



# TERV TRAILS

A Publication of the Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club  
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## MILES



**Waldenmark Nose For Fashion Qui Rit TD TDU TDX**  
**Trained and Handled by Sarah Helber**  
**Loved by Sarah and his many friends**

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**Membership Information**

Individual Membership ..... \$10.00  
Family Membership..... \$15.00

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: May 25, 2024  
**Articles, Pictures, Brags HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!**

**The next meeting  
of the LSBTC  
will be Saturday July 6, 2024  
at the Greater Collin Kennel Club  
show, in Dallas, Texas**

**The meeting will be after  
conformation judging**



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Jeff Curran*

**President, Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club**

Hello fellow Terv lovers.

I hope you all are well. Another Tax Day is upon us. I hope none of you owe as much to the government as Cynthia and I do this year. Most years we get a small refund, but sadly this is not one of those years. As much as I am not a fan of Tax Day, it is a day to celebrate the birthday of Casanova and Cherish. They officially turn 13 today.

Hard to believe they have been getting on each other's nerves for that long. She still thinks he's stupid and he still thinks it's amusing to harass her at every possible moment. I still remember showing Casanova as a 6 month old dog in Belton. He was so out of control and I was such bad handler then that I basically swore off showing dogs forever.

That 13 years have really flown by. I don't even think that the idea of retiring was on my mind back then. Now it's on my mind all the time. Now that date is just 5 1/2 months away.

I'm really looking forward to getting back some of the sanity that I have lost doing this job for so long and joining most of you as a retiree. Not sure what my days will look like, but I'm certain there will be more time appreciating every moment with our four-legged friends.

All the best and I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Jeff

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Here is the nominating committee slate for the club year 2024-2025

- President - Jeff Curran
- Vice President - Deb Lyons
- Secretary - Sarah Helber
- Treasurer - Shirley Stowe
- Director - Dennis Lyons

Presented by the Nominating Committee: Cynthia Parker, Chair with Andrea Meinhart and Jeff Curran.

The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to ensure there will be at least one candidate for each office.

Additional nominations may be submitted as described in the LSBTC Bylaws: "Additional nominations of eligible members may be submitted to the Secretary in writing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each additional nominee stating their willingness to be a candidate and endorsed by three members in good standing. Such nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than June 30th."

## **UPDATE ON ABTC AREA CLUB REORGANIZATIONS**

*Information provided by Jeff Curran*

ABTC is going to obtain a Group Exemption status with the IRS to help streamline the process, and reduce the cost, of becoming a non-profit corporation. This will be done by non-profit attorney Greg Corbin, and ABTC will pay his charges to get it done for all the clubs needing it. Your club will still need to file with the IRS but it will be much simpler once the group exemption has been obtained.

He will be very specific in what is needed for this, but it will at least be a copy of your Constitution & Bylaws, a roster of members and list of officers, activities of the club, and some sort of financial info - don't know the details on what that is exactly but he will tell us.

We found out that AKC has told new clubs that the area/state that the club is in needs to be in the name when applying for AKC licensing. So Lone Star BTC of [North Texas] or something like that - you can contact Club Relations to ask how specific it needs to be. Details on becoming an AKC club can be found here: <https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/clubs/forming-a-club/> . You can look at their guidelines and start putting together the list of things they ask for.

Once you have a name AKC can live with, you can go to [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and get an EIN (free). Then you can register with the Texas Secretary of State: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/sosda/index.shtml> - should cost about \$25.

Then once the group exemption is completed, you can file with them (not sure what that cost will be but much less than if you were filing on your own), and you will be legal!

## **STATEMENT FROM THE ABTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A long explanation has been published in the February-March 2024 Tervuren News Tales regarding the history of the ABTC/Chapter Clubs relationship. (page 10-11, titled "Chapter Clubs.")

The Board of Directors emphasize that they do not want the Chapter Clubs to dissolve, and have offered to work with the clubs to obtain AKC licensure.

## **ONE IMPORTANT STEP--CHANGING OUR NAME**

*by Susan Hervey*

In order to comply with AKC rules, our club would have to have a name that describes our specific location. Think about possibilities for our next meeting! (I personally think everyone in the United States knows what area "Lone Star" involves! But I guess the name has to be more localized.)

## TRIBUTE TO MILES

Waldenmark Nose For Fashion Qui Rit TD TDU TDX  
6/21/2013 to 2/18/2024

*by Susan Hervey*

As Miles' "aunt," Sarah's sister, I thought I'd offer my perspective to his life. Sarah gave me permission to publish this article, but she didn't feel like writing at this time.



The first time I met Miles, I realized he was a little bundle of energy! He woke up every day singing "This is gonna be the BEST DAY OF MY LIFE!" (a song by American Authors that was popular during his birth year.)

He approached life with enthusiasm, and had an infectious smile.

He probably never knew how lucky he was to live with Sarah. He got to track almost every day of the week, and go on walks when he wasn't tracking.

He was very quiet in the house—whenever he was excited he would bark once! A loud insistent bark. Then he would wait for Sarah to come see what he was observing. (Squirrel!)

He had a pet cat—or perhaps Sarah's cat Kirby had a pet dog! They shared a dog bed a lot of the time, but might have had some competitive inclinations about who got on the bed first. And stayed the longest!

Miles was a working dog at heart. When I would visit Sarah, I would sit at the kitchen table and ask him for the trained behaviors which Sarah had taught him. The amazing thing, though, was that he would do 10 or more behaviors for about 1/6th of a fortune cookie!

Sarah had taught him to "Twist" clockwise and "Turn" counterclockwise! Even I would have trouble instantly responding to those cues! But they were a couple of his very favorite behaviors.

As an older dog, just for fun, we played "sniff-work." Not nosework, because we used tiny pieces of fortune cookies for him to find and didn't require an indication. I'm pretty sure fortune cookies don't put off much scent! But he would work diligently to find them.

He and Sarah pursued their VST, but life caught them short. Sarah started taking him to the vet in December. Her vet thought he might have a food sensitivity which was causing increasing vomiting. Vomiting and lethargy—so unusual for him—were his main symptoms. As we feared, he had stomach cancer.

Sarah and I have had quite a few Tervs, but Miles was one of a kind!



There is a big hole in our hearts, but we know you all know the feeling. Loving such a short-lived species can be heart-rending, but the loving is worth it.

**“GASTRIC CANCER: Identifying Genetic Risk Factors in the Belgian Tervuren”  
Webinar MARCH 12, 2024**

Hosted by Heart Equine Academy Courses and Julie Symons

Presented by Jacquelyn Evans, PhD

*Reported by Susan Hervey*

*The webinar was presented as a fund-raiser for the 2024 National Specialty. I took notes from the webinar, but any mistakes are mine.*

In humans there are 2 types of gastric carcinoma (stomach cancer):

Hereditary diffuse, where cancer invades the stomach wall.

Environmental, from factors such as H. pylori; high salt, high fat diet; another gastric disease; smoking; alcohol; or obesity.

Males are predisposed in humans.

Of the Belgians with high quality diagnosis data, which included 45 Tervs and 16 Belgian Sheepdogs:

52% were intestinal

48% were diffuse.

Both have a poor prognosis, but diffuse is worse.

H. pylori is not believed to be associated with gastric carcinoma in dogs.

Average age in Belgian Tervuren is 8 to 10 years. The range from their data is 6 to 14 years.

Ultrasound can't tell the types of cancer. Biopsies, and especially a biopsy from the stomach, are the best means of diagnosis.

**Median survival time from diagnosis is 33 days.**

#### SYMPTOMS

Vomiting occurs in 40% to 95% of cases. Other symptoms include loss of appetite, weight loss, and lethargy.

#### PURPOSE OF CURRENT STUDY

To determine risk factors so dogs at high risk can be identified, and a test can be developed to use as a breeding tool.

## **GASTRIC CANCER: Identifying Genetic Risk Factors in the Belgian Tervuren, Continued**

NOTE: Breeding only low-risk dogs is not an advisable strategy. The breed would lose too much genetic diversity and many valuable dogs.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Data sets from several organizations, including NIH, Utrecht, UC Davis, Tufts, and EMBARK, have been merged. So far they have identified 200 cases and 270 controls. Controls are 12 to 15 year-old dogs that remain gastric cancer free.

Belgian Sheepdogs have 49 cases, and 87 controls.  
Belgian Tervuren have 151 cases, and 183 controls.

There is a divergence between American and European cases, and the study has been controlled for geographic effect.

Belgian Malinois probably have a lower incidence, and the risk alleles are clustered in a different area. Belgian Laekenois risk is unknown.

### **INITIAL FINDINGS**

By DNA analysis, 9 loci have been identified as having 18 risk alleles. Controls have 11 or fewer risk alleles, while affected cases have 12 or more risk alleles.

### **SAMPLES NEEDED**

Blood samples are the gold standard for research. They contain high quality DNA.

Additional blood samples are needed for Belgian Tervuren and Belgian Sheepdogs diagnosed with gastric adenocarcinoma, as well as dogs 10 years or older with no personal history of cancer and no immediate relatives with gastric cancer.

Samples can include raw EMBARK data for dogs at any age. Owners can download and email them.

More information about submitting samples is available at:

<https://caninegeneticslab.vet.cornell.edu/stomach-cancer>

and

<https://abtc.org/health/>

## SHOW RESULTS—TEXAS SHOWS

### **FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB INC., MARCH 23, 2024, JUDGE MRS DONNA J BUXTON**

#### *Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs*

1/W/BW/BOBOH LET'S DANCE DU CADRE NOIR BCAT. Devota M Swenson.

#### *Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches*

1/W/OS MASTERPIECE'S RACELON RENOIR CGC DS. Carol Lautzenheiser.

#### *Open Bitches*

1/RW ICY MIST DU CHEMIN DES SOCIERES CGC. Karen Francis Weems.

#### *Best of Breed Competition*

B GCH CH CHATEAU BLANC'S TENACIOUS THOR. Jean Scott & Lewis Snyder.

SEL CH SKY ACRES MORNING WINGS TAKE FLIGHT. Angela C. Springfield.

SKY ACRES LEAVING ON A JET PLANE. Angela C Springfield.

### **FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB INC., MARCH 24, 2024, JUDGE MR RICHARD LASHBROOK**

#### *Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs*

1/W/BW LET'S DANCE DU CADRE NOIR BCAT. Devota M Swenson.

#### *Open Bitches*

1/W/OS/BOBOH ICY MIST DU CHEMIN DES SOCIERES CGC. Karen Francis Weems.

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### **GREATER KERRVILLE KENNEL CLUB, MARCH 8, 2024, JUDGE MS BETTY NELSON POLLOCK**

#### *Best of Breed Competition*

B CH CIBOLA'S PIXIE FROM PETER PAN. Loretta Coonan & M Andric.

### **SAN ANTONIO KENNEL CLUB INC., MARCH 9, 2024, JUDGE MRS DANELLE M BROWN**

#### *Best of Breed Competition*

B GCH CH CHATEAU BLANC'S TENACIOUS THOR. Jean Scott & Lewis Snyder.

OS CH CIBOLA'S PIXIE FROM PETER PAN. Loretta Coonan & M Andric.

### **SAN ANTONIO KENNEL CLUB INC., MARCH 10, 2024, JUDGE MRS VICTORIA SEILER-CUSHMAN**

#### *Best of Breed Competition*

B GCH CH CHATEAU BLANC'S TENACIOUS THOR. Jean Scott & Lewis Snyder.

OS CH CIBOLA'S PIXIE FROM PETER PAN. Loretta Coonan & M Andric.



**SHOW RESULTS—TEXAS SHOWS, Continued**

**BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB INC., FEBRUARY 15, 2024, JUDGE MR DEL RICHARDS**

*Best of Breed Competition*

B GCH CH CHATEAU BLANC'S TENACIOUS THOR. Jean Scott & Lewis Snyder.  
AGENT: Robert M Chaffin.

**WEST TEXAS KENNEL CLUB, FEBRUARY 16, 2024, JUDGE CAROLYN A HERBEL**

*Best of Breed Competition*

OS/BOBOH CH INVICTUS JOIE DE VIVRE CGC. Stacey Kleinsmith and John Kleinsmith.  
B GCH CH CHATEAU BLANC'S TENACIOUS THOR. Jean Scott & Lewis Snyder.  
AGENT: Robert M Chaffin.

**BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB INC., FEBRUARY 17, 2024, JUDGE MS GLORIA KERR**

*Best of Breed Competition*

OS/BOBOH/OHG2 CH INVICTUS JOIE DE VIVRE CGC. Stacey Kleinsmith and John Kleinsmith.  
B GCH CH CHATEAU BLANC'S TENACIOUS THOR. Jean Scott & Lewis Snyder.  
AGENT: Robert M Chaffin.

**BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB INC., FEBRUARY 17, 2024, JUDGE DALE R MARTENSON**

*Puppy Dogs 4 Mos & Under 6 Mos*

BPB/BPG1 REFLECTIONS MAGICAL MOVES TADA. Paula J Holcomb.

**WEST TEXAS KENNEL CLUB, FEBRUARY 18, 2024, JUDGE MRS JUDITH BROWN**

*Best of Breed Competition*

OS/BOBOH CH INVICTUS JOIE DE VIVRE CGC. Stacey Kleinsmith and John Kleinsmith.  
B/G2 GCH CH CHATEAU BLANC'S TENACIOUS THOR. Jean Scott & Lewis Snyder.  
AGENT: Robert M Chaffin.

**WEST TEXAS KENNEL CLUB, FEBRUARY 18, 2024, JUDGE MRS DONNELLE RICHARDS**

*Puppy Dogs 4 Mos & Under 6 Mos*

BPB/BPG3 REFLECTIONS MAGICAL MOVES TADA. Paula J Holcomb.