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President's Letter

2018 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SET FOR ST LOUIS



We are in the middle of summer and the majority of our guys are content to spend the hottest part of the day in the house eating watermelon and delighted that the AC is working. I did say most.

One adolescent just wants to go out and chase the ball, play Frisbee, try to get her buddy to run, etc. Temperature and

humidity are of no concern to her. I hate being the authoritarian, but sometimes you just have to be the adult.

If you have one of these perpetual game players you know what I mean. Sometimes we have to do the thinking for them. In winter we must keep them warm and away from the harshest

elements and in summer keep them cool and well hydrated.

And when they look up at you and seem to say, "Why can't I run, run, run," the only reply you can give is "Because I say so." Not always easy.

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2018 TTCA National Specialty to Convene at Purina Farms



The 84,000-square-foot Purina Event Center features a 13,500-square-foot space for benching and grooming; easy access to the dog-bathing room and handler changing rooms; complimentary agility, rally and obedience equipment; and an off-leash canine exercise area adjacent to the building. For a video tour of the event center, click [here](#). **Photos by Purina Farms.**

President's Letter

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Now for business portion of my message. I do have a couple pieces of good news to pass on.

Purina Farms to Host 2018 TTCA National Specialty

The **2018 Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) National Specialty** will take place at **Purina Farms** near St. Louis, Missouri from 30 April to 2 May 2018 with the well-respected Tibetan Terrier breeder and judge Stacey LaForge as the **TTCA National Specialty** conformation judge. Chairperson for the 2018 show is Joy Sheffield; Lynn Meyer is heading up the planning group.

Plans are for the SET-UP, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM and TOP 20 INVITATIONAL EVENING OF CHAMPIONS to take place on 30 April; OBEDIENCE, RALLY, AGILITY, SWEEPS, and BREEDER CLASS on 1 May; and REGULAR CLASSES on 2 May. REGIONAL SPECIALTY and SWEEPS will take place in conjunction with the Gateway Nonsporting Dog Club on May 3. On 4-6 May,

Gateway will host All Breed shows. All events will take place at Purina Farms. We'll have more information on this event in the next issue.

The next piece of good news is about member donations.

TTCA Generates Canine Health R&D Donations

The **TTCA** participates in the **Purina® Parent Club Partnership Program** (PPCP). For 2015, 113 **TTCA** members participated in the Purina **Pro Club®**; of these, 14 members submitted "**weight circles**" (Purina Points redemption icons) from January through December 2015.

For our participation, the **TTCA** earned \$208.10. Of this, Purina donated \$104.05 to the **American Kennel Club (AKC) Canine Health Foundation** to support research grants aimed at a better understanding of genetics and other conditions impacting our dogs' health; they donated \$104.05 to the **TTCA** to use in funding education, health research and/or Tibetan Terrier rescue efforts. I have sent the paperwork to renew our participation through December 2018.

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The **2018 TTCA National Specialty** will take place at **Purina Farms**, which provides a 100' x 110' agility field, a 22' x 45' covered pavilion and a full set of agility equipment and ring-gating. **Photo by Purina Farms.**

President's Letter

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For those of you who are Pro Club members, please keep on sending in the weight circles. It pays off.

Elise Kind Transitioning Out of Her Role as Editor

Now a piece of both good and somewhat sad information. The somewhat sad is that Elise Kind, our long-time, dedicated, hardworking, multi-talented and underappreciated editor of *The TT Times* is transitioning out of her role. Under Elise's tenure the newsletter has flourished to a product that so many other breed clubs envy.

The good news is that Elise will remain for a few issues as editor to mentor Pat Carroll, our new associate editor. Pat is an award-winning communications professional, senior writer/editor with over 20 years in corporate and government arenas.

Having talked with Pat, I know that Elise will be passing on the stewardship of our newsletter to a

person both extremely capable and very excited to become the next editor.

TTCA is very fortunate that whenever we have needed the talent for our newsletter, somebody with this hard-to-find skill set has volunteered. I suspect there is something to Tibetan Terriers being "Good Luck Dogs" at play here.

Elise, on behalf of all our members, thank you so very much for all you have done. Your contributions were extraordinary!

And Pat, on behalf of our membership, welcome aboard! We are very "lucky" to have someone of your calibre to continue the tradition of excellence.

By Ron Pankiewicz, TTCA President

Did you know?

The April/May issue of *The TT Times* cost **\$628.55** to print (in black and white only) and mail. The full-color, electronic version of the current issue with live links to background information and even a video cost **\$0**. It is available on the TTCA website and in your email inbox.

Not Just Another Pretty Face

These Canine Caregivers Comfort Elders and Take the Ruff Stuff Out of Reading for Kids



AKC Grand Champion **Frankie** refuses to rest on his laurels. As a certified therapy dog, he and his famous father **Louis**—also an AKC Grand Champion—have made more than 100 therapy visits to elders and kids. Photo courtesy of Karen Tromblee.

When **Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA)** member **Karen Tromblee** and her four-year-old American Kennel Club (AKC) Grand Champion Tibetan Terrier **Frankie** drop by Inspired Living at Sun City to say hello, the spacious sun drenched foyer is filled with eager residents anticipating their arrival.

“The day that we are scheduled to visit, the people are waiting in the lobby for us when we come through the door,” says **Karen** who has seen Frankie take first place time after time in competitions where judges awarded him first place for his beauty, grace and temperament.

But this Grand Champion is not just another pretty face.

Like his father **Louis**—also an AKC Grand Champion—**Frankie** is a certified therapy dog and

participant in the [AKC Therapy Dog Program](#).

As such, the father-son team provide a multitude of tangible, measurable benefits to seniors living in long-term care facilities where—however beautiful the amenities—a sense of vitality may be missing from the environment and where elderly residents spend much of the day sitting still.

In such cases, animal assisted activity may be just what the doctor ordered. Empirical studies have validated the benefits of consistent interaction with a canine companion—and therapy dogs in particular—which increases the release of serotonin and dopamine in the brain and in turn calms and soothes the body. This can be especially helpful to calm agitation in people with Alzheimer’s or dementia.

When 102-year-old Inspired Living resident Ava talks to Frankie directly or shares details with other residents about her visits with her “canine therapist,” she is not only keeping her brain active, she is also increasing social interaction and protecting against loneliness.

The University of Missouri-Columbia is investigating how this happens; they want to understand the mechanics of how pet therapy generates hormones affecting mood. Research shows that hormonal changes naturally occur when humans and dogs interact, that even a few minutes of stroking a friendly canine causes a release of several “feel good” hormones in humans, including serotonin, prolactin and oxytocin. Stroking a pet also decreases levels of cortisol, a stress hormone responsible for regulating appetite and cravings for carbohydrates.

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“The Little People” Make Big Impact as Canine Therapists

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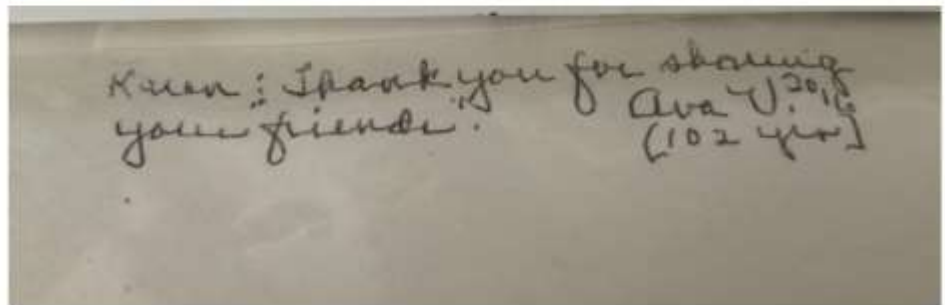
Louis' amiable and affectionate demeanor and his lustrous locks have made him a hit with 98-year-old Dorothy, who is in a wheelchair and lives with dementia.

“**Louis. Louis. Louis,**” Dorothy says when she sees him. Louis sits perched atop a walker equipped with a seat. That way Dorothy and other residents can roll up in their wheel chairs and interact with their favorite boy on the same level.

Louis and **Frankie** have each performed more than 100 therapy visits with senior centers and public schools as certified therapy dogs with [Therapy Dogs International](#) (TDI) and [Paws for Friendship](#), both recognized by the AKC. Accordingly, each has earned an [AKC Therapy Dog](#) Novice title (THDN) and are eligible for the AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA), since each has exceeded the requisite 100 site visits.

“I’ve been too busy to file the paperwork,” **Karen** explains, laughing. “I’m retired, but I still have no time.”

Karen built Louis and Frankie’s therapy dog training on a strong foundation in AKC obedience training. Accordingly, each boy has earned the a) [AKC Canine Good Citizen](#), b) [Advanced Canine Good Citizen](#) (also known as the AKC Community Canine), and c) [AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen](#) titles. **Karen** enrolled Louis in therapy dog



102-year-old Ava drew a portrait of **Frankie** and **Louis** as a gift to **Karen** as an expression of her gratitude. “I hope I can do this at that age!” **Karen** quipped. **Photos courtesy of Karen Tromblee.**

certification training first with TDI in New York. Then in 2011, when she retired and moved to Sun City, Florida, **Karen** signed him up to train with the Sun-City, Florida chapter of Paws for Friendship.

“I have a special bond with Jan (Schmidt), the founder of Paws for Friendship,” explains **Karen**. “I did from the beginning.”

Louis sailed through Paws training and took his certification test at Cypress Creek Assisted Living

Residence. Meanwhile, young **Frankie** trained in nearby St. Petersburg with a TDI instructor. But when **Karen** learned that liability issues prompted TDI to prohibit membership in another canine therapy group, she resigned from TDI to focus on Paws for Friendship, also an international organization.

“When we go to a facility, once the jackets are on, they are in a different mindset,” says **Karen**. “They know:

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When Reading is Ruff, Frankie and Louis Put a Muzzle on Stress

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‘This is not at a show. This is not a class.’ It’s so funny. When I put on their vests, I can see their minds switch to ‘Okay. I’m going in there, and my job is to make people smile.’”

When Reading Is Ruff

Frankie and **Louis** also put on their therapy jackets to work with students at the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) Wimauma Academy, a public, charter coed school in Wimauma-Riverview Township, Florida. Here the school primarily serves children facing educational obstacles that derive from their agricultural lifestyle.

As the children of migrant field workers—parents who read and write limited English (or none at all) and who move into the area for a few months to pick seasonal strawberries and tomatoes before moving on to another area, another crop—many not only struggle to read and write but face the added challenge of mastering English as a second language. Frustrated by the pace of their learning and embarrassed by their limited English skills, many give up and never gain proficiency.

Enter the TT therapists: As certified training dogs in Paws for Friendship’s **Paws to Read** program, **Louis** and **Frankie** provide the keen mind, precocious personality and wagging tail of a literacy program where students can practice reading aloud without fear of ridicule or embarrassment.

Children know that **Louis** and **Frankie** will never correct them or laugh if they make a mistake, so they build upon that. Reading becomes fun, not stressful.

Research has shown that therapy dogs can do more than help a child improve reading skills; they can also enhance a child’s psychological development, improve social skills and increase self-esteem. A friendly class canine can also teach children responsibility, compassion and respect for animals.

School counselors report that the presence of a therapy dog can decrease anxiety, enable children to



Karen Tromblee and students from RCMA Wimauma Academy practice reading aloud with **Frankie**. Photo courtesy of Karen Tromblee.

manage their anger and even to understand and change bullying behavior. And group discussions with a human teacher in the presence of a therapy dog can help children learn how to handle interpersonal conflicts and develop constructive responses. For more information, see *“Charlotte’s Litter: Great Dogs, Great Listeners: BRINGING THERAPY DOGS TO YOUR SCHOOL.”*

By Pat Carroll

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Editor Elise Kind Resigns Post

As some of you know, this is my last TTCA newsletter and most of this newsletter was done by the new editor Pat Carroll. She is going to be an excellent editor. Pat has won awards for the newsletters she has produced in her job. Having a degree in Communication from Stanford University doesn't hurt either.

I am not one to stay long in a job. Once I've mastered something, I like to move on to some other challenge. Now is the time to find that new challenge. I'm working with one of my all breed clubs on a seminar dealing with comparative oncology. I'm also part of a book group that meets monthly to discuss new and interesting topics in the world of dogs.

I will miss working on the newsletter, but Pat Carroll will add a fresh perspective to this publication.

By Elise Kind



Photo courtesy of [John Wade](#)

You had me at 'Hello'

When I left California to attend my first **TTCA National Specialty** this spring, I had not intended to volunteer. But on that first day I was already smitten and knew I had to offer something—so complete was my happiness. I did not know it yet, but I was operating under a spell, one cast by the Tibetan Terriers I encountered at every turn.

When I met **Ron Pankiewicz** under the tent at the national, I blurted something about “*helping out with anything editorial*” and gave him my card, hoping it might spur his memory should something someday open up. To my surprise, he countered, “*As a matter of fact...*” It seemed his esteemed editor of *The TT Times* wanted to move on, and the **TTCA** needed a replacement.

I cannot replace **Elise Kind**, but I hope to follow in her footsteps. Our shared passion for Tibetans is one step. Our desire to learn all we can

about—and from—our enchanting breed is another. Wanting to be a part of something larger than ourselves I suspect is another. And giving back. But most of all, it's those TTs: Those glorious glances over the shoulder; those prancing, dancing pirouettes that punctuate their play; that mindful awareness that sparks every time it peeks from behind lashes and fall. I could go on, but you know what I mean.

By Pat Carroll

TTHWF Donations

The Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation received the following donations in June and July:



- From **Vicki Hawkins** in memory of **Heidi Lawrence's** loving and devoted companion of 17+ years, “**Jamu**” (aka **Tsering Tengyeling Passang at Ludgate JW**).
- From **Jo-Ann Gatzen** in memory of **Gary Carr**.
- From **Jo-Ann Gatzen** in memory of **Bob Hennings**.

By Kerry Abbott



2017 National Specialty Schedule of Events

Mon May 29

- TTCA BOARD MEETING
- ALL-BREED AGILITY
- Countryside Agility
- 2321 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506
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Tues May 30

- Morning**
- TTCA AGILITY
- Countryside Agility
- 2321 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16506
- (814) 315-6668
- CSTrialEntries@aol.com
- Afternoon-Evening**
- TTCA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- PEEK'N PEAK RESORT ACTIVITIES

Wed May 31

- Morning**
- OBEDIENCE
- RALLY
- SPECIAL CLASSES
- Afternoon**
- SWEEPSTAKES
- Evening**
- AUCTION FUNDRAISER FOR 2018 TTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY
- DINNER

Thurs June 1

- 2017 TTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY
- Judge Susan Carr
- Evening**
- ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

Fri June 2

- REGIONAL SPECIALTY
- Judge TBD
- Evening**
- TOP TWENTY INVITATIONAL EVENING OF CHAMPIONS
- DINNER

Sat-Sun June 3-4

- LOCAL DOG SHOWS IN DUNKIRK, NEW YORK

Make the Connection

May 24 – 29, 2017 a five-day cluster of dog shows will take place in New Castle, Pennsylvania, 112 miles from Clymer, New York where the **2017 TTCA National Specialty** will convene at the Peek'n Peak Resort. It will be an easy connection to make majors and then come to Peek'n Peak for the national and regional specialties.



Tibetan Terrier Club of America 2017 National Specialty Peek 'n Peak Resort Clymer, NY

Embroidered Items



K420 **\$30.00**
Men's Polo Shirt
100% Cotton Pique Knit

Burgundy, Navy, Pink,
Forest Green, Purple,
Faded Blue

Size	S	M	L	XL
Chest	41	43	47	51
Length	27	30.5	31.5	32.5



L420 **\$30.00**
Ladies Polo Shirt
100% Cotton Pique Knit

Burgundy, Navy, Pink,
Forest Green, Purple,
Faded Blue

Size	S	M	L	XL
Chest	40	42	44	46
Length	26.5	27	27.5	28



SP10 **\$30.00**
Men's Denim Shirt
6.5 oz. 100% Cotton

Faded or Dark Denim

Size	S	M	L	XL
Chest	43	46	49	52
Length	28.5	31	31.5	33



LSP10 **\$30.00**
Ladies Denim Shirt
6.5 oz. 100% Cotton

Faded or Dark Denim

Size	S	M	L	XL
Chest	41	43	47	51
Length	26.5	27	27.5	28



PC61 **\$20.00**
Men's Short Sleeve T-Shirt
100% Cotton Knit
Maroon, Navy, Pink, Purple,
Forest Green

Size	S	M	L	XL
Chest	36	40	44	48
Length	28	29	30	31



LPC61 **\$20.00**
Ladies Short Sleeve T-Shirt
100% Cotton Knit
Maroon, Navy, Pink, Purple,
Forest Green

Size	S	M	L	XL
Chest	36	40	44	48
Length	25.5	26	27	28



Tibetan Terrier Club of America
2017 National Specialty
Peek 'n Peak Resort Clymer, NY

Promotional Items with Embroidered Specialty Logo

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sizes</u>	<u>Colors</u>	<u>Cost</u>
K420	Men's Polo Shirt—Short Sleeve	S—XL	Burgundy, Navy, Pink, Forest, Purple, Faded Blue	\$30.00
L420	Ladies Polo Shirt—Short Sleeve	S—XL	Burgundy, Navy, Pink, Forest, Purple, Faded Blue	\$30.00
SP10	Men's Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	S—XL	Faded or Dark	\$30.00
LSP10	Ladies Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	S—XL	Faded or Dark	\$30.00
PC61	Men's Short Sleeve T-Shirt	S—XL	Maroon, Navy, Pink, Purple, Forest	\$20.00
LPC61	Ladies Short Sleeve T-Shirt	S—XL	Maroon, Navy, Pink, Purple, Forest	\$20.00
F219	Unisex Fleece Vest	S—XL	Forest, Gray, Navy	\$35.00
L219	Ladies Fleece Vest	S—XL	Forest, Gray, Navy, Pink	\$35.00
JST73	Men's Jacket	S—XL	Maroon, Forest, Navy	\$35.00
LST76	Ladies Jacket	S—XL	Maroon, Forest, Purple, Pink Raspberry	\$35.00
G186	Men's Hooded Full Zip Sweatshirt	S—XL	Forest, Maroon, Navy	\$35.00
G186FL	Ladies Hooded Full Zip Sweatshirt	S—XL	Maroon, Navy, Pink, Purple	\$35.00
G180	Unisex Crewneck Sweatshirt	S—XL	Maroon, Forest, Navy, Pink, Purple	\$30.00
AD969	Cotton Twill Cap		Navy, Purple, Khaki	\$20.00
NGS	Nylon Grooming Smock	S/M, L/XL/ XXL	Black, Teal, Purple	\$30.00
A500	Grooming Apron		Navy or Maroon	\$25.00
1100	Polyester Tote Bag		Pink, Purple, Royal Blue	\$18.00
BG403	Felt Hobo Tote		Gray with Royal, Charcoal with Berry	\$22.00
1901	Canvas Cinch Sack		Blue, Pink, Gray, Brown	\$22.00
BE059	Zippered Tablet Sleeve		Black or Natural	\$22.00
G129	Sweatshirt Fleece Throw		Deep Pink, Purple, Forest, Navy	\$26.00
1695	12 Pack Cooler		Forest, Black, Navy, Purple	\$25.00
BG118	Cooler Tote		Black or Navy	\$30.00

Printed Items with Full Color Digital Logo

TMWSS	Stainless Steel Travel Mug		White with Full Color Digital Logo	\$20.00
WBWAL	Stainless Steel Water Bottle		White with Full Color Digital Logo	\$15.00
CMCH	Mug with Colored Handle and Interior	White with Burgundy, Yellow, Dark Green, Black, Dark Blue or Light Blue		\$10.00
PC61	Men's Short Sleeve Cotton T-shirt	S—XL	White or Natural	\$15.00
LPC61	Ladies Short Sleeve Cotton T-shirt	S—XL	White or Natural	\$15.00
PC61LS	Unisex Long Sleeve Cotton T-shirt	S—XL	White or Natural	\$20.00

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<u>Shipping Rates:</u>	
Orders up to \$25.00	\$6.50
\$25.01 to \$50.00	\$7.50
\$50.01 to \$75.00	\$8.50
\$75.01 to \$100.00	\$9.50

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Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club 17th Annual Specialty SUNDAY, October 23, 2016

BCTTC will be holding its 17th Annual Specialty in conjunction with Troy Kennel Club on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Eastern States Exposition Center, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA.

Come join us for a fun filled day of competition in New England during the Autumn season. In addition, the Troy Kennel Club will be celebrating its 100th year anniversary.

SUPERINTENDENT

Show Superintendent is MB-F, Inc. Premium lists will be distributed in late August or early September. If you do not receive one visit their website at:

www.infodog.com for a pdf copy.

Entries may be made online.



REFRESHMENTS

In celebration of their 100th year anniversary, refreshments will be provided by the Troy Kennel Club.



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Judging Panel

Breeder Judge
Ms. Stacey LaForge
New Providence, NJ

&

Sweepstakes Breeder Judge
Ms. Sally Birgl
Kempton, PA

Show Closes
Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Other Shows Same Location

Albany Kennel Club Show
Friday, October 21, 2016
Judge: Mr. Timothy S. Robbins

Albany Kennel Club Show
Saturday, October 22, 2016
Judge: Ms. Marie Ann Falconer

TROPHIES

Trophy Chair, Nina Wagner, has arranged a collection of practice items for our trophies this year. These items will have a custom label with a lovely Tibetan Terrier image drawn by Gary Carr. Gary is known for his talented renderings of Tibetan Terriers and this one is no exception. We are accepting trophy donations and if you wish to support this effort please contact:

Nina Wagner at
jnwags@comcast.net

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



GROOMING

All judging to be indoors. A large area will be reserved for TT exhibitors. Electricity is available at no charge.

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Sponsor a Class or Donate to TTCA National Specialty General Trophy Fund

The Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) National Specialty trophy chair and others are hard at work to obtain memorable trophies for the 2017 TTCA National Specialty, and we need your support.

Reserve your sponsorship for a particular class or classes today. All information on the trophies must be submitted to the 2017 TTCA National Specialty

supervisor by mid-January to complete the premium list. The next issue of *The TT Times* will include trophy donation details.

To sponsor a trophy or to donate to the trophy general fund, contact Pat Meelich at pmeelic1@progressive.com or Betsy Richards at abrich27@aol.com.

By Betsy Richards



TTCA member and renowned artist Sheryl Getman designed the 2017 TTCA National Specialty logo featuring a detail from a stained glass window and the old English architecture of the [Peek n' Peak Resort](#).

Corrections

I inadvertently omitted the names and photos of the 2016 TTCA National Specialty Select Dog and Select Bitch from the last newsletter (shown below). These are important wins that need to be celebrated. My other mistake was

running together the name of the Grand Futurity winner Ch. Karma's Star Icon Lunar Eclipse so that it looked like a huge jumble. Please accept my apologies for these mistakes.

By Elise Kind



The 2016 TTCA National Specialty SELECT DOG is GCH Bluvali Inspired owned by Marjorie Wikerd. Photo by [KEY4PRINTS](#).



The 2016 TTCA National Specialty SELECT BITCH is GCH Sunsi Tirnanog owned by Lynne Fardell. Photo by [KEY4PRINTS](#).

2016 TTCA Grand Futurity Winner: “Flawless”

I have been in the Tibetan Terrier breed for more than 36 years. I began breeding TTs again almost 6 years ago. I have found that there are four key elements that matter most to me when breeding Tibetan Terriers:

- As a designer and artist with a detailed eye, I look for “*Beauty, Balance and Movement.*” I research the pedigrees before breeding and I am particular on several levels.
- I rely on my friends in the breed for good honest advice, objectivity and help.
- As a breeder on the [Tibetan Terrier of Association of America \(TTCA\) Breeder Referral Coordinator \(BRC\) Program](#), it is extremely important to me to do as much health testing necessary for the breed, and more, if I feel the need, on dam, sire and puppies.

- Lastly, I am selective of puppy buyers. It is crucial to the breeding program. I have been extremely lucky to have wonderful owners that take such good care of their puppies and keep in touch with me. Five of the six puppies in my last litter have gone to “show potential” homes.

My boy, **Ch. Karma's Star Icon Lunar Eclipse** is a third-generation AKC champion who finished his championship in four weekends at the age of ten months. He also won an Award of Merit at the 4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) Regional Specialty, which followed this year's TTCA National Specialty, his second show competing as a champion.

Winning the [2016 TTCA National Specialty Grand Futurity](#) was such an honor and brought tears to my



Jill Hardy with the litter of six boys born April 10, 2015 that produced the TTCA 2016 Grand Futurity winner **Ch. Karma's Star Icon Lunar Eclipse**. Photo courtesy of Jill Hardy.

eyes with so much pride when Judge **Valerie Barber** said she had to pick **Eclipse** because, “He is flawless!” **By Jill Hardy**

Futurity New Rules Announced and Available [Online](#)

As we are now half way through 2016, Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) National Specialty Grand Futurity is now fully operational on the [new rules](#) for litters and dogs born on or after January 1, 2016. TTCA Chair of Electronic Media and Web Design **Sandy White** and TTCA Electronic Media Technical Advisor **Steve Leyton** updated the TTCA website applications with the new [Litter Nomination Form](#) and

[Individual Dog Nomination Form](#) should breeders miss the 4-month closing date to nominate an entire litter.

In brief, a breeder may nominate an entire litter for a fee of \$35 payable up to 4 months after whelping. However, if the breeder, or an owner with the approval of the breeder, chooses to nominate an individual dog after the 4-month deadline, the nomination fee shall be

\$50 per dog. Needless to say, “Breeders! Nominate litters soon after whelping and save some bucks!”

We are still being asked, “What is Futurity all about?” Simply put, the answer is “TTCA member breeders showcase your best at a National Specialty!” For information, contact me at rinchentibetanterriers@gmail.com or (973) 769-0907.

By TTCA Futurity Chair **Claire Coppola**
TTCA Register of Merit Breeder
AKC Breeder of Merit

The Sweet Smell of Success

First Tibetan Terrier to Earn NACSW L1V Nose Work Title



Zoe and TTCA member Linda Milbrath were big winners in their first NASCW trial in April, scoring 100 points and earning a Level 1V title. Bravo Zoe and Linda!

On April 24, 2016 **Zoe** and I competed in our first National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) trial held in Union Grove, Wisconsin. We were entered in the Level 1 Element Specialty Trial, which was a vehicle search. In the first level, we searched for the birch scent.

There were four different areas in which **Zoe** had to find the scent and indicate it to me, and I had to call it correctly. It was also timed. The first search was on two golf carts. The second was a van. The third was a huge front-end loader, and the fourth was two vans. They were all located in different areas of a fairgrounds with some indoor and some outdoors.

Zoe managed to find all four scents in 2 minutes and 25 seconds with a score of 100 points to earn the L1V NASCW title. Zoe is the first Tibetan Terrier to earn this title! So proud of my girl!

By **Linda Milbrath**

Membership Matters

Three prospective new members have submitted applications for membership in the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA).

Associate Member Applicants

Pat Carroll of Grass Valley, California currently owns three TTs. She wants to become a member of TTCA because she “is passionate about the breed and would like the opportunity to meet and develop camaraderie with other TT owners.” She has also volunteered to assume the role of newsletter editor. She does not plan to breed her TTs. Her sponsors are **Anette Ohman** and **Vicki Hawkins**.

Sharon Tipping of Plano, Texas and her husband, **Eldon**, who is also applying for membership, currently

own three TTs. They want to become TTCA members in order to become more involved in supporting the organization. They do not plan to breed their TTs. Their sponsors are **Julie St-Arnaud** and **Claire Coppola**.

Eldon Tipping of Plano, Texas and his wife, **Sharon**, who is also applying for membership, currently own three TTs. They want to become members in order to become more involved in supporting the TTCA. They do not plan to breed their TTs. Their sponsors are **Julie St-Arnaud** and **Claire Coppola**.

TTCA members are invited to comment on the applicants within 15 days of receipt of the current



issue of *The TT Times*. Members who elect to comment on the applicants should send their remarks to:

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If you are applying for **Regular** status, do not include a check with your application. You will receive a dues renewal notice in January.

By **Vicki Hawkins**



San Diego County of Animal Services (SDAS) rescued this pup found near the [Border Fire](#) with burns to all four pads of his feet. SDAS cleaned and medicated his injuries and bandaged his paws at a mobile unit that was paid for in part with donations from the TTCA. SDAS deployed the mobile shelter to a receiving area near the fire. **Left photo by SDAS. Right photo by AKC.**

TTCA AIDS AKC PET DISASTER RELIEF WITH DONATED MOBILE EMERGENCY SHELTERS



The TTCA logo appears on the side of each trailer donated to San Diego, Madison, Natrona and Calvert counties.

When the Tibetan Terrier Club of America (TTCA) last March joined the [American Kennel Club \(AKC\) Reunite](#), [AKC Pet Disaster Relief](#) and more than a dozen other AKC organizations from across the United States to donate a mobile animal shelter to [San Diego County Department of Animal Services](#) (SDAS), it did so to help the organization prepare to rescue domestic animals in response to potential earthquakes, floods and other disasters. But TTCA members had no way of knowing that catastrophe would strike the

southern California community so quickly.

It turned out that the donated AKC Pet Disaster Relief mobile unit proved invaluable when a Father’s Day blaze erupted in the rugged hills just north of the Mexico-US border. Eventually consuming 7,600 acres, the Border Fire displaced hundreds of residents with their pets and livestock when they were forced to evacuate their homes, farms and ranches.

SDAS deployed the mobile shelter to a receiving area near the fire. Fully stocked with enough

equipment and supplies to support at least 65 animals for several days, the trailer ferried kennels, crates and carriers, feeding and water bowls, collars and leashes, microchips, a microchip scanner, fans, medical and cleaning supplies, maintenance equipment and even electrical power capability to run off a generator or a 110-volt power supply.

The AKC Pet Disaster relief trailer eased first responders’ and the San Diego community’s concerns that the animals would be securely housed and treated if necessary until they could be moved to a safe location. It also freed
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SDAS from hauling supplies from their nearest facility located an hour away.

SDAS then used the mobile unit to establish a pet-friendly shelter with the Red Cross at a local middle school where San Diego county residents could come with their animals, a lifesaver to the ranching community because Red Cross rules do not allow animals in disaster shelters.

The AKC Reunite Pet Disaster Relief program was created in 2007 following the passage of the [Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006](#)



Nothing Butt Tibetans! is coming to the TTCA Online Store August 1. Purchase this winsome Jessi Pichette design on the front and back of a classic tee-shirt (\$20 short sleeve, \$25 long sleeve), crew sweatshirt (\$30) or hoodie sweatshirt (\$35) **AND SUPPORT THE [TTCA RESCUE PROGRAM AT THE SAME TIME!](#)** For colors and shipping rate, click [TTCA Online Store](#). To pay by check, first review shipping rate online, then mail a check with your order to Fran Kridakorn 292 Lake Region Circle, Wetumpka, AL 36092. Shown clockwise: **Joyce** and **Elizabeth Killinger** and **Kittalax Apple Kridakorn**. Photos courtesy of Fran Kridakorn.

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([PETS Act](#)), a 2006 federal law enacted after Hurricane Katrina when a stunned nation watched hundreds of residents in harm's way refusing to leave their homes, in part, because local emergency response centers did not accommodate their pets. Thousands more who did flee for their lives were forced to abandon their pets to the disaster, often leaving them stranded on rooftops and cars surrounded by rivers of debris.

The tragedy revealed a gaping hole in the nation's disaster preparedness. Communities across the nation needed a coordinated way to respond when a disaster hit that enabled them to also rescue their animals.

The PETS Act now requires state and local emergency management teams to establish readiness plans and maintain food, medical and fuel resources for citizens and their animals in the event of a disaster before state and local governments can receive Department-of-Homeland-Security-funded grants.

The AKC stepped up and donated disaster relief trailers to emergency management groups across the country. To date, [47 cities](#) are now equipped with emergency relief trailers donated by AKC Pet Disaster Relief.

The TTCA and individual members have been vital contributors to the program, donating \$4,000 dollars to animal services in [San Diego County, California](#); [Madison County, Indiana](#); [Calvert County, Maryland](#); and [Natrona County, Wyoming](#); each AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer displays the TTCA logo.

TTCA donated \$2,000 and individual members raised \$2,000 to donate in the name of the TTCA. TTCA member **Fran Kridakorn** personally raised \$1100 and donated it to the AKC Disaster Relief fund on behalf of the TTCA.

Fran's fundraising efforts included creating a variety of Tibetan shirts, which she sold on the

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Emergency County Management receives aid to assist pets in distress

When a major wildfire raged on Casper Mountain four years ago, people and pets were displaced and separated. Now, when a natural or civil disaster strikes, companion animals and their humans won't have to shelter a part thanks to a pet rescue trailer donated to Natrona County.

"Red Cross shelters won't take companion animals unless they're service animals," said Lt. Stewart Anderson, Natrona County Emergency Management coordinator. "That puts people and pets at risk—people will not evacuate if they can't take their pets."

That was proven during Hurricane Katrina, according to Dallas Harsa, director of Sales and Development for AKC Reunite and Pet Rescue Trailer Task Force member.

"People were being asked to evacuate but there were no means to be able to take their pets with them. As a result, a lot of people stayed behind, and when people stayed behind, it put more rescue personnel in danger because they had to come back during even more treacherous conditions—there was loss of life of people and pets," she said.

Thereafter, the state of North Carolina Farm Bureau, which had responded to the Katrina disaster, began creating customized trailers "to have the equipment necessary to be able to

house pets in an emergency sheltering situation," she said.

These trailers are being distributed throughout the nation thanks to AKC Reunite, a branch of the American Kennel Club which helps sponsors the vehicles, local dog clubs and others. Last September, Natrona County received the first pet rescue trailer in Wyoming. In fact, it's one of only three in the Rocky Mountain region; the other two are located in Colorado. The unit can be dispatched to other Wyoming counties facing emergencies via a cooperative agreement, Anderson said.

The 16-foot trailer is part of a disaster relief and pet recovery program overseen by AKC Reunite and is stocked with 65 kennels, some of which are extra-large that can be divided into smaller units, Harsa said. Also inside are bags of cat litter, collars, leashes, dishes for food and water, ID/micro chipping equipment, including a scanner, computer and printer.

"We didn't have the logistical supplies before—we do now," Anderson stated. "And we can reunite pets with their owners."

Since Red Cross shelters don't allow pets, the county has agreements in place with Metro Animal Control and the Casper Humane Society,

Anderson noted. "But what do we do if they're full?" he said.

Now, if people are temporarily housed at a place like the fairgrounds during and immediately following a disaster, they can have their pets close by.

"Pet owners are responsible for their pets, so the pets are there to give people comfort and likewise; it's a great way to make sure that people will leave and their pets are there," Harsa said.

AKC Reunite added the pet rescue trailer program to their services in 2013, donating \$10,000 to each customized unit. The total cost for a trailer is \$22,000. Local AKC clubs raise the remaining \$12,000, Harsa said. Funding partners for Natrona County's trailer were the Central Wyoming Kennel Club, the Rocky Mountain Tibetan Terrier Club, the National Tibetan Terrier Club (*Correction: "The Tibetan Terrier Club of America" is the correct name of the funding partner*), Altitude Veterinary Clinic and the Puli Club of America, said Brenda Peters, supporter of the CWKC and RMTTC.

"Natrona County pets will now be safer, and their owners will be able to get a little relief knowing there is help available," she said. "I have always been an animal lover—as are a lot of people—and it is hard to watch family pets and livestock fight to survive in the

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Natrona County Emergency Management Coordinator Stewart Anderson with a pet trailer donated to the county last fall by the Central Wyoming kennel Club and other organizations (including the Tibetan Terrier Club of America) to help displaced pets during a natural or civil disaster. **Photo by Gayle M. Irwin**

TTCA and AKC Aid Pets in Distress

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face of fire, floods, blizzards and other disasters.”

The first line of defense during an emergency is the local government, but “it’s a very daunting task,” said Harsa.

“Some don’t know what to do – this gives them a very good idea of what they can do and have plans in place and run drills with all the equipment beforehand,” she stated.

Anderson is looking for volunteers to participate in a training this summer. Anyone

interested should contact his office at 235-9205.

“This is an animal specific trailer vs. a people specific one, and we need to know how to deploy it and use the equipment in it as well as implement the check-in and check-out processes,” Anderson said.

The trailer arrived prior to last October’s Cole Creek Fire, and though it was “staged at Metro,” it wasn’t used, Anderson said. That’s his hope for the future.

“I hope to never have to use it,” he said. However, with this year’s fire season in full swing, Anderson is glad to have it on hand.

“I’m relieved we have it,” he said.

The public will have opportunity to see the trailer in the Central Wyoming Fair and Rodeo Parade on Tuesday, July 12, and again during the Central Wyoming Kennel Club Dog Show at the Fairgrounds, July 29 – 31, Peters said.

“We want the public to be more aware that this trailer is available and to step up to volunteer if they’re an animal lover,” she said.

Learn more about the pet rescue trailer program at www.akcreunite.org/relief/.

By Gayle M. Irwin

TTCA Donates to AKC Pet Disaster Relief

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Facebook site [Tibetan Terrier Fashion Trends & More](#). She also set up a booth at the 2015 TTCA National Specialty in Boxborough Massachusetts and sold Tibetan Terrier prints, clothing and arts and crafts. An informal "TT Romp" where friends of the Facebook group and their TTs gathered in Boxborough during the 2015 TTCA National Specialty featured a raffle, which generated \$800. The winner received a much coveted, nearly life size, 25-pound cast cement statue of a Tibetan Terrier.

By Pat Carroll

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Key4prints Photographer Terri Kieffer wants to remind you to check the key4prints.com website for ringside win photos and candid shots from the 2016 TTCA National Specialty. If you haven't visited the site yet, please stop in and see [photos](#) from the show.



Clockwise from top: Tibetan Terrier Tanner Mae Mae models TT fashion apparel on [Tibetan Terrier Fashion Trends & More](#), a Facebook site maintained by TTCA member Fran Kridakorn. Group photo of Boxborough TT Romp fundraiser. TTCA members Stacey LaForge and Fran Kridakorn present a check to [AKC Pet Disaster Relief](#). Photos courtesy of Fran Kridakorn.



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