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## The Recording Secretary

Debby Sharp

1. Board approved a motion NOT to purchase medallions for the Eukanuba Show.
2. Approved request of Judges Education Committee for a Sanctioned Breed Presentation to Dog Show Judges Assn. for Advanced Institute at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
3. Authorized reprinting of the Club Membership Directory.
4. Approved increase in Hospitality Budget for 2009 Specialty to \$1000.00.
5. Approved an open bid system for the auction at the 2009 Specialty as opposed to a closed bid system.
6. Approved Susan Saulvester as Auction Chair for the 2009 Specialty.
7. Approved the following supported entries:  
Desert Empire Terrier Club  
Kennel Club of Palm Springs  
Langley Kennel Club  
Gloucester Kennel Club  
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers  
Northern California Terrier Assoc. Shows (2)  
Great Western.



## ATCA Bylaws Administrative Revisions by AKC 2008

In accepting the new Bylaws submitted by ATCA to AKC at the end of 2007 as approved by the general membership of ATCA, AKC had accepted our new Bylaws while at the same time giving us notice that they require a few additional revisions in order to bring our Bylaws into conformity with their member club requirements. These further revisions are:

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REVISION 1

“The amendment to Article II, Section 2 which allows members to participate/vote in meetings by teleconference call cannot be approved and must be removed.”

REVISION 2

“The board may conduct business by electronic mail in accordance with the provisions of the AKC policy and only if it is allowed under New Jersey statutes. In Section 3, please remove ‘or any other means approved by the State of New Jersey’ in subsection b) and ‘or other acceptable manner’ in subsection d).”

REVISION 3

“In Article VI, Section 2, please delete ‘and/’ and remove the phrase ‘or a Committee comprised of at least three members of the Board’ from the third sentence, inserting it into the fifth sentence. In other words, the entire Board shall first consider the charges and if the Board decides to entertain jurisdiction it shall set a date for a hearing by either the entire Board or a Committee comprised of at least three members of the Board.”

These revisions by AKC were approved by the ATCA Board in Ballot #4, March 2008. Please update your existing Yellow Book containing the By-laws and Code of Ethics, dated 2007. These revisions will be included in future printings of the Yellow Book. Since these revisions are reconciliatory with AKC member policies and required in order to bring our Bylaws into conformity with AKC rules and regulations, past instruction from Club Relations (Mike Liosis, Director) informs us that the Board retains inherent authority to clarify its Bylaws and make such technical changes as it deems fit, without a vote of the general membership.



Who am I? -- please send me your guesses.

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# NEW OFFICERS FOR 2009 AUSTRALIAN TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA

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See Bylaws, Article III, Section 2, Terms of Office.  
Officers are elected annually, term limits given next to each officer.

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"Marty" 2008 #1 Dog



"Mandy" 2008 #1 Bitch

### BREED

- 1 CH RYBA'S CALL ME IRRESPONSIBLE (D) 393
- 2 CH BLACK BACK FIRE FLY (D) 245
- 3 CH BENAYR NESSUN DORMA (D) 178
- 4 CH MYSTICSTARS WINTER BLIZZARD (D) 161
- 5 CH GOOD DAYS TONY DANONO (D) 142
- 6 CH WISSMISS AUSSOME STURT PEA (D) 135
- 7 CH CRESTWOODS GLAMOUR GIRL (B) 122
- 8 CH BENAYR I BELIEVE IN LOVE ALFIE (D) 102
- 9 CH BLUE MOON CALL ME IRRESISTIBLE (D) 79
- 10 CH MARBLE ARCH LADY FROM CASTILE (B) 62

### ALL BREED

- 1 CH RYBA'S CALL ME IRRESPONSIBLE (D) 2738
- 2 CH CRESTWOODS GLAMOUR GIRL (B) 1222
- 3 CH BENAYR NESSUN DORMA (D) 1070
- 4 CH GOOD DAYS TONY DANONO (D) 855
- 5 CH WISSMISS AUSSOME STURT PEA (D) 838
- 6 CH MYSTICSTARS WINTER BLIZZARD (D) 438
- 7 CH BLUE MOON CALL ME IRRESISTIBLE (D) 384
- 8 CH BENAYR I BELIEVE IN LOVE ALFIE (D) 359
- 9 CH BLACK BACK FIRE FLY (D) 245
- 10 CH AUSSOME CAPTURE THE MAGIC 115

### TOP TEN DOGS

- 1 CH RYBA'S CALL ME IRRESPONSIBLE 393
- 2 CH BLACK BACK FIRE FLY 245
- 3 CH BENAYR NESSUN DORMA 178
- 4 CH MYSTICSTARS WINTER BLIZZARD 161
- 5 CH GOOD DAYS TONY DANONO 142
- 6 CH WISSMISS AUSSOME STURT PEA 135
- 7 CH BENAYR I BELIEVE IN LOVE ALFIE 102
- 8 CH BLUE MOONS CALL ME IRRESISTIBLE 79
- 9 CH RYBA'S TOM FOOLERY 47
- 10 CH ABQ SAN ISIDRO CHRISTHILL 45

### TOP TEN BITCHES

- 1 CH CRESTWOODS GLAMOUR GIRL 122
- 2 CH MARBLE ARCH LADY FROM CASTILE 62
- 3 CH AUSSOME CAPTURE THE MAGIC 56
- 4 CH BENAYR TIGER LILY 31
- 5 CH TEMORA'S THE SIMPLE LIFE 26
- 6 CH REDWING CADILLAC STYLE 16
- 7 CH CAMBRIDGE GERRY LEE'S SIZZLE 12
- 8 RYBA'S ABOVE SUSPICION 12
- 9 RYBA'S LES MS COSETT 10
- 10 CH CRESTWOODS CHARISMA TAPA 9

## 56 New Aussie Conformation Champions in 2008



## By Gay Dunlap

You stand ringside watching the judging of a breed in which you are more than just little familiar. In fact, let's say you have been involved with this breed for some forty years. You notice an absolute standout. It appears to be the epitome of its standard. Furthermore, it is so much so that the others in its class pale to the point of insignificance. You watch it move fluidly down and back. You note the lovely reach and drive as it gaits around. Then, you watch as the judge points to something else... one of the insignificant ones. Okay, you might say. I haven't put my hands on the dog ...maybe there is something wrong with it that I can't see. But what if you have put your hands on the dog? What if you are familiar with all the qualities that can't be seen from ringside? What if you know that the bite is perfect, the eyes are the correct color, the topline is like a tabletop under that coat and that the ribs are well

sprung; you know that it is short in loin and that the feet are compact? What would be your assumption then?

This scenario is one in which the obvious can little be denied. The judge simply has not done his homework and is not familiar enough with the standard to know that this one dog is more correct than the others. He is more comfortable in his assumption that the majority is more correct and thus his choices reflect the all-too-familiar "odd man out" syndrome.

How do we, standing ringside, view this scenario? Many of us wear two hats...perhaps even three...we may wear the hat of a breeder... and/or an exhibitor...one of a provisional judge... or an approved judge. Sometimes we wear all of these. Does our viewpoint change depending on which hat we are wearing? It certainly shouldn't. Unquestionably, however, our viewpoint is colored by the knowledge we hold regarding the standard of the breed being judged. As an exhibitor, it may also be colored by whether or not we win. Sadly, many exhibitors have a hard time viewing an entry objectively. It is an exhilarating event, however rare, when one exhibitor says to another, "The moment I saw your bitch enter the ring I knew she would be the winner!"

Recently, during a four-show circuit where innumerable specialties were the order of the weekend, provisional judges were judging some huge entries. There was considerable mumbling, both prior to the weekend and during it, questioning the wisdom of hiring them for such large entries, that is, unless they qualified as breed experts. One of the judges came into the weekend having judged his assigned breed only once, with an entry of three dogs. For this, his second assignment, he was required to pass judgment on over one hundred. Talk ensued among many in attendance that provisional judges perhaps should not be hired under such conditions. Several noted that the judge did not take notes nor did he appear to be systematically putting the classes in any sort of order. It was therefore assumed that he must have astonishing memory acumen to sift through so large an entry and successfully pull out his final choices.

There are several ways of looking at this. As a provisional judge myself, I greatly appreciate the show chairman who cares enough to hire provisional judges. Be that as it may, a fellow breeder-judge suggested it might not be appropriate to hire provisionals over a national specialty weekend. On the other hand, another breeder-judge had the opposite reaction, and thought it was great. Certainly a show chairman is aware, by looking at past years, when an entry will be sizeable. Should a show chairman, before issuing an invitation, first question the prospective judge about his comfort level with so large an entry? But, perhaps the ball needs to be bounced back to the judge himself. If one does not as yet feel comfortable enough with a breed to judge it in huge numbers, the response could easily be, "Gee, you know, I would really like to get a few more assignments under my belt before tackling such a large entry." But in truth, our egos often speak before our brains take hold. What a thrill it is to be asked to judge at such a prestigious show. And it is easy to understand the acceptance of such an assignment even though the judge may have a few qualms about his ability to adjudicate effectively. Exhibitors expect well-qualified judges to be chosen on so important a weekend and this is not an unreasonable expectation. They have, after all, come from all corners of the country and from other countries, as well, to compete in this event.

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On another subject, though still related to the show ring, there was an occurrence over this same weekend, in which fourth place was withheld in a class of five, only three dogs receiving ribbons. First of all, many exhibitors had to be set straight in their thinking that the dogs had been excused ... granted this is a technicality with the same ultimate consequence, the exception being that withholding ribbons does not affect the point count. The judge's decision was based upon the fact that two dogs were perceived as having undocked tails in a breed wherein the standard states, "Tail is docked." In point of fact, one dog's tail was undocked (a dog from Sweden) but the other was simply docked long. There were other natural-tailed dogs being shown that day, but the classes were large enough that they were simply left out of the ribbons. Certainly a judge has the right to withhold ribbons if for any reason he/she deems an entry to be of poor quality or is offended by a fault, as stipulated in the standard. So what I am saying here is that, whereas the judge may have been within her bounds, there is no mention of an undocked tail being a fault in this breed's standard. But, oh my, the ruckus it caused! Immediately following, a long-time former terrier handler said to me, "You have to change your standard!" Discussion on the national club's web list continued for days. Change the standard, don't change the standard, don't open the standard for any reason, send a letter to all judges, and so on! An interesting addendum to this is that, on the days prior and on the one following, dogs with undocked tails did extremely well; Winners Dog and Winners Bitch one day, winning their classes on another. Still, it was as if this one judge's action would change the course of the breed for all time. Overreaction? I think so.

Obviously, the judge on this day did not like undocked tails, regardless of the fact that it is not a fault. The standard for this breed also calls for the dog to be "Square in outline." I suppose this judge could have legitimately withheld on dogs that were off-square and there were plenty of those. Obviously undocked tails were vexing and long backs were not!

But let's look at it from another perspective. Why would an undocked tail be regarded as anathema? The standard for this breed clearly states both Faults and Major Faults and an undocked tail is not among them. It does not list it as a trait "to be severely penalized" either. Meanwhile, traits clearly identified as Major Faults are often regarded as acceptable. Among these are, Dogs under 18 inches or over 19 inches; bitches under 17 inches or over 18 inches. Undershot or overshot. Timid or overly aggressive dogs. Any color save wheaten. This latter goes on to state the coat must never be white or carry gray other than on ears and muzzle. Under the Severely Penalized traits we find dogs who fail to keep their tails erect when moving, dogs that are overly trimmed, and those that sport hound ears. So what's the deal here? It would appear that an undocked tail should not be an issue but what of the major faults that are being ignored?

Here again, just as we bounced the provisional judge situation away from the show chairman and back to the judge, perhaps we want to bounce this major fault business back to the breeder. Why are so many dogs with major faults in the ring to begin with? Doesn't this send a message to our judges that they are really okay after all? Yes, judges need to do their homework; they need to develop a method for determining correct size in a breed when there is no size DQ. They need to know what constitutes correct color. They need to make themselves aware of the listed faults, not simply give the standard a cursory look to see if there are any DQs. But more importantly, our breeders and exhibitors need to stop putting everything with four legs in the show ring. Then perhaps the standout won't be such a stand-out and there will be no "odd man out."



## Your Help is Needed!

When I first started doing the Talkabout in 2005 I started sending it out electronically as well as printing a hard copy for everyone. Later on I decided that those that really had no access to the internet was missing out on not having

a copy in color. I love the photos that are sent and want to share all of them with you.

In an effort to do this, and not increase costs, I print the Talkabout at work, paying for the toner, but supplying my labor after hours. It is then manually assembled, weighed, stuffed and labeled so that everyone can receive their paper copy of the Talkabout.

Our current membership is approximately 180 and I print and distribute 145 copies each time. Out of the 180 all but approximately 50 have access to the internet.

If you are currently receiving a paper copy and have access to the internet, I would appreciate it if you would notify me ([darlenevans@earthlink.net](mailto:darlenevans@earthlink.net)) so I can reduce the number of hard copies. I thoroughly enjoy doing the Talkabout. The comments, stories, articles, and pictures that you all want

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## A PUPPY

I love my little puppy; she makes my house a home.  
She is my very best friend; I never feel alone.

She makes me smile; She makes me laugh;  
She fills my heart with love . . . Did some breeder  
breed her, or did she fall down from above?

I've never been a breeder, never seen life through their eyes;  
I hold my little puppy and just sit and criticize.

I've never known their anguish; I've never felt their pain, the  
caring of their charges, through snow or wind or rain.

I've never sat the whole night through, waiting for babies to be  
born, the stress and trepidation when they're still not there by dawn.

I've never felt the heartache of a little life in my hands, this  
darling little baby, who weighs but 60 grams.

Should you do that instead of this . . . or this instead of that?  
Alone you fight and hope one day, he'll grow to be a dog.

You pray he'll live to bring joy to another family, and make a house  
a home. You know it's all just up to you; you'll fight this fight alone.

Formula, bottles, heating pads, you've got to get this right,  
two-hour feedings for this tiny guy, throughout the day and night.

In your heart you know you're almost sure to lose this epic fight, to  
save this little baby, but God willing . . . you just MIGHT.

Day one he's in there fighting; you say a silent prayer.  
Day two & three, he's doing well, with lots of love and care.

Day four & five . . . he's still alive; your hopes soar to the  
heavens. Day six he slips away again, dies in your hands  
day seven.

You take this little angel, and bury him alone. With aching heart  
and burning tears, and an exhausted groan, you ask yourself,

'Why do this? . . . Why suffer all this pain?'  
But see the joy your puppies bring . . . it really self-explains.

So, when you think of breeders and label them with 'Greed,'  
Think about what they endure to fill another's need.

When you buy a puppy, and with your precious dollars part,  
You only pay with money . . . we pay with a piece of our heart.

.... Author Unknown....





## Australian Terrier Column November 2008 Issue

### Owner/Handler.... Handling for Success

This is the fifth and final article in a series discussing the four stages the owner/handler (O/H) needs to work on in order to be competitive. The first article identified the four stages the O/H needs to work through as: 1) choosing the right dog from the right breeder, 2) show/ring etiquette, 3) grooming and 4) handling. This article will address the fourth and final stage, handling. Handling is the presentation of the dog to the judge in a manner that will emphasize its best qualities and not draw attention to its faults. In order to be a better handler, you need to be aware of the picture you present. There are several ways to accomplish the training and perfect the presentation: attend handling classes held by your local kennel club or training organization, attend a handling seminar offered by a professional handler, and get feedback from your mentor, breeder and friends. Whichever way the techniques are learned, use of mirrors and video tape provide the best visual feedback to perfect them. Practice handling and moving your dog so your movements are coordinated. The more confident and professional you appear, the better your chances are in the ring. Showing an untrained dog is a waste of your money and the judge's time.

A judge has an average of 2 minutes to assess the virtues and faults of each dog in the ring. As an exhibitor you want to make a good impression from the moment you walk into the ring and be able to show your dog to its best advantage. Teach your dog to free stack. A dog always looks better showing on its own. Focus on your dog, not the judge, so you can keep your dog looking its best. Talk, not baby talk, to your dog so that your dog focuses on you. Move the dog down the middle of the mat. Learn to move your dog at its best pace. Faster is not necessarily better. Watch your dog's movement from different angles (coming, going and side movement) at different speeds. Moving at the wrong speed can make it look like there are faults where there really are none.

Stack the dog on the judge's side of the table. On the table keep the dog's head up and keep your head and hands out of the way of the judge. Do not feed your dog on the table, it makes it difficult for the judge to see the bite and could cause your dog to stand in an unnatural stance in order to try to get the bait. Our judge mentors named the misuse of bait as their biggest pet peeve. All agreed that it should be used as a "motivational tool, not a meal". Bait used sparingly can be used to get the dog's attention to show expression or get it on its toes at just the right time. Too much and it is nothing more than a distraction. People tend to use bait as a form

of "remote control", and when it is removed the dog tries to follow the bait around the exhibitor or falls apart. Also, do not throw bait or squeak a toy in such a manner that distracts other dogs, especially the one that the judge is examining at the time.

According to our judge mentors: "Unfortunately, the mediocre dog that is handled to perfection often beats the good dog that is handled and presented poorly." So, practice, practice, practice, and remember, "Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference".

I would like to thank all our judge mentors again for all their help in the writing of this series of articles. I hope that the information they have shared has helped make their jobs a little bit easier and enjoyable. Feedback and suggestions are, as always, appreciated.

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### Yesterday At the Dog Show

Yesterday, I experienced a very unusual thing indeed. It might restore someone's faith in humanity! I know it did mine.

As with all forms of competition, there comes a certain amount of ambition, goal grabbing, disappointment, anger and even revenge in extreme cases. Some of it is just the nature of competition, the majority of it is just malice. Dog showing is no exception. Unfortunately, all too often I have stood at ringside and heard malicious comments, bitching and bickering. Dog show people can be very cruel to each other sometimes. I have on occasion been the brunt of these comments, but that's another story. Well, yesterday I had a breath of fresh air, as it were.

I was stewarding at the Rough Collie Club of Ireland's Championship show. It's a relatively popular breed here in Ireland. Always a big entry. They had a wonderful judge from the U.K. This lady has been in the breed since 1949. So, it goes without saying, I was pretty privileged to steward for her. Anyway, just before the Novice class, one of the club officials came into the ring and, I overheard her tell the judge about the one entry in the class, I thought it was unusual that there was one entry in the class, but later found out the reason why!

I called the class, and in walked an old man and his Rough Collie. I've only ever seen this man at our St. Patrick's Day show. He's an old man, rough around the edges and, well, his dog is really unkempt by show standards. He marched proudly into the ring with the dog on a great big, thick rope

lead! While the judge was going over the dog, I was filled in on his story. I was told that he lives in an old folks home in Galway (the other side of Ireland). He has no family left living and no visitors at the old folks home. He's been showing this dog for eight years only ever on St. Patrick's Day or the Club show. He'd traveled 50 miles on a bus yesterday morning, which takes about 5 hours in Ireland. The nurses in his home usually phone the club to tell of his departure, and the club usually phones back when they spot this old man at the show.

He has only ever shown the dog in Novice, and people over the years never compete against him. The nurses told the club officials that when he wins a rosette at a show, he wears it for weeks at home in the old folks home. The dog lives with him at the home and is quite a celebrity "Show dog" with all the residents. The pride and joy of this man's life. He spends half the year telling people about the last dog show and the other half of the year looking forward to the next one!

Anyway, the judge was so considerate to this man. And, boy, was he proud to show his dog off. When the judge asked could he look at the dog's teeth, "Oh yes," the man replied and instructed the dog to "Smile." With that, the dog showed off a perfect set of choppers! The judge replied, "Aren't you a clever dog?" With that, the man said "Oh, he is very clever, he'll shake your hand, too, if you like." I couldn't help smiling when I heard this, and full credit to the judge, she shook hands with the dog. The dog won first in the class and every exhibitor at the show, gave this old man and his dog a standing ovation. He was cheered and clapped as he did his own lap around the ring.

People came over to the ringside to congratulate him and pat the man on the back as he left the ring. Talk about Elvis leaving the building, this man was certainly the king when he won his class. He was just so proud of his accomplishment. He lapped up every minute of it. It was the first time, I'm sad to say, that I've seen people being genuinely nice at a dog show. They really made this old man's day. Possibly year! Heaven help the residents at the old folks home when he returned home last night. Not only did he win a rosette but he also won a great big trophy. I'm sure it will take pride of place on the mantle piece. Isn't this what dog showing should be about, giving people like this old man a day out to enjoy the only family he has. His best pal, his dog. A memory for an old man to hold on to, to brighten his day, something to share with his friends at the old folks home? Something to be proud of, however small the achievement?

Anyway, that's the story, just a thought, an observation and possibly an inspiration to us all? I know it's one of the happiest memories I have of a dog show."

Nancy Conner

Tainaron Irish Setters, Reg'd., since 1969  
and one Cardigan Welsh Corgi, since 2001  
and a smattering of English Cockers, too

## Pet dogs versus show dogs...

Pet dogs shed ..... Show dogs blow coat.  
Pet dogs are in heat ..... Show dogs come into season.  
Pet dogs trot ..... Show dogs gait or move.  
Pet dogs stand ..... Show dogs stack.  
Pet dogs get a bath ..... Show dogs are groomed.  
Pet dogs beg for treats .... Show dogs bait.  
Pet dogs poop ..... Show dogs toilet or eliminate.  
Pet dogs bark at other dogs ..... Show dogs spar.

## Dog Show Definitions. ..

1. Great stud dog ..... Mounts anything that can fog a mirror.
2. Excels in movement ..... If he gets loose, run like hell.
3. Personality Plus ..... Wakes up if you put liver up his nose.
4. Good bite ..... Missed the judge, got the steward.
5. Large boned ..... Looks like a Clydesdale.
6. Good obedience prospect .. Smart enough to come in from the rain, but ugly.
7. Quiet and good natured ..... In his kennel.
8. Excels in type and style ..... However, moves like a spider on speed".
9. Won in stiff competition ..... Beat four puppies and a 9 year old novice dog.
10. Multiple group winner ..... At two puppy matches.
11. Pointed ..... His head is shaped like a carrot.
12. Noted Judge ..... He put up our dog.
13. Respected Judge ..... He put up our dog twice.
14. Esteemed Judge ..... He puts up anything that crawls.
15. Specialty Judge ..... Puts up anything that looks like his own breeding.
16. Won in heavy competition ... The other dogs were revoltingly over weight.
17. Shown sparingly ..... Only when we had it in the bag.
18. Show Prospect ..... He has 4 legs, 2 eyes, 2 ears, 1 tail.
19. Finished in 5 shows ..... And 89 where he failed to win a ribbon.
20. Well Balanced ..... Straight as a stick, front and rear.
21. Handled brilliantly by .... Nobody else can get near him.
22. At stud to "approved" bitches ..... Those bitches whose owner's check is good.
23. Linebred from famous champions... .. Ch. Whoozitz appears twice 6th generation.
24. Terrific brood bitch ..... Her conformation is the pits, but she conceives big litters.
25. Wins another Best In Show ... His second, under the same judge, our uncle.



There out to be a standard for judges.



## Obedience Changes as Announced by AKC

January 15, 2009

To: All American Kennel Club Licensed and Member Clubs Approved for Obedience Events

We thought it would be helpful to provide AKC clubs that hold obedience trials with a summary of recent and future changes to the *Obedience Regulations*. All of the following changes are in the October 2008 *Gazette* and available on the AKC website.

In 2007, the AKC Board approved three optional titling classes, which became effective on January 1, 2009. Offering these classes is entirely optional and the club's decision.

- **Graduate Novice.** Exercises are the same as when this class could be offered as a non-regular class; judges must be approved to judge Novice or higher classes; suggested judging rate is eight dogs per hour.
- **Graduate Open.** Exercises are the same as when this class could be offered as a non-regular class; judges must be approved to judge Open or higher; judging rate is seven dogs per hour.
- **Versatility.** Structure is slightly different from when this class could be offered as a non-regular class, with 12 possible combinations provided for judges to choose from; judges must be approved to judge Utility; suggested judging rate is six dogs per hour.

Three new non-regular classes have been added to the *Obedience Regulations*, as approved by the AKC Board at the July 2007 Board meeting. These classes are Wild Card Novice, Wild Card Open, and Wild Card Utility. Judges must have trained and exhibited a dog to the Utility title and must apply to the AKC for approval to judge non-regular classes.

A new Master (OM)/Grand Master (OGM) title program was added to recognize consistently high scoring dogs, in which title points will be recorded for dogs with a Utility title. The point schedule is listed in the regulations.

Effective on January 1, 2010, clubs will have the option of holding two all-breed obedience trials concurrently, at the same time on the same day (as opposed to two trials in succession under the current rules). A new non-regular class, Obedience Advanced Team Work, may be offered.

Effective July 1, 2010, a club may offer a new optional titling class, Beginners Novice (BN), which is a class designed to bridge Rally and Novice level obedience.

Additionally, effective January 1, 2011, the CD CDX, UD, GN, GO, VER, and BN titles will be awarded to any dog who receives **three** qualifying scores under **two** different judges. This will change the current requirement of **three** qualifying scores under **three** different judges.

Additional information on changes and effective dates are on the [AKC website](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Curt A. Curtis'.

Curt A. Curtis

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## 2008 Eukanuba National Championship



**Best of Breed**  
Ch Benayr I Believe in Alfie  
Owner - Pamela Levy



**Best of Opposite Sex**  
Ch Benayr Tiger Lily  
Owner - Bob & Karen De Young



**Award of Merit**  
Ch Wismiss Aussome Sturt Pea  
Owner - Kerrie Bryan & Carol Sazama



**Best Bred By**  
Ch Blue Moon Call Me Irresistible  
Owner - Jeanne Popovits

Award of Merit  
Ch Harrington Red Hook of Figaro  
Owner - Jeannine Harrington  
No Picture Available



## Flash from Flash



Flash with his dad, Tony, trying to convince him not to let Petie (Teresa Schreeder) to continue grooming.

Hi friends and fans

Well, today was pretty eventful. We had called a lady named Bergit to see if she could enhance my already abundant good looks ( I am not bragging...just stating a fact that's rather well known around the neighborhood) for the Burbank kennel club show. To my daddy's horror, she said she was leaving town for 10 days and when she got back home, she had too many dogs to groom before the Burbank show to take on any more. However she said she would give me an evaluation if I went in today. So I did.

Well, I guess she noticed that I have never been groomed. Also that my claws needed clipping... something that hasn't been done for a couple of months or so since the day daddy was holding me and uncle Tim clipped my nails and I got a little nervous and pushed my back paw forward right as the clippers clipped... taking off a piece of quick along with the claw. There was blood everywhere and Daddy and uncle Tim went into hysterics. But I got Neosporin and a bandage on the paw and went on about my business. However I won't let those two come near me with clippers again.

The Good News was that Bergit said I could be a champion (was there ever a doubt?). However she feels a lot of conformation training is needed as I didn't want her to look at my teeth (she did, though) and refused to "stand" for her on the table. I thought sitting (which I have perfected in Novice Obedience class) was perfectly fine. I tried to explain I have only had two private Confirmation lessons and don't start a Conformation Class until next week but I don't think she got the details of my explanation.

She said the best she could do was take me into her kennel for a week starting Oct. 7 and work with me on the grooming table etc. Dad said OK and booked us in. Dad also asked if she had heard of a groomer named Gustavo Molinari, who Tony met at the Great Western show. Bergit said yes and that he was good.

We went home very disappointed. Dad was ready to call Gustavo when Bergit called and said she had a solution. She said if dad would take me to her kennel on Oct. 24, for three days, she would work with me and then she would take me to the Burbank show on Saturday morning, all groomed and ready to show. Daddy said "great", so I guess I can relax and find some new things to put in my mouth, which always seems to make Daddy really excited.

Mama Sue (Bachman) was supposed to come to visit us and talk about the "Meet the Breed" booth. So Consuelo cleaned the guest room and I helped. But we haven't heard from Mama Sue and the guest room is getting filled up with daddy's quilt projects again. I hope Mama Sue calls and sets a date.

Well, that's the news for now. Keep sending those cards and letters. I read every one. And then chew them up!

Flash, the Australian Terrier

Editor's Note -- Flash has agreed to share his experiences with us.



Purina granted permission for allowing us to reprint the the article "Detangling Canine Diabetes" which appeared in Issue 3, 2008.

## *Show Off Your Aussies!*



*Ryba's Diamond Lil of Tera-K  
Darlene Evans*

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