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100 years



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100 years of great history

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The first 100 years of a great club, narrated by who has helped in writing the history of ADDBA

I primi cento anni di un grande club raccontati da chi ha contribuito a scriverne la storia

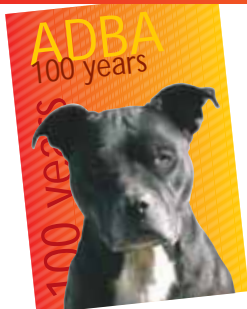
It was September, 1909 when the Association registered its first Pit Bull Terrier, McCord's Spot into the stud book. This dog was owned by the founder of the Association, Guy McCord. At this time the Association was known as the Pit Bull Breeders Association and was started as a private registry for upstanding Pit Bull Terrier breeders. For a yearly membership of \$2.50, members could register their individual dogs and litters. In 1913, the Association opened its stud book to additional breeds, and the name was changed to the American Dog Breeders Association (ADDBA). The Pit Bull Terrier continued to be the pro-

minent breed within the registry, but additional breeds such as the Airedale Terrier, Boston Terrier, Scotch Collie, Pomeranian and Irish Setter along with other breeds were also registered.

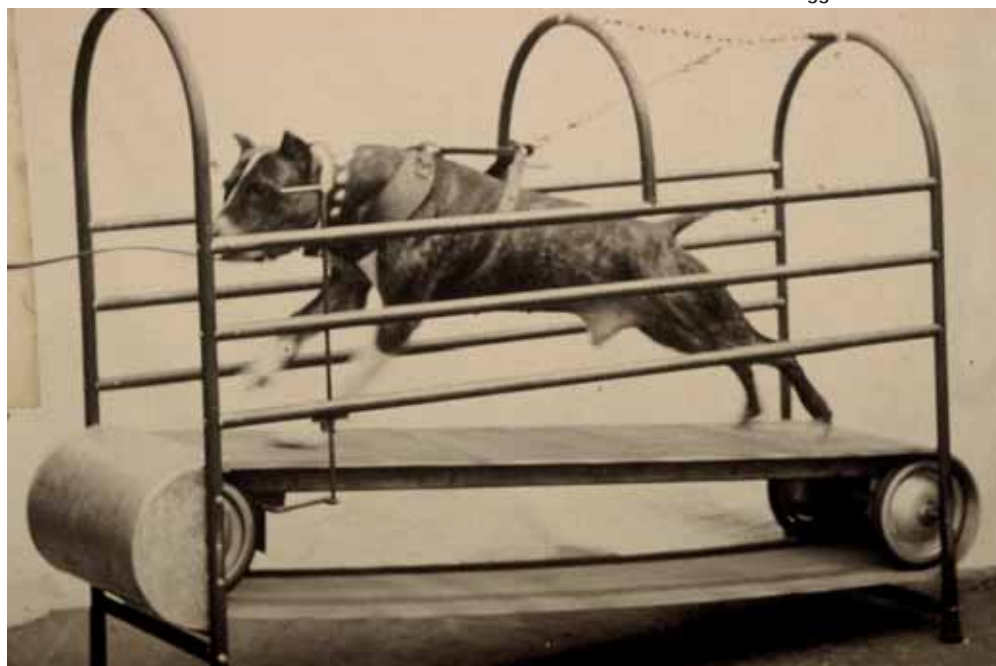
The founder and first president of the Association, Guy McCord was an avid fancier and breeder of the American Pit Bull Terrier and was a close friend of John P. Colby. Mr. Colby was the mainstay of the registry, which prompted the claim of being the 'home' registration office of the Colby dogs. Looking at the early stud book, many of the three generation pedigrees contain prominent dogs from the kennel of John P. Colby.



1911: un soggetto importato dall'Irlanda



1910: un soggetto in allenamento



In 1951, the Association passed from the hands of Guy McCord to Frank Ferris. He, with his wife, Florence Colby Ferris, the widow of the late John P. Colby, continued to run the ADBA with the ever increasing emphasis on the registration of the American Pit Bull Terrier (APBT) exclusively. Frank Ferris and Howard Heinzl were close friends for many years and the ADBA was Howard's registry of choice because of the accuracy and integrity of its stud book. In 1973, with advancing age prompting Frank's retirement, he confided in Mr. Heinzl that he was looking for a qualified buyer for the Association. Howard was gracious to give a convincing recommendation for Ralph Greenwood and his family, so the Association traded hands once again.

The stud book of the ADBA and other records arrived in Salt Lake City in two large trunks, and changes happened quickly. Ralph had a great reputation with the APBT breeders and owners around the country and plans for updating and infusing new life into the ADBA began to take place. The old pink registration papers were replaced with updated four and six generation pedigrees. In August 1976, the American Pit Bull Terrier Gazette, the publication of the ADBA published their first issue, an eighteen page issue complete with centerfold. The magazine continues today

with 33 years of publication history. The current issue is a 74 page publication complete with centerfold, exclusively about the American Pit Bull Terrier.

In late 1976, the Association was petitioned by a California APBT club, to develop a breed standard that was based on the original purpose of the breed, as many felt that the current standard used by other registries had been corrupted and did not reflect the athletic APBT of old. In February 1977, the standard was complete and the first ADBA club was sanctioned. Today, the ADBA has approximately 50 clubs world wide, holding sanctioned events where dogs earn points toward titles of excellence awarded from the Association. Ralph Greenwood appointed Kate Greenwood, his daughter, as president of the ADBA upon his death, and spent the last months of his life mentoring her on the ideals and goals that he saw for the Association. Kate took the reins, as president on February 27, 1988, when Ralph died of cancer. Kate served as president of the ADBA from 1988 until Nov 2007, when she stepped down due to health and family issues. She continues as president of the American Dog Breeders Show Inc, the corporation sanctioning all dog events for sanctioned clubs. Hank Greenwood, the current ADBA president accepted this position in November 2007

Tudor's Jeff



1913: William Semmes, importante allevatore ADBA, con Semmes Jack

and works hand in hand with the ADBA Board Of Directors to forge a positive future for the Association, its breeders and dog owners.

In 2007, the registry opened its stud book to additional recognized breeds with verifiable pedigrees and has established a foundation stock service for developing breeds. The ADBA's sister corporation the, ADBSI has also expanded its services to include Open Breed Pulls and competitive events for Patterdale Terriers.

Some of the new services being offered to ADBA clients are the DNA testing services for identification and parentage verification, pedigree analysis services with the identification of prominent bloodlines, and the ADBA Safe Dog Program. The Safe Dog Program tests for a sound temperament, training and socialization of the dog and provides education about responsible dog ownership.

The ADBA staff, in addition to conducting its day to day business, spends a great deal of time in legislative matters regarding breed specific legislation, mandatory spay and neuter regulations and other canine issues. Funds are generated and

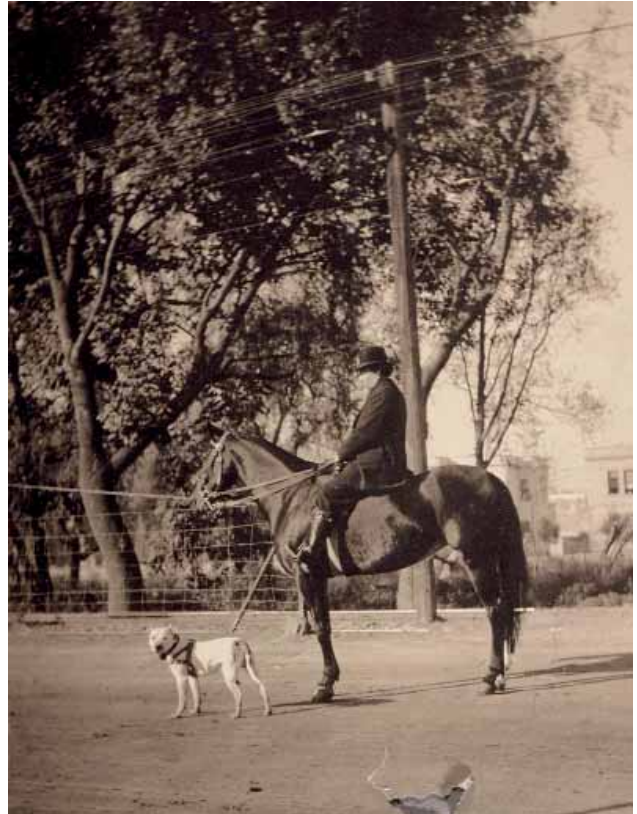




have been donated to various organizations to assist at the legislative level as well as to providing information and expert testimony on these issues. We advocate for dog owners and represent their issues with every resource that we have. The management and staff of the American Dog Breeders Association is firm in our resolve to continue the 100 year history of EXCELLENCE in the service and dedication we have shown to the dog owners and the breeders that we serve.

Amy Greenwood Burford

R.A. Camps - Messico



J.M. Trice e Tudor's Black Demon



Dutch Bill, Patsy, Irish Mike - Louisville, Ky



1953: Greenwood's Grip



Manuel Damm con un soggetto Colby - Messico



Ralph Greenwood
con quattro dei suoi amatissimi
american pit bull terrier