

# The Bull Terrier Club of Victoria Inc.

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Bully News



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# President's Report

Welcome to our Winter 2025 Newsletter.

I hope everyone and their Bullies are keeping warm. These icy mornings are a bit of a struggle, but most days end up bringing a bit of sunshine, even if its short lived.

I recently returned from a few days in Queensland, it was a lovely 25deg, although my daughter, who lives there, was getting around in her puffer jacket as it was "FREEZING" according to her.

Whilst up in Brisbane I attended the 24th Biennial Trophy Show. It was great to catch up with Bully enthusiasts, past breeders and BTCV Club Office bearers from the 1980's and 90's, who have abandoned Victoria for the sunny state of Queensland.....who could blame them..... do they even have cold weather up there? :-)

The most recent Bully Walk was held on Werribee South foreshore which was really well attended. The plan was to hold the Walk in Geelong. The City of Greater Geelong required us to jump through ridiculous hoops, including having to pay for the use of a park "IF" we past the strict criteria for holding events in Geelong. So we decided to give Geelong the big "HEAVE HO"" and changed the Walk to Werribee. The weather held out and there was a great turnout. We are hoping to have another Walk when the weather improves. The next walk will be held in the South Eastern suburbs, hopefully at Jells Park in Wheelers Hill. Stay tuned for further information on that front.

In other news we have finally managed to get all the VHS tapes of Club Shows, dating back to 1980, transferred onto a external hard drive. The plan is to start a YouTube channel and upload all the Shows for public viewing. Im currently watching all the videos to check the quality of the recordings. Some of these tapes have been stored for over 40years and obviously some deterioration has occurred. I must admit I've had some chuckles at the fashions of the time, including my own appearance in some stunning ensembles..... including a pink and purple parachute tracksuit and the obligatory stirrup pants and long white socks..... embarrassing much!

The monthly statue actions are still being enthusiastically supported. We are switching it up a bit, over the coming months, with some unique items kindly donated to us by Wilma Rawlings, a Life Member of the Club. So keep your eyes peeled for those. We are also in the process of designing some new Club promotional clothing.

November is fast approaching and we are currently sourcing Corporate sponsors for our November Club Shows. I've had a amazing response from Businesses I've approached many of which have been extremely generous. Check them out elsewhere in this Newsletter.

I think that's all the news for now.

Cheers Jen

(BTCV President)

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***Changes to VCA Regulations***

***Effective 15 June 2025***

**PART 7 REGULATIONS – CONFORMATION**

**7.6 RULES RELATING TO JUDGING EXHIBITIONS**

**7.6.16 insert new**

7.6.16 At any Dogs Australia Championship, Multi-Group or Group Championship Show, FCI Shows excluded, a dog shall not be exhibited in a General Class or Group Specials, under a Judge who has awarded that dog a Best Exhibit in Group award during the period of six months prior to the date of the aforementioned show. In any case where an entry has been lodged prior to such award having been made, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor/owner of that dog to advise the Club concerned and the entry is to be cancelled and the entry fee refunded.

## The Bull Terrier Club of Victoria is on YouTube AU

A proud moment for our committee and members for getting this to happen! Sometimes club history and property gets lost over the years but fortunately we were reunited with a giant box of VHS and Sony Camcorder video tapes that once belonged to the club containing many of our club's old shows. There weren't too many of us left that still had a VHS player and certainly no Sony Camcorders so we decided to get the tapes put into a digital format. Our wonderful President Jen managed to get some quotes to have the items transferred onto a hard drive and the members approved the cost. We got a great deal from [www.chadstonevideoconversion.com.au](http://www.chadstonevideoconversion.com.au).

After receiving the videos back on a hard drive, Jen painstakingly checked each one, putting up with the hideous circus background music and shocking 1980's fashion (some of which was her own as she was around back then!) and then proceeded to learn how to create a channel and upload files to YouTube. She has been uploading roughly a movie a week (there is only so much circus music one can take in a week). So the Channel is up and running, please like and subscribe and enjoy the nostalgia. I'm pleased this is now up there for all future generations to enjoy and I can't wait to let Les Greenall know that he is now a YouTube star!

Our Channel can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@bullterrierclubofvic>



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Videos



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BTCV 1981 2nd Australian Trophy Show -  
Judge Mrs P Holmes (UK)

64 views · 13 days ago



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BTCV 1980 Championship Show Judge Mr L.  
Greenall & BTCV 1979 Open Show Mr F Sluga

84 views · 13 days ago



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Members,

I take the liberty of using this column to express my gratitude to all those Members and Friends who rallied to my support recently. Thanks to those Members of the Committee, who closed ranks in an effort to keep the Club steady as it has been for a number of years.

Our competition at Carrington Park went ahead undeterred by shocking weather. The active Members doing their jobs regardless and the Judge Mr. Les Mackey judged the exhibits impervious to the weather. Special efforts by Mr. Paul Hudson to erect covers for the ticket writers was very much appreciated and I am sure all will agree, Paul is a very good worker for the Club. The President of the Latrobe Valley Bull Terrier Club, Mr. Dave Willmer, came all the way from his mountain hide-away somewhere the other side of Morwell and acted as ring steward. Being rather wet on the inside as usual, Dave didn't mind getting wet externally as it was cheaper.

On a more serious note the Committee has had complaints about some Members making derogatory remarks about other Members dogs. This is a grey area and to differentiate between constructive criticism and a downright derogatory remark is rather difficult. Maybe, we could all cutail our comments about other dogs a little. I am sure we have all at sometime or other made remarks, which on reflection we would like to forget. On these particular matters your Committee finds it difficult to take a stand. In recent times the Committee have had their hands full endeavouring to hold your Club together.

Now, back to sanity and a little bit of Bull Terrier Law for those Members interested in dogs instead of Club politics. Some of the old dogs that played a part in the development of our Breed interest me greatly, and not having seen them I hunger for descriptions of them and who better to describe them than R.H. Oppenheimer. One of the most illustrious progenitors in my opinion being "Ormandy Dancing Time", and I enclose for the enthusiast his words -

"You want to know about Dancing Time, her name I took from a popular dance tune of the day, she was born in 1943 and she was by Velhurst Vindicator and out of Tom's of Ormandy, who was by McGuffin. She was a small compact bitch with supreme quality, very sound and showed all the time, she had a strong well filled turned over head for those days. She came out at the war time shows when there were no Challenge Certificates and each time easily won Best of Breed, finally, when the war ended she started her Championship Show career. Rose won her first C.C. under Dolly Robbs beating the "Knave of Ormandy" for Best of Breed. Her second C.C. under Richard Glyn and her third C.C. under Count Victor Hollender. He had never in 30 years of Judging placed a bitch over a dog for Best of Breed. On the day he gave the dog C.C. to the great "Reliance" and the bitch C.C. to Rose, he walked up and down when Judging for Best of Breed and finally said "goddam it - the bitch". Dancing Time, if she were taken into the ring today, one would not look absurd and people would still say a very decent bitch."

LES GREENALL



**8th & 9th November 2025**

Bulla Complex

**1 X Open Show and 3 X Championship shows**

**Postal entries close 24th October 2025**

**Online entries close 2nd November 2025**

**NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**

### **JUDGES**

**Julia Jones (AUS) Open show**

**Ms Andrea Gates (UK)**

**Mr Sylvan Rousse (France)**

**Mrs Kerry Hellsten (AUS)**

ROM Points available all Champ shows. The club will be running shows in conjunction with the BTMCV.

#### **Saturday 8th November 2025**

AM Open Show: Julia Jones 10:30am or at conclusion of BTMCV Open show (whichever is later).

PM Championship Show: Andrea Gates 2:30pm or at the conclusion of the BTMCV Champ Show, not before 2.00 pm

#### **Sunday 9th November 2025**

AM Championship Show: Sylvan Rousse BT 11am or at the conclusion of the BTMCV Champ Show (whichever is later).

PM Championship Show: Kerry Hellsten 1:30pm (or at conclusion of AM Champ Show and lunch break (whichever is later).

**Entries ONLINE at [www.showmanager.com](http://www.showmanager.com)**

**Paper entries posted with payment to: The Secretary PO Box 1635, Melton West Vic 3337**

**Enquiries: [bullterrierclubvictoria@gmail.com](mailto:bullterrierclubvictoria@gmail.com) Ph: 0403210590**



#### **Members Entry Fees for each Show per class**

**Open Show Entries = \$10.00**

**Champ Entries = \$25.00 Baby Puppy = \$15.00**

#### **Non-Members entry Fees for each show per class**

**Open Show Entries = \$10.00**

**Champ Entries = \$30.00 Baby Puppy = \$15.00**

Open Show classes to be judged in order: Dogs 1, 3, 4, 11—Bitches 1A, 3A, 4A, 11A

Champ Shows classes to be judged in order: Dogs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11—Bitches 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 10A, 11A

#### **Trophies and Sashes for all "In show" awards.**

**Catalogue:** Complimentary digital copy available morning of show via online provider or \$15 printed for all shows.

**Printed catalogue must be pre-ordered. Exhibit Numbers emailed prior to show.**

**Catering:** Catering Boxes to be pre-ordered and paid prior (V & GF options available) see menu flyer.

*This Event will be held in accordance with VCA Regulations, Codes, Policies & Procedures (Effective 14 February 2013)*

*Please note Rule - 7.5.25 No handler or exhibit shall enter the judging ring wearing or bearing any item which identifies by name, prefix, position or distinctive style an exhibit, exhibitor, breeder, sponsor or award; exhibit numbers excepted.*

*Extreme Weather: Dogs Victoria extreme weather Regulations will apply (Regulation 7.6.8)*



# Championship and Open Show

## 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2025

Bulla Dog Complex

Entres Close 31/10/25.

*Saturday - Open Show at 9.00am*  
**Ms Julia Jones (Victoria)**

*Saturday Championship Show not before 12.30pm or after lunch break*  
**Ms Andrea Gates (UK)**

*Sunday – Georgina Oldridge Memorial Championship Show at 9.00am*  
**Mr Sylvan Rousse (France)**

**Please note the club will be running shows in conjunction with the BTCV**

All enquiries to the Secretary on 0432 764 470 or [btmcv@y7mail.com](mailto:btmcv@y7mail.com) - no calls after 9pm. Online Entries via Show Manager PO Box 78 Waterford QLD 4133. No Late entries will be accepted. Exhibit numbers to be collected at the show.

Members Entry per dog:	Non-Members entry per dog:
Champ Show	Champ Show
\$20.00	\$25.00
\$15.00 Baby Puppy	\$15.00 Baby Puppy
Open Show \$12.00	Open Show \$15.00

Championship Classes: Dogs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 - Bitches 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 10A, 11A

Open Classes: Dogs 1, 3, 4, 5, 11 - Bitches 1A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 11A

Catalogue: \$15.00 (for both shows)

Catering – We have a return of the Lunch Box options and these can be purchased with entries or ordered prior to the closing date of the show.

This sanctioned event and run in accordance with Dogs Victoria Rules and Regulation as well as 7.6.8 Extreme Weather Regulations



**Sash & Prize for all "In Show" awards.**

## CONFORMATION SCHEDULES

Postal entries close Friday 25 July 2025  
Online entries close Tuesday 29 July 2025

# EAGLEHAWK KENNEL CLUB INC & BENDIGO KENNEL CLUB INC & CASTLEMAINE & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB INC

## SIX CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

REGIONAL EVENTS COMPLEX, BENDIGO SHOWGROUNDS, HOLMES ROAD, BENDIGO

THURSDAY 31 JULY & FRIDAY 1 & SATURDAY 2 & SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2025

### Schedule of classes

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 & 18 dogs  
1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 9a, 10a, 11a & 18a bitches

*Pre judging for general specials may take place*



Entries to the show secretary, Helen Leech, 816 Calder Alternative Highway, Lockwood South 3551 or via Easy Dog Entries. Cheques made payable to Eaglehawk Kennel Club Inc (Thursday and Saturday AM), Bendigo Kennel Club Inc (Friday AM and Saturday PM) Castlemaine & District Kennel Club Inc (Friday PM and Sunday) Enquiries Ph: 0438 166 386 (no calls after 9pm) or sashajay\_22b@msh.com

### Judges:

**Eaglehawk Kennel Club**  
**Thursday Show**  
Mr Christopher Woodrow (QLD)  
Mrs Dianne Wright (NSW)  
Ms Marie Patten (NSW)  
Mrs Ros Barden (NSW)  
Mr Joseph Diadone (QLD)  
Mr Kerry Lee  
Mr Glen Vernon (NSW)  
Mrs Ros Barden (NSW)

**Eaglehawk Kennel Club**  
**Saturday AM Show**  
Mr Kerry Lee  
Mr Glen Vernon (NSW)  
Mr Christopher Woodrow (QLD)  
Mrs Dianne Wright (NSW)  
Ms Marie Patten (NSW)  
Mrs Ros Barden (NSW)  
Mr Joseph Diadone (QLD)  
Mr Glen Vernon (NSW)

**Bendigo Kennel Club**  
**Friday AM Show**  
Ms Marie Patten (NSW)  
Mrs Gail Buckley  
Mr Glen Vernon (NSW)  
Mr Joseph Diadone (QLD)  
Mrs Ros Barden (NSW)  
Mrs Dianne Wright (NSW)  
Mr Christopher Woodrow (QLD)

**Bendigo Kennel Club**  
**Saturday PM Show**  
Mrs Ros Barden (NSW)  
Mr Joseph Diadone (QLD)  
Mrs Dianne Wright (NSW)  
Mrs Stephanie Rickard  
Mr Glen Vernon (NSW)  
Mr Christopher Woodrow (QLD)  
Mrs Marie Patten (NSW)  
Mrs Dianne Wright (NSW)

**Castlemaine & District Kennel Club**  
**Friday PM Show**  
Mrs Dianne Wright (NSW)  
Ms Marie Patten (NSW)  
Mr Kerry Lee  
Mr Glen Vernon (NSW)  
Mr Christopher Woodrow (QLD)  
Mr Joseph Diadone (QLD)  
Mrs Ros Barden (NSW)  
Ms Marie Patten (NSW)

**Castlemaine & District Kennel Club**  
**Sunday Show**  
Mr Joseph Diadone (QLD)  
Mr Christopher Woodrow (QLD)  
Mrs Ros Barden (NSW)  
Ms Marie Patten (NSW)  
Mr Kerry Lee  
Mr Glen Vernon (NSW)  
Mrs Dianne Wright (NSW)  
Mr Matthew Morse

**Catalogue:** Complimentary digital copy available via online provider on the morning of each show

**Entry Fee:** \$18, baby puppies \$12

**Judging Time:** Thursday 1pm, Friday AM 8.30am, Friday PM not before 1pm, Saturday AM 8am with junior handlers followed by breed judging not before 8.30am, Saturday PM junior handlers at the conclusion of AM show followed by breed judging not before 1pm, Sunday 8.30am with junior handlers followed by breed judging not before 9am

**Exhibit Numbers:** To be available via online provider

**Extreme Weather:** Dogs Victoria Extreme Weather Regulations will apply (Regulation 7.6.8)

**Catering:** Available

**Camping:** Available from 30/07/2025 to 04/08/2025 - <https://form.jotform.com/BendigoShow/kennel-clubs-dog-show-camping>

**Special Prizes:** Cash and sash for all in show and in group awards



## UPCOMING BULL TERRIER SHOWS

ACT BULL TERRIER CLUB—16TH AND 17TH AUGUST

THE BULL TERRIER AND BULL TERRIER MINIATURE ASSOCIATION OF WA - 23RD AUGUST

NORTHERN DISTRICTS BULL TERRIER CLUB NSW - 13TH SEPTEMBER

## Secretary Report

Hi Members,

I tried to focus this newsletter on health news and re-publish some historical documents I have come across as I have been digitally scanning the last of our newsletters that haven't been scanned. I now have all the 1970's and 1980's BTCV newsletters scanned and preserved.

I would also like to showcase our amazing canine companies that have sponsored our upcoming November show. The offers of products have flooded in so I hope everyone will check them out and support these companies.

Cheers,

Deborah Patterson

Secretary BTCV



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### TRUE OR FALSE

The BTCV once had Best Ladies Handler class in their Championship Show?

See next page for answer

TRUE!

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## Earthing or Grounding for Pets (and humans!)

Many of the surfaces we and our pets live on, walk on and sleep on these days are artificial. In prehistoric times we walked with bare feet or natural foot coverings and slept on the ground. Now we have concreted yards, footpaths, synthetic grass, and synthetic soled shoes which all disrupt our natural connection to the earth and its electromagnetic field. Earthing, also known as grounding, is the action of touching the earth with our bare skin. It allows animals and humans to connect with the earth's energy and electromagnetic field, leading to a range of health benefits. Earthing can help mitigate the effects of electromagnetic pollution, which can impact their immune system, sleep patterns, and overall well-being and there are numerous peer reviewed scientific and medical studies that are backing this up.

One of the main benefits of earthing is the promotion of relaxation and stress reduction. Grounding has been shown to reduce stress hormone levels in both animals and humans, leading to a more relaxed and calm state. This can be especially beneficial for pets that suffer from anxiety or have nervous tendencies. By allowing your pet to connect with the earth's natural energy, you can help promote a sense of peace and relaxation in your furry friend.

The earth's surface is a natural antioxidant, which has been associated with reduced inflammation and better immune function. Allowing your pet to have opportunities to walk on and dig in soil, or even just spending time sitting in the grass or dirt can expose them to these beneficial effects. Earthing can help animals with chronic conditions that might be associated with immune dysregulation, autoimmune disorders or allergies.

For those with limited access to natural ground or mobility issues, earthing mats and bed sheets are an option that can connect you to the earth's electrical field by plugging into a power point to access the home's electrical earthing system.



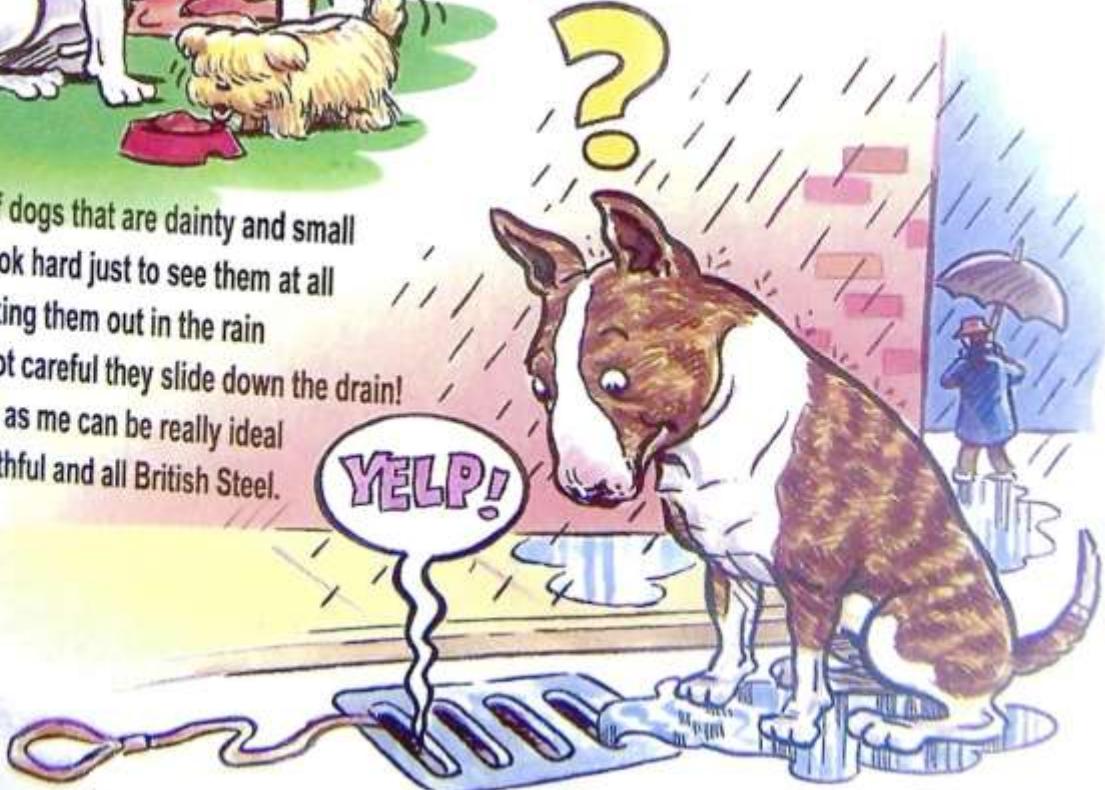
## The English Bull Terrier

We all know of dogs that are most finely bred  
With only a skeleton joined at the head  
And if you should venture to give them a pat  
They let out a scream and fall flat on their back.  
But dogs of my sort are the dogs that are real  
With plenty of heft and sinews of steel.



We all know of dogs that have tatty long coats  
And some that are tangled like knotted old ropes  
But can we be sure as we search for its teeth  
There really is some dog alive underneath?  
But my breed stands four square and easy to feel  
For under that hide there are muscles of steel.

We all know of dogs that are dainty and small  
You have to look hard just to see them at all  
It's difficult taking them out in the rain  
For if you're not careful they slide down the drain!  
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"PREFERRED COLOUR, BRINDLE":

by R.H. Oppenheimer

Your Editor has asked me to write something about the clause in your coloured Bull Terrier Standard which reads "Preferred colour, brindle". I was, of course, aware from various stray pieces of gossip which crossed the Atlantic that his phrase was, at the moment, the subject of considerable debate in your Country and I have been led to believe that the prime cause of the controversy has been the actions of certain judges who have interpreted it to mean that ALL brindles must take precedence in the ring over specimens of any other colour, however good the other coloureds or bad the brindles. I must at this point say very plainly that I cannot imagine how anybody, without being deliberately perverse, can place such an interpretation on the standard unless his knowledge of basic English is rudimentary in the extreme.

If such a judge were sent by his wife to do some shopping and was told to bring back some top quality material with the final admonition "preferable green, darling", what sort of a reception would he expect or deserve if he returned with some thoroughly shoddy second class stuff and bleated "there wasn't any other green material"?

Surely therefore the first point on which we need to be clear is that the standard must not be changed simply to curb the imbecilities of certain judges who do not understand or affect not to understand, elementary words.

For the benefit of such people, however, I would point out that the phrase in question means that, all other things being equal, brindle is to be preferred. Anyone who doubts what I say, would do well to ask himself this question; if the words were intended to mean what these eccentrics suggest why does the Standard say in the most definite terms "any colour other than white or any colour with white markings" and why does it NOT say, as in the case of all other required features, "the colour should be brindle"?

Having disposed, I hope, of that little bit of nonsense let us pass on to the more important question as to whether the phrase serves any useful purpose and if so what.

I imagine that by now there is no serious breeder of Bull Terriers who does not know that brindle is the dominant colour, that if it is present in a dog's make-up it will reveal itself and that, if it is no longer present, it can only be recaptured by the use of a mate who is, or carries, brindle.

A brindle, therefore, in a colour sense is always at least one up on any other colour since it carries the factors for all the other colours and the rest do not.

Up to 1946 the phrase under discussion was only of interest to the breeders of coloureds and was included in the coloured standard only for the reasons which I have just outlined.

Now let us have a look and see what happened in England immediately after the 1939/45 war.

Around 1946 every top winning dog and bitch was descended in tail male and in a lot of other ways too, from only three great pre-war white dogs and the strange fact was noticed that each had an unknown quantity very close up in his pedigree.

As a result of some painstaking research most intelligent fanciers became convinced that the unknown quantity had in each case been a colour-bred white sired by a brindle.

In view of all the evidence available the Bull Terrier Club in 1951 repealed a rule, which had operated for a number of years, forbidding the mixing together of coloureds and whites as the basis of a white strain; from that moment the quality of the whole breed, whites and coloureds alike, began to leap ahead.

"PREFERRED COLOUR, BRINDLE": (contd)

As time passed it further became obvious, for reasons which would need too much space to explain here, that what had been restored to the whites, with so much benefit to the whole breed, was the brindle factor and that it was no coincidence that the vast majority of the key dogs and bitches were brindles or whites carrying brindle, or, if not so, only made their biggest contribution when allied to mates with brindle close up in the pedigree.

This pattern remains true and readily observable to the present day and no surer way can be found for breeders to run into difficulties, even when using top class stock, than if they neglect the necessity to retain the brindle factor in their breeding material.

It is for this reason that the clause concerned should neither be omitted from the standard nor be overlooked and if breeders of whites in U.S.A. would attach greater significance to good brindles or brindle carrying whites, in a breeding sense, they would soon find the quality of their stock improving.

It will, further, be a bad day for the breed all over the world if the breeding of good brindles should ever become a forgotten art since, for obvious reasons, they are the most concentrated and recognisable source of the brindle factor and indeed there is a good case to be made for the addition to the white standard also of some phrase emphasising the importance of this factor.

Having said so much, however, I must revert in warning to the earlier part of this article and say that, like all other features, the brindle factor must be viewed with balanced judgement and not be assessed as of greater significance than it is and certainly not valued above all the remaining virtues added together.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: B.T.C.A. Record 1972;



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August, 1931.

## Show Dogs

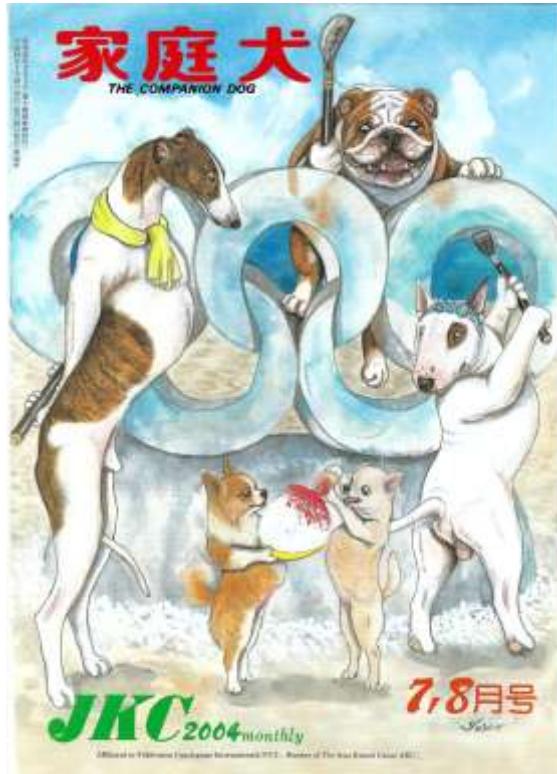
### Holden Diamond Dusty.

There were a few more Bull Terriers shown than is usually seen on the benches these days, and they were a really good class crowd. The chief winner in dogs was the puppy, Holden Diamond Dusty. Another good terrier is the open winner, D. Newman's Up-to-Date. This dog is a good size and is nicely balanced. He has plenty of bone, is well sprung, with good shoulders and sound quarters. The same kennel also won the bitch certificate with Holden Diamond Destiny, another well-balanced sort with a nice type of head, showing a down face, is short, with well-turned quarters and is sound throughout.

Airedale classes filled fairly well, but the quality was not wonderful. In the junior dog classes the winner turned up in R. B. Robertson's Glencairn Mixer, a rather big, stylish dog with a good length of head and neck. His size is against him and a light eye spoils his expression. Miss N. Salmon's Stoneleigh Sexton is a much smaller dog, but has a very poor coat. He owns a fair head, but is not overdone in bone. Australian-bred and open dog went to W. H. Brilliant's Stoneleigh Safeguard, a nice type with a likeable head. He is reasonably short and has passable bone. His coat is not his fortune. The principal winner in bitches was the last-named owner's Stoneleigh Suzanne, a nice-bodied one with well-sprung ribs and is very shapely. She has a good length of head with a dark eye. She is also liny in coat.

Although there were not a great many Pointers seen, they are undoubtedly improving in quality. Puppy dog class was won by C. L. Breeze's Wonga Dawn, a nice type of dog with nice bone, is fairly short in coupling, and is sound behind. His head is not his best point, and he needs to develop a stop. R. B. Withers's Kenwyn Joker second, is much too leggy at present. J. L. Swan's Wonga Glen won the rest of the dog classes and gained

the challenge. This is quite a nice one and is furnishing well. He can still improve in shoulders and his head is not level enough on top. No harm would have been done had the premier award here gone to J. Padgett's Prince of Bournville. This is one with a very typical headpiece, is sound in front, short and well coupled, and is nicely turned in quarters with a short stern. Limit bitch and the challenge went to C. L. Breeze's Wonga Shiela, a likeable sort and a particularly good shower. She owns a nice type of head showing a slight stop.



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BY DR LISA

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# Chemical desexing in male dogs

Did you know there is a temporary chemical alternative to surgical desexing for male dogs?

## What is chemical desexing?

Chemical desexing or castration of male dogs involves the injection of an implant called Suprelorin under the skin. The key ingredient in the implant is a hormone that temporarily suppresses the production of testosterone. There are two implants available – one lasts for 6 months and the other for a year. Once this time elapses, your dog's testosterone levels will return to normal.

## What are the pros and cons of chemical desexing?

### Pros

If you're unsure if you want to desex your dog, but would like to reduce or prevent aggressive behaviour, then chemical castration is a good option to see if surgical desexing will be effective.

Chemical desexing may be a good alternative if you're considering showing or breeding your dog, as the results are temporary, and can be reversed at any time. Chemical castration is also a safer option for dogs who are older or have certain underlying health conditions which can make surgery under general anaesthesia riskier.

### Cons

The main downside of chemical desexing is the cost. Being a temporary measure, you will need to have the implants replaced every 6-12 months, depending on the implant you choose. Chemical castration is very safe, with the main side effect being swelling at the injection site.

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## FABRICS AND THEIR EFFECT ON REPRODUCTION

Have you ever wondered if the artificial fabrics that we wear these days have an impact on our bodies? Well one researcher conducted studies using dogs to find out how they might impact fertility. One experiment was conducted on male dogs to find out how different fabrics affected their sperm. Twenty-four dogs were divided into two equal groups, half wearing cotton underpants and the other half polyester ones. Seven dogs wearing nothing were used as controls. The underwear was fashioned to fit loosely in the scrotal area so as to avoid its insulating effect. It was worn continuously for 24 months during which the semen character, testicular temperature, hormones and testicular biopsy were examined. Garments were removed and tests repeated twelve months later. In summary, after the end of the 24 initial months, the group wearing polyester showed a significant decrease in sperm count and motile sperms, and an increase in abnormal forms and significant hormonal changes. The testicular biopsy showed degenerative changes. In contrast, the cotton and control groups showed insignificant changes. After garment removal the semen character improved gradually to normal in 10 dogs; two remained very low. The polyester pants therefore had a deleterious effect on spermatogenesis in the dogs which was, however, reversible in the majority of cases. The cause of this effect is unknown, but it may be assumed that the electrostatic potentials generated by the polyester fabric play a role in it.

A similar study was performed on a total of 35 female dogs that were divided into five equal groups (including one control group). The other four groups were dressed in textile underpants made of either 100% polyester, 50/50% polyester-cotton mix, 100% cotton, or 100% wool. The pants were worn for 12 months. The dogs were followed during this period and for 6 months after removal of the pants by measuring the serum oestradiol and progesterone and by mating. Electrostatic potentials were also measured on the textile-covered skin. Eight bitches wearing polyester-containing textile showed diminished serum progesterone in the oestrus of the oestrous cycle, and did not conceive on mating or insemination. Five months after pants had been removed, serum progesterone of the eight dogs had normalised, and they conceived. Electrostatic potentials were detected on the skin of all dogs dressed in polyester-containing textile. The low serum progesterone and non-conception of the eight dogs could point to anovulation and failure of luteinisation. It is suggested that the electrostatic potentials detected on the skin create an 'electrostatic field' that inhibits the ovarian function. However, the effect proved to be reversible.

When we think about all the synthetic fibres we live with and sleep on it is certainly an interesting study.

Studies:

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# Prohibition on the use of Vanguard Plus 5 in puppies 14 weeks and younger—NZ

25 June 2025

The Vet Council has received the following update from New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) to share with veterinarians:

The reassessment of the dog vaccine Vanguard Plus 5 (ACVM Registration Number A007448) is being finalised following a comprehensive review of the distemper cases in 16 New Zealand puppies, investigated between 2021 and 2025, with 12 cases confirmed to have been vaccine-induced distemper. This reassessment is carefully considering all available data including information on file with New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) and in the public domain.

As part of this reassessment, NZFS has implemented a prohibition on the use of Vanguard Plus 5 in puppies 14 weeks in age or younger. This is an interim risk management step to protect the welfare of the most at-risk group while the reassessment is being finalised.

The prohibition is in effect as of Monday 23 June 2025, and veterinarians are required to cease all use of the product in puppies. The prohibition will remain in place until a final decision is made on the reassessment.

The prohibition has been issued because NZFS has concluded that the risk associated with the use of Vanguard Plus 5 in puppies 14 weeks in age or younger significantly outweigh the associated benefits. This was based on the potential for the vaccine to cause distemper in this age group, the lack of endemic canine distemper virus in New Zealand, and the existence of six other canine vaccines registered in New Zealand containing different canine distemper virus antigens than the one in Vanguard Plus 5.

For older dogs, the risk profile is less clear. There have been no reported cases of vaccine-induced distemper in adult animals since distemper was made a notifiable disease, and there is only one documented case of vaccine-induced distemper in an adult dog in the literature. There is also however no data or information to indicate that the mechanism of disease would be limited to affecting young puppies. Ongoing use of Vanguard Plus 5 in older animals is therefore still under reassessment.

NZFS will update veterinarians and members of the public on the final outcomes of the reassessment through an Alert Notification once the work is complete. Past Alert Notifications about Vanguard Plus 5 and the reassessment can be found at [ACVM alerts and notifications | NZ Government](#).

Vanguard Plus 5 is a canine vaccine manufactured by [Zoetis](#), commonly used in Australia as part of a C5 vaccination.





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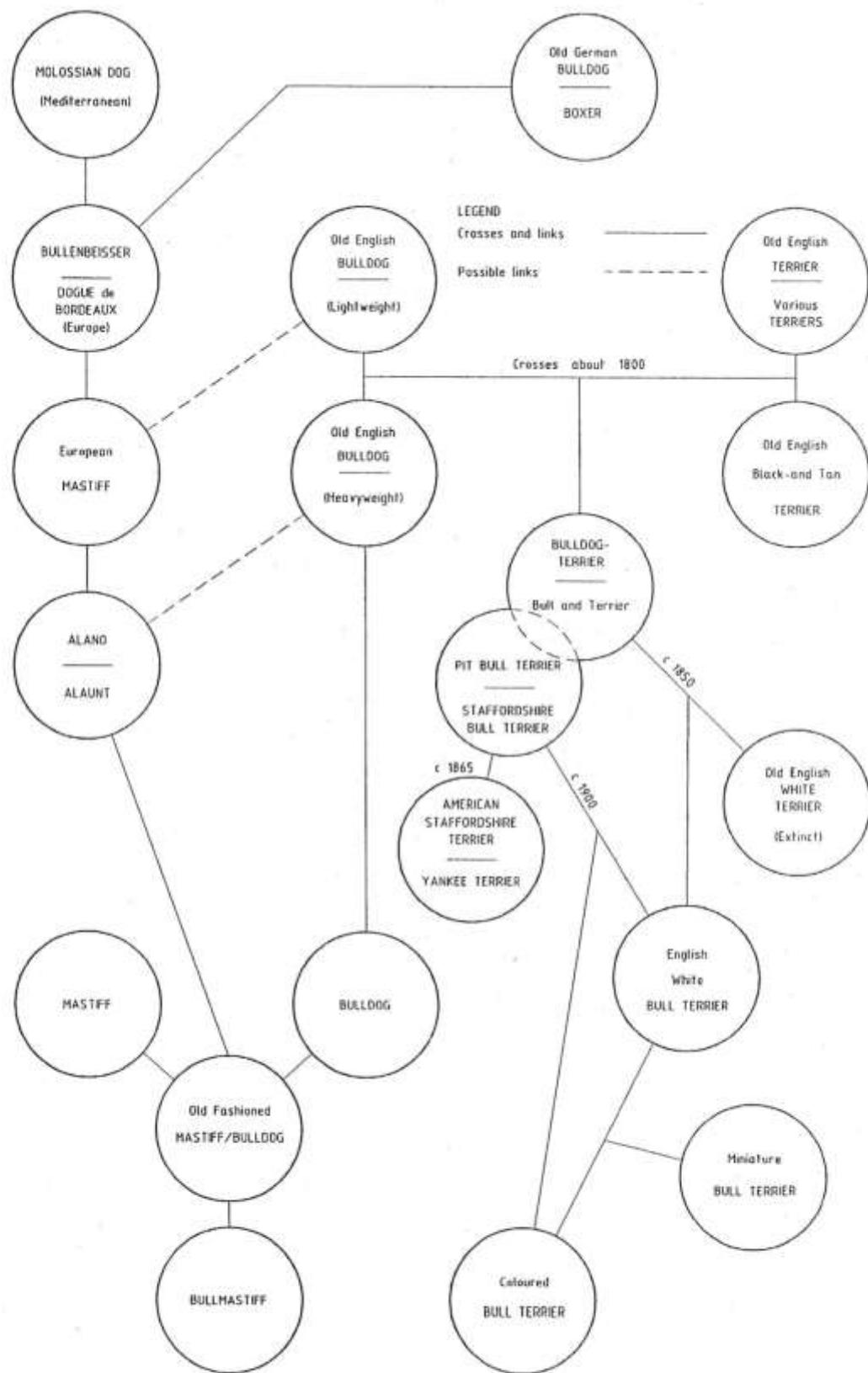
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