

The Australian Terrier (“AusTTrust”)

*Assisting the Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.
in supporting our breed through Health and Education*

FAQ’s (Frequently Asked Questions)

What the purpose of the AusTTrust?

The purpose of the AusTTrust is to assist the Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc. in its efforts to better the lives of Australian Terriers. To promote the welfare of the Australian terrier breed, which will be accomplished by, but not limited to, the following:

- Support canine medical research with an emphasis on health issues that affect Australian Terriers,
- Promote education on the proper care, treatment, breeding, health, development and training of Australian Terriers, and
- Foster and promote the public’s knowledge and appreciation of dogs in general and Australian Terriers in particular.

How does the AusTTrust support Health and Education of Australian Terriers?

In particular; the AusTTrust receives requests for funding for the particular health or education program from the ATCA membership. The ATCA Board reviews all requests for allocation of funding and then the ATCA Board forwards their recommendations to the AusTTrust. The AusTTrust and its Trustees raise money for these programs.

Is my AusTTrust donation tax deductible?

Yes, the Trust is a 501c3 Trust and as such all money, capital assets, shares, etc. that are donated to the Trust is tax deductible against U.S. income. At this time there is not a tax-deductible trust for Canadian or other foreign donations.

Will I receive a receipt for tax purposes?

Yes, a receipt will be sent out to you from the Secretary of the AusTTrust. If you have not received a receipt please contact the Secretary of the AusTTrust.

How many Trustees are there?

There are seven (7) Trustees on the AusTTrust. All Trustees must be members in good standing of the Australian Terrier Club of America (“ATCA”). Two (2) Trustees are the Chair people of both the ATCA Health and Education committees. Two (2) Trustees are appointed by January 15 each year by the ATCA Board from the Board, these Trustees will serve for the length of their ATCA Board position. Two (2) are ATCA Members-at-large elected from the ATCA membership by the membership. One (1) Treasurer, elected from the ATCA Membership as a Trustee.

What is the AusTTrust funding now? What has it done to date?

The Trust has raised approx. \$30,000. Plus it has sponsored the National Specialty speaker at the Palm Springs Education Day and will be sponsoring Carmen Botaglia at the 2015 National Specialty, Education Day. The Trust will also participated in funding the eye clinic at the 2015 Specialty. Future suggestions from the membership at large will be reviewed by the ATCA Board and once approved will be announced to the membership.

Does the AusTTrust fund each proposal in full?

The Trust can fund a proposal in full, or it can participate in funding the proposal along with another organization or individuals

Can I make a funding proposal?

Everyone within the ATCA can make a funding request. All requests will be reviewed by the ATCA and then passed on to the AusTTrust. If the proposal is approved then the Trustees of the AusTTrust will work to secure the funding.

How do I ask for an allocation of funds for a particular project?

There is a form on the AusTTrust website page which is connected to the ATCA website. Go to the AusTTrust page, open the form, complete and hit "Send" the form will be sent along to the ATCA recording secretary and to the AusTTrust secretary who will each ensure that your request is reviewed in a timely manner by the ATCA Board. You will be notified as to the ATCA's decision.

What type of things will the Trust fund?

The AusTTrust's mandate is to fund projects that will support the welfare of the Australian Terrier breed in both Health and Education.

What does the Trust not fund?

The AusTTrust is separate from the Australian Terrier Rescue who raises its own monies when there is need. The AusTTrust's mandate is to support health and education projects, this doesn't include funding a dog show for instance, which is a not for profit event but not qualify under the 501(c) (3) trust.

How do I find out where the money goes and what is presently going on with the Trust?

The AusTTrust is required to submit a yearly account of its activities and finances to the ATCA's Talkabout newsletter, check the year in review issue, usually the first issue of every year.

Will the AusTTrust give updates aside from the yearly reports?

The AusTTrust is committed to writing a letter in each Talkabout issue. The topics will vary, if you have a particular suggestion for a letter please submit your ideas to the AusTTrust secretary.

How can a person be a Trustee of the AusTTrust?

There are seven positions to the Trust

Two Board members are chosen each year to be liaison's between the AusTTrust and the ATCA Board, submit your name and resume to the Board if you are interested, the selection is made by Jan 15th each year.

The Chairs for Education and Health are obligated to be a Trustee of the AusTTrust for the duration of their Office.

Alternatively, if you are a member in good standing of the ATCA you may submit your name to the Nominations Committee to become a Member at-large. There are two positions elected annually for these Trustee positions.

A Treasurer is elected annually to the AusTTrust by the ATCA.

How can someone help the AusTTrust ?

The AusTTrust's main function is to raise money for the trust to help it fund the Health and Educational programs determined by suggestions from the ATCA Board to support the Australian Terrier. By donating annually you are helping the Trust. Or you may Leave a Legacy; review your Will and consider making a bequest to the AusTTrust.

Additionally, if you have experience in fundraising the Trust can use your help in soliciting funds and developing campaigns. Contact the Chairman if you are interested in helping the AusTTrust. Reminder: All funds donated to the AusTTrust are tax-deductible.

Is there an annual general meeting?

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust takes place at the time and place of the ATCA National Specialty Show, unless otherwise determined

Are there regular meetings?

Regular meetings are held quarterly at a minimum. The schedule is established by the Trustees.

Can a meeting be called anytime that is one is needed?

Special Meetings may be held by request of the Chair acting alone or upon written request signed by at least three Trustees. The request states the purpose of the proposed Special Meeting. Business transacted at the Special Meeting is limited to the purpose or purposes laid out in the notice of the meeting. The Secretary must notify the Trustees not less than ten (10) days before the meeting

Where are the registered offices of the AusTTrust?

The principle office of the Trust is in the State of New Mexico. The Trust may have other offices and keep the books and records of the Trust in other place or places as the Trustees determine.

What happens if a Trustee resigns?

Any Trustee may by written instrument, signed, dated and acknowledged, resign his or her office. The Board of the ATCA will appoint their replacement to complete the term if necessary.

Do Trustees get any compensation; are they paid to be a Trustee?

No compensation is paid to any Trustee. However, the Trust may reimburse any Trustee for expenses authorized by the Trustees which were incurred on behalf of the Trust.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

If yes, PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO THE AUSTTRUST SECRETARY

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