



## Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of Puget Sound January, 2009 Newsletter

### Please Welcome Our Newest Club Member!

Andrea Kilkenny and her very handsome Staffy, Rumble

### Seattle Kennel Club Show, Breed Booth and Meet the Breed Events

This year the SBTCPs is pulling out all the stops for the breed booth event. The club will reserve two booths this year and have an electrical outlet. Our booth will also undergo a makeover, thanks to Thornton and Angelique Alberg for volunteering to take on this important task. Volunteer time slots are available both days so email Cassie Malloy at [maddenduff@earthlink.net](mailto:maddenduff@earthlink.net) to make your reservation. For those as yet unfamiliar with this annual event; members sign up for 2 hour time slots on either Saturday or Sunday and, on the day, they bring their well socialized, well behaved dog for a meet and greet with the public. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the company of other Staffy owners and their dogs while being great advocates for our breed.

### Have a Voice, Get Connected

The need for more member participation at the monthly meetings has been a source of conversation of late as it is crucial to the continued success (and improvement) of the club. We need your input as to how to make this possible. Please email suggestions to Connie Torres at [cordron@hotmail.com](mailto:cordron@hotmail.com).

### Coming Events

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| <b>2/03 - 7:00p.m.</b> | <b>SBTCPS Meeting</b>                                                                              | <b>Bothell Police Dept.</b>      |
| <b>2/14 – 2/15</b>     | <b>Linn County Kennel Club, Inc.<br/>Linn County Fair and Expo Center</b>                          | <b>Albany, OR, closing 1/28</b>  |
| <b>3/07 – 3/08</b>     | <b>Seattle Kennel Club<br/>(Show, Breed Booth and Meet the Breed)<br/>Qwest Field Event Center</b> | <b>Seattle, WA, closing 2/18</b> |

## A Postcard from Maddenduff Pub & Lakeside Resort

Like everyone else, we have had our share of extreme weather lately here at Lake Roesiger. I thought it might be fun to share some photos and snow stories.



On Christmas day, I measured our snow at 23 inches. Here we are on our front porch, and this was not even at its deepest yet!

Piper HATES wearing her sweater. She just stands in one place and won't move without a whole lot of coaxing (actually, she hates anything that is not her idea.) Fergus, on the other hand, LOVES to wear clothes! He is very proud when he is wearing his coat and struts around so everyone can admire him.

I attempted to make a snow "Stafford" with Fergus' help. He "helps" by attacking and biting the snow as I'm trying to roll it into shape. My Stafford looks more like a pig, but it was still fun to make.



When it snows, Piper seems to think that anywhere is fair game when it comes to potty time. Since it all looks the same, apparently right in front of the door is just as good as in the yard, so we always have to watch our step! Once the snow melted from the porch, she would try to go out to the yard, not realizing that she was stepping off of the deck into a 3' drift. She would get stuck and we would have to go rescue her. It was kind of sad, but pretty funny at the same time!



Of course after a hard day of playing in the snow, we had to come in and warm up.

Hope all of you stayed safe and warm!

- Cassie

**A guest editorial in the *Oregonian* suggested that Oregon declare certain breeds or types of dogs such as pit bulls or Rottweilers “potentially dangerous.”**

### **Lucille Perry’s Powerful Response in the *Oregonian***

I ask, Why? I own two Staffordshire bull terriers. It is a breed that is almost always listed under a broad definition of the generic term “pit bull.” Ignored is the fact that this breed is nicknamed the Nanny Dog in England, which is its country of origin. Ignored is the fact that my dogs and others listed as potentially dangerous go to schools to educate children on responsibility and safety around dogs. They also comfort elderly and fragile residents of nursing homes on Therapy Dog visits. As far as my breed goes, according to a book by Karen Delise entitled “Fatal Dog Attacks” published in 2002, it is a fact that there are no unprovoked fatal attacks by Staffordshire bull terriers on record. Where’s the logic?

Why should any breed or type of dog be declared potentially dangerous? Because they have a muscular build and strong jaws? Does anyone remember Rosey Grier the defensive tackle for the Los Angeles Rams? He later worked as a bodyguard and helped subdue Robert Kennedy’s killer. Rosey Grier did needlepoint. Who could be more powerfully built than Grier? Was he a threat to society? Hardly. Physical appearance is not a threat to society; attitude can be.

Most of the powerful dogs that get into trouble are owned by a small percentage of the population who feel that owning that type of dog gives them a macho image. They want people to be afraid of them and their dogs. By banning everyone from owning these breeds lawmakers are ignoring the root of the problem. If all pit bull dogs were banned, these bad people would merely switch to another breed.



In today’s society responsible dog ownership is more important than ever. Mistreating them, ignoring them, encouraging aggression, and allowing dogs to run loose are not acceptable. Owners should attend dog obedience classes regardless of the size or breed of their dog. In the Grants Pass area there are several dog trainers offering classes, and Rogue Valley Kennel Club gives a few free classes each year prior to Responsible Dog Ownership Day. Although these classes are not a substitute for a regular training course, they have given many residents the incentive to continue to bring out their dogs’ potential to be satisfying pets.

At the very least, many dog owners have begun to better understand the basics of dog behavior since discovering Cesar Millan. Known as the dog whisperer, Millan’s advice is available on his web site, the National Geographic channel, in books and on DVDs.

People also need to choose the type of dog that’s best suited for their personality and their lifestyle. And we all need to also understand that although dogs have protective instincts and natural prey drive these are not signs of aggression, in fact they most likely are the reason man and dog first formed their symbiotic relationship.

Overpopulation of any breed will produce dogs that aren't good representatives of their breeds. Sometimes temperament isn't even considered when planning a mating. That's when things can go awry. Also, choosing the right puppy from a litter is important.

Responsible breeders of quality dogs try to match the puppy's personality with the potential owner's lifestyle and their dog-related experience. Some breeds of dogs are not suitable for first time dog owners. Also, dogs--of any breed--that exhibit dominant behavior generally require more experienced handlers who have the time to train them and who understand canine behavior.

At its worst banning certain breeds is difficult and costly to enforce, and robs responsible animal owners of the ability to share their lives with their chosen breed. The Supreme Court of Alabama, courts in New Jersey and Ohio and a court in Ontario have all accepted scientific evidence that no breed is genetically more aggressive than any other breed. Watering down breed specific laws by suggesting that owners could get their dogs declassified through already established procedures doesn't make the discrimination any better. This is America. Aren't we innocent until proven guilty, and shouldn't that extend to man's best friend?

Lucille Perry is past president and current Public Education Coordinator for the Rogue Valley Kennel Club. She is also an AKC Canine Ambassador and a Canine Good Citizen evaluator. She has owned Staffordshire bull terriers for thirty years. Her current dogs have AKC obedience titles, are registered therapy dogs and also accompany her to schools for educational programs.

#### Show Results

**Tacoma Kennel Club – Puyallup, WA**

**Friday – January 9, 2009**

**Breed Judge – Mrs. Carole A. Beattie**

BOB	CH LONDON STAFFS CALL ME MR. LOGAN
BOS	CH TRUGRIP PUMPKIN SPICE
WD	CLASSY STAFFY'S HOT SHOT

**Sammamish Kennel Club - Puyallup, WA**

**Saturday – January 10, 2009**

**Breed Judge – Mr. James R. White**

BOB	CH TRUGRIP ONE SINGULAR SENSATION
BOS	CH LONDON STAFFS CALL ME MR. LOGAN
WB/BW	DISTAFF LADY BE GOOD
WD	CLASSY STAFFY'S HOT SHOT

**Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers – Puyallup, WA**

**Sunday – January 11, 2009**

**Breed Judge – Mrs. Lynne M. Myall**

BOB	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH TRUGRIP PUMPKIN SPICE
WB/BW	DISTAFF LADY BE GOOD
WD	TRUGRIP MAMA'S BOY

**Terrier Association of Oregon – Portland, OR**

**Thursday – January 15, 2009**

**Breed Judge – Mr. Edward H. Haas**

BOB	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH TRUGRIP ONE SINGULAR SENSATION
WD/BW	TRUGRIP MAMA'S BOY
WB	DISTAFF LADY BE GOOD

**Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon – Portland, OR**

**Friday – January 16, 2009**

**Breed Judge – Dr Robert D Smith**

BOB	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH TRUGRIP BC BELLE
WB/BW	DISTAFF LADY BE GOOD
WD	AGOE APACHE

**Saturday – January 17, 2009**

**Breed Judge – Mrs. Peggy J Haas**

BOB	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH TRUGRIP BC BELLE
WD/BW	TRUGRIP MAMA'S BOY
WB	TRUGRIP ROCKIN MERENGUE

**Tualatin Kennel Club Inc. – Portland, OR**

**Sunday – January 18, 2009**

**Breed Judge – Mrs. Robert D Smith**

BOB	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH BUSICK'S CHICA OF BEDROCK
WB/BW	DISTAFF LADY BE GOOD
WD	IMPERIUM MEGATHERIUM

**Monday – January 19, 2009**

**Breed Judge – Mr. Elliott B Weiss**

BOB	CH TRUGRIP GOOD BOY DEX
BOS	CH BUSICK'S CHICA OF BEDROCK
WD	CLASSY STAFFYS HOT SHOT

**Thank you, Kristy, for the show results!**

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**Directions to the Bothell Police Dept.:**

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Police Station will be on your right.**