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From the Editor's Desk

Second Annual CDCA National Agility Trial



Deby Johnson and Tifa with their first place ribbon finish their Open Agility Jumpers with weaves title! Notice CDCA Secretary Cynthia Dodson and CDCA Tracking Chair Bryna Comsky in the background, taking a well-deserved break!

The CDCA's second Agility Trial was held indoors, at the Cedar Run Horse Center in Woodbridge Virginia on April 23rd & 24th, 2005.

As volunteer coordinator, I would like to thank the following CDCA members who came to the agility trial and worked like dogs!

Ok – maybe they worked like border collies rather than canaan dogs. But they worked tirelessly and I really don't know what would've happened without them! Forgive me if I missed anyone else!! You were all WONDERFUL!!!!

- Alan Gersman (Trial Chair)
- Sylvia Gersman (Timer & Assistant scribe all day both days)
- Cynthia Dodson (Timer & Assistant scribe all day both days)
- David Golden (took HUNDREDS of photos under very challenging lighting conditions!)
- Denise Gordon (Scribe, Timer, you name it - she did it, sometimes in both rings at once!)
- Sandy Dudley (Ribbons and awards guru, who brought candy and doughnuts, and who always had extra pens, tape, anything you needed!)
- Bryna Comsky (ring crew extraordinaire!)
- Deby Johnson (did everything!!! and finished Tifa's open title with a first place!!!)
- Dan Tratnack (Chief ring steward, chief course builder, etc etc)
- Paul Relph (lead runner)

For all of you who missed it -- you missed out on a good time! Ask us about the Thunderstorms! Lada and Isabel ran in Excellent, Tifa ran in Open, and Smudge and Mini and Tycho ran in Novice. Yes -- Tycho was the "ringer" in Novice Preferred, because I hadn't trained him or trialed him in agility in a year. Despite that, I managed to get lost in the novice standard course (which Tycho luckily seemed to know his way around!).

In this issue, we have the 2004 chair reports and also a special section on Canaan Dogs doing Rally-O obedience!

Jennie & Tycho

*2004 Specialty Catalog Ad
Lost, now found!*

*GOOD NEWS!
Better late than never!*

PLEASANT HILL KENNELS

Congratulates the Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc.
For a successful 2004 National Specialty



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PLEASED AND PROUD

TO BE BREEDING A VERSATILE CANAAN DOG and
FORTUNATE to have found committed owners and handlers.

Thank you!

AKC TITLES ONLY LISTED *SOON TO BE UPDATED

GEVAHT NOAM HANNAH, CD	JUDY MARCH ROSENTHAL
CH PLEASANT HILL ROXANNE*	CYNTHIA GRUPP
CH PLEASANT HILL JORDAN*	DONNA DODSON
CH MOWERY'S MANNY BLESSINGS*	ANNETTE ISRAEL
CH ZE'EV MIDBAR, CGC, CD NA, NAJ, PT, HSAS, HIAs	DENISE GORDON
PLEASANT HILL TAHOE MIST, CD*	ROBIN RENTERIA
PLEASANT HILL DASSI CD*	DONNA DODSON
FULIGIN GED TYCHO, CD, CDX, NA, OA, AX, NAJ, OAJ, AXJ	JENNIE LARKIN
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CH PLEASANT HILL PRETTY SPIFFI *	DONNA DODSON
CH PLEASANT HILL SIMON SEZ*	DONNA DODSON
CH PLEASANT HILL HINDA M ROSENDOG, CD	JUDY ROSENTHAL
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PLEASANT HILL GOLDA MILI, CD*	DONNA DODSON
CH PLEASANT HILL YAAKOV METAV, NA, NAJ	SALLY ARMSTRONG-BARNHARDT
CH PLEASANT HILL FRIENDLY PERSUASION, CGC*	DONNA DODSON
CH PLEASANT HILL WHAT'S THE BUZZ NAP, NPJ, OAP, OJP	DONNA DODSON/TRUDI KIMM
CH PLEASANT HILL SEPTEMBER*	DONNA DODSON
CH PLEASANT HILL CLASS ACT, CGC*	DONNA DODSON

RALLY-O RULES!

Rally obedience (known as Rally or Rally-O) is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience.

The team of dog and handler moves continuously at a brisk, but normal, pace with the dog under control within a 2-foot area at the handler's left side. There should be a sense of teamwork between the dog and handler both during the numbered exercises and between the exercise signs; however, perfect "heel position" is not required. After the judge's "Forward" order, the team is on its own to complete the entire sequence of numbered signs correctly.

Unlimited communication from the handler to the dog is encouraged and not penalized. Unless otherwise specified in the Regulations, handlers **are permitted** to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Multiple commands and/or signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. The handler may not touch the dog or make physical corrections. At any time during the performance, loud or harsh commands or intimidating signals will be penalized.

Rally provides a link from the Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) program to obedience or agility competition, both for dogs and handlers. In addition, rally promotes fun and enjoyment for dogs at all levels of competition.

Rally Novice Class (RN)

All exercises are judged **on leash**, and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.

Rally Novice A and B must have between 10 - 15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than five (5) stationary exercises per class.

Rally Advanced Class (RA)

All exercises are judged **off leash**. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.

Rally Advanced A and B must have between 12 - 17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than seven (7) stationary exercises per class.

Rally Excellent Class (RE)

All exercises are judged off leash except the Honor Exercise. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash.

Rally Excellent must have between 15 - 20 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than seven stationary exercises per class.

Unlike in the Rally Novice and Advanced Classes, in Rally Excellent handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both arms and hands are allowed; the handler's arms need not be maintained in any particular position at any time. Handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections.

Qualifying Scores and General Scoring

Times will be used only to break ties for placements. To qualify, dog and handler must receive a minimum score of 70 points out of a possible perfect score of 100. A rally title may be added after the dog's name when three qualifying scores have been earned under at least two different judges.

Scoring for all levels is based on a maximum score of 100 points. The following deductions shall apply:

1-point deduction for each of the following:

- tight leash
- dog interfering with handler's forward motion
- poor sits
- slow, delay, or resistance to respond
- touching or ticking a jump, pylon, post or person
- out of position

3-point deduction for each of the following:

- repeat of a station
- pylon/post knocked over (on Figure Eight, Spiral, and Serpentine)
- lack of control
- loud command or intimidating signal
- excessive barking
- handler error

10-point deduction for each of the following:

- incorrectly performed station
- hitting the jump
- handler error

1- to 10-point deduction:

- lack of teamwork

Non-qualifying (NQ) scores shall be given for:

- minimum requirements not met
- dog unmanageable
- station not attempted
- consistently tight lead
- substantially out of position/not completing the honor exercise
- elimination in the ring during judging
- bar knocked off the uprights/using a jump as an aid in going over
- handler error

Canaan Dogs Rally!

Rally became a titling AKC event on January 1st, 2005. Since then many Canaan Dogs have tried out Rally, and they have all come back with rave rally reviews! The Kib brings you some of their stories.

What is notable is that Rally appeals broadly to Canaan Dogs with of a wide range of experience and training backgrounds.

More good news is that our hard-working 2005 National Specialty Show Chair, Donna Dodson, is planning on holding a rally trial in conjunction with this year's National Specialty. What better time and place to participate in rally??? Stay tuned for more information, but if you have questions or interest, please contact Donna at knandog@aol.com or phone her at (815) 895-2320.

Canaan Dog Rally titles:

DOTY-1995, U-CDX, AKC Ch. Ze'ev Midbar, CGC, TDI, CDCA-VX, HS; AKC-CD, HIAs, NA, NAJ; AHBA-HTDI, HRDII; ASCA-STDs; APDT-RCL1, **RN**

Ch. DaySpring Beraiah Ha'Aretz, CD, CGC, CDCA HC, CDCA ROM, **RN**

DOTY-2001 Fuligin Ged Tycho, HC, V, CGC, CDX, AX, AXJ, **RN**

Raiah & Rally

By Chris Miller



When I first started hearing about Rally, oh some year and a half ago, I thought it sounded perfect for the Canaan Dog. With the lack of repetition and the ability to encourage your dog through voice and hand motions, it's

custom made for our dogs. Most of us know how Canaan Dogs hate repetitive exercises. I think they deem us crazy and say "Hey, I showed you I know how to do that once, why should I show you again?" Of course, then they start to improvise their own methods since they believe they must be doing it incorrectly since we are asking them to do the same thing AGAIN.

Raiah already had her Companion Dog Obedience title so I figured Rally would be fun for her. I did my research on the event and attended some fun matches for Rally. Raiah did very well at the matches, I on the other hand wasn't so great. After only doing classic obedience it was hard for me to remember I could actually talk to my dog during our run. Oh yeah, that whole left and right thing isn't my forte either. But after some practice at home and conditioning myself to vocally encourage Raiah I felt we were ready to trial.

Rally became an AKC titling event January 1, 2005. Raiah whelped her last litter for the breed on January 12th and then had weeks of maternity duty. The opportunity for our first set of trials presented itself at one of my favorite clusters - the Peach Blossom Cluster in Perry, GA, in the wonderful month of April. We entered the three days of trials and crossed our fingers for at least 2 qualifying scores. I had offered a practice session for my local all-breed club members the weekend before the trials. Number one I needed the practice, number two Raiah needed the distraction of other dogs around and number three I needed the support group. Raiah and I did well on our practice runs, so my confidence was up.

Our first day of competition found me nervous and excited. The course was relatively easy with only one station that could give us trouble. Raiah has never appreciated having to down (deemed as a submissive position) in public, and of course, we had a down station. We practiced that station and a couple of other stations and we were ready to go. We were 5th (out of 50+) in the ring and completed all our stations correctly and in good time.

We left the day with a qualifying score of 99 - I was thrilled. The following day Raiah forgot how to heel after the recall and we left the day with an 87. The last day I forgot my left from right and we left the day with a 93. All in all it was a wonderful experience and moreover Raiah had a blast and her Rally Novice title. I had many comments on her happy tail throughout the course.

I am currently beginning 2 more of my dogs for competition and will be working on Raiah's advanced and excellent title. It's such a fun and wonderful competition for this breed, I can't encourage you enough to dive in. If your dog can basically heel on a loose lead the two of you can do Rally.

Get out there and have fun with your Canaan Dog!

Want more information on rally?

AKC Rally Web site:

<http://www.akc.org/events/rally/index.cfm>

Yahoo Groups Rally-O email list:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rally-obed/>

Oz & Rally

By Eileen Jaffe



I have a 2 year old Canaan Dog named Oz. I had wanted a Canaan Dog for at least 12 years, but since I had a number of Manchester Terriers, I felt it best to wait until they were retired from all of their activities. I had been a lurker on the Canaani-L

list for at least 8 years, and I was very aware of the difficulty involved in training a Canaan Dog, but hoped that I was equal to the task, after finishing breed championships on 4 Manchesters, along with 3 Utility Dog titles, 2 Masters in both Standard and Jumpers agility, and 1 Master Agility Championship (MACH), not counting all of the other assorted titles.

I had no clue what I was in for when I picked Oz up at LAX. He was 5 months old, a beautiful cream and white male, squeezed into the very back of his kennel, and more terrified than any animal I had ever seen. I drove back to Arizona, took his kennel out of the van and the only way to get him to come out was to take the top off. He proceeded to find a safe spot behind a bedroom couch, and there he ate and stayed, except to go potty. I would pick him up and he would go completely limp in my arms like a wild animal. I was in despair. His breeder said to pet him a lot, so I did, but he was so frightened of me. For the first month I slowly tried to win his trust, finally able to put a collar and leash on him. He wouldn't walk with me (although his breeder told me he had been very confident and walked fine on a leash), but I persevered. Eventually, after over a month, he was able to actually walk to the end of the block in front of my house. This was a very big triumph for us. After that, I was able to walk him all over my small town, and the day that he finally sniffed the ground in the park was another milestone.

About this time, I was able to take him to a puppy class in Tucson. He reverted completely to the terrified dog I was hoping to change. The whole 8 weeks of class, he never touched a treat, and only at the last session did he even play with another dog. We went immediately into a basic obedience class, and I spent a lot of time running with him in the park while others heeled, because his tail

went up when we ran. Finally, the last two sessions, he actually ate some treats! Another milestone!

During this time, I took Oz to see an animal communicator. She told me that he was grieving for his litter mates and his old home and that the plane trip was very scary. Nothing there that I didn't already know. We also had a couple of sessions with a veterinary behaviorist. She was not encouraging, telling me that I probably would never be able to do any of the activities I hoped to do with him. She prescribed Prozac, which he took for about 8 months. I am not sure it helped at all. She also gave me stay type exercises to work with him, and suggested a Gentle Leader, which I used for quite some time, and also a muzzle. I did teach him to like the muzzle with peanut butter, and I use it, just in case, when we visit the vet.

Meanwhile, it became quite apparent that Oz did not want anyone else to touch him. I tried a conformation class, and although he moved beautifully, tail almost up, if the instructor/judge tried to touch him, he lost control of both bladder and bowel. Anytime anyone reached towards him, he pulled away, very quickly. I learned to keep a good hold on his leash.

Oz had become very outgoing at home, a joyful, playful fellow, and quite willing to learn many obedience exercises and agility obstacles. He was fine unless I had company, then he went into guard dog mode, and was impossible to catch. Luckily, he never actually tried to bite anyone, just made a lot of noise and looked threatening, and he could eventually calm down, although he remained quite uneasy. I continued taking him to classes just north of my town, and, although he was never very comfortable with other dogs and people around, he was able to take treats and do what I asked, within reason. About this time a wonderfully talented herding handler moved to my town with lots of goats and sheep. We began going out for lessons, and although Oz enjoys going in with the stock, he doesn't seem to have a strong herding instinct. Joe is just as happy to work on helping Oz learn to deal with the world around him, though, so we go every week and play and work a bit. Oz will stand and let Joe touch him, but he still cowers a bit, even if I am not holding his head and belly. It has also taken many months to convince Oz to come when I call him if he has no collar or leash compelling him, but he has begun to do what I ask. It is very hard for him to submit to my requests in those situations, sometimes he simply comes and then sits or downs with his tail to me, and I cannot touch him. He is slowly starting to allow me to reach down and touch his head, though, which is much appreciated. By the way, I am a mostly positive trainer, and use no harsh corrections, although I have had to enforce some things with him, much against my desires, and I do so as gently as possible.

During all of this time, I had a few non-regular Rally judging assignments, and went to both the Tucson and Phoenix AKC Rally seminars that were available, along with taking a Rally class in Tucson.

The first Rally trial in Arizona was held in February, and I entered Oz both days. We had been playing with all the Rally exercises for some time, and I knew he could do everything, but had no clue how he would deal with the stress of people and dogs. He had been quite frightened at one dog show I visited with him, but seemed okay at a couple of others. We had been to a couple of matches and he seemed to handle doing Rally just fine. Unfortunately, I was only able to show one of those days, but **he did go in the ring and qualified with a 97!** His only problem was a few areas of sniffing which led to some Out Of Position points off, I think. I am so grateful that Bud Kramer and the AKC developed Rally for us to do. I don't know if Oz will ever be capable of doing traditional obedience, or even agility, due to his fear issues, but he definitely can handle doing Rally, and friends outside the ring tell me that his tail even wags occasionally. He doesn't work with great enthusiasm, and his focus is not too good, but since he does seem to be improving all the time, I have hopes that someday he will be capable of even working off-lead. In the meantime, we will continue to compete in Rally Novice.

Anyone who ever asks me if their dog can do Rally gets the same answer: if Oz can do it, anyone can!

Canadian Canaans doing Rally-O

By Larry Myers and Maccabee



Intense pressure, cutthroat competitors, impossible tasks, and... none of those things have anything to do with Rally Obedience. Rally-O, as it is better known, is all about having fun with your dog. At Novice level your dog

is on their leash, you can reward with food after the completion of a station, and you can talk with your dog throughout the whole course. It is all about working as a team.

Macc and I started late last year and have competed in 2 meets to date. Although we have yet to pick up a leg toward our title, we are improving. A little quicker through the course and we will be there. In Canada there is a 4-minute time limit on completing the 20 stations. We took the scenic tour during our last trial, but we were very relaxed at the end. Learning new ways to get your dog's attention that don't include pulling on the

leash or restating the command can bring a comic element to the event. I've started making clucking sounds to get his mind off of the cute Golden Retrievers in the first row.

The people competing are very encouraging. Most have competed in formal Obedience and are relishing the freedom they are now finding in Rally-O. Everyone applauds no matter how you do on the course. We have made a couple of new friends at the meets. One particular is the owner of a Catahoula Leopard Dog, a breed with similar powers of observation as the Canaan. We have laughed about attentive our dogs can be about anything but the task at hand, but that we wouldn't have it any other way. The taste of champagne at the end will be even sweeter.

This is a great sport because it promotes teamwork, patience (lots) and fun. It is ideal as a starting point to getting out and having fun with your Canaan.

Cheers!

Tycho & Rally

By Jennie Larkin



Tycho and I had tried Rally at a couple of fun matches in the last year or so. We had both enjoyed it because it is fast and always different, and I got to talk to Tycho the whole time, so he never connected going into the Rally ring with "doing

obedience". The first real Rally Trial we entered was part of the "March Madness" obedience cluster. There were over two hundred dogs entered in just the Rally part of the trial, and and over hundred or more in the regular obedience trial! Tycho and I did Open B obedience first thing that morning. We worked pretty well and qualified. We then went over to the Utility A ring, and he started acting like I (1) routinely beat him and (2) never trained him to do these exercises. Uhhh – no, we didn't qualify in Utility. ☺ There were two hundred people sitting with their dogs and crates around the rally ring. Our turn was halfway through – and we did very nicely! Half an hour later, I thought to check our score – a perfect 100! I was excited, but with over 160 dogs in our class, there were scores of other OTCH and UDX dogs competing and earning 100s, so I figured the chance of our placing was low. However, a brief phone conference had John convincing me to stay. It was well worth the wait, when the judge announced the second place winner was "the Canaan Dog!"



RALLY ON WITH # 24 !!



Who says you can't teach
an old dog new tricks ?



***UCDX, AKC CH. Ze'ev Midbar, CGC, TDI, CDCA-VX, HS;
AKC-CD, HIAS, NA, NAJ, RN;
AHBA-HTDI, HRDII; ASCA-STDs; APDT-RCL1; ICDCA-VCh.***

On March 12, 2005, "Wolf" earned his 24th career title at age 13
and became the first Canaan Dog in history to be awarded
the new AKC Rally Novice title!

Thanks to Donna Dodson for breeding this fantastic dog
and to everyone at the Nashville shows
who cheered us on to the perfect score title run!

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AKC/ Canine Health Foundation Update from the Health Chairs

Donna Dodson
Katyna Bogovich
Denise Gordon
Pamela Rosman

The Health Committee has been pleased with the submission of Purina labels for the support of not only the CDCA but the AKC/Canine Health Foundation. The club just received \$250 for your submissions to Purina this past year and an equal amount was contributed to the CHF. I have received notice from the AKC/CHF that there are 97 projects requesting support, an incredible amount of research. Our specific funding through our Donor Advised Fund is for the study of soft tissue tumors.

Breeders have been encouraged to send a percentage of their monies received through puppy sales to help in the support of the AKC/CHF as well as through individuals who wish to send funds as memorials or free will offerings.

The address is:
AKC Canine Health Foundation
P.O. Box 37941
Raleigh, NC 27627-7941.

On our CDCA level, every breeder should be acquiring a CHIC certificate on those dogs involved in active breeding. CHIC stands for Canine Health Information Center where records are maintained regarding the certification of health from the following tests: CERF (an eye test), OFA tests for hips, elbows, patellas and thyroid. There has been discussion of the validity of the thyroid evaluation but my experience is that the lower evaluations in the young dog, even though passing, may be an index of future thyroid problems as the dog enters middle age. The thyroid is an index of immune system health.

Those Canaan Dogs which have acquired a CHIC certificate will be honored with a special award at this year's National Specialty so we encourage you to get testing!!

There have been questions recently about the CDCA Health Surveys. These forms are available on the CDCA Website and should be completed for every Canaan Dog, even those who have had no health problems, pet or show. A specific date of filing is no longer done. You are responsible for filling out the surveys and sending them to Katryna Bogovich. If you cannot access the Website (cdca.org), please contact me at knandog@aol.com and I will see that you receive a survey form. It is important to the future health of our breed that health info is added to this database. If you have developing health problems in your dog, please report them to the CDCA Health committee.

Canaan Dogs currently registered in CHIC

NAME	REGISTRATION	SEX	BIRTH DATE	CHIC #
DAYSRING BERAIAH HA'ARETZ	DL68961901	F	Mar 23 1997	19053
MAD RIVER AIN'T MISBEHAVIN	DL82912102	F	Mar 5 2000	17373
MAD RIVER MONTGOMERY	DL85623503	M	Sep 25 2000	17334
MADRIVER SAMARA DESERT STAR DAWN	DL91139901	F	Jun 24 2002	19620
MO'FET BEN-TAR'BUT	DN02954904	M	Nov 6 2002	20065
PLEASANT HILL MIDAS TOUCH	DN00957702	M	May 30 2002	21593
PLEASANT HILL SEPTEMBER	DN01198201	F	Jun 25 2002	20606
PLEASANT HILL SIMON SEZ	DL76530703	M	Oct 17 1998	17372
PLEASANT HILL TITILLATION	DN00957705	F	May 30 2002	19621
RIVERROCK GUILT BY ASSOC.	DL87938503	F	May 3 2001	17333

Congratulations to the owners of these fully
CHIC registered Canaan Dogs!

Chris Miller (River Rock)
Cindy Grupp (Mad River)
Denise Gordon (Desert Star)
Dorey Carlson (Mo'Fet)
Donna Dodson (Pleasant Hill)

The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA).

<http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>

NEW OFA REGISTERED HEALTH CLEARANCES (Sept 2004 – May 2005)

NAME	REG #	SEX	BIRTH DATE	TEST	RESULT
ARAYL'S MAGIC SPRINGTIME	DL82747204	F	Jan 19 2005	CERF	5
ARAYL'S MAGIC SPRINGTIME	DL82747204	F	Jan 21 2005	THYROID	NORMAL
ARAYL'S RIVI'S RUMOR	DN02258002	F	Nov 18 2004	THYROID	NORMAL
CHERRYSH MIDNITE ATTHE OASIS	DN01194002	M	Sep 8 2004	ELBOW	NORMAL
CHERRYSH MIDNITE ATTHE OASIS	DN01194002	M	Sep 8 2004	HIPS	GOOD
CHERRYSH MIDNITE ATTHE OASIS	DN01194002	M	Oct 20 2004	THYROID	NORMAL
CHERRYSH MY MIDNITE SPECIAL	P350279	F	Sep 23 2004	HIPS	EXCEL.
CHF AYAH IN FLIGHT	DL84759001	F	Feb 15 2005	HIPS	GOOD
D & D'S ARIEL OF HA'ARETZ	DN00255903	F	Feb 2 2005	HIPS	GOOD
D&D'S MACK OF GRAY MESA	DL85835206	M	Nov 10 2004	HIPS	GOOD
DAYSRING BERAIAH HA'ARETZ	DL68961901	F	Oct 7 2004	ELBOW	NORMAL
EASTLANDS ADINA YEFAT HAEYEN	DL88988402	F	Dec 28 2004	HIPS	EXCEL.
EASTLAND'S EHAD MINAI ELEF ELI	DL75309201	M	Nov 15 2004	CERF	4
FAR SIGHT NATHAN	DL73018802	M	Jan 31 2005	CERF	5
HADAR HA'ARETZ TATES NESHAMELE	DL79179904	F	Sep 1 2004	CERF	4
MADRIVER SAMARA DESERT STAR DAWN	DL91139901	F	Nov 18 2004	THYROID	NORMAL
MO'FET BEN-TAR'BUT	DN02954904	M	Dec 1 2004	ELBOW	NORMAL
MO'FET BEN-TAR'BUT	DN02954904	M	Dec 10 2004	CERF	4
MO'FET BEN-TAR'BUT	DN02954904	M	Dec 1 2004	HIPS	GOOD
MO'FET BEN-TAR'BUT	DN02954904	M	Dec 3 2004	PATELLA	NORMAL
MO'FET BEN-TAR'BUT	DN02954904	M	Dec 3 2004	THYROID	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL MIDAS TOUCH	DN00957702	M	Apr 28 2005	ELBOW	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL MIDAS TOUCH	DN00957702	M	Apr 28 2005	HIPS	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL MIDAS TOUCH	DN00957702	M	Apr 28 2005	PATELLA	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL MIDAS TOUCH	DN00957702	M	May 11 2005	THYROID	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL SEPTEMBER	DN01198201	F	Feb 21 2005	ELBOW	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL SEPTEMBER	DN01198201	F	Feb 21 2005	HIPS	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL SEPTEMBER	DN01198201	F	Feb 21 2005	PATELLA	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL TITILLATION	DN00957705	F	Nov 23 2004	ELBOW	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL TITILLATION	DN00957705	F	Nov 23 2004	HIPS	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL TITILLATION	DN00957705	F	Nov 24 2004	PATELLA	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL TITILLATION	DN00957705	F	Sep 10 2004	THYROID	NORMAL
RIVERROC THREE SUNRISSES LYCEUM	DN03162101	F	Mar 23 2005	HIPS	GOOD
TK'S NASSI SHILOH	DN03273001	M	May 12 2005	HIPS	GOOD
TK'S NASSI SHILOH	DN03273001	M	May 11 2005	THYROID	NORMAL

What health tests does your Canaan Dog need to be included in the Canaan Dog CHIC registry?

Hip Dysplasia

(one of the following)

- * GDC evaluation
- * OFA evaluation
- * OVC evaluation
- * PennHip evaluation

Elbow Dysplasia

(one of the following)

- * OFA evaluation
- * GDC evaluation
- * OVC evaluation

Patellar Luxation

* OFA evaluation

Eye Clearance

* CERF evaluation

Autoimmune thyroiditis

* OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory



Mazel Tov Canaan Dogs

Breeding for health, temperament, conformation and trainability - presents:



Tikvah at 8 weeks



Mazel Tov HaTikvah



Tikvah at 11 weeks

**The pick male of Tovah's final litter, available to the right loving show home in co-ownership.
Socialized extensively with children, teenagers, adults, and dogs; training begun.**

Born January 20, 2005 – See his pedigree on our website: MazelTovCanaanDogs.com

Sire: AKC/UKC CH. Cherrysh Fire and Rain "Flynn"

#1 UKC Canaan Dog for 2004 - #9 AKC Canaan Dog for 2004, with very limited showing

Best of Breed at two of the shows at the 2004 ICDCA National Specialty weekend

Flynn descends from recent Israeli lines and rarely-used old U.S. lines:

His sire was WW 2001 Int Israel Luxembourg AKC UKC CH. Barak me Shaar Hagai,
his dam, CH. Cherrysh My Charming Delilah, whose grandsire was CH. Ariel Shin Ha' Aretz of Briel

Dam: CH. Pleasant Hill Tovah, ROM, CD, CGC, CDCA HC, ICDCA VC

Some of Tovah's previous offspring have been:

-CH. Mazel Tov Levi CDCA HC

Best of Sweepstakes and Winners Dog at the 2001 CDCA National Specialty

Best of Winners at the 2002 CDCA National Specialty Show (to finish his AKC Championship

in just two--National Specialty--weekends of being shown, with three 5-point majors)

-CH. Mazel Tov Mystery Girl, HCX

Winners Bitch at the 2002 CDCA National Specialty Show - Award of Merit at the 2004 CDCA National Specialty Show

-CH. Mazel Tov Naftalia, CDCA HC

Best Female at 2 of the 4 UKC shows at the ICDCA National Specialty weekend 2001

-Mazel Tov Josepha Ariel, CD

As well as other offspring showing their abilities in agility, obedience, herding, and conformation.

Tovah is Grandmother of:

-CH. Mazel Tov Hana Her My Heart

#5 AKC Canaan Dog for 2004 - Best of Opposite at Westminster 2005

And two bitches related to Tikvah on both sire and dam's side:

-CH. Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak, CDCA HC

#7 AKC Canaan Dog for 2004

Best of Winners at the 2004 ICDCA National Specialty Show at age 7 months

Finished champion at 10 months, going Best of Opposite during 2004 CDCA National Specialty weekend for 4-pt. major

-Mazel Tov Lila Bat Barak, CDCA HC

Winners Bitch at the 2004 CDCA National Specialty

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**Canaan Dog Club of America
General Meeting
Leesburg, VA
October 20, 2004**

9:23 am – the meeting was called to order by President, Denise Gordon.

Opening Remarks and President's Report. Denise Gordon opened the meeting with the President's report:

"First of all, I would like to thank everyone for coming to today's meeting. I would also like to thank the Board members and the various committee Chairs and their members who have served with me in this past year. Since the last annual meeting and subsequent election of new officers and directors on the Board, this has been a time of highs and lows.

The highs came from the last National Specialty, which made a nice profit, and, thanks to Agility Chair Alan Gersman and his extraordinary crew of volunteers, the CDCA held its first AKC sanctioned agility trial, another very profitable venture, this past April. Another high is the record number of entries in this year's National Specialty show; each year in the past several we've had an increase in entry numbers, but this year's 60 entries (not counting where some dogs are double entered in obedience, Sweepstakes or non-regular classes) certainly tops them all!

Our lows came from the sudden resignation of Arthur Goldberg from both the CDCA and as Club Treasurer and the enormous problems that Board resignation caused. The Board is very grateful to Sylvia Gersman for accepting the appointment to take over as Treasurer. Renee Kent (formerly Renee Donaher) also resigned due to personal commitments as Public Education Chair, a position that still remains to be filled along with the Ways & Means Chair; these are two critical needs for our club and anyone willing to serve in either capacity can contact a Board member this week or do so via email or phone communication.

Despite the upsets, the business of the Club remains stable, so the question now addressed is, "where do we go from here?". I have recently received a letter from Michael Liosis of the AKC's Club Relations Department, which essentially invites the CDCA to become an AKC member club (we are currently only licensed to hold AKC sanctioned events such as our National Specialty and the agility trial). To become a member club in the AKC and have a "voice" in its workings, we need to have a revised and approved Constitution & By-Laws. Later today, the Board will meet for that very purpose to discuss and vote on the latest draft. Once approved by the Board, it will be

sent as a courtesy to the AKC for their comments; since they will make the final decision on our membership application based on this document (as well as other tangibles), extending this courtesy to them will help speed the application process in the long run. After the AKC returns the document with their comments, and hopefully few or no suggested revisions, the finalized Constitution & By-Laws will be mailed to the CDCA membership for a vote. It is crucial that all members read it and vote, not only for our potential AKC status, but because this is and will be the structural basis for our Club's existence. Who we are and how we operate legally as a Club is defined in the Constitution & By-Laws, so please vote on this all-important document when the time comes.

What else is in the future for us? In the past, our primary event was (and still is) our National Specialty with the occasional herding instinct test. However, we are starting to "branch out" in the performance areas. With the success of our first agility trial, we will be having these trials on an annual basis; Alan will speak more on that later in this meeting. We also have been given permission by the AKC to hold sanctioned tracking dog tests, which hopefully will be starting next year if all conditions permit. In addition, we are making the initial steps to be sanctioned by the AKC to hold herding tests and trials, though that realization may be a couple of years down the road. However, this is not the just the club for conformation and/or performance exhibitors - this is a club that also includes pet owners. Your voice is also needed. Would you like to have Canaan Dog fun days or other "non-show" events? Speak up and tell us and, most important, volunteer to help. Don't leave it for someone else to do; every member is vital for the smooth operation of the CDCA, now and in the future."

Approval of the 2003 General Meeting Minutes.

The motion was made by Chris Miller to waive the reading of the 2003 General Meeting minutes and approve them as published in *The Canaan Kibitzer*. The motion was seconded by Merry Carol Houchard. The motion was approved.

Approval of the 2003 BOD Meeting Minutes.

The motion was made by Cheryl Hennings to waive the reading of the 2003 BOD Meeting minutes and approve the minutes as published in *The Canaan Kibitzer*. The motion was seconded by Sally Armstrong-Barnhart. The motion was approved.

Schedule of Specialty Events. Alan Gersman discussed the schedules of the Wednesday and Thursday events. Alan reported that Sylvia Gersman, the Treasurer, was not able to attend, but had prepared a report and that 2005 Renewal Forms were available for all who would like to renew their membership for 2005 in advance.

Secretary's Report. Cynthia Dodson reported that there was only routine correspondence received from the AKC since the last meeting and that if anyone was interested in viewing that correspondence, it was available for review.

Treasurer's Report. Denise Gordon read the report of prepared by Sylvia Gersman.

"Current cash as of today is \$8,045.67 in the savings account, \$5,21401 in the operations checking account and \$870.11 in the events (agility) checking account for a total of \$14,129.79. All funds are now in Riggs Bank in Virginia.

The net income from the first agility trail held in April 2004 was \$1,697.43. The expenses for this trial include equipment and supplies that can be reused.

I have compiled statements beginning January 1, 2003, which include deposits and payments from bank statements from Nevada (Wells Fargo), Georgia (NBC), and Virginia (Riggs Bank). Cash as of December 31, 2003 is \$12,509.04. The 2003 Profit and Loss Report in on a cash basis. Income is reported when deposited in the bank and expenses are reported when actually paid.

The 2004 year-to-date Profit and Loss Report does not show unpaid Specialty expenses for the banquet and hotel bills and other expenses for the judges. Neither does it show Specialty income other than banquet income.

I understand there are designated equity fund for memorial trophies. I will need to clarify how these are handled. Interest income assigned is insignificant given current interest rates and the amounts in the special funds – Beard Memorial Account \$33.65, Berkowitz Memorial Account \$523.33, Hogarth Memorial Account \$503.66 and Robnett Memorial Account \$58.65. (post P&L statement anywhere?)"

Newsletter Editor's Report. Jennie Larkin, Kib Editor was not in attendance and her report was not available at the meeting but was submitted afterwards as follows:

In the last year, the CDCA's Newsletter, "The Canaan Kibitzer" entered the 21st century, and is now available electronically as a PDF to all CDCA members and subscribers from the CDCA's web site. The page containing the newsletter files is password protected, so that only club members can access this page. The eKib is available as soon as the newsletter is finalized (several weeks before the hardcopy can be printed out and mailed) and is in full color. Full color printing of the newsletter would be prohibitively

expensive at this time. Notification of publication is sent out on the CanaanDogClubofAmerica-email list. At this time, over 45 club members are receiving the Kib by downloading it, and not getting it mailed to their home, saving the club ~\$400!!! Thank You!!! If you would like to be added to this list (Get it sooner and in color too!!), please send email to the editor, Jennie Larkin, at TychocAND@yahoo.com

Health Committee Report. Donna Dodson reported on the activities of the Health Committee.

"The Health Committee has been at work and this year several projects were completed that are very relevant to the CDCA. The first is the contributions to the Donor Advised Fund of our choice through the Purina Partnership program. I don't have the figures but in excess of a hundred dollars was contributed through the sending of our Purina proof of purchase seals to the program. Let us continue to support the research projects in that way. If anyone needs information please contact me later.

The Donor Advised Fund chosen at this time is in support of Grant # 2667, that of Cellular Genomics - Molecular Cytogenetic Investigation of Canine Soft Tissue Sarcomas which is under the direction of Matthew Breen, PhD of North Carolina State University. In lay terms it involves the study of the cells involved in the soft tissue sarcomas. We recently donated \$1000 to that project. It should be understood that we can shift our monies to other research projects as we accumulate more funds.

As a result, our monies in our AKC/CHF program are dwindling and we must recoup our funds once more. This can be done by private donations, through the funding project which will be available at the banquet through the means of a raffle or through the Dedicated Breeder project, in which Canaan Dog breeders forward a specified amount to the fund for each puppy they sell. This money is to be forwarded to the CDCA Treasurer, Sylvia Gersman, and placed in a special AKC/CHF Fund which will be forwarded to AKC/CHF at committee discretion or when a need is seen.

Another accomplishment this year has been the enrollment of the CDCA in the Canine Health Information Center. Canaan Dogs which have been tested by Orthopedic Foundation registration for hips, elbows, patellas and thyroid as well as having received a CERF registration for eye testing, are automatically awarded a CHIC certificate. There is an additional charge for those individuals who use other tests such as PennHip. We feel the database thus developed will assist breeders in making wise choices when considering the health of their dogs.

Still to be accomplished this year is a new survey form to be attached to the CDCA Website. AKC will be surveying Parent Clubs in the very near future and unfortunately, we will have no new information available for them.

I will have some handouts available at the AKC/CHF table at the banquet for those who wish more information about the workings of the AKC/CHF."

DNA Tests. Denise Gordon reminded attendees that DNA testing will be available at the Specialty. 40 kits are available and the first 20 to sign up will be available at half-price. Denise noted that it is important for pet owners to participate as well for the genomic program.

CDCA Health Database. At this point, Katryna Bogovich interjected to discuss the CDCA Health database project and the health information resulting from surveys that she had received. Katryna noted that breeders are not educating their puppy buyers and that they need to help owners to fill out their surveys. Katryna stressed the importance of filling out the CDCA Health Surveys forms, and not that breeders are required to do so to be listed on the CDCA Breeders List and that not one single breeder listed on the CDCA website had met the requirements. It was noted that there is a great deal of non-participation and that this may be indicative of breeders hiding information.

Katryna also urged people to send in updated surveys as information on a dog may change as the dog ages.

CDs were available of the CDCA Health Survey in Word format for \$10 with proceeds to go to the Health Fund.

Breed Standard Revision Committee Report. Donna Dodson reported on the activities of the Breed Standard Committee.

"This committee has been in a state of slow progress, but are deadlocked on a number of issues. This was expected due to the constituents of the committee and of course, is a source of frustration to all of us. We do not need many changes in the present Breed Standard, but there are a few details that do need immediate attention. I would like to see things move forward as I am sure the AKC is wondering how our work is progressing. So I am taking an issue or two to the BOD of the CDCA and am asking that they appoint two more members to the committee.

We are now considering an issue recently presented by a non member of the committee. Please note that general members are free to present issues which trouble them and that they feel need amending. Also,

please remember that once the committee has finished its work, and the AKC has made recommendations, the entire membership will be required to vote on the finished work. In other words, you do have the responsibility to read and learn all you can about the content and presentation of the Breed Standard. I recommend an article in the September issue of the Gazette which presents the thoughts of a long time judge in regard to Breed Standard issues.

Beyond that, it is the responsibility of every breeder and exhibitor to understand the Breed Standard of the Canaan Dog, and to know the strengths and weakness of their lines. A Breed Standard is more than just an AKC document. It is a prescription for where the breed should be going, but must still be very relevant to its beginnings. It is important that every breeder/exhibitor know the terms used in defining structure and the relationship between those parts in presenting a quality dog.

I do hope that with the coming months we can bridge the gaps and present a picture of the proper Canaan Dog to assist both judges and breeders in determining what the quality and correct type of the breed shall be.

Reality says that it will take hard work. Recently a judge who is a GSD breeder told me that after 10 years of attempting a revision, they finally gave up. I hope that doesn't happen to the Canaan Dogs. We need a comprehensive Breed Standard."

2005 National Specialty Report. Donna Dodson provided an update on the 2005 National Specialty.

"Robert Burns stated years ago "the best laid schemes o' mice and men gang aft agley " and so after believing that the '05 committee had plans well in hand, I found that the Rochester Kennel Club no longer had its usual site for 2005. After some hasty foot work by the Chair of the Rochester Club, we now believe that we have a wonderful area for the Rochester shows and the CDCA National Specialty. As we move along we may have to revise earlier plans due to time and location restraints as the motel was next to the previous site and now we will have to travel a bit, I think not more than two miles to the show site.

There is a wonderful new building, a Field House of the Rochester Community College that is designated for Sports only and at this time we believe that the Rochester shows will be held there. There is more footage in the building than in the Fairgrounds building we formerly used, and there are two large areas which should make it convenient for the activities of the club.

We have taken the Holiday Inn South at Rochester for our Host Motel as well as reserved the meeting room for meetings and the Seminar at no extra charge.

Their banquet room will nicely serve our group and a menu will be made available to you later as well as the code necessary for making your reservations.

We have made plans to support a tracking event as well as for herding with a tester who has past experience with the Canaan Dogs, Marie Murphy.

At this point, I can say "keep tuned in". I think we'll have a grand time and we plan to try to serve the interests of all of our varied Canaan Dog exhibitors. Plan to be in Rochester, MN bright and early on Wed, Sept 14th 2005 through meeting day the 15th, Specialty Day, on Friday the 16th and the Rochester shows on the 17th and 18th.

My committee is so very cooperative and I can't thank them enough for the input they have already provided. Alla Geretz, Cheryl and Keith Shank, Cheryl Hennings, Cathi Oskow and Suzan Tarm have all been providing assistance."

2004 Herding Chair Report. Denise Gordon, Herding Chair, presented her report.

"Since this year's National Specialty herding instinct test will be held as the last event in the week's activities, I will report on the last National Specialty herding instinct test, which was held in May 2003, and thereafter. I would like to make one request regarding this year's test; we have over 23 dogs pre-entered for the test, which will begin at 9 AM on Sunday. Please arrive early at the farm as you will need to sign a waiver that day as well as be briefed on what is expected by the evaluator, Susan Rhoades. You need to have your dog ready to be tested in the running order that we will post at the farm so that we can all the dogs done within 4 to 5 hours (including a lunch break for Susan and her crew).

That said, onward with the rest of this report. At the 2003 test, under AHBA judge, Vici Brock, we had a total of 26 Canaan Dogs entered and 21 passed, giving an 80.8 % Pass/Fail rate, which is rather impressive for a non-Border Collie breed. "Guinan" (Ch. River Rock Guilt By Assoc, HC), owned by Chris Miller and Merry Carol Houchard, earned the "Best Herding Potential" trophy, which was donated in memory of CDCA Ch. Pleasant Hill Hanna Bat Yetta, HCX, CGC ("Hanna") by Cynthia Dodson, David Golden, and Eastland Canaan Dogs. I would like to thank Cynthia, David, Annette and the others for again donating this year's Best Herding Potential Trophy.

Since 2003, Kelly Riggs resigned as Herding Chair. I took over the position and received several evaluation scoresheets of Canaans who have passed the herding instinct test under private instructors/licensed judges. The names of these dogs and their proud owners I

sent on to our newsletter Editor, Jennie Larkin, for publication in the Canaan Kibitzer. With some uncertainty expressed by the membership about the Herding Certification Program, I put together a one-page "guidelines", which will be posted on the CDCA website, so that members may download it and the herding instinct evaluation form (scoresheet), which is already posted there. Members who don't have access to the Internet may contact me via phone or postal mail. To save confusion about what was done before and what is required now, I have arbitrarily decided that anyone who earned an HC or HCX under previous unwritten "guidelines" are not required to re-take any herding instinct test to conform with the new Herding Certification Program; essentially, those titles earned prior to this meeting and may or may not have all the new qualifications are "grandfathered in".

So that the CDCA may one day have their own AKC sanctioned tests/trials, I am going to ask at this annual meeting for members who are involved in herding at any level, including just beginning herding lessons, to sign a sheet that will be passed around. This will give me an idea of the number of members who are active to some degree in herding, which is what AKC will be asking when we start the sanctioning process. I will also include something similar for the Kibitzer as not all members are here. Granted, we will need to "hook up" with a herding club to put on actual test/trials for the first few years until we build up a reliable base, but this is an achievable goal for us, hopefully in the near future."

2004 CDCA Agility Trial. Alan Gersman, Agility Chair, thanked members in attendance at the meeting –Denise Gordon, Roy and Donna Dodson, David Golden, Annette Israel and Sylvia Gersman for their help with the 2004 Agility Trial. The event raised \$1,600 for the club – the first funds raised outside the Club. The CDCA has reserved week 16 on the AKC calendar for a club-sponsored event and that in 2005 the Trial will be held at an indoor facility in Northern Virginia.

Alan proudly announced that Lada (Max's Lada L P Tiger Pooh) had earned her MACH in Agility.

Judges Education. Cindy Grupp presented the Judges Education Report.

"The CDCA presented seven, parent club sanctioned, breed seminars between the May 2003 and the October 2004 National Specialties.

In October 2003 Renee (Donaher) Kent and Amanda Pough presented a seminar for a judge's education group in New Jersey.

In November 2003 Cynthia Grupp, assisted by Kathleen Hargrave, presented a seminar in Seattle, Washington for the Judges Education Association of Washington State.

In March 2004 Amanda Pough presented another seminar in New Jersey.

In June 2004 Victor Sanchez presented a seminar in Colorado.

In August 2004 Cynthia Grupp, assisted by Denise Gordon, Pamela Rosman and Tracey Kopea, presented a seminar in Pennsylvania for the Advanced Judges Education Association.

In September 2004 Christina Miller and Bryan Comsky presented a seminar in Monroe, Minnesota for the American Canine Education Foundation.

Additional, Cynthia Grupp presented a seminar in Leesburg, Virginia, in conjunction with the CDCA National Specialty. She was assisted in this seminar by numerous CDCA members and their dogs.

With the exception of the Advanced Judges Education Association, which provided one night's hotel room and a total of \$50 compensation, all expenses were born by the presenters and their assistants. These expenses included travel costs, either by air or car, hotel and meals, and transportation for dogs. Additionally the presenters paid for coping handout materials.

These seminars provide AKC judges, applying for their license to judge the Canaan Dog, with an understanding of the Canaan Dog breed standard as well as an appreciation for the appropriate approach to the Canaan Dog in the show ring. It also gives them an opportunity for a hands on experience with the breed."

2006 Specialty. Cindy Grupp, 2006 Show Chair, announced that the 2006 Specialty is currently to be held in Longmont, Colorado. As of yet, it is not fixed. Cindy asked for input from members regarding the CDCA having a fixed Specialty location as an alternative to moving the location each year. She suggested having the Specialty in conjunction with the mid-March Louisville shows where there is a large cluster of 5 all-breed shows and also agility and herding events. There it would be possible to arrange a full week of events for Canaan Dogs. Although it may be difficult for the local member(s) acting as Show Chair as the Chair may not show in Specialty-connected events any owned or co-owned dog.

Cathi Oskow believed that for people who are likely to drive it is easier to have a change in location.

It was discussed that it would be nice if the CDCA could hold regional Specialties but currently the regional clubs are non-functioning.

Chris Miller suggested that perhaps as a compromise the CDCA could hold the Specialty every other year in Louisville.

Timing of the Specialty was discussed. Those with school-age children would prefer to have the Specialty in the summer months when school is out. However, summer months pose problems for those flying with their dogs. It was noted that 15 September – 15 May is the best time to hold an event.

Cindy asked for a show of hands to approve the 2006 Specialty in Colorado and it was approved.

2004 Web "Committee" Annual Report. Sally Armstrong-Barnhart read the report submitted by John Relph, web master.

"Dear Officers, Directors and Members of the Canaan Dog Club of America:

Many thanks are due to Evan Kent for his helpful suggestions, many of which were incorporated into the current design of the website. Thank you also to Renee Kent for her suggestions for the Breeder Referral page.

Domain name registration for cdca.org, the CDCA website domain name, is current through September 2007. Domain name service (DNS) for cdca.org is provided by Sine Wave Solutions, LLC. DNS is current through July 2005. Hosting services for cdca.org are provided by reality.sgiweb.org, a volunteer- and donation-supported web service.

Our expenses for the past year include the following:

Service	Provider	Date	Term	Cost
DNS	Sine Wave Solutions	7/03	1 yr	\$ 50
DNS	Sine Wave Solutions	7/04	1 yr	\$ 50
web service (reality.exsqi.org)		9/03	1 yr	\$100
web service (reality.exsqi.org)		9/04	1 yr	\$100
Total				\$ 300

By the way, I seem to remember a plan to include contact information for the CDCA Board of Directors on the website. Did the Board ever make a decision on this issue? (I also seem to remember asking this question last year.)

Sincerely,

John"

Versatility and Awards

Kathleen Hargrave, Versatility and Register of Merit Chairperson, announced that Cindy and Leal Grupp's Mad River Starcomber has earned her ROMX and that Chris Miller's Dayspring Beraiah Ha'Aretz as earned her ROM.

Awards Chairperson, Annette Israel, noted that she is new to the job, so please note any corrections for her. She reported that since the last year there were 6 AKC champions, 6 CGCs, the first prenovice [in ?], 1 ROM, 1 ROMX and 1 HCX.

There was a question as to adding the PennHip test to ROM and ROMX. It was noted that the requirement it is OFA either/or PennHip and that it should be posted on the site and in the forms.

The issue of providing plaques and bars was discussed as it has been discontinued by the Club and some people seem to want them. Sally Armstrong-Barnhart suggested that the recipient pay for the plaques and bars should he/she want them and that the Club arrange for them. Chris Miller suggested that this be something to be designated on the application. Also, it was mentioned that awards should be published in the Kib twice a year.

It was noted that the past, Awards Chair Jennie Larkin, would obtain the information from the AKC Awards book but that going forward it is to be the responsibility of the person earning the title to forward the information to the Awards Chair.

Job Descriptions. Bryna Comsky announced that the "red binder" of job descriptions appears to have been lost.

Tracking Report. Bryna Comsky stated that as long as there is a firm date the CDCA will go ahead and have a Trial at the 2005 Specialty, as it has been approved. Discussion ensued as to whether or not the Trial was to be open to all breeds or only to Canaan Dogs.

Donna Dodson noted that the 2005 Specialty Committee intends to send out a survey in advance of the Specialty to get an indication of interests and participation in Specialty events.

Rescue Report. Teresa Clement, CDRN President, was not present but her report was read to the attendees.

"This past year has been wonderful for Canaan Dog Rescue (CDRN) in that we only had a couple of purebred dogs to rehome and that was done successfully. We also acquired our tax-exempt status.

We have realized that there are many dogs out there that may need foster families for a short time and would love to have volunteers for that.

It would also be great for our group to have several breeders who are available for reviewing pictures of dogs for verification. There seems to be many more dogs that have the look of a CD as well as the characteristics of this breed. We need more volunteers to help with this task of either seeing the dog in person or helping with viewing pictures sent by me or any other volunteer who is contacted by an owner.

Thanks for all the help from Jennie, Norman, Renee, Evan and Chris this past year and anyone else I may have overlooked.

Sincerely,

Teresa Clement"

Public Education Chair Report. Sally Armstrong-Barnhart read the report of the public Education Chair, Renee Kent:

"Dear Club Members and Officers,

Regretfully, I have to miss the Club meeting and look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at our National Specialty. I have three items to discuss.

Item 1 Late last year, our Judges Education Chair, Cynthia Grupp, sent me several floppy disks of the current Judge's Seminar for an informal seminar in NJ. This seminar was given by Amanda Pough and myself. While we were not able to use the materials sent to us due to the venue, I did update some of the slides. I updated some photos, as the same ones were used several times throughout, to add variety and color. The entire Judge's Education presentation as Cindy had designed, is now one word document that is can be transferred to a power point presentation and contained on one CD. It has been used very limitedly thus far. I will send Cindy a copy of the disc in November (It is currently packed somewhere because we are moving in a few weeks.) Upon completion of the project I realized it might be useful to the club. Cindy - If you need any help, or want to change pictures, or text, I can help you keep a current power point presentation readily available on a CD ROM. Additional copies can be made once the presentation is finalized.

Item 2 We are currently working on a Meet the Breeds booth for the 2005 Eukanuba Tournament of

Champions that is being held January 15-16 in Tampa FL.

The space for the CDCA booth has been reserved including electrical outlets. It is a 10x10 booth, with 1 6-foot table and 2 chairs. Chris Miller and I have been cooperating on ideas for the booth that include a desert scene, dogs to meet and greet, and a running slideshow/video on a laptop. Club informational pamphlets will be available. Members are welcome to submit additional ideas and materials. Barring any unforeseen circumstance, both Chris Miller and myself are planning to attend this event. However in the unlikely event of our absence, we are looking for Canaan Dog Fancier(s) in FL that are willing to help organize this effort. We also ask that attending club members volunteer for a 2 hour shift to man the table at the breed booth on Both Saturday and Sunday. Ideally 2 club members would be at the booth at all times, with the possible exception being during the Canaan Dog Judging. Booth hours are 10 - 3. My husband Evan, Chris and I plan to be set up at the booth so we should be available most of the day. An estimated 4 more volunteers are requested. Please see Chris after the meeting, or me over the weekend, if you are willing to help out.

Additionally, someone willing to miss the breed judging should be identified to man the booth during Canaan Dog Judging.

Item 3 I regretfully submitted my resignation as Public Education Chair to the board of directors in September. I fully intend to remain an active member of the club, particularly in areas of education and rescue, however personal endeavors over the past year and the foreseeable future compel me to resign from the responsibilities of holding a chaired position.

The reaches of Public Education Chair can be vast and varied, there are many directions that can and should be taken to educate the public about our breed. I think the scope of such is too large for one person and strongly urge the board to identify regional members to form a Public Education Committee to work together in the name of Public Education. If such a group is formed, then I certainly volunteer. Several items have come to my attention over the last year as needing to be addressed. Including: ILPs, website material, quarterly articles for the kibitzer and other Canaan Dog newsletters, informational flyers, local seminars and breed parades, breed booths at large dog events, and so on. I believe a committee could more readily tackle components of the public education effort.

Respectfully Submitted to the Board & Membership

Renee Kent “

Membership Chair. Cynthia Dodson, gave her report:

“Due to the resignation of the Treasurer and surrounding circumstances, the 2004 membership renewal forms were not received by the Membership Chair until July. A “2004” Membership List was posted on the Canaan Dog Club of America Yahoo Groups site in early September. If necessary we could include a hard copy in the next issue of the Kib, but as it is so close to the end of the year now, I am not sure it is worth it.

I plan to continue the posting of new members on the CDCA list every month or two as I think people who endorse or personally know new members seem to appreciate it.

Also, as of the past few months, after new members are voted on by the Board, an e-mail is sent to the Courtesy Chair as well as to Chris Miller, moderator of the CDCA List. The Courtesy Chair sends the CDCA mailing to the new member and notes in her letter that if they have provided an e-mail address they will receive an invitation to join the list.”

Breeder Referral Status Report. Sally Armstrong-Barnhart presented her report.

“As of 13 October 2004, 30 information packages have been sent out. In 2003 there were a total of 31 packages sent out, in 2002 there were 119 packages sent out, in 2001 there were 252 packages sent out, in 2000 there were 180 packages sent out, in 1999 there were 60 packages sent out, in 1998 there were 88 packages sent out, in 1997 there were 153 packages sent out, in 1996 there were 112 packages sent out.

Work on the new information pamphlet has begun. I still need pictures of Canaan Dogs involved in any performance events and any cute puppy pictures for the package. I will need a signed release allowing the CDCA to use the pictures. There is no guarantee that a picture will be used in the pamphlet due to the limited space. No show shots will be included.

As per the Board, in order to be on the Breeders' List, a breeder must have a bitch that has produced a litter or a dog at stud that has produced a litter within the last two years from that latest update of the Breeders' List. I have had several breeder that have not met those requirements that would like to remain on the list, as well as non-breeding owners that would like to be on the list so that they can be contacted by people wanting to visit with Canaan Dogs in person and answer questions.

The Breeders' List was developed for people seeking puppies, and to direct people to breeders that are actively breeding. Therefore, we are going to develop

a second list. This list will be comprised of people that would be willing to have people visit [sic] their homes in order to meet Canaan Dogs in the flesh and/or answer questions about Canaan Dogs.

An application form will be developed and published on the web site. Guidelines for the application and the list will be developed by the Board."

Old Business. There was no old business to discuss.

New Business. There was no new business.

Other Miscellaneous.

Chris Miller announced that CDRN 2005 Calendars were available for purchase for \$10 with proceeds to go to the Canaan Dog Rescue Network. In addition,

copies of Pariahunde were available for sale with proceeds to go to the Canaan Dog Health Foundation.

Katryna Bogovich reminded people of the CDCA Health Survey CD available for \$10 and an Air Purification Machine available for purchase.

Sally Armstrong-Barnhart had copies of the CDCA Breeder Reference Book available for \$40.

In closing, Cindy Grupp noted that one of the best things that owners could do was to join an all-breed club. It is one of the best ways to learn the ins and outs of dog shows – obedience, conformation and how to put on a dog show.

Cindy Grupp made the motion to adjourn, Chris Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.

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Upcoming National Specialty News!

2005 CDCA National Specialty

40th Anniversary Celebration of Canaan Dogs in North America

Date: September 14-19, 2005
Location: Rochester, Minnesota
Host Hotel: Holiday Inn, South
1630 S. Broadway
Phone: 507-288-1844

Specialty Chair: Donna Dodson
Email: knandog@aol.com
Show Site: The Rochester Community Technical Center, University of Minnesota, Rochester Sport Center

A shuttle is available from Rochester International Airport. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn South only through August 14th, 2005 for the Canaan Dog Club of America. The code to use when making reservation is: CDC. Make Reservations Early!

Thursday, September 15th: Annual Meeting
Friday, September 16th: Specialty show, obedience & rally-O trial.

A nice range of prices will be offered. Members wishing to sponsor a trophy or donate to the General Trophy Fund please contact Alla Geretz by April 10th, 2005, at rgeretz@aol.com

Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18th: Rochester MN Kennel Club shows.

Monday, September 19th: Herding at Diamond Aire Farms, Hager City, WI.

2006 CDCA National Specialty

The 2006 CDCA National Specialty will be held in San Diego, CA on Friday, May 19, 2006. It will be held in conjunction with Cabrillo Kennel Club's two all-breed shows on May 20 & 21 at Qualcomm Stadium on the practice field of the San Diego Chargers. The weekend will include three days of agility trials as well as rally obedience. RV parking on pavement will be available on site. Look for full details, including host hotel, in the next issue of the Kibitzer.

Financial Results from the 2005 CDCA Agility Trial

The CDCA held its second annual all-breed AKC Agility Trial in Woodbridge, VA, on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, 2005.

TOTAL 2005 ENTRIES*:

Saturday:	489
Sunday:	495
TOTAL:	984

*note: The trial date weekend was a major Jewish holiday, thus we lost 60-70 entries.

BREAKEVEN POINT: 760 entries was the approximate financial breakeven point

2005 NET INCOME: \$2750. The 2005 NET INCOME was approximately 40% higher than 2004. In 2006 we would expect based on current performance, a lower breakeven point and 60-70 additional entries and a NET PROFIT of \$4,000+.

NET INCOME TO CDCA FROM 2004 & 2005 AGILITY TRIALS COMBINED: \$4,400

Alan Gersman has resigned as Agility Chair, thus this position is now open. Alan's report of the preparation status for a 2006 CDCA Agility trial follows:

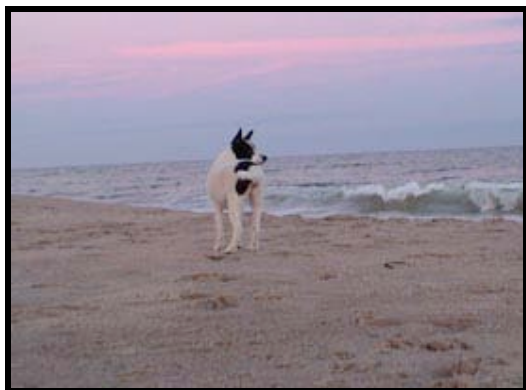
We have already spent money and time promoting the 2006 CDCA Agility trial, tentatively arranged judges and a site, and have purchased the ribbons. Now we will need a trial chair. In addition, the CDCA has stored equipment and agility trial items that I am personally covering the expense of.

I should point out that at the past two agility trials, we had three BOD members in the area who worked on the trial. Under the proposed new BOD there will be none, so it is critical that a BOD member step up and volunteer if there is going to be a 2006 trial.

CDRN Fund-Raising Calendar

The Canaan Dog Rescue Network is hosting what will be the first of an annual fund-raiser for the Rescue group. We had such great feedback on the 2005 calendars that we have decided to make it more fun for the entire Canaan Dog community for the 2006 calendar.

We know there are lots of great photographers out there so this should be right up your alleys! Please visit <http://www.canaandogrescue.com> for details.



Grab your Canaan Dogs, your kids (two-legged or four legged), some nice scenery, film and your camera! Or just rifle through those shoe boxes full of Canaan Dog photos in the attic.

- Open to all Canaan Dogs - The photo entries will be open to all Canaan Dogs, not just those placed in Rescue.
- \$10 entry fee - for as many photos as you would like to submit. This fee is a donation to the organization and is non-refundable...but tax deductible!
- Accepted Formats - Physical prints are preferred for scanning.
- Deadlines - All pictures must be received by **July 1, 2005**
- Logistics - Write your name, address, dog's name, kennel name (if applicable) and photographer on the back of each photo
- To get your pictures back include a self-addressed stamped envelope (all photos will be returned by September 1)
- Send your pictures and entry fee (with checks made out to CDRN) to:
Canaan Dog Rescue Network
25 Woodville Alton Road
Wood River Junction RI 02894
- 12 photos will be chosen by a judging panel of the CDRN President, Vice President and Treasurer. Additional photo entries will be sprinkled throughout the calendar as space permits.

Tips:

- Candid photos that capture the essence of your Canaan Dog's personality
- No conformation show photos will be accepted (agility and obedience are okay)
- Season/holiday themed

Grand Prize Winner Will Receive

- Cover Shot - Your photo will appear on the cover of the calendar, as well as a featured month.
- Pet-O-Bed (a \$60 value) *Special thanks to Diana Guy at Pet-O-Bed for their generous donation.*
- Free Calendar

Runner Up Will Receive

- Prize Basket (a \$45 value) *Special thanks to Teresa Clement.*
- Free Calendar

Other prizes include:

- Canaan Dog Picture Frames - *made in Canada by Michelle Harrington, this frame shows the varied colors and patterns our Canaan Dogs come in.*
- Multi-colored Plush Squeaky Toys - *Special thanks to Judy Rosenthal at Rosie's Pet Party in Stowe VT for her donations.*

We would like to bolster the contest with other donated products, so if you would like to donate something, please contact us at cdrn@cox.net. Collars, leashes, toys, treats, books, are all great ideas for prizes.

The Canaan Dog Rescue Network (CDRN) is an organization dedicated to the care and rescue of Canaan Dogs in need. Founded by Teresa Clement and Renee Kent, the rescue has assisted in the placement of 15 Canaan Dogs since its inception in 2002.

Funds donated to CDRN are used for the health care, husbandry, and transport of Canaan Dogs reported to the CDRN. All donations to the CDRN are tax deductible. CDRN currently has 10 volunteers located throughout the United States who volunteer their time to answer emails and phone calls from the public regarding Canaan Dogs in need of new homes. While most relinquished Canaan Dogs remain with their owner or breeder until an adoptive family is found, some Canaan Dogs remain in private and public shelters. It is for these Canaan Dogs that we need foster families willing to care for a Canaan Dog. If you would like to volunteer as a foster home or as a contact, please contact Teresa Clement (tncclement@charter.net) or Renee Kent (renegade.cd@cox.net).

Canaan Dogs On The Boardwalk

by Amanda Pough

It is appropriate that the first ever Herding Group show in the country was held in the state which is used to firsts in terms of competition. New Jersey, home of the first ever Miss America contest, hosted this historic show. Four Canaan Dogs traveled from throughout New England to the Herding Group Association of New Jersey group show held Thursday, March 24, 2005. Single group shows are growing in popularity around the country. The most famous are Montgomery County Kennel Club terrier show held every fall in Pennsylvania, and the Progressive Dog Club toy dog show held in New York City the weekend of Westminster. In the past few years, more and more group shows have been popping up – hound and terrier clubs on the West Coast, another terrier group show on the East Coast and a New Jersey non-sporting group that holds numerous shows, just to name a few.



The Herding Group Association of New Jersey has been existence for a number of years. In October 2003, Renee Kent and I were invited down to conduct a judges' study group presentation on the breed that was extremely well received.

The club's first AKC point show was also the first ever herding group show held in this country and the response was much bigger than anticipated. The club is already making plans for next year's show.

A total entry of 272 dogs were entered in the show – over 100 dogs more than the club anticipated – and the entry of four Canaan Dogs was a good one for this part of the country. Two other breeds had a smaller entry than Canaans; Pulik and Smooth Collies, neither of which draw big entries in New England either.

Canaans were judged by Mrs. Beverly Capstick who also judged the group with Mrs. Jean Fournier judging of the other half of the breed entries.

Shem (Cherrysh Wings of Spirit) was shown in the 12-18 month class and went on to Reserve Winners Dog. Ronan (Mo'fet Ben-tar'but), in Open, was awarded Winners Dog for a point. Competing in the specials class were litter brothers Peter (CH Rosendog's Lt. Columbo) and the eventual Best of Breed winner Harry (CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named).

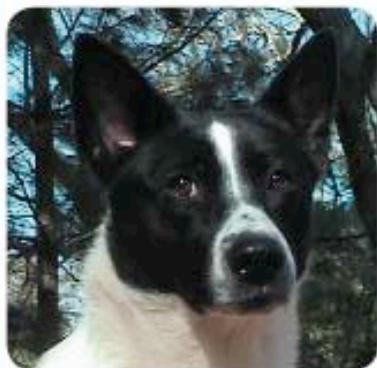


Judging started at 6pm and the larger than anticipated entry meant that judging went on late into the night. Finally, at 12:15am on Friday the 25th, Mrs. Capstick awarded Group 1st/Best in Show to the Border Collie Ch Bayshore's Believe in Magic. Unfortunately, Canaans and many of the other herding breeds were scheduled for early the next morning at the all breed show. The dogs had the chance to sleep – the humans were the ones who suffered!

The next herding group show will be held on Friday, June 10th by the North Star Herding Group Club in Waconia, Minnesota. The Herding Group Association of New Jersey's next show will be in March of 2006 in Edison, New Jersey, followed by three days of all breed shows. While the New Jersey club did not have Obedience or Junior Showmanship, both were offered at the all breed shows on the days following the evening show.

New Jersey, for all the jokes, is very pretty in March. For those of us from the very cold north, seeing that spring had arrived in New Jersey gave us hope that it would eventually reach Vermont. The Herding Group Association of New Jersey members were very pleased that Canaans were represented at their show and would welcome even more next year. So mark your calendars for March 2006 and watch for group shows in your area. Take your dogs out, represent the breed and have fun!

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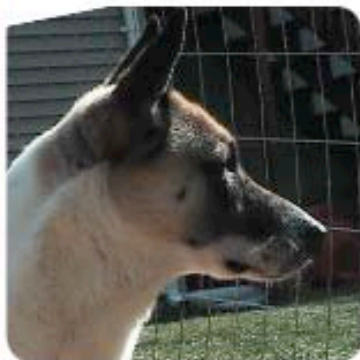


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