

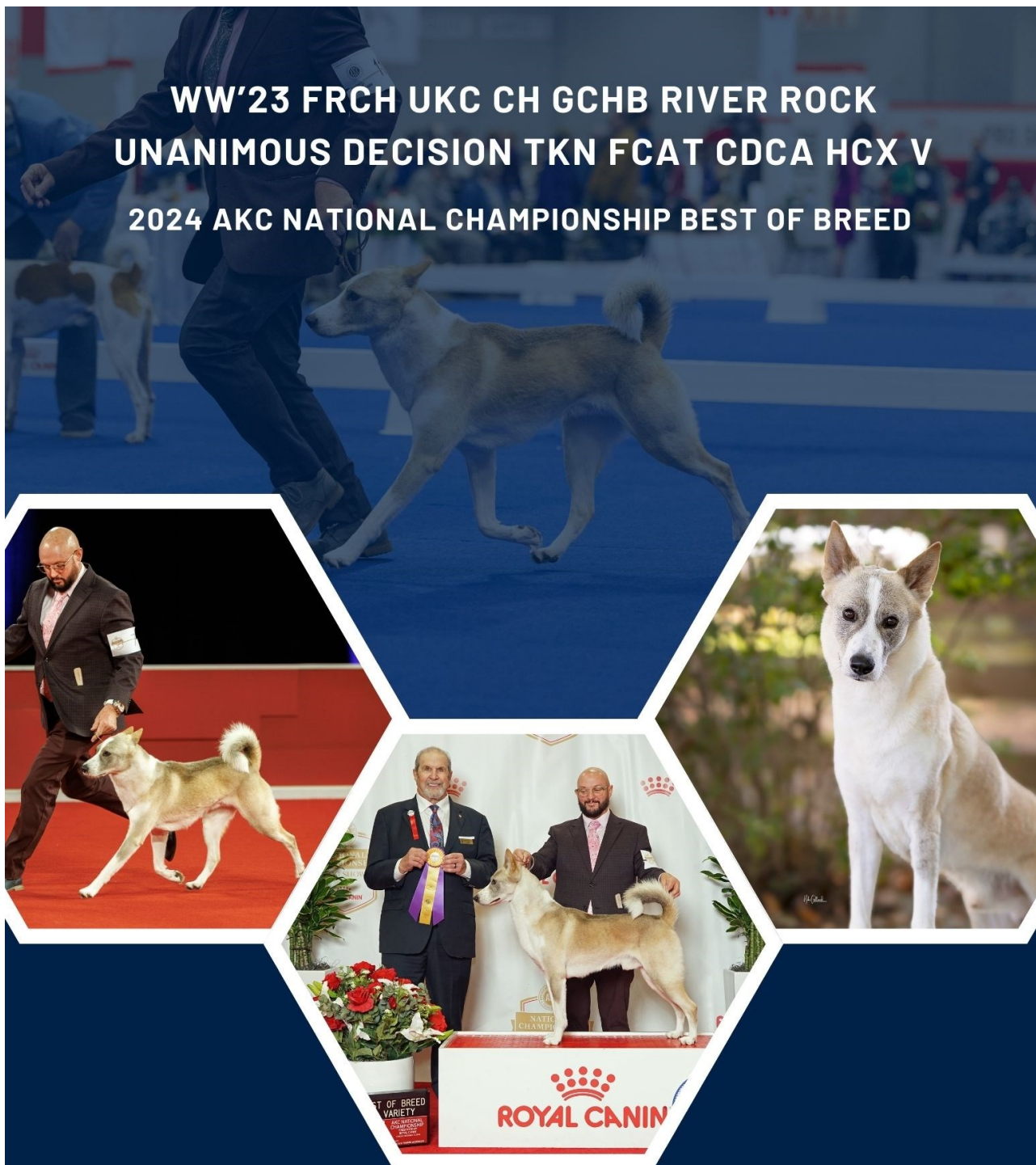
THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

**WW'23 FRCH UKC CH GCHB RIVER ROCK
UNANIMOUS DECISION TKN FCAT CDCA HCX V
2024 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BEST OF BREED**



Breeder: Christina Miller & Mel Holloman

Owner: Christina Miller

Handler: Billy Huntington

Blast From The Past!

Please mail this to Kinnereth in enclosed envelope.



Press Photo by Edwin Morgan

Mrs. Winkler and her canines of Canaan, Jaron, left, and Kinnereth.

Rare Canaan Dogs Land Promising Roles In U.S.

By JERRY SHARPE

If dogs could brag, a black and white female in Squirrel Hill might top them all.

For one thing, she could trace her ancestry back more than 3,000 years — to the Biblical land of Canaan.

And in keeping with the Biblical theme, she traveled to Emmaus near Bethlehem, Pa., to meet her mate.

Then, when she gave birth to seven puppies she increased the Canaan dog population of the United States by almost 5 per cent.

[There are only 168 Canaans in this country.]

Kinnereth and her 3-month-old puppy, Jaron, are pets of the Dr. Morton Winkler family, 2790 Beechwood Blvd.

The other puppies were sold to people who want to help promote the rare dogs in the United States.

The ancestors of Kinnereth and Jaron already were living in Canaan when the ancient Hebrews entered that "Promised Land."

According to tradition, Queen Jezebel had a Canaan with a gold collar and chain tied to her throne.

Soon the Kelef K'naani (Hebrew for canine Canaan) became the guard and shepherd dog of the Hebrews.

But when the Romans drove the Jews from the Holy Land and they were scattered all over the world, the Kelef K'naani retreated to the Negev Desert and became wild.

In 1935, Dr. Rudolphine Menzel, a dog trainer began to domesticate the breed. He was so successful the Canaan became Israel's most popular seeing-eye dog.

Others were trained as watchdogs and border guards and some were used as messengers by the underground.

In 1965, Mrs. Jack Berkowitz of Beverly Hills, Calif., brought the first four Canaans to the United States.

When Kinnereth came from Haifa, she was the 71st Canaan to arrive in the United States out of only 426 of her breed in the world.

Jaron's sire, Aleph of Emmaus, is the first Canaan born in this country — hence the name which in Hebrew is the first letter of the alphabet.

Each owner inherits a membership in the Canaan Club of America which hopes eventually to promote the Canaan's ability as a seeing-eye dog her blind children.

Mrs. Winkler described Kinnereth and Jaron this way:

"Family dogs—not one-man dogs. Great with children. They look just like a lovable mutt but have a wonderful disposition."

Just these the

Shared by
Elan Winkler

"I owned one of the first 24 Canaan dogs to be imported into the US from Israel. Kinnereth was born at the seeing eye institute in Haifa. She was the mother of 7 beautiful puppies, sired by Aleph. She was my best friend and the smartest dog I've ever known. She was 65 lbs, shaggy coat with one ear up and one down... so she didn't meet any of the current breed standards. But an amazing dog nonetheless...."

"Here is an article that appeared in our Pittsburgh paper with my mom, Kinnereth and her puppy, Jaron. This was 1971 (I think)."

Editor's note: Elan found us through the club's Facebook page. She will be sending more memories for future issues.

If you would like to share memories from the past, your first CD, or events from club history, please reach out!

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello Everyone, Wow 2025 already I hope that 2024 was all that you hoped for. We lost [some] friends and dogs and brought some new puppies into the world. It was nice to have more “newbies” helping out with different projects and signing up for committees, let's keep that up, remember it is YOUR club.

We have some big things happening this year, first we elect new Officers and Board members, if you're interested please reach out to the nomination committee. Our National Specialty will be in San Bernardino, CA., we have 4 or 5 supported entities, our Agility trails and we should have our FastCat license soon. In October there is the Morris Essex show in NJ, it's a fun show that people dress like 1930's and only happens every 5 years, along with years judge, our own Lorna Menaker who is also judging our NS, should be some good times. Amy Preston & Jen Wise have stepped up and [are] now helping with post for Facebook and our website. So if you have POSITIVE news to post please reach to them.

Somewhere on these grounds, is a little child that wants to be just like you someday. You, owe it to them to be the best sportsman you can be.

Be Kind and Smile More.

Keith Shank

Enjoying being your President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2025 ELECTIONS

As per the CDCA Constitution & Bylaws, the Board has appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of: Marianne Vargas (Chair, Eastern Section), Cathi Oskow (Central Section), and Debbie Friedman (Western Section) with Alternates: Cindy Oxley (Eastern Section and Joan Capaiu-Green (Western Section).

The Committee is to nominate a slate of Officers and Directors for the CDCA who will serve 2 year terms beginning August 2025.

The Nominating Committee welcomes any and all input from the Membership. If you would be interested in a position or have a suggestion of someone who might be a good candidate for a position, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

Mariannne at mfsmith2010@gmail.com

Cathi at canaanqat@aol.com

Debbie at cat_sailor@icloud.com



CLUB NOTES

Supported Entries

March 20 – March 23, 2025, Doswell VA – Supt. MB-F

Agility Trials

May 15-18, 2025, Clemson University, Pendleton SC

November 28-30, 2025, Clemson University, Pendleton SC

National Specialties

2025—see elsewhere in this issue—May 21-26, 2025—San Bernadino CA

2026— July 16-19, 2026, Concord NC

2027 — applications being accepted. Please contact any officer FMI.



MEMBER OF THE YEAR (MOTY) AND DOG OF THE YEAR (DOTY)

2024 Member Of The Year (MOTY) and Dog Of The Year (DOTY) nominations are now open!

Nominations should be emailed to Laura Fochtmann at lfochtmann@gmail.com no later than March 15, 2025. For both MOTY and DOTY, a photo of the nominee either in hard copy print or electronic format (preferably JPEG) should be included with the nomination. All hardcopy photos will be returned.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Please send your nomination of 250 words or less explaining why a past or present CDCA member should be honored for his/her past and/or current contributions to the breed and/or club. Nominations of recently deceased candidates will be accepted. If more than one person would like to co-nominate the same candidate, that co-nomination may be an additional 250 words maximum, for a total of no more than 500 words for the candidate's overall nomination.

DOG OF THE YEAR

Please send your nomination of 250 words or less explaining why this dog should be honored for his/her past and/or current contributions to the breed. Please include all of the dog's titles, breeder, and sire and dam names; this information is not counted in the final word tally of the nomination.

Once received, if the nomination is that of a dog that you do not own, the owner will be contacted to allow him/her to send in a co-nomination statement about the dog for inclusion in the ballot, not to exceed 250 words for a maximum total of 500 words. Please note, if you nominate a dog you own or co-own, only the initial write up (max. 250 words) will be published.

If there is more than one candidate for either DOTY or MOTY, ballots will be e-mailed to members. A ballots will only be sent by US Postal Service if we do not have an email address for a member. Otherwise, a single nomination in either category by the deadline will be declared the winner as confirmed by the Board of Directors. If no nominations are received for an award, we cannot present an award in that category. Winners will be announced at the 2025 National Specialty awards banquet.

For further information or to submit an application, contact Laura Fochtmann at lfochtmann@gmail.com.





Canaan Dog Club of America 2025 National Specialty Week

May 21 - 26, 2025 ~ San Bernardino CA

EVENT LOCATION

All events on the grounds of the Mission Circuit of Dog Shows,
San Bernardino Soccer Complex, 2500 Pacific St, San Bernardino CA
- National, Club Meetings, All Breed Shows (including NOHS, Obedience and Rally),
and FastCAT all on the show grounds (AKC Farm Dog and Scent Work Tests still pending)

CLOSEST AIRPORT

Ontario International Airport—<https://www.flyontario.com/>

LODGING

No host hotel as all events at Show Site. Multiple local hotels available: full list will be in the Mission Circuit Premium List.

RV parking available onsite; please see the Mission Circuit Premium List for full details.

SHOW COMMITTEE:

Chair: Star Ott, 760-954-9256, ott_to_be@hotmail.com

Auction items may be mailed to Star to arrive by May 10, 2025. Ship to: 7575 W Torino Ave, Las Vegas NV 89113

NATIONAL SPECIALTY EVENT SECRETARY

DogZiBit, 425-765-9146, P O Box 2044, Woodinville WA 98072

Entries@DogZiBit.com; online entries and more at www.DogZiBit.com

DESIGNATED SPECIALTY AND ALL BREED SHOWS SAME WEEKEND

Jack Bradshaw Dog Show Superintendents, 323-727-0136, 320 Maple Ave., Torrance CA 90503
mail@jbradshaw.com; online entries and more at <http://jbradshaw.com>

GREATER LOS ANGELES SCENT WORK CLUB: FASTCAT AND FARM DOG

Daneen Fox, P.O. Box 552, Acton CA 93510, (818) 772-2115, info@greaterlascentworkclub.com

SCHEDULE—ALL EVENTS AT SAN BERNARDINO SOCCER COMPLEX, 2500 PACIFIC ST, SAN BERNARDINO CA:

Wednesday May 21, 2025—at the Ott RV site

Board Meeting at 3:30pm Pacific (6:30pm Eastern)

Annual Meeting, immediately followed by Welcome Party at 5pm Pacific (8pm Eastern)

Thursday May 22, 2025—ring and time TBA

National Specialty

National Specialty including NOHS and 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy, and Parades:

Lorna Menaker, *Lorriana Canaan Dogs* (FL)

Sweepstakes (Puppy and Veterans):

Kelly Boyd (OR)

Junior Showmanship

Stephen Cabral (CA)

Friday, May 23, 2025

Designated Specialty as part of South Bay KC

FastCAT (2 tests) offered by Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club

Farm Dog (pending all approvals) (2 tests) offered by Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club

Awards Banquet and Auctions: 5pm on the Event Patio (near the Food Court Pavillion)

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Supported Entry at Antelope Valley KC

FastCAT (2 tests) offered by Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club

Farm Dog (pending all approvals) (2 tests) offered by Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Supported Entry at Los Encinos KC

FastCAT (2 tests) offered by Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club

Farm Dog (pending all approvals) (2 tests) offered by Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club

Monday, May 26, 2025

San Gabriel KC on Monday

FastCAT (2 tests) offered by Greater Los Angeles Scent Work Club

The Mission Circuit shows offer Junior Showmanship, NOHS, and Obedience and Rally all four days.

Scent Dog tests are rumored to be planned by local clubs; please check AKC.org for up to date information.

PARADES OF COMPANIONS

Entries will be submitted to the National Specialty Event Secretary (NOTICE EARLY SUBMISSION DATE: APRIL 25, 2025).

Want to support the National, receive a personalized memento, but cannot attend in person? Enter the Parade and select the “send my rosette to me” option!

Full details in the premium and on the DogZiBit.com website

AUCTIONS

Bid early, bid often! Three auctions available throughout the weekend.

Live and Silent during the Awards Banquet—CDCA Members and Guests

Silent Auction open to all during the Saturday's Antelope Valley KC show

Auction items may be mailed to Star to arrive by May 10, 2025. Ship to: 7575 W Torino Ave,
Las Vegas NV 89113



CATALOGS

Pre-order option AND option for shipping after the NS via the DogZiBit.com website.



Catalogs Ads due by April 30, 2025

Send copy and payment to DogZiBit.

Full information and instructions in the premium list.

Sorry, Black and White only.

Send you best wishes, celebrate a win, introduce a new dog, or share memories of a friend or dog.

Front/Back cover: \$100 (covers available on a first reserved/first paid basis)

Full page: (with 1 photo) \$50

Half page: (no photo) \$25

Quarter page: (no photo, brief text) \$15

CD TENT

There will be a tent for crates and grooming on the grounds for use over the weekend. Crates may be left under the tent overnight.

Snacks, water, and comradery will be found as we gather to celebrate all things

Canaan Dog!





CDCA National Specialty 2025

Honor a Mentor or Memorialize A Departed Friend!

Memorialize a Special Dog or Person - your latest, your first, or who got you started in Canaan Dogs!

You do not need to be a club member to donate to the National Specialty Week – donations are welcome from friends of the club as well!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Donation In Honor/Memory of: _____

Placement (Ex. BOB, Brood Bitch, Sweepstakes, etc.): _____

(note: if funds received are more than the prize value, funds donated will be used to cover any expense of the National Specialty or revert back to the CDCA for general use.)

2025 National Specialty \$ _____

CDCA General Donation \$ _____

2026 National Specialty Pledge \$ _____

Would you like to contribute a welcome bag gift (please provide 35) If yes, please let us know what item.

Would you like to contribute an auction item? Yes ____ No ____

Make check/money order payable to CDCA. Send to David Golden/CDCA Treasurer, 4262 Altavista Lane, Marshall, VA 20115 **OR PayPal to:** Treasurer@cdca.org and forward a copy of the PayPal receipt to David at David.golden@live.net. For more information or questions: email: kshank01@msn.com or 763-286-4733.

All gifts received will support all activities of the 2025 National Specialty unless otherwise stated.

All donations received by May 1 will be acknowledged in the show catalog.

Canaan Dog Club of America

2025 Awards Banquet

5pm on the Event Patio (near the Food Court Pavillion)

San Bernardino Soccer Complex, 2500 Pacific St, San Bernardino CA



California Casual BBQ

Dinner: \$40 ea

BBQ Beef

BBQ Chicken

Green Salad

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Dessert

Water and Iced Tea

BYOB

Name	
Phone	
Email	
Allergies/Dietary Restrictions:	
(Please note we will do our best to accommodate your needs based on the caterer's ability to do so.)	
Number Attending:	_____ x \$40 = \$ _____
Please list name(s) of additional attendees (include additional page as needed).	

Please make check/money order payable to CDCA, c/o Star Ott, 7575 W Torino Ave, Las Vegas NV 89113
OR PayPal to: Treasurer@cdca.org and forward a copy of the PayPal receipt to Star_ott_to_be@hotmail.com



Mission Statement

The Mission of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKC PPB) is to ensure the viability of purebred dogs.

This valuable service is necessary to salvage or restore endangered dog breeds now and in the future.

While coordinating efforts with non-profit breed-specific clubs, the AKC PPB will educate breeders, clubs, and the public about the importance of safeguarding frozen semen and protecting purebred dog breeds for future decades.

CONTACT US!

contact@akcppb.org

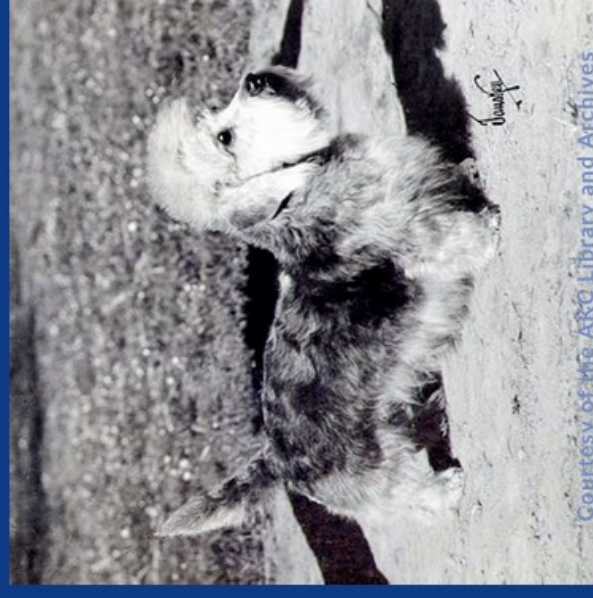
Charles.Garvin@akcppb.org

Chairperson

www.akcppb.org



Use your phone's camera to scan for more info!



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AKC[®] Purebred Preservation Bank

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The AKC Purebred Preservation Bank program is entirely voluntary and optional – for donors of semen, users of semen, and Parent Clubs providing guidance
- AKC PPB is a Charitable Organization under IRC 501(c)(3) – it was established as a mission driven organization without profit motive
- AKC PPB is a separate organization from AKC, and has its own Board of Directors with some representation from AKC
- The American Kennel Club has committed to subsidize and underwrite the expenses of AKC PPB
- AKC PPB does not charge donors or clubs to participate
- Parent Clubs are invited to provide breed-specific questions of sire and semen for donor applications
- Parent Clubs are invited to provide breed-specific criteria for dam and breeder for distribution applications
- The AKC PPB will use Parent Club recommendations except in extenuating circumstances, such as if a breed is threatened with extinction or that breed no longer has a viable Parent Club
- Parent Club approved health statements and CHIC requirements will be consulted
- Parent Club will be notified when an application for distribution is received
- AKC PPB will not distribute semen if the owner still has any semen available
- AKC PPB will only deal with purebred AKC registered dogs (and foreign registerable)
- AKC PPB will not distribute semen unless the breed is determined to be at significant risk
- AKC PPB will continue to welcome questions, comments, and suggestions

Donor Information

To date, the AKC PPB has received several semen donor applications that have been accepted into the program. Many of these dogs were referred by our *Partners in Preservation*, saving semen that was to be discarded.

Donors are required to complete a detailed application. Upon submission, it is reviewed by our Gift Review Committee, consisting of three AKC PPB Officers.

When the application is reviewed, donors are asked to complete a Legal Agreement and Transfer of Ownership form. At this point, the semen becomes property of the AKC PPB.

If you are interested in donating, please scan the QR code on the back of the pamphlet, and navigate to the Donor Information page!

Parent Clubs are encouraged to continue providing criteria for both donors and recipients.

NEW TITLES – OCTOBER 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 2025

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
AKC GRAND CHAMPION GOLD GCHG CH Revelation Adiva Aviva Of Samara	Pamela S. Rosman & Philip R Vulliet	11/02/2024
AKC GRAND CHAMPION SILVER GCHS CH Jaykay Fearless Defender At Bandersnatch Rosendogs FDC TKN	Amanda Pough & Judy March Rosenthal	11/09/2024
AKC GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE GCHB CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Ephraim Hadash FCAT CGC FITB	Cynthia Dodson & Lenni Brett Cipriotti & David Golden	09/14/2024
GCHB CH River Rock Unanimous Decision FCAT TKN	Christina Miller & Lorna Hastings Menaker & Alison Byrne & Anne Barclay	10/10/2024
AKC GRAND CHAMPION GCH CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Zarah Hadash	Marianne Vargas & Lenni Brett Cipriotti & Richard Vargas	09/13/2024
AKC CHAMPION CH D&J Ha'Aretz On My Radar	Donna Davison & Jackie Davison	12/07/2024
AKC BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE Riverrock Gemari Desert Star Zion's Hawk BN RI FDC DCAT	Denise A Gordon	11/30/2024
AKC RALLY INTERMEDIATE CH Kansas Late Day Sharav BN RI BCAT THDN CGC TKN ATT	Lee Boyd	10/13/2024
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 150 POINTS (BCAT) CH River Rock A Swarm Of Bees BCAT TKN	Christina Miller & Allan Miller	11/26/2024
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 500 POINTS (DCAT) D&J Ha'Aretz Don'T Get Cocky DCAT TKN	Donna Davison & Jackie Davison	10/26/2024
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 1,000 POINTS (FCAT) Nizzana This Is D'Way Rivroc FCAT TKN	Christina Miller & Brandy Oats	09/27/2024
Ha'Aretz Yod Phoenix CA FCAT FITB	Ashley Hatfield	09/29/2024
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 10 GCH CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CAA FCAT10 CGC TKN ATT VSWI FITB	Christina Miller	11/16/2024
AKC FIT DOG GOLD Ha'Aretz Yod Phoenix CA FCAT FITG	Ashley Hatfield	10/24/2024
AKC FIT DOG SILVER Ha'Aretz Yod Phoenix CA FCAT FITG	Ashley Hatfield	10/24/2024
Caliente Desert Wanderer CD RE NAJ CGC TKE FITS	Gary M Peterson	11/14/2024
AKC FIT DOG BRONZE Odyssey's Murphy Of Farsight At Chapterhouse FITB	Jennie L La Prade	12/05/2024
AKC SCENT WORK BURIED NOVICE Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace RN NJP NFP ACT1 SCN SBN RATO TKP FITB	Deborah Friedman	12/02/2024

OFA Test Results: June-October 2024
Line in bold italics signifies the dog has a CHIC number

Registration	Name		Results	OFA_#
<i>DN71897701 D&J HA'ARETZ DON'T GET COCKY</i>	<i>DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY</i>		<i>CLEAR/NORMAL</i>	<i>CA-DM317/33M-PI</i>
<i>DN51320701 HA'ARETZ YOD PHOENIX</i>	<i>CANINE HEALTH</i>		<i>CHIC</i>	<i>200729</i>
DN74110003	HERITAGE NOW YOU SEE ME	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE130/22M-VPI
DN66509602	MAZEL TOV A NEW HOPE PAW-DAWAN	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE131/46F-VPI
		<i>ELBOW</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>	<i>CA-EL278F53-C-VPI</i>
<i>DN62474903 RIVER ROCK KARIZMA XENO AFFAIR PATELLA</i>			<i>NORMAL</i>	<i>CA-PA219/53F/P-VPI</i>
		<i>HIPS</i>	<i>GOOD</i>	<i>CA-619G53F-C-VPI</i>
<i>DN48281802 RIVER ROCK UNANIMOUS DECISION</i>	<i>CANINE HEALTH</i>		<i>CHIC</i>	<i>144274</i>
<i>DN55930304 TAHOE ASCEND'S LADY FREYA OF HIGH DESERT</i>	<i>CANINE HEALTH</i>		<i>CHIC</i>	<i>175381</i>



NEW TITLES – OCTOBER 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 2025, CONT

AKC SCENT WORK CONTAINER NOVICE

Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace RN NJP NFP ACT1 SCN SBN RATO TKP FITB

Deborah Friedman

12/01/2024

AKC NOVICE TRICK DOG

Bandersnatch Triple R Go Forth And Have No Fear TKN

Jennifer Wise & Amanda Pough & Amy Preston

12/31/2024

Riverrock Gemari Desert Star Zion's Hawk BN RI FDC DCAT CGC TKN

Denise A Gordon

12/21/2024

AKC FARM DOG CERTIFIED

CH River Rock A Swarm Of Bees FDC TKN

Christina Miller

09/13/2024

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Cando Dex On The Beach RN RATS CGCA CGCU TKA

Cristina Garland & Kaelin Sweet

09/21/2024

Riverrock Gemari Desert Star Zion's Hawk BN RI FDC DCAT CGC TKN

Denise A Gordon

12/21/2024

Tackling Obesity in Dogs

By Sharon Albright, DVM, CCRT Manager of Communications & Veterinary Outreach, AKC Canine Health Foundation

Posted at:

<https://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/CHF-Discoveries-Winter-2025-WEB.pdf> and accessed 02/16/2025

As a new year begins, many people make – and break – New Year’s resolutions regarding their weight and health. Setting aside any judgments on this practice, maintaining your dog at a healthy weight is always a worthy commitment. According to a 2022 survey by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, 59% of U.S. dogs are estimated to be overweight or obese.

This staggering statistic has significant implications for canine health. In dogs, as in humans, obesity is an inflammatory condition that affects the heart, joints, kidneys, and skin, and even contributes to the development of cancer. Addressing obesity first reduces fatty tissue levels and the associated inflammation, which can lead to the improvement or resolution of other health issues.

Obesity can even impact a dog’s lifespan. A laboratory study¹ by Nestle Purina Petcare showed that Labrador Retrievers fed 25% less than their free fed littermates developed chronic diseases such as arthritis at a later age and lived up to two years longer. A more recent study² of North American pet dogs also found that healthy-weight dogs outlived their overweight peers by up to two and a half years. Since we all want to spend more quality time with our beloved dogs, prioritizing a healthy weight is essential to ensuring a longer, happier life together.

If your dog is already overweight, decreased calorie intake and increased exercise are the mainstay of an effective treatment plan. Since this approach takes time and dedication from the owner and the veterinary team, scientists are looking for additional tools to help dogs achieve a healthy weight faster.

One promising avenue is being studied at The Ohio State University where AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF)-funded researchers are investigating fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) (CHF Grant 02723: Scientific and Clinical Assessment of Fecal Microbiota Transplant in Obese Dogs: SLIM Study). The intestinal microbiota—a community of bacteria, fungi, and other microscopic organisms in the digestive tract—plays a significant role in metabolism and weight management. Studies in humans and rodents suggest that the intestinal microbiota contributes to obesity and weight management. FMT aims to transfer microbes that promote a lean body weight into overweight dogs, offering a novel approach to treating obesity.



“Obesity is a disease. We need to treat it as such and give it the appropriate level of attention,” says Principal Investigator Dr. Janessa Winston.

The SLIM Study is just one example of CHF-funded research working to develop more effective treatment and prevention strategies for canine diseases like obesity. Learn more about this important work at [akcchf.org/research](https://www.akcchf.org/research).

1. Kealy RD, Lawler DF, Ballam JM, Mantz SL, Biery DN, Greeley EH, Lust G, Segre M, Smith GK, Stowe HD. Effects of diet restriction on life span and age-related changes in dogs. J Am Vet Med Assoc. 2002 May 1;220(9): 1315-1320. <https://doi.org/10.2460/javma.2002.220.1315>.

2. Salt C, Morris PJ, Wilson D, Lund EM, German AJ. Association between life span and body condition in neutered client-owned dogs. J Vet Intern Med. 2019; 33: 89–99. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jvim.15367>

EDITOR’S NOTE

A short and sweet note this issue. While we haven’t had the FEET of snow like north of us (the facility of the 2016 NS Herding Test is one of the towns inundated), we still have seen flakes falling every. single. day. of this calendar year. Happily our house gets just enough wind to reduce the total amount of shoveling needed; it all ends up on one side of the house instead of the front walk and cars. Sun has been in short supply, but so welcomed when it does appear. Finishing this issue while the sun is out inspires me to wrap it up quickly!

Hope you are getting the sun you and your dogs need this winter, and that spring is less muddy than normal. Pat your dogs, and mean it.

- Amanda

How Does Wildfire Smoke Affect Dogs?

By AKC Staff

Updated: Jan 09, 2025 | *accessed 02/16/2025*

When wildfires ravage an area, both humans and pets are at risk of being displaced and inhaling dangerous amounts of smoke. Remember — if you feel the effects of smoke, your pets probably do, too. And if you ever have to evacuate your home, your pets should always go with you.

If you're in an area impacted by wildfires or smoke, don't panic. Here's how to prepare for an emergency, protect your dog from dangerous air quality, and evacuate safely.

What To Do With Your Pets When the Air Is Smoky

During wildfires, the air quality is often dangerous and hazardous to breathe. Some experts estimate that breathing in smoke-filled air for a whole day can be equivalent to smoking about seven cigarettes per day — and that's for a human! Puppies and senior dogs may be especially at risk of inhaling too much smoke.

Here's what to do if you experience poor air quality due to smoke:

Keep your pets inside as much as possible, with your windows shut

If your dog needs to go to the bathroom, only let them out for short periods of time

Avoid long walks and activities outdoors

Watch for signs of smoke inhalation

Remember: there are many ways to keep your pets busy and active while indoors!

Signs Your Pet May Have Inhaled Too Much Smoke

Call your veterinarian right away if your dog exhibits any of the following symptoms:

Coughing

Trouble breathing

Wheezing or loud breathing

Fatigue or disorientation

Reduced appetite

Reduced thirst

Red eyes, excessive tearing or blinking, or pawing at eyes, which could indicate cornea trauma

Do Face Masks Protect Dogs Against Smoke?

While many people have worn face masks as a way to combat the spread of COVID-19, they can also be a tool for protecting humans against poor air quality. However, no evidence has been seen that masks protect against carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and cyanide, which are some of the most dangerous aspects of smoke inhalation. Not enough research has been done to support masks' possible effectiveness with regards to protecting animals. The best plan is to keep both you and your pets indoors as much as possible.

Preparing Your Pets for Fire Evacuation

It's important to remember that your pets are a part of your family, so if you have to evacuate, your animals should go with you. This is why you should have an evacuation plan ready before you even think you may need it.

Make sure your dog is microchipped. A microchip allows veterinarians and shelter workers to scan your pet and access your contact information. A microchip could prove an essential part of reuniting you with your dog if you get separated. Keep your dog's microchip registration up to date with your most recent phone number and address.

But don't forget the low-tech option, too. **Your dog should be wearing a collar with up-to-date identification tags.** Finally, have copies of all your dog's important documents.



Consider including:

Vaccination certificates and most recent heartworm test results

Information about any health concerns, medications, or behavior problems

Contact information for your veterinarian

Identification information, including proof of ownership and a current photo of you with your dog (in case your dog gets lost)

Pack a Fire Evacuation Kit

A pet disaster preparedness kit should include everything your dog will need in an emergency evacuation. Consider your dog's basic needs, safety, and any medical issues. Keep it in an easy-to-carry waterproof container and store it where you can easily get to it.

Your dog's go-bag should include items such as:

Bottled drinking water (during an emergency, tap water can be contaminated)

Food in waterproof containers or cans. Consider choosing dog food in pop-top tins or pack a can opener. Bring enough for at least two weeks.

Food and water bowls

Prescription medications and other required health supplies, such as flea and tick medication and heartworm preventatives

Dog first-aid kit

Poop bags and other clean-up supplies

Familiar items like toys, bedding, and blankets to comfort your dog

Stress-relieving items like an anxiety vest or calming sprays if your dog is prone to anxiety



How To Evacuate With a Dog

Always bring your pets with you when evacuating your home. Pack your pet's emergency kit and documents and make sure you have a pet-friendly place to stay. Whether you're staying with family, at a shelter, or a pet-friendly hotel, there are several options for traveling with your pets.

In the unfortunate event that you are separated from your pet or lose your pet, contact AKC Reunite. Above all, stay vigilant, stay indoors if you can, and call your veterinarian if you notice any changes in your dog.

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BRAG BOX



Becca earned her AKC Scent Work Novice Interior, Container, and Buried Titles, and 2 legs towards her Novice Exterior title in just 2 trials. She Q'd in 15 of 17 searches! Super proud of her (and myself as she is my first scent sport dog and learning to let her lead is my challenge)!!!

- Debbie Friedman

'Thank you and well done to all the competitors who made it to **Westminster 2025**, it was a beautiful collection of dogs well-presented to the fancy. The breed results are in!

Congratulations:

Best of Breed: GCHG CH Revelation Adiva Aviva Of Samara "Estee"

Best of Opposite Sex: CH Woodland West's Front Runner "Balto"

Select Dog: GCHS CH Revelation Aharon Aviv BCAT CGC TKN "Aharon"

Select Bitch: GCHS CH Jaykay Fearless Defender At Bandersnatch Rosendogs FDC TKN "Lexi"

Award of Merit: GCHB CH River Rock Unanimous Decision FCAT TKN "Datak"

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2025 NYC MEET THE BREEDS

Report to the Board from Richard Vulliet

The club's presentation at Meet the Breeds went well with good action at the booth. Early estimates were that about 40,000 people attended. Fortunately, we had David Pohl, Tom Cassel, Ashley Hatfield, Chris (came with Ashley),



Meet the Breeds



Lorna Menaker, Pamela Rosman (on Sunday only) and myself present cover. In two very full, exhausting days, we passed out approximately 250 informational flyers and 250 business cards with a QR code with directions to the CDCA website to those we thought were serious lookers. About 500 stickers were passed to most of the kids that walked by. The stickers had "Canaan Dogs Rule" printed over pictures of prominent CDs who are no longer actively being shown or have passed.

In addition, I had eight relevant photos (attached) blown up to 11" x 14" prints and mounted on display foam board. These turned out to be very useful while talking to attendees about the virtues of CDs. For example, one photo has Dugma, one of our breed's founders, and Magnum adjacent to each other. The similarity of Magnum's and Dugma's body morphology demonstrates the key point that the CDCA is successfully "breeding to preserve", not vanity issues associated with

many other breeds. Another key point is that Dugma was "rescued" (not the term that was originally used, but the current term) from the desert by the Menzels. Most of the other photos are self-explanatory.

The photo with the two CDs on the lion hunt is a paradigm shifter. There probably haven't been lions on the Arabian Peninsula for over 2000 years. The authors who found these rock etching images estimate them to be approximately 8,000 years old, although it is difficult to accurately age rock etchings. If they are CDs and if they helped hunt lions, that changes their role from herding dogs to working/sporting dogs in the AKC categorization-not that we need to change it. National Geographic, Science, and Smithsonian magazines, in secondary reports of this discovery, all reported these images as the oldest recorded images of dogs found to date and as CDs. If they are 8,000 years old, that predates Moses, the writing of the Torah and possibly the Garden of Eden. These etchings are located about 700 miles west of the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates river; a site that most think was the location of the Garden of Eden. Free ranging canids could easily distribute over this distance in their drive to establish their own territory. Thus, we have

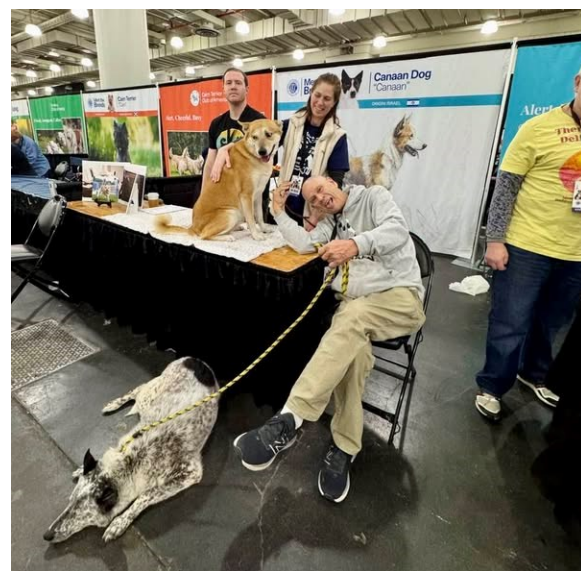
temporal and geographic co-localization with one of the best known biblical sites. All, we have an incredibly unique, boutique dog housed in "a plain brown paper wrapper". Donna Dodson's words on this topic were "CDs are a very generic looking dog" with a phenomenal history.

A young lady came up to me while I was working the booth. I started my spiel about CDs and she stopped me by saying she already had a CD. Apparently, she had come to MTBs two or three years earlier, was sold on the dogs and purchased one from Amy before she moved to FL. I wish I had more time to chat with her but at the time the booth was four people deep. That is one dog that we "placed" through MTBs. Hopefully there are or will be many more.



Given that most of the printing was done at my house, the CDCA did not incur extensive expenses. Blowing up the photos cost less than \$20 per photo. All the printing was done on already purchased Avery Business form stock using my home large-ink chamber printer. The \$1,000 stipend from the AKC will be divided among David Pohl, Ashley, Chris and Tom. Lorna, Pamela and I waived reimbursements for any of our expenses. We all verbally agree to this distribution.

I will not chair an east coast MTBs again, although I may be willing to participate. Being 3,000 miles away is an incredible burden. There were too many things that I wish I had brought with me that I didn't. If there are west-coast MTBs, I may be willing to coordinate them. I asked Tom if he would be willing to coordinate NYC MTBs next year and he indicated that he might be willing if he was approved by the BoD.



Editor's note: 2025 NYC MTB photos courtesy Lorna Menaker; historical photos courtesy Richard Vulliet; photos of CDs in action supplied by club members for the booth.

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