

The True Blue Aussie Dog Show

Mothers Day Weekend 2009 saw the arrival of not the wedding party (as this venue is the most sought-after for such events) but that of the most extensive Dog Show ever

held in the North. The Townsville Botanic Queens Gardens came to life with more than 400 dogs each day, their devoted owners and several thousand spectators. The media of all forms followed up their earlier features on the show with radio personalities interviewing the judges, the ABC following one of our very special judges around for part of each day to prepare a website featuring Dog Shows. Every local newspaper and TV Chanel was represented and the promotion of dogs, of all types this time, not just Toys, was off to a fantastic start.

The weekend continued with four International judges, three from overseas and our own unique and *oh so well accepted* Mrs Carmyn Kingston, for the True Blue Aussie Dog Show.

To celebrate Queensland's 150th and also the 80th Anniversary of the Dog Fancy in the North, three small local Clubs pooled their resources and raised money with *oh so many* sausage sizzles at *oh so many* markets to fulfil the dream of the Toy Dog Club of North Queensland to hold a show at which dogs of all kinds could be promoted. The Toy Club, the Ingham Obedience & KC and the Tully & District KC worked in perfect harmony to achieve something never before done in the North. So the two A/B Shows & the Specialist Toy Show, Puppy preschool classes and audience participation in the Obedience and Agility section all together made up to the largest dog show held in many a long year a reality, and *oh such a success* and topped off with the most exciting first **True Blue Aussie Dog Show**.

This extra special show was the brain child of, of all people, Tui Dixon, Secretary of the Toy Dog Club of North Queensland whose own dogs are anything but Australian products! To qualify to compete the exhibit must have been of a breed developed in our own country. These dogs also competed in the normal shows but came out to excel under the adjudication of Mrs Carmyn Kingston who celebrated her homecoming as she was the first lady to accomplish All Breeds Judging status in North Queensland. Loved by all, Mrs Kingston did a fine job of judging and thanks to her skillful demonstration of showmanship, many visitors almost took root around her ring. Under the umbrella of the enormous raintrees Mrs Kingston explained to all and sundry the finer points of the breeds in the line-up, and the applause was almost deafening when she pronounced her Best Veteran in Show, Gr Ch Kristad the Barron as her ultimate Best in Show winner, a spectacular Australian Cattle Dog who at the grand age of 10 1/2 years, is owned by Jan Bradley and bred by Mr & Mrs Winzer. Though his owner was simply overcome the dog took it all in his well practised stride. RUBIS was the Australian Silky Terrier Gr Ch Kindee Secret Wish, owned by Doreen Dawson and bred by Hudson. Photos supplied by Di Edwards except the RUBIS.

There were so many unusual parts to the weekend of Dog Sports this could turn into an epistle. Let it be said that the accolades have continued and the public response has enticed a promoter to request that we DO IT AGAIN at the Entertainment Centre as the main attraction on the weekend of October 24/25 at the Townsville Garden Show. The promotion of our hobby continues then.

Following is a list of the winners from the **True Blue Aussie Show**.

Baby in Show Aust Kelpie Tegoura Summer Holiday O: Shaw B: Poole/Lewis
 Minor in Show Aust Cattle Dog Caroblee Blue Pierre O: Anderson B: Mann
 Puppy in Show Border Collie Trumagik Stand'n' Deliver O: Puglisi Br: Kay
 Junior in Show Australian Stumpy-Tailed Cattle Dog Cumbydene BG Wish Upon A Star.
 O: Anderson B: Buckley.
 Intermediate in Show Aust Cattle Dog Ch Turrella Razzle Dazzle O: J Bradley B: Edwards
 Statebred in Show Australian Cattle Dog Ch Dewregal Total Aussie O: Stonehouse B: Armstrong.
 Aust Bred in Show Australian Cattle Dog...Ch BulahkuBlue Tyson O/B: Milton

Tui wrote to us *Hopefully this brief article wil give you some idea of what the entire show encompassed. Each section was self supporting, a show in its own right. The obedience people let owners try out their own dogs at Obedience and Agility with outstanding results as numbers attending have increased dramatically for training sessions. Many puppy orders were taken for breeds of which few of the public formerly knew existed. We gave away hundreds of pamphlets on all sorts of breeds supplied by CCCQ. Many puppies already available went off to new homes. New prospective owners came extreme distances to see breeds.*

The public simply needs training as to what a dog can do and what we have available. Pity more exhibitors don't think this way instead of putting such great value on bits of paper for dogs. BOB etc. Self gratification.

TUI DIXON



RESEARCH INTO HEREDITARY DEAFNESS IN THE AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG

The Canine Genetics Lab at University of NSW under the guidance of Professor Alan Wilton has begun a research project looking into genes affecting the amount of black patches in Australian Cattle Dogs (ACD) and whether it has any influence on hereditary deafness.

A gene responsible for the amount of white in a dogs coat has been identified. In some breeds like Dalmatians the amount of white is associated with deafness. We wish to examine whether changes in this gene are associated with size of colour patches in ACD and/or deafness. This research could lead to the development of a DNA test for carriers of deafness or determine the cause of deafness in pups. We, however, cannot promise that submitting a sample will provide any benefits for you from this study.

We are currently urging Australia Cattle Dog owners to send us DNA samples in the

form of mouth swabs or blood (in EDTA tubes) and any information pertaining to the location of coloured patches on the animals head and their hearing status and/or BAER results. Pedigree information would be greatly appreciated as it helps us categorise our research. We are willing to send you mouth swabs so that you can collect the sample yourself rather than having your dog sent to a vet for blood collection so as to minimise the effort on your behalf.

If you are interested in participation in this research please email me, Paulina Kowalczyk at the following address: z3159529@zmail.unsw.edu.au. The samples you send me will be used in my honours project and further research regarding hereditary deafness in this breed. I would also like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

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NEW BREAKTHROUGH ARTHRITIS TREATMENT FOR DOGS NOW AVAILABLE NATIONALLY

June 19, 2009 – Regeneus, a Sydney-based biotech company announced today that AdicellTM, the first Australian stem cell therapy for treating osteoarthritis in dogs, will soon be available nationally through Australia's leading veterinary group, Greencross Vets.

AdicellTM, a breakthrough technology that uses the dog's own regenerative system to heal painful arthritic joints, is a non-invasive, one-day procedure that involves implanting the dog's own stem cells into the affected joints. In addition to treating arthritis, it is believed that the technology may lead to a broader platform of treatments in the future.

Until recently the procedure was only available in Sydney through Kuringai Veterinary Hospital. Today's announcement will give dog owners access nationally through a network of well equipped, world class practices run by AdicellTM accredited veterinary teams.

Regeneus CEO, Dr Graham Vesey said,



**Veteran/BIS Australian Cattle Dog
 GR CH KRISTAD THE BARRON
 O: J Bradley B: Winzer**



**Open/RUBIS Australian Silky Terrier
 GR CH KINDEE SECRET WISH
 O: Dawson B: Buckley**

**BOB AUSTRALIAN KELPIE
 CH MOUNTAINMIST DIDJADASH
 O/B Shaw
 BOB Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
 CUMBYDENE TIS ALL ABOUT ME
 O: Anderson B: Buckley
 & BOB Border Collie,
 GR CH KAYANI SEEN STARS
 O/B Cant**

"AdicellTM has demonstrated remarkable results in the first 100 dogs treated so far in NSW. Working with Greencross will bring our treatment to dogs all across Australia."

Launching first in Brisbane on July 1, followed by Adelaide, Melbourne, the Gold Coast and Townsville, the availability of AdicellTM through Greencross Vets will be of great benefit to both dogs and their owners, according to Greencross Vets CEO and Veterinarian, Dr Glen Richards.

"We're delighted to have been selected by Regeneus to bring this medical advancement to the Australian veterinary market," said Dr. Richards. "AdicellTM will make a considerable difference to many pets' quality of life and their owners' emotional wellbeing."

Osteoarthritis is an inflammation of the joint caused by wear and tear. It may also result from injury, and like humans suffering from arthritis, arthritic dogs experience swelling, pain and stiffness. In Australia, 1 in 5 dogs suffer osteoarthritis. It is a constant and painful debilitating disease of the joints. There has been no cure to date for arthritis in dogs, only maintenance therapies like drugs and dietary supplements.