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## UPCOMING

### PLAYDAYS

- **Saturday January 13th 10am-2pm at Erwin Park, McKinney, TX**
- **Saturday February 24th 10am-2pm at Erwin Park, McKinney, TX**

## GREETINGS SWJRTN MEMBERS

Hope your Thanksgiving was filled with good food and that your family, friends and terriers surrounded you. This is my favorite part of the year, winter. Hunting has started and some individuals may like to learn more about working your terriers. If you haven't been in the field with your terrier, I would like to recommend that you get your True Grit out and contact a working judge. You can learn a great deal from them and give your terrier what he/she loves to do the most, Hunt! Plus you'll get the exercise you need to take off those unwanted pounds we'll be putting on this Holiday season.

Jack Round Up I & II and hosting the JRTCA AGM, WOW, what an experience. I'm truly honored to help our club host the first rotating AGM. We'll be sure to have fun and are looking to our club members for volunteering to make this trial run as smoothly as possible. Contact anyone on the board and get involved.

We have scheduled playdays at Erwin Park and would like to welcome everyone to attend and bring your terrier friends. Please get the word out to others and invite them to get involved with their terriers. Our playdays for the first quarter of the year are Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>. I would like to Congratulate Sandi Galloway, our Raffle/Rescue/Playday Coordinator. If you would like to help Sandi, please give her a call. She sure would appreciate the help.

Our website has been updated, thanks to Ed Seifert and his wonderful crew. Ed's idea for a members only site, similar to JRTCA, is something I think we'll all benefit from. It will post treasurer reports, trial results and BOD minutes for all SWJRTN members to see. You'll get information quicker and be able to see where your talents can be used to support and help our club grow. Ed will have more to share about the uses of the updated web site.

Congratulations to the following chairpersons:

Janel Vincent – Conformation Chair

Ellie Leslie – Racing Chair

Sandi Galloway – Rescue/Raffle/Playday Coordinator

Kay Ritter - Youth and Child Handler Coordinator

If anyone is interested in Chairing Lure Chasing, please contact one of our Board Members - Mitzi Day, Vice President; Ed Siefert, Secretary; Linda Lujan, Treasurer; or me. I'm looking forward to working with this wonderful group of volunteers. When you have a chance, please congratulate them on their positions and offer to help wherever you can.

Debbie West

President

## ANOTHER OPERATION TEXAS RESCUE SUCCESS!

Sprout (now Riley) has found his forever home with Donna Macha and family in the Houston area. And it seems to be such a perfect match. I tried to prepare her over the phone for his odd habits and strange fearful ways but I was happily surprised to see how well he did with her and her sons. She held him for a minute and after that, he got back into her lap again and again.

This is huge for me. I remember the little terrier, so small and skinny, we thought he was a 6 month old puppy. He was one of the few we had to sedate just to handle, He was so overcome with fear. Throughout that long drive from Texas to Maryland, and after all we had gone through, I knew I had to see this one through. So I tucked him into the sherpa with Sierra (he never made a peep) and back to Texas we flew. This was in August and we are now in mid November. It has been a long trying 3 months with this boy. Some days he wouldn't come out of his crate. Some days I couldn't even catch him. He would go days without eating. Chronic diarrhea for 6 weeks. You name it. But we made it.

In 3 months, Riley learned to go up and down stairs, to come when I called him (mostly), to lie under my chair

when I was at the computer, to run around with a toy (doesn't know how to play yet) and just be a dog. Doesn't seem like much, but for him, it was everything. A whole new world and every day was frightening. Just learning those things made the difference between being able to be part of a family or being euthanized.

The next 3 months for Donna and Riley will be tough, there is no doubt about it. But I whispered to him this morning, his life begins now. It won't be easy but it will be worth it.

My thanks to all of you for your kind words and support.

**Cson Johnson**  
**Silversmith Jack Russell Terriers**  
**Texas Jack Russell Rescue**

*"Don't wish me happiness- I don't expect to be happy; it's gotten beyond that, somehow.*

*Wish me courage and strength and a sense of humor- I will need them all."*

- **Anne Morrow Lindbergh**

## CANINE EPILEPSY

I can't begin to describe to you the fear and devastation Roy & I felt at watching our precious 5-yr-old Foxy suddenly go into a seizure in my lap in our van on our way to visit friends on a Sunday afternoon. Roy pulled off the highway, and I just held her as she foamed from the mouth, went rigid in my arms and seemed to be running in place with her legs. I'm sure it only lasted a minute or two, but to us it was hours. When the seizure subsided, she looked up at me, reached up to give me kisses, and jumped to the floor of the van. I

poured her some water, she drank it, and acted perfectly normal. Roy and I were shaking. I phoned our friends, Beau & Kathleen White, who have much more experience with JRTs than we have, and they said to come on over and they'd look at her. They told me of a couple of experiences they'd had with two terriers and seizures. Foxy was totally fine after her seizure.

On Monday morning, I phoned the vet who said to bring her in. He did extensive blood work as he said that

seizures can be an indication of kidney or liver problems. All her tests were negative, and he said that she might never have another one. Three weeks later, in the middle of the night, she was kicking against Roy's back in our bed, having another seizure. During both seizures, I should note, she lost bladder and bowel control. This seemed to disturb her when she came out of it as she could smell it and seemed "embarrassed." I phoned the vet the next morning, and he said two sei-

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zures in three weeks was an indication of epilepsy and we should start her on Phenobarbital. We gave her the first pill that evening in her supper. During the night she had another seizure, this one lasting longer than the others. We knew this time to grab a towel and put under her and do nothing until the seizure subsided. The vet had told us to just watch her so that she didn't hurt herself. Since that time, no more seizures. The vet checked her blood level after four weeks, and it was just where it should be, so the Phenobarbital is doing its job. She is a normal Jack Russell again.

If Foxy has any break-through seizures, we will have a CT scan done to rule out a brain tumor, although

the vet has told me that is very rare in seizure episodes. This will be done for my peace of mind J

Here are some websites that can give more information than I can give. In the meantime, Foxy is living a normal life, enjoying her Agility exercises, and will continue to do so for many years, we hope. The vet said that we should let her do whatever she feels like doing....that includes Agility, which she loves.

[http://www.marvistavet.com/html/body\\_seizure\\_disorder.html](http://www.marvistavet.com/html/body_seizure_disorder.html)

[http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/basics/basics\\_index.html](http://www.canine-epilepsy.net/basics/basics_index.html)

<http://www.pet-comfort-products.com/canine-epilepsy.html>

<http://www.pet-comfort-products.com/dog-epilepsy.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/welshealth/seizures.htm>

Of course, I always recommend, if you think your terrier is having seizures or any kind of problems, call your vet immediately.

Faye Albertson

GCJRTN

**BITES**



**This is a Wry Bite.**

A wry mouth or wry bite occurs when one side of the jaw grows more than the other. Wry bites show as triangular defects in the incisor area. Some of the incisors will meet their opposing counterparts, while others will not. Wry bite is a severe inherited defect.



**This is an Undershot Bite.**

An **Undershot** occurs when the lower teeth protrude in front of the upper jaw teeth.



**This is an anterior cross bite.**

Anterior cross bite occurs when canine and premolar teeth on both sides of the mouth occlude normally but one or more of the lower incisors are positioned in front of the upper incisors. This condition can be



**Abnormal premolars**

**Normal Premolars**

This is a genetic malocclusion because the premolars do not line up in a pinkie shear arrangement.

caused by tug-of-war games, retained primary teeth, or impacted roots. Anterior cross bite is a common malocclusion. It is not considered a genetic or inherited defect. Posterior cross bite occurs when one or more of the premolar lower jaw teeth overlap the upper jaw teeth. This is a rare condition that occurs in the longer-nosed dog breeds.



**Normal Canines are positioned with the lower in front of the upper canine.**



**This is a level bite.** When the upper and lower incisor teeth meet each other edge to edge, the occlusion is considered an **even or level** bite.

**To read more** about bites go to this web site which has a lot of good information.

[http://www.dentalvet.com/patients/orthodontics/pet\\_orthodontics.htm](http://www.dentalvet.com/patients/orthodontics/pet_orthodontics.htm)

## THE WORKING JACK RUSSELL TERRIER

1. Feed your terrier plenty of high quality dog food. Don't skimp and try to save money by feeding cheap, low protein, high fat food.

2. Feed your terrier the morning you hunt him and take at least half ration to give him at noon if his has been working all morning.

3. Sending a terrier into the field without breakfast can be dangerous as his sugar level drops and he potentially approaches hypoglycemia.

4. Make sure your terrier is fit before taking him in the field. A fit terrier is definitely NOT a thin terrier. Fitness has to do with muscle tone and staying power, neither of which your terrier can attain if he is thin.

5. If you hunt your terrier in the ice and snow, periodically check the pads of his feet and in between his toes for cuts, abrasions, and signs of frostbite.

6. Don't expect your terrier to be able to brave the severe winter cold or extreme summer heat if he is a house mouse 24 hours a day.

7. Make sure your terrier is current on all vaccinations. Spending a few extra dollars on annual rabies and lyme vaccinations may save your terrier life.

8. After the hunt, flush your terrier's eyes with plenty of sterile water and check to make sure that there are no pieces of grit left in his eyes. It's a good idea to follow the eyewash with an anti-bacterial eye ointment such as Terramycin eye ointment. Check the eyes the next morning for signs of grit you may have missed, and if necessary, flush eyes again and follow with the sterile eye ointment.

9. Make sure your hunting pack is complete. Take along a knife, limb saw, flash light, tea bags (family size—wet them and hold tightly over a laceration; the bleeding will stop in a few minutes), post hole diggers, large and small shovels, a metal bar, towels and blankets to wrap your terrier in, plenty of fresh water, extra batteries for your collars and box and an extra collar and box if you have one.

10. It's a good idea to have a cellular phone and phone numbers of several area vets in the area. A cell-phone and local vet may save your terrier life if he gets into skunk many miles from home!

Remember, prepare for the worst and expect the best.

You terrier depends upon you for safety; you depend on your terrier for everything else.

If you are a JRTCA member and are interested in working your Jack Russell Terrier, please contact the nearest JRTCA Sanctioned Working Judge (a list can be found in True Grit)

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## ESSENTIALS IN A FIRST AID KIT

**You can put together your own first aid kit or purchase one from a pet store. First Aid kits can vary in their number of items. Your veterinarian may suggest items in addition to these:**

- Gauze roll to wrap wounds or use a muzzle.
- Adhesive tape for bandages
- Non stick bandages such as Telfa pads (Soft, non-woven backing conforms around wounds and seals on all four sides; provides protection from external environment)
- Towels & Cloth
- Hydrogen peroxide (3 percent)
- Milk of Magnesia or activated charcoal to absorb poison (use only with advice of a vet or poison control center)
- Eyedropper for oral treatment
- Stretcher (a blanket or floor mat)
- Thermometer (norm. temp 100 to 102.5 )
- Tweezers
- Antibiotic ointment
- Cotton Swabs
- Instant cold pack
- First Aid Booklet
- Scissors
- Pliers to more porcupine twills
- Rags or rubber tubing to use as a tourniquet in a life threatening situation
- Flashlight
- Bottled water
- Emergency phone numbers (vet and Animal hospital, poison control)

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# SOUTHWEST JACK RUSSELL TERRIER NETWORK

(Established 1988)

www.swjrtn.com

## 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.

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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 Russells 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.  
Dallas, Texas 7524

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**Southwest JRT Network Playday**  
**Erwin Park in McKinney**

**Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Come early to help set up and sign in!!

We will have Lure Coursing, Racing, and GTG

Lunch will be provided, bring a side dish or dessert to share

(Sorry Ed - no martinis!)

Make sure you bring chairs and water for the dogs as well.

Please make sure Terriers are on leashes at all times

\*\*No puppies under 12 weeks or females in heat

Dress warm - it will probably be quite cool in the am!

Call or Email Sandi Galloway for more details

940-783-1383, Galloway.sandi@ctc-cct.ca

Don't forget to check out our new website

(still underconstruction) [www.swjrtn.com](http://www.swjrtn.com)

Hope to see you Saturday!

*Sandi Galloway*

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