

## THE TT TIMES

**The Tibetan Terrier Club of America  
Protecting and Advancing The Interests  
of the Tibetan Terrier Breed**



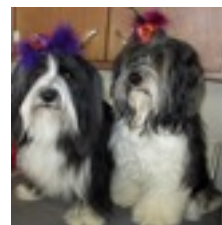
**President's Message  
December, 2015/January, 2016**

It's amazing to think that another year is coming to a close. Thanks to your tremendous support and the hard work of many unselfish members, TTCA enjoyed a very result filled year. For those who traveled to the National in Boxborough, you know what a remarkable event it was thanks to Joyce Lak and her hard working group. They put in many hours and much hard work to see that it was truly special. For those of you who chaired and worked on our various committees. Well done! Special Kudos to Camille Manfredonia. Due to her dedication and the help of many unselfish workers, there are many TTs now spending time near Christmas trees in their new forever homes. Truly wonderful! With the help of his Board Jac Herschler has spearheaded another successful year for TTHWF! While we are talking about TTHWF, if possible, please, please, put away a few shillings during this season of celebration and send them to the TTHWF, they will be put to good use. And to all others who work for our Club, on behalf of the entire TTCA Board, thank you.



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## President's Message *con't*

Now for a little information. In January you will be receiving a ballot for election of Officers and Directors for the Board. The election is a little different this year. Sheryl Getman, nominated by the Nominating Committee, along with Rene Stamm and Sandy White, has decided not to run this time. By membership petition, as allowed by our constitution, Claire Coppola is running for one of the 3 open Director positions. With Sheryl no longer a candidate we now have 3 candidates for 3 positions. Two are from the Nominating Committee slate and one from membership petition. Due to the wording of our Constitution this requires the mailing and return of ballots. To minimize expenses, this ballot will be combined with the ballot for future National Specialty and Futurity Judges. These ballots are to be returned to the Recording Secretary, Sharon Hurd.

In this issue you will also find information on the newly revamped TTCA Futurity. Claire Coppola and her committee have spent much time in its redesign and I believe you will be pleased with the result.

The TTCA Board and I wish you, your family, and your cherished companions a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year!! More to come in 2016!

Ron Pankiewicz



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## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

### **DECEMBER 2015**

**Everyone please assist the people you sponsor to ensure the forms are filled in correctly.  
Members applying for REGULAR STATUS DO NOT SEND ME YOUR CHECK**

The following people have applied for membership. If you wish, you may address comments regarding the applicants, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Newsletter to:

**Vicki Hawkins**  
**23577 Darkhorse Dr, Auburn, CA 95602**  
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#### **Associate Members**

Jane Goodell lives in West Hartford, CT. She has one TT who lives with her, but is owned by her son, Travis Brock, who is also applying for membership. She is not currently a breeder and doesn't plan to breed. She has participated with her TT in confirmation, obedience and agility, and has earned a Rally Excellent title. She is also participating with her TT as a therapy dog, and is working toward earning a Therapy Dog title. Her sponsors are Carol Adams and Dennis Gunsher.

Travis Brock lives in Thomaston, GA and currently owns 3 TTs. He has just bred his first litter and plans to do limited breeding in the future. He is currently exhibiting in confirmation as an owner-handler. He is also handling two TTs, sired by one of his dogs and owned by one of his sponsors. His sponsors are Carol Adams & Dennis Gunsher.

#### **TTHWF Donations**

From Linda Hufnagel - in Memory of Malishar's Monte for Ron & Margy Pankiewicz

From Linda Hufnagel - in Memory of Izzee & Quincy, and Thank you to Janet Krynzal.

From J.J. Baker - In memory of Dougie Klutemeier

From The Wildmen & Rosie - in Honor of the Malishar Gang

Pamela Stones - in memory of Roshi

Caroline McCallum - in honor of Scarlet.

From Ron and Margy Pankiewicz - in Memory of Ch Malishar's Jigme Lingpa - "Jaymie"

#### **TTHWF Donations**

From Caryl Crouse - In Honor of John & Margot Gantz & In Memory of Tashi

From Deborah Kuntzman - In Honor of Nancy and Paul Stanford

From Leigh Hancock - in Honor of Lucy

From Frances Varon - in Honor of Rescue of Lucy Goose to TT Family

From Joyce Killinger - Given in Honor of Snowshoe's 2 new Champions - Bella and Piper.

From Elise Kind - In memory of Ida.



*Health and Welfare Foundation grant will enable simultaneous DNA testing for multiple diseases affecting Tibetan Terriers using a single sample. **by Jac Herscheler***

The Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation has made a \$15,000 health research grant to the University of Missouri that will fund the creation and validation of a panel of Tibetan Terrier-related DNA tests that can be performed at one time with a single DNA sample. According to Dr. Gary Johnson from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Missouri, the ability to conduct multiple DNA tests simultaneously from a single DNA sample will be possible as a result of the University's purchase of an expensive new scientific instrument called a MassARRAY.

The Tibetan Terrier panel of DNA tests is expected to initially include DNA tests for Lens Luxation, Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, and Degenerative Myelopathy. Dr. Johnson, in his grant proposal to the Foundation, noted that this new scientific instrument will lead to lower DNA testing costs for dog owners, since the cost of the proposed panel of tests is expected to be about \$100. The MassARRAY device can be used to perform twenty or more simultaneous DNA tests on a single sample according to Dr. Johnson.

The creation of a panel of DNA tests for Tibetan Terriers may also lead to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic mutations that cause rare diseases in Tibetan Terriers. For example, researchers have used computer algorithms to search through millions of apparent mutations to zero in on mutations that may cause rare forms of Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) in Tibetan Terriers. But to prove that suspect mutations are, in fact, the cause of these rare forms of PRA, researchers would have needed expensive stand-alone DNA tests of many dogs in the hope of finding more Tibetan Terriers with the rare gene mutation. Looking forward, researchers will be able to add a test for suspect mutations to the panel of tests for Tibetan Terriers --- a cost effective way to get the critical data researchers need to prove suspect mutations are associated with certain diseases.

Stacey LaForge, former chair of the TTCA's Health and Genetics Committee, described the chance to finally create an efficient panel of DNA tests for Tibetan Terriers, "exciting news." She added, "this is an idea that the Health and Genetics Committee has been discussing and pushing for over a year now, but the technology has not been in place to accomplish it until now." Tibetan Terrier owners do need to temper their excitement about getting a panel of DNA tests performed simultaneously from one DNA sample --- Dr. Johnson's grant proposal advises it may be a year before everything is ready for panel DNA testing of Tibetan Terriers to begin at the University of Missouri.

The Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that relies on tax-deductible donations to fund the breed rescue activities of the TTCA and to fund important medical and genetic investigations related to diseases affecting the breed. Please support the Foundation's work by making a donation today.



## **‘NEW’ FUTURITY!**

On January 1, 2016, updates to the Futurity program begin that we hope will find favor with the membership, in particular, our breeder members. The changes will not impact the National Specialty Futurity entries until 2017. The new Nomination Process is described below and apply to all dogs in litters whelped on or after January 1, 2016.

Using the Litter Nomination Form, club member breeders have four months from the date of whelping instead of three months to nominate a litter. Litter nomination fee is \$35.00. Nominators acknowledge that they are following the TTCA guidelines for Responsible Breeders instead of listing hips and eyes certifications.

An alternate process is now available through the Individual Dog Nomination Form. Member Breeders or any owners may nominate any individual dog or multiple dogs after the age of 4 months for a \$50.00 per dog fee, if that dog's litter would have been eligible to participate in Futurity, but was not previously nominated. The individual dog nomination process requires approval of the TTCA member breeder of the litter. An owner making a nomination does not need to be a TTCA member.

There are two options for nominators on the lower half of either of the nomination forms. First, they may nominate one candidate for Futurity Judge per year, and second, they may designate a contribution to the Futurity Trophy Fund, if they so choose.

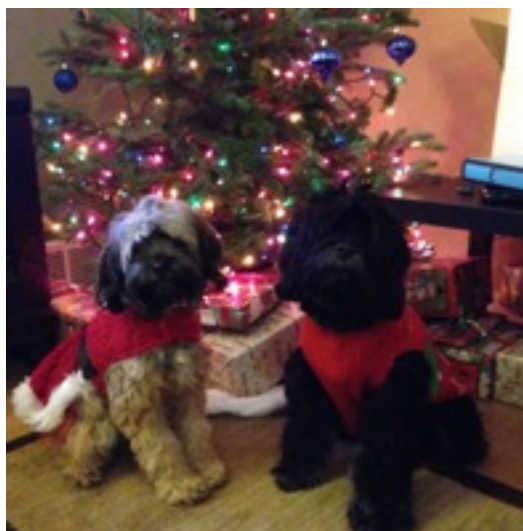
The entire “new” Futurity Rules document is linked on the TTCA webpage at

**<http://ttca-online.org/html/futurity.html>**

The Futurity updates, approved by the Board, were created collaboratively by the following Futurity Committee member breeders Caryl Crouse, Joyce Killinger, Sharon Lewis, Dee Travella & Chair/Board Liaison, Claire Coppola.

Questions? Please contact Claire Coppola at **[RinChenTibetanTerriers@gmail.com](mailto:RinChenTibetanTerriers@gmail.com)** or 973-769-0907

**BREEDER ALERT!** The Alice Murphy Memorial Trophy, will be permanently retired to the 2016 Grand Futurity Winner in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the Futurity Program. Futurity Judge is TTCA member Valerie Barber.





## Holiday Toxic Food and Plants for Dogs

by Kate Stanuch



With the holidays upon us, we thought it might be a good time for a reminder about food and plants that are not good for our four legged friends. We all know how mischievous they can be.

These are some of the top foods nutrition experts advise to have your dog avoid.



**ALCOHOL** - Alcoholic beverages and food products containing alcohol can cause vomiting, diarrhea, decreased coordination, central nervous system depression, difficulty breathing, tremors, abnormal blood acidity, coma and even death. Under no circumstances should your pet be given an alcohol.

**CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND CAFFEINE** - These products all contain substances called methylxanthines, which are found in cacao seeds, the fruit of the plant used to make coffee, and in nuts of an extract used in some sodas. When ingested by pets, methylxanthines can cause vomiting and diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity, abnormal heart rhythm tremors, seizures and even death. Note that darker chocolate is more dangerous than milk chocolate. White has the lowest level, while baking chocolate contains the highest.



**CITRUS** - the stems, leaves, peels and seeds of citrus plants contain varying amounts of citric acid, essential oils that can cause irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression if ingested in significant amounts. Small doses, such as eating the fruit, are not likely to present problems beyond minor stomach upset.

**COCONUT AND COCONUT OIL** - When ingested in small amounts, coconut and coconut based products are not likely to cause serious harm to your pet beyond mild stomach upset. Coconut water, however, contains potassium and should not be given to your pet.



**GRAPES AND RAISINS** - Although the toxic substance in grapes and raisins is unknown, these fruits can cause kidney failure.

**MACADAMIA NUTS** - Macadamia nuts can cause weakness, depression, vomiting, tremors and hypothermia in dogs. signs usually appear within 12 hours and lasts from 12 to 24 hours.



**NUTS** - Nuts including almonds, pecans and walnuts contain high amounts of oils and fats. these can cause vomiting and diarrhea and potentially pancreatitis.

**XYLITOL** - Xylitol is used as a sweetener in many products including gum, candy, baked goods and toothpaste. It can cause insulin release in most species, which can lead to liver failure.



## Holiday Toxic Foods and Plants *con't*

There are also many plants that are received as gifts or used to decorate around the holidays. Here are a few that need special attention.



**POINSETTIA** - A lot of people have been led to believe that these colorful plants are deadly for pets. The leaves contain a sap that is irritating to the tissues of the mouth and esophagus. The leaves if ingested can cause vomiting and nausea but it would take a large amount to cause poisoning and because of the irritating nature of the sap most will not ingest enough to cause harm.

**HOLLY AND MISTLETOE** - These are both popular holiday plants and both have greater toxicity than the poinsettia. Mistletoe contains multiple substances that are toxic to both dogs and cats and can cause severe drop in blood pressure, breathing problems and hallucinations. These should be kept well away from any pets.



**AMARYLLIS** - The beauty of this plant is matched by its toxicity. Ingestion can cause salivation, gastrointestinal abnormalities, lethargy and tremors in both dogs and cats. The bud is believed to be more toxic than the flowers and stalk.

**CHRISTMAS CACTUS** - This holiday favorite lacks toxicity for dogs or cats.

Though far from complete this list covers some of the favorite things given and received over the holidays and are just a reminder to keep your precious pet safe.

If your pet does get into something here is the number of the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435**. This is an invaluable resource. You should post this on your refrigerator or bulletin board so it is always easily accessible.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

### Resources:

**Androscoggin Animal Hospital Newsletter:** This veterinary animal practice newsletter discusses various common ailments and emergencies encountered by many owners of dogs and cats.

**petMD:** This on line veterinary newsletter answers questions and explains common illnesses family pets may have.



**Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.**  
**2016 Dues Notice**

**Membership Renewal**

**March 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017**

**Payment due by February 28, 2016**  
**Associate & Regular Membership - \$ 30.00**  
**Household & Foreign Membership - \$45.00**  
**Junior Membership - \$20.00**

**You can pay your annual dues using PayPal from the TTCA online store web site [www.ttcastore.com](http://www.ttcastore.com) or by using the link from the TTCA website main page. Using PayPal is very convenient payment method for members and assists the Club by making transactions easy to account for and deposit.**

**The TTCA Online Store is the best option for Foreign Members to pay their dues.**

**If paying by check, checks must be in US dollars. Checks made out in foreign currencies cannot be accepted as the bank fees to process them are prohibitive.**

***Please consider adding a donation to the Tibetan Terrier Health and Welfare Foundation to your payment either online or by check.***

**Please send checks to: Gale Mattison, Treasurer TTCA**  
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**West Hartford, CT 06107-3644**

**Member Name(s)**\_\_\_\_\_

**Dues Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TTHWF Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide new information if it is different from data on club membership list**

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## **Tibetan Terrier Romp in California**

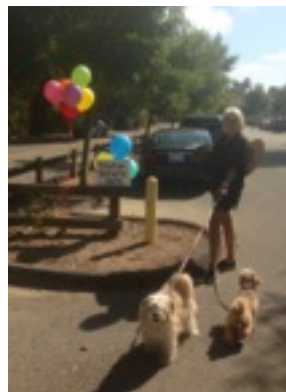
### **For TTHWF Rescue by Elissa Hirsh**

I think 2015 was the thirteenth TT ROMP. I started organizing this activity with my friend Lindsay van Sant, Because we both were fascinated and infatuated with our chosen dogs and their breed. We were both showing in conformation at the time and the dogs were in their long coat. Chuba (Ti Song / Anne Keleman) was very social - a true breed ambassador. His tail would vibrate when he met another TT or person. Sadie (Regalia) was more reserved, but enjoyed socializing. We invited every local TT we had met through our dogs, about 15 that first year. As the group grew, I started a roster. Through my town (Los Altos Hills Parks and Recreation), I am able to reserve a playing field close to my home, used mainly by Little League. The field is large and mostly enclosed, so there was no reason to limit the number of dogs. I opened it up to TT friends of friends. However, this event is by invitation only.

Everyone brings a food item to share. There are nice bathrooms and picnic tables adjacent to the field. As the amount of effort and expense escalated, I started asking for volunteers. There are now 15 volunteer positions which range from name badges to monitoring the water bowls to scouring the field for souvenirs. I could not host this event without these helpers. This year about 50 dogs attended which is down from almost 100 last year.

To cover the cost of supplies, event insurance and field rental, I started charging \$5/per dog. The email announcement explains that any surplus will go to TT Rescue. As these are mostly non-TTCA pet owners, the Romp provides an easy way to donate. [Those who purchase balloons, water, ice, yellow jacket traps, pooper bags, etc. usually decline reimbursement.] A few folks are super generous, further "sweetening the pot." Putting on the TT Romp is a lot of work, but I love to see our Tibetan Terriers run and play with others of their breed, even though they tend to mostly hang out near their people. You will see every age, coat length, haircut, color, and size. Litter-mates get to see each other, people meet and connect with others in their area. Many only see each other at the Romp and look forward to the reunion aspect of it. I am honored and delighted to contribute to TTHWF/Rescue on behalf of the TT Romp. This year we raised \$550 for TTHWF.

I live in Los Altos Hills, on the San Francisco Peninsula, but people come from San Francisco and points north, Santa Cruz, Carmel and points south, and many from the East Bay as well.



## **Board Meeting October 11, 2015**

The board meeting of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America was called to order, October 11, 2015 at 8:13 PM by Ron Pankiewicz, president.

Board members in attendance were: Ron Pankiewicz, Betsy Richards, Flossie Barczewski, Gale Mattison, Janet Slothower, Sharon Hurd, Paul Douglass, David Murray, Sheryl Getman, Claire Coppola, Rob Smith and Stacey LaForge.

Note: this meeting was held by telephone conference

Betsy Richards moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with. Motion was seconded by Paul Douglass and approved by all. There was no treasurer's report or secretary's report.

Under unfinished business:

Ron reminded the board that TTCA is in need of new chairpersons for the Health and Welfare, Legislative, and Historian committees.

Stacey said that she will help anyone who will assume the chairmanship for the Health and Welfare committee. She is continuing to work on the research part of the committee.

Betsy Richards reminded the board that she wishes to step down from the Awards Committee chairmanship by 2017.

Ron asked for all to seek out volunteers for these positions, especially the Health Committee as it is of primary importance.

Under new business:

Gale Mattison reported that TTCA approval of a Tibetan Terrier Supported Entry and Puppy Sweepstakes has been requested by Kristina Johnson to be held in conjunction with the Waterloo Kennel Club show in Waterloo, Iowa In June or July 2016.

Supported entries do not cost TTCA club any money, however TTCA has to approve a Supported Entry or Sweepstakes held by anyone.

Gale made the motion to grant permission of the TTCA for this Supported Entry and Puppy Sweepstakes.

Rob seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the proposal.

The purpose of the board meeting was to discuss the proposed changes the Futurity Committee would like to make to the current TTCA Futurity rules and regulations. Claire Coppola is the chairman of the Futurity Committee and presented the committee's 17 substantive changes

Claire stated that the committee's intention was to present proposed changes, with the goal of popularizing Futurity, stressing the fact that Futurity exists for TTCA member breeders only, and to bring fees in line with those charged by other clubs. This is the only TTCA National Speciality Conformation event requiring the participant to be a TTCA member in good standing.

Claire thanked Gale Mattison for his work creating an improved way to distribute the prize money collected from the registration fees.

Claire presented the following 17 changes to the TTCA Futurity Rules:

1. Proposes extending the cut off time to register a litter for Futurity from 3 months to 4 months of age. With very little discussion this proposal was voted on. The following members were in agreement: Betsy Richards, Rob Smith, Sheryl Getman, Sharon Hurd, Flossie Barczewski, Gale Mattison, Claire Coppola, Janet Slothower, Paul Douglas and Ron Pankiewicz.

No comment, David Murray

2. Proposes raising the litter nomination fee from the current \$25.00 to \$35.00.

There were no objections to this proposal. Janet Slothower wondered if we should wait until the event was more popular to raise the fees. The moneys collected from the registration fees are used as the monetary reward to the winners of the various entry categories in Futurity at the National Specialty.

On the average there are ten litters registered for Futurity each year.

There was general agreement amongst the board members that raising the registration fee from \$25 to \$35 would not make a difference in the number of registrations.

No official vote was taken,

3. Proposes offering individual dog nominations for offspring of eligible but non-nominated litters after the age of 4 months for a fee of \$50.00 per individual dog. The individual dog being nominated would have to be from a litter that would have been eligible originally, from a breeding by a TTCA member in good standing, who follows TTCA Guidelines for Responsible Breeders. If an owner was nominating the dog, the breeder of the dog would have to agree to the nomination of the dog.

Ron said the fee will be \$50.00. Most board members agree that \$50 is an appropriate fee and that it is appropriate to be able to nominate a dog past the age of 4 months whose eligible litter was not originally nominated.

No vote was taken, however there was general agreement that the \$50 fee was acceptable, maybe too low, and that it was acceptable to be able to nominate an individual dog after 4 months of age.

4. Proposes changing from "Hips/eyes" health testing of Sire/Dam to acknowledging "following the TTCA Guidelines for Responsible Breeders". These guidelines are not the same as for the TTCA "Breeder Referral List", which are more stringent. In order to be listed as a breeder on the Breeder Referral List breeders must: have the parent dogs' eyes CERF'ed, Hips OFA or Penn Hips rated, as well as DNA tests for NCL and PLL or declared clear by parentage. There was much discussion as to whether the DNA tests of the litter's sire and dam should be required for dogs nominated for Futurity. The pro side feeling that if the dogs nominated for Futurity are supposed to be the best breeders have to offer, they should be required to have extensive health clearances behind them. Claire, her committee and some board members felt that requiring the additional tests (DNA) as per the Breeder Referral list would deter breeders from participating in Futurity and that it would be micro-managing breeders.

Claire suggested that If we desire to change the health requirements to require DNA testing, we should in the future revisit the requirements to specifics in the TTCA guidelines for responsible breeders. and possibly change the wording there. The Futurity Committee created substantive change #14 which would reward winning entries for having CHIC listed parents as a compromise on requiring the DNA testing.

The nomination form currently has a box to insert OFA and CERF numbers of the sire and dam of the litter. The proposal would eliminate that and put in the language that the nominating person agreed to follow the TTCA Guidelines for Responsible Breeders.

Before the vote was taken Claire wanted to include adding wording that the Futurity Committee could reject an application with incorrect information.

A vote was taken to omit the box on the nomination form for hip and eye numbers and to accept changing the wording to "acknowledging, following the guidelines as stated in the TTCA Guidelines for Responsible Breeders". Ron, Sharon, Rob, and Paul voted no. Janet, Gale, Claire, Betsy, David, Sheryl and Flossie voted for the proposal.

Proposes adding that an amateur substitute handler be allowed to show a dog, which is entered in Futurity. Currently only the breeder or owner of the dog is allowed to show the dog in Futurity. This proposal would allow the dog to be shown by any amateur handler of breeder's or owner's choosing. There was a brief discussion and it was acknowledged that this concession would probably be abused and a way would be found by some to use a professional handler to show a dog.

The proposal was voted on: Ron abstained, the remaining board members voted to accept the proposal.

6. Proposes that two additional options be added to the Futurity nomination form: a space to nominate a Futurity judge and a space to make a monetary donation to the Futurity Trophy Fund. Each breeder nominating a litter will be allowed one judge nomination for one judge per year. The judges nominated will then be voted on by the entire membership.

The new judges' nomination process is as follows: Breeders complete the optional Judge's nomination section at the time of submitting the litter or individual dog nomination form. Each breeder may nominate one judge per year, even if that breeder submits multiple litter nominations. A list of judges who have accepted breeders' nominations in the most recent 12 months will be compiled by the Futurity Stakes chairperson. The initial voting ballot with instructions will be disseminated to all breeders who have made litter nominations in the past 4 years. They vote for their top 2 choices in order. The 3 judges with the highest number of votes and any judge nominated by 3 members of TTCA will go on to a written vote of the general membership and be elected by the majority vote. The candidate who is second in the balloting shall be designated alternate judge, should the first be unable to

A vote was taken. Janet and Gale voted not to accept the change. Ron, Claire, Sheryl, Sharon, David, Betsy, Rob, Paul and Flossie voted yes to make the additions to the nomination form.

7. Proposes to clarify whose dogs are eligible to be nominated for Futurity. They must have been bred by TTCA members who are in good standing. Individual dogs may be nominated by the owner, however the breeder must have been eligible to nominate the litter and must agree to the owner's nomination of the dog.

A vote was taken. All board members voted favorably,

8. Proposes adding additional identifying AKC registration information to the nomination form. The AKC litter number will be required.

A vote was taken. David was momentarily absent (phone problem), Ron did not vote. All remaining board members voted in favor of adding this information to the nomination form.

9. Specifies that foreign registered dogs owned by TTCA members are eligible to compete in Futurity. The club does have foreign members, mainly from Canada, that participate in the National Specialty. The dogs will have to have AKC registration numbers to participate in the ring. (The problem of having an AKC registration number will be moot as any dog shown in the regular classes must have an AKC number and to be shown in Futurity, a dog must be shown in a regular class as well.)

A vote was taken. Ron did not vote. All other members voted in favor of this addition.

10. Proposes that the age limitations for participating dogs be changed. The new cut off age would be 48 months, eliminating the 48 months and over Futurity age class and simultaneously splitting the current 24-48 months class into 2 classes of 24-36 months and 36-48 months. Currently a dog may be shown in Futurity once in its lifetime and there is no age cut off.

Janet pointed out that breeders with multiple eligible dogs might not want to show them all in the same year resulting in them being shown against one another and that a breeder or owner may need more than four years to show those dogs individually. Ron pointed out that our breed has some fast maturing lines and some very slow maturing lines, making it difficult to show those that are slow maturing in four years time.

A vote was taken. Claire and Flossie voted for the proposal to create an age limitation of 48 months old. All other board members voted against the proposal.

11. Proposes a new process for managing the prize money obtained from nomination fees. The nomination fees collected for a three year period would be averaged out and match the number of entries in the current year.

A vote was taken. All board members voted for this proposal to change the structure of the manner of distributing the prize money,

12. Proposed that there be a change in the entry fee prizes distribution to class placements, so that if there were fewer than 4 placements all moneys would be distributed.

Gale thought that this proposal would be impractical as the show superintendent distributes the money paid in entrance fees.

The proposal was not voted on

13. Proposes that the Alice Murphy Trophy, which is being retired in 2016 be replaced with a new individual trophy to be awarded each year and the Grand Futurity winner will keep this trophy

A vote was taken. All members voted in favor

14. A "Challenge Cash Bonus" to be funded by TTCA, be established and used to award dogs winning Grand Futurity, Best Adult, Junior and Puppy whose sire and dam both have CHIC numbers.

As the Futurity rules currently read, TTCA may award a cash bonus to the Futurity winner if the dog has a CHIC clearance. As this proposal would lead to a lengthy discussion, Ron suggested that this proposal be tabled for another time.

All board members voted to table this proposal for a future board meeting.

15. Proposes that Judge's nominations come from breeders via the nomination form. Additionally keep the current practice that allows any three TTCA members to nominate a Futurity judge. The committee desires to keep this nomination avenue at this time, in spite of the fact that TTCA general membership is not taking advantage of this option.

A vote was taken and all members voted in favor of the proposal

16. Proposes that Futurity judges do not have to be TTCA members, but must demonstrate a 10 year knowledge of the breed. This proposal will open up the pool of judges available, while at the same time seeking persons who are respected in the breed, as Futurity judges.

Currently a judge has to be a member of TTCA, but there is no specification as to how long they must have been in Tibetan Terriers. Claire mentioned that exhibitors are not entering under certain judges as they feel that judge won't favor their particular entry.

In the history of Futurity, only 2 judges have judged the event more than once. There was discussion as to whether the judging pool was really too small as only 2 people had judged more than once. It was generally agreed that the judging pool should be larger. It is very difficult to find someone willing to judge Futurity due to personal costs and not being able to show a dog at the National Specialty.

A vote was taken: Janet, Ron, Paul and Rob voted to not accept this proposal. Gale, Claire, Flossie, Sharon, Betsy, Sheryl and David voted to accept the proposal.

17. Proposal was withdrawn in light of Proposal number 10 was not accepted. The time period between repeat judging assignments will remain at 3 years.

Ron brought up several areas of concern to be clarified:

If the Breeder of a nominated dog must be in good standing, does this mean that all breeders listed as breeders of a particular litter or dog must be TTCA members in good standing? The breeder nominating must be a TTCA member in good standing. Must all breeders be in good standing or only the one doing the nominating. The Committee will discuss this issue and determine which breeders have to be TTCA members in good standing.

There was more discussion and it was decided that the Nominating breeder is the only one who must be a TTCA member in good standing.

Who receives winning trophies and money? Do the prizes go to all who bred or own the dog? Claire stated that The Futurity Committee's goal is that the prize or trophy will go to the TTCA member breeder of the dog, who nominated the dog and this breeder may share or distribute monetary awards and prizes as he or she sees fit among breeders and owners.

A judge must have been nominated one year prior to the show being judged. Ballots are sent out in one calendar year for the judge selected for the following calendar year.

The definition of the majority vote for the judges was clarified. The majority is that the majority of the members eligible to vote did so. Whichever candidate received the greatest number of votes is selected.

A move to adjournment of the meeting was made by Sheryl Getman and seconded by Betsy. All others were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_

***respectively submitted by Sharon Hurd, recording secretary***



## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

### **Ron Pankiewicz - President**

I am the current President of TTCA and I thank the membership for the opportunity to serve again as your President. I have been involved in purebred dogs for almost 40 years and Margy and I welcomed our first Tibetan Terrier in 1979. We have a limited but successful breeding program under the Malishar prefix. I am a founding member of the Cuyahoga Valley Tibetan Terrier Club and am currently the President of the Mount Vernon Tibetan Terrier Club. In the past, I have held President, Vice President and Director positions in both the Tibetan Terrier Club of America and the Agathon Kennel Club. I have worked on and chaired various club committees and I am currently the TTCA Legislative Liaison and an approved Judges Mentor for the TTCA. In my capacity as Judges Mentor, I have frequently conducted both Judges Study Groups and provided ringside mentoring for judges at our National Specialties.

Additionally, as a member of the TTCA Judges Education Committee, I have presented seminars on the Tibetan Terrier for prospective judges at the American Dog Show Judges Advanced Institute, the Princeton Judges Study Group and the Maxon-Dixon Dog Judges Association.

### **Stacey La Forge - Delegate**

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their nomination for AKC Delegate. I am honored to serve as the current Delegate, and welcome the opportunity to represent the Club for another term. If elected, I hope to use my experience as current Delegate, an active TTCA member, and an attorney to effectively advocate for the TTCA and the breed.

Since becoming TTCA's Delegate in 2008, I have attended Delegate Meetings throughout the country, including those in California, Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts and New Jersey. My familiarity with AKC's structure, functions and staff has allowed me to assist many members with questions and issues pertaining to AKC. I solicit and welcome member input and report regularly to the TTCA Board and TT Times.

Personally, I have owned TTs for twenty years. My husband and I breed occasionally but primarily enjoy playing with our dogs in conformation, rally, obedience, and agility. Over the years I have served the TTCA in many capacities, including Delegate, Secretary, Director, Health & Genetics Committee Chairperson, Historian/Archivist, and Rescue Coordinator. Outside of TTCA, I am a member of the Non-Sporting Group Club of the Garden State, Morris & Essex Kennel Club, Schooley's Mountain Kennel Club, Mt. Vernon Tibetan Terrier Club and Bay Colony Tibetan Terrier Club.

I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the Club and breed. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Janet Slothower Corresponding Secretary**

I want to thank the nominating committee for my nomination as Corresponding Secretary for TTCA. I accept this nomination and look forward to working in this capacity should I be elected. I have been the Corresponding Secretary the last couple of years and have enjoyed the opportunity to serve TTCA. We are members of the Nashville kennel Club. My husband Jay and I live in Aiken SC along with our 6 Tibetans and 3 cats. We got our first Tibetan and show dog in 2007 from Susan and Gary Carr who have been great mentors and friends. Our first TT is Bronze GCH Salishan Princess of The Wind ( Abbi-Gale) who has been a top Tibetan since she was 6 months old. We also have CH Salishan Spice Girl (Posh) who after she got her Championship is now working in obedience and rally. We now have 3 of Abbi-Gale's puppies and one of Posh's that we are showing in conformation. I am retired from Real Estate and as a mortgage banker. Jay works for AT&T. In a previous life I was an animal technician and raised German Shepherds and Golden Retrievers. I also showed horses for many years ago

## **Claire Coppola – Director**

It is a privilege to currently serve the TTCA as a Director. In July, I accepted an email request from the Nominating Committee Chair to continue as a Director for 2 more years. However due to an oversight, my candidacy wasn't presented to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Subsequently, former & current Board members and other Club members nominated me to retain my Board seat.

On the Board, I am liaison to the Futurity and Trophies Committees. The 5-member Futurity committee, with TTCA Board approval, is revitalizing the program, best achieved smoothly if I can continue on the Board at this time.

As an active member of the Health Committee, I coordinated the most recent OFA Tibetan Terrier 5-Year Health Survey, a synopsis of the results is posted in the current issue of the TTCA Newsletter. I organized and staged numerous Meet-The-Breeds, including in 2015, AKC/Westminster & Canine Learning in PA. I chaired Trophies for the 2011 Nat'l and 2009 Mid-Atlantic Regional Specialties. I fostered a "Missouri" rescue girl.

I enjoy showing in conformation, trialing in obedience & agility & practicing herding. Success as an AKC Breeder of Merit includes breeding 12 US and 2 Canadian Champions & 4 Grand Champions in 4 generations, including the 2013 #1 & #3 Tibetan Terrier, Multiple Best in All-Breed Shows, 4 Reserve Bests in All-Breed Shows, the 2013 National Specialty Winner, and breeding multiple Top Ten & Top 20 TTs five years in a row. We've earned the following TTCA awards: Register of Merit Breeder, Register of Merit Brood Bitch twice & TTCA Versatility as well as a Grand Futurity and Puppy, Junior & Adult Futurity winners.

Drawing on my international marketing & finance career and 22 years assuming national & regional breed clubs' and National Specialty responsibilities for my 'other' breed, I will, if re-elected, continue to apply with vision my leadership skills and broad experience, cooperatively working to benefit the TTCA members and the breed.

## **Sandy White Director**

I am honored to accept the nominating committee's selection to be a Director of the TTCA. My husband Bruce and I live in Michigan on a small lake with one TT.

I have competed in dog obedience since 1986, first with a Bichon, then a Standard Poodle. My next dog was a Tibetan Terrier, Ganden's Ti-Chang Cruiser, UDX, C-CDX, RN, who excelled at obedience and fulfilled my obedience fantasies, including being invited to the Eukanuba Obedience Invitational three times. Our second TT doesn't have so many titles but has always placed, proving that TTs can do obedience well.

Obedience and Rally are my love, although I have also participated in Agility, Nosework, Tracking and Flyball. I am also actively involved with Companion Dog Training Club of Flint, MI.

I joined the TTCA in 2004 and first became active by doing ads for the Journal/Yearbook. In 2007 I redesigned and expanded the TTCA website with the help of Steve Layten and continue to update it. I have worked as graphic designer since 1980 and web designer since 1998. I also designed the logos for the 2011 and 2013 National specialties and donated my art work to the auctions. I am Obedience Chair for the 2016 National Specialty.

## **Amy Soderman Treasurer**

Thank you for nominating me for the Treasurer position of the Tibetan terrier Club of America. My name is Amy Soderman. I have been involved with Tibetan Terriers since the year 2000. In 2003 I became a member of the Tibetan Terrier Club of America. I am passionate and dedicated to the health and welfare of our breed. I am excited about sharing my processional experience to give back to the Tibetan Terrier Club of America.

Biography. Amy and her husband Paul reside in Northern California. Amy has an MBA, currently works as a self employed accountant with experience in the fields of non profit, for profit, and Government. She has actively participated in the sport of dogs by training and competing in conformation, obedience, rally, and nose work. She and her husband own Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers and Tibetan Terriers. Their dog have participated and won at Westminster, Eukanuba, National Specialties, and International Competitions. Amy looks forward to representing the Tibetan Terrier Club of America as their Treasurer.

## **Sharon Hurd Recording Secretary**

Before I write my bio, I would like to thank the TTCA nominating committee for placing their trust in me with this nomination.

I was born in Kansas and spent my growing up years in Ohio. I am now a transplant living in North Carolina. I have always loved anything living, that moved but didn't sting. I have had a dog most of my life, and now live with 4 Tibetan Terriers, who have taken over my home and heart. My first TT was Suzy, a stubborn delight, who came to live with us in 2004. We have two of her puppies, Magic and Grace. Magic was a Top 20 Dog, once upon a time. We also have Midi, who is a pistol! I had always wanted to show a dog and raise a litter of puppies, thus after my children were grown I entered into the world of show dogs with my first TT and became a member of the TTCA. I have enjoyed this journey every step of the way, meeting many new friends along the way. I am a member of my local all breed club and have been a member of the GSTTC. I was honored to be your 2013 TTCA National Show Chair. In the future, I hope to continue showing my dogs in conformation, moving into working with them in rally and maybe some of the other performance venues. I also hope to continue to volunteer in activities that support the Tibetan Terrier breed.

## **Betsy Richards - 1st Vice President**

I am honored to have again been nominated to serve as First Vice President. I have thoroughly enjoyed holding that post for the past 3 years. Prior to that I had been one of the Directors. I have also served Trophy Chairman for the 2008 TTCA National, and the Auction Chairman for the 2007 TTCA National.

I have had dogs my entire life but had never bred or shown them until I found the Tibetan Terrier. I, like many of you, come from the world of showing horses.

I've only been in Tibetan Terriers since 2001 but they soon became an addiction. I fell so in love with the breed and have enjoyed showing, that their numbers quickly multiplied. I currently live with 7 TTs and co-own a number of show dogs. I enjoy showing in both Confirmation and agility. I am also a member of the Kennel Club of Buffalo and understand the amount of work it takes to make a successful organization. My history as a teacher, a business owner and a mental health therapist have provided me with a multitude of experiences that I feel will help me in working to support the welfare of our Breed and our Club.

As with most things in life I've found we learn most by getting involved. In continuing to serve this position I would have an opportunity to do this and at the same time, be able to give back to a community that has become such an important part of my life.

## **PAUL H. DOUGLASS, M.D. 2nd Vice President**

I attended Albright College where I received a BS in Biology and Chemistry and then medical school at Thomas Jefferson University. An OB/GYN residency was completed at York Hospital where I practiced for 40 years, retiring 3 years ago. Our children pestered us for years to get a dog, so one day we saw an attractive dog being walked on the beach and later found out it was a TT. My love affair with our breed began! With Gayle Nittler's tutelage, we helped our puppy grow into a fantastic pet, and we enjoyed being members of the TTCA as pet owners. Our membership lapsed after Raggs died of old age. After being dog less for a few years, we found a rescue boy who seemed sad and withdrawn. At the Lancaster specialty, the unanimous verdict, which turned out to be correct, was that he needed an alpha bitch. A few years later, wanting to see a puppy, we visited a local breeder to see a litter, one dog of which seemed to like Cindy. Mia became ours, and we had our third pet TT. A year or so later, we were asked to co-own a male dog that our breeder intended to show in confirmation. Hesitantly, we entered the show dog world, although we were just groomers and cheerleaders. It was so much fun! I have met so many wonderful people and their dogs. It has been amazing how complex and challenging it can be to breed, raise and show a dog! It has been so educational to learn more detail about the process especially at the several national specialty shows I have attended. At the Colorado specialty, I received a sportsmanship award for emergency and long-term medical care rendered to one of our members while she was in York. As a member of the board, I will work tirelessly to promote our breed and represent breeders and owners of show dogs and pets.

**Rene Stamm Director No Biography Submitted**

## 2016 TTCA National Specialty Catalog Advertising

A check payable to TTCA must accompany ad submission.  
No ads will be accepted after the deadline

**Deadline: Feb. 25, 2016**

**All ads are black and white**

**Yes, I would like to place an ad in the catalog**



Ad Size	Price	QTY	Amount
Full page (4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " x 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> ") with or without one photo	\$75		
Half Page (4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " x 3 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> ") with or without one photo	\$40		
Outside Back Cover	\$125	1	
Inside Front Cover	\$125	1	
Inside Back Cover	\$125	1	
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>			<b>\$</b>

- ☐ I have included a check for ad placement payable to **TTCA**.
- ☐ I am providing a "Camera Ready" ad.
- ☐ I would like a Custom Designed Ad and have included a check to **Sandy White** for \$25.00.
- ☐ I am sending text by email (preferred).
- ☐ I have included my materials. (Please email the text of the ad if possible.  
Photos will be returned only if a postage paid envelope is provided — with stamps, not metered)
- ☐ I will email my text and photos to **ttca\_ads@charter.net**  
(Emailed photos should be 300 dpi at 100% of ad size.  
4" x 6" is a good general size.  
Please call Sandy if you have questions.)
- ☐ Ad Text: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Camera Ready Ads**

You may submit your ad as "camera ready" (ready as is for printing) The formats for "camera ready" are pdf, eps, tif, psd. and doc. The photos in the ads must be 300 dpi at the size they are being used.

### **Custom Designed Ads**

Sandy White will design the ad for you for a fee of \$25.00.

If you have questions, please contact Sandy at 248-627-6170 or [ttca\\_ads@charter.net](mailto:ttca_ads@charter.net).

Add more pages if necessary

Name of photographer (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**A proof will be sent via email or U.S. mail for approval before printing.**

**Send materials and check(s) to:** Sandy White, 1869 Glenfield Rd., Ortonville, MI 48462-9051

Phone: 248-627-6170 email: [ttca\\_ads@charter.net](mailto:ttca_ads@charter.net)



# 2016 TTCA National Specialty Schedule

April 25-28, 2016

Lums Pond State Park  
1068 Howell School Rd., Bear, Delaware

For Hotel and Merchandise information, visit the TTCA website, [www.ttca-online.org](http://www.ttca-online.org)

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## **Monday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.**

Board of Directors Meeting

Sheraton Wilmington South, 365 Airport Rd., Castle, DE 19720, Susquehanna Room

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## **Tuesday, April 26, 8 a.m.**

Obedience, Rally – Judge Nancy Withers

CGC Testing – Nancy Brock, WKC

Indoors, Wilmington Kennel Club Building, 2013 Sunset Lake Rd., Newark, DE 19702

Afternoon:

Breeders Education, Agenda TBD

Sheraton Wilmington South, Susquehanna Room

Evening:

**Top 20**

Wilmington Sheraton South, Chesapeake Ballroom

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## **Wednesday, April 27, 8 a.m.**

Agility, Indoors, Get Rev'd Agility, 312 Middle Rd., Elkton, MD 21921

Afternoon:

Canine Companion Celebration; 4-6 mo. Puppy Class, Judge: Ms. Evalyn Gregory; Futurity, Judge: Valerie Barber; Sweepstakes, Judge: Mrs. Rita Holloway; Breeders Class, Judge: Ms. Evalyn Gregory  
Outdoors, Lums Pond State Park

Evening:

**Auction**

Wilmington Sheraton South, Chesapeake Ballroom

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## **Thursday, April 28**

Morning & Afternoon:

Junior Showmanship and all Conformation Classes, Judge: Mr. Joseph E. Gregory

Parade of Champions (Lunch Break)

Outdoors, Lums Pond State Park

Evening:

**Annual Meeting**

Wilmington Sheraton South, James Room

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## **Friday, April 29**

4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Specialty including Sweepstakes  
held in conjunction with the Wilmington Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes – Judge: Mr. Randy Kelly

Specialty Judge: Mr. Kenneth M. McDermott; Group Judge: Mr. Joseph E. Gregory

Outdoors, Lums Pond State Park

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## **Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1**

Supported Entry for All Breed Shows

Saturday, Wilmington Kennel Club, Breed and Group Judge: Mrs. Rita Holloway

Sunday, Penn Treaty Kennel Club, Pending AKC approval Including Obedience and Rally,  
Pending AKC approval

**IMPORTANT! RABIES CERTIFICATE REQUIRED IN STATE PARK - STATE LAW!**



## Trophy Sponsorship

Please consider sponsoring a trophy for the 2016 National Specialty. Below you will find the list of available conformation classes and any amount donated to the General Fund is greatly appreciated. Contact Trophy Chair, René Stamm, [rene@euphoriat.com](mailto:rene@euphoriat.com) or 215-538-4066 to discuss your donation. Make checks payable to TTCA.

### Regular Conformation Classes

Select Bitch	Ringside Tote	\$60
Award of Merit (1)	Painted Umbrella	\$40
Award of Merit (2)	Painted Umbrella	\$40
Award of Merit (3)	Painted Umbrella	\$40
Award of Merit (4)	Painted Umbrella	\$40
Award of Merit (5)	Painted Umbrella	\$40
Award of Merit (6)	Painted Umbrella	\$40
Best Puppy In Show	Painted Brush	\$45
Stud Dog	Gift Basket	\$40
Brood Bitch	Gift Basket	\$40
Brace	Gift Basket	\$40
Best Junior	Cooler/Water Btle	\$75
Junior 1st -4th		\$40
AOH Dog 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Am. Bred Dog 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
9-12 Mo. Bitch 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
12-18 Mo. Bitch 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
AOH Bitch 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Am. Bred Bitch 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Open Bitch 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Vet. Dog 9-11 yrs, 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Vet. Dog 11-13 yrs, 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Vet. Dog 13+ yrs, 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Vet. Bitch 7-9 yrs, 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Vet. Bitch 9-11 yrs, 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Vet. Bitch 11-13 yrs, 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40
Vet. Bitch 13+ yrs, 1st-4th	Pnted Spray Btle & Toys	\$40

### Futurity

Best Puppy in Futurity	Water Bowl	\$30
Puppy Dog 6-9 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Puppy Dog 9-12 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Puppy Bitch 6-9 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Puppy Bitch 9-12 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Best Junior in Futurity	Water Bowl	\$30
Junior Dog 12-15 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Junior Dog 15-18 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Junior Dog 18-24 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Junior Bitch 12-15 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Junior Bitch 15-18 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Junior Bitch 18-24 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Best Adult in Futurity	Water Bowl	\$30
Adult Dog 24-48 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Adult Dog 48 mo.+	Dog toy	\$15
Adult Bitch 24-48 mo.	Dog toy	\$15
Adult Bitch 48 mo.+	Dog toy	\$15

### Sweeps

Best inPuppy Sweeps	Dog related GB	\$75
BOS Puppy Sweeps	Dog related GB	\$50
Puppy Dog 6-9 mo. 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Puppy Dog 9-12 mo. 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Jr Dog 12-15 mo. 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Jr Dog 15-18 mo. 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Puppy Bitch 6-9 mo. 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Puppy Bitch 9-12 mo. 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Jr Bitch 12-15 mo. 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Jr Bitch 15-18 mo. 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Vet. Dog 7-9 yrs, 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Vet. Dog 9-11 yrs, 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Vet. Dog 11-13 yrs, 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Vet. Dog 13+ yrs, 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Vet. Bitch 7-9 yrs, 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Vet. Bitch 9-11 yrs, 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Vet. Bitch 11-13 yrs, 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30
Vet. Bitch 13+ yrs, 1st-4th	Dog toy	\$30



### Performance Events Trophies

Please contact Flossie Barczewski with questions or to confirm your sponsorship, [flossiebar@comcast.net](mailto:flossiebar@comcast.net) or 302-740-6473. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to TTCA.

#### Obedience

High Qualifying Score	Embroidered Item	\$50
Nov A- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Nov B- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Open A- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Open B- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Util A - placement	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Util B - placement	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50

#### Nonregular Classes

Pre-Novice 1st-4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Beginner Novice A - 1st-4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Beginner Novice B - 1st-4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Grad. Nov. A/B A- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Pre-Open 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Grad. Open 1st-4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Pre-Utility 1st-4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Versatility 1st-4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50

#### Rally

High Qualifying Score	Embroidered Item	\$40
Nov A- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Nov B- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Advanced A- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Advanced B- 1st - 4th	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Excellent A - placement	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Excellent B - placement	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50

#### Agility

Standard: Nov. A & B	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Standard: Open	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Standard: Exc. & Master	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
JWW: Nov. A & B	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
JWW: Open	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
JWW: Exc. & Master	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50

#### Agility Preferred

Standard: Nov. A & B	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Standard: Open	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
Standard: Exc. & Master	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
JWW: Nov. A & B	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
JWW: Open	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
JWW: Exc. & Master	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50

#### Time to Beat (T2B)

T2B 8"	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
T2B 12"	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50
T2B 16"	Rolled leather collar or leash	\$50

## 2015 AWARD APPLICATION

Every year at the National Specialty, the TTCA awards a **Register of Merit** to breeders who have bred 10 champions. They also award **ROM** to Stud Dogs who have 5 Champion Get and Brood Bitches who have 3 Champion Produce. **The Versatility Award** is given to dogs that have earned a championship plus an obedience, rally or agility title, and have qualified for the ROM. If your dog qualifies for any of these awards please **fill out the form located below**. **Award certificates for TTCA members are AUTOMATICALLY printed for: all 2014 titles, Best in Show and Group 1 winners in AKC competition, and the top TT in Breed Points and All Breed Points. You DO NOT need to send in a request for these. We also want to honor the Top Performance TT and here we will need you to contact me since this is data is not as easy to find.** Award certificates can also be given if your dog has won a group placement by requesting it on the form below. Deadline for submission is **APRIL 15th**. **FMI**, contact Betsy Richards abrich27@aol.com or cell #716-866-3130, house 716-681-2233

### TTCA AWARD APPLICATION

I wish to receive an Award Certificate for the following:

**ROM Breeder of Merit** \_\_\_\_\_ **Kennel Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please attach list of 10 Champions you have bred with the date they finished)

**ROM Stud Dog** \_\_\_\_\_ **Call Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

5 Champion Get:

\_\_\_\_\_ date finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date finished \_\_\_\_\_

**ROM Brood Bitch** \_\_\_\_\_ **Call Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

3 Champions Produce:

\_\_\_\_\_ date finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date finished \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date finished \_\_\_\_\_

**Versatility Award** \_\_\_\_\_ **Call Name** \_\_\_\_\_

(Requirements: 1-Champion, 2-Obedience, Rally or Agility titled and 3-ROM)

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date completed \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

Group Placing or Other \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ 2015

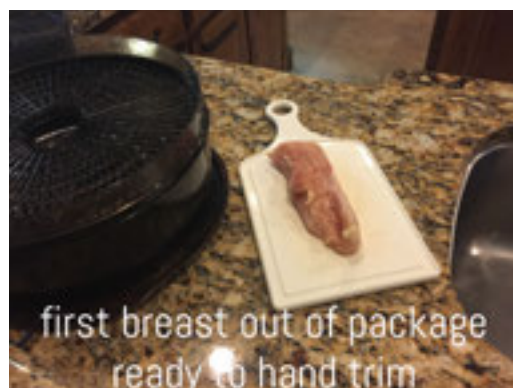
Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION SO IT IS HERE BY March 24th: to Betsy Richards, 36 Nichter Rd., Lancaster, NY 14086. [abrich27@aol.com](mailto:abrich27@aol.com)**

## Healthy Jerky Treats for the TT in Your Life

We're like all TT owners, we want the very best for our dogs. When we began to read about treats made in China and the problems associated with these treats, we said no more to anything Chinese for Roxy. We began to look for alternatives. So we went to PetSmart, and checked out a bag of Blue "Wilderness Chicken" which was \$9.99 for 3 oz. That makes it about \$57.00 a pound with tax. I don't get to have steaks at \$57.00 a pound, and I am pretty sure that Roxy shouldn't either. We thought there must be something better for Roxy. Judy found that she could make chicken jerky that was less expensive, healthy and without additives.

We found that there are various dehydrator's available for around \$45.00 that worked great to make chicken jerky. We have attached pictures showing just how easy it is to cut the chicken breast into thin slices, and dehydrate them on the trays of the dehydrator for about 24 hours. When completed, we put them in the freezer for use whenever you need a special treat. We have given our chicken jerky treats out to friends with dogs and every time it has been a hit. **Jack, Judy, and TT Roxy Williams**







Start with bottom tray  
place strips with room for air to circulate



All the trays are filled



Fill tray



For some of the smaller pieces I slice  
them in the middle to flatten



Vent holes should be open all the way  
to allow the moisture to escape



*The end result will be delicious!*

## **ATTENTION ALL TTCA MEMBERS**

The club is in need of a new Awards Chairman. This job involves generating the TTCA Title Awards earned during the previous year. This information is provided by the AKC and our Statistics Chairman. Knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word is needed. It also involves preparing the Awards Banquet Brochure, handed out at our National meeting at our National Specialty. It is best if this person can attend this meeting. I will mentor the volunteer for the 2015 Awards handed out at our National in Delaware, but I will not be able to do this job in 2017 since I am the Show Chairman. This job really only involves some time a couple of months prior to our Annual National Specialty. For more information please feel free to call me at 716-681-2233 or my cell, 716-866-3130.

Betsy Richards  
TTCA Awards Chairman  
1st Vice President

**Please have all of your  
pictures, brags, forms,  
and articles  
to me by January 20th  
for the next newsletter.**

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*Hiking along the Continental Divide in Colorado November, 2015  
Vanessa White and her Tibetan Terrier Basie photo by Stan White*



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