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**NESBTC SPECIALITY WEEKEND
THREE WB/BOW EARNING
THREE 5 PT MAJORS
GAINING HER CHAMPIONSHIP!**

**ON HER FIRST TIME OUT AS A SPECIAL
AT THE NESBTC SPECIALTY WEEKEND
BOS FOR A 5 PT MAJOR
TOWARD HER GCH**

**PRESTIGIOUS MONTGOMERY KENNEL CLUB
TERRIER SHOW PICKED UP
BOS FOR HER SECOND 5 PT MAJOR
TOWARD HER GCH**

**THANK YOU TO THE JUDGES FOR THINKING SO
HIGHLY OF MY GIRL!**



**BRED BY: JANE LASHER-SOBUS & LINDA RINGLE
OWNED BY: CHRISTINA SHEPLEY & MOLLY BEST**

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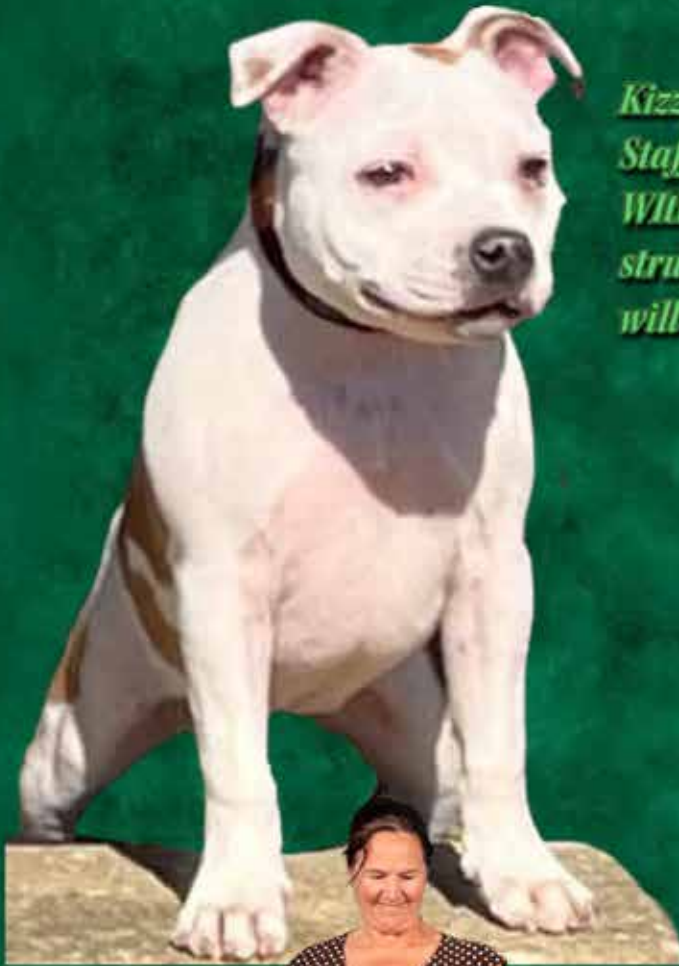
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Yeestaff's Written In The Stars

"Kismet"

Kizzy is a wonderful addition to Charmed Staffords!! She will hit the AKC rings in 2025! With her outstanding personality and nice structure, we look forward to what this girl will do in the show ring and performance!



*Owned, Loved, Exhibited
by
Jane Lasher-Sobus
bred by Yeestaff*



ON THE COVER



Wild Blue's **Shut Up Move On** – SUMO DSX2 DJX HDJ BN RA CAX FCAT4 FDC FM Gordon Kane and Lori LaGasse

Sumo is the epitome of a happy and well balanced dog, especially when dock diving, playing flyball and chasing the plastic bunnies on lure! He loves everybody and gives 110% whether it's in competitive sports or cuddling in your lap.

Sumo was the dog we never knew we needed. He was born during the summer of COVID. He went with me to Oklahoma in 2020-2021 while I was doing Elder care for my parents' Alzheimer's and Cancer journeys. There were not a lot of puppy classes or chances for socialization, but he did learn to be calm around Senior family members. Surprisingly, when we were finally able to attend flyball, agility and rally classes, he had an amazing ability to flip the switch and become a very drivey and formidable competitor.

What makes Sumo special is that he is an outstanding ambassador for his breed. People are amazed at his looks, physique and demeanor, often asking what breed he is and stating how handsome he is. Additionally Sumo is calm and loyal, but also ready to compete at a moment's notice. He learns fast, works hard and has exceeded our expectations!

Cover Photo Credit: RaiLei Button

from the Editor

Hi Members,

Here is my wish list for 2025.

- I hope to get the 2024 Annual done and to the printer by April 30th.
- I would like to publish two Staff Status magazines instead of one per year!
- I would love for the publications to be profitable! (We need advertisements to make this happen.)
- I would love to find another member or two who knows how to use a publishing program and help put together sections of our publications!
- I would love to have people step up and write stories and articles and highlight their fellow members!

I am not sure how to accomplish all of this but these are my goals.

The 2024 Annual deadline is going to be March 31st. You should start seeing jot forms for submissions soon! Watch emails for photo requests for the top dogs!

It looks to me like the Publications lost approx \$4000 last year. It may not be as bad because I did not have a full year of data but I am pretty sure it will still be negative. I have found a new printer who is about 2/3rd the price of the previous one and much quicker going to press. That will lower costs \$3000-4000. You all should have the book from the new printer now.

I love our club and I enjoy doing these publications but they are honestly a LOT of work. All of your participation really makes it worthwhile.

Lorelei Craig

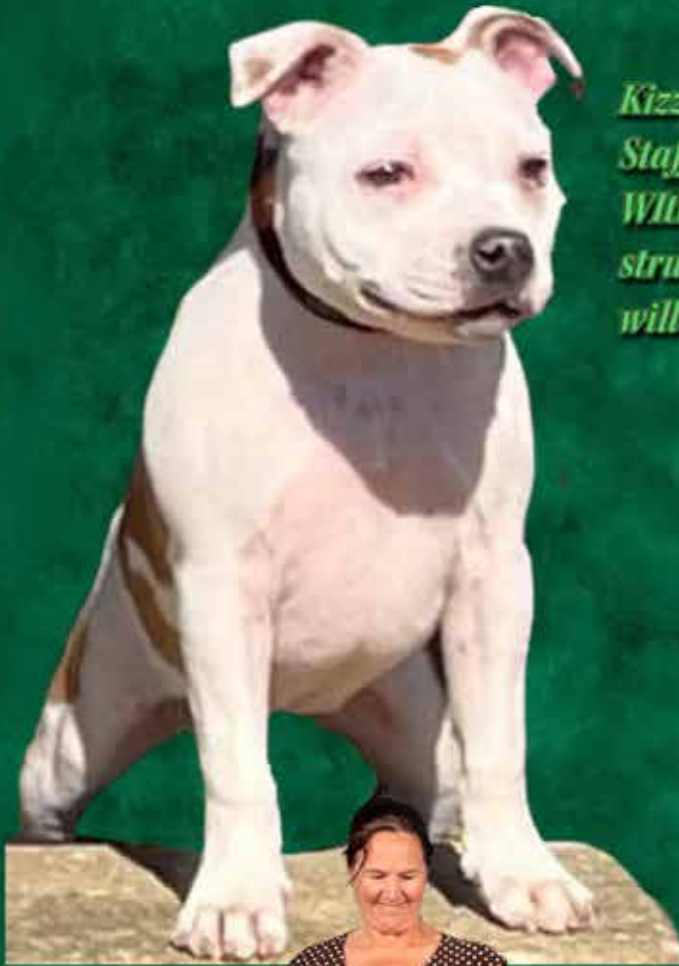
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Charmed



GCH
Brave Spirit
Etta James

ETTA
22" PKC WB
22' BPIS Midwest Spec.
22' RWB Mont Co Terrier Spec
23' NESBTC Select
23' NESBTC AOM
23' Hatboro Select
23' Macungie Select
24' Natl Specialty AOM
24' PKC BOS
23' & 24' OH Ranked
23' FASTcat ranked
Multi BOB
Multi OH Grp wins
Reg Grp 4 win

Owned/Loved/Handled by
Jane Lasher-Sobus & Kimmie Rosado



Introducing in 2025
Charmed Voodoo Child
&
Charmed Dream A Little
Dream



from the President



Greetings fellow SBTCA Members!

I want to start off by giving a huge thank you to the 2024 President, Sandra Carter, for her hard work and dedication. One of her finest accomplishments was her role as Chair for the 50th Jubilee. She worked tirelessly alongside fundraising gurus Lynn Caswell and Cindy Brunk and the committee to put together an event to remember! Look for pictures and a story in next year's Annual. Thank you, Sandra, for that and the rest of your many contributions.

Thank you, also, to everyone who put in work on one of our many committees! Committees are the life blood of the Club and where the real work gets done. New member and want to get involved? Longtime Member and want to make the Club better, and work toward preserving the history and securing the future of this breed we love? Join a Committee in your area of interest or expertise. I promise there is a job for you.

Most of all, thank you to each of you for being a Member. Our shared passion for the breed brings us together and I hope to see the Club grow even more in the upcoming years.

With the 2025 National in April, we are hurtling into the New Year very quickly. Be sure to be sending those brags in to your Area Directors over the course of the year, so you don't forget what happened. These don't need to be show brags either, Staffords aren't just a pretty face! Did you try a new sport? Tell us about it! You might just get someone else to try it too and we would like to highlight Staffords out there Staffording it up and having fun. Got a new puppy? We definitely want to see that!

Fireside Chats will start back up in January. If you think of a topic you would like to see us talk about, please send the idea to me. We usually try to have those on the last Thursday of the month, and we can talk about anything you would like or are interested in.

In closing I wish each and every one of you an amazing 2025 and beyond. Please say Hi to your dog(s) for me!

Tina Vickrey

Tina Vickrey

President@sbtca.com

President, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America

Member of the Rescue and Health Committee

Staff Status

Winter 2022

This Online magazine is sent to over 200 approved AKC Stafford Judges in addition to approx. 250 SBTCA members in good standing. Each issue will have club business and committee reports as well as educational materials and your adverts. Each issue will be in the Members only section of the website. If you have purchased hard copies of this magazine they will be sent after the online version is distributed. If you would like to be included in the list of artists to help members create beautiful ads please let us know!

We are always looking for your stories and suggestions. Please contact staffstatus@sbtca.com

Ad Rates.....Member

Full Page.....	\$50.00
Two Page Spread.....	\$100.00
Half Page.....	\$25.00
Breeder's Directory*	\$35.00
Front Cover**	\$100.00
SBTCA Event Flyers.....	no charge

*Breeder's Directory is for members only.
Link to website can be included

**Front Cover must be dog only no handler and Board Approved.

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If you wish to be added as an ad artist for members please email the editor.

**Full page ads should be 8.5 X 11 with a 1/2" margin.
Full color bleed is fine but no text in the margin.**

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America.

The Club is formed for the following objectives:

- To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of Staffordshire Bull Terriers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- To encourage the organization of independent local Staffordshire Bull Terrier Specialty Clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of The American Kennel Club.
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which the Staffordshire Bull Terrier shall be judged.
- To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests and agility trials.
- To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, obedience trials, tracking tests and agility trials under the rules of The American Kennel Club.

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Fireside Chats

Moderated By: Tina Vickrey

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- A black dog, possibly a pit bull mix, is sitting on a wooden table. The dog is looking directly at the camera with its mouth open, showing its teeth. To the right of the dog is a tall glass filled with amber beer and a thick head of foam. The background is a blurred bokeh of warm, yellow and orange lights, suggesting an indoor setting like a bar or restaurant.
- 🐾 Variety of Topics to discuss
 - 🐾 Expert Speakers
 - 🐾 Recordings Available to watch later
 - 🐾 Members encouraged to submit topics



Watch your email & Members Only on Facebook for dates, times and topics or contact vp@sbtca.com

2024 BOARD MOTIONS

Secretary: Kimberly Washington



JANUARY

The Staff Status Editor requested the Board review and approve the cover photo for the Winter SS. YES Votes: David, Rebecca, Sandra C, Kim, Tina, Erin, Teri; NO Votes: NONE; No Response: Sarah, Sandra M.

NESBTC submitted a request to hold three supported entries and one specialty show in September of 2024. Kim Washington made a motion to approve, Tina second motion. YES Votes: Rebecca, Sandra C, Kim, Tina, Erin, Teri, Sandra M; NO Votes: NONE; No Response: David and Sarah

FEBRUARY

Tina Vickrey made a motion to make a donation to the Cambridge Genetics Team. Kim Washington second the motion. YES Votes: Kim, Tina, Sandra M, Teri, Erin, David. NO Votes: None; No Response: Rebecca, Sarah, Sandra C.

MARCH

Deb Roseman sent a request to add Scentwork Top 20 to our Annual Lists. Tina made a motion to approve and Sandra C second the motion. All attendees at meeting in Favor

Tina Vickrey made a motion to donate \$500 to the UK Canine Health Center. Kim second the motion. All attendees at meeting in Favor

APRIL

Tina made a motion that we send the Hard Copy Annual to the UK Heritage Center every year. Kim second. All mtg attendees in favor

Kim made a motion that the Club cover the banquet meal fee for all current members in attendance. Their guests or additional household members will pay the regular fee. Tina second the motion. YES votes: Kim, Tina, Teri, Sarah, Erin, Sandra M, Rebecca NO Votes: Sandra C.; Not Present: David

MAY

Cindy Brunk submitted a supported entry request for Area 4 January 2025 held during the Rose City Classic Shows in Oregon. No sweeps offered. Kim Washington made a motion to approve. Teri Keetch seconded the motion. YES Votes: Kim, Teri, Sandra C., Erin, Rebecca; NO Votes: NONE; No Response: Tina, Sarah, Sandra M. David

Teri Keetch submitted a request for Area 5 to hold two specialties and two supported entry shows with Black Mountain Kennel Club October 2024. Teri Keetch seconded the motion. YES Votes: Kim, Teri, Sandra C., Erin, David, Sandra M., Rebecca, Tina; NO Votes: NONE; No Response: Sarah

JUNE

The Florida Staffordshire Bull Terrier club (Licensed) requested approval for their November 2024 specialty shows. Kim Washington made a motion to approve. Erin Sullivan seconded the motion. YES Votes: Kim, Erin, Tina, Rebecca, Sandra M., Teri, Sandra C., David Nelson. NO Votes: NONE; No Response: Sarah

JULY

Tina Vickrey made a motion that SBTCA order and send out placement ribbons as stated in the Jubilee Premium for Scent Work and any other sport that did not have these on hand at the event. Kim Washington second the motion. YES Votes: Tina, Kim, Rebecca, Erin, Teri, David, Sarah. NO Votes: None; No Response – Sandra M., Sandra Carter

BISS GRCH FULLTHROTTLE'S HOT LIKE ME RI SCN SIN

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Owned by Christine O'Donnell and Brandi Kriger

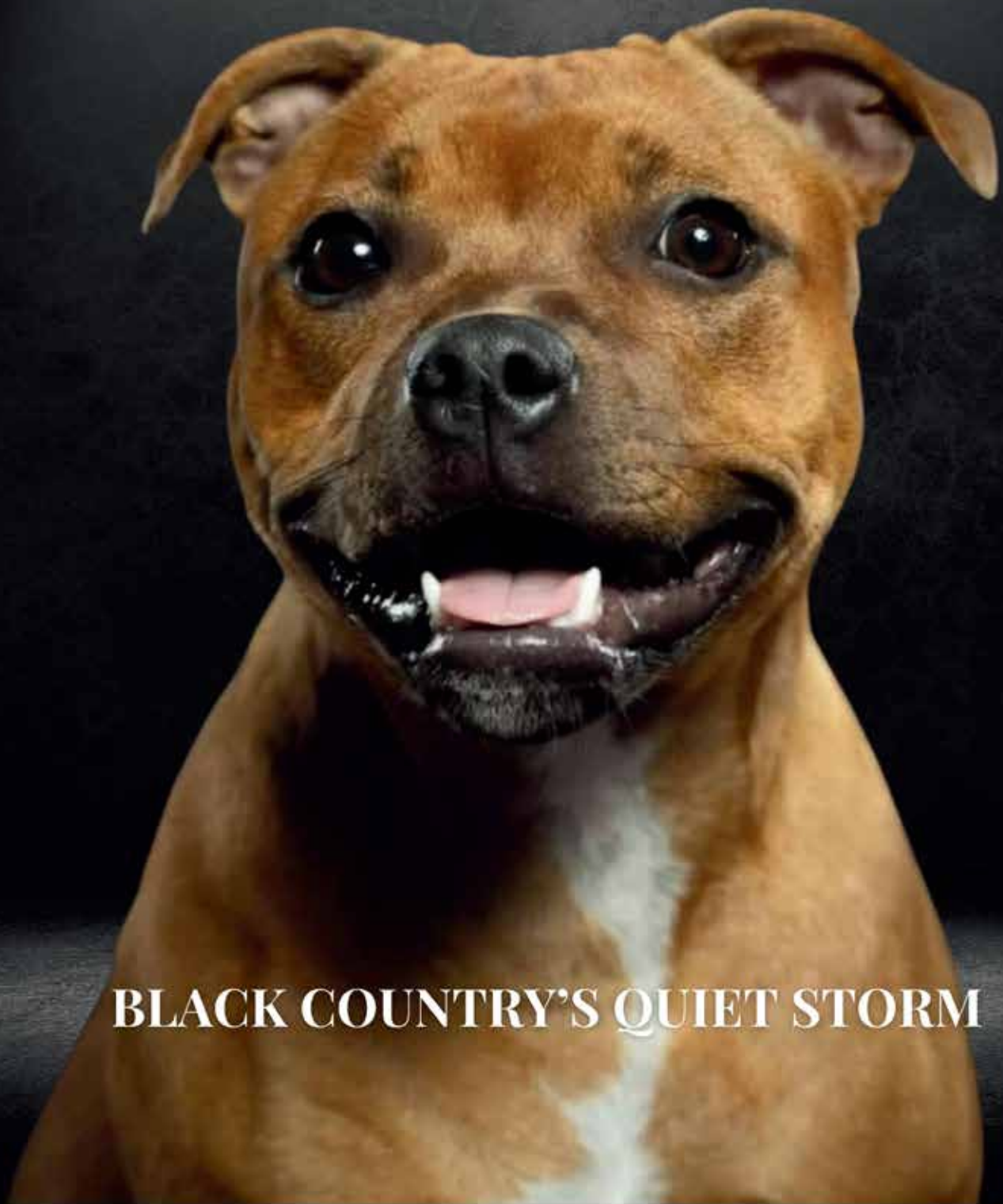
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COMING SOON



BLACK COUNTRY'S QUIET STORM

Brenda Holmen sent a request on behalf of the newly formed Heartland Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club to hold one specialty and two supported entry shows in Area 4 May 2025. Sandra Carter made a motion to approve, seconded by David. YES Votes: Sandra C, Tina, Kim, Sarah, Rebecca, Erin, Sandra M, David, Teri; NO Votes: None; No Response: None

AUGUST

The Potomac Club requests approval to hold two specialty shows on the Friday prior to the SBTCA National Specialty. Kim made a motion to approve, David second. YES Votes: Sandra, Tina, Kim, Rebecca, Erin, Sandra M., David, Teri; NO Votes: NONE; No Response: Sarah

Deb Roseman requests approval for two FastCat events on October 25, 2024 to raise money for 2025 Nationals. Kim made a Motion to approve, Tina second. YES Votes: Sandra, Tina, Kim, Rebecca, Erin, Sandra M, David, Teri. NO Votes: NONE; No Response: Sarah

Tina made a motion to give \$50 each to rescue volunteers Meghan and Kat Souza for their time and fuel to go and ID and pull a Stafford from the shelter. Sarah second the motion. YES Votes: Sandra, Tina, Kim, Sarah, Rebecca, Erin, Sandra M, David, Teri – NO Votes: NONE

SEPTEMBER

Deb Roseman sent a request to hold Scentwork trials in Area 1 to support the 2025 National Specialty show. Tina Vickrey made a motion to approve, seconded by Kim Washington. YES Votes: Sandra C, Kim, Tina, Rebeca, David, Sandra M., Erin, Teri; NO Votes: None; No Response: Sarah

OCTOBER

Sandy made a motion seconded by David to approve Business Cards for BOD and committees, so we have information on hand at events. We will not have individual phone numbers but general SBTCA contact information.

Kim Washington requested approval to hold a Area 3 Specialty show in conjunction with Great Western Terrier Association July 2025. Teri Keetch made a motion to approve, seconded by Sandra Carter. YES Votes: Sandra C., Tina, Rebecca, Teri, Sandra M., Erin, David; NO Votes: None; No Response: Sarah

NOVEMBER

Erin Sullivan requested approval to hold two FastCat trails in Florida to support the Area 2 Specialty shows in June 2025. Kim Washington made a motion to approve. Tina Vickrey seconded. YES Votes: Tina, Kim, David, Teri, Rebecca, Sandra M, Erin, Sandra C.; NO Votes: None; No Response: Sarah

DECEMBER

Tina made a motion to approve Lorelei Craig's interview responses for the AKC EDDY Award. Kim Washington seconded. YES Votes: Tina, Kim, Sandra M., Erin, Luciana, David, Jane, Teri

Kim Washington made a motion to appoint John Diaz as Interim View President, Teri Keetch seconded. YES Votes: Tina, Kim, Luciana, Erin, Jane, Sandra M. David, Teri.

The Staff Status Editor requested the Board review and approve the cover photo for the SS. Dog is owned by Gordon Kane and Lori Lagasse. Kim Washington made a motion to approve, seconded by Teri Keetch. YES Votes: Tina, John, Kim, Luciana, Jane, Erin, Sandra, David, Teri. NO Votes: NONE; No Response: NONE

from THE TREASURER



Luciana McCullough, Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION Overview as of December 31, 2023

	<u>Total</u>
<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
Operating - BOA Account (5950)	\$92,059.28 <i>Per Bank</i>
Rescue - BOA Account (6085)	\$6,944.46 <i>Per Bank</i>
PayPal	\$6,665.45 <i>Per Bank</i>
<i>Operating Transfer</i>	\$0.00
<i>Rescue Transfer</i>	\$0.00
Checks/Deposits not cleared	\$0.00 <i>Per QBO Rec Report</i>
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$105,669.19</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>	
Operating	\$48,881.40
Staff Status	\$10,553.03
National Specialty	\$9,396.20
Juniors	\$289.39
Rescue	\$10,929.70
Health	\$6,230.41
Legislation	\$1,525.95
Performance	\$11,227.61
Futurity	\$2,397.21
Sunshine	\$3,038.29
Grant from Good Dog Inc	\$1,200.00
	<u>\$105,669.19</u>
Difference	\$0.00 <i>Favorable</i>

2024 Notable Income and Expense activity for Jan - Oct 2024.

Does not include all detail for 2024

INCOME	EXPENSE
General operating Income.....\$7053.70	General Operating Expense..... \$6363.57
Show and Event Income.....\$40235.53	Judges Education Expense..... \$4683.85
Publication Income.....\$5862.87	Shows and Event Expense..... \$63171.78
	Publication Expense \$10291.74

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Overview as of October 31, 2024

Total

Bank Accounts

Operating - BOA Account (5950)	64,375.23 <i>Per Bank</i>
Rescue - BOA Account (6085)	6,944.46 <i>Per Bank</i>
PayPal	0.00 <i>Per Bank</i>
<i>Operating Transfer</i>	\$0.00
<i>Rescue Transfer</i>	\$0.00
Checks/Deposits not cleared	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$71,319.69

Fund Balances

Operating	\$42,783.25
Staff Status	\$6,244.16
National Specialty	-\$11,447.87
Juniors	-\$190.61
Rescue	\$11,014.70
Health	\$5,765.41
Legislation	\$1,525.95
Performance	\$9,489.83
Futurity	\$3,022.21
Sunshine	\$2,662.66
Grant from Good Dog Inc	\$450.00
	\$71,319.69

Difference **\$0.00 *Favorable***

SUBLIME STAFFORDS

INTRODUCES

KEEPASTAFF FIRE TO THE RAIN

Stafford Roulette SBTCA Specialty
Best Puppy In Show
Under Debbie Saunt

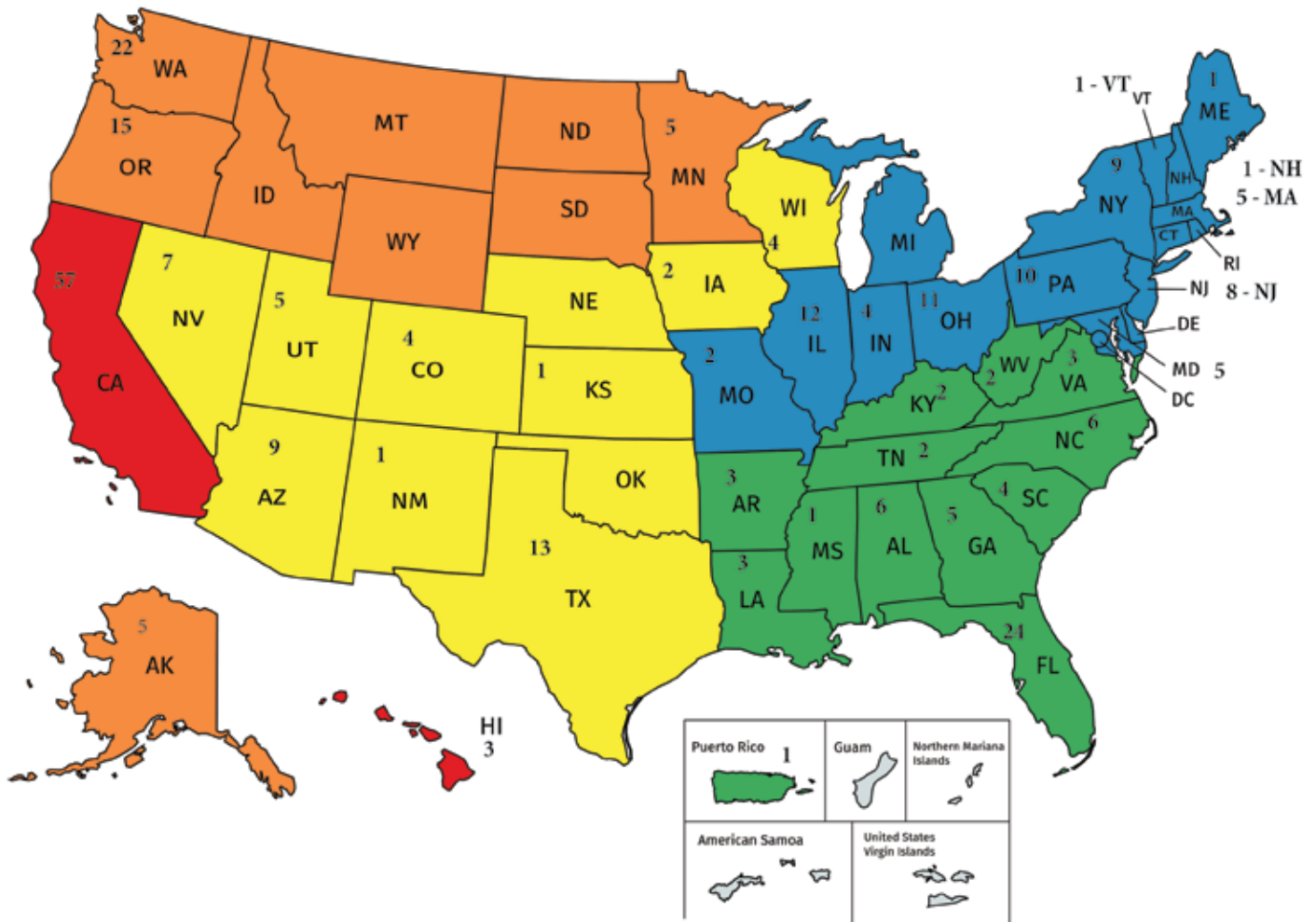


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RAYNEE

BRED BY JETTE IBSEN - KEEPASTAFF DENMARK
OWNED BY TINA VICKREY

YEAR END 2023 AREA MEMBERS MAP



- Area 1 - 76 Members - Director: Jane Lasher-Sorbus
- Area 2 - 62 Members - Director: Erin Sullivan
- Area 3 - 60 Members - Director: Sandra Mendoza
- Area 4 - 46 Members - Director: David Nelson
- Area 5 - 47 Members - Director: Teri Ketch

Foreign - 5 Members

AREA REPORTS

Rebecca Kirzner, Director — Area 1

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont



Things are pretty busy in Area One. Area One had the 2024 National Specialty Jubilee held in Gray Summit, Missouri at Purina Farms. It was a successful event and many reported that they had a great time. Many people remember the previous national held at those grounds and several others visited for

the first time. If you've never been to Purina Farms, it is worth a visit! The grounds are built for dogs shows with several sports having their own area to host their events. Between FAST CAT, dock diving, barn hunt, scent work, agility, conformation, etc. They can offer so much in one place. Congratulations to all of the winners and a huge thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard to put on the national.

Congratulations to Jim and Lynn Caswell on Felix's many wins in Area One. Felix cleaned up during the North East SBT Club in Bridgewater NJ in September. Lynn and Felix also won at the Area One Specialty during the famous Montgomery Terrier Show. Not only did they place in the bred-by group, they also made the final cut in the regular group. This is quite a feat for our breed, who is often passed over for the "fuzzy" terriers.

Congratulations to Kimberli Strong and "Mighty" for winning Best of Breed at the Kennel Club of Philadelphia. This show is televised on Thanksgiving Day right after the Macy's Day Parade. You guys looked great out there!

We have several breeders with litters this year, so I'm sure we will see a lot of puppies in the new year! Area One will also have the 2025 National Specialty. Potomac Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (PSBTC) is hosting the National during the prestigious Cherry Blossom Cluster in Baltimore Maryland. There will be lots to do with agility, scent work, obedience, rally, dock diving, and conformation. PSBTC will be having two specialties on Friday April 18th with Stafford only junior showmanship. The SBTCA National is on Saturday April 19th and a regional on Sunday April 20th. There are a lot of fun activities planned during the weekend. You don't want to miss this one!

This is my final report for Area One. It's been an honor to be

your Area One Director for the last 4 years. Please welcome our new Area One Director Jane Sobus! We wish everyone the best of luck and a safe new year!

-Rebecca Kirzner

Erin Sullivan — Area 2

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, W. Virginia, Puerto Rico



Happy New Year from Area 2! We just wrapped up a busy year here in the Southeast, and we are hoping to maintain the momentum for our members headed into 2025. But first, let's take a look at the year that just ended.

In 2024, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Florida hosted two specialty weekends during 2024. The first was on April 14 at the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, Georgia. Of the 31 dogs who showed that day, Breeder Judge Michelle Bryant selected GCHG Wavemaker Nonesuch as Best of Breed, and CH Elodie Sentinel as Best of Opposite. Pebwin George of the Jungle took Best of Winners. CH Adorabull Brutus Hernandez was Select Dog and CH Rockstaff Salty Lil Beach was Select Bitch. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The Florida club also hosted its fall weekend of shows in Ocala on November 16-17. The weather was spectacular — a beautifully sunny Florida fall day — and the venue was the beautiful Greater Ocala Dog Club show grounds.

The judge on November 16 was Nikki Riggsbee, and she



selected from 24 dogs. Her pick for Best of Breed and Best of Breed Owner Handled was the GCHB Bloodrock Bam He's Hot, owned by Rachel Croft of Florida. The rest of the lineup included CH Rockstaff Celtic Farewell Keepsake (Best of

Opposite), GCHS Skilful Dogs Dorian (Select Dog), CH Skilful Dogs Unique Limited Edition (Select Bitch) and Irresistibull's Evolution (Best of Winners).

On the following day, Breeder Judge Dean Burwell made his picks from 28 dogs. Best of Breed was CH Skilful Dogs Unique Limited Edition, Best of Opposite GCH Britstaff the Charmer, Select Dog GCH Loyaltystaff Dream, Select Bitch CH Rockstaff Salty Lil Beach (who also took BOBOH). Best of Winners was Shanti Sentinel.

We wrapped up the year with the AKC National Championship shows in Orlando, the week of December 11-15. There are multiple opportunities to show during the week, leading up to the National Owner Handled Series finals on Friday, December 13 and the AKC National Championship on Sunday, December 15. Congratulations to CH Shasta's Twas the Night After Christmas for taking BOB in the and to GCHB Pinnacle's Awake and Alive for taking OS in the NOHS finals.

The lineup for the big show, judged by UK Judge Frank Kane,



was impressive: BOB brags to CH Shasta's Twas the Night After Christmas, while OS went to CH Elodie Sentinel and BOW to Semiorka Missile du Clan' Molotov. GCHB Bloodrock Bam He's Hot was awarded Select Dog, and Select Bitch was CH Rockstaff Celtic Farewell Keepsake. There were five Awards of Excellence, which went to: GCH Britstaff the Charmer (1), GCHB Ruffhaus Celtic Thunder Lefty O'Doul (2), GCHS Brave Spirit Lambert Blaze (3), GCH Days of Stafford Gang Starr (4) and GCHS Pinnacle's Keyser Soze (5). The AKC National Championship is a Crufts qualifying show.

Several of our Area 2 members had personal brags, accomplishments and milestones to share.

In 2024, Rockstaff Staffords of Florida celebrated 25 years in the breed. In 1999, mother and daughter Sue and Elizabeth Harris brought home their first Stafford puppy, Ramstaffs Lil Miss Sadie Mae. Sue says that Sadie started their love affair with the breed.

"She was one of the smartest, and at times too clever, and craziest dogs we've owned, with a neverending zest for life," Sue says. "She lived to play ball and run on our farm with the four-wheeler. She will be forever missed."

Sue and Elizabeth founded Rockstaff and have since bred more

than 50 champions, 19 of which were finished out of the Bred By Exhibitor class. Congratulations to Sue and Elizabeth for this accomplishment!



1999, Sue and Elizabeth Harris first Stafford, Ramstaffs Lil Miss Sadie Mae

Huge congratulations also go to Nellie Murray of Arkansas, whose boy Taz accomplished so much in 2024. When asked to share what she's most proud of, Nellie had a hard time selecting just one or two things:

"Taz has multiple group placements in Owner Handled, as well as multiple group Owner Handled placements. He finished the year No. 4 Owner Handled Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

He became a NOHSB and NOHSS within six months of each other, and he has multiple group placements in the regular groups including the back to back Terrier Group 1s. That's the day he won the oh and reg group 1's all 4!

At national he received an Award of Merit the first day made the cut on National day, and Select Dog the last day. He was one of the only dogs to make it to the final cut all three days at the National.

He's beat multiple top-winning dogs in the breed and multiple top-winning terriers in both Owner Handled and regular groups. He received his invite to NOHS in Orlando, and an Award of Excellence at Royal Canin in December, which earns him an invitation to Crufts.

He's an amazing soul and a wonderful pet. It's been a truly amazing experience being his ONLY owner handler and I look forward to what we may be able to accomplish with next year! I truly love and appreciate this red boy. Is he everything I could have asked for and more!"

Angie Nichols of Tennessee also reached out with a brag for 2024. Her boy Tor (Bullseye Red Tornado) is a new champion. He finished in Ocala after turning a year old. He also earned his CGC, TKN and TKI titles this year.

I also wanted to share one of my own personal brags. My dog, GCH Black Country's I Wanna Be Your Lover BN CD RI DCAT RATN NW2 TT, is mostly retired from conformation, but we continue to participate companion and performance events. At the 2024 SBTCA National Specialty at Purina Farms, he earned his Companion Dog (CD) obedience title, and on Thursday, he was the highest-scoring Stafford in the regular classes. It's not

a huge brag, but it's something I'm pretty proud of as he's my Novice A dog.

Looking ahead to 2025, Area 2 has some great shows in store — the Florida club will continue to hold its specialty shows in Ocala, as they have been doing for the past several years. Area 2 will also have a Regional Specialty in July 2025 in Concord, North Carolina. In conjunction with the Victory Lane Classic, we will host two specialty shows with sweeps on July 12, and one supported on July 13, at the Cabarrus Arena and Event Center. Our judging lineup is fabulous — all breeder judges, including Sandra Carter (Shortyrock) and Kate Holman (K8s K9s) as our specialty judges, Mark Darwish and Courtney Kendall as our sweeps judges, and Jodie Berry (Willaby) as our supported judge on Sunday. Concord is a beautiful little town, just outside of Charlotte, with a quaint downtown full of browsable shops and green spaces, a handful of breweries, and plenty of parks and trails nearby. It's going to be a fun weekend. Keep an eye on the Area 2 Facebook page for more details!

Finally, I want to wrap this up on a serious note — this year, multiple states in Area 2 were devastated by flooding when Hurricanes Helene and Milton swept through the Southeast, back to back. I heard from several members that their towns and counties were seriously impacted. I know recovery can take a long time, and we wish you well. If there is anything that the club can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sandra Mendoza — Area 3

California, Hawaii



We had another great year in sports and showing. The community in this area really is trying to improve when it comes to our SBT community and the breed. I have seen so much growth in the past few years, trying to bring out a better dog.

We have done really great in the local and show abroad. Here in California the show year kicks off right away with the Palm Spring show where AKC RBIS GR CH BRONZE Redwood Coast Sunset's and Tequila "Pepper" started her fantastic year in the ring.

This lovely black brindle bitch has exceeded here breeders Alicia McElroy expectations for the 2024 show year. She has been in the Top 5 for the majority of that time. Pepper has earned her Grand championship, Bronze Grand Championship and is working on her Silver as we speak. She has a total 39 Best of Breeds, one Reserve Best in Show, Two group 1's, three Group 2's, three group 3's, and four group 4's. She is currently the #1



Stafford bitch in the Breed, All-Breed and Grand champion standings. Overall she is the #4 Breed, #4 All Breed and #6 Grand Champion SBT. To say she is a show machine is an understatement as she loves to be in the show ring, but the best part is that Pepper's temperament is the epitome of what a Stafford should be,

Smart, courageous and has affection for her friends and family.

In 2024, Juggernaut X Desert Rock Morgan La Fay of Avalon championed in just two weekends of showing. She went to the GWTA (great western terrier) show, and went WB X 3, and BOS X 1, each for a 4 point major. The following weekend in Carmel, she went WB X 2, and BOS X 1, for a 2 point and 3 point wins. She is on her way to her Grand CH.

Fresno for many years has held the specialty. This a great show and great judges come out. Friday JUGGERNAUT X RUFFHAUS BLACK PEARL ELIZABETH SWANN received her final points to become a champion. Saturday under breeder judge Mr. Peter Rhodes put up a lot of great dogs.



Our area has always done well at specialties in other areas; holding our own from the classes. In Albany Oregon, Felizstaff Starz Good as Gone "Reba", bred by Sandra Mendoza and Starlee Rownd, co-owned with Robert Braizer went from the classes to BOB under the renowned

judge Sara van Wijk. She became an BISS before even getting her championship. She did receive her final points for her championship in Woodland, Ca under breeder judge Kate Holmes.

A few of us travel to Washington to their specialty where BISS GRCH Auricstaff A Change is Gona Come "Sam", owned by Sandra Mendoza, Starlee Mendoza, and Feliza Mendoza won best of breed under breeder judge Michelle Bryant.

Stafford Roulette specialty is another specialty that many of us travel to. This show has always been good to us. Ch Felizstaff Nevada Started From Bottom "Drake" started with a select at the am show under Debbie Saunt Then won best of breed two out of the 4 shows under breeder judges Terri Merrell(UK) and breeder Judge Dean Burwell. He went on to get a group 3, group 1 OH and BIS OH. He got is GRCH that weekend as well.



There was some records made from our area, Corrinne Minnard earned first OH AKC Platinum on her boy GRCH Shasta's Easy River "Asher". Another dog breed from Shasta Staff won Breed at the AKC national Champion show in Florida GRCH Shastas Twas The Night Before Christmas "Igggy".

So many of our dogs placed at our National show like Tina Vickrey's imported girl Raynee was SBTCA Specialty Best Puppy.

I can't say this enough, we don't only well at the beauty Pagens but also in sports.



Here is Teddy who turned 9 years old on Nov 10, 2024, showing he still has it. Judith Brecka started training for obedience competition when he was a puppy, covid and then cancer

interrupted their competition opportunities. Teddy now has completed his BN at Santa Ana KC shows and CD at San Gabriel KC.. They plan to go as

far as they can despite her health issues and Teddys age.

Other achievements

- Boogie- earned his NACSW ELITE 3
- Khaleesie- earned her NACSW NW3, on her first try!
- Pepper- earned her NACSW NW2



Tina Vickrey put on a nose work trial that is awesome for our dogs and owners to work as a team. It also raised more than \$5,000 for our club.

We had another great year. Let's make 2025 even better.

Please use our area FB page. <https://www.facebook.com/Area3SBTCA>

Please reach out to me if you have anything to put in the next SS and be kind to other exhibitors

Thank you, Sandra Mendoza

Area 4 - David Nelson

Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota



This past year has been exceptional for the SBTCA and its members, not just in Area 4, but across the board. I've personally witnessed a level of sportsmanship that could easily set the standard for other breed clubs. It wasn't always this way. It's heartening to see our members joking

around, having fun, and supporting each other in and a round the conformation ring and other sports.

We all owe ourselves a pat on the back. Good things happen to good people who work hard, and the results are starting to show.

Heartland Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club (Minnesota)

Centrally based in Minnesota, the new Heartland Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club announced the formation of their new club during the SBTCA Jubilee National Weekend this past July.

HSBTC Club Officers

- President - Brenda Holman
- Vice President - Beret Walsh
- Secretary - Rachel Reser
- Treasurer - Kate Holman

With the formation of their new club, they will also be offering an SBTCA Regional Specialty in conjunction with the Key City Kennel Club in St. Peter, Minnesota, on May 24th and 25th, 2025.

Other exciting news from the Heartland SBTC includes the announcement that Brenda Holmen has achieved regular status as an AKC Judge. Additionally, Honorary Area 4 member (now living in Area 5) Kate Holmen has become the youngest Staffordshire Bull Terrier Breeder Judge in AKC history. Congratulations to both on these impressive achievements!

Many of the Staffords from the Heartland SBTC have had an outstanding year in both performance and conformation.



GCHB CH Hammystaff Miss MedCity RATO (Chiral) earned her open barn hunt and bronze grand champion in 2023.



CH K8'sK9s Look What You Made Me Do (Ruby) is a new AKC champion.

CH K8'sK9s Gorgeous (Remy) is a new AKC champion and made the final cut at the 2024 SBTCA National Jubilee at Purina Farms



Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Oregon

As many of you may know, our group in Oregon has hosted a Regional Specialty in Albany, Oregon, for the past two years. Our second Regional Specialty, dubbed "Staffsquatch," was held in April 2024. Judges for that weekend were Sara Van Wijk for the Specialty day and Kimberly Washington on the Supported day.

We are thrilled to announce that we will be hosting again in April 2025 and are fortunate to continue bringing foreign judges to judge our show. We have worked diligently under the umbrella of the National club, and now, it is time to branch out on our own. We proudly present the second Regional Specialty Club formed in Area 4 in 2024: The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Oregon! The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Oregon was officially established in August 2024.

Stay tuned for news on our upcoming events and our always creative shirt and sweatshirt logos!

SBTCOR Club Board Members and Officers

- President - David Nelson
- Vice President - Mary Cornelius
- Secretary - Sandra Carter
- Treasurer - Cindy Brunk
- General Board Member - Kristin Kerner
- Social Media - Kelley Platt Jackson.



In other exciting news from the Pacific Northwest, MBISS GCHS Hardnox I'll Be There For You at Quicksilver NW1 SEN SCN SIN (Vivian) was invited to compete at the Westminster Dog Show in NYC and was awarded Best Opposite Sex.

Vivian also won the SBTCA Top 20 Judges Choice award during the 2024 SBTCA National Jubilee at Purina Farms and attained three scentwork titles in 2024.

GCH CH Rasstaff Flags For Our Fathers CGC OFA (Davis) had a fantastic year in 2024. He kicked off with a bang, going Best of Breed at the Terrier Association of Oregon Specialty held in conjunction with the Rose City Classic in January. He continued to impress by earning Best Opposite Sex under Breed Specialist Sara Van Wijk at the Regional "Staffsquatch" Specialty held in Albany, Oregon, in April. Davis remained in the winners' lineup with an Award of Merit under Breed Specialist Kate Holman at the Puget Sound Specialty in July.

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound

Not to disappoint, the SBTCPS put on another fantastic Specialty weekend in July 2024. Breed specialists Kate Holman and Michelle Bryant judged the specialty days. The judging was followed by a picnic on the show grounds, surrounded by nature. Great friends, food, games, and laughs were enjoyed by all. If you haven't attended this show yet, next year would be a great time to start!

In October 2024, GCH CH Hasweth Travellin Man CD BN RI OAP NJP NFP BCAT RATCH CGCA TKA ATT (Hamish) earned his Crazy8s Silver title in Barn Hunt. He earned the title with his best Crazy8s run ever, scoring an impressive 80 points.

Trugrip Staffords had a very nice year! CH Trugrip Dame In Denim (Deni) added a new title with a Fit Dog Bronze. They also finished two more Champions!

- CH Trugrip Top Honors
- CH Trugrip Tfavorite Crystal Topper

It's always great to see our fellow members paying as much attention to Performance as well as Conformation. Congratulations Dana and Jenny and your Trugrip Family!

They are at it again! Junior SBTCA member Alex LeGrand and "Gia" CH Classy Staffys Shoot For The Moon CGC TKN FITS made Pierce County proud at the WA State 4-H Fair in Puyallup! After competing for five days in September, they took home top honors, earning Grand Champion in Agility and Reserve Grand Champion in Obedience. Congratulations Alex and Gia!

Overall, 2024 was a great year for the breed and the club. I'm looking forward to visiting with everyone at the Specialty Shows and Events around the United States. Thank you to everyone who submitted content for this report. I always say it takes a village, and I'm proud to be associated with one of the best!

David Nelson, Area 4 Director

Teri Keetch Area 5 Report

Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin



What a fantastic year we had in our area! We had two Terrier Specialties, early in the year, that did not disappoint.

The big Winners, with all majors, for the Utah Terrier Specialties were:

May

- BOB - Juggernauts Set A Course Sulu
- BOS – Bella
- BOW – Wesson
- Selects – Dynastaffs Seafaring Warrior
- WB – Dynastaffs Nevadas Don't Go Breaking My Heart

September

- BOB – Dynastaffs Valkyrie
- BOS – Dynastaffs Get Ready Cause Here I Come
- BOW – Dynastaffs Made You Look
- SD – Dimantstaff Unstoppable
- SB - Nevada's My Spirit Awakened
- WD – Dynastaffs Legend's Never Die

Repeat on Day 2 and then Dynastaffs Get Ready Cause Here I come swept the rest of the 5 day show.

The Vegas Specialty brought out all the camaraderie that one would be proud of. Even the Judges commented on how nice it was to see the applause for every winner, including class winners. Everyone pitched in to help one another get through the heat, and care for the dogs. Now that is what dog showing should be about!

Judge Debbie Saunt

- BOB – Nevada's My Spirit Awakened
- BOW – Knot Knot Karma
- BOS – Yeestaff I came I saw I conquered
- SD – Felizstaff Nevada Started From The Bottom
- SB – Daydream Thieves Like Us
- WD/AOM – Dynastaffs Legends Never Die
- AOM – Felizstaffs Starz Consider Me Gone Reba
- AOM – Dynastaffs Waiting For A Girl Like You

Judge Terri Morrell

- BOB – Felizstaff Nevada Started From The Bottom
- BOW – Daydream Running Down A Dream
- BOS – Daydream Thieves Like Us

- SD – Dynastaffs Get Ready Cause Here I Come
- SB – Felizstaff Starz Consider Me Gone Reba
- AOM – Dynastaffs Valkyrie
- WB/AOM – Dynastaffs Made You Look
- AOM – DiMantstaff Unstoppable at Dynastaffs
- BP – Dynastaffs Legends Never Die
- BBE – Dynastaff Nevadas Don't Go Breaking My Heart

Judge Dean Burwell

- BOB – Felizstaff Nevadas Started From The Bottom
- BOW – Dynastaffs All Or Nothing
- BOS – Knot Knot Karma
- SD – Dynastaffs Get Ready Cause Here I Come
- SB – Felizstaff Starz Real Gone Reba
- AOM – Wavemakers Nonesuch
- AOM – Hardknox I'll Be There For You Quicksilver
- AOM – Brave Spirit Lambent Blaze

Judge Jason Nicolai

- BOB – Dynastaffs Get Ready Cause Here I Come
- BOW – Dynastaffs Legents Never Die
- BOS – Hardknox I'll be There For You @ Quicksilver
- SD – Wavemakers Nonesuch
- SB – Dynastaffs Waiting For A Girl Like You
- BP – Keepastaff Fire To The Rain

Braggs for Area 5

🐾 Dynastaffs Legends Never Die – Completed his Championship in 3 show weekends, and next show weekend out as a champion got a nice BOB win! Owned by Susan and Nancy Best-Olds, Teri Keetch, and Janice Snyder.

🐾 Knot Knot Karma finished her Championship at the Vegas Specialty, owned and handled by Susan and Nancy Best-Olds

🐾 Dynastaffs All Or Nothing finished her Championship at the Vegas Specialty, owned and Handled by Pat and Vanessa Zulfer.

🐾 50th Golden Jubilee Nationals Linda Pasquali, from area 5, got a nice WD, BOW, BOB, and BOBOH with Primo Windycity Bacchus/Bourbon!

🐾 Valerie Candelaria finished Juggernauts x Desert Rocks Black Label Bullet aka Fletcher in Palm Springs, and then got his Grand under Duff Harris.

🐾 Liz Johnson got her girls Grand Championship Title for Marivila Vida De Sol Funktastic owned with Carlos Vega.

🐾 Di Mantstaff Unstoppable at Dynastaff finished his CH. Title in just 5 shows with two BOB wins!

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

JEC Committee Report - 2024

Lynn Caswell



Being on the JEC and all that is involved with this committee, being a ringside mentor, giving seminars, writing articles and basic mentoring is like being a docent in many ways. Our goals are to explain what one is seeing, just like when visiting a museum. We can explain the history, judging

techniques specific to the breed and why the breed is what it is based upon the written Breed Standard. There are many ways to be a good docent or mentor. Different people bring their own experience to the table and thusly SBTCA JEC created Guidelines and Ethics which each approved mentor and JEC member must adhere to. Those guidelines were created before my time on the committee and are a very big help. I'm grateful to all those who volunteered their time serving on JEC so that what we do during my term is made more constructive.

The following is a little of what we have been busy doing recently. Projects:

- Created JEC Mission Statement:
"The purpose of the SBTCA JEC is to put forth enough accurate and consistent information based upon the AKC written BREED STANDARD to all judges which assists in understanding all nuances of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier which then in turn makes up Stafford BREED TYPE. This breed specific information is what specifically differentiates one breed from another. With this information, when in the ring the judge will take everything into consideration and place accordingly."
- Branding for all SBTCA related materials - using club colors (blue/gold) business cards
- Make all JEC materials available for download on SBTCA.com
- At-A-Glance cards (updated)
- Seminar (updated)
- Illustrated Breed Standard (Maurizio Molinari artist)

*completion 2025

- Creating videos (coat color, breed specific judging techniques, movement)
- New mentor pack materials
- Creating new program and recruiting SBTCA approved ringside mentor program
- Fundraisers for JEC - travel to seminars, printing costs, mailings
- Monthly JEC Newsletter to judges (receiving incredibly positive feedback)
- JEC Journal - bringing it back in blog form (*coming soon)
- Member surveys
- Weights & Measures program
- New Facebook page for SBTCA JEC (please follow and share)

I would like to sincerely thank Judy, Dean, Kimberly and Sandra for working so hard to help make our education program a success. I would also like to send a special thank you to Lorelei who, as the SBTCA Public Education contact has really put forth a tremendous amount of her time, knowledge and effort into organizing our projects and making them more creative and helping create what they are today. Hopefully she will consider a bigger role in Stafford education. Our files are organized on DropBox and Slack so that future committee member no longer need to reinvent the wheel. All original files will be there to work from or recreate. This is a continuing education experience for us all. Working with such a wonderful group of people with different backgrounds, opinions, temperaments and experiences within the breed makes our committee really shine. The amount of positive and constructive feedback we get on a regular basis is astounding! I have been overwhelmed with joy by some of what people are saying about our projects. Thank you again to all. I am looking forward to watching what more we can accomplish together!



Public Education 2024

Lorelei Craig



The main goal for now is to ensure we have educational content in Staff Status. Last year I have been helping Lynn Caswell and the Judges Ed Committee create good quality professional and branded educational materials that can be edited and revised in the future as needed or required.

One of the projects I started for

fun not knowing what would happen with it was the Coat Color Video. I shared it with Lynn Caswell and she offered to help with voice over. We were trying out the new AI technology that everyone loves to hate. The video turned out quite successful. The amazing part of this project is that it took us about 3 weeks of work with free resources. The voice over app had a small trial fee with it but the entire cost of the project was \$25.00. It was really cool to see that a club with a limited to no budget could create something like that. It would have never happened if we had to pay an artist. The frosting on the cake was that it won the AKC Eddy Award for Breeder Education. Please look deeper into this issue of the Staff Status to find out more about this award.

The club is always looking for ideas and input about education. I have my ear to the pulse of social media to get a sense of what you all are saying and asking for ideas to share.

Juniors 2024

Kate Holmen



Juniors are the future of our breed. Thank you to SBTCA for supporting them, let's keep it up in 2025. I would like to give a special congratulations to Natalie Rice who was our 2023 Top Junior and our first Junior scholarship winner. As you know we offer a \$500 scholarship to any Junior that qualifies for an invitational event with

their Stafford. Check out Natalie's featured article specifically on her time at the invitational event. I'd like to welcome two new Junior members this year, Caleb Glover and Simon Hencheck. Remember we're always recruiting new Juniors and membership is free. If you would like to contact us with questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to email

Juniors@sbtc.com. Our Juniors have been so busy this year with a lot of accomplishments that you will see in the 2024 Annual Book.

Membership

Kimberly Washington



Renewals for the 2025 year have been sent via email the first week of December, please get your renewals in as soon as possible but no later than January 31, 2025. REMEMBER! Juniors are FREE!!! If you have any questions regarding membership or if you have a change of address please contact membership@sbtc.com

New Members for 2023

New Member Name	Membership Type	Area
Nicholas Beliczky	Regular	4 Area
Allison Bookless	Regular	1 Area
Robin & Tommy Boyd	Household	2 Area
Karyn & Bryce Byram	Household	5 Area
Stefani Campbell	Regular	1 Area
Pam Castle & Gregory Paulson	Household	4 Area
Nicole Cooley	Regular	3 Area
Gina Datillo	Regular	1 Area
Penny & Mike DeTello	Household	4 Area
Abigail Fitzgerald	Regular	1 Area
Thomas Flynn	Regular	3 Area
Caleb Glover	Junior	2 Area
Teresa & Brent Glover	Family	2 Area
Andrew Haney	Regular	1 Area
Melania & Benjamin Hencheck	Family	4 Area
Simon Hencheck	Junior	4 Area

Performance

Debra Rosemen



We don't really have a "Performance Committee", but as Performance Chair, when the need arises, I try to reach out to Stafford enthusiasts and give them the opportunity to be involved. Static committees just haven't worked out very well in the past. Many times, I don't

know if you'd like to help in some way unless I hear from you. If I have never reached out to you, it's not because I don't want you! If you'd like to get more involved in helping the club with various performance related tasks, please send an email to performance@sbtpca.com.

In 2024, in addition to the Jubilee, we had several performance events held under the SBTPCA club sanction.

- Jennifer Rice has continued to run agility trials in OH. She has stepped down as the chair at this point however. If anyone is interested in continuing this opportunity, please reach out. I do not know if it was already farmed out to another club due to non-response from us, but it's an easy way to raise funds for the SBTPCA! Thank you Jen for all that you've done with this trial through the years!
- Deb Roseman held a FAST CAT in PA to raise funds for the 2025 National Specialty. The intention is to continue to hold this event every October. MANY club members stepped up and came out to volunteer which made it a pleasant day for all! (Even if it was a little cold in the morning. Brrrrrrr)
- Tina Vickrey continues to hold Scent Work trials in CA.

Looking forward to 2025, the following events are in process of being planned. If you'd like to help, please reach out to me and/or the event chair.

- Scent Work trial in Lewisberry PA in April. This is being held on April 16 and 17 which are the Wednesday and Thursday immediately preceding the National Specialty at the Cherry Blossom Cluster, Timonium MD. This Scent Work trial will serve as our Scent Work event for the Specialty. I am also excited to announce we actually have STAFFORD JUDGES! Judy Heller and Stephanie Crawford! Event chair is Deb Roseman. There will be three more trials at this location throughout the year so watch for details!
- FAST CAT on February 2, in New Smyrna Beach, FL. Full details will be shared when we have them. Event chair is Erin Sullivan.
- FAST CAT at the end of October in PA. Exact location is yet to be determined as we may not use the same park as 2024, but it will be in Eastern PA. Event chair is Deb Roseman
- Agility trial, Palmyra PA at In The Net. This is the infamous "Terrier Trials" where only terrier breeds are allowed to enter. The trials are Monday through Thursday and SBTPCA is the host for Monday, September 29th. Event chair is Deb Roseman.
- Tina Vickrey will be holding more Scent Work trials in CA. Reach out to her for details and to find out how you can help!

Planning for the SBTPCA National Specialty is well under way! The event is being held in Timonium MD. My hope is that we will be able to put together a pamphlet that summarizes the event, but here's a sneak peek! There will be Obedience, Rally, and Dock Diving on site. Special awards will be available to Staffords for these activities. Additionally, as mentioned above, we are offering Scent Work off site a few days before the Specialty. There is an agility trial being held in Palmyra PA, April 11-13 as well as an agility trial in Westminster MD the same weekend as the Specialty (April 18 – 20). Any Staffords attending these agility trials (up to the 19th, not the 20th) will have their scores counted for Specialty awards. Owners must keep track of their scores and I am hoping to have an online reporter that you will be able to enter them in. Similarly, we are developing a list of FAST CATs across the country that will count for Specialty awards. Finally, we will also be offering COMBO awards that are yet to be defined. We are doing our best to support our sporting Staffords the best that we can and hope that you all take advantage of all of these activities! If you'd like to help out, please reach out to performance@sbtpca.com!

We've also had some exciting new titles and accomplishments in 2024! Unfortunately all of the reports aren't available from AKC until later in 2025, so I can't report on all of them here. However, some very special accomplishments include:



Jenny Brueske and Electra broke the Stafford NADD Distance Jump record with a personal best jump of 27'1" which she performed twice! I suspect this record will hold for a VERY LONG TIME! (unless she breaks it again herself)
Pictured: Elektra

The following Staffords achieved some of the highest titles in NACSW nosework and will be closing in on their Championships in the future! Tina Vickrey and Boogie (ELT-3), Deb Roseman and Harley (ELT-3), and Kristy Strunks and Jax (ELT-1 and ELT-2)

Pictured: Jax



Deb Roseman and Harley and Shannon Tyler and Henny Penny achieved AGCH (AKC Agility Grand Champion)! This is the highest title in AKC agility which demonstrates a lifetime of achievements and versatility in the sport of agility, excelling across all AKC agility classes! (Harley is Henny's Great Great Uncle!)

Pictured: Henny Penny





Elissa O'Sullivan and Schooner were crowned TOP STAFFORD at 2024 AKC Agility Invitationals. Pictured: Schooner

The last thing I want to mention is the Register of Honor and Versatility program. I really wanted to get the online submission process rolling before the end of 2024 was upon us but alas, it was not meant to be. If anyone out there would like to help to get this program back on its feet, in an online format, please reach out to performance@sbtpca.com. I do have someone who can do the online form, I just need to get them the information! I can reopen the submission process with the paper process and might do that for one more iteration. Watch your email as well as Facebook for further information.

In closing, I am so super excited to see people and their Staffords getting more involved in getting out there and doing things with our great dogs! If anyone is wondering, how can I get started?, Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have! If you haven't already, join our Facebook group "Staffordshire Bull Terriers in Sports in the US and Canada". This is a NO drama group where we encourage discussion, brags, photos etc!

Looking forward to a FANTASTIC 2025!

Deb Roseman, Performance Chair
performance@sbtpca.com

Rescue Tina Vickrey & Team

As the Stafford continues to rise in popularity, it is likely that we will see an uptick in the number of them in shelters. A very small percentage of SBT registrations are dogs bred by Club Members and the dogs we dealt with in rescue this year are no exception. If you spot a dog in a shelter or in a social media post that you think is a Stafford, please contact us via email at rescue@sbtpca.com, as they are often mislabeled. IN some of these cases we need volunteers to help make a positive ID on a dog in person.

One of our goals in rescue is to help place dogs before they get to a shelter or in danger. We want to try to get dogs fostered in place (at their current home.) To do this a group of us created the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Re-home and Rescue Facebook page. This is a private page that has helped dogs find their way to their new home already! There are very strict rules about posting available dogs and leaving judgement at the door. The goal of the group is to very specifically help connect dogs with people. We don't care why you need to re-home we just want to make sure the dog has a chance to

move on. This page can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/912179276529801> Please share with anyone who might be looking for a new Stafford family member. Be sure to tell them to answer all the questions and abide by the rules.

We had some great help from Members who aided in quick action to ID, pull, and foster Maui and Rosie on their way to adoption and a new life after they found themselves in the shelter after their owner passed away. A whole different set of Members stepped up to help a little red dog (now named Chomp) find his new perfect fit. He was a little wild child and ended up needing placement because he was too much. He never even made it to the rescue page, as he was adopted by Members and is living his best life. Watch for him in the Agility ring soon!!

A huge thank you to the village it takes to get these dogs where they need to be, safe and warm at home! The rescue committee is always looking for volunteers if you would like to help out!

Health Committee 2024 Jenn Irwin

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We attempted to provide new information regarding health issues to the Stafford community. Articles on BOAS, Elbow Dysplasia, Cleft Lip/Palate and Librela. Hoping in 2025 to provide more helpful information.

We are also working on a possible BOAS clinic at the 2025 National in Maryland !

We are looking into a possible updated health survey as well!

As a group we ask the Stafford community to reach out to us if they have a specific question or concern regarding health issues in our beloved staffords.

NEW CHAMPION

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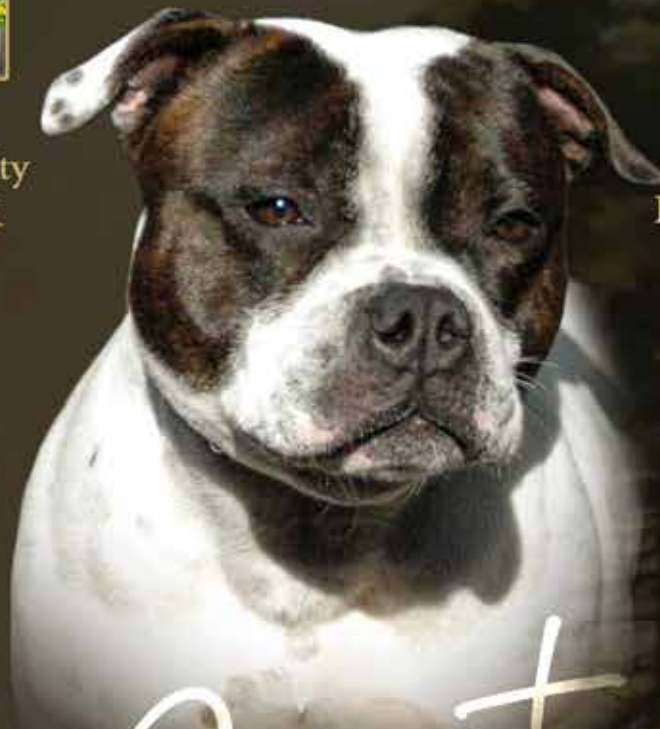


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THE DELEGATE REPORT



Amy Schwoeble

Dear Members,

Happy 2025!! Wishing you all Good Health- human and canine, Happiness, and Safe Travels.

I've enjoyed my time as a delegate, although I was not able to attend as many meetings as I would have liked. I found it very interesting to see more closely how the AKC works. It was especially wonderful to meet new people with a vast range of experience and ideas. I also enjoyed stewarding and helping out at the AKC booth in Orlando at the National shows. Congratulations to Toni Pawson in her new endeavor as the club's next delegate!

Thank you SBTCA for this opportunity, looking forward to seeing you all at future shows!

Sincerely, Amy Schwoeble

AKC Delegate Report January 6, 2025

1. The Delegate's meeting was held on Friday, 12/13/2024 in Orlando, FL. I was not able to attend.
2. The first part of the meeting was the speeches by the candidates for the AKC Board of Directors. The candidates from the nominating committee are:
 - Dr. Thomas M. Davies – Springfield Kennel Club, Inc. (Incumbent – Chair of the Board)
 - Dr. Kenneth H. Levison – Tucson Kennel Club
 - Sylvia A. Thomas – Kennel Club of Riverside
 - Harvey M. Wooding – San Mateo Kennel Club, Inc. (former board member)

And the self-nominated candidates are:

- Carl C. Ashby, III – United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc. (former Vice-Chair of the Board)
- Patricia M. Cruz – Heart of the Plains Kennel Club (former board member)
- Eduardo T. Fugiwara – Two Cities Kennel Club
- Laurie Maulucci – South Windsor Kennel Club
- Robin Stansell – French Bull Dog Club of America (former Exec. Field Rep and Vice-President for AKC)

The speeches were basically a review of their resumes. There was not really any new information. If any of you have input for any of these candidates, please let me know. The vote for the 4 board positions will be at the March Delegates meeting. Three of the current board members are leaving the board due to term limits.

3. The American Hairless Terrier Club of America and the Greeley Kennel Club were voted in as new member clubs of the AKC.
4. The Chairman's report was mainly concerning the drop in registrations, both individual and litter registrations. Since a significant portion of the AKC's income is from registrations, this gets their attention. One note about Dr. Davies' reports is that the text has not been published on the Delegate's portal or the AKC website in several years. In my opinion, this is a short-coming.
5. Next there was a presentation from Kirsten Bahlke, Vice President of Marketing, on the AKC's new Brand and Registration campaigns. These are (**I hope**) promising campaigns to elevate the AKC's brand and image, and market pure / purpose bred dogs to the younger generations.
6. Ted Phillips, CFO, delivered the Financial Report. Registrations (litter and individual dogs) were down from 2023. The AKC's revenue is down approximately 9% from last year at this time; but investments are up by 10.7%. The AKC is still in very good shape financially, but there are concerns if these trends continue.
7. There was one change to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows voted on at the meeting:
 - The proposed amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 2** of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships, which inserts verbiage to award championship points to a class dog awarded Reserve Best in Show. Points earned would be based on the highest number of points awarded in any breed from all groups excluding that from which Best in Show advanced. Vote on

the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 2 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows

I voted against this change at the direction of our BOD. It did pass though.

8. There were several changes to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows **read** at the meeting. **This change will be published twice in the AKC Gazette and will be voted on at the September, 2024 meeting. Any member that has questions or input for these changes, please let me know.**

- The proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8-A of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, inserts text to establish the administrative disqualification of a dog that if on three occasions an Event Committee report determined the dog attacked a person or dog at an AKC event, presents a hazard to persons or other dogs, but no injury resulted. It also inserts text for greater clarity concerning the impact of any awards received at a show where a dog was disqualified under this section, and the ineligibility of a dog disqualified by a judge, the Event Committee, or administratively by the AKC for aggression to compete at AKC events or be on the grounds until its eligibility has been reinstated by the AKC. **Read on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 8-A of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows**

This cleans up the language for excusals for threatening or menacing behavior. I am in favor this change.

If approved in March, then these rulebooks for Performance events will be updated with similar language:.

- I. Basset Hound Field Trial Rules – Chapter 7, Section 14ii.
 - II. Beagle Field Trial Rules for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option – Chapter 7, Section 14 19iii.
 - III. Beagle Field Trial Rules for Large Pack Field Trials – Chapter 7, Section 14iv.
 - IV. Dachshund Field Trial Rules – Chapter 7, Section 14v.
 - V. Pointing Breed Field Trial Rules – Chapter 8, Section 13vi.
 - VI. Retriever Field Trial Rules – Chapter 6, Section 5vii.
 - VII. Spaniel Field Trial Rules – Chapter 10
- The proposed rule changes to **Chapter 11, Section 8 and Chapter 6, Section 2** of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows will be read/voted as one amendment.
 - **Chapter 11, Section 8** of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, allows dogs that have been neutered or spayed to compete in Brace and/or Teams classes at independent specialties or all-breed dog shows that do not offer competition beyond Best of Breed.
 - **Chapter 6, Section 2** of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Premium Lists and Closing of Entries, inserts verbiage specifying that it must be stated in the premium list if neutered or spayed entrants are permitted to compete in the Brace and/or Team classes. I am in favor this change.

9. There were 8 clubs honored the Eddy Award for Breeder Education programs:

- Otterhound Club of America
- Welsh Terrier Club of America
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America – Delegate, Amy Schwoeble
- American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.
- Siberian Husky Club of America
- English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
- Leonberger Club of America
- Golden Retriever Club of America

10. The next Delegate meeting will be on 3/11/2024 in Newark, NJ. I will not attend.

11. As always, please contact me if you have questions or have input on any of the changes listed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Schwoeble, AKC Delegate

NATALIE & GUS

2024 AKC Fast Cat Invitionals

By: Natalie Rice



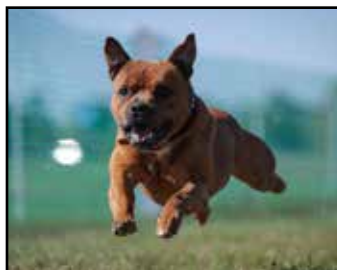
My dog Gus, CH Cornerstone With Gusto at Neverland FCAT2, and I were invited to attend the 2024 AKC Fast CAT Invitionals after placing in the top five in our breed in 2023. This event was held October 8-12, 2024 at the Roberts Center in Ohio. We've been racing for quite a few years now and have seen a

lot of venues during our time with this sport. We've seen some really good places with amazing volunteers, and we've seen a few bad venues that could use a little work. However, I feel that the invitionals that we were lucky enough to attend really takes the cake from every other Fast CAT event I have ever attended!



Our weekend did not start off well as we had a small mishap (my mom's bad planning) that led to us being late and missing our original run time. When we arrived at the venue however, we were greeted warmly and allowed to make up our missed run! They got Gus in very quickly and he barely even had to wait. We were so happy to know we could still run! The staff were so nice and helpful with us, I'm very grateful to those who volunteered, everyone worked together so well. The whole event was well run and you could tell it wasn't anybody's first rodeo! The whole week ran like a well-oiled machine, from the ribbons to the lure operator, nothing was ever too backed up for long. The staff really helped us out a lot when it came to my junior forms as well. Everyone was so polite when we asked a

question or had to get a form signed, it really helped us feel welcome and appreciated during our time there. Overall, we had only good interactions with the staff of this event and they ran the whole trial very well.



Not just the staff were nice, even the other attendees were amazing! I saw so many people volunteer to help catch dogs when people had no catchers. I myself helped catch a couple very friendly dogs.

The attendees were very polite and excited to be there! We had a great time trading cards at the table and giving some to the people we met! I brought home just about as many cards and stickers as I could carry and saw the time and appreciation that went into their designs. Everyone seemed really excited to be there as well and everyone seemed really respectful! The dogs were well behaved and there were not a lot of issues between pups, and when they did happen they were settled swiftly and calmly. Everyone we had the pleasure to meet was very nice and really helped make our experience great that week.

Overall, I think everyone had a lovely time at the 2023 Invitionals, I especially did. This was my first ever invitational event, and I had so much fun thanks to the wonderful planning of the event organizers. I would not have had such a great experience if the event was not run as well as it was. It was an absolute honor to represent the Staffordshire Bull Terrier at this event, and it was an absolute pleasure to meet the other breed representatives as well. Even if we didn't do as well as we had hoped (Gus got 2nd), we still had a wonderful time at this event! Thank you to the SBTCA for helping to sponsor our trip!



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from JUDGES EDUCATION



Balance, Type and Movement in the Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier is a balanced blend of Bull plus Terrier but when we say we strive for an equal blend, are we picturing in our mind the original breeds used or modern day versions in this recipe? Many people today are picturing the modern day version of the English/British Bulldog. This way of thinking is dangerous to the health and future of the Stafford. That type of animal was not intended as the athletic gladiator the Stafford was bred to be.

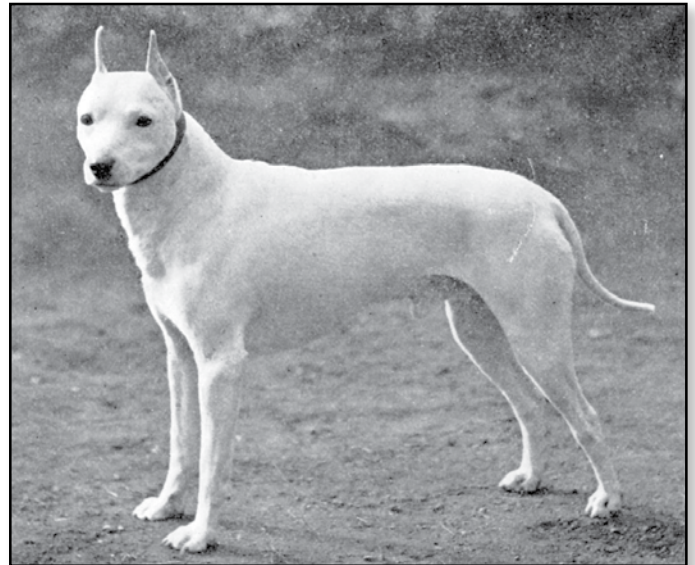
The original Bulldogs used to create the Stafford looked more like the athletic bodies of an American Bulldog, Boxer and similar breeds, without the exaggerations. This is not something that can be easily disputed as it is shown many times in book after book on the history of the Stafford. The original Bulldog used to create the Stafford didn't resemble what we picture as a Bulldog of today. He was leggier, more athletic, less wrinkle, and in general a beautiful example of a gladiator. We can see why this breed was chosen, for he was portrayed to be powerful, courageous, tenacious and tough, but still a reliable guardian with an off duty quietness and affection for humans.



Crib and Rosa by Abraham Cooper

The other half of the 'mix' is said to have been either a now extinct breed known then as the "White English Terrier" or the "Black and Tan Terrier." It may have resembled the Manchester Terrier which is one reason we have a disqualification (highly undesirable in other countries) in our AKC Breed Standard for Black & Tan as the thought process of the day was that this pattern can possibly overtake a breed

and we love our color variations we have today. Keep in mind they did not have access to DNA coat color testing when the standard was written.



English White Terrier (now extinct)

The first breed standard described a dog built much more like a modern American Pit Bull Terrier calling for an 18 inch dog to carry just 38 pounds (today's top end for weight). As time went on the show fraternity wished to further distance themselves from the underground world of dog fighters that still existed. Thus in 1948/49 the standard was changed to include the single most significant alteration to the breed's makeup clearly defining the Staffordshire Bull Terrier as a show dog, not a fighter. The top end of the height range was reduced by 2 inches (14" - 16"), yet the weights remained the same (24-34lbs bitches - 28-38lbs dogs), thus calling for a more compact dog of greater substance, no longer ideal for the pit. This change would mark the show Stafford's official severance of its ties to the fighting world.

The breed standard describes a dog which has a terrier attitude of course, although he is also unlike other terriers in many ways. His temperament is described as being bold, fearless and totally reliable. He shouldn't spark off unless he feels he needs to but he also doesn't shy away either. The reliable part of the description is that you can expect a true Stafford to be quietly in control, yet he also may respond as a terrier should if the need arises. In other words, he won't pick a fight, but he may just end one. Be aware of what you have and if his temperament is indeed reliable you should have control.

The physical descriptions in the breed standard are there to distinguish him from other terriers. He is described as being 'wide' which means he is wide for a terrier, as many terriers are not wide. He has a distinct stop, unlike many other terriers which have little to no stop, but not completely vertical. As well, he will not have the short upper arm many terriers have. His upper arm (humerus) will be equal length to his scapula. "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."

The Stafford is an efficient athlete. Everything about him should reflect this. There are to be no exaggerations in his make-up. Excess would inhibit the breed's original function as well as its health.

He needs enough bone, enough muscle, and enough substance to support his powerful, athletic endeavors, but not an excess of any of these features. He will need strength and vigor, allied with speed and suppleness. The Stafford should have stamina in abundance. He should feel hard to the touch, never soft.

The cloddy, heavy-boned, over muscled dog may look impressive but he'll lack the speed, agility and stamina of the athlete. The racy, light-boned dog may be agile and athletic, but will lack strength and resilience. The one in the middle will get the job done.

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier gait is described as "Free, powerful and agile with economy of effort. Legs moving parallel when viewed from front or rear. Discernible drive from hind legs." He wastes no energy getting from point 'A' to point 'B'. You should see his rear foot pads when he moves away from you. His front footfall should land at or around his nose. He should be able to easily gait without being run. He should never have any looseness of shoulder or elbow, nor should he have flat feet. His point of withers should never drop below his backline, nor show wrinkle behind.

The Stafford should be clean and free of wrinkle or lippiness. His lively and keen expression comes partly from his famous 'smile' and partly from his medium sized, dark eye (preferably dark, but can be in relation to coat color yet never yellow, gray or too light) which tends to show his delightful personality. He is constantly aware of his surroundings, he is playful and energetic, and also sometimes a bit naughty or mouthy. His tail will be a giveaway of his mood usually so you don't want to see a tucked tail indicating uncertainty. He has no problem moving around a show ring and should be happy to do so with his 'person' by his side.



The Stafford is not a brachycephalic breed. The ideal muzzle length can be described as 1/3 muzzle to 2/3 skull and approximately 1/2 the depth of the skull. Muzzle from tip of nose to base of stop should measure no less than 1/2 from stop to occipital bone. The ideal muzzle angle is a little less than parallel to the angle of the skull - slightly converging planes. His skull should be broad & deep through and nearly the same width as depth. The size & shape of the nose & nostril affect appearance and breathing ability. The Stafford should ideally have large open nostrils.

When judging the Staffordshire Bull Terrier one of the first questions that comes to mind is "How do I determine which parts of the standard are more important than others?" As mentioned, the Stafford was RE-established as a show dog in 1949. However, the basic answer to this question is the same as it is with most all other breeds: Always give priority considering the original function of the breed. As unsavory as it may be, those elements most important to the historic function as a fighting dog should not be forgotten. In fact, they are to be given the greatest attention. The Stafford should be a balanced animal from nose to tip of tail. Nothing should be exaggerated or out of proportion. His head size should be in proportion to his body, not over or undersized but keep in mind that the original point system called for 25 points to assess the Stafford head. In the country of origin, UK, at the end of the written Breed Standard for the Staffordshire Bull Terrier it is stated:

From the UK Breed Standard:

"Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work."

This is a good reminder to not only look for the balanced Stafford, remember its origin, but also to balance your judging when in the ring with the breed. The AKC Breed Standard for the Stafford lists only three 'faults' and only three 'serious faults'. Fault judging is to be avoided but these six points should be kept in mind when you find yourself faced with similar virtuous examples in your ring from which to select.

The clean outline of the athletic Stafford is distinctive and a delight to see. He is indeed a breed like no other.

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AKC EDDY AWARD

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America was chosen as one of the recipients of the 2024 Eddy Award for excellence in Breeder Education for our cute short coat color video.

The Winning Parent Clubs receive:

- A certificate will be presented to the winner(s) at the AKC National Championship in December (if not received at the meeting the certificate will be mailed).
- A digital badge to put on the club's website (attached).
- Posting on AKC Social Media and/or AKC Breeder Education page.
- An interview with the winner(s) on tape for historical preservation.
- Winner(s) to do a write-up about their Breeder Education to share with the dog world (Mari-Beth O'Neill will reach out to the club to request).

On January 4th I went to the Palm Springs Kennel Club show to meet up with AKC for the interview. It was easy going, fun and a good experience. Here is a small sample of the questions I was asked and my answers:

How did the idea for this resource/program come about?

Specifically the coat color video came about in reaction to the fad colors being bred into Frenchies and other Bull Breeds. As individual members and departments there is not a lot we can do regarding the Code of Ethics and Official Standard that is quick and fun. BUT we can make a little fun video. Social media gives us targeted access to huge audiences so it was a no brainer to make something that was social media and mobile phone friendly.

How long did it take to create this resource?

The coat color video, start to finish took about 3 weeks of evenings and weekends. There were some tedious parts but all in all it popped together pretty quick and easy. I used Adobe Express (free) which is a relatively new application designed for social media promotion to make the video. I used Free AI to design the illustrations. I wrote the script. Lynn Caswell was responsible for the AI Voice Over using a Voiceover app trial version for \$25.00. Some people were negative about the use of AI but I was thrilled that a club could produce this with practically no budget at all and relatively quickly. This is not to suggest that all projects can be this easy and free. Since then we have taken on some loftier projects which had more cost associated. Clubs will need to balance cost with value. I do feel that having a Board of Directors who are open minded about paying for innovative education is extremely important.

How do these materials benefit breeders, both of your breed and overall?

I think the coat color video stated what most breeders and members already knew but in a fun and colorful way. I think

the real benefit is the enthusiasm and synergy we had making it. Then taking that drive to creating more video and social media resources. The benefit to the breed in general is huge, we said the words that ran around the world in an official Parent Club statement. If your dog is Merle it is not pure-bred. I know it is more complicated than that but we said it. I think we were one of the first to make it official. Since then I have had another club ask me to make something for them. And yes, the video has been around the world a few times already.

What advice would you give to a club looking to implement a similar resource/program?

Find the new and fresh talent in your club that wants to be part of a team. As a creator, stop letting the one or two complaints throw you off. Get your club culture to embrace social media and think outside the box! Learn how to be a "breed influencer!" Take chances and be different. Make lofty goals and keep an open mind. Pay attention to social media and listen to the temperature of the discussions. Don't stifle uncomfortable talk. Gather the data and come up with ways to provide educational feedback in social media formats. Remember there is no one size fits all when it comes to education. Imagine AKC parent clubs being the world authority on their breed.

What are the plans/next steps for breeder education in your club?

Come up with new ways to get attention and re-vamp older resources. We want people to click play or read on. The coat color video we made was so cute and it almost seemed too simple but so many people said "I did not know this or that", relating to coat color. The Judges Ed department recently finished a great video called "What are the judges doing". It has also been applauded all over the world. Nothing like it has existed until now. They are also working on another one regarding movement. We are close to releasing a new Illustrated Standard, by the time of this interview it may be out. There is a lot in the pipeline.

Lorelei Craig

Lorelei Craig
SBTCA Public Ed
Publication Editor



WOOFING IT UP

An interview with Australian Stafford Reuben, the star of the new Netflix movie *Nugget is Dead?*

Interviewed by: Erin Sullivan

What's your full registered name and your age, and where do you live?

My name is Jonthill The Coalminer SWN RN, and I'm 4 years old. I live in Sydney, Australia.



Tell us a bit about your life — when you were a puppy, did you have any aspirations to be a movie star when you grew up?

I took my first breaths in my mumma Kim's arms. [Editor's note: Reuben's mum is Kim Crumpton, who will chime in a couple of times later in this interview.] I was precocious, up walking in days, eyes and ears open early, and always watching.

Even as a tiny baby I had charisma and something my visitors called "he's been here before." I was drawn to mumma Kim, and her to me, from the moment I knew her. Like peas and carrots. She said I couldn't stay, but we all knew she was in denial and completely in love with me. She just needed a little time to see what everyone else already knew – that we were meant to be together. My Mum finally came to her senses and said every time she thought of me leaving for my new home she just couldn't breathe. She's a bit dramatic sometimes! I grew up with my litter sister Winnie, my dam Betty and my Uncle Archie.

I was born in COVID lock down in 2020, a very difficult time in Australia with no contact or socialization allowed, no exposure to novel things, no shows or trials with almost everything closed down for over a year. It was really hard to

catch up the missed learnings when the world re-opened, but my temperament and character shone through. In our litter aptitude test I didn't rank highest for food and prey drive, but mumma Kim loved my clear headedness and will to try, and she knew whatever we decided to do, it would be fun because we'd do it as a team. People say she lights up when she gets me out to do stuff. When she's happy I'm happy.

I have a great sense of humour and love making people laugh.

My friends say I'm a comedian, but underneath I'm a thoughtful, kind, sensitive fellow. Dad says I understand English (of course I do!). I love the games we play when we work. Mum and I train in ScentWork, Rally Obedience, Trick Dog, Heelwork To Music and Freestyle and currently have titles in SW and Rally. Mum's health holds us back a bit from competing but I tell her I don't need lots of letters to prove I'm awesome.

I didn't know I was going to be a film star but maybe it was meant to be. I always love the camera at shows. I was booked for my first TV Commercial at 18 months of age. I was 3 when we filmed *Nugget*.

What do you like to do in your free time? What kind of food do you like? Who are your best pals?

We live on acreage. I hang with my family and Betty and Winnie. Most days we laze around, have hole-digging races in the paddock, play really fast zoomie games, play under the sprinkler in summer, chase birds or rabbits, graze on delicious grasses or dig for worms. I sleep on the human bed every second night, taking turns with Betty and Winnie. I sleep on my back curled up between Mum's and Dad's pillows. My best human pal is, of course, my Mum plus my Dad, but I also especially love Candace who I train with on TeamK9Pro and who was with us when I was born.

Food? I've never met a food I didn't like! Raw and fresh food is the menu here, so every day is rather delicious. Lamb shanks are my favourite bone.

So you've recently become a canine celebrity — you star as Nugget in the Netflix movie *Nugget is Dead? A Christmas Story*. Tell us about your role in the movie.

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Nugget is a family dog who is loved by and belongs to an extended family who are pretty oddball, but at their heart really care about each other. Nugget is the one thing that binds them together in their differences. He gets sick at the start of the movie then rallies with treatment before declining again.

As a strong, fit 3-year-old lad in my prime, it was a big ask some days to act sleepy, quiet or sick, especially when I was excited to see my friends! But I am a consummate professional, and was lucky to have my Mum as both my trainer and animal wrangler on set (and my friend Klaartje as second wrangler) to help me work through the tasks.

And I'm not sure if this would be considered a spoiler, given the movie's name. But I've heard from a lot of people who couldn't watch the movie because, well, the dog dies. Was it hard for you (and your handler/mom) to take on the role of a terminally ill dog?

The only hard part for me was being asked to be still when I wanted to lick everyone.

But for Mum yes. She considered withdrawing me after reading the script, but said the opportunity to be a great ambassador for the breed outweighed the sensitivities of Nugget's character arc. She also understood what I've been showing her for ages — I am no ordinary dog, and not an ordinary Stafford.

The producers were very kind to my Mum and gave us time off set when those scenes were being filmed. The cast and crew spent so much time with me and loved me as Reuben – the emotions in those scenes are authentic and heartfelt.

You're a Stafford — not the kind of dog we usually see in movies, at least in the U.S. How did you land this role?

Normally agents contact my Mum directly because over the years they've seen my dam, Betty, and Uncle Archie work.

For this role, a local trainer who freelances in film and knows my awesomeness from the Sydney trial rings approached my Mum initially on behalf of Action Animals who was looking for a "Staffy type" for a major role in a film. The agent realised she already knew my Mum and my dam Betty but didn't know she had me.

It was not a simple decision for my Mum and Dad. There were also a few things in the brief that were new to me. Mum said I had the temperament and trainability to show everyone something really special, if we could be brave enough to do it together.

I then had a final audition in preproduction with producer Naomi, director Imogen, and the creators Vic and Jenna. I walked into a boardroom with them all watching me and my Mum, and my Mum said let's have fun and just be yourself little buddy, so I was.

It was a long process for approvals both in Australia, and in the USA at CBS Studios. We began training while waiting for the final nod. The week before filming started I got to meet the cast for an hour and was very excited to see all these new friends!

What a great way to be an ambassador for the breed. Do people recognize you when you go out in public?

Yes, a few people asked my mum if I'm from the movie. I smile and wag.

I'm sure you've become very popular with the all the girl dogs now. Do you have a fan club?

Ha I've always had a fan club! It's just grown a bit ...

How many days (or weeks? Or longer?) did you have to be on set to make the movie?

Just under a month on set. We filmed on location around Sydney for most of May 2024. Sometimes we had to drive a lot to get there which meant leaving before dawn and getting home at night, but I didn't mind 'cuz I love the car. We also had a fun AirBnB near set other times, which was like being on holidays with my Mum all to myself!

Did you need any special training for this?



Yes. I was already training 3-4 times a week for other stuff.

My Mum increased this to three 5 minute sessions per day, 6 days a week for almost 7 weeks. I felt so special! I then had a week off to taper for latent learning before filming started. Because I already had strong foundations and thrived on new things, my

Mum introduced layers of new concepts that she could use on set so we could talk to each other based on what the director needed. Mum calls them tasks or behaviours.

Even as simple stuff like learning how to walk politely on a leash away from my Mum with a stranger was important. For example I learned how to be "dead" and "sick," especially for Nugget. Mum calls it "Splat!" and says I should smile less which is hard coz its fun! I was sure Mum wanted something else for ages and showed her all the other cool stuff I do, because it made no sense to put my cheek, shoulder, ribs and bum all down on the floor at the same time. Sometimes none of it made sense, but my Mum just laughed at me and said good try we'll get there Oobie.

She was right ... one moment it all made sense like magic, and she squealed "YES!!!!" and laughed and was so excited, so I got so excited, and we played, and I was happy, and from then I knew all the little bits added up to what she wanted. As a method actor I of course add my own flair, and make my legs stiff and sigh. I can hold it for a while, even if Mum is in a weird position or location, or when my castmates are patting me or leaning over me which frankly deserves double snacks.

Some of my funniest scenes, and ones that showed off how awesome I learned new stuff, didn't make it into the final cut (maybe I looked a bit too healthy). That's filmmaking!

What was it like for you on set?

Acting is hard - can take hours of filming to produce 30 seconds of movie!

Kim: "Kim here! We had a few rules on set to support Reuben's welfare and wellbeing from day 1, so he was free to be completely himself without subtle social pressure and protect him from burnout.

- 1) Avoid his line of sight (no direct eye contact with the crew) while Reuben is working on camera.
- 2) Don't fuss over him/call him to you/pat him unless Kim asks you to interact with him.
- 3) No food scraps left lying around on or off set.

They're pretty simple, but protected him from distractions that can cause preventable errors, which was essential because there was only one Reuben for the lead role, and he was regularly filming three to five scenes a day. Keeping him fresh, confident and happy was key. It also meant he could focus on his relationships with the cast, super important because in many scenes he had to work for an actor, not me, which is a huge ask! About half way through we saw him starting to authentically really "love on" his faves in the crew and cast – these people became part of his family and support network so we bumped the rules to fit what he showed us he needed to be happy"

I loved being the center of attention. All the weird stuff on set didn't bother me. Sometimes they closed the set so I could concentrate on the difficult parts of my acting with only 15 people watching instead of 30.

In the first day or two shooting I sometimes got very excited and other times didn't understand why my Mum asked me to do it again and again, when I already did it right. It's not logical to this clever Stafford brain! As each day passed I really found my groove and got better and better. We tweaked a few things as we went and found it suited me best to rehearse a couple of reps with the cast after blocking, then film my takes.

Some days were very very busy and other days I napped almost ALL day. I showed them how I mirror energy. I loved the cheers when I nailed my scenes. I knew I was the star and got all jaunty when I arrived on set and people waved at me and said Hi Reuben! Of course I am worthy of such devotion.

I loved hanging on the sofa between takes with the costume and the HMU crew, we were best buddies. I also liked bumming around in the cast lounge shooting the breeze. Good times!

Did they give you your own dressing room?

I had my own space in a house on location mostly. Sometimes



I stayed in my crate in the car, or had an enclosed pop up shade on location. I was always comfy, warm and sheltered.

How about special treats? Inquiring (hungry) dog minds want to know!

So many different treats! Most days three to four different types based on texture, flavour, smell, dryness, and also cast handling comfort.

Do you have any future acting plans or goals?

My Mum turned down a job for me recently, and I heard I missed out on some amazing snacks! But she promised if the right role comes along, then I can continue acting if I want to.

Any words of wisdom for aspiring Stafford actors or actresses out there?

Reuben: If you're the full package, the roles will find you! Start with atills campaigns then TV commercials, before trying for a feature film.

Kim: The best on-set advice I got from Reuben's agent was to remember he's a dog, and sometimes will do dog things! I just say "Oops!" to Reuben and shrug my shoulders and we run it again. If I get tense he'll get tense so staying relaxed is crucial. He gave everything of himself with such generosity of spirit, and we always honour that he chose to be part of this. I think the film shows that.

Strong foundations and a love of learning can be taught. But a stable, outgoing temperament is No. 1. That, plus the "x" factor, are things that can't be trained.



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from THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

Librela – a new way to put a spring back into your dog’s step

Osteoarthritis (OA) is the chronic and progressive disease of joints that commonly affects our canine companions. OA causes damage to the joint cartilage and causes pain, inflammation and stiffness. OA can be caused by conformational issues (think elbow or hip dysplasia), trauma or over use. There is no cure and current treatments really only address the symptoms of pain. NSAIDS such as Rimadyl (carprofen) are often prescribed and are used in conjunction with joint supplements such as Dasuquin – just to name a few of the many brands out there!

Recently a new approach to OA treatment became available in the US – Librela (bedinvetmab) from Zoetis...a once monthly subcutaneous injection labeled to reduce pain from OA in dogs. It’s a monoclonal antibody that binds to Nerve Growth Factor (NFG). NFG has been found to be elevated in the joints of dogs suffering from OA. By binding to NFG, it inhibits NFG activity and other pro-inflammatory mediators – thus reducing OA pain. The monoclonal antibodies are metabolized and eliminated just like natural occurring antibodies with minimal involvement of the liver or kidneys. The goal is to use Librela in place of daily NSAID use.

Librela is not to be used in dogs less than 1 year of age, in dogs with a recent CCL tear diagnosis and dogs with cardiac disease. Pregnant or nursing women should avoid accidental self-injection as the drug can affect nerve growth factor in the

unborn fetus/child.

I have one of my older Staffords on Librela...we started in July and I can see a huge improvement in his mobility within 24 hours of the injection. He literally gets a spring in his step and is more able to navigate stairs.

As always, please speak with your veterinary professional about this and any other drugs/supplements for additional safety and cautions. Routine use of any medication may require routine bloodwork and exams for best outcome and safety.

Librela – a new way to put a spring back into your dog’s step For more information check out this link: <https://www.zoetispetcare.com/products/librela>

For more information on osteoarthritis <https://www.vet.cornell.edu/departments-centers-and-institutes/riney-canine-health-center/canine-health-information/osteoarthritis>

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Some signs that your dog may have osteoarthritis:

Limping and whimpering are obvious signs of OA pain, but they’re not the only symptoms. Pet owners should also be on the lookout for the following signs of OA pain, including:

- Decreased activity
- Lagging behind on walks
- Slowness to rise
- Hesitation or difficulty in jumping up or down
- Stiffness
- Difficulty going up or down stairs
- Emotional changes, such as becoming more withdrawn or less happy and excited, or even showing signs of aggression or irritated behavior

Pay attention to your dog’s physical and emotional behaviors and share any changes with your veterinarian to help determine if these are signs of OA pain and how they can be managed. Consider recording videos of your dog, too, to help your veterinarian understand the changes you are observing. Waiting until the condition becomes severe can increase the amount of pain and decrease mobility, negatively impacting a dog’s physical and emotional well-being.⁷ While OA cannot be cured, the control of pain can be provided for the chronic pain associated with OA.

CLEFT PALATE AND LIP ISSUES IN STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIERS

If you breed long enough, Mother Nature often gives you things you did not expect. Normal breeding, normal delivery. You fed the best food and even supplemented the bitch with vitamins from breeding to birth. When puppies arrive, you find one of your precious neonates has a deformed nose/lip and/or has an opening in the hard palate.....**welcome to the world of Clefts!**

Clefts of the lip and or palate are the most common congenital (congenital means it happens at birth) defect in dogs. The cleft occurs when the tissues that form the lip and palate do not close properly during development. A cleft lip is a defect in the front area of the hard palate. Sometimes a portion of lip is missing or even both sides. Often, the nostrils look like they connect directly to the mouth. A cleft palate is a defect in the tissues that form the roof of the mouth (hard palate). A fissure is visible on the roof of the mouth and often, this opening connects right into the nasal passages. Sadly, these defects make it virtually impossible for the puppy to latch on correctly to nurse and thrive. Intervention is necessary for this puppy to survive.

What causes clefts? Congenital clefts can certainly be genetic (in Nova Scotia Duck Tollers two genes are identified – DLX6 and ADAMTS20)...clefts can also be caused by some trauma during the development of the fetus – a medication, a virus, or even a toxin – anything that disrupts normal development. Some research has shown too much Vitamin A or lack of folic acid can increase the risk of clefts. Also, brachycephalic breeds (French Bulldogs especially) are more prone to this defect because of the huge wide head shape. The critical period for normal fusing of the palate/lip is day 25-28 of gestation. The normal tissues grow from the outside to meet in the middle - that's why a cleft lip and/or palate are always on the midline.

As mentioned earlier, these puppies cannot form a true latch onto the nipple for nursing. Some people will tube feed them (pass a tube down to stomach and give formula with syringe) ...some people use special nipples made for human babies with clefts...and some are able to use cosmetic sponge with formula and a oral syringe if the palate is intact. My personal experience with a cleft lip puppy was using an ELF egg shaped cosmetic sponge with syringe. He was able to suck back the sponge that fit nicely in his mouth. Care for them as you would an orphan puppy – feed about every 2 hours for the first 2 weeks and slowly increase the time between feedings. If able to, keep puppy with the dam and the litter for best socialization. In my case the dam was willing to do all other care for him so he grew up with his siblings and had the full littermate experience.

Once the puppy reaches about 3- 3 ½ weeks of age, soft food that can be easily swallowed can be introduced. Care must be taken with large palate clefts as food can get stuck in the cleft. These puppies often have some chronic nasal infections as the food gets into the nasal cavity. Also, these puppies usually cannot drink water from a bowl.... use a drip bottle like used for rabbits. There are numerous cleft palate support groups on FB and numerous You Tube videos that one can access for additional information and care.

Cleft lip only puppies may not need surgical intervention unless there is something causing a health concern – our guy did need to have some of his incisors removed as an adult as they were getting infected since they were not sitting normally in his mouth. Cleft palate puppies may need surgical repair at some point for a good quality of life...that would depend on severity of the cleft. Evaluation by a board-certified veterinary dentist is best for this procedure. Surgical correction of the cleft palate can be pricey and requires some careful post-op care, but this type of surgery is being done more and more as more breeders are willing to care for these puppies rather than euthanize at birth.

Is this defect preventable? Maybe – some research (limited sadly) in French Bulldogs that supplementing the bitch during gestation with Folic Acid can help prevent clefts. This study came from the human side that folate acid deficits can cause clefts in humans. My bitch that did produce a cleft lip puppy was supplemented with folic acid from time of heat to whelping.... perhaps that is why only his lip was affected and not the palate.

Several breeders reached out to let me know they had successfully raised clefts, and they are now living their best lives! Some indicated concerns for genetic ties, as well as too much Vitamin A. We must keep in mind every pregnancy is an event all its own...there is no way to replicate everything – the fact that time has passed since the last breeding makes it impossible – but if you have done breeding's that produced clefts, and the dogs are some what related – perhaps there is a genetic link. In our case the bitch that produced the cleft was litter sister to a dog that produced one as well when bred to an unrelated bitch.

Bottom line is these puppies often thrive with intervention and go on and live wonderful lives. It does take time and commitment, but everything we do with dogs does as well!

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This is Elf named after the brand of cosmetic sponge we used to feed him. He was born with a cleft lip. His palette was intact. We fed him with a cosmetic sponge every 2 hours for the first two weeks. He is now living his best life with a co-worker.



At 4.5 years old we needed to have some incisors removed due to an infection. This is Elf under anesthesia prior to the extractions showing how mal-aligned the upper incisors are.



The 2 scan images are 3D scans done at the Animal Dental Center at the time of his Incisor tooth extractions. They show how the cleft truly affects the maxilla, the incisors and nasal passages. This is not really visible with the naked eye looking at the dog. but clearly visible in these images.

PAPRIKA'S STORY

by: Michelle Quiroz



Paprika has a cleft palate. You cannot tell by looking at her. However, the first thing you need to know about Paprika has nothing to do with her cleft palate; you only must know that she is a magical creature. She is loving, hilarious, confident, curious, playful, and obsessed with her

ball. She's almost too intelligent. She's never met a stranger and is certain that anyone new who has appeared is there solely to meet her and have a good time. She has a great lineage of well-bred, stable dogs with excellent temperaments. She was also started with all the exposure and socialization you would hope for, guided by an experienced breeder with integrity. She has had the necessary health tests you would expect for a dog who may have a show career and continue her legacy, despite knowing that she will do none of those things.

My personal history is with adopted pit bulls and pit bull mixes, but I have always loved Staffordshire Bull Terriers, and love several specific SBTs from afar. When Paprika made her grand entrance into the world, I was one of many who followed her progress closely, learning along with everyone else about the challenges of a newborn pup with a cleft palate. I was charmed and maybe a little bit obsessed from the beginning, so the surprise news that she would be ours to love was beyond exciting, though I was nervous about caring for her cleft palate and keeping her safe. Her breeder and savior was always available for questions and conversation, providing guidance and advice.



We brought Paprika home at ten weeks old, and she's been joyfully running the household ever since. Our older mixed-breed dog, Butterbean, is generally shy and a little worried, but she has blossomed under the influence of her energetic zest for life

and dedication to having a good time all the time. Amidst the bonding and the play, Paprika graduated from drinking from a hung bottle to a bowl, and from flash-soaked kibble to dry. As she has grown, the width of her cleft has changed, from wide to narrow to wide again. We have monitored it diligently and have helped her clean it out when necessary, but she is skilled

at managing it herself at this point. She suffered one infection in the early days, and none since.

We have been fortunate that Paprika's cleft palate has not presented many complications. Our biggest challenges are not challenging at all:

- She tends to have bad breath, though that has improved as she has become more adept at clearing any trapped food, and the cleft has widened, which minimized the occurrences.
- She can't have foods like peanut butter, as it can be sticky and end up in her sinuses and cleft.
- She also can't have hard nylon chew toys, as they end up with many sharp bits on the ends, and she will get abrasions on her palate.
- She often has a bit of a runny nose, as her sinuses are exposed to irritants more than is normal. She will also blow her nose with a light snort, without any regard for who or what may be within range.
- Spectacular sneezing fits.

There has been no thought of subjecting her to a surgical correction as she is thriving and has not suffered from chronic infections or any other complications. Every cleft palate is unique and may require different levels of intervention to ensure the dog's safety and quality of life.



CAN FOLIC ACID PREVENT CLEFT PALATES IN PUPPIES?

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It takes a combination of genetics, nutrition, biosafety, and good luck to produce a healthy litter of puppies with no birth defects

Cleft palates. Will supplementing your brood bitches with folic acid help prevent them? Well, it depends...

The Backstory

Before we go any further with the prenatal nutrition thing, we need to look at the different reasons why things can go wrong with puppies, so we can understand the limits of prenatal nutrition when it comes to preventing birth defects.

Anything that can go wrong (or right) with a puppy is either:

- Genetic
- Environmental
- Or a combination of both

Let's look at each of these separately.

Genetic Conditions

An example of a straightforward genetic condition would be LAD (Lethal Acrodermatitis.). If the puppy inherits the "bad" gene from both parents, it will be affected by LAD and will be unable to metabolize zinc. If it only inherits one "bad" gene and one "good" gene, or if it inherits two "good" genes, it will not be affected by LAD - i.e. it will metabolize zinc normally like any other dog.

Of course, if that puppy carries one "bad" gene, he could potentially produce animals affected by LAD although the puppy itself is not affected by the disease. But that's a different conversation. Just wrap your head around that this appears to be a purely genetic disorder that comes down to the roulette wheel of how the puppy inherits that one gene.

Factors such as environment and other genes appear to have little to no effect on outcomes when the inheritance is purely in this fashion.

Defects Caused by Environment

A dramatic example of defects caused by environmental factors would be thalidomide babies. Mothers who took thalidomide during pregnancy gave birth to children with birth defects - the exact nature of the defect would depend on what day the mother took the medication and what part of the embryo was forming.

On day 20, it would cause central brain damage.

On day 21 it would cause eye damage.

On day 22, damage to the ears and face.

On day 24 damage to the arms.

Damage to the legs would happen if taken up to day 28, and no damage at all if taken after day 42.

So there's a very obvious and predictable outcome based on the timing of exposure to an environmental hazard.

If Only it Were That Easy

But of course, it's usually much more complicated than either of those two examples.

Genetic defects often involve multiple genes that interact in ways that are not predictable by any kind of genetic testing.

Furthermore, genetics and environment are often intertwined. So, a particular gene can make a mother predisposed to produce a certain defect under certain environmental conditions. For instance, they have isolated a gene that makes mothers who smoke more likely to produce children with birth defects than mothers who smoke but do not have that gene.



Thalidomide was touted as a "wonder drug" for morning sickness with disastrous results. Because of the widespread use of the drug, we got a very explicit (and unwelcome) real-life illustration of how the same exact teratogen will have a different effect, depending on the time of exposure.

That means that, whenever we are talking about best practices to avoid birth defects, the conversation will include everything from genetics to nutrition to environment.

What We Know About Cleft Palate and Other Midline Closure Defects in Dogs

There are numerous causes of midline defects (which include cleft palates) in dogs.

- Genetic mutations
- Nutritional deficiencies
- Amniotic abnormalities
- Uterine abnormalities
- Maternal metabolic disease
- Viruses
- Chemical substances swallowed by or administered to the mother
- Maternal exposure to chemical or physical environmental pollutants

We really don't have many answers in the big picture about cleft palates in dogs, but there have been a few studies with interesting results.

A genetic mutation that causes midline closure issues have been identified in Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers but, importantly, this appears to be a breed-specific mutation and does not represent (at this time) a global genetic answer to inheritance of a gene that produces cleft palates.

Folic acid supplementation has been found to greatly reduce the incidence of cleft palates in brachycephalic and other pre-disposed breeds, but other studies have not shown any benefit in some other breeds. This seems to indicate that some breeds might not metabolize folate as well as others, so some breeds might benefit more from folic acid supplementation than others.

And, of course, even if there were a gene that we could test for and it was inherited in a simple recessive fashion, that would not prevent all cleft palates. Dogs would still produce cleft palate under certain environmental conditions - the wrong medication given at the wrong time, exposure to chemicals, etc.

Is Folic Acid the Answer?

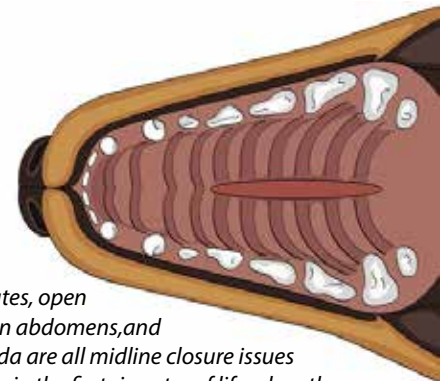
So back to the nutritional folate and folic acid. Does it guarantee that your bitch won't produce cleft palates or other midline defects?

Folate/folic acid supplementation will help:

- If the dam's diet is deficient in folate.
- If the dam has a (presumed) genetic inability to metabolize folate properly or an increased need for folate compared to the average dog or a sensitivity to lower folate levels.

Folate/folic acid supplementation will NOT help:

- If your breed is one that has an autosomal recessive gene that results in cleft palates if the puppy inherits two copies of it.
- If the reason your dam produced clefts or other midline defects is that she walked on a freshly chemical sprayed lawn early in her pregnancy when the neural tube was closing.



Cleft palates, open skull, open abdomens, and spina bifida are all midline closure issues that occur in the first trimester of life when the neural tube is forming.

So, the answer to the question of whether folic acid supplementation and/or increasing natural folate sources in your dam's diet will prevent cleft palates and other midline defects is a resounding "maybe."

Best Practices

Some puppies will still be born with cleft palates, even when the breeder ensures a good level of folate in the dam's diet and/or supplements with folic acid. This leads many breeders to believe that folate and folic acid are not important in the prevention of clefts. That is untrue.

Even if folic acid/folate supplementation will not prevent ALL cleft palates, we know that it can prevent SOME cleft palates. So why not cover that base?

Ensuring a safe and adequate level of folate through diet will at least cross off one possible cause in a sea of many, and you should not eschew the practice simply because it's not a 100% protection against cleft puppies


Action Items

Start with food sources. Food sources, like leafy greens, beef liver and egg yolks, will contain co-factors that greatly leverage the beneficial nutrients in the food. Food sources will always be safer and more effective under normal circumstances.

You should never be giving excessive amounts of anything to your dams, and liver in particular should be used sparingly because the high amounts of vitamin A can be harmful in the early part of your dam's pregnancy. But a tidbit of liver, and egg yolk, and a folate shake each day will pack a folate punch without doing any harm.

Supplement with Folic Acid only if the Science Indicates. Folic acid is not exactly the same as folate. It is an artificial form of folate and can be harmful in large doses. Ironically, excessive folic acid supplementation has been found to mimic folate deficiency in humans. So folic acid is nothing to be trifled with.

HOWEVER, if you have a brachycephalic breed or another breed that has been studied and massive doses of folic acid have been shown to be beneficial, then I would advise you to give that supplementation.



Folate Cube Recipe

Fill a blender with:

- 🐾 Large handful - baby kale
- 🐾 Large handful - baby spinach
- 🐾 ½ tsp flax seed meal
- 🐾 ½ cup Coconut water

Blend until smooth and pourable.
Add more coconut water or kale / spinach if needed.
Pour into freezer bags and lay flat (or use ice cube trays) and freeze.
Break off easy to chew pieces and add to meals

Shake it Up. Folate shakes are a nutritious and palatable way to bump up your brood bitch's folate intake. With lots of great co-factors and other nutritional qualities there is zero reason not to include folate shakes in the diet of your brood bitches.

Protect your Dam. Regardless of any other factor, keep in mind that during the first trimester of pregnancy your litter is extremely susceptible to environmental factors. Until that neural tube closes, the smallest insult can cause birth defects. So jealously guard your dams from any chemicals or impurities or exposure to dogs that might be carrying a virus during that first trimester. Even though that first trimester is when your dams appear the least vulnerable, that is the time when they are most sensitive, and your litter is at the highest level of jeopardy for birth defects.

Bottom Line

Breeding dogs is about best outcomes, not perfect outcomes. Just because folate and/or folic acid supplementation does not prevent every birth defect does not mean it's without value.

The cleft palate story is a microcosm of the entire nutritional debate. Virtually every defect has a list of considerations similar to the cleft palate issue. No matter what you feed, no matter what you do, you can't control everything, and things can still go wrong. But that should not discourage you. Do what you can, and don't despair because you can't control everything!

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2024 STAFFORSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB OF PUGET SOUND

BEST PUPPY IN SWEEPS UNDER HELEN DUNNING & DAVID NELSON
RESERVE WINNERS UNDER BREEDER JUDGE KATE HOLMAN
WINNERS & BEST OF WINNERS UNDER BREEDER JUDGE MICHELLE BRYANT

WENESDAY HAS HAD VERY LIMITED SHOWING EARNING MOST OF HER POINTS & MAJORS AT SPECIALTIES.
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THREE DAYS OF SWEEPS AND BREED SPECIALIST JUDGES!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

JUDGE: KEVIN TITTLE

SWEEPS: TINA VICKREY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

JUDGE: GILLIAN MCDERMOTT

SWEEPS: SANDRA MENDOZA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

JUDGE: KATE HOLMEN

SWEEPS: JENNA HALL

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Friday April 4th

All Breed Show judge Lee Whittier

Saturday April 5th Specialty Show

Judge: Marie Durkin IRE - Dunord

Sweeps judge: Alicia McElroy - Redwood Coast

All Breed show judge Marcie Dobkin

Saturday evening Party at *The Barn* 5-9 PM

We've rented a private party room. Food carts, live music

Sunday April 6th Supported entry Show

Judge: Terry Conouyer - Courstaff

Sweeps judge: Tiana Keetch - Dyna Staff

All breed show judge: David Kirkland

Superintendent for the Specialty is Baray.
Superintendent for supported and all breed is Onofrio

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Oregon
is open for membership
Find us on FaceBook for more info.



Friday April 18, 2025

**PSBTC Speciality in conjunction with
Columbia Terrier Association : Ms. Glynis Yuill**

PM PSBTC Specialty : Mr. Ken Meneer

PM SBT Junior Showmanship : Mrs. Jodie Berry

Saturday April 19, 2025

SBTCA National

Sweepstakes: Ms. Gina Dattilo

Regular: Mr. Craig Scanlan

Sunday April 20, 2025

SBTCA Parent Club Specialty

Sweepstakes: Ms. Maryann Mack DVM

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2025
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**SBTCA Area 2
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SAT, JULY 12 AM SHOW

Concurrent Specialty
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Sweeps Courtney Kendall

SAT, JULY 12 PM SHOW

Independent Specialty
Judge Kate Holmen
Sweeps Mark Darwish

SUN, JULY 13

Supported Entry
Judge Jodie Berry



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With Tacoma Kennel Club All Breed Show,
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Supported Entry Judge, Sunday—Lynda Saranchuk—Canada



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DAVE MANITO, DYNASTAFF - SUNDAY SUPPORTED

11th Annual



Stafford Roulette 2025

Specialty Show

Judges Slate

Jodie Sing
Justine Blythe
Nicola Yates
Jodie Berry



Tentative Dates

October 11-12 2025
Boulder City, NV

CODE OF ETHICS

This code of ethics is established to protect, advance the interests of, and to improve the Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed; to maintain high standards of conduct within ownership, breeding, sportsmanship and ethics.

ARTICLE 1

RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

Responsible ownership indicates that you provide the following for all dogs in your care:

A. The best possible standards of health care for the physical and emotional well-being of your dog(s). This includes but is not limited to: appropriate food, shelter, sanitation, immunizations, regular health checks, medical care as needed, attention, exercise and affection regularly.

B. Keep only as many dogs for which the above can be provided.

C. Control your dog(s) at all times, both on and off your premises, in the form of leashes or the appropriate training to affect this control. Your Stafford(s) should never be allowed to roam unattended. Avoid discredit to the breed and yourself by curbing your dog where required and cleaning up after your dog in public places (i.e. Parks, hotels, motels, show sites, etc) and leaving public facilities clean.

D. Identification for your animals in the form of collars with tags, tattooing, or microchip implants. Accurate records complete with photos and a list of each dog's readily identifiable marks and/or characteristics should be available.

E. Fairness to your dog and the breeder. If for any reason you find you cannot keep, or do not wish to keep the dog you have purchased, contact the breeder. Responsible breeders make every effort to see that the dog is re-homed. NEVER turn the dog loose to fend for itself or attempt to sell the dog on Craigslist, Puppyfind, or other similar classified publication. If the breeder cannot be contacted your next step should be to contact the SBTCA for help.

F. A humane death for your dog when necessary. Euthanasia should be accomplished by a lethal injection and administered by qualified personnel.

ARTICLE 2

RESPONSIBLE BREEDING

Members who wish to breed Staffordshire Bull Terriers should do so only with the full understanding of the responsibility they bear to the future of the breed and to the future of the puppies produced by them as well as the future of pure bred dogs in general. Breeders should conduct themselves in an ethical and honorable manner to avoid discrediting breeders to the general public. Breeders should understand the breed standard, be able to evaluate both individual dogs' traits and the traits of their ancestors and apply the principles of genetics to attempt to improve upon the next generation. Additionally, breeders should have knowledge of mating, the care of the bitch in whelp, raising a litter, and the time effort and resources required to engage in this activity.

BREEDING should only be considered:

A. With the intention of producing Staffords who are physically and mentally sound, of the proper temperament, and within the desired type and characteristics inherent to the breed as described in the official Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed standard.

B. When the breeding stock has been selected based upon the breed standard, merit of the individuals, genetics, pedigrees, and when every reasonable attempt has been made to determine that the dogs selected are in the best health, temperamentally sound and free of any serious inheritable genetic disease or defect including but not limited to: L-2-Hydroxyglutaric Aciduria ("L-2-HGA"), Hereditary Juvenile Cataracts ("HC"), Persistent Hyperplastic Primary Vitreous ("PHPV"), and Posterior Polar Subcapsular Cataracts ("PPSC"). L-2-HGA and HC status to be verified by DNA test or CBP (Clear By Parentage) Parentage is to be understood as the sire and dam DNA Tested

The SBTCA encourages breeders to screen litters for PHPV before placement as it can be detected as early as 6 weeks of age.

C. When the breeder is in the position to offer proper care to the dam and the litter. Suitable homes are not always readily

available, therefore the breeder must be committed to long term care and be able to provide the additional facilities needed for the physical and emotional development of the puppies.

D. Breeder must be prepared to ensure to the best of their ability that no stud dog or brood bitch owned by them is bred to any dog or bitch whose owner is directly or indirectly involved with any dog broker, puppy mill, pet shop that retails dogs, auctions, litter lot sales, or any other commercial enterprise whose business is involved in these activities.

E. That all puppies are micro-chipped and registered with AKC before they leave the breeder's house, with the breeder on the paperwork as an alternate contact.

F. That all breeding stock is DNA tested for L-2-Hydroxyglutaric Aciduria (L2-HGA) and Hereditary Juvenile Cataracts (HC) as well as having a current CERF clearance (within a year) before being bred.

Additionally:

G. No stud dog or brood bitch shall be cross-bred to an unregistered dog or crossbred with another breed.

H. No brood bitch shall be bred for commercial gain.

I. Studs/bitches shall be properly registered with the American Kennel Club. Stud/bitch owners shall keep accurate, current breeding record, health records, and pedigrees according to AKC policy and make these available on request of the other party.

J. Stud dogs shall be over one year of age, in good health, parasite free and free of any known communicable disease or serious genetic defects. and the SBTCA recommends he be at least 24 months old when the recommended health testing can be completed. He will be in good health parasite free, and free of any known communicable diseases or serious genetic defects.

K. No bitch will be bred prior to her second season and the SBTCA recommends she be at least 24 months old when the recommended health testing can be completed. She will be in good health parasite free, and free of any known communicable diseases or serious genetic defects.

L. No bitch will be bred more than twice in any three consecutive seasons without a physical from her veterinarian determining her to be healthy and in condition to whelp and raise puppies

M. No bitch shall be bred after her 7th birthday without a thorough exam by a veterinarian to determine the state of her health.

N. Any bitch having two caesarians will be considered unfit for breeding.

ARTICLE 3

PUPPIES, SALES, AND CONTRACTS

A. Litters shall not be sold to a person en-bloc, to commercial sources, or for purposes of resale.

B. Breeders should consult with known authorities regarding countries outside the United States where dog fighting has not been made illegal practice and refuse ALL export to these countries.

C. No Stafford shall be sold with any defect that will interfere with its ability to perform and function as a pet or companion.

D. Puppies shall be placed in private, safe, and caring homes. Buyers should be as thoroughly screened as possible to determine their stability to provide proper environment. Prior to placing any Stafford puppy, the breeder should discuss with the prospective owner the health care and behavioral management needs of the dog and provide recommendations for general care. Breeders should remain available for advice when sought, for the lifetime of the offspring from their dogs.

E. Puppies shall not be placed prior to eight weeks of age, and with the proper temporary vaccination protection. Puppy buyers should be provided with a copy of the Breed Standard, all health care records, a bill of sale, and an accurate three generation pedigree, a registration application provided by the AKC or, alternatively, an AKC registration certificate, and a copy of the SBTCA Code of Ethics.

F. Breeders should follow up on the puppy after its sale to insure continued care and support for the new novice owners. The buyer should provide reasonable opportunity for the examination and inspection of the premises and environment maintained for the puppy. Fenced yards are recommended.

G. Breeders shall provide assistance to dogs of their breeding in need of rehoming whether through a shelter, rescue organization, or an individual. Stud dog owners should also assist with rehoming of dogs sired by their stud dogs.

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Breeder Directory

Breeders Directory listings are available to SBTCA members in good standing for \$35.00 per year. You can make or renew your listing at your annual dues renewal. Breeder directory listings will appear in our Staff Status magazine as well as on the website. All listing in this magazine are current to December 31, 2024. Additions after December 31 will appear on the website. If you wish to buy a listing or make a change please email webmaster@sbtca.com or staffstatus@sbtca.com or secretary@sbtca.com. Being listed in the Breeder Directory means you agree with and will abide by the club Code of Ethics. Please see this magazine pg 53 or sbtca.com for the club Code of Ethics.

Kennel Name Contact email	Contact Name(s) Website Link	Phone #	City
ALASKA			
FullThrottle Staffords christine.kriger@yahoo.com	Christine Odonnell www.fullthrottlestaffords.com	907 440 2095	Anchorage
ALABAMA			
Cornerstone Staffords damonfolmar@gmail.com	Damon & Fran Folmar www.cornerstonestaffords.com	205-966-8114	Columbiana
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IGGY

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2024 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BOB

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OWNED BY WILLIAM MCGAIR
CORRINNE MINNARD
& AMIE DAVIS



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2024
#1
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BITCH

Pepper



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39 Best of Breeds, one Reserve Best in Show, Two terrier group 1's, three terrier Group 2's, three terrier group 3's, & four terrier group 4's.

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Breeder/Owner Alicia McElroy Collins | Co-Owner/ Handler Catherine Collins
Co-Owner Starlee Rownd

Brendale Staffords brendaepperson1989@yahoo.com	Brenda Epperson Curl	352-789-4558	Williston
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Irresistibull Staffords irresistibullstaffords@gmail.com	Linda Lavender www.irresistibullstaffords.com	770 337 0957	Monroe
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KANSAS

Hot Rod Terriers hotrodterriers@gmail.com	Stacey Dunkin	785 845 7452	Topeka
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MASSACHUSETTS

Willaby	Jodie & Dion Berry www.willaby.net		
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MedCity & K8'sK9s k8sk9skennels@gmail.com	Brenda & Kate Holmen www.kateskanines.com	612-817-6970	Rochester
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hello@wavemakerstaffords.com

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Tier 1 Staffordshire Bull Terriers anichols@tier1hw.com	Angie Nichols www.tier1sbts.com	931-808-2538	Chattanooga
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TEXAS

Lonestarstaffs Lonestarstaffs@gmail.com	Tammy Mattson	5126329747	Converse
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Wild Blue Staffords Ruffmuttk9z@yahoo.com	Debbie Schwagerman Http://www.wildbluestaffords.com	972-948-3467	Garland
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UTAH

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Classy Staffys classystaffys@yahoo.com	Lynn Heimbuch www.classystaffys.com	253 330 6274	Tacoma
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Trugrip danajenny@aol.com	Dana and Jenny Merritt www.trugripstaffords.com	206 200 3146	Anacortes
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H. Breeders must act in an ethical and honorable way to avoid discrediting breeders and pure bred dogs in general.

GENERAL:

A. Advertising should be truthful and should not refer in a deprecatory manner to the methods, reputations, or animals of other Stafford owners. Advertising should not be used to promote the rearing of dogs for profit.

B. The Staffordshire Bull Terrier owner/breeder/exhibitor shall NEVER, under any circumstances, condone, support, or ignore the practice of pitting a dog against any other animals in a fight for pleasure or profit. Information regarding this type of abuse shall be reported to the proper humane authorities.

C. Good sportsmanship should be advanced by all. When participating in competitions refrain from the use of disparaging, false, and misleading statements about judges, fellow competitors, and other Stafford owners. Conduct yourself in such a manner as to reflect credit on the sport of purebred dogs in general, and the Staffordshire Bull Terrier in particular.

D. All Staffordshire Bull Terrier owners should stay abreast of current state/local laws and legislation related to the dog. Owners are encouraged to take the time to educate the public regarding the breed in order to help prevent breed specific laws.

E. All SBTCA members should be willing to help with Stafford rescue in any capacity they can, whether it is in identifying a possible rescue case, fostering, temperament testing, training, transport, doing home checks, or a donation to the SBTCA Rescue Fund.

**Members who blatantly disregard this Code of Ethics risk the possibility of having their membership brought up for review by the Board of Directors as a complaint can be filed by a member in good standing as per Article VI Section 2 of the SBTCA By-Laws.

Code of Ethics violations discipline resulting from member complaints are subject to the interpretation of the standing board and complaint committee which can result in suspension or removal from the club.

Revised June 18, 2024

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier - AKC 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, Topline, Body: The neck is muscular, rather short, clean in outline and gradually widening toward the shoulders. The body is close coupled, with a level topline, 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. Feet as in front.

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.

Disqualification: Black-and-tan or liver color.

Approved November 14, 1989

Effective January 1, 1990

ANDY AWARD NOMINATIONS

The "Andy Award" is named after Ch. Guardstock II Mad Hatter MSLF THD TD RN CGC, affectionately known as "Andy", owned and loved by club member Cindy Bundy.

Andy was a therapy dog extraordinaire. A Delta Society Pet Partner for 11 years, he touched the lives of so many people in so many ways. Andy was a pioneer; he encouraged others to pursue volunteering with their dogs for therapy visits. He opened the door at facilities that were hesitant in accepting therapy dogs in their programs. He promoted the Staffordshire Bull Terrier in a highly positive light. Whether it was fighting BSL, public education, breed booths or providing a loving paw or a soft snuggle to grieving children.

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America would like to honor those Staffords, which like Andy, promote the Staffordshire Bull Terrier in a highly positive manner. Whether it is therapy dog work, service dog work, or highly visible public education or anti-breed specific legislation work. Any SBTCA Member owned Staffordshire Bull Terrier who has displayed exceptional prowess in these areas may be nominated for this award. The Stafford does not have to be a registered therapy or service dog to be nominated, however, Staffords that are actual therapy dogs or service dogs will receive more consideration.

To nominate a Stafford for this award, please submit your nominee's story in 1000 words or less, along with 1 to 3 photos to any SBTCA Board of Director or email secretary@sbtca.com. It should include why you feel this Stafford should be considered for this award, events or programs this Stafford has been involved in as well as a brief bio on the Stafford. You may nominate your own Stafford, or a Stafford you feel is deserving of this award. This could be a past or present Stafford. The winner will be chosen by the Board of Directors and awarded at the National Specialty. Winner is not required to be present.

Submission deadline is March 31, 2024

AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP

Award Nominations

In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award will be presented annually to a SBTCA member who deserves special recognition for having made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodies the AKC Code of Sportsmanship and has been an active and valued member of our club. Only SBTCA members in good standing are eligible for nomination.

In one typed page or less, nominations submitted by SBTCA members need to include the name of the nominee, a description of how the individual has demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship during the previous calendar year, and the name of the individual endorsing the nomination. No additional weight is given to a nomination with multiple endorsements.

Please submit your nominee's endorsement to any SBTCA Board of Director or email secretary@sbtca.com. The winner will be chosen by the Board of Directors and awarded at the National Specialty. Winner is not required to be present.

Submission deadline is March 31, 2024

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2025



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3RD ANNUAL ANDREA KILKENNY MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations will be taken starting
January 2025.

Award will be presented at Nationals in
April

Watch your email for more information

THE ANNUAL



Next Up, The 2024 Annual!

Deadline for content — March 31, 2025!

**Watch your email and SBTCA Members
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Dont be left out!!

No Text or anything important in this 1/2" space all the way around

8.5"

Staff Status and Annual requirements and prices

Full pages ads need to be 8.5 x 11*

1/2" margin all around without text noted by the dotted line

Ads can be RGB or CMYK

Must be hi-resolution 300 dpi or close

Acceptable formats: jpg / pdf

Advertising rates

11"

Annual

Staff Status

Full page\$100.00

Full Page\$50.00

Two Page Spread\$175.00

Cover** \$100.00

Memorial Page.....\$50.00

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Cover Not Available

*8.5 X 11 is the same as 21.59 X 27.94 CM

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