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The cover of the October issue of Icon magazine featuring Carolyn Farb and her Lucas Terrier Peat's Willow (Lucas).

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From The Secretary's Desk

Dear Friends,



Laurie and Lily

There is only one thing better than owning a Lucas Terrier - owning two.

I can't adequately express how much I love my two girls. I know many of you feel the same way. It is rare to have a Lucas described as anything less than perfect. I commonly hear that he or she is "the most wonderful, perfect dog in the whole world!"

When Sir Jocelyn set out to create the Lucas in the late 1940's, I wonder if he had any idea how special his little dog would become? His vision for the Lucas was as an ideal sporting/hunting dog. But few are used for that purpose today. Most are companion dogs - "treasured family member" is a more accurate description!

But even though you can take a Lucas Terrier out of the hunt – you can't take the hunt out of a Lucas Terrier! Just ask any squirrel. My girls, Maggie and Lily, spend the better part of each day on squirrel patrol. If it's little, gray and furry - they chase it. They can't help themselves. It's hard-wired.

But I have a suspicion that the squirrels of the world are not taking the Lucas revitalization lying down. Cathy Thomas of Wales recently sent me a photo of a squirrel dressed in camo. Word of Sir Jocelyn's little hunter must be getting around!

Until next time,

Laurie Crouch
Miss Maggie Cooper & Lily's Mom



Lily keeps her eye on on a wayward squirrel whose wondered into our yard.

Maggie and Lily on watch duty checking out the east sector for the enemy.



A squirrel suiting up for battle in the suburbs.

Hap Sutliff and Jumbo Frost smile for the camera at a dog show in Great Britain.



The Lucas Terrier Club of America held its first annual Virtual Dog Show at the end of 2007. Terrier expert, Hap Sutliff of Pebble Beach, California, judged. Peat's Willow Carolyn Farb of Houston, Texas was named Best In Show. Below is Hap Sutliff's full show commentary.

Thank you very much for inviting me to judge the first internet dog show of the Lucas Terrier Club of America. I hope that someday the American breeders will be able to gather together to put on their own proper dog show. Dog shows are important for all dog breeds including the Lucas as it allow us to see what others think of our dogs and where the breed stands at that moment of time and where the breed needs to go for the future.

The concept of an internet dog show is healthy one, but one which can only truthfully judge the dogs on looks. A judge really needs to put his hands on each and every dog. For all Terriers especially, the bite is very important so that the dog may really do the job that the breed was bred to do. Sir Jocelyn Lucas was a keen working terrier enthusiast and no doubt bites were important to him. Substance and bone is another thing which cannot be judged from photos.

For all judges, movement is one of the most important aspects when judging. That way you can determine if the conformation and structure match the movement. It boils down to form and function.

I have tried to judge by the Lucas Terrier Standard, but I find it a bit vague in places, for example, Tail set: The set of tail is neither high nor low set. The best written Standards not only tell you what is incorrect, but also correct and this vague statement makes no sense to me as to what is the correct placement, only what is not desired. Sorry!

Given the disadvantages of not actually seeing these 22 wonderful Lucas Terriers in person, certain aspects are quite clear. These are 22 of the most loved and happiest of all dogs anywhere. Their personalities simply radiate from the photos so much that you want to declare all of them first prize.



Puppy Bitch: (FIRST) Inchyra's Suzie: nicely balanced pup. Head is in proportion to body and length of muzzle suggests a good bite. Proper V-shaped ears. Shoulders well laid back. Well turned stifle. Tail set is excellent. Should mature nicely.



One Year-old Bitch: (FIRST) Hall's Lexi: very appealing color. Everything in proportion throughout. Chest well let down between the legs. Well bent stifles with proper muscling on the thighs which others in this class lacked. Tail set also appeals. Congratulations.



One Year-old Dog: (FIRST) Peat's Willow: really nice class of dogs was topped by this outstanding Lucas Terrier. He oozes breed type and is everything you could want at this age. He neither resembles a Sealy or a Norfolk so is true Lucas type. Lovely head, neck and shoulder. Straight topline, Good tail set and proper quarters. A lovely boy.



Two to Four Year Old Bitch (FIRST): Schrank's Mrs. Maggie Cooper: this was by far the most difficult class to judge as there were so many types, colors, types of grooming, etc. which made picking a winner very hard. I ultimately decided in favor of Mrs. Maggie Cooper as her photo made it the easiest to judge her virtues which are many. She is completely in proportion throughout and I especially like her well let down chest. She is very girly which just what you want.



Two to Four Year Old Dog (FIRST) Colville's Luca: another difficult class to judge as another entrant had a stunning head, but the angle of the photo was such that no other aspects of the conformation could be determined. Luca seems a handsome boy and also has a nice head. I particularly liked his rear which appears to have great muscling in the quarters region. Well bent thighs and nice tail.



Veteran Dog or Bitch: (FIRST) Frost's Ollie Merriwether Lewis: at eight years old he wears them well. Completely balanced dog. Chest well let down between the shoulders as one ought to expect from a dog of this age. Nice head, good color and good rear. A grand old man.



BEST IN SHOW: Peat's Willow: To me this dog just stands out above the rest for his breed type and conformation. Judged solely from a photo, this dog is the epitome of the Lucas Terrier in my opinion and stands the breed well for the future. Congratulations!

Thanks again to all the wonderful sports who allowed their dogs to come under the scrutiny of a California Sealyham enthusiast. All of you are winners!

Hap Sutliff

To Clip.....or Strip?

How do you keep your Lucas looking neat and tidy? Do you hand strip or do you whip out the electric clippers when it's grooming time? This is what Lucas owners say.



Ann Blyde of Hawaii prefers to strip her Lucas, Wicka.

Ann Blyde, Hawaii: “Aloha. I still hand strip and leaving the topcoat in place makes it clean itself very efficiently. I suppose in UK outdoors this might assist with getting rid of the mud! But here in Hawaii it gets rid of the sand more easily.”

Mark Vierra, California: “I take Emmet to a groomer that “scissor cuts” as opposed to clippers and he comes out a couple of hours later looking spectacular.”

Carol Betran, Florida: “In my opinion stripping is an art that few groomers have expertise in. I currently have two clipped (longer in the winter, shorter in the summer) and Ginger is just trimmed.”



Wendy Schrank of Illinois both strips and clips her Lucas, Teddy.

Marie Boisvert, Pennsylvania: “I use the “Coat King” which gives the appearance of a stripped dog without the trauma of stripping in the conventional way. It has been a godsend and my dog actually enjoys it.”

Wendy Schrank, Illinois: “Over the years, I’ve begun to cheat a little. I use a clipper on the head, ears & neck, blending in with a longer blade as I get near the back. Then I strip the back when the hair is quite long & comes out easily. Then I use a clipper to trim between the pads & on the privates. Lastly, I scissor the furnishings, blending the coat to make the most of the dog's structure.”

Westminster Champion Owner/Handler Margery Good, Pennsylvania: “Whether to strip or clip should be up to the owner. There is a price for beauty (all women and some men understand this!). Stripping will maintain the bright colors and wiry texture of the Lucas coat. The wiry texture mats less. Clipping is faster and easier on both the dog and the groomer, but the colors fade and the wiry part of the hair ends up in the trashcan. The coat then feels soft and requires more frequent brushing to prevent matting. Some people might select a combination of stripping and clipping, stripping or raking some parts and clipping some parts. The parts selected for each technique would be chosen for the desired texture and color to be maintained.”



Margery Good with her Top Champion Sealyham, Charmin, at this year's Westminster.

member profile *Feefee*



Feefee looking out the window for squirrels.

Owners: *Eddie & Binnie Houghton of Chestertown, Maryland*
Residence: *A thoroughbred horse farm.*
Dam: *Hiscock's Samantha (Lucas Terrier)*
Sire: *Ch. Am Wonderwood Winning Hand (Norfolk Terrier)*
Registered Name: *Hiscock's A Feefee*
Birthdate: *1999*
Favorite Pastimes: *Chasing squirrels and eating!*

Our Feefee by Binnie Houghton

Feefee is the last of a decades long relationship we have had with Lucas Terriers!!! She is an extremely happy dog whose favorite things are eating and watching and chasing squirrels! She spends hours at our picture window watching the outdoors activity of the squirrels, birds and deer! She is also very fond of going to the barn to see what the horses have left for her!!!

I think that I should also mention that Feefee has very selective hearing!!!!!! She lives with a Norfolk terrier and a Yorkie. She sits up, pirouettes, and barks for her cookies!! And, we love her very much. She is very honored to be chosen for the member spotlight column.



Feefee standing on the sofa cushions near her favorite window in her Chestertown, Maryland home.

MEET THE TALENTED ARTIST JOY WILLIAMS & MABEL

By Laurie Crouch

One day I was searching on the Internet for Lucas Terrier art when I had the good fortune to stumble upon Joy Williams - an incredibly talented artist. I was so impressed with Joy's work I wanted to share it with all of you.

Joy trained as an illustrator many years ago and has drawn and painted for as long as she can remember. Her style varies from illustrative to more painterly. The good news for us Lucas Lovers is that she is happy to take on commissions. (I know what I'm going to be asking for my next birthday.)

Joy came across Lucas terriers by chance. She saw a photograph of one in a magazine in 2003. It was love at first sight.

Mabel's full name is Chillingworth's Mabel. Her parents are Chillingworth's Charlie Brown and Chillingworth's Lulu. She was born on 26th August 2005 a single puppy born by Cesarean.

Joy says that Mabel is a delight. Mabel has a lovely nature and is full of fun. Her favorite friends are Joy's two cats: Mackerel and Mitten. They play so well together Joy believes Mabel thinks she is part cat!

Joy and Mabel live in North West England, Lancashire, and a few miles east of Manchester.

Their home is in a small hilly town called Mossley, on the side of the pennine hills. The films 'Yanks' or 'Brassed Off' were filmed in the area. Mabel is the only Lucas terrier for miles!

To see more of Joy William's wonderful work please visit:
<http://jamjar.wordpress.com>
http://www.etsy.com/shop.php?user_id=5162216
<http://jamjarart.wordpress.com/>



Joy and Mabel at the 2006 UK Lucas Show in the dall of 2006.



An original painting by Joy Williams

Leo Moves to South Africa - An Exciting Two Part Adventure.

My name is Leo, I'm two years old and I live in Cape Town, South Africa.

I was born in England, the result of a very brief liaison between my mother, Chillingworth's Lillie Langtry and Frost's Friskie. Sadly, I never knew my father who I believe is a pretty good sort of chap, just like me. We lived where the humans call Hampshire but to us dogs it was Terrier Heaven. Our garden was on the edge of fields which were full of rabbits. The humans thwarted most of our attempts to catch the rabbits by putting special collars on us that gave us a bit of a shock if we passed over the garden boundary, but we could give them a good run for their money anyways. My Aunt Lulu lived with us when I was young and she knew exactly when the invisible fence was not working and would take us off for some really good long hunting expeditions. Aunt Lulu was not always very good at finding her way home, and once we were rescued by a nice man in a van who was good enough to put three sodden, muddy Lucases into the front of it before phoning the mistress. Aunt Lulu naturally put herself on the front seat, but my mother and I sat on the floor just to be polite.



Sometime last year the humans started to do a lot of talking about going somewhere but we didn't know what was to come. Then we were told that we would be going to South Africa to live. We thought it must be near Wales, where we go sometimes to stay with the grandchildren on their farm. One day we went off somewhere to be measured. We did not know why – my mother said that they were probably going to have some new “size” classes at the Show this year. Boxes were mentioned and mine was going to cost more as I am bigger than my mother. The mistress said couldn't we go together as that would be cheaper. No, she was told, only puppies could go together.

About this time my mother and Aunt Lulu started having terrible fights. I did not join in as I was a big BOY and did not like what was going on. The Master and the Mistress said that we could not take fighting dogs to this South Africa place and so one day a very nice lady who really wanted a Lucas Terrier came to see Aunt Lulu and said that she would love to take her to live with her. The mistress was very sad but knew that Aunt Lulu would be happy.

Then things started to happen. Our house got emptier and emptier and one day some men came and put everything into boxes. The mistress said my mother and I were lucky not to get packed as well, as the men just packed up everything. Then our cage went, and we knew that was IT. Our home was gone! We were left with two bits of Vetbed to sleep on. The suitcases were all packed and we were taken to the place where we had gone to be measured. It was quite nice as there were lots of other dogs and the Master and Mistress said we would see them very soon. Then they left us...

To Be Continued In The Next Newsletter



By Laurie Crouch

It shouldn't come as a shock that obesity is a 'growing' problem. What is shocking, however, is that Lucas Terriers can get 'tubby' too. According to published reports 40% of American pooches are pudgy.

Why does this matter?

Overfeeding by just a mere 5 to 10 percent a day can pack excess pounds on your Lucas, putting your beloved terrier at increased risk heart disease and diabetes and other weight related conditions including a premature visit to doggie heaven. Yikes!!!

But your dog doesn't have to get tubby. He or she can stay a lean, mean, squirrel-chasing machine for years to come if you follow a few good doggie-health practices.

First, pay attention to your dog's weight. Our breed standards show that adult males should weigh between 14 to 20 pounds. Females are lighter ranging from 11 to 17 pounds. If your dog's weight falls significantly above these standards, talk to your vet to explore why. Is it a breeding issue where perhaps the Sealy genes have gotten the upper hand? Or is it a food issue where someone has been a bit heavy-handed at din-din time?

Second, measure food rations – eyeballing and guesstimating don't work. Simply measure out correct food portions using a standard kitchen-measuring cup. Keep the measuring cup flat on the top, not rounded. Over time, heaping cups add up... putting, unwanted, extra pounds on your pup!

Third, pay attention to snacks and treats. Unfortunately, they have calories too. If your dog is fighting the battle of the bulge, limit how often you offer goodies. For example, one biscuit a day is okay. Twelve biscuits is not. Use common sense.

Last but not least, make sure your dog is getting enough exercise. If your dog doesn't have access to a yard or a garden where he can run around and get his heart pumping, grab your leash and go outside for a good brisk walk. It's good for you. It's good for your dog. And I'm confident, Sir Jocelyn, who was fit and trim all his 90 years, would very much approve.



School's Out for Summer!

