

The Kerry Blue Terrier Association of Northern Ireland



Newsletter Winter 2014

Welcome to the first newsletter of the (revived) Kerry Blue Terrier Association of Northern Ireland. We hope that you will find some of its content of interest.

The KBTA is for those that have many and varied interests in the Kerry Blue Terrier: Kerries as pets; Kerries as Hearing Dogs; Kerries in Agility; Kerries in Obedience; Rescued Kerrys and for those who simply just LOVE the Kerry Blue Terrier as a breed. It is not just for the small numbers of Kerry Blues that are shown and their owners / handlers.

So, what do we do as an association? In truth, for a while, very little, but we want to do a lot more, in 2014 we have planned

- An Easter “Dander” with a bite to eat.

- A Mid -Summer BBQ with a demo on dog obedience and agility
- An End of Summer Show, Both Breed specific for Kerries and Fun Classes for anyone.

And

- An Autumn Trimming and Kerry Care Demo

And if any of our members or potential members have any other ideas on what they would like to do, as they say.....

“let’s be hearing them!”



The Kerry Blue Terrier Association of Northern Ireland was founded in 1978 after becoming independent from the Association in GB of which it had been a branch. It was first registered with the Kennel Club in 1984, and for many years was lead by Mr Glen Keery, who sadly passed away mid 2013. Glen devoted many years of his life to the Kerry Blue Terrier cause in Northern Ireland, the UK and much further afield. Running shows, judging and simply encouraging Kerry owners in any way he could. Glen was a gentleman who will be remembered for a long time, and in whose memory we continue the club.

In February this year's committee was elected, persuaded and thumscrewed. It is hoped that they will stay in office for a few years to see the association flourishing again. Other members may be co-opted to the committee as time passes.

Chairman -	Hugh Jordan
President/	
Secretary -	Darwin Martin
Treasurer -	Liz Keenan

Stay posted,
the new website for the
Association will go live during
March 2014

<http://www.kerryblue.co.uk>

If anyone has pictures or articles
that we should be loading to the
web site, please email them to
kerryblueassoc@yahoo.co.uk

The Kerry Blue Terrier Club in the United States has a great web site, check it out.

www.uskbtc.com

The first event of the year is the "**Kerry Blue Dander**" on Easter Monday (April 21st) along the tow-path of the Lagan with refreshments at the Lock Keepers Cottage. Please make an effort to come along; we can even supply a Kerry on a lead for those without dogs!

Email kerryblueassoc@yahoo.co.uk or
phone 07 900 8888 22 to arrange!

The Kerry blue rescue had a very busy year last year with 14 Kerry Blues rehomed or rescued in Northern Ireland alone. To everyone who helped: a MASSIVE THANK YOU. Sadly we still come across Kerries that have had a hard life and deserve a good home. If you know of anyone that could foster or adopt a rescue Kerry, please let us know. In Northern Ireland Darwin Martin (07900888822) heads up the rescue, in The Republic of Ireland it's Fionnuala Malone (+00353 86 8750614) and in England, Bridget McKeown (012 57 265946)

The association has a register of people waiting for puppies, if you want to register your interest, or have a litter due, please email kerryblueassoc@yahoo.co.uk we will try to match people to pups.



Regardless of where our show is held we hope to welcome **everyone** with their Kerry Blues, there will be classes for dogs and bitches, show dogs and scruffy dogs, neutered and veteran, rescue and maybe even fancy dress! We want as many kerrys out as we can possibly have. The association show was ALWAYS the Kerry show to have fun at, long may it continue to be so! Stay posted for the date and Venue.

The kennel club asks associations to run health, conformation and breed standard seminars for Kerry Blue Terrier owners and for potential judges, It is an expensive exercise to bring experts over from GB to speak at the seminar along with finding a venue that suits. However, if there were sufficient members and breed friends interested we would do our utmost to run a seminar next autumn. Please express your interest to Darwin on 07 900 8888 22 or by emailing kerryblueassoc@yahoo.co.uk.



An association or club is only as good as its active members, so please join the association, but more than that, please be an active member, suggest programme additions, encourage others. We all have great demands on our money so we have strived to make membership affordable. The events will also cost money but we will keep these costs as low as possible. Juniors (under 16) are free.

Our show will be held in August / September, traditionally we have had great weather and in living memory all our shows have been able to be outside, this year we are investigating having our show somewhere where there is alternative inside accommodation "just in case".

The last show was the Associations 23rd so this will be the 24th. This means a major milestone of the 25th Show will be next year in 2015.



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The Association Badge, we await delivery of the first batch of Kerry Blue Association of Northern Ireland badges, we ask every member to buy a couple, and proudly display them on their lapel when at functions, shows, and even when out Kerry Walking. (a White map of Northern Ireland with a Kerry Silhouette)

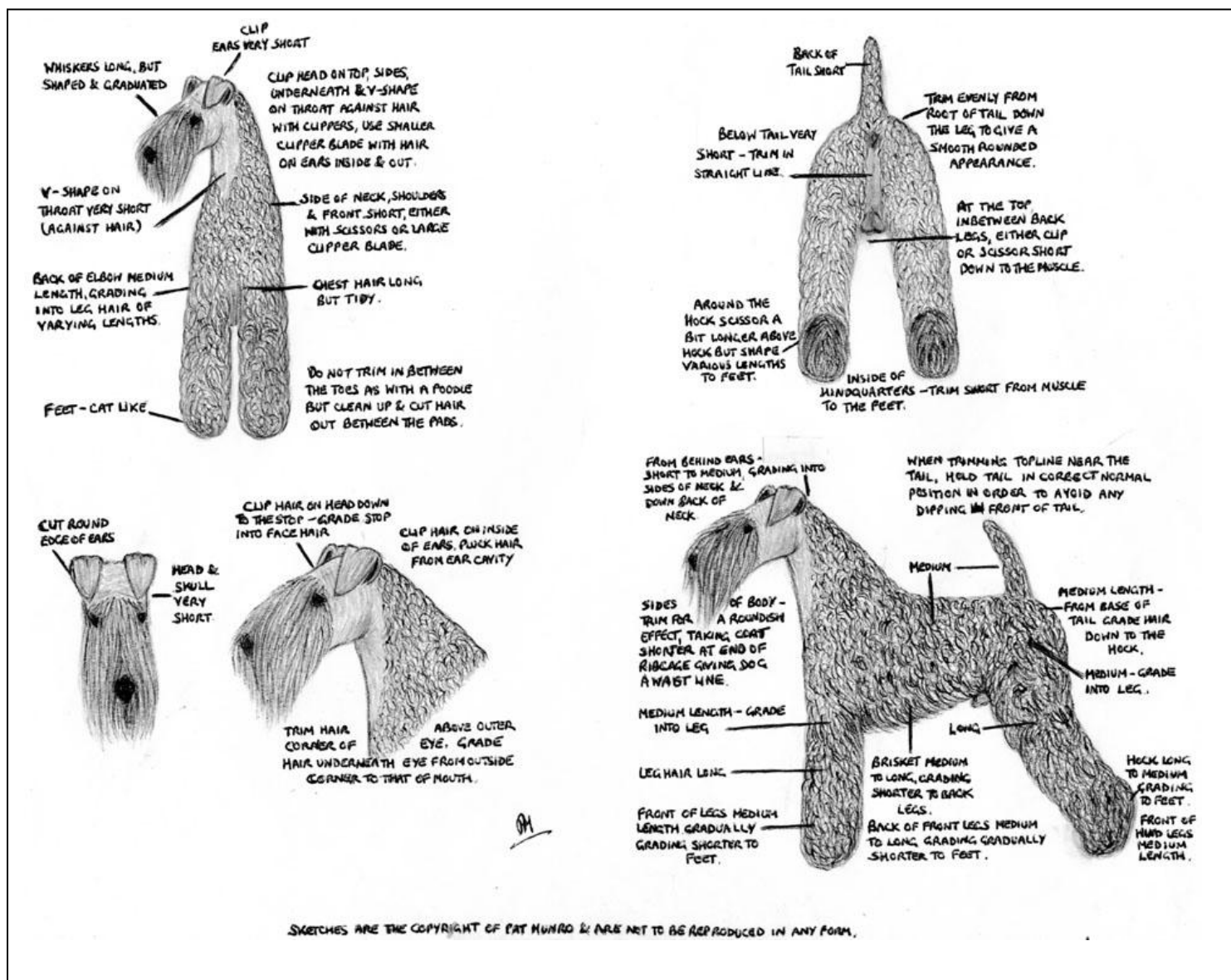
EMAIL US: kerryblueassoc@yahoo.co.uk

Kerry Grooming is a difficult one, isn't it!, there are so many different styles!, show style, pet style, then every grooming salon seems to have its own style! The best way to ensure your Kerry looks like YOU want it to is to learn to groom yourself.

The association will be holding a grooming seminar in the autumn, but mean time we have a couple of resources that might help, 2 diagrams, one from Edith Azant (USA) the other (more detailed one, below) from Pat Munro in England.

Email us for your copy.

kerryblueassoc@yahoo.co.uk.





On the Show Scene in England Don and Pat Munro (Arkama) have had an excellent 2013, their kerries obtaining 3 of the most



coveted titles. Top Kerry Bitch with Paige 'Ch Nemiah Poetry In Motion Arkama' Top Dog with their imported dog 'Balboa Ray Ban' and Top Stud Dog with Blake 'Arkama Big Time'. It is very rare for all these top titles to go to a single kennel in any one year. Congratulations Pat!

In Ireland Harold Quig's Dog Jack 'Ch, GB.Ch Torum's Calico Jack At Irisblu' (in partnership with the Ramsays') has been a top class ambassador for the breed, winning too many best in shows to list and being listed as an Annual Champion in Ireland.



The Kerry Blue Terrier Association of England have just published their Year Book,

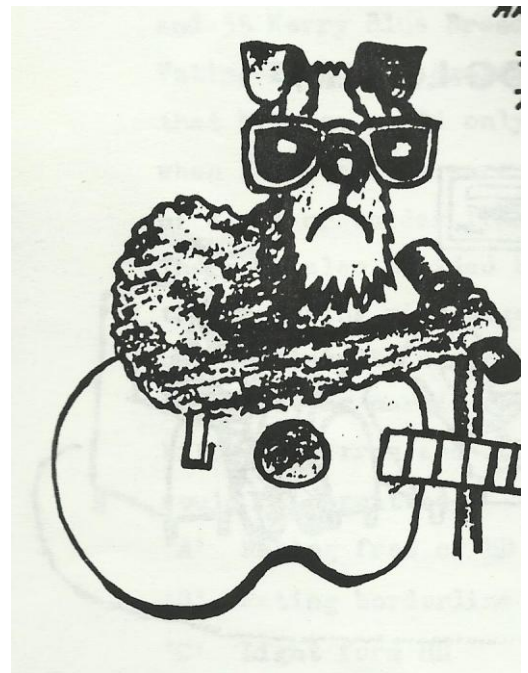
Please buy a copy from:-

Lyndia (windygap.kerries@btinternet.com)

Kerry Blues can be trained to do almost anything (apparently!)



From the 1992 Newsletter, by Trevor Dunlop



Bounding Energy...

(Illustration of a KERRY BLUE TERRIER)



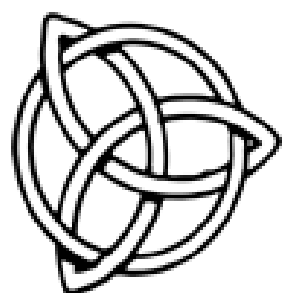
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Application for Membership 2014.

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Surname: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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New Members are classed as associate members for 1 year before they become full members

Do you have any Kerry Blue Terriers, if so, how many and what sex?

What do you hope to enjoy with of the Kerry Blue Terrier Association of Northern Ireland: (please tick ☒)

- ☐ Dog Shows ☐ Training Issues ☐ Puppy Advice ☐ Agility ☐ Obedience
☐ Socialization ☐ BBQs and Walks ☐ Trimming and Care ☐ Workshops
☐ Seminars ☐ Rescue ☐ Foster

Other _____ (specify) Are you willing to help ?

Membership Dues: (Juniors free)

Single:

£10 to Join and £7 per year thereafter

Couples:

£15 to join and £10 per year thereafter

Signed: _____

Date ____/____/2014

Please return, with appropriate fees, to:-

Liz Keenan, 14 Dolly's Brae, Castlewellan, BT31 9AZ

AND THE WINNER 2014



Classes at the show are not
limited or restricted to
"Show Dogs"

COULD BE YOUR KERRY!