

The Canaan Kibitzer

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- ◆ Puppy Sweepstakes
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PRESIDENT & EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

It is certainly a new year for me: a new address, a new job and—even though I am still “north” - a new, slightly warmer climate! I moved from Northern Vermont to Central New York to be closer to my Mother. My dogs have settled in well—they are happily frustrated by the deer who wander within feet of the house and squirrels who raid the birdfeeder with impunity. I can be reach at my same email: BandersnatchBTCD@yahoo.com. My address is now: 132 Genung Circle, Ithaca NY 14850. Phone: (607) 273-0925 or cell (same as before) (802) 272-7635. I am just far enough south that I hope to make it to more CD-centric events! A slightly shorter winter will also help—and may mean my snow tires can come off sooner than May and go on later than October!

This is a very important issue and I ask you to read it carefully. Inside you will find information on the Nominating Committee. They are working hard on our next slate of Officers and Directors. This club is a collective of volunteers, and committed volunteers keep us working and moving forward.

Also inside you will find a very comprehensive report from the Breed Standard Revisit Committee. This committee has worked long and hard and we owe it to them to thoughtfully consider their work. A mailing later this year will allow for balloting on this important issue.

Our next Agility trials will be held this May. Dan Haddy encourages us to bring out our dogs and run them in our trial. We offer special recognition for Canaan Dogs at our trial—and so far only Dan's dog has ever competed for them! Many of the participants attending the trials look for CDs at the trials as they get so little chance to see the breed up-close and personal.

Finally, you will find a lot of information about our National Specialty and Annual Meetings to be held this June in Colorado. Inserts to this issue include catalog advertising (a great way to send best wishes, celebrate a special dog or mentor or just say Hi!), Banquet Reservation form, Herding Test Registration and directions to get you around

Longmont. You can also contact Cathey Dunn or Risa Baumrind with your questions.

Bring out your dogs—to trial, compete or just cheer on your fellow club members! You'll both enjoy the fun!

- Amanda

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On the Subject of Square

Why is the square proportion important for Canaan Dog fanciers?

A dog is either square or rectangular in profile. Along with other basic features, a square profile identifies ideal Canaan Dog type.

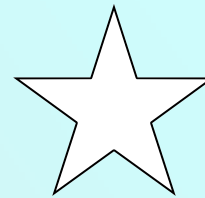
In their original "Temporary Standard of the Canaan Dog," the founders of the breed identify the shape of the pariah dogs that became known as Canaan Dogs, as square. "Shape: Square." Period. The square shape identifies the ideal proportion of the breed, and has held true over decades through controversies and disagreements. All American Standards, and all European and Israeli breed standards, past and present, keep and uphold the square shape for Canaans.

Movement is connected to proportion and is the second major feature that reveals breed type. The square proportion of the Canaan Dog predicts its movement as a "short, but brisk trot, 'natural' trot desired." (Temporary Standard of the "Canaan Dog" published in PARIAHUNDE, 1960, my translation). Similar descriptions of gait appear in other Canaan Dog standards, and correspond to the kind of movement that one can expect to see from a square profile.

Our purpose as CDCA and BSRC (Breed Standard Revision Committee) members is to maintain and uphold the basic elements of breed type that identify ideal Canaan Dogs and are true to the original requirements for the breed. No other proportion fits the standard, and no other gait fits the standard.

-Bryna Comsky

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2614 Gracewood Ave.

Cincinnati, OH 45239

Report of the breed standard revisit committee

SUBMITTED BY ANNETTE ISRAEL, MORE ON PAGES 6-9 AND 11-12

The Standard Breed Revision Committee has written a proposed revised standard that was voted on and passed by the committee and the CDCA Board of Directors at our last specialty June 16th 2010. This was then sent to the AKC Board of Directors and they passed it.

The next step is for the membership to vote on the new revised standard. In order that every member has the opportunity to read the AKC standard (current) with the proposed revised standard, we have included the two side by side so that it is easy to see where the proposed revisions were made. You will see the current standard in the left hand column and the proposed standard on the right. The words being removed from the current standard are marked in bold (**as such**) in the left hand column, while additions are underlined in the right hand column (like this).

Part of the requirements from AKC are explain the revisions to the CDCA membership. As such, also included in this issue are the discussions that occurred, especially as to how to describe the shape of the Canaan Dog, as our current standard contradicts itself.

Later this spring, a mailing will be sent to all members of the club. That mailing will contain the Slate of Officers nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve as Officers and Directors for the next term. In addition, full members (i.e., those who are eligible to vote) will also be sent a ballot for voting on the breed standard. (Ballot counting will be done by someone outside the club.)

I hope that after reading all of the information given, that when it comes time to vote, the members can make a decision based on the information and not on hear-say or how someone told them to vote.



Report of the breed standard revisit committee

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CURRENT STANDARD IN LEFT COLUMN, PROPOSED IN RIGHT.

Current Canaan Dog Breed Standard

General Appearance

The Canaan Dog is a herding and flock **guardian** dog **native to the Middle East**. He is **aloof with** strangers, inquisitive, loyal and loving with his family. **His medium-size, square body is** without extremes, showing a **clear, sharp** outline. The Canaan Dog moves with athletic agility and grace **in a quick, brisk**, ground-covering trot. He has a wedge-shaped head with low-set erect ears, a **bushy** tail that curls over the back when **excited**, and a straight, harsh, flat-lying double coat.

Size, Proportion, Substance

Size--Height at the withers is 20 to 24 inches for dogs and 19 to 23 inches for bitches. The ideal Canaan Dog lies in the middle of the stated ranges. **Disqualifications-- Dogs less than 20 inches or more than 25 inches. Bitches less than 18 inches or more than 23 inches.** *Proportion*--Square when measured from the point of **the withers to the base of the tail** and from the point of the withers to the ground. *Substance*--Moderate. Dogs generally weigh 45 to 55 pounds and bitches approximately 35 to 45 pounds. Dogs distinctly masculine without coarseness and bitches feminine without over-refinement.

Head

Elongated, the length exceeding the breadth and depth considerably. Wedge-shaped, when viewed from above. Slightly arched when viewed from the side, tapering to stop. The region of the forehead is of medium width, but appearing broader through ears set low to complete an alert expression, with a slight furrow between the eyes. *Expression*--Alert, watchful and inquisitive. Dignified. *Eyes*--Dark, almond-shaped, slightly slanted. Varying shades of hazel with liver-pointed dogs. Eye rims darkly pigmented or of varying shades of liver harmonizing with coat color. Fault--Unpigmented eye rims. *Ears*--Erect, medium to

Proposed Canaan Dog Breed Standard

General Appearance

The Canaan Dog, the National dog of Israel, is a herding and flock sentry dog originating in the Land of Canaan. The Canaan Dog is a pariah dog type that is naturally alert, inquisitive and watchful. He is mistrustful of strangers and unfamiliar environments, yet loyal and loving with his family. A square dog of medium size, moderate and balanced without extremes, showing a clean outline. The moderately angulated Canaan Dog moves with athletic agility and grace in an efficient, ground-covering endurance trot. He has a wedge-shaped head with low-set erect ears, a high set brush tail that curls over the back when confident, and a straight, harsh, flat-lying double coat. There is a marked distinction between the sexes.

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large, set moderately low, broad at the base, tapering to a very slightly rounded tip. Ears angled very slightly forward when excited. A straight line from the inner corner of the ear to the tip of the nose should just touch the inner corner of the eye and a line drawn from the tip of the ear to the tip of the nose should just touch the outer corner of the eye. Ear motion contributes to expression and clearly defines the mood of the dog. Major Fault--In the adult dog, other than erect ears. *Stop*--Slightly accentuated. *Muzzle*--Tapering to complete the wedge shape of the head. Length equal to or slightly longer than the length of the skull from the occiput to stop. Whisker trimming optional. *Nose*--Darkly pigmented or varying shades of liver, harmonizing with coat color. *Lips*--Tight with good pigmentation. *Bite*--Scissors.

Neck, Topline, Body

Neck--well arched. Balance to body and head and free from throatiness. *Topline*--Level with slight arch over the loins. *Body*--Strong, displaying athletic agility and trimness. *Chest*--Moderately broad and deep, extending to the elbows, with well-sprung ribs. *Loin*--Well-tucked up. Short, muscled flanks. *Tail*--Set **moderately** high. **May be** carried curled over the back **when excited; limited to one full curl**. When extended, the bone **must** reach to the hocks. **Fault: Tail which falls over to either side of the back.**

Forequarters

Shoulders moderately angulated. Legs straight. Pasterns flexible with very slight slope when viewed from the side. Dewclaws may be removed. *Feet*--Catlike, pads hard, pigmentation harmonizing with nose and eye rims. Nails strong, hard, pigmentation harmonizing with either nose and eye rims or coat.

Hindquarters

Moderately angulated. In balance with forequarters. Straight when viewed from the rear. Thigh musculature well-developed, moderately broad. Hocks well-let-down. Dewclaws must be removed. Feet and nails as in forequarters.

Coat

Double coat. Outer coat-straight, harsh, flat-lying, **with slight ruff. Ruff more pronounced on males.**

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Coat

Double coat. Outer coat-straight, harsh, flat-lying. Outer coat of medium length on body, shorter on front part of the

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Length of outer coat ½ to 1½ inch; longer on ruff and back of thighs, shorter on body, legs and head. Undercoat--**straight**, soft, short, **flat-lying**, density varying with climate. **Tail bushy, increasing in plumage from set to end of bones, then tapering to pointed tip.** **Faults**--Excessively long **guard** coat that masks the clean outline of the dog. Any trimming that alters the natural appearance of the dog.

Color

There are two color patterns. Pattern 1) Predominantly white with mask and with or without additional patches of color (large body patches are desirable). Pattern 2) Solid colored with or without white trim. Color may range from black through all shades of brown - sandy to red or liver. Shadings of black on a solid brown or tan dog are frequently seen. The trim on a solid colored dog may include chest, undercarriage, feet and lower part of leg and tip of tail. In all color patterns self-ticking may be present. *Disqualifications--a) Gray and/or brindle. b) All white.*

Mask

The mask is a desired and distinguishing feature of the predominantly white Canaan Dog. The mask is the same color (s) as the body patches on the dog. The basically symmetrical mask must completely cover the eyes and ears or can completely cover the head as in a hood. The only allowed white in the mask or hood is a white blaze of any size or shape and/or white on the muzzle below the mask. **Faults**--On predominantly white dogs--absence of mask, half mask, or grossly asymmetrical mask.

Gait

Movement is very important. Good reach and drive. **Quick, brisk natural trot, apparently tireless, indicating an animal capable of trotting for hours.** **Covers ground more quickly than expected.** Agile, able to change directions **almost instantaneously.** **Tends to single-track at high speed. Fault-- Anything that detracts from efficient movement.**

Temperament

Alert, vigilant, devoted and docile with his family. Reserved and aloof with strangers. Highly territorial, serving as a responsive companion and natural guardian. Very vocal, persistent. Easily trained. **Faults**--Shyness or domi-

legs and head; longer on ruff, tail, top of withers and back of thigh. Ruff more pronounced on males. Thick brush tail tapering to a pointed tip. Undercoat- soft and short with density varying with climate. Excessively long outer coat that masks the clean outline of the dog is undesirable as is any trimming that alters the natural appearance of the dog.

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Gait

The characteristic gait is a brisk and tireless trot covering more ground than expected. Moderate angulation results in the appropriate reach and drive of the natural dog's endurance trot. In this trot the rear paw steps into the footprint of the front paw. His trot tends to converge to the center at higher speeds. The Canaan Dog is agile, graceful and able to change speed and direction instantly. Correct movement is essential to this breed.

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Disqualifications

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Bitches less than 18 inches or more than 23 inches.

Gray and/or brindle.

All white.

Approved: June 10, 1996

Effective: August 12, 1997

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Call for proposals 2013 national specialty & annual meetings

The Board is currently seeking proposals for the 2013 Annual Meetings & National Specialty. *If no viable & complete applications are received by the 2011 Annual Board Meeting, the Board will choose between our two fall-back locations: August in Atlanta or September in Upstate New York.* If you would rather see the Annual Meetings & National Specialty elsewhere, this is your time to speak up!

Applications and information are available at cdca.org, or from any Board member.



Last chance to renew!

If you have not yet renewed your dues for 2011, this will be your LAST KIBITZER!

If you have any questions, want to verify that your dues were received, etc. please contact Membership Chair Amy Preston.

Amy Preston, CDCA Membership Chair
82 County Home Rd Thompson CT 06277

If you paid your dues via PayPal (cdca_treasurer@bellsouth.net), make sure you sent a copy of your PayPal receipt to the Membership Chair.

Contact Amy at reliccanaans@yahoo.com or (860) 235-5075 with any questions.

CDCA UPCOMING EVENTS

It is never too early to start planning!

April 22, 2011

Iowa: Regional Specialty Hosted by Midwest CD Club (more information on page 2)
Contact Keith Shank (kshank01@msc.com) for more details .

May 13-15 2011

South Carolina All Breed Agility Trials (including Mixed Breeds)

June 1-6, 2011

Colorado 2011 National Specialty & Annual Meetings (more information in this issue)
Contact Cathey Dunn, Catdunn@earthlink.net for more information.

November 25-27, 2011

South Carolina: All Breed Agility Trials (including Mixed Breeds)



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DISCUSSION & FACTS THAT RESULTED IN THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STANDARD:

The CDCA Breed Standard Revision Committee met on June 16, 2010, and revised the four sub-topics in the current AKC Canaan Dog Breed Standard that concern General Appearance, Proportion, Coat and Gait. The committee members present approved all four topics unanimously, and a statement from those not present was read aloud to the committee by the chair. Among the additions and corrections are the phrases: “the National dog of Israel;” “Square when measured from the point of the shoulder to the ischium and from the point of withers to the ground;” “Outer coat of medium length on body;” and “The characteristic gait is a brisk and tireless trot.” The committee’s task is to keep the basic tenets of breed type, and to bring the description of proportion into compliance with breed type. The shape of the breed is square. No other proportion fits.

All current Canaan Dog breed standards across the globe require a square profile. All Canaan Dog breed standards in the past required a square shape. The BSRC restored square proportion to the AKC Breed Standard. A few standards are quoted below:

Temporary Standard of the “Canaan Dog” as written by the Drs. Menzel in 1960

“Shape: Square. Where length is slightly greater than height results from shorter leg-bones, not on length of back or coupling.”

Author’s note – emphasis on Square. Where off square, is due to shorter leg-bones.

The F.C.I. Standard of the Israel Canaan Dog, November 28, 1985

“Body: Square, withers well developed, back level, loins muscular, chest deep and of moderate breadth, ribs well sprung”

CANAAN DOG - Official U.K.C. Breed Standard – Sighthounds & Pariah Dogs Group, Copyright 1992, United Kennel Club, Inc., Revised January 1, 1998.

“Body: The Canaan Dog is a square dog. His height, measured from the withers to the ground, should equal his length of body, measured from point of shoulder to point of buttocks.”

CANAAN DOG, AMERICAN STANDARD, Adopted

May 5, 1973

“Shape: Square, well balanced”

In conclusion, the **majority** of the Breed Standard Revision Committee voted to adopt square as stated below into our AKC Breed Standard:

“Proportion--Square when measured from the point of the shoulder to the ischium and from the point of the withers to the ground.”

Some will argue that a square Canaan Dog cannot move properly. A square Canaan Dog with moderate angulation and correct quick and tireless trot WILL move correctly for our breed. Does this mean that all excellent examples of our breed will be square – NO. Does this mean that all square examples of our breed will be excellent – NO. This does mean that breeders and judges will have a more cohesive blueprint for our breed. This also means that our standard here in the US will be more in line with the rest of the world. We must remain true to the original requirements to maintain breed type.

The proposed revised standard for the Canaan Dog has one, significant, flaw and that is in the description of proportion. Although it can be argued that the current standard description of proportion calls for an excessively long bodied dog, the proposed change takes that description to the other extreme by calling for a square body when measured from the point of the shoulder to the ischium and from the point of the withers to the ground.

The first consideration in any breed standard should be the function for which the dog was created. The Canaan Dog is a true natural dog, not a man-made creation. In its native environment, as most wild dogs, it needed an efficient, ground-covering, endurance trot in its search for food, and to be capable of short bursts of speed and agility to catch its prey. In other words, its function was to survive.

There are several things that all experts on dog structure and movement agree upon, one of which is that for an efficient, endurance trot. In their description of “Efficient Endurance Trotters,” Gilbert and Brown wrote, “In the trot it is assumed that wild dogs... have a structure and style of trotting that is near perfection for sustained travel.... The length of body from forechest to rump is 10 percent to 20 percent longer than the height of the dog at

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the withers.”(1)

There are many square breeds that move beautifully around the show ring at a trot. However, these are not breeds that can sustain that gait over long distances. A square body is an appropriate proportion for a dog designed for an endurance gallop, such as an Afghan Hound. And for some individuals a square dog is just more aesthetically pleasing.

The fact that Dr. Menzel, in her 1961, Temporary Standard of the “Canaan Dog” wrote, “Shape: Square,” should not lock us into that word today, as Dr. Menzel did not tell us from where she was measuring. She did, however, go on to say, “Where length is slightly greater than height results from shorter legs rather than on length of back or coupling” (2) indicating her observations included a range in proportion.

It’s important to keep in mind that Dr. Menzel was not the “creator” of the breed. Her studies were primarily of the dog’s behavior and characteristics, trainability and practical uses. She presented no scientific studies of their structure or gait, only her observations.

A more accurate description of proportion for the Canaan Dog would be “off-square,” the definition of which is the AKC’s official terminology is “Slightly longer when measured from point of shoulder to point of buttocks, than height at withers.” (3)

To impose a rigid and artificial limitation on the structure of this natural breed, in conflict with the breed’s most important physical characteristic, its efficient, endurance, trot, would be a mistake. We urge the membership to reject the proposed revised standard and send it back to committee to change proportion to off-square.

(1) *Structure & Terminology*, p 189, Edward M. Gilbert, Jr. & Thelma R. Brown

(2) *Pariahunde*, p 60, Drs. R. and R. Menzel

(3) *The Complete Dog Book 19th Edition Revised*, Official Publication of the American Kennel Club, Glossary.



*HeadWest! And join
us June 2-6th in
Longmont CO for the*



2011 CDCA National Specialty & Annual Meetings

Schedule of Events (more details on following pages)

Wednesday, 6/1/2011, (tentatively starting 6PM):

Hospitality Evening

Thursday, 6/2/2011

Board Meeting (8am)

Annual General Meeting (2pm)

Judges Seminar (7pm)

Friday, 6/3/2011 (Morning):

Obedience and Rally as part of All-Breed Trial

Friday, 6/3/2011 (Afternoon, as entries allow, will aim to start after completion of Obedience & Rally):

CDCA 2011 National Specialty (Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, Conformation and Junior Showmanship)

Saturday, 6/4/2011

Day: Supported entry at the Flatiron Kennel Club (FKC) show

Evening: Banquet & Auction, (*Doors open at 6:30, Dinner 7:00*)

Sunday, 6/5/2011

Supported entry at the Flatiron Kennel Club (FKC) show

Monday, 6/6/2011

Herding

2011 CDCA National Specialty

Schedule Details

Wednesday, 6/1/2011

Hospitality Evening

CDCA Member Kevin Maguire and his wife, Diane, have offered to host the hospitality evening at their wonderful lakeside home. Their house is about 10 minutes from the host hotel. They have a large outbuilding which they will make available for crating dogs, should people wish to bring their dogs with them.

Hospitably Night address:

7381 Rozena Drive, Longmont CO 80503

which is about 12 miles and 15 minutes from the host hotel.

See inserts for a map and directions to Kevin's house



Thursday, 6/2/2011

Meeting Day

Board Meeting (8am)

Annual General Meeting (2pm)

Judges Seminar (7pm)

Location for all meetings:

Twin Sisters Room, Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 1900 Ken Pratt Blvd, Longmont, CO

As per Article II, Section 1 of the CDCA By Laws, the 2011 Annual Meeting of Canaan Dog Club of America will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 2pm in the Twin Sisters Room, Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 1900 Ken Pratt Blvd, Longmont, CO. (The Board of Directors will meet at hotel at 8am the same day.)

To help facilitate the meeting, club members are encouraged to submit items for the agenda to the Recording Secretary, Norma Bennett Woolf, to arrive by Monday, May 16, 2011, (6241 North State Route 48, Lebanon, OH 45036 editor@canismajor.com).



The Specialty & the competitive events

All performance and conformation events will be held at the **Boulder County Fairgrounds**, in Longmont CO.

Boulder County Fairgrounds

Nelson Road & 95th Street, Longmont, CO

The Fairgrounds web site is:

<http://www.bouldercounty.org/play/recreation/pages/fairgrounds.aspx>

The Fairgrounds are less than a mile from the host hotel.

Please note the provisions for Reserved Grooming and the Grooming Space rules (see the premiums for full details; some details on later pages).

**Friday, 6/3/2011 (Morning):
Obedience and Rally**

We won't have a Canaan Dog only Obedience and Rally Event. However, the Collie Club of Colorado is hosting an all-breed obedience and rally trial Friday morning. They have kindly included a number of non-regular classes at our request, so there will be plenty of fun classes to enter.

Sponsoring club: Collie Club of Colorado
<http://collieclubofcolorado.org>

Event Secretary: Brenda Wood
755 W 10Th St, Loveland, CO 80537-4694
(970) 663-7197



We are hoping to have premiums for the Obedience/Rally trial mailed to all club members. If you do not receive one, or need additional copies, please contact the Collie Club of Colorado.

Rally Judge:
Mr. Richard P. Wood

Obedience judges:
Mrs. Sharon D. Hodgens-Wood
Mr. Richard P. Wood

Obedience and Rally will be held indoors, on a packed dirt surface. Although the building is not air-conditioned, it is usually cool and comfortable. There will be room in the arena for crates and chairs, as well as plenty of seating in the grandstands for spectators

**Friday, 6/3/2011
(Afternoon, as entries allow, will aim to start after completion of Obedience & Rally):
CDCA 2011 National Specialty:**

Junior Showmanship: Jennifer Nelson
Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veterans): Cheryl Hennings of *Cherrysh Canaan Dogs*
Regular Classes: Monica Canestrini



The rings will be outside. There will be shade provided and we should have the courtyard in which the event will be held to ourselves. The club will provide lunch between the end of the obedience/rally trial and the beginning of the specialty proper.



The Premium List for the CDCA National Specialty will be mailed to every club member. If you need additional copies or more information, please contact Jan Curtis, Show Secretary (contact info listed below).

Saturday 6/4/2011

Supported entry at the FKC show

Web Site: <http://flatironskc.com/>

Superintendent: Onofrio Dog Shows, L.L.C., Superintendent
PO Box 25764, Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0764
(405) 427-8181
mail@onofrio.com



We are hoping to have premiums for the Supported Entries mailed to all club members. If you do not receive one, or need additional copies, please contact Onofrio.

Obedience:
Mr. Richard P. Wood
Mrs. Carolyn S. Wray

Rally:
Mrs. Sharon D. Hodgens-Wood

Conformation (Breed):
Neena L. Van Camp

Juniors:
Ms. Pluis Davern

Sunday 6/5/2011

Supported entry at the FKC show

Obedience:
Mr. Richard P. Wood
Mrs. Carolyn S. Wray

Rally:
Mrs. Carolyn S. Wray

Conformation (Breed):
Mrs. Janice M. Leonard

Juniors:
Mrs. Janice M. Leonard

Monday, 6/6/2011:

Herding

The Herding Instinct tests will be held at Valdemar Farms in Fort Lupton CO.

The address is:

Valdemar Farms
14741 Weld County Road 10, Fort Lupton, CO 80621
which is about 25 miles (45 minutes) from the host hotel.



See inserts for a map and directions to Valdemar Farms

Our evaluator will be Cathy Balliu, an AHBA/AKC herding judge. Cathy uses goats instead of sheep for instinct tests, so that will be a fun change for all.

Here's a link to a fun blog about a herding instinct test at Valdemar Farms, complete with videos:
<http://championofmyheart.com/2011/01/07/lillys-herding-instinct-test-reflections/#more-4934>

See insert for Herding Registration form.

Time and resources allowing, signups will also be accepted the day of the test. If you have questions about the instinct test, please contact Denise Gordon at desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com. Cathy has a limited stock, so priority goes to dogs going up for their HC and HCX.

There will be a port-a-john. We're not clear on how much shade is available; we'll try to provide at least a couple of shade tents. Drinks will be provided, but you may want to bring extra, as well as food for yourselves (and your dogs.)

Accommodations:

The host hotel will be:

Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
1900 Ken Pratt Blvd, Longmont, CO
303 776-2000



There is a block of 10 rooms reserved from June 1, 2011 through June 5, 2011. There is a limit of 4 dogs per room and a \$75 flat rate non-refundable "deposit" for dogs. The hotel is offering a special rate of \$95/night. Mention the CDCA to get the special rate.

Other hotels in the area accepting dogs:

DAYS INN
3820 State Highway 119, Longmont CO 80504
(303) 651 6999
\$20 per pet / per night

SUPER 8 MOTEL
2446 Main Street, Longmont CO 80504
Res: (303) 772 8106
\$10.00 per pet / per night

SUPER 8 MOTEL
10805 Turner Blvd, Longmont CO 80504
\$10.00 per pet / per night
(303) 772 0888

For those traveling in RVs, there is a **campground** at the fairgrounds; information is available at the website.

<http://www.bouldercounty.org/play/recreation/pages/camping.aspx>

The closest state park allowing camping is **St. Vrain**.

<http://parks.state.co.us/parks/stvrain/Pages/StVrainHome.aspx>

There are also some nice campgrounds, albeit at some distance, that are part of the Larimer County system. (At least a couple of us will be staying at Flatiron Reservoir, a pleasant place that even has a couple of camping cabins).

<http://www.co.larimer.co.us/parks/usage.htm>

Motels Near Herding - Following is information on local accommodations, for those who prefer to switch accommodations prior to herding. We can't vouch for accuracy of the following, so please check for current information and policies.

- Motel 6, 65 S. Grant Ave. Ft. Lupton, CO. 303 857-1800, 1-800- 466- 8356. No fees of any kind for dogs. Rates are \$39.99 for single and \$ 59.99 for double.
- Comfort Inn, 15160 Brighton Rd., Brighton, CO. 303-654-1400. They will accept medium dogs. \$84.00- \$90.00 a night \$20.00 deposit per dog
- Super 8 Motel, 12055 Dr. Westminster, CO. 303 451 7200 1-800-800-8000 Accepts any size dog and a \$10.00 deposit per dog.
- Super 8 Motel, 15040 Brighton Rd., Brighton, CO (303)659-6063. This hotel is closer, but dog policy is unclear.

Campgrounds Near Herding

- Barr Lake R.V. Park, 17180 E. 136th Ave., (303) 659-6180
- Denver Northeast Pepper Pod Campground, 51 5th Ave., Hudson, CO (303) 536-4763

Awards Banquet & Auction

Fusion Food & Spirits will cater the Awards Banquet. All Meals include House Salad and choice of Dessert (Bite Sized Chocolate Mousse, Cheese Cake or Bread Pudding), tax, tip and gratuity. Drinks are NOT included.

The Banquet will be held on the patio at Fusion Food, adjacent to the host hotel. The address is:
Fusion Food and Spirits
1940 Ken Pratt Blvd., Longmont, CO 80501
303-774-7399

Meal Options:

\$25.00 per person—Choice of

Chicken Scaloppini - Thin sliced wafers of lightly floured chicken breast, sautéed together with capers, garlic, white wine and herb butter. Served with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

OR

Vegetable Platter - Grilled beets, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables. Served with a sweet chili orange sauce.

\$30.00 per person—Choice of

Gorgonzola Sirloin - 8oz Angus Sirloin cooked to order topped with Gorgonzola cheese and a pan demiglaze. Served with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables.

OR

Pacific Salmon - 8oz salmon filet poached in a court bouillon finished with a bierre blanc sauce. Served with mashers and fresh vegetables.

OR

Shrimp Scampi - 5 tiger shrimp sautéed in tomatoes, butter, garlic wine sauce tossed with spaghetti.



Please mail your Banquet reservation form (*see insert*) to Cathey Dunn at:
P.O. Box 251, Longmont, CO 80502

Checks payable to CDCA. *Banquet Reservation deadline: Monday, May 16, 2011.*

National Specialty Contact Information:

CDCA Specialty Show Secretary: Jan D. Curtis
www.JDCurtis-ShowSecretary.com

Specialty Chair: Cathey Dunn
catdunn@earhlink.net

Assistant Show Chair/Obedience & Rally Chair:
Risa Baumrind
risa@InnoSys.com

Please feel free to contact either of us with any general questions you may have.

Herding: Denise Gordon
Chief Ring Steward: Sally J. Carlson
Hospitality: Eileen Jaffee

Trophies (Conformation): Chris Miller
Trophy Donations welcomed! All trophies will be hand made and/or painted with a Canaan Dog motif.

Trophies (Performance): Risa Baumrind
Again, Trophy donations welcome. Please send them to Chris Miller

We will have lots of fun prizes for all teams. Everyone who enters in Rally will receive a set of Rally Cards, so if you can't remember a station, notes are provided! Everyone who enters in obedience will receive a training tab. Placements will receive various sorts of leashes and toys. A few lucky (i.e. accomplished) people/dog teams will receive a hand painted box with Canaan Dog Motif, decorated by Chris Miller. Rally Cards, Tabs, and Leashes will be made by Risa Baumrind.

Auction: Risa Baumrind
Please mail items to arrive by Monday, May 16, 2011 or bring them with you to the show. Items may be shipped to:

CDCA Auction
c/o Risa Baumrind
2657 Juniper Way N.
New Harmony UT 84757-5079

Please Note:

**Grooming/Crating Spaces at the Supported Entries are limited.
Some space is available first come/first served and is free.**

Reserved Spaces are available for approximate 5' x 8' areas at \$10 each (anticipated; \$10/space was the 2010 rate). The CDCA will attempt to reserve space that club members may share.

If you would like your own space, please read the Grooming insert.

Local Resources

No need to bring pounds of dog food with you! The following stores are well known in the area and are good sources of Natural and Raw Foods. Please contact them before traveling to make sure they carry your favorites!

Four Paws and Co.—Natural and Raw Foods + Do it yourself Dog Wash
1225 Ken Pratt Boulevard, Longmont, CO 80501
(303) 485-1565

<http://www.fourpawsandco.com/>

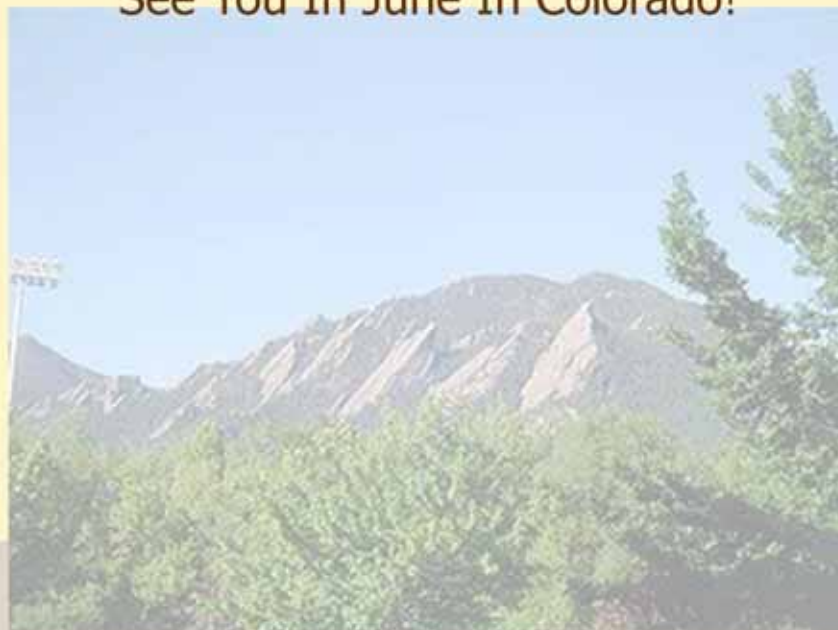
about 1 mile from the host hotel

Blue Hills Dog & Cat Shoppe—Natural and Raw Foods
2255 Main St. #116, Longmont, CO 80501
303-651-2955

<http://www.bluehillsdogandcat.com/foods.html>

about 4 miles from the host hotel

See You In June In Colorado!



***2011 is just around the
corner! Plan your
trophy donations
NOW :-)***

It's never too early to start sending in your trophy donations for the 2011 National Specialty in Colorado. Trophies will all be hand made or painted with a Canaan Dog motif. Curious?? Send your trophy donations for more details. Checks and PayPal accepted. Checks payable to CDCA, mailed to Chris Miller, Treasurer, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers, GA 30013. PayPal to cdca_treasurer@bellsouth.net.

Questions to cdca_treasurer@bellsouth.net.

No donation is too small or too large! All donations will be acknowledged in the catalog and live on in the hearts of the CDCA forever.

Secretary's report, February 2011

NORMA BENNETT WOOLF, CDCA RECORDING SECRETARY

Board activity has been quiet since the annual meeting last June with few motions and several new and upgraded memberships approved.

2010

September: The board approved Carol J. O'Bryan, 1484 Bloomfield Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472, for the club's Meet and Greet list of members who are willing to meet prospective Canaan Dog owners.

The board also approved the membership application of Elizabeth Miller, 3015 Kisdon Hill Drive, Waukesha WI 53188. Donna Davison endorsed her application.

October: The board approved a new membership application from David Pohl, 4740 Sawmill Road. Donna Dodson endorsed his application.

The board approved a letter to the AKC Board of Directors in response to a request from the Dalmatian Club of America. DCA requested parent clubs to support its desire to bar from registration dogs traced to a back-cross with a Pointer in 1973. The claim has been made that these dogs are free of the uric acid stones that affect the breed, but DCA is leery about the research. The CDCA letter focused on the chaos that would ensue if AKC approved dogs for registration over the objections of the parent club.

November: The board approved the membership application of Marilyn Hansel, 875 Hyak Way, Fox Island, WA 98333. Sally Armstrong endorsed her application.

December: The board appointed a nominating committee for the 2011 board election in August. Members of the committee are Renee Kent, chairman and east area representative; Cathi Oskow, Midwest representative, and Risa Baumrind, west area representative. Alternates are Robin Prince (west), Denise Gordon (Midwest), and Amy Preston (east).

The board approved membership applications for: Stephen O'Bryan, 1484 Bloomfield Rd, Sebastopol CA 95472, an addition to Carole O'Bryan's membership. Sally Armstrong endorsed his application.

Richard Vulliet, 3135 Chesapeake Bay, Davis CA 95616. Amy Preston endorsed his membership.

2011

January: The board approved upgraded memberships for:
Sally Carlson, 33728 Spirit Trail, Potomac MT 59823, endorsed by Annette Israel and Julie Haddy, .

April Lee, PO Box 109, Coinjock NC 27923, endorsed by Risa Baumrind and Lee Boyd.

The board also approved a new membership for Brian Still, 81 County Home Road, Thompson CT 06277, endorsed by Pamela Rosman. This is an addition to an existing membership.

Sidebar

Members may have noticed that there have been no published minutes from the 2010 general membership meeting. That's because I lost them. I was unable to attend the membership meeting and asked another board member to take those minutes. She did, and she passed them along to me, and I misplaced them.

Members can glean much of the content of the meeting from the board minutes published in the last *Kibitzer*, but if there was any additional information brought before the club at that time, it has not been archived.

With apologies,
Norma Bennett Woolf, CDCA Recording Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

(New members since Fall 2010 issue)

November

Marilyn Hansen

:

December

Richard Vulliet

Stephen O'Bryan

January

Brian Still

and also in January,
members who have now achieved full membership:

Sally Carlson
William & Lana Chisler
April Lee

AKC Delegate's report

PAMELA ROSMAN, CDCA'S DELEGATE

The December 6-7, 2010 Delegates' meeting was held in Long Beach, California in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational. Once again, the Meet the Breeds booths were a big hit with public. Next year, the Invitational will move to Florida.

Many new AKC programs and services were introduced in 2010. AKC Canine Partners was launched and 600 mixed breed dogs have achieved 1200 titles. 2010 brought some new titles such as the Beginner Novice title. The Grand Championship program began in May, and in the first six months, there has been a 9.6% increase in Best of Breed entries. So far, 3,420 dogs have earned Grand Championships. There is a new Grand Champion Ranking system for the top 25 dogs in each breed. At the Committee meetings, it was announced that more variations on Grand Champion rankings are likely in the near future. They may include the Top 25 for each year, Lifetime Rankings and the Top 10 in each state.

From January to October, there were 19,321 conformation titles, 8,618 performance titles, and 51,062 companion events titles. In 2010, approximately 40,000 dogs received their CGC, and 12,000 completed the STAR puppy program. The Breeder of Merit program has been well received with 1,000 breeders participating.

Once again, AKC's financial position continues to raise concerns. In the first ten months of 2010, AKC total revenues were 6% lower than the prior year. Registration revenue continues to fall. Total operating expenses were 2% lower. This resulted in a \$1 million operating deficit. Investments did post a gain, though less than last year.

There was a presentation on the AKC Political Action Committee (PAC). The PAC works at the state and federal level to help elect dog-friendly candidates. Every dollar given to the PAC can help. Unfortunately, in 2010, the PAC was only able to raise \$11,000. (By comparison, HSUS raised 25 times as much. Whereas HSUS gave gifts to support around 250 people, the AKC PAC was able to lend support to around 48.) 85% of candidates supported by the AKC PAC were successful in November. For more information on how to contribute to the PAC see: http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/legislation_donations.cfm

Junior Showmanship was discussed at length in the Committee meetings. Clubs are encouraged to invite juniors join their club. Clubs might consider reducing entrance fees, using undivided classes, and hiring juniors only judges. There has been an issue with certain superinten-

dants charging up to a full entry fee for a juniors to substitute a dog; a member of the Parent Club Committee will be contacting these superintendants to see if the policy can be changed.

AKC continues to look for "enhancements" to shows. A 4-6 month puppy class will be being tested at select shows. Also being considered is an owner-handler competition, Reserve Best in Show, and expanding the number of group placements. Creating a "Masters Class" for Junior Showmanship is also being discussed. This class is envisioned to be for Juniors who have had a certain number of wins in a given year.

As you may have heard, there has been a change in AKC policy so that judges may now solicit assignments.

The AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards recognized Walter Goodman for Conformation, James Ham for Companion Events, and JoAnn Frier-Murza for Performance Events.

A few items are on the agenda for a vote at the March meeting. One amendment updates the requirements for show veterinarians. It also addresses on-call veterinarians, and requires clubs to inform them of their duties. Another second amendment to be voted on would create a common deadline for a show application and judges panel in order to reduce confusion.

The March meeting will include the AKC Board elections. Those running for the Board include: Robert Amen, Steve Gladstone, Kenneth Marden, Carmen Battaglia, Karen Burgess and Dan Smyth. You can read their statements, and the complete Meeting Minutes at http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/delegates_meeting/dec10.pdf.

2010 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

LONG BEACH, CA — BREED RESULTS
JUDGE: MRS. ROBERTA C. DAVIES



Ch Tahoe's Sirius Black N White

Ch River Rock Light My Way – *Best Bred By Exhibitor/Judge's Award Of Merit*

Ch Pleasant Hill Magnum Of Samara – *Best of Breed*

Ch River Rock Take Me Higher – *Best of Opposite Sex*

Congratulations to all!

Agile Canaans

BY ALAN GERSMAN

Minnie and I flew to Long Beach, CA to attend the 2010 AKC Agility Invitational, December 3-5 to represent the Canaan Dog breed in agility. This agility event is held simultaneously with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship (Conformation) and the AKC Obedience Invitational.

There were 2 agility rings located behind and close by the conformation rings providing large noisy crowds many of whom were not familiar with agility. While I'm not an expert on Conformation I noticed Conformation folks cheer during the judging. In agility enthusiastic agility fans cheer after a run knowing it's critical during the run for the handler to vocally communicate with the dog and loud cheering makes that difficult if not impossible.

Friday was a practice day where we had approximately 30-60 seconds of ring time to familiarize ourselves with the footing, noise and crowds.

Saturday and Sunday each dog/handler team had 2 qualifying runs per day. A qualifying run averaged 30-40 seconds, 18-20 obstacles covering approximately 160 - 180 yards. Any fault, such as, knocking a bar off a jump, taking the wrong obstacle, or completing an obstacle in an unsafe manner would eliminate that team from any chance to participate in the finals.

Minnie was perfect for all 4 runs and finished 15th overall in the 20" class (88 dogs competing) barely missing the final round. In the final round the qualifiers, which were limited to the top 10, are selected by how well and how fast they ran the 4 qualifying rounds.

AKC agility courses are always challenging, lots of turns and many potential wrong obstacles in your path.

At any agility trial the courses are always different, that is to

say, the dog has never seen the course prior to running. Each handler has 8 minutes to "walk", that is, familiarize themselves with the course and decide the most advantageous way they and their dog should run the



course. The obstacles are numbered and each team must run the course in number order.

The most optimal way to handle a course depends on the speed and tendencies of the dog and naturally the disabilities of the handlers. For example; some handlers move faster than others, some dogs prefer to turn right rather than left and visa versa. Then there are dogs that pre-

fer for the handler to be behind, along side or in front. When there is a change in direction should the handler cross

behind or in front of the dog. These and many other decisions are made by the handler during the 8 minute "walk."

I was extremely proud of Minnie that in spite of all the distractions, noise and crowds Minnie focused totally on the job she was doing in the ring. In addition, outside the ring Minnie and I had a wonderful experience greeting people at the Canaan Dog "Meet the Breed" booth.

All in all Minnie and I had a fantastic weekend and we are already looking forward to the AKC/Eukanuba, in Orlando, FL, in 2011.

Next major agility event for Minnie and me is April 2 & 3, 2011, in Lexington, VA for the AKC Nationals.

A video of one of Minnie's runs from the AKC Agility Invitational may be found at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYXm-HZdnko>

Editor Note: Photos of Minnie at the 2010 AKC Agility Invitational courtesy and © Great Dane Photos.



Nominating Committee for the 2011 CDCA Elections

As per our Constitution and By-Laws, the Board has appointed the following to the Nominating Committee for the 2011 CDCA Elections.

Chair/East Representative: Renee Kent

Midwest: Cathi Oskow

West: Risa Baumrind

Alternates:

West: Robin Prince

Midwest: Denise Gordon

East: Amy Preston

This year will bring us some new faces for the Board of Directors of our club. I have been asked chair the nominating committee, so I am looking for fresh faces and new ideas for said BOD.

If anyone out there is interested in serving the club, having a voice, participating in lively discussions and helping to lead the club into the future, please contact me privately and let me know you are interested.

The committee ... will be gathering names and discussing nominations for the ballot for the remainder of the winter. So please think about it and let us know if you want to be considered for one of these important positions.

Thank you!

Renee Kent

Renegadecd@cox.net or phone: (401) 213-6193

News from the AKC

In December, the American Kennel Club and The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. announced a program that offers auto and home insurance to American Kennel Club dog owners. In recognition of the importance of responsible dog ownership, The Hartford is now the exclusive insurance sponsor of the AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC®) and S.T.A.R. Puppy programs.

The Hartford will offer the program to owners of all AKC registered dogs. Owners with breeds historically ineligible for coverage may be eligible if they meet specific conditions demonstrating obedience and responsible ownership. This includes passing the 10-step AKC CGC test. More information available at www.AKC.org

Dog & Member of the year NOMINATIONS

**It's time for the 2010 Member Of The Year (MOTY)
and Dog Of The Year (DOTY) nominations.**

Please send your nomination of **less than 350 words** explaining why that person or Canaan should be honored for their contributions to the breed or club. A photo of the nominee either in hard copy print or electronic format (preferably JPEG) should be included with the nomination. All hardcopy photos will be returned. Nominations should be mailed or emailed to Denise Gordon **no later than April 6th**. If there is more than one candidate for either DOTY or MOTY, ballots will be mailed no later than April 15th with the due date of May 6th. Otherwise, a single nomination in either category by the deadline will be declared the winner. Winners will be announced at the 2011 National Specialty awards banquet on Saturday, June 4th, in Longmont, Colorado.

For further information, contact:

Denise Gordon, Awards Chair

2614 Gracewood Ave.

Cincinnati, OH 45239

Phone: 513-741-1832

Email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

News from the Web

MB-F (Dog Show Superintendents) have announced they will "no longer charge a second fee for a Junior to substitute a dog. The only case where an additional fee amount would be charged is if the original dog entered in Juniors was entered at a reduced Junior Additional entry fee and the substituted dog is not entered in the show. In this case we will charge the difference in the fees for Junior Only and Junior Additional. This will prevent a "loophole" for avoiding Junior Only fees - similar to our policy for Puppy Class dogs switching to Open.

We will need to phase this policy in and will be changing the premium list language will [beginning] to appear with premiums this spring. The policy will be effective at the point when all premium lists out are up to date with the new language - May 1 [2011] ... is the [target] date."

Other superintendents are expected to join MB-F and will be offering the same policy. Watch your premiums for more information—and encourage Juniors to show their Canaan Dogs!

CDCA Agility Trials—Fall 2010

REPORT BY: DAN HADDY

Hi boys and girls! Well, we just had our third all-breed agility trial down here in Pendleton, South Carolina back on Thanksgiving weekend, 2010. It was a huge success! We were almost 70 percent full for the whole weekend and close to 85 percent full on Saturday, alone. Word of mouth continues to spread, and people are starting to make us a destination stop on their agility calendars.

The weekend started really on Wednesday as me and a few others got started on set-up. Our judges for the weekend were Pam Cummings of Florida and Dan Faulkner of Tennessee. We received very high praise for our judge's selection, as many competitors expressed to me and Julie their happiness with the judges we picked. On Thanksgiving Thursday, we started what we hope will be a future tradition at our trial. As many competitors were in town, Mike and Jan Padgett opened up their house to us so we all could enjoy a hearty meal and companionship with our dog people "family".

Friday arrives and so does a small burp in the proceedings. Our VMO doesn't bring her measuring wicket, and so the trial is without an "official" measuring device. We make do Friday with a tape measure and a stick which is good enough for that day's measurements. I scramble around all day and night on the phone trying to find a replacement wicket. But with it being Thanksgiving weekend, there is nobody home. I finally find one 4 hours away, but decide that is too far to drive after a trial day.

I did enter this situation on my report to AKC. After explaining the situation to Carrie DeYoung, head of AKC agility, and telling her that we will rectify the situation, no bad things came from it. For the sake of our future trials (and my sanity) the CDCA is now the proud owner of an official AKC measuring wicket so we will never have to go through this situation again! It even has a nifty carrying case. A five dollar suitcase from a consignment shop! Thanks to Nancy Davis, judge and trial chair for the Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association (WCDF), on her resourcefulness in creating a very efficient case for us.

The rest of Friday and Saturday go off with out a problem. Standard, Jumpers with Weaves (JWW) and Fifteen and Send Time (FAST) classes were offered on both days for all levels. At the end of Saturday, we offered a demo of a new AKC class called Time to Beat (T2B). This is a very fast and exciting class where the courses are not quite as technical as others. You must be clean to qualify and earn points de-

pending on how fast you run the course. The fastest dog sets the "time to beat" and is awarded 10 points. After that, if you are within 10% of that time you earn 9 points, 20% - 8 points, etc. To earn the T2B title you must earn 15 qualifying scores and 100 points. This will be a titling class beginning this year on July 1st. Check out the AKC website for more details.

On Sunday we only offer the standard and jumpers class to allow extra time for people to get home. I am proud to say that with the help of club members and the local competitors we got the rings broken down and packed up in record time! The people that run the facility are continually amazed at how well we run the trial and jokingly suggest that we should teach some of their other clients on how to do their shows. I would also like to add that we were able to make a nice return on this trial that I hope in the future will only get better.

The following teams earned the Lada L qualifier spots:

Friday 11/26/10

Excellent – Kiz and Deanna Gamel

Open – Santee and Christina Stoner

Saturday 11/27/10

Excellent – Smitten and Melanie Miller

Open – Santee and Christina Stoner

Novice – Charlie and Deborah Griffith

Sunday 11/28/10

Excellent – Kona and Mike Padgett

We had a lot of MACH earners at the trial this time. Six teams earned MACH with three of them being First Timers! All MACH earners receive a big ribbon, a certificate and a decorated jump bar that all their friends get to sign. A MACH is no small feat as it takes many trials and a lot of training to earn. The following teams earned MACH at our trial:

Indie and Chandra Carver – MACH

Circus and Mary Kay Keenan – MACH 5

Ditto and Meryl Sheard – MACH

Echo and Chris Danielly – MACH

Chanel and Tina Eastman – MACH 4

Quiz and Carol Benton – MACH 2

One little drawback I see is that we don't have a lot of representation of the breed at the trial. Only my dog, Orela, was a participant at this show. I know that we as a club are pretty spread out across the country and that there are not a lot of us running agility. But I would like to encourage you all to

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come to our next trial which will be on **May 13 – 15, 2011!** Our judges will be Jim and Judy Smotrell of Virginia. We will be offering all levels of standard and jumpers all three days. Plus FAST on Friday and Saturday. Also, one more demo of Time to Beat to get everybody prepared for the class when it begins in a couple of months. Come join us!

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Haddy
2009-2011 Trial Chair



Pet Oxygen Masks, the CDCA & the Longmont (CO) Fire Department



What do the above three have in common? At the 2011 CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings, the CDCA will be donating Pet Oxygen Masks to the Longmont (CO) Fire Department.

As suggested by members Carrie & Ken Cabrera (see article in the Fall 2010 newsletter), the CDCA will aim to make a similar donation to a Fire Department in each location of our Nationals. This will be our first year making this donation. A special raffle will be held at the June National Specialty to fund the cost of the masks. If funds allow, we hope to donate multiple sets—one for each of the Department's trucks.

If you would like to help contribute to this effort, or get in on the raffle, and won't be attending the National Specialty, please contact Carrie directly: (520) 762-0043 or email koltuvcanaandogs@yahoo.com

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of America Agility Trials



www.cdca.org

For up to the minute information on the National Specialty and other CDCA events

2008 CDCA National Specialty Commemorative Booklet

"A wonderful, full color booklet was produced for the 2008 Specialty. It contained a number of informative and entertaining articles and many beautiful pictures of Canaan Dogs, past and present. If there is enough demand, a 2nd printing will be arranged."

If you missed it the first time around, or just want extra copies, please contact Risa Baumrind at risa@InnoSys.com or phone (707) 483-4185

Legislative report—Winter 2011

REPORT BY: NORMA BENNETT WOOLF AND JOAN CAPAIU GREENE

State legislative sessions are barely underway, so there's not much detail about bills to report. However, several bills affecting dog ownership and breeding have been introduced. Many of these laws limit breeders to a particular number of dogs, limit the number of times a female can be bred, and include specific provisions about exercise, size of primary enclosure, and veterinary care.

Most notorious is the narrowly approved new law in Missouri backed by the Humane Society of the US and an in-state affiliated group. HSUS donated more than two million dollars towards passage of the law and is actively trying to prevent amendments or repeal that are proposed by lawmakers.

Missouri has had a kennel licensing law since 1992. Some sections of the new law are incompatible with the original law and some sections are more lenient. For example, the Missouri Animal Care Facilities Act covers all breeders with more than three females and the new law covers breeders with more than 10 intact females more than six months old and caps the number of dogs allowed at 50. The ACFA requires kennels to have a detailed veterinary plan to cover health care; the HSUS-backed law mandates "prompt treatment of any illness or injury by a licensed veterinarian ..."

The Missouri Senate is considering a bill that would drop the number cap and several lawmakers are proposing changes or outright repeal. AKC supports the bill that would repeal number limits.

Ohio lawmakers are once again considering a bill to eliminate breed-specific language from the state's vicious dog law. Second (proponent) hearing for HB 14 is February 9. AKC supports the bill and Ohio Valley Dog Owners Inc.

Ohio dog breeders are also waiting for the other shoe to drop. A bill defining a commercial breeder as one with more than five dogs "used for breeding" *or* who sells, leases, or trades or offers to sell, lease, or trade a single dog *or* advertises dogs for sale could be introduced any day. Known as McKenzie's Law, the bill failed to gain a hearing in the last legislative session, but proponents have been busy promoting it throughout the state.

Nebraska already has a commercial breeder licensing law but lawmakers are considering LB 427, a bill that would extend the law to cover everyone with four intact dogs of any age and impose strict standards for confinement, veterinary care, and breeding practices. This bill includes opportunities for breeders to attain a designation as outstanding if

they meet even stricter requirements. Committee hearing was set for February 8.

West Virginia law makers are considering HB 2015, a bill that limits breeders to 50 dogs over the age of one year, allows only 30 days to dispose of dogs above that limit, and restricts breeding to dogs between 18 months and eight years of age. As with Missouri and Nebraska, this bill tightens current law that deals with conditions in breeding kennels by imposing stricter engineering standards on breeding kennels.

Virginia lawmakers are considering HB 2195, a bill to outlaw bark-softening, a procedure mislabeled as "debarking" by activists who claim the practice is cruel. HB 2195 includes felony penalties for owners and veterinarians if the procedure is performed without clear medical justification. The bill was referred to committee on January 12 but had not been scheduled for hearing as of February 3.

Canaan Dog breeders and owners are spread thinly across the US with pockets in the Midwest, west, and east coast, so these bills and the others that have passed in recent years may not affect us at all or may carry only minor consequences. However, unless we stand up for other dog owners and breeders NOW, we'll find ourselves behind the eight-ball later. We urge Canaan Dog owners and breeders to join their state dog club or animal owner federations to increase opportunities to fight these bad laws.

We also need to be on the lookout for a new flurry of dangerous dog laws that define a dog as dangerous or vicious for natural traits such as prey drive or territorial behavior. These bills are generally written with good intent but poor understanding of dog behavior. They may be local or statewide. Kennel and training clubs are good resources when such bills pop up.

HSUS et al have tremendous financial resources and a broad base of support from lawmakers gained by lobbying in Washington and state capitols for the past decade and more. We have AKC and the National Animal Interest Alliance on a national level and state federations and local kennel and training clubs at the local level. When a law affecting dogs comes up in your area, go to the AKC legislative department at http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/ for options or contact NAIA at naia@involved.com.

A final thought: Groups like HSUS and its affiliates attack animal ownership and use on many levels, so watch for campaigns affecting private ownership, propagation, and use of all

species. Ohio animal owners have felt the sting: Last June, our now ex-governor brokered a deal with HSUS that put livestock farmers, dog breeders, exotic animal owners, and owners and breeders of exotic chickens in the crosshairs and could lead to HSUS-approved regulations for all animals that aren't banned from the state.

Breaking News from **California**

California AB258 was introduced [in early February] by Assembly member Curt Hagman. "Molly's Bill" would allow an exemption to the state mandated rabies vaccinations for dogs whose life would be endangered due to disease or other considerations if the vaccine is administered. There are currently five co-sponsors of the bill in the Assembly.

The Rabies Challenge Fund is a major proponent of the bill ... as is the HSUS-subsumed group, HSVMA (formerly known as AVAR).

When I [Joan] talked with the Assembly member's staff this afternoon I was told the bill is essentially the same as last year's version. It should be published online by Monday, but the text is not available as of this moment. [This bill will be one to watch in the upcoming session.]



News From AKC 2011 Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes

Eukanuba Dog Foods proudly announces the Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes. The Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes is an event designed to honor a group of unsung heroes - the pure-bred dog breeder. Breeders are the backbone of the sport, dedicating their lives to planning and producing generation upon generation of the finest and healthiest representatives of their breed.

The Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes is an event designed to celebrate these noble efforts. This special competition is designed to evaluate an overall breeding program rather than the traditional approach of evaluating a single specimen. Respected expert judges will evaluate the breeder's ability to consistently produce superior dogs of uniform type, health, and conformation - consistent with the breeder's mission of improving their chosen breed.

Each breeder will exhibit 3 dogs from at least 2 litters chosen from their breeding program. The 1st exhibitor must be breeder of record on all 3 dogs, and all 3 dogs must be over six months old. Breeders will be able to enter on the day of the show.

The Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes will be held at prominent North American shows between January and November. The first installment will take place in conjunction with the Rose City Classic in Portland, Oregon on January 22, 2011.

Each breeder will receive a gift for participating, and 4 places in each group will be awarded. Prizes for group placements are: 1st - \$250.00 and 40 lbs of Eukanuba Dog Food, 2nd-4th - \$100.00 and 40 lbs of Eukanuba Dog Food. The Group winners will compete for Best In Stakes, which earns an additional \$500.00 plus a trip to the December 2011 AKC/ Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida. The Best In Stakes winners of each regional competition will then compete at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship in December, 2011 for the final Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes Champion. This will be an exciting win for this well-deserving breeder as they earn the right to compete in the 2011 Eukanuba World Challenge.

For more information about the Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes, please email Vicki Seiler at seiler.va@pg.com or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/aenc

Word Search

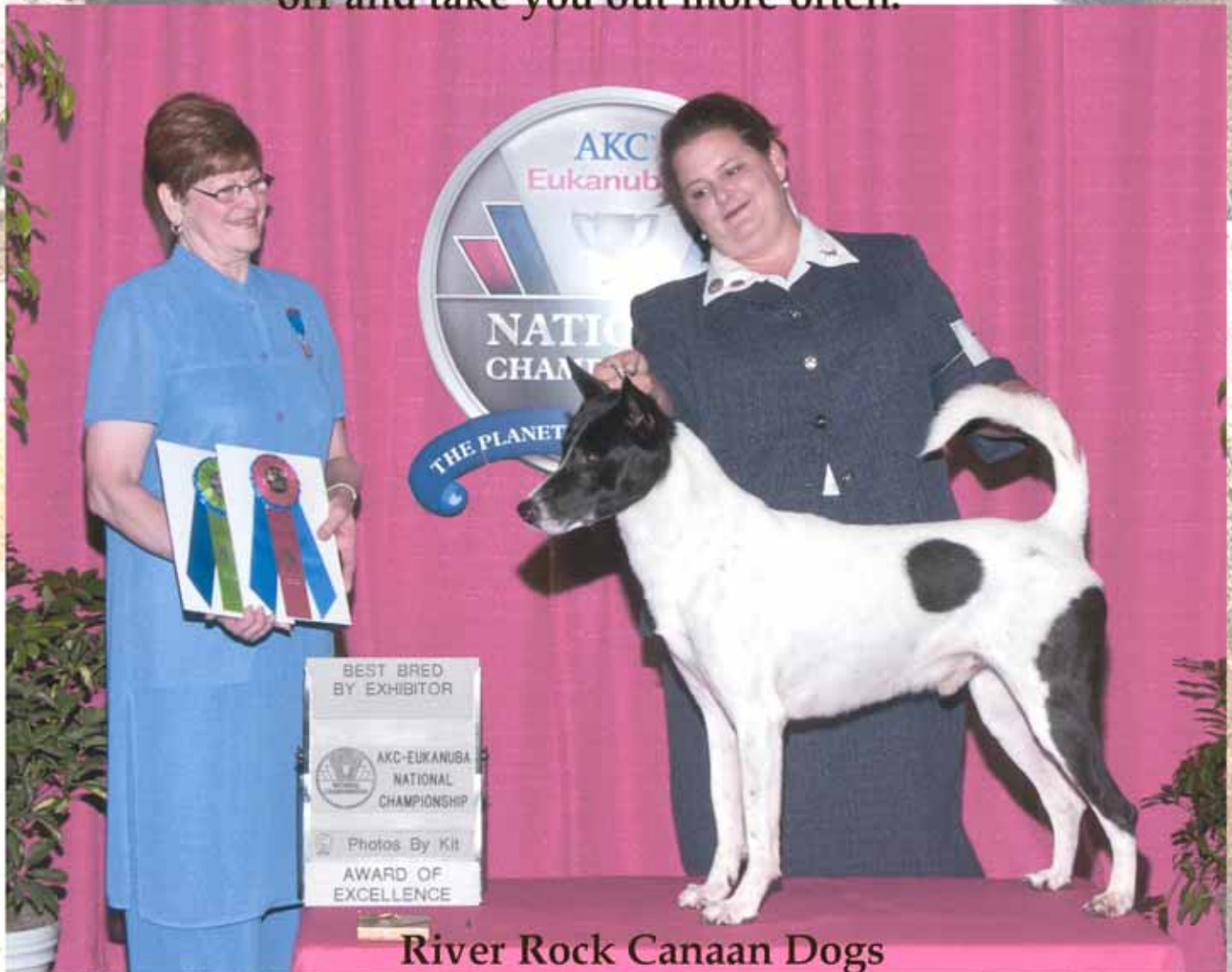
Editor's Note: There are 83 words **deliberately** hidden in this word search. All can either be found in this issue or have a connection to items in this issue (example: Mountain—as our National will be in the *mountains* of Colorado this summer). **A \$10 credit towards an ad will be given to the first print edition and first e-Kib edition subscribers who send me all 83 words.** If not all words are found by any entry, the next most complete list will decide the winner. Have fun—and good luck!

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River Rock Canaan Dogs

Aust. Ch./Am. Ch. River Rock Light my Way, CDCA HCX "Samwise" had fun in Long Beach, CA at the 2010 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. He truly enjoyed being back in the ring. Now a veteran, we were very proud of his Best Bred-by Exhibitor and Award of Excellence. Well done "Samwise", maybe we will dust you off and take you out more often.



River Rock Canaan Dogs

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&

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**River Rock No Illusions,
CDCA HC**

**"Carson" has started 2011
off with style. Pictured with
Barbara Dempsey-Alderman
awarding his first points.**

**Watch for "Carson" to give
the judges no illusions as to
his type, temperament and
soundness. As always,
breeder/owner handled.**



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New titles - October - December 2010

COMPILED BY DENISE GORDON



AKC CHAMPION

Dog's Registered Name

CH. Rashit Beit Alpha Me Shaar Hagai, CD, RE

CH. Celey Ron's Liba Kosemet

Owner(s)

Victor Kaftal

Carole Grider

Date Titled

10/17/10

12/4/2010

AKC GRAND CHAMPION

Dog's Registered Name

GCH CH. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named

GCH CH. Blue Sky Desertstar Orion The Hunter

Owner(s)

Judy Rosenthal & Amanda Pough

Norma Bennett Woolf &

Denise Gordon

Date Titled

10/3/2010

11/20/2010

AKC RALLY NOVICE

Dog's Registered Name

GCH CH. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named, RN

Owner(s)

Judy Rosenthal & Amanda Pough

Date Titled

11/28/2010

AKC RALLY ADVANCED

Dog's Registered Name

Jealou Ascend's Jet To The Top, RA

CH. Pleasant Hill D'Artagnon Of Blue Sky, RA

Owner(s)

Laura Alton

Donna Dodson &

Norma Bennett Woolf

Date Titled

11/12/2010

12/3/2010

AKC RALLY EXCELLENT

Dog's Registered Name

Kol Tuv Jochebed, RE

Desert Star's Midnight Comet, RE

Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, CD, RE

Owner(s)

Carrie & Ken Cabrera

Denise Gordon

Victor Kaftal

Date Titled

11/6/2010

12/3/2010

12/5/2010

AKC TRACKING DOG

Dog's Registered Name

Libi Metuka Me Shaar Hagai, RE, TD

Owner(s)

Sally Carlson

Date Titled

10/17/2010

AKC NOVICE AGILITY

Dog's Registered Name

Orela Me Shaar Hagai, RN, NA

Owner(s)

Julie & Daniel Haddy

Date Titled

11/20/2010

AKC NOVICE AGILITY JUMPERS

Dog's Registered Name

Orela Me Shaar Hagai, RN, NA, NAJ

Owner(s)

Julie & Daniel Haddy

Date Titled

11/20/2010

OFA Test Results November 2010-January 2011

Registered Name	Registration Number	sex	OFA Test Number	OFA Test	OFA Results
HAARETZ ALPHA REVA	DN25928103	F	CA-302	CERF	10
ROSENDOG'S HE WHO MUST BE NAMED, GCH, DN02946302 CH, RN	M	M	CA-DM19/92M-VPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL

REGISTERED NAME IN **BOLD ITALICS** INDICATES A DOG HAVING A CHIC DESIGNATION

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SUBMITTED BY SALLY ARMSTRONG

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To purchase the following items, send your request along with a check made payable to the CDCA to CDCA Breeder Referral Chair, 2300 Crossover Rd., Reno, NV 89510-9354.

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According to a quick check of the AKC Breeder Of Merit listings, to date, only two CDCA Members have been recognized as Breeders of Merit.

Congratulations to Christina Miller (River Rock) and Amanda Pough (Bandersnatch).

If you are recognized as an AKC Breeder of Merit, please let the club know. And next issue, you could see your name here!