

# THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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## 2009 CDCA National Specialty Best of Breed



### Ch. Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing

(Ch. Lahat me Sha'ar Hagai x Ch. Mad River Ain't Misbehavin')

Owned by Charley & Rosette Sargent

Bred by Cynthia & Leal Grupp

Handled by Linda Clark



**"FREEDOM"**

## **Eastland's Bit of a Braveheart**

Ch. Bsnatch Rsndg Ran Away to RivRoc x Ch. Eastland's Kaila

**Best Puppy in Sweepstakes  
2009 Canaan Dog Club of America National  
Specialty  
From the 9-12 Class**



Thank you Mrs. Nancy Martin for recognizing "Freedom's" quality,  
type and movement.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

***Eight six seven five three oh nine ....***



*What did we do before cell phones? With cell phones I heard calls being made from outside the rings of the National Specialty "I'm floating on air – he went*

Best of Winners!" From someone at the hotel to a friend at the local supermarket "We need to celebrate – pick up a bottle of wine!" And me, while standing in the airport Saturday night, to friends back at the host hotel "I can't get out of Milwaukee tonight – I'm on my way back!"

*What did we do without email? With it, results and photos were posted to the CDCA email list on a nightly basis from the National Specialty. Even those who couldn't attend could still keep up on the wins, the important deadlines discussed at the Annual Meeting and feel included from hundreds or thousands of miles away.*

Technology has made our club activities easier and faster. When we used to have to rely solely on the postal service to disseminate club business, now we can call, email or fax in order to communicate. This won't replace the postal service (in many cases, our Constitution doesn't allow it), but it speeds spreading the word and allows for faster action. Whether or not you are on the CDCA-L list-serve, hit CDCA.org on a daily basis or love to have this newsletter in

hand for a good long read, I encourage everyone to read this issue with extra attention.

Our club committees are essential to the workings of the club. Many hands make light work and they take the ideas and dreams of the club & help them gain fruition. Please make sure to read their reports and let us know what you think & how you can help. Many committees are looking for additional members, and a couple of important club jobs are seeking new faces and fresh ideas. Please let any Board of Director know if you are interested in helping so we can help our club achieve all our goals!

Elsewhere in this issue you will find complete details about the 2009 CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings. If you attended, thanks for coming! If you didn't, consider yourself invited to the next CDCA event!

Amanda

Amanda Pough, President, email  
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## EDITOR'S CORNER

By Christina Miller

"Is it getting better, or do you feel the same"  
U2—"One"

Well, another National Specialty has come and gone and another bumper Kib has been put to bed. I hope you enjoy the articles, photographs and club business in this issue.

There are many important items that the membership should pay attention to in the meeting minutes. I know that's not always the most exciting part of the newsletter—but it is important to the club.

Additionally, the printed version of the Kib has been modified to streamline production and cut cost. If you absolutely love this new modification or can't stand it, please let me know.

I am ecstatic with the number of ads we have for this issue—THANK YOU everyone who contributed. Unfortunately, the number of articles submitted or suggested was very miniscule for this issue. I know there are folks out there with things to say, tips and techniques to share or just funny dog stories. Please share your knowledge and stories with us. Don't forget that Brags are free to insert into the Kib. Whelping Box announcements without photographs are free.

I look forward to my inbox getting flooded with articles, ads and stories for the Summer issue of the Kib! [kib\\_editor@bellsouth.net](mailto:kib_editor@bellsouth.net)

Kind Regards,  
Christina Miller, Editor

## 2008 CDCA DOG OF THE YEAR

### Ch. Jealou's Ebony Max O'Mad River, CDCA HCX

Nominated by Carol O'Bryan

I would like to nominate Ch. Jealou's Ebony Max O'Mad River, CDCA HCX, a.k.a "Ethan", for DOTY.

Ethan is truly DOTY for me everyday. I have a disorder called Charcot Marie Tooth or CMT which is a neurological disease affecting the peripheral nerves of the lower legs and feet, as well as the forearm and hands. It causes me to be very unstable and at times I fall and cannot get myself back up again. Ethan, since he was a year old, has come to my aid in these situations. Without any training he positions himself in front of me so I can brace against him and pull myself up. I have been very thankful for his assistance many times, especially when I have been alone. When I have Ethan around me, whether at home or when I'm walking him, I feel an extra sense of security I would not otherwise have. He has given me an independence that I fear would have been dwindling these last few

years with-  
out him.

In addition to his aid at home and in private, Ethan has been a tremendous ambassador for the Canaan

Dog breed. Not only has he proven himself in the conformation ring, the agility ring and also showing instinct for herding; he has worked the Breed Booth at several shows, including the last two years at the AKC Eukanuba show. His outgoing and friendly demeanor has always encouraged people to approach and to ask about the breed. Ethan is sweet with everyone he meets and he is especially gentle with children and babies. He is definitely a great example of what these dogs can do and how they can touch our lives.



# AKC Code of Sportsmanship

*PREFACE: The sport of purebred dog competitive events dates prior to 1884, the year of AKC's birth. Shared values of those involved in the sport include principles of sportsmanship. They are practiced in all sectors of our sport: conformation, performance and companion. Many believe that these principles of sportsmanship are the prime reason why our sport has thrived for over one hundred years. With the belief that it is useful to periodically articulate the fundamentals of our sport, this code is presented.*

- Sportsmen respect the history, traditions and integrity of the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen commit themselves to values of fair play, honesty, courtesy, and vigorous competition, as well as winning and losing with grace.
- Sportsmen refuse to compromise their commitment and obligation to the sport of purebred dogs by injecting personal advantage or consideration into their decisions or behavior.
- The sportsman judge judges only on the merits of the dogs and considers no other factors.
- The sportsman judge or exhibitor accepts constructive criticism.
- The sportsman exhibitor declines to enter or exhibit under a judge where it might reasonably appear that the judge's placements could be based on something other than the merits of the dogs.
- The sportsman exhibitor refuses to compromise the impartiality of a judge.
- The sportsman respects the AKC bylaws, rules, regulations and policies governing the sport of purebred dogs.
- Sportsmen find that vigorous competition and civility are not inconsistent and are able to appreciate the merit of their competition and the effort of competitors.
- Sportsmen welcome, encourage and support newcomers to the sport.
- Sportsmen will deal fairly with all those who trade with them.
- Sportsmen are willing to share honest and open appraisals of both the strengths and weaknesses of their breeding stock.
- Sportsmen spurn any opportunity to take personal advantage of positions offered or bestowed upon them.
- Sportsmen always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- Sportsmen refuse to embarrass the sport, the American Kennel Club, or themselves while taking part in the sport.



# The Daughters of the CDCA

By Christina Miller

As I donned my crazy hat and set off to the 2009 CDCA National Specialty with 5 dogs in tow, I wondered how I would manage all these dogs for



6 days. My prayers were answered by the younger members of our Canaan Dog Community—the daughters of the CDCA.

Lindsey Toulouse, daughter of Amy Preston, was my greatest helper. Lindsey, also my roommate along with Amy, helped me

walk the dogs, groom the dogs, haul “stuff” to and from the room and could be seen ringside helping anyone who needed a hand. Lindsey’s kindness and thoughtfulness is to be commended.

Lindsey was not alone in helping this crazy person in distress. Katherine O’Bryan, daughter of Steve & Carol O’Bryan was always ready to help me set up and hold dogs at ringside. We had wanted to go and see the Llama show during the all-breed shows, but just never made it there. Without Katherine helping to hold ringside space for my crew and other exhibitors, it would have



been a nightmare getting this crew into the ring. Well Done Katherine!



Noelle Renteria, daughter of Robin Prince, was another bright star during the week of showing. Eager to help hold dogs and assist all of us in anyway she could. Noelle made the week much easier for a lot of us!

Natalie Geretz, daughter of Alla Geretz, could be seen helping her mom with the dogs and the “stuff”. I even saw her being a photographer for Alla on the waterfall—sure do hope those photos come out!



It gave me great pride in our sport and our breed to see all of these wonderful young women helping the Canaan Dog community. Our sport and breed will be in fine hands should these ladies continue in our footsteps.

As a third generation “pure-bred dog person” I was honored to get to know the next generation a bit better. Well done ladies—hope to see all of you next year in Troy, Ohio!

## OFA Health Results—January through March 2009

| Registered Name                       | Registration Number | Sex | OFA Test Number               | Test Name | Results  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----------|--|
| BANDERSNATCH RSNDG IDA<br>KNOW RIVROC | DN14136801          | F   | CA-CA8/34F/P-VPI              | CARDIAC   | NORMAL   |
| BANDERSNATCH RSNDG IDA<br>KNOW RIVROC | DN14136801          | F   | CA-EL97F34-VPI                | ELBOW     | NORMAL   |
| BANDERSNATCH RSNDG IDA<br>KNOW RIVROC | DN14136801          | F   | CA-420G34F-VPI                | HIPS      | GOOD   |
| BANDERSNATCH RSNDG IDA<br>KNOW RIVROC | DN14136801          | F   | CA-PA46/34F/P-VPI             | PATELLA   | NORMAL   |
| BANDERSNATCH RSNDG IDA<br>KNOW RIVROC | DN14136801          | F   | CA-TH51/34F-VPI               | THYROID   | NORMAL   |
| BLESS-ED BE RACHAEL                   | DN13359602          | F   | CA-DM3/35F-NOPI-CAR D M (DNA) |           | CARRIER  |
| BSNATCH RSNDG RAN AWAY TO<br>RIVROC   | DN14136802          | M   | CA-275                        | CERF      | CLEAR  |
| CHERRYSH STAR OF BETHLE-<br>HEM       | DN13362303          | F   | CA-CA9/36F/P-VPI              | CARDIAC   | NORMAL   |
| CHERRYSH STAR OF BETHLE-<br>HEM       | DN13362303          | F   | CA-EL98F36-VPI                | ELBOW     | NORMAL   |
| CHERRYSH STAR OF BETHLE-<br>HEM       | DN13362303          | F   | CA-273                        | CERF      | CLEAR  |
| CHERRYSH STAR OF BETHLE-<br>HEM       | DN13362303          | F   | CA-421E36F-VPI                | HIPS      | EXCELLENT                                      |
| CHERRYSH STAR OF BETHLE-<br>HEM       | DN13362303          | F   | CA-PA47/36F/P-VPI             | PATELLA   | NORMAL   |
| EASTLAND' JACOB                       | DL68531802          | M   | CA-DM4/156M-NOPI              | D M (DNA) | NORMAL   |
| HA'ARETZ HAYYIM                       | DN18008702          | M   | CA-DM5/25M-PI                 | D M (DNA) | NORMAL   |
| HA'ARETZ HAYYIM                       | DN18008702          | M   | CA-276                        | CERF      | CLEAR  |
| HAREI SELAH KEISHA OF SUN-<br>DOWNER  | DN12443503          | F   | CA-EL96F40-VPI                | ELBOW     | NORMAL   |
| HAREI SELAH KEISHA OF SUN-<br>DOWNER  | DN12443503          | F   | CA-419E40F-VPI                | HIPS      | EXCELLENT                                      |
| HAREI SELAH KEISHA OF SUN-<br>DOWNER  | DN12443503          | F   | CA-PA48/43F/P-VPI             | PATELLA   | NORMAL   |
| MAD RIVER LADIES FIRST                | DN09338801          | F   | CA-278                        | CERF      | CLEAR  |
| MAOR ME SHAAR HAGAI                   | 157543              | M   | CA-DM2/55M-NOPI               | D M (DNA) | NORMAL   |
| MO'FET BEN-TAR'BUT                    | DN02954904          | M   | CA-DM6/75M-PI                 | D M (DNA) | NORMAL   |
| PLEASANT HILL BRAZEN IMAGE            | DN14949704          | F   | CA-EL95F30-VPI                | ELBOW     | NORMAL   |
| PLEASANT HILL BRAZEN IMAGE            | DN14949704          | F   | CA-418G30F-VPI                | HIPS      | GOOD   |
| PLEASANT HILL BRAZEN IMAGE            | DN14949704          | F   | CA-PA45/30F/P-VPI             | PATELLA   | NORMAL   |
| PLEASANT HILL BRAZEN IMAGE            | DN14949704          | F   | CA-TH59/30F-VPI               | THYROID   | NORMAL   |
| RIVER ROCK TAKE ME HIGHER             | DN21777102          | F   | CA-274                        | CERF      | 09:D3a-Iris,<br>persistent pu-<br>pillary mem- |
| ROSEND OG'S HE WHO MUST BE<br>NAMED   | DN02946302          | M   | CA-TH37/69M-VPI               | THYROID   | NORMAL   |



## Minutes of CDCA annual general membership meeting

April 29, 2009

Olympia Resort Hotel, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by president Amanda Pough at 2:05 p.m. There was a quorum of members present.

Minutes of the 2008 general membership meeting were approved on a motion by Cheryl Hennings, second by Denise Gordon.

### President's report: Amanda Pough

The board met this morning from 8:10 a.m. – 1:07 p.m. and will reconvene on Friday. Highlights from the board meeting:

The board turned down an offer from *Dog World* to advertise the Canaan Dog in the August issue for \$549; if any member wants more information, please contact Annette Israel.

We need people to run a "Meet the Breed" booth at the AKC event at the Javits Convention Center in New York on October 17-18. This will be a joint event with the cat fanciers. Contact Amanda if you are interested.

The club received a gift edition of the Eukanuba Invitational Book for participation in Meet the Breeds.

Each year, AKC offers each club a medallion to be awarded to a member who exemplifies outstanding sportsmanship. Members are welcome to send nominations to the board for consideration.

Cheryl Kent and Bob Ardinger were elected to full membership. Debra White and Ruth & Michael Burnham were elected to associate membership.

The Lada-L agility trophy will be offered for the first time at the CDCA all-breed agility trial to be held Thanksgiving weekend.

The Southern Classic Canaan Dog Club has pledged a donation to cover a portion of the cost, but we are seeking other donors.

The board is discussing the impact of the AKC ILP/PAL and new mixed breed programs on Canaan Dogs and will reconvene on Friday to finalize a letter to AKC.

CDCA maintains an e-list for club members and urges members to join.

### Secretary's report: Annette Israel

Since taking on the job in September, Annette has handled letters from AKC in re the 2009 specialty and various other communications, including the above mentioned *Dog World* ad offer.

### Treasurer's Report: Chris Miller

The current amount in the treasury is \$7869 and the 2008 tax filing has been done. Due to the promised donation to the AKC/CHF, the 2008 specialty did not make a profit. A complete audit of the books will be conducted after the end of the fiscal year. The club has donated \$350 to the CHF so far this year.

### Committee reports

These are brief notes; full reports of most committees are archived on the CDCA e-list in the files section.

**Advertising:** CDCA promotes the Canaan Dogs through Meet the Breeds events and the website, but we need an advertising chairman to expand promotion opportunities. Pamela Rosman volunteered and asked for a co-chairman to share the responsibilities.

**Ways and Means:** Julie Haddy is chairman and would welcome additional ideas. Programs undertaken to bring in money include affiliate programs on the website, last year's portrait raffle, the Purina

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weight circle program, and Café Press affiliation.

**Newsletter:** Chris Miller reported that the cost of printing and mailing the *Kib* is about \$225, about half what it used to be thanks to members signing up for the electronic version. She encouraged more members to get the *Kib* via e-mail for faster delivery and full color reproduction.

**Health:** Donna Dodson encouraged members to have their dogs tested for degenerative myelopathy (DM). And to think about submitting tissue samples for CHF studies. She asked for another committee member to help and encouraged members to fill out the health surveys on their dogs. She also wants to increase donations to the donor advised fund at CHF.

**Herding:** Denise Gordon encouraged members to get their dogs tested for herding instinct. She said there are openings in Monday's instinct test and that one of a dog's three HCX (herding certified excellent) legs must be at a national specialty.

**Agility:** Amanda Pough reported for Julie Haddy that the agility trial earlier set for Virginia was cancelled because of management concerns and has since been rescheduled for Thanksgiving weekend at Clemson University in South Carolina.

**Awards:** Denise Gordon reported that she will present Member of the Year, Dog of the Year, top performance dogs, and other awards at the banquet Thursday night..

**Judges' Education:** Chris Miller will present the slide show and hands-on program for judges tonight. Two programs have been given since the 2008 specialty and one will be done in Ohio in June.

**Membership:** Amy Preston announced that the new members approved by the board this morning bring the total to 90.

**Website:** Amanda reported for webmaster John Relph that expenses for the website currently run \$158.99 per year and that he

welcomes submissions of content for the site.

**Breed Standard Committee:** Annete Israel has replaced Amanda as committee chair in an attempt to recharge the committee and get the job done.

**Gazette Column:** Donna Dodson reported that she is retiring as Gazette columnist after many years in the job. The board is looking for a new columnist to submit four columns per year.

**Breeder Referral:** Sally Armstrong reported that the number of mailed information packets has declined in recent years as people are using the website to directly contact breeders. Sally maintains the breeder referral list and a 'meet and greet' list of owners who do not breed but are willing to meet with prospective owners to discuss Canaan Dogs. She also reported that she has two documents for sale – a breeder's guide for \$12 and a breed reference guide for \$30.

**2010 Specialty:** Denise Gordon reported for specialty chair Jennie Larkin that the specialty will be held in Troy Ohio, on June 18; the host hotel will be the Comfort Inn in Piqua; and that supported entries will be at Echo Hills Kennel Club June 19-20.

**2011 Specialty:** Amanda Pough asked for proposals to host the 2011 specialty and said that fallback sites under consideration are Atlanta, Georgia, in August or upstate New York in September.

**2009 Specialty:** Keith Shank said everything was under control and that Alla Geretz won the room raffle.

**Judges Selection:** Chris Miller thanked committee members Cathy Dunn and Cheryl Hennings.

**Nominating Committee:** Amanda reported for Julie Haddy that there is one position still to fill on the slate and that the deadline is May 1.

**Legislation:** Norma Woolf reported that CDCA has joined the opposition to restrictive breeding laws in Illinois and California and

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encouraged members to get involved in legislation affecting dog owners at the local, state, and federal levels and to educate their friends about the dangers of bad legislation.

**Delegate:** Pamela Rosman said that she represents the interests of CDCA at AKC according to the direction of the CDCA Board of Directors. She invited members to contact her with any concerns. She noted that AKC passed a mixed breed program and is discussing separation of Rally and Obedience events. She said that CDCA members are eligible for discounts at the AKC store and for online litter registration for a limited time, and that members should contact her for details. She

serves on the AKC Bylaws Revision Committee as the only parent club representative and said that discussion currently centers on possible changes to accommodate an influx of new clubs.

### Unfinished business

Amanda announced that gifts were given to Judy Rosenthal and Kristin Pavlin when they left the board in 2008.

### New business

Keith Shank reported that a bathing station is now available for washing dogs before tomorrow's specialty show and that lunch tickets will be given out to members.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Submitted by

Norma Bennett Woolf, recording secretary

## Secretary's report—February-April 2009

### February

**Motion by Amanda Pough that CDCA contribute up to \$300 towards the purchase of the Lada-L memorial trophy and keeper trophies for the 2009 winners.** Motion seconded by Julie Haddy.

*Approved on yes votes from Annette Israel, Cindy Grupp, Chris Miller, Denise Gordon, Rosette Davila-Sargent, and Norma Woolf.*

*Amanda Pough abstained per her policy as president. Evan Kent and Julie Haddy did not vote.*

**Application for new household associate membership:**

Maryellen Polikoff & Ken Kantymir, 102-6745 Station Hill Crt, Burnaby BC V3N 4Z4, Canada. Endorsement by Denise Gordon dated 1/30/09

*Approved on yes votes from Annette Israel, Cindy Grupp, Chris Miller, Denise Gordon, Rosette Davila-Sargent, Amanda Pough, and Norma Woolf. Evan Kent and Julie Haddy did not vote.*

**Motion from Amanda Pough that we bestow HONORARY MEMBER status on Audrey Biemann.** Second by Chris Miller.

*Approved on yes votes from Annette Israel, Cindy Grupp, Chris Miller, Denise Gordon, Rosette Davila-Sargent, Amanda Pough, and Norma Woolf. Evan Kent and Julie Haddy did not vote.*

**Emergency motion by Annette Israel** that the CDCA not hold the (agility) trial in VA in August. Second by Denise Gordon.

*Approved on yes votes from Annette Israel, Cindy Grupp, Chris Miller, Denise Gordon, Rosette Davila-Sargent, and Norma Woolf. Evan Kent and Julie Haddy did not vote. Amanda Pough abstained per her policy as president.*

### March

**Motion by Julie Haddy to hold an agility trial in SC at Thanksgiving, 2009. Second by Annette Israel.**

*Approved on yes votes from Annette Israel, Norma Bennett Woolf, Chris Miller, Denise Gordon, Julie Haddy, and Cynthia Grupp. Amanda Pough abstained per her policy as president. Evan Kent and Rosette Davila Sargent did not vote.*

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**Motion by Chris Miller that CDCA designated this years AKC/Eukanuba 125th AKC Anniversary show as a CDCA Supported Entry. Second by Norma Woolf**

*Approved on yes votes from Annette Israel, Norma Bennett Woolf, Chris Miller, Denise Gordon, Julie Haddy, and Cynthia Grupp. Amanda Pough abstained per her policy as president. Evan Kent and Rosette Davila Sargent did not vote.*

**April**

Motion by Norma Bennett Woolf, second by Julie Haddy to approve and submit the text of a letter to AKC to outline CDCA concerns with the ILP/PAL program.

*This motion was considered when the board reconvened on Friday, May 1, and was approved with yes votes from Denise Gordon, Annette Israel, Chris Miller, Rosette Davila-Sargent, and Norma Bennett Woolf. Amanda Pough did not vote per her policy as president. Evan Kent, Julie Haddy, and Cindy Grupp were absent.*

**Application for new single from Debra White, 843**

**2008 TOP PERFORMANCE CANAAN DOG AWARDS, By Denise Gordon, Awards Chair**

This past year saw the inaugural implementation of the new CDCA Top Performance Canaan Dog awards. Of the seven categories – Novice Dog / Novice Handler, Rally, Agility, Agility Preferred, Obedience, Herding, and Overall Performance – there was stiff competition in Rally with only 0.3 points separating the eventual winner and his nearest rival. There were no scores submitted for the agility or herding categories this year, so the main competition was in the obedience, rally and novice categories. Recipients received an engraved plaque (for the human member of the team) and treats (for the Canaan member of the team) at this year's awards banquet.

Although the deadline requirement for turning in the forms is 4 weeks following the trial (see the CDCA website for forms and instructions), a temporary waiver has been issued to all exhibitors that if they earned scores prior to the National Specialty (April 30), they have until **May 31<sup>st</sup>** to report their scores (via the forms) without penalty (i.e., ineligibility); after May 31<sup>st</sup>, the 4 week reporting deadline will resume. Only scores achieved since January 1, 2009, are eligible; no scores earned in 2008 are allowed to "carry-over" for this

**Aster Av., Palatine IL 60074. Endorsed by Donna Davison.**

*Approved on yes votes from Amanda Pough, Denise Gordon, Annette Israel, Chris Miller, Rosette Davila-Sargent, Julie Haddy, and Norma Bennett Woolf. Evan Kent, and Cindy Grupp were absent.*

**Application for new associate family membership for Ruth & Michael Burnham, 1200 Glencoe Street, Denver CO 80220. Endorsed by Donna Davison.**

*Approved on yes votes from Amanda Pough, Denise Gordon, Annette Israel, Chris Miller, Rosette Davila-Sargent, Julie Haddy, and Norma Bennett Woolf. Evan Kent, and Cindy Grupp were absent.*

**Cheryl Kent and Bob Ardinger request upgrade from associate to full membership. Endorsements from Rosalie and Joe Steinberg and Evan Kent.**

*Approved on yes votes from Amanda Pough, Denise Gordon, Annette Israel, Chris Miller, Rosette Davila-Sargent, Julie Haddy, and Norma Bennett Woolf. Evan Kent, and Cindy Grupp were absent.*

Submitted by Norma Bennett Woolf, recording secretary

year's eligibility period (January 1-December 31).

Anyone wishing forms or information can either visit the CDCA website or contact Awards Chair, Denise Gordon, at [desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com](mailto:desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com).

**2008 Top Performance Canaan Dog Winners**

**Top Novice Dog / Novice Handler: FarSight Maccabee bat Onyx ("Maccabee"), owned by Ken and Carrie Cabrera**

**Top Rally Canaan Dog: HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream ("Taavi"), owned by Risa Baumrind**

**Top Obedience Canaan Dog: HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream ("Taavi"), owned by Risa Baumrind**

**Top Overall Performance Canaan Dog: HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream ("Taavi"), owned by Risa Baumrind**



## 2008 CDCA MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

**There was a tri-ecta this year—we had a tie for member(s) of the year! Congrats Ladies—thank you for serving the CDCA and the Pure-Bred Dog community!**

### **Joan Capaiu-Greene & Norma Bennett Woolf**

Nominated by Christina Miller

I'd like to nominate Joan Capaiu-Greene and Norma Bennett Woolf as co-recipients for Member of the Year. Their combined efforts in notifying the Canaan Dog community of pending legislation across the country have been paramount. These two ladies have been instrumental in rallying us as a club and individuals to fight legislation that would harm our sport and hobby. Their hard work has contributed to the defeat of many ill proposed bills. They do this out of their dedication to Canaan Dogs, the sport and our rights as individuals. Without their contributions over the past our lives as purebred dog owners, exhibitors and breeders would have changed in a negative way. Their proactive approach and informative contributions more than qualify them to receive our Member of the Year award.

### **Amanda Pough**

Nominated by Christina Miller

I am nominating Amanda Pough for the Canaan Dog Club of America 2008 Member of the Year for her dedication to the CDCA. Amanda has excelled as our President for the last few years. The club has steadily moved forward under her guidance and gentle prodding. She steps up and fills in where needed, she cultivates less experienced members into productive contributors and she does all of this with a smile on her face. This past year, as Show Chair, Amanda was presented with many obstacles. With a dwindling show committee she was able to shift gears on the fly and put on an excellent National Specialty. Never one to toot her own horn – she has benefited the CDCA in more ways than most people will ever know. For these reasons, I feel she is most deserving of our gratitude and the honor of Member of the Year.



**CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT NATIONAL  
FROM BLUE SKY & DESERT STAR  
CANAAAN DOGS!!**

**(We are really glad we came!)**

**OUR FIRST JOINT LITTER PROVED ITSELF  
IN BOTH BEAUTY & BRAINS!**



**Blue Sky Desertstar Orion The Hunter, CDCA-HC  
("Orion")**

**Best Of Opposite - Junior Puppy Sweepstakes  
Best Of Opposite - Overall Puppy Sweepstakes**

**1st Place - Bred By Exhibitor, Dogs**

**Best Bred-by Exhibitor**

**Winners Dog - 5 Point Major  
(his 2nd major in 4 shows)**

***Best Of Winners At The National***

**PLUS**

**New CDCA Title (HC) At The May 4th National Herding Instinct Test!!**

***Yet, Orion Wasn't The Only DESERT STAR  
Shining In The BLUE SKY That Day... ..***



*... ....His Sisters Also Had Fun That Day!*



**Blue Sky Desert Star Luna Eclipse, CDCA-HC  
("Luna")**

**1st Place - Bred By Exhibitor, Bitches  
Reserve Winners Bitch**



**Blue Sky Desert Star Ball Of Fire  
("Nova")**

**Runner up to her sister at the National, but recently achieved  
her 1st major in BBE at her first show!**

***Congratulations to "Dad" (CH. Cherrysh Sing Hosanna) for winning the Stud Dog Class  
and to "Mom" (CH. Arayl's Rivi's Rumor) For 4th Place In The Huge Brood Bitch Class  
At The National!***

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DESERT STAR CANAAN CREW ON THEIR  
RECENT NATIONAL SPECIALTY PERFORMANCE EVENTS!**

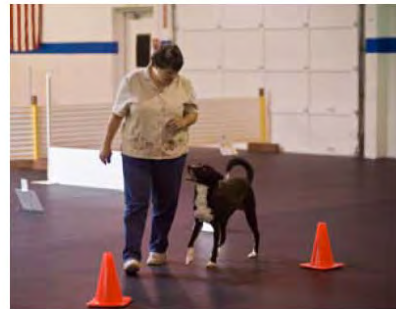
*(Mom's Proud Of You, Gang!)*



**CH. Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn,  
CGC, RE, CDCA-HCX, PN, V ("Smudge")**  
Earned RAE Leg # 8 With 2 First Places -  
**2009 National Specialty Rally Trial**  
Currently working on her AKC agility  
and herding titles (and CDCA-VX title)



**CH. Desert Star Angel Of My Dreams,  
CDCA-HCX ("Angel")**  
Earned 4th Place In Her First Rally  
Novice Class - **2009 National Specialty Trial**



**Desert Star's Midnight Comet,  
CGC, RA, CDCA-HCX ("Comet")**  
Earned 1st Place in Pre-Novice -  
**2009 National Specialty**  
Currently training for Rally  
Excellent and AKC agility



**CH. Arayl's Rivi's Rumor, CDCA-HC ("Rivi")**  
CDCA Title (HC) Earned At The May 4th  
National Herding Instinct Test

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## Canaan Dog Annual National Specialty 2009, by Bryna Comsky

Last week the city of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, entertained offers to paint their fire hydrants, and the bids ranged from double to triple digit amounts for each. It also has a man-made mountain that didn't impress anyone from Colorado or Vermont at all. More notable is their Olympia Resort and Hotel, site of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Canaan Dog National Specialty show, held on April 30, 2009. The 62 dogs, with a total of 110 entries, made this the largest CDCA show yet.

Sweepstakes was judged by Nancy Martin who pulled an entry of 22 with one absent. Every moment and every choice reflected her love, appreciation and understanding of the breed. CH Happy Paws would be proud of her best friend. Best in Sweeps went to Eastlands Bit of A Braveheart, bred, owned and handled by Annette D. Israel, and sired by CH Bsnatch Rndog Ran Away To Riv Roc & CH Eastlands Kaila. Best of Opposite Sex was Blue Sky Desertstar Orion The Hunter, bred and co-owned by Norma B. Woolf & Denise Gordon, and sired by CH Cherrysh Sing Hosanna & CH Arayls Rivi's Rumor. He carried this win to WD, BOW, at the National. Best in Senior Sweeps was Cherrysh Keep The Fire Burning, breeder, owner, handler, Cheryl L. Hennings, sired by CH Cherrysh The Vision Of Ezekiel & CH Cherrysh Hearts On Fire RN. Best of Opposite was Pleasant Hill Desert Sonata, bred and owned by Donna Dodson, and sired by CH Pleasant Hill Wish Granted & CH Pleasant Hill Class Act RN.

Through waves of tears and applause the stalwart and famous veteran, CH Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz OA OAJ OAP OJP, led his owner, Trudi Kimm, to victory once more. He was bred by Donna Dodson, and sired by CH Pleasant Hill Jordan & Pleasant Hill Teshura. He would go on to an Award of Merit at the National from the Specials class. His counterpart was CH Cherrysh Mi Corazon Miracle, owned by Alla Geretz & Cheryl Hennings, bred by Marcus Nunez & Teresa Zimmerman, and sired by CH Kochav Ole Me Shaar Hagai CD & CH Cherrysh Asherah.

These are Nancy's comments after the judging: "I found the overall quality very good,

with most dogs presented in proper weight. The Veterans covered their age very well!

"I was pleased that in my ultimate winners, boys were boys and girls were girls. The size difference was perhaps exaggerated, hopefully a more moderate size will come to be in the future.

"Temperaments were improved, with one only slightly off. All the dogs dealt with the mirrors incredibly!

"Some things that need work on are general handling and grooming. Nails need to be shorter and coats need work.

"My best in sweeps was very good on her legs, pretty type and size with nice slashing bone. Head, ears and eyes were very typical, pleasing to look into.

"I have always enjoyed my Best in Veteran Sweeps winner, good on his legs and feet, masculine head, moderate size.

"My thanks to the club and members for asking me to judge this year, a breed that has become near and dear to me." (Nancy Martin)

Before regular conformation judging came the backbone of our sport, the junior handlers. Showing beautifully and expertly to judge Ms. Kylie Jo Hirsch-Seivert were Novice Senior, Natalie Geretz, with CH Cherrysh Mi Corazon Miracle, and Open Senior, Lindsey Toulouse, with CH Renegade Melanchollie Air. After thanking CDCA for having selected Olympia resort & Conference Center for its National Specialty, Ms. Hirsch-Seivert, who is also its sales manager, wrote of her entries:

Junior Showmanship is "close to my heart" as I showed extensively in that area when I was a teenager. ... I earned national rankings through competition and defeating other juniors. (showing a self-finished Golden, and several Field Spaniels, ed.) I was honored to be able to judge the future of your sport through judging the 2009 CDCA junior showmanship competition. When I judge juniors I look for a team that can

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float around the ring, set up with confidence. Listen to instructions, dress themselves and their dog for success, and the result is simply breath taking. I had two wonderful juniors enter my ring and each junior team was magnificent and showed the confidence I was looking for. I look forward to being able to see how they do in the future because I know how hard it is to show a rare breed. I wish my best to all the juniors that show Canaans in juniors and performance areas and wish them "good luck" in the ring! Thank you again for the opportunity to judge the juniors at the 2009 CDCA national specialty.

It was great working with Keith and Cheryl Shank, Donna Dodson and all the others I met at the hotel. The comments I heard from our staff is that everyone was so nice and they loved the dogs. I have to admit you are a great group of people and stand above all the others. I truly enjoyed the banquet and if you were wondering I haven't tasted my bottle of wine, but I plan to soon.

We look forward to the opportunity of working with you again in the future. It has been a pleasure and everyone from this breed is a great ambassador of Canaans. Sincerely, Kylie Jo Hirsch-Seivert

Mr. Charles E. Trotter judged the Canaan Dog Annual National Specialty and was generous with his comments. He wrote, "It's been 12 years since I judged your breed over the first National specialty weekend in Lexington, KY. WOW! What a difference in the breed. At that time Mrs. Clark described the breed as somewhat wild, yet she mentioned to me later that this behavior was acceptable for this primitive breed. I think she would be proud of how far the breeders have brought this breed since that first event.

"Today's Canaan Dog is a rare combination of the sound functional flock dog/guardian with much more consistency of type. The dogs handle the approach from strangers better than in the past. Their tireless gait exhibits correct movement indicating great trotting endurance and working ability. The improved movement in the breed is accompanied by stronger topline.

"The section on **General Appearance** in your breed standard calls for a square dog. Yet the **Proportion** section of the standard states that the square is formed by imaginary lines from top of shoulder (withers) to base of tail and top of shoulder to ground. This description actually describes an off-square dog slightly longer than tall. Other breed standards describe square dogs as square from forechest to buttocks when compared to top of shoulder to ground. So the language can be somewhat confusing.

"Anyhow, according to the Proportion section of the standard, the dogs displayed the proper profile, and when this silhouette is accompanied by the correct headpiece, tail, coat and color, the picture of a correct Canaan Dog is the result.

"Most of the dogs fit this desired description to greater or lesser degrees. They were of correct size and proper type. With moderate angulation fore and aft, they were in balance and accordingly moved properly.

"In addition to the overall correct appearance of the exhibits, details were also pleasing for the most part. The make and shape of the heads satisfied the standard and mouths were also good. Correct eyes and eye rim pigment accompanied the exhibits.

"Coats and color have greatly improved and the dogs are more attractive than they once were. Although that is not a requirement of a working Canaan Dog, if everything else is correct, then this harmonious look is quite appealing. It was truly a good feeling to get hands into correct flat-lying double coats of good texture and in prime condition.

"The breeders deserve much praise for their efforts to improve the breed and bring it to the attention and appreciation of the American public. Especially important was the manner in which the show chairman and his committee had prepared with clockwork precision for the running of the event. All of the details for dogs, exhibitors, spectators and the judge were carefully attended to and left all with a great feeling. My thanks to all of you, who were so kind to me, and

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# Mazel Tov Canaan Dogs

Breeding for health, temperament, conformation and trainability

## Mazel Tov to:



**AKC CH/UKC GRAND CH Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak CGC, HC**  
**Award of Merit at the CDCA National Specialty Show**

Last summer, Yomi became the 2nd female **UKC Canaan Dog Grand Champion** at the weekend of the ICDCA National Specialty in Colorado.

Champion of Champions at ICDCA National Specialty 2006, and Specialty weekends 2007 & 2008

Best of Winners ICDCA National Specialty 2004

Best of Opposite during CDCA National Specialty weekend 2004, to finish championship with three 5-point Majors at 10 months

**CH Pleasant Hill Wish Granted**  
**Best of Opposite at the CDCA National Specialty Show**

Owned and bred by Donna Dodson

Our Wish was Granted a week after the National Specialty Show,  
when Yomi was bred for the first time – to Grant –  
Puppies anticipated in early July



This litter will be a rare combination of excellent old U.S. and recent Israeli bloodlines, linebred on both:  
WW2001, Euro. Winner 2001, Tel Aviv Winner 2001, Intl. Canaan Specialty BISS 2001 & '02 3 x CAC France,  
ICDCA Specialty BIS 2003, Intl., Israel, Lux., AKC, UKC CH Barak Me Shaar Hagai ("Barak")  
and

**CH Pleasant Hill Jordan ROMX**

And also going back to

**CDCA DOTY 1993 CDCA/AKC CH Shvatim Confidence ROMX, VX, CGC, HCX, AHBA-HIC ("Dylan")**

Expecting spotted and solid, red, red-and-white, black, black-and-white

**Puppies raised in the home—socialized w/children, teens & adults**



**We're also proud of our:**



**CH Pleasant Hill Mazel ICDCA VC, CDCA HCX**  
Best Veteran at the CDCA National Specialty Show  
Best of Opposite at Badger KC, Sunday of Specialty  
Best Herding Award-Experienced –  
at Herding Instinct Test for CDCA National Specialty

**AKC/UKC CH Mazel Tov Naftalia ROM, RN, HCX**  
2nd place in Rally Novice B at the Specialty  
Finished Rally Novice title in 3 straight trials,  
on 2 CDCA National Specialty weekends

And **Mazel Tov Yossie Sheva HC ("Josie")**, daughter of Mazel and our foundation bitch,  
CH Pleasant Hill Tovah ROM, CD, RN, CGC, HCX, CDCA V, ICDCA VC,  
who came with her owners Cindy and Connie to a Canaan Dog event for her first time, at 8 years of age,  
saw sheep, knew just what to do, and earned her HC!

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# River Rock Canaan Dogs

Ch. Bandersnatch Rosendogs Ran  
Away to River Rock, CDCA HC  
(CDCA DOTY, Ch. "Pocket", CGC, CDCA HCX x Ch.  
"Heidi", CD)

Special thanks to my other  
Mother, Amanda Pough, for  
handling me during the CDCA  
National Specialty week!

Congrats to "Gibson's" daughter,  
"Freedom", for her Best in  
Sweepstakes at the National  
Specialty! Way to go Annette  
Israel and "Freedom" (you can find her  
elsewhere in the newsletter)



From show ring to sheep pen—"Gibson" had a great National Specialty week!

Thank you Linda More for finding his quality during the 2009 CDCA Supported Entries.



"Gibson" earned his CDCA Herding Certificate—not sure if he liked herding or rolling in sheep poo more :-). Well done "Gibson" - and he's CHIC too!

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# River Rock Canaan Dogs



Aust. & Am. Ch. D&J Ha'Aretz Vertigo at River Rock, CDCA HC

"Vala" & Ethan have been quite the pair this year. Ten Best of Breeds in limited showing since January.

Thank you Mr. Gregory for recognizing "Vala's" quality, type & movement and awarding their first Best of Breed for 2009.

*"Hello, Hello  
I'm at a place called Vertigo  
It's everything I wish I didn't  
know  
But you give me something I  
can feel"  
U2 - "Vertigo"*

The breed's only Australian Champion bitch.

America's #2 Canaan Dog\*

America's #1 Owner Handled Canaan Dog

\*Canine Chronicle Breed Statistics through April 2009

Special Thanks to Linda More & Dorothy Christiansen for recognizing "Vala's" quality during the 2009 CDCA Supported Entries and pulling her for your final cut.

And she's CHIC too!

"Vala" earned her second leg towards her CDCA Herding Certificate Excellent—Well done "Vala"!

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# River Rock Canaan Dogs

River Rock Take me Higher, CDCA HC

(Ch. Hd'Aretz Kwisantz Haderach Dwlf, CDCA HCX x Aust. Am. Ch. D&J Hd'Aretz  
Vertigo at River Rock, CDCA HC)

"Kate" has had a wonderful 2009 so far.

Thank you to Dr. Daniel Fleitas for  
awarding "Kate" her first Best of Breed  
earlier this year. We look forward to  
"Kate's" continued success!

*"We're free to fly the crimson sky  
The sun won't melt our wings tonight  
Oh now, here she comes  
Take me higher  
Take me higher  
Can you take me higher  
Will you take me higher"  
U2 - "Even Better Than the Real  
Thing"*



"Kate" earned her CDCA Herding  
Certificate at the 2009 CDCA  
National Specialty Herding In-  
stinct Test—Well done "Kate"!

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# River Rock Canaan Dogs



Mad River Here's Looking at you Kid,  
CDCA HC

"Bogy" had a wonderful performance during the CDCA National Specialty week. He garnered his first leg towards his Rally Obedience title with a 3rd place in the Novice B class. He also provided much needed entertainment and garnered 2 Reserve Winner's placements during the CDCA Supported Entries.

"Bogy" sends extra special congrats to his sister "Breeze" for taking the Breed at the 2009 CDCA National Specialty!

"Bogy" earned his CDCA Herding Certificate at the 2009 CDCA National Specialty Herding Instinct Test AND was awarded "Best Herding Potential" by evaluator John Wentz—Well done "Bogy"! We look forward to "Bogy" getting back into the Rally and Conformation ring with his co-owner Annette Israel.

Team "Bogy":

River Rock Canaan Dogs, Christina Miller

Eastland Canaan Dogs, Annette Israel

Mad River Canaan Dogs, Cynthia Grupp





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I look forward to seeing you and your dogs in the future. Keep up the good work!" (Chuck Trotter)

After human hand and mechanized machinery had picked up every scrap of nearly microscopic bits of bait from the carpeting, the obedience competition was allowed to begin. Judge Mrs. Patricia R. Krause welcomed the first Canaan Dog to the Open Class A ring, and Taavi, with his teammate, Risa Baumrind, entered and performed flawlessly to earn his third leg and CDX title. With a respectable score of 185, Taavi is now HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream CDX. What a magnificent performance! Taavi must have sensed that he had the whole Club behind him, all holding their collective breaths, even during the long sits and downs. Yea, Taavi! And Risa too!!

Jeta and her owner-handler, Laura L. Alton, followed this tough act by earning their first leg toward their CD title with another respectable score of 182. They did everything right, and looked good in the ring. Jeta, whose full name is Jealou Ascend's Jet To the Top, did her handler proud. As someone said, it's good to see Canaans who participate in performance events too.

Judge Mrs. Krause kept up her patience and good humor through the Rally event. D & J Ha'Aretz Stearns' Caleb qualified and earned first place in Rally Novice A. Breeder-owner-handler Donna Davison would also lead him to a major win in conformation to finish his breed championship title.

Of the eight entries in Rally Novice B, five qualified. In First Place was CH Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz OA OAJ OAP OJP handled by his owner, Trudi Kimm. Buzz was also the Veteran Dog in Sweeps, is now retired from a great career in conformation, and has turned his sights to performance events, trained by Trudi. In Second Place was CH Pleasant Hill Tovah CD RN, almost 12 years of age. Cathi Oskow is her handler. There was a tie for Third Place: Mad River Here's Looking At You Kid handled by Chris Miller, and CH Harei Selah Keisha Of Sundowner, owned and trained by Cathey M. Dunn. CH Desert Star Angel Of My Dreams, handled by

Denise A. Gordon, also placed in both Rally Novice B and Rally Advanced B. Denise also showed CH Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn RE in Rally Excellent B to qualify.

The awards banquet that evening gave everyone a chance to celebrate past and present victories, participate in the fund-raising auction, enjoy impromptu dancing by Cheryl Shank, and savor a moment of relaxation over tasty desserts to help prepare for the next three days of competition. A highlight was a visit by the newly-elected AKC Director, Alan Kalter. CDCA-AKC Delegate, Pamela Rosman, had invited him, and CDCA members welcomed him. As treasurer of Detroit Kennel Club, breeder-owner-handler of bull mastiffs, and marketing expert, dog people look to him and the other directors for guidance in the art of staying afloat amidst daily challenges in today's world.

Following the win announcements below come commentaries from each of the all-breed judges who evaluated Canaans at the Badger & Janesville Kennel Club Shows. Everyone had encouraging words for the breed.

CH Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing won the Breed each of four days. On the first and third days in all-breed competition she placed third and first in Herding Group. She is bred by Cynthia & Leal Grupp, owned by Rosette Davila-Sargent & Charles Sargent, and handled by AKC Registered Handler, Linda Clark. Breeze is the first Canaan Dog female to place among the Top Twenty, Herding Group. Her counterpart is CH Jealou's Got Milk O'Mad River, "Emmit," who made the Top Ten in 2005, handled by Andy Linton.

Blue Sky Desertstar Orion The Hunter, handled by co-owner, Denise Gordon, was WD, BOW at the Specialty. He came from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class, and was bred by Norma Woolf, Denise Gordon, and Elizabeth Hebert. He was also Best Bred-by-Exhibitor Dog over his litter sister, Blue Sky Desert Star Luna Eclipse, the RWB. BOS to CH Breeze was CH Pleasant Hill Wish Granted, handled by Kristen Dowd, and bred and owned by Donna Dodson. First Award of Merit went to CH Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak,

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bred and owned by Catherine Oskow and Aviva Oskow. Cathi handled her to her win on this occasion. CH Jealou's Got Milk O'Mad River, bred by Carol O'Bryan & Cynthia Grupp, and owned by his breeders and S. Barnhard-Armstrong, won the second AM. He is the first Canaan Dog to win Best in Show, and did so under j Mrs. Dany Canino in 2005, at Rochester, MN. The Veteran, CH Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz OA OAJ OAP OJP, bred by Donna Dodson, and owned by Trudi Kimm, was in the winners line-up to receive his AM, handled by Trudi.

Best Puppy was Hatikva Cherrysh Desert Wolf, bred by Alla Geretz & Cheryl Hennings. Travis & Ashley Schrage & Cheryl L. Hennings own him, and Cheryl handled him to this Specialty win, and to Puppy Group II on Sunday at the Badger Kennel Club Show.

Best Amateur Owner Handler was Laura Alton, who, with her teammate, Jealou Ascend's Jet To The Top, "Jeta," would also earn their first leg in Novice A Obedience on the same day, and their qualifying HC certificate on Monday at the CDCA Herding Instinct Test!

Best Veteran Dog went to CH Pleasant Hill Mazel and his owner-handler, Cathi Oskow. He would also star as BOS to CH Breeze at the Badger Show on Sunday, and at the CDCA Herding Instinct Test on Monday, where he would qualify for his HCX, Herding Certified Excellent. Donna Dodson bred him.

Donna & Jackie Davison won four majors, and a couple of reserve-to-major wins, and finished two (2) champions on their way!! Their homebreds, D & J Ha'Aretz Stearns' Caleb, and D & J Ha'Aretz AJB Matityah, are both finished champions. D & J Ha'Aretz Got Milk Madeline won her second major and is close to her title with D & J Ha'Aretz Lyla June running close behind. Former owner, Audrey Biemann, will be very happy to learn of CH "Mati's" new title!

The Veteran Bitch, CH D & J Ha'Aretz Lydia of Gray Mesa, went home to rest on her laurels. In 2003, she was BOS at the National, and starred at events over the years that she attended.

Tahoe's Sirius Black N White won both his majors from Bred-by-Exhibitor Class, and was also Best of Winners on the first day at the all-breed

shows after testing the waters with RWD at the National. He's bred and owned by Robin Prince and her daughter, Noelle Renteria. Sirius spent most of his time in "his" director's chair, sizing up his competition.

CH Bsnatch Rsndg Ran Away to RivRoc "Gibson" settled in for a BOS win under j Linda More. He is bred by Chris Miller, Amanda Pough and Judy Rosenthal, and handled by Amanda on this occasion. The 10-year-old Veteran, CH Pleasant Hill Mazel, filled the BOS spot on Sunday under Dorothy Christiansen. He is owned and handled by Cathi Oskow. The first Canaan Dog to win Best in Show, CH Jealou's Got Milk O'Mad River, triple-owned by his breeders, Carol J. O'Bryan & Cynthia Grupp, and also S. Barnhard-Armstrong, was BOS under j. Mrs. Evie Sullivan.

Best Veteran, also Best in Veteran Sweeps, was CH Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz, handled by his owner, Trudi Kimm. After a memorable career in conformation, the Buzz Team will pursue performance events in the western part of the country.

Best Puppy was Hatikva Cherrysh Desert Wolf, owned by Travis & Ashley Schrage & Cheryl L. Hennings, who showed him to Puppy Group II on the day of competition.

Each of the all-breed judges contributed their impressions and evaluations of the breed during the next three days. All were familiar with the breed, and welcomed a their large entries. Mrs. Evie Sullivan was first, and writes the following.

"Many differences in size, outline, movement, and coats in both sexes. I feel the breed is still finding its place in the AKC shows and in my opinion, we judges, just have to apply the breed standard to the best of our ability. We study the breed standard and picture in our minds what the perfect Canaan would look like, and apply that knowledge when picking our placements.

"I have judged a few Canaans for IABCA before AKC and, therefore, this breed is not new to me. I was asked to write a critique of my placements after I had judged, therefore, not having made specific notes as I judged, it is difficult to recall just why I selected my WD and WB except to say I felt they were the best breed representatives of what I had in my ring that day.

"In my opinion my Best of Breed Canaan is

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a prime example of what I have pictured in my mind as to an excellent representative of the CANAAN breed.

"It was a challenge having so many different types as far as structure, temperament, size, and movement, but a challenge that I quite enjoyed and I wish the Canaan breeders and exhibitors every good wish in getting the breed better known and established in the Herding Group. Thank you for the privilege of judging your breed." (Evie Sullivan)

After judging the breed on May 2, 2009, Ms. Linda C. More noted the improvement in temperaments, and also the need to improve poor feet. In addition, Ms. More commented, "... while I thought the entry showed that the breed is much more consistent than when it first appeared in regular AKC competition, there are (as in all breeds to some extent or other) things that can be improved. Temperaments seem to have come a long way. Good feet are certainly scarce, at least in this entry. Heads appeared to me to be fairly consistent with not many showing too much stop and/or too short a muzzle, but rather keeping a reasonable wedge shape. Fronts and rears do need work – too many moved too close behind, and fronts – a bugaboo in many breeds – overall could use fewer upright shoulders, stronger (but still flexible) pasterns, and better front movement. .... The Breeders should feel proud of their progress to date, while continuing to work for more improvements." (Linda More)

Judge Mrs. Dorothy K. Christiansen had attended the CDCA National at Waukesha in 1999, "... on an extremely hot summer day... In comparison I think consistency of type has improved though there were a couple of dogs with rather small ears and some with what we call "loud" eyes. I would like to say temperament has improved though I did have some exhibits reluctant to be touched. I found too many with what I would call hackney fronts, lifting of the legs too high to be of any use at a functional trot. If the dog must work long hours, it must have a smooth, seemingly effortless gait. Perhaps I was looking for more reach and drive than what is normally called for but I come from a herding breed too. ... I loved the smooth gait (of my BOB bitch, CH Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing), and... could not deny the veteran

dog (CH Pleasant Hill Mazel) BOS for his smooth gait even though his age showed a bit in his face.... I will recognize a quality veteran any time. It does justice to the breed and the breeder when old dogs can still get out there and do it." (Dorothy Christiansen)

As if he had heard the words of Dorothy Christiansen, CH Pleasant Hill Mazel, CDCA-HCX, ICDCA-VC, earned his Herding Certified Excellent (HCX) title at the 2009, CDCA National Herding Instinct Test, judged by John Wentz on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. 28 dogs and their owners gathered in Portage, Wisconsin for the occasion, and enjoyed an amazing 71.4% success rate, after 20 dogs passed their tests. Australian/AKC CH D & J Ha'Aretz Vertigo At River Roc, CDCA-HC ("Vala"), handled by her owner, Chris Miller, earned her second qualifying leg for her HCX title as did U-CD HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream, CD, RAE, CDCA-HC ("Taavi"), handled by Risa Baumrind. We had seen them earlier in the obedience ring. Many of our now old friends from the conformation ring also earned their Herding Certified certificates, and they are listed elsewhere. Among the many notables are the Best in Sweepstakes winner, Naturally Noah's At Eastland, CDCA-HC ("Noah"), owned and handled by Annette Israel; Laura Alton's Jealous Ascend's Jet To The Top, CDCA-HC ("Jeta"), who also got her first leg in Novice A Obedience, and Tahoe's Sirius Black N White, CDCA – HC ("Sirius"), who was WD and BOW in conformation.

The next CDCA Annual National Specialty takes place in Troy, Ohio, June 16-21, 2010, in conjunction with Echo Hills Kennel Club on the Miami County Fairgrounds. The schedule is similar to this year's and includes a CDCA-sanctioned herding test.





Best in Veteran Sweepstakes  
Ch Pleasant Hill What's the Buzz, OA, OAJ,  
OAP, OJP



Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweep-  
stakes  
Ch. Cherrysh Mi Corazon Miracle



Best in Puppy Sweepstakes  
Eastland's Bit of a Braveheart



Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes  
BlueSky DesertStar Orion the Hunter



Puppy Sweepstakes Best Sr. Puppy  
Cherrysh Keep the Fire Burning



Veteran Sweepstakes 1st Place  
Ch. Pleasant Hill Maze



Best Junior Handler  
Lindsey Toulouse with Ch. Renegade  
Melanchollie Air





Best of Breed

Ch. Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing



Best of Opposite Sex  
Ch. Pleasant Hill Wish Granted



Best of Winners  
BlueSky DesertStar Orion the Hunter





Reserve Winners Dog  
Tahoe's Sirius Black N White



Winners Bitch  
Cherrysh Burning Desire



Reserve Winners Bitch  
Blue Sky Desert Star Luna Eclipse



Award of Merit  
Ch. Mazel Tov Yomi bat Barak



Stud Dog  
Ch. Cherrysh Sing Hosanna



Am Bred Bitch  
D&J Ha'Aretz AJB's Matityah





High in Trial  
HaTikva Cherysh Taavi Dream, CDX



Rally Novice B, 1st Place  
Ch. Pleasant Hill What's the Buzz,  
OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP



Rally Advanced & Excellent B, 1st  
Place  
Ch. Mad River Samara Desert Star  
Dawn, RE



Rally Novice A, 1st Place  
D&J Ha'Aretz Stearns' Caleb



2009 CDCA National Specialty High In Trial  
2008 Top Overall Performance Canaan Dog  
2008 Top Obedience Canaan Dog  
2008 Top Rally Canaan Dog  
HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream CDX/HIT, CGC, RAE, U-CD, HC

Risa and Taavi, congratulations on your fantastic accomplishments!



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## 2009 CDCA NATIONAL HERDING INSTINCT TEST,

By Denise Gordon, Herding Chair

In the heart of dairyland country, Canaans were herding sheep. On a sunny, but cool Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, a large contingent of 28 dogs and their owners gathered at Big Yellow Boots Farm in Portage, Wisconsin. Farm owner, AKC/AHBA judge, and CDCA test evaluator, John Wentz, graciously welcomed everyone to his beautiful farm and many of the exhibitors and spectators settled in their chairs under the nearby trees to watch the proceedings.

Of the 28 entries, 20 passed the test, giving this year's test a 71.4% success rate, well above the 40-80% pass range for Canaan Dogs. One dog earned the club's Herding Certified Excellent (HCX) title, 2 earned the second qualifying score or "leg" of the 3 required for the HCX, and 17 earned the club's Herding Certified (HC) title. At the end of the test, Best Rookie Herding Potential trophy (for dogs with no prior livestock experience), a shepherd motif music box, donated by Annette Israel in honor of CDCA CH. Hanna Bat Yetta ("Hanna"), CGC, CDCA-HCX, was awarded to Mad River Here's Looking At You Kid ("Bogy"), owned by Christina Miller, Annette Israel, and Cynthia Grupp. The Best Experienced Herding Potential (for dogs with prior livestock experience) trophy, a sheep motif pottery set, donated by Denise Gordon in memory of U-CDX, 1995 DOTY, AKC CH. Ze'ev Midbar ("Wolf"), CGC, TDI, CD, RN, NA, NAJ, HIAs, CDCA-HS, V, etc., was awarded to CH. Pleasant Hill Mazel ("Mazel"), CDCA-HC, ICDCA-VC, owned by Catherine and Craig Oskow, who accomplished this feat at the wonderful age of 10 years old!

All dogs who earned title or qualifying score are listed below in alphabetical order. Congratulations to everyone!

### **HERDING CERTIFIED EXCELLENT (HCX)**

**CH. Pleasant Hill Mazel, CDCA-HCX, ICDCA-VC ("Mazel").** Birthdate: 10/25/1998. Breeder: Donna Dodson. By CH. Arayl's Eitan Ben Jordan – Pleasant Hill Onyx. Owners: Catherine & Craig Oskow.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> QUALIFYING LEG FOR HCX**

**Australian/AKC CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Vertigo At River Rock, CDCA-HC ("Vala").** Birthdate: 10/24/2005. Breeders: Donna & Jackie Davison. By CH. D&J Ha'Aretz I'm The Buzz Baby – D&J Ha'Aretz Lyla June. Owner: Christina Miller.

**U-CD HaTikva Cherrysh Taavi Dream, CD, RAE, CDCA-HC ("Taavi").** Birthdate: 10/28/2004. Breeders: Alla Geretz & Cheryl Hennings. By CH CHF Ezra Taft Benson - CH Cherrysh Mi Corazon Miracle. Owner: Risa Baumrind.

### **HERDING CERTIFIED (HC)**

**CH. Arayl's Rivi's Rumor, CDCA-HC ("Rivi").** Birthdate: 12/24/2002. Breeder: Elizabeth Hebert. By Arayl's Beau Soleil – Arayl's Frances B. Owners: Denise Gordon & Elizabeth Hebert.

**CH. Bandersnatch Rosendog Ran Away To River Rock, CDCA-HC ("Gibson").** Birthdate: 3/12/2006. Breeders: Owners. By CH. Yashar Ha'Aretz Machseh, CGC, CDCA-HCX – CH. Pleasant Hill Hinda M Rosendog, CD, CDCA-HC, ROM. Owners: Christina Miller, Amanda Pough, & Judy Rosenthal.

**Blue Sky Desertstar Orion The Hunter, CDCA-HC ("Orion").** Birthdate: 6/8/08. Breeders: Norma Bennett Woolf, Denise Gordon, & Elizabeth Hebert. By CH. Cherrysh Sing Hosanna – CH. Arayl's Rivi's Rumor. Owners: Norma Bennett Woolf & Denise Gordon.

**Cherrysh Hosea Prince Rock, RN, CDCA-HC ("Prince").** Birthdate: 5/6/2004. Breeder: Owner. By CH. Cherrysh Precious Stones, RN – CH. Bay Path's Sufat Hol. Owner: Cheryl Hennings.

**Cherrysh Keep The Fire Burning, CDCA-HC ("Asher").** Birthdate: 12/8/2007. Breeder: Owner. By CH. Cherrysh The Vision Of Ezekiel, CGC – U-AG1/CH. Cherrysh Hearts On Fire, RN, CGC, CDCA-HC, ICDCA-VC. Owner: Cheryl Hennings.

**Cherrysh Song Of Shevet, CDCA-HC ("Nina").** Birthdate: 9/27/2008. Breeders: Cheryl Hennings & Dennis Murphy. By Cherrysh Hosea Prince Rock, RN – CH. Cherrysh Sing Hallelujah. Owners: Rachael Selmeski & Cheryl Hennings.

**Eastlands Bit Of A Braveheart, CDCA-HC ("Freedom").** Birthdate: 6/20/2008. Breeder: Owner. By CH. Bsnatch Rsndg Ran Away To Riv Roc – CH. Eastlands Kaila. Owner: Annette Israel.

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**HaTikva Cherrysh Desert Rose, CDCA-HC ("Flower").** Birthdate: 6/11/2008. Breeders: Alla Geretz & Cheryl Hennings. By HaTikva Ve HaSimcha Me Shaar Hagai – UKC/AKC CH. Cherrysh Mi Corazon Miracle, CDCA-HC. Owner: Alla Geretz

**HaTikva Cherrysh Desert Wolf, CDCA-HC ("Mowgli").** Birthdate: 6/11/2008. Breeders: Alla Geretz & Cheryl Hennings. By HaTikva Ve HaSimcha Me Shaar Hagai – UKC/AKC CH. Cherrysh Mi Corazon Miracle, CDCA-HC. Owners: Cheryl Hennings & Travis & Ashley Schrage.

**Jealou's Ascend's Jet To The Top, CDCA-HC ("Jeta").** Birthdate: 5/14/2007. Breeder: Carol O'Bryan. By CH. Jealou's Got Milk O'Mad River – CH. Pleasant Hill September. Owner: Laura Alton.

**Josie, CDCA-HC ("Josie").** Birthdate: 5/5/2001. Breeders: Catherine & Craig Oskow. By CH. Pleasant Hill Mazel, CDCA-HCX, ICDCA-VC – CH. Pleasant Hill Tovah, CGC, CD, CDCA-HCX. Owner: Cynthia Boone.

**Mad River Here's Looking At You Kid, CDCA-HC ("Bogy").** Birthdate: 12/3/2008. Breeders: Cynthia & Leal Grupp. By CH. Lahat Me Shaar Hagai – CH. Mad River Ain't Misbehavin. Owners: Christina Miller,

Annette Israel, & Cynthia Grupp.

**Naturally Noah's At Eastland, CDCA-HC ("Noah").** Birthdate: 2/24/2005. Breeders: Amon & Jana Roberson. By Eastlands Isaac – Eastlands Adina Yefat Haeyen. Owner: Annette Israel.

**Naturally Ziva At Quarry Hill, CDCA-HC ("Ziva").** Birthdate: 2/3/2006. Breeders: Amon & Jana Roberson. By Eastlands Isaac – Eastlands Adina Yefat Haeyen. Owner: James Crawford.

**CH. Pleasant Hill The Gatekeeper, CDCA-HC ("Tad").** Birthdate: 7/23/2007. Breeder: Owner. By Pleasant Hill Morey Autumn Sun – CH. Jealou Hum'nbird Whoopedoo. Owner: Donna Dodson.

**River Rock Take Me Higher, CDCA-HC ("Kate").** Birthdate: 3/6/2008. Breeders: Christina Miller & Julie Haddy. By CH. Ha'Aretz Kwisartz Haderach Dwif – CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Lydia Of Gray Mesa. Owner: Christina Miller.

**Tahoe's Sirius Black N White, CDCA-HC ("Sirius").** Birthdate: 8/8/2007. Breeders: Owners. By CH. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named – CH. Babrees Crystal Gale. Owners: Robin Prince & Noelle Renteria.







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*Harry's Son—Sirius*

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2009 CDCA National Specialty Herding Certificate Qualifier  
& Both Majors During the Supported Entries  
(Sirius is bred, owned and handled by Robin Prince & Noelle Renteria)

*Harry's Daughter—Vixen*

2009 CDCA National Specialty Half of the Best Junior Handler Team with Lindsey  
(Vixen is bred by Renee & Evan Kent and owned by Amy Preston)

*Harry's Brother—Gibson*

2009 CDCA National Specialty Herding Certificate Qualifier  
& Best of Opposite Sex under Judge Linda More at Saturday's Supported Entry  
(Gibson is bred, owned and handled by Chris Miller with Judy and Amanda)

*Harry's Niece—Freedom*

2009 CDCA National Specialty Best In Puppy Sweepstakes  
& 2009 CDCA National Specialty Herding Certificate Qualifier  
(Freedom is bred, owned and handled by Annette Israel)

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American Kennel Club, Annual Delegates Meeting, Newark, New Jersey  
March 10, 2009

#### 408 Delegates Present

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order.

James Crowley, Executive Secretary, read the report of the Board appointed nominating committee and the report on additional nominations. There are four vacancies for the Class of 2013. Delegates Lee Arnold, Alan Kalter, John P. Nielsen and Dr. Robert D. Smith have been nominated by the nominating committee. Delegates Carl C. Ashby III, Dr. Fred C. Bock II, Judith V. Daniels and Carl E. Gomes have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2013. The Chair declared the polls open and the first ballot was cast.

The Chair reported on the passing of the following Delegates: LaVerne Andersen; Roberta Brady; Diane Albers.

The Executive Secretary read the names of 13 Delegates seated since the last meeting. Eight Delegates, attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor.

The Chair approved the minutes of the December 16, 2008, Delegate meeting.

The Harrier Club of America, the Norfolk Terrier Club and the North Florida Amateur Retriever Club were approved as AKC member clubs.

Dennis B. Sprung gave the Presidents report. The economy is significantly impacting our personal and professional lives and our dog world associations. Companies with contractual agreements with AKC have or are going bankrupt. Despite revenue based challenges, AKC remains financially sound and managed prudently--committed to working to ensure another 125 years of passion for our sport. Despite the stock market in 2008 reclaiming most of the previous years' paper gains, the AKC has generated actual operating profits in each of the last five years totaling almost \$25 million. No one can predict the economic future. Teamwork between all members of the fancy remains essential to navigate the difficult road ahead. AKC staff member David Roberts, now promoted to AKC Vice President, was introduced. Three long term employees were honored for their outstanding service and lifetime commitment to the AKC: Bobby Birdsong, AKC Director of Event Operations; Darrell Hayes, AKC Vice President of Dog Show Judges; Paula Spector, AKC Director of Conference and Travel. Other recognition programs to honor members of the fancy include the

25 year medallion program for Delegates (will I be alive that long?), judges, show chairs, the bred-by medallion program, lifetime achievement awards and the outstanding sportsmanship award. Delegates Lou Auslander, Connie Vanacore and Nelson Sills, who have made outstanding contributions as long term members of the fancy on behalf of pure-bred dogs, the sport and the organization, were presented with medallions by AKC Board Chairman Ron Menaker, in recognition of their dedicated service and great accomplishments.

James Stevens, AKC Chief Financial Officer, gave the annual financial report. In summation, 2008 total revenues were approximately \$1 million less than 2007. Total operating expenses were 2.6% higher than the previous year, resulting in an operating surplus of \$2.9 million in 2008 vs. \$5.5 million in 2007. 2008 revenues from registrations, pedigrees and royalties were all lower than 2007. Higher revenues earned from events offset these declines. Last year, the market value of AKC's investment portfolio depreciated by \$19.4 million (almost 31%). 2008 statement of operations reflected a non-operating (non-cash) accounting expense related to the pension plan. The market value of the pension plans assets declined due to the poor performance of the stock market last year, changing the composition of the consolidated balance sheet from reflecting a \$15.6 million prepaid (pension expense) asset in 2007 to a \$13.9 million pension liability at the end of 2008. (This non-cash expense had nothing to do with AKC's operations and there is no need to currently fund this liability.) In conclusion, AKC remains extremely focused on management of current and prospective finances to ensure continued viability of the organization and the Sport.

A vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6, of Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials, and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests, approved at the 70th annual Beagle Advisory Committee meeting and recommended by the Board of Directors, differentiating the Beagle Field Championship Title by the three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field events.

David Bagaley, Delegate for Central Beagle Club, spoke in opposition to the amendment, based upon its disapproval by the National Beagle Club (the breed Parent Club). AKC Assistant Vice President for Performance Events Doug Ljungren, AKC Board members Charles Garvin and Steven Gladstone and several regional beagle club Delegates

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spoke in favor of the amendment. (This was an unusual situation when the Parent Club does not support an amendment specific to the breed.) After considerable discussion, the amendment was adopted, to be effective January 1, 2011.

Kim Johnson (KPMG), Tellers Committee Chair, reported balloting results for Class of 2013: Total number of ballots cast was 389; therefore, majority to elect was 195 ballots. Results as follows: Lee Arnold, 195; Carl Ashby, 253; Dr. Fred Bock, 78; Judith Daniels, 172; Carl Gomes, 48; Alan Kalter, 290; John P. Nielsen, 135; Dr. Robert D. Smith, 190.

The Chair declared that Lee Arnold, Carl Ashby III and Alan Kalter were duly elected as members of the Class of 2013. Since one vacancy remained for the Class of 2013, there was another ballot. There were no withdrawals. The Chair declared the polls open and the second ballot was cast.

A vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6 of Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials, approved at the 70th annual Beagle Advisory Committee meeting, recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the Beagle Advisory Committee, differentiating the field championship title by the three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field events. There was no discussion and the amendment was adopted, to be effective January 1, 2011.

Gina DiNardo, AKC Assistant Executive Secretary, announced that the first stand alone AKC Meet the Breeds event (with participation from the Cat Fanciers Association to include 41 breeds of cats) will take place at New York City's Javits Center, October 17-18, 2009, with PetPartners, Inc. as anchor sponsor for the event. This enhanced educational event for the public will promote responsible pet ownership for both dogs and cats.

John Lyons, AKC Chief Operating Officer, announced the first quarter Community Achievement Awards honorees, in recognition of outstanding contributions to public education or canine legislative activities: Boca Raton Kennel Club; Ann Humphreys of the Heart of the Plains Kennel Club (Delegate Patricia Cruz); Olympic Kennel Club (Delegate Harvey Mueller).

Sheila Goffe, AKC Manager of Public Education, gave an update on Canine Legislation.

Dr. Thomas Davies, former Chair of the Group Realignment Committee, spoke on the proposed Group Realignment. The final report/recommendation was

accepted by the Board of Directors. Proposed rule changes to Chapter 2 of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline, and Chapter 3 from the Rules Applying to Dog Shows will be READ at the June meeting and hopefully VOTED on in September. These rule changes allow for the creation of three additional Groups, i.e., going from seven to ten Groups and for the naming of those ten Groups. The responsibility for placing the various breeds in the various Groups is with the Board of Directors. The Delegate body must first approve the increased ten Groups. (Delegate Note: The committee recommended breed breakdown follows this report.) A lengthy question and answer period followed.

The discussion was interrupted for the report from the Tellers Committee. Kim Johnson reported: Total number of ballots cast was 408; therefore, the majority to elect was 205 ballots. Results as follows: Dr. Fred Bock, 13; Judith Daniels, 148; Carl Gomes, 6; John P. Nielsen, 68; Dr. Robert Smith, 167. Dr. Fred Bock withdrew. The Chair declared the polls open and the third ballot was cast.

The discussion on Group Realignment resumed. Topics of concern included breed varieties exhibited in Group competition, effect on Group clubs, cost to AKC and individual clubs (especially small All Breed clubs), judges approval process/procedures and time considerations.

Kim Johnson gave tellers report on the third ballot. Total number of ballots cast was 403; therefore, majority to elect was 202 ballots. Three illegal ballots. Results as follows: Judith Daniels, 160; Carl Gomes, 3; John P. Nielsen, 42; Dr. Robert Smith, 195. John Nielsen and Carl Gomes withdrew. The Chair declared the polls open and the fourth ballot was cast.

After a lunch recess, Kim Johnson gave tellers report on the fourth ballot. Total number of ballots cast was 395; therefore, the majority to elect was 198 ballots. Four illegal ballots. Results as follows: Judith Daniels, 162; Dr. Robert Smith, 229.

The Chair declared that the Class of 2013 had been elected: Lee Arnold, Carl Ashby III, Alan Kalter and Dr. Robert Smith.

The June 9, 2009 Delegates meeting will be in Raleigh, North Carolina.

AKC Board Chairman Ron Menaker congratulated the new Board members and expressed appreciation to the four Delegates leaving the Board, i.e., Dr. Charles Garvin, Steven Gladstone, Patricia Scully and Hon. David Merriam, each contributing significantly to AKC and the Sport.

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There was a request to get a sense of the Delegate body on whether the Board should proceed with a mixed-breed program. Considerable discussion followed. There was a non binding vote. The clear majority of the Delegate body (your Delegate included) was to request the Board move ahead on a mixed-breed program. The Chair reported that in line with the Delegates vote on mixed breeds, he would ask staff to bring forward a model plan at the April 2009 Board meeting.

Steven Gladstone thanked the Delegates for allowing him to serve for eight years on the Board and President Dennis Sprung and staff for courtesies

extended to him. Carol Williamson reminded Delegates of the April 5, 2009 Perspectives deadline and invited Delegates to submit articles. (Perspectives is the Delegates quarterly Newsletter.) Maureen Setter announced to the Delegate body that at the Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee meeting the day before, AKC's Curt Curtis announced that at Crufts, Marcus Topps (with Border Collie Juice) took second place, proudly representing the American Kennel Club.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela S. Rosman  
AKC Delegate  
Canaan Dog Club of America

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## AKC DELEGATE ANNUAL REPORT

To the Canaan Dog Club of America Board of Directors:

Since the last time I reported to the Canaan Dog Club of America (CDCA) membership at the annual meeting in September 2008, I attended two AKC Delegate meetings on behalf of the CDCA. Please refer to my quarterly AKC Delegate reports published in The Canaan Kibitzer for meeting details.

The December 2008 quarterly meeting in Long Beach, California was held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Dog Show. Due to the new election calendar and amendment to the Delegate Standing Rule (proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee, of which I am a member), candidates for the March 2009 Board of Directors election gave three minute speeches at the December meeting as opposed to March, allowing Delegates time to share information with their clubs and seek direction from them.

The March 2009 annual meeting, held in Newark, New Jersey, was the annual election of Directors for the Class of 2013. Due to an amendment establishing term limits for Directors taking effect for the first time this year, there were no incumbent candidates and four vacancies for the Class of 2013. Dr. Charles Garvin, Steven Gladstone, Patricia Scully and Hon. David Merriam left the Board. Lee Arnold, Carl Ashby III and Alan Kalter

were elected as members of the Class of 2013 on the first ballot; Dr. Robert D. Smith was elected as a member of the Class of 2013 on the fourth ballot. At a Board meeting convened immediately after the Delegate meeting, Ronald H. Menaker was reelected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. Thomas M. Davies was elected as the new Vice Chairman of the Board.

In addition to votes on proposed AKC bylaw amendments and the approval of new AKC member clubs, various honorees (AKC Delegates, clubs, federations and staff members) are recognized at every quarterly meeting.

The year 2009 marks the celebration of the AKC's 125th anniversary and commemorative birthday events are planned. Even in these turbulent economic times, the AKC remains financially sound and managed prudently to ensure the continued viability of the organization and the Sport. Despite the revenue based challenges facing the AKC including declining registrations, the poor performance of the stock market and the loss of anticipated income from companies declaring bankruptcy, the AKC Marketing Department remains committed to keeping the AKC competitive in a highly evolving marketplace. To increase AKC's public awareness and educational outreach, several new and expanded programs include stand-alone Meet the Breeds events, AKC STAR and collaborations with

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movie studios producing dog related films. Additionally, the AKC has expanded the range of canine legislative services and appointed Sheila Goffe, Manager of Public Education, new Director of the AKC Government Relations Department. To receive the latest correspondence regarding current issues in canine legislation, please visit the AKC web site ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)) and go to the "Legislative Alerts" link to subscribe to the AKC Legislation Alerts mailing list.

In April 2009, after years in the pipeline, the new AKC Board passed the "mixed-breed program" (detailed in my earlier post to the CDCA Board and CDCA List) to be phased in starting October 2009. Currently being discussed by the Delegate body is the Group Realignment proposal (detailed in my prior post to the CDCA Board and CDCA List) which may be voted on by the Delegate body in September 2009.

As your CDCA representative within the AKC Delegate body, I consider it an honor and a privilege to represent this wonderful club. Since becoming your Delegate, I have attended all AKC quarterly meetings, forums, caucuses and as many delegate standing committee meetings as time allows. Additionally, I serve as a mentor to new delegates, have

been published in Perspectives (the Delegates Newsletter) and work hard to better represent the CDCA by being an active member of the Delegate body.

In September 2007, as a freshman delegate, I was elected to the Delegates Standing Committee on Bylaws. In September 2008, I was reelected to a full three year term on the Bylaws Committee. I currently serve on the Bylaws Subcommittee charged with addressing the Future and Direction of the Delegate Body. Parent Clubs are the backbone of the AKC. As the sole Parent Club Delegate on the Bylaws Committee, my role is crucial in deliberating any potential bylaw amendment concerning mixed breeds or impacting Parent Clubs in any way.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate. PLEASE communicate with me and let me know (via mail, phone, fax or email) how YOU believe I can most effectively represent the CDCA and work for the betterment of our very special Canaan Dog breed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela S. Rosman  
AKC Delegate  
Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc.

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## It's Just a Dog,

Submitted by Amanda Pough

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog." In the darkest of days, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome. If you think there's no such thing as "just a dog," then you, too, won't quite be able to understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog", I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of hopes and dreams of the future, of fond memories of the past, and of the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day. I hope that someday everyone can understand that there is no such thing as "just a dog," but rather a living gift that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or just a woman." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog" just smile...because they "just don't understand." Written by an unknown Doctor of Veterinary Medicine~

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**Upcoming events**

- Meet the Breeds in NYC—October
- CDCA Agility Trial at Clemson, SC—November
- Meet the Breeds/ AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, CA—December