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**Release Notes for**



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# Important News!

## 14-Day Evaluation

If you have downloaded this software for evaluation purposes you need to know that all functions are active. You can fully use the software for up to 14 days, after which time you must register it. Please note that uninstalling and reinstalling the software will not reset the 14 days clock. Until you register, the name UNREGISTERED USER will appear on all pedigrees, contracts and Bills of Sale. Once you pay, you can register at once. EMail [register@mbfs.com](mailto:register@mbfs.com) or call us at 800-746-9364 to register (847-395-3808 outside USA). You can also order online at:

<http://www.mbfs.com/ordrlive.htm>

## Kennel Creation

TBS does not create the data files for an individual kennel. When you start the program for the first time, you'll be prompted to choose a directory, with the default being TBS4\K1. Accept the Default and the program will unzip an archive full of files into the new directory. Unlike older editions of Version 4.0, this program does not open a DOS window to handle creating the files in the kennel. After it makes the directory, the program will present the Kennel Information window. Make sure to Click Save!

## Where NOT to Install

This program must NOT be installed over an existing copy of TBS Versions 1 through 3! Install it and then run the Version 3-to-4 converter for version 3, contact us for a Version 2 to 4 converters.

## Upgrading Version 4.0 to 4.1...

The installer will *automatically* detect the presence of Version 4.0, and will upgrade it. You will get a window, which asks two questions:

- Refresh Program and Report Files Only
- WIPE OUT AND START FRESH

Choose to Refresh Program and Report Files Only.

Uninstalling TBS 4.1 will **not** bring back TBS 4.0. If you uninstall TBS 4.1 and wish to revert to TBS 4.0, you will have to remove everything and install TBS 4.0 from scratch. Make sure to back up your kennel.

## Where to Find Current Prices

If you are downloading this program from the Internet site, you may wish to locate the pricing information for this program. Since the prices may have changed at any time, we place this information in a special place on our web site, along with our ordering policies. Please surf to:

<http://www.mbfs.com/ordrinfo.htm>

And you will find information on ordering, pricing and all of our policies.

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# New Features

## Native 32-Bit Program

TBS 4.1 is a native 32-bit program, designed to run only on Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows NT 3.5 and newer. What does this mean to you? The program will be faster, more stable, and offer newer and more sophisticated features. Some of these features are listed below.

While we still offer TBS 4.0 for sale to our 16-bit clients, there will be no feature upgrades made to that platform. All future feature upgrades will be made to TBS 4.1 and newer.

## Windows 95 Native Help

TBS now sports a native Windows 95 help interface, complete with Keyword searches and more cross-referencing. The “?” button will now bring up specific help on every window.

## Dog Profile Report

TBS Brings back a classic, and adds power. The Dog Profile Report prints the dog’s vital statistics, your long text description, the complete list of shots, traits and registries, and does it in a format you’ll be proud to hand out to potential buyers and stud customers. Includes trait comments, shot comments, and the dog’s picture. You can choose the printer you send it to at print time, and this includes the FAX (driver and FAX Modem required).

## Text Pedigree

The Breeder’s Standard™ features a five-generation Text-Based pedigree. You can use this to create e-mails of pedigrees. To access the Text Pedigree, you open the Individual Dog Reports window, choose “Pedigree for a Dog, Text Format” from the list, and click the Print button. You will see the pedigree in the window. You can choose to do the following with this Text Pedigree:

1. Turn Registration number display on or off
2. Copy to the Windows Clipboard, to let you paste the pedigree into an e-mail
3. Save the pedigree to a text file to do with as you see fit.

The only displayable option is the primary registration number.

## **AKC Show Entry Form Enhancements**

The AKC Show Entry Form has been enhanced. You can now add a graphics file containing your signature to the entry form. TBS will accept BMP, JPG, PCX, WMF, TIF and GIF formats. Please use black on white for the graphic, and make it short and wide, with the signature filling up as much of the graphic as possible. TBS has to size the graphic to get it into the entry form, and the wider it is compared to height, the less TBS will shrink the signature.

You can also choose the printer at print time and even choose a FAX printer.

## **Wright Coefficient Verified Correct**

All releases of TBS 4.0 since 4.0.252, and all releases of TBS 4.1 use a Wright Inbreeding Coefficient calculation verified to be correct by Dr. Leslie B. Hansen, University of Minnesota. This makes TBS the only Windows program with a correct Wright Coefficient.

## **OFA and CERF AutoFill in Reg./Titles**

OFA and CERF numbers are now filled in automatically from the Dog Information page to the Registries and Titles page. In a future release, the Primary registration will also auto-fill into a registry you choose, and you will be able to print all of these registries on the pedigree as you see fit.

## **Litter button from Add/Change Mating**

From Add/Change Mating, you may now press a Litter button to create the litter record for the mating. If the litter record exists, clicking the button will bring you there automatically. TBS fills in as much of the litter information as possible from the mating information.

## **Dog Record button from Add/Change Puppy**

From Add/Change Puppy, you can add a dog record to the database by clicking Dog Record. If the Dog record already exists, TBS will take you to that record. TBS fills in as much of the information as it can from the litter and puppy records, reducing your entry burden when you get to the Dog Information screen.

## **Duplicate Checking**

In Add/Change Dog, on the information window, you can choose to check if a registered name or primary registration number is a duplicate of information already on file. If the check is activated, you receive a warning and can choose to save anyway or to go back and change things.

Duplicate Checking is activated on the Program Preferences window.



## Work With Relatives Enhancements

From Work with Relatives, you now have the Fast Options menu already found on Work with Dogs. You can access all features of that menu, including relatives, which allows you to rapidly drill through generations of descendants.

## Faster, Easier Reports Preview

For reports with Preview, you have more export/import options, easier readability, and much more speed. This is accomplished with the latest version of our reporting engine.

## TAPI Auto Dialer

The Automatic phone dialer in TBS 4.1 is now a TAPI client, which means it will use the Microsoft Phone dialer, or if present, the PC Phone program of your choice. This gives you more options and no setup hassles.

## MegaPed™ Enhancements

MegaPed™ has received a lot of attention in this release. Massive speed improvements have been made, and capacity has been increased tremendously. Here is the list of the improvements:

### Access to MegaPed™

MegaPed™ has access buttons on the dog window, and access options on the Fast Options menu from Work with Dogs and Work with Relatives. When you use any of these access options, you are brought into MegaPed with the Dog **already selected**.

### Cleaner Preview

MegaPed™ Preview now shows the large pedigrees, as they will tile out if you select the check box to spread a pedigree onto multiple sheets of paper.

MegaPed™ Preview shows dog pictures more clearly.

MegaPed™ Preview now has a print button from the preview window

### Logo

MegaPed™ Logo now accepts BMP, JPG, PCX, TIF, GIF and WMF files for logos.

MegaPed™ Logo no longer appears stretched or squashed on the pedigree.

MegaPed™ Logo now copies the logo file into its own private directory, removing the need to keep the graphic in a separate place.

MegaPed™ no longer reserves space for a logo if you choose not to print it.

### Legends

MegaPed™ Legends is now available. Legends enables you to change or remove the text descriptions for optional fields. This also enables you to choose to customize MegaPed™ for other languages.



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# Getting Started

## Creating the Kennel

The Kennel is a directory (folder) on your hard disk drive where your dogs and other records are stored. The first time you start TBS, it starts this window. Simply ensure that the directory selected is where the program is, and click create. You will then go to Kennel information window. Click the Save button to ensure that your kennel information is saved so that TBS can find it.

## Adding Records

Adding dogs to the computer is easy. Click on the Dogs button on the main window and you will see the Work with Dogs window. On the right hand side is an Add button. Choose that button to be given the Dog Information window.

### Required Fields

Any field with a description to its left which is underlined is required. The Save button will be enabled only after all required fields are filled in. If you are unsure of what required fields remain to be filled in, place your mouse arrow over the disabled Save button, and an Aqua pop-up window will emerge, and tell you what fields remain to be filled in.

### Entering your first Pedigree Quickly

To enter your first pedigree nice and fast...

1. Click Add from Work with Dogs and fill in the required fields for the dog.
2. Click the Save button to save the Dog
3. Click on the PedFast button.
4. Enter the name of the Sire (without titles) and press the Tab **␣** key on your keyboard. Then enter the Dam, and follow through for four generations.
5. Click Save on PedFast. You now have four generations of ancestors entered.

To put titles on a dog, click on that dog with the right mouse button, and choose the titles pop-up window.

To enter more ancestors further back, click on the sire or Dam (or other ancestor) with the right mouse button and click the zoom option.

To go back to the original dog, click the Go To button and choose the dog's name on the list.

## Getting More Help

This guide is intended to be a starter, not the entire manual. To get more help on any window in the program, press the **F1** key and the online help manual will be displayed for your information and use.

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# Product Support

## Figuring Things Out when There's a Problem

### What to Check

Try rebooting (that is, shutting down and restarting) the computer if you get a goofy error or a GPF. First, write everything down so you have it handy if you need to contact us for support.

### Information to have ready for Product Support

When you call or post a message to Man's Best Friend Software, please have the following information immediately available:

Your Control number, from the invoice or the inside front cover of this manual.

The number (if any) **and the full text** of any message you've received;

Exactly what you did to receive this message;

What happened if you followed the steps outlined in the manual (if there were steps) to correct the problem.

This will greatly help us to quickly identify and resolve your problems.

### Warranty Procedure

The Breeder's Standard™ program disks are warranted for thirty days from the date you receive the program to be free from material defects. **This is NOT a money-back guarantee.** If you cannot make your installation diskettes work, follow the procedure for telephone support below. Telephone Support will make the call on whether to re-ship diskettes and will order them as needed.

If we determine that your diskette has failed, we will send you a new diskette. If we need the old one back, we'll instruct you on how to ship it back to us, and give you an authorization number for the return. **DO NOT RETURN ANYTHING WITHOUT A VALID RMA NUMBER! ALL UNAUTHORIZED RETURNS ARE REFUSED!**

## Contacting Us for Support

### Internet Support

Man's Best Friend Software has one of the largest animal-related sites on the Internet. On this site, we have product news, demos, patches, free utilities and support information. Our World Wide Web address is:

**<http://www.mbfs.com>**

This is an ideal first-look support resource. If you need additional assistance, please send Email to:

**[support@mbfs.com](mailto:support@mbfs.com)**

...which will get you technical aid, usually within a business day. For speedier support please see about our Support Plans listed below.

## **CompuServe® Interactive**

Man's Best Friend Software maintains a presence on CompuServe® Interactive, one of the largest on-line services. From CompuServe, simply type GO PFVENA and choose section 17 for us. Send Email to the Internet address **support@mbfs.com** for fastest response.

## **FAX Support**

Our FAX is on line almost all of the time at **847-788-2404**. When FAXing, please send complete details, including all message number, texts, etc., so we can assist you. **FAXes must have a return FAX number or an Internet Email address to be responded to. You will not receive a voice call-back for a FAXed-in support issue. No exceptions.**

## **Telephone Product Support \***

Man's Best Friend offers no-charge telephone product support via voice telephone. This is a costly service for us to offer, and we ask and expect you to utilize this manual, the Internet site and other resources prior to tying up a person with a telephone support request. This is important, since we will be unable to keep this service free if it is not responsibly used.

Please do not call until you have all of the information that we need already in hand (see "Information to have ready for Product Support" on page 9). This will make it possible for our support representative to give you assistance.

The USA number for product support is:

**888-820-0691**

The support number outside the USA is:

**406-227-0230**

Support hours are Mountain time, 9AM-5PM, Monday-Friday. If you get a voice mail, please leave a detailed message. You will receive a call back as soon as possible. Please be courteous and polite. You may be frustrated, but the support representative is not responsible for that. Our representatives are instructed to decline support in the presence of boorish conduct, threats and the like.

\* NOTE: We reserve the right to assess a fee for product support or to terminate it altogether. The sale of any product does not include any product support, which is offered solely as an accommodation. No sale is contingent upon any level of product support. See the license agreement in the manual and online help manual.

## **Program Messages**

The Breeder's Standard™ provides detailed online help for all messages it issues. Simply click the "Help" button on the message for more details.

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