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The Annual Blue Crab Cluster
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June 29th—July 2, 2007
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THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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FIRST REGIONAL SPECIALTY

By Bryna Comsky
Photos by Wendy Sanchez and Tom Woolf

Billed as CDCA's "1st Regional Specialty Show," and hosted by MCDC, the Midwest Canaan Dog Club, twenty-three Canaans entered the competition on Saturday evening, May 5, 2007, under judge Mr. Norman Herbel. Only one dog and one bitch would receive AKC championship points and a "major" each, and three others would remain standing as the winners of Best of Breed, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Of the total entry one dog special was absent, and one bitch excused for lameness, leaving 21 Canaans in competition.

Judge Mr. Herbel approached his entry with a decades-long history of interest in the breed. Long before the AKC fully accepted it, both Mr. Herbel and his wife, Caroline, had consistently nurtured and encouraged us over the thirty-five year obstacle course that led to Canaan Dog recognition until we "finally made it." There was a lot of history behind Norm's exclamation at the beginning of the judging: "I love this breed!"

First in the ring was the junior handler, Kaitlyn Carlson, in sole competition for the Novice Senior award. Kaitlyn handled her co-owned dog, CH Blessed-Be Cherrysh Patriot, to their first place win. As she learns the rope from Cheryl Hennings, Kaitlyn's future in dogs is cut out for her. Mr. Herbel had special advice for his Best Junior Handler as he handed her the rosette and trophy prizes.

Three 12-18 month dogs opened the regular entry for championship points. Showing an understanding of their feral heritage and "drive for self-preservation," judge Mr. Herbel greeted his

entries from a less threatening sitting position, and invited the dogs and their handlers to approach him. "Let the dog come to you!" is an operable slogan when among Canaans. No dog was excused for failure to allow examination by the judge, and Mr. Herbel suggested training them to stand for examination without otherwise changing their feral behavior that endears the breed to him. The first place dog in this class, Pleasant Hill D'Artagnon of Blue Sky, bred by Donna Dodson and co-owned with NB Woolf, his handler, and TS Woolf, went on to Winners Dog for a five-point major. Babrees Pardon My French, "Rocco," who was Winners Dog on Friday, won second place to the Winners Dog, "D'art," and also Reserve Winners Dog. ; Ian and Jill Terry bred him, and he's owned by Victor and Wendy Sanchez. Victor shows him, and Wendy takes the pictures. Cherrysh Desert Spring was in third place, and bred, owned and handled by Cheryl Hennings.

Bred-by Exhibitor dogs were next, again with three entries in the class: Blue Sky Raise The Flag, handled by Norma Bennett Woolf was first; second was Cherrysh Sing Hosanna, handled by Cheryl Hennings; and third was D & J Ha'Aretz Trouble is Here, handled by Donna Davison.

The singleton entry in Open Dogs was Pleasant Hill Billy Bob who was handled by his breeder, Donna L. Dodson, to first place.

The three first place winners of the dog classes returned to the ring to compete for Winners Dog, won by "D'Art."
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Best of Breed: CH Mazel Tov Hatikvah



Best of Opposite Sex: CH Cherrysh Crown of Jewels

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ANNOUNCING THE 3RD ANNUAL CDRN CALENDAR CONTEST

By Dominic Frinzi, CDRN President

So you think your Canaan Dog is a looker? Prove it! Send us your dog's photo and he or she could be the 2008 Canaan Dog Rescue Network (CDRN) calendar cover model. Lack of shame is not required, but helpful. You can also win prizes. Here are the details:

The 2008 CDRN Calendar Contest is open to all Canaan Dogs, not just those placed through CDRN. A panel of three judges will select the winning entries. Entries are due by July 1, 2007.

This year, the entry is FREE for the first five photos per household. More photos may be entered at a fee of \$1 per photo thereafter.

Calendars will be available for purchase after September 1st. Hard copy photos will be returned after October 1st (if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry).

Digital photos are preferred; however they must be 300 dpi. Physical prints are accepted too. The bigger the picture, the better the print is going to be when we blow the picture up to 8.5" x 11".

Candid photos that capture the essence of your Canaan Dogs personality are best. Season/holiday themed photos are encouraged. No professional photos will be accepted.

The Grand Prize Winner's Canaan Dog will grace the cover of the CDRN calendar, as well as have his or her own featured month. Winner will also receive the Grand Prize (TBD) and a free calendar. Runners Up will receive a prize and will also have his or her featured month.

To enter, label your pictures with your name, address, dog's name, kennel name and photographer. Send your pictures (and entry fee, if applicable payable to CDRN) to:

Canaan Dog Rescue Network, Inc.
Attn: Calendar Entry
25 Woodville Alton Road
Wood River Junction RI 02894

miliar with CDRN, we are an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, active in all 50 states and Canada. Our goals are to educate the public about responsible dog ownership, particularly with Canaan Dogs, and to place homeless Canaan Dogs into new, loving homes. The majority of our "orphans" were turned over to us by their owners; a few come from cooperating shelters. When possible, the dogs are first placed into foster homes where we are able to evaluate the dog's temperament and activity level in an attempt to determine the type of lifestyle and family the dog will complement.

In 2006, we placed 8 of 9 Canaan Dogs, a considerable amount for a rare breed. Our support comes from donations and annual calendar sales. Every donation is important for us to meet the growing demands of rescue as this wonderful breed becomes better known.

2007



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For those of you who are unfam-

Last year's winner: Denise Gordon & Wolf

SECRETARY'S REPORT FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2007

Submitted by
Norma Bennett Woolf, Recording Secretary

The following motions and policies were passed by the board since the last Kibitzer:

February

There were 3 motions:

New Associate Member - D. & M. Murphy (AL)

The board approved associate membership for Dennis and Maru Murphy of Opp, Alabama. The Murphys own Canaan Dogs and operate a boarding kennel. They are involved in the United Kennel Club and are interested in breed promotion, showing, agility, and breeding. Dennis retired from the US Navy and Maru is a secretary. Their application was endorsed by Cheryl Hennings.

Approved: Gordon, Pough, Grupp, Kent, Rosenthal, Woolf, Armstrong-Barnhart, and Hennings.
Absent: Pavlin

New Lada-L Memorial Trophy at Agility Trials

The board also created a retireable Lada-L Memorial Trophy to be offered at our agility trials. The award is open to all breeds and will include three awards each year - one each at the Novice, Open and Excellent level for the highest combined score in Standard and Jumpers of the same level in the trial. Amanda Pough made the motion; Evan Kent provided the second.

Approved: Gordon, Pough, Grupp, Kent, Rosenthal, Woolf, Armstrong-Barnhart, and Hennings.
Absent: Pavlin

Quarterly Conference Calls

The board approved a motion to create a quarterly conference call to help improve the communication of Board members. Evan Kent made the motion; Amanda Pough provided the second.

Approved: Pough, Kent, Rosenthal and Hennings
Disapprove: Woolf, Armstrong-Barnhart, Gordon
Abstain: Grupp
Absent: Pavlin

March

There were no motions or applications in March.

April

There were 3 motions:

New Associate Member - A. Lombard (MT)

The board approved an associate membership application of Annabel Lombard of Fromberg, Montana. Anna is a farmer interested in breed promotion, show, herd-

ing, obedience, tracking, CGC, agility, and breeding. She is a Canaan Dog owner. Her application was endorsed by Robin Prince.

Denise Gordon, Amanda Pough, Cindy Grupp, Evan Kent, Judy Rosenthal, Norma Woolf, Sally Armstrong-Barnhart, and Kristin Pavlin voted in favor. Cheryl Hennings did not vote.

Removal of Committee Members

Several members who did not renew their memberships by the deadline are still listed as committee members on the CDCA website. Therefore, the board approved a housekeeping motion to delete their names from the website and other listings until their membership status can be determined. The motion was made by Norma Woolf, seconded by Evan Kent.

Amanda Pough, Cindy Grupp, Evan Kent, Judy Rosenthal, Norma Woolf, Sally Armstrong-Barnhart, and Kristin Pavlin voted in favor. Denise Gordon abstained, and Cheryl Hennings did not vote.

New Associate Member - T. O'Brien (CA)

The board approved the associate membership application of Trina O'Brien of Berkeley, California. Trina is a Canaan Dog owner and is interested in obedience, tracking, CGC, and agility. Her application was endorsed by Cynthia Grupp.

Denise Gordon, Amanda Pough, Cindy Grupp, Evan Kent, Judy Rosenthal, Norma Woolf, Sally Armstrong-Barnhart, and Kristin Pavlin voted in favor. Cheryl Hennings did not vote.

Reminder: Although the CDCA board meets in person only once each year at the annual meeting, we hold a virtual meeting by e-mail each month to conduct business. We propose and discuss motions and vote on matters of importance to club members and operations. Each agenda is determined by the 7th of the month, discussions take place until the 21st of the month, and votes must be recorded by the last day of the month. Time-sensitive matters are dealt with in a shorter time frame.

The February agenda included approval of a quarterly conference call for board members. These calls are for information and communication purposes only; no motions will be made and no votes will be taken.

CDCA members are welcome to contact board members with questions and requests for discussion or action on matters of importance. The board list with contact information can be found elsewhere in the Kib.



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MEMBER & DOG OF THE YEAR WE NEED YOUR VOTE!



All CDCA members may vote for Dog of The Year and Member Of The Year; one ballot per member allowed and all ballots MUST have the member's printed name and signature to be valid. Please vote for only ONE candidate in the Dog Of The Year category and only ONE candidate in the Member Of The Year category. To maintain fairness, candidates are listed below in alphabetical order - dogs by the first letter in their registered name and members by the first letter in their last name. *Ballots must be received no later than July 31, 2007 to be included in the final tally!*

Step 1: Mark your vote for DOTY and MOY by checking the box below.

Dog of the Year Candidates
Please vote for only ONE candidate:

- ☐ Jake
- ☐ Lada
- ☐ Jordan

Member of the year candidates
Please vote for only ONE candidate:

- ☐ Renee & Evan Kent (Combined)
- ☐ Judy March Rosenthal

Step 2: Print & sign your name:

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Date: _____

Step 3: Photocopy or tear out and mail to

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MOTY: Evan and Renee Kent

Nominated by Chris Miller

I would like to nominate the Kents, Evan and Renee, for (combined) Member Of The Year. Both Evan and Renee have quietly worked behind the scenes for the CDCA and the Canaan Dog Rescue Network for years. Together, in their current roles for the CDCA, they have helped to streamline many club processes and afford the CDCA to run more efficiently. Evan stepped up to the plate to fill my Board position when I moved to Australia. His contribution to the CDCA Board of Directors has been constructive and productive. Renee has recently taken on the daunting task of CDCA membership chair (that in itself deserves an award). She is also the current editor of the CDCA Kibitzer. None of these volunteer tasks are easy when you have a toddler running around. This husband and wife team is more than deserving of this award for their positive input, exceptional work ethic and dedication to the CDCA.

MOTY: Judy March Rosenthal

Nominated by Donna Dodson

Judy has been very involved with the promotion of Canaan Dogs since May of 1984. She has been active in many events, having owned the first Canaan Dog to acquire an AKC CD title, Gevaht Noam Marnina Hannah, shortly after Canaan Dogs were accepted into the Miscellaneous Class, the only venue available at that time for an AKC title. Since then, she has acquired a second CD with Ch. Pleasant Hill Hinda M. Rosendog (Heidi). Judy has bred two litters in the past five years and has had great success in the conformation ring with Harry (Ch. Rosendogs He Who Must Be Named), who is sired by Jordy. Heidi's 2006 litter, sired by Pocket, is presently climbing toward great success as well. Judy maintained her membership when politics severed the club and her friends and mentors left. She graciously chaired the 1992 National Specialty in the beautiful Stowe, Vermont, area. She is deserving of this award if for no other reason than her generosity in assisting other CDCA members to maintain their activity in Canaan Dog events.



CKC Hadar Haaretz Northern Snow, AKC-CGC, CKC-CGN

AKC Registration #: DL727283/03

December 12, 1997 - October 6, 2006

Sire: AKC/CDCA Ch. Shvatim Confidence, HC, CGC

Dam: Ha'Aretz Gimel Wafi, CD

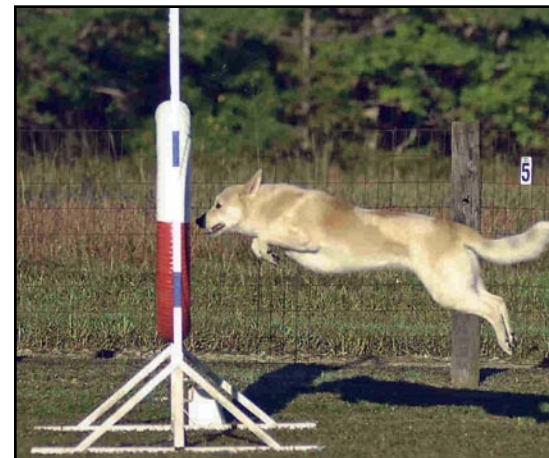
Breeders: Christie Collins, Bryna Comsky & Jerry Collins

Owner: Genevieve Landis, Ontario, Canada

DOTY: Jake

Nominated by Genny Landis

Jake was the first active Canaan Dog in this area, meeting people at CKC shows, classes and out and about. He made friends wherever he went, whether at dog camp or at the bank. Jake was the first Canaan Dog to get a CKC Championship and to pass both the Canine Good Citizen test and its Canadian equivalent, the Canine Good Neighbour. He was willing to try anything, from lure coursing (amazing speed!), to agility, obedience, sheep herding. Jake was also the first Canaan Dog featured in a breed article in The Canadian Jewish News. Jake's qualities live on in two litters. Bred to Pleasant Hill Tovah in the U.S., his children and grandchildren have numerous championships (including a BOS at Westminster) and awards. Later bred to Riverview's Kayla in Canada, we CKC registered the first Canaan Dog litter in many years. One of those puppies, JK Maccabee Northern Warrior, has now claimed many more Canadian firsts with titles in herding and obedience in Canada and the U.S. People meeting Jake wanted a dog just like him. Thanks to Jake, there is now a Canaan Dog listing in the Canadian edition of Dogs Annual, and an active Canaan Dog community in Canada.



MACH Max's Lada L P Tiger Pooh, MX, MXJ

AKC Registration #: DL776833/05

Apr 23, 1998 - January 2006

Sire: Spring Lad

Dam: CH. Bay Path's Sufat Hol

Breeder: Sheryl Glass

Owners: Alan & Sylvia Gersman

DOTY: Lada

Nominated by Jennie Larkin

When Dr. Rudolphina Menzel founded the Canaan Dog breed, she dreamed of a beautiful pariah dog that would work with people in many different tasks and under many different circumstances. Lada was a sterling example of the ideal Canaan Dog. She had beautiful breed type and represented the breed as the Cover Canaan Girl for Dog World Magazine as well as in the newest version of Barron's "Encyclopedia of Dog Breeds". However, it is Lada's ground-breaking achievements in the performance ring that make her worthy of the CDCA Dog of the Year award. Lada's agility career was spectacular for any dog of any breed. Lada was the first and only true MACH Canaan Dog and was the #1 AKC Canaan Dog 2004 & 2005. At the 2004 AKC Agility Nationals, she was 40th overall in the highly competitive 20" class and at the 2005 Nationals was 20th overall in the 20" class, beating hundreds of other dogs. Lada was tragically killed the evening before the 2006 Agility Invitational, at the peak of her career. Alan had promised her she could retire after her MACH, but she kept getting better and having more fun with each passing trial. Lada finished her shortened career with 1165 MACH points, 89 double Q's, and 312 Excellent level qualifying scores.

DOTY: Jordan

Nominated by Donna Dodson

Jordan has gone, but he has left behind wonderful memories. He played a role in many of our show trips in the efforts toward AKC Herding Group recognition and was a great ambassador for the Canaan Dogs with his mild manner. However, he never forgot his major role as the supreme stud dog, and thus, Jordan left a long list of accomplished descendants, including 13 conformation champion sons and daughters, and was the grandsire and great-grandsire of many others. Even more than that, his very gentle, tractable demeanor has been passed to many of the dogs descended from him. That sensibility has led them to reach the goals of Pleasant Hill breeding since the 1970's - that is, to produce event dogs characterizing More Than Just a Pretty Face. We can honestly say that Jordan was the foundation of much of the Canaan Dog breeding over the past decade and his good seed has been spread throughout the breed and will continue through the years. Jordan was truly "the man" and is missed by buddy and mate, Tessie, and his human family.



CDCA/AKC Ch. Pleasant Hill Jordan, ROMX

AKC # DL746919/01 (FDS)

February 17, 1993 - February 21, 2007

Sire: Pleasant Hill Seth

Dam: CDCA Ch. Pleasant Hill Yetta

Owner/Breeder: Donna L. Dodson

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entry of seven class dogs provided a five-point major for the winners dog.

Next came the nine class bitches in four different classes. Pleasant Hill Brazen Image, bred, owned and handled by Donna Dodson, was the singleton entry in her 9 - 12 puppy class and won it, along with the award for Best Puppy. The young bitch out of the 12 - 18 month class of two, Cherrysh Day Star Diamond, won her class and went all the way to Winners Bitch and Best of Winners. She carries her dam's elegance, nobility and style, and is a lovely specimen of the breed. Second in her class was Pleasant Hill Donna's Dulcina, bred and owned by Donna L. Dodson, and handled by Debra White, who helped handle Donna's dogs over the weekend.

The Davisons' young bitches exchanged Best Bred-by Exhibitor honors. First place in a class of three went to D & J Ha'Aretz Zuzu's Petals, handled by Donna. In second place was D & J Ha'Aretz Jeri of Tahoe handled by Jackie, and Cherrysh Well Spring of Life, handled by Cheryl Hennings, was third.

The open bitch class was won by Cherrysh's North Star, a litter sister to the beautiful Winners Bitch. Second was Harei Selah Keisha of Sundowner, who would walk away from this weekend's judging with Winners Bitch and Reserve Winners Bitch awards, making her drive home to Colorado a little shorter for her co-owner, Cathey M. Dunn and friend, Jane. Cathey is no stranger to dog shows, and had attended CDCA's national specialty event last May in San Diego. Keisha was bred by her co-owners, Victor and Wendy Sanchez, and Renee Kent. Renegade's Lexi of Harei Selah, bred by Renee (Donaher) Kent and Christina Miller, had been injured in play and had to be excused from further competition on the day. She carries breed type and will be back in competition when she recovers. Winners bitch was Cherrysh Day Star Diamond, and Reserve was Pleasant Hill Donna's Dulcina from the same class.



"Joseph," CH Cherrysh Coat of Many Colors, was the well-proportioned, good-moving Veteran Dog, and CH Pleasant Hill Alexandra, dam of several entries, was the Veteran Bitch, Best Veteran and also won the Award of Merit.

The Best of Breed class entered with a flourish and a gasp at the welcome sight of unity of style and type broadcast by the line-up of champions, the Veteran Dog and Bitch, and the Winners Dog and Bitch. The unfortunate absence of CH Arayl's Rivi's Rumor, bred by Elizabeth Hebert and co-owned with Denise Gordon, was noted. CH Mazel Tov Hatikvah received the highest honor of the day, and was selected as Best of Breed. He is correctly proportioned, moves well, and is a multi-group placer. He is bred and owned by Cathi and Craig Oskow, and handled by Cathi.

The big, striking dog, bursting with presence and animation, Pleasant Hill D'Artagnon, bred by Donna L. and Roy Dodson, was content with Winners Dog on the day, and bowed to the Best of Winners, the 12 - 18 month bitch, Cherrysh Day Star Diamond, bred by Cheryl Hennings and Marsha Finley, and owned by Cheryl.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed was the elegant bitch, CH Cherrysh Crown of Jewels who had qualified for showing at the Garden. She is bred, owned and handled by Cheryl Hennings.

The Award of Merit went to the Veteran Bitch, CH Pleasant Hill Alexandra.

The immense efforts and contributions of club members often go unnoticed amidst the flurry and glamour of the competition. Donna L. Dodson worked her usual wonders with her trophy creations, and Keith and Cheryl Shank dedicated themselves into the success of the event with their usual generosity, fervor and even-temperdness. Their reward was a trip to Harley-Davison's, no relation to Jackie and Donna, whose preference leans to unmotorized horses. Cheryl Hennings ran the show from beginning to end with successful catalog advertising and raffles in addition to bringing a lion-sized entry in support of the event. Wendy



Sanchez and Tom Woolf took the accompanying photos, while their spouses showed their Midsummer and Blue Sky dogs, respectively. Jackie Joe Davison celebrated another birthday that brought him to within a couple of years of the "Big 5-0." Farthest traveled were Marty Rhyne from Texas and Cathey Dunn and her friend, Jane, from Colorado.

The next regional specialty show is planned to qualify MCDC for a stand-alone point specialty, and to host the CDCA national specialty two years from now.

During the three-day weekend judges Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, Mrs. Joan Frailey and James E. Noe passed on Canaans. They are all well-acquainted with the breed and found different winners most of the time. The range of type was as great as their tolerance and intolerance of ring behavior. Three dogs were excused by two judges because of their failure to stand for examination.

The three-day show, plus the regional specialty, provided four opportunities to earn championship points over the long weekend. At least one dog "finished" her championship, and others got closer to their title. It was a great time to get together with other fanciers, and we look forward to the next opportunities: July in Bel Alton, Maryland, and September at the CDCA national in Ohio among other choices.



SOUND THE ALARM!

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Access a complete list of key legislators' contact information from the AKC website or contact AKC Canine Legislation: doglaw@akc.org, (919) 816-3720.

Check the AKC website for updates.

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Great Pyrenees



Defeat the California State Assembly Bill that aims to:

- **Mandate** all cats and dogs over the age of four months must be spayed or neutered unless the owner qualifies for and purchases an intact animal permit.
- **Allow** cities and counties to set the fee for the intact permit. Permits could cost hundreds of dollars each year!
- **Enable** local governments to adopt stricter intact permit exemption requirements.
- **Require** a civil penalty of \$500 for each animal for which a violation occurs and permit local government to add additional civil and criminal penalties.

No exemption provided for dogs brought into the state for competition!

ACT NOW!

CA residents:

Immediately contact your Assemblymember and state senator. Urge them to oppose AB 1634. Alert your veterinarian and fellow fanciers: Call for their opposition to AB 1634.

Concerned fanciers:

If you have ever participated or plan to participate in an AKC show in California, contact the Assembly Appropriations Committee and urge their opposition so you may continue to bring your dogs - and your business - to the state.

Assembly Appropriations Committee
ATTN: Chuck Nicol, Committee Consultant
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX: (916) 319-2181



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT - MAY 2007

Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf, CDCA Legislative Liason for the AKC

Anti-breeding animal rights activists in California have convinced some state lawmakers that the only way to reduce shelter deaths is to mandate sterilization of all dogs and cats at four months of age.

If the bill passes, local governments will be forced to set up permit systems for breeders or exhibitors who want to keep their animals intact. The only dogs that will qualify for permits will be recognized purebreds with titles, purebreds competing for titles, purebreds that have competed for titles during the past two years, law enforcement dogs, purebreds too young to compete, dogs in training for or working as service dogs, and dogs with medical exceptions provided by a veterinarian. Breeders will be required to have a business license and to purchase a breeding license in addition to the intact animal permit. There are other details that will allow local jurisdictions to make it virtually impossible to possess an intact dog or to conduct a viable breeding program.

AB 1634 has already passed one committee and is headed for hearings in the appropriations committee. If it passes, here, it heads to the full assembly for a vote.

Groups aligned against the bill are AKC, the National Animal Interest Alliance, the NAIA Trust, the California Federation of Dog Clubs, all-breed and specialty clubs in California, breed parent clubs (including CDCA), the US Sportsmen's Alliance, various working dog associations and other organizations representing hunters, service dog providers, and law enforcement.

Obviously, AB 1634 must be stopped. CDCA members who live in California have a special duty to contact their as-

sembly members. Those who live outside the state can still have an impact if they show in California or bought a puppy from California. If this bill passes, we will see similar bills in other states, so the time to "just say no!" is now.

California members can contact their assembly members through the NAIA Trust website at <http://capwiz.com/naiatrust/issues/alert/?alertid=9688191>

Additional information on AB 1634 can be found at the AKC action center, http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/CA_action_center.cfm

The CDCA letters opposing the bill will be posted on the CDCA website at www.cdca.org. Our website also has a link to Save Our Dogs (<http://saveourdogs.net>), an organization formed to fight this bill.

Unfortunately, the California Veterinary Medical Association supports the bill. The NAIA letter urging them to reconsider their support can be found at <http://www.nai-aonline.org/pdfs/NAIA%20letter%20to%20CVMA.pdf>

Update: Louisville

The Louisville lawsuit to overturn that city's spay-neuter ordinance has been moved to federal court. This may delay procedures but may be better in the long run.

From the mouths of the animal rights leaders behind these bills....

"I'm not only uninterested in having children. I am opposed to having children. Having a purebred human baby is like having a purebred dog; it is nothing but vanity, human vanity." *Ingrid Newkirk, PeTA's founder and president, New Yorker magazine, April 23, 2003*

"Breeders must be eliminated! As long as there is a surplus of companion animals in the concentration camps referred to as "shelters", and they are killing them because they are homeless, one should not be allowed to produce more for their own amusement and profit. If you know of a breeder in the Los Angeles area, whether commercial or private, legal or illegal, let us know and we will post their name, location, phone number so people can write them letters telling them 'Don't Breed or Buy, While Others DIE.'" "Breeders! Let's get rid of them too!" *Campaign on Animal Defense League's website, September 2, 2003.*

The Difference between Animal Rights and Animal Welfare

Animal Rights

Animal rights advocates do not distinguish between human beings and animals and are working to see that all ownership of animals comes to an end. Michael Fox of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has said, "The life of an ant and the life of my child should be accorded equal respect."

Animal Welfare

Animal welfare groups are working to see that all animals are treated humanely. Animal welfare means ensuring that all animals used by humans have their basic needs fulfilled in terms of food, shelter and health, and that they experience no unnecessary suffering in providing for human needs.

They won out West and celebrated back East!



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THE GREAT MEMBERSHIP ADVENTURE

An account of my journey in the job of Membership Chair and the new changes established in 2007.

By, Renee Kent

In May of 2006, while sitting in on the Board of Directors meeting held in conjunction with the National Specialty, I volunteered for the job of Membership Chair. It seemed a small enough way I could participate in the club activities. Knowing first hand how long a prospective member can wait for notification of their status, I silently pledged that I was going to single-handedly remedy this problem. How complicated could it be to process an application or two a month? In the first few months, I learned the answer to this question – quite complicated!

Upon my return home, I eagerly submitted my first new member application. Even though the vote on this particular application was completed in July, she did not receive formal notice of her acceptance until October. During those first few months, vagrant applications trickled in from here and there and were forwarded to the BOD as quickly as I could manage. This first part of the process was clear. It was when the BOD vote was completed that responsibilities became fuzzy. After a few months initiation and countless emails it became apparent that the membership application and approval process required more than just a willing spirit with easy access to a post office. It needed an overhaul.

It took 2 months to get a blurry idea of the historical process and conclude that the membership chair duties were not clearly defined. I discovered the membership responsibilities were split among three people; the Membership Chair (MC), the Corresponding Secretary (CS) and the Treasurer. The MC was to accept New Membership applications and submit them to the Board of Directors for vote. Once informed of the voting results, the MC was to forward the check to the Treasurer and the application to the CS. The CS was to greet new members with a welcome packet - a mysterious package that may have existed at one time and was now extinct. Also, she was to send a rejection letter to people denied membership along with their returned check. A standard form rejection letter did not exist either. The Treasurer was to send out renewal reminders and receive renewal forms and checks and, according to some records, update the master membership list. According to other information, the CS was responsible for maintaining the current membership list. A clear opportunity for errors was maintaining separate membership lists by different officers, compounded by the fact that officers had changed in the recent past.

Armed with this information, all the old membership files that had flown to Rhode Island took a road trip to Vermont to the CS's office. In Vermont, the CS and Vice President put on their hip boots and waded through the membership files comparing them to the most current membership list

in an effort to identify lifetime and honorary members, as well as try to ascertain the year every current member had first joined. Impressively, they created a list of over 60 names currently on the membership list but with no evidence that they had maintained their membership. Meanwhile in RI, I realized that the current forms were not in harmony with the new Constitution and Bylaws, this task was taken on by yet another member who was neither the Membership Chair, nor the CS, nor the Treasurer.

I quickly realized that MC was a title given to the poor soul who had very little to do with the current membership process, but was named to imply they held the responsibility in its entirety. Therefore I was the perfect target for applicants whose checkbook ledgers entertained an unaccounted check to the CDCA for a several month stretch with no updates or correspondence from the club. Ringside gossip generated a range of excuses for the MC's negligence, none which were accurate explanations for the tardy response time. The likely culprit is that the growth of the club, including By-Law changes, had little by little grown out of sync with changing membership chairpersons and their individual understanding of the job description.

With the process gaps fully visible and the help of my super-organized husband, we set out to re-vamp the entire membership application and renewal process.

The first order of business was a simple one, but the hardest to detail. We wanted the entire membership process to be in the charge of ONE person, the Membership Chair, in such a way that the responsibility could be cleanly passed on to someone new that stepped in as the chair. Orchestrating multiple people responsible for small pieces of the process was the main reason new applicants waited several months for a response. It may also have contributed to the 60 bonus names found on the membership list. Second was to reformat the application to reflect this change and bring the process into agreement with the recently updated bylaws. The acceptance and rejection letters were drafted early on and approved by the board, but were to be sent out by the CS. We suggested that at least the acceptance package be sent out by the MC. Finally, the MC was to manage the newly created membership database so that the club had one point of contact for an updated and accurate membership list.

In January, we proposed a new membership form and process to help bring some order to the lengthy pledge that new applicants were currently subjected to and we are happy to say that it passed unanimously in January 2007. Please purge your files of any old membership forms and use the new one posted on the CDCA website (www.cdca.org).

org). The old forms will not be accepted after October 1, 2007.

The Membership Database has been designed using Microsoft Access. It will contain all of the information gathered on the new application/renewal form including skills, interests, and willingness to serve the club as a chair or board member. In the future when a job is available, the database can be queried and a list made of all the members fitting the search criteria. The database will also contain all the housekeeping items such as acceptance date, status, when dues were paid, etc. We expect the database will be completely populated with each members preferences and interests following the next renewal season.

The new process is as follows.

The Membership Chair's responsibilities include:

- Accept and process new membership applications.
- Send welcome packages to new members.
 - o Rejection letters and the returned checks will be sent out by the Corresponding Secretary.
- Send out renewal notices in October of each year.
- Notify Associate members when they are eligible to apply for Full Member status.
- Beginning in 2008: Accept and process annual renewals.
- Update the membership data base and provide an up-to-date mailing list at the request of any club member.
 - o The Secretary and Treasurer will have access to membership data base which will be updated in real time.

Attention New Members of 2006

According to the CDCA By-Laws (Article 1, Section 1, Item 1), you are currently non-voting Associate Members. You are encouraged to apply for full membership following the one year anniversary of your acceptance into the club. Your application requires endorsement by 2 full CDCA members from different households and is subject to Board of Director approval.

Join the CDCA On-line Community!

Over 100 member-families make up the CDCA and only 42 individuals are members of the CDCA online community. Ideas are shared, important topics are discussed and club announcements and reminders are issued via this private club forum. This community is available only to CDCA members in good standing. Get involved now by joining the CDCA email list hosted at yahoo groups.

To join, visit the following website:
<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/CanaanDog-ClubofAmericaList>

All members who do not renew by January 1 of each year will be notified. After March 31 they will be removed or labeled inactive in the database and removed from the Kibitzer mailing list and online yahoo groups email list.

Please note the changes to the membership application and the adherence to the new bylaws.

- The membership application form will be used by new applicants, associate members applying for full membership, membership renewals, and to update contact information.
 - o The MC will update the membership directory if a member emails them a change in contact information.
- New applicants may apply for associate membership status, after one year they may apply for full membership status.
- Associate member applicants need the endorsement of one full member including a support statement by the endorser Full member applicants need the endorsement of two full members.

I expect new applicants will receive a response 6-8 weeks after application submission. It is my hope that this new practice, housed primarily with one chaired position, will greatly improve processing time and membership list accuracy.

2007 CDCA Officers and Directors Nomination Slate Denise Gordon

The CDCA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce its slate for Officers and Directors for election to the 2007-2009 Board. Those listed below have indicated their willingness to serve on the Board.

President:	VT - Amanda Pough
Vice-President:	RI - Evan Kent
Treasurer:	TX - Kristin Pavlin
Recording Secretary:	OH - Norma Bennett Woolf
Corresponding Sec.:	VT - Judy March Rosenthal
Directors:	CA Cynthia Grupp (west)
	TX - Rosette Davila-Sargent (central)
	OH - Denise Gordon
	SC - Julie Haddy (east)

Per the Constitution and By-Laws, nominations of members in good standing who meet the club's residence requirements may be made by written petition and sent to the Corresponding Secretary postmarked no later than June 1. This petition must be signed by five full members in good standing and accompanied by a written acceptance of the additional nominee signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office. In addition, if no validated additional nominations are postmarked on or before June 1, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.

2007 NATIONAL SPECIALTY UPDATE

By Denise Gordon, Specialty Chair

This year’s National Specialty will be held on Friday, September 7th, at the Clermont County fairgrounds in Owensville, Ohio, about 30-40 minute drive from downtown Cincinnati. The National show itself will be held in a climate controlled building with plenty of room for crating.

The National Specialty judges will be Mrs. Carol O’Bryan of Sebastopol, California (Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes); Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Hastings of Aloha, Oregon (Regular and non-regular conformation and Junior Showmanship classes); and Mr. Richard Strong of Indianapolis, Indiana (Regular obedience and Rally classes). The show chair/show secretary is Denise Gordon and premium lists will be mailed via email or postal service by Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th; the closing date for entries is August 15, 2007. A PDF version of the premium list will be posted on the CDCA website at that time.

All-Breed Shows

There will be supported entry at the Clermont County Kennel Club shows on Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9; these shows will be held outdoors (rings will be partially shaded by tents) at the fairgrounds. There will be plenty of parking and food and crafts/pet supply vendors will be situated near the rings. The Superintendent for these shows is Jack Onofrio, Inc.; for a premium list of these shows (availability about July 1), see Clermont’s website (www.clermontcountykc.org), Onofrio’s website (www.onofrio.com), or telephone the Onofrio Oklahoma office (405-427-8181).

Accommodations

The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Cincinnati-Eastgate, which is one of the closest hotels to the show site; all club meetings, judges’ seminar and banquet will be held at this hotel. Menu selections for the annual banquet will be sent out to all members.

A block of 25 rooms has been reserved for the CDCA. Room cost is \$89 + tax per night (NO PET DEPOSIT!), which is a significant discount from their usual \$105-120 per night rate - **PLEASE SPECIFY CANAAN DOG CLUB WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS TO RECEIVE THIS SPECIAL DISCOUNT!** Rooms not reserved by August 22nd will be released from the club’s special discount rate. Worldwide toll free telephone number is 1-800-465-4329; Holiday Inn Cincinnati-Eastgate telephone number is 513-752-4400; address is 4501 Eastgate Blvd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45245.

A direct link to the host hotel reservations will be posted on the CDCA website as it becomes available. Note: no bathing of dogs will be allowed in the hotel rooms, but an outdoor hose and baby pool will be available; early September weather is usually warm (65-80F). Plastic for be-

neath crates will be provided at the front desk and there will be designated exercise areas. CDCA’s hotel policy will be strictly enforced!

If you will be arriving in recreational vehicles and plan to camp at the fairgrounds, **PLEASE CONTACT DENISE GORDON IMMEDIATELY** (telephone: 513-741-1832 or email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com) so that all Canaan Dog folk can be grouped together. All sites are fairly level (fairgrounds in-field area) and have water and electrical hookups; there is no sewer hookup, but there is a dump station within the fairgrounds.

Herding Instinct Test

The herding instinct test will be held at Dogwood Acres Farm in Batavia, Ohio, about 20-30 minute drive from the host hotel on Monday, September 10th the farm owners, Rob and Susan Meiners, have Kataden/St Croix crossbred sheep, which are dog-broke (the Meiners have Belgain Tervuren), but can be “lively”.

The evaluator will be Ms. Dana Hasemeier, an AKC judge and Cardigan Corgi breeder/owner/handler. All Canaans 6 months of age or older are eligible to participate. To obtain the CDCA’s Herding Certified (HC) title, a dog must pass a single CDCA-sanctioned herding instinct test; for the CDCA Herding Excellent (HCX) title, a dog must pass 3 CDCA-sanctioned herding instinct tests under 2 different judges, including the test held during a National Specialty.

Trophies will be awarded to the “Best Senior Herding Canaan Dog” (one with previous livestock experience) and “Best Rookie Herding Canaan Dog” (one with no prior livestock experience); rumor has it that there may be a “Best Herding Human” trophy this year! Pre-entry discount cost is \$25 per dog and day of test cost is \$30 per dog. Pre-entry forms are available in this issue of the Kibitzer or from CDCA Herding chair, Denise Gordon (telephone: 513-741-1832 or email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com). Directions to the farm will be posted in the judging program and at the host hotel during the National Specialty week. Deadline for pre-entries is August 30th!

Donations & Advertising

For trophy donations and/or raffle items, contact Norma Bennett Woolf (telephone: 513-932-3176 or email: editor@canismajor.com). Deadline for trophy donations is July 1st.

Catalog advertising will be \$25 for a full page ad, \$15 for a half page ad, and \$10 for a quarter page ad; photos included in the ad (full page ads only) will be an additional \$10 per photo. All ads must be print-ready (NO exceptions!). Deadline is July 1st. For further information or an order form, contact Denise Gordon (telephone: 513-741-1832 or

email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com).

Trophies

A complete list of the available trophies that are available for sponsorship can be found in the Winter 2007 edition of the *Kibitzer*. If you are intested in sponsoring a trophy for the 2007 CDCA National Specialty, please contact Norma Bennett Woolf (editor@canismajor.com or 513-932-3176). Donations are due by July 1, 2007.

Further information will be published on the CDCA website and in the next Canaan Kibitzer.

National Specialty Schedule of Events (tentative)

Wednesday, Sept. 5:

Hospitality night at host hotel; refreshments courtesy of Desert Star Canaan Dogs.

Thursday, Sept. 6

Host Hotel AM - Board & General Membership meetings
Parade of Canaan pet companions following Membership meeting (all participants will receive a special commemoration)

6 - 8 PM Judge’s Education Seminar

Contact: Cynthia Grupp, 2367 Soda Canyon Rd., Napa, California; Telephone: 707-226-3353; Email: canaandog@starband.net

Friday, Sept. 7

Multi-Purpose Bldg., Clermont County Fairgrounds, Owensville, Ohio

AM – National Specialty show (Actual show times will be listed in the judging program)

Obedience & Rally

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes

Junior Showmanship, Regular & Non-Regular Conformation

Parade of Titleholders Class (non-competitive)

PM - Hospitality hour, cash bar, host hotel CDCA banquet room, followed by annual awards banquet and auction

Saturday, Sept. 8:

Clermont County Kennel Club (Supported Entry Show), Clermont Co. Fairgrounds; Superintendent: Jack Onofrio, Inc. Breed judge to be assigned. Show will be held outdoors with tent shade (obedience/rally trial will be held indoors).

Sunday, Sept. 9:

Clermont County Kennel Club (Supported Entry Show), Clermont Co. Fairgrounds; Superintendent: Jack Onofrio, Inc. Breed judge to be assigned. Show will be held outdoors with tent shade (obedience/rally trial will be held indoors).

Monday, Sept. 10

CDCA Herding Instinct Test at Dogwood Acres Farm, Batavia, Ohio (20-30 minute drive from host hotel). Starting time to be announced.

AN AMERICAN AT CRUFTS

By Bryna Comsky

What a wonderful experience to be at Crufts this year! The same sense of involvement in the dog world stretches across the ocean, and the usual feeling of excitement, familiarity, and comfort takes over and makes you feel at home despite the distance and differences in language and culture. It’s good luck to find oneself next door to the European countries and still be able to converse in English. “American” is an accepted language, and American-bred dogs are a fixture. Dogs with American backgrounds have won Crufts the past three years, in fact. Peter Green won with his Norfolk terrier, “Cocoa”; the Australian Shepherd, “Chance,” won last year, and the Tibetan Terrier, handled by Larry Cornelius, won in 2007. As always, we are still learning from the dogs themselves, this time multi-national co-operation is a good way to go.

My first taste of judging at Crufts came with ringside observations of Curly Coated Retrievers. The consistency of breed type, and in judging them, and also the Chessies that followed, was impressive. Ring management was predictable. American influence among the gundogs was apparent.

There are no specials, i.e., bench champions who compete for Best of Breed, and all entries compete at the class level, first for Best Male and Best Female, and then for Best of Breed and a Champion Certificate, if awarded. Canaans are not yet eligible, but can compete, and place, in group. I was thrilled at the chance to gait one of Ellen’s dogs on the green carpet of Crufts. We didn’t win or place, but we got a good look. Our class, and Best Female, was won by Lorna Hasting’s female, who goes back to two of my favorites. Good show!

Best of Breed on the day was won by a dog named “Jacob,” who represented Canaans in “the big ring.” His competition in Utility Groups was the Tibetan Terrier who was the last to stand at the end of the show.

There was much fanfare and pageantry in “the big ring” in addition to the groups. Service dog awards were presented, much like our ACE Award won by “Raiah” and Ethan Miller at the AKC/Eukanuba Show last year; there was a 32-member golden retriever drill team, obedience demonstrations, and fabulous free style. The concept of “Discover Dogs” was brought over here as “Meet The Breeds.” My hat is tipped to the Brits for their sense of planning and organization, their experienced judges, and their incomparable show. It truly is the place to go at least once in a doggy career.

JUST HAVE FUN IN THERE!

By Dominic Frinzi, photos by Amy Schumaier and Michelle Harrington

When our breeder informed us that our prospective puppy was of considerable show quality, we thought she must be crazy to entrust us with such an animal. Perhaps even crazier was our decision to go along with the idea, and crazier still, my own decision to show him when he was only 9 months old.

I've always had this image of dog show handlers clad in long wool skirts and ugly shoes, so I was surprised when our breeder ultimately convinced me that I wouldn't have to wear these staples of the handler world. Whew! Besides, she would be showing Riley, not me...or so I thought.

In my commitment to Riley's success in the show ring, I enrolled him in a conformation handling class. My wife, Amy, was less enthusiastic since she feared that I was turning into an obsessive parent. Nevertheless, she was a good sport and said she'd be willing to attend the first class, but afterwards I was on my own.

During our introductions to the class, I announced that I was only there for our breeder, who would really be the one showing Riley. This statement was met with considerable laughter from the rest of the group, all experienced handlers. They later explained that I would be pressed into service as a dog handler soon enough, and most likely without prior notice. Fortunately for me I had plenty of notice, and our breeder actually offered me the option of showing Riley, since she couldn't make it to a nearby show in Maryland. My ego got in the way of reason, so I agreed to do it. "How hard could it be?" I thought. I had been through survival school in the Air Force, and as a lawyer, I've had some tough negotiations with difficult people. However, as I would later find, these experiences couldn't prepare me to show a teenage handful of a Canaan Dog like Riley.

For those who aren't acquainted with this handsome

and charming little fellow, Riley is an overly enthusiastic puppy who can best be described as a lab trapped in a Canaan Dog's body. Unlike other Canaan Dog's, Riley is less reserved, and always interested in making friends, even when the other dog is not as interested in him as he is in it. This makes for an interesting time in and outside the show ring.

Although Riley and I had been through a five week conformation handling class, he still needed work on his gaiting. Actually, that's an understatement. For those who are familiar with the breed standard, the Canaan Dog is supposed to appear both graceful and tireless, indicating an animal capable of trotting for hours and covering ground more quickly than expected. Obviously, the person who developed this standard did not contemplate a dog like Riley. In class, I was never quite sure which Riley I would be gaiting. Would it be the Riley that trotted at my side tugging at the lead in his mouth while playfully growling? Or would it be the Riley that would plant all fours on the ground with a stubborn look on his face as if to say "we're not going anywhere buddy?" Or would it be the Riley who would bolt to the nearest dog in his line of sight for a quick play session?

In the intervening three weeks before the show, Riley and I attended private lessons. As the time of the show grew closer, I felt pretty confident, until the moment when I stepped into the show ring for the first time and a wave of dread swept over me.

The show was located on fairgrounds in southeastern Maryland. It was the Fourth of July weekend, which typically proves to be hot and humid. This year was no exception. By 8:00 a.m. my dress shirt was dripping with sweat – of course this could have had something to do with showing Riley.

I had never been to a dog show before, so it was a little overwhelming at first. The fields surrounding the fairgrounds consisted of a sea of RVs with adjacent exercise pens containing multiples of every breed of dog. There, were pavilions that served as grooming areas, a picnic area, and several exhibit buildings that resembled old military barracks. Then there were the show rings set in the middle of the grounds surrounded by exhibitors selling dog paraphernalia of every kind. Colorful floral arrangements hung from pots at the boundaries of the show rings. In such an inviting environment, there was no clue of the impending terror awaiting this handler of a rebellious teenage Canaan Dog.

I made it a point to arrive early enough to observe the judge on the first morning (we were showing over a three-day period). As we waited our turn in the ring, I tried to visualize what we would do in the ring; I took many deep breaths, and then popped a handful of Altoids for good measure. Nevertheless, despite all my preparation a wave of panic swept over me and I froze. As I began sweating even harder, it felt as though I was a participant in a wet T-shirt contest and not a dog show. Despite the Altoids, Riley could smell the fear over my minty fresh breath, and he froze right along with me. I was so nervous; I forgot to keep Riley's collar high on his neck. Riley, who doesn't pass up an opportunity for dramatics, began making loud choking noises. Since we had no other competition, both dog and handler left the ring with a blue ribbon and bruised egos. When we went back in for Winner's Dog, the judge never even considered us.

The next day, I anticipated more of the same, so I was prepared to soldier through the day. At least Riley might get another blue ribbon for not competing against any other dogs. This time, however, Riley fell in love with the judge and was a complete charmer with her. We even won our

first two AKC points together when Riley took Winner's Dog and Best of Opposite Sex. Although, I had an apprehensive moment when the judge asked me to take Riley around the ring one more time. "Is she trying to punish me?" I thought. Nevertheless she picked Riley for Best of Opposite Sex. At that moment, I felt pure exhilaration. Suddenly, it all seemed worth the humiliation of the previous day.

Just when I thought I had this dog show thing figured out, the third day brought me back to reality, much like making a quadruple bogey a hole after making a birdie. Even if Riley had not spooked before we neared the ring, he most certainly would have upon seeing the judge. A surly lady, she resembled a grotesquely over made-up Carol Channing. Even her steward was mean. "Take him around!" she barked. Riley made it about half way before sitting in protest. In fact, he started trying to back out of his collar. I was afraid he would bolt back to Virginia, so I tried to keep my hold of him when he let out a dramatic scream. This drew the judge's ire and she summarily excused us. Now the trick was getting Riley out of the ring while some Spaniel exhibitors heckled the poor guy for being a Canaan Dog and

me for trying to show one. Ultimately I carried Riley away, both of us hanging our heads in shame, after the steward ordered me to "get your dog out of the ring!"

In an effort to heal my wounds the other Canaan Dog handlers would offer me encouragement by saying things like, "Oh just have fun in there!" While I haven't sworn off showing Riley again, I think we'll rest on the laurels of our winnings until both of us are more mature. He's getting much better in the ring, and recently won two four point majors when handled by his breeder. As the dog show season swings into full gear this spring, I'll let Riley's breeder have all the fun in there!



A STANDARD OPINION: THE HEAD

By Christina Miller

I will be the first to shout from the roof-tops that the Canaan Dog is not a head breed. The whole dog is what makes correct Canaan Dog type, but the head is an important part of that type. Within that head there are multiple features that comprise correct head type.

First and foremost is the shape of the head. Within the shape of the head, everything should be smooth and fluid, free of sharp angles. This shape should be viewed from above and from the side. When viewed from above you should see a blunt, even and smooth wedge. The cheek should flow evenly into the muzzle. The side planes should be smooth. Flared cheeks or the appearance of a two piece head do not fit into Canaan Dog type.

When viewed from the side, you should also see a blunt wedge. The two head planes should be parallel and level. The stop should be slight and fluid. You should not see a sharp or predominant stop.

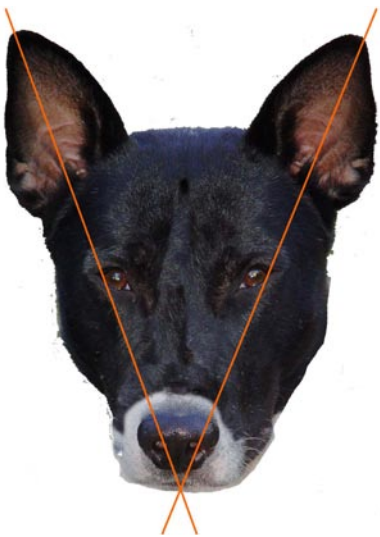
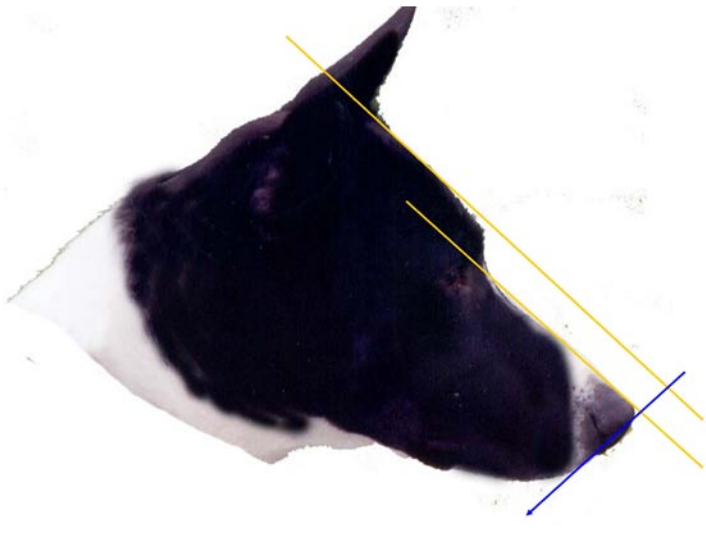
When viewed from all directions, the muzzle should be rounded, moving into nice fill under the eyes and a smooth cheek. The most acute thing you want to see is a clean under jaw. Ideally, length of muzzle and length of skull should be equal. If this is out of proportion, a longer muzzle is more within type. Dome skulls and Roman noses are not correct head features.

The Canaan Dog’s sense of hearing is crucial to their existence as pariah dogs. Ear shape and placement is indica-

tive of that trait and contribute to the essence of the Canaan Dog. The ear should be hooded, tilting slightly forward over the skull. The tip of the ear should be rounded, again, no sharp angles. Placement should be moderate; not too high, not too low. You can almost visually intersect the line of the wedge, when viewed from above, through the center of the ear. Ear size should be in proportion to the head. All things being equal, if folded forward, the tip of the ear should easily reach the eye. Ear leather should be thick.

The Canaan Dog should have a look of intelligence and alertness. The Canaan Dog being a Canaan Dog, you might not always view this expression in the conformation ring—but that is a topic for another article. Eyes, on all coat patterns and colors, should be dark. Eye shape should be almond. The outer corner of the eye should rest on the edge of the wedge plane when viewed from above. From the side, the eye should sit in the middle of the stop. Eyes should be clear, bright and free of obvious defects. Pigmentation should be dark, according to coat color. Eye rims, nose and ear leather (when visible) should be as dark as possible for the coat color. It goes without saying; those with black in their coat color/pattern should have black pigmentation. Sands, brown and reds, unless a true liver, should also have black pigmentation.

Since it’s located in the head, I will take this opportunity to talk about the bite. The Canaan Dog should have a scissors bite. Their teeth often surprise many Judges in their size.

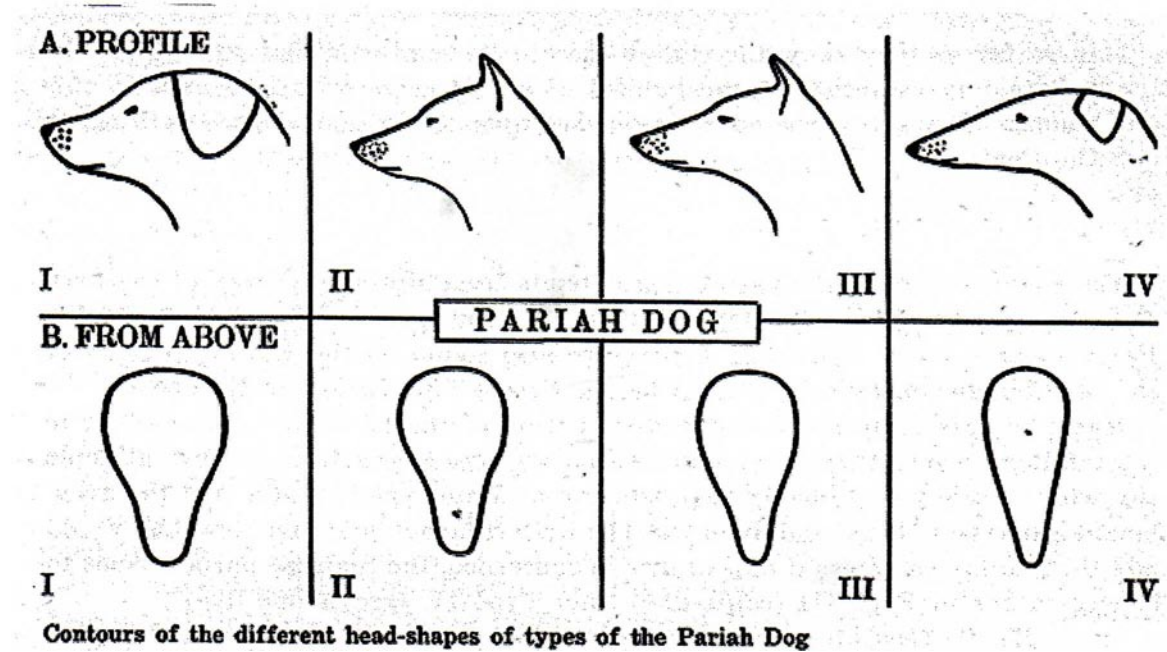


Yes, there are a lot of Canaan Dogs out there with large teeth. Although it’s not currently in our AKC standard, there has been a problem with missing pre-molars. This is an issue that I hope gets covered in the next Breed Standard revision. Incomplete dentition would be an issue for the “natural” pariah dog.

I’ve included side and front head views to help visualize the points I have made above. Additionally, I have included the original schematic of head type by the Drs. Menzel—the developers of the breed. Their preference leaned towards the Type III (3), with the inclusion of the Type II (2) to broaden the gene pool.

“Pariahunde – Pariah Dogs” by the Drs. Menzel and translated by Bryna Comsky is available in print and digital copy. For more information on the print copy please contact Bryna at bcomsky@aol.com. For more information on the digital copy, please contact me at canaandownunder@bigpond.com.

Breed Standard - Head
Elongated, the length exceeding the breadth and depth considerably. Wedge-shaped, when viewed from above. Slightly arched when viewer from the side, tapering to stop. The region of the forehead is of medium width, but appearing broader through ears set low to complete an alert expression, with a slight furrow between the eyes. Expression - Alert, watchful, and inquisitive. Dignified. Eyes - Dark, almond shaped, slightly slanted. Varying shades of hazel with liver pointed dogs. Eye rims darkly pigmented or of varying shades of liver, harmonizing with coat color. Fault - Unpigmented eye rims. Ears - Erect, medium to large, set moderately low, broad at the base, tapering to a very slightly rounded tip. Ears angled very slightly forward when excited. A straight line from the inner corner of the ear to the tip of the nose should just touch the inner corner of the eye and a line drawn from the tip of the ear to the tip of the nose should just touch the outer corner of the eye. Ear motion contributes to expression and clearly defines the mood of the dog. Major Fault - In the adult dog, other than erect ears. Stop - Slightly accentuated. Muzzle - Tapering to complete the wedge shape of the head. Length equal to or slightly longer than the length of the skull from the occiput to stop. Whisker trimming optional. Nose - Darkly pigmented or varying shades of liver, harmonizing with coat color. Lips - Tight with good pigmentation. Bite - Scissors.



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NEW TITLES

Congratulations to these Canaan Dogs and their owners and breeders for achievements in the show ring and at performance events. The list is arranged alphabetically by dog owner. Each *Kibitzer* will include a list of new champions and other titles, but the editors are not psychic ... you must tell us who did what in order to see your name (and your dogs’ names) in print.

Agility		
Owner Name	Title	Reg. Name (Call Name)
Alan & Sylvia Gersman	MXJ & NF	Mazel Tov Minnie Pooh, NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX, AXJ, MX, MXJ, NF, SSA, AD
AKC Masters Agility Jumpers (MXJ) A□		
AKC Novice Standard Agility Dogs who qualify 3 times under 2 different judges in a novice agility course. The course consists of several obstacles including the dog walk, tire, see□		
Canine Good Neighbor		
Michelle Harrington & Larry Myers	CGN	Can. CH Ha’Aretz Gimel Northern Confidence, CDCA-HC, CGN
Michelle Harrington & Larry Myers	CGN	JK Maccabee Northern Warrior CARO-RN, AKC-RN, CDCA-HCX, CKC-HT, ICDCA-VC, CGN
Canine Good Neighbor (CGN) A certificate programme designed by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community.		

HEALTH COLUMN

By Donna Dodson, Health Committee

The following email came to me this week and I recommend that CDCA members clip and save it. Cancer is the number one problem in many breeds today and recently I have had and also had reports of new and varied types of cancer. If you have a dog diagnosed with cancer, you can assist the Canaan Dog and many other breeds by submitting samples for study with the hope of finding research to avoid or cure future disease.

Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium Update --Tuesday, April 24, 2007-- Cancer Tissue Bank Prepared to Collect Samples

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (CHF) announces that the Canine Comparative Oncology & Genomics Consortium (CCOGC) is currently accepting tumor samples for its important tissue bank. The first

three collection sites will be the Ohio State University, Colorado State University and the University of Wisconsin. A biospecimen subcommittee was established to finalize the Standard Operating Procedures for collection and to negotiate contracts with these first three sites. It is anticipated that collection will begin at all three sites by May 1st 2007.

“The most essential resource needed to make progress towards the problem of cancer in dogs is the development of a well-described repository of tissues (tumor and normal tissue/blood) from tumor bearing dogs,” comments Dr. David Vail, president of the CCOGC. “This repository will allow our finest scientists access to samples, as well as the clinical data that accompanies each case. Ultimately, this will accelerate our ability to prevent, diagnose and treat the devastating aspects of cancer in our pets.”

For more information, visit our website:
http://www.akcchf.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=183

WHAT IS CHIC ANYHOW?

By Renee Kent

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).

The CHIC website is located at www.caninehealthinfo.org. The website contains basic information on CHIC such as its mission and goals, and maintains a listing of the participating breeds and approved breed specific test protocols. The CHIC website also provides a search engine to locate dogs that have been issued CHIC numbers, their test dates, and the results of their tests.

A CHIC number is issued when test results are entered into the database satisfying each breed specific requirement, and when the owner of the dog has opted to release the results into the public domain. The CHIC number itself does not imply normal test results, only that all the required breed specific tests were performed and the results made publicly available.

CHIC is not about normalcy. CHIC is meant to encourage health testing and sharing of all results, normal and abnormal, so that more informed breeding decisions can be made in an overall effort to reduce the incidence of genetic disease and improve canine health.

Hip Dysplasia

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

Elbow Dysplasia

- OFA evaluation
- GDC evaluation
- OVC evaluation

Patellar Luxation

- OFA evaluation
- Eye Clearance
- CERF evaluation

Autoimmune thyroiditis

- OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory

Information compiled from www.caninehealthinfo.org Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, 2007

HEALTH CLEARANCES

Dog’s Name	Sex	Test ID #	Test	Results
Arayl’s Magic Springtime	F	CA-201	CERF	05, 07
Babrees Pardon My French	M	CA-TH43/12M-PI	Thyroid	Normal
Bless-ed Be Aryon	M	CA-388G29M-PI	Hips	Good
Cando Bobesox n Saddleshoes	M	37426 CA-EL68M53-PI CA-386G53M-PI CA-PA23/53M/S-PI CA-TH44/53M-PI	CHIC Elbow Hips Patella Thyroid	New Normal Good Normal - Specialist Normal
Cherrysh Crown of Jewels	F	CA-EL73F27-PI	Elbow	Normal
Cherrysh Mi Corazon Miracle	F	CA-180	CERF	04,06
Cherrysh Sing Hallelujah	F	CA-EL74F35-PI	Elbow	Normal
Ha’Aretz T’mira	F	CA-242	CERF	07
Hatikva Cherrysh Dream of Ewe	M	37068 CA-240	CHIC CERF	New 06
Hatikva Cherrysh The Dream	F	37067 CA-241	CHIC CERF	New 06: E1-Lens, punctate cataract *significance unknown
Kol Tuv Jochebed	F	CA-EL71F30-PI CA-390G30F-PI CA-TH46/30F-PI	Elbow Hips Thyroid	Normal Good Normal
Mazel Tov Hatikvah	M	CA-EL72M25-PI CA-246 CA-391G25M-PI CA-PA25/25M/S-PI CA-TH47/25M-PI	Elbow CERF Hips Patella Thyroid	Normal 07 Good Normal - Specialist Normal
PH Promise of Blue Sky	F	CA-EL70F46-PI CA-389G46F-PI	Elbow Hips	Normal Good
Pleasant Hill Midas Touch	M	21593	CHIC	Update
Tahoe Cando Too Darn Hot	F	37427 CA-EL69F41-PI CA-387G41F-PI CA-PA24/41F/S-PI CA-TH45/41F-PI	CHIC Elbow Hips Patella Thyroid	CHIC Normal Good Normal - Specialist Normal

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Pictured with “Jake”