



# Centennial Chronicle

*Celebrating 100 Years of AKC Recognition  
of the Kerry Blue Terrier as a Breed*



1922-2022



# CELEBRATING THE KERRY BLUE TERRIER MAY 4TH THROUGH MAY 7TH, 2023



## Thursday, May 4

The first USKBTC Stand-alone Specialty beginning around 3PM in the afternoon. Possible majors! There are no evening activities planned, just time for a great competition and fellowship.

## Friday, May 5

The day kicks off with a USKBTC Sweepstakes followed by the second Stand-alone Specialty. A large entry is expected for both the Sweepstakes and the Specialty.

**The Centennial Gala** will start at approximately 6:30 with a cocktail party and a sit down, served dinner to follow. There will be constantly running slide presentations of both the history of the breed in the United States over the past 100 years as well as a second slide show of all the Kerry Blues in the Centennial Chronicle Publication. There will also be a speakers and awards. Most of all, it will be a time to raise a toast to the breed we all love and are devoted to.

**FCAT** begins today. Open to all breeds. Sponsored by the Kerry Blue Terrier Club of St. Louis and the USKBTC.

## Saturday, May 6 • The Centennial Specialty Show

The highlight of the Centennial Celebration competition will be the third USKBTC Centennial Sweepstakes and Stand-alone Specialty. The show will include participation ribbons for all Kerry Blues entered and are present, special Centennial medallions for all class placements, Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Best of Winners, Selects, NOHS, and Awards of Merit. These medallions will only be awarded at the Centennial Show and become a once in a lifetime keepsake for those who earn one. Fittingly, our judge will be Irishman, Harold Quigg.

**BARNHUNT** begins today and is open to all breeds. Sponsored by the Missouri Canine Athletic Club and the USKBTC. **FCAT** continues on its second day.

## Reception Party and Kerries on Parade

Saturday evening will feature a reception/cocktail party in the Checkerboard Café followed by the Kerries on Parade. There will be heavy appetizer's and a cash bar

available. The Parade will take place in the ring outside of the Café.

As each Kerry Blue Terrier enters the ring, a brief note about them will be read.

A goal of the Centennial Celebration is to recognize the role that Kerry Blue Terriers play in our lives... not just in the show ring. The purpose of the Kerries on Parade is to showcase all Kerry Blues whether strictly companions, therapy/service dogs or Kerries participating in dog sports. Whether you attend the event in person or simply want to recognize that special Kerry Blue who has shared your life, this event is the way to do it.

There will also be a Centennial Chronicle. Whether you attend or not, you can showcase your Kerry(s) in this publication. It is a wonderful way to recognize the dogs that mean so much to all, of us. For more information go to [uskbtc.com](http://uskbtc.com).

## Sunday, May 7

Wrapping up the Celebration will be the final USKBTC Stand-alone Specialty on Sunday morning.

**BARNHUNT** and **FCAT** continue for the final day.

## Need to Know

1) **All judging will be outside.** In case of inclement weather judging will be under a tent. There is no further competition beyond Best of Breed.

2) **Precise times of events** will be announced once the size of the entry is known.

3) **Neutered dogs can compete** if they meet the requirements and are entered in the Veterans Class

4) **Dress for the Gala** is Business casual.

5) **The Hospitality fee**, which includes both the Gala and Kerries on Parade events will cost \$65.00 per person and is being subsidized by the USKBTC.

6) **A page in the Centennial Chronicle is \$30.00.** A person may buy as many pages as they wish. One dog per page. All orders must be placed on the website.

7) **Entries will close on April 17, 2023.** The Show Secretary is Susan Gordon (will include more information as it becomes available.)





Connie Robbins

# HISTORY OF THE KERRY BLUE TERRIER IN THE UNITED STATES

## THE PRIDE OF OLD KERRY

This material first appeared in the AKC Gazette in May 2022

**The rollicking Kerry Blue Terrier celebrates 100 years in the AKC.**

From the November 1921 gazette:

**“Hereafter a breed of dog known as Kerry Blue Terriers will be admitted to registration and exhibition.”**

Early in the following year, the AKC registered its first Kerry Blue, *Ch. Brian of Muchia*. We salute the latest member of the AKC’s “Century Club” with five (sixth one added) different looks at the breed.

## BLUE DOG LEGENDS

David Blake Knox, *The Curious History of Irish Dogs*

The terrier that we now call the Kerry Blue may seem, at first, to have little in common with the dignified and graceful Wolfhound. The ancestors of the humble terrier did not, after all, spend much time in the company of feudal chiefs, princes or kings. They did not lie at their lords’ feet during royal banquets, or take part in the ritual of any court’s hunting expeditions. Their presence was not sought out by foreign



The Wolfhound chased and killed ferocious wolves; the Kerry Blue was a rat-catcher.

potentates or diplomats, and they were seldom required to pose for portraits with their masters. The heroic deeds of the Irish Wolfhound are chronicled in the ancient Celtic sagas, but there are few references to the Blue Terrier before the twentieth century.

Nonetheless, the Wolfhound and the Blue Terrier are connected in some unexpected ways, and despite their differences they both came to represent a concept of Ireland—though in different ways, and to different groups of Irish men and women. They also share a propensity to attract romantic myths and legends. In the case of the terrier these usually involve stories in which an exotic blue dog swims ashore from a ship that has foundered in Tralee Bay in County Kerry. At times this is said to be a Spanish galleon, part of the great Armada, struggling to make its way home in heavy seas. In other accounts the ship is a Russian schooner that went down with all hands. Sometimes it is only a modest Portuguese fishing boat.

In all of these stories, the dog that managed to reach the shore soon hooked up with some of the local bitches. Indeed, according to some accounts, he mated with every bitch in Kerry, and the result of his numerous romantic liaisons was the Blue Terrier. Sadly, none of these legends seems to have any basis in reality. Dogs were seldom kept aboard sailing ships, and when they were they were more likely to be water dogs (which could retrieve lines lost overboard or carry messages between ships) and not terriers, a breed that likes to keep its paws firmly planted on dry land. Indeed, the roots of the term ‘terrier’ are believed to lie in the Latin word ‘terram’ meaning ‘ground.’ In any case, the Kerry Blue is clearly related to other Irish terriers such as the Wheaten, from whom the blue dog is probably descended.

Carol Kearney, *AKC Gazette* (2012)

In Ireland, Kerries earned the reputation for great courage and intelligence in all forms of field and water work, and for the breed’s unusual

color and texture of coat. This created interest in the breed in other European countries. Did you know that Mrs. Casey Hewitt, owner of the Munster prefix, convinced show secretaries to put on classes for this rather rough-looking terrier? She succeeded, and in England at Crufts in 1922, 10 Kerries were benched. Most of them belonged to Mrs. Hewitt. Shortly after, the KBTC of England was formed, and one of its three aims was to popularize the breed at home and abroad. It is reported that the first Kerry litter born in America may have been bred by James McCashin of Morristown, New Jersey, in 1925. It was that same year that the KBTC



of America was formed, with B. Jerome Megargee elected as president. The club’s name was later changed to the *United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club*.

Through those early years, Kerries had many enthusiasts promoting the breed. Did you know that Mrs. E.A. Kelly, in a 1939 *Dog World* article, expounded on the reason she preferred a Kerry? She reminded all that you do not have to be Irish to like a Kerry. I especially liked her comment that a Kerry responds to kindness with a depth of affection rarely found in any breed and is devoted to children. “He will guard his home with courage and determination and will lay down his life for his master—and do it with his tail wagging.”

There are many wonderful stories told of a Kerry’s devotion. A Kerry owned by Jeremiah Leen, of Ireland, in 1924 became great friends with a little girl of 10 who used to deliver milk daily from her home a quarter-mile away. The Kerry would always meet her at the gate, but he never would leave his property. One morning, a bunch of hogs on the road surrounded the little girl and scared her. The Kerry immediately left his property and ran around the little girl, scaring away the hogs in all directions. Of course, he escorted the little girl all the way home.

Another confirmation of a Kerry’s devotion to man appeared in a 1936 *Western Kennel World* article. It described a situation of a little boy who

wanted to go swimming. When the Kerry saw the boy in the water and realized that his owner was really not going to do anything about it, the Kerry rushed into the water and pulled the boy to shore. The Kerry then felt it was his responsibility to patrol the beach between the water and any young children until he finally had to be restrained so people were allowed to swim. As you wash, brush, and scissor your Kerry, do you know who changed the style of the first scraggily and unkempt-coated terrier exhibited at shows early in the 20th century to the neater-groomed dog we see today? Mrs. Violet Handy was the lady who started the trend, much to the dismay of many other exhibitors. Well, wouldn’t you know that in 1956, Botho Lilienthal stated that nothing in the dog show game can ever be expected to find unanimous approval.

## THE ALL-IMPORTANT COAT

AKC breed standard Correct coat is important; it is to be soft, dense and wavy. A harsh, wire or bristle coat should be severely penalized. In show trim the body should be well covered but tidy, with the head (except for the whiskers) and the ears and cheeks clear. Color: Color is important. The correct mature color is any shade of blue gray or gray blue from the deep slate to light blue gray, of a fairly uniform color throughout except that distinctly darker to black parts may appear on the muzzle, head, ears, tail and feet. Kerry color, in its process of “clearing,” changes from an apparent black at birth to the mature gray blue or blue gray. The color passes through one or more transitions—involving a very dark blue (darker than deep slate), shades or tinges of brown, and mixtures of these, together with a progressive infiltration of the correct mature color.

## GOOD COMPANION

Edwin “Pop” Sayres, *AKC Gazette* (1934)

As a pal, the Kerry blue is hard to beat. Affectionate and devoted, it possesses, in a marked degree, the capacity for attaching itself to one person, and is a dog of strongly individual character. It has a great gift for companionship,



never so happy as when at its master's side. By nature, it is a hardy dog and thrives in a healthy, out-of-door life, with freedom and exercise in plenty. The bitches are excellent mothers and easy whelpers. For some years the breed had a considerable reputation for fighting, and their behavior in the show ring was noisy and disorderly, every dog doing its best to fight with its neighbor. Owing to judicious breeding, this trait has largely disappeared, though gameness and sporting characteristics are unimpaired. The Kerry Blue now lives peacefully with its canine brethren, and it is a quiet and well-disciplined assembly which parades before the judges.

## A JUDGE'S NOTES

Seymour Weiss, Just Terriers

In competition, every dog must be moved, and the standard does a good job of describing correct Kerry movement. It is well to remember that the phrase full freedom of action will be encountered in the Movement section of the standard. This is a working terrier that had to get where it was going with no problems. Full freedom of action then is an idea that works. In the normal course of show ring events, many judges will call for two or more dogs to be brought to the middle of the ring for a spar. The

Kerry is definitely a sparring breed, and this should be part of any serious comparison of dogs. But it is important for a judge to know how to orchestrate this. There are few sights more

impressive than Kerries in a spar. What then is the proper way to spar Kerries? The first thing to remember is never to spar more than three dogs at once. You lose the effect, and your ring runs the risk of becoming the scene of chaos. Bring them out close enough to look at each other, close enough to get those ears and that tail where they belong. All the dogs in a spar should stand on their toes on the fine edge of anticipation, but none should open hostilities. The second thing to remember is never to spar dogs and bitches together; that's a recipe for ... Well, just don't ever do it, OK?

## MICK: STALLION ON THE LEAD

Here's a thumbnail portrait of the greatest Kerry Blue Terrier of modern times, Ch. Torums Scarf Michael (Mick). Born May 1, 1996, in Liverpool, England to Breeder Ron Ramsey.

Died October 3, 2011, in Acampo, California  
Owner Marilu Hansen, Handlers Geoff Corish and Michael Coad(United Kingdom); Bill McFadden (United States) Career highlights Top U.K. Terrier 1999; Crufts BIS 2000; Morris & Essex BIS (from the Open Dog class) 2000; Montgomery County Best Terrier in Show 2000, 2001; Top U.S. Dog, All Breeds, 2001; Westminster group wins 2001, 2002, 2003 (BIS); AKC National Championship BIS 2002; 113 all-breed BIS. Quotes "The hottest British import since the Beatles."—USA Today 2002 "He is the most influential Kerry Blue alive, the producer of 61 champions and maybe more in the future, if his sperm, frozen for artificial insemination, yields puppies that meet the standards of the breed as closely as he does." —New York Times 2008

*"My personal favorite moment in Mick's career out of so many was his first weekend out, at Great Western Terrier Association. I had been walking him two miles a day since I got him, just to get used to having a stallion on the lead. As we entered the group ring, under Ken McDermott, I was acutely*

Photo by: Connie Robbins

*aware of both the entire ringside and everyone inside the ring falling under his spell. "He won Group I and BIS from the Open Dog class. He followed this the next day under Lydia Coleman Hutchinson, who was equally smitten. I still remember the way it felt—and I do not have a good memory. It will always be my favorite moment in dogs because having judges fall in love at first sight is such an incredible thing! "For me personally, Mick was a game changer, a once-in-a-lifetime dog. The gift and good luck of having him is something I am reminded of daily."—Bill McFadden*



2002 AKC National: show chairman Ron Menaker, Mick with Bill McFadden, and judge Constance Barton

## THROUGH THE YEARS: KERRY BLUE TERRIERS IN THE PAST 22 YEARS...



Photo gallery of Kerry Blues from the breed's first hundred years in AKC.

Photos by (clockwise from top left) Evelyn Shafer, Joan Ludwig, Jean Waters, and Jim Callea



Melbee's Chances Are and Melbee's Michaela at Montgomery, 1968.



Edwin "Pop" Sayres handles Ch. Sirarno's Impertinent Lady, 1943.



# THE VERSATILE KERRY BLUE TERRIER

Connie Robbins, AKC Gazette, 2019 & 2020

In The Curious History of Irish Dogs, David Blake Knox quotes an Irish farmer who had Kerry Blues in the 1920s:” In the morning they herd the cattle; at noon they come in and tread the wheel to churn the butter; in the afternoon they herd again; and after supper they are turned out to guard the sheep, the chickens and geese and the pigs. “Kerry Blue Terriers have a natural desire to chase, herd, and work. These qualities make them versatile performance dogs, and many Kerry Blue Terrier (KBT) owners, especially those who perform in competitive events. In the past 20 years we have seen more Kerry Blue Terriers competing in a variety of AKC events and certification titles, many after completing conformation titles.

There are many Kerry Blues still receiving additional titles; opportunities to find new ways to demonstrate their amazing versatility. This is no surprise to the long-standing Kerry Blue Terrier fancier, who knows the history behind this amazing breed. AKC titles aside, there are Kerry Blue Terriers in the U.S. who are Therapy dogs, Service/Alert dogs, Farm and Crisis Assistance.



Youlia Anderson with Luka, GCH CH RACHPennterra's Lil Miss Sunshine CD PCD BN RM3RAE2 FDC OA NAJ MXP MJP XF SWA SCE SHDA RATCH DN CGCA TKI



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# KERRY BLUE TERRIER FIRSTS IN THE UNITED STATES

## Buskin Of Kenmore, 1941

- First Kerry Blue to win the Terrier Group at Westminster:

Handled by Henry Sayers, Buskin was owned by James and Madeline Austin who were known for campaigning the most celebrated show dogs in the 1930's and 40's.

## CH Torum's Scarf Michael

First Kerry Blue to win the Best in Show at:

- Best in Show at Crufts in 2000
- Best in Show at the AKC National Championship show in 2002
- Best in Show at Westminster 2003

Handled by: Bill McFadden

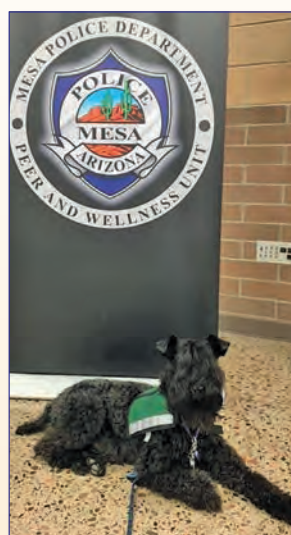
Owned by: Marilu Hansen

Bred by: Ron Ramsey



## TERRIER GROUP WINNERS AT WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

1941	Buskin of Kenmore	2001	CH Torum's Scarf Michael
1954	CH Miss Showoff of Cognewaugh	2002	CH Torum's Scarf Michael
1971	CH O'Connell of Kerry Oaks	2003	CH Torum's Scarf Michael
1991	CH Kerrageen's Hotspur	2012	GCH Perrisblu Kennislain's Chelsey



Therapy Dog Parker, Ch Symphonie's If I Had You CGCA TKN THD member of the HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response

Service Dog Harper aka GCH Kamagh Too Busy Bein Fabulous assisting during St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown San Francisco.



Dock Diving Gingji aka GCH CH Cross The Rubicon Imagination Running Wild BN RI OAJ NF DJ CGC



KBTCNC KerryBlues Nala, and Annie, CH Kallehan's Sweet Dreams Are Made Of This at a Herding Event in 2021 - Photos by Diane Lee

Rally ChampionLexi at the 2014 Rally NationalsCalix Worth the Wait BN RACD-CCH RL2 NW2





TOP PRODUCERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE BREED

Compiled from AKC records and USKBTC Handbooks

This impressive list of sires and dams that have met or exceeded these criteria is worthy of thoughtful and comprehensive study by the serious student of the breed because it reflects the influence of these dogs on the modern Kerry Blue Terrier. By the same token, many sires and dams, though not Champions themselves, can be just as important through their progeny.

Quality in Kerry Blue Terriers includes conformation, showmanship, color, coat texture and temperament, and in our great sires and · it goes further, for they must possess the ability to produce this “quality” in their progeny. “Quality” must be evident in several generations if it is consistently reproduced.

Sire	Titled Get	Dam	Titled Get
CH Melbee’s Chances Are	66	CH Melbee Camshron Turnabout	17
CH Torum’s Corky Capers	50	CH Melbee’s Nina No Regrets	16
CH Torum’s Scarf Michael	49	CH Blu Star’s Kerri Dancer	15
CH Calkerry’s Defiant	48	CH Music’s Long-Wanted	14
CH Fralin’s Master Macgraw	43	CH Gaymar’s Fancy Folly O’Falin	13
CH Deeds’ Show Off	41	CH Blackthorn’s Bit O’Tamarac	12
CH Tontine’s Joe Cool	38	CH Glenvista’s Gadabout Gabby	12
CH Carlholme Charles	34	CH Tontine’s Gillian	12
CH Tontine’s Quiet Riot	33	CH Tontine’s Snooty McGee	12
CH Poteen’s Summer Storm	31	CH Betancourt’s Meg	11
CH Paxon’s Dancer’s Image	30	CH Camshron’s Fame At Harelhaus	11
CH Kerrageen’s Hotspur	29	CH Fox Hill’s Rackety Kilta	11
Topper of Belcrest	29	CH Kerrypatch Dare of Dand	11
CH Tailteann’s Jimmie-Jo	29	CH Exemplar’s Blue Enchantress	11
CH Kerrageen’s Irish Royalty UD	27	CH Exemplar’s Ms Conduct	11
CH Kerryglen’s Quinn O’Grady	27	CH Kearnach Ma Cushla	11
Ch Melbee’s Trouble Brewing	27	CH Betancourt’s Molly O’ Higgins	10
CH Tailteann’s Widen II	27	CH Camshron’s Fame At Harelhaus	10
CH Tontine’s Something Else	26	CH Connemara O’Katyland	10
CH Heritage Prince Pippin	25	CH Hulla-Blue	10
CH Michael of Somerset	23	CH Keriwyr Blue Star O’Kip	10
		CH Kiskevin Lady Guinevere	10
		CH Morbleu Toni O’Tontine	10
		CH Tontine’s Social Climber	10
		CH Wedgewood’s Spoonful O’ Sugar	10



\*AKC DOG REGISTRATION STATISTICS 1926-2022

The annual AKC dog registration statistics broken down and ranked by breed. For the years 1885-1925, statistics are only calculated every 5 years and are limited to the 12-13 most popular breeds (with the exception of 1915 and 1920).

\*AKC Data was provided by the AKC Digital Library and was gathered in various ways by litter, rank within All breeds, and Registrations. Listed are the registrations which have been provided in each year. \*\*2022 is as of 6/30/2022.

Year	Registrations Published and Processed	Year	Registrations Published and Processed	Year	Registrations Published and Processed
1926	67	1958	1180	1990	534
1927	64	1959	1137	1991	584
1928	61	1960	929	1992	519
1929	74	1961	918	1993	514
1930	119	1962	907	1994	422
1931	133	1963	989	1995	386
1932	106	1964	1099	1996	380
1933	122	1965	1175	1997	424
1934	183	1966	1162	1998	380
1935	270	1967	1180	1999	300
1936	334	1968	1110	2000	435
1937	341	1969	1220	2001	395
1938	445	1970	1163	2002	464
1939	479	1971	1194	2003	475
1940	538	1972	1042	2004	488
1941	568	1973	914	2005	442
1942	596	1974	833	2006	361
1943	584	1975	747	2007	365
1944	499	1976	661	2008	274
1945	1057	1977	621	2009	298
1946	1369	1978	563	2010	314
1947	1469	1979	499	2011	290
1948	1265	1980	576	2012	251
1949	1306	1981	532	2013	251
1950	1407	1982	593	2014	294
1951	1184	1983	648	2015	305
1952	1158	1984	558	2016	244
1953	1227	1985	540	2017	300
1954	1226	1986	565	2018	201
1955	1229	1987	541	2019	206
1956	1216	1988	476	2020	273
1957	1166	1989	524	2021	261
				2022	143





REGIONAL KERRY BLUE TERRIER CLUBS  
IN ORDER OF ESTABLISHMENT

Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Chicago, Inc.	1932	<i>Clubs no longer active:</i>
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Hawaii	1941	Empire Kerry Blue Terrier Club 1956-2022
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of So. California	1946	Atlanta Kerry Blue Terrier Club
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Texas	1948	Kansas City Kerry Blue Terrier Club
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of No. California	1953	New England Kerry Blue Terrier Club
Empire Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc	1956	
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Greater Pittsburgh	1967	
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of St. Louis	1976	
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Northern Ohio	1978	
Philadelphia Kerry Blue Terrier Club	1983	
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Central Florida	1992	
Lower Michigan Kerry Blue Terrier Club	2013	




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### Life with a Kerry It's a Commitment!

The Kerry Blue Terrier puppy is born black and reaches his beautiful blue color as he matures. They live an average of 14 years. Throughout those years these active dogs excel in obedience, agility, conformation as well as a member of the family. Look for a reputable breeder when shopping for a Kerry Blue Terrier puppy!




United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club  
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### Life with a Kerry It's a Blast!

The Kerry Blue Terrier needs lots of love and exercise. He is best suited in a home with a fenced in yard. His soft curly coat needs regular brushing and grooming to keep it from matting. Kerries do not shed!




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### Life with a Kerry It's a Friendship!

The Kerry Blue Terrier makes a great companion. Loyal and protective of his family, a Kerry loves children but will not tolerate being abused. These dogs have a "bit o' the Irish" in them. They are intelligent, quick-witted and determined. A Kerry needs a structured and loving home.



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Finally, your outstanding year's contribution to our breed is given  
special recognition at the annual Montgomery dinner.





# Kerries on Parade

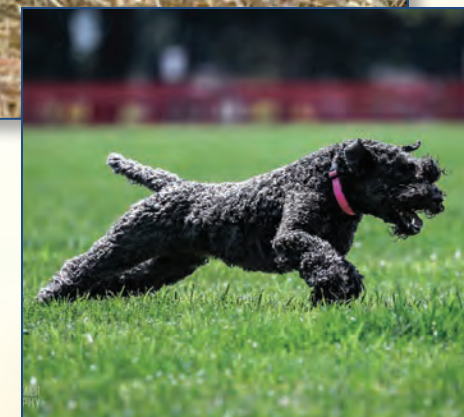
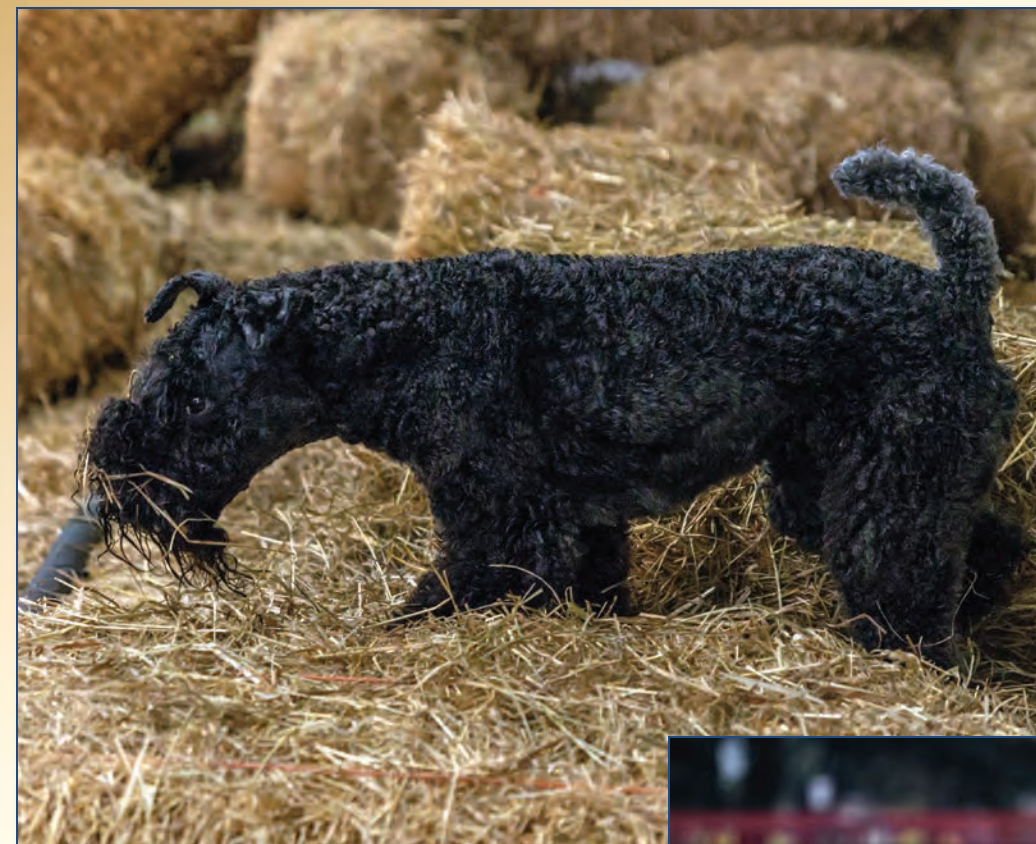
## Participants



1922-2022



MCBLU'S RED HOT VALENTINE  
HT CAX FCAT4 RATCHX5 CZ8P2 TKI FITG



At 6 years old, Alice has continued to shine in many performance events. She is a very passionate terrier and always gives 100% in everything that she does. She spends most of her time doing Barn Hunt. She earned her first Barn Hunt Championship in 2021 and is currently working towards her RATCHX6. In 2021 she was the fastest Kerry Blue Terrier in FastCat and currently holds the record as lifetime fastest Kerry with an average MPH of 27.41. She is also titled in herding, CAT, and trick dog.

Along with her amazing drive is a wonderful temperament. She is a great family dog and an even better companion. When she is not trialing she enjoys swimming, boating, hiking, chasing squirrels, and cuddling with her family.

Owner: Erica Briden





## CH CONNELL'S MID SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



AKC Championship in Performance and Conformation. AKC Championship on October 3rd 2021 earning 3 Majors in one weekend. 2018 won USKBTC Barn Hunt Traveling Trophy. Earn 7 High in Trials and Seven First Class Placements on his way to RATCH. Attained his Coursing Ability in 2019 and his BCAT in 2022 Pooka is a very athletic and versatile Kerry. Date of Birth: 4/10/2017.

Sire: CH Connell's Five of a Kind  
Sire of Sire: Hallsblu Royal Flush  
Dam of Sire: Connell's Sweet and Tart  
Dam: Fanfair's Irish Melody  
Sire of Dam: Krisma's Kick it up a Knotch  
Dam of Dam: Fanfair's Irish Kiss at Valtera

Breeder: Sarah Lagassa  
Owner: Jane Hufstader



## GCH CH CROSS THE RUBICON OMEN



The son of 2019 & 2020 No.1 KBT, GCHG. CH. Korvin Ray, "Meno", became an AKC Champion at 12 months of age in 3 Specialty weekends (RC/ National Orlando FL, USKBTC Supported Timonium MD & 2022 KerryFest) , a Grand Champion in 2 additional weeks and finished the successful year of 2022 by 3 back-to-back Award of Merit at the Hatboro KC at 17 months of age, all owner/breeder handled.



Masculine & undeniably "all-Terrier" in the ring, Meno is 19.5 inch at the shoulders & 40 lbs., clear by parentage for the vWD/DM/CMSD/FXI, with OFA hips Good, OFA Elbows Normal, OFA Cardiac normal, OFA full dentition and a scissor bite. Loving and easy going, he is a wonderful companion & a favored puppy-sitter at home. Date of Birth: 04/30/2021.

Breeder-Owner-Handler: Natalia Kunze DVM DACT  
Cross the Rubicon Kerry Blue Terriers, Warrenton, VA  
Contact Info: [crosstherubicon2004@hotmail.com](mailto:crosstherubicon2004@hotmail.com)





## BLACK SAILS' MIGHTY QUINN KNIGHT AT CONCORDS CGC



Black Sails' Mighty Quinn Knight at Concord's - call name Quinn - has been an active pup in the show ring. He started his conformation showing in January 2022. Quinn earned a Puppy Best of Breed ribbon and continued to earn up to 14 AKC points prior to 18 months. Quinn is currently active in agility, nose work, and "happy ratters" as he matures into his color. Quinn is a smart, active Kerry Blue Terrier just like his sire and dam. We are looking forward to his conformation career. Quinn's breeder is Kathryn Dixon and she is showing him at KerryFest. Concord Kerries is looking forward to Quinn's future conformation and performance shows. Date of Birth: 05/29/2021.

Sire: CGH CH Goodspice Brody Knight, OA OAJ CGC

Sire of Sire: CH Kerigolf's Christmas Knight

Dam of Sire: Goodspice Blueberry Scout

Dam: CH High Five's Queen Anne's Revenge CGCA CGCU

Sire of Dam: CH Wildside's The Tenth Fine Irishman

Dam of Dam: High Five Lit Skit

Breeder: Kathryn Dixon. Phone: 215-584-6590. Email: kdixon1215@yahoo.com  
For Stud: Chris Brill-Packard Phone: 449-552-3851. Email: cbpus01@yahoo.com



## UKC CH DAZI MAY, CGC, RATS



Dazi was my first Kerry Blue Terrier performance dog. Dazi was shown as a young dog in just 4 UKC shows and was a top ten Kerry in UKC in 2019. Dazi also finished her Barn Hunt Senior title qualifying in all 4 of her runs and finishing first and second in 2 out of the 4 runs and completed the title in just 1 weekend. After a long break we are now competing for a Rally novice title with 2 qualifying runs so far. We are also back in barn hunt and looking to finish her Masters title and Barn hunt Champion title. She is the most versatile Kerry I have owned and my heart dog. Date of Birth: 09/27/2017.

Sire: Dinnyesvarosi Satisfaction at Krisma

Dam: Sheep Creek Apreca of Krisma

Owner: Sarah Calderon





## LOW COUNTRY'S PRINCESS ORLA OF TIR NAN OG



Orla has been shown in limited shows at UKC and has placed in group 3 out of the 4 shows she was in. She was also BOS at an AKC show in Grayslake in June 2022. After a long break and barn hunt classes she is currently seeking her novice barn hunt title and beyond. Next year she will begin training for nose work and hopefully finish her UKC championship. Date of Birth: 07/09/2020.

Sire: Dinnyesvarosi We Are The Champions

Dam: Low Country's Enchantress

Owner: Sarah Calderon



## CH BLUEAIRE'S FLAMING LOCKS OF LOW COUNTRY BN



JoJo is titled on both ends and working to do more. She has impressive KBTs in her background from the great Aran Ferbane on both sides and many famous Torum line dogs as well. She is the heart and future of BlueAire, and we are excited for what she brings to our breed. Date of Birth: 01/01/2020.



Sire: GCH BlueAire's The Man  
Sire of Sire: GCH Hotlick's Stardust Deacon Blues  
Dam of Sire: GCH Hotlick's Silhouette's Stardust  
Dam: PennTerra's Grace Of BlueAire  
Sire of Dam: Belle-Peyton's Danish Blue  
Dam of Dam: Pennterra's Astana Mikayla

Owner: Texas Eddie Dulaney  
blueairekennel@aol.com





## KRISMA'S RADIANT RIVERDANCE OF KHILANDON



River is the daughter of Travis (Kerifieldkerionforever) and Piper (Krisma). She was born during COVID lockdown. She has blended in well living with her mom and Gibbs (Hotlick's Irish Destiny), an older Kerry male. In a limited showing in Bred By, she has multiple Owner Handler Terrier group placements. She was awarded Best Bred-By Exhibitor at Montgomery 2022. . River has a loving temperament, soft thick coat, sound structure and movement, and loves to chase squirrels in her back yard. Following in the Krisma tradition, River has a promising show future ahead of her. Date of Birth: 7/16/2020.

Sire: GCH CH Kerifieldkerionforever Time Traveler

Sire of Sire: GCHBeltane-Krisma's Occam Razor

Dam of Sire: Kerifield Gigi

Dam: CH Krisma's Devine Design

Sire of Dam: INT CH Can CH / Am GCH Kerion The Noble Spirit

Dam of Dam: CH Krisma's Vega Les Vedette

Owners: Don & Hilda Allen

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## MBISS CAN CH/AM GCH KRISMA'S QUEST FOR SATISFACTION



Quest is one of those special Kerry's that everyone falls in love with. He is incredibly handsome and exuberant in all he does! There are many things that catch your eye when he enters the ring including structure, free and easy movement plus striking coat and color. Quest finished his CH at Kerryfest in 2022 and his GCH soon after. In only a few shows Quest is already a Multiple Terrier Group 1 winner and Multiple Best In Show Specialty winner in both the USA and Canada. Those wins include the recent St Louis KBTC Specialties, Canadian KBTC National's and All Terrier Club of Alberta. I am very proud to add he has the type of temperament that our 12 year old granddaughter has shown to earn a Best Juniors Award and Terrier Group placement in a highly competitive group ring. His Great Grand dam GCHS Krisma's Lotsa Lottie Da For Liviah Gold ROM is the top producer of Champion offspring with 20 to her credit. At Krisma we strive to produce correctly bred to the standard Kerry Blues with the ability to do their job, that are healthy, happy, loving companions with beauty and elegance. Date of Birth: 02/25/2020.

Sire: CH Dinnyesvarosi Satisfaction At Krisma

Sire of Sire: Dinnyesvarosi Jumbo Jet

Dam of Sire: Dinnyesvarosi Nirvana

Dam: CH Krisma's Dream On Desi Ve

Sire of Dam: GCH Kerion The Noble Spirit

Dam of Dam- CH Krisma's Vega Les Vedette

Owners: Lois & Ted Grier • Email: lgrier1@windstream.net • Website: <http://www.krismakerries.com>





## GOODFELLA'S VENDETTA AT KERRYMIST



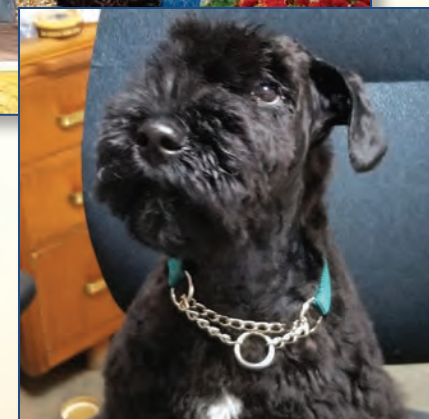
It's Etta's world and we are just living in it! That's what I think she tells everyone who walks in our door, along with her favorite "baby" in her mouth. Etta is always ready for an adventure! She enjoys days spent at the barn with her big brother Mozart, playing non-stop fetch outside no matter the weather and being a lookout for her little Lhasa brother Olaf's mischievous behavior! Barn hunt and agility have been a blast! Etta occasionally gets talked into a grooming competition with her mom and groomer friends. She's sweet, silly and cuddly but always ready to be a terrier! Date of Birth: 04/02/2019.

Sire: Krisma's First Class Of KerryMist  
Dam: CH Cheron Goodfella's Apollonia Corleone Kaboom FDC

Owner: Kristen Glandorf



## CH SHEEP CREEK NELSON AS IN WILLIE



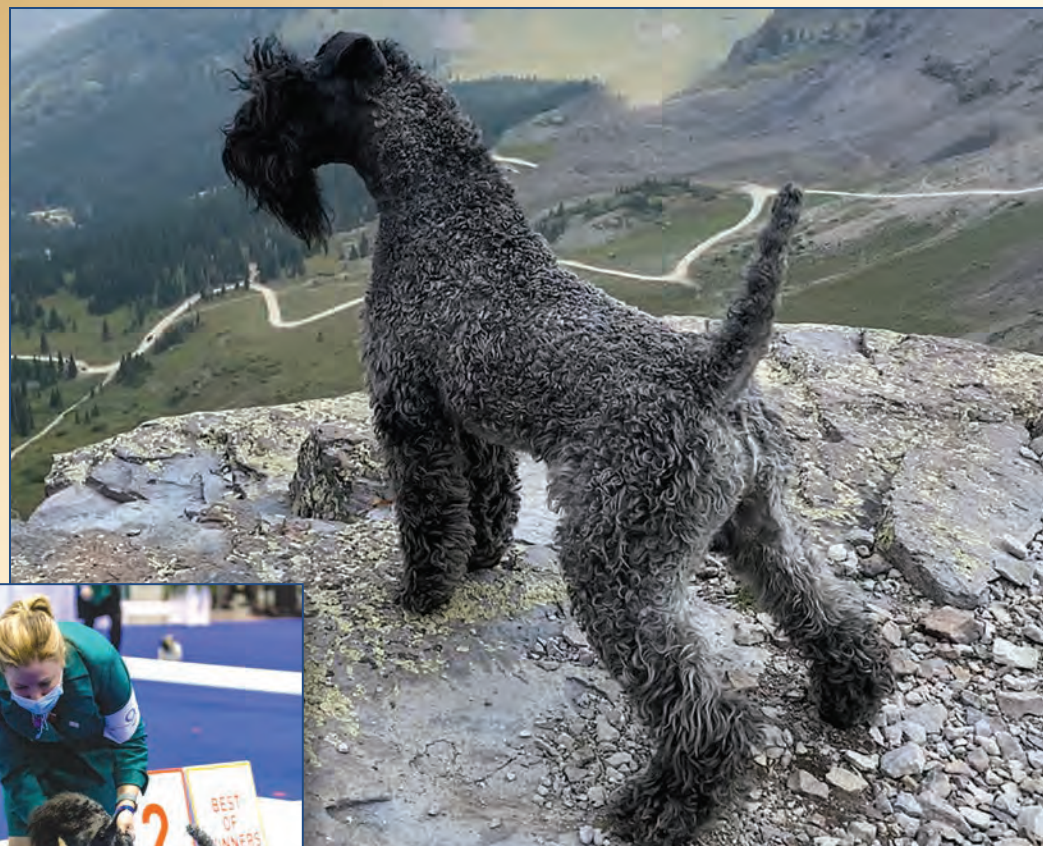
Willie entered our lives to be a cherished pet. He drew the attention of some of the renowned people in the Kerry Blue Terrier dog show world and was magically transformed into a stunning presence in the show ring. He has grown into a loving boy with a charming nature that has inspired his family to learn about and embrace the dog show world. Willie was awarded his championship with a 5 point major at Montgomery 2022. He has been Embark tested as well as OFA hips and eyes. We look forward to Willies bright future. Date of Birth: 01/23/21.

Sire: GCHB CH Kebulak Wear My Kiss  
Sire of Sire: GCHB CH Lady Killer  
Dam of Sire: Kebulak Kissalicious  
Dam: Sheep Creek Detootles of Krisma CGC  
Sire of Dam: CH Dinnyesvarosi Satisfaction at Krisma  
Dam of Dam: CH Sheep Creek Apreca of Krisma  
Owners: Robert and Sherri Stanley & Jinece Rees  
Email: bsstanley@hotmail.com





## GCH CH SHEEP CREEK DEFYNNNDER OF THE GALAXY OF KRISMA RATO CA BCAT TKI SWA



When I first saw the Kerry Blue Terrier in a library book as a child I knew this was going to be the breed for me. The day I picked Fynn up I had no idea what other dreams he was going to cook up for me and deliver. Fynn and I entered our first show in beginner puppy and went Best of Opposite which ignited my love of dog sports. Fynn and I have competed in conformation, fast CAT, CAT, trick dog, barn hunt and scent work together and have had such fun and collected many ribbons and awards, including Best of Breed at the NOHS 2020

Finals, Award of Merit at the 2020 National Specialty and winning the barn hunt trophy at Kerryfest in 2019. He has been the perfect "novice" dog for me. I can't wait to see where he takes me next.

Besides all the things we have accomplished in dog sports Fynn has been the best companion. His always happy attitude and his love of just being with his people has made him a great traveling companion. We've been all over the US together, watching Old Faithful in Yellowstone, climbing mountains in Colorado, riding ski lifts in Tennessee, taking a boat tour in Maryland, we have fun wherever we go. I'm glad I get to share it all with such a great dog. Date of Birth: 09/27/2017.

Sire: CH Dinnyesvarosi Satisfaction at Krisma

Dam: CH Sheep Creek Apreca of Krisma

Owner: Lindsay & Robert Kirk • Email: [GreenLanternKBT@gmail.com](mailto:GreenLanternKBT@gmail.com)

Website: [www.greenlanternkbt.com](http://www.greenlanternkbt.com)



## CROSS THE RUBICON ON THE ROCKS BCAT, FDC, CA, RATN



Jagger is a fun loving boy who is up for any adventure. Jagger is just starting his performance career with some big goals for the future. Whether on the lake, on the farm, or in the mountains, Jagger is ready to give everything a try. Can't wait to see what this boy can achieve! #moveslikejagger, #jaggercam. Date of Birth: 04/30/2021.



Sire: GCHG Cross the Rubicon Korvin Ray

Sire of Sire: CH Gellent Hof Lord Of The Rings at Rubicon

Dam of Sire: CH Aristocrat's Firebird of Cross the Rubicon

Dam: GCH Cross the Rubicon Nightingale

Sire of Dam: GCHG Cross the Rubicon Korvin Ray

Dam of Dam: GCH Cross the Rubicon Hexbreaker

Owners: Randy & Tracy Purcell





## CH HOTLICK'S STARDUST'S SOULSHINE



Daizie Jayne has been the most wonderful Bright spot in a very trying three years here at Hotlick's. Her Gramma Dot raised her to be just like her. While Daizie's momma Jo is super laid back, Daizie Jayne took after her Darling, Effervescent gramma Dottie. Finishing with Three Five point Specialty Majors... including faux Kerryfest in North Carolina. . .we were looking so forward to Specialing this little Gem! But the breeding gods had other ideas and Daizie Jayne pyo'd the week before her first weekend out as a special. Heart-crushed, as she was our last homebred, Jaynie and I had a career change. Again she just Sparkled! Three months after starting Nosework and Rally, Her first weekend out, she finished her AKC Rally novice, Two legs on her Fcat and both Cgc and Cgc 2! Shortly afterwards, she got two legs on her Novice Scentwork. She LOVES Everything I throw at her! We have Lots more to come! And she certainly helped fill the giant void in my heart after Dottie left us March15, 2019. She is the Ultimate culmination of our Small, Quality Breeding program. OFA Excellent, can be with anyone, anywhere, anytime. She has licked my tears and laughed in my face! She is my heart. Date of Birth: 09/09/2017.

Sire: Ch Lemerick's Law and Order

Dam: GrCh Hotlick's Stardust's Summer Breeze

Sire of Dam: Cross the Rubicon Firedancer

Dam of Dam: GrCh Hotlick's Silhouette's Stardust

Owners: Kevin & Monica Adair • Email: kevandnikadair@aol.com



## LIGHTHOUSE GIRL ON FIRE @O'MARA,



This young girl has a lifetime ahead to write her story. Major pointed at 8 months, she is currently dabbling in agility with plans to explore other performance venues. Life is an adventure for this young girl. Her journeys have taken her from California to Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Oregon and Washington state, with more traveling and more places to visit as her life unfolds. So many places to go, so many people to meet. Date of Birth: 02/21/22.

Sire: GCH CH Blueaire's the Man

Dam: GCH CH Lighthouse Without Question Itz You

Breeders/Owners: Stephanie Clark and Diane Lee



## A BIT ABOUT KERRY BLUE TERRIERS

*The exact origins of the Kerry Blue Terrier are lost in the mists of time, but any Kerry owner can tell you there were both fairies and blarney involved in the process. One hundred years ago the AKC recognized the Kerry Blue Terrier in 1922 and what a ride it has been! Since that time the evolution of the Kerry is well documented in photographs from the first dogs to the modern Kerry we have today, but they have retained much of their natural traits which makes them the exciting breed that they are.*

A Kerry can be mischievous, adventurous and intelligent dogs that are able to do all types of activities, or have down time next to their owner. You may see them in the conformation ring, agility, obedience and all other performance areas. They were bred as an all-around farm dog and they still herd sheep, and some work on farms with different types of animals. When socialized from an early age they can get along with other dogs as well as other animals. They also have a mind of their own so they need a firm but gentle hand to guide them in the right direction.

A Kerry is an elegant dog with substance; he should be upstanding and well knit with proper balance in a muscular body. He is a

dog that flows when he gaits, not a restricted or high stepping gait, and he should be balanced in both the front and rear. The coat is soft, dense and wavy, and the beautiful blue color is a hallmark of the breed. He has a look that announces that he is a very proud and noble breed. And just then he remembers how much fun life is and turns into a clown, which will keep you smiling and quick in your step.

When born, Kerries are little black bundles of joy, but as they mature into adulthood they change to a shade of blue/gray anywhere from a deep slate blue to a lighter silver blue, part of the adventure of owning a Kerry is to see as they age what color they will finally become.

Kerries are comfortable on a farm, in the suburbs or in a high rise in Chicago. They are very adaptable and will do anything for their owners. They are a breed that needs a stable environment and an owner that is willing to put some time into this wonderful breed. They need a job to keep them happy, whether it's working in performance or watching over the children as they play.

When you live with a Kerry Blue Terrier they will make you laugh every day; they are amazing wondrous creatures that get into your soul and hold you captive. At times they might challenge your decisions, but they are also a loyal dog that will be your best friend throughout their life. People that live with a Kerry understand that there may well be a bit of a leprechaun in them!

*The dedicated preservation breeders work hard to ensure that this beautiful breed continues forward with purposely bred dogs. Ongoing health testing ensures that the Kerries are well bred, healthy and fun to live with.*

Please go to our parent club's website [USKBTC.com](http://USKBTC.com) for more information about the Kerry Blue Terrier or contact one of the local chapter clubs in your area.

Reita Nicholson



# Kerries on Parade

## Non-Participants



# 1922-2022





## GCHG CH CROSS THE RUBICON KORVIN RAY CGC



2019 and 2020 #1 KBT in the Breed, Korvin, exemplifies everything I could hope to carry in my breeding program.

Handsomely balanced in outline and movement, with clean head, great tail and proper size, Korvin projects the masculinity, power and sound elegance I would expect to find in a male Kerry Blue.

Always owner handled, he won 2019 Westminster BOB, multiple Specialty BIS, including the 2020 Traveling & 2020 National, reserve all-breed BIS and the 2019&2020 Challenge of Champions.

Clear of all 4 genetic diseases, with OFA good hips and elbow, Korvin is an easy keeper and is currently engaged in the grooming competitions. Date of Birth: 05/11/2017.

Breeder-Owner-Handler: Natalia Kunze DVM DACT  
Cross the Rubicon Kerry Blue Terriers, Warrenton, VA  
Contact Info: crosstherubicon2004@hotmail.com



## GCH CH CROSS THE RUBICON NIGHTINGALE



2021 AKC National Championship Best of Breed, Birdie grew up to be a mirror image of her dam Vega, the 2016 #1 Bitch in Breed & All-Breed. Feminine, of a proper size & weight, with a picture perfect Kerry outline and striking silver color, she is also a trouble-free, loving companion, enjoying quiet time and cuddles. With no pressure on her career, Birdie finished easily and in her two litters produced exciting pups, we are looking to show in 2022, including CH. Omen & OK U Stay and the Qs.

Date of Birth: 07/02/2019.

Breeder-Owner-Handler: Natalia Kunze DVM DACT  
Cross the Rubicon Kerry Blue Terriers, Warrenton, VA  
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## BISS GCH CH ARISTOCRAT'S FIRELORD OF CROSS THE RUBICON CGC, HCT, RATI



Kril started his career by winning the 2012 USKBTC National Specialty Sweepstakes and become the 2015 USA No.1 Kerry Male in Breed, the No.1 Owner Handled Kerry and ranked as the No. 50 in TOP100 Owner Handler Series for 2015.

He won the USKBTC Traveling Specialty in 2015, was awarded USKBTC Specialty BOS at Hatboro, 2015 Montgomery & Westminster Select Dog and 2014 Hatboro Select Dog under Mr. Gerard Morris from England.

Diane and I were truly fortunate with this litter. Kril's sister Chandra, finished her Ch. going back to back BOW at 2013 Hatboro, Stone went BOB at 2014 Eukanuba and Montgomery, BOS at 2015 Westminster; Moran is Canadian Ch. and Coal is 1 point away from his Championship.

Truly all-round working dog, Kril did great in any activity- sheep herding, barn hunt or urban mushing. Now retired, he has his own electric car to chase and protects the backyard from any vermin! Date of Birth: 12/18/2011

Sire: BIS, BISS USA & CAN CH ARAN Ferbane  
Dam: CH Aristocrat Cold Cold Chill

Breeder: Natalia Samaj Kunze DVM, DACT



## BISS GCH CH CROSS THE RUBICON HUMMINGBIRD FD



Vixen was special before she was even born. Together with Vega, she is one of the last daughters of pure Aran kennel lineage, from the first and last litter of 8 year old Shannon and a fresh semen of Aran Ferbane, that time 14 years old.

She finished her Ch. at the 2016 Montgomery, going BOS from the BBE class and become the No.1 Kerry in 2018, winning the Breed at the AKC/RC National Championship in Orlando, Westminster, the Challenge of Champions and many Specialties.

Friendly, smart and easy going, she passed the Farm Dog test with ease and currently lives in a wonderful retirement home.

Sire: BIS, BISS USA & CAN CH ARAN Ferbane CGC, HIT

Dam: ITALIAN, SWISS, SLOVENIAN, AUSTRIAN, INTERNAT.,USA & GRAND  
CHAMPION, WORLD VETERAN WINNER 2015 Aran Innishannon HIT

Owner/Breeder: Natalia Samaj Kunze DVM, DACT





## BIS, BISS GHS CH CROSS THE RUBICON HEXBREAKER



Vega finished her Championship in May 2016 going BOB from BBE class at the Specialty and in the same year became the 2016 No.1 Bitch in the Breed and All Breed. She was a litter sister of 2018 No 1. Kerry in USA, Vixen.

At the 7 shows entered as a Special, she placed 7 x in the Terrier Group, including four Group 1s and a Best In Show, all owner handled. Vega was 2016 BOS at the AKC/RC National Championship in Orlando and 2016 Montgomery select Bitch to her sister, Vixen.

Cool, calm and collected, she was an easy dog to live with. Passing too early from tick-induced kidney failure, her legacy continues in her daughter Birdie.  
Date of Birth: 01/06/2014.

Sire: BIS, BISS USA & CAN CH ARAN Ferbane

Dam: ITALIAN, SWISS, SLOVENIAN, AUSTRIAN, INTERNAT.,USA & GRAND CHAMPION, WORLD VETERAN WINNER 2015 Aran Innishannon HCT, RATI

Breeder-Owner-Handler: Natalia Kunze DVM DACT  
Cross the Rubicon Kerry Blue Terriers, Warrenton, VA  
Contact Info: crosstherubicon2004@hotmail.com



## GCH CH ROJAC'S HEAVEN SENT, CGC



GCH CH Rojac's Heaven Sent, also known as Izabela, is owned and loved by John and Connie Robbins. Izabela was our first Kerry Blue Terrier puppy, and introduced us to the Dog Show world! She and Connie have gone to over 200 different events with the Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Northern CA, including 4 St. Patrick's Day Parades in San Francisco, multiple grooming seminars, Specialties and has been a constant participant in the Golden Gate Kennel Club Bench Show; where she has provided many a visitor a stellar Kerry Blue personality at our bench! Izabela was owner handled all the way through to her Grand Championship by Connie. She has traveled all over the country with us to not only dog shows, but many national sites! Date of Birth: 6/18/2010



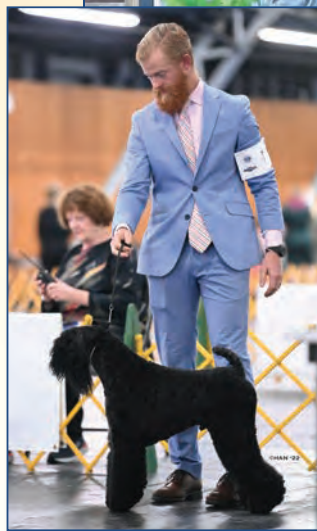
Sire: Rojac After the Dust Clears  
Sire of Sire: Handsome Guy Mooney V. Daelenbroek  
Dam of Sire: Tologano De La Cadiera  
Dam: Athdar Sapphire Beaujolais  
Sire of Dam: Bluefire Torin Sithichean  
Dam of Dam: Rojac's Baby I'm a Star

Owner: Connie Robbins





## CH SLIABH LUCHRA TONATIUH



CH Sliah Luachra Tonatiah, also known as Tona, completed his championship at the KBTCNC Specialty in 2022 at the Harvest Moon Classic in Santa Rosa, CA. Tona's name is very unique and comes from the Mesoamerican culture, Tonatiah (Nahuatl: Tōnatiah [to:'natiɐ]) "Movement of the Sun") was an Aztec sun deity of the daytime sky and ruled the cardinal direction of east.[1] According to Aztec Mythology, Tonatiah was known as "The Fifth Sun" and was given a calendar name of naui olin, which means "4 Movement", and Tona definitely moves through the ring like a dream! Tona has been shown by Stuart McGraw and Justine Spiers. Date of Birth: 01/18/2020.

Sire: GCHS CH Los Carneros Finding Nemo

Sire of Sire: CH Los Carneros Big Slick

Dam of Sire: CH Los Carneros Chanel No. 5

Dam: GCH CH Kallehan's Maria La Bandida

Sire of Dam: CH Kallehan's Truth Or Dare

Dam of Dam: GCHS CH Kallehan's Timeless Classic Styling For Blue Mtn

Owner: Connie Robbins



## GCH CH LOS CARNEROS MADEMOISELLE RN, RATO, CAA, DCAT



Maile - She had a long show career being both owner handled and professionally handled. She has a very feminine head and body but is proper size for a bitch standing at 18". Even at 13 she still has beautiful movement and structure. Maile still enjoys doing Barn Hunt, FCATS, and Lure Coursing. She is the DAM of Astro and Rosie who have followed her in the ring and other venues of canine sports. She received Awards of Merit at Orlando in 2014 and 2015. She was Best Puppy Bitch in Futurity in 2010 following in her mother's footsteps. She is clear of vWD, CMSD, DM and Factor XI. Her future includes continuing in FCATS and enjoying her humans as long as she can. Date of Birth: 11/03/2009.

Breeder: John Saemann, Scott Schuette

Owners Cheryl and David Stanczyk

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## GCHS CH ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLYING HIGH DRAGON LADY RN, FDC, SWN, SCA, SIA, RATN, TKN, CGC, CGCA



Rosie - She hits the ring always happy. This sweet girl has been expertly handled by Max Krainer and his wife Livia. She exhibits a beautiful very feminine head and structure for the breed. In the ring she has effortless movement, structure is correct, she is of proper size and her color and coat are beautiful. Rosie finished 2022 with wins as select bitch at Westminster, Award of Merit at Montgomery and an Award of Excellence at AKC National Championship in

Orlando. She stayed ranked in the top 20 breed and all breed. She guided her brother Astro to a group two Brace in 2019. Her future includes motherhood eventually and then continued success in scent work. Rosie is clear of all genetic diseases vWD, DM, CMSD, and Factor XI. Hips are very good, Elbows are Normal.

Breeder/ Owner/ Handler Cheryl Stanczyk  
Breeders: Cheryl and David Stanczyk  
Email: [cps@stanczyk.com](mailto:cps@stanczyk.com) • Phone: 719-201-6142



## GCHB CH ROCKY MOUNTAIN CROSS INTO THE BLUE RN, CA, RATN, TKN, FCAT, FDC, CGC, NA, NAJ, ACT 1, ACT1J



Astro has been everything an owner could ask for from his accomplishments in the ring starting at 5 months of age at an IABCA show as Best Puppy in Show. He was UKC #6 at Premier in 2018, and has numerous BIS titles from IABCA and UKC, and numerous AKC OHBIS and OHRBIS and multi groups placings. Astro has consistently been in the top 10 Owner Handled statistics from his first year of showing to now and is listed as the #1 Lifetime Platinum Owner Handler. He garnered the title of NOHS Finals Best of Breed 2022. He exudes power in the ring whether confirmation or agility with great movement and fluidity. He has beautiful coat, color and texture and proper size. His structure is correct and has a strong beautiful head. He has sired several litters that are up and coming on the show scene. He is clear of vWD, DM, CMSD, and Factor XI. Hips are good and elbows are normal. Inquiries for stud service may be made to [cps@stanczyk.com](mailto:cps@stanczyk.com).

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## GCH CH CONNELL'S CORKY LORCAN



Corky is my first of hopefully many AKC Champions that I owned and handled with the help and guidance of Sarah Lagassa, his breeder. Corky finished his Grand Championship this year and will continue to be shown at specialties this year. We hope to start training in nose work next year. Corky is clear of DM, vWD, Factor XI and CMSD, OFA hips good.

Sire CH Camshrons Connor Conn  
Dam - CH Fanfairs Irish Melody

Owner: Sarah Calderon  
Co-owners: Sarah Lagassa and Jack Meyer



## GCH CH ERINWOOD'S IRISH LASS OF BLUJAC



Ellie, who is co-bred and co-owned by Janie MacBryde and Carl & Jaimie Ashby and shown by Carl Ashby, made her debut in the show ring in October of 2020, and went on to finish her championship at the USKBTC National Specialty show in October 2021. She was shown on a very limited basis and exclusively in the Bred-by classes, finishing entirely with specialty majors. After winning Best of Opposite Sex at the USKBTC Challenge of Champions, she went on to her Grand Championship with all majors in just six shows. Beautifully balanced and feminine, Ellie has a coat with lovely marcel waves, a clean head with great expression and dark eyes, an excellent tail set and full freedom of movement ~ the best of Blujac, Erinwood and Cross the Rubicon breeding. At home she is quite the huntress chasing squirrels, tracking chipmunks and rabbits and generally patrolling the yard, but she also loves people and her toys and is a pleasure to live with. We plan to breed her in the fall of 2023 and are eager to see what the future may bring!  
Date of Birth: 12/14/2019.



Sire: GCHG CH Cross the Rubicon Korvin Ray CGC  
Dam: CH Blujac's Tullamore Dew at Erinwood

Breeders/Owners: Janie MacBryde and Carl & Jaimie Ashby  
Email: erinwood@yadtel.net • Phone: 336-998-5031





## BISS GCHB CH LIGHTHOUSE I PUT A SPELL ON YOU



BISS Multiple Group Winning and Placing GCHB Lighthouse I Put A Spell On You ~ Lennox.  
America's #1 Kerry Blue Terrier Bitch 2022 • America's #4 Kerry Blue Terrier 2022.  
Best In Specialty Show at the USKBTC Concurrent held at KerryFest 2022.  
Only Kerry Blue Terrier bitch to rank in the top 100 terriers for 2022.  
All with very limited showing during 2022. Date of Birth: 11/20/2019.

Sire: AKC RBIS GCHB/UKC RBIS/Int BIS CH Lighthouse If Not For You  
CAX DN TKN CGCA ThDN BCAT IT HCT

Sire of Sire: AKC CH/ UKC RBIS CH Symphonie's If I Had You ThDX TKN CGCA CGCU  
Dam of Sire: CH Lighthouse Point Determined @ KJ's

Dam: AKC GCH/BIS RBIS Int CH Lighthouse Caught Up In You CAA ThDX IT HCT CGC FDC DCAT  
Sire of Dam: CH Paxon's Lord Of The Dance. Dam of Dam: GCH Lighthouse Because Of You CA  
Dam of Dam: GCH CH Lighthouse Because Of You CA

Bred and co-owned by Stephanie Clark, Ashley and Gustavo Jimenez.

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Website: <http://www.lighthousekerryblues.com>



## GCH CH LIGHTHOUSE I'LL BE ALRIGHT WITHOUT YOU, BCAT



Just a young lad, Journey has started out 2023 with a bang! As of May 2023, he is the #2 male Kerry Blue Terrier in all breed and breed points! Full brother to 2022 #1 Kerry Blue Terrier bitch, BISS Multiple Group Winning and Placing GCHB Lighthouse I Put A Spell On You ~ Lennox, the future looks very bright for our up and coming super star!

Journey has 3 very promising daughters on the ground and we cannot wait to watch them grow up and enter the show ring! Date of Birth: 7/21/2020.

Sire: AKC RBIS GCHB/UKC RBIS/Int BIS CH Lighthouse If Not For You  
CAX DN TKN CGCA ThDN BCAT IT HCT

Sire of Sire: KC CH/ UKC RBIS CH Symphonie's If I Had You ThDX TKN CGCA CGCU  
Dam of Sire: CH Lighthouse Point Determined @ KJ's

Dam: AKC GCH/BIS RBIS Int CH Lighthouse Caught Up In You  
CAA ThDX IT HCT CGC FDC DCAT

Sire of Dam: CH Paxon's Lord Of The Dance  
Dam of Dam: GCH Lighthouse Because Of You CA

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Website: <http://www.lighthousekerryblues.com>





## GCHS CH KILGAWNY TOTAL ANARCHY TG



Jax was born in Canada on April 11, 2017. He was brought into the US by John and Kathy Garahan and shown exclusively by John Garahan until he reached 18 months. He is a multi-Group and BISS winner. Prior to turning 18 months, Jax, was discovered by Carol Brown and won the 2018 US Kerry Blue Terrier National Sweepstakes. Once he became a finished champion, Jax was shown by Dana Bryson Benn to his Silver Grand Championship. His movement is graceful and his topline is impeccable. His coat is lush and wavy. The highlight

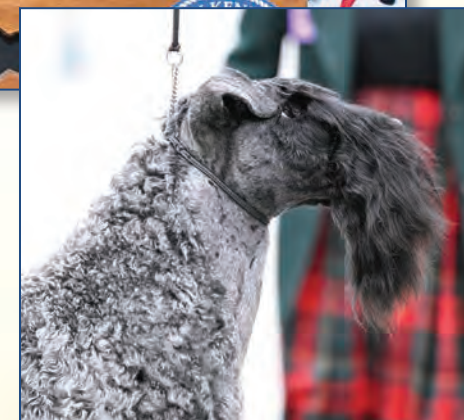
of his conformation career was winning the breed at Royal Canin under Terrier judge, Clay Coady. In 2021, Jax sired Eli, Kilgawny Watershed Moment, winner of the 2022 USKBTC Futurity. He has also sired a number of other offspring who are making their debut in 2023. Date of Birth: 04/11/2017.

Sire: Torum's Calico Jack At Irisblu  
Sire of Sire: Edbrios Blue Ivanhoe  
Dam of Sire: Torum's Dornick's Luella  
Dam: GCH CH Irisblu Boston Rose at Torum  
Sire of Dam: Irisblu Boomerang  
Dam of Dam: Irisblu Hot N Bothered

Owners: John & Kathy Garahan



## BIS BISS GCH CH KILGAWNY TAKE MY MAN



BIS BISS GCH Kilgawny Take My Man, Jolene, was born May 5, 2019. Jolene's name comes from a take-off of the Dolly Parton song, Don't Take My Man. Jolene finished her championship very quickly at 8 months. She was put away to color up, mature and have a litter. She was recently brought out during Montgomery weekend 2022, where she was found by leading Terrier expert, Kerry Lee at the National Concurrent Specialty. Her coat, color, size and movement are an embodiment of the standard. However, when Kerry Lee asked her to spar, that is what she will be remembered for. She was rock solid and stood her ground. She was all Kerry. In 2023, Jolene has begun to be campaigned and is a Best In Show winner under Pat Trotter, Reserve BIS winner as well as a multi group winning bitch. For 2023, Jolene is the number #1 Kerry bitch and #2 Kerry. She is also currently in the top 10 of all terriers. Date of Birth: 05/05/2019.

Sire: CH Casahelmara Mule Of Intrye  
Sire of Sire: Kebulak Naked Truth At Cashelmara  
Dam of Sire: Irisblu Hot Topic At Cashelmara  
Dam: Ch Irisblu After Shock at Kilgawny  
Sire of Dam: Irisblu Jack of Diamonds  
Dam of Dam: GCH CH Saredon Shock Waves of Irisblu

Owners: John & Kathy Garahan





## CH BLULAKE'S DID MY HEART LOVE TILL NOW, CGC



Romeo finished his Championship entirely from the Bred-By Exhibitor classes with 5-point majors at the KBTCNO Supported Entry 2021 - Best of Winners (Judge Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine) and at the MCKC & USKBTC National Specialty 2021 - Winners Dog (Judge Mrs. Anne Katona).

Romeo continued his success earning an Award of Merit & Best of Breed Owner-Handled at the MCKC & USKBTC National Specialty 2022 (Judge Mrs. Lydia Coleman Hutchinson).

Throughout his young career, he has been a Multiple Best in Show Owner-Handled winner ending 2022 as the #2 Kerry Blue Terrier along with multiple Terrier Group Placements. Date of Birth: 01/13/2020.

All health test results are available via OFA: ELBOW NORMAL (KT-EL263M24-C-VPI), HIPS GOOD (KT-1723G24M-C-VPI), PATELLA NORMAL (KT-PA63/24M/P-VPI), CARDIAC NORMAL (KT-BCA2/24M/S-VPI), EYES NORMAL (KT-EYE82/24M-VPI), CHIC# 166668, FACTOR XI CLEAR.

Sire: GCHG CH Cross the Rubicon Korvin Ray CGC

Sire of Sire: CH Gellent Hof Lord Of The Rings At Rubicon

Dam of Sire: CH Aristocrat's Firebrand Of Cross The Rubicon

Dam: GCH CH Paxon's Lady Sapphire Lakeland Jewel OA, NAJ, RATN, CGC, ATT

Sire of Dam: CH Paxon's Secret Agent

Dam of Dam: CH Paxon's Teagan

Breeder-Owner-Handlers: Philip J Lemieux and Jose "Che" Benavidez  
BluLake Kerry Blue Terriers • Warwick, Rhode Island



## GCH CH PAXON'S LADY SAPPHIRE LAKELAND JEWEL OA, NAJ, RATN, CGC, ATT



Phelan-Leigh comes from an extensive bloodline of Champions by breeders who's passion for the breed spans over 50 years: Aileen and Richard Santo of Paxon Kerry Blue Terriers (2019 AKC Terrier Breeders of the Year).

Phelan exhibits true Kerry versatility with drive and passion as shown in her multitude of titles across various disciplines including Conformation, Agility and Barn Hunt, to name a few.

Her various Best of Breed wins earned her the title of Grand Champion and multiple Terrier Group placements. She has been a top winning Owner-Handled Kerry several years consecutively. Additional titles she has earned at present include OA, NAJ, RATN, CGC and ATT.

Phelan is the Dam who whelped both the 2021 and 2022 Winners Dog recipient at the USKBTC National Specialty held during the prestigious Montgomery County Kennel Club Show (Romeo, CH BluLake's Did My Heart Love Till Now CGC and Ronan, BluLake Isle of Innisfree BN, CGC, TKN ). Date of Birth: 03/01/2014.

Sire: CH PAXON'S SECRET AGENT

Sire of Sire: CH KASTLEKOVE'S GRAND DESIGN

Dam of Sire: PAXON'S SECRET AFFAIR

Dam: CH PAXON'S TEAGAN

Sire of Dam: CH PAXON'S PRINCE OF DARKNESS

Dam of Dam: PAXON'S SOMETHING TO TALK

Breeder: Aileen and Richard Santo • Owner-Handlers: Philip J Lemieux and Jose "Che" Benavidez







## BLULAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE BN CGC TKN



Ronan is the epitome of the “All Purpose” farm dog. Extremely intelligent and willing to work, he has earned titles in Obedience (BN), Canine Good Citizen (CGC), and Trick Dog (TKN). He is on his way to a Companion Dog (CD) title. Ronan passed his Odor Recognition Test (ORT) from the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) and is working towards his NW1 title.

With his feisty and friendly temperament, beautiful soft wavy coat, and fluid movement, Ronan stormed onto the show scene at the age of two, taking an OHG1 win in his first show - Southern Adirondack Dog Club (Judge Mr. Dean Burwell). He earned his first point at the South Shore Kennel Club taking BOB (Judge Sharol Candace Way) and OHG2 (Judge Dr. John V. Ioia). The next day, he won the Breed again and was awarded Reserve Best In Show Owner-Handled. His meteoric rise continued with his 5 point major at the MCKC & USKBTC National Specialty 2022 – Winners Dog (Judge Mrs. Lydia Coleman Hutchinson), where he also shared in a Breed Brace win with his littermate, Romeo. In only six shows, he has 10 points. Ronan finished 2022 as the #9 Owner-Handled Kerry Blue Terrier. Date of Birth: 01/13/2020.

Sire: GCHS CH Cross the Rubicon Korvin Ray

Sire of Sire: CH Gellent HOF Lord of the Rings at Rubicon

Dam of Sire: CH Aristocrat's Firebrand of Cross the Rubicon

Dam: GCH CH Paxon's Lady Sapphire Lakeland Jewel OA NAJ RATN CGC ATT

Sire of Dam: CH Paxon's Secret Agent

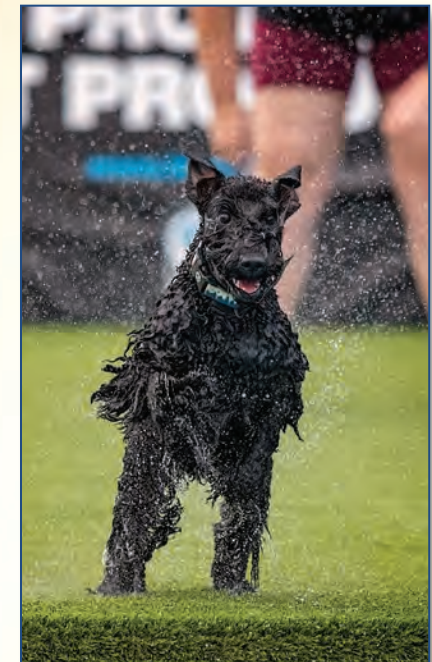
Dam of Dam: CH Paxon's Teagan

Owners: Jeanne and Michael Turschmann and Philip Lemieux and Jose “Che” Benavidez

Bred by: Philip Lemieux and Jose “Che” Benavidez



## CH GREEN LANTERN KERIFIELD'S OUT OF THE ASHES CA BCAT TKI RATO DJ SIN SEN SBN



Be careful what you ask for! When breeding my first litter I hoped for a girl that loved to show. Ember said challenge accepted. She LIVES for the ring. She finished her champion title at 17 months old with 4 majors, including a best of breed win and a few NOHS group placements! Ember also won Best in Sweepstakes at the KBTCC Specialty in 2022.

Ember excels in everything she tries, always adding her own personal flair. She has titled in CAT, Fast CAT, trick dog, barn hunt, dock diving, and scent work. She can often be seen waiting in line for her turn in every sport tugging on the leash and screaming in anticipation. Everything is a party! Despite her excitement outside of the home, she's a delight to live with, earning her the affectionate name, the "spicy potato." Date of Birth: 4/22/21.

Sire: GCH CH KerifieldKerionforever Time Traveler

Dam: CH Sheep Creek Electra CA RATO

Owners: Lindsay & Robert Kirk

Email: GreenLanternKBT@gmail.com





2 OH BIS GCH CH RACH RATCH4  
PENNTERRA'S LIL MISS SUNSHINE  
CD PCD BN RM3 RAE2 FDC,OA,NAJ, MXP, MJP,  
XF, SWN, SCA, SIA,SHDE,DN,CGCA,TKI,CZ8P



Luka is the ultimate performance girl, the first Kerry Blue to achieve the Rally Championship, also enjoys many other sports including Obedience, Barn Hunt, Scent work and Agility. She was also doing well in Owner Handler ring while being shown, going back to back Best OH in Show during Pittsburgh Specialty in 2019. Right now she is getting ready to work on her CDX while being active in Scent work and Barn hunt. She also spends her time disciplining his young and very active son Maxx! Date of Birth: 04/29/2016.

Sire: CH Beltane's Quid pro Que RATN  
Sire of Sire: CH Vlad Dracul Braudag  
Dam of Sire: Beltane's Expecto Putronum  
Dam: PennTerra's Solnechnij Zaichik RE, RATS,CGCA  
Sire of Dam: Topgun's Raging Ring of Blueaire  
Dam of Dam: CH Pennterra's Sky Jet, RA  
Owner: Youlia Anderson • Email: [picasso@prolog.net](mailto:picasso@prolog.net)



GCH CH PENNTERRA'S COOL BEANS!



Bean was a great KBT! She showed that a KBT is great at anything they set their minds to. Bean was a double Aran Ferbane granddaughter. She was titled in Dock Diving, Weight Pulling, and too many other events to name here! She was also a Specialty Breed winner and multiple group placer! Date of Birth: 03/31/2009.

Sire: GCH CH Topguns Ragin' Ring Of BlueAire  
Sire of Sire: BIS, BISS USA & CAN CH ARAN Ferbane  
Dam of Sire: CH Topguns Blue Jealous Rage  
Dam: CH PennTerra's Sky Jet  
Sire of Dam: Int CH Aran Ferbane  
Dam of Dam: Starlite's Venus of Florence

Owners: Sara Garthly and Youlia Anderson





## PENNTERRA'S THAT'S THE SPIRIT! RI,SBA,SIN,SEN,SHDA,RATS,CGC,TKI



Maxx is following his mother's and grandmother's steps and excels in performance earning titles in Barn hunt,Rally and Scent work before the age of one year old. He is also already major pointed after being shown just a few times .He is getting ready to debut in agility and hopefully obedience sometime soon! I am looking to spending many years together in performance and show rings with this talented young man!  
Date of Birth: 01/18/2022.

Sire: Artifact's Pleasure of Achievement RATN

Sire of Sire: GCH CH Class Act by Hallsblu

Dam of Sire: PennTerra's Queen of Knight

Dam: GCH CH RACH RATCH4 Pennterra's Lil Miss Sunshine CD PCD BN RM3  
RAE2 FDC,OA,NAJ,MXP,MJP,XF,SWN,SCA,SIA,SHDN,DN,CGCA,TKI,CZ8P

Sire of Dam: CH Beltane's Quid Pro Quo RATN

Dam of Dam: PennTerra's Solnechnij Zajchik RE, RATS,CGCA

Owner: Youlia Anderson • Email: [Picasso@prolog.net](mailto:Picasso@prolog.net)

Website: <https://www.penterrakerryblueterriers.com/home.html>



## BONNIE BLU ODE TO ULYSSES CGC



Dublin joined our family in 2006 as a 6 month old puppy, and quickly became a true champion companion. Initially a little shy, Jeanne worked tirelessly to bring out the true Kerry inside. He became a friend to all living creatures. He handled beautifully on a leash, enjoyed going for walks with his neighborhood friends, and loved children.

At the age of five, Dublin started Nose Work training at Port Chester Obedience Training Club. In 2011, he was the second Kerry Blue Terrier in the country to earn the NW1 title from the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW), the second to earn a NW2 title in 2014 and the second to earn an NW3 in 2016. He loved to work and find hides. Dublin was a true velcro dog and was happiest when he was with his people. Contrary to the old adage "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" Dublin earned his Canine Good Citizen title in 2016 just days before his 11th birthday.

Dublin was a fantastic friend and companion for over 13 ½ years and will be forever missed.

Date of Birth: 11/27/2005.

Sire: CH Bonnie Blu's Dr Mac

Sire of Sire: CH Paxon's Easy Rider

Dam of Sire: Brook

Dam: Blu's Bouncing Cricket

Sire of Dam: CH Paxon's Rough Rider

Dam of Dam: Shade's Bonnie Blu

Owners: Jeanne and Michael Turschmann

Bred by: Doug Donovan & Rose Marie Mais





## GCH CH TOPGUNS RAGIN' RING OF BLUEAIRE



Ringo was a great companion and still lives on in the pedigrees of all dogs at BlueAire! He was a son of Aran Ferbane and a grandson of Torums Scarf Micheal. His Dam was from the Topgun Kennel with a great pedigree behind her! Frozen semen available. Health clearances upon request. Date of Birth: 10/15/2006.

Sire: BIS, BISS USA & CAN CH ARAN Ferbane  
Sire of Sire: Int CH Lescareiot Gorgeous George  
Dam of Sire: Int CH Aran Enniskerry  
Dam: CH Topguns Blue Jealous Rage  
Sire of Dam: Int CH Torum's Scarf Micheal  
Dam of Dam: Lookout Cool Lexi Blue

Owner: Texas Eddie Dulaney  
blueairekennel@aol.com



## GCH CH BLUEAIRE'S THE MAN



Porter is a great dog to live with and is a proven sire to finished Champions. He is a great mixture of American and International pedigrees.

Available at stud for approved bitches. Health clearances available upon request.  
Date of Birth: 11/07/2017.

Sire: GCH CH Hotlick's Stardust Deacon Blues  
Sire of Sire: Aristocrat's Firedancer of Cross The Rubicon  
Dam of Sire: GCH CH Hotlick's Silhouettte's Stardust  
Dam: PennTerra's Grace Of BlueAire  
Sire of Dam: Belle-Peyton's Danish Blu  
Dam of Dam: PennTerra's Astana Mikayla

Owner: Texas Eddie Dulaney  
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## CH CONNELL'S SUMMER SOLSTICE



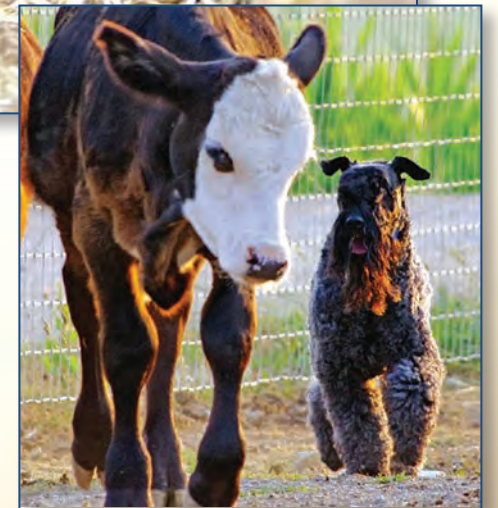
Our world changed when we purchased our first Kerry in 1995. Since then, we have been active in the Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Northern Ohio, as officers and by working in various roles to host the annual Specialty. Many thanks to those who have encouraged, educated, and supported us over the years.

Skye is our current Kerry girl. She is a wonderful companion and enjoys normal Kerry activities, including keeping our yard free of squirrels and birds of a certain size.  
Date of Birth: 06/21/2019.

Owners: Philip & Karol Bortel • Sarah Lagassa as Co-owner  
Email: dkblue@woh.rr.com



## GCH CH TOPGUN GREAT BALLS OF FIRE RE, HXASD, HIACSD, HSACSD, NAJ, CA, RATO



Smokey earned an Emerald USKBTC Versatility Award for his titles in 6 different disciplines/categories. While he was always ready to try something new, he excelled at herding livestock. He is the only terrier to date to earn advance titles in AKC Herding, Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) Herding, and the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA). He is the only terrier to earn a Working Trial Championship (WTCH) from ASCA and a Herding Trial Championship (HTCh) from AHBA. He also earned multiple High in Trials in AKC and ASCA trials and earned over 30 herding titles in all. Date of Birth: 10/15/06.

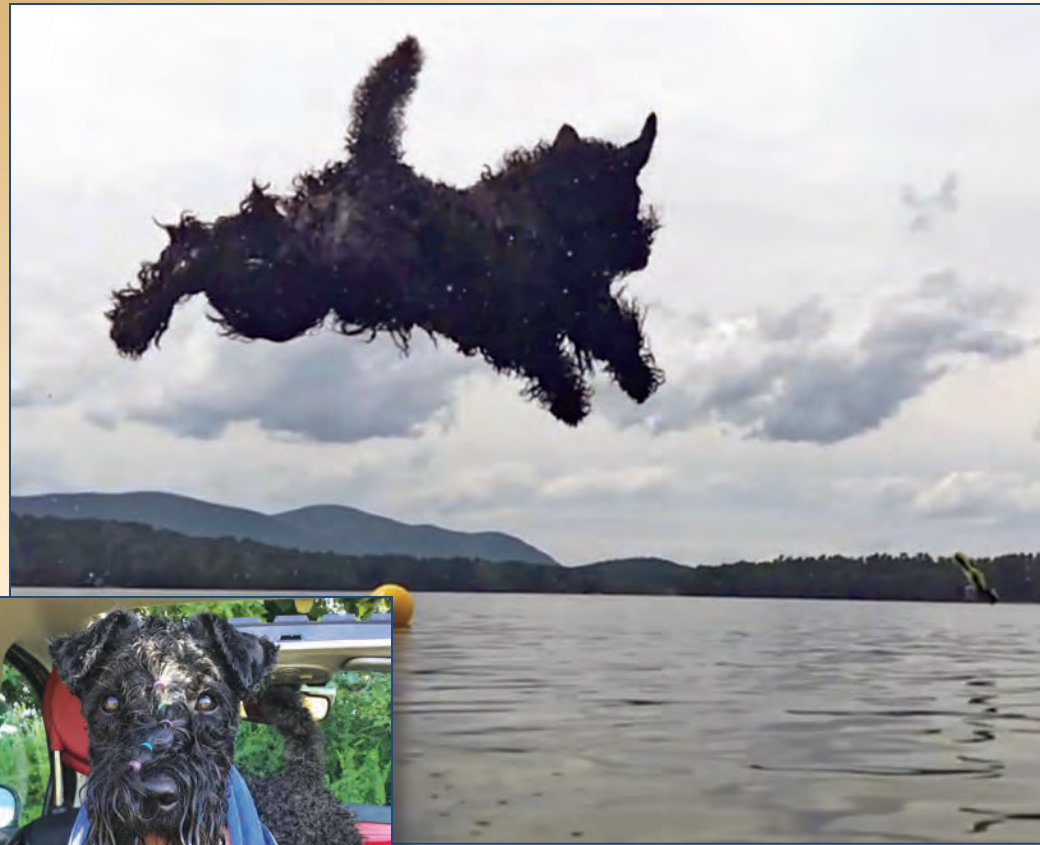
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Dam of Sire: CH Aran Enniskerry  
Dam: CH Topgun Blue Jealous Rage  
Sire of Dam: CH Torum's Scarf Michael  
Dam of Dam: Lookout Cool Lexi Blue

Owners: Randy & Tracy Purcell • Email: tracypurcelltn@gmail.com





## CH CROSS THE RUBICON JEWEL OF EREBOR DN CGC,



Thorin aka "Thornado"

Full of life and Kerry energy, his passion is water -  
diving and swimming! Date of Birth: 11/02/2016.

Sire: CH Gellent Hof Lord of the Rings At Rubicon  
Sire of Sire: Dzhek Vorobey iz Goluboi Legendy  
Dam of Sire: Serebrjanyi Veter Gotika iz Goluboi Legendy  
Dam: CH Aristocrat's Firebrand Of Cross The Rubicon  
Sire of Dam: BIS, BISS USA & CAN CH ARAN Ferbane  
Dam of Dam: Sunlass Aristocrat Cold Chill

Owner: Elizabeth Demetriades



## CH WARLORD'S SCARF MACKENZIE



After finishing her Championship with Bill and Taffe McFadden, Mackenzie had little interest in the ring. Since Kerries had been drovers, moving large flocks of sheep to market in the 1800's, we thought we'd try it. Mackenzie was loyal, loving, funny and yet a strong prey-driven Kerry girl. You know the type. We were a little worried about her first exposure to sheep. My husband Bob even asked me how much a sheep cost. I hoped Mackenzie had not heard him. Mackenzie loved the sheep. We continued training with Judy Vanderford, AKC Herding judge and started with AHBA trials. In 2006 we (USKBTC) petitioned AKC to allow the Kerry blue terrier to obtain AKC Herding titles. We received immediate approval, thanks to Carl Ashby, the late Bob Nazak and our herding committee. We trained every week in the Angeles Forest, a six-hour RT drive in LA traffic for 2 ½ years. In 2007, Mackenzie became the first Kerry blue terrier and the first terrier of any breed to earn an AKC Herding Title. The bonding we shared during those years was invaluable. I loved seeing her joy emerge from her ancient heritage, as she herded her favorite-large flocks of sheep.  
Date of Birth: 08/25/2000.

Owned: Bob & Jann Lane





## GCH CH HOTLICK'S STARDUST'S DEACON BLUES



I thought I'd try something new with this breeding. So I looked in the pedigree studbook and saw a young dog named Coal... owned by a person I wasn't familiar with and bred by someone with whom I was only slightly more familiar. A total outcross to a type I wasn't breeding. But I wanted to change it up after thirty years. So I inquired and found this young dog (18 months!) clear health and prelims done. I have certainly Never flipped through a catalog to choose a breeding! But, in this case, it

Worked! And beyond! I still maintained the Hotlick's hallmarks of beautiful correct type but with a little pizzazz! Deacon, along with his litter mates, Ch Hotlick's Hit It Maestro and GrCh Hotlick's Stardust's Summer Breeze finished with all Specialty 5 point majors! Among those wins were Deacon: Many BISweeps, Bow and WD at Montgomery. Maestro: Shown only two weekends out, Breeds from the classes And BOW MCKC with the illustrious handler, KA! Josie: National Sweeps winner, BOW Morris and Essex among others. Deacon is clear on all health, OFA good hips, normal elbows. Used sparingly, he has produced his beautiful type in his Champion get, including a National Futurity Best and Specialty Winners. Date of Birth: 05/27/13.

Sire: Aristocrat's Firedancer of Cross the Rubicon

Dam: GCH CH Hotlick's Silhouette's Stardust

Sire of Dam: CH Fralin's Public Defender

Dam of Dam: CH Hotlick's Silhouette

Owners: Kevin & Monica Adair • Email: kevandnikadair@aol.com



## GCH CH HOTLICK'S SILHOUETTE'S STARDUST



Dottie...words are not enough for this Wonderful girl. She never let me down. In the ring, the whelping box or life. She was my heart and soul. I could go on about her many fantastic wins. . . thrilling in themselves. . .but she was so much more. Dottie helped restart a venerable line of Kerries, was the Foundation of a flourishing line for a first time Breeder. She was bred twice and had five beautiful champion get. She had Attitude to burn, but was tractable and biddable. But she was always just there for ME. She was thoughtful enough to mentor her Granddaughter, Daizie Jayne (Ch Hotlick's Stardust's Soulshine) into her Joyful, Darling...almost.....Clone. Miss her every single minute.

Sire: Ch Fralins Public Defender

Dam: Ch Hotlick's Silhouette

Owners: Kevin & Monica Adair • Email: kevandnikadair@aol.com





## MYSTIQUE



Mystique is a wonderfully loyal companion with a sweet temperament. Regardless of the opportunities we present her, she rises to the challenge. To date, Mystique has earned 33 titles in Conformation, Agility, Scent Work, Rally, Obedience, Dock Diving, Trick Dog, FastCat, CGC, and Farm Dog. In 2022, she earned 16 of those titles including her Championship. She ranked #3 in Agility and earned an invite to the Agility Invitational where she was awarded the breed Medallion. She tied for #1 across all breeds in the Dock Diving Junior Division and #1 in the breed earning an invitation to the

NADD Nationals. She ranked #7 in the breed in FastCat. She earned the USKBTC Gold Versatility award. We look forward to continuing our adventures as we explore additional sports with Mystique and expect her to continue to excel.

Titles earned to date: Championship / Agility: NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX, AXJ, MX, MXJ, MXB / Scent Work: SBN, SCN, SEN, SIN, SWN, SCA, SEA, SIA, SEE / Rally: RN, RI / Obedience: BN / Dock Diving: DJ, DS / FastCat: BCAT, DCAT, FCAT, FCAT2 / Trick Dog: TKN, TKI, TKA / Farm Dog: FDC / Canine Good Citizen: CGC.

Owner: Scott Tibbs



# Kerry Blue Terrier Kennels



# 1922-2022





## BLUEAIRE KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



BlueAire Kerry Blue Terriers are a great mixture of some of the best American and International bloodlines. We started with Topgun's Ragin' Ring Of BlueAire with Torum, Aran, and Glenvista background, and we are merging into today's kennels with Kilgawny, Hotlick's, Kallehan's, Irisblu, Aran, Cross the Rubicon, and Torum lines in the mixture. It takes a family and the whole Kerry Blue Terrier village to help produce sound and standard KBTs with BlueAire. Thank you all for the path you have given us.

Breeder: Texas Eddie Dulaney • Email: [blueairekennel@aol.com](mailto:blueairekennel@aol.com)



## CAMSHRON KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Camshron Kerry Blue Terriers, active since 1978. Pictured is Ch Camshron's Flashback, Multi-BIS and BISS winner and #1 Kerry Blue Terrier male pictured with Brad Wooldridge. We have finished over 120 champions in the past 45 year, mostly owner-handled. We have had three national specialty winners, Best in Show winners, many group winners/placers, numerous specialty winners, top dog all-breeds in Mexico, top terrier in Germany, High Scoring Dog in all-breed trial and Best in Sweeps at Montgomery amongst our wins.

Here's to 100 years of the Kerry here in the USA!

Billie Kneale and Scott Kellogg DVM  
3636 S Mountain Rd • Knoxville, MD 21758 • Phone: 301-834-6180





## BLUECRUSH KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



We are so proud of Paddy. He is the #1 Kerry Blue Terrier 2021, 2022 and 2023 #2 Terrier in the USA for 2022 and 2023. Top among all breeds in 2022 and 2023. Westminster Kennel Club Best of Breed in 2021 and 2022 and the AKC Royal Canin Best of Breed for 2022.

Our Kerry Blues are fueled by passion and God lit fire! BlueCrush is Registered with the AKC and is a small family-owned Kennel located in Jupiter Farms Fl. We are dedicated to the preservation and heritage of the Kerry Blue Terrier!



## BLUECRUSH KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Breeder/owner: BlueCrush Kerry Blue Terriers • Eva Hart-Hansen  
Expertly peresented by: Blake C. Hansen





## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



The Centennial of the Kerry Blue Terrier's recognition by the American Kennel Club seemed like the perfect time to share some of the special Kerry Blues we have had the privilege of breeding and showing over the years. We hope you enjoy a bit of the history of Blujac Kerry Blue Terriers.

It started when we attended the Asheville North Carolina Kennel Club Dog show with our Scottie, Baxter. At that show we saw a Kerry Blue Terrier bred and shown by Margo Steinman. After several months,

including visiting her in Oak Ridge, TN a ten month Kerry Blue bitch was acquired. Her name was Kilmarley Irish Imp.

Penny was an "old fashioned" bitch with great refinement and extraordinary movement. Margo's advice was to finish each dog with at least one specialty major and we were determined to finish Penny with that coveted win. She won 3 majors, 2 on the Westchester weekend taking Best of Winners at the Empire Specialty. Jaimie next pursued obedience with her and obtained her CDX. Ch Kilmarley Irish Imp, CDX was our foundation bitch, and her legacy has had a profound impact on the Blujac breeding program.



## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



A once in a lifetime dog – Ch. Blujacs Afternoon Delight ROM. It was time to breed Penny and Margo recommended CH Kavanaugh's Intimidator who was sired by Ch. Tontines Something Else. We took her advice, and the result was one of the top winning breeder-owner-handled dogs in the history of the breed. Del finished his championship at the Southern California Great Western Specialty under Anne Clark which, at the time, was the largest specialty in the country and arguably the best competition.

Del won multiple Best in Shows and won or placed in over 75% of the Groups in which he competed and has numerous champions to his record. His famous "kick" when he started to move made him a pleasure to watch as he moved around the ring. Del never disappointed and he was not only a great show dog he was a great house dog making the moves with us as we moved around the country. Del is found in many of the pedigrees of the top kennels in the country. Fortunately, we had been around long enough to know that he was truly a "once in a lifetime dog". Proudly he was owner handled his entire show career.





## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Ch. Blujacs Afternoon Delight sired numerous litters but the most memorable was a dog he produced named Machavens Baron of Blujac. He finished with specialty majors and won or placed in multiple groups. On a lovely weekend of show Del won Best in Show on Saturday and his son, Mac, went Best in Show the next day. To our knowledge this was the first time (and maybe the only time) an owner-handler had gone Best in Show on consecutive days with two different dogs of the same breed. Mac went on to also sire champions and lived out his life as a wonderful companion.



## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



During the 1980s we bred on a limited basis with all of our Kerry Blues finishing with multiple Specialty majors.

CH Blujac's Irish Dream (Bailey) was the next outstanding Kerry from our breeding program. She finished with all Specialty majors including winning Best of Breed from the classes at the Philadelphia Kerry Blue Terrier Club Specialty and repeated Best of Breed the next year. Bailey became a therapy dog and enjoyed the run of the house until her death at 17.





## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Perhaps one of our most special dogs has been Ch. Blujac's American Beauty (Ch. Everglory's Ironclad x Ch Blujacs Irish Mist). Sometimes a dog comes along that will never be a top winning special but always does her breeder and the breed proud. Squiggy was such a Kerry! We pushed her young, went home disappointed, but never lost faith in her quality. Squiggy didn't either and she rewarded us with 3 specialty majors including Best of Opposite Sex at Montgomery County from the classes under a breeder judge. She was bred to Ch. Kallehan's Truth or Dare which brought Ch. Torum's Scarf Michael into our breeding program. Squiggy served many years as a therapy dog. She lived a long and happy life, and we miss her every day.



## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Squiggy (Ch. Blujac's American Beauty) was one of our top producing bitches. We showed three dogs from that litter, and all finished with multiple specialty majors. The dog and bitch above (Jake and Katie) were sired by Ch. Kallehan's Truth or Dare. The other Kerry to finish from this litter was Ch. Blujacs Padraig.







## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Ch. Blujacs The Real McCoy, RATO (Ch. Kallehan's Truth or Dare x Ch. Blujacs Irish Magic) has a terrific record in the ring and as a stud, having sired many champions, group winners, and a Best in Show. Most importantly, McCoy is a wonderful companion, with an extensive vocabulary, who still turns heads and shows everyone why a Kerry Blue is truly a special breed. He is a comedian, who makes his owner laugh every day as they engage in his favorite game of "keep-away," as well as the gentle playmate of neighborhood children. His

loving nature is treasured by his owner and his "sister" (owner's daughter). McCoy enjoys mountain hikes as well as visits with the residents of nursing homes. His favorite pastime is visiting with Jaimie and Carl Ashby, his original family, either in person or on the phone. McCoy and his devoted humans will celebrate his 15th birthday on May 21st. (Written by our dear friend, Lise Keller)



## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Our breeding program was threatened when we were unable to get Katie bred. Fortunately, Monica and Keven Adair had used McCoy with her dear Dottie (Ch. Hotlicks Sihouette's Stardust). The Adair's saved Blujac by allowing us to have Sunshine (GCh. Hotlick's Sungodess of Blujac RN.) Sunshine has become the ultimate "heart" dog following Del, Bailey and Squiggy. Sunshine finished with all specialty majors and went on to her Grand Championship finishing as Best of Opposite Sex at the Montgomery County National Specialty. A multiple group and NOHS Best in Show winner in very limited showing she continues to be a wonderful companion with rule of our home....we would have it no other way.





## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Sunshine was bred to GCh. Aristocrat's Firelord of Cross the Rubicon CGC. This produced GCh. Blujacs Rae of Sunshine. Rae finished with multiple specialty majors. This breeding brought the Cross the Rubicon breeding program into our lines as we continued to rely on outcross breeding due to our limited breeding program.



## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Almost since the beginning of Blujac Kerry Blue Terriers we have enjoyed a close relationship with Janie MacBryde (Erinwood). We have co-bred litters over the years with Janie in a partnership that has benefited us both. We have had access to Blujac/Erinwood Kerry Blues while sharing the whelping responsibility.

We have finished a number of Kerry Blues with the combined prefix but the most recent may be the best Kerry to date, GCh. Erinwood's Irish Lass of Blujac. Ellie finished her championship with all specialty majors including her final win at the Montgomery County National specialty. Our plan is to breed her in the fall of 2023 and we are excited about the potential of that litter.





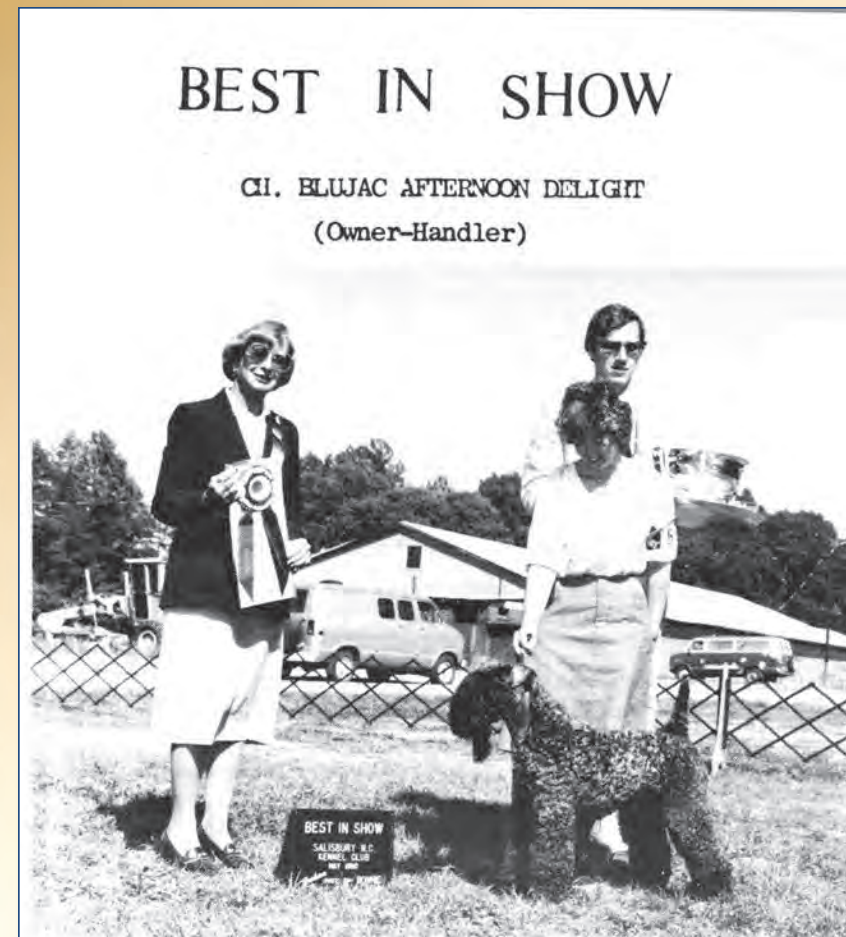
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Blujac continues today with a bright future. Blujacs Soar Above the Rest (GCh. Cross the Rubicon Korvin Ray CGC x GCh. Blujacs Rae of Sunshine) is well on his way with two Specialty majors including one at the Montgomery County National Specialty in 2022 at 18 months. Blujac rarely keeps a male and that speaks to the potential we see in Jordan.



## BLUJAC KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



by Ch.Kavanaugh's Intimidator x Ch.Kilmarley Irish Imp CD

SALISBURY NC KENNEL CLUB  
Salisbury North Carolina

MAY 10 1980

Breeders: Mr/Mrs Carl Ashby  
and Margo Steinman

Owners: Carl & Jaimie Ashby

Breed Judge: Peter B. Thomson

Group Judge: Robert J. Moore

Best In Show: Jane G. Kay

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So, you have it...a snapshot of some of the Kerry Blues that have borne the Blujac prefix. There are many more we are proud to have shown and ultimately placed in forever homes.

Blujac has been blessed over the years with many mentors...people who have shared their knowledge and, in turn, allowed us to enjoy success with our Kerry Blues. The late Ray Perry (Tontine), Dr. Roger Macha (Machaven), and Margo Steinman (Kilmarley) as well as Lou Perry (Tontine) and Dr. Natalia Samaj Kunze (Cross the Rubicon). All of these people and others as well have played an important role in the evolution of Blujac Kerry Blue Terriers and the breed in this country.

In our years as breeders and exhibitors we have always strived to be good winners and losers, ethical in our dealings, to work hard to present our dogs at their best, to constantly learn from others, and to be active in dog organizations both at the local and national level.

We are so grateful to have discovered this wonderful breed and made it part of our life.

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## HOTLICKS KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Hotlicks Kerry Blue Terriers, established in 1982. Our name sometimes garners a side glance. So let me explain! I grew up raising Arabian Horses with my mother, but we had a few side breeds. One of them being Tennessee Walking Horses. They have a special gate and when they hit it just right, it's called a Big Lick...or a Hotlick! We combined that with Kevin's flying fingers on the guitar..also called a Hotlick. And Voila! We are a small, quality kennel that has never

bred for quantity. Our dogs win on the National stage, (to a dog, they have all finished with three Specialty majors!) but more than that, they are winning family hearts. We are proud to say we have never had a dog returned. Temperament, TYPE and Health. Our dogs work in Pet Facilitated Therapy, the performance ring and soon to come...Carting! As Kevin and I like to say....JUST GOOD DOGS!

Kevin and Monica Doyle Adair. Kevandnikadair@aol.com.



## TOPGUN KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Topgun Kerry Blue's started with Lookout Cool Lexi Blue. Lexi was a Tontine's Joe Cool granddaughter and a great brood bitch. Lexi was bred to the great Ch Torum's Scarf Micheal and produced a great litter! An offspring from that litter, CH Topguns Blue Jealous Rage, was bred to Int CH Aran Ferbane, and produced another great litter. Bonnie, Ringo, Smokey, Mickey Blue, and Tahoe all became AKC grand champions! The line stays strong in many pups of the BlueAire line.

Breeder: Barbara Price  
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## WILDSIDE KERRY BLUE TERRIERS



Wildside Kerry Blues are led in the ring and at home by Diane Harrison! You can find champions and titled dogs on both ends of the name in many pedigrees of today's top Kerry Blues! Many years of dedication and love for this breed are in Wildside Kerry Blues!

Breeder: Diane Harrison  
Email: [dchkerries@yahoo.com](mailto:dchkerries@yahoo.com)

## Life with a Kerry ...



The Kerry Blue Terrier makes a great companion. Loyal and protective of his family, a Kerry loves children. They are intelligent, quick-witted and determined. Legend has it that they talk to the Leprechauns!

These active dogs excel in performance events, conformation and cuddling up on the couch.

Purchase your Kerry Blue Terrier puppy from a reputable breeder.

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The Official breed club recognized by the AKC  
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# THE PERFORMANCE KERRY BLUE TERRIER



*The Kerry Blue Terrier ~ the breed that has captured all of our hearts ~ is truly multi-talented. And we don't need to tell you that Kerries are so much more than show dogs. Amenable and eager to please, Kerries excel in numerous performance events from the agility ring to therapy dog work in multiple settings and venues. And when all is said and done, they can truly relax as snuggly couch potatoes and take more than their share of the bed!*

Quite a few breeders encourage their puppy buyers to start off on the right foot with basic obedience classes, and we would definitely echo that advice. Learning the basics of “down”, “sit”, “heel”, “stay”, “come”, walking politely on leash and so many more gives your dog skills that make day-to-day life easier for everyone. In addition to learning basic manners, obedience training may also open up more doors in public places for you and your dog. Plus your dog feels more secure because he knows the rules. And as with numerous other activities, you build a bond with your Kerry during the learning process. As with other activities, there are multiple advanced levels to work toward.

For many, Agility is the performance event of choice for both dog and owner. With numerous levels that get more and more challenging, this event can be ideal for the high energy dog. Learning intricate courses together can truly help build and strengthen the bond between dog and owner alike, and the high activity level is an added bonus for both.

Bred to be an all-around working farm dog, it should not be surprising that the Kerry often excels in Barn Hunt. Utilizing hay bales to create tunneling and climbing opportunities, barn hunt tests the Kerries scenting ability as they search for hidden tubes (empty, litter and litter/live rat). Many would say that it also tests the owner's ability to partner with their dog and learn its signal for a find. Each successive level gets more difficult, with more complicated tunnels, climbing and hides. It's definitely a challenge that many dogs enjoy!



Nose work is another great sport, started on the West Coast in 2006 by three experienced professional explosives and narcotic detection dog trainers. Requiring much less equipment than other performance events, many owners begin training by hiding tidbits of their Kerries favorite high value treat in boxes around the house and encouraging them to search. From simple beginnings at home to searches outside and in public places that welcome dogs, the hides get harder and are frequently hidden in elevated places. Fans of Nose Work report that it often calms the energetic dog, builds confidence in the shy dog and is perhaps the only dog sport that welcomes and makes accommodations for dogs that are reactive. Dogs are worked one at a time in the search area, allowing each dog to focus on the task and the handler to focus on the dog.

It may come as a surprise to many, but in 2006 the USKBTC petitioned AKC to allow the Kerry Blue Terrier to obtain AKC Herding titles. We received immediate approval, thanks to Carl Ashby, the late Bob Nazak and our herding committee, with petition passing on the first vote. Sadly, finding herding instinct testing can be challenging for many, but owners say that there are few greater thrills for an owner than to

witness the joy in their dog's eyes when that ancient instinct is triggered. We would be remiss if we failed to note that the first Kerry ~ and the first terrier of any breed ~ to earn a herding title was CH Warlord's Scarf Mackenzie, in 2007. And following in Mackenzie's footsteps, GCH Topgun Great Balls of Fire ~ “Smokey” ~ excelled at herding livestock. He is the only terrier to date to earn advance titles in AKC Herding, Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) Herding, and the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) earning over 30 herding titles in all.

Another very worthwhile activity numerous Kerry owners around the country participate in is Therapy Dog work. “Therapy dogs are classified as dogs who go with their owners to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes and more. From working with a child who is learning to read to visiting a senior in assisted living, therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to improve the lives of other people.” In recent years, therapy dogs have also been welcomed to visit police departments and fire stations in addition to also participating in Animal Assisted Crisis Response which is mobilized in response to wildfires, mudslides and various natural disasters. And the best part of all is that a well-socialized dog can become active in these activities regardless of whether or not they are show dogs. That's a win-win for Kerry blue terriers around the country!

This is just a brief list of the many options for getting out there and being active with your Kerry blue terrier, and for showcasing the breed to the public. For more ideas and information, check out the AKC at: <https://www.akc.org/sports/title-recognition-program/>. As owners, we are only limited by our imaginations and the time we have available to train and participate in trials. We hope that each and every one of you will find a performance event to share with your Kerry companion ~ or several ~ and that you will be active ambassadors for this wonderfully versatile and loyal breed.

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# THE KERRY BLUE TERRIER STANDARD

## GENERAL APPEARANCE

The typical Kerry Blue Terrier should be upstanding well knit and in good balance, showing a well-developed and muscular body with definite terrier style and character throughout. Correct coat and color are important. A low-slung Kerry is not typical.

## SIZE, PROPORTION, SUBSTANCE

The ideal Kerry should be 18½ inches at the withers for a dog, slightly less for a bitch. In judging Kerries, a height of 18-19½ inches for a dog, and 17½-19 inches for a bitch, should be given primary preference. Only where the comparative superiority of a specimen outside of the ranges noted clearly justifies it should greater latitude be taken. In no case should it extend to a dog over 20 inches or under 17½ inches, or to a bitch over 19½ inches or under 17 inches. The minimum limits do not apply to puppies. The most desirable weight for a fully developed dog is from 33-40 pounds, bitches weighing proportionately less. A well-developed and muscular body. Legs moderately long with plenty of bone and muscle.

## HEAD

Long, but not exaggerated, and in good proportion to the rest of the body. Well balanced. Eyes-Dark, small, not prominent, well placed and with a keen terrier expression. Anything approaching a yellow eye is very undesirable. Ears-V-shaped, small but not out of proportion to the size of the dog, of moderate thickness, carried forward close to the cheeks with the top of the folded ear slightly above the level of the skull. A “dead” ear, houndlike in appearance, is very undesirable. Skull-Flat, with very slight stop, of but moderate breadth between the ears,

and narrowing very slightly to the eyes. Foreface full and well made up, not falling away appreciably below the eyes but moderately chiseled out to relieve the foreface from wedginess. Little apparent difference between the length of the skull and foreface. Jaws deep, strong and muscular. Cheeks-Clean and level, free from bumpiness. Nose-Black, nostrils large and wide. Teeth-Strong, white and either level or with the upper (incisors) teeth slightly overlapping the lower teeth. An undershot mouth should be strictly penalized.

## NECK, TOPLINE, BODY

Neck-Clean and moderately long, gradually widening to the shoulders upon which it should be well set and carried proudly. Back short, strong and straight (i.e., level), with no appearance of slackness. Chest deep and of moderate breadth. Ribs fairly well sprung, deep rather than round. A slight tuck-up. Loin short and powerful. Tail should be set on high, of moderate length and carried gaily erect, the straighter the tail the better.



## FOREQUARTERS

Shoulders fine, long and sloping, well laid back and well knit. The elbows hanging perpendicularly to the body and working clear of the side in movement. The forelegs should be straight from both front and side view. The pasterns short, straight and hardly noticeable. Feet should be strong, compact, fairly round and moderately small, with good depth of pad free from cracks, the toes arched, turned neither in nor out, with black toenails.

## HINDQUARTERS

Strong and muscular with full freedom of action, free from droop or crouch, the thighs long and powerful, stifles well bent and turned neither in nor out, hocks near the ground and, when viewed from behind, upright and parallel with each other, the dog standing well up on them.

## COAT

Correct coat is important. It is to be soft, dense and wavy. A harsh, wire or bristle coat should be severely penalized. In show trim the body should be well covered but tidy, with the head (except for the whiskers) and the ears and cheeks clear.

## COLOR

Color is important. The correct mature color is any shade of blue gray or gray blue from the deep slate to light blue gray, of a fairly uniform color throughout except that distinctly darker to black parts may appear on the muzzle, head, ears, tail and feet. Kerry color, in its process of “clearing” changes from an apparent black at birth to the mature gray blue or blue gray. The color passes through one or more transitions—involving a very dark blue (darker

than deep slate), shades or tinges of brown, and mixtures of these, together with a progressive infiltration of the correct mature color. The time needed for this “clearing” process varies with each dog. Small white markings are permissible. Black on the muzzle, head, ears, tail and feet is permissible at any age. A black dog 18 months of age or older is never permissible in the show ring and is to be disqualified.

### DISQUALIFICATION:

A black dog 18 months of age or older is to be disqualified. White markings on a black dog 18 months of age or older does not constitute clearing or mature color and the dog is to be disqualified.



## GAIT

Full freedom of action. The elbows hanging perpendicularly to the body and working clear of the sides in movement; both forelegs and hind legs should move straight forward when traveling, the stifles turning neither in nor out.

**The Illustrated Breed Standard Handbook can be viewed on [www.uskbtc.com](http://www.uskbtc.com).**





# IT IS A TRUISM THAT ANATOMICAL STRUCTURE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT AND LEAST VARIABLE COMPONENT DETERMINING HOW A DOG, OR ANY OTHER ANIMAL, MOVES. OTHER FACTORS ARE TEMPERAMENT, SPEED, TERRAIN AND GENERAL VITALITY.

Since the Kerry Blue Terrier was bred as a working terrier in Ireland, he obviously had to be sturdy and display great stamina as he went about his many duties. In order to conserve his energy, an economy and freedom of motion are essential. This economy of available energy can only be obtained if the animal is properly

structured and properly conditioned. Any structural faults, which result in a labored gait, will waste energy, causing the dog to fatigue quickly and eventually lead to physical breakdown.

## What is the desired anatomical structure for the Kerry Blue Terrier, and how do we evaluate the individual dog to see how closely he approaches the ideal in structure and function?

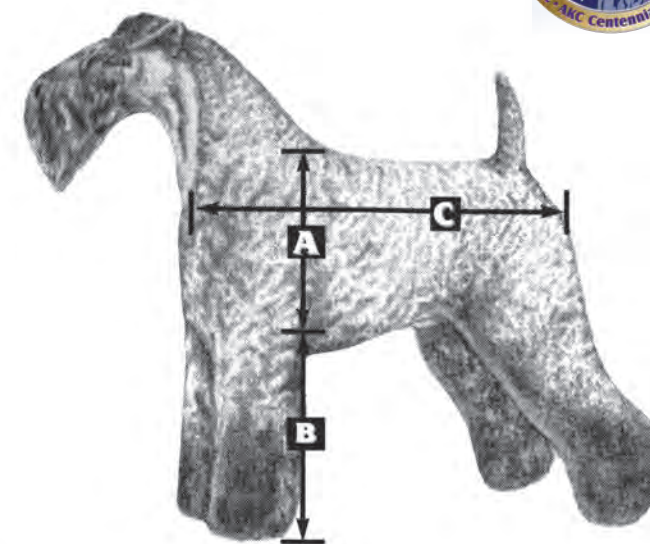
Structure and function are directly related and best correlated in the show ring by an observation of how the dog moves at various speeds. The most useful gait for evaluation is the trot, which may vary somewhat in speed. If the dog is gaited too slowly; it may lapse into a walk or unsightly amble. If gaited too fast, the dog may canter or gallop.

There is very little in the Official American Standard of the Kerry Blue Terrier to help us in the evaluation of gait, although it is fairly specific in defining structure. We must first understand the anatomical structure, and then study its effect on movement. Improper structure will inevitably be reflected by improper movement.

One of the often poorly understood questions is that of measurement for height and length. Height is a vertical measurement from the surface on which the dog stands to the top of the withers. Withers as applied to anatomy is defined by Webster's Third New International Dictionary as "a. the ridge between the shoulder bones of the horse and b. the part between the shoulder bones at the base of the neck in various animals." This corresponds to the prominent spinous process of the first thoracic vertebra. It can be felt between the tops of the scapulae, or shoulder blades, just back of a depression at the base of the neck. To get an accurate measurement the dog must be positioned with the forelegs straight under the shoulder blades, and the head and neck elevated in a natural stance. The head and neck must not be depressed to attempt to make the dog measure shorter, or pulled up to make the dog measure taller. Length is measured from the forward tip of the sternum, or breastbone, to the most distant prominence of the pelvis, below and to each side of the tail.

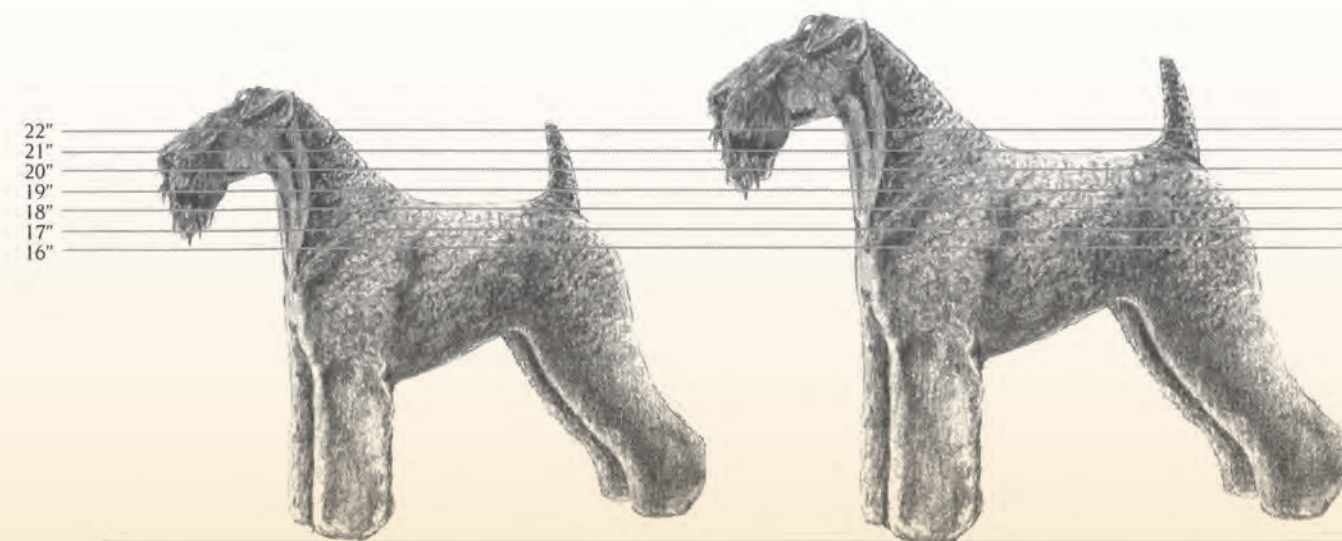
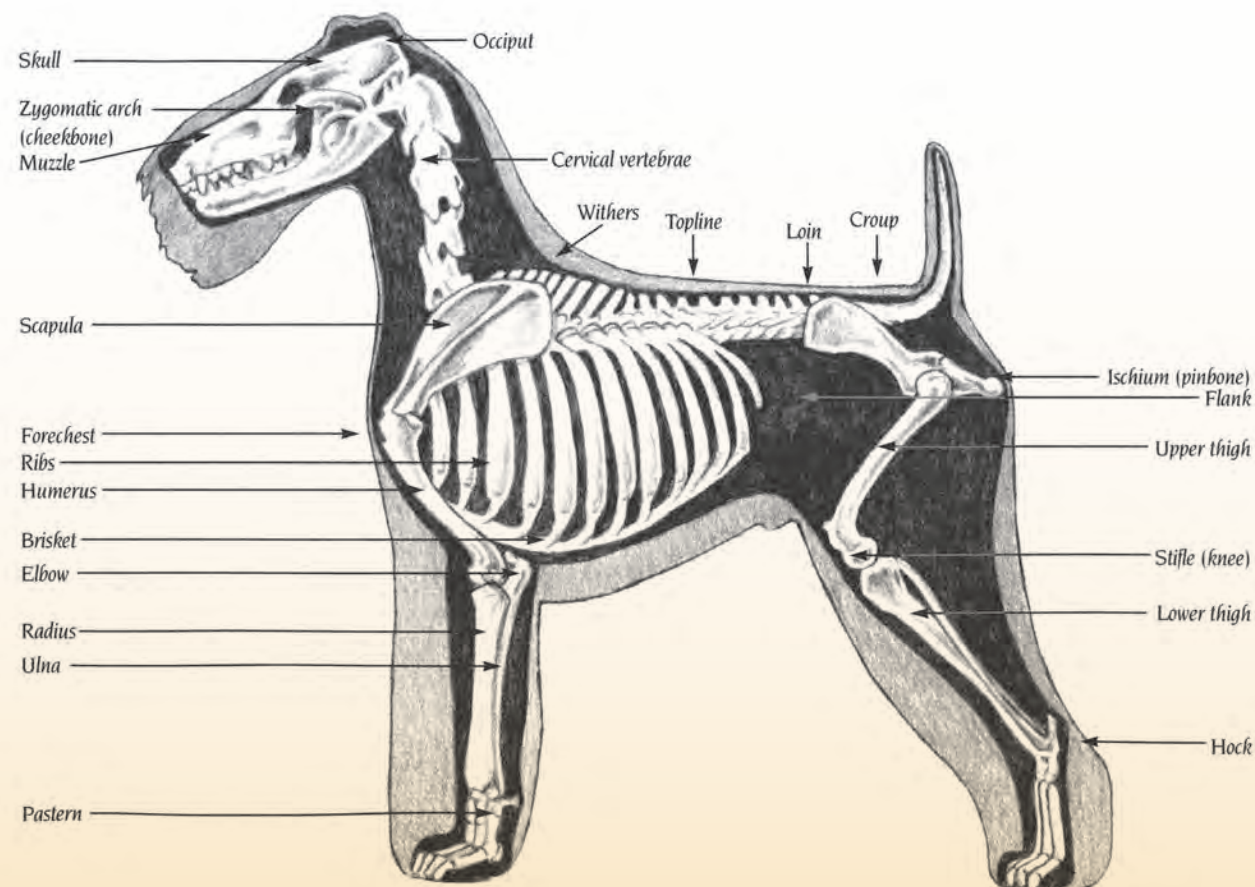
## ► The dog should be approximately as high as it is long.

If he is too short in length the hind feet and forefeet are apt to get in each other's way when moving in the trot. Also if too short in length, the dog is apt to have a "tight coupling" from withers to pelvis, meaning he will lack flexibility through the loin and pelvis creating a stilted, bouncy rear end, and he will not turn easily to the side.



- A. Length from withers to elbow
- B. Length from elbow to ground
- C. Length from forechest to buttocks

Correct Kerry proportion requires that  $A + B = C$





The next consideration is the concept of “layback”. Layback is the angle at which the scapula, or shoulder blade, lies on the thorax, or upper body. A proper layback is important to allow freedom of motion and good forward reach of the foreleg. Proper shoulder layback approaches 45 degrees, although few specimens achieve this. A 45 degree layback means that the angle formed from the more forward and lower part of the scapula, at the shoulder joint, to the upper prominence of the scapulae at the withers, measures 45 degrees from the vertical and from the horizontal. This can be judged by laying the index finger along the ridge formed by the spine of the scapula, in which case it should be a line half way between vertical and horizontal. Another approximation can be gained by observing the relation of the prominence of the scapulae at the withers to the forward prominence of the shoulder joint.

The scapula should lie flat against the thorax and glide easily over the thorax on motion, without any “winging” or displacement from a close coaption to the thorax. The upper bone of the foreleg joins the scapula at a backward angle equal to the scapular layback angle, thus balancing the two bones and placing the rest of the foreleg straight under the tip of the scapula at the withers. This creates a flexible coupling of the front leg assembly to the body. This whole assembly is attached to the body solely by muscles and ligaments. Excess stresses will lead to either “loaded shoulders” with heavy muscular development or overstretching and weakening the musculature accompanied by “winging” of the

scapula. The major cause of excess stress on the fore assembly is the straight or “steep” shoulder, meaning that the scapular layback is too vertical. This leads to limited forward reach and pounding of the forefoot. The straight shoulder also diminishes apparent length of the neck.

It is important to watch the fore assembly in motion. Along with proper layback the chest must not be too narrow or too wide. If too narrow, the shoulders will be pinched, resulting in a paddling type gait in which the foreleg swings in a somewhat lateral motion. If the chest is too wide, the dog will be apt to move the elbow outward in a partially circular manner which is wasteful of energy, uncoordinated and clumsy. As a working terrier, a wide chest also makes it difficult to “go to ground” for burrowing animals.

A dog with proper structure will lift and reach straightforward with the foreleg, the foot swinging fairly close to the ground. This covers the maximum amount of ground with the least effort. As the foot strikes the pastern flexes to absorb the shock and the toes grasp the surface to break what in reality is a forward, falling motion provided by the propulsion of the rear. Good feet are important and often overlooked. This forward propulsion continues with the reaching foreleg drawing back and “pulling in the ground”.

This action in front is coordinated with the rear, which is our next consideration. In order to provide proper drive, once again proper structure of bone, joint and muscle is necessary. The pelvis

should be slightly flexed and joined to the body by a flexible loin. With a properly flexed pelvis, the ischial tuberosities or “pin bones” will be prominent in the dog’s rear end. The upper thighbone is somewhat flexed forward and an angle is formed at the stifle by the backward flexed “second thigh” leading to the “well let down” back and rear pastern where another angle is formed. This combination of angles places the weight borne by the rear directly over the hind foot in natural stance. A straight stifle limits motion and flexibility. The usual “stacked” show stance places the rear weight slightly ahead of the rear foot.

Motion in the rear must be straight forward and back, the hocks turned neither in nor out. Forward reach in the rear must equal forward reach in front. If reach is greater in the rear than a straight fronted dog can accomplish in front, a delaying tactic to achieve coordination between front and rear is a “hacking” gait in front. This is stylistic, but not proper, and wastes considerable energy, as well as limiting forward reach.

There is widespread misconception about the amount of backward push or drive, which is desirable. The drive must be sufficient to propel the dog forward in a smooth, level manner, with sufficient momentum to vault the body over the forward reaching foreleg. The strike of the rear foot at the end of forward reach is followed by a strong push off in which the foot is only momentarily on the ground. Any overextension of backward motion once the rear foot has left the ground is wasted motion. It usually accompanies limited forward reach of the rear leg and places the

strike point of the foot too far back, which limits the ability of the dog to readily change direction since his weight is not well centered over the foot. This results in extra strain on rear musculature and early fatigue. Also a lowering of the dog’s body is noticeable as he moves forward at speed.

An appreciation of the foregoing is necessary to evaluate a specimen of our breed. It is all too easy for an exhibitor or handler to hide many of a dog’s structural faults by a skillful trim of the coat. However, the knowledgeable and observant ringsider, who can’t put his hands on the dog, will not be fooled once he sees the dog move.

