



Bob Tails in Tenterfield Terriers

The length of tail is the Tenterfield Terrier's most unique feature. It is the only terrier breed with tails that come in natural bob tails of various lengths, ranging from full tails through to no tail vertebrae at all, which is referred to as a "rumpy". They also come in a range of lengths in-between as shown.

The natural bob tail results from a gene that has never been known to cause the breed any health issues (ie not a form of Spina Bifida).

The length of tail is not important - the set on and carriage of the tail must still be correct (as per the standard), as it acts as the indicator of the Tenterfield Terriers mood and temperament.

For many years now, certain bloodlines within the Tenterfield Terrier Breed have been carrying the bob tail gene. Sometimes entire litters are born with natural bob tails. If you have not had a bob tail occur in your lines, then you will have to look at bringing in the gene by mating to a known bob tail sire/dam in order to obtain one. Mating two non bob tails cannot produce a bob tail - genetically one must be a bobtail, but remember tailed dogs are just as important to our breed.

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The British Scene

Just weeks after winning the top award of best in show at Crufts, 'Yogi' the Vizsla has now been named Top Stud Dog for 2009. Not only a great showdog with a glittering career, but a top dog who has a big influence on a breed through his offspring, to give him his full name and title, Show Ch/Australian Champion Hungargunn Bear Itn Mind. Top dog all breeds in UK for 2006 & 2007, top Gundog in 2008 and was still in contention in 2009. Bred in Australia by Naomi Cragg and jointly owned by Kathryn Armstrong and usually always handled by John Thirlwell. Sired by Australian Gr Ch Hubertus Dealers Choice ex Aust Ch Hungargunn Unforgettable, he descends from several British exports but on his sire's side has American breeding too. His total number of Challenge Certificates is an amazing 64, he is the all-time Best in Show record holder with 17 Bests beating the record which has stood for 70 years!

The Top Brood Bitch award this has yet again gone to one of the same breed as last year, an Afghan Hound, but a different bitch.

This time the overall winner is Ch Altside Yanjoy Winny The Blu, owned by Domenico Traversari and Chris Greenwood and bred by them in partnership with Joy Mahoney.

She is sired by the Swedish import Ch Gold'n Copper Purple Rain at Altside ex Ch Altside

Tantrums an Tiaras at Yanjoy. She produced five different CC winners during the year and all sired by the German import Ch Aga Djaris U Got The Look.

Those not topping their Groups but nevertheless topping their Breeds include the Australasian bred Pointer ShowCh/Aust/NZ Gr Ch Chesterhope Lets Be Serious at Kanix, another big winning dog from down under who had a great influence on the breed here. As has the Dandie Dinmont from Mike Macbeth's famous Canadian kennel. Ch/Can Ch Glahms Royal Canadian who is co-owned by Mike and Glen Tinsley of Cloverwood fame. Also in Terriers Patsy Wood sent over her Sealyham Ch/Am Ch Penllyn Pimpernel a few years back to David Winsley. He did a lot of winning as well as now Top Stud Dog too. He is now in New Zealand with Lorayne Tennent. In Borders it was Ch/Am/Can Ch Conundrum Co-Writer who has topped this very strong breed here. In the Working Group it was an export from the famous Pouch Cove kennel of Peggy Helming that has won the Top Stud in Newfoundlands, Ch/Am/Danish Ch Pouch Coves Onyxbay Wizard. And in the Herding Group, yet another import from Australia, this country does seem to produce some quality, in Cardigan Corgis with Aust Gr Ch Bethwyn Music Man and finally in the Hound Group it is the Standard Wire Haired Dachshund Ch/Am Ch Raydachs Tom Cruisin On.

National Terrier always a long awaited affair and being held in springtime sets the theme for the shows ahead. This is the only Terrier Group show held in the UK, and though it's not a Montgomery, it is a show still full of atmosphere. It's not a Montgomery because at this time of the year the weather is just too unpredictable and therefore has to be held inside. Bingley Hall, in the Midlands area of the country, is now a widely used venue, mainly because of its accessibility to the major motorway systems and because of its superb facilities and good parking for everyone. Such is the popularity of the show that many Europeans travel over to show their Terriers.

From Germany the Schonebergs won BOB in Wire Fox Terriers with Diana vd Schonen Bergen and in Irish it was Ruhls who took DCC with Darren von Der Emsmuehle. It was Dutch bred Lakeland that won in bitches with Fire Witch van Folin Home owned by the Vickers/Punter and Clark partnership. In Norfolks both CCs went to the Belleville kennel with the black and tan male Blacklace going BOB over her kennel mate Intuition. Lesley Crawley's Ragus kennel has dominated Norwich for so long now with again BOB here going to her bitch Ragus Very True.

Best in Show judge was Stuart Plane, his Stuanne kennel of Scotties is well known throughout the world. BIS went to the Kerry Blue bitch Ch Perrisblu Kennislain's Chelsey, owned by breeder Phil Davies and handled by myself. The last time a Kerry won this show was when I also handled the great 'Mick' Ch Torums Scarf Michael. 'Chelsey' of course you will remember as winning the breed at Crufts and then placing 3rd in the Group. Second BIS was another that did well at Crufts and that was the black and white Smooth FT bitch Ch Rotur Celtic Desire of Adaires who gained her title here. She is owned by Philip Horspool and bred by Rose Turner. BIS 3 was the Irish bitch who was also BOB at Crufts, Tony Barker and John Averis' Drumbilla Misty Lady, she also gained her title at this show. Tony Barker may be a name you will remember as he is the owner of the big winning Irish Terrier presently being campaigned by RC Carusi in the States. BIS 4 was the Cairn Larchlea Spirit in the Sky bred in Scotland by Carol Templeton but owned by Mr & Mrs Wren.

Best Puppy in Show went to a really smart Border from the highly successful kennel of Stuart McPherson Brumberhill Benchmarked who also took the breed with his bitch Ch Brumberhill Belle De Jour.

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