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### **Heartland Board Elections**

This year, two of our board positions are open for election. The terms Mary Stevens and Julie Burden are expiring. Thanks to them for helping the club during their terms. Mary served two consecutive terms and club rules prohibit her from running for a third term. Julie has decided not to run again. We fully expect them to be involved and to help out at our events as they have in the past. Four individuals have stepped forward to run for the board this year. Please take the time to read their election surveys that appear later in this newsletter. Then, you can vote by either returning the paper ballot in the mail or by sending an email with your vote to Paul Kimmerly at [pjkimmerly@kcnet.com](mailto:pjkimmerly@kcnet.com). The person receiving the highest number of votes in our board elections receives a three-year term with the second place finisher receiving a two-year term. The new board members will start their terms at our Fall trial.

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### **July Fun Day**



On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Mary and Frank Stevens hosted a fun day for the Heartland club. Twenty terriers and their owners came out for a day of go-to-ground and agility. Owners and terriers alike learned how to run through the go-to-ground and to negotiate some of the agility equipment. The highlight of the day was the potluck lunch. Frank cooked a brisket on the smoker and everyone in attendance brought either a side dish or dessert. There was plenty of food and fun for the folks that came out. Some pictures appear later in this newsletter. Thanks to Mary and Frank for being gracious hosts and opening their place up to the club.

**Heartland Board Election**

The time has come to elect two new members to the Heartland Board. In past newsletters, a call went out asking for members interested in serving on the Heartland Board. Four members replied. The terms of Mary Stevens and Julie Burden expire this year. Julia Peters, Stephanie Poppe, Sherry Stanley and Becky Whaley have stepped forward to run for the board. In case you were wondering, here is how the election process works.

The Heartland Club will put out a call for interested members to submit their names for board positions in the first newsletter of the year. Interested parties will have until July 1st to submit their names to current board members for consideration. The club will send surveys to prospective board members no later than July 10th. Interested parties will have until August 1st to complete the surveys and return them to the current board. The survey responses and a ballot will be included in the first newsletter published after August 1st. Members will be given 2 weeks to return ballots or proxies to the current Board. The votes will be tallied and the results will be published in the first newsletter published after October 1st. New Board members will begin serving their terms on October 1st prior to the annual Heartland Fall event. The person receiving the highest number of votes in the Heartland election will receive a three-year term. The second place finisher receives a two-year term. The uneven terms allows the Heartland Club to stagger Board member terms so that only two members are replaced each year.

Now, it's up to you. The next couple of pages contain the answers to a brief survey sent to the board nominees. Please read these over and select the individual that you would like to see serve a three-year term on the Heartland Board. A ballot form and a stamped return envelope have been included for your use. The new board will be introduced at the Heartland Fall Trial.



*Heartland Board Ballot*

Please vote for two of the board nominees and return this ballot in the envelope provided (if you received this newsletter by US mail) by August 25th. The highest vote getter will serve a 3-year term on the Heartland Board and the person with the second highest total will serve a two-year term. If you lose the envelope or received this newsletter by email, return your ballot to:

The Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club  
C/O Paul Kimmerly  
4921 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Prairie Village, KS 66208

- \_\_\_\_\_ Julia Peters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stephanie Poppe
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sherry Stanley
- \_\_\_\_\_ Becky Whaley

You may also vote by email. Send your vote to Paul Kimmerly at [pjkimmerly@kcnet.com](mailto:pjkimmerly@kcnet.com). Be sure to include your name on the email so we can keep track of who has voted.

### **Heartland Board Nominees**

*The prospective Heartland Board members sent in the following surveys. Their answers are provided to help you decide who you feel should serve on the Heartland Board. Please review their answers and complete the ballot form included on the previous page of this newsletter. The votes will be tallied and published in the next newsletter.*

#### **Julia Peters**

**How long have you been a Heartland Member?**

8 years

**How many Jack Russells do you have?**

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**Do you hunt your terriers? If so, how often?**

No

**Do you participate in terrier trials? If so, how often?**

No

**Aside from participating as an exhibitor, have you performed any other roles in Heartland events?**

No

**What would you like to see the Heartland Club do in the future?**

Participate as a group in city functions such as "Strut with your Mutt."

**Please give a brief personal statement (maximum 150 words):**

I would like to volunteer my time with the Heartland Club because they harbored my Churchie, until we were able to meet and bring him into our home. He has been the perfect dog. Happy, loving, playful and intelligent he has protected me from a poisonous snake and kept me thin by our routine walks. I want to give back to the Club and Rescue that has brought us such happiness. Churchie is now 15 years old, very white muzzled and somewhat slower but still a great little dog. He can no longer jump up on the bed, but adapted well to the soft ramp. He still has many great years left of chasing squirrels and hunting cats. We are moving back to Kansas City and I would love to join the board to do volunteer work.

**Please give a brief statement related to your views on the Jack Russell Terrier (maximum 150 words):**

JRT's are fun but little understood dogs. I believe we have so many strays and rescues because people are entranced with TV portrayals of calm little friends. Yet when faced with a pet Jack they are overwhelmed. They are simply not active enough to pair up with an energetic Jack. Owning Jacks has been so rewarding and I would like to help with our local JRT group.

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## Stephanie Poppe

How long have you been a Heartland member?

I have been a member about 10 years, more or less

How many Jack Russells do you have?

I have seven JR terriers (and "Bear")

Do you hunt your terriers? If so, how often?

Yes, I hunt them 2 or 3 times a week.

Do you participate in terrier trials? Is so, how often?

Yes, I participate in 3 or 4 trials a year with my dogs.

Aside from participating as an exhibitor, have you performed any other roles in Heartland events?

Over the years I have helped out at several of the Heartland trials and fun days. I try to help out at the events whenever help is needed. My specialty being fixing flat tires on the club trailers.

What would you like to see the Heartland Club do in the future?

In the past, the Heartland Club has always represented a cross section of Jack Russell enthusiasts. I would like to see the club continue to be an organization open to all Jack Russell enthusiasts.

Please give a brief personal statement.

I have owned Jack Russells since 1989 and have become more involved over the years with these special dogs. I am an active member in the Heartland Club and also in the JRTCA. I regularly hunt my terriers and believe in the promotion of the working aspects of the dogs.

Please give a brief statement related to your views on the Jack Russell Terrier.

I have had terriers for several years and above all others enjoy the Jack Russell more than any other terrier. No other terrier I have worked with shows the diversity in personality. They are the most animated absurd clowns on one extreme and capable of being one of the fiercest hunters on the other. It is these unique attributes that we must be ever vigilant to protect. I feel they are not a dog to be mass-produced for the quick dollar but a dog to be carefully fostered to preserve their traits. The privilege of Jack Russell ownership carries with it the responsibility to maintain their unique ability to be both companion and hunter.

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## **Sherry Stanley**

How long have you been a Heartland Member?

5 years

How many Jack Russells do you have?

5

Do you hunt your terriers? If so, how often?

No—haven't had the opportunities.

Do you participate in terrier trials? If so, how often?

3-4 a year

Aside from participating as an exhibitor, have you performed any other roles in Heartland events?

Some Fun Days. Helping set up, tear down, help with racing and making signs.

What would you like to see the Heartland Club do in the future?

Make it be the exciting and great ' Kansas Trial'

Please give a brief personal statement:

I have attended trials throughout the United States and observed both the differences and similarities of how they are run. I would like to be part of putting on a great trial. Kansas is centrally located and that in itself is a good drawing point.

Please give a brief statement related to your views on the Jack Russell:

Being in the pet industry for 35 years, owning a pet store, pet grooming and currently pet boarding business, this Jack Russell Breed has taught me most about animal behavior. Being with Jack lovers is great. Everyone just wants to have a good time with our four legged friends.

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## **Becky Whaley**

How long have you been a Heartland Member?

I became a member of the Heartland club in 2003. I attended my first Heartland trial in the spring of 2002.

How many Jack Russells do you have?

I have 6 Jack Russell's and 2 Patterdale terriers

Do you hunt your terriers? If so, how often?

I hunt my terriers year around on a regular basis. My preferred time of year is fall through late spring. During those months, I make an effort to get out a minimum of two days per week. More if possible.

**Do you participate in terrier trials? If so, how often?**

I enjoy the trials and have met some wonderful people over the past several years. I usually attend 4-6 trials per year. Sometimes more, if time allows, between other activities.

**Aside from participating as an exhibitor, have you performed any other roles in Heartland events?**

I have been involved in many aspects with the Heartland Club events including stewarding for trials, set up and tear down, and judging GTG.

**What would you like to see the Heartland Club do in the future?**

As our club name states, this is a WORKING terrier club. I would like to see more emphasis on promoting that aspect. I would also like to focus on increasing our membership by offering activities that would encourage more participation. I would like our focus to be on fun and educational opportunities for our members and to provide a welcoming atmosphere for prospective, new, or seasoned members.

**Please give a brief personal statement:**

I have lived in this area my entire life and currently reside in Baldwin, KS with my husband Duane and 3 teenage daughters. We operate a small livestock operation as well as a custom hay business. I work for the University of Kansas in Lawrence. I am a sanctioned GTG judge with the JRTCA. I have been involved with many volunteer organizations over the years, including GSA and 4-H. I am currently a volunteer with the Douglas County Red Cross as well. Our favorite hobbies include hunting, fishing and boating. I have lots of fresh ideas for HWJRTC and look forward to working with everyone towards implementing them in the future.

**Please give a brief statement related to your views on the Jack Russell Terrier:**

I strongly believe in the working aspects of these terriers, and feel the focus on this has been put on the back burner. While these little dogs excel in a number of areas including racing, agility, etc....I feel it's of great importance to preserve their working heritage. This is my focus and as stated earlier, we are members of a WORKING terrier club. I feel if we are to continue to claim that title we need to take a step back and take a hard look at the direction we're heading.

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**Did You Know?**

- The phrase *dog days* originally referred to the period between July and September when the Dog Star, Sirius, rises early with the sun.
- President Harding once had a birthday party for his Airedale, Laddie Boy. He invited the dogs of members of Congress and served a Milk-Bone layer cake.
- President Truman lost the favor of dog lovers when he banished a gift puppy named Feller from the White House. He passed the pooch on to the White House Doctor. Truman also had an Irish Setter named Mike.
- In 1983, Percy, a Chihuahua was struck by a car, presumed dead and buried in a grave in Barnsley, England. Hours later, Percy's pal, Mick, a Jack Russell terrier, dug up Percy's grave and it was discovered that Percy was still alive.

# July Fun Day Pictures



# Farewell to a Friend

Melissa van Voorst



On July 29, 2007 the Heartland Club lost a very dear friend. Melissa van Voorst, one of our founding members, passed away after a long battle with breast cancer. Melissa was instrumental in the establishment of our club and in keeping the club going during our early years. She served as the chair for the Heartland Trial from 1994 through 2003. She was also a member of the inaugural Heartland Board of Directors.

Melissa truly loved her terriers and her family. Her husband, Bob, and their kids, Erin and Robert were fixtures at every Heartland event. She always thought of others and focused on doing things the right way. Even as she was fighting her illness, Melissa would come out to club meetings. When involved in club events, she always worried about other people, their terriers and what was best for the club. She and Bob bred the occasional litter of puppies and always concerned doing what they could to improve the breed. They hunted their terriers on occasion, but mostly let the dogs patrol their place in Lone Jack, Missouri. Melissa always enjoyed hosting our spring trial judges over the years. She made sure they were well fed and taken care of during their stay under her care.

Melissa will truly be missed by all that knew her. She was a kinder soul who left her mark on the club and everyone around her. Heartland events will not be the same without her. We are all better off for having known her and for having her as part of our terrier world.

## **Staying Out of the State Park Dog House**

By Wendy Bowles

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For many of us, dogs are part of our families. They are givers of unconditional love and devotion, and they go everywhere, even to the lake. Enjoying the companionship of your dog at a state park is acceptable and perfectly legal if you do it right.

We've all seen the "poor dog" that was left in a car, the dog on a chain tangled under a picnic table for hours, or the dog that tried to bite a child. And whatever the setting, we wondered, why didn't they leave that dog at home."

When these things happen at state parks, they lead to conflict among campers. A dog is a problem if it isn't quiet, controlled and properly cared for.

Written and unwritten rules help guide dog owners on state land. State regulations regarding dogs are designed for public safety. The unwritten rules of dog etiquette are matters of courtesy in shared spaces. Both are important. However, not following state regulations may result in a ticket and fines.

Following is a summary of Kansas State regulations. (Similar regulations may apply in other states. Please check local regulations before you take your dog to your state parks.) Dogs are not allowed in marked swimming areas, public buildings or structures. Dogs must be kept on a leash or tether not more than 10 feet long, unless they are being used during a hunting season, field trial, noncommercial hunting dog training, or parks department authorized event. Dogs used to assist the visually or hearing impaired are not restricted by this regulation.

Dog owners must be considerate of others. If a dog doesn't behave at home, it will be trouble in a state park where it will encounter other people and pets. In some cases, it's better to board the dog and enjoy your outing without possible problems.

What follows could be considered "Dog Etiquette 101" for bringing pets to a state park. Ideas are a compilation from park employees and Kat Farres of the Salina kennel Club. These suggestions can ensure a great park experience for your dog, your fellow campers and you.

First, always make sure your dog's collar has a current rabies tag, as well as a tag with your name, address and phone number. A third temporary tag with your cell phone and campsite information will help if your dog becomes lost. It's also a good idea to bring a copy of the dog's rabies vaccination certificate, in the unlikely event of a biting incident.

The dog should be kept under control at all times, and barking should be kept to a minimum. Barking is the most common complaint of campers. Since barking usually occurs when a dog is left alone, don't leave your pet for extended periods of time. Don't leave your dog alone in a tent or leave it tied in the open at your campsite. Also, since it's natural for dogs to be protective, don't tie your dog near the entrance door of your camper, in case emergency personnel need access.

### **Suggestions to Keep Everyone Happy When the Dog Comes Camping**

- Dogs like familiar things. Bring your dog's toys, dishes and bed, or use a familiar pet carrier to board the dog overnight.
- Bring your dog's favorite food from home in a water and mouse proof container. Wildlife in state parks can be bold about stealing food. Any unprotected food can attract unwanted company – and barking at the wild intruder.
- Make sure your dog has a spot that provides shelter, shade and access to water.
- Sweep the campsite for possible danger before tying your dog outside. Glass, gasoline, oil, antifreeze, fishhooks, fish bait, or discarded food could pose a danger to your pet.
- Remember that new smells, surroundings and routines can make dogs nervous and stressed. Be patient with your dog in a state park setting, and it should quickly adjust

Always clean up after your dog. The park isn't a giant back yard. Carry a plastic sack and pick up all droppings so others don't have to deal with them.

It's illegal to let your dog run loose on hiking trails. Dogs might love it, but it is against regulations, and it could be dangerous for the dog and unnerving to other trail users. Also, don't allow your dog to harass wildlife near the trails. Follow the regulations and keep your dog on a leash. Some state parks allow horses on trails. Keep dogs away from horses at all times to prevent kicking or possible runaways.

This short article is a guide to make camping with your dog more enjoyable for everyone. Your pet depends on you for care at home, where things are familiar and it knows the routine. But, special attention is necessary to keep your dog safe and happy while camping. Animals react to being away from home in their own way. For the most part, dogs just want to be with their family, so bring them along and enjoy your stay. However, use your best judgement and realize that sometimes the best thing to do is to leave them at home.

# Classifieds

## Daybreak Jack Russell Terriers

Standing to Approved Bitches



## Daybreak Todd

(Button Top Willie x Prairie Creek Spree)  
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[www.daybreakjackrussells.com](http://www.daybreakjackrussells.com)

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## Heartland Classifieds

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\$20.00 for the entire year.

## *Notable Quote*

“If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.”

## 2008 Membership Form

The Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club was formed in November 1991 for the purpose of informing Jack Russell Terrier owners across the Heartland region of terrier trials and special events. Our goal is to help members learn more about Jack Russell Terriers, their special needs and unique abilities.

We encourage all members to send in any information that would be of interest to other Jack Russell owners. Please send any articles, stories, classifieds and notices of activities to:

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Prairie Village, KS 66208  
[Pjkimmerly@kcnet.com](mailto:Pjkimmerly@kcnet.com)

Dues for this club are \$15.00 annually per household. Like the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America, our memberships run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Current members have until March 15<sup>th</sup> to renew memberships without loss of privileges. Any memberships received after October 1<sup>st</sup> will count towards the following year. Members will receive one free class entry to the Heartland Spring and Fall events. To join, mail the membership form below with dues payable to the "Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club." Please return the form and dues to:

Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club  
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Prairie Village, KS 66208

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark here if you'd like to receive your newsletter by email: \_\_\_\_\_

How many Jack Russell Terriers do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a renewal?      Yes                      No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Please make checks payable to "Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club"

Suggestions for articles you'd like to see:

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## Heartland Fall trial

Is coming soon.

October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

At the Franklin County Fairground in  
Ottawa, Kansas

For information:

Eydie Griffin  
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[griffinm@msn.com](mailto:griffinm@msn.com)

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### **Heartland Working Jack Russell Terrier Club**

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