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Sometimes, life is not fair.

Sometimes, life is not just.

Sometimes, the good die young.

MACH Lada LP Tiger Pooh, MX, MXJ tragically died the night before the 2006 Agility Nationals. The American agility community was horrified by this terrible loss and mourned with Alan and Sylvia Gersman.



*Good Bye Lada.
We will miss you.*

eulogy

Donna,

I have the worst news that I can imagine: Río is dead. Our house burned down on Thursday, Dec 8, 2005 while Jordan and I were not home. They think the furnaces caused it. Río was alone in the house, and we never caged him - hadn't in years. The smoke was terrible and the firemen tell us that he probably died of smoke inhalation, not fire. I cannot express in any words the misery we feel. We lost everything in the fire. The house was totally destroyed. The only loss we feel is the loss of Río. He was our friend, our family, our loved one. In the 9 1/2 years since he came into our life he became one of the most important parts of it.

I cannot tell you - but perhaps you know - how elegant, independent, loving and wonderful he was. He was never servile, but he wanted to please. We wanted him to be happy; I think he was. He obeyed, not always perfectly, but he always maintained respect for us, which was mutual. He did not live to eat, the way many dogs do. He never slobbered. He always had food out for him, but he did not often eat unless we were home. Most evenings he lay half on my lap and half on the sofa, often on his back, and I pet him while I read a book or watched TV. He often followed me from room to room. He knew our routine, and if it got too late, he would talk to us, telling us to go upstairs. He slept on our bed, until he left on his own, in the middle of the night, and went into his dog bed. Many of our friends have dogs, and everyone commented on how intelligent and good Río was. I can't believe that I am using the past tense. He was graying, but entirely healthy. He loved long walks, and he liked to mark everything - which was ok with us. He killed a few plants, but who cared? He never stole food. He did not much like other dogs, however. He hated

motorcycles. He never much enjoyed riding in the car, but as he got older, he tolerated it better. He understood a wide variety of words. He 'spoke' more than any dog I ever heard of - he had lots of sounds he made.

He sometimes watched TV. There was a commercial with a giraffe and he hated that giraffe. He would hear the music from the TV even when he was upstairs and would come running to bark at the TV. We never could watch a dog show.

He kissed Jared and me, but he knew Jordan didn't like it and he air-kissed Jordan. He disliked his showers, so afterwards we played tug of war with his towel to get rid of the tension he felt. Since he didn't like other dogs, our family dog-sat him when we went away, and they all came to love him. Grandma made him special chicken. I always saved some of my meat for Río. He never liked any people food much, except meat; he always was picky even about meat. Lunch meat was beneath him unless he was particularly hungry.

We miss him. We cannot image how we will ever stop the ache in our hearts. We do not think that there is any dog in the world who would have been better suited to us or that we could have respected and loved more than we did Río. We keep saying - if only we had come home earlier. If only I had been home and gotten him out of the house. If only Río was here, with us, everything would be all right.

Donna, thank you for choosing the small puppy who wanted to please, the beautiful boy who pranced when he wasn't supposed to, the intelligent friend that we loved.

If only we had one more day with him. We loved him so much. And he is gone.

Valerie, Jordan and Jared Kaplan

The Great Heart Has Stilled.....



“Wolf”

U-CDX, AKC CH. Ze’ev Midbar, CGC, CD, NA, NAJ, HIAs, RN; CDCA-HC, HS, VX; ICDCA-VCh; AHBA-JHD, HTDIs, HRDIIs; APDT-R1CL; ASCA-STDs; TDI; CDCA Dog Of The Year -1995

February 19, 1992 - November 18, 2005

Wolf was one of those rare dogs for whom the term, “legendary,” could be aptly applied. At the time of his death, he had earned 24 titles (with an additional 5 titles “in process”), many of them being the first ever earned by a Canaan Dog, and distinguishing him as the most-titled Canaan Dog in the world as well as the #1 herding and #1 overall performance Canaan Dog in the world. An ambassador for his breed and a true “Can-Do Canaan Dog,” Wolf campaigned in both the conformation and performance arenas, but his prime talent was sheep herding; of his 24 titles, 11 of them were earned in herding. An example of this was seen one month prior to his death, where he gave an herding demonstration of trial-level techniques, without having practiced for over a year, and with the zest of a dog much younger than his own 13 years. He had his faults, to be sure, but the good in him definitely outweighed the bad.

Above all, Wolf was a loyal family member, a staunch friend and companion, a true partner, and a great pet.

“That’ll do, Wolfie. Your job is done. It’s time to rest. Wait for me and I will find you some day. That’ll do, my good boy.”

Owned, handled, loved, and sorely missed by Denise Gordon

In Loving Memory of

Lada



1st MACH Canaan Dog
#1 Canaan Dog in 2004 & 2005
89 DoubleQs - 1,165 Mach points
312 EXC Qualifying scores

MACH Max's Lada L. P Tiger Pooh, AAD

4/23/1998 - 1/5/2006

Owned and Loved for Always

by Alan & Sylvia Gersman

with her best friends Isabel, Hummer, Minnie & Charlie



*Fondly remembered by your agility friends
including...*

The Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc.,

Karen Allen, Linda Amrein, Claudia and the Bates BCs, Barbara Bickler, Martine & Lucky, Laura Christian & JAG, Lisa, Jorie, Monty & Bindi Decker, Laurene Galgano & Tux, Carolyn, Kira & Hemi Gartley, Diann, Cayenne, Winston & Reddi, Judy, Ernie and the Katzwinkel Herd, Debbie Kaufman, Bruno Klang, The Saint & Dulcinea, Penny and the IGs, Jennie Larkin & Tycho, Becky & Ken Lueth and the Island Time Gang, Elsie, Tera, Prowler & Wren, BONJON, Bonnie & Daniel McDonald, Vanessa Mortarino, Keyser & Vice, Janice Morton & Dicey, Linda Porter & Bailey, Ken & Averill Ring and their Canines, Deb White, The Girls & Zack

from the editor's desk



Tycho bids you welcome.

This picture was originally of Tycho standing shoulder-deep in the snow. However, months have passed since it was taken. Months in which I have not been able to get the winter (and then Spring) edition of the Kib out the door.

You have my profound apologies. We have been having the second story of our house rebuilt (while we live in it) on top of all the other activities of life. Tycho quite enjoyed having everyone in the house sleeping together in the basement like wolves. So did Paul. It was fun for a week or so. After a few months, however, basement living lost its allure.

Tycho is less pleased with the rebuilt second story. Hardwood floors are hard and have no traction. So (of course) I had to go order him a lovely new orthopedic dog bed, which he treats like a bed of nails. Don't believe him – I tried it out and it's nicer than MY bed!

Tycho finished his eleventh and twelfth titles at the third annual CDCA Agility trial in April 2006. He came out of retirement to finish his NAJ and NJP titles with first places, and was the only Canaan Dog entered this year. He spent the next day at home, resting on his laurels.

In the last six months, I have finally come to accept that Tycho is an old dog now. It is sad to see him slowing down, but he is still the best dog out there (in my very biased opinion). A friend told me that a group of people were working at a local agility trial. The conversation turned to "What dog/breed would you have if you didn't have your current one?" Apparently, Tycho was the hands-down top choice. Reading Rio's eulogy made me realize that it's not just Tycho, it is the breed. They are all that special.

I realized how special Tycho and Canaan Dogs are by comparison. We have a new, small monster in our house named Bo (who is disguised as a Papillon). Bo is a great dog, in many, many ways. He has everything in him to be a stellar performance dog. His idea of a good time is being with us, playing, doing things, etc. But he has about as much depth as a puddle. Tycho is a deep pool in comparison – there are depths there that we can but glimpse. He has his own mind, and one must respect him for himself. Perhaps Bo will gain in depth and complexity as he ages, but I doubt he will ever be as complete and unique an entity as a Canaan Dog.

In the months that have whirled away since I last got a Kib out the door, much has happened! Harry (aka, CH. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named) won the breed at Westminster, at the Eukanuba, and the 2006 National Specialty!

The CDCA put on its third annual agility trial, under Trial Chair Sandy Dudley. Sandy and her husband Chuck worked incredibly hard to have this trial succeed, and it went wonderfully. And AKC Representative was there both days, observing Provisional Judge Sam Banks (who also judged out first agility match and who did great!!!). The Rep said that our trial was very well run. That was due to Sandy and Chuck, Alan Gersman's work helping her before-hand, and to Denise Gordon and Norma Bennett Woolf, who slaved away both days of the Trial. Cynthia Dodson, an old hand at agility trials now, worked all day on Sunday, helping Sandy carry it off!

Jennie

ROSENDOGS...

What a year!

Best of Breed

- 2006 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship
- Westminster Kennel Club
- Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty
- Multiple Group Firsts & Placements



**Ch. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named
"Harry" CHIC # 21900**

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Celebrates!!



Photo © Renee Kent

Ch. Mad River Tahoe Zephyr x Ch. Pleasant Hill Hinda M Rosendog, CD, CHIC # 23354

Ch. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named
"Harry" CHIC # 21900

"Harry" Professionally Presented by:
Kitty Burke & Kathy Gertler, PHA

Bandersnatch



ROSENDOGS



& River Rock...

Five more reasons to celebrate!

Puppies



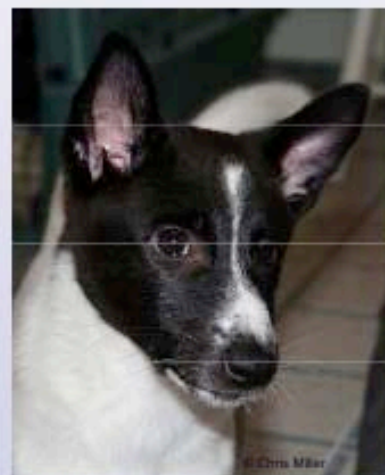
Rickie & Gibson

Ch. Yashar Ha'Aretz Machseh, CGC, CDCA HCX ("Pocket") x
Ch. Pleasant Hill Hinda M. Rosendog CD, CHIC ("Heidi")

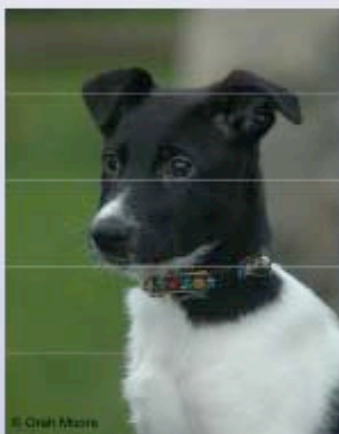
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12 March 2006



Ida



Veronica



Mae

"You were right Chris, this
was worth waiting six years
for!"

We have high hopes for Ida, Gibson, Veronica, Rickie and Mae.

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CDCA 2006 National Specialty

Cindy Grupp sent me all sorts of wonderful articles and information about the 2006 National Specialty in San Diego.

However, I have been so lame about getting the Kib out, that there is no real point in printing it. However, for the record, here goes ...

Host Hotel:

Hampton Inn Sea World/Airport
3888 Greenwood St.
San Diego, CA 92110
619 299-6633, fax 619 291-8333
www.hamptoninnsandiego.com

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, May 17:

Arrival. There will be an informal get-together at the host hotel that evening.

Thursday, May 18:

Host Hotel

AM – General Membership meeting

Noon - Lunch hosted by the Northern California Canaan Dog Fanciers

Afternoon – Board meeting

Evening – Judges breed seminar

Friday, May 19:

Qualcomm Stadium (San Diego Charger's practice field)

AM - CDCA National Specialty

Obedience/Rally Trial – Hidden Valley Obedience Club of North San Diego County, Inc.

PM – Awards Banquet (Host hotel)

Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21:

Qualcomm Stadium

Cabrillo Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show, Obedience Trial & Rally

Monday, May 22:

Glenrose Farms, Jamul, CA

Herding Instinct testing

Jill Terry will be coming from England to judge the puppy sweepstakes. For those of you who come, we'll have a jolly time. For those of you who don't here are some of the joys you will miss...

First of all there is the weather. Well, there really isn't any weather to speak of most of the year in San Diego. The average temperature range year round is highs between 66 to 78 degrees and lows between 49 and 67 degrees. The month of May averages a high of 69 and a low of 60 degrees. There will usually be fog in the morning, which will burn off by noon. Perfect dog show weather!

If you decide to come early or to stay longer there is plenty to do and see. Just minutes from our host hotel, Hampton Inn Sea World/Airport is . . . Sea World and Mission Bay. The San Diego Zoo is a must visit for everyone. It is phenomenal. It's located, in Balboa Park, in the heart of San Diego, where one could spend days before even entering the zoo.

There will be Canaan Dog photo ops galore. Imagine your CD standing in the spray of the surf with the Pacific Ocean as a back drop. There are beautiful beaches, including a few that allow dogs on lead. Have you ever imagined your would look in the desert. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is only a couple of hours away. Other attractions include the San Diego Wild Animal Park, Lego Land, Mt Palomar Observatory, Mission San Louis Rey de Francia . . . and that's if you want to stay in San Diego County. For the adventurous, just to the south of San Diego is Tijuana, Mexico.

The schedule of events for the Specialty is: Wednesday evening, May 17th, there will be an informal get-together at the host hotel. Thursday morning will be the General Membership meeting at the hotel, followed by the Board meeting in the afternoon. That evening there will be a Judges seminar at the same location. The Specialty will be held on Friday, out of doors, on the practice field of the San Diego Chargers at Qualcomm Stadium. Saturday and Sunday Cabrillo Kennel Club's all-breed shows will be held at the same location. These shows will include obedience and rally. Additionally, there will be three days of agility trials. Jack Bradshaw will be the superintendent for the CDCA National Specialty as well as the all-breed shows

Our Herding Aptitude test will be held on either Monday, May 22 at Glenrose Farms in Jamul, CA.

2006 CDCA National Specialty Results

Friday May 19, 2006

San Diego, CA

Judge: Mr. Robert Stein



Best of Breed

CH. Rosendogs He Who Must Be Named (Harry), owned and bred by Judy Rosenthal and Amanda Pough. Handled by Kitty Burke



Best of Opposite Sex

CH. RiverRoc Three Sunrises Lyceum (Marley), owned by Renee & Evan Kent, bred By Christina Miller & Merry Carol Houchard

AOM

CH Cherrysh Crown of Jewels (Jewel), owned and bred by Cheryl Hennings

AOM

CH Ebony Max O' Mad River (Ethan), owned and bred by Carol O'Bryan

BBBE

Mazel Tov Hatikvah (Tikvah), owned by Catherine Oskow & Iza Benz, bred by Catherine & Craig Oskow



WD & BOW

Desert Star Running Miles (Miles), owned by Rosette Davila-Sargent, bred by Denise Gordon, Cynthia Grupp, Pamela Roseman



WB

D&H Ha'Aretz Vertigo at River Rock (Vala), owned by Christina Miller, bred by Robin Davison and Donna Davison

RD

Mazel Tov Hatikvah (Tikvah), owned by Catherine Oskow & Iza Benz, bred by Catherine & Craig Oskow

RB

Pleasant Hill Cairo (Cairo), owned by Scott Maxwell, bred By Donna Dodson, handled by Noelle Renteria

Photos courtesy of Renee Kent, Evan Kent, and Chris Miller.

Sweepstakes Results

The CDCA was fortunate to have another outstanding breeder judge the puppy and veterans sweepstakes again this year.

Sweeps Judge: Mrs. Jill Terry, of England



Best in Sweeps

CH Cherrysh Crown of Jewels (Jewel), owned and bred by Cheryl Hennings



BOS in Sweeps

Blessed Be Cherrysh Patriot (Patriot) owned by Cheryl Hennings and Laura Lashley, bred by Laura & Sydni Lashley

Best Veteran in Sweeps

CH Ebony Max O' Mad River (Ethan), owned and bred by Carol O'Bryan



BOS Veteran in Sweeps

CH Mad River Anya De Jealou (Anya), owned by Carol O'Bryan, bred by Cynthia & Leal Grupp

Obedience and Rally Results

There were seven entries in rally and obedience.

Three dogs in Rally

- Taavi in Novice A
- Smudge in Novice B
- Oz in Advanced and Excellent

Three dogs in Obedience

- Bear in Pre-Novice
- Smudge and Roxy in Novice B

Bear got a 2nd place in Pre-Novice, his very first time in the ring!!! Congratulations!

Smudge and Roxy both showed in Novice B, but did not receive qualifying scores.

Taavi also had his very first entry in the rally ring (Rally Novice A) on Friday. He did not qualify, but he did impress everyone with his calm and handsome demeanor while waiting for his turn!

Smudge did very nicely in Rally Novice B, earning a green Qualifying ribbon with a very nice score (94)!

Oz and Eileen Qualified in both Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. With these 3 double Qs gave they are half-way towards their RAE title!

Reflections from our National Specialty Judges

Our thanks to the judge, Mr. Robert Stein, who has provided a short critique on the breed entry:

I certainly enjoyed judging the National Specialty of the Canaan Dog Club of America. I have judged this breed for quite a few years dating back to when they just came into the Miscellaneous Class. I found that the breed has reached a greater level of consistency and the overall quality has definitely improved.

I found my class winners both out of the Puppy classes and these two winners had correct proportions, good head and ear characteristics, proper tail carriage and correct movement. The Best of Breed and Best of Opposite also possessed these same qualities and my Award of Merit was a close runner-up.

I want to thank all of the officers and members for making me part of your beautiful specialty.

Sincerely,
Robert Stein

We are delighted that Mrs. Jill Terry has also agreed to give her impressions on the Canaan Dog entry in Sweepstakes at this year's specialty.

I was very honoured to be invited to judge the club's sweepstakes, and sincerely thank the CDCA for their invitation and also for the superb Canaan Dog cookie jar gift, which is now sitting in pride of place in my lounge! My thanks also go to everybody who entered under me and also to all those who so kindly looked after Ian and I so well. Whilst we have been meaning to attend a specialty for several years, this was in fact our first trip to America, and it was certainly a memorable one! It was wonderful to at long last meet people who I have been corresponding with for some time now. Both Ian and I had a fantastic time and really appreciated everyone who was ferrying us around and taking us out and about. One thing I would say though, beware of going shopping with Chris, Renee and Evan – they

encourage you to spend money! We arrived home safely on Wednesday, albeit minus one suitcase! However, it was safely delivered to our home the very next day, which we were very pleased about as it contained a unique plaque for our lounge that we had purchased (encouraged by Renee and Chris)!

The Friday evening banquet was marvellous, and I understand the club raised some excellent funds with the auction. The welcome bags were a wonderful idea. A canvas tote bag depicting a Canaan Dog scene and chock-a-block with goodies – which our dogs fully enjoyed on our return home!

We well and truly used our cameras – taking nearly 1,000 photos and a video throughout the weekend! It will obviously take me some time to go through all these, but I shall be putting them up on the internet as soon as I can.

I must especially thank my steward, Martha, who kindly explained the procedure for judging in America, which differed slightly from the UK, and patiently kept me on the straight and narrow! Judging the sweepstakes, I found that temperaments excelled all round, with all dogs behaving extremely well, far better than ours in the UK! All dogs were sound, although some top-lines and tail-sets could be improved. I found them all to be presented in a good, clean and well-groomed condition.

I was very pleased with my Best in Sweepstakes, Ch Cherrysh Crown of Jewels, owned and bred by Cheryl Hennings. A sand coloured bitch of excellent type, well-balanced, nice size with good substance and coat; her head was of good proportions with well-set ears and correct almond shaped eyes. Nice length of neck that led to correct moderate angulation. High set tail carried well. Good, sound movement. Was sad to see she didn't go quite so well in the breed classes afterwards.

Best Opposite Sex was a very close decision, and Blessed Be Cherrysh Patriot, owned by Laura Lashley and Cheryl Hennings, won it on coat. This sand coloured boy was of similar type to the BIS; well up to size, but at 10 months old I don't expect him to grow any taller. Very immature baby with lots of potential. Lovely movement, but still needs to tighten up. Good

topline and tail set, shame about the carriage. Lovely happy, smiling expression.

Best Veteran went to Ch Ebony Max O'Mad River, owned and bred by Carol O'Bryan. A handsome, jet black dog with white trim and super shiny coat. In excellent condition it was hard to believe he had just turned 9 years old. Good strong topline with a tail that waved happily on the move, would just like to see it set a tad higher and carried further over the back when trotting. Moved very well.

Best Opposite Sex Veteran was Ch Mad River Anya De Jealou, owned by Carol O'Bryan. A sweet black and white lady, whom I see is litter sister to the Best Veteran. Good angulation but a little soft in the topline now. Won the award on movement.

When seeing or judging Canaan Dogs in another country, you can't help but compare them to other Canaans around the world. The main differences I found were in substance, length of loin and coat.

I found some dogs to have less substance than I see in Europe and Israel. In Bryna's translation of Pariahunde, Menzel described the breed to have medium bone, and describes type IV to be the lighter boned and of Greyhound type. I take this to mean that the bone needs to be more substantial than a Greyhound, and there were some dogs that did not have this.

Many dogs were long in the loin and thus not quite square in build. Menzel states in her first standard that the Canaan Dog is square and short-coupled. The AKC standard calls for measuring the length from the withers to the base of the tail, whereas the universal measurement is generally from the point of forechest to point of buttocks. This difference in the way of measuring could well contribute to the longer length in the loin.

I must admit I was surprised to read in the AKC standard that the length of outer coat 1/2 to 1 1/2 inch, and this is why many of the American Canaan Dogs have a much shorter coat than the European and Israeli dogs. In Pariahunde, Menzel describes the hair to be "4-5cm long, about 1.6 to 2.0 inches long". Hair that is 1/2 inch in length would be like a Dalmatian (my first breed some years ago). With this length of hair

there is simply no room for undercoat. The undercoat is very important to the Canaan Dog as it protects them from the harsh elements found in their native environment. During the dry harsh heat of the day it acts as air conditioning, trapping the cool air; while at night in the extreme drops of temperature it retains the air to keep them warm.

I hope that my comments are taken in the spirit that they are intended, and Ian and I look forward to returning to the US soon to see once again your wonderful dogs and our new friends.

Jill Terry

Thank You!

We should be proud of our club members. With actual and in-kind donations, over \$500 was collected at the Canaan Dog Club of America 2006 National Specialty and donated to the AKC/CHF Canaan Dog Donor Advised Fund.

From a special auction designated for the AKC/CHF Canaan Dog DAF:

Denise Gordon

Rosette Davila-Sargent & Charlie Sargent

Chris & Allan Miller

Edward & Nancy Quesada

An in-kind donation of items purchased for donation to the above-mentioned auction:

Donna & Roy Dodson

A donation of monies won in Veteran Sweepstakes classes at the CDCA National Specialty:

Carol & Steve O'Bryan

A donation in honor of CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named, CHIC, aka "Harry", the Best of Breed winner at the 2006 CDCA National Specialty by one of his owners:

Amanda M. Pough

2006 CDCA National Specialty Herding Instinct Test

By Denise Gordon



Denise demonstrates to Chris how herding should be done "down under". Smudge seems dubious.

This year's herding instinct test was held at Glenrose Farm in the hills of Jamul, California, on Monday, May 22, 2006. The drive from San Diego to the farm could best be described as "scenic" by some and "an adventure" by others as it was reached via highway, winding 2-lane mountain roads, and erosion-rutted gravel/dirt lanes. In addition, it was typical CDCA herding weather for the group of 15 Canaan Dogs and their owners - slightly windy with drizzle / rain. However, the drive was well worth its trouble and the sun eventually came out during the course of the day as the test evaluator, Laura Noll, owner of Glenrose Farm and an AKC/AHBA judge, observed the entrants working the wooly sheep in the large pen.

Of the 14 dogs entered for evaluation, 10 passed, giving this year's test a 71.4% success rate, well above average in the 40-80% range for Canaan Dogs. The non-evaluated Canaan that day was CH. Maddriver Samara Desert Star Dawn, CGC, RN, CDCA-HCX, PN, who was entered For Exhibition Only.

Of the 10 Canaan Dogs that passed the test that day, 8 achieved their Herding Certified (HC) titles, 1 attained his Herding Certified Excellent (HCX) title, and 1 earned her second qualifying score of the required three for the HCX title.

The "Best Rookie" trophy (for the Canaan Dog having no prior experience with livestock), a hand

carved dogwood shepherd's crook donated by Denise Gordon in memory of "Wolf" (1993 Best Rookie), was awarded to HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream ("Taavi"), owned by Risa Baumrind of New Harmony, Utah.

The "Best Senior" herding trophy (for the Canaan Dog with any type of prior experience with livestock), a sheep motif candy dish, donated by Denise Gordon in memory of "Wolf", was awarded to CH. Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum, HC ("Marley"), owned by Renee and Evan Kent of Wood River Junction, Rhode Island.

Laura had excellent advice for all who entered, whether their dogs passed the test or not, and encouraged those owners of the latter group not to give up just because that day was not their day (for whatever reason) and everyone agreed that it was an enjoyable day, despite the usual weather.

HERDING CERTIFIED EXCELLENT (HCX)

Desert Star Running Miles, CGC, CDCA-HCX ("Miles"), owned by Rosette Davila-Sargent

2nd QUALIFYING SCORE FOR HCX

CH. Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum, CDCA-HC(2) ("Marley"), owned by Renee and Evan Kent

HERDING CERTIFIED (HC)

HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream, CDCA-HC ("Taavi"), owned by Risa Baumind

CH. Tahoe Cando To Darn Hot, CDCA-HC ("Ella Fitz"), owned by Sally Armstrong-Barnhardt

Harei Selah Keisha of Sundowner, CDCA-HC ("Keisha"), owned by Cathy Dunn & Victor & Wendy Sanchez

CH. Jealou's Got Milk O'Maddriver, CDCA-HC ("Emmitt"), owned by Carol O'Bryan, Cynthia Grupp & Sally Armstrong

D&J Ha'Aretz Vertigo At River Rock, CDCA-HC ("Vala"), owned by Christina Miller

Jealou's Oso De A Noche, CDCA-HC ("Bear"), owned by Nancy & Edward Quesada

Desert Star Angel Of My Dreams, CDCA-HC ("Angel"), owned by Denise Gordon

Desert Star's Midnight Comet, CDCA-HC ("Comet"), owned by Denise Gordon

The Seminar That Could!

By Amanda Pough

Neither rain nor snow ... nor ice or thunderstorms or canceled flights ... shall keep Canaan Dog folks from gathering!

A seminar about Canaan Dogs being offered at the Boston, Massachusetts December shows served as a jumping off point to gather Canaan Dog lovers from throughout the Northeast and beyond. With multiple emails, a lot of phone calls and articles in various newsletters we spread the word.

When the entries closed, we were thrilled with an entry that peaked at seven Canaan Dogs on Saturday and Sunday. Weekday entries gained each day as people and dogs planned to come into Boston in advance of the weekend. The seminar was expecting judges, friends of Canaans and a good number of dogs for the judges to see. Pamela Rosman organized a Saturday night dinner. We were excited about what was shaping up to be a busy and full Canaan weekend.

And then we remembered we were trying to do this in New England, in December. First, our Canadian contingent had to cancel due to sick dogs. Then, Bryna Comsky, the scheduled seminar presenter, called to say she wasn't able to leave Chicago on Friday, but was sure the airlines would get her out first thing Saturday morning. Pamela Rosman had a family emergency and had to send her regrets. Chris Miller and Samwise made it in from Georgia but their Friday plans to visit the newest Kent were brought to a skidding halt by a day of ice and snow.

By Saturday morning we had four of our entered dogs who made it to show. A couple more CDs made it in for the seminar but Bryna didn't – she was still in Chicago due to the weather. Thanks to Larry and Michelle Harrington, seminar materials were already in Boston with Chris. Amanda Pough dashed from the Border Terrier ring to the other side of the show to help Chris Miller and Evan Kent get the seminar up and going. Having to wing-it meant that we used Bryna's presentation as a jumping off point. Dogs as part of the demonstration including Samwise, Heidi, Marley, Keren, Barbra, Skye, Leo and (R&E other pup). We had about 12 judges and

that many friends of Canaans again in the audience. Good questions were asked, and the judges had a chance to go over multiple dogs. The seminar ended with a lot of enthusiasm and luckily we all had a moment to get organized again for the ring.

Results for the weekend included Keren and her owner Jerry surviving their first times in the ring – ever! Shown on Saturday and Sunday Keren had this show stuff figured out in a moment – and we even got Jerry to start to relax! Heidi was Best of Opposite Sex from the Veterans Class at both weekend shows, and her son Harry swept the cluster by going Best of Breed each day. He also received group recognition at the Thursday show with a Group 3rd. Samwise rounded out our weekend entry as the Georgia-native got his first experience with real snow! We missed seeing Magnun, also stuck in Chicago due to weather. Shem made the day trip in on one day over during the week, but along with (R&E adult) was stranded in Connecticut without power over the weekend. By the time we finished showing, dinner plans had petered out as everyone just wanted to keep warm and upright on the ice and snow.

Bryna finally arrived into Boston on Saturday afternoon and came to the show to cheer on the breed competition on Sunday. Poor Bryna barely had time to check out the education and vendor booths before she had to head back to the airport and back to Chicago.

All who did make it into Boston agreed we should continue with plans to form a Northeast Canaan Dog club. However, we -- and especially those who didn't make it in -- were even in more agreement that we should aim for a warmer time of year for our next meeting! One of the ways we are keeping in touch is through a low-volume email list. If you are interested in joining the list, please contact Renee Kent at renegade.cd@cox.net.

Stay tuned for more information and plans for get-togethers!

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	<p>CDCA CH Pleasant Hill Daya HC</p>	<p>Briel's Hatikvah bat Ariel ROMX CGC</p>	<p>CCA Ch. Ariel Shin Ha'aretz of Briel</p>
		<p><i>Pleasant Hill Seth</i></p>	<p>Terramara's Flavian</p>
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One Small Step for Raiah, One Huge Step for Canaan Dogs...

By Chris Miller

The AKC ACE Award presentation and the whole weekend in Tampa was a wonderful, positive exposure for the Canaan Dog. Most of the Canaan Dog community that is active in AKC events can understand the magnitude of the positive light that shone on the Canaan Dog in Tampa. Our somewhat misunderstood and under appreciated breed took a huge step in the eyes of AKC Judges and staff. Ethan and Raiah enjoyed their time in Tampa and I will expand on some of the highlights in this article.

Our first experience as an ACE winner came on Friday night with an AKC sponsored dinner to honor all of the ACE recipients. ACE Awards are presented in 5 categories: Law Enforcement which was garnered by "Reno" the German Shepherd Dog who was shot multiple times in the line of duty and recovered to be better than ever. The Therapy Dog was "Noodle" the Standard Poodle who is a positive force in the life of many school children. "Gibson" the Champion Bloodhound who continued his work after a full elbow replacement was successful in finding many people earning his Search and Rescue Dog award. Service Dog was awarded to "Faith" the Rottweiler who let her paws do the walking to call 911 when her owner fell into a diabetic coma. And "Raiah" who exemplified the Exemplary Companion Dog through her devotion to Ethan and alerting us of his seizures. We were able to meet all of the owners of these amazing dogs and the AKC Staff who were in charge of the ACE Awards.



Saturday morning found us at the Canaan Dog Meet the Breed booth. This is a wonderful event that the AKC implemented at the first AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 5 years ago. It's a outstanding opportunity for the public to meet and learn about all of the AKC recognized breeds and those breeds still in the Miscellaneous class. Ethan and Raiah enjoyed expounding to all who ventured near the booth that Raiah was the 2005 AKC ACE Award recipient.

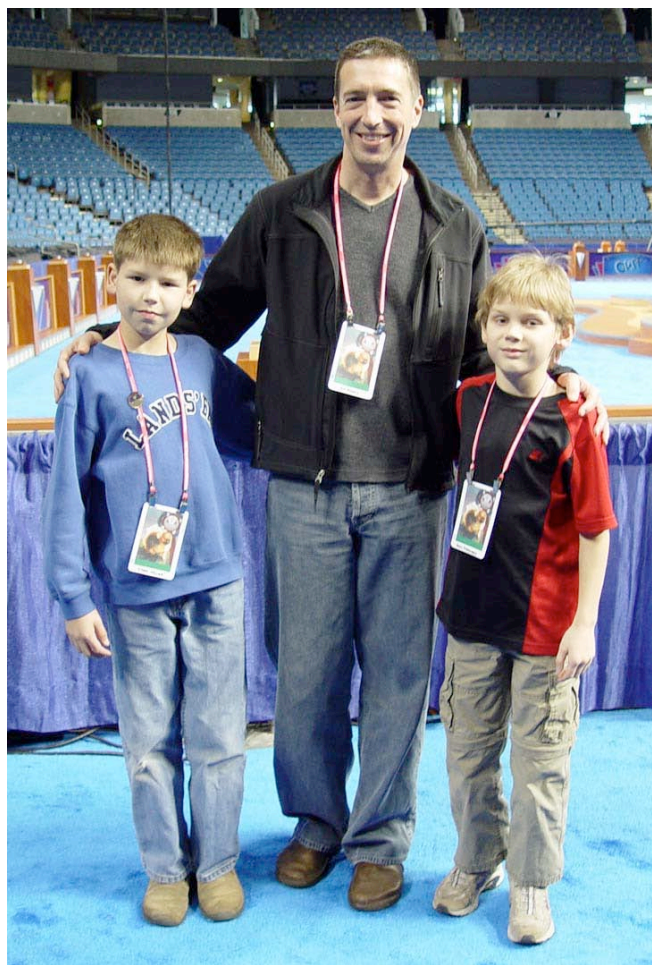


Raiah welcomed all of the attention and treats. She was more than happy to give people the "paw" if they had stopped petting her but continued to linger at the booth. I'd also like to extend a thank you to all who helped with the booth.

After a wonderful evening with Canaan Dog folks and good food on Saturday night, we decided to let Ethan sleep in on Sunday. Pocket and I headed out for a 9 AM ring time for Canaan Dogs. It was such a pleasure to see such a large entry of Canaan Dogs amassed for judge Charles Olvis. Mr. Olvis found his Best of Breed in "Harry", Ch. Rosendogs He Who Must be Named. "Harry" was guided to this win by handler Kitty Burke and his co-owners Judy M. Rosenthal and

Amanda Pough. Best of Opposite Sex and Best Bred by Exhibitor and Award of Excellence was found in "Tootsie", Ch. Mad River Ain't Misbehavin' handled by breeder/owner Cynthia Grupp. Additional Awards of Excellence were handed to Ch. Jealou's Got Milk O'Mad River and Ch. Pleasant Hill Magnum of Samara. A huge congrats to all who qualified and attended.

Sunday afternoon found a well rested Ethan and me at our rehearsal for the presentation of the ACE Awards that evening. We were slightly celebrity struck as Ethan, and new found friend Kevin, posed with co-commentator Ron Reagan.



Ethan, Ron Reagan, and Kevin

Of course, being the dog person that I am, I had to have Ethan and Raiah pose with co-commentator Edd Bivin.

The rehearsal went smoothly. Of course, Raiah as a Canaan Dog, had to be introduced to the huge camera that was draped and a flowing black fabric that loomed just outside of the ring. She

was also introduced to the boom cameras and got to see them in action.



Ethan, Raiah, and Edd Bivin

I was comfortable that she wasn't going to bark at anything during the presentation. Ethan enjoyed climbing atop the award podium that is used for groups and best in show. After rehearsal, we ventured back to our suite for some much needed relaxation and a meal.

The evening found us on the floor at ringside. I was delighted to watch the Junior Showmanship finals. Judge Frank Sabella had stepped in to take the assignment from Anne Rogers Clark who was unable to judge. He found his Best Junior in a young man who did an excellent job with his Dachshund. All of the juniors who made it to this competition are to be commended on their excellence in the ring and the classroom.

We were able to find my Dad, Mike Houchard, in the VIP section of the arena and even spotted Amanda Pough and her Mom seated near him. A

voice calling from behind alerted me to the presence of more Canaan Dog folk when Denise Gordon ventured down the stairs to say hello. Ethan began to realize that this being the center of attention thing wasn't too bad and started to ham it up. Raiah, being the "queen" that she is, already knew of this situation and demanded attention from all who ventured close. As our time to enter the ring approached, we were lined up and ready. I had yet to see the vignette that was done on Ethan and Raiah, and of course they showed it right before we were to enter the ring. The tears of pride and joy were flowing and there wasn't a tissue to be found on the floor. One of the production folks for Animal Planet, the same who had come out to film the vignette, offered me her coat tails and I accepted.

The group of five ACE Award recipients entered the ring to an emotional standing ovation. I'll be honest – we brought the house down. Although it didn't make it to the live broadcast, a short speech was given on each recipient. Dennis Sprung and Ron Menaker of the AKC presented each recipient with a sterling silver medallion. Once all the medallions were presented, we recipients, received another standing ovation from the crowd.

I could not have been more proud in that moment – for Raiah, for Ethan and for the breed.

After the awarding of Best in Show to a breeder/owner handled Alaskan Malamute, Ethan and I were still full of excitement. We decided to attend the "After Show Party" at the XO club in the arena. We finally found the correct elevator to take and waltzed into the party. It was amusing to hear the conversation of "are dogs allowed" as we approached the entrance to the club. Of course, Raiah was allowed in and she was an instant hit. We were greeted with many congrats and Raiah even managed to talk a few folks out of their hors d'oeuvres. We ended the night with a bus ride back to the hotel where everyone seemed to know our name – even the bus driver. I was delighted to be a small part in the work that so many have done before me and so many will need to continue into the future.

Editor's Note: Chris, Alan, Ethan, and the River Rock crew are migrating to Australia for several years. The 2006 specialty was your last chance to see them this side of the Pacific for a while!!

Welcome to the new "Canaan Kibitzer" editor!!

Everyone who has been assiduously checking their mailboxes for the last six months and politely refraining from screaming at the delay will be DELIGHTED to learn that you will have a new, fresh TIMELY Kib editor:

Katherine O'Bryan

Yeah!!!! Thank you Katherine!

You can see a photo of Katherine on page 11, handling CH. Mad River Anya de Jealou to Best Opposite Sex in Veterans Sweepstakes. She also handled Ethan (CH Ebony Max O' Mad River) to the Award of Merit at the 2006 Specialty and CH. Mad River Bosley to BOB at the 1998 Specialty.

She has trained Ethan and Bosley in agility and obedience and loves to write!

Evan Kent will be the man behind the green curtain, who will be helping Katherine with publishing the Kib. But all articles, questions, suggestions should go to Katherine. ("Pay no attention to the man behind the green curtain!")

I have really enjoyed editing the Kib for the last few years and am delighted it will be going into such excellent hands!

Thank you!!!

Jennie

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The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show 2006

By Bryna Comsky

New York, New York. Madison Square Garden

The Westminster Kennel Club is America's oldest organization dedicated to the sport of purebred dogs. Established in 1877, Westminster's influence has been felt for more than a century through its famous all-breed, bench dog show held every year at New York's Madison Square Garden. The show is America's second longest continuously held sporting event, behind only the Kentucky Derby. Westminster staged its 128th consecutive show on February 9-10, 2004, nationally televised on USA Network. Its grand tradition of attracting the best dogs to the same place at the same time was continued this year as 2,624 dogs, including 124 Junior Showmanship entries, were benched at the Garden to compete. A strong field of returning champions and new hopefuls representing 162 breeds and varieties strove to capture the single most prestigious award in the sport of dogs: Best in Show at Westminster.

Of America's top-ranked show dogs for 2003, every single one of the top 27 ranked dogs entered; then 40 of the top 41, and 95 of the top 107. The four group winners from last year also won their groups this year.

In the Sporting Group Golden Retrievers led the field of entries by breed with 43, and Labradors, the most popular breed, had "only" 34. Australian Shepherds topped the Herding Group breed entries with 38, and their Best of Breed dog did not place in Group. There were 3 Canaan Dogs entered, and two were shown in breed competition.

California led the states in entries followed by New York with 246. All 48 of the contiguous states, Puerto Rico and Canada, had entries. The 42 judges officiating at the show came from 23 states and Canada.

Three newly-recognized breeds made their Westminster debuts in 2004: the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever in the Sporting Group with 16 entries; the German Pinscher in Working with

17; and the Toy Fox Terrier with 12. These breeds all had exhibited at the GLCDC's (Great Lakes Canaan Dog Club's) All-Breed, Rare-Breed Shows in the 80's and 90's, when we were all working toward full AKC acceptance of our breeds.

Breeds and Varieties in the Working, Terrier, Toy and Non-Sporting Groups were benched and judged during the day on Monday, with Group competition that evening. On Tuesday the Sporting, Hound and Herding breeds were shown. The judging of those Groups and Best In Show was held on Tuesday evening. The Group competition was televised live each evening.

In the evening group competition, "Bunny," the Ibizan Hound, Ch. Luxor's Playmate of the Year, a prima ballerina in sight hound form, danced her way to Hound Group I, guided by her partner, Clint Livingston. She was a standout!

In Terriers, the Norfolk, Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, "Coco," was the walk-away favorite. She was in her best form, which she carried to the Best in Show Ring. She was also the cover girl on the most recent publication of Dogs in Review Magazine.

The Pekingese, Ch. Yakee Leaving Me Breathless At Franshaw, won the Toy Group for the second time, and the perfectly groomed and presented Standard Poodle, Ch. Ale Kai Mikimoto On Fifth, handled by Wendell Sammet, winner of the "Best Breeder" Award at the AKC/Eukanuba Show, again topped the Non-Sporting Group.

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Ch. Hum'nbird Keepn Up'Pearances, handled by Frank Murphy, put in a flawless farewell performance to earn him Group One this year. His owners are Samuel and Marion Lawrence, who had won the Garden with their wire haired fox terrier, "Lacy," several years ago. Carrie Chase, co-owner of a Canaan Dog, had bred the Corgi, who bested the favorite, "Genny," the German Shepherd Dog handled by Jimmy Moses. Second went to the Border Collie, Third to the GSD, and Fourth to the Briard under Herding Group Judge Mr. Lester Mapes, no stranger to our breed, either. The Canaan Dog, "Tootsie," handled by Andy Linton, stylishly represented our breed in her farewell performance and enhanced the breed's positive reputation among the Fancy. Andy Linton had

won the Garden with his Doberman, "Indy," many years ago.

The Sussex Spaniel, "Stumpy," was the Sporting Group favorite, leaving behind the German Wirehaired Pointer, the Parti-Color Cocker Spaniel and the elegant English Setter. "Stumpy's" handler, Scott Sommer, had won the Garden with a Bichon Frise a few years ago.

The Best In Show decision was made at the Working Group level by Judge Mrs. Anne Rogers Clark. She was challenged all the way by the qualities of the Doberman, "Purple Reign," and the Newfoundland, "Josh," the crowd favorite. "Josh" had done no better than an Award of Merit at his National Specialty under Mrs. Clark, yet on this day, he won the Group, putting him into the position of a major contender for "Best." Mr. Burton Yamada, the BIS Judge, had given "Josh" the Group last year. Some predicted that "Josh" would win if he got out of the Group, and he did, and he did!

On the Canaan Dog front, Chris Miller, breeder-owner-handler of "Pocket," Ch. Yashar Ha'Aretz Machseh, was given the "Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed" medallion and rosette by Judge Ms. Patricia W. Laurans. "Pocket" was also Best of Opposite to "Tootsie" at this year's National Specialty under Judge Mrs. Nina Van Camp. His win at the Garden made his co-owners, Susan E. Gragg and Parker W. Flowers, also his co-breeder, very happy. "Pocket's" sire and Chris' first Canaan Dog, Ch. Hadar Ha'Aretz Mr. Spock RivRoc, had been Winers Dog and Best of Winners at the 2000 National Specialty. "Pocket's" dam, Ch. Dayspring Beraiah Ha'Aretz CD, had won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the 1998 National for her first five-point major. Nice going, Chris!

"Tootsie," the Best of Breed winner, is the daughter of Ch. Catalina's Felix to the Max and Ch. Mad River Scheherazade. "Max" is the first Canaan Dog to represent the breed at Westminster after its full acceptance by the American Kennel Club. He was handled by Martha Fielder in breed and group in 1998, and again in 1999. In 2002, he won the National Specialty as a Veteran under Judge Mrs. Ruby Hertz. "Tootsie" is co-owned by Sandra Sailor and Cynthia Grupp. "Pocket" and "Tootsie" were cheered ringside by this writer and two other

CDCA members, Michael and Judy Lawrence, from Connecticut.

Someone once said that Westminster Week is a "flurry of parties and events interrupted by a dog show." It begins with the breed seminars sponsored by the DJA (Dog Judges Association of America). Many breed specialty shows take place concurrently in NYC, NJ and Long Island over the weekend. Dog food companies sponsor dinner parties honoring the top ranked dogs and their entourage. Attendance at public and private parties, Broadway plays, the Opera, and other events, usually supports charitable organizations like Take the Lead and the Dog Museum. The Dog Writers Association of America honors its contest winners on Sunday Evening at its Awards Banquet. Two other events take place at the same time and one later. The Dog Show is held on Monday and Tuesday, and its group and Best In Show judges defend their choices at Sardi's after the Dog Fanciers' Luncheon on Wednesday. The BIS Dog also feasts at Sardi's along with the winners of the "Art Show at the Dog Show" contest, again won by Carol Doerr Allen for her wonderful charcoal of a Portuguese Water Dog on a couch. "Josh" arrived at Sardi's for lunch after a whirlwind schedule of live TV appearances and interviews. He spent most of his time reclining on the floor for an after-lunch rest, joined by his handler and best friend, Michelle Ostermiller. They are inseparable.

Attending Westminster is a "must" experience at least once in a lifetime. It is unique, and the most prestigious among dog shows, and many are already planning and preparing for next year's gala event. As for me, I'm planning to repeat this year's highlight: a trip on the LIRR to visit "my" puppy, "Sirius," at his family's home on Long Island.

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Our ace reporter, Bryna Comsky, has been busy on her beat. We have TWO MORE show reports!

Thank you, Bryna!!

Show Report: The International Kennel Club of Chicago Shows February 25 & 26, 2006.

By Bryna Comsky

Best of Breed on Saturday was the Open Dog, Pleasant Hill Wish Granted, bred, owned and handled by Donna L. Dodson. He's sired by Ch Lahat me Shaar Hagai ex Pleasant Hill Titillation, who was Best in Sweeps at the CDCA 2003 National Specialty. He was well-handled by Donna, and both gave a good show for the breed. Through his sire, he's a half brother to Ch Pleasant Hill Magnum of Samara, who won the breed on Sunday under Judge Mrs. Patricia A. Gellerman.

Serenity Lane Action Jackson, bred by Melinda Linton and sired by Ch Cherrysh The Vision of Ezekiel ex Dayspring Bina Bat Bittachon, debuted on Saturday and walked away with the RWD ribbon under Judge Mr. Donald Booxbaum. It was the first show for both "Jack" and his owner, Spiro Karras, and both enjoyed themselves enough to come back on Sunday to take the Winners Dog ribbon. Jackson's dam is the litter sister to Ch Dayspring Beraiah Ha'Aretz CD RN, winner of the AKC ACE Award presented at the AKC/Eukanuba Show in January at Tampa. "Jack's" litter sister, Serenity Lane Reba on the Run, won CDCA's 2005 Sweepstakes!! Is that coincidence, or what??

Keith and Cheryl Shank supported the Canaan Dog entry with their Canaans, Ch Cherrysh Midnite at the Oasis, a Ch Barak me Shaar Hagai son, and Ch Hahar Grand Entrance Anna, "Gimme," a Velikaya daughter. The Shanks have an interest in a concession booth offering fine jewelry, and Cheryl wore a very pretty Canaan Dog charm bracelet.

A hearty welcome to the dog show scene to Spiro and "Jack," and we'll see you in May at the Madison, Wisconsin, shows!

The Louisville Cluster of Dog Shows, Obedience and Rally Trials, March 16-19, 2006

By Bryna Comsky

Twenty-one Canaans entered the Louisville Shows this year and prepared for the 2007 CDCA National Specialty planned for next March at this site. Amidst the largest number of Canaans ever present at this site, it was great to see the dogs and their people from as far away as Canada and California, neighboring Illinois and Ohio, and Georgia and DC. The state of Ohio, whose inhabitants claim to speak the best American English, also boasted the most Canaan owners: Denise Gordon, Tracey Kopea and Kathy Krahe, Tom and Norma Bennett Woolf, and Victor Kaftal. For the Canadians, Michelle Harrington and Larry Myers, the long weekend had begun with their arrival at the Ha'Aretz "Homestead" on Wednesday afternoon together with their attachments, Macc and Cybelle. They were in time to attend an interesting and moving program in Oak Park, Illinois, that celebrated my cousin's life. On Thursday morning, after meeting Heidi Hiller, owner of "Sugar," at our favorite restaurant for breakfast, we left for Louisville. Exactly 5 hours and 59 minutes in driving time later – Do you believe that? – The Myers, Harrington and Comsky Caravan arrived at the fairgrounds in Louisville, Kentucky, in time to watch the rest of the groups and Best in Show judging. Larry and Michelle found Chris Miller and the Canaan gang, and I went to a Louisville suburb to stay with a friend.

Because of the diversity of Canaan Dog type and the fancy's acceptance of its two styles, serious judging of the breed is difficult and challenging. The tendency is to reward a well-presented show dog who is groomed, glamorous and eye-catching. Will a judge look beyond looks? On Thursday, the well-conditioned, group-placing special, Magnum, won the breed and repeated his win on Friday and Saturday. He was shown by his new handler, Lenny Brown. Lizzie was Best of Winners and moved up to Best of Breed competition on Friday. Best of Opposite Sex was Rivi, and Denver won the points in dogs on his first outing. He was beautifully handled by Melvin Banister, Denver's co-owner with Michael Larsen.

It was the first time in the ring for both of them, and they would win the points twice more!!

On Friday, Denise's Angel puppy, the *people-greeter* with her bro, Comet, during the Meet The Breeds event in Tampa, was the happy Best of Winners. Terrier Judge Mr. Larry Adams then repeated Thursday's wins. On Saturday, Judge Mrs. Bettie Krause gave Winners Bitch to the puppy, Cybelle, saying "That's what we're looking for: happiness in the show ring and good temperament!" Michelle and Cybelle put on a captivating performance, and were also in the ring for the first time. BOW was Denver!!

Canaan Dog Club of America News:

The Canaan Dog Club of America is now a full member of the American Kennel Club, as of January 2006! Pamela Rosman is our AKC Delegate, and just attended the first delegates meeting in Raleigh, NC. Her contact information. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments related to the AKC, please contact Pamela!

Chris, Allen, and Ethan Miller have all moved to Australia (outside Sydney). Chris has found homes for most of her dogs, but has taken a select few (who have arrived safely and are sitting through quarantine) to keep her breeding program going – and introduce Australia to the wonders of our breed!

Perhaps they will not be "River Rock" Canaan Dogs, but "Ayers Rock" Canaan Dogs soon??

There has been much activity recently on the Canaan Dog internet group lists, regarding the first intentional cross-breeding of Canaan Dogs: Canaan Dog X Siberian Husky crosses! This differs from the occasional accidents that may befall even the most careful owners and breeders. The international Canaan Dog community, the CDCA, and other Canaan Dog Clubs will be acting in concert to send a clear message about the breed and cross-breeding.

The 2007 National Specialty will be held September 7 2007, in Owensville, Ohio (right outside Cincinnati). Denise Gordon will be the show chair.

On Sunday, Judge Mrs. Sulie-Greendale Paveza rewarded Harry with Best of Breed. Harry and Kitty had won the breed at both Westminster and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show. *Z* won his class, and Jackie and Donna Davison's Trouble Is Here was Winners Dog. Victor's new foundation bitch, Rashit, was Best of Winners. Lizzie was Best of Opposite Sex and the Davisons' Buzz Baby won the Award of Merit. There were no Herding Group Placements over the four-day weekend. Tracey Kopea and her dog, Shiloh, won their Rally title, and floated home to Macedonia, Ohio.

The 2008 CDCA National Specialty will be held in September 2008 in upstate New York, in the Finger Lakes region. Amanda Pough will be the chair.

Tracey Kopea had to resign the Secretary position due to personal difficulties. We hope everything goes well. Norma Woolf is the CDCA Corresponding Secretary. The CDCA Recording Secretary position is still being voted upon and will be announced in the next Kib. Full details of Board and General Meeting minutes will be in the next issue of the Kib.

Work is ongoing on the AKC Canaan Dog Breed Standard Revision. Amanda Pough is chair of the Breed Standard Revision Committee. If you have questions or comments, please contact Amanda!

Julie Haddy and Sandy Dudley are the new Ways and Means Committee! Thanks guys!! Everyone should reward them by buying lots of stuff!



Tycho and Bo, lazing in the sun and living a dog's life.

New AKC Titles

New Breed Champions

CH Desert Star Running Miles
20-May-2006

Owner: Rosette Davila-Sargent
Breeder: Denise Gordon

CH Mad River Ladies First
16-Mar-2006

Breeder/Owner: Cynthia Grupp

CH Tahoe Cando Too Dam Hot
20-Jan-2006

Breeder: Robin Prince Renteria
Owner: Sally Armstrong-Barnhardt

CH Cherrysh Crown Of Victory
06-Jan-2006

Breeder: Cheryl L Hennings
Owner: Cheryl Hennings & Lorna Hastings

CH Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn RN
19-Nov-2005

Breeder: Pamela Rosman & Cynthia Grupp
Owner: Denise A Gordon & Pamela Rosman & Cynthia Grupp

CH Mazel Tov Lila Bat Barak
19-Nov-2005

Breeder: Catherine Oskow & Aviva Oskow
Owner: Allan A Gantt & Catherine Oskow

CH Cherrysh Crown Of Jewels
09-Oct-2005

Breeder/Owner: Cheryl L Hennings

CH D&J Ha'aretz I'm The Buzz Baby
18-Sep-2005

Breeder/Owner: Jackie J Davison & Donna L Davison

New Rally Titles

TK's Nassi Shiloh **RN**

19-Mar-2006

Breeder/Owner: Tracey Kopea

CH Arayl's Magic Springtime CD **RN**
10-Mar-2006

Breeder: Liz Hebert

Owner: Norma Bennett Woolf & Thomas S Woolf

PH Promise Of Blue Sky **RN**

10-Mar-2006

Breeder: Donna L Dodson

Owner: Norma Bennett-Woolf & Thomas S Woolf

CH Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn **RN**

19-Feb-2006

Breeder: Pamela Rosman & Cynthia Grupp

Owner: Denise A Gordon & Pamela Rosman & Cynthia Grupp

CH Cherrysh My Trustworthy Toby **RN**

07-Jan-2006

Breeder: S Fournier

Owner: Coleen Rapier & Jerry Hennings

CH Pleasant Hill Tovah CD **RN**

07-Jan-2006

Breeder: D Dodson

Owner: Catherine Oskow & Craig Oskow

New Agility Titles

Mazel Tov PRTMJL Minnie Pooh **NA OA AX NAJ OAJ AXJ**

26-Jan-2006

Breeder: Catherine Oskow & Craig Oskow

Owner: Alan Gersman & Sylvia Gersman

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22-April-2006

Breeder: Donna Dodson

Owner: Jennie Larkin & John Relph

New CHIC Certified Canaan Dogs

(CHIC = Canine Health Information Center)

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

Arayl's Rivi's Rumor

Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn

River Rock Electrical Storm

Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named

Congratulations to "Desert Star", "River Rock", and "Rosendog" kennels for your CHIC-certified breeding stock!

Health Clearances Registered with Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

September 2005 – July 2006

<u>Dog Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Test ID</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Results</u>
ARAYL'S RIVI'S RUMOR	F	CA-EL60F37-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
ARAYL'S RIVI'S RUMOR	F	CA-229	CERF	6
ARAYL'S RIVI'S RUMOR	F	CA-374G37F-PI	HIPS	GOOD
ARAYL'S RIVI'S RUMOR	F	CA-PA20/37F/P-PI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
ARAYLS TALITHA OF RECKCREATE	F	CA-EL55F32-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
ARAYLS TALITHA OF RECKCREATE	F	CA-212	CERF	5
ARAYLS TALITHA OF RECKCREATE	F	CA-364E32F-PI	HIPS	EXCELLENT
ARAYLS TALITHA OF RECKCREATE	F	CA-TH38/32F-PI	THYROID	NORMAL
CAPTAINS CREW TIFA	F	CA-372G43F-PI	HIPS	GOOD
CHERRYSH MY CHARMING DELILAH	F	CA-172	CERF	03,06
CHERRYSH MY JEDAI KNIGHT	M	CA-EL62M50-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
CHERRYSH MY JEDAI KNIGHT	M	CA-377F50M-PI	HIPS	FAIR
D&J HA'ARETZ I'M THE BUZZ BABY	M	CA-213	CERF	5
D&J HA'ARETZ I'M THE BUZZ BABY	M	CA-365G29M-PI	HIPS	GOOD
D&J HAARETZ LYLA JUNE	F	CA-214	CERF	5
D&J HAARETZ LYLA JUNE	F	CA-366G25F-PI	HIPS	GOOD
D&J HA'ARETZ TIP TOP DOG	M	CA-216N	CERF	5
D&J HA'ARETZ TIP TOP DOG	M	CA-375G27M-PI	HIPS	GOOD
D&J HA'ARETZ TROUBLE IS HERE	M	CA-215N	CERF	5
D&J HA'ARETZ TROUBLE IS HERE	M	CA-368G24M-PI	HIPS	GOOD
EASTLAND'S EHAD MINAI ELEF ELI	M		CARDIAC	EQUIVOCAL - CARDIOLOGIST
HA 'ARETZ PEI MISHACAM	M	CA-141	CERF	02,05
HA'ARETZ RIDDLE RAP	F	CA-373G40F-PI	HIPS	GOOD
HA'ARETZ RIDDLE RAP	F	CA-EL59F40-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
MADRIVER SAMARA DESERT STAR DAWN	F	CA-159	CERF	03,06
MAZEL TOV NAFTALIA	F	CA-223	CERF	06:E1-Lens, punctate cataract *signif unk
MAZEL TOV YOMI BAT BARAK	F	CA-EL61F26-NOPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
MAZEL TOV YOMI BAT BARAK	F	CA-222N	CERF	6
MAZEL TOV YOMI BAT BARAK	F	CA-376G26F-NOPI	HIPS	GOOD
P.H. FIRE STORM'S ATWA	F	CA-363G28F-NOPI	HIPS	GOOD
P.H. FIRE STORM'S ATWA	F	CA-EL54F28-NOPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL KIVA AUTUM SUN	F	CA-EL58F27-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL KIVA AUTUM SUN	F	CA-218	CERF	5
PLEASANT HILL KIVA AUTUM SUN	F	CA-371G27F-PI	HIPS	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL THADDEUS	M	CA-157	CERF	03,06
RIVER ROCK ELECTRICAL STORM	M	CA-TH39/25M-PI	THYROID	NORMAL
RIVER ROCK ELECTRICAL STORM	M	CA-370F25M-PI	HIPS	FAIR
RIVER ROCK ELECTRICAL STORM	M	CA-PA19/25M/P-PI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
RIVER ROCK ELECTRICAL STORM	M	CA-EL57M25-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
RIVER ROCK LIGHT MY WAY	M	CA-PA18/25M/P-PI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
RIVER ROCK LIGHT MY WAY	M	CA-EL56M25-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
RIVER ROCK LIGHT MY WAY	M	CA-369G25M-PI	HIPS	GOOD
ROSENDOG'S HE WHO MUST BE NAMED	M	CA-181	CERF	04,05
TK'S KOCHAV OLE MEEKAH	F	CA-367G29F-PI	HIPS	GOOD

Report from the 2006 CDCA Agility Trial

By Trial Chair Sandy Dudley

The Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. held its third Agility Trial at the Cedar Run Horse Center in Woodbridge, Virginia, on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, 2006. In attendance for the club were President, Denise Gordon, who did every job imaginable for both days; Board member, Norma Woolf, who did a great job with the awards; Jennie Larkin who filled in whenever and wherever needed for both days; Chuck Dudley who did whatever he was asked (and he was asked to do a lot); Cynthia Dodson who also filled in whenever and wherever needed; and myself as Trial Chair. Attending on Saturday were Canaan Dog owners (and I hope future CDCA members), Melvin and Michael, who got right in the thick of things and volunteered for numerous jobs the entire day.

Also in attendance was AKC Field Representative Ms. Barbara Budner. The judges for the trial were Mr. Samuel Banks and Mr. Donald Skibniewski.

Volunteering in key positions were Mr. Blair Kelly of the Oriole Dog Training Club, Mr. Bob Kirkman, Mr. Nick DeCesare of the Iowa City Golden Retriever Club, and Ms. Linda Porter and Ms. Becky Jahnke of the Mattaponi Kennel Club. CDCA member Alan Gersman was instrumental in getting these key volunteers and providing advice and guidance in preparation for the event.

Equipment was provided by MAD Agility Equipment and food services were provided by Concessions By Vicki. Trial secretary services were provided by June Ebert of Tampa, Florida.

The total number of entries was 228, with 416 runs on Saturday and 355 runs on Sunday. These numbers were down from the previous two years because there were several other dog shows in the general area and the Sheltie National was held that Sunday in Virginia Beach.

On Saturday MACH titles (Master Agility Champion) were earned by Libby and owner Jenn Dreese, Willie (Papillon) and owner Shirley Murphy and Abe (Golden Retriever) and owner Dr. Rich Bradley.

Libby is a Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen and is the only PBGV to have the MACH title and now has a MACH2 title; Jenn reported that our trial has helped make breed history.

The trial ran very smoothly and we received a lot of positive feedback from exhibitors. AKC representative Barbara Budner commented that we ran a very nice trial and she hoped to be able to join us again in the future. Judge Donald Skibniewski sent an email saying if we ever needed him again, he would be honored.

I would like to thank the Board for considering me for the position of Trial Chair. I had a great time.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Dudley

Minutes: Canaan Dog Club of America General Membership Meeting

May 18, 2006, San Diego, CA

President Denise Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM Pacific Time: "Welcome to the 41st Annual Canaan Dog Specialty weekend."

Introductions

Deferred reading of previous minutes because posted in *Kibitzer*— Moved by Chris Miller, seconded by Cheryl Hennings—unanimous vote of agreement.

President's Report

Historical year: AKC has gone through a long approval process, but the CDCA is now an official Member Club of the AKC. This gives us a break on fees for our Specialty show, etc., plus we now have a voice in the AKC. Pamela Rosman is our new Delegate to AKC. So get opinions to her if you want your voice heard or if you have topics to raise at AKC Delegates' meeting.

Secretary's Report

Sec. Tracey Kopea could not come due to family emergency. Will send information.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin Pavlin also as above.
Reports will be in next *Kibitzer*.

Pamela Rosman as new AKC delegate:

PAWS Legislation: (PAWS = Pet Animal Welfare Statute) The original one would increase who falls under the USDA umbrella of regulations in selling animals, specifically dogs, and how we as breeders would be affected by that. AKC's position from the beginning has been to be involved because other organizations--such as HSUS--have been very involved, because the bill was intended to control puppy mills.

Norma Woolf has a lot of knowledge about this and about breed specific legislation—people can contact her if legislation comes up in their own states, for information and suggestions of action. The PAWS issue has been written and rewritten, with people from both sides fighting it out. Pamela is waiting to get information on it sent to her. The Doris Day Animal League has withdrawn its support. PAWS is polarizing the AKC body. A lot of time is being devoted to it. Some people question about the time this is taking at AKC, yet it is still in formative stages. The PAWS discussion takes time from other concerns.

Bryna Comsky: AKC did a 180 on its position. This will bring in more money to their coffers. But another reason for their turnabout is more sinister: If you try to place a purebred puppy in the United States today, you will find opposition, and much less support, because the public is being trained to go to shelter and rescue a dog, not get a purebred. They are being taught to stay away from breeders, buy a dog more cheaply, etc. Who is behind this? HSUS for one. Those of us interested in breeding need to recognize the mind-state of the country right now. It is drying up the demand for purebreds. Some form of PAWS will pass. Breeders need to figure out how we can make this workable.

Sally Armstrong-Barnhardt: Speaking as trainer, the shelter dogs that come to me often are a mess. It takes a lot of work to make them a family dog. Most shelter workers aren't trained to place the right dog with the right people.

Donna Dodson: Concerned because in Illinois she received an invitation from the "Illinois Pet Breeders Association." New organizations spring

up in response (to PAWS?)—encouraging breeding and registration of any old pet (alternative to AKC?).

Charlie Sargeant: In Texas, you see many news stories about shelters—it is effective PR for them.

Cheryl Hennings: Status used to come from owning a purebred dog—now it comes from having a shelter dog.

Bryna Comsky: Little dogs are being bred on streets in Mexico and other countries, and brought into U.S. shelters. There is no longer a clear distinction being Animal Rightists and Animal Welfare.

Be on top of things, watch news legislation., If you have questions on legislation and want to e-mail Norma Woolf, her e-mail is: <Editor@canismajor.com>.

Pamela has sense that CDCA members present are against PAWS. But we must realize some form of it will pass. The AKC Board wants this issue finalized and passed. AKC needs to have its own "police force," and not have that under government control.

Other AKC issues:**Delegate. Judges?**

AKC is also debating whether a Delegate can be a professional judge. Judges accept assignments with remuneration higher than their expenses. Delegates are not supposed to receive more money than expenses. Opinions?

Chris Miller: One con would be that conceivably this could lead to AKC being run by professional judges. They could be making rulings to benefit themselves. Chris's opinion—Delegates should not be there for personal promotion, but for the betterment of dogs.

Sally A. agrees.

Pamela R.: Benefits are monetary and political for judges involved. Can anyone explain the pros for allowing professional judges as delegates?

Amanda Pough explained that some people might feel that certain judges have more knowledge—but she is on "No" side.

(Of the CDCA members present, Chris and Amanda are judges, and a few people aspire to be judges.)

AKC Nominating Committee

It is Chris Miller's understanding that AKC wants to do away with its Nominating Committee. Many voices in AKC are against this.

Committee Reports:

Agility Trial

Sandy Dudley sent her report by e-mail—it will be printed. She did a fantastic job on the CDCA Agility Trial this year. Unfortunately, numbers were much lower this year. So we just hope to break even this year. There was competition this year—other agility events nearby at same time. CDCA will look into holding our agility trial in February. Early on in the year, people want to get their dogs prepped for spring trials. If so, we will need to look for another venue—the one we have been using is not available then.

Alan Gersman helped a lot in the preparation—including information and sending volunteers to help run the trial.

2006 National Specialty.

Cindy Grupp thanked the members present for coming. Only one-third the number of dogs were entered compared to last year. But the good dogs and dedicated people came. Other breeds say their numbers tend to be smaller, too, when Specialties are held on the West Coast.

There will be a Judges Seminar Thursday evening—judges pay; free to others.

Banquet Friday evening—food from George's Greek restaurant.

Specialty: Sweeps at 10:00, followed by Parade of Titleholders. Break at 11:30 for lunch (provided). Judging at 12:30. We're not doing an obedience trial ourselves. Some Canaan dogs are entered in Rally and Obedience starting in the AM. They will try to work it out so no one misses their class.

There will be representatives from Waltham company at the Specialty—a vet and a rep.--they're trying to put together a DNA database for

all AKC breeds for genetic research. They share this with researchers and to breeders to access their own dogs' DNA.

Pamela Rosman: Since this is a research company, not the AKC, before giving samples to DNA research, find out what to be used for, and what safeguards will be in place. What point might they be trying to make? AKC does need many more samples of DNA than they have for legitimate concerns. They use cheek swabs. Waltham wants blood. Pamela Rosman will look into the Waltham situation on Friday.

Herding Instinct Test

Denise stated she has directions to the test. It is a 45-minute drive—east and north. It will start at 9:30 AM. The owner of the farm/evaluator is an AHBA judge. Dogs have lots of fun doing this. Information on the certification is on the CDCA website now.

2007 National Specialty

Will be in Claremont County—in the Greater Cincinnati area. Denise Gordon will be Show Chair.

Wednesday, September 5, 2007—arrival, hospitality (Labor Day is Sept. 3)

Thursday, September 6—Meetings

Friday, Sept. 7--Specialty, including our own obedience trial, but we will share the Rally judge.

Saturday, September 8/Sunday, September 9--Claremont County Kennel Club Shows

There will be outdoors, but they have a big tent.

Rally and Obedience indoors.

Host hotel-Holiday Inn Eastgate—gorgeous hotel. Meetings and banquet there.

Motor home facilities at fairgrounds—full hookups.

Hope to have Herding on Monday, Sept. 11. Looking at AKC judge.

(Jewish High Holiday of Rosh Hashanah will be September 13 and 14 that year.)

Hotel is about 30 minutes from Cincinnati airport. Show site is a county fairground, 20 minutes from hotel.

The 2007 Specialty was changed from March in Louisville because that Superintendent, Onofrio, wouldn't allow us to have the Specialty before 2:00 PM on the day we had planned, so it would have gone very late. Another choice would have been to have the Specialty during the all-breed shows—but it wouldn't have felt much like a

Specialty. Also, it's harder to fly into Louisville—no direct flights. We will have a supported entry at the 2007 Louisville shows in March 2007, though.

Kibitzer

Will be out as soon as Jennie can get it out. Jennie needs to step down due to increasing parenting responsibilities. Evan Kent would be happy to help with layout, but not as overall editor.

Website

John Relph is staying on. Costs have increased.

Herding Report

Posted on website; see Denise's copy.

Breeder Referral Chair

Sally Armstrong-Barnhardt (see Sally's copy)

Clothing

Still available—see website

Breed Standard Revision Committee

Amanda Pough: Donna Dodson resigned as Chair but kept on as a member. Amanda came on as chair. Will be submitting the revisions to members for voting when finished. Comments from club members welcomed—things that should stay, things that need change. Committee members are: Amanda Pough, Cheryl Hennings, Cindy Grupp, Bryna Comsky, Carol O'Bryan and Donna Dodson.

Health Committee

The Annual Report from Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is available now. Donna has CD's available of proceedings from the biannual CHF conference.

We are one of few breeds that have not been able to give samples of 5 unrelated dogs (5 generations). Donna hasn't been able to find any that don't go back to one of these three dogs: Shachmat, Ahuvah or Dreidle. Maybe if we look at some Canaan Dogs in other countries. The AKC is trying to set up new classifications of dogs by DNA specifics rather than the usual 7 Groups. We can then look for common genes that cause common problems.

Simpler health survey to be made?

Donna brought some items for auction to raise money specifically for our CHF Designated Donor Fund—it specifically helps Canaan Dog. It is a "Canaan Dog Donor Advised Fund."

Pamela Rosman: Aims of CHF are very good. Some changes are going on in the administration of CHF right now.

AKC Gazette

Donna is looking for submissions for the breed column in the AKC Gazette.

Rescue

Evan Kent: Canaan Dog Rescue Network (CDRN) is not actually affiliated with CDCA, but works closely.

In 2005 one dog was placed through Rescue. The annual calendar photo contest was successful. Calendars sold, plus donations were raised.

There is now an official application for people who want a Rescue dog. The decision is made by the person placing the dog.

Renee Kent is resigning because Evan is on the CDRN Board—they felt it was unethical to have two voting members of a family on the Board.

Evan: Teresa is still on the Board. Teresa will resign in 2007. The CDRN will need a new Chair. The new CDRN calendar photo contest was announced for 2007. Prize donations are needed. Judges are needed.

All dogs in Canaan Dog rescue must be purebred, spayed or neutered. Aggression with people or bite history not considered placeable. Dog aggression will be considered. The dog must be over a year old if coming from breeder. Breeders provide foster care for dogs they bred. The breeder needs to donate at least \$25.

CDRN will break up into 4 regions, each with a coordinator. We already have a Canadian contact who will be helping with a newsletter.

Old Business

Constitution and Bylaws

Members present will get copy, sign that they received it; others will be mailed

Amanda Pough:
Hurricane Relief--

At last year's Specialty—we collected and sent over \$1000 to AKC for Hurricane relief.

Specialty and Supported Entry form was made up by CDCA Board. The PDF can be downloaded from the CDCA website.

Room Responsibility Policy will be printed in Specialty Premiums or other events CDCA sponsors. Owner takes responsibility for hotel rooms, etc. When entering a CDCA-sponsored show, a person agrees to the Room Responsibility Policy. This can be shown to the host hotels. It is a proactive step.

New Business

Resignations:

Membership Chair Cynthia Dodson resigned.

Awards Chair—someone is needed to work with Kathleen Hargrave.

Secretary—Tracey Kopea needs to resign due to family issues.

The Board position of Secretary is being divided into Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

We need to find a new chair for each. If interested, let the Board know. The Board meeting will be held after lunch—anyone can attend.

Chris Miller is resigning as a Director after this Specialty. The Board is taking names of people interested.

Kathy Dunn:

Willing to host the CDCA Specialty in 2008 or another year in Longmont, Colorado. It would be the first week in June, in conjunction with the Flatirons Kennel Club. She is a 20-year member.

The airport is Denver International. The host hotel would be the Radisson Hotel, less than a mile from fairgrounds. It has Sleep Number beds, airport express, restaurant, pool, patio . . . It is Northern Colorado's conference center, a full service hotel, with a massage therapist who will do dogs and people. There are nice places nearby to hike with dogs.

The shows are held at the fairgrounds, including agility, and obedience. Obedience and Rally are held inside in a horse arena on a dirt floor.

Several breed clubs hold Specialties. AKC will be allowing back-to-back specialties on same day. Nearby dog wash, dog health food stores, Starbucks, restaurants . . . CERF clinic onsite.

The CDCA Board will take this up, as well. There are some other proposals for 2008 being considered, and they need to consider the regional rotation.

Pamela Rosman called for adjournment.

Seconded by Chris Miller. Motion carried.

General Membership meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

--Submitted by Cathi Oskow

Minutes

2006 Annual Meeting of the CDCA Board of Directors

May 18, 2006, San Diego CA

Meeting **called to order** at 9:17am PDT by President Gordon.

In attendance: C Hennings, D Gordon, A Pough, C Miller, S Armstrong-Barnhard and C Grupp.

Pough *moved* to table all BOD business. 2nd by Miller. Unanimous.

Pough *moved* to adjourn BOD meeting until after the CDCA AGM and reconvene at that time. 2nd by Grupp. Unanimous.

Meeting **adjourned** at 9:19am.

Meeting **reconvened** at 1:15pm PDT by President Gordon. All above BOD members still in attendance. Guests: K Dunn, P Rosman, E Kent, R Kent, D Dodson, M Fielder, J Terry and I Terry.

Miller *moved* to accept the minutes of the last BOD meeting (2005) as published in "The Kib." 2nd by Hennings. Unanimous.

Hennings *moved* to defer all Officer and Committee Reports previously presented at the AGM. 2nd by Grupp. Unanimous.

Dunn was immediately invited to speak as to her *proposal for the 2008 Specialty* (to be held in Longmont CO) as she had to leave. She offered additional information to that discussed at the AGM. 2008 dates would be June 6 to 8 and 2009 dates June 5 to 7.

Committee Reports:

2007 Specialty: Specialty Judge Voting: Miller reported that Houchard would be unable to judge Sweeps at the 2007 Specialty due to the timing of the Specialty and the AKC Delegates meeting and so should be removed from the BOD's list for consideration.

Breed and JS Judge Voting results: 1st Lester Mapes, 2nd Roger Hartinger and 3rd Pat Hastings.

Sweepstakes Judge Voting: Discussion. Grupp *moved* that the Specialty Judges Selection Committee be recharged with presenting the BOD with a selection list. 2nd by Miller. Miller offered a *friendly amendment* that the Committee will be instructed that traditionally Sweeps Judges are drawn from breeders and/or provisional judges or those working on gaining their judging license for CDs. *Amendment accepted* by Grupp. Unanimous.

Old Business:

Directors and Officers Insurance: Gordon presented history and information about D&O Insurance. Pough *moved* that the Treasurer be authorized to obtain D&O Insurance from Equisure if the cost will be under \$500/year. If the cost exceeds \$500/year, issue will be referred back to the BOD. 2nd by Miller. Unanimous.

"Meet & Greet List" – Breeder Referral: Sally distributed a draft of an application for this program as discussed at the AGM. Pough *moved* to accept as presented. 2nd by Hennings. Discussion – added the word "registered" and made a couple of typographical corrections. Unanimous.

Positions Available in the Club: The following positions/jobs are available in the club, either due to resignation of the person in that position, a

currently unfilled position or by requirements of the newly revised Constitution and By-Laws.

- Membership Chair
- Awards Co-Chair (w Hargraves)
- Secretary (due to be divided into Corresponding and Recording)
- "Kib" Editor
- Breed Reference Book
- Ways and Means
- (East Coast Regional BOD Representative; *tabled* after review of C & BL. Does not need to be addressed until Miller resignation formally received.)

Membership Chair; Discussion. Resolved that job description is to submit applications to the BOD for voting, be informed when application is voted upon and inform both the member and editor of the "Kib" when applicant becomes a member. R Kent was invited to speak and volunteered to take this position. Approved by *consensus*.

Awards Co-Chair; Discussion. *Consensus* that C O'Bryan will be asked. [N.B.: O'Bryan agreed to take position.]

Secretary; Discussion. Rosenthal had expressed interest in Corresponding Secretary position. *Consensus* to ask her to take position. *Consensus* that C Oskow will be approached to be Recording Secretary.

"Kib" Editor: E Kent had earlier volunteered to help with layout. *Consensus* that K O'Bryan will be asked. [N.B.: O'Bryan agreed to take position.]

Ways & Means; Discussion as to filling this position. Gordon has been in contact w J Hardy and S Dudley. Will be contacting them.

New Business:

Hospitality Chair: Discussion as to job description; traditionally has been done by President. Job involves sending notes to club members on occasion of family deaths or illness, etc. *Consensus* is that this position should be part of the job description of the Corresponding Secretary.

Job Descriptions of Secretaries: Discussion that description in C & BL is good but could be more in-depth. Miller will flesh out.

National Specialty Rotation: Grupp *moved* that the location of National Specialties no longer be tied to a region-wide rotation but instead be selected based on proposals received. 2nd by Hennings. Discussion. Unanimous.

2008 National Specialty: Dunn's proposal for CO was made earlier. Pough made a presentation from the Northeast to hold a Specialty in conjunction with the Wine Country Circuit, Romulus NY, late September. Hennings *moved* to accept the proposal from the Northeast. 2nd by Miller. Discussion. Passed (one abstention by Pough).

Supported Entries/Regional Specialties/2009 National Specialty: Hennings *moved* that the Great Lakes CDC host CDCA Supported Entries in the first weekend of May, 2007 in Madison, WI with 3 days of all breed shows (including Puppy Sweepstakes on one day) and a Regional Specialty in the evening of the Saturday show. Information from the Specialty/Supported Entry Application form was presented in full. In addition, the GLCDC proposed to host a CDCA Supported Entry/Regional Specialty weekend for the same weekend in 2008 and to host the National Specialty the same weekend in 2009. 2nd by Pough. Discussion. Passed (one abstention by Hennings).

Pough *moved* to inform Dunn that the next available National Specialty looking for a location would be 2010 and invite her to present for that year if interested. Passed by *consensus*.

(BOD recessed for 10 minutes.)

2007 Nominating Committee: Committee to be named by early 2007; Gordon asked BOD and membership to start thinking of both people to serve on the Nominating Committee and as an Officer or on the BOD.

Membership Application Form: Needs to be changed to be brought into agreement with the new C & BL. In process by Armstrong-Barnhard.

Membership Applications: N & E Quesada of Citrus Heights CA, owners, endorsed by C O'Bryan. *Moved* to accept by Miller, 2nd by Hennings. Unanimous. T Pomerleau of Portland ME, owner, endorsed by A Rolerson. *Moved* to accept by Grupp, 2nd by Miller. Unanimous.

Supported Entry Judge List: Pough *moved* that we create a list to be presented to clubs where we are holding Supported Entries. List would be developed from among the top voted judges from previous National Specialty Judge Selection Lists. 2nd by Hennings. Discussion. Unanimous.

Use of BOD Selected Judges for National Specialties: Pough *moved* that if the top voted judge is unable to judge the National Specialty for the year originally asked, that judge be asked to judge the next National Specialty. 2nd by Hennings. Unanimous.

Investment & Management of CDCA Funds: At request of Treasurer, Pough *moved* to ask the Treasurer to present a proposal to the BOD to maximize return on CDCA funds while still keeping them accessible for club use. 2nd by Miller. Unanimous.

Co-signer on CDCA Accounts: Treasurer had asked the BOD to discuss who should be authorized co-signers on CDCA Accounts. Grupp *moved* that co-signers should be President and Vice President along with Treasurer. 2nd by Miller. Unanimous.

Bonding of Treasurer: Gordon will direct Treasurer to become bonded if not already.

CDCA FedEx Account: Treasurer requested that club members using the FedEx account inform her before use and follow-up use with receipts and documentation.

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Medallions: Secretary received a letter from AKC asking if CDCA wanted to sponsor Medallions for BOB, BOS and BBBE at the 2006 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Miller *moved* to sponsor medallions at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships until the cost exceeds \$75/year. 2nd by Grupp. Unanimous.

Complete Membership List: Discussion that membership list is overdue and what information is needed on it. Gordon will coordinate with Treasurer.

Complaint About CD Breeder: Dodson was invited to speak. Spoke of reports of complaints from puppy buyers in regards to a non-CDCA member. Discussion dismissed as non-BOD business.

Delegate Interaction with BOD & Membership: Rosman was invited to speak. Discussion as to how Delegate and BOD and Delegate and Membership should interact. *Resolved* that BOD will discuss among BOD and with the Delegate any issues coming for a vote in the AKC Delegate Body, and instruct the Delegate how to vote on such issues. CDCA Yahoo Member List and "The Kib" will also be used to bring issues to the attention of the membership.

Resignation of Miller: Miller offered her *formal resignation* (verbal and written) from the BOD due to her upcoming move out of the country. Regretfully accepted.

Filling of Vacancy of Miller's BOD Position: As per Article III Section 1 of the C & BL, as other BOD members reside in the Eastern District, the geographic region requirement of the BOD is still maintained. As per Article III Section 4 of the C & BL, Pough *moved* to appoint E Kent to fill the position until the next election. 2nd by Hennings. Unanimous.

Advertising/Marketing: Dodson was recognized and asked about the club becoming more active in promoting the breed in the general public. E Kent offered to chair such a committee. Accepted by *consensus*. Discussion as to how this committee will work and who will be involved. *Resolved* that the Public Education/Relations position should be under this committee's umbrella. R & C Sargent will be asked if they are interested in serving on this committee.

Pough moved to adjourn. 2nd by Grupp. **Meeting adjourned** at 4:08pm PDT.

Additional Meeting of the CDCA Board of Directors

May 19, 2006, San Diego CA

Meeting **called to order** at 6:52pm PDT by President Gordon.

In attendance: C Hennings, D Gordon, A Pough, S Armstrong-Barnhard, E Kent and C Grupp. Guest J Larkin.

Larkin, who was unable to attend meeting on 5-18-06, was invited to speak. She presented recommendations from Versatility Committee to update CDCA Versatility and Versatility Excellent titles. Since the inception of the V/VX program, AKC has almost doubled the number of titles available. Old system: a points-based system. New recommendations: titles only. All health requirements remain (over 2 years of age; OFA Hips or PennHip or proof of spayed/neutered). All AKC/CDCA titles eligible (CGC does not count as it is a certificate not a title) from five areas (Conformation, Herding, Tracking, Obedience including Rally and Agility including standard & preferred). Versatility: 4 titles in 3 areas. Versatility Excellent: 9 titles in 4 areas including 2 at an Open/Intermediate Titling level (Open Obedience, Advanced Rally, Herding Intermediate, Tracking Excellent). Grupp *moved* to accept the committee's recommendation as presented. 2nd by Hennings. Unanimous.

Hennings moved to adjourn. 2nd by Grupp. **Meeting adjourned** at 6:56pm PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

/signed/ *Amanda M. Pough*

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