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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How time flies... it's already time to start your plans of joining us for the club's annual National and Regional Specialties!

As most of you are aware, our National Specialty has been moved to a different location (same weekend). The Kawartha Kennel Club cancelled their shows this year & it is not certain at this point whether or not we will be able to go back to Peterborough. Kind of sad as we have been holding the Specialty there for over 20 years!

The National and Regional Specialties and Sweepstakes will be held this year in conjunction with the Sarnia Kennel Club shows July 1-4, with 6 all-breed shows (booster entries) as well as the 2 Specialties, 8 obedience and 8 rally trials. The Sarnia club will also offer a CGN (Canine Good Citizen) test on the Saturday which while being fun, is also a requirement for your dog to get its Grand Champion title.

We had very little time to react and find another location for the National. The Sarnia Kennel Club was chosen for different logical reasons, one of which is that it is held on the Canada Day/Independence Day weekend and another for its proximity to the US border. A little longer drive for some of us but also a shorter one for others. With last year's record low entry, we are hoping that this new great location will attract more Kerry exhibitors with 8 set of points. We are also quite excited about offering another Booster at the nearby Bluewater Kennel

Club shows being held on July 5-7 for those interested in making it a week long circuit!

If you have joined us on Facebook, you might already have seen the links posted for the premium lists and accommodations. Or, go to Colmar Show Services' website www.colmars.com for all the details.

Again, this year, we will have a fun filled week with different activities such as the poop pool, raffle, etc and of course Louise and George's great hospitality tent and famous Canadian bacon!! We were also asked to offer a breed presentation by the CDJA (Canadian Dog Judge Association). Anyone interested in helping out with this is more than welcome!

Finally, I would like to put my two cents in about a somewhat delicate subject. The panel of judges was sent to the membership earlier this year asking for your feedback and who the exhibitors would like to see judge the Specialties. Most unfortunately, only 3 or 4 responded by email or phone. It would be much appreciated if the members could give the club their suggestions of judges for future Specialties. If it would be of help, a list of licensed judges could be written up, circulated and voted on.

On this note, I would like wish you each and every one of you a fantastic summer and hope to see many of you this summer at the shows!

France

France Godbout, President KBTCC

UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP

The purpose of publishing the "Prospective" Member is to give the membership the opportunity to review applicants and comments, if they so desire, in support of, or in opposition to, said applicant's membership. Correspondence in support of/or in opposition to the membership, should be directed to the Membership Committee (kbtcc@kerryblues.org) within 30 days after publication of said applicant. Any correspondence received during that time period will be considered during the voting.

NEW MEMBERS

Published in the Fall 2010 e newsletter edition.
Approved by the executive by email Feb. 2011

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LIFE MEMBER

Jacqui Sage (ON)

2011 Calendar of Events

May 21, 2011

Kitchener, ON

KBTC Booster and Terrier Breeders Association of Canada Specialty
Information: Louise Lang; lang@kerryblues.org 416-484-0008
Premium List: www.colmars.com

July 1 - 4, 2011

Sarnia, ON

KBTC Specialty Weekend. Details on following page
Information: Louise Lang; lang@kerryblues.org 416-484-0008
Premium List: www.colmars.com

July 7, 2011

Blyth, ON

KBTC Booster at Bluewater Kennel Club Show
Information: Louise Lang; lang@kerryblues.org 416-484-0008
Premium List: www.colmars.com

August 27, 2011

Long Sault, ON

KBTC Booster and Rideau Terrier Club Group Four Specialty
Information: Terry Cornforth; tcornforth@hotmail.com
Premium List: www.colmars.com

October 15, 2011

Tillsonburg, ON

KBTC Booster at London Canine Show
Information: Heather Taylor; heathlor@amtelecom.net
Premium List: www.colmars.com



Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Canada Specialty Weekend 2011

Join us for an exceptional weekend of **EIGHT SHOWS** at our new venue on July 1 – 4, 2011 near **Sarnia, ON.**

The KBTCC is organizing a weekend you will long remember.

Friday: Two all-breed Booster shows

Saturday: KBTCC National, Sweeps & all-breed Booster

Sunday: KBTCC Regional Specialty, Sweeps & all-breed Booster

Monday: Two all-breed Booster shows



Eight all-breed Obedience Trials & eight all-breed Agility Trials

Show Secretary & Premium List: www.colmars.com

Information: Louise Lang 416-484-0008 lang@kerryblues.org

HOTELS

The KBTCC has reserved a block of rooms at these two hotels located 20 minutes from show site. You must reserve by May 31st to get these rates. Booking ID: KBTCC

Howard Johnson

1716 London Road, Sarnia
519-541-9400
\$85 + tax/night; pet charge \$20 flat rate

Fauld's Motor Inn

1675 London Road, Sarnia
519-542-5566
\$60 + tax/night; pet charge \$5/dog/day

See an aerial photo of the show site at www.sarniakennelclub.com

Weekend Activities

Continental Breakfast is provided every day by the KBTCC under the red hospitality tent. George Moad will grill double smoked bacon on Saturday and Sunday.

Banquet Saturday evening followed by the Annual General Meeting & Loonie Raffle. The club would appreciate everyone bringing some items for the raffle. Details about costs and the menu are being finalized – more to follow.

Poop Pool: Nancy Vance is organizing this fundraiser again for the club. We hope to make it as successful as the last one. Information on how you can win money and support the club by buying tickets will be emailed to all members shortly. You need not be present to win!!



POOP POOL EXPLANATION

The Poop Pool takes place on a large grid board divided into 216 squares. All squares are of equal shape & size and clearly marked 1 through 216. 216 tickets are sold. To ensure every ticket has an equal chance of winning, ticket stubs are first placed into unmarked envelopes and sealed. After mixing them up, these envelopes are assigned a number 1 through 216.

A Kerry is brought into the enclosed board area to do its "business". Prize money is awarded to whoever owns the stub in the envelope whose number corresponding to that square's number. Judges, chosen from non-Kerry spectators, will have final say in the breakdown of the prize money should there be poop deposited on more than one square.

LATERAL THINKING, OR THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

Check out your lateral thinking power! Please do not look at the answers first, these are really good. Answers are on Page 7

Question 1: There are six eggs in the basket. Six people take one egg, how can it be that one egg is left in the basket?

filled with orange juice while the next three are empty. By moving only one glass, can you arrange them so that the full and empty glasses alternate?

Question 2: Acting on an anonymous phone call, the police raid a house to arrest a suspected murderer. They don't know what he looks like, but they know his name is John. Inside they find a carpenter, a lorry driver, a car mechanic and a fireman playing cards. Without even asking his name, they immediately arrest the fireman. How do they know they've got their man?

Question 4: There was once a recluse who never left his home. The only time anyone ever visited him was when his food and supplies were delivered, but they never came inside. Then, one stormy winter night when an icy gale was blowing, he had a nervous breakdown. He went upstairs, turned all the lights off and went to bed. Next morning, he had caused the deaths of several hundred people. How?

Question 3: Six glasses are side by side. The three glasses on the left are

Did You Know?

A police dog in the central Idaho resort town of Sun Valley is back on duty after serving a "suspension" for an unprovoked attack on a small schnauzer, Associated Press reports. Sun Valley police chief Cameron Daggett says the five-year-old German shepherd named Dax took a few weeks off the job after the incident. The dog will receive more training to prevent a recurrence of what Chief Daggett says was an unfortunate situation. Dax is a four-year veteran of the force. He is trained to find illegal drugs, missing people and evidence of a crime scene.

Angel's Gate Hospice Guidelines

Be present and be in the moment with me. In the moment of now we will write the final chapter of my life.

Your presence is everything. Listen to me with your heart.

I have a right to compassionate, considerate, respectful care. Choose for me a veterinarian who will honour me physically, emotionally and spiritually. One who will listen to you because you are my advocate and no one loves me as you do.

Choose a veterinarian who will offer her or his wisdom so that you can make informed decisions regarding my care.

Keep me free from pain and symptoms so that I may enjoy my day and the precious time I have left with you.

Seek to understand the different types of pain I may have. Look for enthusiasm in my eyes as a gauge.

Celebrate my life with me till the very end!

Keep me well nourished so that my body will have the fortitude that it needs to fight disease and energy to function. Offer me my favourite foods to entice me to eat but honour my decision, should I choose not to eat.

Keep me well hydrated; for this will keep me in balance with the universe.

Keep me warm and comfortable. I will need to be bathed more frequently-maybe several times a day. My favourite bed and blanket gives me security and lets me feel safe. I

want to smell fresh air and to feel the warmth of the sun on my face.

I want to hear the softness of your voice reassuring me of my importance in your life.



Let me stay active and continue to be a part of the family I love so dearly. I want to go for rides in the car, and long walks on the beach, and snuggle with you on the couch while we watch TV. Keep fun in our day.

Touch me. Your loving hands have fed me, played with me, comforted me and now give me strength. Linger just a little longer as you scratch my ear. Your touch lets me know you are there and gives me assurance that you care.

Give me permission to leave - I need to hear those words from you - I need to know you will be OK. Let me go.

Know it is my time even if it seems like it is too soon. Support me as I take my final breath.

If there comes a time when you know that I am suffering please euthanize me. I trust that you will always make the right decision for me for I am the blood of your heart. Be with me - I want you to be my last vision.

As there has been great joy in our life together now let there be joy in my passing. Cherish and be thankful for our happy moments together.

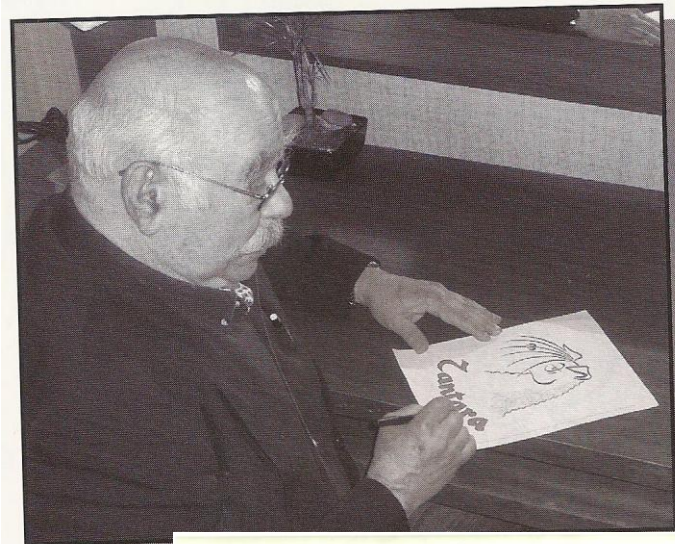
Promise to keep my memory alive in all you do every day. *Author unknown*



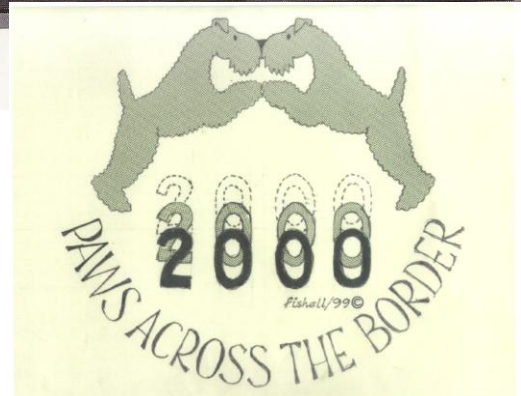
IN MEMORIAM

The Kerry world lost one of its most talented artists when Fred Fishell passed away. Fred drew & generously donated the official club logo (used in our seal) and a later one to celebrate the Millennium Specialty. They were both used on T-shirts for successfully fundraising. Fred also drew very funny cartoons which were compiled into his "Kerrytoons" book.

Frederick Richard Fishell, husband of Eve and father of Richard, Gordon and John, born June 27th 1931 died March 13th 2011 at 79 years of age. An architect by training, he was a man of eclectic interests, equally comfortable in his militia re-enactment uniform (1812), rebuilding wood canoes or doing cryptic crossword puzzles. He tolerated dogs but not fools, as amply illustrated by his extensive cartoons poking fun at both. To all that knew him, he was thoroughly a character who was happiest cooking or baking in his kitchen ... or better yet with friends and family, a good bottle of wine (preferably Nuit St George) and a fantastic meal of his own making. He will be missed.



On November 13, 2010 Penny Hanson (AB) posted: This morning I lost my Hollie. She wasn't a Kerry Blue in body but in spirit she certainly was and lived her life with my Kerries for the past 7 years. Hollie was 14 in September and she was the most beautiful Silver Standard Poodle. She wasn't a show dog but had attitude just like the great ones. Give cuddles to all your Kerries today in her memory.

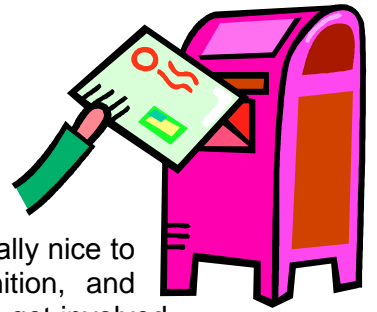


Kerry lover, former Junior Handler and KBTCC 2007 Good Sportsman winner Kelsie Pokol was a beautiful bride when she married Brian Pietz October 9th, 2010. They are now proud guardians of a six month old Kerry named Jack. She's shown here at a KBTCC Picnic many years ago with Zeke, now deceased.

ANSWERS to quiz on Page 5

- * 1. The last person took the basket with the egg in it.
- * 2. All the other card players were women.
- * 3. Pour the juice from the second glass into the fifth.
- * 4. The recluse lived in a lighthouse.

MAILBAG



I enjoyed the Bluenotes. I like your use of color. The west coast is unseasonably cold at the moment. I think the wind chill is putting us down to -17 C tonight. The dogs have decided they don't want to go outside until they absolutely have to. Topper was 14 years in September and Kate will be 14 years on the 24th of this month and both have earned their creature comforts. Quinn, my pup, is 8 months old and is the only one who thinks it is fun to stay out for more than 5 minutes. Good weather to curl up in front of the fireplace with a good book and a hot something or other. *Gwen Hall (BC)*

I am the editor for the Nanaimo Kennel Club (NKC) newsletter. Inge Krause has given me a page from your newsletter, honouring her and Lotte Kroeger as Good Sportsman of 2010, to include in our club's next issue. I'm relatively new to the NKC, so am

just learning about all the good works some of the members do – it's really nice to see people get recognition, and maybe reminds others to get involved as well. *Kathy Segal (BC)*

Thank you for your Blue Notes - quite interesting. I now have 2 Kerries - brother and sister - but I only got the female when she was 13 months old. She is fixed and it is a real joy to see them together. It seems that they never left each other. They are the same height and people cannot tell them apart. The boy's name is Luck of the Irish Shamrock and the girl, Dancing Upon The Emerald Sea, call name Keela. *Suzanne Saint-Martin (QC)*

What a great newsletter! *Jann Lane (CA)*

BRAGS



Here is Gryphon kissing the judge, Kirsten Loche, who he got his AGILITY DOG OF CANADA title under on April 10th, 2011. *Don Parkes, (BC)*

Aisling's Offshore Breeze celebrated her 15th birthday on March 20, 2011!

Breeze, the matriarch of the Sandy Hook Kerries, is still enjoying life and is considering a return engagement at the Red River Terrier Association Specialty in August.

Thanks to all who wished her a Happy Birthday on Linda Lee's Facebook page! You can also check her out on the KBT Foundation web-site
www.kerryblues.info

She is one of the Kerry Elders in the "Over 15 Years Old Club."





Kerry Commands

A girl pulled into a crowded parking lot and rolled down the car windows to make sure her Kerry Blue Terrier in the back seat had fresh air while she went into the store. The dog was stretched out on the back seat, and she wanted to impress upon her Kerry that she must remain there.

She walked to the curb backward, pointing her finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay! Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car gave her a strange look and said, "Why don't you just put it in park?"

More Diary of a New Kerry Owner By Jann McQuay (ON)

November 5, 2010: I hope you are not getting tired of my ongoing excitement with our wonderful little Pepper!!

We had a great time last weekend at Cedar Grove Lodge near Huntsville. The 2 labs handled the stress of a bouncing, persistent, playful puppy very well. The female is a little intolerant and loves to dominate, but she only got as far as a warning 'lip curl' and seemed to accept that Pepper was a puppy. Guinness, the chocolate male, has the personality of Yogi Bear and was more worried about why she was getting 3 meals a day instead of his 2! We all lived in the same log cabin with 3 crates, 6 dog dishes and a fireplace. Pepper loved the hour-long walks and kept up with the other 2, sometimes walking in between them. Their bottoms all look so cute when lined up together! She slept really well! We had only one tiny accident, but I was prepared with carpet cleaner.

The adults always have good fun with board games, cards, Scrabble and books, and the meals. Pepper loves being with us and is a very good traveller. I am using her flight

crate as a permanent car feature - she often does errands with me, so is very used to the car. The almost 3 hour trip was made with not a peep from Pepper. She loved it there.



Last Tuesday she made an appearance at the Stroke Recovery Group where I volunteer and help my Mum. She was a most enthusiastic visitor, greeting everyone with Kerry exuberance. She is more than friendly!! They all want to hear my Pepper stories and it made them smile to see the real girl (wearing another new collar and leash...this time hot pink, with matching ID tag. I must control myself!). This is a group of any age who meets in a local church for an afternoon of support, social activity, stimulation, exercises, guest speakers, and always

refreshments. I feel so good helping them and take Mum, now 91, for a walk when I'm there. Pepper didn't mind that some have only one useful arm, move with canes or wheelchairs, have memory problems or compromised speech. I would like to make her a therapy dog.

The 'Puppy Headstart' lessons are over. The trainer, Sharon, has been so impressed with her success...I told you she was gifted! (Well, aren't all Kerries?). Pepper and I have worked very hard with our homework and she performed with perfection for the final lesson, even ignoring a squirrel, a barking dog and the fire hydrant...this was sheer luck!. Sharon also teaches Agility at the kennel where Pepper boards. She said the owner, a trainer and behavior specialist, was MOST impressed with Pepper and thought she was very mature in spite of her 4 mos. She was quite the hit at the kennel. We will do puppy agility there in the spring, and of course, she will return there once in a while for a holiday.

Next Saturday Pepper and I begin classes with other dogs. She may be the youngest, but does not qualify for their puppy classes now that she is 5 mos. This will be exciting for both of us. The timing is poor, weather-wise and Christmas-wise, but we'll put our best into it. The socialization is what I really want.

I couldn't possibly even think of working! Pepper has made retirement an extremely busy time for me and is almost the focus of my full attention. Her arrival in our lives has been perfect. It is just about 2 years since we said goodbye to Sadie and we have patiently waited for someone like Pepper. Although I was more interested in the rescue of a mature dog, I do think this healthy, happy, beautiful puppy has



brought such joy to each day and was the best decision for us.

I may be interested in showing her, as altered. Several breeders and Louise Lang all have said she is a beauty. I would love to see pictures of her parents and to learn more about Pepper's beginnings. I hope her breeder Del knows where his puppies have gone and that Pepper is a very loved and happy girl. I can't imagine how he manages 3 adults.



November 22, 2010: Pepper and I have been very busy lately ... too busy, in fact, to be on the computer much. She is learning to sleep beside me (leashed) now while I work for a short while.

All is well. The family dog, beginner classes are going well. We have lots of homework to do. She was exhausted, from excitement, after her first class. Second class, she arrived with all guns ablazin'. There are only 3 other dogs in the class, but she can hardly wait to boss & bark as she enters. Things settle down as we get to work. One of the assignments is a scavenger hunt. This takes us on a search of exposures to wheelchairs, elevators, kids, malls, busy roads, bearded men, etc. She is accepting, with great enthusiasm, of all these things. My sister-in-law is in a rehab hospital so I have been taking Pepper there for her to see. She doesn't mind wheelchairs or canes. This past weekend we met another patient who was delighted to see a Kerry. He had been the owner of 4 Kerries in his younger years. It made his day!!

We are having issues with other dogs. Not that she is not friendly, just too extreme. I have started her on a Gentle Leader collar along with tons of treats hoping that this will

help to make seeing other dogs a little better. I really want to be able to walk her on the wonderful trails we have near us where she'll meet lots of dogs. Kerries are a challenge!

Pepper is eating well. Breakfast includes the addition of yogurt, at lunch vegetables are added, and for dinner she gets either sardines or tuna in addition to the 'Now'. Thankfully she loves her food. In the house training department we are having more successes although there are still 1 - 2 mistakes a week. I usually blame myself! Well, she needs another business break so we'll be out for a neighbourhood walk

November 23, 2010: Pepper and I love this weather (a balmy 12) and are going for hour-long walks, am and pm, and especially before class. It was suggested that I give her only a token breakfast before class next week so that she is really hungry and feed the rest as treats. I know she is terribly excited to be at her school and actually behaves very well once we have started. She even did a good sit / stay with the leash on the floor. I thought she might take advantage of the opportunity to stir up some play!

I have been getting her accustomed to the Gentle Leader collar inside and for training outside. This morning, on our long walk, we used the Gentle Leader and met 2 groups of dogs. I went to the opposite side of the road to give us distance, asked her to sit and treated her with liver and chicken continuously. It worked, for now!! She had to be asked to sit several times, but didn't bark. I hope this is not just 'beginners luck'.

On our walks we go looking for new experiences. Today she very gently took a treat from a child in a stroller, without jumping up, and another treat from an old bearded man. Jumping up is another habit I am working on. Don is so kind and pleased with her attention that it is hard for him to IGNORE her attention. There should be an obedience school for husbands! I'm not

sure what kind of a dog he is; something that doesn't like rules, but loves treats, maybe a Beagle/Lab cross. Anyway, I am training both of them!



She is getting used to being leashed to my foot at the computer so that I can get a few minutes of communication done. Right now she is flaked out beside the desk.

She did not have to have her ears pasted the 2nd time!! I even questioned whether they needed doing the 1st time, but had them done just in case. They look perfect. The Albericos are on standby if they pop up. They have been very helpful. They were saying that almost all Kerries need to have at least one pasting for perfect ears. Actually, we think the whole Pepper girl looks perfect!!

December 21, 2010: Pepper is great. For the past 6 Saturdays we have been going to our 'Family Dog' classes and practicing very hard in between. Last Wednesday, she had her first real Kerry cut in order to look beautiful for her graduation this past weekend...and she is truly a beauty. I wish you could see her!! I was so proud of how she worked for that final class which comprised of games to apply all the lessons she/we had learned. We even did an advanced exercise off leash weaving around a series of pylons. Pepper even learned how to enter the class quietly; not an easy achievement for a boisterous Kerry. There were only 2 other dogs in the class, which was really good for all of us, and they also did well. I was hoping that they could have had a big play after, but that would set a precedent for any other class we might take at that location.

I will probably get together with 'Pip', a rescue mixed breed with tons of energy and

a passion for Pepper to play outdoors. It was good fun and although she is no angel, she does know her stuff. I must keep developing her skills. It is too easy to go a bit lax when there are no classes to perform for! She has such a sense of humour and knows when to try to play 'dumb'.



There's always that look in her eye. One really bad thing she does is to lunge about the family room flying from the couch to chair, around and back with a 'catch me if you can' look. I try to be firm and not make the game of it that she wants, but it is really quite hilarious. Jumping up is a habit to break, but she is at least excessively friendly.

Our youngest son (and his wife) is home for Christmas and the 2 of them have been having some great plays. He has as much 'terrier' in him as she does. After a long walk and a 'rough and tumble' her naps have been well deserved! I was pleased that when Darren came into the house for the first time at about 2 am, alone, and had not yet met Pepper, she did not even lift her head or bark. He walked right past her crate. I am not sure if a burglar could get in now! Perhaps she could sense a family member.

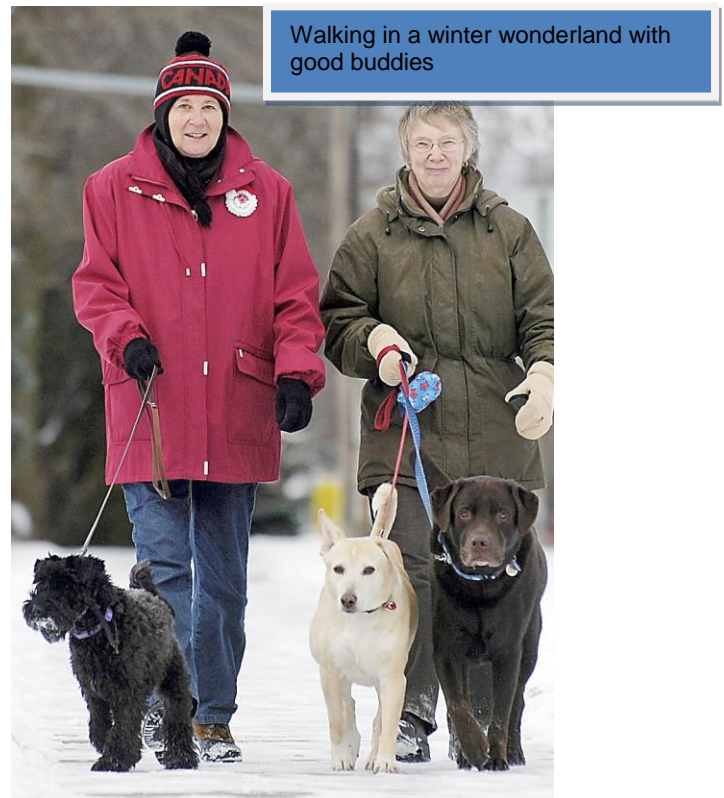
She is ready for Christmas and I know has even bought me a great pair of warm mitts for those long walks in the winter. She has a stocking full of new bones, an unstuffed skunk tail/ball and a squeaky, crinkly mouse. Our last Kerry destroyed her stocking trying to get the good things out. Pepper has a Santa shirt, a scrunchy velvet necklace with bells and several hats which won't stay on. A little spoiled!!

Another very difficult habit to stop is her counter and table surfing. A week ago I had my lunch served, took her out for a business break and should have put her in a sit/stay while I got my coat, etc. off (I will from now

on!). Off she went to surf the stove, and possibly to eat my lunch. I came racing around the corner into the kitchen, slipped on the floor and have now possibly broken my arm. My hip is badly bruised, and left arm has very little strength. Just missed hitting my head on the door frame and smashing my face into the floor!

Nothing definitive has shown up in the x-rays, but they are to be repeated next week. I am trying not to use it, in case...more than a bit of a nuisance at this time of the year. I did manage to take her to the last obedience class, though, using my right arm only! Well, Don came with me, but only to watch and lift her in and out of the car. As she gets bigger her reach is paying off.

She has lost the frosted, wooly sheep look



and now is a beautiful 'teeny bopper' Kerry. What a delight...still overly friendly (but who could really complain about that!), lots of attitude and keeps me from the potential boredom of retirement.

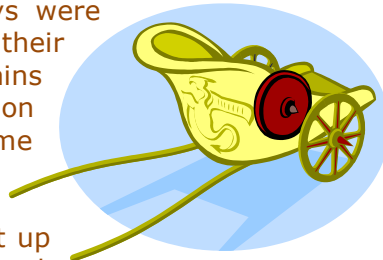
Super Awesome TTouch Incident

Here is an uplifting story about the impact of energy work on animals. If you are not yet familiar with Tellington Touch (TTouch), you can learn more on their web site www.ttouch.com.

When I was down at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair I met up with a woman who works with some of the rescues I work with as well. Horses are her thing so I've been relearning a lot with her and learning new info and meeting horsey people as well. She was there working yesterday so I hunted her down and we went for a wander.

We went into the horse palace that neither of us had managed to explore yet. She knows...everyone...and I got introduced to rather a lot of horsey folk which was nice and learning who is who in the community once again. We ended up in the pre-show holding area where I normally would never be allowed to go but I was with her so after the security guards hugged her they let us both through.

Sadly, the hackneys were getting ready with their carts. All the chains and equipment on their feet made me really sad. One horse was a little stressed and it built up until she bucked and nearly took the head off her female driver. The cart tipped back a bit and that was the woman's saving grace. She jumped off and a wee girl got on. The horse clearly needed to run off some energy from their long journey and they had not managed to give it the run it needed. The horse got hot again and much to my chagrin, a man walked over to the horse and punched her in the neck. WHAT????!!! I nearly jumped the fencing and punched him. Way to understand horses there buddy. And they wonder why the horse gets stressed.



Interestingly enough, a few minutes later, my friend went over to that guy and told him that I was a TTouch practitioner and I could probably be more use to steady them than a punching. I had no idea she was going to do this. I'll work with horses but know my limits. Bless her intent though.

The horse got even more jumpy so naturally they attached some weird connector from the top of the bridle to the harness forcing its head in that unnatural arched position the humans seem to like. The poor dear needed more bondage like I need another donut. I sighed alot. My friend had to go back to work so I followed the horses into the ring and watched a very short demo by them. I was grateful the horse was finally being able to stretch her legs a bit and release some of that tension. I followed them back into the barn and just tried to keep up with where they went. There is a ton of stalls in there so I only recognized the driver who was also the owner. I stayed out of their way as they unhooked the horse, put her in the stall with cross ties. Question: Why cross ties if they are IN a box stall? Not amused for the poor dear.

I stood there talking to the horse and not the people. Finally a female trainer asked me if she could help me. I told her I was a TTouch practitioner, had seen what had happened and wanted to help the horse. She didn't know what TTouch was so I gave her the nutshell description and she told me she was too busy at the moment getting another horse ready for the ring. She told me to wait and she would be back in a minute if I wanted to talk about it. Forty five minutes later, she came back. I was in the same spot and had just spent that time cooing to the horse trying

to help it breathe. I could still see the whites of its eyes. Poor poppet.

She impatiently asked me what I wanted. I said was that I wanted to help the horse. She asked me how and I told her about ear slides and mentioned I would show her what to do if they didn't want me touching the horse. She had no time to learn anything at the moment. She said the horse was head shy. I said I could work with that. She asked me how much I would charge and I said that I didn't give a damn about money and just wanted to help the horse. She told me to follow her.

I asked that the horse, Shelburne aka Shelley, be taken off the cross ties. She asked if I wanted to hold the halter. I said nope, she didn't know me and was stressed enough. All I wanted to do was some ear slides and to get the horse to drop her head. I knew I'd only have a few seconds to work.

Amazingly enough the horse was not as head shy as I thought but really did not like her ears touched so I reverted to Chimps and Clouded Leopards all over her neck combined with a soft, soothing and encouraging voice. She was very muscular but pretty tight too. I could tell she was not used to being asked if something was "ok to do" and she started to think about things with some rapid blinking tossed into the mix. She gently nudged me with her muzzle and lip-nibbled the back of my hand at one point too.

I stated that I knew elongating the neck was not what people wanted a Hackney to do but I had a reason for trying. The trainer laughed understandingly. Slowly, with lots of stop and starts, with a lot of encouraging, and discovering that the meet and melt with her halter was not a thing to do, that she made attempts to lower her head. Finally she extended her neck and let out a nice long, lip vibrating release. Bingo!

I didn't want to do much after that but did encourage her a lot and just wanted to give her the experience of a soft, listening touch. I could no longer see the whites of her eyes. This took around 5-10 minutes.

I stepped back and the trainer asked what else I was going to do. I said that I wanted to stop there; I didn't want to over work her. I also knew that I would be a little in over my head doing much else, given her temperament that day and my general lack of horse experience. I wanted Shelley to end on a positive note and would have loved to try a tail pull but that would have been bad timing. Amazingly the trainer asked for my info. I gave her my brochure and put the main TTouch website address on it as they were from Virginia and Kentucky. I told her that I was sure that a practitioner would be nearby their farm and encouraged her to check it out. We thanked each other and I thanked Shelley.

It is amazing how gutsy I can be when an animal is in need. I'm also always amazed how that gutsiness allows me to work on animals that under normal circumstances I would never be allowed near. This is a show quality, champion Hackney horse that I'm pretty sure is worth more than most cars and they didn't know me from squat!

That pretty much made my week. I really hope that they follow through and get a TTEAM practitioner to help out. Shelley really needs a loving hand.

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“Kerries with a Calling”

Honoring Kerries’ Canine- Humanitarian Contributions to Society and to the Individual

by Jann Steel Lane

A great show dog loves the ring. We have all seen that special Kerry stride down, back, and knew that dog loved what he or she was doing. Just as some of our Kerries love the ring, others have a calling just as strong outside the ring where there may be less applause, but more of a calling to serve those in great need. In fact, many of our Kerries have had the calling in both the show ring and in therapy dog, and contribute to our breed in both. These Kerries are the silent heroes of our breed, silently serving others, some in schools, as reading dogs, and others may serve as a special companion to someone with a severe illness. These Kerries have a mission and get just as excited in the parking lot of the nursing home as a Kerry waiting to herd sheep.

The Kerry Blue Terrier, a 19th century Irish farm dog, is currently recognized for its structure or “form” ---through conformation and for its work or “function” -- through performance in agility, herding, obedience, rally and tracking competitions.

In 2010, the USKBTC recognized the Kerry Blue Terrier’s third dimension, its “Canine-Humanitarian” contribution to Society and to the Individual, through establishing the “Kerry It Forward” Awards, and honored ten recipients, two of whom were bred in the States and lived in British Columbia, Canada.

Suzanne Carpenter of Marysville, Washington placed two Kerries with KBTCC Member Alana Fulton in Vancouver, BC Canada, who are recipients of this year’s award. Suzanne has been involved in therapy dogs for more than twenty years, in the US and across the



border in Canada. She tells us of a group called F.I.D.O. Federation of Individuals and Dog Organizations that sponsored shows and therapy groups for a number of years. As often happens, this group ended, but from it arose Wagging Tails Pet Therapy- visiting nursing homes, care homes and hospitals. Residents welcomed them with open arms and many smiles. Glenkerin’s Kiss the Dragon “Darcie” was one of Suzanne’s puppies in the program. Darcie knew her calling as a therapy dog was meant to be. Although her life her on this earth was too brief for those who loved her, due to her own health problems, Darcie gave every day

that she had, to others. Darcie passed away in 2009. Darla, Truetype's Darling of Glenkerin has taken over for her housemate Darcie, and for Alana Fulton, extending the Kerry love to nursing homes, hospitals and care facilities. The enjoyment that Darla brings to residents with her therapy dog friends is also felt by her owner and Darla herself. Everyone benefits from the very special love these Kerries have to give.

The USKBTC Charitable Funds Board believes that by recognizing our breed's support and involvement in public service that we will reinforce a positive image of our breed and encourage others to participate in like activities. As our world of purebred dogs and indeed all dogs and pets are under continual challenge, recognition of this third dimension becomes increasingly significant. In a world that often questions our motives, this award provides an opportunity to publicly demonstrate the good our breed is doing.

The USKBTC award, the "Kerry It Forward Award" recognizes the Kerry Blue Terrier's Canine-Humanitarian Contributions to Society and to the Individual through Service Dog, Therapy Dog and Exemplary Companion and Exemplary Performance Acts.

To qualify the recipient must fulfill the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be a purebred Kerry Blue Terrier; and,
2. The applicant must have performed a canine-humanitarian contribution to either Society or to an Individual within one or more of the following categories:

Category 1: Service or Assistance Dogs

Assistance Dogs are trained to assist individuals with disabilities; these disabilities can be physical or psychological or emotional; examples include hearing, sight service dogs and alert response dogs who alert their human companions to seizures and other medical emergencies.

Category 2: Educational

Educational Facilities-Schools/Libraries: Kerries who assist children in public and private schools in academic and special needs areas; example- reading assistance dogs; Bite Avoidance Programs- Kerries who teach children how to interact with dogs and build a positive relationship with dogs; Safety-School Crossing Programs;

Category 3: Medical - Therapy Dogs

Examples include Healthcare, Hospitals, Hospice and Medical Care Facilities: Kerries who visit hospitals, children's hospitals, healthcare centers; rehabilitation centers such as shelters for homeless, battered women and children;

Category 4: Seniors

Examples include Retirement Facilities and Senior Centers; Kerries who visit retirement communities or senior centers; Kerries may also belong to residents who contribute to the residential community;

Category 5: Military and Police

Examples include Veterans Homes, Military Hospitals, Police Security and Rescue Work; Kerries who visit military or Veterans Hospitals, Veterans Homes; Veterans recovering from wounds are in a special category from medical;

Category 6: Exemplary Companionship or an Act of Exemplary Performance

This category includes Kerries who have performed a one time event of an exemplary act, contributed to others or have exhibited companionship to an individual under exemplary circumstances (Example:



saving a family from a fire in the home or acted as a companion to a person who is terminally ill);

Category 7: In Memoriam

A special category for that Kerry who would have qualified in one of the categories above but has passed away. Through 2011, we will honor those special Kerry Blue Terriers who are no longer with us, who have contributed to Society or the Individual in the past in special ways, regardless of how long it has been since they lived and contributed to our breed and to society.

Award Criteria:

- The dog must be a purebred Kerry Blue Terrier;
- The dog must be nominated by a USKBTC member; the owner of the dog does not need to be a member of the USKBTC to receive the award/recognition;
- We recommend that the dog have the certification needed to participate in the activity for which he or she is applying; example Therapy Dog International or Delta Society certification or Therapy Dogs Incorporated;

Note: The Kerry It Forward application is attached to the same email as this newsletter.

A Boy & His Kerry Blue Named "Blue"

A young cowboy from Wyoming goes off to college. Half way through the semester, he has foolishly squandered all his money. He calls home. "Dad," he says, "You won't believe what modern education is developing! They actually have a program here in Laramie that will teach our Kerry Blue, Ol' Blue, to talk!"

"That's amazing," his Dad says. "How do I get Ol' Blue in that program?" "Just send him down here with \$1,000" the young cowboy says. "I'll get him in the course." So, his father sends the Kerry and \$1,000.

About two-thirds of the way through the semester, the money again runs out. The boy calls home. "So how's Ol' Blue doing son?" his father asks. "Awesome, Dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this - they've had such good results they have started to teach the animals how to read!"

"Read!?" says his father, "No kidding! How do we get Blue in that program?" "Just send

\$2,500, I'll get him in the class." The money promptly arrives. But our hero has a problem. At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read. So he shoots the Kerry.

When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited. "Where's Ol' Blue? I just can't wait to see him read something and talk!" "Dad," the boy says, "I have some grim news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ol' Blue was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading the Wall Street Journal, like he usually does. Then he turned to me and asked, "So, is your daddy still messing around with that little redhead who lives down the street?"

The father exclaimed, "I hope you shot that S. of a B. before he talks to your Mother!" "I sure did, Dad!" "That's my boy!"

The kid went on to law school, and now serves in Washington DC as a Congressman



Annie's Good Start to 2011!

Ch. Malahideblue Out of the Woods (Annie) was Canada's #2 Kerry Blue Terrier in 2010.

2011 has started well with Annie obtaining her first US points in January (thanks to Laurel Skuba), her first Reserve Best in Show in February (thanks to Judge Lisa Avery), and her first four NADAC novice agility titles in March and April.

Many thanks from Linda, Annie, and Larry to all our friends who have provided us with lots of support and encouragement along the way!

Emergency Planning

Have you made plans for your Kerry should you become hospitalized, infirmed, or in a car accident? What if your Kerry became lost or stolen?

The following three sections were designed to be placed on the dog's crate, in a zip-lock bag or other clear, sturdy holder, with the "Emergency Personnel" showing in the front. The next two pages should be filled out with that dog's information. If you don't travel with a crate, use the glove box.

Hopefully you will never have the need for this information to be used.



Emergency Personnel



- ◆ Do Not Remove Dog From Crate Unless It Is In Distress
- ◆ Frightened Animals May Attempt to Bite or Flee
- ◆ Contact and Medical Information Inside



Attention—In Case Of Emergency



Owner _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Should I Be Unable To Attend To My Dog(s) Due to Injury or Death:

- ◆ Do Not Take My pet(s) to an Animal Shelter or Humane Society.
- ◆ The dogs should be taken to the nearest animal boarding facility or veterinarian.
- ◆ Please contact the following people. These contacts guarantee payment of any bills incurred until the dog can be picked up. I give my permission to have my dog(s) released into their care.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Should any of my animals be on the loose following a vehicle accident—please contact the above individuals who will assist in the search should I be unable to participate.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. My dogs are members of my family and it is my wish that they receive the best care possible.

Signed _____

Date _____

Dog Information

Dog's Name: _____ Sex: _____

Breed: _____ DOB: _____

Color: _____ Microchip/Tattoo: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Important Medical Information: _____

Pictures: