



# TERV TRAILS

A Publication of the Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club  
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## New Grand Champion



**GCH BEAU SHADO ALO DAYO DMA DSX6 CGCA  
and Devota Swenson**

**Alo- Always owner handled!**

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**Membership Information**

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

***Write to LSBTC Secretary for membership  
applications or newsletter subscriptions***

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: **May 25, 2021**  
Articles, Pictures, Brags Welcome!

***The next meeting of the LSBTC  
is TO BE SCHEDULED***

***Watch for an announcement.***

***(tentatively planned  
for July)***

***(Pandemic Willing)***

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Devota M. Swenson*

**President, Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club**

4/14/2021

Hi Texas Tervuren Lovers! I am happy to report that spring is here. After a long and sometimes frustrating 2020-2021 season with cancelations, postponements and reschedules due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the dog sports world is getting its feet back under it. We are fortunate that we have some options open to us: conformation is up and running in Texas and some of the surrounding states. Dock diving is starting up next week in Texas and there are Fast CAT, nose work, herding, tracking and agility events happening in our state. Get ready to enter your furry friends in some fun events and let us all get out of the house and go have fun with our dogs!

I am happy to let you know there is a lot going on behind the scenes in your club by your board members. We are currently looking at the Bylaws to bring them up to date. It has been many years since they were rewritten and both the AKC and the American Belgian Tervuren Club have been encouraging clubs to look at them and begin updating options for electronic communication. The Nominating Committee is also looking for volunteers to fill several positions on the board. See below for details on both these items.

Belgian Tervuren Rescue is looking to add volunteers from Texas to its resources. We have had occasion lately to need help in this area and have had to reach out to other Belgian rescue organizations and owners. There are options for evaluating, transporting, application checkers and of course fosters. I have personally fostered several dogs and all it requires of you is time: Belgian Tervuren Rescue reimburses all necessary expenses. Please see the full list at Belgian Tervuren Rescue under how you can help and apply.

<http://www.belgiantervurenrescue.com/help.php>

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT**

It's that time again! The Nominating Committee has begun the work of identifying individuals willing to serve. Positions up for re-election include Vice President, Secretary, and two Members-at-Large to the Board. Please notify a member of the Nominating Committee if you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) for a position.

Please respond by April 30 if you are interested!

Nominating Committee  
Pat Thomas, Chair  
Cynthia Parker  
Narda Reed

## GCH BEAU SHADO ALO DAYO DMA DSX6 CGCA

*by Devota Swenson*

Can you run in a dress, in flats and have a dog at the end of the leash?

Can you run around a show ring and not trip over your own two feet!

How do they make that look so easy?

How do you make your dog look so good?

These were some of the questions running through my head after I was told, “you should show that dog. He has great pedigree behind him, and he really does need a job.” Alo, my pet and new best friend has taken me on a journey I never could have imagined. I called my breeder and asked her to change Alo’s registration from limited to full so I could try showing him. I always told myself if he did not enjoy showing, we would stop and find something else to do. I had watched the Westminster Kennel Club show on television and enjoyed it each year. Such beautiful dogs and glamorous looking handlers.

Eight years ago, I showed up for my first conformation class with a six-foot leash and a buckle collar. I had no idea what dog showing involved; I had only been to that one dog show in San Marcos, TX a few weeks before. I had seen an advertisement about the show, and I went to ask some questions about grooming my dog, looking for a bit of help and to speak with some other Tervuren owners. There were not any Tervuren entered in that show, but the Sheepdogs were there and people were willing to lend me a hand.

Alo has taken me all over the country, introduced me to some of the most intelligent, strong, and opinionated women ever. We have had the blessing of having some fantastic mentors. I have had time to speak with some very accomplished handlers, some incredible breeders and got training from some wonderful teachers. Alo and I could not have done this alone.



Eight years ago, I could not see a Championship in our future, let alone a Grand Championship. Alo and I have grown as a team; we gained our confidence in the ring. We learned to take our wins and losses gracefully. I cried and sometimes I got frustrated, but we kept entering shows. My mentors kept encouraging me; don’t give up they said. We have had some spectacular wins and some complete failures. I never gave up on my best friend. I tried even harder.

I have learned this is not just about dog shows, but a way of making friends, giving encouragement to others, and sharing our knowledge. It is about traveling the country and stopping along the way to see the sights. It is about us; it is about doing the best we can and following our dream.

# BYLAWS REVISION

*by Sarah Helber*

Among the many things I've learned from the pandemic is that the ability to hold virtual meetings can be very useful! Over the last year the AKC and many kennel clubs have been experimenting with such meetings and the requirements to hold them. The AKC has recently published recommendations for the required bylaws changes and the ABTC is both reviewing their own bylaws and has requested that their local clubs do likewise.

The Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club has not made changes to its bylaws since October, 1996 – that's 25 years! The process is tedious and not particularly fun, so if there are additional changes that are needed we should make them now as well.

## ***Your Suggestions are Wanted***

The Board would like to hear from club members about any suggested specific changes or areas that need consideration. Many of you are members of other clubs, and many other clubs are addressing this now as well. There are lots of ideas being discussed – send yours. We'd love to hear about successful solutions, too. Some of the issues the Board is discussing:

- Electronic communications – while we have already abandoned the US Postal Service for most of our communications, we would like to clarify that further in light of today's (and future) technologies.
- Electronic meetings – we would like to specifically address this in light of today's (and future) technologies. Although it's important for club members to meet with each other, it would be good to have this flexibility.
- Meeting notices deadlines – some may need to be changed – keeping in mind that our meetings are typically in conjunction with a show, and time should be allowed to enter before the show closes.
- Dues - do we need to change our dues?
- Dues for new members – We don't require additional dues in June from new members who join late in the year (a practice for years, but it's time to document it or discontinue it).
- Memberships – we have a Junior Membership – do we need it? Is it only as part of a Family Membership? Do we need an Associate Membership for those who will not be attending meetings but want to stay in touch without impacting the quorum?
- What else needs attention?

## **BYLAWS REVISION, Continued**

### ***Where Do We Go From Here?***

The Board would like to get your feedback on changes you would like to see or suggestions for areas that need to be addressed. If you have a comment or suggestion, you can email me at [shelber@att.net](mailto:shelber@att.net) and I will forward them to the rest of the Board, or you can send them to the Board or to the membership yourself. **Please send them by Friday, April 30.**

The Board is planning (and hoping) to have a meeting in Dallas on Saturday, July 10, 2021 (Greater Collin Kennel Club). It's a little early in their planning for details, but we're hoping. We would like to send a recommended updated Constitution and Bylaws to the membership attached to the meeting notice for that meeting, and to vote on the updated version at that meeting. We would anticipate a single vote, which will require a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting.

As you know too well, nothing is certain about schedules these days. If we cannot have the meeting as planned, or cannot have the changes ready for the meeting, we may have to either delay to an October meeting (which we hope to have) or proceed to voting by mail. Let's hope we can meet and get it done in July!

### ***Resources***

Our current Bylaws can be found at [Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club \(lsbtc.com\)](http://lsbtc.com).

AKC's recommendation can be found at [Club Bylaw Services – American Kennel Club \(akc.org\)](http://akc.org)

## **ABTC 2021 NATIONAL SPECIALTY!**

May 15 through May 23, 2021

Roberts, Montana (near Red Lodge)

*See [abtc.org](http://abtc.org)*

Many entries close APRIL 21, Conformation entries close APRIL 28

## **NORTHWEST WYOMING/NEARBY MONTANA TRAVEL WEBSITES**

*by Susan Hervey*

<http://beartoothhighway.com/wild-beartooth/>

<https://thelocaltourist.com/beartooth-highway/>

<https://www.bigskyfishing.com/scenic-drives/chief-joseph.php>

<http://goinmoby.com/sunlight-basin-along-the-chief-joseph-scenic-highway>

Montana Highway Department (<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/beartooth/>)

<https://www.wyoroad.info/Highway/Conditions/RoadClosures.html>

## SHOW RESULTS -- TEXAS SHOWS

### **FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB INC., MARCH 27, 2021, JUDGE: MR BRIAN MEYER**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/W

KEY WITNESS DU CADRE NIOR. Devota M Swenson.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

SEL

GCHB CH TACARA'S NICOLAS NTLENYANA. J Scott & Susan Wilson & L Newsome.

GCHS CH JAGGER DU PAYS DES SEPT VALLEES TD CGC. Darlene & Janina Laurin.

BOBOH

CH BEAU SHADO ALO DAYO DM DSX4 CGCA. Devota M Swenson.

Ch SKY ACRES KOBAYASHI MARU. Narda B Reed.

B

GCH CH BASQUELAINE MAKING WAVES OF GEKA TKA CD. Jeanie Schmidt.

### **FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB INC. , MARCH 28, 2021, JUDGE: MRS ANN F YUHASZ**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/W

KEY WITNESS DU CADRE NIOR. Devota M Swenson.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

SEL

GCHB CH TACARA'S NICOLAS NTLENYANA. J Scott & Susan Wilson & L Newsome.

GCHS CH JAGGER DU PAYS DES SEPT VALLEES TD CGC. Darlene & Janina Laurin.

B

BOBOH/OHG3

CH BEAU SHADO ALO DAYO DM DSX4 CGCA. Devota M Swenson.

Ch SKY ACRES KOBAYASHI MARU. Narda B Reed.

GCH CH BASQUELAINE MAKING WAVES OF GEKA TKA CD. Jeanie Schmidt.

### **GREATER KERRVILLE KENNEL CLUB, MARCH 11, 2021, JUDGE: MRS JUDITH A BROWN**

*Open Dogs .*

1/W/OS/BOBOH

CHATEAU BLANC'S SCHNICKELFRITZ. Rebecca S Reeves.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B

CH GCHS SINDARIN'S WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS. Melinda Andric & J Hawes.

### **GREATER KERRVILLE KENNEL CLUB, MARCH 12, 2021, JUDGE: MS ELIZABETH MUTHARD**

*Open Dogs .*

1/W/OS/BOBOH

CHATEAU BLANC'S SCHNICKELFRITZ. Rebecca S Reeves.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B

CH GCHS SINDARIN'S WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS. Melinda Andric and J Hawes.

### **SAN ANTONIO KENNEL CLUB INC. , MARCH 13, 2021, JUDGE: MR CHARLES L OLVIS**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/W

KEY WITNESS DU CADRE NIOR. Devota M Swenson.

*Open Dogs .*

1/RW

CHATEAU BLANC'S SCHNICKELFRITZ. Rebecca S Reeves.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

OS/BOBOH/OHG2

CH BEAU SHADO ALO DAYO DM DSX4 CGCA. Devota M Swenson.

B

CH GCHS SINDARIN'S WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS. Melinda Andric and J Hawes.

## SHOW RESULTS -- TEXAS SHOWS, Continued

### **SAN ANTONIO KENNEL CLUB INC. , MARCH 14, 2021, JUDGE: MR SAM HOUSTON MCDONALD**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/W KEY WITNESS DU CADRE NIOR. Devota M Swenson.

*Open Dogs .*

1/RW CHATEAU BLANC'S SCHNICKELFRITZ. Rebecca S Reeves.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B CH BEAU SHADO ALO DAYO DM DSX4 CGCA. Devota M Swenson.

OS CH GCHS SINDARIN'S WHERE THE MAGIC BEGINS. Melinda Andric and J Hawes.

### **NOLAN RIVER KENNEL CLUB INC., JANUARY 9, 2021, JUDGE: MRS CAROLYN A HERBEL**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/RW BARON DU CHEMIN DES SORCIERS. Arenda Villareal.

*Open Dogs .*

1/W SKY ACRES MORNING WINGS TAKE FLIGHT. Angela C. Springfield.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

OS GCH NIGHTRUNNER'S FINAL CHOICE OA OAJ OF TKA DSA. Carol Lautzenheiser.

B/BOBOH/OHG4 JAMAICA RUM RUNNER. Andrea Meinhart & Christopher Dockweiler.

### **NOLAN RIVER KENNEL CLUB INC., JANUARY 10, 2021, JUDGE: DR. DONALD A GILL**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/RW BARON DU CHEMIN DES SORCIERS. Arenda Villareal.

*Open Dogs .*

1/W SKY ACRES MORNING WINGS TAKE FLIGHT. Angela C. Springfield.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B/BOBOH CH JAMAICA RUM RUNNER. Andrea Meinhart & Christopher Dockweiler.

### **NOLAN RIVER KENNEL CLUB INC., JANUARY 11, 2021, JUDGE: MRS JUDITH A BROWN**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/RW BARON DU CHEMIN DES SORCIERS. Arenda Villareal.

*Open Dogs .*

1/W SKY ACRES MORNING WINGS TAKE FLIGHT. Angela C. Springfield.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B/BOBOH CH JAMAICA RUM RUNNER. Andrea Meinhart & Christopher Dockweiler.