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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CLUB

FROM THE TOP DOG:

Stafford Greetings,
Welcome to the second year of the NESBTC. I'd like to thank the NESBTC Board and club members for their support and dedication in making our inaugural year a great success. With your support we look forward to the continued growth of the club in 2009.

The NESBTC Board has decided to change the membership renewal due date to July 1st each year starting July 1st, 2010. Members that have already renewed will enjoy 6 free months with the NESBTC, and the next renewal due date will be July 1st, 2010. Those that haven't renewed will have until July 1st, 2009 to do so. Any applications received after July 1st, 2009 will be considered for membership starting July 1st, 2010.

We have one Board change for this year; Glenna Jones has stepped down from the Treasurer's position. Paul Wickel will be the clubs new Treasurer. A big thanks to Glenna for all of her hard work during our upstart year, especially getting our the not for profit status. Glenna will stay on board with her warm smile and hard work ethic as a valued committee member.

Paul brings a wealth of experience to the Treasurer's position. Currently Paul is the President and former Treasurer for the not for profit Setawket neighborhood house as well as past President and Treasurer for the Three Village Kiwanis club. Our books will be in good hands. Paul will provide us with a year ending financial report to be published in the year ending issue of the Journal. We wish Paul good luck!

Some things to look forward to this year will be a NESBTC web site. Club member Beth Beardsley is currently developing the site. Please contact Beth e-mail; bethzb@earthlink.net with photos of your Stafford for the site. This is in the early stages



Our fearless leader sporting the Fez.

so if you have any thoughts or suggestions please contact Beth.

Our Creative Director and Journal Editor Robin Ramos is working on incorporating a Stafford to complete the club's logo.

Vice President John Diaz has been developing new club tee shirts that will be for sale.

John hopes to have one new design ready for our annual Club BBQ / fundraiser.

See you all on May 24th, 2009 Memorial Day weekend for the NESBTC first BBQ / fundraiser for 2009.

The BBQ will be held at John and Glenna's home: 2 Yale Place, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Start time is about 1 PM.

If bringing a dog, make sure you bring a crate and a lead. For further information, please contact a Board member.

The club was contacted by a Stafford owner who competes in UKC sanctioned weight pulls; one of our officers will

gather the information for upcoming pulling events, hopefully some members can attend to support her, and watch the amazing strength and determination of her Staffords as they compete.

There will be an AKC meet the breeds event this October at the Jacob Javitz center in Manhattan, it will be a two day, week-end event, and we'll be asking for volunteers to sit at the booth, be cheerful and answer questions.

I have started the groundwork to import Two Stafford Specialist/ Breeder Judges from the U.K to judge our first annual Specialty Show, to be held Sept. 2010. More details to follow in future issues of the Journal.

Congratulations are in order for a few of our NESBTC members.

Chris Jacksic has become the fifth Staffordshire Bull Terrier Specialist/Breeder Judge in America. Chris will be

judging Staffords in Sept. at the Westbury KC Planting Fields, so lets support him with entries. Congrats Chris!

NESBTC co-Vice President John Cocchiola has been elected President of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America (SBTCA). We encourage all of our members to join the National Club, you can ask a NESBTC officer to sponsor you, just print up an application at SBTCA.com.

NESBTC Treasurer, Paul Wickel has been appointed Rescue Chair for the SBTCA, it's a tough but rewarding job, and if any NESBTC members are interested, you can contribute in many ways to rescue, driving to ID potential Staffords in shelters, or fostering a dog when it's been abandoned. Contact Paul, and/or view the rescue page on SBTCA.com. It's very important that we find good homes for these abandoned Staffords, it's very important that at the very least, we take care of our own.

Once again I'd like to thank the entire Board and members for their commitment to working together to promote a positive image of our beloved Staffords. This is a members club so if anyone has any thoughts or suggestions to promote the Stafford and move our club forward I'd love to hear from you ruffntuffdino@aol.com.

I'd like to invite our members to check out our sister Stafford clubs web site's; www.pbsbtc.org and www.ncsbtc.com.

Looking forward to seeing everyone throughout the coming year! On that note: enjoy this issue as we take a good look into the development and history of "Lines". Enjoy!
Yours in Staffords,
Tony



[SMILE] That's Jack!

Pen-Mar Black Jack

Owned by Mike Bauer and Audra Driscoll
Glendale, Queens, New York

SHOW US YOUR STAFFORD SMILE.

Send us your photos to: staffbullpec@yahoo.com. Please put "smile" in the subject line.

AROUND THE RING

By Robin Ramos

With each issue we hope to include results and impressions regarding [BIG] shows that occur during the year within a few hours drive of NYC. That certainly qualifies this as a regional review.

In February, the show year kicks off with a little known show named the Westminster Kennel Club. While the entries are usually limited to just over a thousand entries, Staffords are always well represented. On a personal level, I was happy to see a good friend of mine bred the eventual Best-of-Breed Winner. Damon Folmar of Cornerstone SBT's bred CH Cornerstone Soliloquy or "Piper." Owned by Maryanne and Larry Goethals. While the fact that "Reds" have done nothing but win here, I was happy for one and all. She deserved the win. It will be interesting to see a non red take breed to represent in the big ring. Bullseye's Zane Smith judged the breed.

A few hours drive south and some 60 days later, we find ourselves in Maryland for the annual Stafford Extravaganza. The PSBTC throws a great weekend full of all things Stafford. Unfortunately, I was last minute scratch but according to my sources, it was another great event. The first day was judged by Linda Lee and her husband, David Lee took the honors the following day. Both representing Socksdown SBT's outside of Tamworth, England.

On Friday, the Columbia All Terrier Show BOB went to CH Ashstaff Bithynia Chosen One. A day later she went back-to-back to get the ribbon under Linda's better half. Our own John Diaz's Ruff-N-Tuff Black Country Boy went OS on Friday and Benny Gasmen's Shogun's Kiss of Death took BOW. Saturday saw similar results at BOB while Dana Lemke's Jayneze Diamonds and Guns strutted away with BOS. Farsydes Pizz N Vinegar took BOW. Well done yall!

The Extravaganza ran from 4/17—4/20. With Bruce Schwartz and Kenneth McDermott judging the final two days. CH Prada Classic Aran Isle at Donellas to BOB on Sunday while CH Cornerstone Soliloquy went OS. CH Homebrewed Page Three Girl went BOB on Monday and CH Ashstaff Wavemakers Close To U took OS on Monday.

If you can make it out next year, I highly recommend it. Great entries, coupled with expert judges and good ole Stafford fun, makes it well worth the effort. Never mind the extracurricular activities.



Friday and Saturday's BOB: CH Ashstaff Bithynia Chosen One. For once the Lee's agree on something!



Ruff-N-Tuff Black Country Boy got a 5 point major, his first, to take Opposite Sex under Linda Lee of Socksdown.



On Friday, Benny Gasmen's Shogun's Kiss of Death took BOW. This guy turns out one great Stafford after another.



Dana Lemke's import Jayneze Diamonds and Guns got the nod under David Lee for BOS on Saturday.



Hey! that's no dog?!? We all know who that is on the left, but who is that guy on the right? He looks familiar!



NYC and MSG goes to the dogs each February and Cornerstone's Soliloquy took breed. Judge Zane Smith looks on.

An extension of our family

By John Diaz

We have one year under our belt right now as an official dog club and already we are faced with a difficult screening process for membership. The question is whether or not we should grant membership to certain people? With the given that we view our dogs and the dog club as an extension of our family it becomes a hard question to answer.

I met a fellow Stafford owner a couple of months ago that desperately wants to become a member of the club. After a two hour conversation on the phone I learn that he owns two young Staffords and he had an accidental mating while he was away on vacation.

Due to this situation he put together a Stafford website and has also listed the puppies for sale on one of those puppy finding websites. All of this done under the tutelage of two other Stafford breeders.

His story came up at our last Board meeting and now the question becomes, is he someone we need in our group? I came to the conclusion that here we have a person young to the Stafford world in need of guidance. If he is in search of knowledge, I will try and help him. Just like one would help a family member in their time of need. So I offered help when his female gave birth and even offered to



help him with the screening process while looking for good homes for the puppies because the last thing we all need is those dogs in the wrong hands. I even invited him and his family to our next club function but with regards to membership, he would have to comply with the clubs code of ethics.

The dog game has become a business for most people but maybe if we all take a step back and treat our dog club like a family this Stafford world would be a better place.

John Diaz, Vice President, NESBTC

Above: John's daughter, Gianna Diaz and a pretty pup from Gary and Marylin Shrewsberry.

NESBTC's PAGE 3 GIRL

CH GOLD COAST TIGER LILY

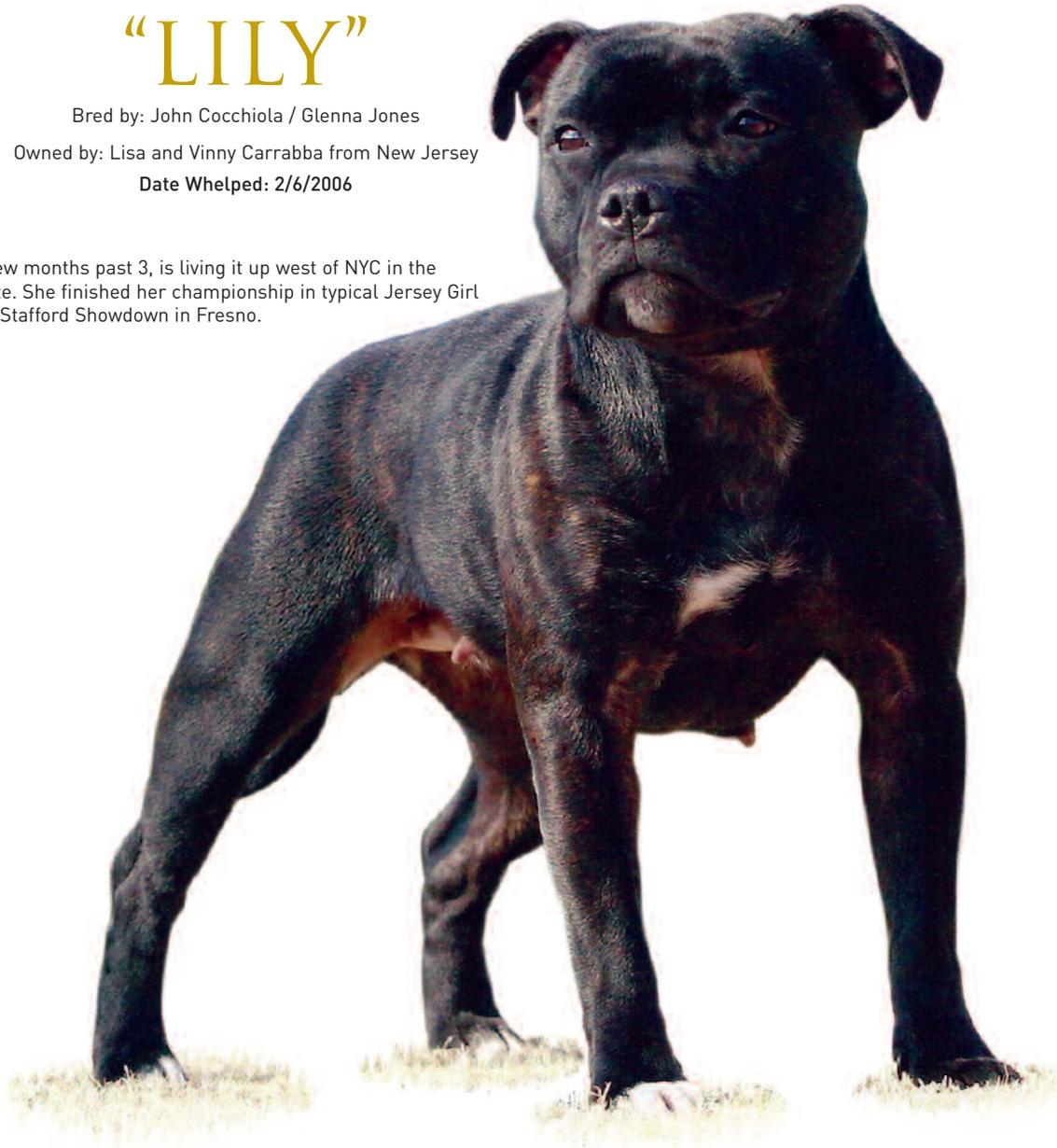
"LILY"

Bred by: John Cocchiola / Glenna Jones

Owned by: Lisa and Vinny Carrabba from New Jersey

Date Whelped: 2/6/2006

Lily just a few months past 3, is living it up west of NYC in the Garden State. She finished her championship in typical Jersey Girl style at the Stafford Showdown in Fresno.



☞ PEDIGREE ☞

GOLD COAST TIGER LILY

RUFFCAST GAELIG STORM

KABOOM LADY LIBERTY

RUFFCAST KABOOM

STEEL QUEEN

BETHANE CRACK SHOT

GROUNDZERO CEREMONIAL BELL

< CABRINDLE BULLET
< BLITSTAFF CINDEROSA

< BLITSTAFF MAD O'ROURKE
< FISTIANA'S WARSPITE

< JUDAEL BOTH BARRELS AT NOZAC
< BLACK CORAL AT BETHANE

< RUFFCAST GAELIG STORM
< MIMCOL RAVEN NOIR

UNDERSTANDING LINE BREEDING

There seems to be a vast misunderstanding about line breeding, what it is, why it is done and how it is done. Often one hears laymen and even some who should know better referring to it in derogatory terms and making the assumption that linebreeding is responsible for canine health and temperament problems. So in this article I hope to try to explain a little what responsible and knowledgeable breeders try to do in their breeding programs.

First let me be clear anything said in this article refers to reputable breeders who breed to develop dogs who are the best examples of breed type (what a certain breed should look like according to the breed's standard or blueprint) and are of sound mind and body. It does not refer to puppy mill or back yard breeders as the sole purpose of those sorts of breeders are to supply the most puppies as cheaply as possible for the most profit. Considerations such as breed type, health and temperament are of no interest to these people and any linebreeding or inbreeding done by them is merely happenstance and economically advantageous.

In the simplest terms there are three methods used when breeding purebred dogs: outcrossing, inbreeding and linebreeding.

Outcrossing is the breeding of dogs with no common ancestors, usually within a five generation pedigree. Continual outcrossing is a method that is commonly used by breeders who have no real purpose in breeding dogs or by novice breeders. Occasionally it is employed by experienced breeders to bring in some needed attribute to their line. Though one hears about such things as hybrid vigour when outcrossing, the continual use of this method can be as dangerous

as continual inbreeding as you are always bringing new genetic equations to the mix.

Inbreeding is the breeding of close relatives not separated by more than one generation, i.e., brother to sister, father to daughter. This method is used to concentrate good qualities in the line but may also concentrate bad qualities. Only the most experienced breeders should be willing to attempt this method and be willing to make possible hard decisions with respect to the resulting puppies. Continual inbreeding should not be done.

Linebreeding is a method that breeders will use to improve upon and try to eliminate structural and health problems from their dogs. It is the breeding together of dogs that have a well bred superior common ancestor who has attributes that the breeder is attempting to reproduce and improve upon in their own dogs. Things such as health, longevity of life, structure, movement and temperament of a dog that one is planning to linebreed on must be taken into account. Linebreeding is an attempt to concentrate the genetic contribution of an outstanding ancestor in the resulting offspring. As well once started one must continue the linebreeding process or all will be for naught.

For a breeder who is contemplating linebreeding they must first study some basic genetics and learn how dominant and recessive genes affect the outcome of any breeding attempted. They must learn which attributes are dominant and which are recessive. They must also be aware of the genetic health issues for their breed and the mode of inheritance of those diseases. One must then study the dog that one hopes to linebreed on. Unfortunately in dogs it is not possible to know everything genetic about a certain dog as sometimes recessive genes may lie in wait but one can usually have a reasonable understanding of a dog's makeup through the study of pedigrees, both of the ancestors of that dog and his or her's offspring.

THE BEGINNING OF THE LINE!

Gentleman Jim was on the threshold of a greatness that would last generations. But at what cost?

The Half-and-Half was a breed born from differing parts, from different areas throughout the UK. The Black Country may have been the stronghold, but each county, each town, each single parcel of land, laid claim to a superior dog—a superior line. Isn't it ironic that it was the show ring that proved which line to be dominant. Not the Pit! For the show ring was the proposed safehaven for the breed. Gentleman Jim's win at Crufts sent in motion the demise of some future tens of thousands of Staffords and while they applauded his win, they were inadvertently culling the lines of their fellow dogmen. Where there's a beginning there's an end. But to what end.

Please send your thoughts to: staffbullpec@yahoo.com re: linebreeding



WHAT'S MY LINE?

An edited guide and history of the "LINES" that make up the Stafford of today.

"LINES" - A to Z

The following is edited from the book "The Staffordshire Bull Terrier" written by H. N. Beilby. This is one of the best books written about the early breeding stock of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier. For those of you who are paying attention, it was Beilby who first judged the Stafford at Crufts in 1938. Where "Gentleman Jim" was the first champion of our breed. To follow are his words.

Going back to when breeding records were first written, the 6 sires with the largest numbers to their credit were:

1. Vindictive Monty 35
 2. Jim the Dandy 30
 3. Game Lad 25
 4. Rum Bottle 24
 5. Fearless Joe 17 (Died in 1936)
 6. Corinthian Rogue 15
- Total: 146

The first and second were both sired by the fifth, who was therefore the direct male ancestor of 82 of the dogs registered in the period. In discussing these strains I shall refer to the sire's male ancestry as the "line". The original six "Game Lad" and "Rum Bottle" are also entitled to rank as founders of "lines", as well as "Brindle Mick" (brother to "Cross Guns Johnson" and mentioned in our last issue).

At that time it appeared that there were at least four distinct lines of Staffordshire Bull Terriers:

J. **Fearless Joe** and his male descendants, with about 300 registrations.

L. **Game Lad** and his male descendants, with about 120 registrations.

M. **Brindle Mick** and his male descendants, with about 300 registrations.

B. **Rum Bottle** [The Westall Strain] and his male descendants, with about 100 registrations.

This was the position at the end of 1943 and covered all Staffordshires registered up to the end of 1946. In just Three years, two more male lines have justified their inclusion, namely, the "R" line, founded by "Ribchester Bob", born about 1931, and the "C" line. The numerical strength of the six lines is now roughly as follows:

- J line: 1200 registrations
- M line: 1500 registrations
- L line: 500 registrations
- B line: 300 registrations
- R line: 500 registrations
- C line: 100 registrations

The performance of certain sires attracts attention, Ch. "Gentleman Jim", who has been producing stock for eight years, easily heads the list with 255, while our other Champion, "Game Laddie", can claim nine years of stud service (72). "Ribchester Max" stands high with 173 registrations in eight years. Among the younger dogs, with not more than two years at stud, "Brigands Bosun" easily heads the list (86), with "Jolly Roger" runner-up (48).

In 1937 there were five "line" dogs at stud, by 1941 this number had increased to twenty-two, and in

1946 there were at least fifty-six available to breeders. That was real progress! To follow is H. N. Beilby's observations and critic of those lines.

MAIN LINES

The "J" Line

"Fearless Joe" had some half-dozen good registered sons, but it is mainly upon two of these that his reputation depends. By his mating with "Queenie", one of the most important foundation bitches, he produced "Vindictive Monty", a good bodied fawn with strong skull and jaw, a shade heavy in shoulder, and perhaps a trifle long in muzzle, although in no sense weak. Joe's other notable son was "Jim the Dandy", a dark brindle with a well ribbed body, glorious head and expression, bone adequate, perhaps slightly weak in pasterns. His dam did not hold the high record of "Queenie".



The J-Lines fearless Joe

"Spring Heeled Jack" is very possibly the sire through which the "J" line will go down to posterity, through his sons "Thunderbolt", "The Great Bomber" and "Boy Dan". "Thunderbolt" is a sturdily built fawn brindle which won well as a youngster and was then sold to a leading breeder in the north, where he is now a recognized sire. "The Great Bomber" was a heavy fawn dog, excelling in head properties, who did a lot of winning. He sired many good sons, some of which may eventually prove to be pillars of the "line".



The Great Bomber

Another fine and popular dog of the J-Line was "Jim the Dandy". He had about 30/40 registered sons, of which some four or five have made substantial contribution to the line.

I would hazard a guess that the future of this line will rest very largely on the progeny of the litter brothers "The Great Bomber" and "Boy Dan", and I base this on the fact that they are descended on

the female side from at least three generations of outstanding bitches.

As Beilby puts it: "It will nearly always be found that the dam of a great stud proposition (in any kind of animal) springs from a family of good females."

The "M" Line

The virtual founder of the "M" line was "Brindle Mick" whelped in 1934, by "Tigr" ex "Brave Nell". Mick was a brindle of great power and substance, slightly over medium size, with well-developed body, good bone, strong jaw and skull, the muzzle being of medium length and weight. In general configuration he is greatly resembled by his son "Gentleman Jim". Mick was slightly undershot. He sired some other important sons in "Brindle Bill", "Furnace Jake", the "Bandit" and "Red Ruin".

"Gentleman Jim", was the outstanding Staffordshire of his decade, both as a winner and a sire. He won his challenge certificates at Crufts 1939 (H. Pegg), Cheltenham 1939 (H. N. Beilby) and Bath 1939 (A. W. Fullwood). In temperament he is friendly, but fearless, and I know that he has tackled certain enemies (not canine ones) which a number of other Staffords had refused to face. He has sired 255 sons and daughters in the eight years 1939/1946, according to Kennel Club records, which is an unusually long period for a dog to remain a successful sire of good stock. Of these, about 10 per cent have proved to be winners to a greater or less extent, and about six of his sons have themselves established a reputation as sires.

It is of interest to note that "Gentleman Jim" has produced just as good stock (in fact I think rather better) towards the end of his stud life as he did in his earlier years.



Gentleman Jim with Lady Eve

The M-line owes its ascendancy largely to the stud success of "Gentleman Jim" and "Brindle Bill", to either or both of which we may look for the continued prosperity of the line.

The "L" line

It was founded by "Game Lad", was one of the oldest lines of which there is a record. After doing some winning in the Black Country where he was born, he went to London, where he proved a popular sire. Smallish medium in size, he was a darkish brindle in colour, with a compact body, nice round bone, good skull and an exceptionally clean muzzle. He had one peculiarity, which was that he did not like his tail to be handled.

Although this is not one of the largest lines, it has produce two champions, which no other line has done at that time.



Ch Game Laddie & Emden Challenger with Bill Boylan

His most important sons are Ch. "Game Laddie", "Our Ben", and "Billy". "Game Laddie" has four challenge certificates, won at The Kennel Club (Holland Buckley), Windsor (Blacklock), Blackpool (F. W. Holden) and Richmond (Naden). Although he has several good sons, "Laddie" is probably outstanding as a sire of bitches; he has 72 registered offspring. He is a darkish brindle of intense quality and exemplary balance and his imperfections are trifling. Three of his sons are "Brinstock Aristocrat", "Brinstock Democrat", and "Nunsoe Fighter Pilot". "Democrat" is proving an useful sire and has 39 registered progeny, including the black-and-white dog "Dynamite Jim", who strongly resembles his sire in make and shape.

The "R" Line and beyond

"Ribchester Joe" for which the R-Line was named was helped in 1931. His son "Ribchester Max" was a brindle of medium size, well proportioned, with good bone and feet and a great winner. He has produced a number of excellent bitches.

[Note:] The R-Line Staffords that are in the U.S. today go back through Reetuns Red Tornado and his litter brother Reetuns Iron Duke, both of whom were imported (together with a litter sister) by Zane Smith, and Piltown Bill of Truestaff and Truestaff Orchid Challenger imported by Lilian Rant.

"Billy Bhoy" has the distinction of being a foreign champion, but Max's best son is undoubtedly "Vindictive Monty of Wyncroft". (What a pity that this good Staffordshire has not got a more distinctive name — many have confused him with "Vindictive Monty" of the "J" line.) "Monty" is a deep read dog of medium size, sturdily built, with good bone, ribs and skull and a great winner. He claims 116 registered progeny up to the end '46.

The "B" and "C" lines are the last to be considered. The former has been called the "B" line (B for Bottle). "R" might have been the more obvious letter to use but it has already been allocated to the

"Ribchester" line, and in any case "Rum Bottle", with 49 K.C. registrations, is really its founder. He was a red dog, as were most members of this line. Mr. Westall, to whom the pre-war development of this line is due, is of the opinion that red dogs are tougher in hide than brindles, which probably accounts for their preponderance. The line is of special interest as up to 1935 it had been developed almost independently of all the other lines and there were certain fairly well defined differences, chiefly in formation of head, where the muzzle appears to have been somewhat lighter than that of "black country" dogs.

The last line that calls for mention is a comparatively small one and has been referred to as the "T" line. "C" would be more appropriate. "Cinderbank Beauty" was a small tiger brindle, and my recollection of him is that he was compact, sturdy and well proportioned. "Togo" is a shade larger — just about medium size — and is a very fine model of a Staffordshire, with massive and well-proportioned head and (in my opinion) true Staffordshire expression. "Rambling Prince" is an almost exact replica of his sire, but perhaps a shade better in stifle. "Pike Land Spitfire" is a biggish dog, again built on the same excellent pattern indeed the resemblance between "Togo" and these two sons is quite remarkable, and unlike anything I have seen in Staffordshires before. "Mapleton Pride" is mostly white, built on sturdy lines and a beautiful mover. "Rambling Knight" is an all-white, low to ground but with tremendous substance and bone like an elephant's!

At the end of the original passage Beilby wrote: "In conclusion, it is impossible to forecast what contribution these six lines will make to posterity, but it would appear extremely improbable that any of them will ever completely disappear. It is, however, not at all improbable that one or more new lines may develop — indeed there are already some indications — but that would just be guessing!
Beilby wasn't far from prophetic. Unfortunately, he was wrong, dead wrong to assume that these lines would not disappear. For many of them have. From the point of Stafford observer, it sounds like he was watching a show on this side of the pond. Where differences in type are the norm, and not without debate! If you were to venture east, to the UK, you'll notice an extreme trend towards "sameness" in type. I would venture a guess that 80% of all the Staffords you see in the ring come from the same two lines, if that many! Has that been to the detriment of the breed? Time will tell but the days of a handful of lines and differing types have gone the way of the Dodo. We've become fans of the dog that wins the ribbons and no longer a proponent of a specific line.

One Fine M-Line

Arnie was his call name, but many Stafford fans only knew him only as:
CH. Domino Flashy Lad.

Arnie past the rainbow bridge but not before gaining his title at the West England Ladies Kennel Society to become the latest in a continuous line of Champion M-Line dogs descending back to Brindle Mick. That's a span of 40+ years!



IS THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING... IN THE EATING?

(Does line breeding really work?)

By Jim Holmes
Sheffield, England

On gaining his title at the West England Ladies Kennel Society (W.E.L.K.S), CH Domino Flashy Lad became the latest in a continuous line of champion M line dogs descending from Mr. Jack Altofts' famous CH Goldwyns Leading Lad. Listed below is a resume of that line starting with the founder of the M-Line Brindle Mick, from a critique written some 50 years ago Mick was described as;

"A dog of probably 40 pounds, in general build very like his son CH Gentleman Jim who most people will have seen photographs of. He was powerful and masculine without being coarse, and his great spring of rib reminded one of his other leading son Brindle Bill, in fact combining the best points of CH Gentleman Jim and Brindle Bill would give you an accurate picture of the great Mick.

Brindle Mick does not appear to have been largely used at stud, but in spite of this became the founder member of the largest and most successful line in the breed. In fact at the end of 1946 he had only 24 KC registered progeny to his credit. Presuming that half were bitches, it leaves only 12 or so registered sons out of which there were 5 successful ones, a very high success rate indeed. His most famous son being CH Gentleman Jim whelped in 1937, but it is with another of his sons' Brindle Bill that we will concentrate. A critique of Brindle Bill, also written some 50 years ago describes him as; "A smallish, thick set mahogany brindle, a massive dog with great rib, bone, feet and skull. His muzzle was shortish with a tendency towards being hellish, a characteristic which he passed on to some of his progeny".

Brindle Bill also had a litter brother, Sunny Bill out of the bitch Sunny Lady. Jack Altoft mated his bitch Goldwyn to Brindle Bill and produced Wheatley Lad; being prevented from repeating this mating due to death of Brindle Bill, he used his litter brother Sunny Bill and produced Brindle Diana. He then mated Wheatley Lad to Brindle Diana, a half brother-half sister mating from two blood brothers and produced his famous dog CH

Goldwyns Leading Lad.

Meanwhile another of Brindle Micks' sons was stamping his mark on the breed, he was of course CH Gentleman Jim, for our example we need only look at two of his progeny. Firstly Son O Jim who in turn produced Jolly Roger, who mated to Tooby [B] (a granddaughter both maternally and paternally of Brindle Bill) produced Pat the Boy [D] and secondly JIM's, daughter CH Easterbury Lass, who put to Pat the Boy produced Colleen of Killyglen. She in turn was mated to Brigands Bosuns Beau (Beau being a great-grandson of Brindle Bill on both sides) and produced CH Linda of Killyglen, Linda mated to CH Goldwyns Leading Lad produced the great sire Eastaff Danom.

Arguably Danoms' most famous son was CH Jolihem Dreadnought who when put to Hillstaffs Lucky Gem (a daughter of Dennybeck Hard Diamond who in turn was a great-grandson of Danom) sired CH Jolihem Ringmaster. From a litter sired by CH Jolihem Ringmaster out of Brocliffe Bountifull (she being a grand-daughter of Dreadnought), CH Jockartan Royal Tan was produced; he in turn put to Pitmax Brazen Lady (who was a great-grand-daughter of Dennybeck Hard Diamond) sired CH Malaser Mauler. One of the litters sired by Mauler out of Jaunty Jane of Lancstaff (a daughter of CH Red Rum, who in turn was a grandson of Ringmaster) contained CH Lancstaff Sparbu Saga, who from a mating to Rogue Goddess (who is a great-grand-daughter of CH Red Rum) produced the next dog in the line, CH Rogue Saga. CH Rogue Saga mated to Panama Princess (who also goes back to Leading Lad) produced the dog that started all this CH Domino Flashy Lad, so from a Leading Lad to a Flashy Lad a continuous line of nine champion dogs covering forty four years; of course this is only one branch of a tree that has produced over the years countless dogs and bitches that have either won, whelped, or sired CC winners. One only has to look in the Stafford ring today to see that this bloodline is still an extremely potent force and will hopefully remain so, as it has produced some of our breed's finest examples.

Getting back to the title of this article "Does line breeding really work," well in this and many other cases I could quote, the answer has to be a resounding yes. Though getting back to the pudding analogy, any cook will tell you that the quality of a pudding depends upon the quality of the ingredients, the skill of the cook and the recipe they use. The same applies to the management and breeding of dogs, we should all be using the same recipe, i.e., the Kennel Club Breed Standard. The method of choosing the best ingredients available, preparing them, then bringing them together to produce a Stafford that conforms as close to the Standard as possible and possesses the ability to pass on its qualities to future generations is down to the individual's knowledge of the breed, both its form and function, their perseverance and a bit of that magical ingredient of good luck! If carried out with due care and attention, line breeding can be a powerful tool to use in a breeding programme and one that has been used by successful breeders not only in Staffords but all breeds for many years.

Finally, though this was never meant to be the definitive article on line breeding, it has hopefully proved of interest to some people, and I am sure any replies to it will be gratefully received by the editor. staffbullpec@yahoo.com

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SPECIAL R.I.P EDITION "MAX"

A Most Wonderful Dog Born: 11.12.93 — 11.18.05

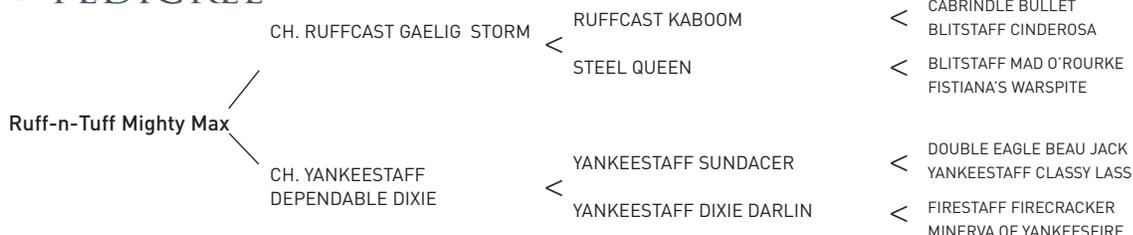


Bred by: Tony George
 Owned by: Chuck & Lisa Lohmann (along with sons Jimmy, Kenny, Michael, and Stephen) of Stony Brook, NY
 To follow are the heartfelt words of Lisa and Chuck Lohmann.

"He was that "once in a lifetime" dog for our entire family, that to which all others are still compared. A true ambassador for the breed, the perfect blend of strength and tenderness, mixed with love, devotion and beauty. He was raised with our 4 sons, their many friends and numerous cousins. People young and old

would come to the house just to visit and play with him. Max truly believe he was a person, just shaped a bit differently than ourselves. He also did his part in helping the Suffolk County Police Dept. by "acting" in undercover venues along side my husband (a detective at that time) and his team when doing undercover buys of guns and such. Maxes passing left a hole so large that 4 years later, we have not have the courage to own another one, but continue to tell everyone about him and the amazing breed. **Rest in peace Max. You deserve no less!**

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STAFFORDS & FRESNO

By Paul Wickel

THE TRUTH!!!

Herman Melville wrote that "truth is in things not in words" - a strange way perhaps to lead into a summary of our trip West this February. As Mr. 'Results Oriented Breeding' Chris Jacksic, President Tony 'As Good As The Finest' George, Mike 'The Great Deer Slayer' Bauer and I, Mr. 'Quest For Perfection' himself flew into Fresno, our thoughts were certainly on a lot of 'things'. Would we see as many a fine specimen at this years Stafford Showdown? Could these 3 days match prior years' tradition of laughter, camaraderie, and memories without our very own National Club President and fellow NESBTC Board Member / instigator John Cocchiola? Would we remember much of it any way? Well folks, the truth is that 'things' were just great!!! Thanks to the generosity and commitment of so many of our West Coast friends; the fun and games surrounding this action packed weekend, and most importantly the unsurpassed quality of Staffords were simply amazing!

The weekend confirmation events had tough competition throughout, with many of the classes seeing fine representation deep into the line up. A fit Stafford is a beautiful Stafford, in almost any size or color. Bitches once again held the day as two gorgeous girls took Best of Breed honors. Champion Homebrewed Page Three Girl not only took Best of Breed under renowned

English breeder and specialty judge Colin (Mimcol) Davies, she went on to capture a Group 4 in Terrier. Daphne was handled to perfection by owner Lorelei Craig who showed off her beautiful balance and superb ring presence. Both Daphne and Tia, Kannechor Black Pearl, the best of breed winner on Sunday under specialty judge and breeder Welshman John Scanlon (Pantycelyn) were strongly challenged. Tia went on to capture a Group II in Terrier, but for us all at ring side, she was s0ooo superior to the Terrier who beat her out for top honors. But, that's show business folks.

Perhaps the biggest 'thing' that just blows everyone away who makes the trip out to Fresno is the true sense of community that is shared by everyone. Coming together from all walks of life, we who have been lucky to sneak away for those few days feel a special bond. It's this bond that causes us to strive with commitment to grow our NESBTC into a sister club that mirrors the attitude, mission, and objectives of the premiere Stafford club in the US, The Northern California Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club. If you can break away from next years super bowl weekend to celebrate with new friends at the Stafford Showdown, you wont be disappointed. Amazing food, wonderful discussions about things not even dog related. Heck, I learned how to play Texas hold-um, and that Pittsburgh Steelers fans are crazy, even in California! I learned about tattoos and all other kinds of stuff. It really was a weekend filled with 'thing's' to remember. That's the truth!!!

THIS AND THAT

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Above: another great M-line Stafford. The Great Black Tusker at 10!



Daphne "Homebrewed Page Three Girl" with her co-owner / handler Lorelei Craig and Judge Colin Davies! Photo by Benny Gasmen

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SHOWS, NEWS & HAPPENINGS:

Staten Island Kennel Club
Show Date: Saturday 06/20—21/09

Midland Beach Sports Field
Father Capodanno Blvd
Staten Island, NY

Save the Date[s]:

NESBTC Annual Club BBQ /fundraiser.
Sunday May 24th, 2009
Memorial Day weekend

Place: John and Glenna's home
2 Yale Place
Glen Cove, NY 11542
Start time is about 1 PM.