

# THE THIRD EYE

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Hello IHCUS Members,

Fall is making her presence known with the vibrant and beautiful change of colors... As with the seasons, so does our breed club need to move forward with change.

This past year IHCUS has made many exciting new changes for both the website and programs for the members. With many thanks to Chris Allen, IHCUS Webmaster, she was busy as a squirrel gathering nuts for Winter doing lots of website changes and updates, starting from a list of all the past National Specialty winners to promoting the IHCUS member's forum.

The Third Eye newsletter has had an update this past year as we'll. Meegan Pierotti, the TE Editor searched and found a printer who can give the newsletter a new fresh look and quicker turnaround for the IHCUS members.

With the help of the membership the Awards Committee has updated the awards programs to reflect the truly versatile Ibizan and to honor those Ibizans that have made a significant contribution or impact on our lovely breed.

You will also find that the breeder referral program has gone through some changes as has the way the dogs are selected for the "hands on" portion of the Judges Education presentation at our National Specialty.

Through the year the BOD has continued to look for ways to make IHCUS a better club by finding more ways for the members to be engaged with the fancy and the world that revolves around dogs.

The BOD welcomes positive and forward thinking ideas to keep IHCUS moving in an exciting direction for the future. These ideas can be sent to the BOD via the IHCUS secretary at secretary@ihcus.org. Members can also use the IHCUS Member Forum to communicate with the membership.

As you know the 2014 IHCUS National Specialty will already have happened by the time you receive this newsletter. As lots of tired people and dogs make the journey home, I would like to take this time to thank all the people, IHCUS members and non-members, who donated their time, long days and endless energy to make 2014 another successful IHCUS Specialty.

If not for those few dedicated persons IHCUS would not have had the

successful Specialty week that we did. My congratulations to the winners and thanks to all that attended the IHCUS 2014 National Specialty. Look forward to seeing you again in 2015.

Now that the 2014 National Specialty is over IHCUS starts the process all over again for the 2015 Specialty. Please volunteer to Chair a Show Committee or help out sometime during the 2015 Specialty week. You can volunteer by contacting the Show Chair at show\_chair@ihcus.org. We added a couple new events this year that were successful for IHCUS and we have received input for a couple more ideas for 2015. Stay tuned...

The Winter TE or as it has become known as "the Specialty Issue" will have lots of exciting news and details from the Specialty for those that could not make it this year. You can also see the entire "Conformation" portion of the show by going to the IHCUS Shop and ordering your National Specialty DVD.

Have a bright and Happy Fall,

Lisa McKay  
IHCUS President



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# From the Editor

Happy Fall!

The Seasons are changing and in New York, this means beautiful fall leaves, sweaters, apples and the inevitable pumpkin EVERYTHING (I love it).

I'm hoping that this fall you're all getting ready for your last shows of the year, and in some of the country, you're gearing up for a break from the heat and your second surge of dog events as the weather gives way.

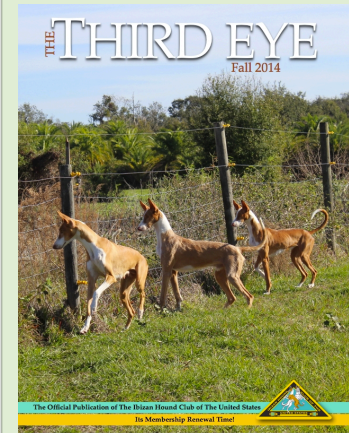
Just getting back from the 2014

IHCUS National Specialty myself, I'd like to remind you all to get your ad's reserved for the winter issue as soon as possible! We have been very fortunate recently to be able to welcome a new addition to the Third Eye staff. Shannon Bridwell has graciously come on as Editorial Assistant and I'm so excited to have her ideas and talents! I'm hoping you'll all continue to keep an ear to the ground for great stories, event write ups and photo submissions!

Your friendly Third Eye Editor,

*M. Pierotti-Tietje*

## On The Cover



"Mimi, Chester and Mishka"  
by Jeannie Armstrong

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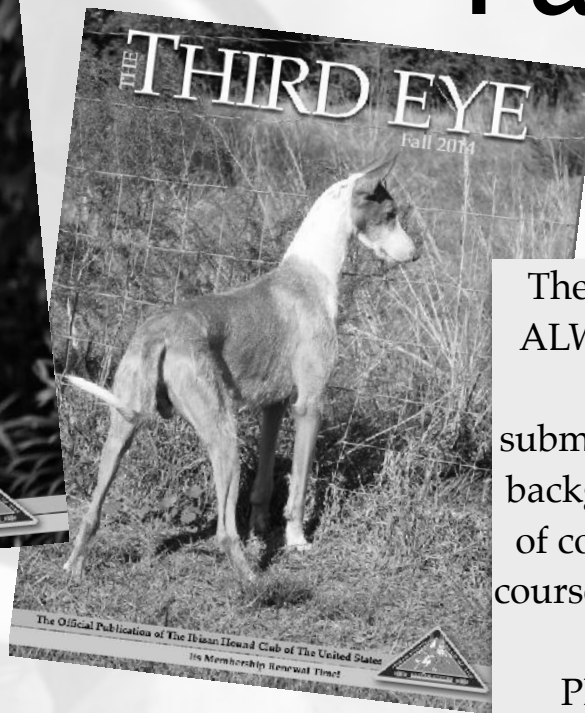
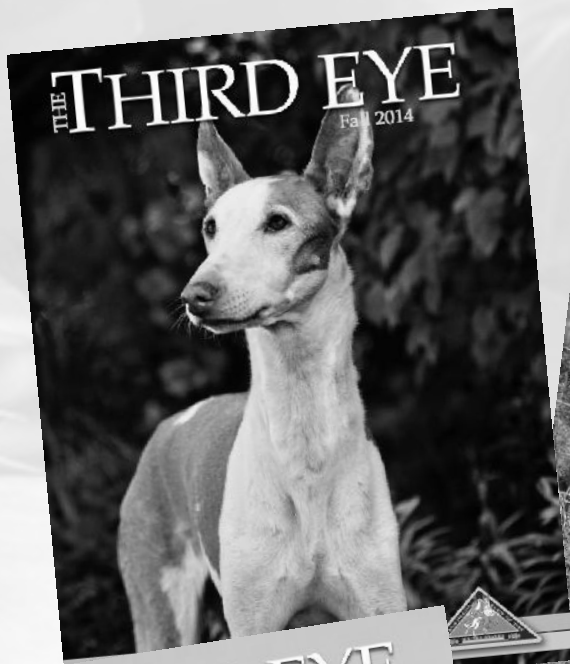
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If you have questions, please contact us!



# Leaps of Knowledge

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Ratja takes a vertical jump to try and hear or see the fleeing rabbit.

*Hunting with Ibizans brought the standard to life*

*Photos by Erika Casper*

By Teddy Burke  
*Arbeca Ibizan Hounds*

In Spring 2012, I traveled to Mallorca to deliver a puppy of my breeding to local breeder and hunter Toni des Clos, an adventure that was described in my article in the previous issue of *Sighthound Review*. A generous host, Toni arranged for my traveling companion Erika Casper and me to fulfill a dream: watching the *ca eivissenc* – as the Ibizan Hound is called in its homeland – hunt in the purest traditional way in its original terrain.

Toni is a proud steward of rural Mallorcan traditions; his family has been hunting with Ibizans for generations. We went out with seasoned hunting packs – first Toni's pack of four, and then with his friend Tomeu Roca's larger pack of seven to eight. Tomeu's dogs won the national hunting championship in 2011, and Toni's Dama and Clenxa won an island pairs competition, suggesting we were in for an unforgettable experience, which Erika Casper has captured in her wonderful photographs.

To improve my understanding of what I saw in the field, I drew heavily from the description of the breed's unique hunting style in the 1987 book *Ca Eivissenc: L'Alternativa* by Miquel Elena Rossello and Charles Camberoque. Those desiring an original, authoritative account are directed to that matchless source. Many are familiar with the spectacular leaping so important to this breed's hunting style, but there are some perhaps less dramatic aspects that are just as important.

Ibizans are primitive hunting hounds, appropriately placed in that category under the Fédération Cynologique Internationale. They detect, capture and retrieve rabbits to hand with little substantial interaction with the huntsmen. In the United States, the Ibizan Hound is placed in the Hound Group and described as a Sighthound, which is not the same thing as being a Sighthound in the sense of a coursing hound, although they do share significant traits. The terrain, which the rabbit has perfectly



Mallorcan hunters Toni des Clos and Tomeu Roca.



**Tomeu Roca and his dogs won the Spanish national hunting championship in 2011, and he has the trophy to prove it.**

adapted to, is varied and challenging: stands of trees, dense vegetation and stone walls, remnants of a bygone time, interspersed with rugged, semi-open areas at best.

The selection of traits to function in such dense terrain, where the rabbit goes quickly to cover, has evolved over hundreds of years: "Principal breed characteristics are a keen sense of hearing, ability to leap, and above all a great sense of smell," said the early Spanish standard of 1930. Scent is *foremost* in detection, then hearing for stirrings in the dry vegetation and pack interactions; finally, sight steps up in the "senses triumvirate." It could be argued that the importance of scent in Ibizan function has largely been overlooked outside the land of origin, and perhaps more emphasis should be placed on tracking and nose work in performance activities here.

The rabbit is easily unsighted, disappearing into the dense vegetation, in which case the dogs add vertical jumps to their arsenal. Briefly suspended in air, they listen and look in order to continue pursuit. While suspended in this way, the dogs can actually change direction in mid-air. This is in addition to spectacular leaps and jumps to overcome obstacles during pursuit.

At times, stillness and silence are key components in captures from close cover. At all stages, which dog vocalizes and when is regulated by a strict protocol. In photos showing the dogs in full speed, they may be responding to the cry of "Come here!" rather than being right on a rabbit. Capture frequently occurs in close proximity to cover, not just when in full open pursuit. The dogs hunt



**"Clenxa," an example of a mixed coat. Her name means "parting of the hair."**

as a team with clearly defined roles. The drama ends with a dog retrieving the rabbit to the hand of the huntsman.

Tomeu and Toni hunt in the areas of Santanyi, Ses Salines, Sa Punta and Campos in the southwest region of the island, which are a heartland of hunting tradition for the breed. Hunting lands are sometimes owned but are often leased, and most of the hunting occurs on familiar areas that the hunters and their dogs know well.

We met Toni and his older son at their home and drove to Sa Punta to hunt on his friend "Tia Sa Punta's" land. Toni's pack is an average size of five, with the typical single male, "Rapit." Ages ranged from around two to eight years. The matriarch of Toni's pack is 8-year-old "Dama," who, along with 4-year-old "Clenxa," he deemed his best. Dama is the dam of the siblings Rapit and sister "Turque." Then there was the Irish red wire "Ratja." All the dogs we saw were unregistered, and it is still true today that the vast majority of *cans eivissencens* throughout their homeland are unregistered.



**The dogs are released to hunt. Leashes are not used to control or gather them.**

The Ibizans exported from Spain to the United States are generally closely related, coming from the few breeders whose three-generation pedigrees have the L.O.E. (Libro de Origenes Espanol, or Book of Origins) number issued by the Real Sociedad Canina Espana (R.S.C.E.), a member of the FCI, which means registrations are acceptable by AKC.

The coats ranged from smooth and wire to a suggestion of a mix of these. Toni said the most important selection quality was hunting ability, but he admired the short, hard coat, though not all hunters agreed. The wire and longer smooth coats of his dogs he attributed to their ancestor "Faro," the handsome Irish-marked red wire male featured in *Alternativa* photos.

Young and impetuous Rapit, the typical single male in the pack, was not present on this hunt. He had been vocalizing – or not – at inappropriate times, a distraction to the other dogs that can result in loss of the rabbit. Since then, Toni told me Rapit has rejoined his team. Ibizans do not bark simply to release the stimulation of the excitement; even in the heat of the pursuit, it is the lead dog who signals with the voice. The bark or call conveys information by the dog with the best information. It is doubtful that a highly excitable or reactive temperament would work in this context.



Toni maneuvered his little sedan as deeply into the area as possible, opened the trailer, and at that moment the hunt began. We saw no leashes: The dogs are controlled verbally. Methodical and tenacious use of scent is highly appreciated – and Dama was a pro. The dogs spread out in an animated but not excited manner. They may begin with a dry, cold trail until a fresh one is revealed, leading to where the rabbit may be in deep cover, or in walls, not so much burrows, in this terrain. The *Alternativa* states that the alert bark is for hearing or seeing the rabbit and is disruptive and never desired for just finding a hot trail.

If the rabbit is detected in or pressured into cover, the lead dog will alert and then attract its pack mates, not by continuing with a specific alert vocal sound but rather by its body language. While awaiting help, the lead dog maintains a still, high alert, “point like” pose, with the exception of the wildly expressive, high tail. The pack then arrives to assess the situation and take strategic positions around the cover area, remaining still with the exception of extreme tail movement. Otherwise the dogs are all silent. We witnessed this repeatedly on our outings. If the rabbit decides to bolt, the dog nearest the exit point will assume the lead. If it remains in cover, I will use the term “honor” in the sense that the pack honors the lead dog who will initiate the next move. This is a suspenseful and entertaining part of the hunting and one where the dogs are listening for any movement of the rabbit within the dry cover. Throughout all of our outings all humans were careful not to be talking loudly or walking too heavily through the dry vegetation so as not to distract the dogs.

If the rabbit remains in cover, usually the lead but perhaps another who is



**The varied terrain of Mallorca includes stands of trees, dense vegetation and stone walls, interspersed with rugged, semi-open areas.**



**Despite being a veteran, 8-year-old Dama scales a wall with ease.**

confident (but only one) of the position of the rabbit will attempt to seize. Failing that, he will startle it from cover – a technique that those who live with this breed I think will recognize right away: The dog rises up and “punches” (my term!) down into the cover with its forelegs, and then may pin down and/or seize the rabbit with its jaws. If unsuccessful, a strategically positioned pack member will try to take the startled and pressured rabbit just as it exits cover. *Alternativa* states about 25 percent of the captures occur right at the surrounded cover in this manner. If the rabbit escapes without the dogs’ knowledge, they abandon that area and begin to search again by trying to pick up the scent. I gained a deeper understanding that there is so much more to these amazing hunters than spectacular jumping and dramatic chases.

When the pursuit becomes more open, the pack assembles strategically to flank the lead dog, and the lead will alternate as the rabbit dodges or feints. From *Alternativa*, italic emphasis mine: “In chase the dogs do not run barking as *hearing* is still a significant factor.” A further point regarding hearing: Jumping over brush rather than attempting to go through or around is less likely to hide the noise the rabbit makes in running away. “The chase is

the most spectacular phase of the hunting because high jumps of more than two meters over bushes or walls are very frequent,” the *Alternativa* reminds. Two meters is more than six feet, and this may account for the height of the dogs we saw, the smallest being mid-standard and most near the top. This may not be representative of the breed throughout its range in its homeland, but it was the norm here.

The dog is expected to promptly deliver the captured rabbit still alive, or at



**Once the rabbit is found, great care is taken not to make a sound (left). While “showing” and awaiting the pack, the dog stands shock still, except for an excitedly moving tail (right).**



**A typical working Ibizan hound: lean, moderate and white (left). But as this bitch in the field shows, that does not mean the dogs can't be elegant (right).**


minimum undamaged, to the hand of its huntsman, who usually dispatches it by breaking its neck and then rewards the dog with water and praise. We saw no deviations from Tomeau's excellent pack, such as mauling, stealing or dropping the rabbit.

In a memorable sequence, Tomeau's sole male was proudly proceeding to him with a capture. While he was still some distance away, the pack picked up another rabbit directly behind this dog and took off in hot pursuit. The arrest of a prey drive is no slight matter, but despite demonstrating temptation to follow, in the end the dog submissively retrieved the rabbit to Tomeau and immediately rejoined the pack. We felt we could read his mind as he made his decision: the right one. This really impressed me. This was the pack's single male and he was a stand-out, with multiples of the five captures that afternoon.

The exciting afternoon concluded with a return to the van conveniently parked by a source of water. Again, without leashes, the dogs were directed back into the vehicle at the end.



**The author coined the term "punching" to describe the maneuver of slamming the forelegs down into the cover in the hopes of pinning or bolting the rabbit.**

My good fortune in meeting our generous cultural guide and host, Toni des Clos, is only equaled by my gratitude to him. Watching these dogs demonstrated to me what the Mallorcans have known all along: That a performance-based breeding program without papers, written pedigree or conformation championships can produce correct type and aesthetically pleasing dogs with proven working ability. The dogs are so perfectly adapted to their unique environment and primary prey, the rabbit (not hare), that at best we outside these regions can only approximate selection based on working traits. It is humbling. 



**Pursuit requires acute hearing as well as sight when leaping.**

## About the Author

Teddy Burke of Greenwood, Delaware (pictured with her generous Mallorcan host, Tony des Clos), acquired her first Ibizan Hound after retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1994. Her first litter was in 2004, initiating the Arbeca prefix. From the outset, an important goal was learning about the breed as it functions in its homeland, the Balearics and Catalunya, which she has visited on two occasions. Her breeding program has included offspring from both wire- and smooth-coated imports from active hunting kennels, and her Ibizans have competed successfully in lure coursing and conformation. She has served the Ibizan Hound Club of the United States in various roles, including treasurer and secretary, and judged their national specialty Sweepstakes in 2011.





# 2015 IHCUS Membership Renewal Form

## IBIZAN HOUND CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES

**Note:** Unless you check the opt-out box, you are authorizing the receipt of electronic communications from IHCUS.

Please circle any changes to your information, (phone numbers etc.) when using this form to facilitate updating the membership database.

2015 membership renewal is due **November 1** and will be considered past due after **December 31**.

Preferred method of renewal is via PayPal on the IHCUS website, [www.ihcus.org](http://www.ihcus.org), which automatically updates your membership information in the membership database.

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# Dog feeding Myths

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In the next two months, we will discuss and dispel some of the common myths about feeding dogs and proper nutrition. Many of these myths circulate on the Internet and they are frequently discussed among dog fanciers when the topic of canine nutrition is discussed.

## 1) Do not mix fresh food with kibble

'Do not mix fresh food with kibble' is a particular statement that is frequently seen frequently on message boards, email lists and Facebook. However, the truth is, dogs are quite capable of digesting multiple types of food at one time. It is important to understand that dogs are different from humans when it comes to digestion. When people digest food, it tends to spend a short time in the stomach and a much longer time in the intestinal tract. Dogs, however, have a much shorter and simpler digestive tract. Dogs are carnivores and therefore, their digestive system is designed to digest animal protein and fat. Food spends a longer time in the dog's stomach where powerful gastric juices break down the food. This helps to destroy bacteria, dissolve and break down bones, fur and skin. Kibble is fine to feed with animal protein and fats, however, it is suggested that raw meaty bones be fed separate from kibble. This is because raw meaty bones are heavier and therefore, may complete for gastric juices when the stomach churning forces both against the stomach wall at the same time. Read more about mixing kibble with fresh foods here:

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/digestion-anatomy/>

## 2) High protein diets harm dogs

Dogs, as carnivores, require animal protein for many important health functions. Proteins help maintain healthy liver, heart and kidney function, keep the blood sugar level, and they provide the vital amino acids, which are not found in plant-based foods. Two important stages in a dog's life when high protein levels are essential are during puppyhood and the senior years. For puppies,

protein is essential for proper growth and development. For our senior dogs, it is essential to help maintain healthy organs and to provide the needed nutrients as the dog ages. High protein does NOT cause renal problems! When renal issues develop, the level of phosphorus MAY have to be reduced, but this only becomes necessary with chronic renal issues. You can find more information about the importance of protein in a dog's diet and the consequences of not feeding enough quality protein here: <http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/is-it-necessary-to-reduce-protein-in-the-diet/>

## 3) Feed High Fiber Diets for Dogs to Lose Weight

Many diet dog foods that you see on the market reduce protein and fat and replace it with fiber such as rice hulls, grains, starchy vegetables or other plant fillers. Sometimes people will replace some of the food with green beans or other carbohydrates assuming this will cut calories, keep their dog full and satisfied, and reduce its appetite. However, these types of 'food replacements' leave a dog feeling unsatisfied and hungry. These dogs become hungrier because their body is craving the quality nutrition it needs. It is better to simply reduce the amount of food served. If you reduce the amount of food served, do not reduce the total amount by more than 10% to start

If you are feeding a fresh food diet and you want your dog to lose weight, I suggest using less fatty foods. You can do this by removing the skin from chicken, using leaner cuts of meat, and using 2% yogurt rather than whole milk yogurt. In dry dog food diets, I would use a HIGHER protein diet OR replace some of the kibble by adding in some fresh lean animal protein. If you want your dog to lose weight, their diet must still provide them the proper nutrients needed to remain healthy and feel satiated after a meal, but they also need more exercise! Carbohydrates and fiber increase your dog's appetite and they are oftentimes MORE fattening than quality proteins

and fats. Dogs need fat for energy and they need high quality protein to maintain good health. If you want to learn more, please check out this link: <http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/carbohydrates-good-or-bad/>

#### 4) Dogs Do Great on Vegan/Vegetarian Diets

Yeah? Well I don't think so! Dogs need animal protein to maintain healthy heart, liver and kidney function. Animal-based proteins contain the amino acids that are not found in plant-based proteins. The dog's digestive system is a simple one and it labors when it is fed a high-carbohydrate diet overloaded with grains, starches and beans. This is because their digestive tract is short and simple. It simply cannot ferment and digest these types of foods. Additionally, dogs MUST get their iron requirements from animal-based foods. They have a poor ability, if any, to get their iron needs from supplements or plant-based foods. Animal protein is essential for your dog's organ health and to ensure your dog is healthy as it moves into its senior years. Remember, old age does NOT cause renal, heart or liver failure, but a poor diet can! There are numerous other reasons why canines should not be fed a vegetarian diet. Please check out this newsletter for more very important information:

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/why-vegetarian-and-vegan-diets-are-not-recommended-for-dogs/>

#### 5) Raw Meat Will Cause Aggression

Occasionally I hear people say they would never feed a raw diet because it will create 'blood lust' and aggression in dogs. The interesting thing about feeding a raw diet is that it creates the exact opposite effect. Dogs need animal-based proteins to get the amino acids they need. These not only provide dogs the proper nutrition needed, they also provide a calming affect!

Carbohydrate laden diets, such as grains, starches and fruit all convert to sugar. As the sugar levels raise and lower in the blood, it creates mood swings and can cause a lack of concentration. A diet that contains no carbohydrates or is very low in carbohydrates creates a more stable blood sugar level in the dog's system. High carbohydrate diets also create cravings for the protein that is necessary in their diet, which can cause anxiousness, odd cravings, the begging and stealing of

food, and create destructive chewing behaviors on inappropriate things such as furniture, clothing, books and other household items.

The best remedy for dogs that are hyperactive, have anxiety separation, destroy personal objects and are nervous, it is to feed a diet high in bioavailable fresh protein. This would include meat, whole milk yogurt, eggs and organ meat. Dogs will not only be more satisfied and 'satiated', but it can also calm them and help stop their frantic searching and chewing of inappropriate objects! This will not happen overnight, however gradually you should begin to see a calmer temperament over a period of several weeks.

Additional information regarding raw diets and aggression in dogs can be found here:

<http://www.b-naturals.com/newsletter/can-diet-cause-aggression-in-dogs/>

Next month we continue with Part II of "Myths About Feeding Dogs".

For more detailed and updated information on the recipes contained in this article, we recommend Lew Olson's book, *Raw and Natural Nutrition for Dogs*, found on Amazon.com for \$11.53. This book not only contains recipes for raw and home cooked diets, but also diets for specific illnesses, mixing fresh food with kibble and information on dogs and digestion.

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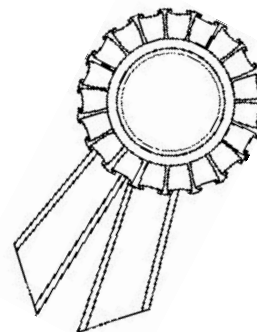
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# Awards Program Honorees



## MERIT AWARDS

<i>Register of Merit</i>		<i>ROM</i>
<b>Eris</b>	CH Bodean's Six Pack Tecate JC	Aug 2014
<b>Kenzie</b>	DC Alisian Fields Kenzie of Kamar MC LCX LCM	Aug 2014
<i>Producer of Merit</i>		<i>POM</i>
<b>Kenzie</b>	DC Alisian Fields Kenzie of Kamar MC LCX LCM	Aug 2014
<i>Register of Merit - Dual Champion</i>		<i>ROMDC</i>
<b>Kenzie</b>	DC Alisian Fields Kenzie of Kamar MC LCX LCM	Aug 2014

## VERSATILITY AWARD

<i>Silver</i>		<i>VCS</i>
8 points in 3 categories		
<b>Frosty</b>	CH Strangeday's Deja'Vu Beardsley SC LCM TT CGC	Aug 2014
<b>Chaos</b>	U-MBIS BISS BIF U-CH DC Smotare's Deja'Vue Xperience SC FCh TT CGC	Aug 2014
<b>Darwin</b>	FC Jakona's Natural Selection SC RN NA NAJ CA CGC	Aug 2014
<b>Sati</b>	UCDX Black-Chip's Sati Of Atair CD LCM TT TDI Can. FCHX Can. CDX	Aug 2014
<b>Sebek</b>	Am/Can. CH Black-Chip's Sebek Of Atair LCM TT TDI	Aug 2014
<i>Gold</i>		<i>VCG</i>
12 points in 4 categories		
<b>Atair</b>	Am/Can CH O'Bre-on's Eternal Fiver Atair LCM Am/Can CD Can. FCh UCD	Aug 2014
<i>Platinum</i>		<i>VCP</i>
15 points in 4 categories		
<b>Commander</b>	U-CH CH Flyer's Command Performance CD LCM 2 TT TDI CGC	Aug 2014
<b>Dreamer</b>	BIF CH Atair's Deja'Vue He's A Dream CD U-CD LCM2 SC TT TDI CGC	Aug 2014
<b>Sy</b>	UCH UAG1 GCHS DC Bramblewood's Synergy of Atair FCh NA NAJ RN	Aug 2014
<b>Krystal</b>	CH UCD Atair's Krystal Illusions Am/Can. CD LCM TT TDI Can. FChX	Aug 2014
<i>Diamond</i>		<i>VCD</i>
25 points in 5 categories		
<b>Tia</b>	UAG2 FC Elfstone Wild Is The Wind AX AXJ NF RA FCh CGC RATN	Aug 2014

# FALL 2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS



SY – VCP



SEBEK - VCS



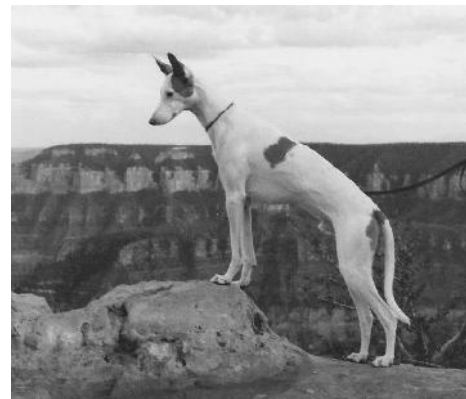
SATI – VCP



TIA - VCD



KRYSTAL - VCP



ATAIR – BIF HOF & VCG

# FALL 2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS



COMMANDER – VCP



CHAOS – VCS



DREAMER – VCP



DARWIN -- VCS



FROSTY – VCS



# Member Spotlight

Submitted by Shannon Bridwell

The breeder-owner-handler of the 2014 IHCUS National Specialty Best of Breed winner values updates and pictures from her puppy owners as much as a big win. Making sure her hounds are happy, healthy and well-loved is a top priority. This humble approach shines through even as she has celebrated high profile victories with her dogs, most notably at Westminster, the IHCUS National Specialty, and the ASFA II.

Alexandria Lynch, of Nahala Sighthounds, has a vision to truly produce "a well-rounded Ibizan physically, mentally and instinctually". She strives to breed dogs that are healthy, sound, and embody "all things Ibizan" from the picture that she has in her head exemplifying the standard. Lynch knows what she wants in Ibizan Hounds and there are both health and physical traits that she will not back down on. She also appreciates good, correct movement. Although she mostly plays in the conformation ring, she thinks that working ability and conformation should go hand in hand. Lynch was very insightful about her ideal Ibizan, saying, "What a waste of a hound if he/she excels in the ring but shows little to no primal instinct."

Nahala hounds participate in conformation and lure coursing, savor life as loving pets first and foremost, and enjoy hunting with their owners in fields and yards. Nahala has had some truly exceptional wins. Nahala's foundation bitch, Ch. Nahala DaVicni's Chaotic Conception Fch., "Enya", won Best in Sweeps, Best Bred by and Reserve Winners at the IHCUS National Specialty at just 10-months-old.

Last year was a particularly big year for Nahala as the hounds enjoyed prominent placements at major events. GCh. Nahala's Papa was a Rollin' Stone, "Kam", won Best of Breed at Westminster. On the field, Canadian and American DC. Nahala DaVicni's Ain't Too Proud To Beg Fch., "Dory", won Best of Breed one day at the ASFA II. Lynch enjoyed a fabulous win with Ch. Nahala DaVicni's Chaotic Conception Fch., "Enya", and two dogs from her Motown litter, Group Winning Ch. Nahala's Midnight Train to Georgia, "Train", and Westminster winner, "Kam". They won the 2013 Kentuckiana Hound Group Eukanuba Breeders Stakes. Following the success in 2013, Lynch's bitch, GCh. Nahala's Signed Sealed Delivered, "Suri", won Best of Breed at the IHCUS National Specialty in September 2014.

Her choice of focusing on Ibizan Hounds started after she saw a photograph of one on the AKC website over 12-years-ago. However, her passion started after owning her second. Lynch's first venture into the breeding world was a co-breeding that she was asked to participate in as a learning experience. Having always loved the two dogs involved it was a great learning experience. Her first home breeding was done because she felt that her bitch had worthwhile contributions to make to the breed. She values quality over quantity and says that she may never produce a lot of litters but she wants to strive for the few that she breeds to have "meaning and merit".

When looking for a potential puppy owner or home for an adult, Lynch wants a home that understands the true personality of the breed as a whole. She makes a point to try to match dogs with people, especially with pet homes. Potential owners should prove to be good pet homes first and foremost. Lynch shared that "show homes are nice but if the dog isn't a loved pet first then I will pass".

When asked what Lynch admired about the breed she replied that she loved "the look of an Ibizan in hunting mode, the almost human-like behaviors they sometimes display, and the controlled loyalty they have. They love you to pieces but always seem to remind you that they can also be very independent". She also loves the goofy, comical, personality.

When asked what she would like to share with others about Ibizan Hounds, Lynch responded that although, sometimes, they make her want to pull out her hair and scream, that being around them makes her a better person. "Ibizans are like no other dog I have been around...they are almost human-like in some ways."

For more information about the hounds of Nahala or possible future breeding plans visit <http://nahalasighthounds.weebly.com/>.



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