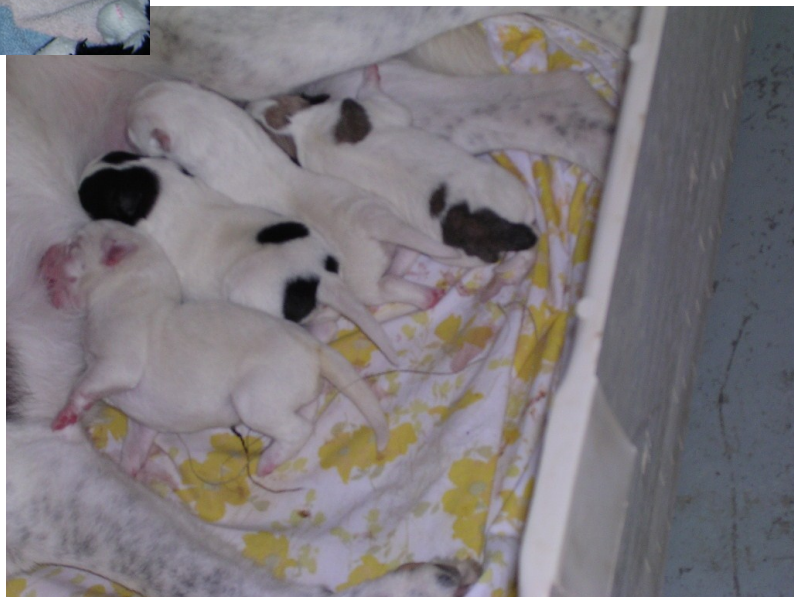


# THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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## The Stud Dog Issue

-plus-  
Agility, Legislation, Health  
and much, much more!



## Backwards and Forwards

**Looking back** The CDRN had a successful year in 2012. It placed two Canaan Dogs. Both girls were not “easy” placements as one had health issues and the other was a senior. The last update from both families is that

Gracie



and Kiera



are doing well.

**Looking forward** Did you know that as a 501(c)3, donations to the CDRN are tax deductible? And that the CDRN might qualify with your employer for **matching contributions**? Many employers will match their employees’ donations dollar for dollar. Some give double or even triple the original donation. Some companies may also give financial donations for employees’ **volunteer efforts**. To see if your employer participates, check with the Human Resource department.

I would also like to take this opportunity to **thank** the CDRN volunteers: Evan Kent, Treasurer; Alla Geretz, VP and Midwest coordinator; Doug van Cleve, Secretary and West coordinator; Genny Landis, Canada coordinator. Without these people the CDRN would not exist. And while the need for the rescue network is fortunately low, having it means that when the occasion arises where one of our wonderful, fascinating breed needs help in finding a forever home, we’re there!

We are always looking for people to sign up as a foster home or to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact me at [koltuvcanaandogs@yahoo.com](mailto:koltuvcanaandogs@yahoo.com).

You can find us on the web at <http://www.canaandogrescue.com/> and on FaceBook by searching for “Canaan Dog Rescue Newtork”.

Carrie Cabrera  
CDRN President, Eastern Coordinator

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## PRESIDENT & EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Breaking News will replace the President's Message this issue....

*Posted to the CDCA Yahoo List on February 15, 2013*

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Please be aware ...an envelope containing membership checks going from Amy Preston (Membership Chair) to Chris Miller (Treasurer) was damaged in the mail. Chris received the open envelope with 3 checks still in it. Amy was notified by the post office and the bulk of the checks were returned to her. However, other checks were returned to individual members.

There is no need for concern. There is no fraud or theft. Simply a bookkeeping nightmare for all. Please let Amy know if you received your check back including the amount and number, and then mail to:

Chris Miller - Treasurer  
3220 Gees Mill Road  
Conyers GA 30013

If you have not already sent in your renewal, there is still time - it must however reach me by March 31st. After this date, unpaid/renewed members will lapse and will need to re-apply as new associate members. Don't let this happen to you - get your renewal in now and retain your membership.

Thank You  
Amy Preston  
Membership@cdca.org  
860-235-5075

*Editor's Note: Kudos are due to the Post Office staff who found the checks, located the club and got in contact with Chris and Amy! What a mess would have been much worse had they not been so proactive!*

### FINAL REMINDER!!!!

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

**Dues not yet paid are currently OVERDUE!**

A couple of changes to be aware of:

- 1) New email contact— membership@cdca.org
- 2) As requested by many members, the ability to pay dues from multiple years was approved by the Board this summer. Starting this year, you may pay for up to three years at a time. There is no discount for multiple years, and per our club by-laws, you will still be hearing from me each year to confirm your contact information, etc.
- 3) This is a GREAT time to round your check up to help support club efforts and donations. You may add any amount onto your dues check and indicate how much and where the funds should be designated:
  - AKC/Canine Health Foundation—CD Donor Advised Fund
  - General Trophy Fund
  - Canaan Dog Rescue Network (send sep. check)

Members receiving hard copies of the newsletter found a membership renewal in with your Fall 2012 newsletter. Email subscribers should have already received an email from me with the renewal attached.

Payment of dues and donations may either be made by check (to the CDCA Inc.) or via PayPal to Treasurer@cdca.org. Please be sure to include your name and the words CDCA renewal in the body of your PayPal payment. Once you receive email notification of the PayPal payment, it would be appreciated if you could forward that email to me at membership@cdca.org.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

~ Amy Preston, 860-235-5075  
membership@cdca.org

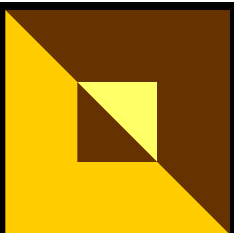


Photo by Lyn Simms



Judge Linda C More,  
Canyons Cluster Show Tucson Arizona 11-11-12



## ***CH Sufat Sheleg Ziva bat Ash CGC***

KolTuv Canaan Dogs  
proudly announces a new AKC Champion

(JK Maccabee Northern Warrior x D&J Ha'Aretz Northern Alchemy)

Owned by Ken & Carrie Cabrera

[koltuvcanaandogs.weebly.com](http://koltuvcanaandogs.weebly.com)

Breeding Planned Summer 2013

Bred by Michelle Harrington

Owner Handled





## I NEED YOU —TO HELP THE CDCA!

It is time again to work on selecting the next CDCA Board. For folks who are not currently on the Board, we would like to know who would be interested to serve on the Board so that they can be considered by our committee.

Please don't be shy. Being a Board Member is a great opportunity to not only help the club but to also learn more about how the club works and get to know other CDCA members better.

So, don't delay, volunteer to serve on the Board today!



### 2013 Nominating Committee appointed by the Board:

Eastern Rep/Board Member/Co-Chair: Renee Kent [renegadeacd@cox.net](mailto:renegadeacd@cox.net)

Midwest Rep/Co-Chair: Alla Geretz [rgeretz@aol.com](mailto:rgeretz@aol.com)

Western Rep: Richard Vulliet [regenavetlabs@gmail.com](mailto:regenavetlabs@gmail.com)

#### Alternates:

Eastern: Jennie Larkin [tychocand@yahoo.com](mailto:tychocand@yahoo.com)

Midwest: Donna Dodson [knandog@aol.com](mailto:knandog@aol.com)

Western: Carrie Cabrera [koltuvcanaandogs@yahoo.com](mailto:koltuvcanaandogs@yahoo.com)

Western - Associate (an unofficial position, but still appreciated!): Laura Alton [lauralalton@yahoo.com](mailto:lauralalton@yahoo.com)

[The applicable sections on the Constitution & By Laws may be found on the next page (page 6).]



## 2015 NATIONAL SPECIALTY APPLICATIONS SOUGHT!



The Board is looking for applications to host the 2015 CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings.

This is a wonderful way to introduce your local friends to lots of Canaan Dogs, and introduce your fellow CDCA members to your part of the country. Information on requirements to host a National and the application form may be found on [cdca.org](http://cdca.org) or by contacting your favorite Board Member. Applications are due to the Board by October 16, 2013. The Board will support and help any group hosting a National, but we need you as club members to tell us where you want to go next! (2013 will be held in October in Atlanta, Georgia and 2014 will be held in June in Cambridge, Minnesota.)

The prestigious Morris & Essex show is held once every five years in Somerset, New Jersey and has been suggested as a possible venue. Pamela Rosman & Richard Vulliet are exploring this possibility and welcome input for other club members. Pamela may be reached at [pamelarosman@aol.com](mailto:pamelarosman@aol.com), Richard at [regenavetlabs@gmail.com](mailto:regenavetlabs@gmail.com).

We would LOVE to have multiple applications for a National, but really need just one complete one! As a reminder, we do have two fall back locations if no applications are received: Upstate New York in September or Atlanta in October.



Please contact any Board Member for more information, or Pamela & Richard if you are interested in the Morris & Essex idea.



**From the CDCA Inc. C&BL, Article IV**

SECTION 4. Nominations and Ballots. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-laws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before February 1 of the election year. The committee shall consist of three members and three alternates, one from each geographical section, all Full members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, FAX, telephone, or other electronic means subject to similar provisions as otherwise set forth herein.

(a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club in good standing, one candidate each for President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer as well as one candidate for Director from each of the three geographical sections set forth in ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, and one additional candidate for Director without regard to the geographical section, and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Corresponding Secretary who shall mail the list to each member of the Club on or before May 1, so that additional nominations may be made by members if they so desire.

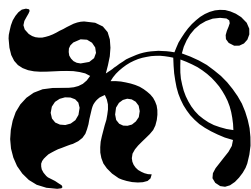
(b) Additional nominations of persons who meet the residence requirements of ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, may be made by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary at his regular address and postmarked on or before June 1, signed by five Full members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office.

(c) If no valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before June 1, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.

(d) If one or more additional nominations are postmarked on or before June 1 of an election year, the Corresponding Secretary shall, on or before June 15 mail to each eligible member in good standing a ballot listing candidates for each of the 5 offices in alphabetical order. Candidates for Director shall be listed by sections of the country and in alphabetical order within each section. With each ballot the Corresponding Secretary shall mail a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary or an independent auditor marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. The Recording Secretary is obligated, under Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, not to divulge any individual's member's vote, but only to provide a tally of all the votes. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking his ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the election auditor. The election auditor shall check the returns against the Corresponding Secretary's official list of members in good standing prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting. Upon completion of the count, the election auditor shall render a written report to the Corresponding Secretary and shall turn over to the Corresponding Secretary the envelopes and the marked ballots. The report, which shall give the number of members voting and the votes cast for each candidate, and the ballots shall be retained for one year by the Corresponding Secretary and then destroyed. The Corresponding Secretary shall, within five days after receiving the election auditor's report of election results, notify by telephone or mail each candidate of such results. In addition, the Corresponding Secretary shall mail the election results to the Editor of The Canaan Kibitzer, who shall publish such results in the next issue.

(e) The election auditor shall count and certify all ballots of eligible candidates. The persons receiving the largest number of votes for the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be declared elected. The candidate for Director from each of the three geographical sections set forth in ARTICLE III, SECTION 2 receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The candidate for Director receiving the largest number of votes after the geographical requirement has been fulfilled shall also be declared elected.

(f) Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided above.



## REMEMBERING ....RAY BAGLEY

*Shared on the Canaan Dogs lists from a friend of the Bagley's who wished to remain anonymous.*

Raymond (Ray) Lewis Bagley, Sergeant (ret), passed away suddenly on December 19, 2012, at the University of Alberta Hospital. Ray fought the good fight in the footsteps of his father. He had a long and successful military career where he was honoured and excited to accept many new challenges.

He and his wife, Terry, were also the creators of Terramara Kennels, working tirelessly for animals and animal rights.

Ray's greatest legacy was friendship and kindness that he gave to all without discrimination. He was the kindest, most intelligent man I have known.

Any donations in memory of Ray are to be made to the Lakeland Humane Society. <http://www.lakelandhumanesociety.org/help.html> Donations can be made by credit card, by phone or online.

Lakeland Humane Society  
6220 - 50 Ave, Box 202 Cold Lake, Alberta T9M 1P1  
PH: (780) 594-1896 FAX: (780) 594-1882

### **OVER, UNDER, AROUND AND THROUGH! COME TO SOUTH CAROLINA IN MAY FOR OUR SPRING TRIAL!**

May 9-12 at the R Ed Garrison Arena in Pendleton, SC.  
Premium will be up soon at [www.gonedogginagility.com](http://www.gonedogginagility.com)

We would love an entry of CDs, but even if your dog isn't ready to run, you are still welcome! Many hands make light work and jobs are available at all level of agility experience. For more information or to help, contact Julie Haddy at [pawslover@gmail.com](mailto:pawslover@gmail.com)



### IMPORTANT TABS ON CDCA.ORG

Stay up on CDCA business! Use the tabs at the top of the CDCA homepage for The Kib and Members Information.

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



Current Kibitzer issues are available for everyone given the Kib ID and password: members, judges, and non-club members who buy subscriptions. The public can download 2003 through 2010 issues for free without knowing the logon information.

#### **Kibitzer logon info:**

ID: kibitzer (case sensitive)  
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.

#### **Member logon info:**

ID: CDCA (case sensitive)  
Password: CanaanDogRule (case sensitive)

## “KNOCK KNOCK, IT’S ANIMAL CONTROL”

### SUBMISSION FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Originally Published in Issue 4:2012 of “Modern Arabian Horse” and reprinted with permission. Where this article speaks of horses, you should substitute the word “dog” as you read.

There are a few things you should know when an Animal Control Officer or a civilian investigator knocks on your door. A clear understanding of what their job is and how they go about it can save your animals’ life as well as keep you out of legal jeopardy.

Yeah, that sounds like crazy talk. We all respect the law, and God knows we love our animals. And the only reason that the nice young woman from the rescue organization could be knocking on your door is that some uneducated person must have been driving by the farm and saw that sweet old thin mare that has been enjoying her remaining years out in the pasture.

The best thing to do, it seems, is to be polite and explain that the old girl is a part of the family and well taken care of. After all, you have taken care of horses for years and know a great deal about them. And who knows more about what your mare needs than you, the person who has catered to her in her dotage.

Well, how you handle those benign questions from the investigator may very well determine whether or not your mare is euthanized and you spend the next few years in court. Couldn’t happen? Yes, it does and far more often than you think.

The person who is knocking on your door is an investigator. She is not there to let you know about a nuisance complaint and could have done that over the phone. She is at your farm to collect evidence, observe, document and ask questions about the health history and care of your horses.

Since you know you have done nothing wrong, what could be the harm in resolving the matter by answering all her questions and giving her a quick tour of the farm explaining all the efforts you have made to care for each and every one of your beautiful Arabians. Short answer: everything you say is going to be carefully examined in and out of context and potentially turned over to a prosecutor.

The nice person who knocked on your door may be friendly, but she is not your friend. A standard part of investigator training involves how to befriend the subject of the investigation by empathizing with the owner and minimizing the importance of the legal issue at question. We love horses and are proud of the efforts we have made to care for them. It’s only natural to want to share that with a friendly stranger, but what seems natural may not be in your horse’s best interest.

You might also be under the impression that the investigator received a complaint and decided to take a ride out to your farm just to ask you, “What’s up?”

Investigators, even non-law enforcement investigators, are trained to do background research first. They want to make the most out of their interview with you and have likely driven by your farm. In many states investigators can enter any open land, pastures, and fields without ever letting you know. They have likely asked the person who filed a complaint for as much detail as possible including the names of other people who might also feel that you are doing something wrong with your animals. Of course, you have nothing to worry about since you are on the up and up and only a kook or someone with a grudge would say that you were not providing the best care possible for your animals.

If someone’s been telling stories about you and mischaracterizing the care you give to your horses, the best thing to do is find out what’s being said and clear up the issue, right? The only problem is that the investigator has been trained not to tell you the truth or only tell you enough information to get your statements on the record.

So the investigator wants to see that precious grand dame of a mare out in your pasture. She loves horses and tells you how people just don’t understand it when animals get old.

While chit-chatting about the mare, you tell her you almost decided to put the mare down a couple years back when she was a bit weary looking and lethargic. The investigator asks if you called the vet, and you tell her thankfully you waited. Your mare regained her spark, and it would have been a shame to put her down. The investigator has been trained not to take notes in front of you because it might make you reluctant to speak. She’ll write it down after she leaves your farm. It could be the start of a real problem for you and your horse if she documents that your horse was sick and you failed to call the vet. She is also going to write that she saw dirt in your water bucket.

The investigator runs her hand down the mare’s side with an affectionate stroke trying to assign a score on what is known as the Henneke Body Scale. The number she assigns and how it is used is going to be of great consequence to you and your mare.



The Henneke body condition scoring system is a scale used to assign a numerical value to describe the amount of fatty tissue in a horse's body. It was developed to identify the optimum range for successful breeding, but that's not how it's commonly used by law enforcement and the courts. The scale has become one of the central factors in determining whether or not a horse has been neglected. It is perhaps the most misused and misunderstood component of equine neglect investigations. A score of one, two, or three on the nine point scale could send you off to court.

The problem is that the scale quantifies fat and not the quality of care an animal is receiving. Dr. Henneke, creator of the scale and a veterinarian and professor at Texas A & M, has objected that the body score is not designed to indicate the health or well-being of a horse. The scale cannot be used to either confirm or disprove nutritional deprivation. In fact, a simple numerical value cannot shed any light on why a horse has a given amount of flesh. There are a great many reasons why your elder mare may appear thin. And minimal body fat is not necessarily unhealthy. But the number the investigator assigns, perhaps coupled with the fact that she noticed a rail down on the far side of your pasture, could very well be enough for the civilian investigator to get a warrant to search your entire farm.

When the investigator returns she may be accompanied by a law enforcement officer or a veterinarian. Both of them will have been selected because of their willingness to work on animal welfare cases and testify at any resulting trial. A warrant will permit the investigator to search anywhere an animal might be housed on your property. They will photograph your feed bins, grain scoops, hay, stalls, cobwebs, manure pile, and water buckets, as well as all of your horses, from many different angles. They will also take video, usually with the sound turned off to prevent a judge or jury from hearing any callous comments they might make while conducting their search.

And what about your sweet old mare? She's been having a lot more good days than bad days, but there are some days when she looks, well, sad. In the midst of all the commotion, while you have been instructed to keep out of the way and not to interfere under penalty of arrest, you may be asked what you plan to do with the old girl. It might be easier if you voluntarily surrender her. The officer doesn't know a lot about horses but has been told that there are issues of concern. The state attorney will have to carefully review all the evidence. A trial will cost you upwards of \$20,000. And there's a vet on hand to do "the right thing." Of course, disposal of the body will be at your expense and will not be permitted until after the investigators take a few pictures for additional documentation.

How confident are you that you would make the best decision for your horse – whatever that may be – under such circumstances?

Here's a little advice for when you hear that friendly knock on the door. Don't answer questions. Ask them. You are not obligated to say a single thing to an animal control officer or civilian investigator. What you should be doing is asking questions about what the concern is. Don't trade questions and answers in the manner of a polite conversation. You need to find out exactly why the investigator is at your door. But keep in mind they are not obligated to tell you the truth, and they are trained not to.

Don't give permission for an investigator to enter your property. In fact, you must make it absolutely clear that they are not permitted to go anywhere on your land. Contact your local police authority to let them know you are concerned about the individual trespassing. This will create an official record that can later be used to your advantage should the need arise.

Tell the investigator that you would be happy to address her concerns at her office. First, you will need her to provide you with a comprehensive explanation of the complaint so that you can call a vet of your choosing to evaluate any health concerns. Be candid with your veterinarian. Address health concerns where they exist and have your vet put it in writing if there are none.

And finally, don't speak with the investigator again until you have spoken with a lawyer.

It might seem rude and out of character to be so firm when a friendly investigator knocks on your door, but it's a whole lot better than living with the thoughts you will have while passing by that empty stall in the barn when there truly didn't need to be one.

- Rob Crimmins

Maple Farm Arabians

Webster, New Hampshire



## NEWS & REPORTS FROM THE CDCA

### 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Membership

CDCA Recording Secretary Report – July 26, 2012  
Greenville, SC

**The General Meeting was called to order** by President Amanda Pough at 8:05 am at the Drury Inn Hotel in Greenville, SC. A quorum is eight members; more than 16 were in attendance.

The **Minutes of the previous CDCA National Specialty General Meeting** were published last year in the Kibitzer. A motion was made by Donna Davison to accept those minutes and seconded by Julie Haddy. The Membership voted to accept the last General Meeting minutes as published.

Summaries of this year's Board meeting and Committee reports were read [*ed. note: all reports were published previously (Fall 2012 newsletter)*], and comments were made as follows:

**Trophy donations** for next year's Specialty are encouraged because bags of sand and river rocks may not be sufficient incentive for attendees.

**Agility Committee report** – we encourage more Canaan owners to enter and join the fun at our National trials, and reports the memorial trophy in remembrance of Alan Gersman's Lada L was retired at our last trial by an outstanding Papillon.

**Health Committee report** - the international ICDCA/CDCA Health Survey is now available at [http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey\\_canaan.html](http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey_canaan.html) – to date fewer than 100 dogs have been entered. More information will be posted in the Kibitzer.

**Herding Committee report** - there are 20 entries so far, with more spaces available. We'll be starting early at 7am due to the heat. Come watch!

**Judges' Education Committee Report** - ringside mentoring at the conformation ring will be available today. Please come with your demo dogs to help with the hands-on seminar Saturday. 12 judges pre-registered, and 15-18 will probably attend.

**Kibitzer report** - layout assistance is requested; thanks!

**Membership Committee report** - Amy Preston an-

nounced the Board has approved multiple years membership renewal (with annual updates to verify information).

**Standard Revision Committee report** – the Committee is now dissolved with great appreciation to all who assisted.

**Ways and Means Committee report** - a new chair is needed; Julie Haddy will remain on the committee, and new members are encouraged.

**Web Committee report** - our Club's Facebook online presence is now being handled by Rachel Reams. John Relph continues to work on the Club's website and Canaani-L Yahoo!group with the assistance of Joan Greene.

The CDCA will be offering **tracking seminars** in future to encourage more members to train and compete in AKC Tracking Tests.

**Legislative Committee report** - information on PUPS and the USDA's proposed changes to the AWA is available; see the Kibitzer for details. There is an AKC petition available to sign - it is especially important to send in your comments online and to AKC, and to mail them to the USDA as well. Contact Norma Bennett Woolf and Joan Greene for help; AKC can be reached at [doglaw@akc.org](mailto:doglaw@akc.org).

**2013's National Specialty** will be held October 17<sup>th</sup>; the 2014 National will be held in Minnesota.

**AKC Delegate's Report** – reports and information is now available in the Members section of CDCA.org; please contact Pamela Rosman for questions. Members can support the AKC PAC while the club itself can support the AKC Legislative Support Fund. The Board voted to bring to the membership meeting a plan send 10% of club dues (or \$3. each membership) from next year's dues to the PAC on behalf of individual members, to support AKC's important legislative efforts. Donations will be happily accepted this weekend and sent 'from the CDCA National Specialty' – please see Pamela.

Denise Gordon, **Herding Chair**, reiterated that herding spots are still available at the Monday test; puppies under six months are welcome, and there is a discount for multiple dogs.

#### Unfinished business:

**National Specialty procedures and policies** are still being tweaked in Committee; they will be sent to Alla Geretz before the Minnesota Specialty in 2014.

We have RSVP'd for **AKC's Meet The Breeds** booth this October in New York – there's room for more volunteers, even if it's only for a couple hours. See Amanda Pough for information.

**New business:****National Specialties:**

2013's National Specialty will be held in October in Atlanta  
 2014's Specialty will be held in June in Minnesota  
 Proposals for the 2015 Nationals are open – Board members are happy to help; the deadline for applications is October 16<sup>th</sup> of 2013.

The Morris and Essex show is held only once every five years in New Jersey. There's huge prestige in attending, the site is lovely and very elegant. Discussion among some members for hosting the **2015 National** in conjunction with this show.

Extensive membership discussion occurred regarding the showing of **dogs owned or co-owned by a Specialty Show Chair**. AKC policy and that of various kennel clubs was noted. Some concern was expressed regarding undue influence; one response: judges do have backbones. It was noted that we're a small club and everyone has contact in some fashion with our judges; many clubs find local experienced people to Chair who are not owners of the breed, to stop potentially negative feedback. Amanda thanked the membership for the discussion; the Board will continue looking into the issues.

The AKC has asked for recommendations for people we want to see become **Canaan Dog judges** who are eligible under AKC's new program to encourage breeder-judges. The Board discussed and recommended (in alphabetical order by last name) Bryna Comsky, Donna Dodson, and Chris Miller.

Extensive membership discussion occurred regarding **breed promotional phrases** in literature and other materials. The current Club trifold brochure was reviewed along with previous club literature and the two banners used at Meet The Breed events. Most concurred that one single bedrock message was necessary to successfully promote our dogs. Bryna presented the Publicity and Public Education Committee's new suggested tag line for Club literature - "Canaan Dogs: Rare Gems from Israel". Discussion ensued regarding that phrase and last year's, "Canaan Dogs: Nature's Design, Ours To Preserve". Other potential tag lines mentioned were, 'Canaan Dogs: Natural Treasure from Israel' and 'Nature's Perfect Dog'. It was agreed that more consensus is needed before deciding on a single phrase (essentially a marketing slogan) which will be an underlying foundation to unify our Club's printed material. Amanda thanked the membership; the Board and Committee will continue the discussion.

The question was raised regarding what is breed standard **normal for thyroid levels**. One suggestion was blood collection at a National; the Health Committee should be contacted with further thoughts.

**AKC Delegate** reports are posted to the CDCA website each month for the Membership to review. Please bring any questions to Pamela. The registry is considering changes to all member club by-laws regarding health issues, and needs comments from members. Several new titling and award programs are now available.

No further new business was discussed.

The annual General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 am.

*Submitted by*

*Joan Capiau Greene, Recording Secretary*

## EYE EXAM DATABASE AND CERTIFICATION WITH OFA

### SUBMISSION FROM THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

*By Marg Pough, Border Terrier Club of America, Genetics and Health, annotated for Canaan Dogs*

In 2011 the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists approached the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and asked them to start a database for eye examination results and to supply certification numbers to dogs with normal eyes.

CERF (Canine Eye Registry Foundation) has been providing this service. In recent years it has become increasingly difficult to retrieve aggregate data from CERF, particularly data on ophthalmologic abnormalities or problems. This has been true not only for scientists and veterinarians doing research, but also for breed clubs trying to track breed specific problems and understanding their significance.

OFA has a record of database management, and the programming to allow retrieval of aggregate and specific data, and the data are readily available. CERF has been transmitting normal results to OFA on a quarterly basis (dogs that receive CERF #s or re-CERF's) but they do not submit abnormal results. Knowing the number and types of abnormal results, and being able to track kinship is important for those doing research into eye problems. From OFA: The OFA is also establishing a Clinical Database of Ophthalmic Diagnoses to capture data from ACVO diplomates on canine eye exams in an institutional or practice setting where the dog is presenting for reasons other than a certification exam. The inclusion of this data will greatly enhance disease monitoring.

In November, 2012 the OFA Eye Registry database went online. The costs are the same as those for CERF (\$12 for an initial entry into the database, \$8 for re-submits. OFA does not charge for submitting abnormal results to their open database.) We strongly urge everyone to use the OFA Eye Registry and to submit ALL results to the open database. FROM OFA: Dogs with observable, but passing conditions (currently known as Breeder Option Codes under CERF), will be issued notated OFA eye certification numbers. Dogs with observed eye diseases of significance will be reported as ineligible for eye certification numbers.

As with CERF. The examination forms are in triplicate, one for the veterinarian, one for the owner, and one for the OFA's Clinical Database. All results from the ophthalmologist will be entered into the clinical database for monitoring breed trends and susceptibilities, but not released on the OFA website and they will not result in a certification number. To receive a certification number, the owner will have to apply and send the appropriate fee.

OFA has been sending out OFA certification forms to all AVCO ophthalmologists, at no charge. (In recent years CERF has been charging the ophthalmologists for the forms.) I suspect that as the year progresses, most eye clinics will be using the OFA form (which does not require filling in all those little spots.) The AVCO believes that using OFA as the database manager will provide them with timely updates of ophthalmologic findings.

If you have a CERF form, you may submit it to OFA, with a signed note stating that you want it entered into the OFA database, and submitting the correct amount to OFA. Of course CERF will be happy to have you send the form to them, with a check payable to them.

Based on ACVO recommendations, eye certifications are good for a year from the date of exam. Yearly eye exams are required for CHIC for Canaan Dogs. All Canaan Dogs used in breeding programs should have yearly exams during their breeding years. Longitudinal studies give us much more information than a single exam. Dogs with notations, and with non-certification issues should also be examined at regular intervals. This will help us understand if issues that are noted (often called significance unknown) progress to eye impairment, or are transient, or are persistent with no vision impairment. We strongly suggest that everyone initial the form to release all results to the open database.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### *Fall 2012 Issue*

The Kib is so outstanding with the pictorial catalog that this copy was almost as good as being there.

Thank you for your very hard work putting it together. WOW.

- Donna Dodson

### *Planning Ahead*

If I can get the time to write an article for The Kib I would like to do so...

Don't know if you are aware a friend passed unexpectedly and left the placement of animals to me. Five (5) dogs, eight (8) cats and two (2) old horses. The point of article [would be to discuss why and how] to have a list (a will is best) and have names of people information and where you animals are to go in case of your death. With a breed like ours it will be hard to place them with just anyone. So just wanted to say that I want to do this. In the meantime, [I] still have two intact Lowchens if anyone is at shows and sees the breed there feel free to give them my number [as well as] five (5) [of the] cats and two (2) horses.

- Annette Israel

*Anyone who has experience in this topic or would like to work on such an article with Annette is encouraged to contact her directly. I would be happy to run an article giving good information to our members to help give them peace of mind.—Amanda*





## AGILE CANAANS: WHERE DO YOU TRAIN??

By Alan Gersman

Canaan Dogs are my breed of choice. I've had them for over 20 years now. However, I am the first to admit Canaan Dogs are NOT the right breed for everyone. In my previous article I spelled out why you would **NOT** take a Canaan Dog to just any dog training center. To emphasize what I have just stated, I quote from a person looking for a trainer:

"Does anyone know of any top trainers (preferably with books, DVDs, website, blog, etc) who run agility with "atypical" breeds, i.e. non-herding dogs? I've watched countless agility training DVDs and read plenty of books, but every one of them trains border collies."

For everyone's information I also have, train and compete with Border Collies.

The Canaan Dog normally will learn 85% of what they will learn in their lifetime within their first 6-8 months. For Canaan Dogs learning has to be positive, that is to say, positive reinforcement rather than negative punishment. Fear is not our incentive. We train for the sake of fun and rewards.

Positive training is when your CD has displayed a desired behavior, a reward will motivate the CD to increase the frequency of that particular behavior. That is to say, I make everything into a fun game with a learning objective. Canaan Dogs need to be trained. If you are very busy and can't take the time to train your puppy, while he's a puppy, then do not get a CD. Personally, I enjoy the challenges of dog training. I love to keep their minds challenged and stimulated. I specialize in dog agility, but have also trained my CD's for herding, obedience and tracking.

If something goes wrong, how do I turn this into a learning experience? That is to say, how do I create a situation where the dog wants to do what I am asking. Canaan Dogs want to please and at the same time to be sensitive to your emotions. I do not know a breed that wants to please more. The most common training mistake is when what is cute as a puppy becomes a problem as the dog matures into an adult.

For agility, I start as early as 10-12 weeks teaching my CD to run a simple jump grid of possibly 4 to 5 jumps. Jump heights are geared to the height of the dog. What I am looking for at this age is teaching speed, speed and more speed. That is all I focus on for their first 6 months. As opposed to many other breeds, the CD is instinctively a fantastic jumper -- trying to teach a CD how to jump will only confuse the hell out of it. The problem here is that while the CD is an excellent jumper it is also instinctively a cautious jumper.

Speed, NOT accuracy, now is the objective! During the CD's first 6 months they are running with abandon and that abandonment is what you need to capture, teach and encourage as the objective for their agility life.



Let me qualify, abandonment to a CD is not carelessness such as you find in a Border Collie. The CD is born with a pariah sense of survival. What you are doing at this young age is instilling self-confidence and a sense of understanding that running, jumping in an agility ring is fun and not dangerous. This is the time where a heavy hand is counter productive. Everything I do is a GAME.

If my Canaan Dog makes a mistake or misunderstands what I want I must reconstruct, that is, change the GAME. Let me make this perfectly clear, I DO NOT go negative -- I find a way to communicate through a GAME what it is I want.

The key here is to teach the CD to work on their own while working with



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you, that is, not always looking to you for guidance. The successful Canaan Dog is a dog that is NOT stressed and can work independently, in agility that is, to evenly balance focus on obstacles with focus on handler. You will find that this characteristic, that is to say, working independently, thinking on their feet, will also be important in any future training such as rally, obedience or tracking.

Even though I'm an experienced trainer I use another experienced trainer privately who can step back and see how I interact with my puppy (all puppies are different) and provide suggestions for different GAMES or ways to better communicate with my puppy. I do not believe in taking my puppy to group classes. It is hard for any instructor in a group environment to give personal attention which is what you need and besides it is boring to my puppy. I DO NOT go out of my way to socialize my Canaan Dogs. Having raised and trained 4 CD's I don't believe it matters either way.

Private instruction, in my opinion, is the best training environment for a Canaan Dog. A half hour obedience/agility lesson once a month is ideal assuming the rest of the month you actually practice what you learn.

Remember, the puppy is watching and learning 24/7 so be careful of what you teach either consciously or inadvertently.

As always, any questions contact me at: maxisone@erols.com

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## **SPEAK SOFTLY, AND CARRY A COPY OF “DEALING WITH MISCONDUCT”**

**Shared on an email list—a tool that one cluster shares with the hotels listed in the premium list to be handed out to all attending the shows.**

**DOG SHOW EXHIBITOR PLEASE CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING “STANDARDS” DURING YOUR STAY AT THIS ESTABLISHMENT**

A display of poor temperament (either human or canine) toward management, staff or another guest is a disqualifying fault.

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# The Stud Dog Issue

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CH. Mazel Tov Erev Shel Shoshanim, CD, BN, RE	Risa Baumrind & Catherine Oskow	11/18/12
<b>AKC GRAND CHAMPION</b>		
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<b>AKC BEGINNER NOVICE (OBEDIENCE)</b>		
Pleasant Hill Hava Shirat, BN, RN, TD, NAP, NJP	Debra White	10/14/12
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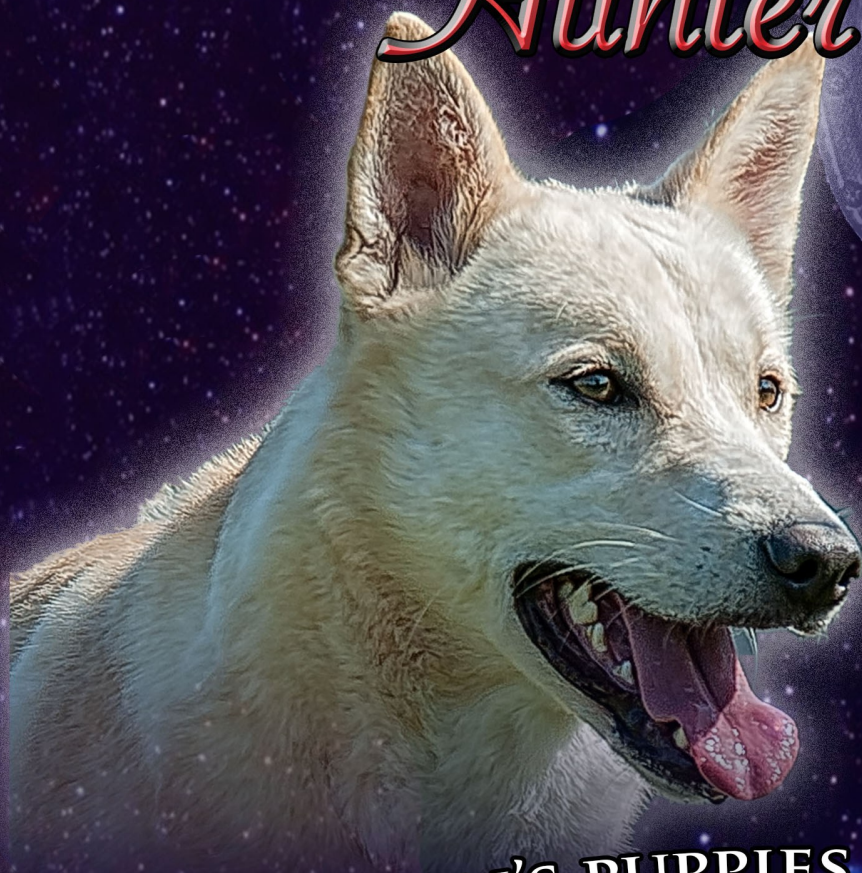
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ANACAN SON OF GLORY	DN33978201	M	CA-EYE6/14M-NOPI	EYES	NORMAL
<b>BANDERSNATCH RSNDG IDA KNOW RIVROC</b>	<b>DN14136801</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-EYE2/78F-VPI</b>	<b>EYES</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
BANDERSNATCH THE BEEKEEPER'S APPREN- TICE	DN25081105	F	CA-EYE3/39F-VPI	EYES	NORMAL
<b>BANDERSNATCH THE LANGUAGE OF BEES</b>	<b>DN25081103</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-EL135F39-VPI</b>	<b>ELBOW</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>BANDERSNATCH THE LANGUAGE OF BEES</b>	<b>DN25081103</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-468G39F-VPI</b>	<b>HIPS</b>	<b>GOOD</b>
<b>BANDERSNATCH THE LANGUAGE OF BEES</b>	<b>DN25081103</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-TH84/39F-VPI</b>	<b>THYROID</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>BANDERSNATCH THE LANGUAGE OF BEES</b>	<b>DN25081103</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-DM51/40F-VPI</b>	<b>DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>BANDERSNATCH THE LANGUAGE OF BEES</b>	<b>DN25081103</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-CA13/40F/C-VPI-ECHO</b>	<b>CARDIAC</b>	<b>NORMAL - CARDIOLO- GIST, ECHO</b>
<b>BANDERSNATCH THE LANGUAGE OF BEES</b>	<b>DN25081103</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-375177</b>	<b>CERF</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>BANDERSNATCH THE LANGUAGE OF BEES</b>	<b>DN25081103</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-PA78/39F/P-VPI</b>	<b>PATELLA</b>	<b>NORMAL - PRACTI- TIONER</b>
BLUE SKY DESERT STAR BALL OF FIRE	DN22127102	F	CA-EYE7/55F-VPI	EYES	NORMAL
BLUE SKY DESERT STAR LUNA ECLIPSE	DN22127101	F	CA-EYE9/55F-VPI	EYES	NORMAL
<b>BLUE SKY DESERTSTAR ORION THE HUNTER</b>	<b>DN22127103</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>CA-EYE8/55M-VPI</b>	<b>EYES</b>	<b>NORMAL W/ BREEDER OPTIONS NOTED A3</b>
CELEV BOOT'S COCO AND ALL THAT JAZZ	DN30143406	F	CA-DM55/24F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
CELEV MELEK'S LIBA TSEL	DN21012802	M	CA-DM54/60M-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
CELEV RON'S BASHERT KOCHAVA	DN24589504	F		DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	AT RISK
CHERRYSH HATIKVA MOONLIGHT SERENADE	DN30646003	F	CA-PA82/24F/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTI- TIONER
CHERRYSH HATIKVA MOONLIGHT SERENADE	DN30646003	F	CA-EL139F24-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
CHERRYSH HATIKVA MOONLIGHT SERENADE	DN30646003	F	CA-EYE4/24F-PI	EYES	NORMAL

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CHERRYSH HATIKVA MOONLIGHT SERENADE	DN30646003	F	CA-472G24F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
CHERRYSH HATIKVA TURKISH DELIGHT	DN30646002	F	CA-473G24F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
CHERRYSH HATIKVA TURKISH DELIGHT	DN30646002	F	CA-EYE5/24F-VPI	EYES	NORMAL
CHERRYSH HATIKVA TURKISH DELIGHT	DN30646002	F	CA-EL140F24-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
CHERRYSH HATIKVA TURKISH DELIGHT	DN30646002	F	CA-PA83/24F/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTI- TIONER
HA'ARTEZ TAV BLANCA	DN23771301	F	CA-PA80/47F/P-NOPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTI- TIONER
HA'ARTEZ TAV BLANCA	DN23771301	F	CA-EL137F47-NOPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
HA'ARTEZ TAV BLANCA	DN23771301	F	CA-470G47F-NOPI	HIPS	GOOD
HA'ARTEZ TAV BLANCA	DN23771301	F	CA-TH86/47F-NOPI	THYROID	NORMAL
JEZEBELLE	DN28519903	F	CA-TH87/29F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
JEZEBELLE	DN28519903	F	CA-471G29F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
JEZEBELLE	DN28519903	F	CA-EL138F29-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
JEZEBELLE	DN28519903	F	CA-PA81/29F/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTI- TIONER
<b>PLEASANT HILL HEAVEN- LY DAZE</b>	<b>DN28519905</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-DM52/29F-VPI</b>	<b>DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>RELIC ROSE</b>	<b>DN27869301</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-PA79/29F/P-VPI</b>	<b>PATELLA</b>	<b>NORMAL - PRACTI- TIONER</b>
<b>RELIC ROSE</b>	<b>DN27869301</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-EYE1/30F-VPI</b>	<b>EYES</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>RELIC ROSE</b>	<b>DN27869301</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-TH85/29F-VPI</b>	<b>THYROID</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
RENEGADE MELANCHOL- LIE AIR	DN17353701	F	CA-DM53/70F-PI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
<b>SUFAT SHELEG ZIVA BAT ASH</b>	<b>DN31161501</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-375772</b>	<b>CERF</b>	<b>12</b>

## LIVING WITH A CANAAN DOG

*A National Dog Magazine asked for an essay on living with a CD. Due to space, they did not end up running this essay. However, it is too fun not to share!*

This essay is a compilation of posts and stories from various individuals. Thanks in particular to Cheryl Kent Ardinger & Bob Ardinger and Ethan Miller.

"It's like living with a gifted 2 year old."

That is how one long time Canaan Dog breeder describes the breed in one sentence. Others expand to a couple sentences and say "The breed's feral origins offer fascinating glimpses into natural dog behavior. Wonderfully sensitive, affectionate and responsive, Canaan Dogs are highly intelligent and devoted family companions." No matter how many words you use to describe them, Canaan Dogs make a wonderful dog for those interested in performance, confirmation and companionship.

Canaan Dogs are extremely intuitive and many examples show this trait. In 2005, a Canaan Dog named "Raiah" was named the AKC ACE Companion Dog winner. As described by her owner Christina Miller, "Raiah" became a self-taught seizure alert dog for Chris' son Ethan. "A few moments prior to Ethan's first seizure, Raiah exhibited nervous characteristics and was intent on getting Christina into the

room with Ethan." It took another seizure or two, and more of "Raiah's" indications, but the humans finally figured out what "Raiah"



was telling them.

"Medication has relieved the most severe seizures, but Ethan ...

learned to read Raiah's emotions letting him know when to lay flat on the floor or bed.

Lying beside her friend gently placing her head on his chest, she



[would wait] for the seizure to pass, wagging her tail, signaling to everyone when it [was] over." Happily, Ethan has since outgrown his seizures, but not before other Canaan Dogs in their house also learned to recognize and alert him to his pre-seizure symptoms.

Cheryl Kent Ardinger and Bob Ardinger live in Maryland with their dogs. "Blossom" is a Canaan Dog look-alike who first led them to investigate the breed, and later welcome Canaan Dogs "Macey" and "Holmes" into their home. Cheryl is profoundly deaf and Bob has a degenerative joint disease, so their dogs - just by living with them - have become more than pets by helping them have active lives.

Here, the couple talks about "Holmes" arrival and how he became Bob's special friend.

"When we arrived to pick up Holmes, we talked with his breeder a bit and then she called Holmes into the room. He went straight to Bob, put his front paws on Bob's knees and gazed into Bob's eyes. It was love at first sight, and he's been Bob's little boy from that point on!" says Cheryl.

"Holmes is the baby of the family as he is the youngest and is now 3 years old. Blossom, our female is the oldest at 9 years, and Macey, also a male Canaan Dog, is 7. Holmes took to Blossom right away, as Macey was simply tolerating him and hoping he was temporary. Despite their age differences, they play a lot and Blossom loves to chase Holmes around our fenced back yard. Holmes likes to squiggle under the deck and peek out at Blossom to tease her, and she gets upset and throws her paws down and barks at



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him to come out, at which point he comes out flying and chases her all around.

One of the things I love about Holmes is how much he dotes on Bob. Every night, he joins Bob to watch TV before bed-time. Bob likes to lie on the floor and Holmes cuddles up under Bob's arm with his head on Bob's shoulder. Holmes also loves to give Bob what I call the "head press." He will come up when Bob is lying down, either on the bed or on the floor and lean down and press his head real hard into Bob's forehead or shoulder, to let Bob know he either wants to go out, or wants a treat, the treat being the most likely! Bob has to struggle a bit to get up off the floor due to a disability, and Holmes moves under him, offering help. Bob also has falls at times, and Holmes always rushes to Bob's side to be sure he is okay. "

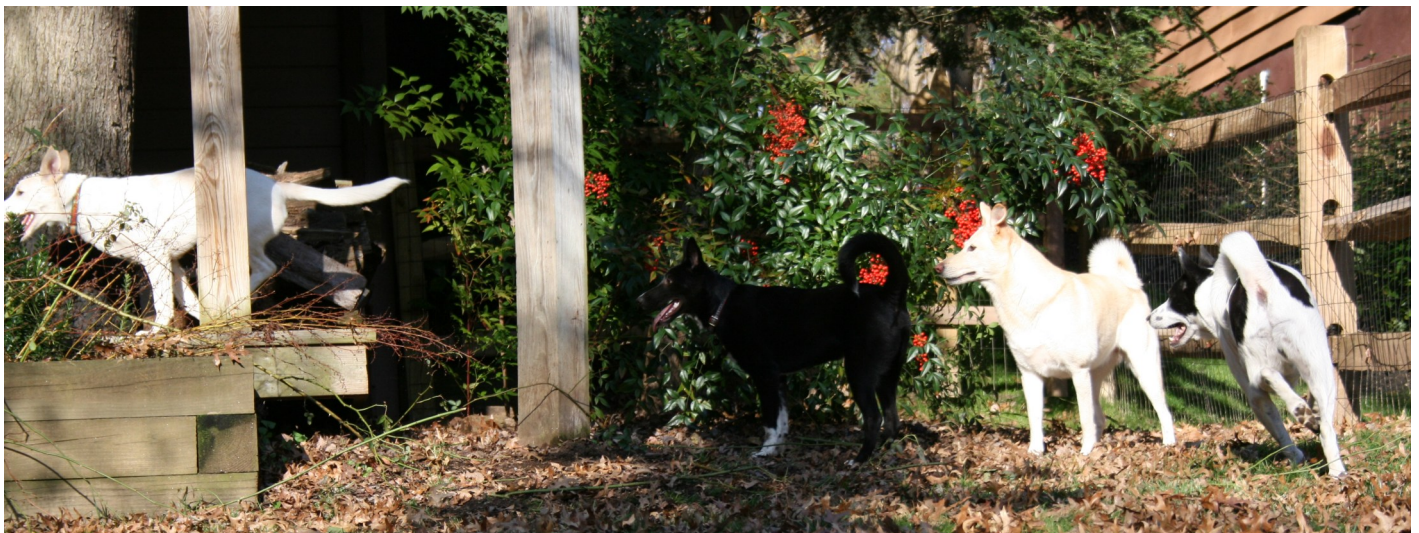
Bob recognizes this bond as well. "Holmes watches TV every night with me before bed .... When I watch TV I prefer to lay on the floor with a pillow that Holmes will share with me sometimes. Some nights when I get up from the floor I'm a little slower than most days. Holmes gets under me as if to try to help me up. I pretend he's helping me. I think I'm too heavy but the gesture is better than the help. When I'm reading or not awake he will come under my arm and stare at me; letting me know that it's time for his walk or for breakfast.

There is a very nice woman in our neighborhood who has two small, fluffy black dogs. She lets them off the leash in the park if no one else is there. One day she told me that she thought Holmes would be fine if he was off the leash. I was

somewhat uncomfortable but I tried it. I've never seen Holmes so happy. He played with those dogs (he's twice their size), rolled over on his back and came every time I called him."

Other Canaan Dog owners tell similar stories of their dogs. From a dog who kept a burglar trapped in a closet until police arrived to dogs who alert their dogs to coyotes in the neighborhood, Canaan Dogs know how to take care of their people. A growing number can be found on farms helping move livestock during the day and sleeping on the sofa at night. One of the first AKC Therapy Dog titles was given to a Canaan Dog who visited a senior center from the time she was a youngster to when she herself was a senior. Life with a Canaan Dog is so much more than living with a dog - it is partnership that defies description. Just as a "gifted 2 year old" will take you beyond your initial dreams of parenthood, so will sharing your life with a Canaan Dog.

*Below: Holmes, Blossum and Macey host a friend for a day of play.*





## TAKE JOY IN OLD DOGS

*The internet credits this to Emmy-winning soap opera writer Donna Swajeski*

Their joys are simple. A soft bed. A scrap fallen from the table that the younger dogs missed. The memory of a treed squirrel. A storm-less night.

White  
whiskered  
faces and  
legs crook-  
ed as ques-  
tion marks.

Old Dogs,  
their sweet  
Buddha  
bellies hang  
over  
crossed legs  
as they fall  
asleep in a  
coveted  
patch of  
sun.

Dreaming  
of out-  
racing their  
shadows  
down long,  
shady lanes.

Once they  
danced by  
your side.

The very  
definition of joy unleashed. A perfect poem caught in shining  
eyes and wiggling tails. They have followed you faithfully for  
years and would plunge into fires, untamed wildernesses,  
raging waters if you asked. Now, they struggle to catch up.  
Their pace slow but their hearts still valiant.

Their cloudy eyes are starting to dim and go distant, tuning in  
to some invisible world. Just beyond your reach.

“Don’t go” you say, as you scratch the tender part between  
their ears. “Stay longer. I can’t imagine a world without your  
fur pressed close to my cheek. There are still so many roads  
we haven’t explored.” And they look up at you with a wis-  
dom that just slays you.

Their backs are bent, not from the weight of years, but from  
the invisible wings they are growing. That will soon take

them to a  
place where  
once more  
they are war-  
riors of speed.  
Drunk with  
the sights and  
scents of a  
thousand  
meadows.  
Able to leap  
high enough  
to touch the  
wing of the  
tiniest butter-  
fly.

A place where  
they will now  
wait for you  
to catch up.



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## INTERNATIONAL CANAAN DOG MEETING 2013

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All Canaan Dog owners and fanciers are invited to join us here in Israel for the International Canaan Dog Meeting 2013. Come and see the natural environment of this amazing breed, meet Israeli Canaans and owners, and participate in a variety of breed oriented activities.

The meeting will take place from 26/3 to 30/3, the week of Passover and weekend of Easter, in conjunction with official activities of the Israel Kennel Club.

Activities include:

Friday, 29/3 – Canaan Dog Specialty Show, at Mikve Israel, a historical agricultural school bordering on Tel Aviv. There will be a ring just for Canaans, with the dogs being judged by a long time expert in the breed, and the possibility of meeting many other Canaan owners and fanciers, including visitors from a number of countries abroad. Participation will be at a special price of 50 NIS per dog and 55 NIS per person. In the same venue, there will be an International Dog Show of the Israel Kennel Club for all breeds, a cat show, a reptile display, and more things of interest for the whole family. Registration for the Canaan Specialty and purchase of advance tickets is from Myrna Shibolet myrnash@netvision.net.il

The Canaan Dog specialty show will award the title “Canaan Dog Winner, Israel 2013”.

On the dates of 27-28-29/3 there will be three International Dog Shows at Mikve Israel awarding a variety of titles – with the possibility of gaining titles of Junior CAC, CAC, Gr.CAC, and CACIB at each show. A dog can complete the title of Israel Junior Champion, or Israel Champion at these shows. A foreign champion can gain an Israel Ch. title in one show.

We will be happy to see Canaans participating and representing our national breed –

<http://www.ikc.org.il/Dev2Go.web?id=246183&SPID=169>

On Saturday 30/3, there will be a seminar on the Canaan Dog in the lecture hall of the Israel Kennel Club(outskirts of

Tel Aviv). The seminar will take place from 10:00 to 14:00, participation is free. Come and learn more about the breed, and share with other Canaan people your experiences with these special dogs.

On Tuesday, March 26, the first day of Passover, we are planning a trip to the southern desert to see the natural habitat of the Canaans and enjoy the uniqueness and beauty of this part of Israel. With luck, it may be possible to see free living or Bedouin Canaans. More details of the cost will be provided when we see how many people are interested. Visitors from abroad and Israelis are invited to participate.

The Canaan is a unique dog and a true sabra. It is very important to us that this is a successful event that shows everyone how much value these dogs have to us – Please join us and support the Canaan Dog!

Suggested schedule:

Arrival – March 24 or 25

Desert visit – March 26

International Dog Shows – March 27, 28, 29

Canaan Dog Specialty – March 29

Canaan Dog Seminar – March 30

Requirements for dog entry to Israel – up to date rabies vaccination and health certificate and blood test for rabies titres. No quarantine.

We are really looking forward to having you!

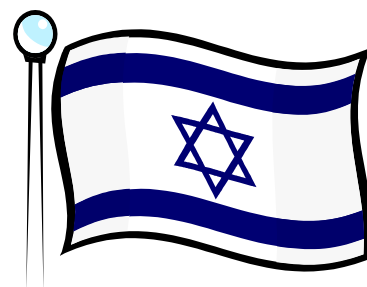
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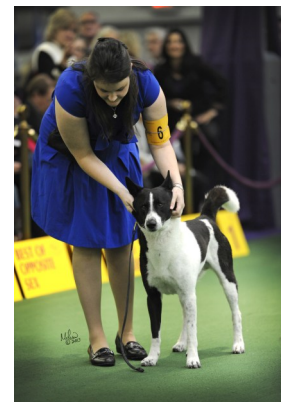
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