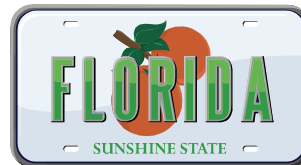


# THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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In This Issue, News From ...



... And Everywhere In Between



# Never Enough Time— Remembering Starli



I was fortunate enough to get my first Canaan dog, "Pretty Horsey," from Bryna in January, 2001, and fell instantly in love. She was first born of a litter of 5, and sister to STARLI. Horsey was the love of my life until she died at 6 years of age for an unknown reason.

I was devastated. I called Bryna and she offered to let me have STARLI. I know she was Bryna's favorite of the litter, and it had to be hard to part with her. STARLI filled a VOID I had. After about 3 months of her walking on one side of the recliner and me the other, she came to trust me, and knew I loved her.

For the first six years of her life she had 12 puppies to add to the number of pure Canaan Dogs which I know had to make 12 Canaan lovers happy.

For the years STARLI was with me, she made herself at home, claiming her spot on the bed and her new job of guarding the house and yard. I can still see her head held high and her white paws proudly trotting the fence line. *It goes to show how smart and [diverse] she was. She made a good impression on everybody that met her.* One of her favorite things to do when she saw me wake up was to flip over at the head of the bed and get a stomach rub and stretch to start the day off. (Yep, she had me wrapped around her paw!) For the first few years it was just STARLI and me.

Bryna surprised me with a new puppy - "BLANCA". I kinda wondered if two females together would work. It could not have been better. The first day home I walked around the corner and there was BLANCA on the ground and STARLI with her mouth around her throat: I stopped, and lost all color!! True to her nature, STARLI was just letting her know who was the boss, and over the next 3 years STARLI was like a mother to BLANCA.

To my hope they got along great! I would walk outside and they would put on a show for me, *playing together.*

Then in April, 2011, STARLI showed me something was wrong. So to the doctor's we went. She still acted normal. She did not start getting weaker until about November. When I first took her to the Doctor she was shivering, and it seemed like she thought it would be a one-way trip. I made my mind up then, if there was any way possible, she would leave this earth from the place she had come to love. She continued to eat, drink, and was not in pain, which I had the Doctor check. Well, BLANCA helped keep her ears and eyes cleaned, and I kept her fed and medicated.

On December 17th, it was a beautiful day. We stayed in the yard on a blanket all day, until almost dark. I was hugging and petting her when she passed at 1:22 AM, December 18th, 2011. God had granted my prayers.

*Paul Smallwood, SC*

Starli was whelped on December 11, 2000, into the Ha'Aretz \*TZ\* litter of four females and one male. Her dam is CH Ha'Aretz Pa'amoni ROM, and her sire Velikaya's Boker Tov "Ori." Four puppies were solid black with white trim. The last-born, CH Ha'Aretz TZ L'Chaim Dariel "Dari," was black and white, and the first to finish her championship title. Her owner is Audrey Biemann.

CH Ha'Aretz TZ Starlite spent the first part of her life in the show ring, and later as a brood bitch who whelped four litters and twelve puppies for the breed. During her show career she won a Herding Group III and a Bred-by Exhibitor Group III, breeder-owner-handled. CH Starli was bred three times to CH Ha'Aretz Pei Mishacam and once to CH Cherrysh Wings of an Angel. CDCA members who have her puppies are Cheryl Kent and Bob Ardinger (Macey), and Ellen Harrison, (Adiva and Gurion). Two of her puppies went to Canada: (Dwight & Cybelle). Cybelle is owned and trained by Michelle Harrington and the late Larry Meyers, and still works for a living with Rook and Ash on their 160-acre farm.

Starli is buried in South Carolina next to her sister, Pretty Horsey, for eternity. Their sisters Abbie and Dari survive them. We lost touch with their litter brother who started life in Milwaukee. Now Blanca, daughter of Val and Rimmie, carries on, and we wish her, and Paul, the best of everything.

"Remmie!" "Starli!" "T'Miral" Only T'Mira comes in now. You can hear their voices in the next county still, and surely they'll be chosen to perform at the Met during Westminster Week, the dear ones.

*Bryna Comsky, Ha'Aretz Canaans*



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## PRESIDENT & EDITOR'S MESSAGE

### "Walking In A Winter Wonderland"

Normally, this phrase would bring to mind snow – snow falling, snow piles, snowmen, yellow snow ... er, snowball fights and snow angels. This winter, it brings to mind walking in sneakers on February 5<sup>th</sup> instead of boots, sweeping the snow off the drive (vs. shoveling it) and an ever-growing belief that we are due a HUGE snow storm with a dump of feet upon feet of snow! Only time will tell on the snow storm, so while we wait, it is a lovely, sunny day and perfect for a walk with a dog or two!

This issue is a big one, especially for the Winter issue. As always, my thanks to those who submitted articles. Many articles – such as Alan's Agility column – come from interest and demand from members. If you have a question you'd like to see answered in the "Kib," let me know. Likewise, if you have a topic that you think other CDCA members would be interested in, please send in an article. It doesn't need to be long, and editorial assistance is available, but without your questions and submissions, this newsletter just wouldn't be the same.

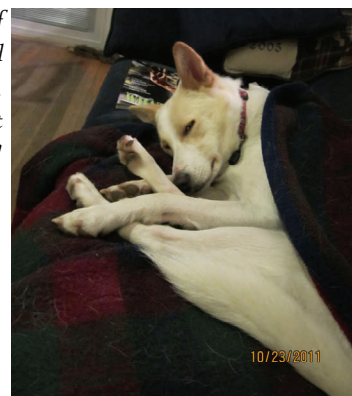
I can also always use photos – to accompany essays, to break up a page and just because it is fun to see your dogs in print! Some members will find photos of their dogs that they sent me years ago in this issue, some of you will also notice a number of photos of my dogs. To see more of your Canaan Dogs and less of mine, please share your photos!

Finally, if you haven't paid your 2012 dues, you are running out of time to maintain your membership. All our members are important and we don't want to lose any of you! If you have any questions about your membership status, please contact Amy Preston (860-235-5075).

Best Wishes for a Wonderful 2012 for you, your Canaan Dogs and your families!

- Amanda

*While we haven't had a lot of snow, we've had a couple cold snaps. Reen found the warmest, most comfortable spot to ride out the weather!*



*And the winner is ...*

**It's Official! Kib receives  
Dog Writers Association of America  
Nomination!**



<http://www.dwaa.org/writing-category-nominees-regular-2011.php>

Club Publications: National  
Category 2: Club: Newsletter Format (4 entries)  
- The Lakeland  
(United States Lakeland Terrier Club)  
- NAWBA Journal  
(North American Working Bouvier Assn.)  
- Alaskan Malamute Club of America Newsletter  
- The Canaan Kibitzer

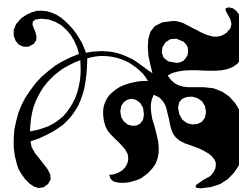
**This is a club publication  
- driven by your submissions -  
so this is an honor to all!**

*Special Thanks to Bryna Comsky who brought us to  
the attention of DWAA!*

Winners will be announced at the DWAA Banquet in mid-February. Stay tuned to the CDCA Yahoo List, Facebook and the next Kibitzer for results.

## REMEMBERING .... DR ERNEST GRAY

SUBMITTED BY: BRYNA COMSKY



*Dr Gray was a long time CDCA member—introduced to the breed and the club via his sister-in-law Bryna Comsky. He passed away this fall with his family by his side. Here, Bryna tells us more about his family and life.*

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“My name is Ernest Gray. I am a physicist.” Thus began the first letter that Ernie wrote to Bibi, asking her to accept his invitation to their first dance at the Institute of Advanced Science at Princeton University. Oppenheimer, among other well-known scientists, was among those present that night. When Bibi got home she told her parents, “I am going to marry that man!” So began the courtship to the marriage that ended 57 years later with the holding of hands and saying to each other, “I love you!”

On the occasion of his sons’ Bar Mitzvahs, Ernie explained why he hadn’t been Bar Mitzvah himself. On March 12, 1939, when he was 13 years old, he was part of the last Kindertransport from Vienna, Austria, to England. After a long with a family in Wales, he and his parents traveled to New York, America. The rest is history.

Some years ago, when Bibi, Ernie, and Mutti returned from a trip to Vienna, Zagreb, and Kotoriba, Hungary, I asked Ernie if he could go home again. He said no. Later in the conversation he referred to early life in America. “It was very hard,” he said.

The decade-long illness took its toll and was relentless. Last January he carried on a conversation with Robbie and me that seemed perfect although Robbie noticed two mistakes.

On Thanksgiving Day there was the Macy’s Day Parade, the Dog Show, and the football game, important to Ernie, and unimportant to Bibi. He would have immensely enjoyed the table conversation and celebration later in the day at Peter and Susan’s.

In Bibi’s words, he presented the world to his children as a devoted, loving father. He taught them bridge, to ski, to be responsible human beings and good men. He taught them to

appreciate music and learning, and taught both of them to think. He was a man for all seasons: a professional, creative and with integrity.

Ernie’s favorite breed of dog was the Welsh terrier. Airedales were a close second. He and Bibi would exchange glances as the conversation inevitably turned to dogs, Cannaan dogs in particular, shortly after my arrival. ♦

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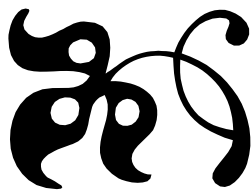
### ERNEST PAUL GRAY, Ph.D.

*Died Friday, December 10, 2011. He was 85 years old. Born in Vienna, Austria on March 12, 1926, he was sent to London when he was 13 years old as part of the kindertransport, initiated prior to WWII. He was later reunited with his parents and moved to New York City. He did his undergraduate and graduate studies at Cornell University. Until his retirement, he worked as a Principle Staff member at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab performing research in the area of nuclear fusion containment. Prior to joining APL, he worked on the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, New Mexico. He was married to Miriam Gray, originally from Zagreb, Yugoslavia, in 1954, and soon thereafter settled in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Miriam; his two beloved sons, Peter and Robert; daughter-in-law, Susan; and grandchildren, Julia and Adam.*

*Published in “The Washington Post”  
on December 11, 2011*







## REMEMBERING .... ROY DODSON

COMPILED BY: JOAN CAPAIU GREENE

*Roy Dodson and his wife Donna are well known to most CDCA members. Together they were Pleasant Hill Canaan Dogs. Roy passed away in December after a short fight against brain cancer. Joan Capaiu Green collected the following memories and thoughts.*

### REMEMBERING ROY

#### —A FEW OF HIS FAVORITE THINGS

Any job someone wanted done except handling dogs in the ring ( too bad as he was good!)

Telling good jokes (it didn't matter if you laughed, he did and that is good for the soul)

Playing with our puppies (even if they pierced his earlobes and they did)

Riding his lawnmower (all 5 acres)

Chatting with a pretty girl (you know who you are and so do I)

A good cup of coffee (have one for Roy)

If you have a good man, take good care of him!

- Donna Dodson



Roy and Donna raised more puppies than anyone else in this country. One of Donna's fondest memories of her husband was watching him happily lay flat on the floor while an entire litter of Pleasant Hill Canaan puppies scrambled to play King of the Hill on top of him.

We honor Roy for a lifetime of loving, caring and giving to his family, community, and the world of Canaan Dogs.

Specialties, smaller show get-togethers, and the give and take within our community will be different without this quiet man who preferred loving and caring for his dogs to being in the spotlight.

Well done, Roy. You are deeply missed.

Joan

*From Annette Israel, speaking for the rest of us:*

Roy,

You touched the hearts of so many and will be missed terribly. Go and rest in peace, we love you.

*Annette (and so many others)*

(P.S. Give Manny a hug ... now you are back with the dog I stole from you.) ♦

There are some people who simply cannot be forgotten. They have touched so many lives, brought so many smiles to others that it's almost impossible to accept when their time on Earth is done. That's Roy in a nutshell. The Canaan Dog world has truly lost one of its' finest - an extraordinary gentleman who never thought of himself that way; a gentle, easy going guy who loved his family deeply, and his friends and dogs far more than any dog show titles or awards.

Roy married his bride, Donna, 56 years ago right out of high school; they raised their family in Illinois. The early loss of their son Kevin was terrible - but they continued moving forward. The Dodsons' decision to raise Canaan Dogs was pivotal for the establishment of the breed in America; over time

*Roy E. Dodson, 75, of Kingston, Ill., died Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center under the care of DeKalb County Hospice.*

*Born Sept. 12, 1936, in Fayette County, to Clarence M. and Sadie (Clark) Dodson, he graduated from Sycamore High School. Roy married Donna Doty on June 4, 1955, in Sycamore. Roy spent time in the Illinois National Guard. He became a member of Sycamore United Methodist Church.*

*As an employee of Schelkopf Enterprises, he worked for Sycamore*

## CHIC CERTIFICATION: HATCHING INFORMATION

SUBMITTED BY DONNA DAVISON & AMY  
PRESTON, CO-CHAIRS, CDCA HEALTH  
COMMITTEE

According to the Canine Health Information Center <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org> "CHIC is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). CHIC, working with participating parent clubs, provides a resource for breeders and owners of purebred dogs to research and maintain information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds."

Now that you have the what, let's get to the why. The purpose of CHIC is information, information needed to understand the incidence of problems in a breed. Siblings and offspring data offer additional pieces of the puzzle so breeding plans can be made in a more informed manner. It is hoped that owners, breeders, and scientists can all benefit from this source of health information.

To receive a CHIC number a dog must be permanently identified by microchip or tattoo, complete the requirements, and when the owner of the dog has opted to release the results into the public domain, a CHIC number is assigned. The CDCA, with guidance and approval from CHIC, has designated that the scientifically valid and accepted tests appropriate for Canaan Dogs are:

### **Hip and Elbow X-rays (OFA, OVC, or PennHip)**

#### **OFA Patellar Exam**

#### **CERF Evaluation**

#### **OFA Evaluation for Autoimmune Thyroiditis (from an approved laboratory)**

As valid tests become available and disorders more defined there may be additional requirements added. This will have no bearing on dogs previously issued CHIC numbers.

A CHIC number does not imply normal results, it simply means the aforementioned tests were performed. In fact, to get an accurate depiction of health problems in the breed it is imperative to include both affected and clear individuals.

So, although this CHIC does not provide your morning protein, it can, with participation be instrumental in hatching plans to keep our breed, THE ONE WE LOVE, a healthy breed. In future issues we plan to present further information on this worthwhile program.

*Special thanks to Marg Pough for her help with this article. ♦*



*Editor's Note:* As of 2/4/2012, 39 Canaan Dogs are listed in the CHIC database. Congratulations to their owners for participating in this important program! They are listed below in alphabetical order (registered names only, no titles):

Arayl's Rivi's Rumor  
Babrees Pardon My French  
Bandersnatch Rsndg Ida Know Rivroc  
Bsnatch Rsndg Ran Away To Rivroc  
Cando Bobesox N Saddleshoes  
D&J Ha'aretz Vertigo At River Rock  
Dayspring Beraiah Ha'aretz  
Eastland Salina So Special  
Hatikva Cherrysh Dream Of Ewe  
Hatikva Cherrysh The Dream  
Hatikva Ve Hasimcha Me Shaar Hagai  
Mad River Ain't Misbehavin  
Mad River Lady B Good  
Mad River Montgomery  
Mad River Zena Of Samara  
Madrivier Samara Desert Star Dawn  
Mazel Tov Hatikvah  
Mo'fet Ben-Tar'but  
Pleasant Hill Berri's Wish Came True  
Pleasant Hill Brazen Image  
Pleasant Hill Desert Sonata  
Pleasant Hill Hinda M Rosendog  
Pleasant Hill Midas Touch  
Pleasant Hill September  
Pleasant Hill Simon Sez  
Pleasant Hill The Gatekeeper  
Pleasant Hill Titillation  
Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz  
Pleasant Hill Wish Granted  
Renegade Camber  
Renegade Melanchollie Air  
Renegade's Riker  
River Rock Electrical Storm  
River Rock Take Me Higher  
Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum  
Riverrock Guilt By Assoc.  
Rosendog Bsnatch Not Me To Rivroc  
Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named  
Tahoe Cando Too Darn Hot



**2012 CDCA  
Annual Meetings  
& National Specialty  
July 25-30, 2012**

**Here are details on the upcoming CDCA Specialty in Greenville, SC  
this July. We hope you can join us!**

**Dates: July 25 to 30, 2012**

**Show Chair: Nancy Ben-Dror**

864-313-8185    [nancybd@onthetopdogschool.com](mailto:nancybd@onthetopdogschool.com)

**Specialty Committee:**

Julie Haddy    864-325-3562    [pawslover@gmail.com](mailto:pawslover@gmail.com)  
Chris Miller    770-827-2762    [riverrockcd@yahoo.com](mailto:riverrockcd@yahoo.com)  
Annette Israel    919-880-9917    [eastlandcanaans@gmail.com](mailto:eastlandcanaans@gmail.com)

**Host Hotel: Drury Inn at Woodruff Rd, Greenville SC**

Phone - 864-288-4401

<https://www.druryhotels.com/propertyhotelservices.aspx?Property=0132>

Group Number: 2127868

Rate \$79 per night

No Pet Fee (CDCA Room Policy applies)

Includes Breakfast & Afternoon Snacks

Convenient Access to food, shopping & I-85 and I-385

About 5 miles from Show Site

**Trophy Donations—Deadline Mar 15, 2012**

Chris Miller    770-827-2762    [riverrockcd@yahoo.com](mailto:riverrockcd@yahoo.com)

**Catalog Ads—Deadline June 1, 2012**

April Lee    252-339-6128    [arlee243@gmail.com](mailto:arlee243@gmail.com)

**Banquet Reservations -Deadline July 1, 2012**

Annette Israel    919-880-9917    [eastlandcanaans@gmail.com](mailto:eastlandcanaans@gmail.com)





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**Schedule:**

**Wed, July 25**

1:00 pm Board Meeting

7:00 pm Hospitality

*Both events to be held at Host Hotel*

**Thur, July 26**

8:00 - 10:00 am Annual General Meeting

10:30 - 12:00 pm Round Table Forum (Learn about dogs of the past & present from committed breeders - more details below)

1:00 - 3:00 pm Arlene Pilcer presents the Ultimate Puppy Program on puppy environment enrichment for more confident, well rounded puppies

She'll cover the early neuro stimulation exercises, things to add to the environment as eyes & ears open, exposure to new things & new people

<http://setterwoods.netfirms.com/uspp%20video.htm>

*AGM, Round Table and Ultimate Puppy Program to be held at Host Hotel.*

**Show events will be at the TD Convention Center**

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

The shows will be Superintended by MB-F. Full premium information will be available on [infodog.com](http://infodog.com) and we have asked to have premiums mailed to all CDCA members.

**Thur, July 26**

*Specialty Sweeps & more at the Carolina Foothills Cluster at the TD Convention Center*

6:00 pm Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes with Judge Bill Buell, followed by Junior Showmanship then Parade of Titleholders

**Fri, July 27**

*Specialty Classes at the Carolina Foothills Cluster at the TD Convention Center*

Judge's Ringside Mentoring will be Offered

Breed Judge - Neena Van Camp

Group Judge - Linda More



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**Schedule, continued:**

**Fri, July 29, continued**

*The CDCA will support the Obedience & Rally classes during the cluster. The Friday show will be considered our 'National Specialty Obedience & Rally Trials.'*

Obedience & Rally judges pool for the weekend: Judith Brown, David Had-dock, Jean Porter Lynch, Patricia Strong & Richard Strong. (All but Patricia are approved for all obedience classes, Patricia is approved for Novice & Open and all Rally classes, provisional for Utility.) Class Assignments will be published in the premium list.

This cluster of shows is a Regional Qualifier for Obedience.

**Sat, July 28**

*Supported Entry*

Breed Judge - Linda Robey

Group Judge - Neena Van Camp

Judges Education in conjunction with the Carolina Judges group on site at show.

Evening - Banquet at Host Hotel

*There will be Beef, Chicken, Fish, and a Vegetarian entree. If you have any special diet needs, please note it on the registration form that you will receive in the spring Kib issue with all of the details.*

**Sun, July 29**

*Supported Entry*

Breed Judge - Linda More

Group Judge - Linda Robey





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**Schedule, continued:**

**Mon, July 30**

Herding - at **Red Creek Farm, Townville SC**  
starting EARLY to beat the heat

<http://redcreekfarm.com/>

Farm is about 45 miles south of the host hotel

More details to come later in the year.

Denise Gordon 513-470-0507 [desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com](mailto:desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com)

**Greenville info:**

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

<http://www.greenvillesc.gov/Culture/VisitorsGuide.aspx>

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

***As July approaches, watch the CDCA web site for updates  
and more information. Further details will also be pub-  
lished in the Spring "Kib."***

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**As per Article II, Section 1 of the CDCA By Laws, the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. will be held on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am at the Drury Inn, 10 Carolina Point Parkway, Greenville, SC. (The Board of Directors will meet at the hotel at 1pm the previous day.)**



To help facilitate the meeting, club members are encouraged to submit items for the agenda to the Recording Secretary, Joan Capaiu Greene, to arrive by Wed., July 11, 2011 (4801 Laguna Blvd #105-227, Elk Grove, CA, 95758).





# 2012 CDCA Annual Meetings & National Specialty July 25-30, 2012

## NEW THIS YEAR!

### Top Canaan Dogs of 2011

If your dog was among the top CDs in performance or conformation in 2011, watch for your invitation to submit their info for a special presentation at the banquet. Contact Julie Haddy 864-325-3562 or [pawslover@gmail.com](mailto:pawslover@gmail.com) for more information.

### Round Table Forum

*A chance for Canaan Dog breeders—from those who have been in the breed for years to those just starting out—to discuss their favorite dogs, favorite memories and where we are going as a breed and how to get their together!*

A power point presentation of photos of named dogs & people (whenever possible) will accompany the discussion, and a booklet containing all submissions will be produced.

If you have bred a litter of Canaan Dogs, you are invited to participate! You need not be able to attend the national. All submitters will receive a copy of the booklet either at the National or via USPS. This is a wonderful historic opportunity to learn about dogs of the past and plan for the future of CDs!

### DEADLINE: May 1, 2012

Send your answers to the following questions to [riverrockcd@yahoo.com](mailto:riverrockcd@yahoo.com) or Chris Miller, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers GA 30013.

Name	Who are/were your mentors in Canaan Dogs - and in dogs in general?
Kennel Name	
Number of years in Canaan Dogs	What is your favorite CDCA National Specialty memory?
Number of years in dogs (if different from number of years in Canaan Dogs)	
What Canaan Dog first sold you on the breed? Was it a dog you met a show, a photo, etc.?	Name the person you would like to see judge conformation at the National Specialty (can be a past judge, a current judge or even someone who isn't even thinking of judging yet!)
What do you think is the greatest challenge facing Canaan Dogs today, and what would you do to solve it?	Which MALE and FEMALE Canaan Dog bred or owned by you is/was the best of your dogs?
Comment on breed type and breed standards around the country and world.	Name your favorite MALE and FEMALE Canaan Dog of all times that you DID NOT bred or own.

## TO BREED OR NOT TO BREED

BY EIBHLIN GLENNON

This essay first appeared in *Sight & Scent*'s August 2011 issue and is reprinted with permission.

*Editor's Note: This article is written by an Otterhound breeder, but the issues she discusses fit Canaan Dogs in many ways.*

Every breeder must answer a lot of soul-searching questions before a mating. Is my bitch a good enough example of my breed to reproduce? Has she passed all the health clearances required by the parent club and any others that may affect the offspring? What is her temperament like? Is it stable with the best characteristics of the breed? Is there anything in her pedigree which might cause problems in succeeding generations? Which male best complements her and possesses good breed type? Has he passed all his health clearances? What kind of temperament does he have? Is his pedigree free of serious problems? What kind of pups has he produced before? Are there good homes waiting for the puppies? Once the answers to those questions suggest this is a good breeding, one must hope the breeding takes, the whelping is smooth, and mom and puppies are healthy. Breeding is serious business; breeding a rare or endangered breed is much more serious. That is the task Otterhound breeders face.

In a breed like Otterhounds, evaluating a bitch and male for breeding is pretty similar to what happens in every breed, but pairing them is far more difficult. There are fewer males to choose from, and often they may be too closely related to the bitch to use. One may have sired three to five litters in the past two years. Not a problem? What if only six Otterhound litters were produced in that time? To whom will all the offspring of that popular stud be mated? To their half-brothers and sisters? What if that dynamite stud comes from a sire who produced an equal number of litters several years earlier? Now a national specialty may become a family reunion literally. And should a health prob-

lem arise in that line, the breed is truly endangered.

Of course many breeders scour pedigree books and databases searching out unused studs or littermates of winning show dogs. At times they cross country boundaries or even an ocean in search of new blood. Eureka! They find the perfect stud with viable sperm. Now, how to get the dog and bitch together? Unlike in the top twenty breeds, it is a dream to have a stud dog as close as a day's drive; often the potential parents are separated by a thousand miles or more. Do they fly her? Drive her across the country or into Canada? Or do they turn to a reproductive specialist?

Science has been a good friend to any endangered species or breed. A bitch's progesterone levels can pinpoint ovulation, and with the aid of Fed Ex, chilled semen can be shipped to

the lady in waiting. But never on Sunday, which somehow seems to always be the best day for my bitches. A reproduction specialist can do a transcervical insemination or a surgical implant.

Another scientific breakthrough is the ability to freeze semen to be used generations later. (Yes, a dog can become his own great-great nephew.) This is especially beneficial to a breed with a limited gene pool, since

the long-term health and longevity of the male is known. But timing is crucial. Frozen sperm has a 12-hour fertility window and the implant once again requires the bitch have surgery to become pregnant. With luck and timing, in just over two months a breeder may be humming a lullaby; without them, he/she may be staring at an empty whelping box and equally empty bank account. If this Otterhound girl has a season every 9-10 months, there is a lot of time to wonder what happened, and perhaps enough time to save for the next attempt.



## TO BREED OR NOT TO BREED, CON'T

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The American Kennel Club's registration of multiple sire litters is another boon to breeds like the Otterhound. One litter can expand the gene pool and several multi-sire litters have been bred. Certainly scientific advances may save many breeds, but they are costly. While no one breeds to make money, surgical implants and the use of frozen and chilled semen are expensive, as are the multiple stud fees for a multiple sire litter. The puppies born may truly be worth their weight in gold. Is it any wonder that a breeder cannot sell a puppy for \$500? Are the rarer breeds only for the financially well to do?

In a breed like Otterhounds, should a health issue arise, it is impossible to avoid breeding to a particular line, since all the lines are intertwined. Even if it were possible, the reduction in the gene pool would be devastating. Does a breeder pray and breed a very fine specimen of the breed with a health issue behind it, or turn instead to a hound with an obvious conformation flaw but a healthy background? These are some of the dilemmas we must face each time we contemplate breeding.

Most Otterhound puppies go to pet homes, so out of concern for the gene pool Otterhound breeders may request their pet owners keep their hounds intact until their hips can be x-rayed, their blood can be tested, and they pass the age when most early onset epilepsy occurs. Then breeders may assess the youngster and ask owners to freeze semen before a male can be neutered. Of course asking a pet owner to breed a female is much more difficult.

Given all these challenges, Otterhound owners and breeders got together last March at the Louisville shows to begin a series of Breeder's Forums to discuss breeding and the plight of the breed. Discussions included the need to support each other, to enhance the gene pool, to increase our knowledge of health problems, to build our numbers, and to share information among ourselves and with the public who may not know just how valuable and rare our hounds are. The challenge is daunting, but we are as stubborn and dedicated as the hounds we love. ♦

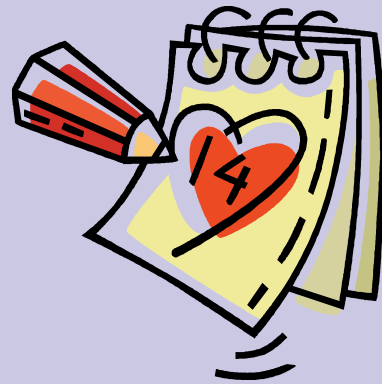
## PLANNING AHEAD!

### 2014 ANNUAL MEETINGS & NATIONAL SPECIALTY!

**We may have just begun 2012, but it is time to plan ahead to the 2014 National!**

The Board is seeking applications to **host the 2014 National**. Information on what is required at our Annual Meetings & National Specialty may be found on at [www.cdca.org](http://www.cdca.org) or from your favorite Board Member.

Applications to host the 2014 National are due to the Board by July 25, 2012 so we may make a decision at our Annual Board Meeting. (Early applications welcome!)



As part of the planning for the 2014 National, the Board is also tasked with selecting a judge for that Specialty. To that end, we have formed a Judges Selection Committee. Our thanks those listed below who have volunteered for this important job.

Members:

Donna Dodson  
Denise Gordon  
Cheryl Hennings  
Genny Landis  
Pamela Rosman

Chair:

Bryna Comsky

Suggestions of judges may be sent to Bryna or your favorite member of this committee. E-mail: [bcomsky@aol.com](mailto:bcomsky@aol.com); phone: 847.885.8395.



## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### SUBMITTED BY NORMA BENNETT WOOLF, CDCA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

#### FEBRUARY 2012

This is obviously a long report and focuses only on Ohio, but it carries a message for all breeders, including those who have an occasional litter. It's been said before and bears repeating: If you don't get involved when these bills are proposed, we're going to lose. It's not up to someone else, it's up to every one of us to write, call, testify, propose changes, and ally with others on the same side of the table. Canaan Dogs ... indeed all purebred dogs ... depend on us.

#### The news

First the good news: For 25 years, Ohio has been the only state to restrict dog ownership by breed, but no more. On January 31, the Senate passed HB 14, a bill that erases breed-specific language targeting "pit bulls" and adds language that designates dogs as a nuisance, dangerous, or vicious based on behavior, not physical appearance. The bill goes back to the House for concurrence and then to the governor's desk for signature.

In spite of this long-awaited victory for dogs and responsible dog owners, the pressure continues. Ohio has been a hotbed of radical activity aimed at livestock producers, dog breeders, and exotic animal owners for the past two years. The last day of January 2012 clearly illustrated what we are all up against.

Most of the day involved maneuvering on SB 130, a kennel licensing bill that had died in two previous legislative sessions. In spite of sustained opposition and requests for changes, the sponsor made only minor changes in language. The apparent intent was to drive commercial breeders out of business and to make a name as the lawmaker who got rid of "puppy mills" in the state. Activist campaigns for the bill included denigration of the Amish because many Amish families raise dogs as a business.

Opposition to SB 130 was strong in hearings, with commercial breeders and retailers, the Ohio Association of Animal owners, Ohio Valley Dog Owners, and AKC contacting lawmakers and testifying at hearings. (OVDO is the AKC federation in Ohio.) The Ohio Veterinary Medical Association did not oppose the bill but expressed concern with standards that didn't make sense.

Frustrated with listening to the same arguments over and over for more than five years, the chairman of the Agriculture Committee asked two proponents and two opponents to sit on a panel to answer senator's questions about the bill. Although it quickly became obvious that several committee members were leaning against it, the chairman was anxious for SB 130 to pass, so he went to the sponsor for a major concession. It wasn't enough; phone calls and face-to-face meetings took place through December and January. More concessions, but still not enough to kill opposition.

The original bill set up an independent state agency to administer and enforce the law, a situation ripe for an activist takeover. After the panel discussion in December, the sponsor agreed to shift the responsibilities to the State Department of Agriculture. This simple and logical move turned out to be a boon for the opposition because it brought the Ohio Farm Bureau into the mix, and they jumped in with both feet at the

end of January. The American Canine Association, a commercial kennel registration business, also joined the fray.

Tuesday, January 31, was a marathon day at the statehouse. Most of the day was taken up with behind-the-scenes meetings, phone calls, text messages, and corridor conferences to find a way to pass the bill. The committee chairman and the bill sponsor even conferred by telephone while at their desks in the Senate chamber during a voting session. Amendments were hot off the copy machine and quickly pe-

rused to make sure they reflected the various agreements. Aides carried messages back and forth and generally kept things as on track as possible.

The result? The bill was gutted of most major provisions unjustly designed to cripple commercial kennels.

The original bill had a set of standards written by non-experts that would have required commercial breeders to tear out their facilities and rebuild in order to get a license. These standards were scrapped and the oversight board was assigned to rewrite based on actual best practices for raising dogs, not the ideas of a handful of activists.

In addition, punitive fees were dropped from the bill and the oversight board charged with establishing a limited budget and setting fees to fund administration and enforcement within that budget.

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT, CON'T

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In exchange for these concessions, the sponsor tried to remove commercial kennel representation from the oversight board, but the committee restored one of the two seats and suggested pursuing the other seat when the bill goes to the House of Representatives for hearings.

### Why oppose Ohio SB 130?

Why should show and performance dog breeders oppose a commercial kennel licensing bill?

OVD0 identified three reasons: Any law regulating commercial kennels can be amended to include hobby kennels and

show and performance dog breeders as purebred enthusiasts in many states and counties have learned in recent years. This bill covers "high volume breeders" who have more than eight litters and sell (or offer to sell) more than 60 dogs in a year, but numbers can be decreased in radical campaigns against "puppy mills" that blur any distinction between well-run kennels and standard kennels. In addition, we always have to remember that many activists hate all purpose-breeding of dogs and are willing to use lies and distortions to achieve their regulatory goals.

Second, the bill requires all rescue groups to register with the Ag Dept and to list their foster homes. These rescues cannot also breed dogs, a prohibition that could affect breeders who are also involved in breed rescue through their parent clubs, a regional breed club, or on their own.

Third, the ambiguous language in the new definition of a kennel that is not high volume could require owners of intact dogs to buy a kennel license regardless of their intent to breed. This is a major point in AKC's opposition to the bill.

### On to the House of Representatives

Hearings coming in the House of Representatives could result in further changes or could kill the bill again. We'll be reiterating our opposition to the new kennel definition and seeking changes in the language regulating rescues. Farm Bureau still has several objections to the bill as do the commercial breeders and retailers. In addition, many activists oppose any regulation of rescue organizations, deplore the idea of including dog breeding under the Department of Agriculture, and want the crippling standards for commercial breeders restored.

Meanwhile, the Senate Ag committee moves on to discuss a new bill ... a ban on private ownership of a long list of exotic species. The beat goes on.

*Editor's Note: The list of states facing similar bills is growing ever day.... ♦*

## DOTY/MOTY Nominations

It's time for the 2011 Member Of The Year (MOTY) and Dog Of The Year (DOTY) nominations.

Please send your nomination of less than 350 words explaining why that per-son 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 May 5th. If there is more than one candidate for either DOTY or MOTY, ballots will be mailed no later than May 15th with the due date of June 1st. Otherwise, a single nomination in either category by the deadline will be declared the winner. Winners will be announced at the 2012 National Specialty awards banquet on Saturday, July 28th, in Greenville, South Carolina.

*Denise Gordon, Awards Chair*

*Email to [desertstarcanaan@yahoo.com](mailto:desertstarcanaan@yahoo.com)*

*or mail to: 2614 Gracewood Ave, Cincinnati OH 45239 ♦*

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For up to the minute information on CDCA events and action items.

NEW: Member only tab: Delegate Portal and the latest Canaan Kibitzer.

## WHAT DOES THE NUMBER 13 MEAN?

SUBMITTED BY BRYNA COMSKY

What does the number 13 mean? In human terms it marks the time a religious ceremony is held that formally admits a young person into his community as a soon-to-be responsible adult. In dog terms it points to the beginning of the end of life on earth.

On December 12, 1998, 13 years ago, my treasured Mishacam and Peeracam, were born to Paws and Dylan. There they were, the dear ones, providing a wondrous greeting for me on my return from a dog show. From the first they were happy, beautiful creations. Mishacam was *born* a sweet guy, and Peeracam was happy by nature, talkative and vivacious. As soon as she could walk, she reared up, threw out her forelegs, and invited the world to play with her.



Both are still beautiful Canaans. Peeracam likes to eat and is too fat, and Mishacam is too thin: the ironing board and the muffin.

Both finished their championships on the same day that Paws won the Group in Minnesota, twelve years ago.

They lost their youthful elasticity, but not their beauty of yore. Peeracam's cat's meow is sleeping on my bed, and Mishacam delights in his walks.

They take for granted their unique personalities, character, beauty and grace. ♦

### *The Tale (Tail?) of the Toy, The Daughter and The Momma Dog*



*"My mother took my toy! Maybe if I look cute, she'll give it back..."*



*"Hmhm, that didn't work, maybe I should look away..."*



*"Oh no! I'm getting THE look. I definitely need to look away!"*



## 2ND ANNUAL SOUTHWESTERN CANAAN DOG GATHERING

SUBMITTED BY CARRIE CABRERA

On Friday, Veteran's Day, we had 6 Canaan Dogs in the conformation ring and one in performance at the Canyon del Oro KC show. Helen Gleason was the judge. She awarded BOB to Magnum, BOS/WB to Ziva (12-18 month class) for 2 points, BOW/WD to Jasper (also from the 12-18 month class), who also earned the 2 points. Select Dog was awarded to Sirius, giving him 1 point towards his GCH.

The CDCA [unofficially] sponsored the Canaan Dog entry at the Canyon del Oro KC show on Saturday with prizes going to BOB/BOS/BOW and Obedience. In addition, there was a 3 pt major in bitches: which Judge Robert Slay awarded to Della (BOS/WB) out of the bred-by class. Jasper took BOW/WD, giving him the 3 points too. Magnum took BOB. And Sirius got another point towards his GCH with Select Dog. Magnum went on to get a Group 1. Saturday night Ken & Carrie Cabrera, Risa Baumrind, Cathey Dunn and her friend/handler Virginia, Robin Prince and Noelle Renteria had dinner at a local Italian restaurant where we all toasted to the Unofficial Southwest Canaan Dog regional specialty! Maybe we'll have to look into making it "official" in the future.

Sunday it started to rain literally minutes before the Canaans went into the ring at the Madera KC show. Shani earned BOS/WB from the Open class for a 3 pt major from Judge Patricia Hess. Magnum and Jasper repeated Saturday: BOB and BOW/WD respectively; giving Jasper another 3 pts. And Sirius got his 3<sup>rd</sup> Select Dog & GCH point. There were 3 crates, 5 dogs and 6 humans huddled under one EZ Up trying to stay dry!

The sun was finally shining on Monday morning at the final day of the Madera KC show, although the ground was still quite wet/muddy. Debra Long Gschwender awarded BOS/BOW/WB to Luna from the bred-by class for 2 points. Magnum received BOB. And Sirius got his 4<sup>th</sup> GCH point with a Select Dog.

If you're keeping track, you will have noticed that each of the 4 bitches entered received points!

Plans are taking shape to have another Southwest Canaan Dog Gathering in Las Vegas NV at the end of March 2012. ♦

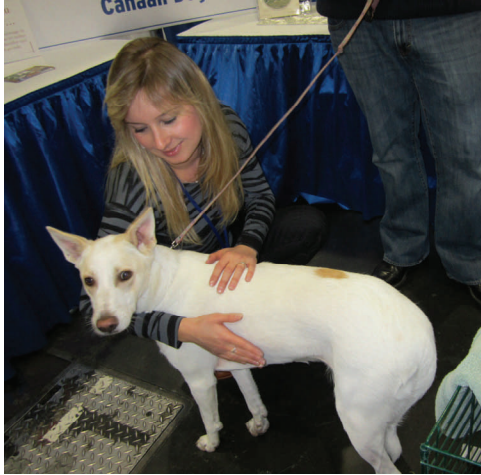




## PHOTOS FROM MEET THE BREEDS—NEW YORK CITY 2011







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## REPORTS OF THE SECRETARIES

### Report of C. Sect.

- CDCA is holding its AKC Agility Trials in SC in mid-May, 2012.
- The Sunshine Division of the Corresponding Secretary's Office, Judy March Rosenthal, has sent sympathy cards to the families of our grieving members on the occasions of their losses.

*Bryna Comsky ♦*

### CDCA November Communiqué

A motion by Joan Greene that David Pohl be voted into full membership from associate membership. Annette Israel provided the second; endorsed by Amanda Pough, Donna Dodson and Amy Preston. PASSED with approval votes from Joan Greene, Annette Israel, Donna Davison, Bryna Comsky, Ken Cabrera and Chris Miller. Not voting: Amanda Pough (per her normal procedure), Julie Haddy, Renee Kent.

No other motions were proposed or voted on in November

Discussion:

- The new internet provider will continue hosting the CDCA website at \$100. per year unless traffic becomes an issue. Site accessibility appears to be very good since the switch.
- A joint CDCA / ICDCA letter of support was received by Myrna Shibboleth, Israel.
- An updated CDCA tri-fold brochure was submitted for Board perusal
- The Agility trial insurance policy was renewed
- AKC Member Club annual dues are paid
- Meet The Breeds weekend was held 11/18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> in NYC; more dogs and people are needed for 2012
- Publicity and Public Education Committee members were proposed
- The AKC Delegate requests input on the proposed Group Realignment plan; please send comments to Pamela Rosman.

### CDCA December Communiqué

No new membership applications were received or voted on in December

No motions were proposed or voted on in December

Discussion:

- Ways and Means: promotion and resale of Myrna Shibboleth's updated book has been requested
- Condolences to their families on the passing of two long time CDCA members, Roy Dodson and Dr. Ernie Gray. Several other members and their families are also dealing with medical issues.
- December 2011 AKC Delegates' Meeting reports will be posted to the Club Website
- Publicity & Public Education committee members were announced: Bryna Comsky, Carol O'Brien and Norma Bennett Woolf.
- Creation of a CHF (Canine Health Foundation) or other fund in honor of deceased members was discussed
- The Kibitzer was nominated by the DWAA (Dog Writers Association of America) in the National Club Newsletter category

### CDCA January Communiqué

No new membership applications were received or voted on in January

A motion was approved by consensus to add "Whelping Box" listings to the Kibitzer starting with the Winter 2012 issue. These will be similar to Breeder Listings on the website, with a bit more structure. This will not replace the Breeding Listings on the website.

Discussion:

- Annual dues are due
- Federal PUPS bill legislative information was provided to the Board by Amanda Pough via AKC's Government Relations Department
- Kibitzer articles are due by February 1st A new feature will be the "Whelping Box" listing.
- A Judges Selection Committee for the 2014 National was formed, consisting of members Genny Landis, Donna Dodson, Denise Gordon, Cheryl Hennings, Pamela Rosman and Chair Bryna Comsky.
- Nominees for potential recipients of the 2012 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award were requested
- Club PR tools offered by the new Best in Show Daily website were discussed, as were tributes for Roy Dodson and Dr. Ernie Gray .

*Joan Capaiu Greene ♦*

## FANFARE IN ORLANDO!

SUBMITTED BY: BRYNA COM-SKY

Fanfare and excitement ushered in the last dog show of the year, sponsored by the American Kennel Club and Eukanuba. [Entry is by invitation only] to compete in its three major competitive events: conformation, agility, and obedience. Around 40,000 spectators attended the two-day show in Orlando, Florida, on December 17 & 18, 2011. The other twenty million will see the televised version later this year. 4,000 dogs competed for \$225,000 in prize money and three National Champion titles from the conformation, agility and obedience rings. Dogs from five continents participated in the Eukanuba World Challenge event, and three all-breed clubs clustered with the AKC/EUKANUBA Show to offer five consecutive days of judging.

Competitions ranged among the seven Groups and Best in Show; Junior Showmanship with an entry of 105; Best Bred-By Exhibitor dogs; the Eukanuba World Challenge event; and the choice for the best decorated Meet the Breeds booth. Retrievers competed in the super retriever series; law enforcement and the military K9 Detection Units sent their best representatives; and the Eukanuba extreme flyball racers tickled the crowds to frenzied cheers. Canine Companions for Independence were recognized in the Wounded Veterans Service Dog presentation. One of this year's ACE (Award for Canine Excellence) Award winners was Tugg, the Bull Terrier, whose reputation preceded him on his own facebook page. A few years ago, Riah, the Canaan Dog, with Ethan Miller, also received an ACE award at Westminster.

There were five Canaans entered in agility, a popular, fast-growing sport where dogs and handlers negotiate an obstacle course while running against the clock. Physical skill, speed, control, and teamwork between handler and dog demonstrate a dog's willingness to work in a variety of situations. Minnie with Alan Gersman; Orela with Dan Haddy; Kisho with Susan Sorensen; and two ILP\*\* Canaans, Louie and Ditto, with their owners, Gary Smith and Belinda Rodriguez, ran the courses. All qualified in at least 1 of the 4 hundred point rounds. Kisho topped the rankings with 389 points; Orela, 385; Louie (ILP registered),

328; Ditto (ILP registered), 289; and Minnie, who had been seriously distracted at the beginning of the competition, 200.

No Canaans entered obedience competition. The dogs at the AKC National Obedience Invitational have already earned their UD (Utility Dog) titles, and have reached the highest level of ability to work as a team with their owners, executing exercises from basic sit and heel to more advanced directed retrieve and scent discrimination. The judge rewards the handler's natural movements and the dog's willingness and enjoyment in his work. Obedience trained dogs make great companions for owners who also want to showcase these skills in competition.

It was in the conformation ring that the small but strong entry of five Canaans pulled it together for the breed. Both styles showed to Judge Mr. Donald Booxbaum who pointed to the top ranked Magnum for Best of Breed; and

then to Torino for Best of Opposite Sex. Gibson won the Award of Excellence. Rion and Orela, flawlessly presented by their owner-handlers, provided the competition. Days before, fourteen-month old Torino had won Best of Breed under Judge Mrs. T. M. Gallo at the Brevard Kennel Club Show. This youngster knows how to show off her breed type and style with her dazzling presence and joie de vivre. Way to go, Torino!



Chris Miller & Co. went all out to present Canaans to the public at the MTB booth. Denise Gordon taxed her vocal chords explaining and demonstrating the virtues of Rion, Smudge and Riva. Helen Betances-Foster and her daughter, Camille, showed off their dear one, Princess Tina, to the passers-by. Chris had Carson and Gibson at the booth, and the famous Torino was "with her handler" until Sunday afternoon. Mike Houchard manned the booth at strategic times. Marg Pough, Amanda's mother, visited the booth, as did Mag's owners, Pamela Rosman and Richard Vulliet. All 170 breed booths were decorated to the hilt, and walking down the aisles that housed them was like being transported into a wonderland of dogs and their native lands.

The Canine Health Foundation and the Companion Animal Recovery Program, both AKC affiliates, were in the Official Show Guide for their contributions to the sport of dogs. Both organizations play vital roles in canine health research and lost-dog recovery, and depend on donations for their successes.

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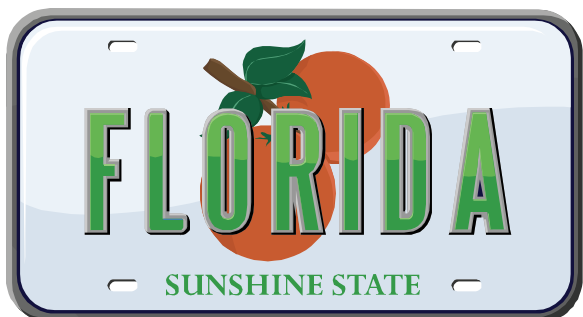
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The entire five-day cluster event was “good for Canaan Dogs” and their devoted owners.

Thank you to Denise Gordon, Alan Gersman, Amanda Pough, the AKC, and others, for providing information for this report. Look further in this issue to find photos and more detailed information about this show.

**\*\* Indefinite Listing Privilege.** *The American Kennel Club allows unregistered dogs with unknown ancestry, or otherwise ineligible for registration, to compete at performance events, though not in conformation. To do so, a dog must obtain an ILP number from the AKC. Pre-requisites require the owners to submit two photos, a profile and a front view, and a declaration that the dog is neutered. The dog is accepted a representative of an AKC recognized breed on the basis of its breed standard descriptions and interpretations of breed type.*

**Editor's Note:** *The AKC now has a program called PAL (Purebred Alternate Listing) which has replaced the ILP system. In addition, mixed breeds are now able to participate in AKC events under the relatively new Mixed Breed program.* ♦



## 2011 AKC/Eukanuba National Championships *December 2011—Orlando, FL*

### Breed Results

**Best of Breed:** GCH CH Pleasant Hill Magnum Of Samara, owners Pamela Rosman & Richard Vuillet



**Best of Opposite Sex:** CH Riv-roc Lycm Own Dream Bsnatch Rsndog, Merry Carol Houchard, Ethan & Christina Miller

**Best Bred By in Breed/1st Award of Excellence:** CH Bsnatch Rsndg Ran Away To Riv-roc RN, Christina Miller, Amanda

Pough & Judy March Rosenthal

GCH CH Blue Sky Desertstar Orion The Hunter RN, Denise Gordon & Norma Woolf

CH Orela Me Shaar Hagai RN AX AXJ NF, Julie & Dan Haddy

### Agility Results

**1<sup>st</sup>/Highest Scoring In Breed** Desert Star Kisho NA NAJ AXP MJP, owner Susan Sorensen

**2<sup>nd</sup>** CH Orela Me Shaar Hagai RN AX AXJ NF, Julie & Dan Haddy

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Louie MX MXJ (ILP), Gary Smith

**4<sup>th</sup>** Ditto Hernandez MX MXJ XF (ILP), Belinda Rodriguez

**5<sup>th</sup>** MACH3 Mazel Tov Prtmjl Minnie Pooh CD XF, Alan Gersman



**Congratulations & thanks to all the people & dogs who represented the breed in Orlando—both in & out of the rings!** ♦





## KISHO AT THE AGILITY INVITATIONAL

SUBMITTED BY: SUSAN SORENSON

*Editor's Note: Susan is a "friend" of the CDCA on Facebook. She posted about Kisho's achievements after the AKC Agility Invitational and I invited her to submit more for the "Kib." Below is their story. (Susan is also in the process of joining the club, so we hope to hear more about Kisho & Susan in the future!)*

### My Agility Experience with Desert Star Kisho ("Kee-show")

Kisho is currently the number one Canaan Dog for AKC agility as he was the highest placed Canaan Dog at the AKC Invitational in Orlando, FL 2011. It has been a very interesting process of getting to that point.

If you have ever been at the Invitational, you know how exciting it is - just the fact that close to 5,000 dogs are assembled in the conference center is amazing, but the agility trials were particularly interesting, not only because we participated, but the fact that so many breeds can compete according to their height.

Kisho was bred by Denise Gordon who was very careful about who she would sell a puppy to. Although I have had a number of dogs and trained them over the years, Denise insisted on a thorough review of my intents all the way down to inspecting our backyard (which later got to hold a lot of agility equipment). We passed the "Denise test" and I flew up and picked him up in 2005.

I have learned that Canaan Dogs are an unusual breed, they teach the owner as much as you teach them. They don't like boring or repetitive tasks, and mistakes should be ignored since they tend to be perfectionists. The only mistakes Kisho has done on the courses have been my mistakes in guiding him.

He is a 20 inch jumper, but is now jumping 16 inches preferred - he is so careful that he would rather go slower and being perfect than being fast. When he plays, he jumps higher and runs faster and loves being chased by other dogs.

He currently has a Masters in JWW and needs one Q to get a Master in Standards.

At the Invitational I figured we would have no chance due to his slower speed, but maybe the excitement of the whole event made him move faster than ever, and obviously enjoyed the whole spectacle and the other dogs and we came in ahead of time. The only thing that would have been better would have been if the event would have allowed his friend Baxter (Pembroke Corgi) to be present, but alas, they had a good time at the hotel.

The Orlando event was on the way for our move from Austin, TX to Allamuchy, NJ. We have already had some really nice long hikes in the hills of northwestern New Jersey. I am looking forward to setting up our agility runs in the backyard and hope that he will enjoy the coming snow. ♦



## WHELPING BOX

### PLANNED, EXPECTED & ARRIVED LITTERS

*A new advertising option for CDCA Members*

The board has approved a new feature to the Kib starting with the Winter 2012 issue.

"Whelping Box" listings will be similar to the Breeder Listings on the website, but as it will be in the Kib, will be a bit more structured to be of use to fellow breeders and exhibitors. Try as we might, we don't always know every litter each other breeder is planning! This WILL NOT replace the Breeding Listings on the website; those updates will still be coordinated by Sally.

Listings will contain kennel, sire, dam, whelping date (if already born or approximate if known), # of pups and sex (if known), one comment line and contact info.

#### Template:

*LITTER ON THE GROUND -or- PLANNED LITTER*

Kennel: *Kennel Name - State*

Sire: *sire's registered name and health clearances*

Dam: *dam's reg. name and health clearances*

Whelped/Litter Due: *if on the ground, when born; if planned, estimated due date*

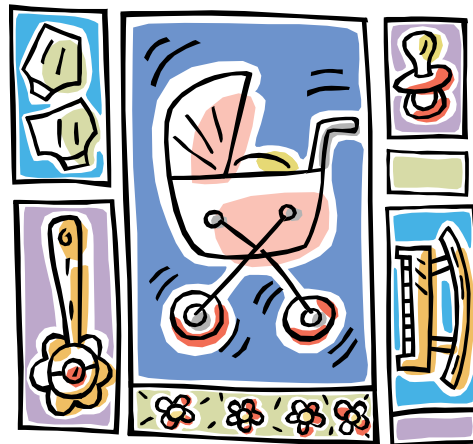
Count: *if on the ground, number and sex of puppies*

Comments: *up to one sentence with information others might find useful, i.e., color ("all pups cream with white trim") if desired*

Contact: *breeder's name, phone & email*

#### DETAILS:

- Open only to current CDCA members
- Cost will be \$20 per year for up to 10 listings. This can be one issue with 10 litters (!) in it, or 5 litters listed in 2 issues, or any combo up to 10 listings within a calendar year.
- Count resets at the beginning of the calendar year whether or not you have used all 10 listings.
- Planned litters should not be listed out longer than 6 months before anticipated whelping [so if you are planning a breeding expecting your bitch will be in season in Oct., you would be able to list the breeding as of the Spring issue (deadline of May, within 6 months of Oct.)]. Planned litters where the breeding has happened but a pregnancy has not been confirmed are welcome. ♦





## NEW YORK CITY MEET THE BREEDS 2011

SUBMITTED BY BRYNA COMSKY

The American Kennel Club and Pet Partners, Inc. returned for the fourth time to the Javits Center to host their annual Meet the Breeds event. 160 breeds of dog and 50 breeds of cat came to one place for two days in mid-town Manhattan. A gate of 40,000 people from the tri-state area came to see puppies and dogs, cats and kittens, and to hear their stories from proud owners. Neighboring states sent their



legal experts to inform the public about trends in doggy legislation; vendor booth brought every imaginable product for pets; demonstration rings featured law enforcement K9s, and there were glimpses of grooming, agility, obedience and more.

The Canaan Dog booth featured a new backdrop showing a desert scene with the

slogan, "Nature's dogs; ours to preserve." Handouts at the booth carrying the slogan and CDCA website address were available to the public in the form of business cards, postcards and an informative tri-fold with attractive pictures and a brief history of the breed. Advertising for the event appeared in two articles in local papers written by Sondra Tuckfelt PhD, a welcome admirer of Canaan dogs. Debby White sent an array of Hava's photos from the tracking field, the most exciting of which was the capture of the moment of triumph when Hava and Debby found the elusive glove, and earned their TD (Tracking Dog) title.

Amanda Pough, who co-ordinated the event, and Judy Rosenthal, co-coordinator, brought the essentials for the booth, including three Canaans: Peter, Harry and Ida. Judy brought Puddin', a Brussels Griffon, who is in training to run both her own household and her own breed booth. We stayed at Union City, NJ, across, or should we say under, the Hudson

River from NY. This historic place was built, and then re-gentrified, just to nourish the diabolic voice of the robotic un-lady who dictates directions on the GPS. Despite the challenges, Sondra found us with her van on both mornings, packed us all in, and drove us to our destination. Mark Tuckfelt drove on Sunday, and helped dismantle the booth.

Amanda rotated Peter, Harry and Ida for "crowd duty."

Peter and Harry gallantly met the streams of passers-by on both days while "Queen" Ida taunted them from the sidelines. We missed Sirius and his placid presence. He's coming back next year with the whole Greenstein family: Star Anthony, Larry, and their sons, Kevin and Thomas. Marcin and Anna Dabrowski, and their beautiful young female, Bella, were wonderful additions to the booth on Sunday. They'll also return next year with their son, Christopher, who'll be old enough then to spend a little time at the booth. Sabra, who is now 13, may also put in an appearance next year with her family. Pamela Rosman visited the booth and did some fielding, although her dog, Magnum, stayed on the left coast.

Practice makes perfect as the saying goes. In December, 2011, at the AKC-Eukanuba Championship Show, CDCA presented its most accomplished breed booth ever, as seven Canaans showed off their stuff. Look for their report in this issue and think of coming to NY next year to participate in the fifth AKC Meet the Breeds event.



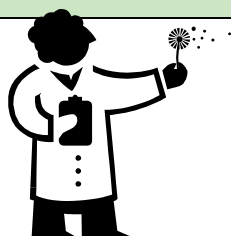
*Editor's Note: Due to the size of the NYC MTB, and volume of spectators, the 2012 Canaan Dog booth MUST have a larger contingent of dogs in it than we've had for previous years. The dogs who have attended over the past three years have done a wonderful job, but they, like us all, are getting older and get too tired to work the booth all day for two days in a row. If you are within striking distance of New York City, please consider bringing your CD to the 2012 MTB to be held next fall. More details to come.*

*More photo on pages 18-19 in this issue, as well as the club's Facebook page. ♦*



## OFA Test Results November 2011—January 2012

Registered Name	Registration Number	sex	OFA Test Number	OFA Test	OFA Results
ANAK ADOM ME BEIT ALPHA	DN25788204	M	CA-EL126M26-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
ANAK ADOM ME BEIT ALPHA	DN25788204	M	CA-DM35/27M-VPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
ANAK ADOM ME BEIT ALPHA	DN25788204	M	CA-457F26M-VPI	HIPS	FAIR
ANAK ADOM ME BEIT ALPHA	DN25788204	M	CA-PA71/26M/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTI-
<b><i>BANDERSNATCH RSNDG IDA KNOW RIVROC</i></b>	<b><i>DN14136801</i></b>	<b><i>F</i></b>	<b><i>CA-TH51/69F-VPI</i></b>	<b><i>THYROID</i></b>	<b><i>NORMAL</i></b>
<b><i>BANDERSNATCH RSNDG IDA KNOW RIVROC</i></b>	<b><i>DN14136801</i></b>	<b><i>F</i></b>	<b><i>CA-DM34/67F-VPI</i></b>	<b><i>DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY</i></b>	<b><i>NORMAL</i></b>
JAYKAY NOBLE TRISTAN	RW083887	M	CA-EL125M72-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
JAYKAY NOBLE TRISTAN	RW083887	M	CA-456G72M-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
JAYKAY SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE	DN27890102	F	CA-458F31F-NOPI	HIPS	FAIR
JAYKAY SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE	DN27890102	F	CA-EL127F31-NOPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
MAZEL TOV EREV SHEL SHOSHANIM	DN25373602	F	CA-EL124F28-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
MAZEL TOV EREV SHEL SHOSHANIM	DN25373602	F	CA-455G28F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
MAZEL TOV EREV SHEL SHOSHANIM	DN25373602	F	CA-SH1F28-VPI	SHOULDER	NORMAL
ORELA ME SHAAR HAGAI	DN22462601	F	CA-454G45F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
ORELA ME SHAAR HAGAI	DN22462601	F	CA-EL123F45-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
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## AGILE CANAANS

BY ALAN GERSMAN

### FUN AT THE AKC INVITATIONAL (aka Eukanuba)

After 5 years of being the only true Canaan Dog (CD) at the AKC Agility Invitational it was nice, actually more like exciting, to be joined by 3 other true CD's competing in agility. All 4 CD's made the Breed proud this weekend!!

Besides Minnie there were 2 other CD's competing in the 20" height class: Gary and Judith Smith with Louie, and Dan Haddy with Orela. Another CD was in the 16" Preferred height class: Susan Sorensen with Kisho. I had a chance to see most of the CD's run. Being able to watch the gracefulness of a CD running/ jumping is always a thing of beauty.

On Friday all dogs had a chance to warm up and get use to the surroundings in one of the rings. The problem Minnie (and all the 20" CD's) had was that we warmed up in one ring and started Saturday in the other ring. The other ring had the dock diving tank and crating for the dock diving behind the far end of the ring. I didn't prepare Minnie for the loud barking coming from the dock diving area. Bad, bad handler!!

Loud, aggressive barking bothers Minnie and I make an every effort to avoid dogs barking at Minnie especially walking past or near crates on the way to the ring. What I find interesting is the difference each of my CDs had to loud, aggressive barking.

Now none of my four CD's have ever been attacked or have had a bad experience in a crating area. My first CD, Isabel



loved to walk as close to the crates as possible and without even looking at the crates would leave every crated dog barking, jumping, snarling and acting like a complete lunatic. Lada L. and Jessie totally ignored the dogs in the crate, while Minnie gets nervous just being near a strange crate.

Minnie and I spent an hour at

the CD Breed Booth on Saturday and I had a chance on Sunday to watch the 5 CD's in the breed ring on Sunday. According to my uninformed conformation eye all 5 CD's were fantastic, but there was one CD who is 14 months call name Torino (CH Rivroc Lycm Own Dream Bsnatch Rsndog) owned by Chris Miller who is definitely performance/agility material. Torino placed 2nd in Breed (Best of Opposite Sex), and displayed strong drive, excellent focus and a nice structure for agility.



I'm not an expert on canine structure. All I have are years and countless hours watching dogs perform agility. My views are theoretical and are not necessarily fact. I see two types of Canaan Dogs: a straight back and a slight rounded or arched back. Let me be clear all Canaan Dogs I have seen are fast on a straight away, are excellent jumpers and are square no matter the type of back. The straight back somewhat limits a dog's extension and in my opinion can lead over time to shoulder injuries. I prefer a Canaan Dog with a slight arch in the rear of the back letting the dog properly extend over the spread (double & triple) jumps. Another obstacle is the broad jump where the dog must extend. Orela and Kisho have, in my opinion, excellent structure for agility. I'm looking forward to next year in Orlando and having 5 CD's at the next Invitational.



I want to thank Chris Miller for her hard work in organizing and running the Canaan Dog breed booth. Chris has organized and run the CDCA breed booth for the past 5 years whether it was in Long Beach, CA or in Orlando, FL. Thanks Chris!!

Next Kib I will talk about the different venues my dogs compete in: AKC and USDAA.

**Any questions or comments  
please email me at [maxisone@erols.com](mailto:maxisone@erols.com)**

*Photos on this page are scenes from the Orlando MTB Booth. ♦*

**REGISTER OF MERIT, REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT,  
AND VERSATILITY REGISTER OF MERIT**

**REQUIREMENTS:** Open to CDCA members in good standing who own AKC-registered Canaan Dogs who have produced outstanding offspring. To be eligible, the dog or bitch must have OFA hip certification of "Good" or better or equivalent PennHip clearance and normal CERF clearances. To receive a Register of Merit (ROM), a bitch must produce three (3) AKC conformation Champions of Record and a dog must produce five (5) AKC conformation Champions of Record. To receive a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX), a bitch must produce five (5) and a dog must produce eight (8) AKC conformation Champions of Record. To receive a Versatility Register of Merit (VROM), a bitch must produce three (3) CDCA Versatility awarded (V) offspring and a dog must produce five (5) CDCA Versatility awarded (V) offspring. To receive a Versatility Register of Merit Excellent (VROMX), a bitch must produce five (5) and a dog must produce eight (8) CDCA Versatility awarded (V) offspring. *See also page 34.*

**Registered Name & Titles:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AKC Registration Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bitch** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dog** \_\_\_\_\_

**OFA #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or PennHip #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CERF #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner(s) Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's Full Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's Phone/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name and Titles of Offspring:**

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**Signature of Owner**

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**Date**



## VERSATILITY AND VERSATILITY EXCELLENT

**REQUIREMENTS:** Open to CDCA members in good standing who own AKC-registered Canaan Dogs who have excelled in many types of competition. To be eligible for the award, the dog or bitch must have OFA hip certification of "Fair" or better, or have equivalent PennHip clearances, or have proof of spay/neuter. The CDCA Versatility Program recognizes five (5) areas in which titles may be earned: (1) Conformation, (2) Herding, (3) Tracking, (4) Obedience – both Traditional and Rally, (5) Agility – Standard, Jumpers, and FAST in both regular and preferred divisions. Only AKC and CDCA titles are eligible, including the CDCA titles of Herding Certified (HC), Herding Certified Excellent (HCX), and Pre-Novice (PN). The AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate is no longer recognized for the CDCA Versatility Program, but is still strongly encouraged by the CDCA. The Versatility (V) award will be given to Canaan Dogs that have earned four (4) titles from a minimum of three (3) event areas. The Versatility Excellent (VX) award will be given to Canaan Dogs that have earned nine (9) titles from a minimum of four (4) areas, including at least two (2) titles at an Open/Intermediate/Advanced level (i.e., Open Obedience, Advanced Rally, Open Agility, Herding Intermediate, Tracking Dog Excellent, etc.). *See also page 34.*

A copy of each AKC and/or CDCA title listed below must accompany this form. A copy of veterinarian's spay/neuter certification must be attached to this form for any Canaan Dog candidate without OFA or PennHip clearance.

Registered Name & Titles: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Bitch \_\_\_\_\_ Dog \_\_\_\_\_

OFA #: \_\_\_\_\_ PennHip #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Owner

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Date

## REMEMBERING .... ROY DODSON

*continued from page 4*

*Feeds and later in the cattle and swine operation. This brought the family into the Kingston area where they have since resided. His positive influence and selflessness in relationships with his children and grandchildren, as they matured in the rural area, must be emphasized.*

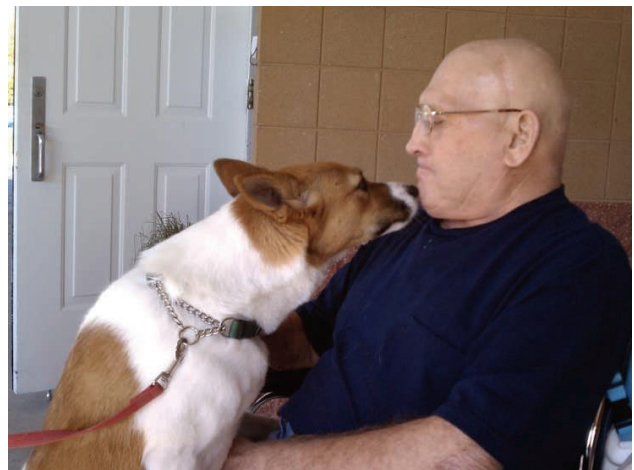
*Later, Roy worked as an assembler with the agricultural equipment industry as it evolved from Barber-Greene to Caterpillar to AGCO. Roy was an enthusiastic worker, most recently serving as a Meals on Wheels employee, where he was most appreciated by his fellow employees as well as those whom he served. His easy manner with people made him a friend to those who were in need of special attention because of their advanced age and ill health. He always had a moment to do the special favors they needed.*

*In his spare time, Roy enjoyed repairing and tinkering with small engines and lawnmowers and attending auctions. He was considered a part-time resident of Parkway Restaurant and other local coffee shops in the company of his special friend, Don Harvey, or son, Brian.*

*Survivors include his wife, Donna; two daughters, Lora Dodson of Beloit, Wis., and Sheila (Bill) Curzon of Lyons, Kan.; son, Brian (Jolene) Dodson of Sycamore; seven grandchildren, Glen Smith of Sycamore, Marsha (Kevin) White of Aurora, Nicholas (Jessica) Jacobs of Beloit, Michael (Danielle) Curzon of Lyons, Zachary Dodson, Joel Dodson and Tyler Dodson of Sycamore; three great-grandchildren, Sydney Jacobs and Ben and Bradley Curzon; brother, Ralph (Connie) Dodson of Sycamore; sister, Lenora (Richard) Anderson of Scotts Bluff, Neb.; many nieces and nephews remain that were influential in his life; and brother-in-law, Lyle (Sammie) Doty, who was extremely helpful during Roy's declining health situation.*

*Roy was predeceased by his parents and one son, Kevin Dodson, whose death had a huge impact on his life as well as the lives of the entire family. Roy's brothers, Kenneth, Oral and Donald Dodson; sister, Ruth Williams; and Ruth's children, Denise and Cameron, also predeceased him.*

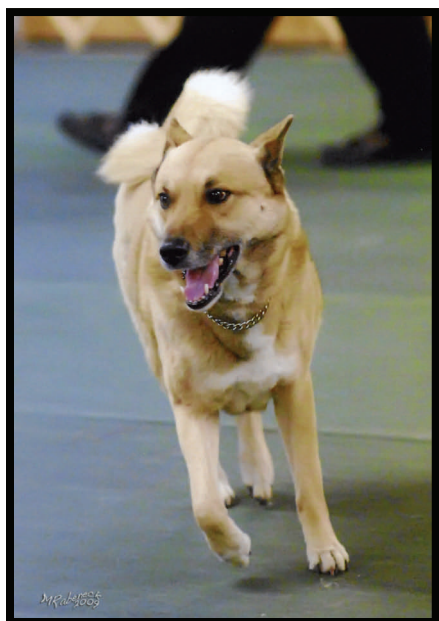
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## NEW AKC & CDCA TITLES: OCTOBER—DECEMBER 2011

COMPILED BY: DENISE GORDON

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
<b><i>AKC CHAMPION</i></b>		
CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Hannah's Legacy	Jackie & Donna Davison	10/16/11
CH. Pleasant Hill Heavenly Daze	Keith & Cheryl Shank & Donna Dodson	10/16/11
CH. Celev Ron's Bashert Ametz	Carole Grider & Marguerite Gardiner	11/12/11
<b><i>AKC GRAND CHAMPION</i></b>		
GCH. CH. Bless-Ed Be Aryon	Carole Grider	11/13/11
GCH. CH. Bsnatch Rsndg Ran Away To Rivroc, RN	Christina MillerAmanda Pough, & Judy March Rosenthal	12/14/11
<b><i>AKC BEGINNER NOVICE (OBEDIENCE)</i></b>		
Kol Tuv Jochebed, BN, RE	Carrie & Ken Cabrera	12/10/11
<b><i>AKC MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER</i></b>		
CH. Orela Me Shaar Hagai, RN, AX, MXJ, NF	Julie & Daniel Haddy	12/10/11





## PET DOGS KEEP THEIR FEET FROM FREEZING

BY ELLA DAVIES

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Dogs can keep warm on frozen ground, thanks to a specialised circulation system in their paws, say scientists.

Researchers in Japan used electron microscopes to study the internal structure of domestic dogs' paws.

They found that heat was transferred from the artery to the network of veins, meaning that cooled blood could not return to the body.

The system has been recognised in many other animals' extremities, including penguins' beaks and dolphins' fins.

The findings are published in the journal "Veterinary Dermatology."

Arctic foxes and wolves are well known for their adaptations that help them to regulate a constant body temperature in cold conditions.

### COLD-PROOF PAWS

Arctic foxes have dense and rigid fur on their feet which keeps the pads away from the freezing ground

The pads are connective tissue and fat which is more resistant to freezing

They have a "rete mirabile" or "wonderful network" of veins in their feet and legs that works as a heat exchanger where cooled blood is warmed up to maintain a constant temperature

(Additional research by Dr Arnaud Tarroux from the University of Quebec, Canada)

Previous studies showed that the canines can keep the tissue in their feet from freezing even in temperatures of -35C.

Dr Hiroyoshi Ninomiya and his team at the Yamazaki Gakuen University in Tokyo, Japan, set out to discover if this ability was also common to domestic dogs.

Using electron microscopes, the researchers were able to examine the internal structure of dogs' paws.

They found that the very close proximity of the arteries to the veins in the footpad meant that heat was conducted from one

blood vessel to another.

So when blood in the paw's veins cooled on contact with the air or ground, warm blood pumping from the heart - through the neighbouring artery - transferred its heat.

The blood was therefore "warmed up" before it returned to the body - preventing the dog's body from cooling down, whilst also keeping the paws at a constant temperature.

Cold specialists

"It is well known that penguins in the Antarctic have a counter current heat exchange system in their wings and legs to prevent heat dissipation and keep the body warm," said Dr Hiroyoshi Ninomiya.

"When we found that dogs also have such an excellent system in their paws, we were excited."

Anatomist Dr Sarah Williams from the Royal Veterinary College says the evidence could be a revelation for dog experts.

"Up until now, it was not considered necessary for domestic species to possess such a specialisation.

"This discovery has interesting evolutionary implications, and may suggest that the ancestors of the domestic dog lived in cold climates [in order] to bring about such an adaptation." ♦



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*Use the clues below to come up with an answer or phrase hidden in the grid above.*

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Minnie - Three Times Over  
Extra Special Champion  
Eye Health Group  
Awwhh!

*created at [www.puzzle-maker.com](http://www.puzzle-maker.com)*



## CDCA AWARDS REMINDER

**Top Performance Awards** - Don't forget to submit score-sheet forms of your dog's AKC performance events to the Awards Chair within 4 weeks after the event. Scoresheets are now being accepted for 2012 events.

**Versatility Award** - Open to AKC registered Canaan Dogs owned by CDCA members that have titled in many types of AKC/CDCA competition (conformation, agility, obedience/rally, tracking and/or herding). Full requirements & application form elsewhere in this issue. Send copies of AKC titles and any CDCA herding title to Awards Chair by June 1, 2012 for inclusion in national awards presentation during the Specialty.

**Register of Merit** - Open to CDCA members who own AKC registered Canaan Dogs that have produced multiple AKC Champion offspring. Full requirements & application form elsewhere in this issue. Send ROM or ROMX candidate name with all requirements to Awards Chair by June 1, 2012 for inclusion in national awards presentation during the Specialty.

*Denise Gordon, Awards Chair*

*See also pages 28 & 29.*

*Email to [desertstarcanaan@yahoo.com](mailto:desertstarcanaan@yahoo.com)*

*or mail to: 2614 Gracewood Ave, Cincinnati OH 45239 ♦*

## NEW TABS ON CDCA.ORG

There are two new(-ish) tabs at the top of the CDCA homepage for The Kib and Members.



<http://cdca.org/kibitzer.html>

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### Kibitzer logon info:

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Password: eKib2011 (case sensitive)



<http://cdca.org/members.html>

The Members section currently has CDCA membership information, our Code of Ethics, various applications and forms, AKC Delegate reports and Kibitzer links.

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Any veterinary advice distributed in this newsletter should always be discussed with your veterinarian prior to implementation. The intent of this newsletter is to be informative and becomes a historical document that reflects the breed and the CDCA.

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**Photos:** Always welcome, even without an article. High resolution digital photos are preferred.

**Ads:** Printed as-is, so please proof them carefully.

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(up to 10 listings)	

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