



# DEN TALK

Jan 28, 2008

## UPCOMING PLAYDAYS

February 16  
10am-2pm Erwin Park, McKinney, Texas  
Pecan Grove Pavillion  
March 8  
10am ~2pm Erwin Park, McKinney Texas  
Hilltop Pavillion

### SWJRTN Trial

Trial Chairs: Debbie West & Ed Seifert  
April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Hopkins Civic Center, Sulphur Springs, Texas  
Conformation judges:  
Jack Batzer & Gaye Redpath  
GTG: David Day & Shannon Osby  
Racing: Linda Lujan  
Agility: TBD  
Barn Hunt: Tressie Cowen

### GCJRTN Trial

Trial Chairs: Robyn Reed and Rick Wright  
March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008  
Grimes County Fair grounds, Navasota Texas  
Conformation Judges:  
Terri Batzer and Catherine Brown  
GTG & Racing: Lupe and Angela Saldivar  
Trail and locating /Barn Hunt – David Day  
Agility / Obedience – Lacy Browning

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Letter from the President,

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with your family and terrier friends. For my first year in office I would like to reflect on our clubs activities. As you all know we have moved on trials back to the April / November time frames. This allows our closer affiliates to put their trial dates back in place.

We were very successful in holding three playdays, with only having to cancel one in November due to weather.

Our trials starting with the AGM was very good for the club, we finally were able to put a face with JRTCA club officers. Moving our trial location to Sulphur Springs has been a huge success where we have hosted the November 2006 and November 2007 trials. Attendance at these trials has been what can be expected with the raising cost of gas. I think all affiliated clubs are feeling the slight decrease in attendance. That's why the SWJRTN would like to ask for your suggestions on how we can make your club trials the top notch trial for our state. Please think about what you would like and send those ideas to me.

Newsletters are being published four times a year. If you have something of interest that you would like to share with our members please send me your article, joke, brads about wins, whatever.

With the spring weather approaching I would encourage you to get those terrier out in the field. Hunting is what these wonderful companions are bred to do. Please contact the nearest Working judge and set that date. You can find all the JRTCA working judges in your True Grits. If you're still not sure your ready to work your terrier, please pick up the phone and call a working judge. They have the knowledge and experience that you can learn from, plus they are a great group of terrier people.

Anyone interested in volunteering at our April Trial should contact Ed Seifert, Mitzi Day or myself. Our numbers are located on Page two. We encourage all our club members to be involved and enjoy this one benefit our club has to offer you. I promise you will work beside some wonderful people and your guaranteed to make new friends.

Let me know what our club can do for you, we are here to learn from one another.

In this newsletter you will find the 2008 Affiliated Agreement that the SWJRTN is required to send to the JRTCA. Please take a moment and read this agreement. Also I have included the SWJRTN By-Laws. Our clubs Annual General Meeting will be held at the February playday, during lunch, please plan to attend.

Happy Hunting,  
Debbie West

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SWJRTN is an affiliate of the JRTCA; please check their website for more information.

**Treasurer's report**

The club's current balance as of January 2008 is \$8691.43

April ribbons and some trophies have already been reduced from our account.

**SWJRTN November Trial News****AUCTION & RAFFLE**

SWJRTN has always supported the Russell Rescue, We hope by the time the of the trial we will have someone to man the table. **Please bring a donation, 100% of raffle proceeds will go to RRI designated for Texas Rescue.**

**ADOPT A SOLDIER NOW**

GCJRTN & SWJRTN ask that you continue to bring an item or two to donate to our future trials. The next GCJRTN trial will be the first weekend in March/2008, and the SW Club will hold their next trial in April 2008. We will send these packages to our troops and their loyal canine companions. There is NO PROFIT in this for our clubs; this is strictly in support of our troops who may not receive the support from home that they are so readily due and deserve.

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**Other Affiliated Texas Club News****Gulf Coast Jack Russell Terrier Club**

Texas Two Step IV & V will be held March 1 & 2, 2008, at the Grimes County Fair Grounds in Navasota. The Conformation judges will be Terri Batzer and Catherine Brown. GTG and racing judges are Lupe and Angela Saldivar. Trailing and Locating and the Barn hunt will be judged by David Day. Lacy Browning will judge Agility and Obedience. Get up to date information at [www.gcjrtt.onefireplace.com](http://www.gcjrtt.onefireplace.com)

**Sooner State Jack Russell Terrier Network** will have their 2008 trial over Memorial Weekend May 24 & 25. Conformation judges are Catherine Brown & Liz Gleason, Shannon Osby is GTG Judge and Linda Lujan will judge racing. Please check their website for more up to date information.  
[www.soonerjrtt.com](http://www.soonerjrtt.com)

**Piney Woods Jack Russell Terrier Club** hosted their 2008 trial on Jan 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>. Conformation judge were Nancy Breakstone & Liz Valles. Mike Bilbo & Lupe Saldivar GTG, Linda Lujan & Angela Saldivar Racing judges.  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!



**SOUTHWEST JACK RUSSELL TERRIER NETWORK**

(Established 1988)

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dues: (select one)

- \$20 Single Adult       \$30 Family (2 adults, same address)       \$200 Lifetime Membership (per person)
- \$15 Youth Membership (ages 10-18)

**Adult members must be at least 18. Children re included in family membership, but do not have voting privileges. Youth memberships do not have voting privileges. All memberships must be renewed annually by December 31 of the previous year. Applications for new membership received during the last three months of the year, October through December, will automatically be renewed for the following year.**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Application must be signed and include a check made payable to S.W.J.R.T.N.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:** NEW MEMBER  RENEWAL  Change of Address Breeder: NO  YES  If YES, Kennel Name registered with JRTCA: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How many Jacks Russell's do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

From whom did you purchase your JRT? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own other working terriers? \_\_\_\_\_ How many other dogs do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU BELONG TO ANY OTHER JRT ORGANIZATIONS? NO  YES** **IF YES, ORGANIZATION NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

Persons applying for membership in the SWJRTN, or renewing a current membership, and members of their immediate family, shall now be a member of a conflicting JRT organization or any kennel club (i.e. JKC, States Kennel Club, AKC, etc.). Conflicting organizations include any organization promoting kennel club recognition/registration of the JRT, (i.e., JRT Breeders Association (JRTBA) or Parson JRT Club of England).

I hereby apply for membership in the Southwest Jack Russell Terrier Network. I agree to abide by the objectives and purposes stated in the SWJRTN constitution and certify that I do not belong to a conflicting JRT organization, nor do I register my terriers with any kennel club.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please returned signed application and check to: Linda Lujan, Treasurer  
4917 Ellensburg Dr.  
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## Canine Cataracts

### 1) Definition of Cataracts

The word cataract literally means 'to break down'. This breakdown refers to the disruption of the normal arrangement of the lens fibers or its capsule, which results in the loss of the transparency of the lens and a reduction in vision. Cataracts often appear to have a white or crushed ice appearance and are found in the lens of the eye.

A cataract is a clouding of the lens inside the eye and is the most common cause of blindness in dogs. Cataracts can be caused by injuries or diabetes, but most cataracts in dogs are inherited. Any opacity in the lens is called a cataract; very small spots do not significantly affect vision. However, most cataracts will progress, and ultimately cause blindness.

The lens is located behind the colored iris; thus when a cataract occurs, the pupil may appear white. Vision through a mature cataract is like looking through white painted glass. It is important to note that a cataract is not a growth.

### 2) How do cataracts form

Despite the fact that there are several different types and causes of cataracts, they all develop in a similar fashion. The normal lens is maintained in a dehydrated state. It consists of 66% water and 33% protein. There is a sodium-water pump system in the lens that keeps this water/protein balance in check. When the biomechanical system in the lens is damaged, this pump system begins to fail and extra water moves into the lens. In addition, the percentage of insoluble protein particles increases. These changes result in the loss of transparency and cataract formation.

### 3) What causes cataracts

There are many different forms and causes of cataract formation. They affect all breeds and ages of dogs, but certain types show up more commonly in specific. Despite the fact that cataracts are far too common, there is still a lot that we do not know about canine cataracts.

Cataracts may be present at birth (congenital) or develop later and can be caused by infections (such as canine herpes virus, canine parvovirus -2 and canine adenovirus -1), injuries, poor nutrition (i.e. puppy milk replacers), radiation therapy or toxins.

Many cataracts will worsen to the point of blindness but certain types can remain small for the entire life of the patient.

The most common **metabolic disorder** resulting in cataract formation in the dog is diabetes mellitus. If diabetic dogs are followed for a year or more, almost all of them will develop cataracts. In diabetic dogs, the glucose concentrations in the lens increases. The extra glucose is converted into sorbitol, which causes an increase in the influx of water to the lens. The increase in water causes a breakdown of the lens fibers and a resulting cataract. Cataracts in diabetic dogs can develop extremely rapidly if the dog's sugar is not regulated. This type of cataract will generally affect both eyes. Surgical removal of the lens can be successfully performed in the diabetic dog, if the animal has been regulated successfully for at least three months.

Hypocalcemia (low blood calcium) resulting from renal failure is another cause for cataract formation in dogs. Hypocalcemia may be brought on by poor nutrition and homemade diets are the greatest offender. The ideal dog's diet contains a ratio of calcium to phosphorus of 1.2 to 1. Liver, for example, has a calcium to phosphorus ratio of 1 to 15. Although liver is small rations is great for dogs, fed in large percentages the calcium to phosphorus ratio is improper. Low blood levels of albumen, caused by dietary protein deficiencies and sometimes kidney diseases, will cause low calcium levels.

Puppy Milk Replacers (see article on Nutritional Cataracts)

Trauma from an automobile accident or penetration of a thorn, shotgun pellet, or other object may damage the lens and a cataract may develop. These types of cataracts usually only occur in one eye and can be treated successfully with surgical removal. Electric shock (a puppy bites

an electric cord) can result in anterior subcapsular cataracts.

Disophenol, given for the treatment of hookworms has been shown to cause cataracts but are usually reversible after the drug is discontinued.

#### 4) How do you classify cataracts

Cataracts are classified in multiple ways which leads to confusion.

**Classification by stage of formation**: the basis of stage of formation may be meaningful because this describes the progression of most cataracts regardless of cause.

**Incipient** - when first evidence of opacification is seen. Vision is not affected. The opacity may or may not progress. (<http://cvm.msu.edu/courses/AP/cataract/types/incipient.htm>)

**Incomplete** (also called immature) - lens is largely, but not completely, opaque. The patient may have some vision; a tapetal reflex is visible. The lens may be slightly enlarged due to imbibition (absorption of fluid by a solid, causing swelling) of water. (<http://www.animaleyecare.net/diseases/cataract.htm>)

**Complete** (also called mature) - lens is totally opaque preventing vision in that eye. The lens may be enlarged due to imbibition of water. (<http://www.animaleyecare.net/diseases/cataract.htm>)

**Complete with shrinkage** (also called hypermature) - remaining lens fibers are opaque, but there is a reduction in this material as well as water, causing a decrease in the size of the lens, usually through flattening. If the capsule is clear, the patient may be able to see through portions where little to no cortical material remains or around the lens if shrinkage results in a smaller diameter. (<http://www.el-minjas.com/cataract3.jpg>)

**Classification on basis of age**: The age of onset can be important in determining whether the cataracts present are the result of a hereditary trait.

**Congenital** - present at birth. These will usually occur in both eyes. Just because a dog is born with cataracts does not unavoidably mean they were inherited. Infections in utero or nutritional deficiencies may be the cause.

**Developmental (Early Onset or Juvenile)** - develops sometime after birth, but generally before adulthood (2-5 years) - many of the heritable and nutritional cataracts fall into this category.

**Degenerative (Senile or Late Onset)** - cataract formation after normal development. These cataracts occur in dogs over six years of age. Nuclear sclerosis is often confused with cataracts at this age.

**Classification on where they occur**: "On the CERF form, cataracts are separated into those that occur in the anterior cortex (those occurring in front of the nucleus), the posterior cortex (the cortex behind the nucleus), the equatorial cortex (around the lens periphery), or within the nucleus itself. Cataracts that involve the suture lines are separated into anterior or posterior suture line cataracts. All cataracts are further described by size. Punctate indicates small, focal cataracts. Intermediate describes those involving a larger area of the lens than punctate. Diffuse cataracts refer to those involving an entire area. Generalized cataracts involve all areas of the lens." Thomas Miller, DVM, DAVCO

#### 5) What are Y-suture cataracts?

Granular clumping along the arms of the Y-sutures. Not uncommon. It is important in that it progresses in some animals and it may represent a variable expression of a heritable cataract.

#### 6) Treatment Options

There are no medications which are effective in treating or preventing cataracts. Treatment requires surgical removal of the lens and once removed, a cataract cannot recur. Cataracts are not treated with lasers; the most common surgery to remove the lens uses phacoemulsification, ultrasonic fragmentation of cataract. For a successful outcome, the affected animal must undergo a thorough examination to determine if he/she is a good surgical candidate. Diabetic animals that are not regulated, aggressive animals that are difficult to treat daily, or animals in poor or failing health, are not good surgical candidates.

**7) How about non-surgical treatment?** eye drops, etc.

There is currently no good non-surgical treatment for this condition.

**8) Complications**

Cataract surgery is approximately 90-95% successful. However, this means that in 5-10% of cases, complications may prevent vision recovery. The purpose of the examinations before and after surgery is to detect and prevent these complications whenever possible. In uncomplicated cases, vision will begin to improve within a few days; after six weeks, healing is usually complete and medication is discontinued.

**9) Signs/symptoms my dog may have cataracts**

Signs of vision loss are usually not detected by the owner until the cataract occupies 40-50% of the lens. Oftentimes, this needs to occur in both eyes for the dog's vision to be negatively affected.

**10) Management of cataracts found in a breeding program**

"These statements pertain to any potentially inherited cataract (i.e., cataract for which another cause is not found):

Usually the sire and dam of any litter or pups with cataracts are not bred again to each other, and the breeder needs to think long and hard about whether to breed them again at all. The safest advice is to retire them from breeding.

Any dog with cataracts should not be bred.

It is undecided what to do with the siblings of affected dogs because the genetics of cataract inheritance is known in so few breeds. It is a bit risky to use the siblings as breeders, but it is hard to know how risky if only one dog in the litter is affected. If multiple dogs are affected, then the safest advice is to neuter all the dogs in the litter and be careful about other (younger or older) siblings." Dr. Rhea Morgan, DVM, Diplomate ACVO

**Nutritional Cataracts  
By Dr. Lisa Meek, Member ACVO**

A nutritional cataract is caused by either a deficiency or excess of a nutrient resulting in a loss of transparency of the lens. Nutritional cataracts have been identified in various species, including rats, pigs, wolves, fish and guinea pigs as well as dogs and cats. In dogs and cats the most common cause of nutritional cataracts is being hand raised on milk replacer.

It is usually possible to differentiate nutritional cataracts from inherited cataracts. The location of the cataract within the lens is fairly unique compared to other cataracts. The cataract is present within a few weeks of starting milk replacer. When combined with a history of being hand raised, the diagnosis is usually straight-forward. Also, inherited cataracts rarely occur at such early ages (with a few exceptions).

Nutritional cataracts usually do not progress to interfere significantly with vision. Some will improve with age, as the young lens has some ability to repair itself. The younger the pup is when switched from bitch to hand raising, the more likely it is to develop nutritional cataracts. Also, the sooner it is started on solid food, the sooner the lens can stabilize and improve.

Numerous studies have been performed to try to identify specific causes of nutritional cataracts. Most studies have implicated abnormal amino acid levels, with the specific amino acid implicated varying from species to species. Arginine deficiency has been implicated as the most likely cause of nutritional cataracts in dogs. Most of the commercial milk replacers do not contain added arginine. One exception is Nurturall by VPL. All of the commonly available milk replacers (Esbilac, Havolac, Unilact, Veta-lac, and Nurturall) have lower protein levels than bitches milk. Bitches milk has approximately 10.7% protein, cows and goats milk 3.5% protein, and the above mentioned supplements range from 4.5% protein to 7.5% protein.

There have been no studies evaluating home made diets, but it is known that meat is a good source of arginine. Therefore, one of the most common recommendations has been to add beef or liver baby food to the milk replacers. Since no studies have been performed evaluating this combination, there are not specific recommendations as to how much baby food should be

added.

The specific recommendations that I can make are the following:

1. If pups cannot be raised on the bitch, then try to find a wet nurse for them.
2. The longer the pups are on bitches' milk, the less likely they are to develop nutritional cataracts.
3. If they cannot be raised on bitches' milk, add as much beef or liver baby food to the milk replacer as you can without causing GI upset and still keep it liquid enough to drink.
4. Add puppy diet as soon as possible.
5. Consider using Nurturall since it has the highest protein level of the available milk replacers and has added arginine, if bitches' milk is not available.

*(Ed. Note: Recent ads in the AKC Gazette also show "Just Born" milk replacer as having the arginine added and the protein content of this product is also 7.5%. Nurturall is available from Veterinary Products Lab in Phoenix, Arizona (800) 548-2828 and Just Born is by Farnam, also in Phoenix (800) 234-2269).*

Sometimes putting a face to the problems our terriers face help to make an impact on how we look at things. Thank you Darlene, Tina and Sherri for sharing your stories of your dear terrier friends.

### HOPE

Hope was born with Cerebella Ataxia. Cerebella Ataxia is a defect in the part of the brain that controls balance. Hope seemed normal to us at birth, however, by the time she was between 2-3 weeks old, it was apparent that there was a problem. Hope just laid in the whelping box while her siblings got up and played all over her. A neurologist confirmed our fears, but we decided to keep Hope and give her the best life possible. While she does not walk like a normal dog, she is able to play with our other terriers and has brought us much joy. Hope will be 5 years old this July.

Darlene McInnes



## ANGEL

Angel AKA The Barking Lot's Minnie Might born in Yelm WA on June 18th 1996, She was the runt of her big litter of 6 pups. Angel has always been a true JRT in every characteristic of the breed. She is brave beyond belief in this little girl, Dominants to a fault with her JRT pack, Yet very loving to her human family. She has won Champion in numerous GTG, racing, & agility competitions, I took her to Nationals once which was the year of 9/11, I showed her in 2 classes spay bitch and agility she got 1st place out of 20 something in conformation and 4th place in agility. I also took her hunting in Kansas with Stephanie Poppe and The Fentons she successfully bolted a Ground Hog. I have taken Angel to get CERF tested every year since she was born until I spayed her with a clean test every time. I skip a few years with her but thought I would take her to get checked when I took a breeding bitch of mine to get checked, Angel was 7.5 yrs of age when she was diagnosed with a pin head cataract at that time. About 6 months later I noticed she would bark at me while competing at the agility trials and her left eye was clouding up. When she was 9 yrs. old I noticed that her left eye was starting to turn blueish grey it wasn't long after that she was totally blind in that eye. Then I noticed that her right eye was starting to get cloudy yet she could still see where she was going. I entered her in agility in Feb. 2007 on Friday she could see by Sat. afternoon she couldn't see me throw the ball for her to fetch. These cataracts progress very fast, Angel is still that brave, head up, proud little terrier even when she bumps into the wall for the door or trips down the stairs barking at something with the rest of the terriers. We call her badger girl when she tries to find the stairs. She will be 11 years old in June.  
Tina Stafford



## REBA

Reba is a multiple Working and Open Terrier Champion, in addition to having her working certificate to groundhog. Reba was about 4 years old when her CERF tests started coming up "abnormal." None of the ophthalmologist's that examined her could pinpoint what was wrong with her. At 5, Reba's right lens luxated and had to be removed due to a condition called Primary Lens Luxation, or PLL. Three weeks later, the other lens luxated and that was also removed. Even though people told me I should "put her down", Reba was given a chance to live life as a blind dog. To this day, Reba rules the roost around our farm and has even competed in the Master's Den at the Rainier Classic trial.

Sherri Rossmiller



**JRTCA 2008 AFFILIATED AGREEMENT**

As an affiliated club of the JRTCA, the BOD would like to share with you the terms of our club with the JRTCA. This agreement is signed and sent to the JRTCA annually.

**JRTCA AFFILIATED AGREEMENT**

The Jack Russell Terrier Club of America recognizes as Affiliates local clubs formed for the purpose of organizing terrier activities and providing breed education for Jack Russell owners on a local level in a specified geographical area, who share the JRTCA's goals and objectives for the breed. This agreement outlines the requirements for JRTCA affiliates. The organizations name: Southwest Jack Russell Terrier Network, which covers the following geographic area: North Texas. The Affiliate hereby agrees:

1. To be solely affiliated with the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America (JRTCA), adopt the JRTCA constitution and uphold its goals, purpose and policies according.
2. To Establish its operational guidelines in accordance with the JRTCA's goals and objectives as stated in the Constitution and that all officers and/or Board Members of the Affiliate will be current members of the JRTCA. (List of current officers/board members to be submitted with agreement along with the current list of members. A minimum of 125 members is required).
3. To solely recognize and fully support the JRTCA breed standard, top recognize the JRTCA registry as the sole registry of Jack Russells in the U.S., and that the affiliate will not start or maintain any type of Jack Russell Registry.
4. To Appoint a delegate, who is a current JRTCA member, to act as liaison with the JRTCA.
5. To encourage all Affiliate members to hold individual memberships in the JRTCA, and encourage the registration or recording of JRT's in the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America's Registry /Recording program.
6. That the affiliate will not name any trial, or show, event as sanctioned unless that trial, show or event is sanctioned by the JRTCA according to the guidelines issued by the JRTCA Trial Committee.
7. That the Affiliate will not sanction or otherwise approve or name any of its members as judges, either sanctioned or unsanctioned, for the purpose of Conformation, Working, or Go-To-Ground. It is recognized and agreed that only the JRTCA will sanction and maintain Go-To-Ground, Working and Conformation judges.
8. That the Affiliate will use only the JRTCA approved Conformation judges for all competitions; unsanctioned competitions must use JRTCA sanctioned Conformation judges or any person who is approved as an Applicant in the JRTCA Conformation Judging program.

9. The Affiliate will not issue Working or Trial Certificates to its members, or to members of the JRTCA, and recognizes
10. Only Working/Trial Certificates issued by the JRTCA.
11. To uphold the JRTCA's policy on kennel club recognition/registration of the Jack Russell Terrier (or any variant thereof). Events sanctioned by or affiliated with conflicting organizations, or events that include or promote kennel registered terriers will not be included in Affiliated newsletter or other publication, and representatives of conflicting organizations or all-kennel clubs will not be used for Seminars or any other Affiliated purpose. The Affiliate will not knowingly permit advertising by members of conflicting organizations or those who register their terriers with conflicting organizations or all-breed registries.
12. To submit a copy of every Affiliate newsletter to the JRTCA Affiliate contact and the Editor of True Grit, from which articles, information may be reprinted in True Grit. Each newsletter cover must state that this club is an affiliate of the JRTCA.
13. To be signatory to the Affiliation Agreement annually, and to an annual affiliation fee of \$25.00.
14. To include in its membership application the disclaimer used by the JRTCA: Persons applying for membership (or renewing a current membership must not be member of a conflicting JRT organization as defined by the JRTCA, and must not register their JRTs with any all-breed registry/kennel club.)
15. To hold an annual (or biennial) election of officers, electing a minimum of three officers, which includes a democratic nominating process and voting open to the entire membership. Officers must be current members in good standing of the JRTCA.
16. To publish the JRTCA membership application form in each issue of its newsletter.
17. To hold a minimum of two local activities per year and host the JRTCA seminar at some point during their first two years.
18. Submit a copy of Affiliate by-laws with this agreement.

**THE JACK RUSSELL TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA AGREES TO:**

1. Include affiliate's name, with address and phone number of contact, in a listing in every True Grit.
2. Include a summary of activities, with the exception of unsanctioned trials, in each issue of True Grit as desired by the Affiliate, up to one-quarter page.
3. Include the Affiliate is a listing of JRTCA Affiliated Club listing with every information packet and new member packet sent out by the Club office,

- To Provide JRTCA membership labels for surrounding states for use at Affiliate events at the club's cost to print and mail.
4. To provide educational brochures, registration forms, or any other Club literature as needed/ large quantities of any educational Club literature will be provided at no cost to the Affiliate.
  5. To permit the reprinting of any articles of information published in the True Grit in the affiliate newsletter.
  6. To provide one general JRTCA seminar for new Affiliates, designed to educate the Affiliate members on Club policy and procedures for registration, trials, working certificates, etc., and on conformation and working aspect of the breed. This educational seminar is offered to all Affiliate on a one-time basis, and is planned, funded, and implemented by the JRTCA Board of Directors. A request for this seminar with the preferred date selected should be submitted to the JRTCA Affiliate contact a minimum of 90 days in advance of the date requested. IT is recommended that this seminar be held in conjunction with a Fun Day or other local gathering, not in conjunction with a sanctioned trial.
  7. To provide financial assistance up to \$200 towards additional seminars (limited to one per year) or other educational projects as needed. A general financial statement from the Affiliated must be submitted to document the Affiliate's need for financial assistance.
  8. To provide advice and guidance in any area regarding the Jack Russell Terrier and Affiliated activities as requested; request to be made through the JRTCA Affiliate contact.
  9. To use reasonable efforts to respond to the Affiliate's request for assistance, providing the request is to be in the best interest of the Jack Russell Terrier.

### SWJRTN By-Laws

#### ARTICLE I

##### SECTION 1. NAME

The name of this club shall be the Southwest Jack Russell Terrier Network (SWJRTN) and is solely affiliated with the Jack Russell Terrier of America (JRTCA). The SWJRTN has adopted the JRTCA constitution and upholds its goals and purposes accordingly.

##### SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is composed of the original founders who are not members of conflicting organizations or who have not registered their Jack Russell Terriers with any conflicting organizations as defined by the JRTCA. The Board of Directors serves in an advisory

capacity when called upon by the SWJRTN or when its need to do so has become apparent.

#### SECTION 3. PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle office of the Network shall be located in such a place as the Executive Board shall determine to be appropriate to carry on the business of the SWJRTN. The Network shall conduct business at such other offices as the Executive Board deemed necessary from time to time.

#### ARTICLE II

##### SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

There shall be annual membership open to all persons eighteen years of age or older, single or family membership. This membership shall be consist of Jack Russell Terrier owners, breeders, and other interested in the breed.

##### SECTION 2. DUES

Every member shall pay annual dues with the exception of those who hold lifetime memberships.

Family membership shall be defined as two members of the immediate family provided they reside at the same address. Family members shall be eligible for special dues rates and each shall receive al the privileges accorded members of the Network. Dues shall be due on the first day of January of each year. Dues paid by anyone joining the Network during the last three months (October, November, December) of the year shall be credited to the following year. Any member in arrears may not be readmitted to membership until such arrears have been fully paid. Any member in arrears after March 1 shall automatically be dropped from membership in the Network. Notice shall be published in the November issue of the newsletter that the annual dues are due to first day of January. The Executive Board shall be empowered to fix the amount dues from time to time as required.

##### SECTION 3.

Membership in the Network shall be nontransferable

##### SECTION 4. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Executive Board and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the SWJRTN. The application shall state the name, address, and any other information as the Executive Board may direct. Along with the application, the prospective member shall submit dues which shall be refunded if the application is rejected. Applicants may be elected by the Board at any time and applications for membership shall be acted upon as soon as possible after the filling of said application with the Network Treasurer. Any application which has been rejected by the Executive Board may not be resubmitted for a period of at least twelve months from the date of rejection.

## SECTION 5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. By resignation: Any member in good standing may resign from the Network upon written notice to the treasurer, but no member may resign when in debt to the Network.
- b. By relapsing: A membership will be considered as lapsed automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 60 days after the first day of the calendar year; however, the Executive Board may grant an additional 90 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person whose dues are unpaid be entitled to vote at any meeting.
- c. By Expulsion: A membership may be terminated by expulsion for any activity which is considered by the Executive Board to be in violation of the JRTCA Constitution or the By-Laws of the Network, or is considered likely to prejudice or damage the image of the Network, or interfere with the efficient operation of the Network, or comprise the Breed Standard in any way. The process of termination of membership by expulsion is provided for in ARTICLE VII of these By-Laws.

## SECTION 6. REINSTATEMENT

A membership terminated by reason of resignation or lapsing must be reapplied for according to ARTICLE II. Section 4. An expelled member may not apply for a period of at least 5 years.

## ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

## SECTION 1. NETWORK MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall be held at least once each calendar year as designate by the Executive Board, and all members shall be advised of the date, time and place. Notice of Annual Meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when included in an edition of the Network newsletter published at least 30 days but not more than 90 days in advance thereof. Any business may be presented at an annual meeting, regardless of whether such business is referred to in the notice of said meeting. The Executive Board may designate any place as the place of the meeting. Each member shall have one vote. Unless herein or by statute otherwise provided, all voting shall be VIVA VOCE.

## SECTION 2. SPECIAL NETWORK MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board, or by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by a majority of the members who are in good standing as of March 1 in the current and place to be designated by the President or the Executive Board. Such special meetings must be

the date upon which the secretary received a duly authorized request for a special meeting and its purpose shall be made to the members of the Network in the same manner as set forth in ARTICLE III Section 1. A special meeting must be limited to the purpose for which it was called.

## SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive Board must meet at least once in each calendar year. Other meetings of the Board may be called by the President. Notice of the place, date and time of any meeting must be given to the members of the Board, either in writing or personally at the discretion of the President. Meetings may be held at any time either in person or by telephone conference. The quorum for such meeting shall be tow thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board.

## SECTION 4. NETWORK MEETING PROCEDURE

Except as otherwise herein provided, Network meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, Latest edition. Any action required or permitted to be taken, at any meeting of the Board may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board consent thereto in writing and the writing or writings are filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Members of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of conference by telephone or similar communications equipment, by means of which all persons participating in the meeting and the Secretary can hear each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

## ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD

## SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- a. The Executive Board is composed of the officers of the Southwest Jack Russell Terrier Network as defined in ARTICLE IV Section 2.
- b. Duties and Powers:
  - (1) The Business and affairs of the Network shall be managed by its Executive Board.
  - (2) The Executive Board shall, at each annual meeting, present a report to the Network members of the property, operations, and affairs of the Network for the preceding year.
  - (3) The Secretary shall serve as liasion to the JRTCA for his/her full term of office.
- c. Number, Tenure and Qualification
  - (1) If any member shall die, resign or any reason be unable to serve, a successor shall be appointed from within the Network membership, by the remaining members of the Board, to fill such vacancy.

- (2) Board members may be elected to serve additional consecutive terms.
- (3) Members of the Board must be citizens of the United States of America.
- (4) Members of the Board must be in good standing with the JRTCA and may not belong to any conflicting Jack Russell Terrier organization.

## SECTION 2. OFFICERS

The officers of the Network shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and, such other officers, as may be appointed by the Board, from time to time. The Officers shall serve for a term of two years from the date of their election and may be re-elected by the membership to serve additional consecutive terms. Each officer must be a member in good standing with the JRTCA and the SWJRTN, may not belong to any conflicting Jack Russell Terrier organization and must own at least one Jack Russell terrier.

- a. President: The President shall be the principle executive officer of the Network, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and shall have the duties and power normally appurtenant to the office of President. President may sign, with the Secretary or any other officer of the Network authorized by the Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board has authorized to be executed.
- b. Vice President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, in case of the President's death, absence, resignation or incapacity. The Vice President shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board.
- c. Treasurer: If required by the Executive Board, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his or her duties, in such sum and with such surety as the Board shall determine. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Network: receive and give receipts for monies due and payable from any source whatsoever: and deposit all such monies in the name of the Network in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be approved by the Executive Board: he or she shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Executive Board. His or her books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board and he or she shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Network's finances and at the Annual Meeting he or she shall render an account of all monies received and spent during the previous calendar year.
- d. Recording and Corresponding Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings minutes of the Network and of the Board. He or she shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary. He or she shall keep a roll of the members of the Network with their addresses and shall notify new members of their election to membership. He or she shall act as custodian of all Network records and have charge of the general Network correspondence. He or she shall perform other duties as assigned by the President or the Executive Board.
- e. Resignation: Any officer may resign at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, and if not time is specified, at the time of its receipt by the President or Secretary. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- f. Salaries: The officers of the Network shall perform their duties without salary.
- g. Removal: Any officer of the Network may be removed by two-thirds vote of the Board at a meeting of those members present in person.
- h. Term of Office: The Network's Officers shall take office upon election. The Past President shall continue to serve in a non-voting advisory capacity during the two-year term.
- i. Succession: Each retiring officer shall turn over to his or her successor in office, as soon as practicable, but no later than one month after his or her retirement, all properties and records relating to that office.

## ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

### SECTION 1. TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT COMMITTEES

- a. Temporary Committees
  - (1) The President, with the approval of the Board, may appoint committees or sub-committees to advance the work of the Network. Such committees shall always be subject to final authority of the Board. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all such temporary committees. Any committee

- (2) appointment may be terminated by majority vote of the Board.
  - (3) A Trial Chairperson shall be appointed by the Executive Board for each trial during the two-year term of office of the Executive Board. The Trial Chairperson must be a member in good standing with the JRTCA and must not belong to any conflicting Jack Russell Terrier organization. The outgoing Trial Chairperson shall have the option to serve, in an advisory capacity, on the Trial committee for the first trial following his/her Chairmanship. The Trial Chairperson shall turn over to his/her successor all properties and records, relating to that Chairmanship as soon as the successor is named.
- b. Permanent Committees
- (1) Permanent Committees shall be: Editor of the Den Talk, Go-To-Ground Committee, and Racing Committee.
  - (2) Any Committee Chairperson or committee member may be reappointed to a consecutive term of membership. If any member of a committee shall die, resign, or for any reason be unable to serve, the respective committee member shall appoint a successor who shall hold office for the un-expired term. Any committee member may be removed for cause by majority vote of the Board. A majority of whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of members at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be an act of the committee. In addition, the President shall be a member ex-officio of all permanent committees. Chairmen of the committees must be in good standing with the JRTCA and may not belong to any conflicting Jack Russell Terrier organization. Committee Chairmen shall take office upon appointment.

- c. Each retiring Committee Chairmen shall turn over to his or her successor, as soon as practicable, but no later than one month after his/her retirement, all properties and records relating to that office
- d. Each committee shall meet at least once annually before the Network's annual meeting. Each committee shall present an annual report of the committee's business of the membership at the annual meeting and to the Executive Board at its annual meeting.

#### SECTION 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- a. There shall be a Nominating committee of three members who shall be appointed by the Executive Board. The Chairman of the committee shall be the Treasurer. The members of the Nominating Committee shall continue as such until the next Annual Meeting of the Network and until, their successors are duly appointed. The responsibility of the Nominating Committee shall be to recommend to the membership the name of candidates for the Executive Board.

#### ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

##### SECTION 1. Voting

- a. Ballots may be issued personally or published in the newsletter. Only good members in good financial standing with the Network may vote. Ballots may be cast by mail or in person.
- b. The President shall appoint tellers. There shall be at least two tellers, one being the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. However, a teller shall not be a candidate for office, the President may serve as a teller or appoint the Secretary as a teller.
- c. Election shall be plurality vote, i.e., the largest vote for any candidate.
- d. The tellers shall make the following report:

Teller's Report  
 Eligible to Vote: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Votes cast: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doe \_\_\_\_\_

The teller's report shall contain the above information of each office.

- e. The tellers, after preparing the report of the vote, submit the results to the Chairman who announces the New Executive Board to the membership. This may be done at a Network meeting but will be followed up in the newsletter in order to inform full membership.

## ARTICLE VII – DISPLINE

## SECTION 1. Charges

Any member may prefer charges against any other member for any alleged activity, which is in violation of the JRTCA Constitution or By-Laws of the Network, or is contrary to the objects and purposes of the Network, or interferes with the efficient operation of the Network, or compromises the Breed Standard in anyway. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary with a deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), which sum shall become property of the Southwest Jack Russell Terrier Network if said charges shall not be sustained. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Executive Board or represent them at a Board Meeting, and the Board shall first consider conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Network or the Breed. It may refuse charges, notice must be given for a meeting of the Executive Board not less than ten days nor more than three weeks thereafter to decide the matter. The secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing. The accused member may personally appear in his own defense and bring witness if she/he wishes.

## SECTION 2. Board Hearing

The Executive Boars shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. After hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by the complainant and defendant from all privileges of majority of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Network for a specified period of time. If the Board deems that punishment insufficient, it may vote to expel the defendant from the membership. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties off the Board's decision and penalty, if any.

## ARTICLE VIII – LOGO AND COLORS

## SECTION 1. BY THE MEMBERS

These By-laws may be added to, altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Network provided a petition for addition, alteration, or amendment is signed by not less that twenty five percent (25%) of Network members in good standing and submitted to the Secretary in writing, no later than 60 days prior to the date of the Network Annual Meeting next scheduled. Additions, alterations and amendments contained in said petition shall be considered by the Board and submitted to the Network membership

together with the Board's recommendation no less that 20 days prior to the next Network Annual meeting. Any vote to add to, alter, or amend the Network's by-laws by petition at any Network Annual Meeting must be majority vote of the membership in person.

## SECTION 2. BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

These By-laws may be added to, altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the Officers present at any meeting of the Executive Board, provided however, that a two week notice in writing of the proposed amendment shall be given to all officers.

## ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. The Network may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two thirds (2/3) of the members. In the event of dissolutions of the Network, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Network nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Network shall be distributed to any members of the Network, but after payment of debts of the Network, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs, selected by the Executive Board.

## Abbreviations / definitions

JRTCA – Jack Russell Terrier Club of America

SWJRTN – Southwest Jack Russell Terrier Network

Majority Vote – Over half of ballots cast, at a legal meeting, quorum (18) being present

Plurality Vote – Largest vote of any candidate

Two thirds vote – Two thirds of votes cast.

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Adult members must be 18 years of age; youth members must be 10 years up to 18 years. Individual youth memberships offer limited club privileges, including True Grit subscription, eligibility for terrier registration and certificates; no voting privileges. A Family Youth membership does not include True Grit.

All memberships run yearly from January 1 to December 31 with membership fees due each year. Applications for new memberships received during the last two months of the year (November through December) will automatically be carried over to the following calendar year.

### Dues:

- \$45 Single Adult**
- \$50 Family** (2 adults, same address)  
Also includes minor children under 18 years
- \$25 Youth (10 up to 18 years)**  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$15 Family Youth (10 up to 18 years)**  
(resident with adult member)  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Outside U.S. add \$15 —**  
**payment must be in U.S. dollars**



**IMPORTANT: APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED TO BE PROCESSED** →

### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If Youth Member, Age of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ (10 up to 18 years only)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: A/C: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a member previously? Yes  No

Address Change? Yes  No  How many dogs do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a breeder: Yes  No  Number of minor children: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any other Jack Russell Terrier organizations? Yes  No

If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like an application to register your kennel name? Yes  No

**PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WITH SIGNED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR COMPLETE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION BELOW.**

Please charge to my: Mastercard  Visa  Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Persons applying for membership in the JRTCA, or renewing a current membership, must not be a member of a conflicting JRT organization as defined by the JRTCA, and must not register their JRTs with any conflicting organization or any all-breed kennel club. Conflicting organizations include any organization promoting kennel club recognition/registration of the JRT. In accordance with the Bylaws and regulations of the JRTCA, membership may be terminated, suspended or refused by the JRTCA Board of Directors for any conduct which may be considered likely to prejudice or damage the image of or interfere with the efficient running of the Club, or compromise the breed in any way.

I hereby apply for membership in the JRTCA as indicated above. I agree to abide by the objectives and purposes stated in the JRTCA Constitution and Bylaws, JRTCA rules and operational policies, and the JRTCA Breeders Code of Ethics. I certify that I do not belong to a conflicting JRT organization, nor do I register my Jack Russell Terriers with any all-breed kennel club or conflicting registry. Furthermore, by my signature on this application, I hereby agree that all terms of the Membership Application and any disputes which may arise by and between the JRTCA and me shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Maryland, as if all parties have signed in the state of Maryland. Furthermore, I consent to the jurisdiction of, and agree that the sole venue which is proper for the resolutions of any and all disputes between the JRTCA and me is the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the State of Maryland.

**APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED; IF JOINT OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP, MUST INCLUDE SIGNATURES OF BOTH ADULTS. If there is only one adult in the household, please write "ONE ADULT ONLY" on the second signature line if joining as a family with minors.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Note: Membership Fees are Non-Refundable. \*\*\***

### IMPORTANT

The JRTCA is adamantly opposed to recognition /registration of the Jack Russell Terrier by ANY all-breed kennel club, as it is believed to be detrimental to the preservation of the working Jack Russell Terrier. In keeping with this policy, JRTCA membership is limited to individuals who support the JRTCA's principles. Registration of Jack Russell Terriers (or any variant thereof) with any all-breed kennel club, or membership in any organization that supports all-breed kennel club recognition/registration, is not acceptable for application to membership in the JRTCA.

The Jack Russell Terrier is a unique working terrier that has remained virtually unchanged for more than 100 years because it has been preserved for work. It is an unspoiled type or strain of working terrier with unique character, working ability, great intelligence, sound physical structure, and broad structural differences within the standard. These characteristics must be maintained to preserve this terrier as it remains today. The JRTCA's unique registry, with its strict inbreeding limitations and health requirements, breed standard, Breeders' Code of Ethics, and working certificate, sanctioned judge and field trial programs are all designed to do just that. All those who support the JRTCA's principles are welcome and encouraged to join the JRTCA and help us preserve this great little terrier.

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN APPLICATION!**