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Lucas Terrier Happy Holidays



Catherine and Maggie keep an eye out for Santa!



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From The Secretary's Desk

Dear Friends,



The newsletter is late and I apologize. The fall started out with tremendous promise. As many of you know, the newest Lucas addition to our family, “Lily”, joyously arrived in September. However that joy was cut short in early November. Lily’s life was put in jeopardy by a neighbor who accidentally let her out of our house and then backed over her in our driveway.

Lily, being British and of exceptional breeding and constitution, is recovering beautifully at home. The many fine doctors and surgeons who cared for her call her “the little miracle dog”. After all, there aren’t many puppies out there who can be run over by a Chrysler Mini-Van and live to bark about it. But Lily can. And bark she does!

As 2007 comes to a close the official Lucas Terrier count in the US and Canada is 41. Recently a couple of “new” dogs have been located in Philadelphia and Chicago. Unfortunately, all have been spayed/neutered. But we welcome our new friends just the same.

No new puppies were born in 2007. However we are optimistic that 2008 will be a more “fertile” year, as three of Mrs. Maggie Cooper’s “puppies” will be turning two in the fall of 2008. So lets all keep are fingers crossed.

We did have one special rehoming success in 2007. For all parties involved it was a match made in heaven!

I regret to report that Goodspice Pass the Pepper passed away this fall. Pepper was an exceptional Sealy champion owned by Margery Good of Pennsylvania. Also this fall Margery’s good friend, Marie Boisvert, welcomed three healthy Sealy puppies into her home.

Last but not least is the show. I would like to say thank you to everyone who took the time to send in a photo to the virtual dog show. In the next issue of the newsletter we will publish pictures of the winners. Good luck to everyone! Until next time.

*Laurie Crouch
Miss Maggie Cooper and Lily’s Mom*

Interview With Cathy Thomas

Cathy holding her Sealyham Bobby was the judge at this years UK Lucas Terrier Show. As a former Lucas Terrier breeder and UK Club's Chairman for many years, she is one of the most influential benefactors to the breed. Her dogs are behind many of the dogs in the US today. Without Cathy's efforts many of us would not have the pleasure of owning a Lucas Terrier.



My involvement with Lucas Terriers began many years ago – and quite by chance! – I was reading my weekly Dog World newspaper and suddenly saw a wonderful photograph of two beautiful puppies – they were Lucas Terrier puppies and I was ‘hooked’ immediately. I contacted Pamela Harrow to make some enquiries and put my name on the list for a puppy.

Out of the blue I received a ‘phone call from a lady who had a litter of puppies with one bitch in the litter – a black and tan – this lady has since become a very dear friend and we all know her as Jumbo Frost!- I cannot think of anyone who has as much enthusiasm, energy and determination as Jumbo – we all own her a great deal of thanks for keeping this breed going – all her efforts have produced the wonderful breed we all enjoy today.

After the telephone conversation it was agreed that I would collect ‘Lucy’ at the Lucas Terrier show – this was 1993 and only the 2nd annual show since the ‘revival’ time when Jumbo and Jane Irwin decided on the course of events that bring us to the present day.

Lucy was a delight and won everyone’s hearts – eventually Jumbo decided that she should be mated to the Duchess of Wellington’s dog, Tigger, and we went to the Duke and Duchess’ home of Stratfield Saye together – the mating was successful and Lucy produced four puppies – one of which was Beany (Thomas’ Coffee Bean) and Thomas’ Ginger Rogers – ‘Ginger’ went to live with Jumbo and produced some very fine Lucas Terriers; sadly she is no longer with us – Beany stayed with me and also had some excellent puppies over the years – she is now the ‘senior citizen’ in the house at the age and will be 13 years old next month. It has been wonderful to be so involved in the breed, and also being the Chairman for many years, but due to ill health and a major house move I did not breed Lucas Terriers for a while, and now Poppy (Beany’s last daughter) is seven years old and it is rather too late for her to breed.

I was very honoured to be asked to judge the annual show this year – there were some really lovely dogs to go over and I thoroughly enjoyed my day – for those of you with access to the internet the show photographs can be viewed on www.carolannjohnson.com –click on the circle for ‘shows’ and then select the Lucas Terrier show.

Although I now show and breed Sealyham Terriers – which evolved from being interested in the Lucas – I do hope to have another Lucas puppy one day and continue to contribute to the breed.

Cathy Thomas (Cibach)

How to Train Humans

by: Juju Manske

So often we go to training classes to “learn our manners” and become better behaved, but I have a whole new perspective that I believe will enlighten you (I know better). The basis of the fact is; we are smart! We are often smarter than the humans realize and therefore we can use that to our advantage. You see, they will often give us a treat for sitting, laying down, jumping, and so on. We aren't stupid; we know treats are good and will readily do any of those latter activities for it. My suggestion to you: buy a white foot stool. I don't know why this works, but the humans think that when I sit on it, I deserve a treat. For example, when I announce the departure or arrival of the boy on the yellow, school bus, I have trained my humans to come to my white stool and give me a snack. When enter my home I welcome them at the door and lead them to my stool for another snack. They are so easily trained, like beagles. I barked at the annoying dachshund intruders—stool. I have done extensive research on canine influence upon human behavior and statistics show that humans can be trained to give us snacks in certain locations for certain tasks they perceive as needs. So, if you have not yet trained your humans or do not already have a special place for a treat, buy a stool and start training today!

Here is a great website for treat locations in a home:

www.lucasdoesanythingforfood.dog



About the author:

Juju is three-year-old spayed female. She is officially called “Dona Caju” which is Portuguese for Mrs. Cashew. She lives in Appleton, Wisconsin. Juju is also the “January” dog in the 2008 “Dog Fancy” calendar.

Letters:

Hi American Cousins,



Well hello there chums across the pond, with a special nod and wink to any particularly attractive little fillies. My name is Rodwell's Spike (Spikey to m' mates) and I was born on April 9th 2004 in Wiltshire, England. My Mum was a Lucas and my Dad, Cookie, a champion Norfolk, (they say it was to widen the gene pool), but hey, I don't care.... I'm here and that's all that matters. When I was eight weeks old Norman & Debbie (N&D) adopted me and gave me a wonderful home in Suffolk on England's east coast.

I say they gave it to me, and I mean it, it's mine, not theirs, yep they live in it with me, and I allow them quite a lot of freedom, but the buck stops with me, regarding where we go, when we eat, vacations etc., I say what animals can live in the garden (none; Norman). I take N & D for walks everyday over the surrounding Suffolk countryside and I've trained them to wait while I sniff, then sniff again; roll in delicious cow/sheep/horse poo; and I encourage Norman to begin his favourite game of throwing tennis balls, I help by finding them for him, which he much appreciates.

Meanwhile Debbie keeps me going with with a continual supply of refreshments, you know the sort of thing, water/biscuits/removing thistles from fur etc., plus of course her words of encouragement to enjoy myself, she is such a sweetie.

Meanwhile Norman runs around with his little tongue hanging out, picking up tennis balls, tossing them in the air with a cry of 'fetch'. I have never worked out who, or what, 'fetch' is, still he enjoys saying it and that's good enough for me. Then when I'm ready I give the signal to return home, I have found the most straight forward method is to throw myself on the ground and refuse to move, this part of their training was surprisingly quick, they picked up on it almost immediately

Meal times are something special for me as I enjoy up to five, sometimes seven, a day. This did take quite a bit of training and I had to get very firm with them at times; you see I had to make them understand that, what is mine is mine, and what is theirs is also mine; ergo, two meals just for me at breakfast and supper and up to three meals shared with N&D. Good eh? Ooooooh I feel a little nap coming on.....sixth today and it's only 12 o'clock!!

Tootle pip old things and may your water bowls never run dry.

Spike Norrington

Love At First Sight

Meeting our first Lucas Terrier By Wendy Neilson

Three years ago, quite by accident, we met our first Lucas Terrier. It was love at first sight and 'must have' to add to our family. Puppies are few and far between but with luck and good management, Pam Harrow in the UK found our wee Suzi. It won't be long before she will be able to fend for herself but in the meantime, our Jack Russell and Labradoodle keep her out of harm's way dangers which include the advances of more than one fox. The joys of country living!!



("Suzi" was born on June 25, 2007 and lives at the MapleLeaf Middlewick Holiday Cottages located in Glastonbury, Somerset in the UK.)

"Suzi" is an absolute joy and we love her to bits!

Member Profile:

Bella



Bella is a registered Service Dog. Above is a picture of Bella in her service vest with sitting on her favorite ottoman. She is progressing quickly and loves to go everywhere. Some of her favorite places to go are the doggie park, car rides, swimming in ponds, going for a walk, and any place where there are children. Tug of war and fetching are the games she likes to play and absolutely enjoys massages. Bella can also sit up like a gopher on her behind so that she can receive a good belly rub. She is the joy of our household and we can't wait to see her pups when she has them. We love our Bella to say the least.

Hall's Bella

Owners: *Michelle Rondone & Diana Figueroa*
Residence: *California*
Dam: *Shrank's Mrs. Maggie Cooper*
Sire: *Ch Wonderwood Three-Card Monty*
Birthday: *September 6, 2006*



Fit For A Lucas



Once upon a time there was a little girl who loved animals. She “grew up” sort of, went to art school and learned to design dog’s clothing...the result is Noah’s Suitcase.

Established in 1991, and run from a small outbuilding affectionately called “The Shed” in picturesque Foster, Rhode Island, Noah’s Suitcase the brain child of Kim Mast, designs and creates hand sewndog coats of exceptional quality that are worn by lucky dogs all over the world.

Each and every dog coat at Noah’s Suitcase is carefully measured, cut and tailored to the exacting standards of Kim. Using high tech fabrics, with classic style, each coat is sewn with particular attention to detail. Her fabrics range

from the newest modern fabric-Illumilite (printed with Scotchlite for safety and night time visibility) to traditional 100% woolplaids. Many have a layer of Thinsulate for added insulation.

Colors? Oh, boy do they have colors! In cozy polar fleece, dapper corduroy and totally waterproof rain wear that breaths, these fabrics are only some of the colorful choices available at Noah’s Suitcase.

Most of their canine clients fit into one of the 17 stock sizes. For the difficult to fit, they offer a custom measured coat, as well. The coat that fits “just right” makes the days a bit warmer. Dogs love these coats because they fit well, are light and easy to put on, and best of all keep them warm, dry or both. Some dogs don’t require an extra layer forwarmth, but a dry dog smells better than a wet one.

Mast says, “I get such delight meeting the dogs, often remembering their names before their owners. No one seems to mind being identified by his or her dog. Sometimes they are the best part of us, often the most fun.”

In addition to the delightful coats the company makes a friendly cuddly beast called “T. Beast.” He is a silent (no squeaker) stuffed dog toy. “Teddy”, know to his friends, makes a great stocking stuffer or gift for the new pup. Also, they have leash holders, and for dogs best friends -- wool shirts, funky vests, jackets and aprons to please the gourmet.

The “staff” currently includes two Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, two Terriers (1 Cairn/Jack Russell cross, one full Cairn) and they are interviewing for the position of Lucas Terrier resident (spotted candidates, preferred).

The line is carried by select, fine doggie retailers around the country. For more information or to order products please call

Kim at 401.647.4500. The company does not have a website at this time but if you prefer to write to her the mailing address is:

**Noah’s Suitcase
35 Winsor Rd.
Foster, RI 01815**

Americans Love Pets

According to recent industry trend reports 63% of US households own a least one pet – That equates to 71.1 million US homes!

Of those homes at least 44.8 million of them own at least one dog – that’s a lot of dogs!

Americans spend more than 40 Billion dollars a year on their pets – that’s a lot of kibble no matter how you crunch on it!

Source:
http://www.appma.org/press_industry-trends.asp



Mrs. Cooper's Puppies Turn One

A Special Birthday Reunion Party Mrs. Cooper's Puppies Turn One

BY SUSAN HALL

It had been one whole year and I longed to get the puppies together. What better reason than to have a birthday party. Nothing required but party hats. Yes, you can buy party hats for dogs. The puppies did not mind them either. The Lucas puppies present were Bella, Lucas, Bentley and Lexi. Missing was Emmett and MISS Maggie Cooper. They were missed and but mom and siblings sent good licks to each of them.

A get together was just like the kids coming home from Camp. When the puppies arrived I was thrilled but Maggie was puzzled. She could not figure out why they were all coming back home. Everyone was speechless to see five Lucas Terriers running around and interacting. They seemed to sense a special bond between them. The two-legged families shared stories of how they slept and snored or are in training to become a service dog.

To wear out the puppies I thought I might try doing what I did when they were young. I would stand at the side of the yard and yell, "Hello Darlings." They would hear my voice and come running. I always smiled and counted one to six. Expecting nothing I stood at the side of the yard and yelled. Amazingly, the puppies stopped what they were doing and came running to me just like they used to. I was thrilled that they still remembered my voice. It had been a year since I last called their names. But they all came.

With treat bags and party hats in hand the puppies and their families departed. It had been a wonderful party. When they left I realized how special and lucky the families where to be chosen to have a Lucas Terrier puppy. They have given their puppies a year of love but in return the puppies have given them a year of love and bliss that only a Lucas Terrier owner can really know and understand.

With a grateful heart to all,

Mrs. Maggie Cooper, Lexi and Susan

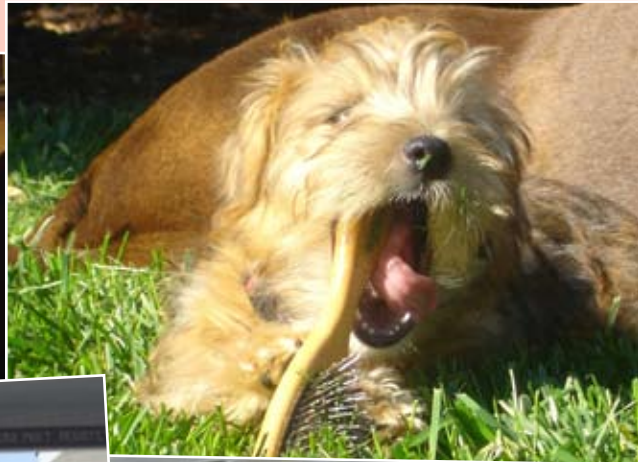


Girls Gang

A)



B)



C)



D)



E)



A) Marie Boisvert and Sealy 'Emma'
of West Chester, PA

B) Lily Crouch of Richmond, VA

C) Bob Whitmer & Lulu
of Fairfield, CT

D) FeFe Houghton of
Chestertown, MD

E) Sita Langford of the
United Kingdom

Boys Club



A)



B)



C)



D)



E)

A) Scout Duffy of Chicago IL

B) Lukas Pence of San Francisco CA

C) Dylan Sloyer of West Chester PA.

D) Skipper Hamilton of San Francisco, CA

E) Teddy Schrank of IL

Happy New Year!



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and loving a Lucas Terrier is great!

