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National
Championship

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AKC Meet The Breeds

Hartford, Connecticut

New England dog lovers were treated to AKC Meet the Breeds at the Hartford Convention Center October 29 and 30, 2016.

The Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs represented by South Windsor Kennel Club, Farmington Valley Kennel Club and Windham County Kennel was once again the host. And for the third consecutive year the PRTAA was there to familiarize the public with our breed and the AKC, to promote buying a purebred dog from a reputable breeder and responsible dog ownership.

Jester and **Roger** were our breed ambassadors with a support staff of members Kim Baker, Brenda Koeppel and Gary Koeppel. The Parson Russell boys were also joined by **Prima**, a young female Russell Terrier so visitors had an opportunity to learn about the Parsons and a Russell side by side. The Terrier Group as a



Ready to welcome visitors



Prima and Jester in the spotlight

whole was well represented with a majority of the breeds in attendance.

The event draws roughly 30,000 people over two days. To accommodate, the seven recognized groups are split to 3 exhibiting on one day and 4 on the other. At intervals throughout the event each group is presented in a ring similar to group judging at a show. An announcer introduces each breed using the same script that is used at the national championship. This format is hugely popular with people standing several deep all around ringside. Many then follow their favorites back to the set up areas to meet the dogs in person and learn more.



The PRTAA is a popular stop



Roger gets personal

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JUNE
23RD-25TH
2017

Great Western Terrier Association



New Location

Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area
15501 East Arrow Highway
Irwindale, CA 91706
Click here: [Santa Fe Dam](#)

Friday, June 23

PRTAA Specialty

Sweeps Judge - Kayla Kuruz
Breed Judge - Nancy Lovelady

Saturday, June 24

PRTAA Supported Entry

Sweeps Judge - Michelle
Quesada
Breed Judge - Duff Harris

Sunday, June 25

PRTAA Specialty

Sweeps Judge - Michelle
Quesada
Breed Judge - Duff Harris



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FINAL Parson Russell Terrier Standings 2016

Data from Canine Chronicle for 2016

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Breed Standings

1. GCHB CH Brywood Heluva Ride
2. GCH CH Dream Hi's Lil Surfer Dude
3. GCHS CH Blossom Valley Guilty Pleasure Of Wild Fire ★
4. GCHB CH Highland Downs Mind Your Biscuits ★
5. GCHB CH Barnun's No Secret ★
6. GCHB CH Keeferfarm's Quik Draw Mcgraw ★
7. GCHB CH Windy Ridge Hell's Bells CA ★
- (tie) 8. GCHG CH Snow Winds Masked Bandit CGCA ★
GCH Snow Winds Legend Of Zorro ★
10. GCH CH Shalimar Orejacs On Target ★



No. 1 Breed and All-Breed GCH CH Brywood Heluva Ride *"Toodles"*

Owners: Dana Bryson-Benn & Kiki Courtelis
Breeders: Dana Bryson, Kiki Courtelis
& Joyce Wilkinson

All-Breed Standings

1. GCHB CH Brywood Heluva Ride
2. GCHB CH Posey Canyon Classic Stun Gun ★
3. GCHS CH Blossom Valley Guilty Pleasure Of Wild Fire ★
4. GCHG CH Dream Hi's Lil' Surfer Dude
5. GCHB CH Keeferfarm's Quik Draw Mcgraw ★
6. GCHB CH Highland Downs Mind Your Biscuits ★
GCH CH Snow Winds Legend Of Zorro ★
GCHB CH Fox Valley Bustin Loose ★
GCHB CH Barnun's No Secret ★
GCH CH Shasta N Neon Light ★

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AKC National Owner-Handler Series Rankings

Qualifying Period October 8, 2015 through October 12, 2016

1. CH Posey Canyon Classic Hijinx ★
2. GCHB Barnun's No Secret ★
3. GCHB Fox Valley Bustin Loose ★
4. GCH Twerkswerks Mr. Blue Sky ★
5. GCHB Posey Canyon Classic Stun Gun ★
- (tie) 6. GCHG Ardsley Run Heaven Sent ★
GCH Red Rock Just Bite Me JE CAA RATO CGC ★
- (tie) 8. GCH Foxbend Celebrity Status
CH Shalimar Orejac's On Target ★
10. GCHS Blossom Valley Guilty Pleasure of Wild Fire ★

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No.1 CH Posey Canyon Classic Hijinx

"Jinx"

Owner-Handled by Tricia Stanczyk

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THE PREACHER'S HUNTING DOG

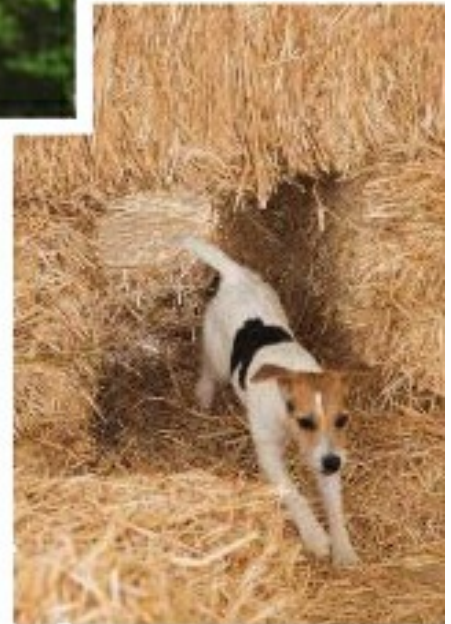
There is not a very complete record of the Reverend John Russell's effectiveness as an Anglican priest in either his position as vicar of St. James' Church in Swimbridge, where he served for 40 years, or as rector of Black Torrington in North Devon. His obituary in the Swimbridge Parish News in 1883 mentioned that he had been a kind-hearted man with a sense of duty to this sacred office and his responsibility to the sick, weary and the poor in his areas. He was also known for his compassionate treatment of the wandering tribes of gypsies who were frequently persecuted as trespassers in other parts of England often having their horses and donkeys impounded while being driven out of areas where they had camped and were usually treated like vicious



Smith's Parson Russell Terrier found dock diving to be his favorite dog sport and became good enough at it to place second in his division at the AKC NADD Diving National in 2015.



Preston works on focusing on his owner as he sits on a tree



Endo (Windy Ridge Endo JE XA MXJ CAA DM OF RATN UFA USA UCA WV-E EAC TN-ETG-O OCC EJC OV AJ SAA AD), Diana Yares' Parson Russell Terrier, goes through the straw tunnel in a barn hunt.

and his zest for the sport led him to develop a working breed of terrier which was leggy enough to keep up with the horses but small enough to go to ground and chase the foxes out of their lairs.

Starting with a crossbred terrier female that he bought from a milkman while he was

still a student at Oxford, he eventually created a nearly white breed recognized as a distinct type of Fox Terrier that has now evolved into three different ([Preacher, page 8](#))

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THE PREACHER'S HUNTING DOG



Showing the breed's speed and nimbleness, Endo races around an agility

varieties, all of which bear the parson's name in some form and spring from common ancestry. The name "Parson Russell Terrier" stems from a dispute within the breed between those who wanted to be recognized by the major kennel clubs and those who wanted the breed standard to focus on hunting ability rather than conformation. Parson Russell Terrier is the name given those dogs that have distinctly bred bloodlines, a clear breed standard and description and are registered with the American Kennel Club. (Note: The AKC also recognizes the "Australian branch" of the breed, the Russell Terrier.)

While it is not known exactly when Reverend Russell created the original breed, it is generally believed that using the bitch he bred with the milkman as a sire and crossing breeds to produce a new breed and produced a mix of the two. The result was often one ju

As is the case with Preston, dock diving is one of Endo's favorite activities

the parson never used his dogs as rat hunters, the breed is also a formidable ratter. They are quick, agile, affectionate dogs with a well developed sense of humor and an affinity for horses, according to their owners. This latter trait, combined with their ridding abilities, has made the breed very popular with stable owners and they are frequently an important asset to thoroughbred and quarter horse racing operations both as companions for nervous horses and as rodent control since every racetrack in the country fights a constant battle against rats and mice.

"Parson Russell Terriers are friendly, they are biddable and they are always up for the next adventure," said Janie Smith who owns Preston (GCH Ardsley Run Press to Go OA OAJ CAA BHO DM). "They are intelligent and eager to please. But, you need to use positive training

knowing what a fox would do before the animal actually did it. Although

methods with them and it's really helpful if you have had experience working with terriers."

"Parson Russell Terriers have a high drive and a square, lean, athletic build. They also have great noses and they are very intelligent. But, they have their own little quirks. For example, Endo (Windy Ridge Endo JE XA MXJ CAA DM OF RATN UFA USA UCA WV-E EAC TN-ETG-O OCC EJC OV AJ SAA AD) gets disinterested if the weather is hot or she has had too much to eat or if we have been training and drilling too much. She also finds earthdog work to be a bit of a killjoy for her. She is a great natural hunter and readily goes to ground while hunting on her own. She also finds, chases and kills rodents and birds. Unfortunately, she has figured out that she can't get to play with the rat at all at a trial. This has presented a really difficult training challenge for me. We're trying to find people that we can train with that will help simulate the atmosphere at a trial but in a training ([Preacher, page 9](#))

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situation where she can play with the rat. In this way, I hope it will give her a more hopeful attitude when we move on to senior and master earthdog work with her as she's really a good hunter otherwise. The greatest challenges I've found with Parsons have been preventing boredom and keeping their focus especially if they are distracted by good smells or they see animals that they want to chase. With Endo's issue with hot weather, she loves to play with the water hose and really likes garden sprayers or leaping into the water after a toy. These activities seem to keep her both cool and motivated. I keep the training sessions short with lots of praise and very high value treats and I make sure to celebrate her good performances with tons of praise, jumping around and having a party" said Diana Yares.

For Smith, the most significant issue with Preston has been in agility. "It's a team sport where you must train and practice with consistency. Preston has been a challenge to keep him focused and wanting to work with me and not wander off or let me mess up his training. I try to make him work on his greatest little challenge and then move on to agility. I do a lot of two and three jumps and weaves. I attend to the weaves and popping out

finally succeeded on the third try. I was reminded that this is the precise moment when a treat or some other high value reward is crucial to maintaining the necessary focus to complete something that's really foreign to a dog's natural instincts like running through weave poles. The problem with Preston was that he finished his conformation championship when he was 10 months old and then completed his grand championship shortly thereafter. So, I had a dog that was not even 18 months old that needed direction and guidance to channel that inner terrier drive and energy. Agility class seemed like the best answer to this need although we also did basic obedience and rally training in an attempt to get him focused on me. Fortunately for both of us, he has always loved water and when we discovered dock diving, it quickly became his favorite activity. Last year, at the AKC NADD Diving Nationals, he had an amazing performance in the finals jumping 18 feet, two inches to take second place in our division.

"You have to be careful how you correct a PRT" said Yares. "Endo gets sour on any activity where there are too many corrections or too much drilling. I end every training session on a good note even if I have to regress to a very basic skill. I also have to make sure that I don't get too competitive and ruin the dog's

fun. I have been able to have continued success by keeping it light and fun. I also use really yummy treats like bits of steak. Doing several different sports helps both the dog and I stay interested and not bored. It provides great opportunities for cross training which also helps stave off the boredom that seems to accompany only training in one sport at the time. I have some concerns, as the breed has become popular though, that there will be too much breeding just for "looks" and not enough consideration given to maintaining drive, instinct, athletic ability and intelligence of the breed by some of the people making breeding decisions. That's our biggest challenge today - breeding the instinct, drive and athletic ability out of the breed in favor of what's fashionable in the show ring. In order to maintain the things that make a Parson Russell Terrier what it is, the clubs that have dog shows need to make sure they also include performance events and that a dog's achievements in performance activities are recognized and valued at all levels from small local shows all the way to the big national events."

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Palm Springs

CALIFORNIA

Desert Empire Kennel Club
Indio, CA
January 6, 2017
PRTAA Specialty



Specialty Judge: Carolyn Alexander

- BOB: GCH Snow Winds Legend of Zorro
- BOS/OH: GCH Red Rock Just Bite Me JE CAA
- Select: GCH Gaitway He's Finnomenal
- WD/BW: Red Rock Maximum Appeal
- WB: Windy Ridge Montra As If
- RWD: Blossom Valley Last Man Standing
- RWB: Highland Downs Born To Be Wild



GCH Snow Winds Legend of Zorro

"Kyle"

Owner: Mary Strom-Bernard

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Answer to History Quiz...

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The model and saleswoman in the photograph is none other than **Lee Sweitzer** of Poplar Hill Jack Russells. Lee was a tireless supporter of the club in its early days and sadly she was taken from us too soon. The *Linda Lee Sweitzer Award* for club service is named in her honor.

Lee is seen here selling JRTBA shirts at the 1992 JRTBA National Specialty. This picture was taken at Starkweather, the home of Liz and Peter Faber and site of the National weekend's events.



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2017 PRTAA MEETING SCHEDULE

January	17	Board of Directors
February	21	Board of Directors
March	13-14	AKC Delegates
	21	Board of Directors
April	18	Board of Directors
May	16	Board of Directors
June	12-13	AKC Delegates
	20	Board of Directors
July	18	Board of Directors
August	15	Board of Directors
September	11-12	AKC Delegates
	19	Board of Directors
October	7	Annual General Meeting
	24	Board of Directors
December	14-15	AKC Delegates

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