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Langford's Lily gives Brownie, a new Lucas puppy, a bit of advice.



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

From The Secretary's Desk

Dear Friends

I'm pleased as punch to announce that my Maggie and her longtime beau, Bob and Ann Brooke Mason's Ollie, had four gorgeous puppies together.

In the middle of September two more Lucas Terriers will be joining the US as they fly across the pond and make their new homes in Arizona and California respectively. This will be our first Lucas Terrier in the state of Arizona.

For all of you with a sense of adventure and an up-to-date passport – consider the Lucas Terrier Show in the UK during the weekend of Oct 4th. It is a fabulous affair. You will get to see a ton of lovely dogs. And they serve exceptionally good Bloody Marys, compliments of the show's longtime patron, Miss Jumbo Frost. What could be more perfect?



Laurie and Brownie, one of Maggie and Ollie's new puppies

Speaking of alcoholic beverages, it looks as if I may have had one or two too many before the last newsletter went to press. At the very least I did a lousy job of proof reading and I left out dear Zippo and his parent's, Betsy and Bill Duncan of Toronto, Canada, from the member's list. Zippo, Betsy, Bill – please accept my sincerely apologies. We love you. I'm just a lousy proofreader...and the Bloody Marys were rather good that evening now that I'm sufficiently recovered from their wickedness to think clearly about it.

And while we are on the subject of thinking – to those of you who have been “thinking” about sending in your club dues but were putting it off for a better day – may I suggest that today would be the perfect day to pull out your check book and stroke that \$20 check to the LTCA. There is no time like the present. Our coffers need you. Besides, how could you go on without the Lucas Post and catching up on all things Lucas? I know I couldn't. A season without the Lucas Post is like...well... oh bloodily hell...pass the Bloody Marys. I can't even bear to think about it.

Until next time.

Laurie

Four New Lucas Puppies Born

On July 2, 2009, at 2am, Hall's Miss Maggie Cooper and Frost's Oliver Meriwether Lewis - better known as Maggie and Ollie to their friends and family - welcomed four healthy puppies into the world - three boys and a girl - which in proper dogeeze translates into - three dogs and a bitch.



The Crouch family of Virginia would like to thank the Mason family of Rhode Island for allowing the handsome and debonair Ollie to sire this litter. Thank you Bob and Ann Brooke.

Both families are very grateful to Dr. William Trusedale in Seekonk, Massachusetts, an expert in canine reproduction medicine, whose superior skills resulted in this successful pregnancy. Thank you Dr. Truesdale and staff.

The Crouch family is also indebted to the entire staff at Springfield Veterinary Center in Glen Allen, Virginia, who took care of Maggie throughout her pregnancy. No dog in the world has received better care. In particular the family would like to say thank you to Dr. Escobar, Dr. Kolster, Kathryn, Aspen, Rachel, Mona, Francine and Laurence. You all are the best of the best. Thank you.

PupCakes

News To Nibble On

New Litters Planned

Mums-To-Be & Sires	State	Pups Due	Club Contact Person and Email
Lily & Gibbs	Virginia	Oct. 1	Laurie Crouch: Lascrouch@yahoo.com
Ginger	Florida	N/A	Carol Bertram: carol.bertram-1@ksc.nasa.gov
Allie	Florida	N/A	Carol Bertram: carol.bertram-1@ksc.nasa.gov
Lexi & Archie	California	N/A	Susan Hall: susan@susanhallstudio.com
Bella & Archie	California	N/A	Michelle Rondone: figueroa@cwnet.com

Losses & Condolences

Condolences to Kim Nash and family on the loss of Jingle Belle.

Health Notes

- The gene for lens luxation has been isolated.
- A new disease called craniomandibular osteopathy has been diagnosed in two Lucas Terriers in the UK.

Birthdays and Dates

Aug. 8th - Lulu and Ollies puppies turn one

Sept. 7th - Mrs Maggie Coopers puppies turn three

Oct 4th - The Annual Lucas Terrier Show in the UK

Dues

If you haven't paid your club dues yet, please make your check payable to for \$20 to the LTCA and mail it to:

LTCA co /Crouch
100 Adingham Court
Richmond, VA 23229

The Puppy Diaries

Life on the other side
of the pond

by
Lynette Langford



The puppies are now five weeks old. They have just started their second worming course of Panacur, the first was at 10 days old for three days, the second at five weeks for three consecutive days. They hate it, spitting, choking and gagging, they really do not believe that it is for their own good!

They are spending much more time awake. They go out into the penned 'yard', or I take them out onto the lawn. They explore, fight, wrestle or practice running, which causes much hilarity for anyone who is watching as they have not yet worked out which foot goes next. They chase bees, annoy their father, Milo or the cat or each other, they look for trouble. They all rush up to anyone who arrives and vie for attention, covering faces with little licks and their tails wagging madly. Their teeth are coming through properly now and they enjoy trying them out on any appendages to hand, such as dogs/cats legs or human fingers. They are needle sharp and inflict pain.

They are on four meals of puppy food a day as well as a little Readybrek and milk at night. Suzy tops them up and keeps them clean, tidy and in order. She loves her babies but is always trying to take over Sita's four to include with hers. She has to nurse hers standing and they feed upside down on their backs! I cannot imagine how any Lucas bitch could cope with more than four puppies to nurse when they are the size that these are!

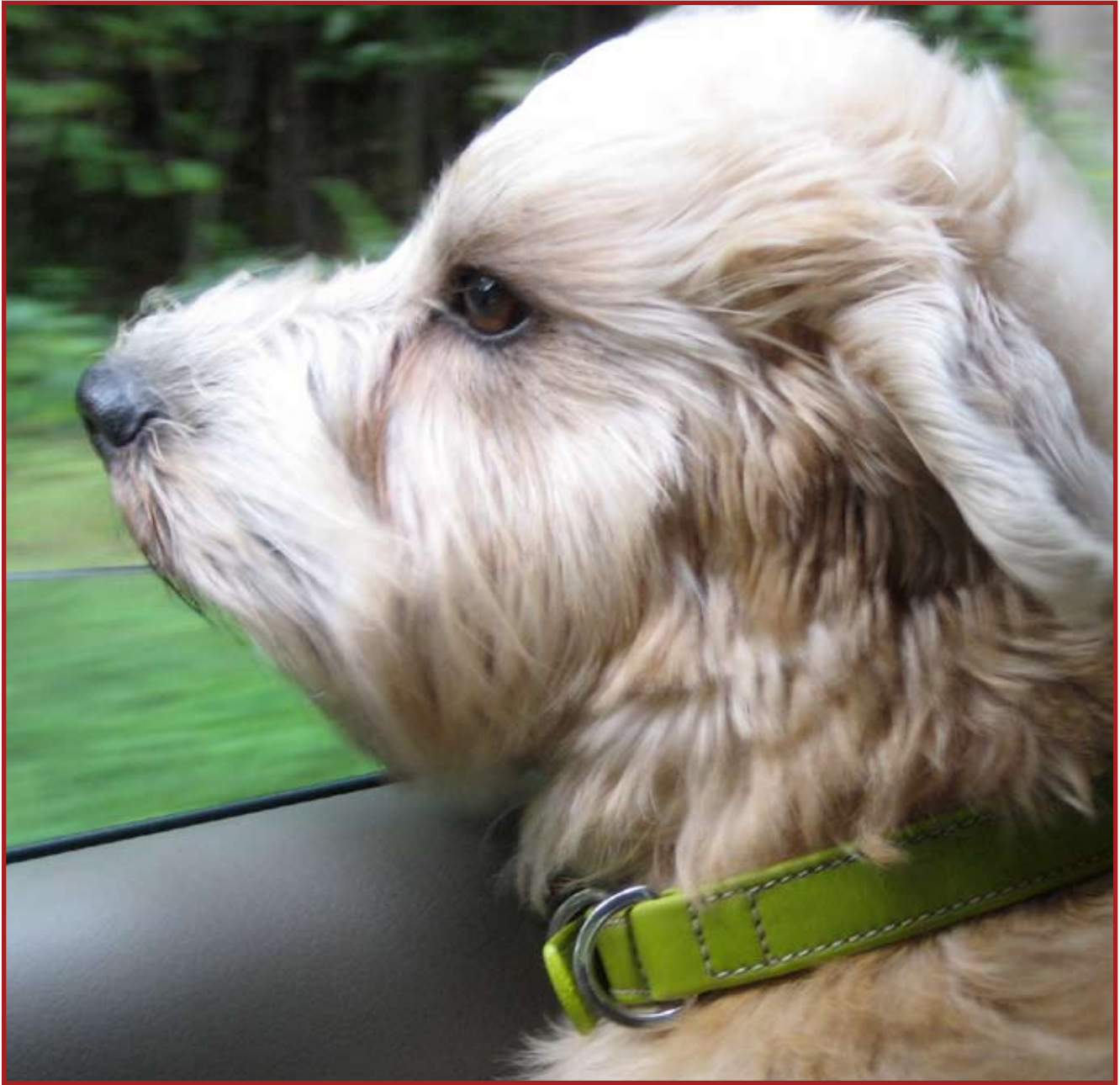


Their coats are just starting to grow and their looks are changing, another week and it will be hard to believe that they were the smooth sleek little hamsters born a few weeks ago.

I will fit them all out with collars and bells this week, the bells are great locators should they escape into the garden. These are worth keeping on for the first few months that you have them as a Lucas does not necessarily come when called if he does not feel like it, an irritating terrier trait.

Happy First Birthday

To Lulu and Ollie's Puppies



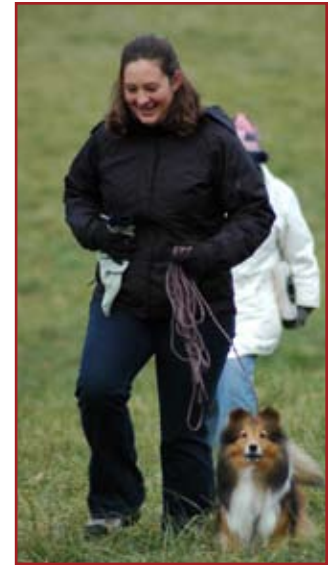
Happy first birthday to **Archie Hamilton, Butchie Balcus, Emma Nutter, Lili Eldridge, London Fant and Rudy Bushnell**. Pictured above is a photo of **Lili Eldridge** of Connecticut enjoying a ride in the car looking snazzy and all grown up in her apple green collar.



Dr. William Truesdale



Dr. Steven Escobar



Dr. Kara Kolster

Not The Old Fashioned Way

In the United Kingdom Lucas Terriers mate the old fashioned way - dog-to-dog. Rumor has it they even smoke little tiny doggie cigarettes afterwards. Although that is strictly a rumor and has not been confirmed.

In the US, with few mates to choose from, almost 100% of our breeding is accomplished through artificial insemination also referred to as AI. Our dogs don't smoke cigarettes afterwards - they go home and try to cool down their owner's Visa cards, that for some, may feel rather toasty from the procedure which is not inexpensive - but when it is successful - is well worth it.

In Maggie and Ollie case, with Maggie living in Virginia and Ollie living in Rhode Island some 800 miles away from one another, three veterinarians who specialize in canine reproductive medicine, worked together to make the litter a possibility. The veterinarians included Dr. William Truesdale of Seekonk, Massachusetts, Dr. Steven Escobar of Glen Allen, Virginia and Dr. Kara Kolster of Glen Allen, Virginia. All three veterinarians are renown experts in the field.

Although artificial insemination has been used commonly in the cattle industry for decades, it is a relatively new and highly specialized field of canine veterinary medicine. Interestingly, it is much more common and accepted in the US than in the UK. Although is gaining acceptance in the UK.



Terriers were originally bred to go to ground and keep vermin in check. Since very few terriers get to keep vermin in check anymore - earthdog trials are the next best thing.

An earthdog trial tests the natural working ability and instincts of a terrier. They involve man-made underground tunnels that the dog must negotiate, while scenting a rat, its “quarry.” The dog must follow the scent to its quarry and then “work” the quarry.

Depending on the sanctioning organization, “working” means barking, scratching, staring, pawing, digging; any active behavior. And for all of you pacifists out there—have no fears—the quarry (aka Mr. Rat) is protected at all times by wooden bars across the end of the tunnel. The hunting encounter is safely controlled, and neither the dog nor the quarry, are in any danger. Think win-win in the terrier and vermin worlds.

Two major organizations sanction earthdog trials in the US: the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the American Working Terrier Association (AWTA).

Lucas Terriers are not welcome at AKC meets—there loss. However, the AWTA welcomes us with open arms. Go AWTA!

So if you are looking for something fun and different to do with your Lucas and you would like to meet some other terrier lovers out there, check out an earthdog club near you. To get started visit the AWTA’s website at: www.dirt-dog.com. Happy vermin hunting!



Margery Good and Charmin

DVD Teaches How To Groom A Lucas with Confidence and Ease

The American Sealyham Terrier Club is graciously making available their best-seller grooming DVD to Lucas club members at the bargain price of \$40 – which represents a \$20 savings what they normally charge non-members.

The one hour DVD titled, ***Keeping Your Pet Sealyham Looking Smart***, features grooming experts Margery Good and Sarah Hawks, and teaches even the most insecure terrier owner how to groom their dog with confidence and ease.

Since a Sealyham and Lucas Terriers are groomed exactly the same way - and since there are no more knowledgeable Lucas Terrier or Sealyham Terrier experts on the planet than Margery Good and Sarah Hawks – this DVD is a “must have” for everyone with an interest in either breed.

**To order the DVD please send a check payable to ASTC to:
Brenda Hickernell
2256 High Street
Elizabethtown, PA 17022**

The cost of the DVD including is \$40 which includes shipping. Orders can be shipped overseas but please include \$5 extra.

For accounting purposes, please let Brenda know that you are a member of the Lucas Terrier Club of America (LTCA) when you are ordering your DVD.

Happy Grooming!

Death By Chocolate

By Pamela Harrow

I know I shouldn't assume but sometimes I do. As a long time dog owner pieces of information have been picked up along the way and because I know something I am guilty of thinking that other dog owners know it too ñ maybe by some sort of osmosis or collective consciousness. So, I have to admit that I was really quite taken aback when a few months ago I received a telephone call from a lady reporting the death of a her Lucas Terrier after he had eaten a quantity of chocolate and she told me she hadn't realized the danger this had posed to him.

Half a good quality dark chocolate Easter egg had been left on a low coffee table. The dog jumped upon the table and, in that time honored fashion of dogs the world over, scoffed the lot. Later that evening he was sick, it was cleared up and the incident more or less forgotten. The next day he seemed hale and hearty, went out for his morning walk and dropped down dead in the street.

One of the components of chocolate is theobromine which in dogs (and cats) stimulates the central nervous and cardiovascular systems, causes a mild increase in blood pressure, muscle tremors, hyperactivity, diarrhea, excessive urination, nausea and vomiting.

Dark cooking chocolate is by far the worst type a dog can eat as it contains 8 ñ 10 times the amount of theobromine found in milk chocolate, and semi-sweet dark chocolate, like Bourneville, falls between dark cooking and milk chocolate. White chocolate contains theobromine but in very small amounts.

The toxic dose of theobromine is 100—200 mgs per kilo of dog but there may be problems at much lower doses (as little as 20 mgs per kilo of dog).

There is no cure-all for theobromine toxicity. A vet may recommend IV fluids, emetics or activated charcoal to try and get it fully out of the dog's system but it is very much a wait with fingers crossed situation.

Being selfish sometimes can be a good thing ~ never share a chocolate bar with your dog.



According to the Merck Veterinary Manual, approximately 1.3 grams of baker's chocolate per kilogram of a dog's body weight (0.02 oz/lb) is sufficient to cause symptoms of toxicity. For example, a typical 25-gram (0.88 oz) baker's chocolate bar would be enough to bring about symptoms in a 20-kilogram (44 lb) dog. Of course, baking chocolate is rarely consumed directly due to its unpleasant taste, but other dark chocolates' canine toxicities may be extrapolated based on this figure. As dogs like the taste of chocolate products as much as humans do, and are capable of finding and eating quantities much larger than typical human servings, they should be kept out of their reach. There are reports that mulch made from cacao bean shells is dangerous to dogs and livestock



Suzi & Her New Brothers... Donkeys

Courtesy of Wendy Neilson

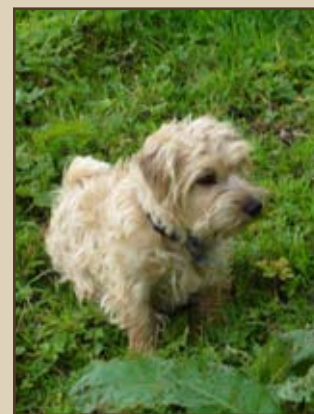
Suzi is please and proud to announce the arrival of two brothers Ok. Perhaps pleased and proud is an over-statement. It wasn't long before Bailey our new donkey, made the instantaneous decision to remove Suzi from the scene. But I would say Suzi is getting used to her new family members.

In the photo above, you will notice that Suzi is giving Baily and our other new donkey, Rupert, a wide berth. There is a great deal of safety and security being held in her father's

Try to imagine this. two geriatrics, two donkeys, an aging Larbradoodle and a perky little Lucas Terrier, out for a stroll. We are quite a vision on the Somerset country lanes!

If you have acreage and if you have the time (time you ask?) and you are lovers of all creatures great and small, you too might want to give serious consideration to adding a donkeys or two to your menagerie.

Please feel free to drop us a line with any questions. We are in the UK and can be reached be email at: <mailto:wendynelison@btconnect.com>



Sir Jocelyn's Terriers



Above is a photo of two Lucas Terrier puppies bred by Sir Jocelyn Lucas. Unfortunately, other than the fact that these puppies were bred by Sir Jocelyn Lucas, little else is known about the subjects.

On the following page is a full page ad that Sir Jocelyn Lucas took out and ran in the Dog World Annual 1967.

In the ad, Sir Jocelyn explains the origin of the Lucas Terrier, which according to him, had been misstated by a “distinguished and respected” dog writer. The goal of the ad was to set the record straight.

There are several points worth highlighting. The first is the size of the Sealyhams that Sir Jocelyn used to create the origin Lucas terriers. In the second paragraph of the ad he states that he had “two little 11 lb. bitches, as active as weasels.” This is remarkable since today’s Sealyhams commonly weigh twice as much.

The second is the proportion of Sealyham to Norfolk that made up the original Lucas terrier. In the third paragraph Sir Jocelyn states that the crossbred puppies were mated back to Sealyhams and “these offspring” were the origins of the Lucas Terrier. Mathematically that means that the Lucas is not a 50/50 mix of Sealyham and Norfolk as is commonly mentioned, but it has significantly has more Sealyham in it.

The sporting little

LUCAS Terriers

The property of Sir Jocelyn Lucas, Bt, KBE, MC



Lucas puppies



A Lucas dog

Not long ago a distinguished and much respected doggy writer unintentionally gave a completely incorrect account of the origin of the Lucas terrier. Hence these notes.

Major (now Sir Jocelyn) Lucas, who had been breeding small active working Sealyhams since 1919, found that some of his little bitches were too small to breed from if the stud dog had a strong head. In particular he had two little 11 lb bitches, as active as weasels.

He found a small active, and very sporting 11 lb Norfolk Terrier with the right shape, coat, and character, but a smaller head, and each produced a litter to him. The puppies were charming, and having had a litter to him, the bitches were successfully bred to a small Sealyham dog next time.

One of the crossbred dog puppies was mated back to a Sealyham, with interesting results, and though the proportion is not always the same, this was the origin of the Lucas Terrier.

Like Jack Russell Terriers, they are not eligible for registration at the Kennel Club, but being small, sporting and very intelligent, they find a ready sale.

Many photographs of "Fina La Ina", a Lucas Terrier, appear in Pat Smythe's book "Tosca and Lucia".

Three Lucas puppies have been auctioned for charity for £100 each or more.

Most go overseas, Mr R of Lexington, Kentucky, wrote, "They are the most outstanding and satisfactory pets we have ever had, intelligent, obedient, affectionate, and great personalities". Mrs H of Washington, DC, "Are all your dogs as intelligent as mine? If so you have a goldmine" Canada, 1955, "Everyone is crazy about the Lucas Terrier, including me". Yorkshire, Lady C, "The family adore her. So far as my husband is concerned, she is worth her weight in gold. She is death on rats and rabbits, and (almost) foxes"

Everyone speaks of their intelligence, and over 50 per cent are exported, all on recommendations.

Sir Jocelyn, who retired from Parliament at the last election after 27 years, still breeds and works his little Sealyhams. The dogs are kenneled at Bonners, Pepperstock, near Luton (Phone: Markyate 260). This is the residence of the Hon Mrs Plummer, who manages the kennel and will answer all inquiries.

Sir Jocelyn's private address is **65 Chester Row, London, SW.**

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

In Memory of
Jingle Belle
1993-2009

