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Where to from here.....

Kennel controls worldwide are increasingly grappling with how to integrate designer breeds. It is ironic that, in an effort to bolster declining participation in our hobby, we are now looking to embrace the very dogs we have shunned for decades. While the desire to do this seems universal, there is currently no established plan for implementation.

This path presents significant challenges. There is a lack of consistency in the Oodle varieties of which there are now 16 plus 'spin offs' and the list is continuing to grow (see page 4). There are no established standards by which to judge them. Furthermore, it remains unclear if owners of designer breeds have an appetite for traditional competition. Limited success at two major Royal shows in Australia suggests we must develop new approaches rather than expecting these owners to conform to existing formats.

Disciplines like Sprint Dog are excellent examples of inclusive activities, yet current trials are frequently sold out, having gained significant popularity among existing exhibitors. This leaves little opportunity for newcomers. To evolve, kennel controls must actively nurture these disciplines and ensure they are accessible to everyone. While Sprint Dog requires many volunteers, this demand is greatly lessened by the permanent tracks that some kennel controls are now building.

Where we are building one track, let's build two and dedicate the second to first-timers. With Sprint Dog, we have created the demand; now, we must service it. ***John Bryson***

FINLAND'S WELSH CORGI CLUB PROPOSES PLAN TO CROSSBREED

According to the new Finnish Animal Welfare Act, animals may not be used for breeding if the combination is likely to cause the offspring diseases or other characteristics that significantly harm their welfare.

As a result, short-legged breeds, the majority of which carry the FGF4-retrogene (CDDY gene, which predisposes to intervertebral disc disease) face an uncertain future.

If the new regulations are followed to the letter and two dogs that carry the gene cannot be bred together, Welsh Corgis will have a major problem. Most are homozygous for the gene and will produce offspring with the same trait.

A dog of any breed that carries diseases detectable by screening results will be excluded from breeding, by Law and by the Finnish Kennel Club.

Every effort is made to avoid breed bans in Finland and the country stands out as a leader in the field of systematic breed crossbreeding to avoid it. Currently there are ten official projects ongoing.

All are meticulously planned and overseen by the Finnish Kennel Club.

Finland's Welsh Corgi Club has established a team to initiate the planning of a crossbreeding project. Breeds cannot be crossbred arbitrarily. Only a few, carefully screened individuals are crossed. Once the Kennel Club has approved the crossbreeding program application, the Corgi club must present a detailed project plan which must then be approved by the Finnish Welsh Corgi Club's general meeting, and then by the Finnish Kennel Club's scientific committee.



A Toy, a Terrier and a Hound take AKC to 205 recognised Breeds

The AKC reports that as from January 1, 2026, three new breeds achieved official AKC recognition, bringing the total number to 205.

They were the Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka, a dark, curly-coated toy breed from Russia; the Basset Fauve de Bretagne, a hound with royal heritage and the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier, named in honor of a U.S. president.

The Russian Tsvetnaya Bolonka and the Basset Fauve de Bretagne maintain deep roots in their native countries. At the same time, the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier is a distinctly American breed.

Translating to "Russian Colored Lapdog," the breed is pronounced "Russian S-vet-naya Bolonka." As a shortcut, breeders call the breed "Bolonka," and the plural is "Bolonki." The



Bolonka (puppy pictured below) is a member of the Bichon family and belongs to the Toy Group. The breed is easygoing, sociable, and gets along well with other dogs. Slightly longer than tall, Bolonki are up to 10.25 inches in height, with males and females weighing 7 to 9 pounds.

Bolonki trace their origins to the early 1950s, when few dogs were available to the common Russian population. Still, a group of Russian dog lovers in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) set out to create a new breed with a dark-colored coat. They bred "Zhuzhu," a coffee-colored dog purchased from a touring circus, and "Trifon," a white dog from Hungary. Other foreign-bred petite dogs, such as the Maltese, Bolognese, and Shih Tzu, also contributed to the gene pool.

One of four Basset breeds the Basset Fauve de Bretagne is a small, short-legged, old French hunting hound that has been recognised in Australia for many years.

Of those Basset breeds, being the Basset Hound, the Grand Basset Griffon Vendéen and the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen, the Fauve has the shortest back.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT TERRIER

An original American breed, the small-sized Teddy Roosevelt Terrier (pictured below) is a short-legged va-



riety of the longer-legged Rat Terrier.

A newly recognized AKC breed, the Teddy is the latest member to join the Terrier Group. A spirited, happy dog in a variety of colors, the Teddy is 8 to 25 pounds and at least 8 inches but no more than 14 inches tall, with a smooth-coated, rectangular, muscular body.

Contrary to popular belief, Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president, did not create the breed. Roosevelt was committed to wildlife conservation and adored dogs, and the Teddy Roosevelt Terrier was named in his honor.

Initially, the Teddy was referred to as the Type B Rat Terrier, and the Rat Terrier was the Type A Rat Terrier.

In 1999, breeders wanted a separate breed standard for Teddies. In 2016, the American Teddy Roosevelt Terrier Club of America was formed, and the breed was accepted into the AKC FSS and advanced to the Miscellaneous Class in July 2019.

TThe breed adapts well to any living situation.

Identifying The Variety Of Oodle Is Getting Harder

A study by pet travel company skyepets.com.au has revealed that 'Bolonoodles' have boomed by 400% in the last three months of 2025, making it the oodle breed of the year.

Looking forward to 2026, the data shows Shii-Poo and Yorkie Oodles could be the new must have best friend oodle companion of 2026.

Close behind the Bolonoodle are the Pomeranian mix, a Pomapoo (+154%) and the Pugoodle (+120%).

The top 10 is made up of
Bolonoodle (Bolognese x Poodle)
Pomapoo (Pomeranian x Poodle)
Pugoodle (Pug x Poodle)
Twoodle (Smeraglia Teddy Bear Schnoodle x English Goldendoodle)
Scoodle (Scottish Terrier x Poodle)
Choodle (Chihuahua x Poodle)
Jackoodle (Jack Russell x Poodle)
Havoodle (Havanese x Poodle)
Westiepoo (West Highland White Terrier x Poodle)
Cockapoo (Cocker Spaniel x Poodle)

Emerging are the Shih-Poo and Yorkie-Oodle, Bordoodle and Boxerdoodle, the Whoodle, and Cairnoodle.

PROPOSED UK REFORMS SEEK TRANSPARENCY IN VETERINARY CHARGES

Major reforms proposed by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) of the UK would require vet businesses to make fundamental changes to the way they support pet owners.

The Competition and Markets Authority published the provisional decision in its market investigation into the UK's £6.3 billion veterinary services market in late 2025.

Twenty-one measures were proposed, including better information on prices, treatments, medicines and ownership, a price cap on written prescriptions and a new comprehensive price comparison website.

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UNSOLICITED ADVICE: *Just Because You Can Doesn't Mean You Should*

• BY **BRIGETTE BRYSON**

Unsolicited advice is something that exists at every level of our sport (and most of our daily lives too). It comes from fellow exhibitors, breeders, handlers, judges, and increasingly, from social media. Often it's delivered with good intentions. Sometimes it's even correct. But intent and reality are not always the same thing and too often, the reality is embarrassment, humiliation, or a feeling of being attacked when someone is already struggling. The ring is not usually a safe place for feedback. Not between judge and exhibitor, not between exhibitor and judge and not between exhibitor and exhibitor.

The catalyst for this article was a recent experience at a dog show, where a judge took it upon themselves to provide feedback to exhibitors during judging, not privately, but openly in the ring, sometimes side by side in front of competitors. Some exhibitors appreciated it. Others did not. For those who were already having a difficult day, whether due to health issues, personal stress, grief, financial pressure, or simply a run of bad luck, that unsolicited advice was very uncomfortable. In some cases, it was humiliating. These exhibitors already knew their dog didn't look or hadn't performed at its best. They didn't need it publicly highlighted infront of people who weren't their friends. The reality is, you never know what someone is carrying when they walk into the ring.

Someone may be attending shows simply to stay connected to a community during a difficult time in their life. Dog shows are not always about winning, sometimes they are about survival, routine, and holding onto something familiar.

This is not an argument against feedback. In fact, it's quite the opposite. Feedback is valuable. We need it. We need more of it. But under the appropriate conditions. Many exhibitors, myself included, genuinely value judges' opinions and as a fresh judge myself I hope I'm always able to provide it when requested. Constructive feedback can be educational, affirming, and motivating. But the key difference is choice.

When exhibitors ask for feedback, they are emotionally prepared to receive it. When they invite discussion, they are open to listening to your opinion and mentally prepared to take it on board. When advice is imposed, particularly in public it removes that choice and can quickly feel like an attack. We already understand this concept well in junior handling. Most judges make it clear that juniors are welcome to ask questions at the end of judging. The learning happens because the invitation is open, not forced. There is no reason the same principle cannot apply more broadly. What I would love to see happen is at the conclusion of a group the judge announces that they will be available ringside for a short period, perhaps 10 minutes for exhibitors who wish to ask questions about their dogs or the judge's decisions.

> ***"Compassion is often more helpful than solutions. A simple "I'm really sorry let me know if you need anything" can mean far more than a list of things you think the person didn't do."***

Judges are trained extensively in explaining and justifying their decisions. That skill is a cornerstone of judges education, you simply cannot pass if you can't do this, but once qualified, judges are rarely required to use it unless challenged formally. Opening a voluntary channel of communication between Judges and exhibitors allows that training to continue and could be very positive and constructive if approached the right way.

It may also help reduce one of the most damaging behaviours in the dog world, judge bashing on social media. When exhibitors can speak directly with judges and understand that decisions are made by humans with opinions, not villains with agendas, some respect maybe restored. However this problem doesn't stop at the grounds. On social media, breeders often share difficult moments, a stressful litter, a bad day at the vet, a puppy injury, a loss. Sometimes they are asking for advice. Sometimes they are simply venting. Too often, responses jump straight to what else could have been done to avoid it, or throwing out ideas to fix it. Even when well meant, these comments can feel like an attack and make the person feel like a failure, especially to someone already overwhelmed. Compassion is often more helpful than solutions. A simple "I'm really sorry let me know if you need anything" can mean far more than a list of things you think the person didn't do. Another common scenario plays out ringside, unsolicited handling advice. A stranger approaches a new or inexperienced exhibitor and points out everything they think is wrong, the lead, the moving speed, the dog's outline. The exhibitor didn't ask. They weren't invited into the conversation. They don't know you, and you don't know them. If someone genuinely wants to help, there is a respectful way to do it. Start with a conversation, not a critique. "How did you feel your dog went today?"

If advice is welcomed and wanted, it will be invited. If it's not, that boundary should be respected. And for the love of God don't do it as soon as someone walks out of the ring after the dog has just been beaten. Read the room.

None of this requires rule books or punishments or more regulation, we have enough of those already but that's a conversation for another day. This, well It just requires some basic personal awareness.

Unsolicited advice isn't always wrong but it's not always kind, appropriate, or timely. The dog show world would benefit from a cultural shift that prioritises a bit of empathy, consent, and respect.

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DREAMS CAN COME TRUE



By Andrew H. Brace

I was so thrilled to hear that 2025's Dog Of The Year here in the UK was, after a nail-biting last month, Roger and Debbie Tebbutt's handsome Irish Wolfhound male, Ch CAREDIG MAFIOSO.

What makes "Tozie's" achievement so remarkably refreshing is that neither of his owners are Kennel Club members, they don't sit on any committees and they don't even have an active Facebook page!

The Tebbutts are just old-fashioned breeders who are committed to the breed they love and have researched bloodlines internationally to make their vision a reality through a carefully planned breeding programme and cooperating with like-minded breeders in Europe and the USA.

It has amused me over the past year to hear observers comment on Roger (who always handles Tozie so calmly) as if he was some new kid on the block when he made repeated appearances in our Group rings. In truth, he and Debbie have gone about their hobby quietly on their Anglesey farm for half a century, steadily producing Champions.

They actually bred their first litter from Eaglescrag Jess in 1975 - fifty years ago! - but had to wait fourteen years before they made up their first Champion … with Yankee Doodle and Zoe both gaining their titles in 1989. Like so many successful foundation bitches, Jess came from a highly reputable breeder who had produced some outstanding Champions over a long period of time.

Tozie is the thirteenth generation down from foundation bitch Jess.

For many years Roger and Debbie were quite happy making up Champions but never really thought about campaigning dogs at Group level, however when Tozie's career took off and he was dominating the breed ring he then began to get noticed in Groups, winning his first Hound Group in April under Jeff Horswell, a partner in the legendary Drakesleat kennel of Irish Wolfhounds (and Dachshunds) so this was a significant win.

Roger had never thought about aspiring to win Dog Of The Year All Breeds, believing - as do so many exhibitors - that such awards tended to go to high-profile campaigners who were known for promoting with gusto to their current winner.

With encouragement from other exhibitors and judges who had assured Roger that Tozie was something special, he decided to attend more shows than he would normally and so a fairly intensive campaign was underway. I recall one particular weekend when Roger took the ferry from Liverpool to Belfast, showed at an all-breeds show and a breed specialty in Ireland on the Saturday, caught the night ferry back (getting some well-earned sleep as he was travelling alone) and then drove straight to Coventry in the heart of England for two further breed club shows on the Sunday before heading home exhausted! That gave rise to an amusing conversation when I asked Roger what he would do if he won the Hound Group on the first day of Belfast and be expected to compete in Best In Show on the Sunday. That was the only time that Roger was hoping he didn't win the Group and as luck would have it he placed Third so was able to catch the ferry free of any dilemma!

> ***"Even in this day and age, if you have an exceptional dog and campaign it fearlessly with not so much as one Facebook brag it can get to the very top."***

Our Dog Of The Year competition has often been criticised because not all breeds have the same opportunity to score points. Not all our general Championship shows offer Challenge Certificates for all breeds and some breeds have far more breed clubs than others so consequently have many more CCs on offer and the chance to win more points.

As the year progressed it became apparent that the front-runner was a beautiful Cocker Spaniel bitch who started the year with a bang by winning the Gundog Group at Crufts. Cockers have CCs on offer at all the general Championship shows and a large number of breed clubs who run shows where CCs are available. Roger felt that it would be virtually impossible to get ahead of the Cocker, but he soldiered on, attending as many shows as he could with Tozie, and steadily the margin decreased.

The general exhibiting public gave Roger huge encouragement as total strangers frequently stopped him at shows to say that they had noticed his magnificent hound in the Group rings and wished him well in his quest for Dog Of The Year.

Although the Tebbutts had been at the top of their breed for many years they weren't perceived as regular In Show winners and the fact that Roger and his dog were regularly taking top honours in the big ring gave people hope as this was just one man and his dog, winning at the highest level with no promotion or "connections".

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So often we assume that the major In Show awards automatically go to high-profile exhibitors who have some kind of leverage (whether actual or imaginary!) and so Tozie's achievements have given so many heart. Even in this day and age, if you have an exceptional dog and campaign it fearlessly with not so much as one Facebook brag it can get to the very top.

The photograph shows Tozie winning one of his all-breed Bests at South Wales Kennel Association's Championship show under Barrie Croft and this gave me great pleasure, being the Asssociation's Patron.





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Dogs trained to detect Parkinson's disease using scent have shown remarkable accuracy in new research realeased by the University of Bristol. In a double-blind trial, they identified skin swabs from people with Parkinson's with up to 80% sensitivity and 98% specificity, even when other health conditions were present.

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What Defines A Pure Breed Dog



In 350 BC, Greek philosopher Aristotle described 'high-bred' or 'thoroughbred' domestic animals as:

".. (coming) From noble stock, an animal is a thoroughbred if it does not deviate from its racial characteristics."

By 1486 AD, dogs that displayed 'racial characteristics', including temperament and hunting ability, were developed and first classified by Dame Juliana Berners in her 'Boke of Saint Albans'.

THE RACIAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT DEFINE A PUREBRED DOG

'Racial characteristics' make purebred dogs predictable in both looks and temperament. That is because:

The pure-bred dog conforms to its Breed Standard and 'does not deflect from its racial characteristics, ' which defines what features are typical of the breed.

The purebred dog must have an Official Pedigree issued and recorded in a Kennel Club or other official body

This Official Pedigree, which is a record of the dog's parentage, must be recorded in a Stud Book.

The original idea behind judging dogs at dog shows was assessing how closely the dog complied with its particular Breed Standard. The Stud Books then became vital because they recorded the dogs and their parentage responsible for these 'racial characteristics'.

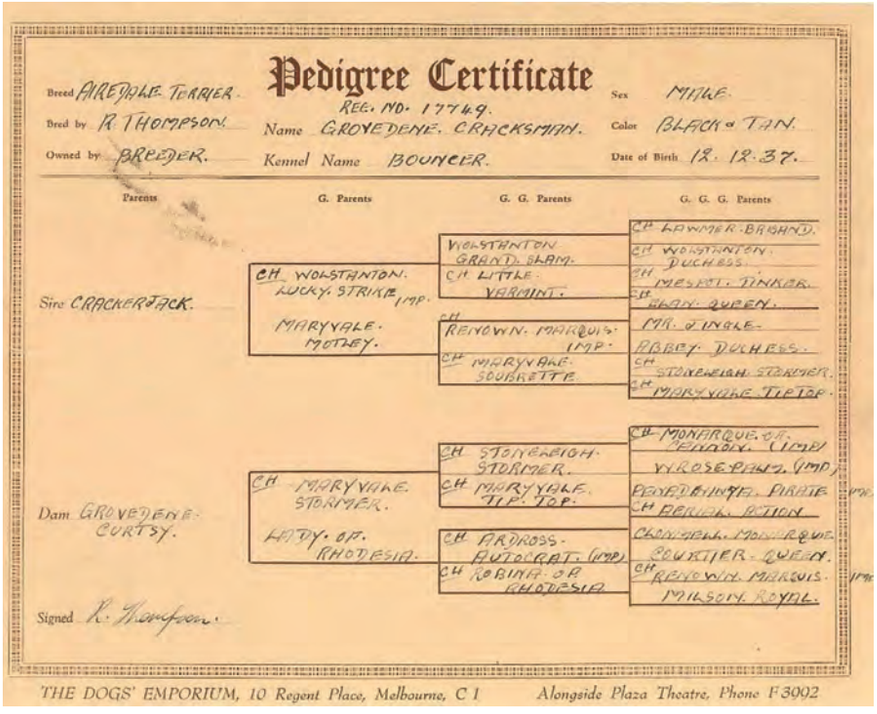
1. WHAT IS A BREED STANDARD?

In the mid-1800s, men who worked their dogs in a variety of ways formed breed associations that drew up the original Breed Standards based on the physical traits required for a dog to do the job it was bred for.

This shifted the focus from function to physical characteristics.

Breed specialist clubs were explicitly formed to develop the unique characteristics within a Breed Standard for their particular breed and to select them to define the different dog breeds we know today. Breed Standards remain the thread that holds the breeds together.

Breed Standards have been continually revised by committees of breed specialists. For example, some Breed Standards have revised heights and weights in line with modern feeding practices, resulting in better bone formation, greater substance, etc. Other Breed Standards have changed to accommodate modern grooming techniques. But these revisions still encompass the correct breed type in the opinion of the breed specialists of the day.


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2. WHAT IS A DOG'S PEDIGREE?

A pedigree is a family tree whose branches trace its genealogy. It is this family tree that possesses specialised likenesses and traits. Pedigrees typically record parentage for five generations. When each dog in a pedigree has its number recorded in an official registry or Stud Book produced by that country's Kennel Club, the dog is considered a purebred.

These Kennel Clubs are also responsible for maintaining Breed Standards.

Today, computer-generated pedigrees produced by Kennel Clubs have replaced mainly paper systems. It is essential to observe the logo or symbol adopted by an organisation to identify itself officially. In this case, the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC), the logo on the top right-hand corner, authenticates this pedigree as an official record of that dog's parentage on the Australian Kennel Club registration system. Although these pedigree

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forms vary from country to country, there is a reciprocal arrangement between various countries.

3. WHAT IS A STUD BOOK?

In Britain until the late 1790s, the ancestry of all domestic animals was kept in private lists, but rarely passed on. In 1791 in Britain, the concept of publishing a 'General Stud Book' was first proposed to correct the evil of false and inaccurate pedigrees. The idea was to record the ancestry of domestic animals. Although some private breeders had kept 'Lists', these were rarely passed on. Hence, there was an obvious need for a published Stud Book that was a 'dictionary of facts'.

The Kennel Club was founded in 1873. The Kennel Club was set up to govern the new pastimes of dog showing and field trials. The first Kennel Club Stud Book, published by 'The Field' magazine, contains details of dogs which won placements at recognised shows and Field Trials between 1859 and 1863.

When any breeding dog or bitch was entered in a Show, it was given a number. If the dog or bitch had a reliable pedigree, this was also recorded, some dating back many generations. tThe American Kennel Club (AKC) followed in 1874. with the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) next by 1880. Then, in 1911, when the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI) began its operations, it coordinated activities across European countries. Today, most countries have their own Stud Books or computer programmes to officially record pedigrees. Although these are mainly produced digitally, they are still Stud Books.

4. WHAT ARE A DOG'S GENETICS?

Did you know that all living creatures have unique characteristics, which are their genetics? These are traits that are passed on from one generation to another. In dogs, these traits were previously described in the three chapters above. As the years have rolled by, politicians have become involved and seen genetics as a means to describe which domestic dog, which has become enshrined in our daily lives.

Today, these characteristics are no longer defined solely by the pure breeds we are presently so familiar with; genetic identification also provides a means to classify all our dogs for political purposes. This has proved to be a great means of identification for Governments, Local, State, and even Federal. Genetic identification to record not only Breed Characteristics, but also to identify the poo left in public places by individual dogs!

Jane Harvey



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Overcrowding in a line-up and what you can do about it



Handlers can become quite frustrated when confronted by competitors who overcrowd their dogs in a stacked line up. By overcrowding, I refer to situations where the competitor behind one dog stacks their dog in very close proximity to the dog in front.

In many situations, overcrowding can occur quite innocently. In other situations, it can show a lack of respect or knowledge about ring etiquette. In some situations, it can even be applied as a deliberate tactic to intimidate other exhibitors and even to confuse or pressure a judge when making their final decision.

Whatever the cause of overcrowding may be in a particular situation, in this blog I'd like to outline some ideas for how you can manage overcrowding in the show ring, including tips about how to:

- apply techniques to gain your rightful space
- reduce your frustration
- avoid unnecessary confrontations with other exhibitors.

1. When you're first to enter the ring

When you're first in the ring and the competitor behind you stacks their dog too close to yours, don't panic. Simply start stacking your dog, which, if you follow my technique should only take a few seconds. You can then wait for the competitor behind you to start stacking their dog.

If they start to do this too close behind you, simply move forward so there's about a three-foot (90 centimetre) distance between you and the next dog, and then re-stack your dog.

If your stacking skills are up to scratch, then you should be able to complete a second stack before your competitor has even finished their first.

2. When you're in the middle of a class

If you have a dog in front of you and another dog close behind, good stacking skills can also help you prevent overcrowding and empower you to manage the vagaries of a stacked line-up to your advantage.

For example, when the dog in front of you stops, use a calming sound to indicate to your dog that they should watch you as you slow down and come to a halt about six feet (two meters) away from the dog in front. As I will explain next, doing this will help you prevent overcrowding from any dog coming up behind.

By allowing extra space before you come to a stop from the dog in front of you, you can stay cool and wait for the exhibitor behind you to stop and start stacking their dog. Once they start to



do this, you can move your dog up to three feet (90 centimetres) away from the dog in front of you and complete your stack all the while guaranteeing a good space behind you and the next dog in the line-up.

By doing this, less experienced or more aggressive competitors will be less likely to sacrifice the time that they've already put into their stack to move forward and overcrowd you.

3. Don't make a fuss

Whatever the situation or cause that leads to the overcrowding of your dog may be, I strongly recommend against arguing with the handler responsible for doing it while you're in the ring.

Not only an asking the overcrowding handler to 'stop' what they're doing be fraught with physical danger (and yes, it's been known to happen), it's also unnecessary if you use the handling techniques that I've set out above.

It's also an unsightly display of poor sportsmanship, which may not only attract negative attention from the judge but may also attract unwanted commentary from ringside spectators who may or may not have a full understanding of the situation.

The fact is, some overcrowding is intentionally designed to pressure competitors and judges, while some overcrowding is the unintentional result of sharing a show ring with less experience competitors.

Either way, my show ring philosophy is about controlling what you can and not worrying about what you can't. The minutes you might spend worrying about why you've been overcrowded could be better spent in a few seconds addressing the problem at hand, i.e. demonstrating to the judge why your dog is more worthy of a particular award than any other dog that's also on show.

Finally, as a last resort, should the above techniques not work to your advantage and you're still being routinely overcrowded by a particular competitor; notify the ring Steward and ask for their assistance in keeping an eye on the perpetrator in a loud enough voice so that the offending handler hears you. Believe it or not, if the overcrowding is deliberate, then you'll never have the problem occur again. ***Peter Frost***

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For veterinarians, breeders, and owners alike, continuous learning is essential to making informed, compassionate decisions that truly benefit animals. Ultimately, research and education unite everyone who cares for pets in the shared goal of helping them live healthier, happier lives while advancing the future of both animal and human care.

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The Waltham Petcare Science Institute—owned by Mars Petcare—is a globally recognised leader in scientific research and innovation in pet nutrition and health. Based in Melton Mowbray, UK, the institute has been advancing the science of pet care for more than 50 years.

Working in collaboration with leading universities, veterinary professionals, and industry experts, Waltham conducts world-class research to improve the lives of pets around the globe. Its work spans a broad range of fields—including nutrition, behaviour, and the human–animal bond.

Among its many achievements, Waltham has developed growth charts using data from tens of thousands of healthy animals—providing breeders and veterinary professionals with an invaluable tool to assess and monitor puppy and kitten growth.

The institute also leads efforts to promote sustainability in pet nutrition, pioneering the use of microalgae as an alternative, renewable source of omega-3 fatty acids. This innovation helps reduce dependence on fish-based oils while supporting marine ecosystem preservation.

Beyond nutrition, Waltham's research explores the human–animal bond, showing how pets positively influence emotional and physical wellbeing—especially in children. All studies undertaken by Waltham meet rigorous animal welfare, ethical, regulatory, and legal standards.

To bring Waltham's work to life, I've summarised three recent research projects that demonstrate how cutting-edge science is advancing knowledge in nutrition, genetics, and the human–animal bond.

1. Real-world diagnostic potential of bacterial biomarkers of canine periodontitis

Periodontal disease is common in dogs but often underdiagnosed, as early stages show few visible signs. Accurate diagnosis typically requires general anaesthesia for dental probing and radiographs.

In this study, researchers investigated the use of specific bacterial biomarkers—bacteria present in the mouth—as diagnostic tools for periodontitis. By analysing saliva or oral swabs, they aimed to detect these biomarkers non-invasively, providing a quicker and less stressful alternative to traditional methods. The findings showed that certain bacterial profiles correlate with both the presence and severity of periodontal disease.

The team analysed plaque samples from 127 dogs undergoing dental procedures, both conscious and anaesthetised. The qPCR assay achieved an accuracy of 77.7–80.9%.

This molecular screening tool could enable earlier detection of periodontal disease in conscious dogs, helping veterinarians identify cases that require further investigation or treatment. By enabling earlier intervention, such tools have the potential to improve both oral health and overall quality of life for dogs.

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2. A splice donor variant in SLAMF1 is associated with canine atopic dermatitis

Canine atopic dermatitis (CAD) is a lifelong inflammatory skin disease causing itching, irritation, and secondary infections. Affecting up to 30% of dogs, CAD arises from a complex interaction between genetics and environment. Using data from more than 28,000 dogs, Waltham scientists conducted a genome-wide association study (GWAS) to uncover genetic risk factors.

Their work revealed a significant variant in the SLAMF1 gene, located on chromosome 38. SLAMF1 encodes an immune system protein involved in cell signalling, and a splice donor mutation was found to disrupt its normal function—potentially doubling the risk of CAD. This variant appeared frequently in French Bulldogs (71%), Boxers (40%), and Labrador Retrievers.

The discovery identifies SLAMF1 as a promising target for future treatments and a potential biomarker for genetic testing. Breeders may eventually use this insight to make informed breeding decisions that reduce CAD prevalence, while maintaining genetic diversity across breeds.

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3. Effects of human-animal interaction on salivary and urinary oxytocin in children and dogs

This study looks at how spending time with dogs affects oxytocin levels, a hormone linked to bonding and social connections, in both children and dogs. Researchers measured oxytocin in saliva and urine during three activities: playing with their pet dog, playing with an unfamiliar dog, and playing alone (control). They also studied how genetic factors, like oxytocin receptor gene methylation (OXTRm), influence behaviour and oxytocin responses.

Key Findings:

- **Children's Oxytocin Levels:** Oxytocin was higher when children interacted with dogs compared to playing alone. Looking into their pet dog's eyes (shared gaze) boosted oxytocin, showing the importance of a close bond.
- **Dogs' Oxytocin Levels:** Pet dogs had increased oxytocin during play, while unfamiliar dogs showed a decrease. This suggests familiarity plays a role in oxytocin release.
- **Genetic Influence:** Children with higher OXTRm levels released more oxytocin when playing with their pet dog but less during solitary play.

Together, these results show how meaningful human–animal interactions can foster emotional wellbeing and strengthen the human–dog bond. The findings may also have implications for the use of therapy dogs in supporting children's social and emotional development.

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The Dogs SA Dog of the Year

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Saturday 6th December 2025 • Judges Ms Y Smith (Tas), Mrs E Gunther (NSW) & Mrs L Stevens (ACT)



Dog of the Year for 2025 the Papillon
Sup Ch Genesia Brightblade (Ms K Lewis & Miss K Sharples)



Runner Up Dog of the Year the Golden Retriever
Ch Chaleur Had To Be You (AI) (Mrs R Thompson)



Puppy of the Year the Lhasa Apso
Ch Amesen Tell Ur Mum I Said Hi (Amesen Knls)



R/Up Puppy of the Year the Papillon
Ch Sailoz Sugar And Spice (Ms K Lewis)



Neuter of the Year the Samoyed *Neut Ch Nordicharm A Promise By Kalaska* (Miss C Gatehouse & Mrs K O'Riely)



R/Up Neuter of the Year the Welsh Corgi Pembroke
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Best In Show & Junior In Show the Pug *C.I.B.-J Sup Ch Kabova Most Wanted (Ai)* (J Whitney)



Runner Up Best In Show, & Intermediate in Show the Belgian Shepherd Terveuren *Beljekali Just off Centre* (AI) (J Fynmore)



Baby Puppy in Show the Boxer *Blueprint Walking On Sunshine* (M Johnston)



Puppy in Show the Bernese Mountain Dog *Athecove Opulent Opal* (C Mair & R Keen)



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Neuter in Show the Australian Shepherd
Zandeena Like A Cowboy (M Fox)



Best in Terrier Group the Bedlington Terrier *Sup Ch Breckland Blame It On The Rain* (Mrs J & Mr K D & Mrs K M Robinson)



Best in Gundog Group the Golden Retriever
Sup Ch Fantango One For The Road (AI) (P. Middleton & J. Salvestrin)



Best in Hound Group the Whippet
Sup Ch Ridgesetter Where The Boyz Are (J & T Comerford)



Best in Utility Group the Alaskan Malamute *Sup Ch Thule Amaguq's Triumph Born To Be Wild (Imp Rus)* (S Presland & T Parker)



Best in Non Sporting Group the Dalmatian
Sup Ch Krystaway Lets Take A Selfie (D & R Harbin)

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R/Up in Show saturday Am the Siberian Husky Am Ch Can Ch Sup Ch Snowmist's Waking Up The Nation (Imp CAN) (R Connelly)



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Raesay Reminising With Birsay(AI) (Mr R Connelly & Miss L McRae)



Baby Puppy in Show Saturday AM - Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Anvilhart Spirit In The Sky (J Rasche)



Baby Puppy in Show Sunday the Dalmatian
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Best in Show Friday the Bedlington Terrier
Ch Piperdene Eat Pray Love (Ms S Hill)



R/Up in Show Friday the Australian Shepherd *A2O Ch C.I.B.-J Ch Dapsen All That And Moore* (A Petersen, M Chato & D Finlay)



Baby Puppy in Show Friday the Whippet
Khayoz If Wisheswere Raindrops (Khayoz Knls)



Puppy in Show Friday the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Caribelle Shaken Not Stirred(AI) (Caribelle Kennels)



Best in Show Saturday am show the Borzoi
Ch Gleneagle Extreme Blizz (Dr D & Mrs P Barclay)



R/Up in Show Saturday am show the Pug
Ch Lecarne Fizzy Pop (Mrs L Trotter)

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Baby Puppy in Show Saturday am show - Australian Cattle Dog
Dreamheel Royal Avalon (Mr A & Mrs R Spargo)



Minor Puppy in Show Saturday am show the Samoyed
Kalaska Heavenz Above (D Klaaysen, J Beard & K O'Riley)



Best in Show Saturday pm show the Pointer
Ch Tintookie Always On Point (Mr A Reid & Mr G Munro)



R/Up in Show Saturday pm show the Cairn Terrier
Ch Joymont Spicey And Hot (Mrs C Scotton)



Baby Puppy in Show Saturday pm show the Boxer
Niteswatch Kiss In The Shadows (AI) (Ms S Mead)



Puppy in Show Saturday pm show the Pug
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Reflections on Judging the 2025 Bulldog of the Year Competition

In November 2025, I had the great honour of traveling to the UK as one of three judges invited to officiate at the 2025 Bulldog of the Year (BOY) event. I was joined by Narelle Taylor of Embolden Bulldogs, who was also presiding over the inaugural Silver Spoons competition. Conducted by the Bulldog Club Inc., BOY marked a particularly momentous occasion in 2025 as the Club celebrated its 150th anniversary, adding considerable significance to an already prestigious event.



Bulldog Club Inc. President, James Mortham, Narelle Taylor and myself outside the Royal Kennel Club, London

Royal Kennel Club

We had a couple of days to spare before the big event and made the most of our time. Thanks to the generous hospitality of Mr. James Mortham, President of the Bulldog Club Incorporated, we were able to visit London and spend a full day at the Royal Kennel Club. I had heard much about this historic institution, but nothing could have prepared me for the treasures on display. From exquisite trophies crafted by master artisans and oil paintings dating back centuries, to the stunning cocktail bar and five-course lunch we enjoyed in the elegant dining room—every detail was impeccable.

What captivated me most, however, was the library. The Librarian personally guided us through a remarkable collection of rare and fascinating items. We examined pieces up close, including the very first dog show catalogue dating back to the 1860s, and an ancient book of remedies for dogs and other domesticated animals from as early as 1570. I was also fascinated to discover deeds documenting the purchase of Crufts, transferring ownership from Emma Isabel Cruft to the Kennel Club in 1942.

While I had long known that the Bulldog Club Incorporated was the first breed club established, I hadn't realised that two other breeds were hot on its heels. The Fox Terrier and the Dandie Dinmont both formed their breed clubs in the

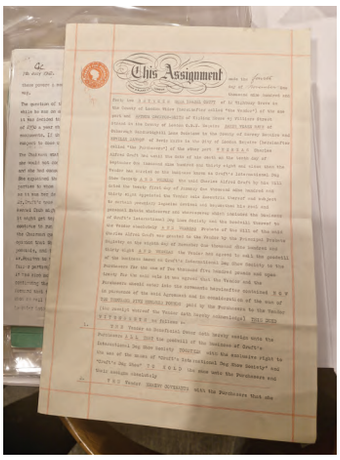








A treasure trove of amazing artifacts could be found in every hall and corridor of the Royal Kennel Club









The deeds to Crufts and an article about a charity walk for Great Ormond St Hospital back in 1987. The RKCs Librarian showing us a book of canine remedies dating back to 1570 and the first-known All Breeds Dog Show Catalogue, dated 1860



Gunther Stadler, James Mortham, Narelle Taylor and myself enjoying the wonderful atmosphere at the Royal Kennel Club



*Finding my beautiful boy, **Ch Elroston Mr Sandman** among the pages of the many books within the RKC library.*

same year—1875—with Bulldogs first, followed by Fox Terriers and then the Dandie Dinmont later that same year. All other breed clubs followed thereafter.

As I continued exploring the library, I experienced a deeply emotional moment when I stumbled upon a photograph of my own dog, **Ch Elroston Mr. Sandman**. I hadn't seen this particular publication in decades, and seeing my dog featured among such esteemed company was truly humbling.

Even more surreal was finding an article about a charity walk I participated in back in 1987 while working in England at the renowned Ocobo Kennels. Dressed in old royal garb, we walked from the Foldgate Inn to the Jennings Arms to raise money for cancer research.

To see this personal chapter of my life preserved within the archives was incredibly special. James is a regular visitor to the Royal Kennel Club, and Narelle had been there before, but for me, this was a first and an unforgettable experience.

Bulldog of the Year 2025

The following day was the main event: Bulldog of the Year—affectionately known as BOY. This year was particularly special, as it marked the **150th Anniversary of the Bulldog Club Incorporated**.

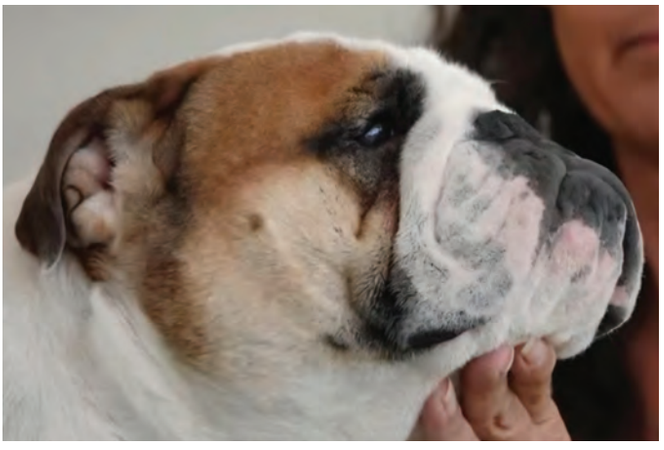
The competition began with the Open Show, judged by UK judge Sandra Hanley. She had a strong entry and worked through the classes with precision and care. After thoughtful deliberation, she awarded Best in Show to Emma Simpson's outstanding young dog, **Jackarhys Unwritten**, a lovely young dog, showing much promise.

Next came the inaugural **Silver Spoons Award**, a new competition open to non-champion Best of Breed winners from non-CC shows throughout the year. Designed to recognise those who actively support their breed clubs, the Silver Spoons attracted a very strong entry. My fellow Australian, Narelle Taylor, had the honour of judging this special event. From the sidelines, it was clear she was doing an exceptional job. In the end, she selected **Baalzebul Cupids Beau**, owned by Jayne and Stuart Davies , as her winner.



*Narelle Taylor with her winner of the Silver Spoons competition **Baalzebul Cupids Beau**, owned by Jayne and Stuart Davies*





The winner of BOY during the judging process. Take note of the exceptional profile of the dog. Lovely topline, forechest, tuck-up, shoulderline and turn of stifle, a truly beautiful profile. His head was superb and had perfect layback (as seen above), beautiful underjaw and lip placement, darkest of eyes set perfectly. Large skull with correct set rose ears. Just a beautiful bulldog. Loved him.



President of Bulldog Club Inc. Mr James Mortham, breeder/owner Ingrid Cezar and myself with Bulldog of the Year winner at the 150th Anniversary Show - Multi Champion Why Not Babynoubull WW25 EUW24

Finally, it was time for the main event—**Bulldog of the Year**. Alongside my co-judges, David McHale and Sue Bush, we began the task of judging a truly outstanding entry of top-quality bulldogs.

With such depth of quality, selecting a winner was no easy task; the difference between first and last place often came down to the smallest detail. To qualify, the exhibit had to have won at least one CC the year prior. There were 37 dogs and bitches qualified and almost all were in attendance. Dogs competing for the coverted award were there from all parts of the UK, Italy, France, Belgium, Spain and the US.

We judged the males first, with all three judges working simultaneously in the large ring. Dogs entered the ring in groups of three and were individually assessed by each judge before the next three entered.

At the conclusion, we ranked our top seven males, with points allocated as follows: 100 points for first place, 70 for second, 60 for third, 50 for fourth, 40 for fifth, 30 for sixth, and 20 for seventh. All remaining exhibits received 10. We carried out the same process for the bitches.

Once the scores had been tabulated, the three of us were discreetly informed of the highest-scoring dog and bitch. Both happened to be my personal first-place selections, to whom I awarded the maximum 100 points, and I was absolutely delighted to see them progress to the final.

From there, we had to choose between the two for the ultimate title. All dogs and bitches re-entered the ring—an impressive sight, with beautiful bulldogs of exceptional quality filling the entire circumference of the ring.

Each exhibit was introduced to the audience before the final results were announced. I was overjoyed when the two dogs I had awarded first place went on to win **Bulldog of the Year** and **Opposite Sex Bulldog of the Year**.

The Bulldog of the Year winner was the magnificent male **Multi Champion Why Not Babynoubull WW25 EUW24**, bred and owned by Ingrid Cezar of Belgium. He had qualified with a CC in Belfast under breed specialist Victoria Eaton and had also been Best of Breed at the 2025 World Show.

His structure was impeccable, adhering so-closely to the standard in just so many ways, he possessed an outstanding temperament, was perfect size, and flawless details including layback, tuck-up, turn of stifle, and tail set. I was delighted he made the journey from Belgium to compete. An absolute beauty.

The Opposite Sex winner, Speakman's **Champion Ryadjobe Stir It Up**, was an exquisite female who embodied everything a top-quality bulldog bitch should be. With perfect conformation, beautiful expression, and typical, correct movement, she was simply stunning.

The weekend following BOY, we attended the BUBA, British Utility Breeds Assoc. Show in Stafford. Bulldog specialist Maria Taylor awarded the Bitch CC and Best of Breed to the same bitch who had triumphed at BOY—Speakman's **Champion Ryadjobe Stir It Up**. The Dog CC went to a lovely young French dog, **La Martina Gold Bulls Patriot** owned by Virginie Delcaliborso that had travelled over for the event. A big lad, but a very well-balanced young dog.

Narelle was a wonderful travel companion and it was easy to see that she is rapidly becoming a well-known, respected, and truly global figure in the world of bulldogs.

This trip was unforgettable. Judging the Bulldog of the Year competition—arguably the most prestigious event on the bulldog calendar, and doing so during the club's 150th Anniversary year—was a dream come true. I hope you enjoy these reflections and photos from my time in the UK.





BOY BOS - Champion Ryadjobe Stir It Up, with her owners, the Speakman's, fellow judge David McHale and myself

As Scene In Brisbane



With **Nadia Attridge**

Well as I write this, Christmas preparations are in full swing. I know you will be reading this early in the New Year, so I want to commence this column with wishing our readers a wonderful 2026. I hope that the Christmas/Holiday period was everything you hoped for, oh and you can still fit into those show suits!

This column is dedicated to a look at the successes of Queensland based dogs in 2025. It's a chance to review our dogs who hit the headlines and celebrate their successes.

**Please note that this column's results are correct as of 17th December 2025. Around Australia there are still several shows until the end of the results year.

Let's commence with Queensland's biggest success story for 2025 - A20 Champion Supreme Champion Voila Raising The Stakes (AI) NUMBER ONE DOG AUSTRALIA ALL BREEDS, ALL SYSTEMS.



Above: Anton BIS Sydney Royal

Anton was bred by Lance Wright from a long line of Voila BIS winning poodles, is owned by Lance and James Bennett. He is handled and presented to perfection by James. At just 4 years of age (his 4th birthday is the 6th November 2025), Anton has achieved so much. In 2025 Anton has won 31 BIS and 20 RUIS.

Most notably in 2025 he achieved:

- Best In Show Sydney Royal
- Best In Show Melbourne Royal
- Runner Up In Adelaide Royal
- Runner Up In Canberra Royal
- Best In Show Dogs SA Winter International
- Runner Up In Show Spring Fair

Anton is sired by 20+ year old semen from Australian Champion, South Korean Champion Voila Vanquish. Farquah was a Multi Best In Show winner and went to South Korea to continue his show career where he was extremely successful in the Conformation Ring. Anton's dam is Supreme Champion Voila Raise An Eyebrow "Drama", herself also a Multi Best In Show and Best In Specialty winner. Drama's father was an English dog, Somanic Dot Dot Dash, who has sired multiple Champions around the world. Lance saw him on a trip to the UK and imported semen from him to supplement his extensive breeding programme.

Anton was one of 5 puppies, with his sister Quinn, Australian Champion Voila Raise Your Glass, owned by Lance and Donna James, also gaining her title from limited showing.



Above: Anton BIS Melbourne Royal

At home, Anton is just the family pet. He is very loved by James and his fiancée Kirri Jacobson, and to them he really is like their child. When Anton isn't being shown, he is very much a Poodle. He loves life and chasing a ball is his favourite past-time, oh and rolling around on the grass and in the dirt is also part of his daily routine.

James wanted to say how truly grateful and respectful he is for the partnership he has with Lance, and that he is humbled by the recognition of so many judges. To have judges award him and comment on his quality and presentation really makes the immense time and effort that goes into keeping him in top condition all the more worthwhile. His success, James says is very much a team effort, and whilst he was special from the start, they certainly never imagined he would achieve all he has.

Queensland proudly has in total 7 entries in both Dogdom and DOL in the TOP 30 DOGS ALL BREEDS.

DOGDOM	DOL	DOG'S NAME
1	1	A2O Champion Supreme Champion Voila Raising The Stakes (AI)
5	8	A2O Champion CIB Supreme Champion Glamcurls Champagne Cartel (AI)
15	16	Australian Champion Tum Tums Macciato
16	14	A2O Champion CIB Supreme Champion Birikino Victory Dance
22	17	Supreme Champion Olizure Sword Of Storms
23	22	Australian Champion Empee's M'Baku (imp USA)
27	28	Supreme Champion Shawthing Leading Lady Spencer

A2O Champion CIB Supreme Cham-



pion Glamcurls Champagne Cartel (AI) owned and bred by Craig & Jodie Hatzikiriakos was NUMBER 7 DOG ALL BREEDS on Dogdom, and NUMBER 8 DOG ALL BREEDS on Dogzonline. Cigar and his wonderful results for the year were detailed in my last column.

Cigar and Jodie have continued on their winning ways in December, adding another 3 Best In Groups, 1 Runner Up In Show and 1 Best In Show, all at the Hervey Bay KC cluster to their tally.

On the Sunday show, Coral Gray (WA) judged BIS and presented one of her amazing homemade rosettes, in a



Christmas theme to Cigar and Jodie. His wins for the weekend saw Cigar rise to Number 5 All Breeds on Dogdom, an exciting achievement for Craig and Jodie as owner/breeder/handlers, but Queensland having 2 dogs in the Top 5, both bred in Queensland, is a wonderful recognition for our state's hard-working breeders.

The Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen -



Australian Champion Tum Tums Macciato owned by Kirri Jacobson, James Bennett, Gwen Huikeshoven and Shellie Marshall, and bred by Shellie and Gwen has charged up the Rankings across both systems in recent months. At just 2 years old, Macciato (named after Shellie's favourite coffee) has had an exceptional year, winning 7 All Breeds BIS and 9 RUIS.

His major wins for the year include:

- BIS & RUIS at Dogs Victoria Summer Spectacular
- BIS – Hound Club of NSW
- BIS – Hound Club of Queensland
- RUBIS – Hound Club of South Australia
- RUIS - Cootamundra All Breeds Kennel Club Inc (FCI CACIB Show)



Macci came to Kirri after she was approached by Shellie Marshall whilst she and James were at the Bulla International weekend, showing Anton – A2O Champion Supreme Champion Voila Raising The Stakes (AI). What originally started with big hugs and a catch-up in the ladies' toilets, became Shellie approaching Kirri later that day and offering her Macci. Initially, Kirri and James were unsure; after all, a pack Hound with a fully in coat male Standard Poodle could have been disastrous, but once they both watched Macci move, it was a no-brainer as to whether or not they wanted him; it just came down to whether or not Macci could keep his mouth off Anton's coat. From their initial meeting, Macci and Anton became best buddies, or brothers from another mother, and it was clear that Macci was going to be a magnificent addition to Kirri and James' family.

Macci, it seems, now believes he is a Poodle, or at least a very confused hound, rather than a PBGV. He rarely barks, except when playing, and apart from his pack hound love of food, Kirri and James say he is every bit another Poodle.

Kirri has been given amazing support from Shellie and Gwen in regards to presenting Macci, and they have formed a bond more like a family than co-owners.

A2O Champion CIB Supreme Champion Birikino Victory Dance, or more widely known as "Pete The Papillon" owned by Ian Rasmussen and Kaye McGhie, bred by Erin Brown, Penny Dunkley, Ian & Kaye, has had another stellar year in the show ring.



Above: PETE THE PAPILLON

At 7 in January, Pete is continuing to dominate the Toy Group with 11 BIG wins, and has amassed 6 Best in Show wins and 9 RUIS, all in Queensland. Pete has been shown lightly this year with Ian away with judging appointments; nonetheless, out of 32 shows, there have only been 5 times when he has not placed in Group.

Pete has had an amazing show career, being ranked Number 1 Toy on DOL in 2021, 20222, 2023 and Number 2 in 2024 and 2025.

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As a singleton puppy, Pete had a rough start in life with his mother, Australian Champion Birikino Ice Diva, not taking to motherhood and rejecting him. Pete was fortunate that Jennifer Watt of Wachowa Chihuahuas had a litter at the time and so he went to her bitch for his early life. As breeders, we know that one puppy means all of your hopes and dreams are in one little pup, and so the temptation to keep them no matter what can be strong, but it Pete's quality was apparent from an early age, and he was definitely never leaving. At just 10 months, Pete won his first Best In Show, and he has just kept on notching them up ever since.



Above: Photo Of Pete And Petunia at Brisbane Royal.

At home Pete is just like he is in the showring; he never stops, and Ian described him as an "Energizer Bunny on speed". It's that enormous zest for life that has Pete loving every moment he is out in the ring with Ian. In addition to his success in the show ring, Pete has highly successful progeny and grand progeny on the ground. His daughter, Aust Ch Birikino Love To Dance With Basilika, handled by Kaye is also a Best In Group and Royal BOB winner, and in Melbourne his granddaughter, Aust Ch Basileus Strictly Ballroom is already a Runner Up In Show winner out of Puppy Class!

2026 will see Pete shown more lightly as Ian intends to campaign two of Pete's progeny and continue to path the future for Birikino success.

It's hard not to acknowledge his outstanding achievements without mentioning one very few Australian dogs will ever achieve: Queensland's born and bred A2O Champion CIB Supreme Champion Birikino Victory Dance is the WORLD WIDE Best In Show Record Holder with 55 Best In Shows! In this article where we are celebrating our show world, that is certainly something to truly celebrate! Congratulations to Ian, Kaye, Erin and Penny!

PUPPY/RISING STAR NATIONAL COMPETITION sees Queensland JRT, Supreme Champion Clayco The Power Of One Number 1 Nationally on Dogdom & Number 2 Nationally on DOL.



Robbo is owned by Simon, Mark & Brooke Mills, Kaye McGhie, Jeremy & Ruth Cook. He is bred by Simon, Mark & Brooke and handled by Jeremy Cook. Robbo came to Jeremy & Ruth as a 3-month-old, being the only pup in the litter (hence his show name), and originally was just in Queensland for a "play", but it was his outstanding temperament that saw him win the hearts of the Cooks, and the Lunars Beagle pack. Robbo spent his early days being the Show Manager Office assistant, but once he was old enough, he graduated into just another "Beagle" in the pack.

Ruth says that Robbo truly doesn't know he's a JRT and is never cranky; instead, he has become a wonderful part of their pack, and his gentle, yet playful nature means that he has happily become chief puppy raiser and loves to play with the babies.

Robbo's wins in 2025 have been outstanding – with 2 BIS and 2 RUIS, plus 24 BIGs and 18 RUIGs to date. He truly is just a little showman who loves all aspects of his life.

As I type this, it is still December, and whilst Australians should be celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah or whatever is special for their family over the holiday period, we are instead reeling from the horrific events at Bondi Beach. Our thoughts are with those affected by this unfathomable act of hatred.

As such, my Christmas message is about support and acceptance. We are blessed to have a diverse dog world with participants from all walks of life, religions, beliefs, genders and sexualities. Our diversity is one of the greatest strengths of Australia's dog world, and our ability to embrace it is what makes us strong. Now more than ever, it is a time to focus on what truly matters: being kind, supportive, and accepting of others.

Whilst this column has celebrated the successes of dogs on the Point Scores, we as a community are more than just frilly ribbons, point scores and titles. In 2026, my wish for all of us is that we can find more support for each other and take joy in the successes that don't show up on any scoreboard. Let's laugh more, cheer for everyone, and actually enjoy our hobby rather than seek to create division and depression.

From my family to yours, may 2026 bring you health, happiness and peace. and please remember if you have any news at all that should be shared with our readers, please let me know by email or pm.

Nadia

The Afghan Hound Club of Victoria

3 Championship Shows • 1st November 2025 • Bulla Victoria



70th Championship Show Best in Show Mr P & Mrs R M Bacich & K Pertel's *Ch Aviva Piranha(AI)*. Judge Denise Flaim(USA)

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70th Championship Show Runner-up in Show Alaqadar Kennels' *Ch Alaqadar Aria*



71st Championship Show Best in Show Ms D Ashton, Mrs K & Miss R Hutchings' *A20 Ch C.I.B. Sup Ch Suliman Definnitely(AI) JC*
Judge Mr Peter Frost (Vic)



71st Championship Show R/Up in Show
P & L Britza & J Laws'
Ch Taejon I Am Gladiator(AI)



72nd Championship Show Best in Show Ms D Ashton, Mrs K & Miss R Hutchings' *A20 Ch C.I.B. Sup Ch Suliman Definnitely(AI) JC*
Judge Mrs B Arndt(Can)



72nd Championship Show R/Up in Show
P & L Britza & J Laws'
Ch Taejon I Am Gladiator(AI)

Non Sporting Dog Club of WA

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All Breeds Show • Saturday December 13th 2025 • Dogs West Grounds Perth W.A. • BIS Judge Mr J Bryson (NSW)• Entry 445



Best in Show the Siberian Husky
Sup Ch Canyonlands Made From Legends(AI) (Miss C Primrose)



Runner Up in Show the Shar Pei
Sup Ch Shangyin Bay Of Biscay (Ms A Wasley)



Baby Puppy in Show the Boxer
Jetboom I Made You Look (Mr R Jonsson & Miss E Luxford)



Best in Group 1 the Pug
Ch Blacktye Playing With Fire (Miss A E Godsell)



Best in Group 3 the Golden Retriever
Ch Ambermist Yeah Baby(AI) (Mrs D Turner)



Best Neuter in Show - Australian Silky *Neut Ch Karlyermai Klassik Achiever* (Karlyermai Knls) & Runner Up - Toy Poodle *Ch Neut Grand Ch Pudelian Bit Ofluff On Thside At Firezeye* (Karlyermai Knls)













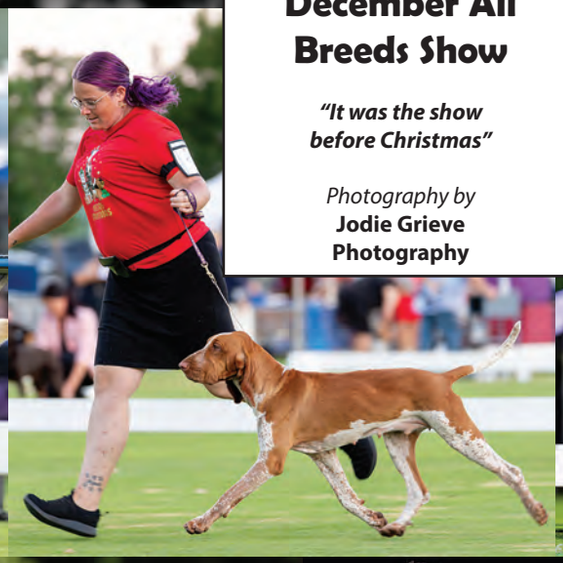
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December All Breeds Show

"It was the show before Christmas"

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In Tasmania

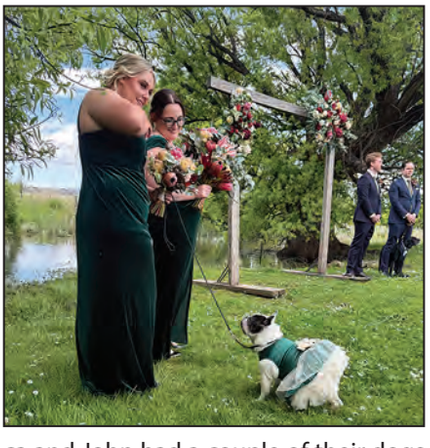


With **Geoff Blyth**

Before I get on to the show results I must share pics from Jessica Harrison



and John Murphy's wedding which took place at the picturesque Ratho Farm in Bothwell, The setting was down by a creek in amongst some lovely old buildings and for those of us that were fortunate to attend it was nothing short of a beautiful occasion shared with family and friends and both Jessi-



ca and John had a couple of their dogs as ring bearers

At Ulverstone Kennel Club show 1 Specials Judge Mrs Diana Fenton



(NSW) awarded Best in Show to the Border Collie Aust Sup Ch Cannyben Shoot To Thrill At Classicyds (Jason, Nadia & Mel Attridge / Sonja Gangell) and Runner Up in Show to the Leonberger



Aust Ch Glamourford Pluck It In First RE SWN TD TK.N (B Bieleny & F Chamley).

At Show 2 Specials Judge Mrs Dianne Wright (NSW) Best in Show again to the Border Collie Aust Sup Ch Cannyben Shoot To Thrill At Classicyds (Jason, Nadia & Mel Attridge / Sonja Gangell) and Runner Up In Show to the Dalma-



tian CH FLAIR A KIWI AT NEILROS (Ali Tabrett).

The following week at Westbury Agriculture Society Inc at the am show Specials Judge: Mr Geoffrey Maudlen (SA) awarded Best in Show to the Rottweiler Aust Sup Ch Khingsahl King Of The Mountain (N Hughes & J Wallom) and Runner Up in Show to the Affenpinscher Aust Sup Ch Majomarc Graphite Kazari (Trudi Counsell).

At the Pm show Specials Judge Mrs Lynette Niemann (SA) also awarded Best in Show to the Rottweiler Aust Sup Ch Khingsahl King Of The Mountain (N Hughes & J Wallom) and awarded Runner Up In Show to the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Sup Ch Bustabones Black With Two (Bustabones Kennels).

The following week was the Huon double header shows and at the Huon Agriculture Society Inc and Specials Judge Mrs Susan Hewinson (QLD) awarded Best in Show to the Samoyed Aust Ch Apolar Sweet Dreams (Jason Gesiotto & Loretta Jones)and Runner Up in Show to the German Shepherd Dog Sharlynne La Repetare (Mr K & Mrs C Millhouse / Ms S Thorpe).

At the Huon & Channel Kennel Club Inc Pm show Specials Judge Ms Robynne Spencer (VIC) awarded Best In Show to the young British Bulldog Ch



Paseya Here Comes The Sun (AI) (Ms Y & Miss K Smith) and Runner Up in Show to the Whippet Aust Sup Ch Khayoz Jive Talkin (Khayoz Kennels).

The next weekend was up north at the Classic Dog Show Am show Specials Judge Mr Iain Hinde (QLD) awarded Best in Show to the Old English Sheepdog Aust Sup Ch Bagatelle Moonlight Garden (Imp CAN) (Maree & Daniel Aitchison) and Runner Up in Show to the Shih Tzu Aust Sup Ch Killilan Defence Rests Yrhonour (Teena Sloan).

At the Pm show Specials Judge Ms Linda Buckley (ACT) awarded Best in Show to the Weimaraner Aust Sup Ch Arnhill Hammer And Tongs (Josh Turner) and Runner Up in Show to the Old English Sheepdog Aust Sup Ch Bagatelle Moonlight Garden (Imp CAN) (Maree & Daniel Aitchison).

Geoff

Ringside Bests In Tasmania



Best in Show at the Classic the Old English *Sup Ch Bagatelle Moonlight Garden (Imp CAN)* (Maree & Daniel Aitchison)



Best in Show at both Westbury Ag shows the Rottweiler *Sup Ch Khingsahl King Of The Mountain* (N Hughes & J Wallom)



Best in Show at the Classic PM show the Weimaraner *Sup Ch Arnhill Hammer And Tongs* (Josh Turner)



R/Up in Show at the Classic AM show the Shih Tzu *Sup Ch Killilan Defence Rests Yrhonour* (Teena Sloan)



R/Up In Show at Westbury Ag the Staffordshire Bull Terrier *Sup Ch Bustabones Black With Two* (Bustabones Kennels)



Best in Show at Huon Ag the Samoyed *Aust Ch Apolar Sweet Dreams* (Jason Gesiotto & Loretta Jones)








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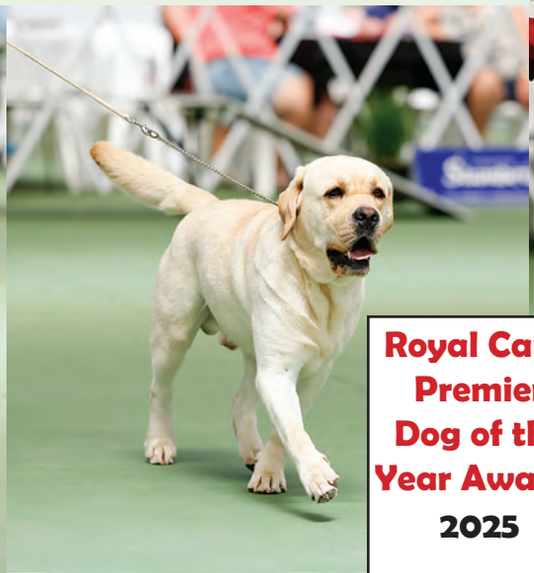











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Royal Canin Premier dog of the Year

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Right: Winner Royal Canin Premier Dog of the Year the Irish Setter *Spr CH Lanascol Was This The Answer* Bred and Owned by C Cederman



Below: DOTY Top 4 Finalist the Bearded Collie *Ch Lyntree Star Chaser* Bred by P&M Brooks Owned by P Judson P&M Brooks Handled by Paige Judson







Above: DOTY Top 4 Finalist the Rottweiler *Ch Kelson Th' Empire Strikes Back* Bred by S Dyason, Owned by E Clarke.

Left: DOTY Top 4 Finalist the Boston Terrier *Spr Ch. Devine N'All the Right Places* Bred By: NHarrison, M.L.& C. Slade Owned by N Harrison

Royal Canin Premier Puppy of the Year

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Right: Winner Royal Canin Premier Puppy of the Year - Bearded Collie
Ch Lyntree Star Chaser
Bred by P&M Brooks
Owned by P Judson P&M Brooks
Handled by Paige Judson

Below: Puppy of the Year Top 4 finalist the Bull Terrier
Ch Lobelia Gansta-Queen B is Royalety
Bred by D&I Anderson
Owned by B Taylor.







Above: Puppy of the Year Top 4 finalist the West Highland White Terrier
Terrerlin Just Magic
Owned and Bred by L Swann

Left: Puppy of the Year Top 4 finalist the Samoyed
Sunshine Sweet Zermat(AI)
Bred and Owned by K & A Shugg.

Royal Canin Premier Neuter of the Year

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Right: Winner Royal Canin Premier Neuter of the Year English Springer Spaniel *Spr & Gr Neuter Ch Wybourne Choc Ginger Royal* Bred and Owned by K Clement

Below: Top 4 Finalist Neuter of the year the Samoyed *Ch & Neuter Ch Kalisa This Lil Light of Mine* Bred and Owned by E Clausen & J Kernohan







Above: Top 4 Finalist Neuter of the year the Schipperke *Ch & Neuter Ch Kalisa This Lil Light of Mine* Bred and Owned by E Clausen & J Kernohan

Left: Top 4 Finalist Neuter of the year the Weimaraner *Ch & Neut Ch Greyflyte Drama Queen* Bred by C Welsh, Owned by J Clough



BREED FEATURE

The Australian Silky Terrier



This is a truly an Australian developed breed with history involving both the Yorkshire and Australian terrier. Bred to be a companion, ratter and even a snake dog.

Key to correct preparation is their distinctive coat involving both coat colour and texture.

Colour is to understand the unique fading gene that causes the dark, near black puppy coat to fade to the adult blue colour combining with the distinct rich tan points. All shades of blue and tan are acceptable, the richer these colours and more clearly defined the better. The coat is to be flat, fine and glossy with a silky texture.



Start with the face always using the gentle Plush Puppy Let's Face It. This specialised shampoo cleans around the face without causing irritation to those beautiful Silky's eyes.

It is a hypoallergenic sulfate free low foaming shampoo designed just for faces. It's no tear formula features the highest quality Blue Cypress Extracts, Panthenol with Pro Vitamin B and SugaNate. These special ingredients clean, soothe, add moisture, aid healing and have anti-inflammatory benefits. A small golf ball sized amounts directly to the face and eye area allows you to thoroughly clean without causing irritation. It can also be used in and around the ears with the same benefits. Its low foaming design allows ease of rinsing, yet complete cleaning. We always recommend you leave this on until the shampooing process is finished.

To correctly prepare the coat is to address both the colour and the texture required in the breed. This requires 2 parts, toning for the colour and maintaining the silky texture.

For toning use Plush Puppy Herbal Whitening Shampoo diluted at 1:5 (1 part shampoo to 5 parts water). Apply to a wet coat and lather in. Wait 5 minutes then rinse thoroughly. This shampoo is an important step to remove unwanted warm tones such as red, bronze or tan shading within the blue, and the tan markings will be clarified of dirtiness. By using a toning shampoo this will greatly assist in creating the desired correct colour.



After firstly toning as above, follow with Plush Puppy Natural Conditioning Shampoo to maintain the required silky texture.

This intensive nourishing shampoo adds hydration and therefore improves the required silky texture. Use at 1:10 (1 part shampoo to 10 parts water). Again apply to the wet dog, lather, wait 5 mins and rinse.

Why is it best to wait 5 minutes? All Plush Puppy products have active ingredients that are outcome orientated to achieve the best result you desire. You will get these best results with the very high quality of Plush Puppy products. Waiting only 5 minutes allows for the key ingredients to ultimately produce these brilliant results.

Conditioning an Australian Silky Terrier is important to create the fine, glossy and silky texture. Blow drying the dog will also dehydrate the coat. Hydration from conditioner will vastly protect this. Use Plush Puppy Silk Protein Conditioner at 1:10 (1 part to 10 parts water). Apply to the freshly rinsed coat. Work into the coat, and yes, wait the 5 minutes before rinsing.



For drying, firstly towel dry the dog. The beauty of the "Silky" is they don't take a long time to dry. Use a warm hand or stand dryer and start with a pin brush. This has less drag on the wet coat.

It's important to remember any drag on an adult Silky coat can cause the hair follicle to be dragged out. This is a dilution gene breed. Any "new" regrowth starts back like a puppy coat and will regrow dark or near black and then dilute to blue. Use the Plush Puppy Ultimate Pin Brush using long even strokes.

Once 75% dry it's time to change to a finishing brush. A finishing brush is designed to polish and gently stretch the coat to produce the desired finish. Use the Plush Puppy Ultimate Pure Boar Bristle or Ultimate Anti-Static Porcupine Brush.

If you have a coat that is too full, mix 1 tablespoon of Plush Puppy Blow Dry Cream in 500ml of warm water and mix well. We recommend using a blender to easily 100% blend. Using a spray bottle evenly spray, brush in and blow dry with a warm, semi hot dryer.

Many times after spending considerable effort in preparing due to weather, grounds, wind or heat the dogs coat has static. For those days a tack box must is Plush Puppy Anti-Static Spray. Simply apply a light mist and brush in.

PLUSH PUPPY TIP: On delicate coats, mist the air and waft your brush in the mist and then brush the coat. This allows for not overly wetting the coat but also anti static's the brush, often the cause of the issue.



It's important to hydrate when brushing a coat. Brushing a dry coat causes drag, stress and damage to the coat. A mist with Plush Puppy OMG hydrates the coat, making grooming easier for both owner and dog. Plush Puppy OMG is perfect for shows days in freshening the coat. A light mist will make the brushing easier and bring the coat back to look just like you finished bathing and drying.

Enjoy your truly Australia breed, prepare it to their ultimate best and enjoy proudly your Silky Terrier!



BREED FEATURE

The Australian Silky Terrier



They answered

Paul, Anita & Janelle Waddington
JAPATINA
Answers by Janelle Waddington



We asked breeders

Q.1. How long have you been breeding Australian Silky Terriers and how did your prefix come about?

Q.2. How important is the colouring as described in the standard in your breeding program and puppy selection?

Q.3 How do you feel the breed is today compared with say twenty years ago.?

Q.4. Would you change anything in the current breed standard, if you could add a line what would it be?

Q.5. Could you list in order of priority the 5 most important points you think a judge should look for in an Australian Silky Terrier?

Q.6. What advice would you give to a new judge about to adjudicate the Australian Silky Terrier breed for the first time?

Q.7. Do Australian Silky Terriers as a breed have many health problems and do they make a good family pet?

A.1. My parents and I have been breeding Australian Silky Terriers under the Japatina prefix since 2013 and we have been showing since 2011. Our prefix Japatina comes from our names - ja - Janelle, p - Paul and atina - Anita backwards.

A.2. The colouring described in our breed standard is a very important consideration in our breeding program when selecting breeding dogs. Australian Silky Terriers are born black and tan, so when evaluating puppies for show we decide more on coat texture and conformation rather than colouring at a young age. It's very much a wait and watch breed. Some breeding lines will break along their head and topline quite dark, while other breeding lines will break light and their blue and tan will darken with age. A young dog should not be penalised for black in their coat, as colour does not have to be fully developed until 18 months of age. Tan through the body is a big no, but you will find that with hormone changes and age, bitches can develop tan through their coats, which may disappear between seasons. A general anaesthetic can also cause tan through the blue, but this can disappear with time.

A.3. Although we have only been in the breed for 15 years, there has been a dramatic drop in the number of Australian Silky Terrier breeders and the number of dogs being shown in this time.

With this reduction in breeders, I believe type has become more unified and quality has improved. Health has improved with the introduction and better access to health testing, leading to more selective breeding. Temperaments have also improved for the better, finding a balance of terrier and companion for our pet families. The banning of tail docking has also seen a variation in tails in the Australian Silky Terrier, with many discussions held amongst breeders world wide.

A.4. I do believe that the colour description in the ANKC standard for the Australian Silky Terrier could be worded better, as it can be somewhat confusing to understand for trainee judges. I do believe that the AKC Silky Terrier standard more clearly defines the colour of the Australian Silky Terrier and is much easier to read and comprehend than the ANKC standard. There is also a spelling mistake in the online ANKC standard, which needs to be corrected.

ANKC Australian Silky Terrier standard - "All shades of blue and tan are acceptable, the richer these colours and more clearly defined the better. Silver and white not acceptable. Blue on the tail to be very dark. Silver blue or fawn top-knot desirable. Distribution of blue and tan as follows: tan around the base of the ears, muzzle and on the sides of the cheeks; blue from the base of the skull to tip of tail, running down the forelegs to near the knees and down the thighs to the hocks; tan line showing down the stifles and from the knees and hocks to the toes and around the vent. The blue body colour should be free from tan or bronzing. Tan markings must be free from smuttiness. Black colouring is permissible in puppies, blue colour must be established by 18 months of age."

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AUSTRALIAN SILKY TERRIERS



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BREED FEATURE
The Australian Silky Terrier



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AKC Silky Terrier standard - "Blue and tan. The blue may be silver blue, pigeon blue or slate blue, the tan deep and rich. The blue extends from the base of the skull to the tip of the tail, down the forelegs to the elbows, and half way down the outside of the thighs. On the tail the blue should be very dark. Tan appears on muzzle and cheeks, around the base of the ears, on the legs and feet and around the vent. The topknot should be silver or fawn which is lighter than the tan points."

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A.5. Topline - an Australian Silky Terrier's topline should be level at all times. A topline showing a roach or a dip is a serious fault.

Coat texture - the coat texture is one of the hallmarks of the breed and should be a priority in the judging of the breed. A true silky coat should be flat, fine, glossy and of a silky texture. Like silk, it should be cool to touch.

Colour - all shades of blue & tan are acceptable, with blue colour established by 18 months of age. Tan should be free from smuttiness. The blue on the body should be free from tan.

Movement - the movement of the Australian Silky Terrier should free & true without slackness at the shoulders or elbows, with hindquarters that have a strong propelling power.

Temperament - the Australian Silky Terrier is a terrier and should display terrier characteristics. It should embody keen alertness, activity and soundness. It should never show shy or submissive behaviour.

A.6. The first two sentences of the Australian Silky Terrier standard - under general appearance - perfectly describes the breed and what it is bred for. Keep this in the back of your mind when you are judging the breed. It should be remembered that they were originally bred to hunt and kill domestic rodents.

"The dog is compact, moderately low set, of medium length with a refined structure but of sufficient substance to suggest the ability to hunt and kill domestic rodents. The parted, straight silky hair presents a well-groomed appearance."

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A.7. The Australia Silky Terrier is a fairly healthy breed. The following conditions can occur within the breed, but with DNA testing and selective breeding most of these health problems can be avoided.

PRA
Diabetes
Legg Calve Perthes Disease
Skin allergies
Bladder stones
Patellar Luxation
Cataracts

The Australian Silky Terrier makes an amazing family dog. I currently have a 1 year old daughter and my dogs are very gentle with her. Not once have I had a dog snap at her, when she has accidentally pulled their coats. I have found them to be a very loving and tolerable breed with children. We do highly recommend socialising and puppy training from a young age to avoid behavioural issues. Australian Silky Terriers can also make great therapy dogs, especially for those people who have sensory issues.

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Sally Baxter
KARYLERMAI



A.1. I have been breeding since May 1986, almost 40 years. My Prefix comes from my life prior to showing dogs when I bred & showed Arabian & Arabian Part Bred horses.

KARLYERMAI (KAR- LYER – MAI) comes from the word for the mythical Lyrebird who was all things to everyone, I felt that the meaning suited both my Arabians & the Australian Silky Terrier.

A.2. The colouring of the Silky is important, however I think that the wording "All shades of blue and tan are acceptable…" is sometimes lost in the clarification of the standard.



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They answered

Texture of the coat (it is Silky) and the stating .." The blue body colour should be free from tan or bronzing…" is also of the utmost importance.

As the Silky is born Black & Tan (think colouring of a Rottweiler or Dobermann) it is a very difficult breed to predict their final adult colouring. Their change occurs over their first 18 months of life, being full established by 18 months. So I will check for change of colour (breaking colour) and in particularly texture of coat in their early days/ weeks with us. Any woolly coats have a question mark against their names in the breeding book.

A.3. However, I feel that Silkies of earlier years were much sharper in temperament (maybe MORE terrier) than our current climate where we need to breed for a more family friendly, 'cuddly' individual.

It is interesting that some of us are using frozen semen from 20-30 years ago, so the results could be interesting.

A.4. The standard as it reads covers the breed fairly well, however, I do think that temperament should included the sentence "shyness or aggressive behaviour should not be tolerated.."

A.5. 1. Straight Blue Silky Coat (no bronzing) with tan points, blond or fawn topknot

2. Temperament (Terrier, no shyness, backing off or aggression)

3. Movement (strong propelling power with reach & drive on side profile - no weaving or plaiting), correct structure, of course, is imperative in producing correct movement.

We asked breeders

Q.1. How long have you been breeding Australian Silky Terriers and how did your prefix come about?

Q.2. How important is the colouring as described in the standard in your breeding program and puppy selection?

Q.3 How do you feel the breed is today compared with say twenty years ago.?

Q.4. Would you change anything in the current breed standard, if you could add a line what would it be?

Q.5. Could you list in order of priority the 5 most important points you think a judge should look for in an Australian Silky Terrier?

Q.6. What advice would you give to a new judge about to adjudicate the Australian Silky Terrier breed for the first time?

Q.7. Do Australian Silky Terriers as a breed have many health problems and do they make a good family pet?

4. Scissor bite

5. Size: 23-26cm They are a toy sized Terrier

A.6. This is a coated breed you will need to feel, feel , feel , for structure, for coat & texture. Remember it is low set with a moderately long body, it is refined but not weedy. The breed is confident.

The muzzle is slightly shorter than the skull, showing strength but not coarseness, flowing into slightly crested neck and straight/level topline. It should hold that topline both standing and on the move. It is a Terrier, it may be Toy sized but shows the alertness and confidence of a Terrier. The body colour should be a shade of blue, ASK THE AGE if it is not. Tan should be confined to the areas listed in the standard, with a lighter(fawn/Silver) topknot.

A.7. As a breed, they are a pretty healthy bunch of individuals. In the past luxating patellas have been a problem, but breeders have bred away from that, along with problem tooth misalignments and cataracts. I'm afraid my vet won't be buying his new car with funds from health issues with the Silkies.

I'm biased in terms of Silkies making good pets, they take the job seriously of being family protector, exercise coach, couch organiser and general all round supervisor of the household. If you want to go for

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jog, they will go too, if you want to sit on the couch they will be there too and if things are not in the place they should be, they will let you know. They don't leave hair or dust bunnies around the house and are a generally healthy bunch.

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Heather Horne
PARMELIA



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A.1. I got my first silkies 47 years ago in 1979. The "PARMELIA" prefix refers to the ship that brought the original settlers to West Australia in 1829. Since then I have successfully exhibited and occasionally bred many generations of champions. Our dogs are members of the family, loved and cared for from the cradle to the grave.

A.2. Colour is an important factor but never to the exclusion of other attributes. The standard allows for a range of colours. Whereas, a Silkies coat texture is paramount, not negotiable , it is at the essence of the breed, a coarse, wavy or over fine/ woolly coat texture is NEVER acceptable in a mature dog. Texture is ….. Silky, smooth and cool to the touch.

A.3. In past decades the breed has suffered a severe drop in numbers, resulting in an ever diminishing gene pool. There is less variation and breed type has been largely dictated and saturated by a very small number of larger breeders. Possibly not to the overall betterment of the breed.

Size has increased, with few dogs (or bitches) measuring the approximately (+/- 1 inch) 9 inches required in the standard. This affects the ability of the dog to be capable of carrying out the purpose for which it was originally bred. Judges - let's NOT encourage Silky coated Australian Terriers.

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Reason: This would allow for a more balanced appearance, in conformity with the rest of the dog. I don't believe that this was properly considered when the tail docking ban was introduced.

A.5. 1. Breed Type.
2 Conformation
3 movement
4 temperament
5 Size

A.6. Remember the original purpose of the breed. Bred to kill mice, rats and snakes in the early colonies.

Don't be scared to MOVE the dogs. Don't rely on that 'Stacked' and 'baited' silhouette. Our breed deserves better than that!

Hey, and our puppies are often Ozzie larrikins. Embrace it !

A.7. While not immune to the general range of health conditions they are pretty "bomb proof". An intelligent, active small Terrier with a non shedding coat, ideal pets for urban or rural environments.

And now sadly a 'Rare breed', in their own country.

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The Newcastle End of Year Bash

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Bay City KC am show Saturday 27th December 2025 • Hillsborough NSW • Best in Show Judge Mr L Bradney (NSW) • Entry 387



Best in Show the Boxer *Am Ch Sup Ch South Willow's Shake N Bake (Imp* USA) (Mr B Thompson & Miss S Power)



R/Up in Show the Kerry Blue Terrier Martyn Throw Your Toys AI (Imp NZ) (K & T Ninnes)



Baby Puppy in Show the Schnauzer *Keeraval Empire Of The Sun* (Jodie Haylock)



Minor Puppy in Show the Australian Cattle Dog *Warrukadli Paint It Blue* (J & K Ballard)



Puppy in Show the Xoloitzcuintle *Wazzat Baandido*(AI) (L & J Lanser & J Dinis)



Junior in Show the Cocker Spaniel *Sandtoys Imagine Dragons* (Miss N & Mrs S Lane)



Australian Bred in show the Whippet Sup Ch Shearwind Get Th Parti Started (Greg Skene)

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Bay City KC pm show Saturday 27th December 2025 • Hillsborough NSW • Best in Show Judge Mrs L Nieman (SA) • Entry 381



Best in Show the Boxer *Am Ch Sup Ch South Willow's Shake N Bake (Imp* USA) (Mr B Thompson & Miss S Power)



R/Up in Show the Brittant *Am Ch Sup Ch Granmars Diamond Down Under Swa Swn (Imp USA)* (Mrs S Ibbott-Cordi & Mr T Foley)



Baby Puppy in Show the Schnauzer *Keeraval Empire Of The Sun* (Jodie Haylock)



Minor Puppy in Show - Shetland Sheepdog *Hartly Blu Rosette* (Mrs J Docksey)



Puppy in Show - Australian Shepherd *Artaldea Monkey Business* (D,L&A Meagher),



Junior in Show the Cocker Spaniel *Sandtoys Imagine Dragons* (Miss N & Mrs S Lane)



Australian Bred in Show - Bearded Collie *Famewynn Stuck On You* (Mrs A Smith)

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Bay City KC am show Sunday 28th December 2025 • Hillsborough NSW • Best in Show Judge Mr S Mills (NSW) • Entry 384



Best in Show the Tibetan Terrier
Sup Ch Gengala Ink Pad (Miss L M Hickie)



R/Up in Show the Boxer *Am Ch Sup Ch South Willow's Shake N Bake (Imp* USA) (Mr B Thompson & Miss S Power)



Minor Puppy in Show the Fox Terrier (Smooth)
Firezan Tight Finnish(AI) (Mrs A Bowe)



Junior in Show the Poodle (Standard) *Ch Picardy Pick Your Poison*
(Mrs L Boyd Miss J Foulds Miss T & Mrs K Perkiss)



Australian Bred in Show the Chow Chow *A20 Ch Sup Ch Katasia Guns N Roses* (Mrs D Cummings & Mrs D Gooding)



Neuter in Show the Labrador Retriever
Ch Neut Ch Terracarol Hard Rock Girl (Ms R Tkacz)

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Medowie KC pm show Sunday 28th December 2025 • Hillsborough NSW • Best in Show Judge Mrs T Comerford (NSW) • Entry 370



Best in Show the Brittany *Am Ch Sup Ch Granmars Diamond Down Under Swa Swn (Imp USA)* (Mrs S Ibbott-Cordi & Mr T Foley)



R/Up in Show the Boxer *Am Ch Sup Ch South Willow's Shake N Bake (Imp* USA) (Mr B Thompson & Miss S Power)



Minor Puppy in Show the GSP *Germanicus Cyclone Thor* (Ms L Haynes)



Puppy in Show the Afghan Hound *Pipina Queen Of The Desert* (Mrs D Tidey)



Junior in Show the Cocker Spaniel *Sandtoys Imagine Dragons* (Miss N & Mrs S Lane)



Intermediate in Show the Boston Terrier *Ch Slv Jr Ch Victoria's Diamond Ego (Imp SVN)* (Ms M Gorman)



Australian Bred in Show the Chow Chow *A20 Ch Sup Ch Katasia Guns N Roses* (Mrs D Cummings & Mrs D Gooding)

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Medowie KC am show Monday 29th December 2025 • Hillsborough NSW • Best in Show Judge Mr E Pickering (NSW) • Entry 335



Best in Show the Boxer *Am Ch Sup Ch South Willow's Shake N Bake (Imp* USA) (Mr B Thompson & Miss S Power)



R/Up in Show the German Shepherd Dog *Ch Gewalt Tango* (Mr A & Mrs S Bird)



Baby in Show - Norfolk Terrier *Lanvilla Never Say Never* (Mrs K Hogan & Mrs S Lane)



Minor in Show - Rottweiler *Khingsahl Obi Wan Kenobi* (Mrs T Lane, Mr R Scells & Mr J King)



Puppy in Show - Pekingese *Pugmate Ricky Tricky Tok (Ai)* (Pugmate Knls)



Junior in Show - Cocker Spaniel *Sandtoys Imagine Dragons* (Miss N & Mrs S Lane)



Intermediate in Show - Poodle (Miniature) *Ch Tece First Glance* (Mrs B C Mougios)



Aust Bred in Show - Irish Wolfhound *A20 Ch Cib Sup Ch Maclaomainn Evie (AI)* (Mrs R Moss & Mr A & Ms L Brooker)

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Medowie KC pm show Monday 29th December 2025 • Hillsborough NSW • Best in Show Judge Mr P Martin (NSW) • Entry 322



Best in Show the Cocker Spaniel
Ch Sandtoys Walkin On Sunshine (Mrs V J Peters & Ms N Goold)



R/Up in Show the Dalmatian
Ch Krystaway Ima Showgirl (AI) (Mr R & Mrs D Harbin)



Baby in Show the Lagotto Romagnolo
Aukero Summer Lovin (Mr K D & Mrs K M Robinson)



Puppy in Show the Afghan Hound
Pipina Queen Of The Desert (Mrs D Tidey)



Junior in Show the Bull Terrier (Miniature)*Ch Bullacktiv Cheat Codes*
(Mrs P, Miss N & Mr A Zullo & Mr H Pinker)



Intermediate in Show the Xoloitzcuintle (Intermediate)
Ch Wazzat Zenon (Mrs K Mackay & Mrs J Dinis)

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