



# TERV TRAILS

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Friend of LSBTC***

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Individual Membership ..... \$10.00  
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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Feb. 15, 2023  
**Articles, Pictures, Brags HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!**

***The next meeting  
of the LSBTC  
will be Sunday, February 11, 2024  
at the Trinity Valley 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**

Greetings fellow Terv lovers.

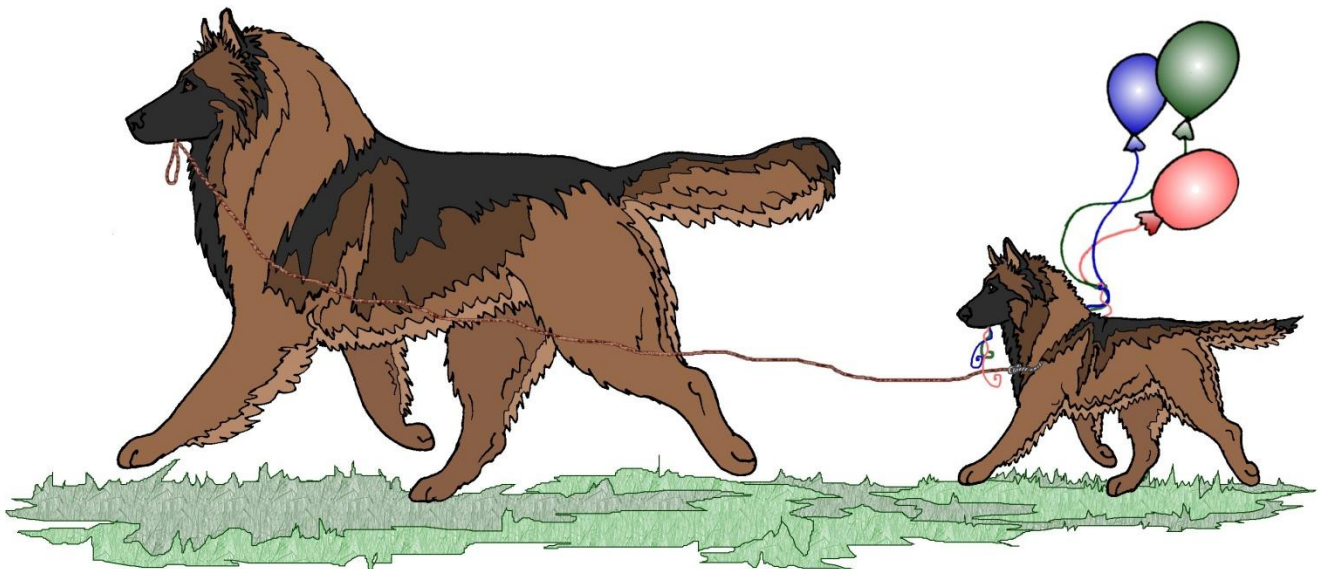
Our house is completely decorated and another doggie Christmas card is complete as well. Both tasks provide great fun and great stress. I think more fun than stress. Not sure Cynthia agrees. Either way, I'm not looking forward to taking everything down when December ends, but I've been told that we can't leave the trees (all 5 of them) up all year round.

It sure does put a smile on my face to walk through the house and look at all of our Christmas cheer. I'm going to work on keeping that feeling in my heart all year round.

May this Christmas season bring each of you closer to your family and friends.

Hard to believe, but we are about to say "goodbye" to 2023 and "hello" to 2024. I'm looking forward to see what the new year has to offer. I'm sure it won't be dull. My hope is that 2024 will be filled with great joy and many blessings for each of you and your families.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Jeff



*(clip art by jeanne flora 2001)*

**Updated Information on ABTC Changes to Area Clubs (see Sept.-Oct. 2023 Texas Terv Trails)**  
from Sue Friege to Jeff Curran December 11, 2023

We are in limbo right now trying to discover whether we can truly open checking accounts for the chapter clubs - it was initially our understanding but it is not clear now with some further research of the IRS rules. We are attempting to get a legal opinion that will make it more clear. Unfortunately (though not entirely surprisingly) the IRS has been very nebulous in their responses.

**Minutes of LSBTC Meeting, October 28, 2023**  
**(Belton, Texas at the Travis County Kennel Club Show)**

President Jeff Curran called the meeting to order.

**Attendees**

Members in attendance were: Jeff Curran, Sarah Helber, Deb & Dennis Lyons.

**Adjournment**

There being no quorum, the meeting was adjourned.

**Important Vote at the February LSBTC Meeting**

Sarah Helber

LSBTC is a small club. In most years we support the entry at one show per year by offering sweepstakes judging and trophies. For many years we solicited trophy donations to cover our show expenses, and also worked some agility trials. Over the years we have accumulated a small bank account.

At the October Board meeting we discussed the possibility of making a donation to one or more organizations or causes. In times of higher inflation, money in the bank is not keeping its value and perhaps there are others who could make better use of the funds. The Board felt that this was something we should consider, but that it was a club decision rather than a Board decision.

I volunteered to write an article for publication in *Texas Terv Trails* to give our membership a chance to think about this before the February meeting. If we do vote to donate some of our treasury, we will have to decide how much money to donate and to whom. The money doesn't have to all go to one organization or cause, but we will need to make a specific decision about amounts and who they should be given to.

We currently have less than \$5,000 in our account. We certainly need to leave enough to keep operating, so it's not a large donation.

"To Whom" can be to whomever we think can use it best. Belgian Tervuren Rescue comes to mind, but perhaps there are other rescue groups who could really use it. Perhaps we would like to support one or more of the health initiatives that ABTC is involved with (see [www.abtc.org/health](http://www.abtc.org/health)).

Give the issue some thought, and come to the meeting with suggestions and opinions. If you can't make the meeting, send me your thoughts. I can't vote them for you, but will welcome any ideas and be glad to present them at the meeting.

PS – If you're wondering why we don't spend the money on more club activities – the answer is that we need more members who will take on a club responsibility (i.e. officer, Board member, work on supported show, etc.). It's rarely a lot of work, but it does require commitment.

## REMEMBERING RUTH HARRIS

by Jane Wittstock, Secretary, Indian Nations Tracking Club

With a sad heart I am reporting on the loss of Ruth Harris. Ruth was a founding member of Indian Nations Tracking club (and the reason there is tracking in Oklahoma). She passed away on December 8th in Owasso, Oklahoma.



I was not In Oklahoma at the time, but she told me about the early days when she was tracking her Standard Poodle. It makes me smile to think of her tracking a poodle with pajama bottoms fashioned into legging to keep burrs out of those fuzzy legs.

I don't remember exactly when we first met. But it changed my life. :) I had Shelties at the time, but was thinking of adding a different larger breed at some point in the future that had somewhat similar temperament.

So I went to play with her litter of Tervuren puppies. Little did I know I would end up with one of those puppies years later when the owner could no longer keep 'Patrick'.

Ruth helped many, many people start in tracking and in getting their tracking titles. Even when she could no longer track, she helped by providing the award at our VST tests which refunded the entry fee for anyone who earned their CT at our VST test. The tradition will continue as Ruth gave a large donation to INTC to cover future tests.

## RUTH'S "DOG BEDS" and OTHER REMEMBRANCES

by Susan Hervey

Ruth often made "dog beds," lovely quilts for dogs, and donated them for auction to the Lone Star Belgian Tervuren Club. Many current and previous club members have treasured their dog beds.

I met Ruth at the first show I showed a dog--in Odessa, Texas in 1984. Boy did I have a lot to learn! Ruth and I corresponded for almost 40 years. I treasure her knowledge and friendship.

Ruth adored her family, down to her great-grandchildren.

She loved dogs, cats, birds, all forms of wildlife EXCEPT SNAKES!

She trained a wide variety of dog activities, but wasn't crazy about conformation. She finished several dogs' championships anyway.

But her greatest love was tracking. Her dogs consistently earned the tracking titles available at their time. The pinnacle of her success was when she and Onyx earned their Champion Tracker title.



## SHOW RESULTS--TEXAS SHOWS

### GUADALUPE VALLEY DOG FANCIERS INC. , OCTOBER 26, 2023, JUDGE MRS EDY DYKSTRA-BLUM

*American-Bred Dogs .*

1/W/B BASQUELAINE SUNSET COWBOY. Kelley Hoffman.

### TRAVIS COUNTY KENNEL CLUB INC., OCTOBER 27, 2023, JUDGE MR HARRY (BUTCH) H SCHULMAN

*American-Bred Dogs .*

1/W/B BASQUELAINE SUNSET COWBOY. Kelley Hoffman.

### TRAVIS COUNTY KENNEL CLUB INC. OCTOBER 28, 2023, JUDGE MR CARL GENE LIEPMANN

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/RW LET'S DANCE DU CADRE NOIR. Devota M Swenson.

*Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs Adult .*

1/W/OS MASTERPIECE'S LEONARDO DA VINCI DS. Carol Lautzenheiser.

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Bitches .*

1 BASQUELAINE NO CLOUDS ALLOWED. Deandra Godlevsky & Kelley Hoffman.

*Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches Adult .*

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

*American-Bred Bitches .*

1/W/B/BW/BOBOH BASQUELAINE SWAYED BY SYMPATHY. K Hoffman D Godlevesky E Rose & PM  
Cunningham.

### TRAVIS COUNTY KENNEL CLUB INC., OCTOBER 29, 2023, JUDGE MRS JUDITH A BROWN

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

1/RW LET'S DANCE DU CADRE NOIR. Devota M Swenson.

*Bred-By-Exhibitor Dogs Adult .*

1/W/B/BW MASTERPIECE'S LEONARDO DA VINCI DS. Carol Lautzenheiser.

*Puppy Bitches 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos .*

1 COYOTE RUN GO FOR IT! Jacque Powell.

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Bitches .*

1/RW BASQUELAINE NO CLOUDS ALLOWED. Deandra Godlevsky & Kelley Hoffman.

*Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches Adult .*

1 MASTERPIECE'S RACELON RENOIR CGC DS. Carol Lautzenheiser.

*American-Bred Bitches .*

1/W/OS BASQUELAINE SWAYED BY SYMPATHY. K Hoffman D Godlevesky E Rose & PM  
Cunningham.

### STEPHENVILLE KC OF TEXAS INC., OCTOBER 19, 2023, JUDGE MS CYNTHIA HUTT

*Open Bitches .*

1/W/BOBOH CIBOLA'S ON STRANGER TIDES Bcat. Savannah Reynolds.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B CH BASQUELAINE EMERALD STEEL OF GEKA RATO CGC. Tom Masden & Dalene Masden.  
AGENT: Ashley E Miller.

**SHOW RESULTS--TEXAS SHOWS, Continued**

**STEPHENVILLE KC OF TEXAS INC., OCTOBER 20, 2023, JUDGE MS JOANNE M BUEHLER**

*Open Bitches .*

1/W/BOBOH/OHG2 CIBOLA'S ON STRANGER TIDES Bcat. Savannah Reynolds.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B CH BASQUELAINE EMERALD STEEL OF GEKA RATO CGC. Tom Masden & Dalene Masden.  
AGENT: Ashley E Miller.

**BELL COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, OCTOBER 21, 2023, JUDGE MR RICK GSCHWENDER**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

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

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Bitches .*

1/W/BW BASQUELAINE NO CLOUDS ALLOWED. Deandra Godlevsky & Kelley Hoffman.

*American-Bred Bitches .*

1/RW BASQUELAINE SWAYED BY SYMPATHY. K. Hoffman D. Godlevsky E. Rose P.M.  
Cunningham.

*Open Bitches .*

1 CIBOLA'S ON STRANGER TIDES Bcat. Savannah Reynolds.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B CH BASQUELAINE EMERALD STEEL OF GEKA RATO CGC. Tom Masden & Dalene Masden.  
AGENT: Ashley E Miller.

**BELL COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, OCTOBER 22, 2023, JUDGE MS MARILYN L VAN VLEIT**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

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

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Bitches .*

1 BASQUELAINE NO CLOUDS ALLOWED. Deandra Godlevsky & Kelley Hoffman.

*American-Bred Bitches .*

1/RW BASQUELAINE SWAYED BY SYMPATHY. K. Hoffman D. Godlevsky E. Rose P.M.  
Cunningham.

*Open Bitches .*

1/W/BW/BOBOH CIBOLA'S ON STRANGER TIDES Bcat. Savannah Reynolds.

*Best of Breed Competition .*

B CH BASQUELAINE EMERALD STEEL OF GEKA RATO CGC. Tom Masden & Dalene Masden.  
AGENT: Ashley E Miller.

**GREATER HUMBLE AREA KENNEL CLUB INC., OCTOBER 7, 2023, JUDGE DR STEVEN L KEATING**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

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

**GREATER HUMBLE AREA KENNEL CLUB INC., OCTOBER 8, 2023, JUDGE MS KIMBERLY ANNE MEREDITH**

*Twelve To Eighteen Month Dogs .*

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



**SHOW RESULTS--TEXAS SHOWS, Continued**

**CEN-TEX KENNEL CLUB INC. , SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, JUDGE MRS EVA E BERG**

*Puppy Dogs 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos .*

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

**CEN-TEX KENNEL CLUB INC., OCTOBER 1, 2023, JUDGE MRS JUNE A PENTA**

*Puppy Dogs 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos .*

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

**AUSTIN KENNEL CLUB INC., SEPTEMBER 22, 2023, JUDGE MS BETTY NELSON POLLOCK**

*Puppy Dogs 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos .*

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

**AUSTIN KENNEL CLUB INC., SEPTEMBER 23, 2023, JUDGE MR RAMON VALENZUELA PODESTA**

*Puppy Dogs 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos .*

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

**AUSTIN KENNEL CLUB INC. , SEPTEMBER 24, 2023, JUDGE MR KERRY LEE**

*Puppy Dogs 9 Mos & Under 12 Mos .*

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

**AROUND THE RING--TRAVIS COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.--OCTOBER 28, 2023**



12-18 Dog



BBE Dog



12-18 Bitch



BBE Bitch



Best of Breed, American-Bred Bitch

**Basquelaine Swayed by Sympathy**

(see Show Results, Page 6 for other dogs' names)

*photos by Sarah Helber*