Whole Lotta Love
Ballyhoo Bewitched
GCH Dynastaff Always Never RN CCGC

We will also be hosting an agility trial on October 19-20 in Westlake, Ohio. More details will be coming soon!

As always, please let me know of any info you'd like included in Staff Status or on our social media. And please, send me any concerns or questions.

Jen Rice
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Area Two
Monica McGrew

Hello Area 2! Not a whole lot has happened over the summer in this region, I hope everyone who is chasing points and titles this year has completed their goals or is well on their way to completing them!

Our very own Area 2 members Michelle & Blair Aguillard currently (thru September) have the #3 Stafford in the all-breed standings - GCHP Absolute Dark Chocolate and Caramel C Salt CA BCAT. Congratulations to breeders and owners in the continued success of CC!

Congratulations to Area 2 members Gill Chapman & Elissa O'Sullivan on having dogs invited to the AKC Agility Championship happening in Orlando in December! Good luck to both of you, we will be cheering you on! There will be no conformation specialty at this years Royal Canin show.

We are gearing up to hit the ground running for the Area 2 Regional Specialty that will be happening in Perry, GA on April 11, 2020. Check the Area 2 Facebook page for judge announcements and additional info!

I have loved being your Area 2 Director for the past year and a half and would love to continue serving you all for the next 2 years. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Yours in Staffords,

Monica

Felizstaff



Axel

AKC CH
Felizstaff Sweet Child Of Mine



Iggy

AKC CH
Felizstaff I'm So Fancy



Smokey

Felizstaff The Tears Of A Clown



Ette

Felizstaff I'd Rather Go Blind

My name is Sandra Mendoza, I live in Stockton, California
I have been in Staffords for over 15years. It's a family affair.

Regional Reports

Area 3

Tina Vickrey

Area 3 Report-

What an amazing summer we have had here in Area 3! Some really fantastic shows, some exciting upcoming firsts, and, of course, prepping for the 2020 NATIONAL SPECIALTY! More to follow on each of those things individually, but first I wish to say that we have a truly amazing group of Club members in our Area, and I feel that we, new members and old, are truly working together to Promote, Preserve, and Protect our beloved breed.

We are super happy to welcome quite a few new members to the Club! Some of them have been involved in the sport or conformation world of Staffords for quite some time and some are new to the breed. Members are the life blood of any Club, and this is a great group of people, so please join me in welcoming them! I am adding the city they are from so that you can be on the look out for them if they are near you. So, without further ado, WELCOME Debbie Blumenthal from Castro Valley, Rosalie Ball from Woodland, Karen Jensen from Sacramento, Deborah McArdle from Santa Barbara, Alix Saline from Los Angeles, Tony Willford from Acton, Allen Randen from Santa Clarita, David and Darlene Jones from Fairfield, Susan and Nancy Best-Olds from Wheatland. We are happy you are here!

The newly formed WSSBTC pulled out all the stops and put on an absolutely amazing Specialty/Supported show at Nor Cal Terriers show in Sacramento this April. Featuring breeder judges Bev Harrison, Karen Johnson and our own Dean Burwell, the panel was top notch, as the entry of 59 dogs per day would suggest! Results from that show are available on our newly revamped website at www.sbtca.com. If you haven't checked out the website recently, you should head on over just to see!

Our own Sandra Mendoza, Jodie Berry and Rossi Lavondo rocked their Sweeps assignments. I hope we see each of them as breeder judges in the future!

We built several majors, had some barbques or lunches out, where the conversation always revolves around saving the Stafford world. I love these little get togethers after shows, where people forge deeper bonds, share ideas and stories and build a sense of community.

We will be hosting the FIRST EVER SBTCA sponsored AKC Scent Work Trial on November 16th and 17th in Yuba City!! Proceeds from this trial will go toward our upcoming National. Scent Work is a great sport for anyone to get involved in with their dog. Staffords, in particular, have their own flair and style and are always one of the funniest teams to watch! If you are looking for a fun sport to try with your dog, young or old, I highly recommend you check it out! Our foremost all purpose dogs really love doing things.

Last, but certainly not least! We are hard at work on the 2020 National, which MARK YOUR CALENDARS and make your travel plans early, will be held in the San Diego, CA region of California. It will take place at the Silver Bay cluster at the beautiful Del Mar racetrack on February 20th through the 23rd. We have an amazing line up of judges featuring Judge Lourens ten Napel (Sirvana), Judge Colin Powell (Bowtman) and Judge Jimmy Byrnes (Lacklyle)

We have heard that the airlines may be allowing dogs to fly again then, so no excuses! For all the latest visit either the facebook page https://www.facebook.com/SBTCANational/ or visit www.national.sbtca.com. Details on RV parking and banquet info are already up, as well as a list of things to do while in lovely San Diego. The Trophy list should be going out soon and we ask that you share it far and wide and consider sponsoring a class. If you wish to volunteer and be added to a committee, please contact me. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

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April 17,2020	April 18,2020	April 19,2020
Judge	Judge	Judge
Maureen Ward (Zabaretts UK)	Janet Higgins (Acrestaf UK)	Damon Folmar (Cornerston USA)
Sweeps: TBA	Sweeps: TBA	
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Regional Reports

Area 4

Danielle Carpenter

Hello Area 4 members,

This is my first time writing as your interim area 4 director. I want to thank Brenda Holmen personally for all her years as the area director, as she did a wonderful job as the area's director and she will be missed.

This summer has moved right along with many great accomplishments from our members. I will highlight a few and I know I have not included them all so I ask for your forgiveness in advance. Please send me your accomplishments @area4@sbtca.com with your brags, titles, fun things happening in your part of Area 4.

Cindy Brunk and Oozi - CH Hardknox Trugrip Smokin Blue Bear RI BCAT CGC TKI, took a trip to the Sacramento Terrier specialty got their rally advanced title,with an 83. He also got 1st in his rally advanced A class and an award for top terrier in his class.

Kate Holmen and Chrysanthemum -"K8'sK9s The One And Only" and Kate took two OH Group 4 s in early June.

Jenny Merritt and Party - GCH CH Trugrip Party Girl RA CGC at the Sacramento Terrier show, Finished their Rally Advanced title with qualifying scores on Thurs, Fri, and Sat - finishing with a score of 95.

Delores Dills and Gunner- GCHG Glenmars American Classic At Classy Staffys earned their CGC and trick dog title this past summer.

From our far North group up in Alaska, reports that their summer has been a very busy time for dogs shows in Alaska. Here are some highlights:

Tanana Kennel Club, May shows May 22nd,2019 Judge: Andrea Bradford BOB:

Biss.Ch.Aktions Puckin Awesome, BOS: Ch.Northern Knights Take No Prisoners, BOW/WD FullThrottle's Freedom Rebel WB: Von's Spitfire of the North

May 23rd,Morning show: Judge:Debra Thornton BOB/Gr.4 Biss.Ch.Aktion's Puckin Awesome, BOS Ch. Northern Knights Take No Prisoners,BOW/WD FullThrottle's Freedom Rebel, WB Von's Spitfire of the North

May 23rd second show: Judge: William DeVilleneuve BOB/GR 4 Ch.MaxSteels', MaxSteel's Roman BOS Ch.FullThrottle Here for the Party, BOW/WD FullThrottle's Freedom Rebel, WB Von's Spitfire of the North

May 24th, Judge: Merle Taylor: BOB/GR 3 Aktion's Puckin Awesome, BOS Ch.FullThrottle's Here for the Party BOW/WD FullThrottle's Freedom Rebel WB: Von's Spitfire of the North June 22nd,Judge:Valerie Gervais BOB/Gr 4 Ch.MaxSteel's Roman BOS Ch.FullThrottle's Leap of Faith, BOW/WB FullThrottle's Dawn of Creation, WD FullThrottle's Rockin in the USA

June 23rd,Judge: Carolyn Herbal BOB/Gr 4 Ch.MaxSteel's Roman BOS Ch.FullThrottles Here for the Party,BOW/WD FullThrottle's Rockin in the USA, WB VonSpitfire of the North

Kenai Kennel Club, July 12th,Judge: James Ham: BOB/Gr 4 Ch.FullThrottle's Here for the Party, BOS Ch. Aktion's War Hammer BOW/WB Von's Spitfire of the North, no WD

Kenai Kennel Club, July 13th AM: Judge:James Reynolds, BOB Ch.MaxSteel's Roman,BOS Ch.FullThrottle's Here for the Party,BOW/WB Von's Spitfire of the North,WD FullThrottle's Wolverine

July 13th, afternoon show: Judge, Charles Trotter: BOB Ch.MaxSteel's Roman BOS CH.NorthernKnights Take No Prisoners,BOW/WB Von's Spitfire of the North, WD FullThrottle's Wolverine

Kenai Kennel Club: July 14th, Judge Hutton, BOB/GR 2 Biss.Ch.Aktions Puckin Awesome, BOS Ch.FullThrottle's Leap of Faith, BOW/WB Von's Spitfire of the North, WD FullThrottle's Wolverine

This is all I have to report at this time and I hope to hear from you all so we can show what a great area and community we are in!! I want to see this club grow and flourish as this is a wonderful breed that we Steward and are a part of.

Don't forget about the Rose City Classic Dog show in January,15th-19th, 2020, 5 full days of showing,with an SBTCA supported entry on Wednesday at the Terrier Show and SBTCA Area 4 Regional Specialty.

I am really looking forward to being available for all the area members and newcomers as well.

Until next time,

Danielle Carpenter

Regional Reports

Area 5

Angela Vaughan

Hello to all you wonderful Stafford people!

This will be my last letter to all of you as the Area 5 Director. I may very possibly be back later, but for now I need to focus my attention on family. My mother is losing her battle with cancer, and my schedule is too full to be able to give the club my full attention. I have enjoyed working with the board and being more involved in the lives of our members and our breed and I am truly thankful to have been given the opportunity. I am leaving with the hopes that I did a good job and added to the success of our club and our breed. I will be continuing to work with the JEC and as a mentor for our breed. And of course I will see many of you from time to time at shows. I am not going away, just doing it differently for a bit.

I do have wonderful news though. Cindy Bundy has agreed to step up and work with the board for Area 5. She was a sound pick from the nominating committee, and I have NO doubt that she will do an outstanding job. I thank you Cindy from my whole heart, you have allowed me to step away without guilt of letting our group down. I will always be here for support if you need me.

As members, I know that many of you are not aware of all the little nuances of working for the club. But please take the time to thank those members that volunteer and take time from their schedules to help make our club great. I think most of you would be truly surprised at just how much work, time and dedication is put into each and every day. I believe we have so many great things that are heading our way, because we have a board that refuses to just be average. I am very excited and looking forward to seeing what the future has to offer! Also, think about stepping up and volunteering for some of the positions within the club. Yes, it is work, but it is also very rewarding when you see your accomplishments and know that our breed is that much better for it.

Well, I will leave you now, but with a full heart. I wish each and every one of you the very best and look forward to seeing all your successes and accomplishments in future pages of the Staff Status!

Sincerely,

Angie Vaughan



The JEC Journal



SBTCA JEC Approved Series Installment #2 Preface:

In our first edition we explored the "Whole Dog" concept as referenced in Practical Canine Anatomy & Movement by Claudia Waller Orlandi. Recall that the Whole Dog concept is the total picture that is the template or the archetype for the breed before breaking apart all of the individual parts and pieces like ears, toes, teeth and tails. In this installment we will continue on this journey exploring the Staffordshire Bull Terrier using some of the evaluation methodology suggested in Dr. Orlandi's book that still point to the bigger picture of **breed type** – ***the totality of characteristics that makes up the essence of a Stafford, and thus makes him unique from all other breeds***, but this time we will start to get a little more specific and tie the discussion to the first couple sections of the breed standard. Over the course of this series we will cover important breed type concepts needed to form a solid whole dog "template." We will work our way through all of the details of the dog (the breed standard) in future articles. Finally, we hope to return back to where we started – at the whole dog again, thus having the flow of this series mimic the judging process itself.

Breed standards generally begin with a basic snapshot of the breed that outlines some key characteristics that should be apparent upon first glance. Ours is no exception.

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.

That elusive balance of opposing forces, strength and agility / bull and terrier, comes up almost immediately in our breed standard. Why?

The submission below was chosen to address the general concept of Balance in the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. Keep in mind what was mentioned in our first installment: We have to define terms similarly in order to discuss them effectively. For this discussion "balance" is taken to mean that all important blending of opposing forces in a Stafford, i.e. the balance of balance of bull and terrier….the balance of strength and agility, not meaning "balance" as in whether or not a dog's head matches his body, nor whether or not he moves with harmony. It does not matter if you define the term "balance" differently elsewhere. It's important to understand how the term is used here. The SBTCA Judges Seminar identifies several key concepts as components of breed type. **The ideal balance between bull and terrier is the 1st one mentioned in the key elements of breed type.**

Words to live by:

Anne Rogers Clark instructed judges to *"First choose the individuals in your ring with the Best Breed Type, and then reward the soundest of those typey individuals."*

SBTCA National Specialty

Del Mar Fairgrounds, Del Mar, Ca.
Feb 20-23, 2020

Friday Area 3 Regional Specialty
Lourens ten Napel, Sivhana

Saturday SBTCA National Specialty
Colin Powell, Bowtman

Sunday, SBTCA Stafford Spectacular
Jimmy Byrnes, Lacklyle

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2020 SBTCA National Specialty

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Double Tree will host the Top 20 event on Friday night and the general meeting, awards ceremony, Banquet and auction on Saturday night.

**Banquet tickets available NOW at our our online store!!





2020 SBTCA National Specialty

What to do in San Diego

It has been known to rain in February average high is 66° and low 50° mostly cloudy



USS Midway Museum $21.00 adult

Hop on Hop off Tours $42.00 adult

San Diego Harbor Cruise $28.00 adult

San Diego Whale Watching Cruise and Maritime Museum Entry $79.00 adult

Haunted San Diego Ghost Tours $35.00 adult

Brothels, Bites and Booze: A Culinary Tour of San Diego's Questionable Past $60.00 adult

La Jolla Cove



Sunset Cliffs Natural Park

Balboa Park

San Diego Zoo $56-62.00

Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve $12-15.00



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On Balance

By Jason Nicolai

When I was a boy I once participated in a science competition whereby each contestant was handed one box of plastic drinking straws and about 10 feet of masking tape. We were given a pair of scissors, a ruler and 20 minutes on the clock. Our task was to produce a structure that stood at least 4 inches high and spanned 1 foot in length. The structure was to serve just one purpose; to provide solid support for a series of progressively increasing weights. Last one to collapse would win. After the full 20 minutes the result of my labor was a drinking straw bridge that was somehow even weaker than the straws themselves had I not "engineered" them at all. It crumbled under about ¼ the weight of the winner. Consequently I thought that the whole exercise was stupid. Frankly, I still do. However, it is not altogether without its merits if applied to something that really matters….like Staffords.

Here's a test for you. Take 38 pounds of clay in one hand and the breed standard in the other. Mold a dog that is 16 inches tall and 16 inches long. Now make him look like everything the standard says he is supposed to be. Take each section of the standard and identify some of the main descriptors you have to work with:

General = of great strength, muscular, active, agile
Head = short, deep, broad
Neck/Body = muscular, short, deep, close, wide
Fore = well boned, rather far apart
Hind = well muscled

The breed standard clearly defines ideal size, proportions, and substance which essentially tells us the proper balance between bull and terrier. Make no mistake; there is little room for personal interpretation of those descriptors, "deep," "broad," "wide," "rather far apart." The parameters of balance are handed to us in objective language, and our personal understanding of "deep," "broad," "wide," and "rather far apart," must comply with what the standard says about Proportion and Substance, and to a lesser degree, but still important, Size.

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.

Taken out of context the reoccurrence of words such as short, deep, wide, and broad may be quite misleading. How deep is deep? How wide is wide? The answers to these questions lie in the fact that you only have 38 pounds of clay to work with. Without the guideline for Substance words like "short" and "broad" could mean whatever we want them to mean according to our own preferences and even physical stature. After all, isn't a "thin" hippo still quite massive to a "wide" gazelle? With the Stafford, we are not discussing size as much as we're talking about proper proportion, ideal substance / correct balance. The Height and Weight guidelines are not in the standard because male Staffords must weigh 38 pounds - for some mystical reason. That measurement on its own is somewhat arbitrary. Rather, these guidelines are key to the much more important concept of understanding proper balance.

Blindfold a fat man and read the breed standard to him. Leave out the section about Size, Proportion and Substance. In his mind "wide" may mean huge and "broad" may mean massive. Throw "well boned" into the mix and it's easy to see why he may begin to envision a Bullmastiff. Although the standard takes most of the guesswork out of it for us, we still insist on complicating matters by detaching the subjective elements from their objective roots and applying modern tastes, selfish agendas, and our own images. We should all remove the blindfolds and re-align our interpretation of these subjective words (like "Deep", "Wide", and "Broad") with what they really mean within the context of those 38 pounds of clay. Whether we like it or not, just as with the straw bridge competition mentioned above the materials we are given have limits. Any interpretation that is not within the bounds of those limits is not an interpretation at all. It is at best "poetic license", but according to the guidelines for the project (the breed standard) it is more accurately a ***mis***interpretation resulting in a fault that we are often deliberately selecting. There are other faults mentioned in the standard. What if we decided that a curled tail is really more attractive than a pump handle? Should we deliberately breed for curly tails and argue that this is our personal interpretation of the standard? Of course not. That's ridiculous, right? The standard very clearly indicates this is a fault. Yet that is exactly what we're doing with the substance and balance of our dogs, which is a hell of a lot more important than the tail.

I don't know how many times I've heard breeders say "I don't mind a 45 pound dog as long as he's balanced." What they don't realize is that in order to fit the standard's guideline for proper proportion and substance he'd have to be 17 ¼ inches tall. This is not just opinion nor conjecture. It is outlined for us in simple, certain terms. At just 16 inches a 45 pound dog may be a beautiful animal with lots of presence about him. He may give the appearance of a powerful, proportionate canine, but he is by no means a "balanced" Staffordshire Bull Terrier unless you totally detach the concept of balance from how the AKC / SBTCA breed standard directs us to define proper substance and proportion. There is one gray area/exception to this. We are assuming that the dog in question has a proper length of back and is in "show" weight; i.e. fit and with a tuck. The standard still calls for our breed to be "rather light in the loin." On the other hand, if the dog is in fact carrying 45 pounds of couch potato fat and a massive "hotdog gut" on a frame that should have 38 pounds if he were "show fit," then it's possible that there is proper balance hidden beneath the surface. In this case the owner has ruined it by making him fat. This condition (or lack thereof) is not uncommon. On the day that fat dog shows up in the ring he is still out of balance due to the extra weight, and should be judged accordingly. However, this is a problem that is easy to remedy. With diet and exercise he may be more competitive the next go 'round since the underlying substance and proportions at the proper level of fitness may indeed be there. For the purpose of this discussion let us return to the assumption that the non-conforming dogs mentioned are not simply fat, but they naturally exhibit excessive substance even with a good tuck, i.e. "being rather light in the loins."
A breeder recently showed me his dog and asked what I thought of him. In my estimation he was a top sized

dog at 16 inches but weighed in excess of 46 pounds. I told him that the dog was too short. I said that I'd like him more if he were at least an inch taller. Though my response was truthful it was of course not 100% accurate. In this case it was a lot quicker to just say the dog should be taller than to explain that his chest is too low, his shoulders are too wide, his muscle is too bulky, his bone is too heavy, on and on. The man looked at me strangely and asked why on Earth I'd wish for the dog to be taller than the standard calls for. He admitted that the dog is heavier than the standard says is correct, but contended that if the dog is still the appropriate height, then he only has the one fault. Whereas if he's heavier and also taller then he would have two faults. I could literally see the bull's-eye he was drawing on his forehead with that comment!! One of the very first things every person should learn about this breed is why that line of thinking is utterly destructive. I hate to keep writing on this subject, but any number of respected experts will tell you that we (US breeders) simply haven't gotten it right after all this time. If we don't have a contingency advocating the side of moderation and strict conformity to the breed standard's definition of substance then the exaggerations will continue to get out of hand and the breed will not be just be "changed." It will be lost.

In the exercise above we began with 38 pounds of clay. We were asked to take the raw materials and build a dog using the standard as a recipe. In reality this is the opposite direction we should move. The standard is of course neither a blue print nor a recipe. It is a description of what already exists, not a formula for building it. This distinction is very important. We begin with the whole dog and put him to the test of the standard. We cannot piece together the dog from the Standard. If you find a (whole) Stafford who you think is muscular, wide, short, close, deep, broad, and otherwise could be described using all of those subjective adjectives in the standard, then to fully evaluate him you must put him to the test of the rest of the standard. Does he fit the objective bits as well as the subjective ones? How would you classify his substance and balance; not by your own personal preference, but according to what the standard gives us? If you look at a dog and in your mind he is "Terrier" yet you measure him and according to the breed standard he is of ideal substance and proportion, then who is correct? Hint: The breed standard always wins! Take every dog in your house and put them to the test until your personal interpretation of those elusive adjectives fits all parts of the standard. Learn to identify what 38 pounds of clay looks like and what 48 pounds looks like. Many of us are willfully choosing faults that are in conflict with the breed standard. This is unacceptable. Remember, plain and simple; the goal is to breed dogs that best **fit** the standard. To this end, we may need to adjust our own perspectives that we've formed over the years, and we should certainly demand that the SBTCA direct AKC judges do the same. It's a simple request: Please judge our dogs to the breed standard - every part of it. On the other hand, you may not like what the standard says about substance. You may not want to follow the standard at all. That is of course every individual's right as a breeder. But if this is the case do not assert that your "interpretation" of an objective passage allows for an animal to carry 20+% more mass than what is clearly defined as correct substance. Admit that you consciously choose not to follow the breed standard then either fight (in opposition to every other KC in the world) to change the how the SBTCA / AKC standard defines "substance" or start a new breed all together. I suggest "American Staffordshire Bulldog" for the name of your new breed. Recent trends suggest that AKC recognition should be a cake walk.

If you aren't comfortable with limiting yourself by that pesky height/weight clause, or if you feel that the issue has been overly discussed and argued to death in the breed, then I understand completely. This argument is common, and the sheer thought of it being brought up again can wear on a person. Over the past 25 years I have been involved in several other breeds. Believe me when I tell you that the size issue comes up in almost every breed from the smallest sight hounds to the largest cart dogs. You're always going to have folks ranting about how big the animals have gotten or how exaggerated they are these days. This issue is certainly not

exclusive to Staffordshire Bull Terriers. As mentioned, it is not actually an argument of "size" with the Stafford. Size is secondary. We're talking about disproportionate weights to heights which change the entire dog by altering substance and balance. This issue is probably more important to a fighting dog than to a guard dog, sheep dog, sled dog, bird dog, rabbit dog, bear dog, and cattle dog combined. Think about how important proper proportions and balance are to efficiency and athletic performance. Like it or not we're dealing with a dog who was originally designed as a combat animal. Think about what wrestlers and boxers go through to get their weight in proportion to the rest of their bodies for optimal balance between strength and agility. Pound-for-pound efficiency is the key concept here. There is no tolerance for excess with these athletes. Also consider that the word "wide" to a welter-weight boxer does not mean the same as "wide" to a power lifter since they have completely different functions. A broad terrier is more svelte than a narrow mastiff. The Stafford is wide, thick, and broad; but he is all of these things for a 14-16 Inch terrier, not for a powerhouse of a working dog.

On the surface, height and weight should be quite simple. Getting a feel for it is typically one of the first issue people tackle as they begin learning about the breed. For being such a simple concept it's still an obvious problem when quite often the most standard dog appears to be the weakest one in the ring. Everyone knows 15 inch 29 pound bitch looks totally out of place at most AKC shows, yet according to the standard she couldn't be of more ideal substance. How sad is that?

What if we could just throw this whole height/weight thing out the window? We're all tired of hearing about it anyhow, right? If we took the H/W clause out of the standard completely would we then have no guidance at all for deriving a common meaning of phrases such as "well sprung" and "set rather far apart"? How would we know how deep is "deep" and how wide is "wide"?

Consider that in 1935 Great Britain when these adjectives were first chosen to describe the Staffordshire Bull Terrier the average man in the was right at 5' 9" and weighed 163 pounds. Today in the US he is also very close to 5' 9" but weighs upwards of 185. This is not meant as a shot at modern US culture, but the point is that our perspectives tend to change as we ourselves change. Everything we see, hear, touch, taste and smell is filtered through ourselves and our experiences with the time in which we live. I once saw a Pontiac Trans-Am on the narrow streets of Kyoto Japan. That thing was an absolute Monster! Likewise, a 6 ft tall 200 pound man in 1935 England would have been considered quite large, yet a man of this stature certainly doesn't illicit stares today. The dogs that were used to formulate the breed standard by our lanky British ancestors also carried considerably less weight for their height (33 pounds at 17.5 inches) versus the modern Stafford who should be 38 pounds at 16 inches. Ponder that for a moment. When the standard was first written those early 17.5 inch 33 pound dogs were the very models that bore definition to the words "wide", "deep", and "well sprung." Today, we'd call them thin, wispy, rangy, and would never think of them as balanced. Even without the explicit height / weight parameters printed in the standard, the historic context of the breed would dictate what these descriptors mean.

We have seen a progression toward more weight per height over the years. The standard has been loosened up over time to allow for the fact that we now have show dogs, not fighting dogs. That move was already made, and our current Standard accounts for it, so anyone who argues that a 45+ dog is fine since they're now show dogs is dead wrong. They should still be show Staffords, not show bulldogs. We arrived at 16 inches and 38 pounds for a top end to make allowances for modern size variations and specifically for the new role of our breed as a show dog. Had we not done this the standard would still call for our dogs to be 30 pounds at 17 inches. Obviously, there should be allowances made for non-conformity, and I don't know many people who suggest disqualifying Staffords outside of the H/W parameters set forth within the standard (though there are a few). Perhaps it's like speeding just a little bit on the interstate.

The trick is knowing how much is too much. While that may be somewhat of a personal question for every breeder and judge to ask him/herself we all need to come up with a threshold of tolerance and stick to it. Keep in mind that the standard does not define a threshold of tolerance; it just says that the heights are related to the weights. It sets the IDEAL limit. How close to "ideal" you want to be is up to you. I'll be the first to admit, I will only consider it a very mild fault for a dog to be 40 pounds on a square, 16 inch frame. I will fault a 17 inch dog for being too tall, but I won't totally dismiss him as long as his general H/W ratio and is similar to that of a 16 inch 38-40 pound dog thus resulting in proper substance / balance. In this case, the 17 inch dog should carry about 43-44 pounds, but he would otherwise have to be an absolutely superb example of the breed in order to make up for the size fault. Once again, size isn't the most important issue here. It's proper substance. In evaluating a 15 inch bitch, I personally like her to be about 30-31 pounds, which I realize is also heavier than the standard calls for in its strictest translation. I don't kid myself. I realize that I have a tolerance for slightly more substance than the standard says is ideal, and I'm ready to admit that. I will never argue that such non-conformity actually "fits" the standard. It simply does not. All other things being equal, the guidelines given in the standard always rule!

In all actuality I can't look at every dog and tell you his exact height and weight. No one can. Judges do not have a wicket and scales in the ring, so there has to be some level of tolerance for variations in heights and weights since we're not actually keeping strict tabs on them. At the same time we cannot hide behind the fact that measurements aren't taken at shows, and thus contend that they do not matter. You can call it proper "substance", "balance," or "blend between bull and terrier." Any way you look at it the breed standard gives us specific heights and weights that are to be related while explicitly stating that nonconformity within the limits is a fault. We should be taking measurements at home and come to understand what the proper substance of a top sized bitch (16 inches and 34 pounds) looks like at a glance. It might not be obvious to the naked eye if she's 15 ¾ inches as opposed to 16" or 36 pounds instead of 34, but we should certainly be able to identify that something is awry when we see a 40 pound bitch. Unless she's 17 inches tall she's out of balance. Any judge or breeder should be able to recognize this in an instant. Regardless of whether or not specific numbers (height/weight measurements) come to mind it should be obvious when an unbalanced specimen stands before us. The best way to train yourself on how to recognize ideal balance and substance as outlined in the standard is to get your hands on as many 16 inch 38 pound dogs and 15 inch 29 pound bitches as possible. Make sure they are of proper length as well, since a long back will make the dog heavier than desired and could throw off the perception of substance.

The tables provided below take a very literal and mathematical look at the definition of "substance" and consequentially balance as outlined within the standard which states that the given heights are to be related to given weights. Previous versions of these tables have been published in the US, UK, South Africa, Australia, and Russia. They have been used for educational purposes and fun match competitions whereby the dogs are measured and judged on their strict compliance and deviation from the standard ratios for H/W. Use the tables to compare how your own dogs stack up. If necessary adjust your perception of balance to match what our breed standard dictates.

These tables are based upon the progression of Pounds-Per-Inch from 14 inches to 16 inches as objectively inferred using the SBTCA / AKC breed standard to which Staffordshire Bull Terriers should be judged.

Size, Proportion, Substance

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Dogs

The standard dictates that dogs begin at 2 PPI and progress to 2.375 PPI from 14-16 inches. This is an increase of .375 PPI over a 2 inch increase in height. Which translates to increments of .0469 PPI for each ¼" of height increase. The table below carries out these proportions all the way through a hypothetical 18 inch dog.

Height	Pounds Per Inch	Standard Weight
14 inches	2.0 (given)	28 pounds (given)
14.25 inches	2.05	29.21 pounds
14.5 inches	2.10	30.45 pounds
14.75 inches	2.15	31.71 pounds
15 inches	2.19	32.85 pounds
15.25 inches	2.25	34.31 pounds
15.5 inches	2.29	35.50 pounds
15.75 inches	2.34	36.86 pounds
16 inches	2.38 (given)	38 pounds (given)
16.25 inches	2.42	39.33 pounds
16.5 inches	2.47	40.76 pounds
16.75 inches	2.52	42.21 pounds
17 inches	2.57	43.69 pounds
17.25 inches	2.61	45.02 pounds
17.5 inches	2.66	46.55 pounds
17.75 inches	2.71	48.10 pounds
18 inches	2.76	49.68 pounds

Bitches

The standard dictates that bitches begin at 1.714 PPI and progress to 2.125 PPI from 14-16 inches. This is an increase of .411 PPI over a 2 inch increase in height. Which translates to increments of .0524 PPI for each ¼" of height increase. The table below carries out these proportions all the way through a hypothetical 18 inch bitch.

Height	Pounds Per Inch	Standard Weight
14 inches	1.71 (given)	24 pounds (given)
14.25 inches	1.76	25.08 pounds
14.5 inches	1.81	26.25 pounds
14.75 inches	1.87	27.58 pounds
15 inches	1.92	28.80 pounds
15.25 inches	1.97	30.04 pounds
15.5 inches	2.02	31.31 pounds
15.75 inches	2.08	32.76 pounds
16 inches	2.13 (given)	34 pounds (given)
16.25 inches	2.18	35.42 pounds
16.5 inches	2.23	36.80 pounds
16.75 inches	2.28	38.19 pounds
17 inches	2.33	39.61 pounds
17.25 inches	2.39	41.23 pounds
17.5 inches	2.44	42.70 pounds
17.75 inches	2.49	44.20 pounds
18 inches	2.54	45.72 pounds

What This Tells Us All As Judges:

According to the current breed standard a 45 pound dog would need to be 17.25 inches tall in order to be of proper substance. Of course a 17.25" dog is "out of standard," and some would say is beyond the acceptable limits of what should be considered appropriate breed type. However, shrinking that same 45 pound dog down into a 16 inch frame puts him nearly 20% out of balance which undoubtedly is in conflict with proper breed type. A 45 pound Stafford is equally out of standard as a 17.25 inch Stafford, but an unbalanced Stafford is a greater fault than non-conformity with the size guidelines.

A 16 inch 45 pound Stafford carries 2 distinct faults:
#1 At 45 pounds he is to be faulted for being outside of the size guidelines. This on the surface could be a minor fault if it didn't affect anything else, perhaps like a tail that is set too high.
#2 However, at just 16 inches he carries as much mass as a 17.25 inch dog should, and is thus grossly out of balance. This is a much more serious fault.

A 17.25 inch 45 pound Stafford carries 1 distinct fault:
#1 At this height and weight he is to be faulted for being outside the size guidelines.

If fit, assuming he's not stripped down to 45 pounds or fattened up to 45 pounds, this dog is of proper balance, and with all other things being equal exhibits better conformity to the breed standard, and should be placed above the 16 inch dog of the same weight.

When it comes to size, most judges may have a limit in mind beyond which they will not tolerate. Remember that the judge should penalize a 45 pound dog to same degree he/she penalizes a 17+ inch dog as these are equal non-conformities of size. If 17.25 inches is too big, so is 45 pounds. Every judge should realize however, that balance is much more important than size. If a 45 pound dog is just 16 inches tall or the 17.25 inch dog is only 38 pounds these faults are much greater than a balanced specimen who is simply oversized.

I know of a bitch who stands 15—15.25 inches. She once weighed right at 32 pounds in "show fit" condition. This girl won several specialty shows and was awarded wins under 11 different international breeder/judges. She proved herself an excellent example of the breed by an impressive number of respected opinions. She then set out to impress the AKC judges as well. In the process of doing so she put on about 6 pounds. To say this bitch fared well under the AKC judges would be a gross understatement. While being campaigned she dropped a few pounds, became more fit and once again conformed to the standard a little better. When this happened the wins under the AKC judges slowed down, and the big (group) wins ceased all together, so she gained the weight back. Also while being shown she found herself on several occasions back in the ring under UK breeder/judges. She always got a good look, but never got another big win under a UK judge. When the judges were asked what they thought of her. Each time they would say she's a lovely bitch, but there's just too much of her, or that her condition throws her out of balance. Why does there exist such a disparity between the understanding many UK judges have about balance and what it takes to win under the large majority of AKC judges? It's a poor argument to contest that most UK judges just like skinny Staffords. They don't, but many do require that our dogs be within close adherence to what the standard outlines for proper substance as well as fitness. I cannot fathom anyone suggesting that the average AKC judge who is exposed to 5 or 6 Staffords every other month has a more correct understanding of our breed than most UK breeder / specialists who are accustomed to an average dog show on any given weekend with an entry 2-3 times as big as our national specialty. Obviously we are showing to non-specialist AKC judges 95% of the time. In many of those rings you will find a preference for faults, contradictions to the standard, and an improper image of substance. Should we be striving to appease judges who have a misunderstanding of our breed or should we strive to correct their understanding? I'm as guilty as the next person. I have personally put excess weight on my own dogs to play to a judge's preference when I knew they would not consider a dog with proper substance.

It has been proven that adapting to the judges' tastes (and misunderstandings) can work. At the same time, I believe we as a fancy should reclaim the wheel. The SBTCA is charged with educating judges to follow every aspect of the breed standard from nose to tail and more importantly, everything in between. Judges should be taught to recognize when they're looking at a dog that has ideal substance for a Staffordshire Bull Terrier verses one that simply looks powerful and attractive yet is in fact out of balance. They also need to know when they're looking at an otherwise balanced dog who is being exhibited at an excessive weight, and they should certainly stop selecting for this fault. If we (SBTCA) direct judges to discern when exhibits are in proper condition then we could further eliminate personal preferences for substance that are in blatant non-conformity to the breed standard.

The old AKC breed video tells judges that there are 3 distinct "Types" of Staffordshire Bull Terriers: A "Bulldog **type,**" a "Terrier **type,**" and a "Balanced **type**." This is a fundamental misnomer with flawed logic that contradicts the breed standard and should be forgotten. How inaccurate and ironic is it to say that **type**, *(that which make the Stafford distinctly Stafford, setting him apart from all other breeds)* can be identified in three different blends from two different influences (bull and terrier)? Type is singular to a breed or variety. Three "types" suggest three different varieties. There exists no such allowance for this variation in balance in the breed standard which addresses Substance by indicating that heights are to be related to weights, not that "Terrier," "Balanced" and "Bully" are all acceptable. When conducting ring- side mentoring sessions for judges seeking AKC approval for our breed I am often asked about this notion of the "Trinity of Types" to which I reply, ***All you need to remember is that if a Staffordshire Bull Terrier is not of the "Balanced type" then he is by default of the "Unbalanced type."*** Plain and simple: It doesn't matter what name you give it. If it's not balanced, it's unbalanced. Should judges be taught that the unbalanced "type" is acceptable?

In the end I'm not suggesting that if you find yourself with a 15inch bitch that is 35 fit pounds that you don't consider her worth of showing or breeding. Not at all, but I do suggest that you consider this a moderate fault that needs correcting. She is in fact carrying 20% more substance than what the standard dictates for her height, and is thus unbalanced. Stop and imagine how different you would look and feel with an additional 20% of your own body weight at the same height. When it comes time to breeding her, work on eliminating that very evident fault just as you would if she had a sloppy top line, light eyes or a gay tail. It's time we call a fault a fault even when it's on an attractive animal. This is key to the athleticism and agility of the breed which is imperative we maintain even without the original combat function. The Stafford still needs to theoretically look the part to be a proper Stafford. There are other breeds of dogs that carry more mass for their height, and there is plenty of room for bulldog aficionados to go play in that yard. But do not blur the lines that separate our breed from all the others. We're not talking about size. We're talking about messing with the very definition of "breed type" here. Take an objective look what you've got and always be striving to get more conformity with the breed standard. That is the definition of "conformation" and the goal of the contest. If your dog has 20% non-conformity to the H/W guidelines, then don't ignore it or accept it as your personal preference or interpretation of the standard. You wouldn't do that with an undershot mouth or "scorpion tail." It's a fault, but not just any fault. It's one that skews the proper blending of bull and terrier which is paramount to defining what a Staffordshire Bull Terrier is. Consciously work to tighten it up over the next generation or two. The more accurately our dogs fit the breed standard the more consistent the stock will be, the better the judges will become, and the longer the Staffordshire Bull Terrier will be around to share its world with us all.

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Highlights From Marina's Career:
2012
Reserve Best Puppy in Match in her first puppy match at 11.5 weeks
Best Puppy In Show at her second puppy match
Puppy Group 2 in Southaven, MS
WB – Judge Dr. Robert Smith
NESBTC Stafford Classic – BBE, Winners Bitch & Best of Winners – UK Judge Pat Harkin
NESBTC Stafford Classic – BBE, Reserve Winners Bitch – UK Judge Martin Murphy
Best BBE at Great Western Terrier – UK Judge Jaci McLauchlan
2013
1st in BBE class – SBTCA National Specialty – UK Judge Tommy Curd
1st in BBE class – SBTCA Regional Specialty – Judge David Alexander
2nd in BBE class – SBTCA Stafford Spectacular – UK Judge John Ryder
BBEG3 – Judge John Constantine
WB/BOW/BBE – PSBTC – UK Judge John Scanlan
RWB – PSBTC – UK Judge Kevin Jones
GWTA – SBTCA Area 3 Reg Specialty – BBE/WB/BOW – UK Judge Eric Galvin
GWTA – BBE, WB/BOW – UK Judge Karon Jackson NEW CHAMPION
NESBTC – Select Bitch – AU Judge Jodie Sing
HCKC – BOS – Judge Dawn Hansen
HCKC – BOB – Judge Alvin Krauss
BOB Galveston KC – Judge Chris Jacksic
2014
Florida Winter cluster – 3 SB, 4 BOS, 2 BOB
BOS – Morris & Essex – Judge Chris Jacksic (thank you Rebecca Clas)
Award of Merit – SBTCA National Specialty – AU Judge Justine Blyth
FIRST Stafford to title with NADD (with 3 others same weekend)
#2 NADD World Champion All Breed Lap Dog, #1 SBT
AOM SBTCA Supported show – Las Vegas – UK Judge Gillian Skelly
2015
Florida Winter cluster – 6 BOS, 1 BOB
Award of Merit – SBTCA National Specialty – AU Judge Craig Frazer
Featured on You Tube on the AKC Channel in a series on How To Dock Dive
#4 NADD World Champion All Breed Lap Dog, #1 SBT
Featured in a Petco commercial on Dock Diving at Eukanuba
2016
AOM – Regional Specialty in Chicago – UK Judge Wynny Southworth
SB – SBTCA Supported Entry Chicago UK Judge Liz Stanway
AOM – Area 2 Regional Specialty – UK Judge Danny Gilmore
#1 SBT – FastCAT – 26.39MPH
#2 NADD World Champion All Breed Lap Dog, #1 SBT
2017
Select Bitch – SBTCA National Specialty – UK Judge Pete Hopgood
Award of Merit – SBTCA Regional Specialty– UK Judge Shaun Stone
Award of Merit – Stafford Roulette – AU Judge Jodie Sing
#2 NADD World Champion All Breed Lap Dog, #2 SBT
BRONZE GRAND CHAMPION in limited showing, mostly specialties
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2018
Shown in UK at Crufts
FIRST Stafford to earn NADD Air Retrieve Advanced
#2 NADD World Champion All Breed Lap Dog (AR), #2 SBT
2019
Best Veteran – SBTCA National Specialty – UK Judge Kevin Jones
FIRST Stafford to earn NADD Dock Master Advanced
NADD HALL OF FAME, 1st and only SBT
Three times Crufts Qualified
Four times NADD National Championship Qualified in Distance and AR
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SBTCA Versatility – Bronze Level
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Dean Burwell - BOW - Beautiful black-brindle girl. Great head with proper proportions and good strong muzzle. Nice tidy ears well set on. Good front with nice depth of chest. She also has a well balanced front and rear. She moved very well coming and going as well as on the side gait .



Colin Davies - OS - Black brindle bitch very good bitch to the standard lovely head plasing expression neat ears round dark eyes good bite, good front ample bone up on her pasterns with good feet, nice reach of neck, which flowed into her well angulated shoulders, ample spring of rib good tuck up, nice bend of stifle shown in good condition, moved very well.







Skye is bred by Rossi La Vonda, owned and loved by Dana and Dianne de la Rocha. Planned breeding Spring 2020 with GchB Be Bold Bright Star

Meet the Member: Arline Damer

***Was there a breed prior to Staffords**?*



I was always just an enthusiast of a few dogs. In my late teens, I raised Maltese but started a Pembroke Welsh Corgi in 1978. With her, I also helped show my cousin's Dalmatians and moved into German Shorthaired Pointers by 1982. I left Connecticut for Arizona in 1987 and tried to continue showing, but the amount of shows seemed non-existent compared to New England and life took me in a different direction.

Tell us a bit about how you chose Staffords? Please describe who those first dogs were and what their role in your life was. Conformations, performance activities, or anything you remember fondly from those times.

The first time I saw a Stafford was in the mid-1990's while visiting the home of Zane Smith here in Arizona with my cousin Bonnie Gottier. In 1998, Bonnie sent me home from her house with a bitch by the name of Danum Dividend – Pika (Pain in Kimberly's Ass). I loved all 27 lbs of her and did show her in confirmation. There were few SBT's in the area at that time and I did not pursue travelling to try to finish her. I bred her one time, which produced my first Champion bitch,
CH Bullseye Believe it - Mattie.
By then there were more dogs in the state and my next dog was CH Framboise Talk of the Town – Zeke. Mattie was bred twice, once to George Urbanski's Dog, Diesel Proof Pullera. Thanks to Facebook I was reconnected with him again when I returned to the breed. Both of my current dogs are WindyCity and I could not be more pleased with them.

What has been your most rewarding achievement in Staffords?

I thought it was having both my dogs finish in the same weekend 15 years ago until I finished one of my two current bitches with a BISS in Long Beach. It was unexpected but I was so honored.

Do you remember what year you joined the club?

Around 2002 the first time then again around 2014.

Have you ever been a member of any other clubs? i.e. training clubs or all breed clubs
What caused you to join the SBTCA?

GSPCA

What do you remember the most fondly about SBTCA membership from the first years?
It seems like I am always learning new things the club used to do but no longer does. Is there anything from the past we need to resurrect? I know we have talked about term pins which is a great idea.

Only having the few dogs I had, I was not as aware of many things that went on in the club. The Facebook pages for shows and events keeps people more informed then I can remember. I tried to think of things that went on in the GSPCA or with the Dalmatians and nothing different comes to mind despite shows having many more dogs in attendance overall than it seems there are today.

It seemed like a treat if we got to let our dogs even run a lure course. I did not look at other activities like that, obedience or field trialing with intent to title. We just did those activities once and a while for fun.

P.S. the term pins would be a nice idea!!

Did you ever participate on the board or on a committee? Tell us about your experience.

I really commend our club leaders and event organizers. I was more isolated here in AZ during my initial years in the breed and now I'm just too old and tired! I have my daughter to thank for getting me out of state for shows or I would still be more of a happy, local Stafford owner.

There are times when the club temperament is rocky and people want to quit or do quit. Do you have any words for those people to encourage them to stay?

Although I understand that there are times when clubs are run well and then falter, I do not follow the go-ings ons or falling outs between members. I stay to encourage the people that are trying their best and willing to endure the hard work and challenge of trying to keep the peace. We have some folks truly gifted in this and the breed only benefits from our support of those efforts.

I often wonder how the club fits in to the world were social media is king. Do you have any thoughts or words for how the club can keep the laid-back camaraderie of old while holding the stormy hand of social media?

I feel like social media has actually helped camaraderie. In fact, if there was a laid-back camaraderie years ago in showing any breed, I was not made aware of it! We showed because we believed in our dogs, but were fueled to win by the actions of our competitors, which included family, friend and foe!

Showing dogs is a competition. It is full of politics, alliances, and opinions. We live in a time where folks have a bit thinner skin when it comes to handling their emotions in competition. With social media, I now see more support of each other. Poor sportsmanship no longer goes unnoticed.
Some of the element of surprise is lost with our dogs being campaigned through social media but with that exposure comes education and opportunity both to better the breed and in turn find exactly what we are looking for.

Do you have any last words for our member readers?

We are in a great chapter and time for our breed. There are breeders and enthusiasts that care so deeply for the both preservation and betterment of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. The outcome really shows in the abilities, energy and athleticism of the dogs I see today. I attribute this evolved dog in the U.S. to dogs that were brought in from the UK and other countries.
If you have questions as a newcomer, reach out! It can only be of help for you and your dog.
For us old timers, if you see us struggling to get back up off the floor in the ring, reach out a hand so we can continue to compete against you!

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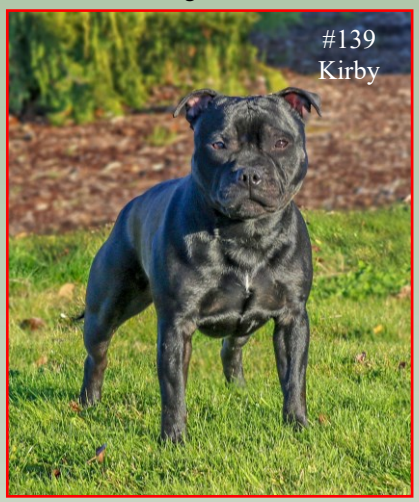
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Ch Trugrip Pay It Forward Star Traveler
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"Jerome"
Trugrip Redline Irish Prince
CD BN RA AXP AJP CA BCAT RATS CGCA CGCU TKN

(Ch Trugrip Giorno Della Terra Desmo x
Ch Trugrip Redline Rogue Princess)
In 2019 Jerome adds Agility, Barn Hunt, Fast CAT, and Master Jumpers Preferred to his list of accomplishments
trained, handled and loved by co-owner Lorain Able



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CH Trugrip American Dream For Funagin
NA NAJ BCAT CGC TKN

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Linda Bortles



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NESBTC The Classic in New Jersey

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Some of the winners were::

Friday 9/6/19

Sweepstakes – Judge Lynn Caswell

Best in Sweeps:

BLACK COUNTRY'S I FEEL FOR YOU

By GCHS Shortyrocks The Vindicator - Ch Black Country's Whole Lotta Love CD BN RN NAP NFP CA CGC TKA.

Owner/Breeder: John Diaz & Andrea Kilkenny

Best Opposite Sex in Sweeps:

TAKEDOWNS NOT HAPPENIN IMAR

By GCHS Devils And Fairies Flesh For Fantasy - Takedowns Sweet Nittany Lion BCAT.

Owner/Breeder: Amy N Johnson & Tim Johnson

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes:

GCH SONSHINE'S POLKA DOT BIKINI CD PCD BN RA NAP NJP CGC

By Ivory's Maximus The Great - Sonshine's Honeymoon Healer

Owner: Kelly & Lou Hudyman & Loretta Drown Breeder: Loretta Drown.

Judge Fiona McBride

Best of Breed/Best of Winners, WB /Group 4:

BALLYHOO ALL ON BLACK BCAT.

By Ch Samross American Dream - Ch Dynastaff Always And Never.

Owner: Jessica Yeagle & Kelly Cromwell Breeder: Kelly Cromwell

Best Opposite Sex:

GCHB PINNACLE'S YOU CAN'T TAKE COMMAND CGC

By Stormbull Solo - GCH Dynastaffs Return To Sender.

Owner: Jodie West & Dion Berry Breeder: Justin McGrew & Monica McGrew

Select Dog:

GCH MANORVIEW'S LUCKY CHARM

By GCH Shortyrocks The Vindicato - Ch Manorview's The Little Princess

Owner: Toni Pawson & Lauren Sorbera Laska Breeder: Toni Pawson

Select Bitch:

CH WILLABY'S LITTLE CREATURE

By Ch The Alchemist - GCHG Ciera Homebrewed Born Free CGCA

Owner: Jodie West & Dion Berry Breeder: Jodie West & Dion Berry & Jason Nicolai

Award of Merit:

CH WILLABY'S GONE WALKABOUT

By Eclypstaff Cuz I Can - GCHG Ciera Homebrewed Born Free CGCA.

Owner: Jodie West & Dion Berry & Courtney Angerer & Ella Motylinski Breeder: Jodie & Dion Berry

Award of Merit/Winner's Dog:

TAKEDOWNS NOT HAPPENIN IMAR

By GCHS Devils And Fairies Flesh For Fantasy - Takedowns Sweet Nittany Lion BCAT.

Owner/Breeder: Amy N Johnson & Tim Johnson

Reserve Winner's Bitch/Best Puppy:

ALEBASTAFF LADY HAWKEYE

By Ch Elitebulls Challenger - Alebastaff Lady Romance

Owner: Jose Monestina Breeder: Alejandro Balebona Calvelo

Reserve Winner's Dog:

DAYS OF STAFF I SHOT THE SHERIFF

By Crownstaff Don't Crash - Days Of Staff All Eyes On Me.

Owner: Jennifer Irwin Breeder: Rafael Salado Monreal

Saturday 9/7/19

Sweepstakes – Judge George Urbanski

Best in Sweeps:

TAKEDOWNS NOT HAPPENIN IMAR

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Best Opposite Sex in Sweeps:

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Owner/Breeder: John Diaz & Andrea Kilkenny

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes:

GCH SONSHINE'S POLKA DOT BIKINI CD PCD BN RA NAP NJP CGC

By Ivory's Maximus The Great - Sonshine's Honeymoon Healer

Owner: Kelly & Lou Hudyman & Loretta Drown Breeder: Loretta Drown.

Judge Jodie Sing

Best of Breed/Best of Winners, Winner's Bitch:
BALLYHOO ALL ON BLACK BCAT.
By Ch Samross American Dream - Ch Dynastaff Always And Never.
Owner: Jessica Yeagle & Kelly Cromwell Breeder: Kelly Cromwell

Best Opposite Sex:
GCHB PINNACLE'S YOU CAN'T TAKE COMMAND CGC
By Stormbull Solo - GCH Dynastaffs Return To Sender.
Owner: Jodie West & Dion Berry Breeder: Justin McGrew & Monica McGrew

Select Dog:
CH WILLABY'S GONE WALKABOUT
By Eclypstaff Cuz I Can - GCHG Ciera Homebrewed Born Free CGCA.
Owner: Jodie West & Dion Berry & Courtney Angerer & Ella Motylinski Breeder: Jodie & Dion Berry

Select Bitch:
CH WILLABY'S LITTLE CREATURE
By Ch The Alchemist - GCHG Ciera Homebrewed Born Free CGCA
Owner: Jodie West & Dion Berry Breeder: Jodie West & Dion Berry & Jason Nicolai

Reserve Winner's Dog:
WILLABY'S HIGH VOLTAGE
By Eclypstaff Cuz I Can - GCHG Ciera Homebrewed Born Free CGCA.
Owner: Jodie West & Dion Berry & Tammy Barbour Breeder: Jodie West & Dion Berry.

Reserve Winner's Bitch:
TARTANS KNOCKOUT OF DYNASTAFF
By GCH Dynastaffs Iron Man CGC - GCHB Tartans Lil' Night Rider
Owner: Joshua Smith & Rachel Smith Breeder: Ann Lettis & Karen Fava & Joseph Fava

Best Puppy:
ALEBASTAFF LADY HAWKEYE
By Ch Elitebulls Challenger - Alebastaff Lady Romance
Owner: Jose Monestina Breeder: Alejandro Balebona Calvelo

Sunday 9/9/19

Sweepstakes – Judge Nicola Yates

Best in Sweeps:
BLACK COUNTRY'S I FEEL FOR YOU
By GCHS Shortyrocks The Vindicator - Ch Black Country's Whole Lotta Love CD BN RN NAP NFP CA CGC TKA.
Owner/Breeder: John Diaz & Andrea Kilkenny

Best Opposite Sex in Sweeps:
TAKEDOWNS NOT HAPPENIN IMAR
By GCHS Devils And Fairies Flesh For Fantasy - Takedowns Sweet Nittany Lion BCAT.
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Best in Veteran Sweepstakes:
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Owner: Kelly & Lou Hudyman & Loretta Drown
Breeder: Loretta Drown

Best Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes:
GCH DYNASTAFFS A LITTLE LESS CONVERSATION
By GCH Devils And Fairies Flesh For Fantasy - GCH Human Dogs Janet Jackson
Owner: Michelle Horgan Breeder: Thomas Keetch & Alexa Keetch

Judge Dana Merritt

Best of Breed:
GCH MANORVIEW'S LUCKY CHARM
By GCH Shortyrocks The Vindicato - Ch Manorview's The Little Princess
Owner: Toni Pawson & Lauren Sorbera Laska
Breeder: Toni Pawson

Best Opposite Sex:
BALLYHOO ALL ON BLACK BCAT.
By Ch Samross American Dream - Ch Dynastaff Always And Never.
Owner: Jessica Yeagle & Kelly Cromwell Breeder: Kelly Cromwell

Select Dog:
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Select Bitch:
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Best of Winners/Winner's Dog:
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Winner's Bitch:
LICENTIA POETICA ENAMORADA
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Owner: Anna Kotarska Breeder: Elzbieta Tarnowska Wyrwa

Reserve Winner's Dog:
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By GCHG Sylon Bruce Of Ringmaster - Sheaman's Red Headed Slut
Owner: Amanda Shea & Lindsey Lemoine Breeder: Amanda Shea-Ashmore.

Reserve Winner's Bitch:
JAMMNSTAFFS I PUT A SPELL ON YOU
By Devils And Fairies Flesh For Fantasy - Dynastaffs Sersi The Eternal
Owner: Linda Rodriguez Breeder: David Nelson.

Seventeen Staffords ran in the FastCAT events held at North Branch Park during The Classic weekend. Fastest Overall Staffordshire Bull Terrier goes to.... 'Harley' Ciera Homebrewed Dirty Side Down with a time of 8.05 seconds.

Congratulations to all who received a new title this weekend:
New DCAT:
Ciera Homebrewed Dirty Side Down
New BCAT:
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Willaby's Gone Walkabout
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Jammnstaffs I Put A Spell On You

Friday & Saturday Best of Breed:

BISS CH Ballyhoo All on Black DCAT TKN CGC
Judges Fiona McBride (pictured) and Jodi Sing



Sunday Best of Breed:
GCH MANORVIEW'S LUCKY CHARM
Judge Dana Merritt



Introducing. . .

Trugrip Sir Bentyn Winter

(Ch. Trugrip Winter's Night x Ch. Trugrip Dream Girl)





"Benny" already has a BOW (5 pt Major) and WD (2pts) for wins at the SBTCPS Specialty Weekend August 2019.

Watch for Mike and Benny in AKC shows in 2020

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Health Report
Dangers of Toxic Algae



With summer in full swing and fall around the corner, so is Toxic Algae.

Dogs have become a huge part of our lives and as we continue to include our four legged friends on vacations, family outings, taking them hiking, camping, swimming, boating, kayaking and so on, there might be unexpected threats. One of those threats we would like to talk about is, Cyanobacteria proliferate AKA, the most common type of toxic Blue-green algae.

What is Toxic Algae?

A harmful algal bloom occurs when toxin-producing algae grow excessively in a body of water. One of the most common types is known as Cyanobacteria (also known as blue-green algae) are actually microscopic harmful bacteria that live in aquatic environments and use photosynthesis to produce energy from sunlight, just like plants do. These organisms contain chlorophyll which makes it look similar to plant material, but are actually not algae. This is an extremely toxic bacteria to pets and humans alike.

Where does this algae like to grow?

Harmful algae can bloom in both fresh and marine water. They've been observed in large freshwater lakes, smaller inland lakes, rivers, reservoirs, marine coastal areas and estuaries. It flourishes in summer and fall, it thrives in warm and stagnant water with low water levels, waterways fed by fertilizer runoff, sewage or thermal pollution. Toxic algae has also been known to grow in decorative ponds as well as backyard pools, providing homeowners with a good reason to properly sanitize swimming water. Harmful algal blooms are a major environmental problem in all 50 states and worldwide with increasing reports of blooms every year.







What does toxic algae look like?

Toxic algae can look like plant material, foam, scum, or mats on the surface of the water. The excessive algal growth, or algal bloom becomes visible to the naked eye and can be vibrant green, blue-green, red, or brown, depending on the type of algae.
Toxic algae often has a bad smell, that sometimes nauseating to people, yet animals may be attracted to the smell and taste of it.





How is my dog exposed to toxic algae and how to avoid it?

Algal concentrations vary throughout the year, but are most abundant during periods of hot weather in mid- to late-summer months and are most likely to be found in nutrient-rich water. While most blue-green algae blooms do not produce toxins, it is not possible to determine the presence of toxins without testing. Thus, all blooms should be considered potentially toxic. Very small exposures, such a few mouthfuls of algae-contaminated water, may result in a fatal poisoning.
If you spot the algae, leave the area and don't let your dog drink or swim in the water. Dogs, more than other pets, are especially vulnerable because of their tendency to drink or play in the affected water. Even dogs that avoid the water may be in danger. Many dogs like to scavenge the shore where they may find and eat drying clumps of algae.
One study identified 368 cases of toxic algae poisoning associated with dogs throughout the US over a nine-decade period, but the researchers believe this represents only a small fraction of cases that occur throughout the US each year.
If your dog has already gotten into a harmful bloom, rinse your pet off immediately in fresh, clean water and contact your veterinarian. Remember to wear gloves to protect yourself, seek medical help if needed. If you know you've been in contact with the bloom, immediately wash with soap and water.
Before visiting your favorite waters – lakes, streams, reservoirs or ponds check your states Department of Environmental Quality for latest updates.

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Symptoms of exposure to toxic algae?

Symptoms can usually arise anywhere from minutes to several days after exposure, unfortunately the algae produce two different toxins: Clinical signs of poisoning are dependent on the toxin involved. Microcystins can result in liver damage or failure. Anatoxins result in neurotoxicity evidenced by excessive secretions (e.g., salivation, lacrimation, etc.), neurologic signs (including muscle tremors, muscle rigidity, paralysis, etc.), blue discoloration of the skin and mucous membranes, and difficulty breathing. Please seek immediate veterinary help with known exposure or any of the following symptoms.

Common signs to watch for:

Loss of appetite
Loss of energy/weakness
Vomiting
Diarrhea
Blood in stool or black, tarry stools.
Pale mucous membranes
Jaundice (yellowing of the skin, eyes and mucous membranes)
Seizures
Disorientation
Coma
Shock
Excessive secretions (e.g., salivation/drooling, foaming at the mouth, runny eyes , etc.) Neurologic signs (including muscle tremors, muscle rigidity, twitching, stumbling, falling, paralysis, etc.)
Blue discoloration of the skin and mucous membranes
Difficulty breathing

Unfortunately, there is no antidote for the toxins produced by blue-green algae, but supportive care may help. If you suspect your dog was exposed to blue-green algae, Immediate veterinary care is imperative. Also have your veterinarian contact Pet Poison Helpline immediately for guidance.

Companion Corner



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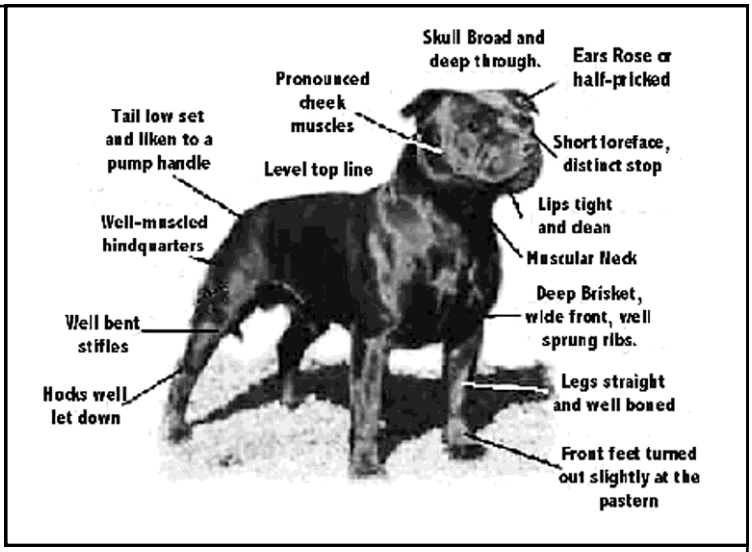
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Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Breed Standard



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.

Temperament
From the past history of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, the modern dog draws its character of indomitable courage, high intelligence, and tenacity. This, coupled with its affection for its friends, and children in particular, its off-duty quietness and trustworthy stability, makes it a foremost all-purpose dog.

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Please keep your suggestions coming we are listening.

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Editors Page

Dana Merritt

This on-line Staff Status is chock full of beautiful ads and the Staff Status Committee is very happy to see them. So thank you. I'm sure that the AKC Judges will also appreciate your efforts.

I want to express my gratitude to the North East SBT Club for thinking of me to judge the Staffords at the Westchester Kennel Club show this September in New Jersey. This was my first assignment and I truly enjoyed it. It was very nice group of dogs, well handled and in good show condition. The show site was very nice and everyone was so friendly. Special shout-out to Kelly Cromwell and John Diaz for to making sure I was well taken care of. And I loved the Judge's gift and hand out. Thank you so much.

I also want to tell you about the wonderful time I had at the Ocala Kennel Club in Florida. It was a bit cool, (we are talking November weather), but the show grounds were great. I must say the Judge's lunches were generous and very tasty--great cooking!. Thank you all for a very nice entry of Staffords. The newly formed Staffordshire Bull Terrier Florida Club had a meet and greet with lunch and nice auction and thank you for the cute Stafford Judges gift. Lovely group of Stafford enthusiasts, again thank you. That evening, the Ocala Show committee also put on fun get together for after the show on Saturday, including Pizza, Karaoke, good music and dancing. It was a blast!.

My next stop will be on April 10th at the Northern California Terrier Assc.in Sacramento, Ca.

President's Letter

Hello Members,

We are an AKC Parent club. The AKC has departments and patterns for us to follow. Our job is to provide the elbow grease, follow the patterns and take advantage of the resources provided to promote our breed. Where we go and what we do within those guidelines is all up to us members. We put on a lot of shows with excellent entries. We are driving long distances in the face of airline bans. We are starting to harness the financial power of hosting performance events. We have managed to fully capture the power of social media to help us move forward, rescue dogs, fund raise, communicate, make new friends and so much more. There are many clubs who are still struggling with the free and fast real time communication of social media, not us. Personally, I love feeling the pulse of our membership immediately rather than months later when someone is at a general meeting and voicing a concern they have carried for a long time.

Today there is so much talk of our hobby and breeds dying. Times are changing. I don't see it in our beloved breed. We have done a wonderful job of promoting without exploiting. I see our breed as one that will stand the test of time. We have the Foremost All Purpose Dog and companion dog extraordinaire. Our dogs can live in apartments and the country. Our dogs can rise to the occasion of most demanding training programs or the softest sofa. It is up to our club and its programs and departments to ensure our breed survives the future.

Our membership base has grown this year by approximately 50 new members. This next year I would like to see us grow by at least another 50, preferable 100. Members are the life blood of the club. With each new member comes potential new volunteers to help. Please do not forget us when you are talking to the public and placing puppies. There can be something for everyone if we work hard to bring everyone on board.

Lorelei Craig

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