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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Column, Nov., 2009

"Movin' Right Along"

After a summer of staying close to home with a litter of puppies, I've recently wracked up a lot of miles on my car. We started with a trip to Cape Cod to watch my mother judge Otterhounds (the day after their National Specialty), and also let friends meet the puppies. Next was a trip to the Philly area where I delivered one puppy to his new owners (who drove up from Maryland to meet me) and once again watched my mother judge. (This time she was judging Border Terriers at a supported entry following *their* National Specialty.) Barely back from that trip and it was time to load the car for head to New York City and AKC's Meet The Breeds. We took three Canaan Dogs (including a puppy from my summer litter), a Brussels Griffon, two people and the Canaan Dog booth. We came home exhausted (the gate was 36,000 people!) but happy. Finally, this past weekend I headed south once again. I stayed with one CDCA member and her family, caught up over breakfast with another and then took the puppy to her first match.

My CD collection (compact disc, not Canaan Dog) is an odd one and these days' lives in my car just for these long road trips. Somewhere in all my travels, the Muppets ended up playing in my car:

"Movin' right along in search of good times and
good news,
With good friends, you can't lose,
This could become a habit."

A bit silly, but it sums up the fall. On a personal note, my puppies traveled wonderfully, were happy to meet new people and explore new places and have all gone to great homes where

they are settling in well and are ever so loved. On a more general note, Canaan Dogs represented well on all these excursions. At Meet The Breeds, we had five dogs who worked the booth. How do you train for 36,000 people? In some ways, you can't. In others, you can. And our breed showed that they could handle it all. Part training (good manners and socialization) and part breeding (producing dogs who can learn and adapt) this fall is a reflection of "good news."

In these times when some want to bring an end to dog shows, breeding and even take away our right to own animals, we need to celebrate and take pride in our successes. The Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. (C.D.C.A.) does more than just hold an event or two each year and publish a newsletter. We offer our members chances to connect in person and online. We keep our members aware of dog ownership/pet ownership issues on a regional and national level. We band together with others who share our beliefs. ***And we celebrate and help preserve our unique breed.*** While bad news is all around us, sometimes we need to make an effort to search for those "good times and good news." Being a member of the C.D.C.A. helps make that search easier. Membership renewals will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. We look forward to you all continuing your membership and "movin' right along" together.

- Amanda

Amanda M. Pough
President, C.D.C.A. Inc.

2009 NATIONAL PARENT CLUB CANINE HEALTH CONFERENCE REPORT

By Denise Gordeon

On October 23-25, 2009, I attended the AKC Canine Health Foundation's National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, as the representative for the CDCA among the over 200 plus attendees from AKC Parent Clubs, universities, and presenters and dignitaries from the AKC, CHF, and the host sponsor, Nestle Purina. How does one distill 3 intense days of scientific presentations and discussions on the state-of-the-art of canine health research into a single report? Not easily, I assure you. However, while this will be an abbreviated summary of those presentations and technologies, anyone can contact me via my email or home address listed at the bottom of this report for more information on any topic of interest.

On Friday, following the opening remarks by Dr. Terry Warren, the CEO of the CHF, Steve Remspecher of Nestle Purina spoke on the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP), of which CDCA is a member. He stated that of the \$3 million in the CHF Donor Advised Funds (including the Canaan Dog DAF), 36% came from the PPCPP and asked that the message be sent to Parent Club members of the benefits of the PPCPP. He also urged the conference attendees to do more for canine research with their DAF as only 20% of clubs involved are generating the over \$600,000 available; if more club members participated the effect on canine research dollars would be phenomenal. This presentation was followed by Dr. Christine Haakenson, CHF Director of Research, who spoke on how CHF grants were processed - the OAK grants are those greater than \$12,960, are more than a year in basic or clinical research using client owned dogs (none bought for research) and the grant process takes nearly a year to complete and the ACORN grants are less than \$12,960 in research dollars, of a year or less in duration, are used to test research hypothesis or generate preliminary data for a possible future OAK grant and the grant process cycle is only a few months. Next was Margaret Poindexter, J.D., AKC General Counsel, who gave a presentation on the AKC Compliance Operations. There are 4 departments within the Compliance Division: (1) Investigations & Inspections, which assist in identifying areas of deficiencies in kennels, auctions, and pet shops and explaining the expectations of the AKC Care & Conditions Policy that was passed by the AKC Board in 1996; (2) DNA Operations, which has the largest canine DNA database used for parentage and is used in tandem with Investigations & Inspections random spot checks when sire, dam and puppies are on the premises and where DNA profiling is required for frequently-used sires,

conditional breeding, imported dogs, and fresh/frozen semen used for breeding; (3) Case Management, which assists individuals in resolving registration problems and cases where the Stud Book may be compromised, such as chain of registration, litter corrections, forgeries, and co-ownership disputes, and interacts with courts on cruelty cases and handles complaint-driven requests for inspections (over 1600 letters and 2100 phone calls per month) before passing them on to the Investigations & Inspections Department; and (4) Compliance Support, which handles all disciplinary matters arising from inspection events, complaints or alleged violations of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship; in 2008 there were over 271 complaints and disciplinary matters processed by this department. Ms. Poindexter also spoke on the breeder limits legislation that is being considered in almost every state and advised that the AKC Government Relations Department works nearly around the clock to combat such legislation; there are a number of "talking papers" on the Government Relations webpage that can be used at legislative committee anti-breeder, and/or anti-dog hearings. Afterwards, all of the attendees broke into roundtable discussions (I attended the Health Survey discussion and will be presenting those ideas to the CDCA Health committee for presentation at the June 2010 National Specialty in Troy, Ohio).

On Saturday, Lee Arnold, AKC judge and CHF Board Member, gave the welcoming remarks, then introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Mike Sampson, who is an agro-terrorism and food-safety instructor at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine. He spoke on agro-terrorism, which is any intentional criminal act that threatens agriculture or the nation's food supply, including zoonotic diseases that can be carried by animals or targeting animals (including pets), and strengthening the human-animal links into one health, one medicine. Over 70% of human diseases arise in animal populations, such as anthrax, SARS, H1N1 (which is misnamed "swine flu" as it originated in humans and infected swine, not vice-versa), human brucellosis, West Nile virus, etc., which reinforces the need to consider a one health, one medicine frame of mind. This is starting to be seen in the medical profession where last year research created pigs with human blood flowing through them, heart valves from cows or pigs are being used to save humans with faulty valves, and a rare eye disease, cone-rod dystrophy has been seen in both dogs (dachshunds and pit bulls) and humans as well as a syndrome in dogs that is similar to AIDS in humans. However, the biggest piece of news from Mr. Sampson that lead to a

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EDITOR'S CORNER

By Amanda Pough

"I'm sending out an SOS"

CDCA Members are a rare breed. They tend to give until it hurts—or they go crazy—which ever comes first. We see many of our members wearing multiple hats and serving on different committees and in many jobs for the club. When they take on too much, they shout for help. And the club responds. Chris Miller, our "Canaan Kibitzer" editor for the past couple of years, has shouted. Chris was working on this issue of the newsletter, but as more and more information came in—seemingly without end, she sent out an SOS. I stepped in to help, and will also produce the Winter 2010 issue almost as soon as this one gets out the door.



The next step in getting the newsletters back on time is to find a new editor. Chris and I can provide the structure and assist with printing and on-line distribution, but we need some to take on the editorial job. This job means col-

lecting reports, submissions and ads in time for each issue, coordinating layout and tracking down those who may be tardy on their submissions (a little strong-arming is part of the job description).

The Canaan Kibitzer is a vital piece of communication for the club and holds a place in our history. Even if you cannot take on the job of editor, submissions are always welcome. Share your Canaan Dog stories, photos and interests with the rest of the club. Professional writing is NOT required to submit to the newsletter—just a love of Canaan Dogs. As for the editor, you don't need to be a professional writer for this position either. However, timeliness and attention to detail are essential.

If you are interested helping with the Canaan Kibitzer, please contact me at 802.272.7635 or via email at BandersnatchBTCD@yahoo.com.

I look forward to seeing what this club can do!

- Amanda Pough, February 2010.

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**2009 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship
Long Beach, CA — Breed Results**
www.akc.org

Best of Breed
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Best of Opposite Sex
CH Mad River Cool Breeze Blowing

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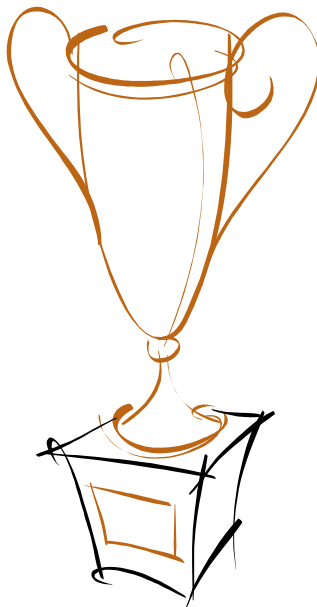
Winners Bitch
River Rock Take Me Higher

**2010 Westminster Kennel Club
New York, NY – Breed Results**
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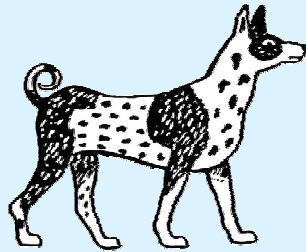
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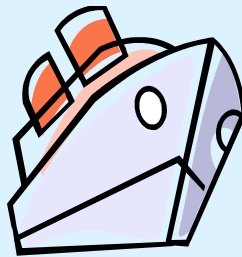
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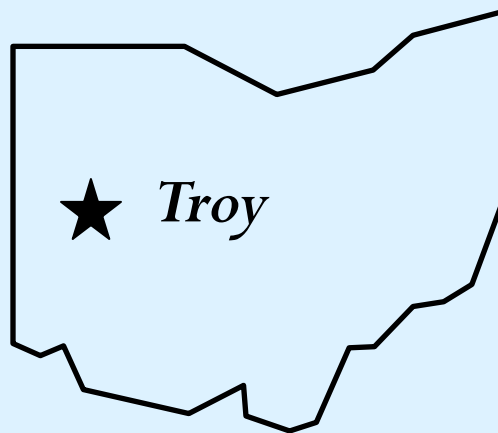
FOR THE ANCIENT BREED



WHOSE BEAUTY WAS LAUNCHED IN A
SINGLE SHIP TO AMERICA



ALL ROADS NOW LEAD TO



The 39th Canaan Dog Club Of America National Specialty Show Events

June 16-21, 2010

CDCA members will be sent a National Specialty packet after January 1, 2010, but here's the preliminary information. If you wish to help in any capacity, your help would be very much appreciated! We need obedience/rally stewards, catalog ad sales, raffle/auction chair (both show site and awards banquet), and hospitality chair. If interested, please contact 2010 National Specialty Chair, Jennie Larkin, at (301) 530-9380 or email: tychocand@yahoo.com

The site of the 2010 CDCA National Specialty will be the lovely **Miami County Fairgrounds**, in Troy, Ohio. It is located off of Interstate 75, just 30 miles north of Dayton and 20 miles north of the Dayton International Airport.

The **host hotel will be the Comfort Inn-Piqua**, 8 miles from the show site. A block of 25 rooms will be reserved for CDCA exhibitors. Cost of the rooms will be \$84.95 plus tax; this price will only be good until May 16, 2010, after which time any unreserved rooms will revert to standard hotel prices. All rooms have adequate space for crates and the hotel has free Wi-Fi. There will be no pet fee for CDCA exhibitors. The hotel has an indoor pool and is attached to the Miami Valley Center Mall (convenient for shopping). A multiplex theater is located just behind the hotel. For those traveling in RVs, there will be designated Canaan group parking at the Miami County Fairgrounds.

There are many parks to walk dogs and several historical areas of interest in the Piqua-Troy region. In addition, many festivals will be ongoing during the month of June.

2010 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 16: Welcome party at the CDCA hospitality room, the Miami Valley Room, at the host hotel, 7 PM

Thursday, June 17: Board and General Membership meetings in the Miami Valley Room at the host hotel, times to be announced

Judges Education (time pending)—contact Chris Miller for more information 770.761.1997, riverrocked@bellsouth.net

Health Seminar (details pending) - time TBA

Friday, June 18 National Specialty Show Day: Obedience and rally will be indoors and regular / non-regular breed classes and Parade of titleholders held outdoors in tree-shaded rings at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Breed judge: Mr. Houston Clark. Obedience/rally judge: Ms Nancy Withers. Superintendent: MB-F, Inc.

Saturday, June 19: National Specialty **Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes** and regular breed classes to be held during the Echo Hills KC supported entry show at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Sweepstakes Judge will be Mr. Michael Houchard. Superintendent: MB-F, Inc. Supported entry breed class judge & ring times to be announced. Awards banquet and raffle/auction to be held at The Centre banquet facility at the host hotel – cash bar, 6 PM with dinner following. Banquet menu and prices to be announced.

Sunday, June 20: Echo Hills KC supported entry show at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Breed class judge & ring times to be announced. Superintendent, MB-F, Inc.

Monday, June 21: CDCA-sanctioned herding test (time & place to be announced)

TROPHY DONORS NEEDED !!

Show your support for the club by donating to the 2010 National Specialty trophy fund. Any donation, large or small, will greatly offset the costs for trophies and rosettes/ribbons and your generosity will be reflected in the catalog for all the exhibitors to see.

See the list of possible classes/trophies to which you can donate; if there is a particular class not listed that you wish to donate, please note it on the form. Donate in your name, your kennel name, or in memory of a beloved dog. There is no limit on donations, but if you specify a particular class or trophy, it will be "first donated, first listed". If you wish to donate a particular item as a trophy, please describe it in detail and make arrangements to have it sent to the Trophy Chair by May 1, 2010. Thanks in advance for your support to make our National Specialty a success!

All donations must be received by the Trophy Chair no later than February 28, 2010, to be listed in the premium list and catalog next to their designated trophy; any donation after that date will be listed by name under the general appreciation donors listing in the catalog.

2010 NATIONAL SPECIALTY DONOR FORM

Donor Name (please print): _____

Address: _____

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I wish to donate to (check all that apply):

_____ the general trophy and ribbon fund

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Please designate my donation in (check one): _____ my name (see donor name above)

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Norma Bennett Woolf, Trophy Chair

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2010 NATIONAL SPECIALTY TROPHY LIST

Best Of Breed Specific Trophies –

The Ursula Berkowitz Memorial Trophy
The Bertha & Jay Scheaffer Memorial Trophy
Breeder of Best Of Breed - The Francis Beard Memorial Trophy

Best Of Winners - The Florence Hogarth Memorial Trophy
Best Opposite Sex to Best Of Breed - The Dr. Rudolphina Menzel Memorial Trophy
Winners Dog
Reserve Winners
Winners Bitch
Reserve Winner Bitch
First through Fourth in regular breed classes
Best Puppy
Best Bred-By-Exhibitor

Best Veteran

Stud Dog

Brood

Brace

Team

Best Junior Handler

First-Fourth in each Junior Showmanship class

Best In Sweepstakes – The Mildred Perry Memorial Trophy

Breeder of Best In Sweepstakes – The Father Robnett Memorial Trophy Silver

Best Opposite Sex to Best In Sweepstakes

Best In Junior Sweepstakes

Best Opposite Sex to Best In Junior Sweepstakes

Best In Senior Sweepstakes

Best Opposite Sex to Best In Senior Sweepstakes

First-Fourth in each class

Best In Veteran Sweepstakes—**NEWLY NAMED! The Leal Grupp Memorial Trophy**

Breeder of Best In Veteran Sweepstakes—**NEWLY**

NAMED! The Dr. Katryna Bogovich Memorial Trophy

Best Opposite to Best In Veteran Sweepstakes

First-Fourth in each class

Obedience Trophies –

Highest Scoring Dog In Regular Classes

Highest Combined Score In Open B and Utility classes

First-Fourth in each Regular class

First-Fourth in Brace

First-Fourth in Veteran

First-Fourth in Pre-Novice

First-Fourth in Graduate Novice

Rally Trophies –

Highest Scoring RAE Dog (qualified in both Excellent & Advanced classes)

First-Fourth in each class

Supported Entry Trophies – Same for both Saturday & Sunday -

Best Of Breed

Best Opposite Sex to Best Of Breed

Best Of Winners

Announcing

THE WOLF MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

The **WOLF MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY**, an 8 inch silverplated bowl on a walnut veneer base, is offered for **Highest Scoring Dog In Regular Classes**, in memory of CH. Ze'ev Midbar, CD, HIAs, RN, CGC, CDCA-HS, VX by Denise A. Gordon through the Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc., for obedience trial competition at its National Specialty shows only. For permanent possession it must be won three times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog, nor at consecutive shows. The Challenge Trophy will remain in the possession of the Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc., until retired. The name of the winning dog and owner shall be engraved on a plaque affixed to the base of the trophy. A commemorative item will be given to each year's High In Trial until the trophy is retired.

I would like to encourage everyone who has a Canaan in obedience training to enter the obedience (and rally) trials being held during our National on June 18, 2010, in Troy, Ohio. The highest scoring dog (also known as High In Trial) can come from any level of regular classes (Novice, Open, Utility). Wolf was not enthusiastic for obedience, but his heart and willingness to try were the basis for this trophy in his memory. Take the Challenge!

- Denise Gordon and the Canaan crew at Desert Star

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.

Legislative report for October 2009

SUBMITTED BY NORMA BENNETT WOOLF

NAIA Trust, the legislative arm of the National Animal Interest Alliance, tracked some 650 animal bills this year and worked on 78 of the most critical. Most of these bills were proposed and promoted by animal rights groups that oppose breeding dogs, owning intact dogs, cropping ears, docking tails, tethering dogs, softening dog voices, etc. More than 30 states faced some type of anti-dog legislation.

For details on many of these bills, check the AKC website (www.akc.org) and the NAIA Trust website (www.naiatrust.org).

AKC notes the following national proposals to watch:

House Concurrent Resolution 160 – This bill commemorates the AKC's 125th Anniversary and honors the AKC's service to dog owners and the general public. The resolution, introduced by Congressman David Price of North Carolina, has been referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. All fanciers and breeders are encouraged to contact their congressional delegation and ask them to sign on to this resolution. Visit the US House and Senate web sites to find your legislators and their contact information.

H.R. 3266 – This bill, sponsored by Rep. Ron Klein of Florida, establishes a 5-year grant program called the "Wounded Warrior K-9 Corps". The program provides funds to organizations that will provide therapy dogs to veterans with disabilities. The bill has been referred to the House Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

Dog owners had some big victories in 2009:

Dog breeders successfully turned back anti-breeding bills in Florida, Illinois, and North Carolina and succeeded in getting a rewrite in Indiana.

California:

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed the California AB 241, the so-called 'puppy mill' bill supported by the Humane Society of the US. Here's his message:

"To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 241 without my signature.

This measure would make it a crime for any person or entity to own or control more than 50 unsterilized adult dogs or cats for breeding or raising for sale as pets. I support meas-

ures designed to prevent animal cruelty and that punish persons engaged in the abuse of animals. However, this measure simply goes too far in an attempt to address the serious problem of puppy mills. An arbitrary cap on the number of animals any entity can possess throughout the state will not end unlawful, inhumane breeding practices. Instead this measure has the potential to criminalize the lawful activities of reputable breeders, pet stores, kennels, and charitable organizations engaged in raising service and assistance dogs.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger"

Kentucky:

The Louisville Kennel Club and other plaintiffs won an important victory in the lawsuit against the Louisville Metro animal control agency when a federal judge ruled that a requirement to pay a bond for care of an impounded animal before the owner is convicted of a violation is unconstitutional. The judge also said that there are no grounds for treating intact dogs differently than sterilized dogs when he struck down a requirement that the government approve any fencing for confining an intact dog.

Breeders have filed another lawsuit against the metro government and the animal control agency. This lawsuit alleges that agents of the department entered their property and confiscated dogs without probable cause or a court order.

For information about anti-dog laws, contact CDCA legislative committee members Norma Bennett Woolf at

editor@canismajor.com or Joan Capaiu Greene at farsight.canaani@gmail.com.

The AKC Encourages AKC Club Members to Support AKC PAC

The American Kennel Club has taken the lead in supporting legislation across the country that protects the rights of responsible dog owners. Our new AKC Political Action Committee gives us an additional tool with which to influence legislators. Through the PAC, we can demonstrate a unity of purpose that helps us advance a positive legislative agenda.

For more information: please visit www.akc.org/pac or call (919) 816-3720



OFA Test Results July through September, 2009

Registered Name	Registration Number	sex	OFA Test Number	OFA Test	OFA Results
D&J HA'ARETZ AJB'S MATITYAH	DN19049105	F	CA-283	CERF	
D&J HA'ARETZ AJB'S MATITYAH	DN19049105	F	CA-429G24F-PI	HIPS	GOOD
D&J HA'ARETZ GOT MILK MADELINE	DN19049102	F	CA-282	CERF	
D&J HA'ARETZ GOT MILK MADELINE	DN19049102	F	CA-430G24F-PI	HIPS	GOOD
D&J HA'ARETZ WHERE'S THE PARTY	DN19239602	F	CA-EL107F25-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
D&J HA'ARETZ WHERE'S THE PARTY	DN19239602	F	CA-284N	CERF	
D&J HA'ARETZ WHERE'S THE PARTY	DN19239602	F	CA-433G25F-PI	HIPS	GOOD
EASTLAND SALINA SO SPECIAL	DN13401302	F	CA-EL105F44-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
EASTLAND SALINA SO SPECIAL	DN13401302	F	CA-281	CERF	
EASTLAND SALINA SO SPECIAL	DN13401302	F	CA-431G44F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
EASTLAND SALINA SO SPECIAL	DN13401302	F	CA-PA54/44F/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
EASTLAND SALINA SO SPECIAL	DN13401302	F	CA-TH67/43F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
NATURALLY NOAHS AT EASTLAND	DN10294502	M	CA-EL106M53-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
NATURALLY NOAHS AT EASTLAND	DN10294502	M	CA-432G53M-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
NATURALLY NOAHS AT EASTLAND	DN10294502	M	CA-PA55/53M/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
PLEASANT HILL MAGNUM OF SAMARA	DN08215803	M	CA-EL104M30-PI	ELBOW	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL MAGNUM OF SAMARA	DN08215803	M	CA-428G30M-PI	HIPS	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL WHAT'S THE BUZZ	DL84361705	M		PATELLA	GRADE 1 - PRACTITIONER - RIGHT
PLEASANT HILLS WHAT'S THE BUZZ	DL84361705	M	CA-DM7/107M-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL



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Meet the Breeds Invade New York!

- From reports by Bryna Comsky, Pamela Rosman, Star Anthony and Amanda Pough

Meet The Breeds, a chance for clubs to let the general public meet dogs of each breed in the 'fur,' has been part of the celebrations around the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships in Long Beach, California for a number of years now. On October 17 - 18, 2009, AKC held their first ever stand alone Meet The Breeds. Marketed as the "world's largest showcase of cats and dogs," over 140 dog breeds and 40 cat breeds were in attendance at New York City's Jacob Javits Center. AKC and the Cat Fanciers Association were successful in drawing in many sponsors, including main presenter healthcare provider Pet Partners, to help make the weekend a huge success.

As in previous Meet The Breeds, each dog or cat breed was given a booth to decorate and populate. For the dogs, the booths were organized alphabetically in rows in back of the special event areas, and Canaan Dogs were next to Cairn Terriers and across from Bernese Mountain Dogs. In addition to the breed booths, many attractions were offered including agility and flyball demos, Frisbee dogs, opportunities to qualify for canine good citizen certificates and mock show judging by group.

The big questions of the weekend was: would anyone come? In this economy, would people purchase tickets to see dogs and cats? While NYC folks may embrace the Westminster Kennel Club show, they are used to it being in



February. Would another date – and another location – still draw folks in like the Garden? The answer? YES – and in the thousands! Final gate numbers for both days was 36,000!

Amanda Pough and Judy Rosenthal drove the 'guts' of the booth down to the city from Vermont. The Canaan Dog booth was well-stocked with dogs, decoration, and handouts to satisfy the curiosity of thousands of spectators that strolled by our booth. Judy and Amanda also brought their family of Canaan Dogs; Heidi, her son Peter and her granddaughter/Peter's niece 'Reen. Judy's sister, Jane, and her Brussels Griffon puppy, were there to help when we needed it, as well as Judy's Griffon "Essie." The focus of the booth – other than the dogs – was the wonderful backdrop hand painted by Chris Miller. Based on a photo taken in Iseal by Ruth Lewin, it is the same image as on the cover of *PARIA-HUNDE* and depicts Dugma running in the background.

The crowds filled the lanes that separated the rows, and pretty soon we could hardly see the booths on the other side. Many times each day the sheer volume of people trying to get into the booths meant that we had to call out

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“dog coming through” as we ran the dogs outside for potty breaks.

Bryna Comsky flew in from Chicago to help man the booth on Saturday and most of Sunday. She also got to catch up with her 6 year old ‘grandpup’ Sirius. Bryna commented “It was great to see school children with their surveys and questionnaires that counted toward their [scouting] educational requirements. The AKC provided opportunities for responsible breeders to educate the public about the advantages of purebred dog ownership and their ‘unique attributes’ as a pet. MTB is a fun event that also educates new dog owners and their families.”

Sirius and family (Star Anthony & Larry Greenstein and sons Kevin & Thomas) attended on Sunday. Star commented later “There were so many dogs to see that many people were overwhelmed. It was a lot of fun when people who were really interested in Canaan Dogs came back again and again to learn more. I enjoyed imparting some of what I have learned over the past 6 years.”

Also attending on Sunday was Liane Radel and 10 month old Stash. Stash is settling in well to life in the Big Apple, but doesn’t like taxis, so Liane went above and beyond expectations by hiking 30 blocks to the Javits Center – in the rain – so that Stash could join in the fun.

Pamela Rosman was also in attendance on Sunday. She had to leave Magnum on the west coast so was glad for a Canaan Dog fix! Pamela spent Sunday with us to the very end, including tear-down and packing up materials & dogs into the car. Pamela took Peter into the mock show on Sunday afternoon. This was about the time AKC Staff was able to move from Meet-The-Breed-Worker mode to AKC-Appreciative-Staff mode and were trying to talk to all the breed booth attendees and extend their thanks. As a result, Pamela reported that Peter got to meet many AKC Staffers during this time, including AKC President Dennis Sprung.



Having been the only Canaan Dogs in the booth on Saturday, by Sunday Heidi, Peter and ‘Reen were tired and very happy to share the attention. As Pamela commented, ‘Reen “decided she saw more people this ... weekend than in her entire lifetime and zonked out [by] early Sunday afternoon.”

Throughout the weekend many, many people stopped by the booth; some familiar friends from shows who were trying to see the other booths, others who wanted to meet a breed they had previously only seen in photos. Members of the AKC Board of Directors picked participants brains for suggestions for future events. By Sunday mid-afternoon we were running out of printed materials and losing our voices! We had had spots in our eyes from the camera flashes, and then spent the weeks afterward searching flicker, YouTube and other social networking sites for glimpses of our dogs and booth! The photographing didn’t stop once the event was over; as Pamela reported, “our Canaan Dogs were so photogenic that when Amanda and I were waiting on line for the freight elevator ... late Sunday, photographers were snapping shots of Heidi, Peter and [‘Reen].”

Once again, our thanks to all who came, participated or supplied behind the scene support.

2009 CDCA All-Breed Agility Trial

Submitted by Dan Haddy, Trial Chair

Hi All,

Well, what can I say, but I think our first CDCA trial in the upstate of South Carolina was a huge success! It was held on November 28, 29 of 2009 at the T. Ed Garrison Arena, a part of Clemson University, in Pendleton, SC.

The first day, **Friday** was all about setting up. Some of my local agility buddies and I arrived at the arena around noon to begin putting the pieces together. With this being the first time and not knowing exactly how the rings were going to fit, it took a little while to get things organized. After a couple hours we had the rings arranged. Others started to show up like the trial secretary, the equipment guy, and my wife with her carload of stuff. By 7, we had everybody situated and were ready for the big show the next day.



Saturday. The day started early. Yours truly was at the show site at about 6:15 AM. A little later others started to arrive. Chris & Ethan Miller came in and set up a beautiful trophy table, while Annette Israel and her friend April loaded up the coffee pots and spread out the snacks. The Judges, Nancy Davis of North Carolina and Terri Campbell of Alabama, arrived and gave out our course maps for the day.

Our first class in both rings was the FAST class. FAST is an acronym that stands for Fifteen And Send Time. It is basically a course where the handler gets to choose his or her own course that must include a "send" bonus. The "send" is a few obstacles where the dog must work as far as 15 to 20 feet away from the handler. This is a very fast and exciting class and got the dogs and their people revved up for the rest of the day.

After FAST, the two rings were divided into separate classes. Ring one had a normal agility course known as standard. It includes all the equipment like the dog walk, weave poles, jumps, and tunnels. In ring two, we had the jumpers ring. Jumpers only has jumps, weave poles, and maybe a tunnel. It can be very fast and twisty, but always exciting.

Now a dog in excellent B that qualifies in both the standard and jumpers ring in the same day earns what is called a double Q (QQ). For every second under the standard course

time (SCT) that a team runs they receive one speed point. It takes a total of 750 speed points and 20 QQs to earn a Master Agility Championship (MACH) title. This is the highest level that a team can achieve in agility. We actually had one team, Jeannie Whatley and her dog Millie, earn their MACH at our trial!

Saturday ended without incident and we left for home. A large rowdy group that included CDCA members and some local helpers ate a delicious meal at a Mexican restaurant in Clemson. We all retired to our homes/rooms to rest up for the next day, which would again start early.

Sunday. On Sunday, we decided to mix things up a bit and start the day with standard in one ring and jumpers in the other. Both Nancy and Terri had come up with intriguing and challenging courses. The arena personnel had watered down and "fluffed" the surface overnight. Having never seen agility before and only going by my verbal description, the crew got the surface perfect! For agility, a good surface is one of the best features that can make or break a trial. We finished up the day with another round of FAST classes, so people who wanted to go home early could. Then, the hardest part of any trial, break down. It took our group about an hour and half to clear out. We all headed home thinking about the wonderful weekend.

The trial was about two thirds full, which is great for a first time trial in an area. *Agility people tend to go to the same trials year after year and have a set schedule. Considering this was our first trial here and it was Thanksgiving weekend, I think we had an outstanding turnout. I received many, MANY positive comments about the facility, the surface, the way the trial was run, and entire effort put out by the volunteer workers. Many of our local agility enthusiasts felt it was their trial and really put on an outstanding effort. I believe word of mouth will spread and in the future more and more people will put the CDCA trial on their calendars. The best part of all is we made a pretty decent size profit which I hope will also increase down the road.*

The only drawback I came across was that we only had one Canaan Dog actually competing. My Orela, who is young and just in novice was the only one entered. Although we entertained the crowd, we didn't qualify all weekend long. That's OK, because I really just want her to have fun out there right now, and she sure did! I would like to see more of y'all come down sometime and enjoy our southern hospitality!

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In Memoriam

The CDCA has lost two friends of Canaan Dogs recently—Larry Myers and Dr Katryna Bogovich. While Larry was not a current CDCA member at the time of his death, he was known to many folks in the club and around the world. Dr. Katryna Bogovich was a long-time CDCA Member and greatly invested in the health of the breed. Our condolences to the family and friends of both.

A Contribution to the Celebration of ...

... Larry (Lawrence) Myers' Life

The Canaan Dog community lost Larry on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in the prime of his life. Surgery to repair multiple injuries sustained after a piece of machinery had pinned him down was initially successful, but proved fatal a day later. He had been putting up a fence on his farm. His loss wasn't supposed to happen.

Scarcely eight months ago, Larry and Michelle had moved from their townhouse near Toronto, Ontario, to their 160 acre farm in Alberta, Canada. They were responding to their dream of living on a working farm and meeting its challenges. Time spent on a Kibbutz had given Larry an introduction to farming along with exposure to a new and different language and culture. Now his and Michelle's commitment to Sufat Sheleg (Tempest Storm) Farm, was one that required every bit of their skill, planning, intelligence and processing of new information that they could bring to their work, not to mention the continuation of their civilian jobs. Their months on the farm, that spanned almost four seasons, were crammed full of new experiences and hard work in which their three Canaan dogs played a major role. Michelle described many of the tasks that they were able to teach and delegate to their dogs, and showed their ability to participate fully in farm duties, especially herding, as events began to unfold. Larry would be proud of the way his dogs carry on now, at the end of the season, when it is time to drive the cattle off to market.

Michelle and Larry engaged themselves fully in each undertaking they selected. The Canaan Dog was a major choice of theirs. They researched the breed before they purchased Macc, who became their foundation dog. It was he who found his master's shoe at the scene of the accident, and I believe, he keeps track of its location while waiting for Larry to return. Their second Canaan, Cybelle, their foundation female, has proved her worth on the farm and in competition rings. She is Larry's "princess." Their new

puppy, Ash, has shown her potential for work, and eagerly asks for more responsibility. Ash and her litter sister, Lacy, arrived together at Annabel Lombard's farm in Montana, where Michelle picked her up some months ago. The chance connection began a mutual and lasting friendship.



Great distances did not deter Larry or Michelle from overland travel. From Ontario they drove to Georgia, Virginia and Maryland, Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan and Vermont, to participate in dog oriented events, and to meet

the people involved with them. They shared their technical skills to help promote the Canaan Dog breed at seminars for conformation judges, at performance events, and in communication among Canaan dog enthusiasts. Their dogs participated in conformation, obedience, rally, herding and tracking events and competition, and also in real life farm work which is developing into their major purpose and reason for being.

Action, dedication, determination and pioneer spirit inspired and embraced Larry and Michelle. After little more than a half decade of involvement and immersion in the Canaan Dog breed, they discussed maintaining quality, reproduction, performance potential, health, nutrition, training, legislation, and every matter that connected Canaans to the dog world, brightly and knowledgeably. Larry was ahead of his time in outlook, debating skill, and desire to learn and master new concepts in many fields. His tall, solid, sturdy, handsome and cheerful appearance made him look as if he had been called to life on the farm, and to welcome the challenges that only earth, water, air and nature itself could offer. With Michelle, he lived life to its fullest. In thought and spirit our Canaan Dog community joined the crowd of fifty people who came that Sunday to Sufat Sheleg Farm to celebrate Larry's life. Some even came on horseback.

... And Dr. Katryna Bogovich

I first met Katryna around 1996, when she came to my house to pick up her first Canaan Dog, puppy, Nikita. I would like to write a tribute to her life and contributions to the Canaan Dog breed and national club on this sad occasion.

Our first conversation was over the phone, before computers. Katryna described her Great Dane and Border Collie in great detail and with great passion, and then apologized for talking so much, or too much, and getting too emotional. I didn't think an apology was necessary at all, and said so. It was all too plain and clear how much she had loved her dogs, now departed, and that no effort on her part was too great if it resulted in their welfare. The same concern for her three Canaans, one of whom still lives safely on, followed.

Katryna was an endocrinologist. It was no accident that she would throw her talents into those areas that concern the health of dogs, and Canaan dogs in particular. With characteristic energy, knowledge, passion and thoroughness, Katryna presented the CDCA with a health survey, the results of which would go into a data base designed by one of her former students, now a colleague, I believe. In a conversation with Katryna several months ago, Katryna spoke again

passionately of reviving the project. She was unafraid of stepping on toes, no matter who they belonged to. In her view there was no other way to preserve the health of the breed with accessible, and anonymous, records.

Katryna's belief in God was unshakeable, and defended thoroughly, I



think through the use of thermo-dynamics. Whatever subject Katryna believed in was done with great passion. She never tired of explaining the existence of God, the necessity to keep health records for the breed, her great love for her dogs and great sorrow after losing them, and her bigger-than-life zest for life. She never shipped her dogs anywhere, nor would she allow them to be shipped to her. From South Carolina she drove to Chicago to pick up Niki, to Iowa to pick up Red Ryder, and to Phoenix to attend the CDCA National Specialty in 1998. In 1997, she was at our first Specialty in Lexington, Kentucky, and in 2004, in Leesburg, Virginia, for the same event. It was here that she so passionately sought, and demanded, co-operation from breeders and owners to support the Canaan Dog health projects. She was just as resolute during our last conversation a few months ago as she had always been.

She never thought of dying. It wasn't in her vocabulary. She'd just go on forever, serving her work and her passions, and being sustained by them. Her mother had said many times to her, "You're not of this world!" Her mother must have understood her better than anyone. Because of circumstance I believe that she never had a chance to mourn her mother's death in the way that she wanted.

We once talked for six hours over the phone. We won't have the chance for a repeat performance, and I'm sorry for that.

Our thanks and appreciation to Bryna Comsky for her memories of Larry and Kat.

Health Report, by Donna Dodson

Editor's Note: This report originally ran in the Summer 2009 newsletter, but as it's subject is so vital to Canaan Dogs, we are running it again. Please contact Donna if you wish to participate in the essential work of the Health Committee.

I have thought about the suggestion from the 2009 National Specialty that we formulate and present a new HEALTH SURVEY. I am eager to have the CDCA and the general Canaan Dog population involved in the creation and presentation of a new HEALTH SURVEY. However, past experience dictates that I am not the individual to be involved in the production of the survey as po-

litically it is then a guarantee of lack of participation in reporting. Please contact the CDCA Board of Directors or myself if you are willing to volunteer to work on this sorely needed project. PLEASE.

DonnaDodson
CDCA Health Committee

Late Breaking News & Updates

- **CDCA All-Breed Agility Trial, May 7-9, 2010, Clemson SC**

At the last minute, the Club was offered the same location we used for the Fall 2009 Agility Trial for May 7-9, 2010. The Board quickly worked to make this trial happen!

The premium list is now available:

<http://pegfranklin.com/Documents/CDCA.AKC.May%202010.Premiumweb.pdf>

Hope to see you in South Carolina May! (Read all about our Fall 2009 trial elsewhere in this issue! Stay tuned for information about the November 2010 trials. At right, an image from the Lada L Memorial Challenge Trophy.)



- The Board of Directors of the Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. would like to start working on a **Judge Selection** for our **2012 National Specialty** so that we will (hopefully) be able to get that person under contract as soon as possible (we are still accepting 2012 NS Proposals). To that end, we recently approved and are pleased to announce the following Committee has been formed:

Board Member/Chair and Midwest Region Representative: Donna Davison

West Region Representative: Cindy Grupp

East Region Representative: Ro Steinberg

If you have a suggestion for the committee, please contact any of them. The deadline for their work is June 17, 2010.

- The Board of Directors has recently approved the **RENAMING of the following trophies presented at CDCA National Specialties:**

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes will now be called the **Leal Grupp Memorial Trophy** and

Breeder of Best in Veteran Sweepstakes will now be called the **Dr Katryna Bogovich Memorial Trophy**.

In addition, the BOD ACCEPTED the donation from **Denise Gordon** of the **Wolf Memorial Challenge Trophy** for Highest Scoring Dog in Trial. (See also page 19.)

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year !

To the youngest Ha'Aretz puppies:
Boker, Heart, and Reva

And their owners: Ray Beaudry & Leslie Angst,
Sam Pallin MD & Karen Palin, Ro & Dr. Joe
Steinberg, and to all who are celebrating.

From their sire and dam, Val & Remmie, and their
older sisters and bro: Stella, Tiny (Princess) Tina,
Blanka and Tobey, and their breeder,

Bryna Comsky & family

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We had several qualifiers for the Lada L Memorial Challenge Trophy in its first year of offering. This trophy is awarded in memory to the first MACH Canaan Dog, MACH Max's Lada L P Tiger Pooh. The trophy is a hand painted Danielle Trotter Jar depicting various agility scenes and Lada L. Each day of the trial, one handler from each of the novice, open, and excellent levels earns a qualifier towards the trophy. To retire this trophy, a handler must qualify three times. The following people earned a qualifying leg at this trial: Debbie Brown with Lula; Gail Hubbard with Quinn; Mike Padgett with Kona; Rebecca Russell with Herschel; Susan Wilson with Zinger and Ginsey St. Croix with Star. The Lada L Memorial Trophy is made possible by the contributions of: The Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. through its officers and members as well as Alan & Sylvia Gersman, Carolyn Gastley, Diann Gastley, Elsie Maylott, A Click Above, Sandy Dudley, Amanda Pough, Carol Hayes-Gegner, Cheryl Kent, Dan & Julie Haddy, Roy & Donna Dodson and Denise Gordon.



*We hope y'all will join us this May 7-9, 2010. We were able to acquire a second weekend at T. Ed Garrison for a **THREE** day trial this spring.* We have already secured Laura English as one judge. A friend of ours, Karen Wlodarski, will be judging open and novice as a provisional, and we hope to get the second excellent judge squared away here shortly. Early May is a great time of year around here as everything is in bloom and its warm but not unbearably hot.



I would like to thank the CDCA board and membership for all of their support in this trial. I would also like to thank my fellow agility locals who rose up and helped get this trial underway. Hopefully this will be the start of a fun and profitable tradition.

Dan Haddy, CDCA, Agility Trial Chair 2009/2010

AKC Delegate's Report, by Pamela Rosman

To the Board of Directors of the Canaan Dog Club of America ,

Attached, for your review and response, *[Editor's Note: Due to space & time considerations, the complete minutes from the AKC are not being reprinted in this issue. They are available on-line or by contacting the Delegate directly: pamela.rosman@aol.com or 530.665.3007]* are the complete minutes from the December 15, 2009 AKC Delegates meeting held in Long Beach , California . At the beginning of the meeting, in accordance with the Delegates Standing Rule, each candidate for the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2014 was allowed three minutes to address the Delegate body. The candidates spoke in alphabetical order and no questions from the floor were entertained. (During the Delegates Forum, immediately preceding the meeting, the candidates answered questions previously submitted in writing to Jim Crowley, in addition to addressing questions from the floor.) As regards the four proposed amendments, I voted in favor of all four pro-

posed amendments, including the amendment to the second amendment to allow neutered dogs and spayed bitches to be eligible for Grand Championship points.

The Delegates voted with a two-thirds affirmative vote to adopt all four amendments. The Delegate Bylaws Committee, of which I am a member, voted (the day before) to submit to the AKC Board of Directors for their consideration, an amendment to the Charter and By-laws of the AKC which would delete the section that stipulates term limits for AKC Board members. If the amendment is approved by the AKC Board of Directors at the January 2010 AKC Board meeting, the proposed amendment may be read at the March 2010 AKC Delegates meeting and scheduled for a vote at the June 2010 AKC Delegates meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela S. Rosman
AKC Delegate

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that lead to a rumble around the conference room was his statement that current conditions (economic and otherwise) indicate that we will have a bioterrorism event in 4-5 years that will make 9/11 look like a "cake walk". He urged everyone to get involved with Federal, state, and local political and emergency response organizations to ensure that the level of preparedness (including animals per the 2006 Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act) is at their maximum. Homeland Security has a Ready America pet preparedness plan on their website and the USDA also has a similar webpage (www.aphis.usda.gov/emergency_response/downloads).

Following that eye-opening presentation, Dr. Matthew Breen of the Department of Molecular Biomedical Sciences at the College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, gave a presentation on canine cancer and comparative genetics. He stated that the pace of technology is so rapid that he state-of-the-art technology of today will be outdated in 2-3 year; however, the anatomy of pets won't change and evaluation is now considering single cell differences. The pace of DNA sequencing is linked with the pace of computer technology and the cost to run a single array of DNA sequences used to be \$750 per patient and will soon be down to about \$100 per patient. There will be a development of a prognostic cytogenetic (cell level) test for canine lymphoma due out in the next few weeks that is not breed specific, but rather tumor specific and a report can be obtained by the vet within 96 hours. Dr. Breen also stated that purebred dogs have provided the genomic material for the development of diagnostic tests, which can be also used on mixed breeds, and he would be willing to provide a statement to that fact for anyone who is fighting the animal rights legislation against purebreds. Dr. David Vail, DVM, of the University of Wisconsin, followed up on Dr. Breen's talk with his presentation on clinical trials in veterinary oncology in the past, present, and future. He spoke on the 3 different phases of clinical trials: Phase I is the dose finding trial where MRI or CAT scan technology can be used to determine if the oncology treatment will work with longer days or there is a need to change the dose level; Phase II is where the data from Phase I is used to identify the tumor types that respond to the treatment, estimate the therapeutic index and predict the prognostic value; and Phase III is the "confirming" trials, where larger numbers of affected and unaffected dogs are used in randomized, "blind" (unknown to the researcher which dog gets which treatment) trials. Pet owners who participate in clinical trials benefit from elevated standard of care of their dogs, more access and financial incentive to treatment and ultimately, the same drugs will be used for human medicine. There is a need to enhance bidirectional flow of medical information between animal and human health; if drugs for humans are on a waiting list to be tested, one way is to give the second best drug in line to dog clinical trials to test as this will avoid some pharmaceutical concerns, help share research and development costs, etc

Dr. Ebenezer Satyaraj, a senior research scientist with Nestle Purina, spoke on immunonutrition, the emerging scientific discipline that looks how nutrition can influence the immune system in the face of the detrimental effects of stress. He stated that diet interacts with the immune system at several levels, but principally, the immune receptors in the gut are the primary targets, making the gut the largest immune organ in the body. He gave an example of this with a study using 24 adult (2-3 years old) Alaskan sled dogs who were either fed kibble with or without bovine colostrum, exposed to running beyond their normal exercise as the stress factor, and the level of immune markers in their blood which reflected the status of their immune system.

Dr. Simon Platt, of the University of Georgia, spoke on the new diagnostic and therapeutic technologies used in canine neurological diseases and since some Canaans have been affected by motor (non-epileptic) seizures, this was a topic of concern. His presentation included treatment of idiopathic (no known cause) epilepsy, which is responsible for 50% of seizures in dogs, and can be of an emergency or chronic (long-term) nature; the standard course of treatment in emergency epilepsy is IV-administered valium, but this is difficult to do in the home environment. A new gel formulation of the drug, midazolam, administered intranasal looks to be one that can be useful for home emergency epileptic episodes, giving relief in less than 2 minutes, though some dogs are resistant to treatment and several novel human epilepsy drugs are being evaluated in Dr. Platt's lab. There are new techniques for diagnosing canine brain cancers, who have a higher incidence than humans (14% vs 3%), including Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), which looks at nuclear resonance in different chemical structures; Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy Imaging (MRSI), which can differentiate dead tissue due to cancer from live, healthy brain tissue; and Dynamic Contrast Enhanced Imaging, which uses contrast dye in the abnormality to quantify second by second to see how quick its taken up and/or disappears over time and assists in evaluation and grouping the tumor in order to predict what tumor the dog has and possibly how useful the treatment will be or is proceeding (in the case of ongoing treatment).

The final presentation for the day was Dr. Mark Oyama's work in advances in canine cardiac research. He reported that while cardiac disease can affect any dog of any breed, including mixed breeds, the small breeds seem to be pre-disposed to cardiac disease, particularly Cavalier King Charles Spaniels having mitral valve disease, which is a progressive degeneration of the mitral valve tissue (thus varies when onset occurs, so you may have had many litters on the ground when diagnosed) that involves the loss of collagen (fibrous support tissue) and as it dissolves, the heart becomes weaker and weaker. Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy or ARVC, which used to be called Boxer cardiomyopathy, is where normal heart muscle is replaced with fat;

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as the heart loses viable muscle cells, the heart becomes weaker and the dog passes out after activity or may die if the ARVC is continuous (very high incidence of sudden death) – there is a new genetic test available for this disease with results back to the vet in a few weeks.

On Sunday, the first presentation was given by Dr. Danika Bannasch, DVM, from the University of California-Davis on Dalmatian bladder stones, which is caused by uric acid excretion, or hyperuricosuria, similar to humans and great apes, and has been a problem in Dalmatians for over 100 years. The gene and its mutation responsible for the uric-acid based bladder stones have been identified and are now being determined in other breeds (Parson Russell Terrier, German Shepherd, Weimaraner, Giant Schnauzer, Australian Shepherd, Bulldog and Black Russian Terrier to name a few), though the frequency of the mutation varies between breeds and not all dogs who are homozygous (carry both copies of the mutation gene) will show clinical signs of bladder stones. Dr. Bannasch spoke on how environment plus genes equal disease (overweight on a dog will make hip dysplasia much worse) and various genetic tests. She stated that several factors must be considered by a breeder when deciding to do genetic tests on their potential breeding stock: (1) Is the disease in your breed? There will be any number of tests available for those who want to pay for them. (2) What is the frequency of the mutation allele (gene) in question? If it's low, you can make the decision to test or not. (3) Is the disease treatable? (4) How severe is the disease? (5) What is the age of onset? Latter onset diseases allow for more affected litters on the ground before diagnosis. (6) Is the mode of inheritance of the disease known? Before any test is done, the testing lab should be able to fully know and describe to you how the mode of inheritance for the mutation occurs. Currently Dr. Bannasch has a survey on the OFA website on canine birth defects and needs information (no samples) from all breeds, both affected and normal.

Dr. Brian Zanghi, a senior scientist in the Molecular Nutrition Group at Nestle Purina, gave his presentation on nutrients to combat fatigue and promote physical recovery in active dogs. Since physical exhaustion is associated with glycogen depletion from muscle and liver and causes muscle fiber damage, soreness, inflammation and fatigue, canine nutrition studies have found that rapidly digestible carbohydrates (maltodextrins) given immediately after intensive exercise will significantly enhance muscle glycogen replacement within 4 hours and completely replenish it within 24 hours after the end of the intensive exercise. A recent Purina study using a combination of maltodextrins with highly digestible protein and antioxidants (carotenoids) in a dog biscuit form given to dogs immediately after exercise was found to prevent a reduction in plasma glucose (which promotes glycogen replacement) that is normally seen after exercise and optimized nutrition metabolism, giving rise to the ability of performance

dogs being able to recover more effectively during brief, physically challenging events and perform at peak level during the next and following days.

Dr. Eric Ledbetter, DVM, from Cornell University spoke on canine herpesvirus-1 (CHV-1) and gave a brief historical background since its first diagnosis in the mid-1960's. In more recent years, the disease has been associated with several eye diseases in mature dogs, including conjunctivitis, ulcerative and nonulcerative keratitis, though it is unknown for certain to what extent CHV-1 may be responsible for other ocular diseases. Several state-of-the-art ophthalmic technologies are being used in research to better diagnose and treat eye disorders, including confocal microscopy, which scans the eye of awake or slightly sedated dogs to look at the retina, cornea, optic nerve, and associated nerves and blood vessels; endoscopic cyclophotocoagulation for glaucoma, which is an optical endoscope that allows for precise placement of a laser within the eye to treat canine glaucoma; and gene therapy to treat hereditary retinal disease, such as congenital night blindness in Briards.

The final presentation of the conference was by Dr. Ziad Ramadan of the Nestle Research Center on metabonomics in nutrition research. Metabonomics is the combined measurement of various products of metabolism within the body and correlating them with known physiological or pathological biomarkers in a very complex data analysis. Basically, this method will ultimately enable nutritionists to streamline nutrients, ingredients, and other factors into food products that will enhance our pets' well-being.

As I stated earlier, I have more detailed information on each presentation and a list of all of the tests available for breeders if anyone would like to contact me either by email (desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com) or snail mail (Denise Gordon, 2614 Gracewood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45239).



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New Titles – AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2009

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
AKC CHAMPION		
CH. Cherrysh Hosea Prince Rock, RN	Cheryl Hennings	8/9/2009
CH. Cherrrysh Burning Desire	Cheryl Hennings	8/21/2009
CH. Mad River Here's Looking At You Kid	Christina Miller, Cynthia Grupp & Annette Israel	9/5/2009
CH. Gemari's 1st Hope	Michael J. Banister & Melvin S. Larsen	9/25/2009
AKC RALLY NOVICE		
CH. Pleasant Hill D'Artagnon Of Blue Sky, RN	Donna L Dodson & Norma Bennett Woolf	8/14/2009
CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Stearns' Caleb, RN	Donna Davison & Jackie Davison	9/5/2009
AKC RALLY ADVANCED		
CH. Cherrysh Hosea Prince Rock, RA	Cheryl Hennings	8/29/2009
AKC HERDING TESTED		
Midsummer Prancing Horse, HT	Victor & Wendy Sanchez	9/13/2009
CDCA REGISTER OF MERIT		
CH. Ha'Aretz Pa'Amonit, ROM	Byna Comsky	5/14/2009
CH. Hadar Ha'Aretz Hannah, CGC. CDCA-HC, ROM	Jackie & Donna Davison	8/5/2009

Congratulations to All!

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Upcoming events

- CDCA Regional Specialty in Waterloo, IA—*April*
- CDCA Agility Trial at Clemson, SC—*May*
- CDCA National Specialty in Troy, OH—*June*
- CDCA Agility Trial at Clemson, SC—*November*

