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From the Editor's Desk:

It is a bit daunting following Denise as editor of the Kib, as she's done such an outstanding job. It is also a hard job as Tycho keeps coming over and dropping his Kong toy on my foot as a "gentle" hint that I might want to consider putting some dog treats in it.

I am delighted that people are already volunteering articles for the Kib - as a reader these always made it much more interesting to me and helped me learn more about the breed, other club members, and their Canaan Dogs. For example, if I am reborn as a dog, I want Ginny Landis to own me so I can go to dog camp every summer. Of course, these article submissions may be a form of pro-active self-defense so people don't hear even more about my Canaan Dog, Tycho.



That's Tycho there on the left, practicing his mind-control stare as a puppy. He's eight years old now, and this stare is so effective he can get me to do whatever he wants just by looking at me. I dare anyone to gaze at this picture for 30 seconds and not feel an overwhelming desire to 1) give the dog treats, 2) pet the dog, or 3) take the dog for a walk.

Now for the disappointing news: the people who used to live next door and their several cats moved away, and the man who moved in has no cats. Tycho spent the last year feeling quite fierce and keeping our yard cat free. Mind you, the cats never *wanted* to come into our yard, but that doesn't matter to Tycho. He loves launching off the deck, soaring through the air, and tearing around the yard, hackles up, and making horrible monster growls - all to scare off the cats (though squirrels are good too). He then prances up to me to get praise for ridding the yard of the kitty scourge. However, let's just be clear that he doesn't really want to get NEAR the cats. In the first month here he actually went over the fence in his joyous pursuit of the cats. That was so terrible (trapped on the wrong side of the fence!!! Oh no!!!!), that he has never gone over the

fence again.

The CDCA has its first All-Breed Agility Trial in Leesburg VA (just outside Washington DC) in a few months: April 17 & 18, 2004. To ensure the success of this trial, we need more volunteers! Previous experience is not required. To entice conformation folk to come support the trial, there is also a major all breed show, Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, on Saturday April 17th nearby in Leesburg. For more information on what you can do to help, please contact the Trial Chair, Alan Gersman, at (703) 437-6969 or email: maxisone@erols.com or volunteer coordinator Jennie Larkin (301)-530-9380 or email: TychoCAND@yahoo.com

Jennie Larkin

Are Canaan Dogs Aggressive?

by Renee Donaher, CDCA Public Education Chair

A question was recently posted to the international Canaan Dog List, Canaani-L, asking if Canaan Dogs "turn aggressive" as they mature. The answer is not a simple one. Canaan Dogs are derived from an ancient stock of pariah dog and they retain many natural canine behaviors. Generally people intrigued by canine behavior enjoy Canaan dogs. The breed requires extensive socialization and training for a longer period than most breeds and your dedication in their rearing largely affects the resultant adult temperament. Prospective owners should seriously consider if they want a dog that requires active management versus a more passive co-existence

As far as aggression is concerned, it isn't a black and white situation. The word aggressive is a broad term and covers a variety of behaviors to the layperson. Some people are not interested in the reason behind an act that might appear as aggression, nor do they care to understand the behavior and work with the dog. This may include a veterinarian, skilled trainer, daycare provider or even a close friend. If you choose to share your life with a Canaan Dog, it is important you do not fall subject to the misconceptions.

Understanding and working within the context of the Canaan Dog's fascinating personalities is part of the joy. Some Canaan Dogs express themselves vocally via grumbling, howling, moaning, or otherwise talking. This simple and truly charming aspect of the Canaan Dog personality can be confused for growling and deemed aggressive. Variations of vocalizations can occur as an invitation to play, displeasure with a request or activity, and/or as a greeting. Once you live with a Canaan Dog you learn to understand "Canaani-speak" and sometimes must translate it for leery friends and professionals.

Canaan Dog puppies are generally outgoing and well behaved in the department of house manners. Puppies can be termed 'aggressive' when seen roughhousing in doggie play groups. Canaan Dogs generally play very loudly and roughly with other dogs. With their vocal repertoire of growls, barking, and snarls, I have heard playful young puppies called aggressive. This is not aggression. The puppies are just playing the way they know how and some people don't understand it. It is important to watch for other clues, such as the way the dogs are interacting, to see that it is all in fun.

Adolescent Canaan Dogs sometimes enter a fear period at ~ 9-12 months. For some, this period doesn't subside until ~ two years old. During this period, the dog maybe hyper-neophobic; pull away from the touch of strangers, bark at benign things, have a wide-eyed stare, and demonstrate avoidance. If the dog has not been raised and handled properly to this point, this stage may show itself in an extreme way to keep people at bay. Some people may consider this period aggressive should the dog even appear ready to bite out of fear. In general, the Canaan Dog is not a biter. Canaan Dogs will largely choose flight over fight as a stress response. An air of confidence on the part of the owner, without compromising what the dog must endure, is generally the approach taken to overcome this difficult period in the dog's life.

At the age of ~ 2, the maturing adult might become more territorial of his home turf. Home turf for a Canaan Dog means anything he considers "his" - which could include your local dog park (if you visit often enough), the family car, or other frequently visited places. A Canaan Dog will keep interlopers from invading his space unless they have been raised to regard his owner's opinion over his own.

Canaan Dogs (adults and pups) tend to be the dominant sort and will often be the 'bully' or top dog. To people with breeds less wanting to lead, this can appear as aggression.

For example, when one of my adult bitches is taken to an off leash dog park she is the 'controller'. She is happy to ignore other dogs at my request, however if any other dogs start playing rough, she breaks it up. Her appearance between two wrestling dogs, accompanied by barking or grumbling at each, has been called aggression. She does not attack, bite, or otherwise torture the playing dogs. She simply stops them from playing. I do not call this aggression, but others do and it certainly does put a damper on the fun of the wrestling labs and their owners. Their territorial and dominant nature does not make the Canaan Dog a welcome life-long dog park participant. I have found it to only be enjoyable until maturity.

As an adult the types of aggression that need the owners management the most would be same-sex, territorial, and prey-drive behaviors.

- ♦ **Same-Sex Aggression** - Adult Canaan Dogs generally do not immediately welcome same-sex playmates unless there is a definite delineation in status, such as one is neutered and one is not, or a significant age difference.
- ♦ **Territorial** - Unless welcomed by his owner and introduced properly, an adult Canaan Dog will aggressively run a strange dog off his territory. This is why it is important to have a securely fenced yard. Ideally, introduction of dogs should be done on neutral territory.

- ♦ **Prey Drive** - In some breeds, certain portions of the prey drive have been bred for and against. The Border Collie's chasing and stalking portion of the prey drive has been enhanced, but the catching and killing portions have minimized. A Canaan Dog has an intact prey drive. This means, he will quite naturally exhibit the entire prey behavior sequence of stalking, chasing, killing, and sometimes consuming small prey.

All of these forms of aggression are manageable in a well-trained and socialized Canaan Dog. But the question a prospective owner must ask him or herself is: do you want to be a manager? Canaan Dogs need management; otherwise they will walk all over a passive owner.

Canaan Dogs may be considered by some to be aggressive in some way, but that is largely due to passive management by the owner. Canaan Dog owners have to be aware that they have a savvy, intelligent, and very natural dog whose regard is earned with lots of early training and socialization. If the Canaan Dog is raised properly, you will be rewarded with an entertaining, sensitive companion who can accompany you most anywhere. Those of us, who have chosen Canaan Dogs as companions, adore them. They make unique and fascinating companions in the right home.

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The membership directory and other CDCA forms may be found on the web at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CanaanDogClubofAmericaList/files/>

A down-loadable, high resolution, printable PDF of the Kib is also in this directory, for the convenience of Club members. The PDF images will be in color, although the printed Kib will remain in black & white.

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Health Clearances

CERF:

CH Ha'Aretz TZ Starlite (9/18/03)
CERF identification number CA-166/2003--33.
Owner: Bryna Comsky

Note: owners should send a copy of CERF reports to the health chair, Donna Dodson.

THYROID:

Kubla (10/28/2003)
NoReg1082302, OFA: CA-TH21/60M-PI
(normal)

Pleasant Hill Ginger (10/7/2003)
DL84361702, CA-TH20/38F-PI
(normal)

Renegade's Riker (9/17/2003)
DL88959601, CA-TH19/24F-PI
(normal)

ELBOW:

Renegade's Riker (9/17/2003)
DL88959601, CA-EL39F24-PI
(normal)

PATELLA:

Renegade's Riker (9/17/2003)
DL88959601, CA-PA5/24/F/P-PI
(normal)

HIPS:

Kubla, (10/22/2003)
NoReg1082302, OFA:CA-337E60M-PI

Pleasant Hill Ginger (9/30/2003)
DL84361702, OFA:CA-336G38F-PI

Renegade's Riker (9/17/2003)
DL88959601, OFA: CA-335G24F-PI

CH. Renegade's Mojo Risin, 20 mo, Report Date = 4/10/03
PennHIP LDI = 0.30, RDI = 0.30
90th percentile (based on 28 Canaan Dogs, mean 0.44), no DJD)

Ch. Bay Path's Amitz, M, 38mo, Report Date = 10/15/1996
LDI = Cavitation, RDI = 0.57
40th percentile (based on 10,380 dogs of all breeds, mean 0.50)

Cherrysh My Spring Lily, F, 4mo, Report Date = 03/05/1999
LDI = 0.55, RDI = 0.60
30th percentile (based on 20,225 dogs of all breeds, mean = 0.50)

Ch. Cherrysh's Coat Of Many Colors, M, 7mo, Report Date = 03/15/1999
LDI = 0.35, RDI = 0.39
80th percentile (based on 21,620 dogs of all breeds, mean 0.50)

Ch. Cherrysh My Charming Delilah, F, 28mo, Report date = 09/07/1999
LDI = 0.24, RDI = 0.24
90th percentile (based on 21,620 dogs of all breeds, mean 0.50)

Ch. Cherrysh The Vision Of Ezekiel, M, 4mo, Report Date = 04/20/2000
LDI = 0.55, RDI = 0.41
50th percentile (based on 26,463 dogs of all breeds, mean 0.50)

Ch. Pleasant Hill Anastasia, F, 24mo, Report Date = 05/04/2000
LDI = Cavitation, RDI = 0.36
90th percentile (based on 26,463 dogs of all breeds, mean 0.50)

Ch. Cherrysh My Trustworthy Toby, M, 40mo, Report Date = 09/07/2000
LDI = 0.24, RDI = 0.29
90th percentile (based on 20 Canaan Dogs, breed mean = 0.46)

Ziva me Shaar Hagai, F, 23mo, Report Date = 12/21/2000
LDI = 0.38, RDI = 0.45,
60th percentile (based on 22 Canaan Dogs, breed mean = 0.46)

Ch. Cherrysh Semper Fi Ty, M, 36mo, Report Date = 08/21/2001
LDI = Cavitation, RDI = 0.32
90th percentile (based on 25 Canaan Dogs, breed mean = 0.45)

Ch. Barak me Shaar Hagai, M, 48mo, Report Date = 12/18/2001
LDI = 0.41, RDI = 0.32
60th percentile (based on 27 Canaan Dogs, breed mean = 0.45)

Ch. Lahat me Shaar Hagai, M, 29mo, Report Date = 01/13/2003
LDI = 0.17, RDI = 0.30
90th percentile (based on 28 Canaan dogs, breed mean = 0.44)

AKC/Eukanuba Invitational Wednesday December 3, 2003 Long Beach, CA

Seven Canaan Dogs were entered in this year's Invitational.



All the dogs wonderfully represented our breed.

BOB went to the 2003 CDCA National Specialty winner, CH Mad River Ain't Misbehavin, "Tootsie".



Tootsie in the Herding Group ring.

BOS was Jealou's Got Milk O'MadRiver.

Awards of Merit went to the imported bitch CH Babrees Crystal Gale and the only red Canaan Dog entered, CH Pleasant Hill Thaddeus.

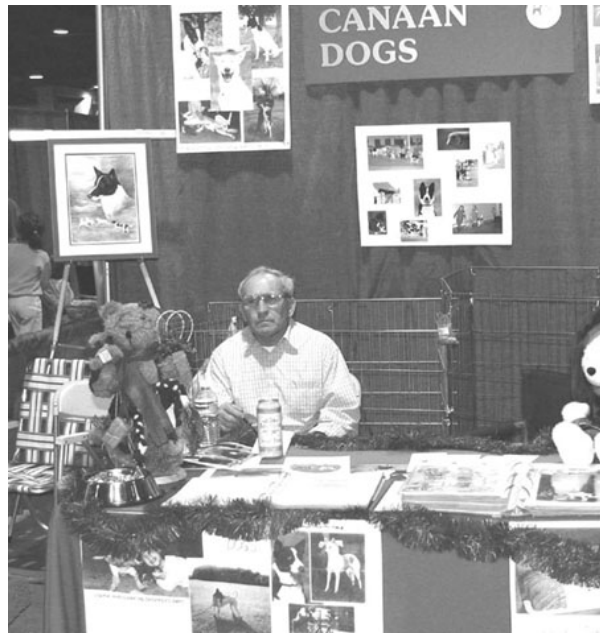
Best Bred-by-Exhibitor was won by CH Yashar Ha'Aretz Machseh, "Pocket", who was BOS at the 2003 CDCA National Specialty.

Also representing our breed in the ring were CH Mazel Tov Mystery Girl and Cando Bobbysox N Saddleshoes.



Thaddeus gating in the breed ring.

The CDCA also had a breed information booth, manned by the Canaan Dog fanciers attending the Invitational.



Roy Dodson mans the breed booth.

At the Agility Nationals, held concurrently in Long Beach, Alan Gersman put in splendid performances with his Canaan Dogs Isabel and Lada L and his Border Collie Hummer. Also running agility was the ILP Canaan Dog Jacob, owned by Carol Lynne Evans.

Top agility Canaan Dog for 2003 has not yet been determined. It is a very close contest between Lada L and Jacob.

We are proud to announce our first Bred-By Champion!

CH Renegade's Mojo Risin, CDCA HC



Velikayas Dahav x CH Hadar Ha'Aretz Tates Neshamele

2003 CDCA Specialty "Best Bred By Exhibitor"

Breeder/Owner Handled

We look forward to Mojo's career as a special.

Renegade Canaan Dogs

Renee Donaher

Evan Jackowitz

Renegade Canaan Dogs

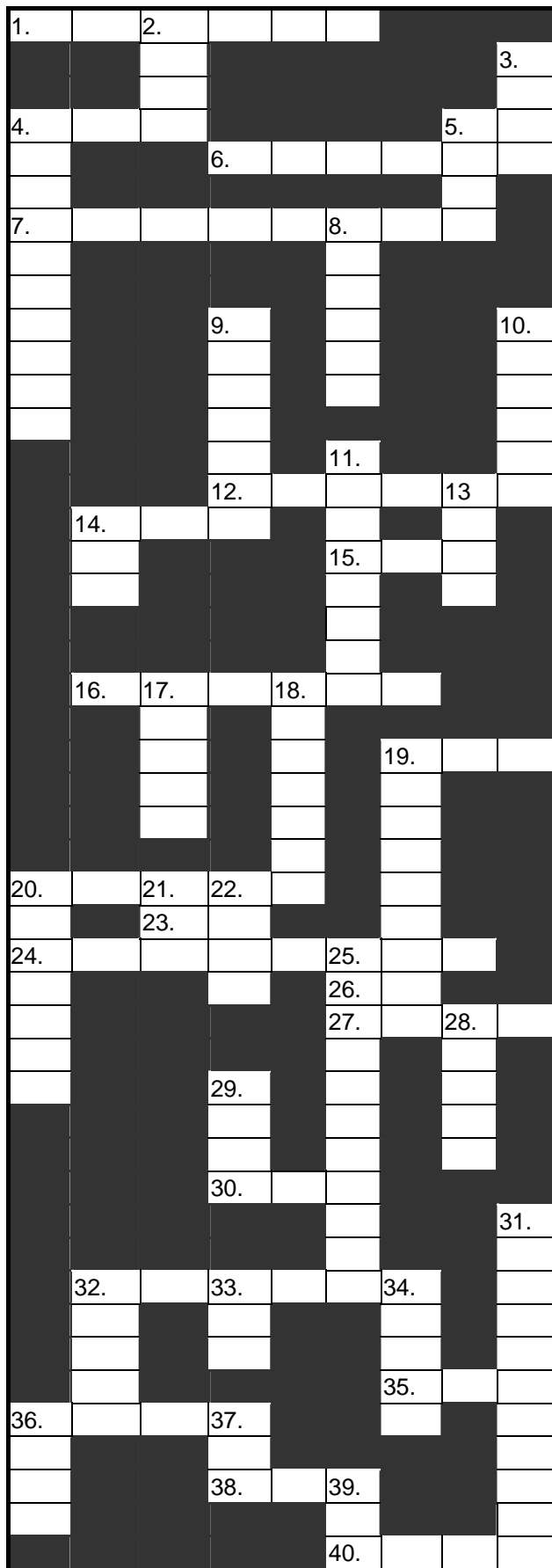
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CANAANI CROSSWORD**ACROSS**

1. Canaan sandy territory
4. A fun game: ___ball
5. Hello or Hawaii's abbreviation
6. Boarding or breeding
7. _____ Specialty
12. A beginner (dog or owner)
14. Term for male Canaan
15. Register of Merit (abbrev)
16. Originating country
19. Open Agility Jumpers (abbrev)
20. Not an adult
23. Registered Agent (abbreviation)
24. Outdoor, sniffing event
26. North Carolina's abbreviation
27. Instinct _____
30. What a tail does
32. Largest European dog show
35. An obedience command
36. Canaans _____ the flock
38. American Kennel Club (abbrev)
40. Needed for OFA or PennHip registration

DOWN

2. An obedience command
3. Full, brush-like "wagger"
4. Ancestors: _____ stock
5. A moving obedience command
8. Israeli desert; home of wild ones
9. Canaan's AKC Group
10. Another term for the dog species
11. A major fault in conformation
13. An obedience recall command
14. Pedigree term for mother
17. One type of coat pattern
18. Obstacle course event
19. What every Canaan should learn
20. Large spots
21. Progressive retinal atrophy (abbrev)
22. Canaan (or any dog/wolf) mentality
25. Canaans are highly _____
28. Livestock that Canaans herd
29. Dog _____
31. CDCA all-around title
32. Portable "den"
33. United Kennel Club (abbrev)
34. Canaans have a lot of common _____
36. A gait between walk and run
37. Genetic three letters; "code of life"
39. Companion Dog Excellent (abbrev)

Editor's note: The Canaan Dog Club of America's Dog of the Year award was awarded to "Yaki", CDCA/ARBA/AKC Ch. Pleasant Hill Yaakov Metav, CDCA-HCX, V, AKC-NA, NAJ, CGC, AHBA-HCT. However, the vote was very close, almost a three-way tie. Because of this, I would like to honor the other two nominees of the 2002 DOTY award, "Spock" and "Tootsy". In this issue, Chris Miller writes a biography and tribute to Spock. Tootsy will be featured in the next issue.

Ch. Hadar Ha'Aretz Mr Spock River Rock

December 12, 1997 - November 5, 2002

Although he left this world entirely too early, his spirit will haunt us for eternity. "Spock" was the first Canaan Dog to come to River Rock. He was bred by Bryna Comsky, Jerry and Christie Collins. He taught me many things about Canaan Dogs - mostly that they are like potato chips - you can't have just one.

He completed his AKC Championship in March of 2002, after many broken Majors, at the Kentukiana Cluster in Louisville.



Spock held on to the #1 spot in Breed Points for Canaan Dogs April through September 2002. His show career was cut short in August of 2002 when he was diagnosed with lymphosarcoma.



He was the clown, the intellect, the true Alpha Male and the loving companion all rolled into one. "Spock" was a wonderful ambassador for the breed. He introduced many folks to the world of Canaan Dogs here in the Deep South. He sired three litters for the breed. Four of his kids now hold AKC titles. He will live on in our memories and through his children. He lost his battle with cancer in November of 2002. He will always be first in my heart. The debt that I owe to him is immense. Rest well "Bigun" your time here was well spent.

*"I want you to know,
That you don't need me anymore.
I want you to know,
You don't need anyone, anything at all.
Who's to say where the wind will take you,
Who's to know what it is will break you.
I don't know which way the wind will blow.
Who's to know when the time has come
around.
Don't wanna see you cry.
I know this is not goodbye."
U2 - "Kite"*

Dog of the Year and Member of the Year 2003 Nominations are now open!

Please submit name of nominee and supporting paragraph (~200 words) to a member of the board of directors (see back cover of the Kib for the list). DOTY nomination **must** list the names of sire and dam and must be owned or co-owned by a member in good standing of the CDCA. The MOTY nominee must be a member in good standing of the CDCA. Nominations will close March 31, 2004.

We mourn the loss of our shining star – Barak me Shaar Hagai

World Winner 2001, European Winner 2001, Tel Aviv Winner 2001, Israel Champion, International Champion, Luxembourg Champion, AKC Champion, UKC Champion

Oct. 16, 1997 – Oct. 29, 2003

He was in the height of his show career with an AKC Group 1 a month before and his second ICDCA Best Of Breed just a few days before he died. In 2002, he was the #1 Canaan Dog in the USA defeating a total of 121 Canaan Dogs. He had already defeated 149 Canaan Dogs and 420 herding dogs in 2003. He was already among the top owner handled Canaan Dogs in breed history and he had several years ahead of him. Not only was he an exceptional showman, but a wonderful companion. His devilish grin with that twinkle in his eyes and playful ways are deeply missed. Barak was going back to Shaar Hagai in 2004 so he could again become King of Shaar Hagai



and our rising star – Cherrysh Sunshine In My Heart

Jan. 30, 2003 – Oct. 24, 2003

Sunshine was only shown four times in her short life with two Reserve Winners Bitch (one to a five point major) and two Winners Bitch earning majors, she was destined to follow in her sire's footsteps. She had already won over the hearts of many people with her confident and friendly temperament. She was to make her debut in England with Lorna Hastings in the spring of 2004. We had high hopes for her contribution to the breed.

Cheryl Hennings ♦ Myrna Shibolet ♦ Lorna Hastings

ANSWERS TO CANAANI CROSSWORD

Written and edited by Denise Gordon

Across

1. Desert
4. Fly
5. Hi (or HI)
6. Kennel
7. National
12. Novice
14. Dog
15. ROM
16. Israel
19. OAJ
20. Puppy
23. RA
24. Tracking
26. NC
27. Test
30. Wag
32. Crufts
35. Sit
36. Tend
38. AKC
40. Xray

Down

2. Stay
3. Tail
4. Foundation
5. Heel
8. Negev
9. Herding
10. Canine
11. Overbite
13. Come
14. Dam
17. Solid
18. Agility
19. Obedience
20. Patches
21. PRA
22. Pack
25. Intelligent
28. Sheep
29. Show
31. Versatility
32. Crate

Down

32. Crate
33. UKC
34. Sense
36. Trot
37. DNA
39. CDX

CDCA'S FIRST AGILITY TRIAL: April 17 & 18, 2004

The CDCA is holding its first AKC Agility Trial, in Leesburg, VA. The trial chairperson is Alan Gersman: phone (703) 437-6969 or email: maxisone@erols.com. In order to ensure this trial is a success, please help! Volunteers are greatly appreciated. If you can come, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Jennie Larkin (301)530-9380 or email: jlarkin@yahoo.com. If you cannot come help out in person, please donate to the raffle we will be holding (see details below).

There is also a large all-breed conformation show the Saturday of the trial nearby (Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, on Saturday April 17th in Leesburg).

We suggest you make your reservations as early as possible. The CDCA has a block of rooms at The Leesburg Holiday Inn. Contact Melissa Snow at (703) 771-9200 or leesburgdos@crownamerican.com.

REQUEST - CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AGILITY RAFFLE.

All proceeds from the raffle will go to support Canaan Dog-related health research. Items for the raffle for the CDCA agility trial on April 21, 2004. Such things as coupons and gift cards for dog items as well as items of dog and personal interest are acceptable.

Because of travel and packing restrictions, please, no huge items. Send to: Donna Dodson, 29275 Pleasant Hill Rd. Kingston, IL 60145 or if you plan to attend the agility trial, please e-mail a message of intended items to knandog@aol.com so a tally can be made.

PennHip

University of Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program

Renee Donaher & Cheryl Hennings

In this issue of the Kib, you will see for the first time reports of PennHip results in addition to or instead of OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) results as an acceptable tool for screening our breeding stock. For that reason, we thought it would be appropriate to give a brief explanation of what PennHip is and how PennHip results correlate with the well known OFA method of diagnosing hip dysplasia.

PennHip is a diagnostic radiograph series developed by Dr. Gail Smith from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Three separate radiographs are taken of the subject for a specific purpose.

- The distraction view - the degree to which the hips can be moved out of the hip socket.
- The compression view - the degree to which the hips can be moved deeper into the hip socket.

- The hip extended view - similar to the classical position submitted to OFA, this view is intended to provide supplementary data.

Measurements are taken of the distraction and compression view to calculate *hip laxity*. The degree of hip joint laxity as measured by the PennHip method has been shown to be the greatest indicator of whether a specific dog will develop degenerative joint disease (DJD) or hip dysplasia.¹ The more laxity a hip joint has, the greater the chance of the dog developing DJD.

The PennHip Score is presented as the Distraction Index (DI) or the measurement at which the hip can be distracted from the socket. This is presented for the right and left hip as well as the current mean and his/her ranking to the rest of the population at that time.

For Example:

Dog X - Male, 40 months	Left DI: 0.24	Right DI: 0.29	90 th Percentile (Based on 20 Canaan Dogs)	Breed Mean: 0.46
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DJD in Canaan Dogs seems to occur at a PennHip DI number of approximately 0.68. There have been two dogs with a DI of 0.68 and 0.67 with mild DJD in that hip only at two years old. Another dog with a DI of 0.68 at four years old did not have DJD.

One male had his hips evaluated at the age of three with DI of 0.57. At the age of 10 years old, his hips were x-rayed in the hip extended view. There was no deterioration or calcification.

Sometimes *cavitation* happens when the hip has been extended too far. Cavitation is when tiny air bubbles are let into the joint capsule. The air bubbles show up on the x-ray and PennHip does not use this hip for a reading. If both hips are cavitated, the x-rays will need to be re-done. There seems to be a high rate of cavitation in this breed compared to other breeds. Dr. Phyllis

Frost has x-rayed 21 Canaan Dogs for PennHip and hundreds of dogs of many different breeds including some rare breeds. Other than Canaan Dogs, she has only had one other cavitated hip. Of the 21 Canaan Dogs that she has x-rayed, there have been five with one hip cavitated and two with both hips cavitated. One with both cavitated had to be re-done twice and the third time his LDI was 0.24 and RDI was 0.29.

Several Canaan Dog breeders, have chosen PennHip as their preferred method in diagnosing DJD for their breeding stock. Below are a few examples of PennHip scores and their correlating OFA score to illustrate the important information provided by PennHip and how the two diagnostic systems relate. The comparisons are interesting and seem to support the claims that OFA is inconsistent in their rankings.

Bitch #1	24 mo	LDI=Cavitation	RDI=0.36	OFA=Fair
Bitch #2	28 mo	LDI=0.24	RDI=0.24	OFA=Good
Dog #3	40 mo	LDI=0.24	RDI=0.29	OFA=Excellent
Bitch #4	42 mo	LDI=0.31	RDI=0.33	OFA=Good

Dr. Frost had one of her own Shelties with DI of 0.33 and OFA Excellent. In the case of Bitch #1, the OFA Fair rating is supposed to indicate a high risk for DJD yet her PennHip DI tells us that she has a fairly low risk. If PennHip had not been done on this bitch, she might have been eliminated from the gene pool but in reality her hips are some of the best evaluated and well below the median of 0.50 at the time her hips were reported. In Bitch #2, if PennHip had not been done, it would not have been known how good her hips really are. At the time of her evaluation, she had the lowest PennHip number in Canaan Dogs.

The PennHip method offers a few scientifically sound advantages over the traditional OFA diagnostic method.

- A veterinarian trained and certified by PennHip must take all radiographs.
- All radiographs must be taken on a sedated animal.
- All radiographs must be submitted to PennHip for evaluation.
- This diagnostic tool is an objective, not subjective, indicator of potential or existing DJD.

These aspects of the PennHip procedure help to ensure that the data collected by PennHip is not skewed in one direction due to inconsistencies in data collection.

Resources:

1. PennHip: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/research/centers/pennhip/>
2. OFA: <http://www.ofa.org/>
3. Comparing PennHip and OFA: www.workingdogs.com/ofa_penn.htm

Other advantages are:

- PennHip can be reliably performed on a dog as young as 16 weeks old.
- % of joint laxity provides valuable information for breeding decisions
 - For example, a % joint laxity for each hip tells the breeder how his/her dog compares to the rest of the population evaluated by PennHip. It conveys where passable hips rank in relation to other dogs of the same breed.

There have been several puppies that have had PennHIP evaluations. It's very useful to determine which puppy in a litter will help to improve hips in the breed.

- There is only one dog that has been re-checked as an adult.
 - At 6 months old she had an LDI=0.81, RDI=0.43
 - At 26 months old – LDI=0.68, RDI=0.55 with mild DJD in the left hip.
- There were also two brothers that were x-rayed on the same day at 7 months old.
 - One brother was LDI=0.35; RDI=0.39.
 - The second brother was LDI=0.68; RDI=0.86. This was the deciding factor between which brother would be placed in a pet home.

In a breed as small as ours, it is important for the health of the breed to learn as much as possible about the dogs we are breeding and PennHip offers one more tool to help us make intelligent decisions

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CDCA 2004 National Specialty

The 2004 CDCA National Specialty will be held on Thursday, October 21 in Leesburg, VA. There are all-breed shows (Middleburg KC) on Friday and Saturday. Herding will be on Sunday. Club meetings will be on Wednesday the 20th. The chairperson is Alan Gersman. (Sound familiar??? Yes, he's also the trial chair for our Agility Trial this coming April in Leesburg!)

The schedule for the Specialty is as follows:

Oct 20, 2004: (AM) General Meeting
Oct 20, 2004: (PM) BOD Meeting, and a Tracking Test

Oct 21, 2004: (AM) Specialty: obedience, sweepstakes, breed.

Oct 21, 2004: (PM) Agility Game for ALL Canaan Dogs (You do **not** need to know agility! Just bring your running shoes!)

Oct 21, 2004: (EVE) CDCA Banquet

Oct 22, 2004: Middleburg Shows

Oct 23, 2004: Middleburg Shows

Oct 24, 2004: (AM) Herding Instinct

Breed judge will be Steven Gladstone. Junior Showmanship will be judged by Marieann Gladstone. Obedience will be judged by William Wisecup.

Following the recent tradition of having respected breeders judge the sweepstakes classes, the CDCA is fortunate to have the respected breeder and Canaan Dog expert, Myrna Shibolet come from Israel to judge this year's sweepstakes (puppy and veterans) classes. Myrna has been breeding

Canaan Dogs for over 30 years, and her foundation stock was bred by and/or assessed by Dr. Rudolphina Menzel. Myrna has also been active in collection of additional Canaan Dogs from Bedouin encampments in the Negev desert for assessment and inclusion in the breeding program in Israel.

There will be plenty for all Canaan Dog fanciers to do at this specialty, in addition to the breed classes, and we encourage you to come and make this a special weekend.

For those who may not have a Canaan Dog that you show in Conformation classes, there will still be plenty to do! Our new Tracking Chair, Bryna Comsky, is coordinating a tracking test at the specialty on Wednesday. Obedience will start the day on Thursday, and we will offer Pre-Novice class, for those not quite ready to do off-lead heeling in public with their Canaan Dog. Following the end of specialty judging on Thursday, there will be an agility game for ALL Canaan Dogs, organized by Alan Gersman, CDCA Agility & Performance Chair. All are welcome at the Agility games and no experience is required! There are all-breed shows (Middleburg Kennel Club) with conformation and obedience on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, there will be a herding instinct test, coordinated by Herding Chair, Denise Gordon, after which everyone may happily collapse with exhaustion.

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