# **Australian Terrier International**

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#### Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone at ATI we would like to thank you for being part of our Australian Terrier community. The new year brings excitement as we continue to grow and expand. Next year we will be featuring dogs from different countries each month. January brings us the dogs of Finland. We will be updating our website and opening the store with many wonderful items. Most importantly, we could not have done it without you! We hope 2011 is filled with much love and happiness. We hope your dogs remain healthy and bring you all the joy we know they are capable of.



Happy Holldays

Pamela Levy & "Rocky" Ch. Aristas Rocky Mountain High

#### Join ATI and Business

We hope you will join us. Our first newsletter for 2011 will be published towards the end of January in order to give everyone an opportunity to join. In 2011, we will only be sending newsletters to subscribers and members.

ATI Angels

Australian Terrier Market

Happy Hanukkah

Bustamante USA

Levy USA

Join Our Mailing List!

If you joined ATI as a Founder, with your payment of \$100.00, then you are paid for 2011.

For our wonderful regular members who sent in membership dues, we will send you a reminder email when it is time to renew.

If you have not joined ATI, please consider doing so. Don't miss out on being a part of a fabulous community.

Remember, all payments for dues are donated to the Canine Health Foundation. CHF is a 501(c)3 organization, therefore, in the USA, your dues are tax deductible.

We offer a new option for anyone who only wants to receive the newsletter. You do not have to complete an application for this option. (Remember, website content is available for members only.) This option is available for \$20.00. Subscribe by <u>clicking here.</u>

If I am a member or newsletter subscriber may I forward my newsletter to a non-member after January 1st?

Unfortunately, no. The newsletter has a copyright. Also, the photos will most likely not forward.

We sincerely hope that you have enjoyed reading the newsletters as much as we have enjoyed creating them. We hope these newsletters not only have value for the information provided to help with your Aussies, but that they also brighten your day.

Our goal with the newsletter is to help Aussie owners care for and enjoy these very special dogs. We want to continue to meet our goal even in these tough economic times we are all facing. If you want to receive the newsletter but feel that you cannot spare the cost to do so at this time, we understand. No explanations are needed. Please <u>email me</u> privately and you will continue to be on the mailing list.

Like us on Facebook

Happy Holidays From Cheryl and Jim Mechalke Araluen Kennels Best Wishes For 2011.







We wish you a Merry Christmas of dreams filled with mousies, kitties and yummy crumbs that fall from the holiday table! Cooper (the Lab) and Winston (Benayr My Man Winston) And Mom, Susan Clayton



## Have a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy and prosperous New Year greetings

With the very best of wishes Trevor and Diana 'Horrieglen'



Trevor and Diana Fenton, Australia Aust Ch Touchstones Blu WrenOhoriglen (imp USA)



**Terhi Oksanen** 

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#### **Terhieren Kennels**

## Congratulations to Wally and Ruthann McCaulley

Wally achieves his CDX in Agility. Way to go Wally!



Benayr R Walkabout Wally CD RE NAP NJP NAC CGC ETD CDX



Wally and Ruthann McCaulley

View Wally's agility run <u>click here</u>



## Wally and I wish everyone a very Happy New Year! Ruthann McCaulley





Wishing everyone Peaceful and Happy Holidays. Minna Kaartinen and Aussies Harald, Helga and Ruuti Finland



Christmas kindness, joy and peace to all of you! The Strid's Eldon, Elaine, Fendi, Razzee and Fergie





Peter Oswald, Secretary of the AFCSA. Best wishes to everyone for a Kappy Christmas and healthy and successful 2011. (Australia)







Season's Greetings to all our ATI friends and Wishing you all a very Blessed New Year!

Love, Theresa Goiffon and Family



Kello from Belgium,

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Kappy New Year 2011.

Thank you for the wonderful Job you are doing with the realization of the Newsletter. It is always a pleasure to read your interesting articles and I am learning a lot, moreover the photos are beautiful . All of your work is making the Newsletter so attractive. Congratulations.

Our Best Wishes to all the Members too.

Best regards,

Marie-Francis and Carloon "Heirs of Oz"

Small Population Breeds and Issues of Genetic Diversity By Jerold S. Bell, DVM

Jerold S. Bell, DVM, Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (This article was originally published in the March 2007 AKC Perspectives' Delegates Newsletter.)

Issues of genetic diversity are a concern to dog breeders, and this can especially be so for breeds with small populations. The concern is whether there is enough genetic variation within a breed's gene pool to maintain health and vitality. Breeders should be concerned about genetic diversity, because there are examples where damage has been done to a breed due to breeding practices. Restriction of genetic diversity can also occur in large population breeds.

All genes come in pairs: one from the sire and one from the dam. Each gene in the pair is called an allele. If both alleles in a pair are of the same type, the gene pair is homozygous. If the two alleles are different, the gene pair is heterozygous. While each dog can have a maximum of two different alleles at a gene pair, many different alleles are potentially available to be part of the gene pair. The greater the number of alleles that are available at each gene pair (called genetic polymorphism), the greater the genetic diversity of the breed.

If there is no breed diversity in a gene pair, but the particular homozygous gene that is present is not detrimental, there is no negative effect on breed health. The characteristics that make a breed reproduce true to its standard are, in fact, based on nonvariable (that is, homozygous) gene pairs.

The origins of breeds have a lot to do with genetic diversity. A breed established with a working phenotype tends to have diverse founder origins, and significant diversity. Even with substantial population bottlenecks, the breed can maintain considerable amounts of genetic diversity. This was shown in a molecular genetic study of the Chinook breed, which was reduced to 11 modern founders in 1981. Breeds established by inbreeding on a limited number of related founder individuals could have reduced diversity. Many breeds have also gone through diversity reducing bottlenecks, such as occurred during World War II. For most of these breeds, their gene pools have expanded through breeding for many generations, resulting in a stable population of healthy dogs.

There are two factors that must be considered when evaluating genetic diversity and health issues in a breed: the average level of inbreeding, and detrimental recessive genes. With a small population, there is a tendency to find higher average inbreeding coefficients due to the relatedness between dogs from common ancestors. There is, however, no specific level or percentage of inbreeding that causes impaired health or vigor. The problems that inbreeding depression cause in purebred populations stem from the effects of deleterious recessive genes. If the founding population of a breed produces a high frequency of a deleterious recessive gene, then the breed will have issues with that disorder. This can be seen as smaller litter size, increased neonatal death, high frequency genetic disease, or impaired immunity. If these issues are present then the breed needs to seriously consider limited genetic diversity. The issue of high average inbreeding coefficients is one that all breeds go through during their foundation. As the population increases and the average relatedness of dogs goes down (based on a fixed number of generations), the average inbreeding coefficient for the breed will go down. The effect of initially higher inbreeding coefficients in small population breeds will depend on the presence of deleterious recessive genes that will be expressed when homozygous.

Some breeders discourage linebreeding and promote outbreeding in an attempt to protect genetic diversity in their breed. It is not the type of matings utilized (linebreeding or outbreeding) that causes the loss of genes from a breed gene pool. Rather, loss of genes occurs through selection: the use and non-use of offspring. If a breed starts narrowing their focus to breeding stock from a limited number of lines, then a loss of genetic diversity will occur.

The process of maintaining healthy lines, with many breeders crossing between lines and breeding back as they see fit, maintains diversity in the gene pool. If some breeders outbreed, and some linebreed to certain dogs that they favor while others linebreed to other dogs that they favor, then breedwide genetic diversity is maintained. It is the varied opinion of breeders as to what constitutes the ideal dog, and their selection of breeding stock based on their opinions, that maintains breed diversity.

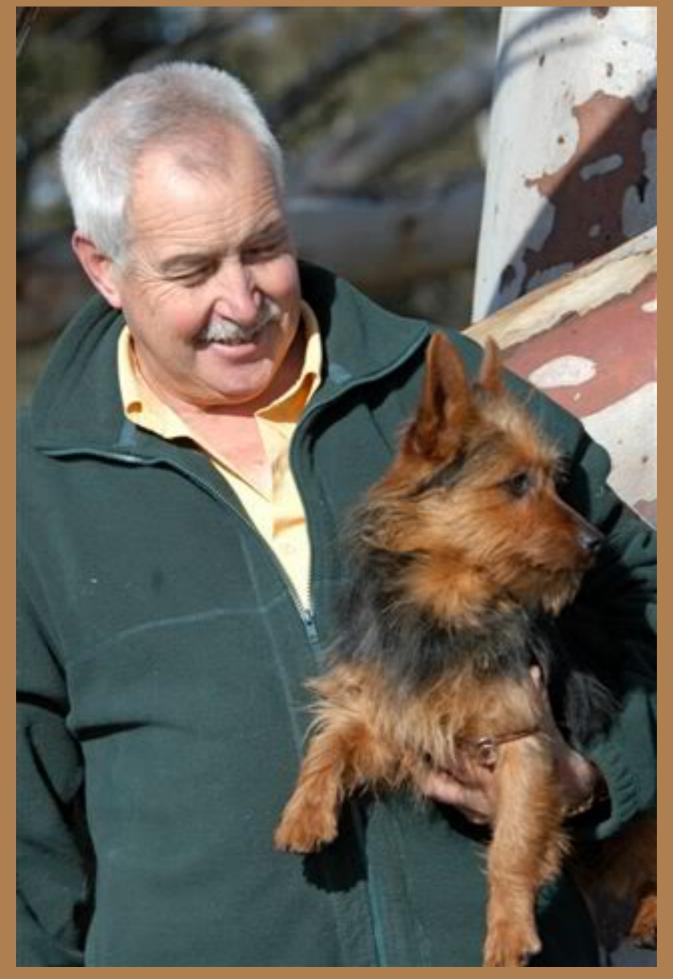
The most important factor for diminished genetic diversity in dog breeds is the popular sire syndrome. The overuse of a popular sire beyond a reasonable contribution through frequent breedings significantly skews the gene pool in his direction, and reduces the diversity of the gene pool. Any genes that he possesses - whether positive or negative - will increase in frequency. Through this founder's effect, breed-related genetic disease can occur. Another insidious effect of the popular sire syndrome is the loss of genetic contribution from quality, unrelated males who are not used for breeding. There is a finite number of quality bitches bred each year. If one male is used in an inordinate amount of matings, there will be fewer females left for these quality males that should be contributing to the gene pool. The popular sire syndrome is a significant factor in both populous breeds and breeds with small populations.

The best methods for ensuring the health and diversity of any breed's gene pool are to: 1) Avoid the popular sire syndrome. 2) Utilize quality dogs from the breadth of your population to expand the gene pool. 3) Monitor genetic health issues through regular health surveys. 4) Do genetic testing for breed-related disorders. 5) Participate in open health registries, such as CHIC (<u>www.caninehealthinfo.org</u>) to manage genetic disorders.

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US Ranked #1 All Systems ATI says Congratulations "Zeb," owners Anne and Craig Mitchell and former junior handler, Kellie Dahlberg. "Good onya"





**Christmas Greetings from Rebelglen Aussies** 

Koliday greetings from kennel Twee-Dle-Dee in Sweden Carin Sandahl





"Have a Very Merry Christmas!"

Pats and scratches to your pack!

Merry Christmas Deborah Wolbach & Chuck Bessant

Our Thank You to All the ATI Members From CHF



The AKC Canine Health Foundation is very thankful for the support of Australian Terrier International. We recognize that ATI has developed a unique model for sharing health information and the betterment of your breed throughout the world. What you have accomplished in a short time for a breed with relatively small numbers is commendable. Thank you for your recent support of two hemangiosarcoma grants. We look forward to the continued success of ATI and the strengthening partnership with the Foundation as we work together to help prevent, treat and cure canine disease. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you and all your canine companions!

> Sincerely, Terry T. Warren, Ph.D., J.D, CEO and General Counsel of the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

## ATI Your Money at Work - Researching Hemangiosarcomas

Sadly, our Aussies continue to die from hemangiosarcomas. I spoke to several of you this year who said your 7-9 year old dogs just laid down and died. You did not do autopsies. Frequently that is exactly how a dog with a hemangiosarcoma dies. This is not breed specific but all dog breeds are affected by this. That is why it is important that everyone joins together to do research to get a better understanding of this dreadful killer of our Aussies.

We now have our own ATI page inside of Canine Health Foundation. If you would like to make any further donations to fund these projects or another project, please <u>click here.</u> The funds are immediately credited to ATI for further distribution. If you need to make an end of the year donation and are pleased with our work, please consider this very worthy cause. CHF will note each person individually in their reports, if \$100 or greater is donated. The website will take international credit cards.

To learn about Hemangiosarcoma, we have a fabulous paper written in easy to understand way authored by Dr. Jaime Modiano at the University of Minnesota. To read or download and print, <u>click here.</u>

Grant 1429: Mechanistic Relationship of IL-8 in Cell Proliferation and Survival of Canine Hemangiosarcoma Grant Amount: \$100,000 Dr. Jaime F Modiano, VMD PhD, University of Minnesota

#### ATI Donated \$2500

Abstract (written by the investigator):

New insights into the mechanisms that control tumor progression have provoked considerable interest in the interaction of cancer cells with their microenvironment. Specifically, a molecule called IL-8 that can support tumor growth and survival, also recruits inflammatory cells and promotes blood vessel formation in the local tumor environment, enhances resistance to therapy, and facilitates metastasis in various aggressive cancers. Hemangiosarcoma (HSA) is an incurable, highly metastatic cancer that occurs commonly in dogs. There is virtually nothing known about how tumor cells and the microenvironment interact with each other in HSA, and more specifically, a role for IL-8 has not been investigated. In a recent study funded by CHF grant 422, we showed upregulation of IL-8 was a consistent feature that distinguished HSA cells from non-malignant endothelial cells, suggesting IL-8 might play a significant role in this disease. For this project, we will characterize the direct effects of IL-8 on HSA cells, an essential first step in the process to establish if and how this pleotropic molecule modulates disease progression. Our results will begin to clarify the importance of IL-8 production by HSA cells, and provide the foundation for subsequent studies to define its role regulating interactions between HSA cells and their microenvironment.

Grant 1139: Immune Targeting of Canine Hemangiosarcoma Using a Canine Derived Single Chain Antibody Approach Grant Amount: \$123,125.4 Dr. Nicola J Mason, BVetMed, PhD, University of Pennsylvania

### ATI Donated \$2500

Abstract:

Background: Canine hemangiosarcoma is a common and highly aggressive tumor of blood vessels that is often fatal. At diagnosis most dogs have evidence of metastatic disease and despite chemotherapy, survival times rarely exceed 6 months. New approaches to the treatment of this disease are needed. The use of monoclonal antibodies and antibody fragments to directly target different tumors has shown promise in clinical trials in man.

Objective: This project aims to use a new canine synthetic antibody system to target the tumor and deliver cytotoxic agents directly to both primary and metastatic lesions. Using advanced molecular techniques, the researchers intend to review antibody responses that dogs with hemangiosarcoma may make against their own tumors and use these as a template to generate canine antibody fragments that specifically recognize tumor particles. Tumor-specific antibody fragments will be linked to an exotoxin and evaluated for their ability to kill canine hemangiosarcoma cells in vitro. This allows for the direct delivery of cytotoxic agents to the tumor, which decreases side effects and increases therapeutic value. This work aims to develop the first canine-derived, tumor-specific targeting approach for the treatment of HSA and to provide proof-of-principal for this approach that can then be used to therapeutically target many other tumor types in this species in vivo.

Does Santa Come If You Live In Texas And You Have No Snow?



Happy Holidays to All From Dianne Wall and Ozzie We hope Santa finds his way to your home!

Grooming CD



Dear ATI,

Christmas came early for me when I received my copy of "Australian Terrier Grooming Techniques" by Sue Bachman, Darlene Evans and Teresa Schreeder. Although I do not show my Aussie in conformation, I still want him to look as much as possible like those Aussies that are in the show ring. By using this guide I may one day be able to accomplish my wish for Ozzie.

The written instructions are precise and easy to follow for a novice like me. But the photos are the best part of the guide because they allow you to actually see the procedure that is described. With instructions for grooming either for "pet" or "show" you can choose which technique works better for your situation.

This is a great addition to my pet care library and an answer to something I have wanted for years. The only thing missing is that no one addressed how I can convince Ozzie that this is a good thing!

Thanks to ATI for making this available and for fast delivery! Sincerely, Dianne Wall, owned by Ozzie

to order your grooming CD click here



## Happy Holidays From Denmark



"The three boys and all of Kennel Blue Ayers wish all Aussie people a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year"

We also want to thank you for your great work with ATI, it's a pleasure to read and we love all the wonderful pictures you put in it.

Louis, Luna, Marius, Sofus, Deborah and Jorgen Gronlund Denmark





Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year from Shandez Kennels & Shirley Massey Australia



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Avocation

Orvokki Lamsa and Kennel Avocation Finland





Happy Holidays from The Laspamas Mob Margaret Anderson In Australia





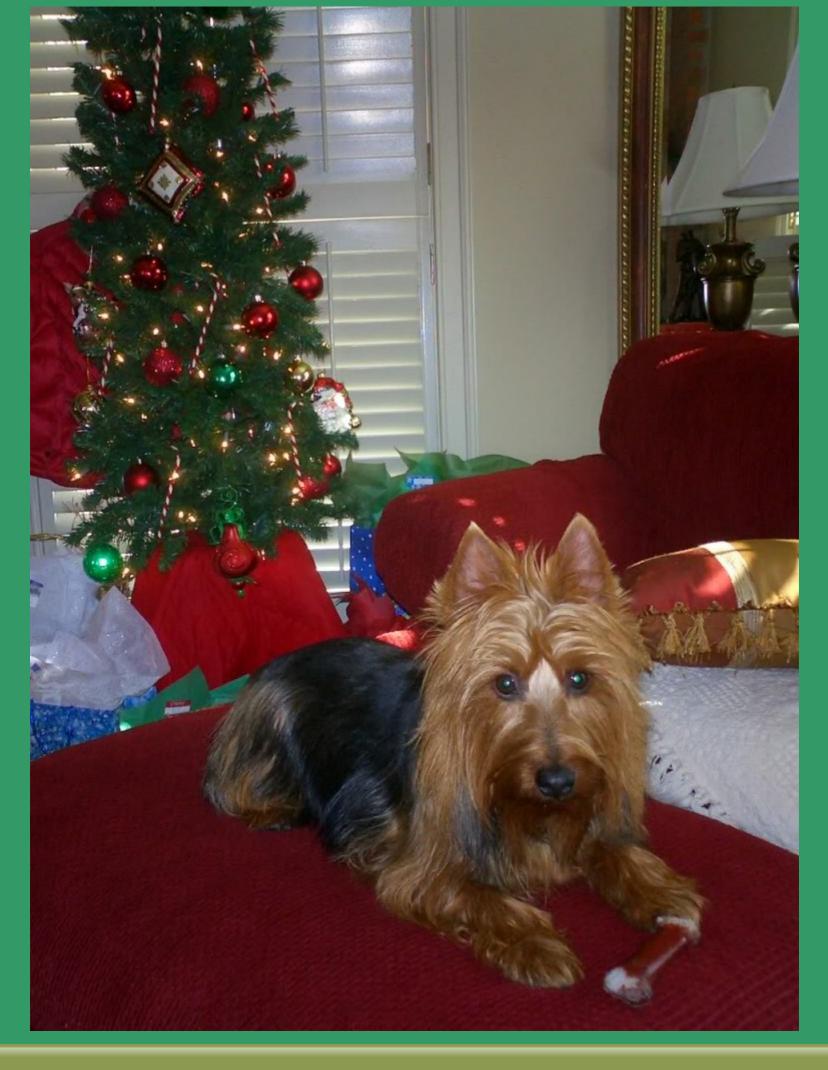
# Henny van den Berg The Netherlands





Happy Holidays to Everyone Wishing you the best in 2011. Darlene Evans Tera-K Kennels USA

Merry Christmas to all from David & Tina Hare and NEMO the Wonder Dog





Happy Holidays From Gus and Deborah



Our Holiday Gift List

Dog Walking Jacket \$250.00 I want one of these! Click above to see all the great features.



4 in 1 Jacket:

Full Winter Jacket with Zip-in Fleece Water Proof Shell Vest Fleece Jacket

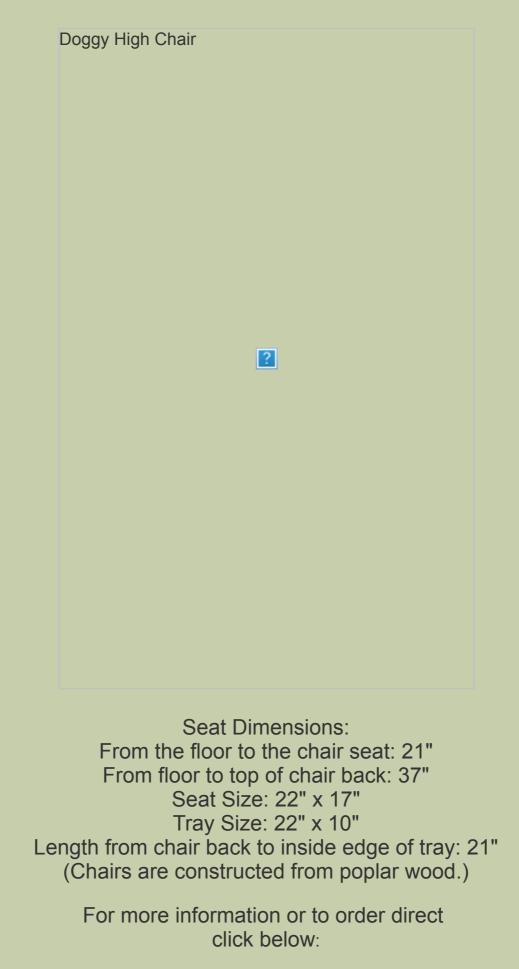
Jacket Specific Features:

- · 2 Outer Hand Warming Pockets
- 2 Outer Speciality Cargo Pockets
  - 2 Outer chest pockets
  - Easy Access Sleeve Pocket
- Fully adjustable Fold-in Collar Hood w/ Extending Water Dispersing Visor and Cinch Cord
  - Stand up collar Neck Protection
  - · Elastic and Velcro® Adjustable Cuffs
    - · Reflective Piping and Printing
      - Internal Waist Cinch Cord
    - · Internal Fleece Chest Pocket
  - 2 Internal Shell Mesh Chest Pockets
    - · Hidden Retractable Key Chain
      - · Back mesh pocket
  - Removable sleeves, labeled "R", "L" for easy attachment

Doggy High Chair \$599.00

Let your Aussie eat in high style with the family. While this may put our conformation people into heart failure many of us love our Aussies and indulge them. With fabulous steps so your Aussie can seat himself for his meal, this chair can have personalized bowls added.

This gorgeous doggie high chair is hand painted by artist Talin. This incredible conversation piece enables your pet to eat and drink neatly at the table without making a mess. Each Bone Appetit Seat is constructed of solid wood and hand painted with a Talin original design. The "bone" back opens like a doggie door and there are little steps up the rear of the chair so your Aussie can climb up by himself. The seat can support up to 30 pounds.



Please mention ATI

http://www.boneappetitseat.com/

After January they will be available in ATI's Aussie Market Store.

The Comfy Cone By All Four Paws Be prepared. This soft cone is something we all might need one day. Very comfortable for your special dog. They will love you for it. <u>Click Here for International Locations</u>



Comfy Cone Medium (neck size 11-15") \$18.99

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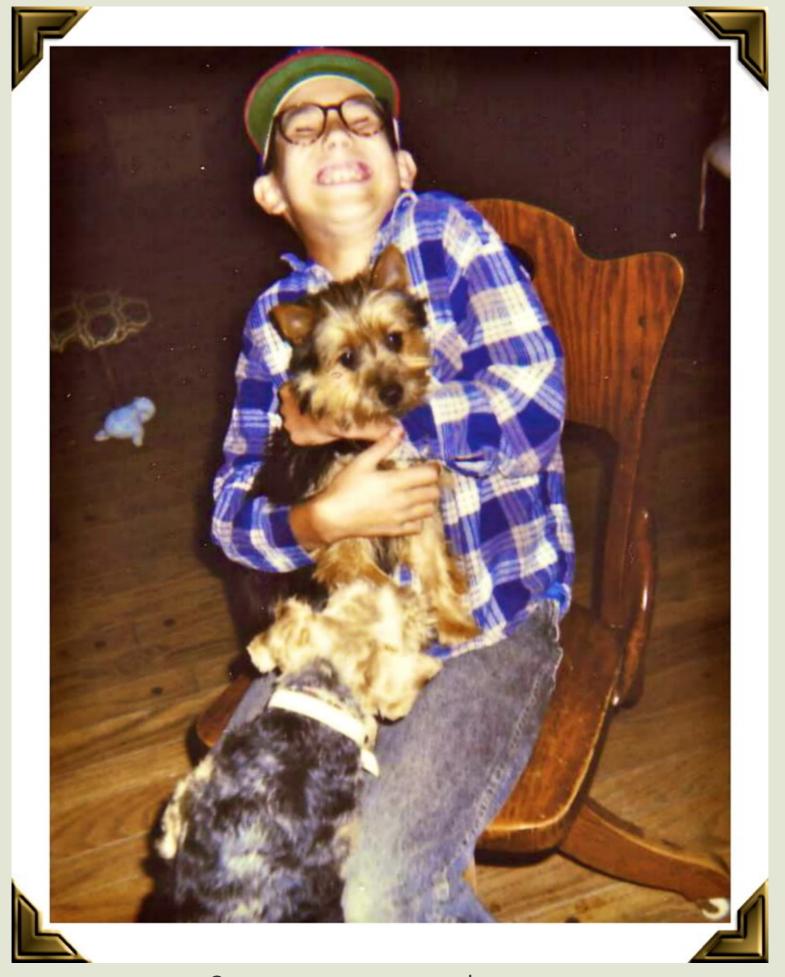
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Now available - the ThermoPet<sup>™</sup> Non-Contact Thermometer for Dogs that delivers accurate results immediately - without touching your pet! This device provides you with a non-invasive way to take your dog or cat's temperature - quickly and accurately - without laying a hand on your pet! It requires almost no set-up, comes fully assembled, and is easy to use. Remember, you should never make decisions about your pet's health without first consulting your veterinarian.



## Dear ATS,

I loved the article on Petie. She, Robbie Ryce, and Sue Bachman were always so good to me. Happy Holidays To All. Debbie Miller (USA)



May 2011 bring you lot's of hugs. Debbie Miller



The ATI Newsletter just keeps getting better and better. It is so great to see the dogs that are out there (globally, no less!!). I think our breed is, as a whole, looking terrific. It's been great fun these last few years getting out of New England and putting faces to people's names. I really enjoy seeing some of the great dogs I had previously only seen in pictures. Now there are so many more in pictures thanks to ATI. To you and all who work hard to make ATI the success it is, Thank you.

Gerard Walsh (USA)



Chef's Corner With Cheryl Mechalke



#### - Season's Eatings and Peas-on-Earth Cakes -

Makes 4 Prep 10 MIN Cook 10 MIN

½ cup cooked brown rice - 120 ml
¼ cup frozen peas, thawed - 60 ml
¼ cup cooked chicken shredded - 60 ml
1 egg
2 tablespoon plain breadcrumbs - 30 ml
2 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley - 30 ml
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil - 15 ml
Salt and pepper (for the people portions)

1. In a medium bowl, stir together the rice peas, chicken, egg, breadcrumbs and parsley. Form into four 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch or 6.4 cm patties.

2. In a medium sized skillet, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the chicken patties and cook turning once until golden-brown, 6 to 7 minutes. Remove from the pan and let cool slightly. Season the people portions to taste with salt and pepper.

Season People portions to taste with salt and pepper.

From Every Day with Rachel Ray <u>www.rachelraymag.com</u>





Happy Holiday Everyone! Kim Floyd and my Aussies Johmanda Kennels Australian Terriers & Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

Bed Bug Spray, Don't Leave Home Without It!

Rest Easy Bed Bug Spray



Rest Easy is truly based 100% on all-natural ingredients, being one of, if not the only, TRUE GREEN product on the market (pyrethrins, which are in many bedbug products, are actually based on synthetic chemicals that are only similar to natural ingredients.)

Rest Easy meets full requirements of the USDA for use around organic food processing.

Rest Easy, due to the EPA's recognition of its ingredients' safety, meets all requirements for exemption from classical pesticide registration as having minimum risk.

Rest Easy is an optimized blend of natural ingredients that have been recognized for controlling insects for 1,000's of years.

Rest Easy is extremely safe around children and pets (the worst threat of Rest Easy is a little, temporary skin irritation.)

Common pyrethrins/pyrethroids are: neurotoxins that can cause permanent nerve damage-probable endocrine disruptors, which raise the risk of birth defects, hormonal imbalances, and even leukemia.

Rest Easy is HIGHLY effective, killing 90% of bedbugs within 2 seconds of contact, and the rest within 30 minutes (a study by one of the two leading universities on bedbugs indicates that pyrethrins/pyrethroids are NOT effective.)

Rest Easy, while providing a repellent effect as long as the vapors from treatment continue to give off a cinnamon scent, which is usually one week,

does not leave long-term, hazardous residuals.

Commonly used pyrethroids can leave hazardous residuals for longer than one year!

Rest Easy is extremely cost-effective in addressing an embarrassing and unhealthy problem.

Rest Easy offers a simple-to-apply option for repetitive, effective treatments that can be used by non-professional applicators and individuals.

Rest Easy has also shown good efficacy against other flying and crawling insects. Rest Easy has a pleasant cinnamon-like aroma.

For more information <u>click here</u>.

Currently this product is carried at all Bed, Bath and Beyond Stoes and also at Walgreens.com. For a complete list of resellers click on the link above.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ute Scheinkoenig Germany

Blessings in God's name to all my friends, wishing you a

lovely Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. From Andy Johnstone & Shandrys Kennel (New Zealand)



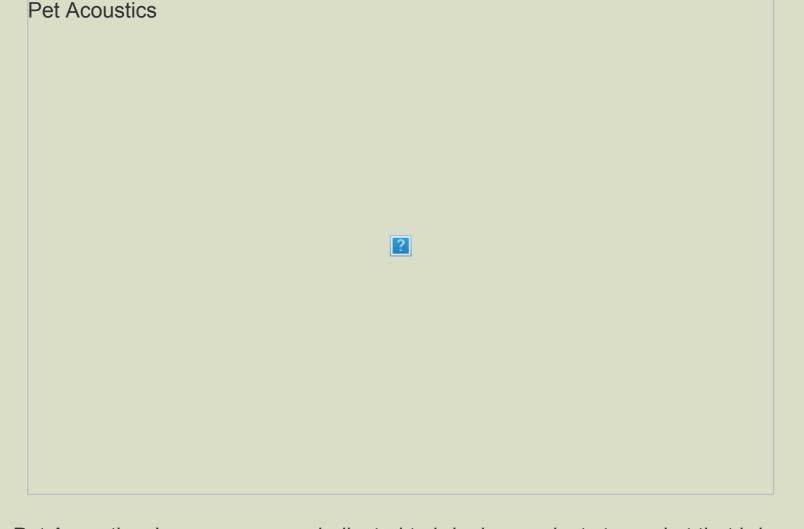
"Fleas Navidog"

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Merry Christmas from Molly and the gang at Chaucer Aussies! Judy Ruggles Molly, Monte, Haley and Glory!



### Petacoustics.com



Pet Acoustics, Inc., a company dedicated to bringing products to market that bring balance and well being to the animals that share their lives with us, announces the Pet Acoustics My Pet Speaker. This innovative speaker is the world's first sound system designed to cater specifically to the hearing sensitivities of dogs, cats, and horses.

Co-Founder of Pet Acoustics and a leading authority on music for animals, Janet Marlow has created a revolutionary speaker system designed for your pets' delicate hearing. With their acute sense, our pets can hear frequencies that are both much higher and much lower than what the human ear is capable of hearing. Sounds outside of an animals normal comfort range can startle or cause discomfort to our pets.

Designed to eliminate these unsettling frequencies, My Pet Speaker features an Omni directional speaker with a 4" drive unit and cone reflector which disburses the music in 360 degrees recreating how animals hear in nature. By producing limited frequencies and featuring a soft bass design for listening comfort, your pets will not be startled or disturbed by jarring volumes and piercing sounds that put them on alert. My Pet Speaker keeps these alarming frequencies within the comfort range of your pet's hearing. This allows you to use your entire music library to fill you and your pets' environment with a sense of calm and relaxation.

My Pet Speaker features include:

Omni directional speaker and 4" drive unit with cone reflector disburses music for 360 degree sound

 Soft bass design for listening comfort
 Backside buttons to avoid pets contact with operation panel
 Stable base design to prevent easy knock down by pets
 Attractive real wood veneers for home and commercial decor
 Works with any music device, including mp3 player, CD player, iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPod that include a 3.5mm output jack
 Frequency response 200Hz ~ 12KHz
 12.5in [D] x 9.84in [W] x 12.6in [H]
 5Kg (net weight excluding transformer) 11.02 lbs

 Pet owners can also download Pet Acoustics iPhone Application to create the ultimate pet sanctuary at home, at the vet, or even in the car. Unveiled in October of 2009, the Pet Acoustics' Application includes multiple tracks composed for you and your pets. My Pet Speaker coupled with the Pet Acoustics Application provides music and sounds that are tailored to fit the pitch, tone, frequency, and volume level for a pet's vulnerable hearing.

We are now carrying My Pet Speaker in the Australian Terrier Market. For more information from the company <u>click here</u>.





Merry Christmas Everyone. Rocky and Norma Rowley USA



Happy Holidays Happy New Year Janet Maas Akiba Kennels USA





## Wishing Everyone a Sweet New Year! Muffin and Ray Smith USA

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I love this service. If you live alone it is a great way of keeping your pets safe. This is a great service for everyone.

For more information <u>click here</u>. Protect your friends, family, pets, and yourself with GHOSTMEMO!

If something happened to you...

#### Would your pets starve to death?

Would anyone know that you may need help?

Would your family know where to find your important documents?

Would your family know the passwords to your accounts?

Would there be anything that you don't want left unsaid?

Would you have the last word in an argument?

GHOSTMEMO can help! With a GHOSTMEMO account, you can prepare emergency

messages to be sent to your emergency contacts in case you become unresponsive (due to death, coma, loss of consciousness, kidnapping, immobility, or any other reason).

To determine if you are "alive and well", GHOSTMEMO will prompt you periodically by email. If you fail to respond to these email prompts within a designated time period (set by you) then we will assume the worst and deliver your emergency messages to your emergency contacts.

Signup for GHOSTMEMO's online life monitoring service to provide an additional layer of insurance for your family, friends, pets, and yourself. GHOSTMEMO may even end up saving your life!



They say a good team is greater than the sum of its parts. I believe we have proven that by working together so well, internationally.

I want to take this time to thank all of the ATI Angels.

The Founders who believed in us and contributed so generously, we salute you and thank you. You will be a critical factor in keeping our breed sound and healthy.

Our International Contributors and Writers, thank you so much. Thank you for your time and for sharing your photos, your stories and your thoughts. Without your help we could not be a success.

Our **facebook friends**, thank you for sharing your thoughts and your fabulous photos. It's so much fun to stay in daily contact.

My co-founders, **Theresa Goiffon**, angel extraordinaire, thank you for webmaster skills, your hard work, the Junior interviews and articles, your dedication and your friendship.

**Cheryl Mechalke**, uber angel, thank you for always coming through with the photos and the great recipes and craft corner. You are so creative and we all benefit from your zany ideas and you bring a smile to

so many every time they open the newsletter.

**Dianne Wall,** my special angel, my proofreader, membership chair, my friend who never sleeps the night before the newsletter goes out. Thank you for all you do.

Jennie Worthing, at 95 years young and going strong, she sent birthday cards to our paid members, as her donation and contribution to making ATI a warm and friendly place. Her friendship, her knowledge and her sassy attitude has kept us all laughing. If I refer to her as an angel it might not be pretty, but keep it a secret, she really is. Sue Holsinger, thank you for all you did to get us up and rolling. We really could not have done this, if not for your Aussie expertise and support. Thank you so much for chairing education. It was a tough year for you and we are so happy you have found happiness.

Janet Maas, statistics angel and queen. Thank you for providing us with your up to date statistics, even during your tragic fire. Thank you for also sharing your vast historical collection with us. Congratulations for breeding "Zeb's" father, "Flash". We know how rightly proud you are of Zeb's amazing accomplishments.

Ruthann McCaulley, I thank you and Wally the Wonderdog so much for your fabulous angelic rally instruction.

Internationally, I just want to say a special thank you to:

In Finland: Kirsi Ola, Irma Harden, Minna Kaartinen & Satu Virtanen. In Sweden: Carin Sandahl, Ulla-Britt Norgren, Agneta Simonsson and Lars Strom, Tina Nordgren.

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In Belgium: Marie-Francis Petry.

The Netherlands: Henny van den Berg.

In Denmark: Irene Thye, Deborah Sommer and Jorgen Gronlund and Bethína Gade.

In New Zealand: Andy Johnstone.

In Germany: Barbara Schmidt and Ute Scheinkoenig.

In Australia: Gillian Bartlett and Diana Fenton.

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I want to share with you that during the holidays, there is a special kindness and gentleness of spirit that goes with this special time of year. ATI, our Angels, our special friends, our new puppy owners have provided me with that feeling all year long. I have never met a kinder more loving group of people.

I want to also thank everyone at Canine Health Foundation. What a dedicated group of fabulous people I get to work with there.

May 2011 bring you and your beloved Aussies all the happiness, joy, love, laughter, puppy or dog kisses that you can handle.

Pamela Levy

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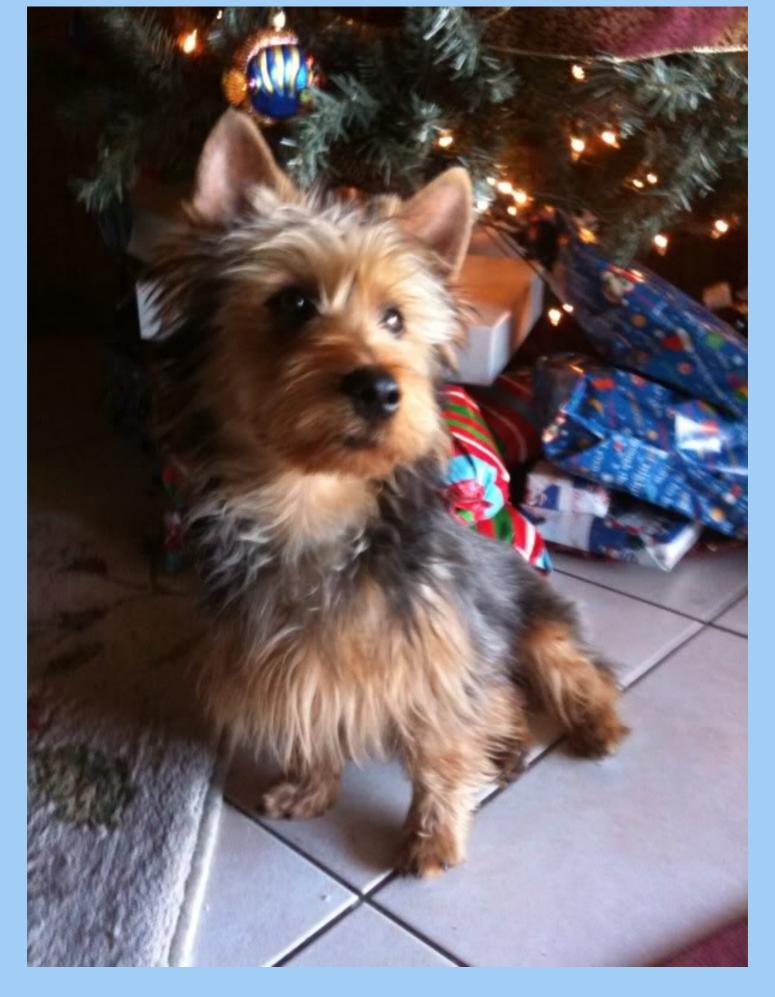


To All Our Friends Who Celebrate Hanukkah,



We hope you had a Happy Hanukkah.





Merry Christmas to all our ATI friends! Wishing everyone a Healthy New Year! Luisa Bustamante and Miles USA





To My ATI Family, Thank you so much for your support this year! Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season and a Joyful New Year. Pamela Levy & Rick Crandall Ringo, Leila, Emme and Alfie



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