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# THE WELSH WAG

## WTCA President's Message

*Bruce Schwartz*

As I sit here with newborn puppies (my first litter in 8 years), I have plenty of time to reflect.

Summer to me has always started with the Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois Specialty at Grayslake. I couldn't make it this year but I am happy that our entry was much larger than we've had in the past several years. Thanks to all of those exhibitors who supported our show and especially to Bridget Gierahn and DiAnn Flory who do the bulk of the work to keep this club going. The Grayslake weekend has grown in recent years and it is now in a new and air conditioned fairgrounds.

It just doesn't seem like summer to me without the Great Western Terrier Association show the weekend following Grayslake. I missed my high school graduation to make one of the first Great Westerns. With Great Western now at the beginning of March and being indoors, it has a very different feel.

I've also been reflecting on our responsibility to our dogs and to the puppies we breed and to those who purchase our puppies. And our responsibility to our Club's Code of Ethics. Our responsibility does not end when the purchaser leaves our home or kennel — it endures throughout the life of the dog. We all know that circumstances change — both for those who have bought one of our dogs and for ourselves. However, as members of this club — we accept the responsibility for our dogs should their owners no longer be able (or willing) to care for them.

You should have already received the Montgomery County Information Packet. Although we had discussed our 2019 plans with the Spring Hill Manor, they failed to put us "on the books". We've already made a deposit for 2020 and 2021 to avoid problems in the future. For this year only, our banquet (as is that of the American Fox Terrier Club) will be at Talamore Country Club in Ambler. We hope you will join us there.

I'm sorry to have to write of the passing of our Board Member, Dr. Robert Smith. Along with his wife, Polly, they were our long time stewards for our National Specialty at Montgomery County. Our Club, and our Board in particular, will miss his great knowledge and insight. We are fortunate that Polly has agreed to fill his position on the Board.

# MCKC Information

## 2019 Host Hotel STAYBRIDGE SUITES Hotel Information October 1-6, 2019

119 Garden Golf Blvd, North Wales, PA 19454  
215-393-8899 [www.ichotelsgroup.com](http://www.ichotelsgroup.com) / [staybridgesuites.com](http://staybridgesuites.com)

The Staybridge Suites is located off Rtes. 309 and 202.  
This is a convenient location to the Hatboro, Devon and MCKC show sites.

**The code for reservations for the club's reserved block of rooms is WTC**

It is recommended that you make your reservations early.

Special rates end on September 8th, 2019

The following rooms have been reserved. There is a pet fee of \$75 for the entire stay.

	King Studio	One Bedroom 2 Queens	Two Bedroom/ 2 Bathrooms	Tax Rate
Tuesday, October 1st thru Sunday, October 6th	\$129 per night	\$149 per night	\$179 per night	10%

### Judging Panels for Montgomery County Weekend

#### Hatboro 1

Thursday 10/3/2019

**Best in Show:** Mrs. Murrel Purkhiser

**Terrier Group:** Mrs. Mareth K. Kipp

**Welsh Terriers:** Mrs. Mareth K. Kipp

#### Devon

Saturday 10/5/2019

**Best in Show:** Mr. Terry Stacy

**Terrier Group:** Mr. R. C. Williams

**Welsh Terriers:** Mr. Harold 'Red' Tatro III

#### Hatboro 2

Friday 10/4, 2019

**Best in Show:** Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman

**Terrier Group:** Mr. Randy E Garren

**Welsh Terriers:** Mrs. Cindy Meyer

#### Montgomery County Kennel Club

Sunday 10/6/2019

**Terrier Group:** Mr. David Kirkland

**Welsh Terriers Regular Classes:** Mr. Clay Coady

**Sweepstakes:** Ms. Gwen Metzler

## MCKC Information Packet

The Montgomery information packet has been emailed to members (mailed to those with no email address). It can be downloaded from the website, [www.welshterrier.org](http://www.welshterrier.org), or contact Ginny Winters ([winterwind@indypenn.com](mailto:winterwind@indypenn.com) or 724-349-1354).

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# Picnic on the Patio

at the Staybridge  
Suites  
on Saturday,  
October 5  
from 6:30 pm



Join us in the courtyard of the Staybridge Suites for a 'Specialty Eve' party. This year, the club will be serving Southern themed food. You just need to bring a bottle (or bottles!) of your favorite beverage – wine, beer, soda, whatever may be your preference.

In the event of inclement weather, the party will be held in the Hospitality Room.

## HOMER GAGE, JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY

In January of 1927, the WTCA was provided with funds to award a very special trophy to be known as the “Homer Gage, Junior, Memorial Trophy”, to be won each year by the WTCA member who shall own the “best American bred Welsh Terrier” exhibited at the show or shows where the Grand Challenge Cup was offered. This fund was “Given in memory of Homer Gage, Junior, gentleman, sportsman, lover of dogs, who died September 2, 1925”.

Should the Best of Breed winner not be American bred and not owned by a WTCA member (members) a special judging will be necessary. All WTCA MEMBER OWNED AMERICAN BRED ENTRIES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DEFEATED BY THE SAME shall come into the ring after all regular and non-regular classes have been judged. The ring stewards will determine which Welsh shall compete. This might be quite simple depending on the eligibility of the Best of Opposite Sex winner and Best of Winners, but in the extreme it is possible for unplaced class entries to be eligible to compete. So if you show at Montgomery, don't put your Welsh away until it has been defeated by a CLUB MEMBER'S AMERICAN BRED ENTRY.

**Sweepstakes Rules:** Dogs shown in the Sweepstakes classes may not be shown by professional handlers, members of their families, or their employees unless such person is the sole owner or sole breeder, or co-owner or co-breeder with a family or household member. Professional handler includes anyone who has received monetary compensation for the handling of a dog.

**Puppy Sweepstakes:** The Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc. Sweepstakes is open to all Welsh Terriers between the ages of six months and eighteen months. All entries must also be entered in the Regular Classes.



## Knocking At The Door

### New Membership Applications

Daryl Peters, Sterling Heights, MI

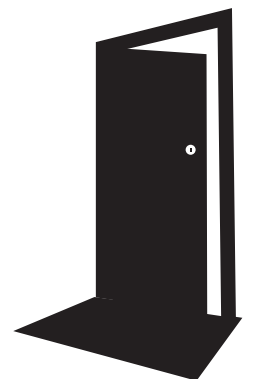
*Proposed by Judith Anspach and Mary Duafala*

Michele Foley, Whitehall, MI

*Proposed by Mary Duafala and Kathy Rost*

Susan Rosado, Elmira, NY

*Proposed by Ereign Seacord and Linda Murray*





## WELSH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC

### The WTCA Annual Meeting

will be held on

**Friday, October 4, 2019**

30 minutes after the  
conclusion of breed judging

**at the Hatboro Dog Club Annual Show**

576 Penns Park Road

Wrightstown, PA 18940

## MCKC Auction and Raffle

Hope you are all looking forward to another Montgomery as much as I am. At the Banquet and the preceding cocktail hour, the annual silent auction will be set up for your enjoyment and perusal. Please, to all the talented members of the Welsh Terrier Club of America, bring your many wonderful, auction-able items to me in time for viewing at the cocktail hour. I can't wait to see the lovely art works, paintings, mailboxes, baskets, and/or throw pillows! Looking forward to the fun!

Questions? Darcy Dorwart \* 585-746-5215 \* darcydorwart@yahoo.com



## Membership Directory Updates

*Please note the following updates to the 2019 Membership Directory:*

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## Purina Partnership Program

The WTCA recently received a check from Purina for members' participation in the PCPP program for \$215.00. An additional \$215.00 was contributed to the AKC/CHF/ Donner Advised Fund. Thank you to all of the club members who participate in this program. If you have any interest in joining the Purina Pro Club please contact Purina at [PurinaProClub@Purina.com](mailto:PurinaProClub@Purina.com) or 1-877-776-2582 for more information.

Donations to the AKC/CHF/DAF March 2019-June 2019  
Mary Jane Thompson

# Welsh Terrier Column

Reprinted From *The AKC Gazette*

## YOU CAN'T MAKE A TERRIER DO ANYTHING

Listening to the conversations at obedience classes and trials, there seems to be a common refrain about terriers, "You can't make a terrier do anything" — as if that is a bad thing.

The people who say that are absolutely correct. You can't make a terrier do anything he doesn't want to do. You can't shame or threaten him into coming, lying down, picking up a dumbbell, or jumping over a hurdle. What you must do is get him to want to do it on his own.

Motivating terriers requires that you understand the wants of the individual dog — what turns him on, what he considers play, and what treats and toys get him up and happy. Welsh are not cookie-cutter dogs, one just like the next, even when closely related. I have had sisters who were quite different; one loved toys and considered a game of catch was the perfect reward for a job well done, and the other considered treats the only thing worth working for.

Often the type of treat that gets the greatest response will change over time, so the dog who as a puppy loves mozzarella cheese as a reward later on might only work well for hot-dog pieces, no matter how much you try to vary the rewards. I have a bitch whose favorite treat is raw broccoli florets. Ask her if she wants broccoli, and she will dance in circles on her hind legs for it.

Differences in response can often be observed in puppies as young as 6 weeks. Some puppies are very excited by a piece of string cheese, while littermates care only for boiled chicken. While a dog's preferences often change with maturity, you can't change their treat preferences any more than you can convince many people that fried chicken livers is the greatest meal they could have.

Most Welsh have a great sense of smell and respond to the odor of the treats more than the taste. If your Welsh is not one of these, you might want to test his sense of smell. A sinus infection can reduce or remove all sense of smell for a long time. With a dog like that you may have to use some other treat or motivation. If you know a Bulldog breeder, you might ask what treats their dogs respond to, as that breed is not known for a sensitive sense of smell.



*Old School: Welsh Terrier Ch. Strathglass Admiral*  
(Photo by Tauskey)

Terriers are also considered hard to train because they get bored easily. In most training clubs, classes are 45 minutes to an hour long. If only four or five dogs are working in the rally class, for instance, each can run the course a number of times, perhaps as many as eight to 10 times. That is fine for working or herding breeds, but most Welsh Terriers will do a fair run through the first time, a great run through the second and third times, then sit down with a "been there, done that" expression and not want to do it again. On that day. They are not stupid or untrainable. Their problem is the exact opposite: They have done it enough for the day and are now bored.

Remember that terriers were bred as vermin hunters. They need to change what they do frequently if they are going to stay ahead of the vermin they are supposed to kill. Give the dog a break during class, and you will see a great improvement. Better yet, bring two or three Welsh to train, and they will each get a

workout. You may also discover that they compete with each other, each trying to outdo the other and earn more praise and lots more treats.

One of the most difficult things to teach a Welsh is “watch me.” Unless there is a piece of chicken hanging out of your mouth, you aren’t really all that interesting after all. So once in a while put a piece of cooked chicken in your mouth, say “watch me,” and when he looks at you, spit the chicken out into the dog’s face. Since he doesn’t know when to expect the chicken, he will need to watch you more carefully. (On the other hand, our new Staffordshire Bull Terrier puppy watches whoever is training him and makes excellent eye contact. Sometimes I wonder if he is getting ready to start a conversation. His main problem in training is that his energy level is amazing.

I thought that Welsh Terriers were high energy, but as compared to the Staffordshire Bull Terrier puppy, they are sloths.)

Remember that terriers are not robots. They work when they want to, for as long as it pleases them. It is your job to learn to read their body language so that you give them a break while they are still interested in working.

Yes, they are training you as much as you are training them. But then, that’s why we have terriers. It helps us develop a sense of humor and patience.

— Diane Orange,  
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## From the Archives

### LOOKING BACK

*By Peggy Pangburn*



The charming club logo was designed for the WTCA Yearbook by Miss Beatrice de Coppet. She transposed an old limerick into a motto which all Welsh Terrier lovers appreciate. To complete the logo with the Latin quotation “Sapiens Fidelis” (Wise and Faithful) is just the right touch. Miss Beatrice was so pleased with her creation that she sent a block of it to the Welsh Terrier Club of Great Britain, and the English Club noted the gift and described it in warm terms in its 1931 yearbook.

The Welsh Wag – August 1990

# Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois Specialty Show Results

## Grayslake, IL

### Saturday, June 15, 2019

*Kathy Rost writes:*

The Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois held its annual specialty June 15th in conjunction with the Great Lakes All Terrier Association in Grayslake Illinois. There was a very respectable entry this year totaling 13 - 4, 5, (1, 3). There were also two puppies entered in sweepstakes. The dogs were all beautifully presented. Thank you to the show chair, Bridget Gierhan, who did a great job putting another successful show together. The weather outside was stormy but cheery inside at ringside. The results are as follows:

#### **Sweepstakes**

Judge: Ms. Debra Bohle

#### **Best in Sweepstakes – Brynmawr Scallywag.**

Breeders: Kathleen Rost & Jean H. Callens.

Owners: Kathleen Rost & Jean Callens & Michele Foley.

#### **Regular Classes**

Judge: Mrs. Betty-Anne Stenmark

#### **Best of Breed – CH Hiwater Steuer's Eye Of The Storm.**

Breeder: Kristine M. Nelson.

Owners: Kristine Nelson & Michele Steuer.

#### **Best of Opposite Sex – Hiwater's Night Watch.**

Breeder: Kris Nelson. Owners: Kristine Nelson & Michele Steuer.

#### **Winners Dog – Abbeyrose Captain Black Bart.**

Breeders: Mary Duafala & Judith Anspach & Pamela Allen. Owners: Daryl Peters & Mary Duafala & Judith Anspach & Pamela Allen.

#### **Reserve Winners Dog - Brynmawr Scallywag.**

Breeders: Kathleen Rost & Jean H. Callens.

Owners: Kathleen Rost & Jean Callens & Michele Foley.



**BSW: Brynmawr Scallywag.**

Owners: Kathleen Rost & Jean Callens & Michelle Foley



**BOB: CH Hiwater Steuer's Eye Of The Storm.**

Owners: Kristine Nelson & Michele Steuer



**Winners Bitch / Best of Winners / Best Bred By Exhibitor / Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show/ Owner Handled BOB/OHG3 - Brynmawr Chasing Dreams.** Breeders: Kathy Rost & Jean Callens. Owners: Kathleen Rost & Jean Callens.

**Reserve Winners Bitch – Moorgreen-Colwyn’s Forever Amber.** Breeders: DiAnn Flory & Nancy Savage. Owners: DiAnn Flory & Nancy Savage.

**Select Bitch – CH Sanherpinc Rosie The Riveter.** Breeder: Santiago Pinto. Owner: Santiago Pinto.



**BOS: Hiwater’s Night Watch.**  
Owners: Kristine Nelson & Michele Steuer.



**W/WB: Brynmawr Chasing Dreams.**  
Owners: Kathleen Rost & Jean Callens.



**BBE/BBEBISS: Brynmawr Chasing Dreams.**  
Owners: Kathleen Rost & Jean Callens.

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## Dr. Robert D. Smith



It was with profound sadness that the Board of the WTCA learned of the passing of Dr. Robert D. Smith, our dear friend and fellow Board member, on Saturday, May 25, following an automobile accident. Bob had served three times on the WTCA Board, was our National Specialty Show judge in 2012, and, with his wife, Polly, hosted the 2015 Floating Specialty Show in Richmond, VA. For many years, he and Polly have acted as our ring stewards at Montgomery, judging assignments permitting.

Bob began exhibiting dogs in 1960. His first breed was German Shepherd Dogs, but his career was changed forever when his wife, Polly, bought him an American Foxhound puppy as a gift. Together, they bred three generations of Best in Show American Foxhounds and five generations of group winners. As an owner-handler, Bob had the top-winning American Foxhound for seven consecutive years and was a three-time nominee for Owner-Handler of the Year.

Bob became an all-breed judge in 1996, and has judged at the 2002 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship (Hound Group), 2005 AKC/ Eukanuba National, and in 2009 judged Best In Show at the AKC/ Eukanuba National.

He has held every conceivable office in dog clubs from Tennessee to Michigan to Mississippi to Alabama to Virginia, including all-breed, obedience, group, and specialty clubs and is a former member of the AKC Board of Directors.

Bob held a Ph.D. in political science and taught college for 12 years. Subsequently, he developed and ran statewide small-business assistance programs in Virginia and Mississippi.

The WTCA extends heartfelt condolences to Bob's wife, Polly, and their family. The sport of purebred dogs has lost a staunch supporter, and his expertise, his sense of humor and his sound common sense will be greatly missed by us all.

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This page is updated often to keep everyone informed.

There is also a page containing minutes from Board meetings.

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#### Health Incident Report

This form can be found on the Home page of the website

***Deadline for the November Issue: October 15th***