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## Loyal soldier

**Staffordshire Bull Terrier** This highly intelligent, devoted breed has served the Staffordshire Regiments since the 19th century

  
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# Staffordshire Bull Terrier

Highly intelligent and affectionate, especially with children.

**The Staffordshire Bull Terrier shares the same ancestry as the Bull Terrier, which was developed in the 1860s by James Hinks, who crossed Bulldogs with terriers and other breeds to develop a new type of dog for vermin control and blood sports.**

When Hinks later added other terriers and breeds, some that changed the head shape of the breed, devotees of the original type of Bull Terrier cross remained loyal to their preferred type, from which the modern Staffordshire Bull Terrier is derived. It was not until the 1930s that The Kennel Club

recognised the breed. It carried the name Staffordshire, as the breed was developed in the Black Country of Staffordshire and northern parts of Birmingham.

Unlike other breeds, it is shown traditionally in a broad leather collar ornamented with brass emblems containing the Staffordshire Knot – as a tribute to its origins.

Despite its rough and ready beginnings, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier is known as a wonderful family pet. Their intelligence and affinity with children are noted in the breed standard.



**Right:** Bitch Challenge Certificate (CC) record holder Ch Crossguns Memphis Belle, 'Rex', winner of 27 CCs, 12 with Best of Breed and nine Reserve CCs. Rex gained her title as a junior at Midland Counties Canine Society Championship Show in 2007, judged by Alan Small. She won the CC at Crufts three times, twice with Best of Breed, and had many group placings. Standout wins were her first CC at Scottish Kennel Club in 2007, judged by Tommy Taylor, followed by Best of Breed and group 2 under Harry O'Donoghue. And her first CC at Crufts was in 2008, judged by Ivor Keyes; having just moved up from junior to open, she was in a strong class of 29 and those placed behind her were all champions. She was top junior in 2007 and top Staffordshire Bull Terrier in 2008. She is the granddaughter of Ch Valgio Casanova at Crossguns. Bred and owned by Bill and Joanne Blacker. **Blackers**

## BREED STANDARD

### GENERAL APPEARANCE

Smooth coated, well balanced, of great strength for his size. Muscular, active and agile.

### CHARACTERISTICS

Traditionally of indomitable courage and tenacity. Highly intelligent and affectionate especially with children.

### TEMPERAMENT

Bold, fearless and totally reliable.

### HEAD AND SKULL

Short, deep though with broad skull. Very pronounced cheek muscles, distinct stop, short foreface, nose black.

### EYES

Dark preferred but may bear some relation to coat colour. Round, of medium size, and set to look straight ahead. Eye rims dark.

### EARS

Rose or half pricked, not large or

heavy. Full drop or pricked ears highly undesirable.

### MOUTH

Lips tight and clean. Jaws strong, teeth large, with a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite, i.e. upper teeth closely overlapping lower teeth and set square to the jaws.

### NECK

Muscular, rather short, clean in outline gradually widening towards shoulders.

### FOREQUARTERS

Legs straight and well boned, set rather wide apart, showing no weakness at the pasterns, from which point feet turn out a little. Shoulders well laid back with no looseness at elbow.

### BODY

Close-coupled, with level topline, wide front, deep brisket, well-sprung ribs; muscular and well defined.



Breed and dog CC record holder, Ch Valgio Casanova at Crossguns, 'Vinnie', winner of 40 Challenge Certificates, 34 with Best of Breed and 16 Reserve CCs. When Vinnie was being campaigned, entries were much higher than today's standards. He gained his title as a junior at the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club Championship Show in 2001, judged by Roger Pugh. He also had many group placings, the most memorable being group 1 at the Scottish Kennel Club under Ferelith Somerfield. He won the CC and BOB at Crufts on three consecutive years, 2003, 2004 and 2005, with this CC awarded after beating 45 in open dog judged by Danny Gilmour and where his grandson took the Reserve CC. He was top junior in 2001 and top Staffordshire Bull Terrier in 2002, 2003 and 2004. Bred by Mrs V. Miss A and Mr D Pickett, owned by Bill and Joanne Blacker. Bill and Vinnie pictured at Windsor in 2005 winning group 2.

Carol Ann Johnson

#### HINDQUARTERS

Well muscled, hocks well let down with stifles well bent. Legs parallel when viewed from behind.

#### FEET

Well padded, strong and of medium size. Nails black in solid coloured dogs.

#### TAIL

Medium length, low-set, tapering to a point and carried rather low. Should not curl much and may be

likened to an old-fashioned pump handle.

#### GAIT/MOVEMENT

Free, powerful and agile with economy of effort. Legs moving parallel when viewed from front or rear. Discernible drive from hindlegs.

#### COAT

Smooth, short and close.

#### COLOUR

Red, fawn, white, black or blue, or

any one of these colours with white. Any shade of brindle or any shade of brindle with white. Black and tan or liver colour highly undesirable.

#### SIZE

Desirable height at withers 36-41 cms (14 to 16 ins), these heights being related to the weights. Weight: dogs: 13-17 kgs (28-38 lbs); bitches 11-15.4 kgs (24¼-34 lbs).

#### FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault

and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog and on the dog's ability to perform its traditional work.

#### NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

# Where it all began

The supposed origins of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier and its journey to recognition.

BY KARON JACKSON

**The Staffordshire Bull Terrier was born in the heart of the Black Country, where the very first club of the breed was founded.**

While the true origins of the breed aren't clear, it was accepted that there were various terrier 'types' involved, but which ones exactly were never fully agreed upon. Originally bred for sport, Staffordshire Bull Terrier (SBT) enthusiasts worked hard to ensure its acceptance and evolution into the modern-day dog world.

It was around 1932 that Joe Dunn of Cradley Heath had the inspiration to open up a new life for the SBT. Although he had owned SBTs for many years previously, during that time he knew this was a breed

of dog already known for its indomitable courage and unbelievable tenacity, a dog of exceptionally high intelligence, a dog so full of love and loyalty for his friends that he deserved far more from his short span of life than man had previously meted out to him.

During 1933, SBTs were mentioned in *Our Dogs* after an article in *John Bull* about the miners' fighting dogs. A letter appeared in that journal about these dogs having no written pedigree, and late in 1934, a real move was made when a letter appeared in *Our Dogs* from Stewart Poole of Tipton asking for anyone interested in the formation of a club for SBTs to contact him.

Unfortunately, he received only nine replies, so it was decided to wait and use *Our Dogs* to emphasise the advances made by this wonderful breed, which had taken a lot of stick owing to bad publicity in the dog-fighting days.

About three months later, Joe Dunn saw Joe Mallen at The Old Cross Guns pub and asked him for help in forming a club. They started with a meeting at the pub and canvassed a small number of the locals to become members for five shillings. There were nine or ten present. Three of the group were Fred Silvers who owned the original 'Queenie', Jack Shaw who owned 'Jim The Dandy' and Harry Pegg who owned 'Fearless Joe'.

The duly named Cradley Heath Club was formed; the purpose was to be able to apply to The Kennel Club for SBTs to be recognised and accepted as a separate breed under Kennel Club rules.



An early show meeting. L to R. Silver's Queenie, Pegg's Fearless Joe, Foxall's Lady, Shaw's Jim the Dandy, Tranter's Homer's Shell of Gold Puppy in arms: Quick the Devil, Williams' Brindle Thelma, Williams' Brindle Tigress, Chestonion Snowdrift, Hardwick's Flossie, Mrs. Law's cock-eared bitch Homer's Barham. Dog jumping is J. Birch's Vindictive Monty, Mallen's Brave Nell, Smith's Brindle, Our Paddy endmost



Above: Fearless Joe.

Photos courtesy of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Heritage Centre



Above: Jim The Dandy.

Far left: Gerald Dudley with Ch Widneyland Kim.

Left: Joe Mallen with Cross-Guns Johnson.

Below: Ch Brinstock Sandy Bridget.

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Within three years, in spite of ridicule from certain members of the local community, Joe Dunn had done his homework well and was able to obtain Kennel Club permission to include SBTs in the AV Terrier at a four-class exemption show held at Cradley Heath, April 1935. Fred Holden judged and was authorised to give placings to four SBTs in the terrier class. These results were Birch's Monty (later renamed Vindictive Monty), followed by Shaw's Jim (later renamed Jim The Dandy), Pegg's Joe (later renamed Fearless Joe) and Mallen's Cross-Guns Johnson. There were 26 SBTs entered, many of whom form the backbone of present pedigree breeding.

Following this successful venture, Joe Dunn and fellow enthusiasts decided the time was right to form a club for the purpose of holding shows and improving the chances of the SBT being recognised as a pure breed acceptable for exhibition. By July 1935, The Kennel Club approved and granted the title of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club

(SBTC), announced in the *Kennel Gazette* in August 1935, the first breed club born in its traditional Black Country home. Once the title had been granted, there was a swift reaction from the Bull Terrier fraternity who strongly objected to the word 'Bull'. However, it was pointed out that the Staffordshire had been in existence long before the Birmingham white – the original Bull Terrier – and so had the right to use this name within the breed title.

The committee's first task was to formulate the breed standard and the make-up of the SBT was explored. Every detail was compared with old sketches and photographs, plus Shaw's Jim The Dandy was agreed as being a desired specimen. With careful deliberation, the breed standard was formulated taking into account the dog's origins and fighting qualities, which many demanded be included. Much diplomacy was needed to arrive finally at a suitable decision – almost before the ink was dry, there were those who wanted the standard



altered – but it lasted for 13 years.

Thousands of words have been written and verbalised about the standard since those early days, and needless to say, it has been the case ever since.

Following the acceptance of the breed standard by the members and The Kennel Club, the SBTC held its first show on 17 August 1935 at the Cradley Heath Conservative Club. It was judged by Mr H N Bielby, with an entry of around 60 dogs. He awarded his Best in Show to the dark brindle dog Jim The Dandy.

All the notable dogs of that era were there, such as Fearless Joe, Vindictive Monty, Brave Nell, Queenie and Cross-Guns Johnson, who six months later secured the first award for Best of Breed at Crufts. This dog probably had more firsts and specials to his credit



JOE DUNN WITH  
HIS CHAMPION  
WINNING BITCH  
'LADY EVE'

JOE MALLEN WITH  
HIS CHAMPION  
WINNING DOG  
'GENTLEMAN JIM'

*Courtesy of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Heritage Centre*

than any other dog of his breed at the time. Progression of the SBT was hindered by the lack of detailed breeding records, and Bielby's foresight introduced a system of breed lines and families that were introduced in his book, published in 1943.

Crufts 1936 was an important event for SBTs, as this was the first time the breed was on show and it created a lot of attention. Joe Dunn, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club's Secretary and founder was chosen to judge. He awarded Best of Breed to Joe Mallen's Cross-Guns Johnson and Best Bitch to Tom Walls' brindle Brother of Looe. Sadly, Cross-Guns Johnson died in a traffic accident and did not leave any progeny. A tragedy that was a big loss to the breed.

The next big event was Wembley National Dog Show, 2 October 1936, held in conjunction with the Star Dog Tournament. This show was managed by Leo Wilson, a big name in the dog press and a worldwide judge. Two classes were given to SBTs, one of which had 24 entries. Joe Mallen got a young brindle dog registered as Game Bill, whom he later sold to Dan Potter. This dog went on to win Best of Breed at Crufts in 1937 under Phil Dee. On 25 May, Gentleman Jim was born (bred by Jack Dunn, sired by Brindle Mick, who was the dog founder of the well-known M-line, and incidentally, litter brother to Cross-Guns Johnson.)

Gentleman Jim was also entered in the puppy class at Crufts in 1938, where he was Best SBT Puppy in Show, with Game Laddie winning Best of Breed, judged by Mr H N Bielby. Historically, it is well known that

Gentleman Jim was the first champion of the breed; in fact, he and Game Laddie (of the L-line) were the only champion dogs to be made up pre-war.

Once the number of registrations was met, specified by The Kennel Club, the breed was given Championship Status and Challenge Certificates (CCs) were on offer for the first time at Birmingham National Dog Show in November 1938. Judge Arthur Demaine, a man who was destined to judge the breed on many occasions, awarded the dog CC to Boxley's Vindictive Montyson and the bitch CC to Joe Dunn's Lady Eve. Breed history was made at Bath Championship Show in 1939 when the well-known all-rounder, Mr A W Fullwood, awarded the SBTC founders and committee members, Joe Dunn's Lady Eve and Joe Mallen's Gentleman Jim, their third CCs, making them the breed's first champions.

Around this time, the founder of the breed's J-line, Fearless Joe, owned by Harry Pegg, was lost to dogdom when he ended his days having taken on an underground adversary. He was a gallant dog who was known for his indomitable courage, coupled with his reliability and loyalty to man.

1945 at the Drill Hall, Coventry, with supporters turning up in their hundreds. Then, in 1946, the SBTC held its first championship show. The judges were Mr D Potter (dogs) and Mr F Holden (bitches), both with excellent entries. The winners were Brooke's Son O'Jim and Boylan's bitch Brinstock Brown Beauty, with the bitch going Best in Show on referee Hollingworth's decision. Another Brinstock-bred bitch, Ch Brinstock Sandy Bridget, born in 1947, was the first SBT to obtain a Kennel Club Junior Warrant. That same year on Easter Tuesday, the SBTC held an open show in the town where the SBT started its show life, Cradley Heath. The judges were Joe Dunn (dogs) and Jack Dunn (bitches), and it drew an enormous entry of 300, even by today's standards. There was even a crowded roadside with around 1,000 spectators.

The breed's popularity spread very quickly around the UK in the post-war years and many breed clubs began to form to meet the need for enthusiasts to have their own local breed club. The SBTC has long been affectionately known and acknowledged as the parent club, being the first club and the

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In 1944, Ch Widneyland Kim, owned by Gerald Dudley, was born. He was the first champion sired by Ch Gentleman Jim. Ch Widneyland Kim went on to sire eight champions. Gerald Dudley was considered a legend and a gentleman within the breed and championed the SBT throughout his life.

A group of hardcore enthusiasts kept the breed going through the war years. Through the lean years of rationing and enemy bombings, they didn't give up and the breed survived. In 1945, after the end of hostilities, the SBTC held a big open show in December

one whose founders worked tirelessly for the recognition and registration of the breed by The Kennel Club. Joe Dunn is one many still acknowledge and admire as one of those individuals who played a huge part in the history of the SBT's recognition.

I would like to acknowledge my sources: the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Heritage Centre ([thestaffordshirebullterrier.co.uk](http://thestaffordshirebullterrier.co.uk)), the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club ([thesbtc.co.uk](http://thesbtc.co.uk)) and the Stafford Knot ([thestaffordknot.com](http://thestaffordknot.com)), as well as my own personal records.

## PRESERVING HISTORY

The Staffordshire Bull Terrier Heritage Centre is the only museum dedicated to the breed in the world. It is located in the West Midlands near the Black Country where the breed originated from and is devoted to championing and promoting its history, with a huge amount of artefacts, including books, paintings, photographs, historic pedigrees and memorabilia in abundance.

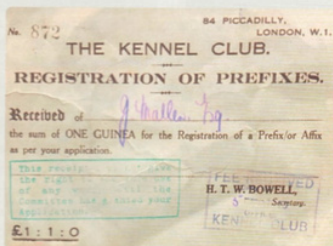
In 1996, Councillor Robert Evans had a vision to form a group that took information on the

Staffordshire Bull Terrier out to the public using mobile exhibitions. As Secretary of that original group, he organised and led a number of temporary exhibitions until he helped the group attain charity status in 2005. Premises were acquired in 2009, with another move to a nearby property in 2015, and following months of refurbishment carried out by volunteers, it officially reopened in 2016.

Many historical stalwarts linked to the breed's formation have donated, and enthusiasts still

continue to donate items of interest to the centre detailing its eventful history, and of course, its future.

Admission is free, and dogs are welcome too. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book and comment. As a registered charity, it is solely run on donations, which are greatly appreciated and needed. The team of volunteers always provide a warm welcome. To arrange a visit and for more information, please see: [thestaffordshirebullterrier.co.uk](http://thestaffordshirebullterrier.co.uk)



**Above:** The breed has had a long association with the police. This was taken circa 1881.

**Above centre:** Joe Mallen's kennel name registration.

**Far left:** Cross-Guns Johnson registration certificate and collar.

**Left:** The wider leather (with brass decoration) show collar was the trend back in the 1940s and 1950s.

**Below far left:** Challenge Certificate awarded to Gentleman Jim.

**Photos courtesy of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Heritage Centre**

# Judges' Choice

We asked a number of breed-specialist and all-rounder judges to pick their three favourite Staffordshire Bull Terriers from those they have judged in the show ring.

## AUDREY HUBERY NOZAC



Jackie Smart®

My love of the breed started in 1976 in South Africa. Back in the UK, Jack Miller and Bill Morley were instrumental in guiding me. I campaigned Ch Rellim Black Ace and Ch Rellim Task Force of Nozac, who became an American Champion. Then Ch Judael Both Barrels at Nozac won 18 CCs and was BOB at Crufts in 1998. I started my judging career in the 1980s and have judged all over the world. The pinnacle was judging the breed at Crufts in 2015 and 2022.



Ruth Dalrymple/The Kennel Club®

### 1 CH ECLYPSTAFF CUZ I CAN

He was my Challenge Certificate and BOB winner at Crufts in 2015. An outstanding Stafford male who excelled in quality, stood four-square in the standard height and weight. Good dark, round eyes and keen expression, correct rose ears, perfect length of stop, tight lipped with perfect bite. Clean underjaw with no looseness in skin. Enough bone with level topline. Moved effortlessly.



Jackie Smart®

### 2 CH NEROTORO STELLA JW

She was my CC winner at the Northern Ireland SBTC in 2017 and went BIS. An exceptional female with a strong but feminine head and the darkest of eyes. Pronounced cheek muscles, short in stop. Good pigmentation, tight, clean lips with perfect bite. Well-muscled neck into sound shoulders, ample ribs with a good tuck up in loins, level topline, which she held on the move. Muscular hindquarters, hocks well let down and moved so true.



Jackie Smart®

### 3 CH LUTHAIS LIGHT OF VENUS JW

My CC winner at Potteries SBTC in 2019. I loved her strength, but she had many feminine points too. Head clean without excess skin, eyes round and dark, good fill-in under the eyes, which gave her the keen expression. Sound in front with elbows well tucked in, powerful neck into clean shoulders, ample rib with level topline. Correct tuck up in loins, good bend of stifle, hocks well let down, powerful drive from the hindquarters.



Jackie Smart®

### 1 CH HUBBULLS THE PROMISE

I judged this bitch at Crufts in 2011. I rarely use the word "stunning", but this beautifully pigmented red bitch oozed quality and type, a perfect blend of bull and terrier. She flowed from head to quarters, her strength, agility, substance and balance complementing her femininity. She moved effortlessly, but with power, holding her topline. I awarded her the CC and she took BOB via the referee and group 3.



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### 2 CH TRUFFLESTAFF MONIFA KANIKA JW

I first judged this striking black brindle at Manchester in 2009, awarding her the bitch CC from a strong junior class. Superb construction. Terrific front with correct angulation, depth and width, and strength at withers evidenced by strong, free movement. Loved her head shape and expression. Later, I awarded her the RCC at Crufts in 2011. Winning veteran bitch at Darlington in 2015 proved her longevity and quality.



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### 3 CH CATSTAFF'S USED TO

I judged this dog at Driffield in 2021 and found him a beautiful, strong and masculine animal, presented in excellent condition without any exaggerations. Proportionately excellent head, lovely rose ears and cheek definition with strong underjaw. Lovely, clean outline viewed from any angle and excellent blend of bull and terrier – which contributed to his easy, strong parallel movement. To date, he has 16 CCs and was BOB at Crufts in 2022.

## MAUREEN WARD ZABARETTIS



I encountered dog showing accidentally with my then future husband, Fred, helping in the Staffordshire Bull Terrier ring for a local club; we were smitten! We started campaigning in the 1970s with Ch Yennips Golden Wonder, gaining CCs with Lymmstaff Lady Flash of Zabarettis and Wardrum War Paint of Zabarettis, then bred Ch Zabarettis Razzle Dazzle. I have judged the breed 17 times at CC level, including Crufts in 2011, and judged the World Dog Show in Finland in 2014.





I first got involved with Staffordshire Bull Terriers in the late 1970s, then joined the SBTC in 1980, served for 17 years and have been a member ever since. Even though I judge all terriers, I'm a Stafford man through and through. I bred and campaigned Ch Bowtman's Double Trouble, Ch Bowtman Razel Dazel, Ch Bowtman's Red October, also Am Ch Bowtman's Homebrewed Cellar Keep. The highlight of our breeding programme was to achieve top Stafford, top junior, top brood bitch and top breeder in 1998. I judged the breed at Crufts in 2019 and will judge the Terrier group in 2026.

### COLIN POWELL BOWTMAN



Bev Harrison

#### 1 CH/IR CH WYREFARE PRINCE NASEEM

I judged this dog at Bournemouth in 2002. In my opinion, this dog had a massive influence in a lot of breeding programmes in the 1990s and was a dog that could produce breed type over and over again. He had the best of expressions, a standard dog with bone and substance. A great ambassador of the breed, a prolific producer and is in the background of many good pedigrees today.



Halifax 2013

#### 2 CH SEASTAFF POLAR FORCE AT JACKSTAFF

I gave this bitch her first CC at WELKS in 2013. If ever a bitch was sure to get its title, it should be this one, and with ease. Stunning example of the breed, wish I owned her, very flashy and draws you to her on entering the ring. Beautiful correct-shaped head without exaggeration, great pigmentation, balanced, short and compact, great profile, moved with ease and in cracking condition. She was an easy CC winner on the day.



Jackie Smart

#### 3 CH ELITEBULLS CHALLENGER JW

I first judged this dog at Crufts in 2019 and gave him the RCC from yearling, then awarded him the CC and BOB at Blackpool in 2022. He is the equivalent to a modern-day Ch/ir Ch Wyrefare Prince Naseem. He produces type for type, leaving his stamp on numerous dogs' pedigrees producing many who gained their titles. A standard dog of quality and breed type that is having a big impact on the breed today.



Having been brought up with this breed, my wife and I got our first Staffordshire Bull Terrier (Amicable Amy) in 1985 followed in 1986 by Jacmartyn Jack The Lad, when we registered our

Waystaff affix. There have been six Waystaff home-bred champions, another four champions owned/campaigned and a further eight Waystaff CC winners. Between them, they have been awarded numerous top honours. I first awarded CCs in 1995 and have judged 12 UK championship shows, including bitches at Crufts in 2018. I have also judged all over the world, including Europe, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

### PAUL STANWAY WAYSTAFF



Jackie Smart

#### 1 CH CRUDHA NORDIC STAR (IMP SWE)

I judged this bitch at Crufts in 2018, awarded her the CC and she went BOB. Excellent, alert expression, well-pronounced cheek muscles and depth of underjaw leading to the distinct stop and neat ear carriage. Well-boned forequarters and neat feet, depth of brisket adding to overall balance, neat topline with well-sprung rib cage and correctly angulated rear quarters. Her stance throughout the class was amazing.



Alan Raymond

#### 2 CH JUPITER'S DESTINY

I judged this bitch at Richmond in

2008 in the pouring rain, but her quality shone in abundance. A beautiful feminine head shape with strength throughout, perfect bite, excellent forequarters that were extremely well boned, perfect topline and rib cage, followed by hindquarters that gave the perfect picture from behind. She moved with ease in the difficult weather conditions to take the CC and BOB.



Linda McCulloche

#### 3 CH CHARMONICS REGAL LAD JW

I gave this dog the CC and BOB at Southern Counties in 2012. Fantastic head shape with the neatest of ear carriage and totally wicked expression. His well-pronounced cheek muscles and depth of underjaw oozed quality. Well-boned forequarters and neat feet, good depth of brisket giving that perfect head. Excellent topline, angulated hindquarters bursting with muscle. Viewed from all angles, he shone and had the movement we aim for.



Staffordshire Bull Terriers came into my life in the 1980s and were my secret passion. I loved their bold, fearless and reliable temperament. I've been exhibiting, breeding and judging for over 40 years in the UK and overseas. I have proudly owned, bred and campaigned champions in this competitive and high-quantity breed, including Ch Stormbull So Wot JW, Ch Bourtie Wot A Steal JW, Ch/Aust Ch Strongstorm Style Is Eternal at Jackabyte (Imp Aust), Ch Jackabyte Miss Moneypenny JW, Ch Jackabyte Javikah, Ch Jackabyte Boletoro at Nettleworth and Ch Jackabyte Wonderlust at Rhebelstaff. Jackabyte were top breeders in 2022.

### KARON JACKSON JACKABYTE



Jackie Smarte

#### 1 CH ELITEBULLS CHALLENGER JW

I first judged this dog at Manchester in 2018, awarding him Best Puppy. I wrote: "This young dog will trouble the best as he matures," which he certainly has. I judged him again three years later at Scottish SBTC in 2021 and awarded him the RCC. He still troubles the best, both in the ring and as a stud dog producing quality stock. His influence will have an impact on the breed. A king of dogs!



Jackie Smarte

#### 2 CH BRIGANAH BREAKING DAWN JW

I judged this bitch in 2011 at Morecambe Bay & Cumbria and awarded her the CC from junior. My critique said she had "endless attributes" and "should have an extremely dazzling future," which she did, going on to become a Champion. She had proper breed type. Home-bred out of a small but elite kennel consistently producing type and quality. Brigannah had a constant presence of exhibits in the ring, having bred seven champions.



Jackie Smarte

#### 3 CH CALLASTAFF LAKELAND LAD

I judged him at Manchester in 2018, awarding him the CC. He also won BOB and took group 3. My critique said: "Very balanced blend of bull and terrier straight out of the top drawer, abundant breed type." This is an affix that has matured like a fine wine, producing top winning stock through thoughtful breeding, resulting in many quality animals. I am fortunate to have judged and awarded a few of them highly.



I've owned Staffords since the 1970s, as the breed was recommended as a family pet. I began showing in the 1980s, culminating in judging bitches at Crufts in 2023 and dogs at the East Anglian SBT Golden Jubilee Championship Show in 2023. I've bred three UK champions, plus an Australian and Canadian champion, both of which titled in agility. I've chosen bitches as my top three, but must mention Ch Carnig Positive Profile as a great stud dog, and Knockon The Devil Himself at Kilvara, a little used stud who produced to type and an absolute gentleman to live with.

### LESLEY McFADYEN ARAIDH



Bev Harrison

#### 1 CH TRUFFLESTAFF MONIFA KANIKA JW

I judged this bitch at East Midlands SBTC in 2008 as a junior. I noted: "The word flashing through my head was CLASS, all in upper case! I was looking for something to beat her – didn't find it so the CC was hers. Excellent balance and proportions, looked at from any angle and everything was right. Sweetest expression, neatest feet, fabulous coat and condition. No qualms about awarding her the CC – she went on to achieve plenty more."



Linda McCulloch

#### 2 CH DARE TO DREAM

I judged this bitch at Downlands in

2013, awarding her the CC. From my critique: "Fabulous, which really says it all. Handled to perfection. As someone who feels a dog's foot is really important, I couldn't fail to notice her superb feet and the clean outline from head to toe. She held her topline when she moved, and when she did move, boy, did she move! Panache would just about describe it."



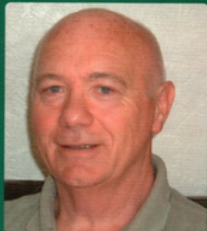
Trafford

#### 3 AUST GRAND CH RAYONNOIRE CANNY BAIRN

I judged this bitch at the Australian Capital Territories & District SBT Club Inc in 2005 as a minor puppy – she was a real find. She was in contention for top honours even then. I returned to judge in Victoria in 2011 and was delighted to see that the puppy who had given me goosebumps had grown into the finished package and gave her BIS. She became the bitch record holder in Australia and one that would win prizes wherever shown. A once-in-a-lifetime dog.



## DAVE LEE SOCKSDOWN



I first awarded CCs at WELKS in 1998, and have gone on to award CCs on 13 occasions in the UK and judged around the world. I have thoroughly enjoyed judging the Staffordshire Bull Terrier and have made forever friendships throughout the UK and across the world, travelling to some amazing countries, all made possible by the four-legged animal. There were numerous dogs who I never had the chance to judge, but two that come to mind are Ch Black Tusker and Ch Stones Yer Man, the latter of which we competed against on many occasions.



Sue Lays

### 1 CH CARNIG POSITIVE PROFILE

I judged him at National Terrier in 2007, where I awarded him the Challenge Certificate. On the referee's decision, he was Best of Breed and then group 3 under Frank Jones. He was always shown in superb condition, clean, well-balanced head, neat ears, correct bite, had a strong front, well-placed shoulder, excellent, well-muscled hindquarters, well-set tail and movement so sound. He was the ultimate show dog. He was a proven stud dog, producing 17 UK champions.



Sandra Holme

### 2 CH/MULTI CH GOLDSTAFF'S CRACK THE CODE

A dog that fits the breed standard like a glove. I was judging bitches at Downlands SBTC in 2017 and it was my first time judging him. Along with my co-judge, we agreed him as Best in Show. The second time I judged him was when I judged dogs at North Eastern SBTC in 2018, where I awarded him the Challenge Certificate and on the referee's decision Best in Show. He had such a balanced head, darkest of eyes, well-conditioned body with well-angulated hindquarters, moved with good reach and rear drive.



Sikai Photos

### 3 CH GINSTEAN MY GIRL LOLLIPOP AT NIKKYLESTAFF JW

I judged her at Downlands Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club in 2017 and awarded her the Challenge Certificate – which happened to be her third – and Champion title on the day. She beat a top-drawer bitch, who I rate as one of the best but didn't perform well on the day. A black brindle, she has impressive construction, balance and type and had to pull out all the stops to win against such quality company.



Jackie Smarto

### 1 CH BECKASH BLACK ICE JW

I awarded her the Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed at Blackpool in 2018 and I was thrilled to see her win a very strong Terrier group. This little bitch sticks in my mind for her overall balance and breed type, feminine without losing substance, with the keenest of eyes and of good size and shape. A good blend of bull and terrier, she was in tip-top form – correct topline and a very good representative of the breed.



Jackie Smarto

### 2 CH/IR CH LONEMOOR POLARA

I gave this dog the Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed at SKC (Sept) in 2021. He also gained group 2. This top-quality male stood out to me for his masculinity, condition, balance and type. He has excellent bone and substance for his size, without any coarseness. An excellent mover with a super outline. Again, an excellent blend of bull and terrier with a super front and good deep body, short in loin with good hind angulation.



Jackie Smarto

### 3 CH ECLYPSTAFF TAKE A BOW FOR BULLHAWK

Another bitch of great quality. I found her in the junior class and gave her her first Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed at Windsor in 2012. She took my eye straight away due to her quality and type for her age – beautiful head, again with a good eye and expression, correct forehead with a straight front, correct topline with a strong loin, excellent hindquarters, which she uses on the move. All three of these give a good insight into the quality and type that's needed in the breed.

## MARTIN PHILLIPS JAEVA



I've been involved in the breed since the age of 14 through my father, who bred them under the Blakens affix. We had the pleasure of making up several champions and top winners, including my first champion, Ch Battlers Pop-Along-A-Bit. I was lucky enough to be taught and guided by some of the top old-timers in the breed: Frank Burford, Malcom Boam, Nancy and Jim Bolton, Lionel Hemstock. I had the honour of handling Ch WYSTAFF Warfare to the top honour of a general championship Best in Show in 1969.



**THIS MONTH  
JUDGES' CHOICE**



I have been involved with Staffords for over 40 years – owning, breeding, exhibiting and judging around the world. Over the years I have seen changes in our breed, but I have never forgotten the underlying principles of our founding breed experts – type and temperament. My vision of the breed was formed by listening to my mentors. Dogs I admired from my early days were Ch Hurricane of Judael and Ch Black Tusker, which were brindles. When it came to reds, my favourites were Ch Redstaff King, Ch The Malaser Mauler and SA Ch Magliam The Bronx Bull of Tenacious, bred by close friend Billy Pearson.

### ERIC GALVIN SCOUSIOUS



Halifax®

#### 1 CH KANNECHOR SMOKEY JOE

I awarded this dog a CC at Bath in 2005. He was a magnificent example of the breed. Strong, an all-over bold expression, powerful head with the neatest of ears and a front that is clearly lacking in today's Staffords. This boy has strength all over and his coat glistened. He was the son of the breed record holder, but I preferred him. He impressed me so much I decided I would use him at stud.



Virgil Pijloo®

#### 2 CH VIRZULA IRRESISTIBLE

I awarded this bitch a CC at Morecambe Bay & Cumbria SBTC in 2016. I had seen her in 2015 at another show when she wasn't placed in her class. When I got the chance to go over her, she didn't disappoint. She was strong and feminine, put down in the very best of condition and moved like a dream. The teamwork with her handler was a joy to watch. I could have taken her home and she is one of my all-time favourites.



Charlotte Burton®

#### 3 CH WAYSTAFF STRIKES BACK JW

I awarded a CC to this 16-month-old male at Merseyside SBTC in 2009. He stood out in his class and in the final line-up I couldn't keep my eyes off him. He was so balanced, it was an easy decision for me and he beat some very big winning dogs. My usual phrase is, "He is a tip of the nose to the end of his tail type of dog." A once-in-a-lifetime dog.

# Best of the Best



## STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER CRUFTS BEST OF BREED WINNERS

1984	CH GOLDWYN LUCKY STAR
1985	CH BELNITE BLITZKRIEG
1986	CH RENDORN DRUMMER BOY OF KAZEMICK
1987	CH BOLDMORE BLACK SABBATH
1988	CH CHARLEMAGNE OF JUDAEL
1989	CH BELNITE DARK HUNTSMAN
1990	CH SPRINGSTEEN BOY
1991	CH CONSTONES YER MAN
1992	CH BULLSEYE OF DOGAN
1993	CH ALPAKA HONKY TONK WOMAN
1994	CH STORMSTAFF SKY'S THE LIMIT
1995	CH DOMINO FLASHY LAD
1996	CH BULLYVIEW ALRIGHT MATE
1997	CH BRYSTAFF MINDERN ROSE AT OBMARSTAFF
1998	CH JUDAEL BOTH BARRELS AT NOZAC
1999	CH JODEL'S MR COOL
2000	CH KANNECHOR YOUNG HUSTLER
2001	CH LADARNA BIRTHDAY BOY
2002	CH BAYSEND MYSTICAL SECRET
2003	CH VALGLO CASANOVA AT CROSSGUNS
2004	CH VALGLO CASANOVA AT CROSSGUNS
2005	CH VALGLO CASANOVA AT CROSSGUNS
2006	CH BOURTIE STEAL THE LIMELIGHT JW
2007	CH TILLCARR RING OF FIRE ShCM
2008	CH/IR CH JAGSSTAFF THE ADVOCATE
2009	CH MOUNTABOO SEASONED MAN AT PANTYCELYN
2010	CH CROSSGUNS MEMPHIS BELLE
2011	CH HUBBULLS THE PROMISE
2012	IR CH WICKSTAFF THE HIGHWAY MAN (IKC)
2013	CH CROSSGUNS MEMPHIS BELLE
2014	CH/IR CH ZAKSTAFF WHATS THE STORY AT MOLRU
2015	CH ECLYPSTAFF CUZ I CAN
2016	CH STAFFASH THE HURRICANE
2017	CH RUBERICLA TRAILBREAKER
2018	CH CRUDHA NORDIC STAR (IMP SWE)
2019	SWE CH JODDRICKS POKER FACE
2020	CH KARWILLAGE MYSTIC GIRL
2022	CH CATSTAFF'S USED TO
2023	CH CATSTAFF'S IF I HAD A HEART (IMP NOR)

**BREED SERVICES**

The 17 Staffordshire Bull Terrier breed clubs offer a range of events including shows, judges training days and educational seminars, plus advice on the breed to people looking for a puppy or rehoming an older dog. The clubs are very proactive and can also offer owners advice and help with training, socialising, breeding and health testing for their Staffordshire Bull Terrier. There is a well-established link between the breed and The Kennel Club on matters of health and well-being for the breed. Please contact a club secretary for more information.

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
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
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
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
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Start date	Show	Judge	Sex
07/03/2024	Crufts	John Finney	Dog
		Bill Blacker	Bitch
06/04/2024	National Terrier Club	David Manito	Dog
		Lee Rhodes	Bitch
07/04/2024	North West Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	Edwin Williams	Dog
		R Day	Bitch
25/04/2024	West of England Ladies Kennel Society	Gary Nicholson	Both
04/05/2024	Morecambe Bay & Cumbria Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	Paul Martin	Dog
		J E Ryder	Bitch
05/05/2024	Merseyside Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club	Kerry Ann Williams	Dog
		Fiona McBride	Bitch
09/05/2024	Birmingham Dog Show Society Ltd	Lee Rhodes	Dog
		Anthony Pritchard	Bitch
16/05/2024	Scottish Kennel Club	Carl Dean	Both
16/05/2024	Scottish Kennel Club	Nigel Merrick	Both

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## ASSURED BREEDERS SCHEME

Breed-specific requirements and recommendations, including health screening for the Staffordshire Bull Terrier under the Assured Breeders scheme.

### Requirements for health screening of breeding stock

- 1 Eye testing
- 2 DNA test – HC-HSF4
- 3 DNA test – L2-HGA

### Recommendations for health screening of breeding stock

- 1 Litter eye screening for PHPV
- 2 Check inbreeding calculators for each mating

Further information can be obtained from The Kennel Club Assured Breeders scheme department via email: [abs@thekennelclub.org.uk](mailto:abs@thekennelclub.org.uk) or call: 01296 318540.

## NEXT MONTH

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