



# THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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## 2007 National Specialty Report

Submitted by Denise A. Gordon

First and foremost, my deepest thanks to Norma and Tom Woolf, the CDCA Board and the many behind-the-scenes folk for their great help with the 2007 National Specialty! Special thanks go to Pat Doty and Mary Kay Morel, two friends from Queen City Dog Training Club, who were our ring stewards for the National show. Last, but not least, thanks and great appreciation goes to our trophy and ribbon fund donors, who really made this year's National Specialty "special" for everyone!

The 2007 National Specialty events were scheduled from Wednesday, September 5, through Monday, September 10, in the Cincinnati-Eastgate, Owensville, and Bethel areas of Clermont County, just to the northeast of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. Whenever one thinks of September, the image of cool temperatures and autumn breezes comes to mind. Not so for this year. The Cincinnati area had been experiencing heat and drought for nearly the entire summer and the week after Labor Day was no exception; I brought a baby pool and hose to the hotel, not only to be used for bathing but to cool off any overheated dogs.

The events calendar started off with the welcome party on Wednesday night in the hospitality suite at the Holiday Inn-Eastgate, our host hotel, and those who attended were treated to a great variety of sumptuous food and drink and fantastic conversation, not to mention fun with the phone in the jacuzzi bathroom! I wouldn't have been surprised if that fun didn't later include the waterfalls and meandering stream in the hotel's lobby, but nothing (at least to my knowledge) came of it.

Thursday dawned early for the Board members and many cups of coffee were downed during the morning meeting, presided by newly elected President, Amanda Pough. During that time, club members checked into the hotel, wandered to the nearby mall for shopping, or perused the Responsible Dog Ownership table set up outside the meeting room prior to the afternoon Annual General Membership session. Since I had only a couple of hours sleep the night before and was distracted by last-minute show and hotel issues, I admit that I wasn't paying much attention during the AGM meeting,



*BISS - CH Desert Star Running Miles*

especially to the announcement of the AKC Good Sportsmanship award presentation until my name was called. I was shocked, to say the least, and very humble for being given this honor, which is voted on by the Board (I was out of the Board business loop as they did it behind my back via the telephone!). Thursday evening's main activity was the Canaan Dog breed seminar for judges, presented by Cindy Grupp, the CDCA judges education coordinator, with about 6 judges in attendance and a large assortment of dogs with their owners for the hands-on demonstration.

Friday, the big day - the National Specialty show. A total of 48 dogs were entered in the show with a total of 89 entries, including 5 in obedience, 7 in rally and 10 in Parade of Titleholders. The National was held indoors in an air-conditioned building at the Clermont County fairgrounds in Owensville, a 20 minute drive from the host hotel. Amanda and her 2008 National Specialty committee organized a continental breakfast in the building's kitchen area while exhibitors set up crates, grooming tables and chairs in the ample grooming area during the pre-show hours. A special judge's mentoring area was set (*continued on p. 4*)

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## The Canaan Kibitzer

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# President's Message

Submitted by Amanda Pough

Another Specialty has come and gone, but that doesn't mean the CDCA is in a resting mode. Ohio provided us with more than just another show. We held our annual meetings of both the Board of Directors as well as the General Membership. This was our chance as a club to come together and discuss issues in depth. Personal, face-to-face communications allows for greater understanding than can be achieved on-line or through phone calls.

The Board of Directors used our time in Ohio to its fullest potential. We talked long and hard and I am very impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm this team of volunteers brought, and continues to bring, to the CDCA and Canaan Dogs in general. As evident in the minutes, we worked particularly hard on communication. Long-range plans focused on standardizing how we, as a club, operate. I am excited to follow up on the plans, ideas and discussions that came out of the Ohio meetings. The results of this work are reported regularly in *The Kib*. As always, the whole Board welcomes suggestions and ideas from the membership. It is your club – please share your ideas and thoughts so that the CDCA can serve us all.

Big thanks are due to Denise Gordon and her committee

for organizing this year's National Specialty and Meetings. Thanks also to all of our judges who kept the show fun and were generous with their time and enthusiasm, and to all who volunteered. From selling catalogs to helping roll mats, to leaving us all in tears of laughter during the auction, every member and non-member in attendance made this yet another wonderful week in CDCA's history. This specialty was a bittersweet trip for me; on the morning of the Herding Test my mother and I made the painful decision to say goodbye to my old Border Terrier. Tux was the dog I traveled around the country with after college, and the reason that all my Canaans get goofy and bouncy at shows whenever they spot a Border.

Our next door neighbors have horses. When Peter was a puppy, Tux firmly believed that Peter should be protected from these odd creatures. He would physically herd Peter back from the fence line when the horses were out. One day after we got home from Ohio I looked out into the yard to see Peter herding Ida back from the fence and away from the horses. From the tone of his barks to the line beyond which Ida was not allowed to cross, Peter was treating her exactly the way Tux treated him. I think Tux would be proud.

## 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.

### Rally Obedience

Amanda Pough

AKC Rally Novice

CH Rosendog's Lt. Columbo, RN (Peter)

Larry Myers  
Michelle Harrington

AKC Rally  
Advance

CKC CH. Ha'Aretz Gimel Northern Confidence  
Cybelle CKC-HT, CGN, CDCA-HC, CARO-RN-MCL, AKC-RA (Cybelle)

#### Rally Advanced

intermediate level rally work, performing a more difficult series of individual obedience-type tasks (including jumps) while following a preset course. Advanced rally is performed off lead.

#### Rally Novice

Entry level rally work, performing basic individual obedience-type tasks (on lead) while following a preset course.



### See you in 2008!

It's been a great year! We hope you all have enjoyed reading the *Kibitzer* as much as we have enjoyed putting together each issue. Our family took a much needed vacation to Disney World in early November, so thank you for your patience with this final issue of 2008.

The *Kibitzer* Staff wishes everyone a bountiful Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season.

See you next year!

Renee & Evan

up ringside and nearly a dozen judges took advantage of the courtesy. At 8:30 AM sharp, following an a cappella rendition of the national anthem by the audience, Jennie Larkin and her wonderful veteran dog, Tycho (Fuligin Ged Tycho, CGC, CDX, RA, AX, AXJ, NAP, NJP; CDCA-HC, V), started the show officially as they entered the ring for the first of their several classes of the day, Utility A, under obedience and rally judge, Mr. Richard Strong of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Once obedience and rally had ended and the volunteer CDCA member and friends ring crew had transformed the single ring from its obedience matting to conformation matting, Mrs. Carol O'Bryan of Sebastopol, California, stepped in to the ring to judge the 12 entries in Sweepstakes and the 8 entries in Veteran Sweepstakes. Because of the length of time since the last specialty, there was a Junior division for those entries from 6 months to under 12 months of age and a Senior division from 12 months to under 24 months of age. After evaluating all of her entries, Mrs. O'Bryan chose Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing ("Breeze"), handled by owner, Charles Sargent, as Best Junior Sweepstakes and the overall Best Sweepstakes winner and Ha'Aretz Hayyim ("Hayyim"), owned by Bryna Comsky and handled by Nancy Martin, as the Best of Opposite Sex In Junior Sweepstakes and Best of Opposite Sex overall Sweepstakes winner. The Best Senior In Sweepstakes went to Eastland Salina So Special ("Salina"), handled by breeder/co-owner, Annette Israel. Best Veteran In Sweepstakes was awarded to Ch. Pleasant Hill Alexandra ("Sandra"), handled by her breeder/owner, Donna Dodson, while the Best Of Opposite Sex Veteran award went to Ch. Lahat Me Shaar Hagai ("Eli") with owner, Cheryl Hennings, on the other end of the lead.

There was a brief lunch break before Mrs. Pat Hastings of Aloha, Oregon, stepped into the ring to judge Junior Showmanship and the regular and non-regular conformation classes. The word, "stepped", is a figurative one as Mrs. Hastings had broken her leg early in the spring and was wearing a leg brace and maneuvering on a crutch at the time of our show. Mrs. Hastings handed her crutch to the ring

stewards before examining each dog, but the dogs handled the strange gait of their judge rather well. After each dog was examined, Mrs. Hastings asked the exhibitors to present their dog to the ringside judges before proceeding on. Kaitlyn Carlson, showing Ch. Bless-Ed Be Cherrysh Patriot ("Patriot"), was awarded Best Junior Handler. Mrs. Hastings chose D&J Ha'Aretz Tip Top Dog ("Tip"), bred/owned/handled by Donna Davison as Winners Dog, Ha'Aretz Hayyim as Reserve Winners Dog, Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing as Winners Bitch and Renegade Camber ("Camber"), owned/bred/handled by Renee Kent as Reserve Winners Bitch. The Veteran classes brought a great deal of applause and cheers as these beautiful, older dogs gaited in front of the audience. Ch. Arayl's Magic Springtime, CD, RN ("Zephyr") handled by owner, Norma Bennett Woolf, and Ch. Eastlands Jacob ("Jacob"), handled by owner, Melinda Linton, won their respective bitch and dog classes and went on to the Best of Breed competition.

Silence seemed to settle throughout the building as Mrs. Hastings began her evaluation of the Best of Breed entries. She divided the large number of dogs and bitches into their respective gender groups, with each waiting its turn outside the ring while Mrs. Hastings put the others through their individual exams and pulled her final cut choices to the center of the ring before thanking and dismissing the others. The final cut held everyone's breath as the judge critically eyed her selections to determine her winner. She placed her choices in the lineup and sent them around the ring for a final time before pointing to Ch. Desert Star Running Miles, CGC, RN ("Miles"), owned by Rosette Davila-Sargent and handled by Nina Fetter, as Best Of Breed/Specialty and Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing ("Breeze"), handled by Charles Sargent, as Best Of Opposite Sex To Best Of Breed/Specialty as well as Best Of Winners. Ch. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named ("Harry"), owned by Judy March Rosenthal and Amanda Pough and handled by Kitty Burke, and Ch. Mad River Ladies First ("Lizzie"), owned and handled by Cynthia Grupp, were the Award of Merit recipients. Screams, cheers and great applause from the audience at Mrs. Hastings decisions filled the building and the ringside Canaani contingent



*Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch, Best Puppy - "Breeze"*



*Winners Dog - "Tip"*



Pleasant Hill Jordan as 2006 Dog Of The Year, the latter's plaque accepted by Jordan's breeder/owner, Donna Dodson. The 50-50 raffle was won by Rosette Davila-Sargent, who graciously donated the proceeds back to the club. Finally, the auction began and the bidding became spirited as favored items came up for bid. By the time the hotel wait staff came in to discretely shoo us out for the night, the auction was a major success, capping off a fantastic day.

The next 2 days were the supported entry Clermont County Kennel Club shows, also held at the fairgrounds, though the conformation was held outside this time while the obedience and rally trials were held in the building that CDCA used the previous day. The CDCA had rented a large tent not far from the rings

added their voices to the din.

The merriment from the day's big show finale continued on later that night into the annual awards banquet and auction at the hotel. Several tables held donated offerings from club members and friends and these items were closely examined by the party-goers as they entered the banquet room. Following the sumptuous dinner, Amanda Pough rose to thank everyone involved in the show and to encourage them to attend the 2008 National Specialty, which will be held in Romulus and Waterloo, New York, in conjunction with the Wine Country cluster the week of September 21st; the National Specialty itself would be held at the Sampson State Park in Waterloo within the Kanasaga Kennel Club show. Amanda also read the poem, "What's In A Title?", at the request of Sally Armstrong in honor of her dog, "Yaki" (Ch. Pleasant Hill Yaakov Metav, NA, NAJ), who had recently passed away. As Specialty Chair and temporary Awards chair, I then recognized everyone who had earned conformation and performance titles, including those who earned Versatility and Register of Merit titles. My next task was to announce Judy March Rosenthal as 2006 Member Of The Year and Ch.

for its exhibitors and friends and this proved fortuitous with the baking sun and unexpected afternoon rainstorms (not enough moisture to break the drought, just get everything wet). Breed judging for the Canaans was bright and early at 8:00 AM on both days with 28 entries on Saturday under Mrs. June Penta and 24 entries on Sunday under Mrs. Lee Canalizo. Best of Breed for Saturday was Ch. Desert Star Running Miles, CGC, RN, and on Sunday it was Ch. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named, who also was awarded 4th place in the Herding Group competition. Litter brother, "Peter", CH Rosendog's Lt Columbo CGC earned a qualifying score towards his Rally Novice title with owner, Amanda Pough, in the Saturday rally trial, proving that Canaans Can-do!

Monday morning found many dedicated owners driving from the hotel to the herding instinct test 25 miles away in Bethel, Ohio; some of them ended up traveling a more scenic route when a traffic accident blocked the directed route to a by-pass road. At the end of the day, as everyone drove off to distant homes, all agreed that it had been a great National Specialty. (A complete Herding Instinct Test Report can be found on page 25.)



*Best Junior - Kaitlyn Carlson*



*Best Bred By Exhibitor "Camber"*

# The Role of the AKC Delegate

Submitted by Pamela Rosman

The Canaan Dog Club of America (CDCA) became an American Kennel Club (AKC) member club in January 2006. What does that mean? Well, it means that now, finally, the CDCA as the recognized parent club of the breed, has an official voice in the AKC concerning issues relating to Canaan Dogs specifically. As the first CDCA Delegate, it is an honor and a privilege to represent this wonderful club since being seated by the AKC Board of Directors.

What is the role of an AKC Delegate? As a member of the AKC Delegate body, you assume a role of enormous responsibility. Your vote directly impacts the direction the sport of the purebred dog takes in the 21st century through the rules and bylaws approved.

Established in 1884 to govern the sport of purebred dogs, the AKC is one of the oldest sport-governing bodies in the United States. The AKC is best described as a “club of clubs”, meaning that clubs, such as the CDCA, comprise the sole membership of the AKC. The AKC charter, adopted in 1909, mandates that the AKC do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of the purity of thoroughbred dogs.

The AKC Mission Statement is to

- maintain a registry for purebred dogs and preserve its integrity
- sanction dog events that promote interest in, and sustain the process of, breeding for type and function of purebred dogs
- take whatever actions necessary to protect and assure the continuation of the sport of purebred dogs.

The membership of the AKC is made up of more than 570 independent clubs. Each member club selects a Delegate to represent their club at the AKC’s annual meeting in March and quarterly meetings in June, September and December/January. According to the AKC Constitution and Bylaws, a member club’s voting powers can be exercised only through its Delegate. In essence, the Delegate body serves as the legislative body of the AKC. As a Delegate, you approve the RULES for the sport of purebred dogs and the BYLAWS for the operation of the AKC.

Delegates elect the 13 member Board of Directors from among the Delegate body. The President also serves on the Board as a nonvoting member and appoints Vice Presidents and Assistant Vice Presidents. The 13 voting Directors are divided into four classes of three, three, three and four members and hold their office for four years, with at present a two term limit. The Board annually elects the President/CEO (currently Dennis Sprung), Chief Operating Officer (currently John Lyons), Chief Financial Officer (currently James

Stevens) and Executive Secretary (currently James Crowley) at the April Board meeting, the first meeting after the annual Delegate meeting.

The AKC Bylaws do not place restrictions on the location of Delegate meetings. The quarterly meetings are scheduled for the second Monday or Tuesday of the month in March, June, September and December/January. About two weeks before each meeting, Delegates receive a call letter from the AKC Executive Secretary. The call letter is an official notification of the meeting’s location, date, time and agenda. Delegates should be prepared to arrive a day or two early for the purpose of attending Delegate Committee and the Delegate Caucus meetings.

There are ten Standing Delegate Committees: All-Breed Clubs; Bylaws; Parent Clubs; Obedience Clubs; Field Trial and Hunting Test Events; Herding, Earthdog, Coursing Events; Canine Health; Dog Show Rules; Delegates Advocacy and Advancement; and Coordinating Committee (comprised of the chairpersons of the previous nine committees). The goals of these committees are (A) to provide the broad-based independent involvement of the Delegates in matters affecting the dog fancy and (B) to identify and utilize the expertise within the Delegate body and within the fancy. Each committee has a maximum of 11 members, usually representing the more influential and senior members of the Delegate body. A committee of 12 Delegates produces PERSPECTIVES, the Delegates’ newsletter. Committee elections are held at the Delegates quarterly meeting in September of each year.

In summary, Delegates must approve all changes to AKC’s Bylaws, and the Rules (Article XIX) contained within the rule books that apply to dog shows and field trials. (A two-thirds vote is required for any change in the Bylaws or Rules to be approved.) Additionally, Delegates elect AKC’s Board of Directors. (At the annual meeting in March, Directors are elected to serve four year terms.) As you can understand, the role of the AKC Delegate is one requiring a substantial commitment of time, energy and finances on behalf of the member club represented.

(Delegates Note: Please write me at PO Box 214, Woodmere, NY 11598 or telephone me at (516) 295-4940 with any questions, problems or concerns you have regarding AKC issues, as well as suggestions for topics for future columns--with your input, this column can be an effective means of communication. Upcoming issues that may be brought to the Delegate body include a mixed breed listing program, restructuring of the Canine Health Foundation, realignment of the current AKC groups and the abolishment of term limits for AKC Directors.

**Ch. Catalina's Felix to the Max, ROM, CDCA HCX**

**"Max"**

**November 26, 1992 - October 19, 2007**



**Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty**

**Best of Breed**

**1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002**

*"Now cracks a noble heart.  
Good night, sweet prince;  
And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!"*

Hamlet  
Act V, Scene II  
William Shakespeare

# CDCA Annual Membership Meeting

September 6, 2007

Holiday Inn Eastgate, Batavia, Ohio

The meeting was called to order by president Amanda Pough at 1 p.m. Amanda introduced the board members present: Evan Kent, vice president; Judy March Rosenthal, corresponding secretary; Krisin Pavlin, treasurer; Norma Bennett Woolf, recording secretary; and board of directors members Denise Gordon, Cynthia Grupp, and Rosette Davila-Sargent. Board of directors member Julie Haddy was absent.

Amanda reported that the club had successfully supported entries and our first regional specialty in 2007 and introduced Norma Woolf to present the AKC Good sportsmanship medal to Denise Gordon.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kristin reported a balance of \$15,352.41 as of August 31, 2007.

**Minutes of 2006 annual meeting:** Denise Gordon made a motion that the 2006 annual meeting minutes be approved as printed in the Kibitzer. Kristin Pavlin seconded; the motion passed.

**Specialty news:** Amanda Pough & Denise Gordon

The Midwest Canaan Dog Club will host its second regional specialty in Wisconsin in May with the date to be published in the Kibitzer. The club will also host the 2009 CDCA specialty in May.

The 2010 specialty needs a host.

Denise made an administrative announcement for this year's specialty in regards to plastic for hotel rooms, the club hotel policy, and the welcome bags.

## Committee reports

Many committee reports are found in this issue of the Kib.

**Membership report:** Renee Kent

CDCA has 107 members, the membership process has been streamlined, and the database has been brought up-to-date.

**Health committee:** Donna Dodson

- a) We need money for the Donor Advised Fund.
- b) No submission of health data has been made since 2004.
- c) People are not sending Purina labels to get money for the Donor Advised Fund.

Donna said she will step down as committee chairman. Amanda reported that Kristin Pavlin volunteered to serve on the health committee and that anyone else who would like to serve should contact Amanda or Donna.

**Breed Standard Revision Committee:** Amanda Pough  
The committee set up a Yahoo group to discuss the language and timeline for the committee to finish its work.

**AKC delegate:** Amanda Pough

AKC delegate Pamela Rosman was unable to attend the CDCA meeting. Anyone with questions about AKC policies or practices should contact Pamela at (516) 295-4940.

**Legislation:** Norma Bennett Woolf

Members should be aware of efforts in their communities and states to pass policies or laws detrimental to dog owners and breeders. Legislative issues of interest to Canaan Dog owners will be reported in the Kibitzer and posted on the CDCA members' Yahoo list.

**Agility:**

The 2008 CDCA all-breed agility trial will be held near Reston, Virginia, on September 5-6.

**Herdling:** Denise Gordon

Denise's report is in this issue.

**Ways & Means:** Julie Haddy

See Julie's report in this issue.

**Breeder Referral:** Sally Armstrong

Sally submitted a report that is included in this issue. At today's board meeting, the board made some changes to streamline the process for updating the website breeder referral listings.

**Awards/Versatility:**

Denise Gordon is the new committee chairman and Jenny Larkin is a new committee member. Kathleen Hargrave remains on the committee. There was a discussion about the awarding of plaques for titles; the committee will discuss the issue and make a recommendation to the board.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Judy Rosenthal

We need someone to organize and staff the Meet the Breed booth at the Eukanuba Invitational in Long Beach, California, December 1-2.

**AKC Gazette columnist:** Donna Dodson

Donna encouraged members to submit guest columns to her for the Gazette. In the future, Gazette columns will be reprinted in the Kibitzer so that members who do not subscribe to the Gazette can read them.

**Judges' education:** Cindy Grupp

More people are needed to work on the committee so we can increase the number of education programs given each year. She will also work on updating the Power Point program that is used in the seminars.

**Website:** John Relph

John submitted a report. The board will work with him on updates for the website.

**Kibitzer:** Renee & Evan

Most copies of the Kib are 20-24 pages; the exception is the fall issue with the specialty results, annual meeting minutes,

and annual reports. New ad prices = \$30 per page. 21 members receive the Kib via e-mail and 86 copies are printed for mailing. Copies up to 24 pages are folded for mailing; larger copies must be mailed flat at a higher postage cost.

Renee & Evan distributed surveys to determine what types of articles members would like to see in the Kib.

#### **Calendar:** Judy Rosenthal

As corresponding secretary, Judy will make sure the club calendar on the website is up-to-date with club events.

#### **Advertising:**

This committee needs a chairman. Jobs include updating the club brochure, writing club ads for publication, soliciting ads for the Kibitzer and specialty catalogs.

### **Unfinished business**

#### **ILP program:**

The board has been working on this issue but has not contacted AKC pending AKC's consideration of an enrollment program for mixed breed dogs. However, at the board meeting today, we voted to send a strongly worded letter stating the CDCA position on the current ILP program as it applies to Canaan Dogs.

### **New business**

New items from the CDCA Board:

1. CDCA will pay application fees for regional specialties or other AKC events but require reimbursement from the regional club hosting the event.
2. Trophies: We have several specialty trophies with names in honor of people who have given to the breed. The board is considering three options for these trophies:

- a) create real tangible trophies
- b) create challenge trophies that will be retired if won 3 times by the same person
- c) Create a physical trophy engraved with the names of winners. This trophy would have to be stored by the club and mailed to each specialty. The winner would get something tangible and the trophy would remain in the club's possession.

Following discussion, Amanda said the board would consider these options.

3. Budget and tax items: The board is discussing which events should be self-sustaining and is researching new tax considerations that may have an impact on the club.
4. In August, the board raised the dues to \$30 per individual and \$35 per family to keep up with increased costs of mailings and other expenses.

#### **Items from the membership**

Bryna Comsky asked ...

... that contested votes be done by secret ballot and counted by an outside auditor. The CDCA bylaws already allow for contested elections and votes on bylaws approval, revisions

to the breed standard, and other questions determined by the board to be voted by mail with the votes returned to an independent auditor. Only the votes for a contested election must be counted by an independent auditor; revisions to the standard and the bylaws and other questions can be counted by either the recording secretary or an independent auditor.

... that club members be encouraged to vote for Member of the Year and Dog of the Year as few votes were cast this year.

... that the Board direct the AKC delegate's vote on issues that come before the AKC delegate body. The board discussed this matter at today's board meeting and will follow up with our delegate.

... that specialty committees schedule education sessions at our national specialties. These could be short sessions on particular topics or a day-long seminar with a speaker that would be used as a fundraiser.

... that we change the procedure for the election of officers to have the members elect a board and the board elect the officers from their number. (This would require a change in the bylaws.)

### **Announcements**

CDRN rescue report: Dominic Frinzi, president of the Canaan Dog Rescue Network, said that CDRN took in nine dogs in 2006 and placed eight in new homes, and took in six dogs in 2007 and placed five in new homes. He presented the CDRN calendar, the fundraiser for the organization, and encouraged people to visit the group's website at [www.canaandogrescue.com](http://www.canaandogrescue.com) for more information and to volunteer.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.



#### **2007 Dog of the Year**

CDCA/AKC Ch. Pleasant Hill Jordan, ROMX  
(Jordan)

**Born:** Feb. 17, 1993 **Died:** Feb. 21, 2007

**Owner/Breeder:** Donna L. Dodson

**Sire:** Pleasant Hill Seth

**Dam:** CDCA Ch. Pleasant Hill Yetta

# Rosendogs: Unleashed

Thoughts and Thanks by MEMBER O' THE YEAR – Judy Rosenthal

The Member of the Year (MOTY) award goes to a person to recognize their work for the breed and/or the club either for outstanding work in that year or in recognition for many years of dedication to the club or breed.

How could this have happened? Since, I'm sure, some of you haven't got a clue who this year's person is. And since I didn't have an opportunity to thank all those casting their votes in my favor, now is as good a time as any to tell you who I am and thank Renee and Evan Kent, tireless CDCA workers, for casting the deciding votes.

About one hundred years ago, Donna Dodson mailed me my first Canaan Dog. At the time I lived in Hollyweird, California. I don't know why she sent her because I was not a dog person. But she mailed her, and before I could change my mind the pup arrived.

Having done a bit of research on various breeds, one of the people I'd talked to, and whose dog (Yawvin) I had met, was Margie Lachs. She didn't live that far away and took me under her wing and became my mentor. I joined the local obedience club as she suggested, and began to train my pup, who I'd named Hannah.

Margie and I went to many rare breed dog shows and she took me to my first AKC show in Los Encinos, where all I looked at were the booths selling dog goodies. (This has NOT changed).

Another person suggested I get a second dog to keep Hannah company. Off I went to a shelter in the San Fernando Valley and got a pup I thought would let Hannah rule. Wrong. An Akita/Lab mix, Willie Mae, was soon in charge. She was a beautiful dog and looked like a black Canaan Dog. Then I took care of a Chihuahua and my dogs were so excited, I figured they'd stay young forever with a small dog.

Maxx, a Brussels Griffon from Mission Viejo, was canine number three. Thinking Maxx might like a small companion, Tina arrived by plane from Oregon. Margie, good sport that she was, accompanied me to pick her up.

By then I was acting almost like a dog fancier. Showing in both breed and obedience. Going to both AKC and Rare Breed shows. And Margie was dragging me to Our Specialties in places I'd only read about.

...Once, driving a group back to our hotel in some western town, we kept going in circles, laughing hysterically, eventually, we had to stop and ask for directions.

...One year Donna and Roy Dodson's brand new van was stolen...no pups inside though.

...One year I watched as Hinda Bergman, the club's then president, groomed each black patch of her dogs. It was sight

to behold. She was going to GROOM.

...One time the Canaan Dog Show Chairperson and the Show were NOT ready and all those with experience, did it on the fly, from making arm bands to getting judges.

...Bryna Comsky was there every year holding the fort with Canaan Dog ideals.

Through the years, rumblings, rantings and undercurrents led to separation.

Then there were two Clubs.

One never knows.

A plain looking dog attracts very strange bedfellows indeed.

Finally the AKC saw fit to accept the Canaan Dogs into its' hallowed halls!

Hannah, my very first dog, was the 1st Canaan Dog to get an AKC Obedience Title.

The undercurrent is still there.

Some Canaan Dog people are not in this club any more.

Some are in one club.

Some, the other. Some in both. Some neither.

Some in heaven, some not.

Still are two Clubs. One never knows.

A plain looking dog attracts very strange bedfellows indeed.

My name is Judy March Rosenthal

Kennel name is Rosendogs

Harry, best boy, Rosendog, will be starting his obedience journey in 2008

I am just a person who has been a member of the Canaan Dog Club of America for a long, long, long, time. Almost one hundred years.

If you hang out with all these Canaan Dog Club members for years and years and years, one day you too may be Member O'The Year.

Thanx to you all.

Judy March  
Rosenthal



# Health Committee Report

Submitted by Donna Dodson

The Health Committee of the CDCA has had little activity since the Annual Meeting in 2006. We continue to recommend the CHIC testing protocol of Canaan Dogs prior to breeding which we are happy to report now shows Canaan Dogs with 20 CHIC Certifications.

Cancer continues to be our most often reported health problem varying in type from lymphomas to sarcomas. Therefore, we do recommend that more Canaan Dog owners/breeders support our Donor Advised fund which is research into the cytology of soft tissue tumors. This year the AKC/Canine Health Foundation has offered the advantage of online contributions to the various research projects.

Canine Health Foundation Announces New Online Contributions Page [Thursday, May 17, 2007]

The American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is proud to announce that the organization is now accepting online contributions in support of canine health initiatives. The secure site is capable of processing credit and debit card contributions as well as Check donations.

“Current projects include investigations in thyroid and eye diseases, cardiac disorders, and hip dysplasia, among others,” states Wayne Ferguson, president of CHF. “An exciting program in 2007 is the Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium (CCOGC) – a cancer tissue biospecimen repository. The tissue bank will become a key tool in the fight against cancers in our canine and human neighbors. We do hope you’ll take advantage of this secure and easy way

to contribute to the important work we’re funding at CHF.”

For more information, and to make your donation, please visit our website:

[http://www.akcchf.org/donate/donate\\_now.cfm](http://www.akcchf.org/donate/donate_now.cfm)

Please continue to save and submit your PURINA proof of purchase seals for the benefits provided for our Donor Advised Fund. These seals must be identified as submitted for the CANAAN DOG DAF.

Cases of “degenerative myelopathy” have been reported in the Canaan Dog breed. A DNA research project has been undertaken by the AKC/CHF to find the causative gene for degenerative myelopathy, so if any owner/breeder has had their Canaan Dog diagnosed with this crippling disorder, we encourage the submission of DNA from the affected dog as soon as possible following diagnosis.

Katryna Bogovich, who is in charge of the Canaan Dog Club of America database which records the information from the Health Surveys submitted to her, reports that there have been no submissions for several years in spite of the revised, simpler format of the survey which is found on the CDCA website. We encourage your participation in this database.

Due to time constraints occurring with my advancing age, I would like to invite a person with canine health interests and an appropriate education in health sciences to fulfill the Health Chair position in the CDCA. I will continue to assist until that person has accepted this most important Chair.

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# Membership Chair Report

Submitted by Renee Kent

## Mission

The role of this chair is to coordinate and execute all activities required to manage CDCA membership. This includes processing new and renewing memberships, managing the membership database, sending welcome packages and reminders, and providing up-to-date membership mailing lists upon request.

## Members

Renee Kent, Chair

Evan Kent, Unofficial Behind-the-Scenes Helper

## Stats

107 total members in good standing

- 6 New Members
- 67 Single Members
- 39 Family Members
- 15 Members with dues in arrears

## Accomplishments in May 2006 – August 2007

Re-design of membership forms

Overhaul of membership process that transferred all responsibilities related to membership to the Membership Chair (outlined in May 2007 Kibitzer)

Creation of the membership database

## Goals

I would like to see a membership drive where CDCA breeders are encouraged to include endorsed applications with their puppy packages.

## Report

New system is working well and has streamlined the process. If the C&BL are ever redone again, would like to see the associate/full membership delineation removed. It will ease the transition to the next membership chair. Plan to remain as membership chair through at least the renewal process in 2008.

# AKC Delegate Report

Submitted by Pamela Rosman

## Delegates Forum

September 10, 2007

"The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and the expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept."

### Topic: Overcoming the Radical Animal Agenda

Patti Strand, AKC Board member, speaking as National Director of National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA)

Mrs. Strand's presentation outlined the tactics, goals and organizations involved in anti dog legislation; their successes; some of the purebred dog fancy's successes; and the measures that must be taken by the fancy in order to preserve and promote the ownership of, and participation in, the sport of purebred dogs.

### Delegates Meeting - Newark, New Jersey 9/10/07

Dennis B. Sprung, President called meeting to order solely for purpose of conducting votes for Delegate Standing Committees. After luncheon recess, meeting reconvened.

James Crowley, Executive Secretary, reported minutes of Delegate meeting to be published rather than transcript.

18 Delegates seated since last meeting.

16 Delegates, attending their first meeting since approval, introduced from the floor.

Minutes of June 11, 2007 Delegate meeting approved.

Central Indiana K.C. elected member of the AKC.

### Ronald H. Menaker, Chairman reports

Regarding AKC long range evaluation, from a financial standpoint, in 1995 annual report recorded total income (realized and unrealized) of \$32.4 million dollars. The 2006 figure was \$70 million dollars with no net annual loss reported in that period.

Legal and fiduciary duty to maintain sufficient pension fund—AKC pension fund is well over 100% funded.

In 1995 AKC had no Operating Reserve, notwithstanding auditors advice that AKC have operating reserve of at least half of annual budget. In 2007, Operating Reserve is \$32 million dollars.

Since the nature of reserve has shifted, today endowment reserve is \$22 million dollars, in 1995 there was no endowment reserve.

Past eleven years has exhibited modernization of administration and financial operations. Highlights include:

1. Creation of AKC Canine Health Foundation and almost \$16 million dollars contribution.

2. \$1.7 million contribution to AKC Museum of the Dog.
3. Funded grants totaling \$1.5 million for Canine Support and Relief through AKC/CAR.
4. Increased PR advertising nearly \$10 million.
5. Nearly doubled capital expenditures for information technology resulting in 20% reduction of headcount.
6. Online registration of dogs has reached over 60% of litter registrations.
7. Employment of full-time archivist and creation of Breeders Newsletter.
8. Contribution by AKC and AKC/CAR to Parent Club conferences.
9. Creation of AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, one of most prestigious dog shows in world. Bred-by-exhibitor entries stand at 40%.
10. AKC considered "first call" for disaster relief for dogs.
11. 100's of thousands of dollars in scholarships awarded.
12. Creation of "Breeder of the Year" program and establishment of important online breeder services.

Two areas of concern in regards to AKC's financial stability. First is serious decline in AKC registrations from 1990 to the present. Some of decline is attributable to development of more competitive registries, but business and social patterns change and full explanation is yet to be understood. Second area of concern is the continuing gap in the cost of the Event Department and the income it generates. Event Department fees impact clubs and exhibitors alike. These fees, however, when analyzed over the years and compared with annual inflation figures have failed to keep up with inflation rates. Accordingly, part of this shift in revenue requires that participants in the sport share a larger portion of its cost, i.e., those involved in AKC activities will have a greater responsibility for "pay to play."

Board and management are vigorously seeking new revenues to support AKC. Serious challenges have been met in the past and AKC will continue to face unknown future challenges. Revenue sources may change dramatically. Board and management are committed to making decisions to ensure the strength and perpetuity of AKC.

### President Sprung reports

Many of tenets of AKC's mission statement, promoting the sport of purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership and protecting rights of all dog owners: are furthered by public education. On September 15, 2007, the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day Flagship events in Raleigh and New York City together with over 370 nationwide events during the month of September represent educational programs geared toward the pet-owning public. For future fanciers, New York staff will be conducting an AKC Educational Match on September 29, 2007 in Clinton, New Jersey to help educate new exhibitors about the benefits of participating in AKC -sanc-

tioned events.

Post 9/11, AKC's DOGNY raised over \$3 million dollars in contributions for AKC/CAR Canine Support and Relief for search and rescue organizations.

In 2005, after Hurricane Katrina, over \$1 million dollars was raised to aid the canine victims of the Gulf disaster.

These public outreach efforts garnered important PR for the AKC and proved that the AKC could benefit from an ongoing charitable fund.

The AKC is in the process of establishing a new and distinct not-for-profit organization, separate from AKC, to present educational programs, give to charitable foundations and accept tax-deductible donations. This entity will also be able to apply for grants. Today is the first public announcement of the new organization named the AKC Humane Fund. The Fund's mission is "to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible and productive pet ownership through education, outreach and grant-making". The AKC Humane Fund with the expectation of 501(c) 3 federal recognition of exemption from federal income taxes, will permit the Fund to solicit tax-deductible donations to champion specific causes as well as offer membership in the Fund to those who donate.

The Fund is expected to provide support to the AKC Canine Health Foundation, Companion Animal Recovery, Museum of the Dog. The Fund will be able to sponsor educational programs to provide grants to other non-profit organizations, including Parent Club Breed Rescue groups. A "Hall of Fame" is planned for fanciers, including breeders, owners, delegates, judges and handlers. For more information, please contact Daphna Straus (AKC Assistant Vice President, Business Development, [dxs@ac.org](mailto:dxs@ac.org)), author of the plan. Club input is welcome. As part of the launch of this new entity, inaugural membership pledges are being accepted. Clubs, individual fanciers and others are invited to be founding members of this important organization. In recognition of founding member contributions, a wall of Honor will be created, bearing the names of the first founding members.

### **James Stevens, CFO, reports**

Total revenues for first seven months of 2007 were slightly higher than 2006 and operating expenses were 3% higher than last year, resulting in an operating surplus of \$2.3 million dollars for this year.

Year to date unrealized investment gains of \$3.8 million dollars were significantly higher than last year.

Net surplus exceeded \$6 million dollars, which was over \$1 million dollars greater than 2006.

The number of dog and litter registrations continued to decline from the previous year.

Discussion on a proposed amendment to Article VII, Sections 1 and 3 of AKC Bylaws. Intent was to enable an elected AKC Board member to retain position even if revoked as Delegate by club voted to postpone consideration of amendment until

December meeting. Purpose of postponement was to allow time for revisions to address concerns raised by Delegates.

Voted to amend Chapter 8, Section 12, of AKC's Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers as follows: "Any dog entered and present at a field trial may be withdrawn from Competition by its handler upon notification to the stake marshal without loss of the dog's eligibility to compete in any other stake in which the dog was entered. The entry fee for the stake entered and withdrawn shall be forfeit."

Voted to amend Chapter 14, Section 5, of AKC's Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers as follows: "Only stakes which are run on game birds and on both land and water shall be permitted in licensed retriever field trials. Premium lists should specify the kind of game to be used in each stake and, unless otherwise specified in the premium list, only pheasants and/or ducks may be used."

Voted to amend Chapter 9, Section 2, 6, and 7 of the Field Trail Rules and Standard Procedures for Basset Hounds as follows:

#### **"Chapter 9**

Section 2: At a licensed or member Basset Hound Field Trial the regular classes shall be open All-Age Dogs and open All-Age Bitches. IF however, when entries are closed there are less than six (6) entries on one of the classes, the class shall be combined if possible and run with both sexes in a single class.

Section 6: Field Championship points for Basset Hounds shall be awarded only to Hounds placing in a licensed or member field trial in open All-Age Classes in which there are six (6) or more starters and shall be awarded on the following basis:

Section 7: To be recorded a Field Champion, a Basset Hound must have won Championship points in open All-Age Classes at eight (8) or more licensed or member Basset Hound Field Trials and must have won at least two (2) first places and sixty (60) points in such classes with not less than six (6) starters."

Discussion on proposal rescinding Delegate Standing Rule providing for three minute speeches by Board candidates at March meeting. Intent was to substitute more interactive format for Delegates to get to know Board candidates at forum prior to December/January meeting. Voted to amend Delegates standing Rule as follows:

"At the meeting next preceding the annual meeting, each candidate for Director shall be allowed one speech for three minutes."

Proposed amendment to Article VI of AKC Bylaws read, to be voted on at December meeting. The amendment follows:

"Article VI, Section 5- Two additional paragraphs:

No person may become or remain a Delegate if convicted of a misdemeanor or felony involving misappropriation of funds from AKC-sanctioned licensed or member club within the

previous 10 years. The same would apply to a person found liable for the theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds from an AKC-sanctioned, licensed or member club in a civil court action within the previous ten years.

A conviction or admission of guilt or finding of liability in a court of competent jurisdiction involving theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds from an AKC –sanctioned, licensed, or member club within the last ten years, shall be deemed conclusive proof and shall be grounds for the disapproval of a Delegate candidate or the removal of a seated Delegate.”

Proposed amendment to Article VII of AKC Bylaws to remove term limits read and to be voted on at December meeting. The Amendment follows:

Article VII, Section :

The AKC shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of thirteen (13) voting members, all of whom must be Delegates. The Board shall be elected as follows:

At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect Directors from the list of candidates nominated as provided in Article VIII of these Bylaws. The thirteen voting Directors shall be divided into four classes of three (3), three (3), three (3), and four (4) members. Such Directors to hold office for four (4) years or until their successors are elected. At each annual meeting the Delegates shall elect such other Director or Directors as shall be required to fill the place of any Director who has died or resigned before the expiration of the term for which he or she was elected.

No person shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms on the Board. A Board member who has served more than half a term on the Board is considered to have served a full term. This section does not preclude reelection of any delegate to the Board of Directors after a one year (or greater) hiatus from Directorship

Excluding the President, who serves as a non-voting member, no member of the Board of Directors may be employed by the AKC nor may they receive remuneration from a AKC on a consulting or contract basis.

Excluding the President, no members of the Board of Directors are eligible for employment by the AKC or any AKC division or subsidiary for a period of twelve months from the date when they last served on the Board, nor may they receive remuneration from the AKC on a contract or consulting basis for a period of twelve months from the date when they last served on the Board.

The President shall serve on the Board as an ex officio non-voting member during his/her tenure as President.”

Proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, eliminating the Novice Class and substituting an Amateur-Owner-Handler Class read, to be voted on at the December meeting. The Amendment follows:

“The Amateur-Owner-Handler Class shall be for dogs that

are at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. Additionally, members or household of a current professional handler are ineligible for this class (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13).”

Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers’ organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

Result of Delegate Standing Committee Elections:

#### **All Breed Clubs Committee**

Robert D. Black, Crecia C. Closson, John L. Ronald, Ann Wallin

#### **By Laws Committee**

Judithe V. Daniels, William J. Feeney, Dr. John V. Ioia, Harry G. Ottman, Pamela Stacey Rosman

#### **Canine Health Committee**

Lee Arnold, Catherine Bell, Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki, John A. Studebaker

#### **Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee**

Dr. I. Lehr Brisbin, William R. Daniels, James R. Dok, Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.

#### **Dog Show Rules Committee**

Linda C. Flynn, Sue Goldberg, Nancy J. Perrell, David M. Powers

#### **Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee**

David H. Hopkins, Jesse A Pfeiffer, Jr., Marshall Simonds, Lynn Worth, Beth Lagimoniere

#### **Herding, Earthdog, & Coursing Events Committee**

Karen Arends, Eugenia B. Bishop, Kathryn C. McNabney, Bonnie Lapham

#### **Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee**

John D. Landis, Patricia A. Sample, Kathrynann N. Sarvinas, Maureen R. Setter, Robert C. Amen

#### **Parents Club Committee**

William H. Blair, Constance Butherus, Patte Klecan, John P. Nielson

#### **Perspective Editorial Staff (no election)**

Sylvia Arrowwood, Janice Sparhawk Gardner, Daniel J. Smith, Esq., Barbara Wicklund

Keith Frazier, Assistant Vice President, Audit and Control, reported on customer satisfaction survey conducted by AKC’s Business Excellence Department.

#### **Nominating Committee (March ‘08 Election):**

Andrew G. Mills, Chair

Karen J. Burgess, Viola Burgos, John Shoemaker, Helma N. Weeks

Alternates: Arlene A. Czech, Margaret L. Wampold

## New Business:

Stanley Saltzman, acknowledging death of Chester Collier, former AKC Director

James Smith, speaking against proposal to permit mixed-breed dogs in Companion Events.

Ann Wallin and Peter Piusz, regarding Parent Club Conference

David Merriam, AKC Vice Chairman, regarding AKC Board's proposal to Canine Health Foundation Board. Remarks supported by Lee Arnold.

Richard Glenn, Acknowledging death of Peggy Hogg, judge.  
Meeting adjourned.

# Ways & Means Committee Report

Submitted by Julie Haddy

Objective: Fundraising

Members: Julie Haddy & Sandy Dudley

There have been several developments for the Ways & Means Committee over the last year. Participation in the Purina Pro Club has improved with reminders to the membership through the Kibitzer and on the e-mail lists. Affiliate programs have been established with several online retailers of pet supplies. When people click through the links and make a purchase, the club earns either a referral fee or a percent of the sale; shopping directly at the site without going through the referral link does not earn any rewards for the club.

The affiliate program is generating a good bit of click-throughs but so far has not been generating revenue for the club through purchases. As more people become aware of how the program works and with reminders in the Kib and the e-mail lists, we hope to see this change, especially with the holiday shopping season approaching. If members would like to suggest their favorite sites that offer affiliate programs, please contact Julie Haddy about adding the site to our program.

The committee's goal for the next year is to establish some type of program/store to provide Canaan Dog merchandise to breed enthusiasts. Feedback is welcomed on items that members would like to see available. We are researching vendors and options available for merchandise and how it would be distributed. Possibilities include working with a site such as CafePress.com or working with a vendor with no minimum on items on a drop ship type basis. The committee needs some feedback from the Board concerning a budget for items/artwork and guidelines on how to best structure the program.

We hope the coming year will be fruitful.

# Herding Chair Report

Submitted by Denise A. Gordon

The 2006 National Specialty herding instinct test was held at Glenrose Farm in the hills of Jamul, California, on Monday, May 22; the test evaluator was Laura Noll, owner of Glenrose Farm and an AKC/AHBA judge. Of the 14 dogs entered for evaluation, 10 successfully passed, giving this year's test a 71.4% success rate, well above average in the 40-80% range for Canaan Dogs.

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) was awarded to HaTikva Cherysh 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) was awarded to CH Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum, HC (Marley), owned by Renee and Evan Kent of Wood River Junction, Rhode Island.

Since the National, we have had several Canaan Dogs from the USA and Canada qualify for their HC or 2nd leg on their HCX. The CDCA recognizes herding judges from international kennel clubs such as the Canadian Kennel Club, the Israel Kennel Club and the British Kennel Club as well as the United Kennel Club. Those Canaan Dogs from Canada earning the CDCA-HC title include Mofet's Avigayil, owned by Maryellen Polikoff and Ken Kantymir, and CKC CH. Ha'Aretz Gimel Northern Confidence, owned by Lawrence Meyers and Michelle Harrington.

The 2007 National Specialty herding instinct test is scheduled to start promptly at 9 AM on Monday, September 10, at Dogwood Acres Farm in Batavia, Ohio; the test evaluator is Ms. Dana Hasemeier, an AKC judge and breeder of Cardigan Welsh Corgis. Due to flock numbers, the test is limited to 20 dogs this year. There is no limit on the number of spectators that may attend and everyone is invited to come watch the Canaans in action!



# Breeder Referral Committee Report

Submitted by Sally J. Armstrong

**Description** - Keep a file of qualified CDCA Breeders, track their puppy status. Keep a file of persons qualified to be on the Meet and Greet list.

**Mission & Goal** - Publish and mail out a Canaan Dog information package which includes a list of qualified CDCA Breeders and their current puppy status and a Meet and Greet list. To produce a "polished" information booklet that includes high quality art work and pictures. A document that the CDCA can be proud to use as an official CDCA hand out.

## Committee Members

Sally Armstrong, Chair - In charge of keeping all the files/information, sending out packages, and all other sundry things.

Cynthia Grupp -Phone contact; fields phone calls from persons seeking information packages.

**Accomplishments** - A committee that is organized, runs smoothly and has filled a need for many years. The development of the Meet and Greet list.

**Strengths & Weaknesses** - Current process organized and runs smoothly. Lack of time to work on current goal. Progress is painstakingly slow but progress is being made.

**Wants, Needs, Desires** - Good quality pictures of Canaan Dogs involved in any performance events, particularly obedience and rally obedience, any cute puppy pictures or interesting pictures of dogs in every day situations.

## Report

As of 31 August over 35 information packages have been sent out, in 2006 there were 61 packages sent out. In 2005: 56, in 2004: 36, in 2003: 31, in 2002: 119, in 2001: 252, in 2000: 180, in 1999: 60, in 1998: 88, in 1997: 153, and in 1996: 112. The decline in the number of hard copies sent out is due to the availability of the information on the web site, but this method remains a viable alternative. As per the Board, in

order to be on the Breeders' List a breeder must have a bitch that has produced a litter or a dog at stud that has produced a litter within the last two years from the latest update of the Breeders' List. I have had several breeders that have not met these requirements that would like to remain as contacts, as well as non-breeding owners that would like to be a contact. The Breeders' List was developed for people seeking puppies, and to direct people to breeders that are actively breeding. Therefore, a second list is available. This list, referred to as the "Meet and Greet" list, is composed of people that would be willing to have people visit their homes in order to meet Canaan Dogs in the flesh, or rather fur, and/or answer questions about Canaan Dogs, but are not qualified to be on the Breeders' List. The list was approved by the Board during last year's meetings and an application is available on the web site. The draft of the new information package that will be published in the form of a booklet is almost complete. The artwork for the cover is complete. I was hoping to unveil it at this year's specialty but I could not make it to this year's specialty. Evan Kent offered his help with the typesetting; I can only hope that his generous offer will still stand when the time comes. This booklet will also be used as a hand out in our information booths. I know I sound like a broken record but I am STILL looking for quality pictures of Canaan Dogs involved in any performance events, particularly obedience and rally obedience, any cute puppy pictures or interesting (and interesting is the key here) pictures of dogs in every day situations. No show shots or posed shots will be included. I will need a signed release allowing the CDCA to use the picture. A sentence allowing the CDCA to use the picture with your signature can be written on the back of the picture. For example: "I grant the CDCA permission to publish this picture on any format or in any document" signed John Doe, date. The CDCA has a small group of dedicated people that continuously work on many projects simultaneously; this means that progress on any one project is slow, so we ask your patience. But the CDCA still has many positions open that need people willing to volunteer their time.

## In memory of CDCA/ARBA/AKC CH Pleasant Hill Yaakov Metav CDCA-HCX, AHBA-HCT, AKC-CGC, NA, NAJ "Yaki" 8 January 95 - 19 June 07

What is a title? Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in the world can remain. And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans where such things count. A title says your dog was intelligent, adaptable, and good natured. It says your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have seemed. In addition, a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with your dog because it

was a good dog, and that you believed in your dog enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and in the end your faith was justified. A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship, enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return. And when that dear, short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name. A champion, obedience, agility, etc. title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and recorded permanently. *Author Unknown*

# Newsletter Committee Report

Submitted by Renee Kent

## Mission

The role of newsletter editor is to collect, create, and organize articles and member submissions into an informative newsletter that serves as a historical reference as well as a means of retaining membership.

## Members

Renee Kent, Editor

Evan Kent, Design & Distribution

## Goals

My goal is to adhere to submission deadlines in order to reliably provide the quarterly newsletter on target issue dates. My goal is to include entertaining and informative submissions in balance with club news and announcements.

## Distribution & Cost

- 21 ekibs
- 86 printed kibs
- \$1,055.70 Year to Date spend
- \$351.90 Avg Cost per kib (\$4.10/issue)
- \$15.63 avg. cost per printed page. \$21.63 cost per printed page for AUG07 which includes lower print run and higher rate of postage. \$30 suggested cost for advertisements.

## Accomplishments Dec 2006-August 2007

We have issued 3 newsletters in 2007 on the target issue date.

## Report

The size of the newsletter has been variable over the past 8 months, which makes cost analysis more challenging. Quickly looking back over the last couple years of kibitzers, the page count has ranged from 8 to 36 pages with 20-24 pages being the most common. In 2007 we have averaged approximately 3 pages of advertising per kib for a revenue of \$60 in advertising. The optimal newsletter page count should range between 20-24 pages because the new postal rates double when the newsletter cannot be folded.

We anticipate the Fall issue will likely be the largest one of the year as it will include the National Specialty info. This will mean contributing authors are asked to respect submission deadlines and be conscience of the length of their submissions. We also need to consider how much space should be used for advertisements and develop a pricing scheme to encourage the use of advertising space on a regular basis. I suggest that the price of ads covers, of course the cost of the page they utilize as well as the additional mailing costs accrued when the newsletter is made larger than 24 pages due to ads.

# Web Site Chair Report

Submitted by John Relp

The CDCA web site attempts to make information available about the CDCA, the National Specialty and other CDCA events. The site also makes available up to date information about breeders and puppies.

Domain name registration for cdca.org, the CDCA website domain name, will expire on September 19, 2007 (the birth date of Fuligin Ged Tycho and International Talk Like a Pirate Day). I have moved the domain name registration from Network Solutions (@ \$21 per year for 5 years) to 1&1 (@ \$5.99 per year), a savings of \$15 per year.

Domain name service (DNS) for cdca.org is provided by Sine

Wave Solutions, LLC. DNS is current through July 2008.

Hosting services for cdca.org are provided by reality.sgiweb.org, a volunteer- and donation-supported web service.

Our expenses since my last report (October 2005) included below.

Any information that CDCA officers, directors and committee chairs make available for the purpose is published on the web site as quickly as possible. I aim to make the process of publishing such information as quick and painless as possible. Please let me know how I can improve the process.

Service	Provider	Date	Term	Cost
DNS	Sine Wave Solutions	8/06	1 year	\$ 50.00
DNS	Sine Wave Solutions	9/07	1 year	\$ 50.00
Web service	reality.exsgi.org	9/06	1 year	\$100.00
web service	reality.exsgi.org	9/07	1 year	\$100.00
registration	1&1	9/07	1 year	\$5.99
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$305.99</b>

# Legislative Chair Report

Submitted By: Norma Bennett Woolf

This may be a watershed year for laws affecting dog ownership, and which way the water flows is yet to be determined.

On one side, animal rights activists have been quite successful in moving their “sterilize-everything” agenda by encouraging mandatory spay-neuter laws at state and local levels. On the other, dog owners were successful in stopping the most damaging of those laws – AB1634 in the California. CDCA participated in the effort by writing opposition letters to the lawmakers hearing the bill, and Joan Greene did a comprehensive report on the conflict in the August Canaan Kibitzer.

But the battle rages on. Dog owners in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Louisville, Kentucky, are living in the shadow of draconian laws that reduce ownership rights. San Antonio dog owners may soon follow suit. The City of Los Angeles is in upheaval as opposing factions fight for control of the city’s animal services program. Washington DC council members are considering a change in legislative language that would turn pet owners into pet guardians. Several states have become battlegrounds for various efforts to squeeze dog breeders with regulations and smear campaigns that make little or no distinction between responsible breeders who raise dogs for show, performance, and pets and those who abuse or neglect the dogs they breed and sell.

Efforts to tighten restrictions on dog owners include:

- Breed-specific laws that restrict or ban ownership based on a dog’s appearance. The Ohio Supreme Court opened the door for more of these laws by ruling that a city has the right to restrict dogs based on breed in the interests of safety. In addition, the Michael Vick dog fighting case cast a spotlight on this cruel activity and helped spread panic and misinformation about bull-breed dogs.
- Various types of breeder licensing, often disguised as commercial kennel licensing or anti-puppy-mill bills. The kennel licensing bill in Ohio is a good example: while it is promoted as a solution to puppy mills, it will impact any breeder who keeps more than eight intact dogs if it passes as introduced. Hidden in its 35 pages is language that would effectively ban the use of dog crates that don’t meet a certain minimum size and micromanagement of kennel standards that rob owners of choices of bedding, veterinary care, vaccinations, and even water containers.
- Mandatory spay/neuter bills such as the one defeated in California. These bills are heavily promoted as the only solution to dog deaths in animal shelters, but close examination of statistics often shows that shelter intakes and euthanasia are declining and shelter adoptions are increasing.

- Bills that propose adding “guardian” to “owner” (or replacing “owner” with “guardian” in state or local statutes. Advanced as an attempt to change behavior by changing language, these proposals actually make it easier for activists and the government to remove dogs from owners based on specious allegations of cruelty or neglect.

## Who supports these laws?

Animal rights groups raise money and gain power by distorting issues involving animals. They ignore the dramatic progress made in reducing shelter intakes and deaths, challenge the rights of accused owners to a fair hearing, twist facts to put owners on the defensive, and attempt to impose their own morality on animal owners.

HSUS is a major supporter of laws that adversely affect dog breeding and support increased government interference in animal husbandry practices. They have a huge war chest and a reputation carefully nurtured for more than 50 years, so lawmakers tend to listen. Lack of success doesn’t phase them: Even though they have raised millions of dollars in their decades-long anti-dog fighting campaign, dog fighting has actually increased. In the wake of Michael Vick’s arrest, they are raising even more money to step up their efforts. The puppy mill campaign is similar: USDA and AKC increased oversight of kennels to weed out the poor performers, but HSUS continues to raise money to fight commercial kennels by subtly implying that all large kennels are (or have the potential to be) puppy factories raising dogs in squalor. They support proposals (like the one in Ohio) that will impact many show and performance dog breeders regardless of the condition of their kennels.

The ASPCA and the American Humane Association don’t have the high profile that HSUS has, but they also lend their support to many laws that increase authority over dog breeders and owners.

## So how does this impact CDCA?

With our low numbers and close-knit breeding community, we’ve been able to be complacent until recently. However, a growing number of communities have passed – or are considering – laws for high license fees for intact dogs, tougher dangerous dog laws that can affect a dog protecting its own territory, noise ordinances, anti-tethering laws, breeding licenses, mandatory sterilization for dogs picked up by animal control, and more regulations that stifle both breeding and general dog ownership. Some of the newer dangerous dog laws can cause a dog to be impounded and sterilized if it attacks or kills another animal, a real problem for Canaan Dogs with a moderate or high prey drive. A second offense could bring the death penalty.

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## Canaan Dog Club of America Membership Application

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ Final Tally Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved: Y/N \_\_\_\_\_ Communique: \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Mailing Instructions

Send this completed form and a check payable to the CDCA to:

Renee Kent  
CDCA Membership Chair  
25 Woodville Alton Road  
Wood River Junction, RI 02894  
(401) 213-6193

Email [renegadeecd@cox.net](mailto:renegadeecd@cox.net) with any questions.

### II. Type of Application & Membership

#### A. This form is being submitted as: (choose one)

- ☐ Application for New Associate Member (First Time Applicants)
- ☐ Application for Full Membership (Must be an Associate Member for 1 year)
- ☐ Renewal - Associate Member
- ☐ Renewal - Full Member
- ☐ Change of Contact Information (if applicable)

#### B. Choose Membership Type

Type	Single	Household
Domestic/International	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
I have included additional funds to be included for:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ Health & Genetics	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ Canaan Dog Rescue*

\* Please send a separate check for donations payable to CDRN.

### III. Contact information:

#### First Member

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please do not list my contact information in the club directory.

#### Second Member (For household membership only)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Canine Related Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Type: ☐ Grooming ☐ Training ☐ Kennel ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Member Profile

A. Please check all of the following that apply.

- ☐ Owner
- ☐ Professional Handler
- ☐ Breeder
- ☐ Professional Trainer
- ☐ Judge
- ☐ Fancier
- ☐ Conformation,
- ☐ Performance

B. Interests

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|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agility             | <input type="checkbox"/> Companion    | <input type="checkbox"/> Obedience   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breed promotion     | <input type="checkbox"/> Conformation | <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding            | <input type="checkbox"/> Free style   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Good Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Herding      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

C. Newsletter

- ☐ Check here if you want to receive the *Canaan Kibitzer* via email in PDF format.  
*International members will automatically receive the newsletter in PDF form.*

D. Being an Active Club Member

1. Do you have any skills/interests that might be helpful to the Club (fund raising, web design, artist, writing, etc.) Please list.

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2. Are you interested in any of the following positions within the Club? Check all that apply, if a position becomes available, we will contact you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising        | <input type="checkbox"/> National Specialty                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards             | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Chair                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Trophies, Hospitality, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeder Referral   | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courtesy           | <input type="checkbox"/> Performance / Agility              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gazette            | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health             | <input type="checkbox"/> Rescue                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herding            | <input type="checkbox"/> Versatility / Register of Merit    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judge Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Web                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership         |   |

- ☐ *I am not interested in becoming active in the Club*

- E. Are you a member of another canine club/organization? If yes, please list and include offices or chair positions held:

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- F. Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary proceedings by any canine club or organization? If yes, please describe:

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V. Signatures

**Associate membership applicants** require one signature of a CDCA Full member.

**Full membership applicants** require two signatures from separate households.

Renewals do not require endorsements; however we do need your signature.

**Attention CDCA Member who is endorsing this application**, you must provide a brief summary why this application should be considered for membership:

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Endorser name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorser name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant/Renewal Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Obviously, bad laws don't solve problems, they simply lead to more bad laws. Each time a bad law is passed, the door for activists in the next state or city or county to try a similar ordinance swings open. And when those bad laws don't work, activists come back with even more restrictions on breeds, breeders, and owners.

Also obviously, we have to shake off that complacency and get educated about laws in our communities and elsewhere. Whether the sponsor's withdrawal of California Assembly Bill 1634 will indeed be a watershed moment depends on us, the breeders and owners who love our dogs and our freedom to responsibly pursue our passion.

### What can we do?

1. Know your local and state animal laws. Many jurisdictions have state laws online. Dog laws are usually contained within agricultural provisions, but a growing number of states also include some breeder regulations in their commerce laws.
2. Know when committees, councils, and legislatures meet and keep track of agendas. Most committees will send agendas for upcoming meetings via e-mail.
3. Get to know your lawmakers. Some lawmakers have a personal ax to grind, but many want to hear alternative proposals

als that can keep peace in the community and not lose them votes in the next election.

4. Take advantage of material and alerts offered by AKC, NAIA, and NAIA Trust. AKC's legislative division keeps track of legislative proposals and issues alerts when they deem it necessary. NAIA helps keep animal owners in the animal welfare picture with educational material, legislative analysis, and, through NAIA Trust, lobbying efforts.
5. Inform members of local specialty, all-breed, and performance clubs when dog-related issues arise. There is strength in numbers.
6. Invite lawmakers to club events.
7. Hand out educational material at club and public events. Both AKC ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)) and the National Animal Interest Alliance ([www.naiaonline.org](http://www.naiaonline.org)) have materials that can help dog owners protect their rights while helping communities solve dog-related problems.
8. Avoid the trap laid by activists who tarnish breeders with a broad brush, especially if they trot out the claims that good breeders who do things right won't be affected by the law (usually hogwash) and that good breeders should be willing to sacrifice so they can eliminate bad breeders (a sure path to future laws that will dramatically affect all breeders).

## AKC GAZETTE – Columnist Report

Submitted by Donna Dodson

The Breed Column quarterly articles have been submitted and accepted by the editor of the GAZETTE on the following topics since the last Annual meeting.

June 2006 - Distractions/attention

September 2006 - A sense of community

December 2006 – Teaching old dogs new tricks

Submitted by Denise Gordon, from one who knows, thank you Denise.

March 2007 - Breeder responsibility (see notes that follow)

June 2007 - A little respect

September 2007 – Silk purse/sow ear

Copies will be available for viewing at the Specialty.

I noted Michelle Harrington's very important article in the last Kibitzer and this information cannot be repeated too often.

I have made available to the CDCA a booklet "A Breeders Guide" regarding appropriate procedure for breeding and placing the Cane Corso. You may contact a club officer for information about obtaining this booklet.

In response to my March article in the GAZETTE, I have received encouragement from the Humane Society of the

United States and an invitation for the club to purchase brochures, CD's etc. in the pursuit of not only Breeder Responsibility as a whole, but, more importantly inclusive of the purebred dog breeder. This information must be evaluated by the CDCA BOD before any action will be taken.

I cannot encourage CDCA members enough to purchase a subscription to the AKC GAZETTE. To owners and breeders as well as exhibitors there is a plethora of information presented in every issue regarding health, the laws, shows and general canine information. An annual subscription is available for \$31.95, two years, 58.95. AKC GAZETTE, 260 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016.

### New Members

Help us welcome our newest members:

Cheryl Kent & Robert Ardinger  
PO Box 25  
7462 Weatherworn way  
Columbia, MD 21045  
[ck4sign@aol.com](mailto:ck4sign@aol.com)

Robert & Marylou Shaeneman  
827 N Van Buren St., Stockton, CA 95203  
209-464-9058  
[schaebo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:schaebo@sbcglobal.net)

# Judges Comments

Submitted by Pat Hastings, 2007 National Specialty Judge

Thank you very much for the honor and thrill of judging your National Specialty.

I was singularly impressed at how well everyone worked together to put on your National. A huge round of applause to Denise Gordon and her committee and friends. You are a treasure. Thanks also for my great ring stewards. I could not have done it without you.

I was very pleased with the overall entry, in numbers, in quality, and particularly in temperaments. It was not very long ago that Canaan Dogs had a reputation for having among the worst dispositions at dog shows. That certainly was not the case at this year's National. Even with my broken leg and limping as I approached them, most of the dogs I saw were totally stable. Congratulations to you all for all of your hard work in turning this around. Keep at it, as it is a constant struggle.

You had a small entry in class dogs, but I thought my winners dog "D & J Ha'Aretz Tip Top Dog" was extremely nice: Good proportions, correct wedge-shaped head with a dark almond eye, sound, and correct presence and carriage. He should finish his Championship easily.

Your entry in bitches was wonderful. There were multiple choices in each class. When the single entry in 9-12 Puppy Bitches walked into the ring, "Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing," I knew right then that she was going to be the one to beat. Her breed type was exquisite as she first moved around the ring, and when I got my hands on her and watched her move up and back, my heart raced. This is the kind of animal that you are looking for every time you walk in the ring. You very seldom find it, but when you do, it makes judging worth every minute of what you have put into it.

The largest class in bitches was Bred-by Exhibitor class, which is the way it should be at shows and particularly at our Specialties. The winner of this class was another puppy, "Renegade Camber", easily reserve winners bitch: A lovely bitch of proper proportions, head, temperament, presence, and soundness. She should finish out of the puppy class and go on to have a great career in the show ring, if that is what the owners choose to do with her.

The Veteran classes at National Specialties are always such a moving event. There are usually many people in attendance who have never seen the monarchs of the breed, so in addition to touching the hearts of us all, it is always enlightening for the "newbies" to see where the breed has come from and where it is going.

The competition in the Specials class was WONDERFUL!!!! I am sure that many of you and all of the prospective judges at ringside have never seen that many Canaan Dogs together. This is where we all learn, so thank you for bring them out.

My Breed winner was a young dog "Ch Desert Star Running Miles, RN", who had the correct outline, moved with the required athletic agility and grace, and had a proper wedge-shaped head with low set ears and a great temperament. He was pushed extremely hard by the winners bitch. It was a very close decision but in the end he won on his maturity, and the bitch, which in my opinion has a brilliant career ahead of her, ended up winning both Best of Winners and Best Opposite Sex.

My two Award of Merit winners were, "Ch Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named" and "Ch Mad River Ladies First". Both of these very nice animals will have an impact on the breed for many years to come.

I heard that your club is working on revising your breed standard, an effort with which I totally agree. I feel the weakest part of your type is proper proportions. In the first paragraph, your standard calls for a square body. "His medium-size, square body is without extremes" leads many to believe that he has a square outline, but the standard then goes on to say: "Square when measured from the point of the withers to the base of the tail and from the point of the withers to the ground." This creates a rectangular outline.

If a square Doberman, which is measured from the prosternum to the point of the buttocks and from the highest point of the withers to the ground, was measured according to your standard, a 27-inch dog would be 38 inches long. That, Folks, is a long dog. Not off square but actually rectangular. I don't think that is what you have in mind, so you do need a better way to describe what it is that you are looking for. Many standards use a ratio. For instance, the Bearded Collie, which is a long breed, calls for 4 to 5; the Rottweiler, which is off square, calls for 9 to 10. The way your standard is written, it calls for 3 to 5, so I think you need to give this some serious thought.

The overall quality of what was at this year's National was quite nice. You do need to pay more attention to your ear size and set, as it is a unique part of your breed along with the proportions of the dogs. There were also way too many unsound dogs in the ring. I think the movement has improved greatly over the years, but you still have a ways to go. The first paragraph of the standard describes the essence of the breed, and the first paragraph of your standard includes: "moves with athletic agility and grace in a quick, brisk ground covering trot." A big part of breed type is the dog's ability to perform the job it was bred for, and for a Canaan Dog to work efficiently, he must be sound.

Thanks again for the great day, and I wish all of you continued success with your wonderful breed.

Pat Hastings

# 2007 National Specialty Results

## Best of Breed/Specialty

CH. Desert Star Running Miles, RN, CDCA-HCX ("**Miles**"). Birthdate: 7/15/2005. Dog. Breeders: Denise Gordon & Cynthia Grupp & Pamela Rosman. By Ch. Lorianne Sirius Star, CDCA-HC - Ch. Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn, CGC, RE, CDCA-HCX, PN, V. Owner: Rosette Davila-Sargent

Breeders of Best of Breed/Specialty:

Denise A. Gordon, Cynthia Grupp, and Pamela Rosman

## Best of Opposite Sex, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best Puppy

Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing ("**Breeze**"). Birthdate: 12/03/2006. Bitch. Breeders: Cynthia Grupp & Leal Grupp. By Ch. Lahat Me Shaar Hagai - Ch. Mad River Ain't Misbehavin. Owners: Rosette Davila-Sargent & Charles Sargent M.D.

## Award of Merit Recipients

CH. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named ("**Harry**"). Birthdate: 03/26/2003. Dog. Breeder: Judy March Rosenthal. By Ch. Mad River Tahoe Zephyr - Ch. Pleasant Hill Hinda M Rosendog, CD. Owners: Judy March Rosenthal & Amanda M. Pough.

CH. Mad River Ladies First ("**Lizzie**"). Birthdate: 10/10/2004. Bitch. Breeder: Owner. By Ch. Mad River Black Bart - Ch. Mad River Ain't Misbehavin. Owner: Cynthia Grupp.

## Winners Dog

D & J Ha'Aretz Tip Top Dog ("**Tip**"). Birthdate: 10/19/2003. Dog. Breeders: Owners. By Ch. Ha'Aretz Pei Mishacam - Ch. D & J Ha'Aretz Sheba Of Tahoe. Owners: Jackie & Donna Davison.

## Reserve Winners Dog

Ha'Aretz Hayyim ("**Hayyim**"). Birthdate: 02/13/2007. Dog. Breeder: Owner. By Ch. Cherrysh Sing Hosanna - Ha'Aretz T'Mira. Owner: Bryna Comsky.

## Reserve Winners Bitch, Best Bred By Exhibitor

Renegade Camber ("**Camber**"). Birthdate: 02/26/2007. Bitch. Breeders: Owners. By Ch. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named - Ch. Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum. Owners: Renee & Evan Kent.

## Best Veteran

CH. Arayl's Magic Springtime, CD, RN ("**Zephyr**"). Birthdate: 02/11/2000. Bitch. Breeder: Liz Hebert. By Ch. Pleasant Hill Jordan - Arayl's Frances B. Owners: Norma Bennett Woolf & Thomas S Woolf.

## Best Junior Handler

Kaitlyn Carlson, showing CH. Bless-Ed Be Cherrysh Patriot ("**Patriot**"). Birthdate: 07/04/2005. Dog. Breeders: Laura & Sydni Lashley. By Ruach Hamidbar Me Shaar Hagai - Ch. Bless-ed Be My Neshama. Owners: Kaitlyn Carlson & Cheryl Hennings & Laura Lashley.

## Best in Junior Puppy Sweepstakes, Best in Sweepstakes

Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing ("**Breeze**"). Birthdate: 12/03/2006. Bitch. Breeders: Cynthia Grupp & Leal Grupp. By Ch. Lahat Me Shaar Hagai - Ch. Mad River Ain't Misbehavin. Owners: Rosette Davila-Sargent & Charles Sargent M.D.

## Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes

Ha'Aretz Hayyim ("**Hayyim**"). Birthdate: 02/13/2007. Dog. Breeder: Owner. By Ch. Cherrysh Sing Hosanna - Ha'Aretz T'Mira. Owner: Bryna Comsky.

## Best Senior Puppy in Sweepstakes

Eastland Salina So Special, CGC ("**Salina**"). Birthdate: 11/28/2005. Bitch. Breeder: Annette Israel. By Day-Spring Amos Anatoly, CGC - Arayls Saretta at Eastland. Owners: Annette Israel, David Golden & Cynthia Dodson.

## Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

CH. Pleasant Hill Alexandra ("**Sandra**"). Birthdate: 04/04/1998. Bitch. Breeder: Owner. By Ch. Pleasant Hill Jordan - Pleasant Hill Teshura. Owner: Donna L Dodson.

## Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes, Best Stud Dog

CH. Lahat Me Shaar Hagai ("**Eli**"). Birthdate: 08/12/2000. Dog. Breeder: Myrna Shibolet. By Ch. Barak Me Shaar Hagai - Bein Ha'Arbaim Me Shaar Hagai. Owner: Cheryl Hennings.

**Best Brood Bitch** CH. Pleasant Hill Hinda M. Rosendog, CD ("**Heidi**"). Birthdate: 10/25/1998. Bitch. Breeder: Donna Dodson. By Ch. Arayl's Eitan Ben Jordan - Pleasant Hill Onyx. Owner: Judy March Rosenthal.

## Obedience

There were no qualifiers in the Obedience trial, but a nice showing by Rosette Davila-Sargent with **Miles** (CH. Desert Star Running Miles, CGC, RN, CDCA-HCX) in Novice A, Jennie Larkin with **Tycho** (Fuligin Ged Tycho, CGC, CDX, RA, AX, AXJ, NAP, NJP, CDCA-HC, V) in both Open B and Utility A, and our Pre-Novice entries of Christina Garland and **Hana** (CH. Mazel Tov Hana Her My Heart, RN) and Annette Israel with Salina (Eastlands Salina So Special, CGC).

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## Rally Novice B

### 1st Place

Dayspring Amos Anatoly, CGC ("**Deke**"). Birthdate: 02/26/1996. Dog. Breeder: Parker Flowers. By Ch. Mowerys Manny Blessings, HC - Pleasant Hill Marnina. Owner: Annette Israel.

### 2nd Place

CH. Mazel Tov Naftalia ("**Nafti**"). Birthdate: 06/01/2000. Bitch. Breeders: Catherine & Craig Oskow. By Hadar Ha'Aretz Northern Snow - Ch. Pleasant Hill Tovah, CD, RN. Owner: Catherine Oskow.

### 3rd Place

CH. Rosendog's Lt Columbo ("**Peter**"). Birthdate: 03/26/2003. Dog. Breeder: Judy March Rosenthal. By Ch. Mad River Tahoe Zephyr - Ch. Pleasant Hill Hinda M. Rosendog, CD. Owners: Amanda M. Pough & Judy March Rosenthal.

## Rally Advanced A

There were no qualifiers, but a good attempt by Christina Garland and **Hana** (CH. Mazel Tov Hana Her My Heart, RN; Birthdate: 02/14/2003. Bitch. Breeders: Catherine & Aviva Oskow. By Ch. Pleasant Hill Mazel - Ch. Mazel Tov Naftalia).

## Rally Advanced B

### 1st Place

CH. Arayl's Magic Springtime, CD, RN ("**Zephyr**"). Birthdate: 02/11/2000. Bitch. Breeder: Liz Hebert. By Ch. Pleasant Hill Jordan - Arayl's Frances B. Owners: Norma Bennett Woolf & Thomas S Woolf.

### 2nd Place

CH. Cherrysh My Trustworthy Toby, RN ("**Toby**"). Birthdate: 04/26/1997. Dog. Breeder: Sandra Fournier. By Spring Lad - Briel's Hatikvah Bat Ariel. Owners: Coleen Rapier & Jerry Hennings.

## Rally Excellent B

### 1st Place

Fuligin Ged Tycho, CGC, CDX, RA, AX, AXJ, NAP, NJP, CDCA-HC, V ("**Tycho**"). Birthdate: 09/15/1995. Dog. Breeder: Donna L. Dodson. By Ch. Pleasant Hill Jordan - Pleasant Hill Mimi. Owners: Jennie Larkin & John Relph.

**Please visit [www.cdca.org](http://www.cdca.org) to view the full listing of results and the Parade of Title Holders**

HEALTH CLEARANCES	Dog's Name	Sex	Test ID #	Test	Results
	Bandersnatch Rsndg Ida Know Rivroc	F	CA-TH51/18F-PI	Thyroid	Normal
	Bless-ed Be My Neshama	F	CA-EL81F35-PI CA-398G35F-PI	Elbow Hips	Normal Good
	Bless-ed-be Cherrysh Patriot	M	CA-PA31/18M/P-PI	Patella	Normal-Practitioner
	Cherrysh Crown for a King	M	CA-400E33M-PI	Hips	Excellent
	Cherrysh Crown of Jewels	F	CA-PA28/26F/P-PI	Patella	Normal-Practitioner
	Cherrysh Diamond in the Ruff	F	CA-PA30/69F/P-PI	Patella	Normal-Practitioner
	Cherrysh Hears on Fire	F	CA-PA34/56F/P-PI	Patella	Normal-Practitioner
	Cherrysh Precious Stones	M	CA-PA32/48M/P-PI	Patella	Normal-Practitioner
	Cherrysh Sing Hallelujah	F	CA-PA29/35F/P-PI	Patella	Normal-Practitioner
	Cherrysh Sing So Into You	M	CA-EL82M40-PI CA-399E40M-PI CA-PA27/40M/P-PI	Elbow Hips Patella	Normal Excellent Normal-Practitioner
	Desert Star's Midnight Comet	M	CA-EL84M26-PI CA-402G26M-PI CA-PA36/26M/P-PI	Elbow Hips Patella	Normal Good Normal-Practitioner
	Lahat Me Shaar Hagai	M	CA-PA33/77M/P-PI	Patella	Normal-Practitioner
	Mad River Zena of Samara	F	CA-EL83F50-PI CA-261 CA-401E50F-PI CA-PA35/50F/P-PI CA-TH50/50F-PI	Elbow CERF Hips Patella Thyroid	Normal 07 Excellent Normal-Practitioner Normal
	Renegade's Mojo Risin	M	CA-196N	CERF	04, 05, 07

# 2007 CDCA Herding Instinct Test

Submitted by Denise Gordon, CDCA Herding Chair

Fifteen Canaan Dogs were entered in the 2007 CDCA herding instinct test held at Dogwood Acres Farm in Bethel, Ohio, on Monday, September 10th. The evaluator was Ms. Dana Hasemeier, an AKC herding judge and a Welsh Cardigan Corgi breeder, who not only tested the dogs, but gave an impromptu herding clinic that all exhibitors and spectators appreciated. Eleven of the 15 dogs passed, giving a pass rate of 73% for this year's National Specialty test; 6 Canaans attained their CDCA Herding Certified (HC) title, 1 earned the 2nd qualifying score of the 3 required for the CDCA Herding Certified Excellent (HCX), and 4 attained their HCX titles. Ms. Hasemeier awarded the Best Herding Potential trophy (for dogs with no prior livestock experience), a stock stick donated by Denise Gordon in memory of "Wolf" (the #1 herding Canaan Dog & 1993 Best Rookie), and a green pendant necklace donated by Ms. Hasemeier, to Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing ("Breeze"), owned by Rosette Davila-Sargent & Charley Sargent. Ms. Hasemeier then awarded the Best Senior Herding Potential trophy (for dogs with prior livestock experience), a sherpa crate bed donated by Denise Gordon in memory of "Wolf" to CH. Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum, CGC, HC ("Marley"), owned by Renee & Evan Kent. Those dogs earning titles or qualifying scores are listed below in alphabetical order. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped at the test as well as participated!

## Herding Certified Excellent (HCX)

CH. Desert Star Angel Of My Dream, CDCA-HCX (Angel). Birthdate: 07/15/2005. Breeders: Denise A. Gordon, Cynthia Grupp & Pamela Rosman. By Ch. Lorianne Sirius Star, CDCA-HC - Ch. Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn, CGC, RE, CDCA-HCX, PN, V. Owner: Denise A. Gordon.

Desert Star=s Midnight Comet, RN, CDCA-HCX (Comet). Birthdate: 07/15/2005. Breeders: Denise A. Gordon, Cynthia Grupp & Pamela Rosman. By Ch. Lorianne Sirius Star, CDCA-HC - Ch. Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn, CGC, RE, CDCA-HCX, PN, V. Owner: Denise A. Gordon.

AKC/UKC CH. Mazel Tov Naftalia, CDCA-ROM, HCX (Nafti). Birthdate: 06/01/2000. Breeders: Catherine & Craig Oskow. By Hadar Ha'Aretz Northern Snow - Ch. Pleasant Hill Tovah, CD, RN. Owner: Catherine Oskow.

CH. Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum, CGC, CDCA-HCX (Marley). Best Senior Herding Potential. Birthdate: 03/03/2003. Breeders: Christina Miller & Merry Carol Houchard. By Ch. Ha'Aretz Pei Mishacam - Ch. DaySpring Beraiah Ha'Aretz, CD. Owners: Renee & Evan Kent.

## 2nd Qualifying Score for HCX

CH. Mazel Tov Hatikvah, CDCA-HC(2) (Tikvah). Birthdate: 01/20/2005. Breeders: Catherine & Craig Oskow. By Ch. Cherrysh Fire and Rain - Ch. Pleasant Hill Tovah, CD. Owner: Catherine Oskow.

## Herding Certified (HC)

Blue Sky Raise The Flag, CDCA-HC (Banner). Birthdate: 06/30/2005. Breeders: Owners. By Ch. Pleasant Hill Thaddeus - Ch. Arayl's Magic Springtime, CD, RN. Owners: Norma Bennett Woolf & Thomas Woolf.

Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing, CDCA-HC (Breeze). Best Herding Potential (Best Rookie). Birthdate: 12/03/2006. Breeders: Cynthia Grupp & Leal Grupp. By Ch. Lahat Me Shaar Hagai - Ch. Mad River Ain't Misbehavin. Owners: Rosette Davila-Sargent & Charles Sargent M.D.

Pleasant Hill Brazen Image, CDCA-HC (Snickers). Birthdate: 05/19/2006. Breeder: Owner. By Ch. Pleasant Hill Thaddeus - Ch. Pleasant Hill September. Owner: Donna Dodson.

CH. Pleasant Hill Hinda M. Rosendog, CD, CDCA-HC (Heidi). Birthdate: 10/25/1998. Breeder: Donna Dodson. By Ch. Arayl's Eitan Ben Jordan - Pleasant Hill Onyx. Owner: Judy March Rosenthal.

Renegade Camber, CDCA-HC (Camber). Birthdate: 02/26/2007. Breeders: Owners. By Ch. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named - Ch. Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum. Owners: Renee & Evan Kent.

CH. Renegade's Don't Tread On Me, CDCA-HC (Riley). Birthdate: 09/13/2005. Breeders: Renee & Evan Kent. By Ch. Renegade's Mojo Risin - Ch. Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum. Owners: Dominic Frinzi, Amy Schumaier, & Renee & Evan Kent.

## The Whelping Box

Kennel	Date	Sire	Dam	Description	Contact Info
HaTikva Canaans	10/27/07	AKC/UKC CH Cherrysh Midnite At The Oasis, CGC, RN, TDI, CDCA HC, ICDCA VC.	HaTikva Cherrysh The Dream, CDCA HC.	2 cream boys 1 sable/red girl	<a href="http://www.hatikvacanaans.com">www.hatikvacanaans.com</a> <a href="mailto:rgeretz@aol.com">rgeretz@aol.com</a>

# A Thank You Bouquet

## To Denise and Norma

Our 2007 Specialty  
*"Bests in Show"*



*WIN, PLACE or NO,*  
We all had  
a wonderful time!  
Thanks so much!

CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.  
2007 National Specialty

# Middleburg Kennel Club Report

Submitted by Bryna Comsky, photos by Cynthia Dodson and David Golden



Once more our thanks go to Ro and Joe for coordinating this event at the Middleburg Kennel Club's Shows, October 27 - 28, 2007. The Canaan community has supported these shows at Oatlands Plantation before, notably after the 2004 national, where Marley [CH Riverroc Three Sunrises Lycuem] repeated her beautiful BOS win under the late judge Mrs. Anne Rogers Clark. Looking better than ever, Marley gaited straight to the BOB spot under judge Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, and her daughter, Camber [Renegade Camber], followed her to BOW. Harry [CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named] was BOS. Annette's Gabriel [Eastlands Gabriel Star] was the WD, and the Steinberg's Moriah [Ha'Aretz Hay Moriah], RWB. A partial replay of the BOB judging was video-taped by Uriel, who, with his friend, Avi, had come to catch their first glimpses of Canaans in this country. Not caught on the video were Carol and Jack Gegner who support the local Canaan Dog entries with their presence at the conformation and performance rings. They are long-time CDCA members, and it was a pleasure to see them.

Michael & Melvin, after assuring a 3-point major in bitches with their lovely "Beth," Cherrysh Star of Bethlehem, left for home to put finishing touches on their "bless our new house" party for the Canaan community. It looked like Melvin brought "Denver," CH Cherrysh Sing So Into You RN, into the ring, gaited him to immortality on video tape, and sprinted for home with Michael to await their guests.

Greeting us was the sight of nine acres of beautiful Virginia countryside, turned from horse country into Canaan Dog land. Ro and Joe's Peninah and Moriah, five of Annette's, Cynthia's and David's dogs, and my Hayyim, did what came naturally to them in the green pastures and looked gorgeous doing it. Michael and Melvin are converting their horse barn for doggy use, and will build a training building, agility course, and even have room for a TD track on their land!

But first, a look to their first litter by Denver and Shama, five healthy, hardy and uniform puppies, who will grow into their roles as Virginia ladies and gentlemen, and become educated in the arts of agility, conformation and other performance events. Thank you, Melvin and Michael for allowing us to see the babies, and entertaining us. It was a beautiful afternoon.

Next day, back at Middleburg, Harry claimed the breed under judge Mrs. Stephanie Seabrook Hedgepath. Marley was BOS, and Camber's litter sister, Vixen, [Renegade Melanchollie Air] handled by her owner, Amy Preston, was Winners Bitch. Renegade's Dont Tread on Me, "Riley," was again handled by Dominic Frinzi, his co-owner with Amy Schumaier,

Renee Kent and Evan Kent.

"Deke," Dayspring Amos Anatoly, passed his second leg in Rally Novice B. "Gabe," passed his first leg in Rally Novice B. Annette noted the judge's comment that Canaans seem to be a challenging breed!

Cynthia writes, "David and I did two rounds of the vendors' booths on Saturday, once with Salina and Gabe, and a second time with Kizzy and Kaleb and Annette and Salina. We had many people ask us what breed they are. It's really fun to walk around with flashy dogs and watch the faces of people as they try to figure out the breed, then to introduce them and give them a little history of the Canaan Dog! We really enjoyed it!

There's a good chance that the Canaan "community" will support an entry at this club's show next year. Contact Ro and Joe for more information.





# Save The Dates & Plan To Join Us In New York in 2008!

## On The Road To Romulus ...

### First important date - January 2, 2008

Challenge date to sell out FIRST Hotel Room Raffle tickets! In addition to our traditional 50/50 raffle at the Specialty, this year you can **enter to win three free nights at the host hotel!** (Or three nights of camping/RV hook-ups; not to exceed amount of hotel prize.)

Tickets are \$20 each and only 100 tickets will be sold (minimum of 50). To purchase a ticket, contact Amy Schumaier, dfrinzi@mac.com, 2008 CDCA Specialty Treasurer, 2302 LaGrande Avenue, Alexandria VA 22301. The winning ticket will be drawn on August 1, 2008. As tickets are limited, it is recommended you contact Amy before sending your money to reserve your tickets!

**CHALLENGE!** If we sell all 100 tickets before January 2, 2008, we will draw the winner of that raffle on the 2nd and start a second raffle with another 100 tickets!

**Pre-paid pledge for DVD of Specialty Judging (Conformation & Sweepstakes)** due to 2008 CDCA Specialty

Treasurer. Domino Video Company is available to tape our Specialty judging (Conformation and Sweepstakes) If we can presell enough copies to make it worth their while to come. If we don't fill our quota, funds will be refunded to those who placed a pre-order. Each DVD will cost \$50 (includes shipping & handling.) Please make checks payable to CDCA and send to Amy Schumaier, 2008 CDCA Specialty Treasurer, to ARRIVE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2008.

Informational Packages were mailed to all CDCA members. For additional copies, or if yours is missing, please visit the club web site at [www.cdca.org](http://www.cdca.org) or contact the Chair, Amanda Pough, at [BandersnatchBTCD@yahoo.com](mailto:BandersnatchBTCD@yahoo.com) or 802.272.7635.

**September 23rd through 29th, 2008**  
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**Waterloo NY**