

Specialty 2024

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Teddy Trails



United Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club of America



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President's Report

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our wonderful Teddy Roosevelt Terriers and the United Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club of America by entering and exhibiting your dogs, the show committee, being cheerleaders on the sidelines, helping walk dogs in the ring or to potty, donating to and participating in the raffle to fundraise for the club, showing excellent sportsmanship, and countless other things. We had folks drive from as far away as Alabama, Texas, Michigan, Kentucky, Iowa, and Minnesota.

Everyone who attended has had nothing but positive feedback and can not wait until the next show because it is going to be bigger and better.

Judge Joseph Gubry and Sally Davidson with the Illinois Toy Fox Terrier Club of America who hosted the entire weekend also had a great experience and would love to work with us again.

As far as I am aware, this is the largest turnout for a national breed specialty for Teddies so far with 26 dogs entered in Juniors, Altered, and the Regular classes. If nothing else, we know how to throw an excellent party!

Crystal Mudgett-Epley
UTRTCA President



My fellow board members presented me with an inscribed pen as a thank you after the Specialty show.

It says,
“May you be proud of
the work you do,
the person you are,
and the difference
you make.”

How thoughtful!
Thanks so much!!

<<< Yeah, I get
ridiculous.



Specialty Winners

Puppy Male - absent

Junior Male - absent, my sincere apologies as I was distracted

Open Male - Boogie / Mud-E Acres Boogie Nights

Best Male - Boogie

Puppy Female - 1st - Bounce/Catchflys Peace Out owned by Christy Collins

2nd - Basil/Boondocks Worth The Wait owned by Kim Freymiller

3rd - Penny/Aspen's Temperance owned by Jillian Berninger

4th - Windy/Big Groves Windy @ Bridges OK owned by Joe & Leslie Bridges

Junior Female - Nola/Mud-E Acres GT4.0 Dream Nola

Adult Female - Rexanna/Mud-E Acres Rexanna Banana

Open Female - Absent

B/H Female - Pistol/Boondocks Midnight Special owned by Desty Pigg

Best Female - Bounce

Reserve Best Female - Rexanna

Best Male- Boogie

Best of Winners - Boogie

Champion - 1st Karma/ Bridges BGF Karma is a Bee owned by Joe & Leslie Bridges

Reserve Champion - Sailor/ Exiles Stars Fell on Alabama owned by Rosie Swanson

Grand Champion - Chuck/Big Groves Charlie Boy @BOK owned by Erika Swenson, Joe & Leslie Bridges

Reserve Grand Champion - Franklin/Aspen's Good Timin' @ Mud-E

Best of Breed - Karma/Bridges BGF Karma is a Bee owned by Joe & Leslie

Altered -

Adult Male - 1st Copland/Overture Coplands Rodeo Op. 6 owned by John Tuschner

2nd - Dexter/Overture Dexter Op.5 PR owned by John Tuschner

Champion - Charlee/Aspen's Southern Charm owned by Rosie Swanson

Grand Champion - Wyatt/Aspen's Huntsville Nights owned by Wayne Senior & Donald Stewart

Best of Altered - Charlee/Aspen's Southern Charm

Best Junior - Elio Fulcher with Mr. Wiggles/Dreamtrees Yew Weave & Wiggle

Males



**Boogie /
Mud-E Acres Boogie Nights
Open Male
Best Male**

Best of Winners

**Owned & Bred by Crystal Mudgett-Epley
Handled by Penny Nelson**



**Harris / Xanadu's
No Autographs Please
Junior Male**

**Owned & Bred by Gena Paulding
My sincere apologies for missing
taking him into the ring!!!**



Females



**Bounce /
Catchflys Peace Out
Best Female Puppy
Best Female**

**Owned by Christy Collins
Bred by Steph Oswald**

**Basil /
Boondock's Worth the Wait
2nd Place Puppy Female**

**Owned by Kim Freymiller
Bred by Desty Pigg**



Females con't



**Penny / Aspen's Temperance
3rd Place Puppy Female**

**Owned by Jillian Berninger
Bred by Deb Botruff**



**Windy / Big Groves Windy
@ Bridges OK
4th Place Puppy Female**

**Owned by Erika Swenson, Joe
& Leslie Bridges
Bred by Seth & Erika Swenson**

Females con't



**Nola / Mud-E Acres GT4.0
Dream Nola
Junior Female**

**Owned by Crystal Mudgett-Epley
Bred by Cynthia Fulcher
& Crystal Mudgett-Epley**

**Rexanna /
Mud-E Acres Rexanna Banana
Adult Female
Reserve Best Female**

**Owned by Cynthia Fulcher
Bred by Crystal Mudgett-Epley**



Females con't

**Pistol /
Boondock's Midnight Special
Breeder/Handler Female**

Owned & Bred by Desty Pigg



**Bounce /
Catchflys Peace Out**

**Best Female Puppy
Best Female**

**Owned by Christy Collins
Bred by Steph Oswald**



Champions



Left to Right: Sailor, Buster, Jersey, & Karma



Champions Con't



**Jersey /
Big Groves Jersey at
Bridges OK**

**Owned by Joe & Leslie Bridges
Bred by Seth & Erika Swenson**



**Sailor /
Exiles Stars Fell on Alabama
Reserve Champion**

**Owned by Rosie Swanson, Wayne Senior,
& Donald Stewart
Bred by Wayne Senior & Donald Stewart**



**Buster /
Mud-E Acres GT2.0
Franchise Player**

**Owned by Crystal Mudgett-Epley
& Jillian Berninger
Bred by Crystal Mudgett-Epley**

Champions Con't



**Karma /
Bridges BGF Karma is a Bee
Champion**

**Owned & bred by
Joe & Leslie Bridges**

Grand Champions



Left to Right:

Franklin / Aspen's Good Timin' @Mud-E

Chuck / Big Groves Charlie Boy at BOK

Junior / Stone Bridges Spencer at BOK

Becky / Big Groves Becky at Bridges OK

Leena / Stone Bridges Leena at BOK

Ted / ARK-AHK Theodorable Pigg - not pictured, sorry

Grand Champions Con't

**Leena / Stone Bridges
Leena at BOK**

**Owned by Joe & Leslie
Bridges
Bred by Zach &
Shaleena Stone**



**Junior / Stone
Bridges Spencer**

**Owned by Joe
& Leslie Bridges
Bred by Zach &
Shaleena Stone**

Grand Champions Con't



**Ted / ARK-AHK
Theodorable Pigg**

**Owned by Desty Pigg
Bred by Mary Bitzer
& Deb Botruff**

**Rebecca / Big Groves Becky at
Bridges OK**

**Owned by Joe & Leslie Bridges
Bred by Seth & Erika Swenson**



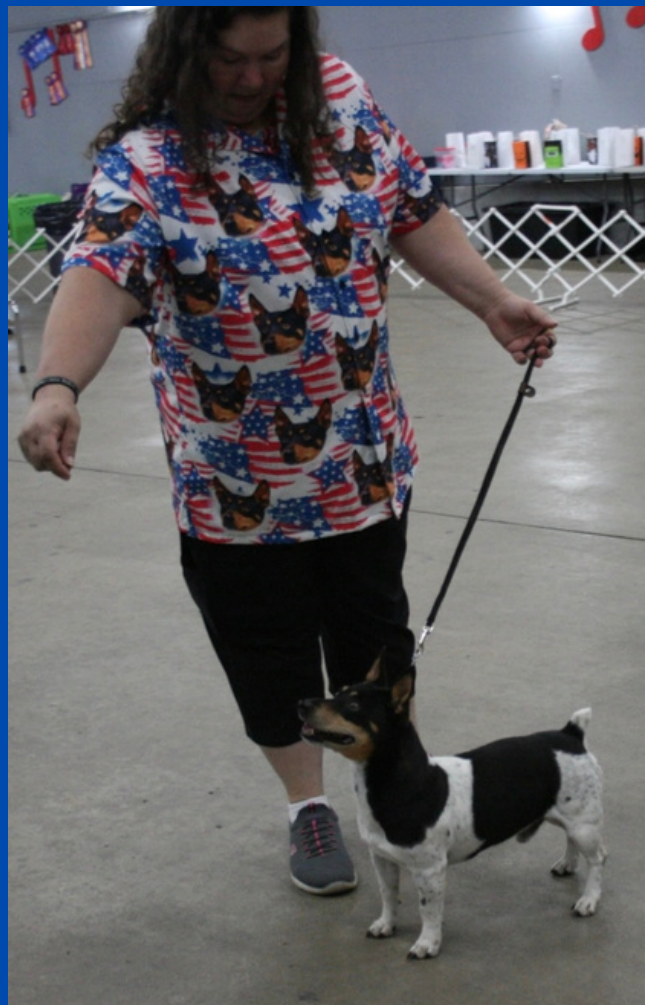
Grand Champions Con't



**Franklin /
Aspen's Good Timin'
@ Mud-E Acres**

Reserve Grand Champion

**Owned by Crystal Mudgett-Epley
& John W. Epley
Bred by Deb Botruff**



Grand Champions Con't



**Chuck /
DGCH Big Groves Charlie Boy
@ BOK**

Grand Champion

**Owned by Erika Swenson,
Joe & Leslie Bridges
Bred by Seth & Erika Swenson**



Best of Breed



Left to Right: GRCH Chuck, CH Karma, & BOW Boogie



Best of Breed Con't



2024 National Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Best of Breed

Karma / CH Bridges BGF Karma is a Bee

Owned & Bred by Joe & Leslie Bridges

Juniors



Cynthia Fulcher, Judge Joseph Gubry,
Mr. Wiggles, Elio Fulcher,
& Mary Ann May



**PeeWee Elio Fulcher was
our only Junior in the
2024 UTRTCA Specialty.**

**Mr. Wiggles /
Dream Trees Yew Weave & Wiggle
Owned by Cynthia & Elio Fulcher
Bred by Cynthia Fulcher**

Elio telling Judge Gubry,
“I have to show you
the bite!”

Just so everyone knows,
“Elio said,
“I won the dog show!!”

He can't wait to go to
another dog show in
Crystal's van!



Altered



Judge Joseph Gubry, John Tuschner,
Copland, & Mary Ann May

**Best Altered Male
Copland /
Overture Coplands Rodeo Op 6
Owned by John Tushcner
Bred by Angel Mathis**



**GRCH Wyatt /
Aspen's Huntsville Nights
Owned by Wayne Senior,
Donald Stewart, & Deb Botruff
Bred by Deb Botruff**

Altered Con't



Altered Best in Show

**Charlee /
Aspen's Southern Charm**

**Owned by Rosie Swanson
Bred by Deb Botruff**



Honorary Membership

At the start of our regular 2024 Teddy Specialty I asked Judge Gubry if I could take a few minutes to formally address our group of attendees. We had five board members in attendance, so I called them forward to join me in announcing that the board had decided to honor Mary Ann May with an Honorary Membership for her contributions to the breed as a foundational breeder. Many of the Teddies that exist today have “Brooks & Mays” in their pedigrees and would not be here if it was not for her contributions to the breed during her time as a breeder. We totally surprised her and made her cry tears of joy! - Crystal Mudgett-Epley



This is what Mary Ann May provided as a biography for the newsletter:

“More than 25 years ago, a little dog caught my eye at a UKC dog show. For a couple of years I attended a particular dog show every year and learned as much as possible about this little dog called the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier. The day came when I decided to find my own TRT.

As it turned out, Dean was looking for a squirrel dog to train and hunt. Back then it wasn't easy finding a breed without a computer or books. We finally found a breeder who had puppies from a tree climbing female with a huge prey drive. Perfect.....

As we all know, you can't own just one.

I finally found a little female that complimented Dean's initial Teddy boy and the rest is history. I was out to produce the best Teddy Roosevelt Terriers that I could. I thought my breeding program was successful and I turned out some gorgeous puppies. The show ring turned out to be fun and also successful. Then life happened and put an end to my breeding program and my showing days.

Today I watch all of my grand dogs online with their owners and their successes. I have been able to attend a couple shows thanks to Penny Nelson who lets me tag along. Watching all these beautiful dogs and finding out they carry my line has been heartwarming. I am grateful and proud of each and every one of them. You have put a smile on this old gal's face.”



Donation



**A generous donation of a new club banner with
our logo on it was made by
Erika Swenson of Big Grove Farms.**

Thank you, Erika!!

**Also thank you so much for all these wonderful photos!
We are putting them to good use.**

**The banner is 24 x 36" and made of a silky fabric
that can be displayed on a telescoping stand or with
velcro on the back.**

Pre-Specialty Fellowship Dinner



Our Pre-Specialty Fellowship Dinner was held at Thyme in the Warehouse District of downtown Peoria, Illinois. The dinner also turned into a birthday party for our Vice President Rosie Swanson's 70th birthday!!

The food & drinks were great & the company could not be beat!



Rosie Swanson & Leslie Bridges



Cynthia & Elio Fulcher



Rosie digging her birthday bling!



Rosie & John Tuschner



All the food was delicious
& the hospitality was
great!!



Crystal Mudgett-Epley, Penny Nelson, Mary Ann May



Bev Fitzsimmons

Candid Photos



Elio receiving his
first dog show ribbon.

He & Mr. Wiggles
are looking forward
to the next show!



Board member John Tuschner
taking in his first dog show.



Copland looking for a treat!



Charlee & Uncle Wayne

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Favorite Memories

My favorite memory is the Specialty. I'm still in awe of it all! - Mary Ann May

When Elio was showing! Oh my goodness he is adorable.
Judge Joe was really good with him. Wiggles is such a good boy! - Penny Nelson

I won the dog show!! - PeeWee Junior Elio Fulcher

Although I didn't know many very well, I jumped in and felt like a part
of the family. No one made me feel inferior. I wasn't nervous.
I felt like I really belong to this group! - Cynthia Fulcher

Such fun to meet old friends.. and make new ones! - Rosie Swanson

I loved hanging out with all the other Teddy people and the dogs. - Joe Bridges

Getting to make my best friend's dream come true. - Crystal Mudgett-Epley

I had a GREAT time. - John Tuschner

I wish I had known about the breed sooner! - Christy Collins

Loved it all! - Bev Fitzsimmons

Our word of the year is fellowship. - Leslie Bridges

My favorite part is when you all made Mary Ann an honorary club member
and she cried!! - Desty Pigg

I haven't shown for over a year and a half. I enjoyed the
comraderie and how everyone was so helpful! - Wayne Senior

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-Rosie

Next Show Here We Come!!!



Thank You!!

First of all, thank Our Creator for bringing everyone to and from the show safely!!

I would like to personally thank the UTRTCA Board of Directors for supporting me personally these last seven months and rearranging their lives to come out and participate in the 2024 Specialty. They drove from as far away as Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, and Minnesota, so it was quite the haul for everyone!

Special thanks to the Show Committee made up of Chair Rosie Swanson, Secretary Crystal Mudgett-Epley, Kaye Stevenson, Wayne Senior, & Leslie Bridges!! Everyone chipped in knowledge, experience, goodies for the raffle & exhibitor bags, and managed to make this a show for the history books! And we have even bigger and better plans for the next several shows - to be announced in the near future.

Thank you again Erika Swenson for the donation of the banner with our logo on it! It will come in super handy at upcoming shows and Meet the Breed events!

Huge thank you to my best friend Cynthia Fulcher for scheduling off of work months in advance to make sure I could get to Peoria one way or another even if I could not walk! And listening to me ramble endlessly 7 hours each way and risking illness by being in my presence. Things could not have worked out better and we even managed to bring our other best friend Bev Fitzsimmons to the show and into the club as a new member.