

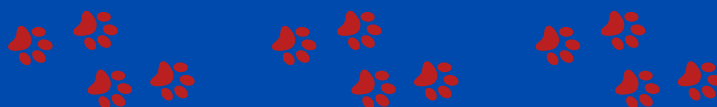


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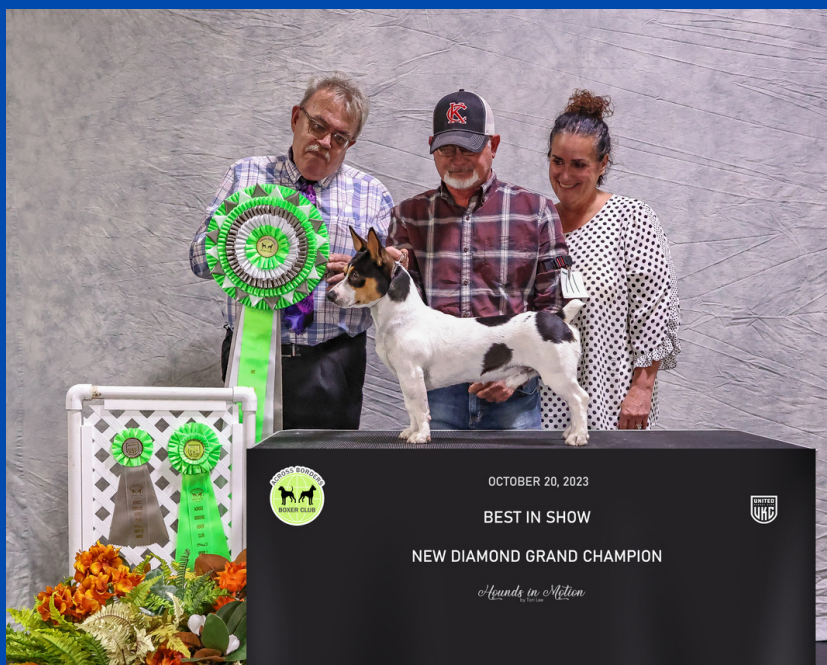
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Teddy Trails



United Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club of America



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#1 Teddy in 2023

Big Groves Charlie Boy at BOK

"Chuck"

Owned by Erika Swenson, Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges

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President's Message



2024 is here! What are your goals for this year? New Sports? New Champions? Or just enjoying your dogs?

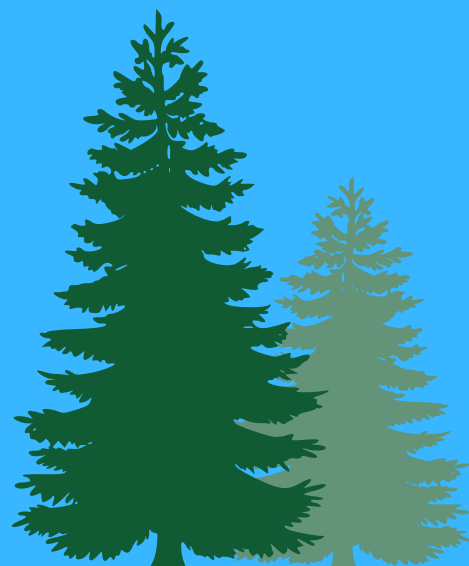
I want to thank Cindy Rickey for handling the newsletter duties. She has done a great job, and this is her last issue as Editor. I do want to thank the new Editor Jillian Berninger for taking over as the Editor going forward. She will need your pictures, brags and articles. Continue to send them to the utrtca@gmail.com.

For those who were not on our end of the year conference call – The Southern Classic is moving from TX to MS, and the Eastern Classic is moving from VA to PA. So a great opportunity if these are moving to your area.

Ballots should be going out right away if not already for the vote on location for the Specialty. If you are a showing member, you should receive a ballot. Please get that ballot marked, signed and returned to us.

**Happy New Year!
Teddies Rule!**

Kaye Stevenson, President



Teddy Winter Care



Keep a Blizzard Checklist Handy

In case you're stranded for a few days, have these supplies available: dog blankets for warmth, battery-operated flashlights for power loss, clean water, plenty of dog food, dog medications, and something to keep your Teddy entertained.



Check your Teddy's feet when you come indoors and remove any ice, snow, or salt; and keep them warm when outside. Take special precautions with puppies and elderly Teddies who may have difficulty adjusting to the cold.

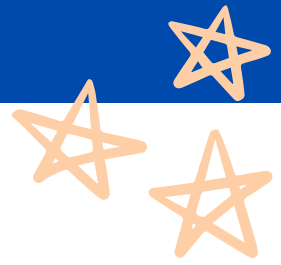


Keep your Teddies on leash and away from frozen ponds, lakes, and rivers. It only takes a second for a life-threatening situation to occur if the water is not fully frozen.



Dyann Meschi's teddies bundled up for winter!

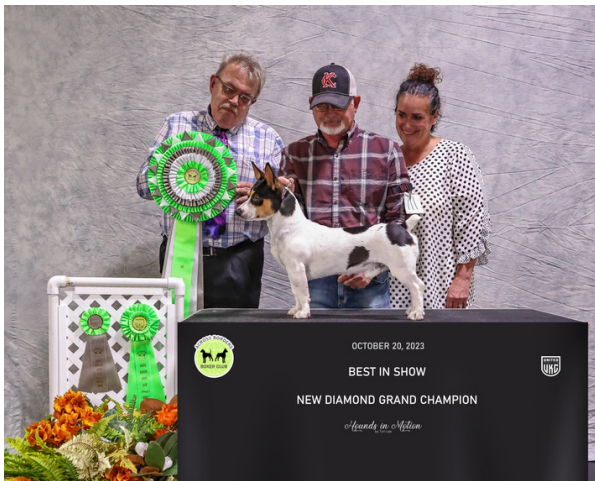
Brags and Wags!



#1 Teddy in 2023!

New Diamond Grand Champion!

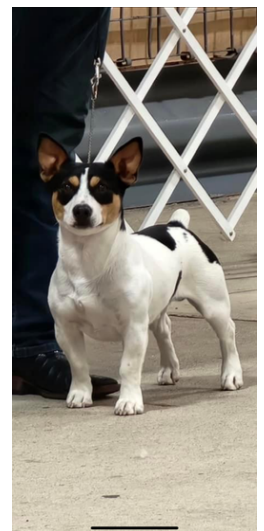
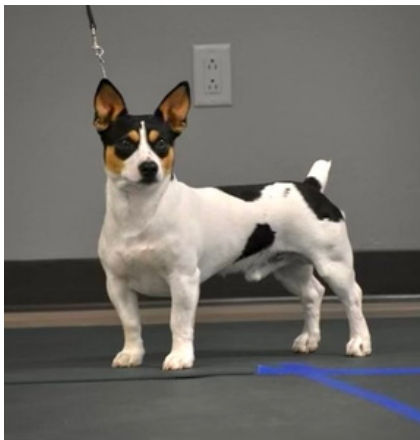
Big Groves Charlie Boy at BOK "Chuck"
Owned by Erika Swenson, Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges
Bred by Seth & Erika Swenson



Best in Show
New Diamond Grand Champion
Wentzville, Missouri
10/20/23
Judge Richard Klatt

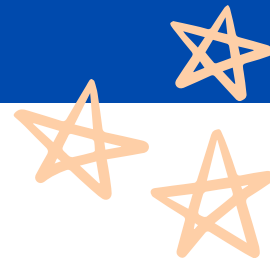


New Diamond Grand Champion Weekend



Congratulations, Erika, Leslie, and Joe!

Brags and Wags! continued...



NEW GRAND CHAMPION (GCH)

Group 2 & 2 Group 3 wins

GCH 'PR' Aspen's I'm Your Huckleberry
"Henry"

Mason Dixon Dog Club, Cynthiana, KY
10/28/2023

Owned by Cindy Rickey

Bred by Deborah Botruff



Southern Classic 2023

2x BEST OF BREED & GROUP 4

BIS RBIS GCH PR Big Groves "Malibu" Breeze

Under Polly Dak Jones & Tina Marie Sheerer

Owned by Nancy Wyatt

Bred by Seth & Erika Swenson

BEST OF BREED

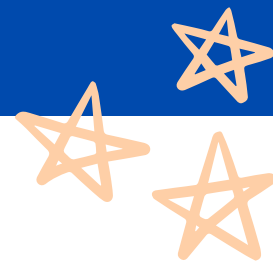
By Carianna Glenn

RBISP CH PR Big Groves "Stella" Rose@ Oasis

Owned by Nancy Wyatt

Bred by Seth & Erika Swenson

Brags and Wags! continued...

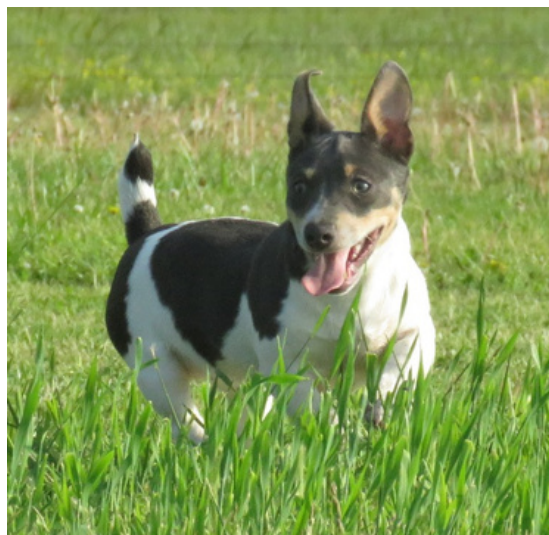


NEW CHAMPION (CH)

CH Aspen's Hold On! I'm Coming
"Sam"

Southeastern American Eskimo Dog Assoc, Inc.
11/4/2023

Owned by Deb Botruff, Cindy Roberts, Kaye Stevenson
Bred by Deb Botruff



NEW CHAMPION (CH)

CH 'PR' Aspen's Bossa Nova Baby
"Bossi"

Mason Dixon Dog Club
Cynthiana, KY

10/29/2023

Owned and bred by Deborah Botruff



NEW RUBY GRAND CHAMPION (RGCH)

Best of Breed & Group 1

RGCH 'PR' Big Groves Dixie at Bridges OK
"Dixie"

Across Borders Boxer Club
10/22/2023

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



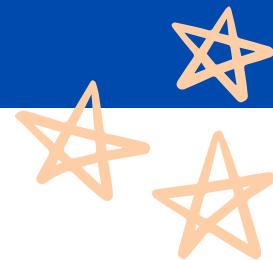
NEW EMERALD GRAND CHAMPION (EGCH)

EGCH 'PR' Big Groves Becky at Bridges OK
"Becky"

Belton, TX
11/18/2023

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

Brags and Wags! continued...



NEW CHAMPION (CH)

CH Aspen's Bingo Was His Name-O
"Bingo"

Trail Creek Dog Training Club

Laporte, IN

11/11/2023

Owned by Greta Dalrymple

Bred by Deb Botruff



BEST IN SHOW (BIS)

Big Groves Charlie Boy at BOK

"Chuck"

Grinnell, IA

9/24/2023

Judge Dr. Bev Sigl Felten

Owned by Erika Swenson, Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges

Bred by Seth & Erika Swenson

***Congratulations
to our great Teddy Teams!***

**Send your brags in when you earn them!
We'll keep them on file for our next newsletter!
Please email them to our editor at utrtca@gmail.com.**



Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Top Ten (Through 11/12/23)

01. DGCH'PR'Big Groves Charlie Boy @ Bok	Erika Swenson, Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges	295
02. DGCH'PR'Aspen's Rock Star	Deborah Botruff	61
03. GRCH'PR'Big Groves Becky At Bridges Ok	Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges	55
04. GRCH'PR'Big Groves Malibu Breeze	Nancy Wyatt	46
05. GRCH Aspen's Amos Moses	Deborah Botruff	44
06. EGCH'PR'Bridges' Sparky At Bridges Ok	Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges	41
07. GRCH'PR'Aspen's I'm Your Huckleberry	Cindy Rickey	36
08. EGCH'PR'Big Groves Dixie At Bridges Ok	Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges	34
09. CH'PR'Stone Bridges Spencer At Bok	Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges	31
10. GRCH'PR'Aspen's Gonna Cut You Down	Deborah Botruff	27
10. 'PR'Tmt's Aiming For The High Mark	Jenifer Robertson, Max Robertson	27

Terrier Group Standings (Through 11/12/23)

01. DGCH Springhill A Reason To Smile	Jane Nolan, Linda L Reece	514	Smooth Fox Terrier
02. NBOB SGCH'PR'Bellridge's Chili Ancho	Felicity Trammell, Kari Jepson	482	American Hairless Terrier
03. UWPV UJJ AP2 VPE RATN RACEM UWPCH UNJ DGCH Ohanas Hello From The Darkside	Belynda J Crick Flynn, Anthony Flynn	441	American Pit Bull Terrier
04. DGCH'PR'Big Groves Charlie Boy @ Bok	Erika Swenson, Leslie Bridges, Joe Bridges	394	Teddy Roosevelt Terrier
05. NBIS RGCH Blulake Did My Heart Love Tillnow	Philip Lemieux, Jose Benavidez	322	Kerry Blue Terrier
06. NBOB RACES SGCH'PR'Barnett's Forever and A Day	Tammy Stefanie	233	Teddy Roosevelt Terrier
07. UWPO URO1 NGRCH NBOB AP2 VPA UWPCH SGCH'PR'Morghem's Bullitt SPOT-ON	Tamer Morghem, Caden Morghem	191	American Pit Bull Terrier
08. EGCH'PR'Azefer Sir St Nick	Lila Fast	152	Toy Fox Terrier
09. FLY RACEA UWPS AP14 VPE RATN NBOB USA UFA Wmk's Cut The Line @ Vntg SPOT-	Valerie Ann Piltz, Karyn S Pingel, Ryan Pingel, Aaron Pingel	144	American Hairless Terrier
10. USJ URO2 WSD GRCH'PR'Cohills Riding The Crazy Train SPOT	Angela Smith, Amanda Hill, Cody Smith	142	Rat Terrier



UKC NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midwest Classic

February 29-March 3, 2024

Northeast Event Center

5212 N Oakland Gravel Rd

Columbia, MO 65202

Entries Open: Monday, January 8, 2024 8:00AM ET

Entries Close: Sunday, February 4, 2024 11:59PM ET

This is a Total Dog Invitational Qualifier!

Southern Classic

May 3-5, 2024

Batesville, Mississippi

Details to follow!

2024 UKC Premier Nationals

June 12-16, 2024

Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds and Expo Center

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Details to follow!

Eastern Classic

November 1-3, 2024

Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Details to follow!

Western Classic, TBA

TEDDY PERFORMANCE

UKC PRECISION COURSING

Precision Coursing is a dog sport in which dogs pursue an artificial lure through a safely enclosed course. Precision Coursing elicits the dog's natural prey drive and chasing instincts. It also provides dogs with an opportunity to learn patterned courses that become increasingly complex. Courses will test a dog's speed, agility, and foresight. A qualifying score, or leg, is received when the dog successfully completes a run within the maximum time allowed. The number of legs required to earn a title depends on the level and ranges from three legs for a Novice title to ten legs for an Elite title. Dogs truly enjoy the opportunity to run and chase the lure in this fast-paced sport. UKC has a great introductory video about Precision Coursing at <https://youtu.be/SkSDvqy7id8>

Precision Coursing is a great sport for our Teddies. With their strong prey drive, especially for chasing moving prey, our Teddies can excel in Precision Coursing. Give it a try at your next UKC conformation and performance event and earn a Total Dog Award!





HEALTH AND TEDDIES

WHAT IS NORMAL DOG TEMPERATURE

By Joann Keenan For *Dogs Naturally Magazine*

As a dog owner, it's important to monitor your dog's health and one way to do that is to keep an eye on your dog's temperature. Normal dog temperature can be an indicator of good health ... and a higher temperature is a warning that there could be a problem.

What Is A Dog's Normal Body Temperature?

A dog's average body temperature ranges between 99.5°F and 102.5°F (37.5°C and 39.2°C). Individual dogs may have slight variations in their baseline temperature, so it's good to know your dog's normal range.

What Is The Normal Dog Temperature For An Older Dog?

As dogs age, their bodies undergo certain changes, which can affect their normal temperature range. Older dogs may have a slightly lower body temperature than younger dogs. Generally, a temperature within the range of 99°F to 101.5°F (37.2°C to 38.6°C) is considered normal for an older dog. If you start monitoring your dog's temperature when he's younger, you'll be able to tell how it adjusts as he gets older.

What Is The Normal Dog Temperature For A Puppy?

Puppies have their own unique temperature range. Because their bodies are still developing, puppies tend to have slightly higher body temperatures than adult dogs. A normal temperature for a puppy falls between 100°F and 102.5°F (37.8°C and 39.2°C).

Now that you know what to look for ... how do you take your dog's temperature?

How To Take A Dog's Temperature

Taking a dog's temperature is an important skill to learn ... whether for emergencies when your dog is ill, or to monitor your dog's health. First, let's look at the types of thermometers available.

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Thermometers For Dogs

It's important to choose a thermometer that's suited to your dog's anatomy. There are thermometers specifically for dogs, but you can use one made for humans too (and they're usually cheaper). Don't ever use a glass thermometer in your dog's mouth. Here are some features to look for:

Digital Display: A digital display makes it easy to read and interpret the temperature accurately.

Quick Measurement: These are designed to provide fast temperature readings, typically within seconds, so your dog doesn't have to hold still for too long.

Flexible Probe: The probe of a rectal thermometer is often flexible so it's safer to insert and prevents accidental injury to the dog.

Lubrication Compatibility: Pet rectal thermometers can often be lubricated to reduce discomfort for your dog.

Memory Function: Some thermometers have a memory function so you can recall the previous temperature readings to track changes.

Protective Covers: This ensures hygiene and prevents cross-contamination. Covers may be disposable or washable. Disposable covers are cheap and easy to throw away when you're done.

Species-Specific Calibration: Some pet thermometers are calibrated for different species and account for differences in temperature ranges between species. It's a good choice if you have a cat and a dog.

3 Ways To Take Your Dog's Temperature

There are 3 ways to take your dog's temperature ... but only one of them is recommended.

1. **Rectal Method:** This is the best method and it provides the most accurate reading. Lubricate a digital rectal thermometer for pets, or place a cover on it. Gently lift the dog's tail and insert the thermometer about one inch into the rectum. Hold it in place for about a minute or until it beeps. Clean the thermometer thoroughly afterward, or throw away the disposable cover.



2. Ear Method: This method is less accurate and vets don't usually recommend it. If you do use this, buy an ear thermometer designed for dogs, and gently insert the thermometer into your dog's ear canal to obtain a reading.

3. Forehead Method: Some people ask about forehead thermometers for dogs. You can use an infrared thermometer to take your dog's temperature, either in the ear, the armpit or on the belly, but most vets don't recommend them as they are much less accurate.

7 Reasons A Dog's Normal Temperature Will Rise

While a dog's normal temperature range is relatively stable, there are a few things that can cause it to rise. It's important to be aware of these changes, as they may indicate an underlying health issue.

Here are 7 reasons a dog's temperature may rise:

Exercise Or Excitement: Dogs get warm during periods of increased physical activity, play or excitement.

Hot Weather: Dogs can struggle to regulate their body temperature in hot environments, and this leads to an increase in temperature, or even heat stroke.

Infection Or Inflammation: Temperature is the body's way of managing a problem .. so it's often a sign your dog is fighting illness, infection or an inflammatory condition.

Stress Or Anxiety: Your dog may have a higher body temperature when he's stressed or anxious.

Medications: Some medications can cause a temporary increase in body temperature as a side effect.

Hormonal Changes: Female dogs in heat or dogs experiencing hormonal imbalances may have fluctuations in their body temperature.

Serious illness: Fever can also be a sign of a serious disease like autoimmune disease or cancer.



What is The Temperature Range For A Sick Dog?

When your dog is sick, his body temperature can change from the normal range. Monitoring his temperature is essential to identify potential health concerns. If your dog's temperature exceeds 103.5°F (39.7°C), it's elevated and may indicate illness. Temperatures above 105°F (40.6°C) are considered high and require immediate medical attention.

Signs Of Fever In Dogs

If your dog's temperature rises outside the normal range due to illness, you might see other symptoms. Here's what to watch for: lethargy or weakness; reduced activity level; shivering; loss of appetite; excessive panting or drooling; difficulty breathing; vomiting or diarrhea from gastrointestinal issues; changes in behavior such as restlessness, irritability or aggression.

How Long Can A Dog's Temperature Be High?

Remember that dogs can have temporary temperature spikes due to environmental factors, exercise, or excitement. These situations reset on their own. But if your dog's temperature remains consistently high, it could mean a potential health concern and should be taken seriously. This is especially true if you notice any other symptoms.

Generally, if your dog's temperature remains above 103.5°F (39.7°C) for more than 24 hours or is persistently high above 105°F (40.6°C), your dog needs prompt medical care.

Take your dog to the vet if he has prolonged high temperatures, or other symptoms such as those listed above.

Natural Ways to Treat A Dog With A High Temperature

If your dog's temperature is elevated, it's usually a sign of an underlying health problem like an infection. So your main goal is to identify the cause of the fever. This is especially true in natural medicines like homeopathy ... but a conventional vet should also try to identify what's driving your dog's temperature up.



The Natural Approach To Fever

If you work with a homeopathic or other holistic vet, contact her for advice. Homeopaths and other holistic practitioners view fever as your dog's immune response showing the body is trying to heal itself ... not as a standalone medical problem. Your homeopathic or holistic vet's goal will be to support the body in its own healing process, rather than giving medications that suppress the fever but may not manage the root cause.

The Merck Veterinary Manual says "In true fever, the high body temperature is being regulated by the body, so cooling methods such as water baths work against the body's own regulatory mechanisms. It is also likely that fever itself has some beneficial effects, particularly in infectious diseases."

So you may want to talk to your vet before trying to lower your dog's temperature. If your vet agrees, here's what you can do to keep your dog more comfortable when he has a fever.

Provide a cool environment. Ensure your dog has access to a cool, well-ventilated space with plenty of fresh water.

Offer cool water and ice cubes. Encourage your dog to drink cool water or even chew on ice chips to help lower his body temperature. Feed him bone broth to encourage him to drink. Use damp towels or cooling mats. Have your dog lie on these to provide additional relief from the heat.

Avoid excessive physical activity. Limit your dog's exercise and playtime to prevent further increases in body temperature.

It's important to understand your dog's normal body temperature and how healthy temperature ranges are directly related to his ongoing health .. and now you've got one more way to keep track of your dog's wellbeing.

Other great health-related articles by this author can be found at www.dogsnaturallymagazine.com.





UTRTCA Member Cindy Roberts



Medicine's Best Friend

HOW THE FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS OF SNIFF 4 LIFE ARE SNIFFING OUT CANCER ... AND OFFERING HOPE

Article by Denise K. James

Originally published in Birmingham Lifestyle

From an early age, Cindy Roberts believed dogs can accomplish great things. She's always had a four-legged companion in her life, beginning with the cocker spaniels she trained and entered in dog shows throughout her teen years. In her own words, she progressed from training to breeding and showing dogs — then, in college, she dreamed of becoming a veterinarian. But life, as it often does, had different plans for Roberts — she obtained a degree in business and got married, letting vet school fall to the wayside. “But we didn’t start a family,” she chuckles. “Instead, we had dogs.” In 2011, Roberts became her mother’s primary caregiver when a CT scan showed she’d contracted lung cancer. Roberts’ mother had already beaten melanoma and breast cancer, and when the highly progressed lung cancer showed up, the brave woman simply decided it was her time. “She died that Monday, and she made me promise I would work on my dreams,” Roberts says.

That was the first day of what would become a meaningful journey for Roberts — initially, out to California to learn how to train dogs to sniff for essential oils. When a news article surfaced about a woman from Chico who’d taught dogs to sniff for cancer, Roberts did not hesitate; she called the woman and enrolled in her next workshop. “Then, I called my friend here in Birmingham, Laurie Malone, founder of Sprout and Penny Canine Foundation and a researcher at UAB,” she says. “I told her about it, and she immediately started plotting her trip — figuring out airfare. When we both came back, we were ready to train dogs.”



Article continued...

But it was not as simple as that. The two women realized they would need “samples,” or people diagnosed with cancer who had not started treatment, to evaluate the dogs’ performances. These samples were not easy to find. “We hit wall after wall,” Roberts shares. “And we decided if we could not get human samples, we’d get dog samples. We worked with a few animal clinics for that.”

While forming their program, Sniff 4 Life, Roberts and Malone were approached by a Florida company, BioScentDX. They were interested in establishing a detection program and Roberts and Malone were poised to work with them – then the pandemic hit. “We brainstormed about the best way someone could get a sample from their dog and send it to us,” Roberts says. “The answer was saliva —people do DNA tests to figure out breeds all the time, so we knew it could work.”

Today, Sniff 4 Life’s goal is training dogs to detect cancer in other dogs, starting with an at-home kit from their joint company with BioScentDX known as ScoutMD. ScoutMD allows owners to collect their own pup’s saliva and easily submit it to the program for testing. Soon, Roberts predicts, cancer in humans will be detected by the dogs via a breath test — and there’s no doubt the dogs will be ready for this challenge. “They take their jobs very seriously,” she declares. “They think it’s the best thing in the world. We teach the dogs that when they find something, they get a reward. And they are all about sniffing and getting their treats.”





Article continued...

Roberts describes how emotional it was for the team when the dogs learned to sniff and find cancerous cells – and what it could mean, long term, for medicine. “The first time, we did what’s called a blind search, where the handler didn’t know where the cancer was, and neither did the dogs, and we had all six dogs and they all alerted on the correct sample,” she recalls. “I just burst into tears. We had accomplished what we set forth to do. And I knew that going forward, we would definitely be able to help pet owners save their dogs. And then we would save humans.”

The team is made up of all volunteer pups, mostly beagles and labradors, plus another breed or two, and sniffing is done at the facility in Vestavia. The dogs are as normal as can be when they aren’t working, Roberts insists. “They run and play in the yard; they sleep on the sofa or bed. They are normal dogs – and their owners are so proud. These people and their dogs have become part of my family,” she beams.

Most of all, though, she owes the ongoing success of Sniff 4 Life to her mother’s belief in chasing her dreams. “This all came about as a promise to my mom,” Roberts muses. “She was always a supporter of my endeavors.”

To learn more, visit spk9.org.





COMPARATIVE ANATOMY

HUMAN AND DOG

Interesting Facts!

The bony skeletons of dog and man exhibit remarkable similarity (as indeed do the skeletons of most mammals), the most significant differences being the upright posture adopted by man, the absence of collar bones (clavicles) in the dog, the attachment of the humerus or upper arm of the dog to the chest wall along its entire length (in man it is free), plus the fact that man walks on his whole foot (including the metatarsal bones), whereas the dog walks only on the equivalent of the human toes (Figure 6)

From *Canine Terminology* by Harold R. Spira

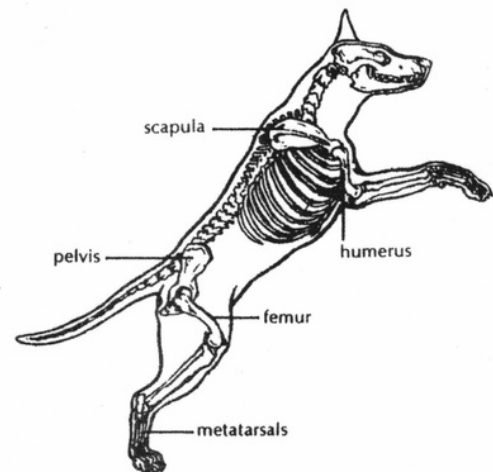
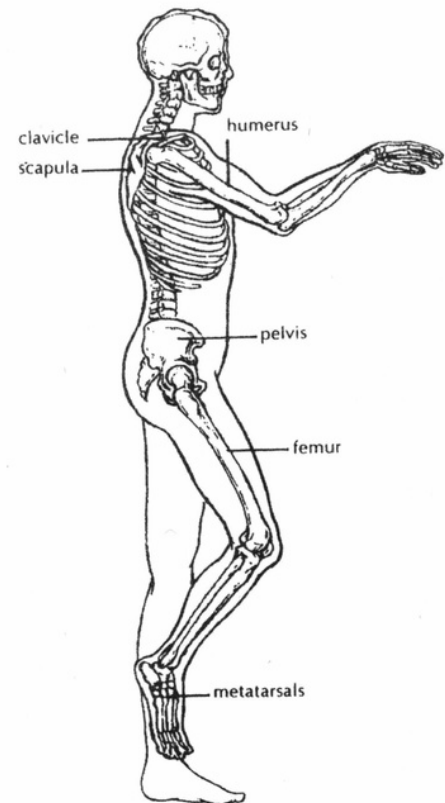


Fig. 6 Comparative anatomy: man and dog



New Arrivals!



Muffin x Weaver pups available

MBK's Lovin My Muffin x TMT's White Dogwood @Dreamtree

1 male & 1 female black tri piebalds

3 male & 2 female chocolate tri piebalds

Date of birth: 12/27/2023

Ready to go home: 2/21/2024

Contact:

Crystal Mudgett-Epley

Mud-E Acres, Russellville, KY

270-731-7460

www.mudeacres.com

Instagram: [mud_e_acres_farm](https://www.instagram.com/mud_e_acres_farm)



New Arrivals! continued...

Available From Aspen Hill Farms, Holly Springs, MS

For more information, contact Deb Botruff at

aspenhillfarms@protonmail.com

www.aspenhillfarms.com

901-481-9274



Aspen's Dream On x Aspen's Trump Train

Born 11/13/23

Evaluations 1/8/24

3 Males 4 Females



Aspen's Cocoa Butter Kisses x Aspen's Raisin' Kane

Born 11/28/23

Evaluations 1/23/24

2 Males 4 Females



Aspen's Down Home Girl x Bravado's Cherry Bomb

Born 12/10/23

Evaluations 2/4/24

4 Males 5 Females

New Arrivals! continued...



Sire: GRCH Aspen's Let UR Light Shine @ARK "Flash"

Dam: CH Aspen's Whiskey Lullaby CM "Sadie"

Date of Birth: 12/03/2023

1 male/5 female all White & Black Tri

Bred by Greta Dalrymple

South Bend, IN

StonehengeESS@att.net

574-514-6719

**Send your litter pictures for the newsletter
to utrtca@gmail.com.**

We love your Teddy puppies!!!

END NOTE

*A dog is the only thing on earth
that loves you
more than he loves himself.*

Josh Billings

*Snuggle up close with your Teddies
on these cold winter nights!
Happy Winter to all!*

