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SPORTSMEN'S EVENTS

(Mark your calendar and Volunteer!)

Rally & Obedience Practice Matches

2015: 4/17, 5/15, 6/12,
7/10, 8/14, 9/18,
10/9, 11/13, 12/11

Agility Trials

5/29-31/15



Building will be closed for rentals:

April 11 and 12, May 2 and 3

Building will be closed for cleaning:

April 19, May 24



COMPETITION RESULTS

(For publication, please send your results to the Editor 2 weeks before publication. This date will be announced on the email list.)



OWNER/DOG	SPORT/DATE	CLASS	LEG/PL/SCORE	TITLE
E. Hyde/Darla	CGC/3/19/15			CGC
E. Hyde/Jaime	AKC Obedience	Novice B		
Pap. Club of Amer.	5/27/13		1/4/187	
Sportsmen's	10/26/14		2/2/191.5	
Sportsmen's	2/21/15		3/3/192.5	CD
	AKC Conformation			
OKC	1/19/13		2pts WD	
OKC	1/17/14		1 pt WD	
Progressive	4/26/14		2 pts WD	
Ann Arbor KC	7/6/14		4 pts BOB	
Monroe KC	9/28/14		4 pts BOS	
Livonia KC	1/15/15		3 pts BOB	CH
P. Kipla/JPK's	CGC/1-17-15			CGC
Come-N-Get Me				
M. Krnacik/Rosie	AKC Obedience			
Sportsmen's	2/21	Open A	2/2/181	
Sportsmen's	2/22		3/2/190.5	CDX
R. Stevenson/Darcy	AKC Obedience	Utility	1/2/193	
R. Sutton/Sir Duncan	AKC Obedience	Versatility	--/1/--	
Sportsmen's	2/21	Novice	1/2/195.5	
Sportsmen's	2/22		2/2/188	
B. Widdows/Jake	CWAGS Scent Work			
	1-25-15	Level 1	1	
	3-14-15	Level 1	2 and 3	
	1-25-15	Level 2	2	
	3-14-15	Level 2	3 and 4	LEVEL 2
	UKC Scent Work			
	1-31-15	PT-2 thru 5		
C. Winkles/Ty	Agilty 2/28/15 (Sportsmens)			MACH
	Rally 3/8/15	Excellent	3/1/100	RE
M. Woodworth/ Samantha	AKC Agility	Master Jumpers	3/--/100	MXJ
AADTC				
Lucy	AKC Agilty	Open Standard	3/1/100	OA
AADTC				



PHOTOS FROM OUR FEBRUARY OBEDIENCE TRIAL







WHY DO DOGS LICK YOUR FACE?

<http://www.godogtugtoys.com/Licking-Your-Face.html>

When Rusty slurps you on the face, is he giving you a doggie kiss? Sure, he could be, especially if he knows doing this makes you happy, but, to dogs, this is also considered an “appeasement gesture.” Dogs inherited this cute but sloppy behavior from their wolf ancestors.

A wolf mom hunts for her supper and carries her kill home in her stomach. But the minute she gets there, her hungry pups lick her muzzle and lips until she throws the food all back up! Then the pups devour that icky mess of already-chewed meat. Yuck! Somebody else’s partly digested food doesn’t appeal to us. But young pups find it goes down much easier.

Domestic dogs usually outgrow this behavior. But an adult dog will go back to it when he’s licking, er, sucking up. This furry con artist thinks that by acting puppyish and “cute,” he can sweet-talk you into giving him anything he wants. And he’s probably right, unless you’re wise to his game!

A dog licking his own nose and lips may also be nervous or anxious. Maybe you’re scolding him, or an aggressive dog has entered his yard. Lip licking is the nervous dog’s way of calming himself. It’s called a “displacement” behavior. In this case, it’s a “calming signal” and shows the world he doesn’t want to fight.

(National Geographic "How to Speak Dog, a guide to decoding dog language" by Aline Alexander Newman & Gary Weitzman. D.V.M.)

THEREIN LIES A TAIL (Reprinted from “Best In Show”)

By Richard Reynolds

Posted in: [Crufts Category](#), [Groups](#), [History](#), [Learn!](#), [Preparation](#), [Terriers](#)

It is the morning after the biggest dog show in the world, Crufts, and the social media is abuzz with endless comments about the show, the Scottish terrier that won Best in Show, and the “horrid” handler that abused the poor dog in the Best in Show ring. Her sin? She picked the dog up from the table with one hand supporting its chin and the other firmly grasping the tail. Oh, the horror of it all.



Photo by Richard Reynolds

Please understand that this article does not deal with rules and regulation propounded by the show committee at Crufts nor the recent attempt by FCI to make veterinarians out of judges. As visitors we should and must abide by our host’s rules. My focus is on the dogs themselves and the allegations of mistreatment. Before we begin this article for real, there are a few preambles. My life is pretty much about being in partnership with dogs, now mostly terriers and Dachshunds, that do what they were bred to do centuries ago. Not much has changed in working terriers, except perhaps for the modern day addition of radio locator collars, and we carry on just about as they did in the 19th century. My best shovel is an exact copy of an old poachers’ shovel that proved valuable for a number of related tasks.

The second preamble is that in actual hunting, the dog does stand in harm’s way. For the most part, in the field, the dog’s genes take over and it is not likely to be very cautious concerning its own welfare. We, the hunters, try to take every possible precaution including carrying a small veterinary hospital complete with an oxygen supply. We have a number of vets that hunt with us too and they are very good at evaluating the physical condition and anatomical ability of our dogs. I have often had dogs in danger, but luckily, have never lost a dog or had a serious injury. It could happen tomorrow.

The third preamble is that in Brit-Speak, and therefore the language of terriermen (sorry ladies, it is an archaic term)) “working” means ONLY the pursuit of quarry underground by dogs in a natural den, preferably without the need of a great deal of assistance from above. (“Hunting” is limited to the pursuit of fox in a formal pack, with hounds. “Shooting” deals with driven Pheasants or the like whilst “stalking” refers to killing deer with a firearm.) There is no ambiguity about the meaning of “working”. Rat hunting doesn’t count, nor does the occasional raccoon or ‘possum taken above ground. This generic bunch of beast is quite properly labeled “working terriers.” They are ideally designed and bred to work underground in the close confines and darkness of the dens of their quarry.

When we speak of “working” terriers, that group nearly always includes the Border, the Lakeland, the Patterdale, the Fox Terriers and sometimes the Cesky. More recently the Parson Russell and the Russell took the place of JRTs in the conformation ring and only lately have Norfolk Terriers become distinguished at

underground work. Other breeds seem to fall into the group only occasionally such as Bedlingtons, Cairns, Westies and Scottish Terriers. While it is clear that none of this latter group were bred with earthwork as their primary purpose, there is little doubt from the wording of the standards that they were often put to ground. With the exception of the Cesky, all of the “working terriers” were originally developed in the UK.

The temperament of a working terrier is carried in the front of the dog, between the ears. The standards attempt a word picture that is almost universally indicative of a good hunting machine. “Perfect demon,” “fearless and implacable determination,” “tenacious, courageous and single minded,” are a few characteristic descriptions. Oh yeah, and “Diehard.” It made three good movies and it makes a good Scot. Amongst hunters, a good working terrier may be “All balls and no brains.”

Given the likelihood that every working terrier, if it is at all good at its vocation, will find itself in trouble at some point in its lifetime, the lads that bred these animals also considered and included anatomical features that would protect the terrier and assist in its rescue. It may be facing a large and aggressive quarry at the end of a long and deep tunnel. The dog may become wedged into a tight tunnel, unable or unwilling to abandon the hunt. I have had numerous instances where I have dug to a terrier (the deepest was 17 feet straight down) only to be able to see or grasp its rear end. As you can see in the illustration this situation presents a limited number of options for a rescue “handle”.

The tails of working terriers are specifically designed to be used as a rescue device to get the dog out of harm’s way. While the breed standards use different terms, the result is always the same. The tail is set on high, not carried over the back, thick at the base, sometimes docked (to prevent breakage of the thinner part), “of good strength and other terms reflecting its historic use as a convenient handle. One standard, the SFT goes so far as to say “anything approaching a “Pipestopper” tail is especially objectionable.” The Wire Fox terrier standard says it best with “[The tail] affords the only safe grip when handling working terriers.” Consider it the safety handle to counteract the sometimes demonic temperament housed at the other end of the dog. Meanwhile, back at the dog show, conformation handlers have long lifted working terriers on and off the table with one hand under the neck (or brisket) and the other hand grasping the tail. Why not? The dog is evenly supported, in no way squeezed nor its legs compromised. I have never seen a terrier complain about being lifted in this fashion. True “tailing” doesn’t even involve the use of both hands. “Tailing” is basically the lifting of the dog using only its tail. This is not only traditional, it is done daily by people that hunt their terriers in the US, in England, and in Europe. Indeed, I have been bitten by dogs when I was trying to remove them from a hole by other means.

The recent ban on taking most quarry with “dogs” in England has relegated working terriers to the back pages to avoid confrontation, but just as the hunts carry on in some fashion, so too do the working terriers. I took the liberty of following up on some of the posts regarding the allegations of mistreatment and animal abuse and not surprisingly found that not one of them appeared to originate with a terrier breeder or working hunter. The equating of tailing of a working terrier with cruelty or mistreatment reveals only a lack of knowledge of the breed, its use, and its basic anatomy.

In the matter at hand, it may be fine to argue rules, or esthetics, or even techniques of handling, but only the seriously misinformed or ignorant can argue any mistreatment of this fine animal. Funny, no one has commented how much she deserved the win. Maybe that escaped them in their rush to judgment. I would hope that breeders, exhibitors handlers, and judges can do a better job of public education for the benefit of our wonderful hunting partners.

ANNUAL SPORTSMEN'S AWARD BANQUET
Photos by Cathi Winkles





EXAMPLE OF THE CERTIFICATE



LET'S PAR-TEEE!!!!

Brenda Riemer Seminar
Mental Skill for the Competitive Canine Handler

Brenda Riemer held a very informative seminar on how to get a handle on those darn ring nerves we all suffer from before showing. We all had a lot of fun doing the various exercises she taught us. The big difference from other seminars was that it was a very quiet seminar as we learned to relax our muscle groups and to use imagery to visualize our perfect performance. At one time when Carol Silverman peeked in on the seminar while she was preparing lunch, she thought the whole group fell asleep! We were in the dark with our eyes closed practicing our muscle tension control.

The hand out was great and the lunch provided by Carol Silverman was very tasty. I had many helpers to help set up: Carol Silverman, Karen Toy, Kate Parcels, Lelsie Keys, Bill Synder, Mark Squire, Virginia Smith, Paula Kilpela, Tracy Martin, and Gina Czapiewski. Thanks to Amede DeCruydt for getting to the building early and helping with last minute set up and getting the speaker system working. Clean up after was a breeze with the many hands: Karen Toy, Kate Parcels, Lelsie Keys, Bill Synder, Virginia Smith, Paula Kilpela, Amede DeCruydt, Carol Silverman, Philipa Sahiner, Rene Sutton, Barb Popyk, and Mary Jane Woodworth. I hope I didn't leave anyone out!

To all that didn't attend, sorry but we all now have the edge on you. We have the tools to master those ring nerves. Now if there was a special pill to give the dog for a perfect performance?!

Attendees listening intently to Brenda



What a thrill to be able to put a championship title on my papillon, Jaime. I never thought I could personally handle Jaime to acquire all the points needed for a championship. But I did with the help of my terrific papillon, Jaime, and he did it in style. The day he earned his championship at the Livonia Kennel Club Show in January 2015, he also took Best Owner Handled and Best of Breed! It was a thrilling voyage from the first 2 points awarded at the Oakland Kennel Club Show in January 2013, to earning our first major at the Ann Arbor Kennel Club Show in July 2014.

His first major was a wonderful day full of good memories as he took Best of Opposites and Best Owner Handled, to my breeder and friend, Mary Jo Loye's bitch, Darla, who took Best of Breed and earned her championship that day. What fun we had while waiting for groups and making plans for our future shows. Unfortunately those plans will never be, as Mary Jo passed away suddenly in September 2014 from a pulmonary embolism. I lost a good friend and mentor that day. I never could have accomplished Jaime's championship without her mentorship in grooming, showing, and structure.

Our accomplishment also would never have been possible without the help and guidance provided by Roz Jenkins in her Monday night Conformation class. Her patience with me in learning how to stack on a table was fabulous. I don't think all the members of Sportsmen's realize what a great conformation class we have on Mondays. In fact usually the class consists of more nonmembers than members. Watch out before a major show, the parking lot is full with people trying to hone their dog's conformation skills to earn those points on the road to their championship.

Now that I caught the conformation bug, I am going on to earn Jaime's Grand Championship. We already have 2 points. Although many more to go, I know we will have fun showing. Also only need to get 2 more points for a Grand Championship on Darla, who is now one of my pack.

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