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Paige Fennie, niece of Noble Hamilton, poses in front of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco with Archie Hamilton in her arms.

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### **The Club's Mission:**

***To preserve, protect and promote the Lucas Terrier in the United States of America.***

***To encourage all owners of healthy and sound Lucas Terriers to breed back at least one litter of puppies before spaying or neutering their pets.***

# *From The Secretary's Desk*

Dear Friends,

Please thank Wendy Schrank for the great idea of publishing the updated US Lucas population map and owners list. You will find both at the end of this newsletter.

Wendy's request inspired me to try and track down dogs that I had leads on but had never been able to verify one way or another.

The experience of tracking down those dogs was a bit like riding a roller coaster. Highs included meeting delightful Lucas owners like Virginia Morgan of Pennsylvania. Lows included hearing the story of a puppy dismembered by a pack of roaming Foxhounds in his own front yard. (Note to self: Keep Gibbs away from roaming Foxhounds in the front yard!)

What became clear to me is this - **perception is reality**. Dogs that are perceived as second-string are treated as second-string - and that usually doesn't end well for the dog. Dogs that are perceived as precious and valuable are treated accordingly. And that is what we want for every Lucas Terrier. That is what our rare breed deserves.

Thankfully the days of the Lucas being perceived as a mere crossbreed - a nice alternative to a purebred dog like a Sealyham or Norfolk, are over. At least I pray they are. And I will do everything in my power to insure it.

Oops I have to run - Gibbs has piddled on the floor again. I wonder if he overheard me telling the Foxhound story? Perhaps that's why he is so reluctant to go potty outdoors and prefers the safety and security of my oriental rugs? Smart dog.

Until next time,

Laurie Crouch  
*Miss Maggie Cooper, Lily & Gibbs' Mom*



The Crouches welcome Gibbs. Laurie, Brad and Caroline.

# Meet Virginia Morgan



Virginia Morgan of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, has had two men in her life... Oliver and Luke.

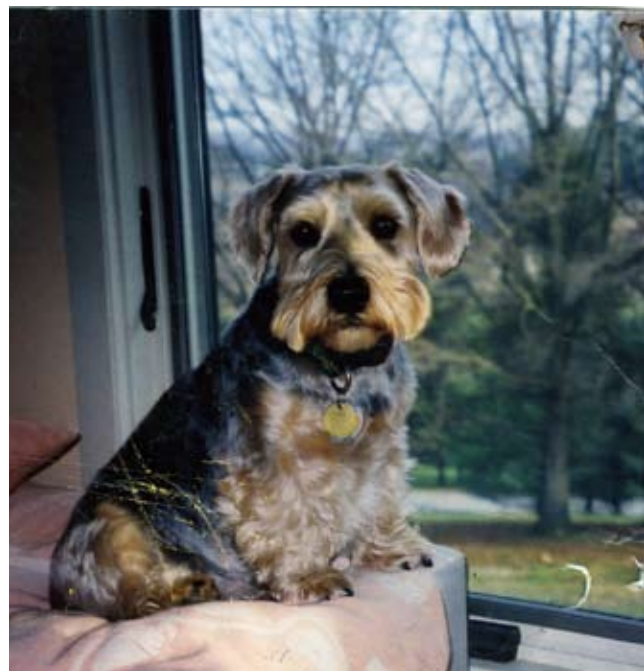
Oliver phoned. Well, technically, Virginia got a call about a scruffy dog abandoned on a nearby country road - went to investigate - found Oliver - and the rest is history. Theirs was a love story that lasted many years.

Virginia paid cash for Luke. But when meeting the dashing saddle and tan chap with big brown eyes for the first time, anyone can understand why. He is gorgeous. A Beau Brummell. A Don Juan. And Luke is just as passionate about Virginia as Virginia is about Luke.

It sure is wonderful being a dog in Virginia Morgan's house. She knows how to treat a man right. Oliver and Luke will both "woof" to that!



*Oliver*



*Luke*

# From Paris With Love

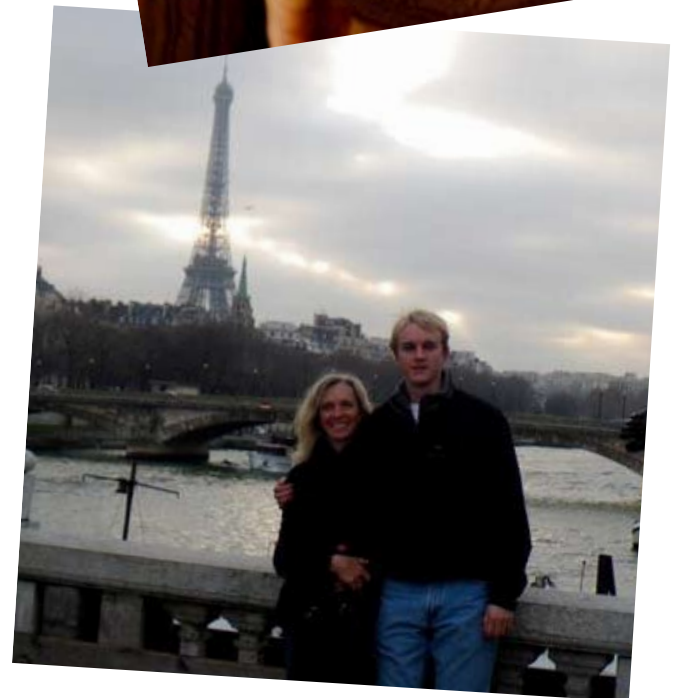
In March, Kara Koester of Georgia, and her son Andrew, flew to Paris to bring back two Lucas puppies to the US.

Katie, Kara's daughter, named her new puppy Piper. Both Katie and Piper are featured in the photo to the right. Kara and Andrew are shown in standing with the Eiffel Tower in the background in the photo below.

The Koesters were kind enough to bring back Piper's brother, Special Agent Gibbs, for the Crouch family of Richmond, Virginia.

Since 2006, three Lucas Terrier have been imported to the US from Europe. Langford's Lily (now a Crouch) hopped across the pond from England in the fall of '07.

All of in imported Lucas Terriers have adjusted well to life in the US, and are looking forward to getting to know their US brethren *intimately*. Ooh La La!... as the say in France!



# *Jingle's Bells are Jingling*



*Jingle* was thrilled to learn she was going to be a pin up girl in this issue of the Lucas Post. The news really perked her up.” said owner Kim Nash of Warrenton, Virginia.

The photo above was taken in December, two days before *Jingle*, who is 15 and the oldest Lucas in the US, had a stroke from

from which she has made an amazing recovery - a Christmas miracle!

Kim - her family and friends - all feel blessed by *Jingle's* amazing recovery. To them it was the best Christmas present. ever.

At 15, *Jingle* is still jingling strong.

# Puppy Class of 2008

From Left to Right

Row One:

Archie Hamilton  
California

Butchy Balcius  
Massachusetts

Row Two:

Emma Nutter  
Texas

Lili Eldridge  
Connecticut

Row Three:

London Fant  
Texas

Rudy Bushnell  
Connecticut



# LETTER FROM LEO

Cape Town April 2009

Hi you guys!

I know that is how you speak in your country so I thought I'd impress you all.

Boy oh! Boy! Has it been hot over here! Last time I wrote to you my mother had just come out of hibernation, as the winter was so cold. THEN it all changed. The Summer arrived. Our coats were clipped shorter and shorter and STILL it was hot! hot!

hot! Even The Mistress, who likes the heat agreed that it was hot and spent a lot of time floating round the swimming pool on a blow up bed. The Master spent a lot of time playing golf and when he wasn't playing golf he was in the pool. The 'Toy Car' was too hot with the roof off so they had to put it on and use the air-conditioning - In England the whole idea of one of these cars with the taking-off roof was to enjoy the sunny weather. We went out in it one day and sat on the back shelf looking cute.



When we stopped at the traffic lights some people took our photos using their cell phones and my mother kept wagging her tail and doing her 'teddy bear' impression until the lights changed. It was rather fun.

We are still fighting the fleas and chasing the pigeons, and last week we did a bit of small game hunting. We found a mouse nest in the wood pile which resulted in our first 'kill' We had made a terrible mess of the wood but we were praised when the next day a large mouse was found floating in the swimming pool. I am not very experienced at mouse hunting, unlike my mother, but I feel it could be a good project for the winter.

Oh yes! I have a new friend who lives at the Horse Farm. He is much bigger than me but has very short legs so when we are together we are the same size. He is called Toulouse, apparently after some French artist who had very short

legs. My, he can go fast though, when we run up and down the fence chasing the people on the other side I have to work hard to keep up! My mother prefers to sit in the shade under a tree watching The Mistress ride her horse.

Speaking of Frenchmen, there was a bit of a 'DO' here recently. One morning a picture came through on The Master's computer-thing. The Mistress made a lot of 'ooh' and 'aah' noises and even The Master said 'ooh' too, and they talked about all their Lucas children and how lovely they had all been and what a shame it was that there would be no more puppies as South Africa was too hot. Then for days everyone who came to the house had to go and look at the picture. Seems that some French Lucas puppy (name of Gibbs I believe, and very good-looking I have to admit,) had arrived in your country, possibly illegally by the sound of it. Much was made by the Crouch Family of the long journey he had made to get to the USA, which The Mistress said is just 'Across the Pond'. My tail and whiskers - WE came across THE WORLD!



Well have to go now - they say Winter is on the way but it is still 35 degrees - that's about 95 degrees in your language. Soon be time to get out the duvet.

Love from

**LEO**



PS: My mother is too busy keeping cool under a chair to write, but she does send her good wishes and says that Gibbs reminds her of me when I was that age.

# YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD DOG DOWN

## SPIKE BLOWS-OUT KNEE

### BRAVELY BATTLES COME BACK



**Essex, England...**Following in the paw prints of fellow athlete Tiger Woods, Spike Norrington recently ruptured his ACL and required emergency surgery to repair his blown out knee.

Spike is recovering at his bucolic Essex country home under the dutiful care of Norman and Deb Norrington.

Deb continues to cook sumptuous meals for Spike - albeit smaller portions - as the patient was advised to cut back on calories while recuperating.

And Norman is getting quite a workout himself carrying his Nibs around the house as climbing the stairs, or jumping on or off furniture, is now strictly off limits for Spike.

Although uncommon in Lucas Terriers, an injury to the ACL is the most common canine orthopedic knee problem. Larger dog breeds (especially the working breeds) are more commonly affected.

Spike begins hydrotherapy towards the end of April and is expected to make a full recovery.

Hopefully, before long, he will be well enough to splash around and play in his beloved paddle pool (shown above in happier times) that was a gift from his doting Dad, Norman, last summer.

Godspeed Spike! Your American Cousins adore you and wish you a speedy recovery!

*Cathy Thomas is having a whale of a time in Wales with her new pups...*



*The famously sunny Cathy Thomas of Wales holds three of her adorable Sealyham puppies in the photo to the left.*

Below is a picture of Poppy, Cathy's sole remaining Lucas Terrier, soaking up the sun in Cathy's beautifully landscaped back garden.

Poppy who looks fantastic for a girl of any age, is nine years young this year.

The secret to her timeless beauty is being of Cathy's superior British stock!



# Endless Snow

## for Zippo



*I* snowed a lot everywhere  
this past winter. But Canada  
got hit particularly  
hard. Some days it  
seemed like winter  
would never end.



*I*n the photo to the left,  
Lucas owner Bill Duncan



captures the normally  
happy and carefree

Zippo looking a little

wistful as he watches



the endless white stuff

fall in his Toronto backyard.

Zippo seems to be thinking:

Is this stuff ever

going to end?



# ZIPPING AROUND HAWAII IN STYLE



**A**nn Byde recently bought this sporty electric trike to zip around the tropical island of Maui in style. Smiling terriers - Asta and Wicka - peek out of the yellow rear basket, eager in anticipation of going for their first ride.

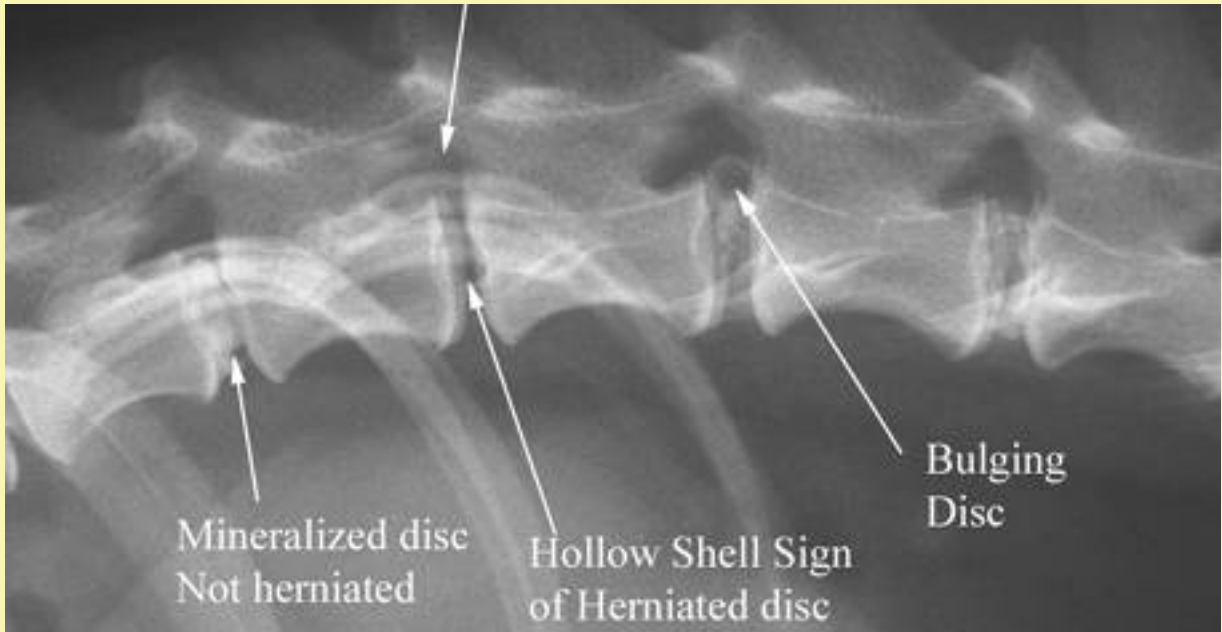
Not all the dogs in Hawaii are as fortunate as Asta and Wicka and get to zip around the island in comfort and style.

Some less fortunate canines actually have to “paw it” on their own. Poor dogs! Such abuse!!

If only more dog owners were as thoughtful and considerate as Ann Blyde. The world - at least Maui - would be a better place.

# Important Health Advisory

**From Pamela Harrow  
so please pay attention!**



## How It Started

Recently, three dogs in the UK were diagnosed with a debilitating spinal disorder. As a result, it is now recommended that all Lucas owners have their dogs x-rayed at 24 months of age to check for calcification in the spine. This is particularly important for those to be bred from but it is useful for all owners to know if there is a potential problem lurking in the spine, allowing them to take preventative measures before damage occurs.

Although there haven't been any reports of US dogs with similar back problems, it is prudent for US owners to follow this protocol as well.

Studies in Dachshunds (the most researched breed for spinal disorders) show that calcification can disappear as the dog ages and the condition worsens so the timing of the x-ray is crucial. If there are 4 or more areas of calcification then the dog should not be bred from.

If your dog is older than 24 months an x-ray may be inconclusive, so it is up to each individual, in consultation with their vet, to decide whether it is worth doing for peace of mind or not.

## Warning Signs

When a herniated disk puts pressure on the spinal cord, the dog experiences pain ranging from mild to intense. If the herniation occurs in the middle of the back, you can see the dog arch his back up due to back pain. If it occurs in the neck area, the dog will become reluctant to move his head due to neck pain, and may even stop eating and drinking, as he does not want to lower his head.

## Other Warning Signs Include:

- ✓ walking very slowly, or wobbly
- ✓ limping or having trouble moving
- ✓ shivering from the pain
- ✓ crying and whining when touched
- ✓ partially or completely paralyzed
- ✓ incontinence

**Time is of the essence with any spinal or neurological injury. Seek veterinary help immediately. Do not wait. Your dog's life may depend on it!**



# Club Dues & Officers

Up until now, the Crouch family has funded all of the club's operating expenses including website design and maintenance, domain name registration, newsletter costs, office supplies, postage, etc.

Moving forward we are going to collect club dues to help offset these expenses.

In researching similar clubs, annual dues have been set at \$20 per year. In return you will continue to receive the Lucas Post (4 times a year) and have the right to vote in any and all club votes and elections. Most importantly, you will enjoy helping to save our precious, endangered breed. We thank you for your continued help and support.

Please make your check out to LTCA. The mailing address is:

LTCA c/o Crouch  
100 Adingham Court  
Richmond, Virginia  
23229

A bank account has been set up for the club at Wachovia Bank.

We are in the process of researching how to become a 501c non-profit organization and plan to move in that direction in the future.

Also, we are going to be accepting formal nominations for club officers. If you or someone you know and respect would be a good candidate, please nominate them by sending an email to: [lascrouch@yahoo.com](mailto:lascrouch@yahoo.com) with a paragraph or two detailing their qualifications.



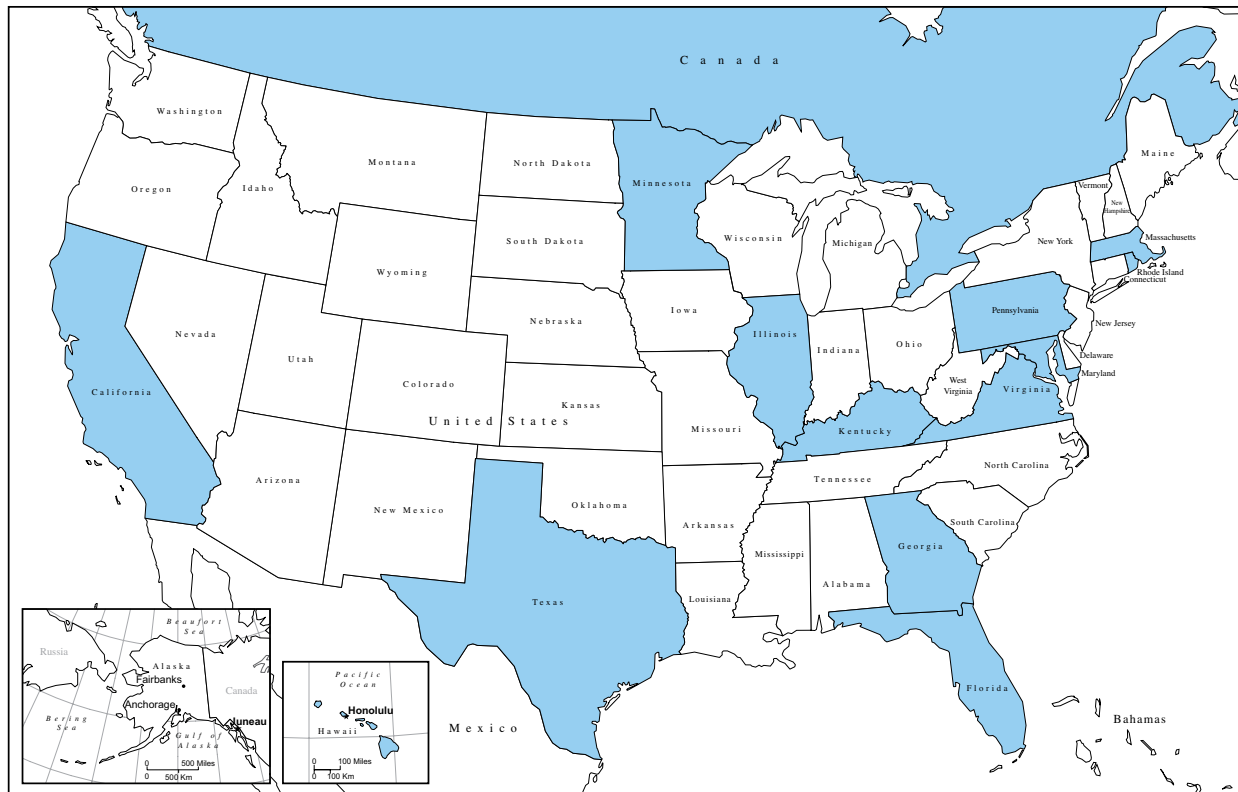
Club officer positions include:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

The new slate of officers will be announced in the next issue of the Lucas Post.



# Lucas Terriers in U.S & Canada



= State with Lucas Terrier

## Lucas Terriers by US State & Canada

	2006	2009
California	9	9
Connecticut	1	3
Florida	9	11
Georgia	0	1
Hawaii	1	1
Illinois	1	2
Kentucky	1	1
Massachusetts	1	2
Maryland	1	1
Minnesota	0	1
Pennsylvania	6	13
Rhode Island	1	1
Texas	3	5
Virginia	1	4
Wisconsin	1	0
Toronto, Canada	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>56</b>

In 2006, the Lucas Terrier Club of America documented 36 Lucas Terriers living in the US and Canada. As of April 2009, the number is 56 dogs - an increase of 64%.

Of the 20 “new” dogs - 3 were imported to the US - 6 were puppies born here in the summer of 2008, and the rest are adult dogs discovered through research and luck.

Unfortunately, the majority of Lucas Terriers in the US are spayed or neutered. Therefore, the breeds vulnerable and endangered status is not going to be alleviated any time soon.

To the left is a chart illustrating where the Lucas Terriers are located today and how the population has changed since 2006.

## US and Canadian Lucas Terrier Owners

Owner(s) Name	Dog's Call Name	Sex of Dog	Breeding	State	Email Address
Noble Hamilton	Archie	Male	Yes	CA	noble.hamilton@rcn.com
Michelle Rondone & Diana Figueroa	Bella	Female	Yes	CA	figueroa@cwnet.com
John Brunnett & Karen (Mom)	Bentley	Male	Yes	CA	kbrunnett@gmail.com
Rev. Mark Vierra & Joe Marsh	Emmett	Male	Yes	CA	rmv1@nhcrs.org
Bruce & Sharon Andrews	Lucas	Male	Yes	CA	grgardens@earthlink.net
John Pence	Lucas			CA	art@johnpence.com
Patrick & Elizabeth Pounder	Mojo			CA	poundershouse@yahoo.com
Max & Susan Hall	Mrs. Maggie Cooper & Lexi	Female	Yes	CA	susan@susanhallstudio.com
Deborah Eldridge	Lili	Female	Yes	CT	dwesteldridge@aol.com
Bob & Lili Whitmer	Lulu			CT	bobnlili@aol.com
Meghan Bushnell	Rudy			CT	mhbushnell@gmail.com
Joan Anderson	BB & Opal			FL	
Joan Anderson's Mother	Emma & Luke			FL	
Carol Bertram	Ginger, Allie & Skipper	Female	Yes	FL	carol.bertram-1@ksc.nasa.gov
Greg & Kathy Sparkman	Guthrie	Male	Yes	FL	KWS4AU@yahoo.com
Bob Edelstein	KIKI			FL	bobedel1@yahoo.com
Kathy Hendricks	Niki			FL	kathy_hendrick@csx.com
Joan Anderson's client	Rex			FL	
Dean & Kara Koester	Piper	Female	Yes	GA	karakoester@mac.com
Ann Blyde	Wicka			HI	annblyde@hotmail.com
Jim Duffy	Scout			IL	
Phil & Wendy Schrank	Teddy	Male	Yes	IL	wstillwaters@mchsi.com
Marie Taaffe's Mother	Mic			KY	
Bob & Paula Balcius	Butchy			MA	PBalcius@fulcrum-nh.com
Ed & Beth Danforth	Tommy			MA	
Ed & Binnie Houghton	FeeFee			MD	binnie@baybroadband.net
Dave & Susanna Manske	Caju			MN	mansked@gmail.com
Laura Temple	Busby			PA	Laura@Fifany.com
Larry & Barb Finkelstein	Chewy			PA	finkelstein@blankrome.com
Melanie Sloyer	Dylan			PA	msloyer@aol.com
Mary Lynagh	Gabrielle			PA	
Virginia Morgan	Luke			PA	mmorgan@devonmb.com
Bud & Diane Batcher	MacDuff			PA	
West Chester Lady	Miss Frizzle			PA	
Peter & Marie Boisvert	Oliver			PA	marieboisvert@verizon.net
Felice Menna	Otis			PA	felicemenna@yahoo.com
Anne Rollins	Sammy			PA	rolfam@verizon.net
Peter Jacoby	Tessa			PA	Naturalsource@natsour.cnc.net
Robin Gibson	Tibbar			PA	gibsonsnare@aol.com
Vic & Margaret D'Annunzio	Winnie			PA	danfam110@msn.com
Bob & Ann Brooke Mason	Ollie	Male	Yes	RI	rcmasoni@verizon.net
Linda Finger	Beau & Zoe			TX	
Mike & Julie Nutter	Emma			TX	Michael.Nutter@frostbank.com
Jim & Susan Fant	London			TX	susan.fant@verizon.net
Carolyn Farb	Lucas			TX	
Kim Nash	Jingle			VA	K2nash@gmail.com
Brad & Laurie Crouch	Miss Maggie Cooper, Lily & Gibbs	Both	Yes	VA	lascrouch@yahoo.com

# Every Lucas Matters



The Lucas is a very rare breed. For some owners the “rare factor” adds greatly to its appeal.

But what isn't clear to everyone is that the Lucas isn't just rare - *it's endangered and fighting for survival - not only in the US, but worldwide.*

According to the British Kennel Club, any breed that produces less than 300 puppies per year is in danger of extinction.

Last year we whelped 6 puppies. The year before we didn't whelp any. And since the majority of our stock are spayed or neutered, we aren't going to be whelping many more any time soon.

That's why - moving forward - *it is crucial that we encourage all owners of healthy/sound dogs to breed back at least one litter of puppies before spaying or neutering their pets.*

With a breed as endangered as the Lucas - every dog matters - every dog has the potential to affect the survival of the breed. You can't leave it to someone else to save the Lucas Terrier. That “someone else” is you.

The future of the Lucas Terrier depends on all of us working together and contributing to the gene pool, not shortchanging it. The very existence of our little dog - Sir Jocelyn's legacy - depends on it.

*Laurie Crouch*