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NEW MEMBERS + FUN DOGGIE ACTIVITIES

TRAINING + HEALTH MATTERS + CODE OF ETHICS

COVER PHOTO: MISS STELA HAMAMDZIC, AGE 8, OF PENNSYLVANIA
HOLDING HER NEW BEST FRIEND, MADDY, OWNED BY LAURA TEMPLE
AND DR. PAUL COHEN OF PHILADELPHIA.

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Club Mission Statement:

The Lucas Terrier Club of America is dedicated to the *promotion, preservation and propagation* of this very rare and delightful breed.

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From The President's Desk

Dear Friends,

2011 has been a productive year. Our new website has been well received already garnering over 8,000 page views. And both Facebook pages have generated lively and useful discussions. Also, we have been blessed by adding many talented individuals to our Boards including: Cathy Thomas, Lynette Langford, Dr. Kara Kolster, Dr. Damir Hamamdzic and Sarah Hawks.

Yet, there is much work to be done. Based on the number of posts from our Facebook 'Help' Forum (and in talks with members) it is apparent that we need to do a much better job with educating breeders about what it means to be a 'great' breeder. We also need to provide much better educational materials on everyday subjects like grooming, training and what it means to be a responsible Lucas owner, etc. Those will be goals for 2012.



As a start in helping us all become the best we can be, the Board has drafted a 'Code of Ethics'. Hopefully this will help get us all on the same page as far as what is acceptable behavior for a Lucas breeder, owner, etc, and what isn't. The document is published in the Appendix.

When I was first entering the Lucas world in 2005, much of what I learned about the Lucas Terrier and its behavior, I learned from the British website. Naively, I accepted every word as gospel. While most of what I learned turned out to be true - there was also a lot of room for improvement. Flashing forward 6 years:

Rule 1) - When reading an 'expert's' opinion - find out if that 'expert' has ever actually owned the breed that he or she claims to be an 'expert' about. It helps to put things into perspective.

Rule 2) - Just like people, dogs are individuals. For every Lucas that tries to wake the dead at the mere sight of a squirrel RUMORED to be some 24 miles away - there will be another laying in the sun NEXT to a squirrel, listening to Justin Bieber, and painting its toe nails with OPI's Arctic Blue nail polish - just borrowed from its new best furry buddy. One can speak in 'general terms' - but at the end of the day Lucas Terriers (and all breeds for that matter) are God's creatures and they each have a mind (and a body) of their own.



There are some areas of the country where they have larger populations of Lucas Terriers than others. In 2012 we are going to be tapping into these 'clusters' to become local "Chapter Clubs" of the LTCA. This way we can start to meet one another in person and start having fun with our dogs together.

And last but not least - if you have 'forgotten' to get your dues in - now is the time to do so. Dec. 31st is the cut off date. You can either write a check or use PayPal on the Club's website. As the two photos to the left are testament to, PayPal makes life easy. Since paying her dues with PayPal, Piper Koester, in the top photo, has free time to get all her holiday shopping done at Walmart. And Winston Frierson, in the bottom photo, is catching up on the holiday wash!

Laurie

PupTakes

Planned Litters for 2011-2012

Mom's & Dad's	States	Date	Breeders
Maggie & Rhett Buttler	VA	TBD	Laurie Crouch & Jack Terry
Maddy & Cooper	PA	TBD	Laura Temple & Patty Lung
Lady Aster & TBD	VA	TBD	Kim Nash & TBD

Losses & Condolences

To Joannie Anderson in FL on the loss of her husband, Wolf Gudmundson, after a valiant struggle with Leukemia.

Thoughts & Prayers

To Susan & Jim Fant, on the continued illness of London & our best wishes on Susan's new grueling treatment regimen for an on-going, chronic illness.

To Dave and Suzanna Manske on their continued battle with Juju and Leptospirosis.

Welcome New Members!



* The Hamamdzc Family of Erdenheim, PA: Damir (dad) and Sanja Altman-Hamamdzc (mom) and a very patient daughter Stela, age 8, who is waiting for her first Lucas puppy. (Stela our cover girl this quarter is shown in the top photo to the left holding Maddy Temple-Cohen.)

* The Lung Family of Ashburn, Virginia: Jean (mom), Mike (dad), Emily age 16, Scott age 12 and George age 8 - a pussy cat - who is going to be a good big brother to their new Lucas puppy 'Auggie'.

* The Rider Family of Fredericksburg, Virginia: Caleb (dad), Devon (mom), Bailey age 13, Callie age 10, Forbes age 5 and new puppy 'Pippa'.

* Sarah Campbell of Luquillo, Puerto Rico & Williamstown Mass: Sarah (mom) & Phinn, her brilliant Yorkie.

* John & Judy Lombardi's of Cumberland, Rhode Island: The Lombardi's are waiting for a Lucas puppy to play in their spacious back yard.

* The Berkson Family of Providence, Rhode Island: Mitch (dad) Claire Richards (mom) Olivia age 10, Julia age 12, and Maddy age 15. Olivia has just started a new dog walking business in their neighborhood so she will be ready when their new puppy arrives. The Berkson's are shown in the group photo bottom left.



* Beth Carlson of West Bath Maine: Beth is waiting for a Lucas. She is an INCREDIBLE artist. Check out her website at <http://bethcarlsonportraits.com>. For the ultimate gift to yourself or someone you love - commission Beth - one of the finest artists in the US today - to paint your dog. It is a gift that will last generations to come.



Treasurer's Report

Have you paid your dues yet? The clock is ticking!

The deadline for yearly dues is December 31, 2011. The fee is \$25 annually and price includes individual or family memberships.

As of today, less than one-half of our membership is "in good standing".

Starting January 1, 2012, we are going to be purging our membership roles in earnest of those who are no longer in "good standing". So, one last reminder - if you still want to be a part of this worthwhile organization and all the exciting activities we have planned for 2012 and beyond - please get your account up-to-date. Time is running out.

To make life easier on everyone, we are now offering two super easy payment methods:

☛ **PayPal: Safe, easy, fast - it doesn't get much easier or better than PayPal. Just go to our Club's website: www.LucasTerrier.com and click on the PayPal button in the upper left hand corner of the screen. After a couple of clicks - your done. It's that easy!**

☛ **Checks: Some people still like the feel of a pen in their hand and the control of stroking their own check. No problem. We gladly accept checks. Just make your check out to LTCA for \$25. And then mail it to:**

**LTCA C/O Patty Lung
8082 Berkeley Forest Court
Mechanicsville, VA 23116**

We hope to see you in 2012. There are some very exciting programs that are about to be announced in the Spring Newsletter. It's an exciting time to be apart of the LTCA.

Sincerely,

Patty Lung

A Time And Age In The Past With Sir Jocelyn Lucas Hunting Terriers

By Peggy Greyson edited by Laurie Crouch - Continued from the last newsletter

The days always started with the host offering his guests a drink, and for us, cold lemonade was served. Sir Jocelyn kept his control over the dogs by his hunting horn and whip. The rest of us had a whip that we used them with great enthusiasm against dogs that did not behave. I still have a pretty whip that I got as a Christmas gift from Sir Jocelyn one year.

The dogs were used for driving and they worked with a lot of energy in the brush and woods. They drove the rabbits and pheasants in hundreds from their nests to the hunters who were waiting with their guns. It was a unique approach. The Ilmer pack of Sealyhams was the only pack of Sealyhams in the world to be used in this way and Sir Jocelyn became quite famous for it.

The staff had to stay close to the dogs because if not there in time, the small animals would be eaten by the dogs. That meant that we had to crawl in the bushes, often thorn bushes, to try to save a rabbit from two Sealys, one on either end of the rabbit, convinced that they deserved it more. When a rabbit or a pheasant had been shot the host's Retrievers were there to retrieve them as soon as possible - if not, the Sealyhams devoured them.

After about three hours of hunting it was time for lunch. The host always had a big picnic basket full of food and drinks for the guests. I can only remember one place where no food was offered. We always had cold sandwiches that we had brought with us and ate while the dogs sat around us and looked on hungrily.

It was just a short break, and then back to hunting until dark. Then came the hard work trying to get all the Sealyhams together again and into the car so that we could go home. Usually one or two were always missing and sometimes it got to be midnight before we found them all. The "lost" ones had usually gotten into a badger's hole and they would not let us know where they were until they wanted to.

When we had collected all the dogs and got them in the car, we sat in the car and waited for Sir Jocelyn. He always was invited inside the warm house for drinks which could take between 10 minutes to 1 hour. Meanwhile, we were sitting in the cold among wet, snoring, dirty Sealyhams. Sometimes a maid brought us a glass of cold lemonade while we were waiting. While a cup of hot tea or some hot soup would have been so much more welcomed. But we were never offered that. Once we got some whiskey. But only once.

It was always past 8 p.m. before we got back to the kennel and then we had to go through the dogs to look for wounds and thorns. We always looked in their ears, eyes, coats and feet. If there were any serious wounds we had to take the dog to the vet immediately and he was 8 kilometers (4.9 miles) away. We had an agreement with him that he would help us after the hunts. And he did. After the dogs were fed and said good night to, we could then have something to eat ourselves. We were never in bed before midnight.

Sometimes we were asked if we wanted to be part of a classical Fox Hunt, which meant a lot of walking - about 25 - 35 kilometers (15 to 21 miles) in one day. The foxes were cunning and fast back then and there were lots of them living in the woods. The hunters never managed to kill enough of them to protect the birds and the hens that lived in the hen houses. Only the best hunters were invited to these hunts. Even if the dogs got them out of their hole, I can never remember that we shot more than three foxes in one day. On a hunt like this, Sir Jocelyn always had his trusty rifle with him (as shown in the photo to the right). If any fox was shot that day, he had at least gotten one of them because he was fast, skilled and nothing managed to escape him.

Today the Waterford kennel is gone. The land has been developed and when I drive through Waterford towards St. Albans I can hardly recognize anything. A time and age has passed forever. And it is never coming back.



Health Matters

Stay Slim - Stay Healthy

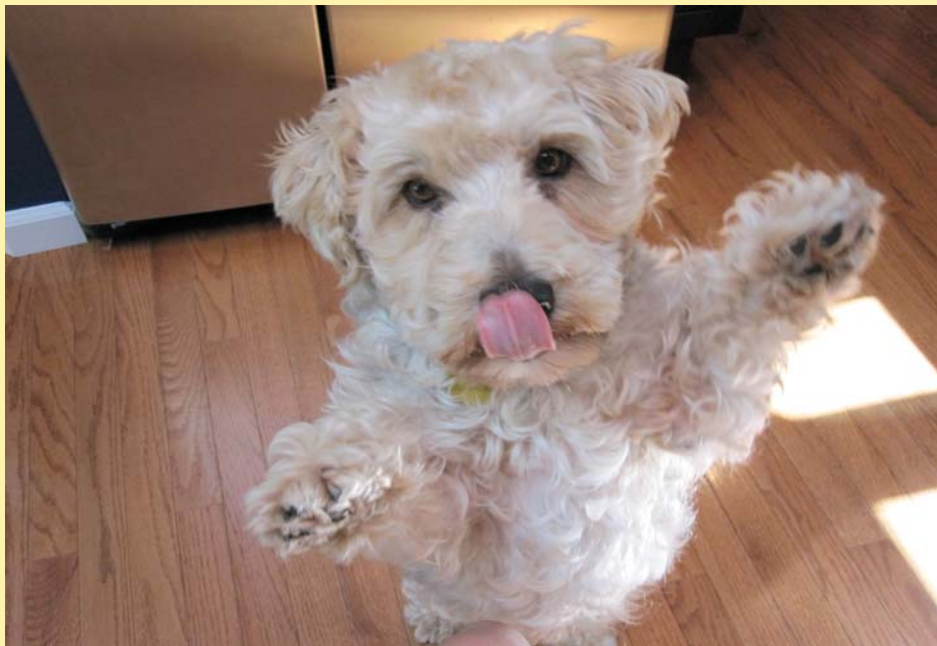
We are blessed - The Lucas Terrier is a very healthy breed. The back problems experienced by three individual dogs in the UK, while tragic, have not been experienced on our shores. Therefore, from a purely scientific and statistical viewpoint, we cannot, in good conscience, justify the expense of requiring mandatory testing as the UK has chosen to do. Our veterinarians do not feel that three (or even four) stricken dogs, warrants mandatory testing - especially when the disease is so common to many long backed breeds (like the Dachshund) **and there are many 'lifestyle/controllable factors' that can prevent vertebral disc disease (IDD), in the first place like restricting excessive jumping and preventing obesity.**

The biggest challenge we continue to face in the US is that of obesity. Recent studies suggest that over 55% of the dogs in the US are overweight and Lucas Terriers are no exception.

Being overweight can lead to serious health problems like Diabetes Mellitus (sugar diabetes), damage to joints, bones, and ligaments, heart disease, increased blood pressure, IDD, etc. Just last year we lost a young Lucas who was overweight and whose diabetes could not be brought under control. It was a tragic, yet, a most likely preventable loss of life.

Whenever an owner tells me: "my dog isn't fat -- he or she is just pure muscle" - I know in my heart they have an overweight dog. Mistaking a firm layer of fat for muscle happens all the time - often with tragic results. Denial is deadly. So **PLEASE** pay attention to your dog's weight - and if he or she is overweight - work with your Vet to get its body fat down to a safe, healthy level. Don't delay. **Denial truly is deadly.**

Remember, when you are feeding, measure your dog's food to make sure you don't overfeed - don't eyeball it! Also, remember, treats have calories too! **This message is approved by Mojo Pounders, pictured below, who is dancing her way to slimness.**



Fun Things To Do With Your Dog

So get off the couch and move!

By Sherry Woodward



There are many activities that you can enjoy with your dog. Maddy, shown above, is just plum-tuckered-out after a day of fun with her parents, Loren Poley and Les Kahrnoff. Below is a list of fun ideas that you and your Lucas can do together.. So get moving!

Agility. In agility trials, human handlers guide dogs through obstacle courses that consist of hurdles, teeter-totters, tunnels, balance beams, weave poles, climbing structures, etc. Agility trials can be very competitive, or they can be done just for fun. Dogs gain confidence, release energy and learn how to stay focused while in high spirits. For more information, visit www.ehow.com. Click on "Videos" and then search for "agility training for dogs."

Dog Parks. Dog parks are places where dogs are allowed to roam free. Most are securely fenced, have safety signs posted with park rules, and require that you clean up after your dog. Social dogs enjoy meeting new dog friends and returning to see them time and time again. You might make new friends as well! For more information, visit www.dog-play.com/dogpark.html.

Freestyle Musical Dance. This choreographed set of moves, performed to music, is done by dogs in partnership with their handlers. If you have not seen this new "sport" in action, you will be amazed at the level of expertise that can be achieved through teamwork, focus, and practice, practice, practice. For more information, visit www.dogplay.com/musical.html.

Flyball. Flyball is a relay race that requires a dog to race over four hurdles, catch a tennis ball that has been released from a spring-loaded launcher, and then race back over the hurdles again. The dogs race in teams of four. Any dog who likes to chase a ball will probably love flyball, and it's an excellent way for your dog to burn up excess energy.

Frisbee. Dogs who love to play Frisbee, either purely for pleasure or in competition, are called disc dogs. Some dogs won't allow their people to play without them! If your dog loves to play ball, you may want to buy a disc and get your dog involved in this great form of exercise. One word of caution, however: This sport involves a lot of jumping, so consult with your veterinarian before starting your dog on a vigorous Frisbee training program. For more information, visit www.dogplay.com/Activities/disc.html.

Hiking. Though most national parks don't allow dogs on trails, there are many state parks that do. For more information on finding dog-friendly trails in your state, visit hikewithyourdog.com. Also, almost every city has trails pretty close by that you can explore with your dog. Even city streets can be used for a hiking adventure. Take a local map and mark off a path up and down streets, adding a hill or two for more strenuous exercise.

Obedience. All dogs should receive some obedience training. How far you take it is up to you – some people want their dogs to compete in serious obedience trials, while others just want a dog who will obey simple cues in daily life. In either case, both you and your dog will enjoy the benefits of better communication and the increased bond between you that results from time spent together teaching, learning, and practicing. For more information, call your local animal shelter and ask for a referral for a training class.

Tracking. Playing hide-and-seek with a toy or item of clothing can be a tracking challenge for your dog. In winter, a fun game is to place a glove (with a treat inside for extra enticement) just under the surface of the snow.

Trick Training. Using clicker training or lure training (using treats for motivation) to teach your dog to do tricks is a great way to spend time with your dog, improve your relationship, and make obedience training even more fun. Once you and your dog have a repertoire of tricks, you can show off your wonder dog! Here are two websites: www.clickertrain.com and www.clickertraining.com.

The AKC's Good Citizenship Program (CGC)

Why Every Lucas Terrier In The US Should Become Certified



Miss Maggie Cooper of VA - A Successful CGC Graduate

Participating in our Facebook forums made me realize how negligent we have been in getting the word out that training doesn't stop after one has taken their first basic puppy obedience class at Petsmart - or hired a trainer to 'train' your dog for you. Training is an everyday activity that lasts for the life of your dog.

A top notch program that I have participated in with my own Miss Maggie Cooper (shown above) and would encourage EVERY LUCAS OWNER to enroll their dog in is the AKC's Good Citizen program (CGC).

The Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program is one of the most rapidly growing programs in the US. In fact State legislatures began recognizing the CGC program as a means of advocating responsible dog ownership and 34 states now have Canine Good Citizen resolutions.

The purpose of the Canine Good Citizen Test is to ensure that our favorite companion, the dog, can be a respected member of the community. Dogs become respected members of their communities when they are trained to act mannerly in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs. All dogs, including purebreds and mixed breeds (mutts like ours!!!) are embraced by and welcomed in the Canine Good Citizen program. How open minded of the AKC!

Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with, they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to

provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life.

We sincerely hope that CGC will be only a beginning for you and your dog and that after passing the CGC test, you'll continue training in obedience, agility, tracking, or performance events. These events are a blast and they are great exercises for both you and your dog.

Here is the AKC's link to the program: <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/>. Find a class. Enroll today. You will kick yourself for not doing it sooner as your former behavioral problems melt away.

When you do pass your CGC exam -- please let me know ASAP. One year from now I am going to publish a roster of every Lucas (and owner) who has stepped up to the plate and become an AKC's Canine Good Citizen® Graduate. I'm hoping for 100% participation. Let's make our "mutts" the best behaved mutts in the country!



Why Dogs Bark Excessively @ What To Do About It

Reference: By WebMD Veterinary Reference
<http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/guide/understanding-excessive-barking-why-dogs-bark>

No one should expect a dog to never bark. That's as unreasonable as expecting a child to never talk. But some dogs bark excessively. If that's a problem in your home, the first step is figuring out what causes your dog to bark too much.

Barking is one type of vocal communication that dogs use, and it can mean different things depending on the situation. Here are some reasons why dogs bark:

Territorial/Protective: When a person or an animal comes into an area your dog considers his territory, that often triggers excessive barking.

Alarm/Fear: Some dogs bark at any noise or object that catches their attention or startles them. This can happen anywhere, not just in their home territory.

Boredom/Loneliness: Dogs are pack animals. Dogs left alone for long periods, whether in the house or in the yard, can become bored or sad and often will bark because they are unhappy.

Greeting/Play: Dogs often bark when greeting people or other animals. It's usually a happy bark, accompanied with tail wags and sometimes jumping.

Attention Seeking: Dogs often bark when they want something, such as going outside, playing, or getting a treat.

Separation Anxiety/Compulsive Barking: Dogs with separation anxiety often bark excessively when left alone. They also usually exhibit other symptoms as well, such as pacing, destructiveness, depression, and inappropriate elimination. Compulsive barkers seem to bark just to hear the sound of their voices. They also often make repetitive movements as well, such as running in circles or along a fence.

How to Treat Excessive Barking: Getting your dog to bark less will take time, work, practice, and consistency. It won't happen overnight, but with proper techniques and time, you can see progress. Here are a few tips to remember:

- ✓ Shouting stimulates your dog to bark more because he thinks you're joining in. So the first rule is to speak calmly and firmly, but don't yell.
- ✓ Most dogs don't know what you want when you're yelling at them to "shut up." So train your dog to understand the word "Quiet!"

Speak & Quiet Commands:

- 1) Teach your dog to "Speak on cue! Say: "Speak" and when he does - reward him with a treat and tons of praise as if he is the most brilliant dog in the world. Practice several times each day.
- 2) Next once he has mastered the "Speak" command teach the "Quiet" command. While your dog is barking - holding up two fingers" to your lips (to give him a visual clue) and say in a calm, firm voice: "Quiet" and then wait until he stops barking, even if it's just to take a breath. As soon as he does - praise him and give him a high value treat.

Key Points to remember:

A tired dog is a quiet dog. If your dog barks when alone, tire him out before you go. Take a long walk or run, play ball or take a trip to the dog park before leaving.

Don't allow problems to go on and on. The longer a dog does something, the more ingrained it becomes. Barking can give dogs an adrenaline rush, which makes the barking pleasant - a reward in itself. Deal with barking problems as quickly as possible.

Some medical problems can cause excessive barking, from bee stings to brain disease to ongoing pain. It's always a good idea to have a pet checked out to be sure there's no medical reason for a problem.

Getting your dog to bark less will take time, work, practice and consistency. It won't happen overnight, but with proper techniques and time, you WILL see progress.

What not to do:

- ✓ Bark Collars - NO! NO! NO!
- ✓ Muzzles - NO! NO! NO!
- ✓ Debarking - NO! NO! NO!

Spike Norrington
(pictured right) woofs his
agreement.... Woof! Woof!
Woof! Woof! Woof!





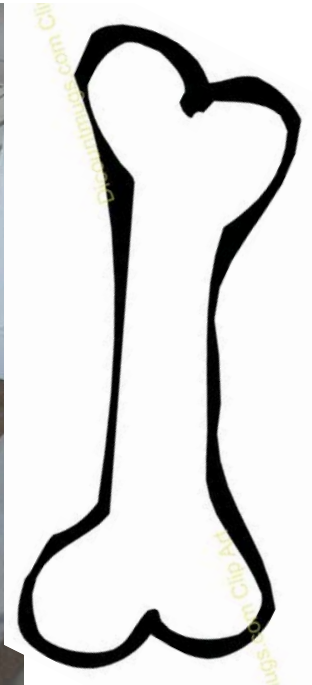
*The Rodwell-Langford's Suzi Wong Award
For Exceptional Contributors to The Breed*

The photo above is of Rodwell's Suzi Wong owned by Advisory Board Member, Lynette Langford, of the UK. Suzi, an exceptional mother, has just given birth to her 20th puppy! To put that in perspective - that is the equivalent of nearly one half of all the pups born in the US since we started the club in 2006 - all by herself! What a worthy and memorable accomplishment. We salute Rodwell-Langford's Suzi Wong and Lynette Langford. In the US, their names will be synonymous with 'The Best of The Best' and what we all should be striving for as stewards of our rare and endangered breed.

Great Shots From 2011









The Lucas Terrier Club of America (LTCA)

Code of Ethics

Adopted December 1, 2011

The Objectives of the Club shall be:

- a) To promote, preserve and propagate the breeding of pure-bred Lucas Terrier dogs - (Sealyham/Norfolk crosses only tracing their ancestry back to Sir Jocelyn Morton Lucas's British Kennel), and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- b) To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the Breed adopted by the US Club.
- c) To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog events, classes and all other doggie competitions.
- d) To urge all to follow the Code of Ethics adopted by the Club as a guide for breeding and ownership practices regarding the Lucas Terrier.

Breeding Ethics:

- a) While the Lucas Terrier is not recognized by the AKC (or KC) per Sir Jocelyn's wishes, the LTCA maintains very strict standards for the breed.
- b) Only a puppy with a notarized seal and proper documentation from the LTCA in the US (or from the British Club) will be considered a true Lucas Terrier. Careful records are kept on Lucas Terriers on both sides of the pond.
- c) In order for a puppy to be registered with the LTCA, its owner must be a member of the LTCA and in 'Good Standing' with the Club meaning (up-to-date early dues.) prior to the pups being whelped.
- d) As a club our pedigree database is kept online and accessible to all members through PedFast Technologies™ - The Breeder's Standard® .NET (<http://www.tbsnet.us>). It is a subscription based program that is invaluable to all breeders. Among its many features is its ability to easily calculate co-efficient. Ideally, the COI of a litter should not exceed 6.25% or the average COI of the two parents. It is highly recommended to avoid COI percentages in excess of 12.5% and a COI in excess of 20% should be totally avoided.
- e) Each member who contemplates breeding a litter or who provides the use of his stud dog shall direct his efforts toward producing Lucas Terriers of highest quality. No member shall engage in breeding without regard for quality – with health and temperament being of the highest priority.
- f) Any Lucas bred to a Sealyham needs written documentation that the Sealyham has been DNA screened for serious hereditary medical conditions such as Lens Lutation common in Sealys or Demodectic Mange. Sealys that are (carriers) of PPL may NOT be bred from.
- g) Any Lucas Bred to a Norfolk needs written documentation that the Norfolk has been tested and cleared for the health threats their Club requires including: a cardiac ultrasound, an eye exam, and a knee or patellae evaluation to receive a CHIC number. In addition, the NTC recommends that dogs have a hip x-ray certified by OFA, the orthopedic foundation for animals, and be checked for ichthyosis, a hereditary skin disorder.
- h) When in doubt – please check any stud or bitch with a Reproductive Veterinary Diplomat and err on the side of caution.
- i) Each stud service shall be initiated with a written stud contract. The standard stud fee in the US is the “pick of the litter” for the stud dog's owner or the average sales price of one pup in cash – stud dogs choice – due at the time the pups leave the mother – no sooner than 8 weeks of age. Additionally, if the bitch does not conceive or produce a viable litter, it is customary that the stud dog returns to her one more time for a repeat breeding at no additional fee.

- j) If a dog or bitch has produced any offspring with serious defects detrimental to the animal's well-being, such as blindness, deafness, lameness or impairment of the vital functions and produces like results with a different mating partner, the owner shall refrain from further use of this animal for breeding and have it spayed or neutered immediately AND report it to the Club's Health Officer (Dr. Damir Hamamdzic, D.V.M., PH.D) immediately.
- k) Animals shall be used for breeding only when they have properly matured. They shall be used only as often as is consistent with their good health and with the use of sound medical practices. No bitch shall be bred more often than two out of three heat seasons and then only if she is in robust health, and shall never be bred at her first season.
- l) No bitch is allowed to have more than five litters.
- m) A bitch over 7 years of age must be examined by a vet and certified that she is fit to breed.
- n) Bitches over 7 who have never had a first litter should not be bred from and should be spayed.o) Stud dogs must be at least 12 months of age before being used.
- p) Details concerning the mating will be agreed upon before hand and put down in a signed contract, which typically includes one return service by the same dog to the same bitch if that bitch does not conceive or produce a viable litter.
- q) Puppies should be kept in a clean environment that is stimulating and promotes their physical and mental optimal development including proper socialization. With both humans and other dogs.
- r) Breeders shall register all Lucas Terriers with the Lucas Terrier of America Club and keep accurate records of mating and pedigrees in accordance with all Club requirements.
- s) Breeders should encourage ALL puppy buyers to join the Club and stay active for the entire life of their pet.

Placement:

- a) No member of this Club shall engage in the wholesaling of litters of Lucas Terriers or the selling of Lucas Terriers to such places as pet dealers, catalogue houses, research laboratories, commercial breeders or similar sources of distribution. No member of this Club shall sell, consign or lease puppies or adults to pet shops or any commercial establishment, broker, distributor or wholesaler. Members are strongly encouraged to word any contract so that the purchaser or lessee will be similarly restricted. Any member caught doing so will be expelled from the Club for life – no exceptions.
- b) The price of puppies and adults shall be based on individual quality. All should be sold in a clean and healthy condition and shall be old enough to make the necessary adjustments to a new home safely. No adult or puppy should be sold without adequate protection against disease and examined by a licensed veterinary no more than 7 days before they leave for their forever homes. They should be at least 8 weeks of age and had their first set of shots, been wormed per their vets preferred schedule, and been micro-chipped.
- c) The sale of any Lucas Terrier shall be completed with a sales contract protecting both the buyer and the seller as to the quality, care and expectations of both parties.
- d) The breeder's responsibility to any dog produced by them does not end with the sale or placement of such animal – it is for the life of the dog. New owners shall be educated to the responsibility of lifetime care and selected for their commitment to the animal. If unforeseen circumstances prevent the owner's fulfilling this commitment, the breeder shall reassume responsibility for the dog. Failure to take this seriously is grounds for Club expulsion.
- e) When a Lucas has a serious deviation from the Official Breed Standard which makes it unsuitable for breeding, it is the obligation of the seller to so inform the buyer. It should be sold with the written understanding that the Lucas Terrier will not be bred from and will be neutered or spayed at the safest age for the puppy.
- f) When a Lucas has uncertain breeding potential, in addition to a sales contract or signed statement to this effect:

- g) The breeder is encouraged to use the Limited Registration procedure as provided by the Lucas Terrier Club for registration of such animals.
- h) It is the breeder's responsibility to register each puppy bred with the LTCA and to encourage the buyers to become involved with the Club in any way they feel called or able. We need talented individuals and each of you is our ambassador to introduce the Club and the breed to the next generation. You have a VERY important job and we are counting on you.

Breeders and Owners:

- a) Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
- b) Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies that may not conform to the Breed Standard should be placed in suitable homes as pets with a Limited Registration from the LTCA and spayed or neutered at the earliest time their vet feels comfortable performing the surgery.
- c) Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
- d) Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbors or those carrying out official duties.
- e) Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
- f) Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
- g) Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the re-homing of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
- h) Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home and make new owners aware of the Club's website for additional information and guidance.
- i) Will ensure that all relevant Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
- j) Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
- k) We will never make any derogatory comments about another purebred dog breed, crosses or Heinz 57's or mutts. We respect all dogs and all dog Clubs equally.
- l) No member shall engage in false or misleading advertising or other misrepresentations of the Lucas Terrier. He shall not malign his competitors or fellow breeders by making false or misleading statements about them, their dogs or their breeding practices. Any member caught doing so will be expelled from the Club for life.
- m) Members are individually granted membership into the Lucas Terrier Club of America because of their commitment to the protection, preservation and promotion of the Lucas Terrier. Each member of the Club has an obligation to protect the interests of the breed by conducting himself in a manner designed to reflect credit on himself, the Lucas Terrier and on the Lucas Terrier Club of America.
- n) Violations of the Code of Ethics will be examined by the Ethics Committee and Board of Directors. Failure to comply may result in suspension or termination of membership in the LTCA.

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