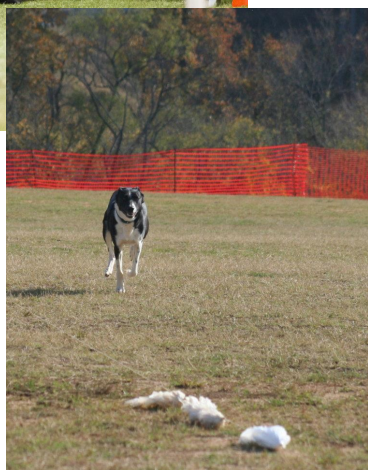
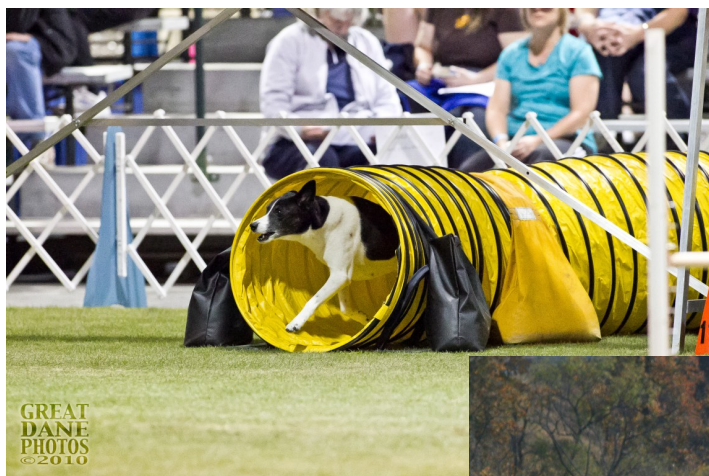


THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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Spring2013



The Dual-Ring Dog Issue

-plus-

Upcoming Events, Club & AKC Awards,
and much, much more!



News Flash!



ON SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2013

MACH4, ADCH MAZEL TOV MINNIE SCH-GOLD

EARNED HER 4TH AKC CHAMPIONSHIP

Sylvia and I are saluting one of the top, if not the best, performance Canaan Dog breed in the USA.

Minnie is 9 years old and has represented the breed in every AKC Invitational so far reaching the finals in 2009. In 2011 Minnie finished 8th overall in the 26" height class, the international competitive class, at the AKC Nationals.

Minnie has earned Championship Titles in AKC (MACH4) and USDAA (ADCH).

Minnie has earned 27 different titles in USDAA and 30 different performance titles in AKC. Combining both venues Minnie has earned over 600 qualifying scores in 7 years of competition.

Minnie has travelled from coast to coast, from north to south and has remained one of the sweetest dogs you ever met. Minnie also is a hearing certified service dog and a true ambassador for the Canaan Dog breed.



Minnie's First Trial, Danville VA



Help the **Canaan Dog Rescue Network** raise funds by giving your dog a healthy treat that will be enjoyed for weeks, even months. Your dog will thank you and so will we.

We have partnered with **Antlerz 4 Dogz** who has generously offered 10% of your entire purchase to be donated to us.

Their antler chewz are made from naturally shed antlerz from wild elk in the mountains of Northeast Arizona (which is home of the 2nd largest elk population in the US). The chewz are cut for dogs of all sizes, from the tiny toy pups, to the gigantic breeds.

Go to their website: <http://www.antlerz4dogz.com/rescue/products.html> and enter **Canaan Dog Rescue Network** in the text box above the "Add to Cart" button.

It's a Win Win for everyone. Your dog receives the benefits of a very healthy, zero calorie, and extra-long lasting treat, and our Organization benefits from your purchase.

Here are some of the benefits of Elk Antlerz:

- Healthier coat
- Aids in kidney function
- Improved wound healing
- High calcium levels
- Cleans teeth
- Doesn't stink up the house, nor stain the carpet

Visit their website, www.antlerz4dogz.com/rescue for more information about these wonderful dog chewz and to order online.

Further support copy this information to your Facebook Page and "LIKE" their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Antlerz/462493137144762>

The more purchases in our name, the more donations we receive!!!

Thank You for Your Support!!!



THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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PRESIDENT & EDITOR'S MESSAGE

It's May! It's May!

Maybe it is referring to the spring peepers, or just the rate that the grass grows, but describing May as "lusty" has always been a little puzzling to me. In the Northeast, we are still alternating between chilly, wet days and sunny days with a slight breeze.

This issue is a nice fat one and it was fun to put together. It would have been more fun if I had realized two other deadlines would also fall within the same two weeks as this one! My thanks to those who submitted articles, stories and ads. If you have a special story about your Canaan Dog or the dog world in general, please consider sharing your story with the CDCA via "The Kib." In today's social media world, "The Kib" is the historical record of the club. I enjoy going back to old issues and re-reading stories and remembering good times and good dogs. Recently, a couple of members have found old club publications. As time and space allow, essays and photos will be published in future issues. A report of the 1975 National Specialty may be found on the rear cover of this issue.

Your "To Do" list for this issue continues with the follows:

- ◆ Nominating Committee's Report & upcoming elections
- ◆ CDCA National Specialty & Annual Meetings—Atlanta GA—October 15-21. Please also find the Herding and Versatility Forms (enclosed with mailed copies of "The Kib," or posted on the website for those who download the issues).
- ◆ AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
- ◆ 2015 National Specialty—still time to get your application in to the Board!
- ◆ Reports from the CDCA and AKC
- ◆ Stories and results from International CD events
- ◆ And much, much more!

For those on the east coast, the dates for the New York City Meet The Breeds have been announced as September 28 & 29. We welcome members, dog and friends to help us man & dog the booth. Please contact me at bandersnatch-btcd@yahoo.com or 802-272-7635 for more information. Chris Miller will be coordinating the December event at the Invitational show and more information will be published later. Finally, next issue I hope to have a report of a regional Israel Festival where local CD owners manned a booth. The Board is finalizing a way for members to receive official help from the CDCA if they participate in local or regional event in a "Meet The Breeds" capacity. Watch for more information later this year.

Happy Spring—and pats to your pups!
- Amanda

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reminder to P and PE committee to get files of the new trifold brochure, the club business card and club banner to John Relp to post on the club website.

Pamela Rosman announced that AKC has hired Daryl Hendricks as Chief Operating Officer (COO), effective January 5, 2013

The AKC and the Westminster Kennel Club donated \$20,000 to the Hurricane Sandy Fund. The CDCA agility trial will be fund raising for the new AKC/CHF Canine Athlete program.

Bryna Comsky forwarded the following information:

AKC Delegate Obedience, Tracking, and Agility (OTA) Committee asks that a CDCA member(s) be nominated to join the Companion Events Group List

The AKC is considering expanding the veterinary outreach program to include club member participation.

The CDCA welcomes and thanks two new committee chairs:

1. Ways and Means - April Lee Arlee243@gmail.com
2. Publicity and Public Education - Rachel Reams
Alarahsteel@gmail.com .

related injuries in dogs, providing grants for cutting-edge research into orthopedic concerns, proper nutrition, and conditioning to achieve maximum performance while preventing injury.

Your continued support of CHF will help strengthen our commitment to funding sound, scientific research to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. A gift to CHF will help address the health needs of all dogs across their entire lifetime by focusing on their physical, mental, and social well-being.

We appreciate your commitment to helping all dogs live longer, healthier lives.

(CHF is proud to be recognized as a Four Star Charity by Charity Navigator. This independent designation is bestowed on charities that adhere to the highest standards of fiscal management, accountability, and transparency.)



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)



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 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 from other club members. Pamela may be reached at pamelarosman@aol.com, Richard at regenavetlabs@gmail.com.

We would LOVE to have multiple applications for a National, but really need just one complete one! UPDATE!! An application has been received, but others are still welcome at any time until the deadline!



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



SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR CDCA OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TERM OF OFFICE AUGUST 1, 2013-JULY 31, 2015

As per the Constitution & By Laws, this was ailed to all members via USPS; it is included here as a courtesy.

Dear CDCA Members;

The CDCA Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates for the CDCA Officers and Board of Directors, Term of Office August 1, 2013 through July 31, 2015.

President – Amanda Pough (NY)
 Vice President – Julie Haddy (SC)
 Treasurer – Chris Miller (GA)
 Recording Secretary – Bryna Comsky (IL)
 Corresponding Secretary – Melinda Linton (MI)
 Director (East) – Amy Preston (CT)
 Director (Central) – Donna Davision (IL)
 Director (West) – Joan Capiou Greene (CA)
 Director – Ken Cabrera (AZ)

Additional nominations may be made by the CDCA membership. All additional nominations shall be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary and must be received by June 1, 2013, as outlined in Article IV, Section 4 (b) of the Constitution (below). Potential CDCA Officers and Board of Director nominees should review the Constitution (Article III) to understand the requirements and expectations for an Officer or Board member.

Article IV, Section 4:

(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.

If additional valid nominations are received, a ballot will be submitted to each eligible member in good standing on or before June 15, 2013 as outlined in Article IV, Section 4 (d) of the Constitution (below).

(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.

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2013 Nominating Committee:

Co-Chairs: Renee Kent and Alla Gertz

Members: Richard Vulliet, alternates Jennie Larkin, Donna Dodson, Carrie Cabrera and Associate Member Laura Alton

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their time, efforts and thoughtful deliberations.

Bryna Comsky, CDCA Corresponding Secretary

565 Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates IL 60169-3360



AKC® GoodDog! Helpline

The American Kennel Club is launching a new initiative designed to promote dog training and encourage more dog owners to pursue dog sports with their canine companions.

The AKC® GoodDog! Helpline will offer telephone support to new dog owners. Trainers will staff the phone line and offer advice on teaching good manners and basic obedience. They also will relay the importance of taking their dog to a training club for a group class so their new puppy or dog gets the benefit of socialization and working with a dog training professional.

The GoodDog! Helpline is launching in April and will operate from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday and noon to 6 p.m. ET Saturday. Owners subscribe to the service, which is good for the life of the dog, at a cost of \$79.99. There will be special promotional pricing for owners at the time of on-line AKC registration.

The AKC GoodDog! Helpline is another way that the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership and contributes to helping dogs be good citizens in their homes and communities.

For more information about the new service, visit the AKC GoodDog! Helpline web page.

AKC ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

At the Annual Meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 12, 2013, the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2017 was elect-

ed. The four Directors elected were: Lee Arnold, Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Carl C. Ashby III, Delegate for the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.; Alan Kalter, Delegate for the American Bullmastiff Association; and Harvey Wooding, Delegate for the Westminster Kennel Club. In addition, Alan Kalter (American Bullmastiff Association) was elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. William R. Newman (Mastiff Club of America) was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.

AKC Canine Health Foundation

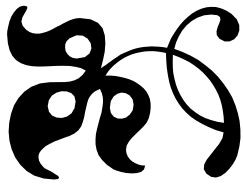
We are pleased to announce that the AKC Canine Health Foundation's 2012 Annual Report is now available online.

Thanks to your support, in 2012 the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) funded over \$2 million in canine health research. These grants will provide better treatments, more accurate diagnoses, and a deeper understanding of the mechanisms that cause canine disease in areas such as oncology, cardiology, infectious disease, and musculoskeletal health.

CHF also continued its commitment to providing education to dog owners throughout the world on canine health issues, as well as in the emerging field of canine sports medicine. Our Canine Athlete Initiative (CAI) not only provides educational resources to keep all dogs Fit for Sport. Fit for Life, but it is also on the forefront of the emerging field of sports-

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REMEMBERING MERRY CAROL HOUCHARD

The club extends our love and sympathy to Mike Houchard and Chris, Allan & Ethan Miller on the passing of Mike's wife / Chris' mother Merry Carol. Merry Carol was a long time club member and past Board Member, and the biggest cheerleader of her dogs.

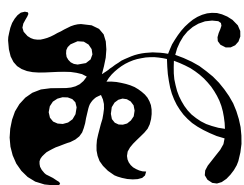
The 2013 National Specialty is dedicated to her memory.

Mrs. Merry Carol Houchard was born 25th December, 1939 in Berwyn, Illinois to Lyle J. Filek, DDS & Irene Kirch Filek, died 19th February, 2013 at the age of 73. Merry Carol is survived by her husband of 51 years, Michael H. Houchard, her daughter & son-in-law Christina C. Miller & Allan L. Miller, her grandson Ethan A. Miller and her step-mother Norma Anderson. She graduated from Clearwater High School in Florida, then went on to Wesleyan College and later the University of Florida. She was a member of the Phi Mu Greek society. It was at the University of Florida that she met her husband. Merry Carol and Michael were wed in 1962. They lived in Miami, FL for some time, then came to the Greater Atlanta, Georgia area. They moved to the family farm, in Conyers, GA, in 1970. Merry Carol was very active with purebred dogs. She won many local and national awards with her Great Danes. She also competed with her Vizslas, Papillion, Dalmatians and Canaan Dogs. She was a member and former officer of the Conyers Kennel Club. She was also a member of the Atlanta Kennel Club, Great Dane Club of America, Great Dane Club of the Mid South and the Canaan Dog Club of America. She was a 4-H volunteer for over



30 years. She taught dog care and training to countless 4-H participants in the Rockdale area. She also volunteered, and was a charter member, of the Conyers-Rockdale Humane Society. Merry Carol served on the original local development committee for the Georgia International Horse Park. In more recent years she served on the board of Rockdale County Animal Control. Her love of travel allowed her to see most of the United States. She and her husband took many trips in their RV. She also visited England and Scotland. As an English major in college her love of reading was instilled on her family. She also enjoyed needle craft, jigsaw puzzles and gourmet cooking. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Morris Animal Foundation, 10200 East Girard Ave, Suite B430, Denver, CO 80231, www.morrisanimalfoundation.org.

- online memorial accessed 05/12/13



REMEMBERING

ETHAN

1998-4/17/13

Ch. Jealou's Ebony Max O'Madriver was sired by Ch. Catalina's Felix to the Max and was out of Ch. Arayl's Whoodewoo. He performed well in the show ring, winning multiple best of breeds and several group placings. He was also the sire of Ch. Jealou's Got Milk O'Madriver, the first Canaan Dog to win a BIS at an all breed show (AKC). He was also the sire of Miles, the BOB winner at the 2007 CDCA National Specialty.

Ethan was also a devoted companion to my mom, Carol O'Bryan, and helped her through her disability. He was ever patient and sweet with everyone he met. He was the CDCA's 2008 Dog of the Year, which honored him for caring for my mom and being her assistant when she would fall or need support. He is now with his mother, father and his sister and he has left a legacy on the Canaan Dog breed through his son and his grand-kids.

- Kat O'Bryan



KIZZY

"Look again in your heart and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." - Kahlil Gibran

Our beloved Kizzy was truly our delight. We cannot thank Annette Israel enough for entrusting 2 first-time (as adults) dog owners with a Canaan Dog. It turned out to be a perfect match. Now she is gone and our lives will never be the same.

- Cynthia Dodson & David Golden and Eastland's Kaleb ha Pere.

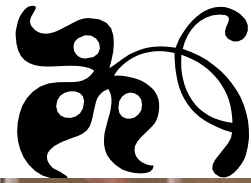


ZEKE

11/29/99 - 4/16/13

RIP AKC UKC Ch. Cherrysh The Vision of Ezekiel ROM, UROM, CGC. I had to take Zeke on his final car ride on Tues. It was time to say good-bye to my good 'ole boy. He had DM. He was such a sweet boy with the best temperament. He was the

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sire of Five AKC Champions and four UKC Champions. His offspring won 3 CDCA National Specialty Best In Puppy Sweepstakes, Winners Bitch, Winners Dog, Best Of Winners, and 2 Reserve Winners Bitch. Along with ICDCA National Specialty wins including, 2 Best Of Breed, 2 Best Male, Best Female. Rest well and run free my buddy.

- Cheryl Hennings

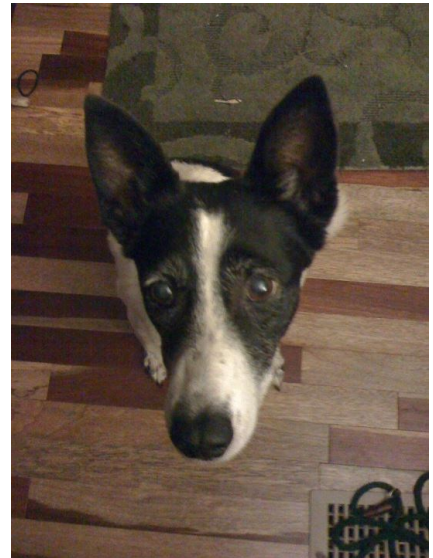


MUWTHIE

6/25/1998 - 4/17/2013

Ch. DaySpring Ha'Aretz D'Muwth RRK - "Muwthie". Rest well sweet girl. You weren't fond of the show ring, but you did it for me. You produced two litters for the breed, they all went to wonderful homes. You were my second Canaan Dog and brought so much laughter and love to this house. Run free sweet girl, I'll find you again someday.

- Chris Miller



GIMMIE

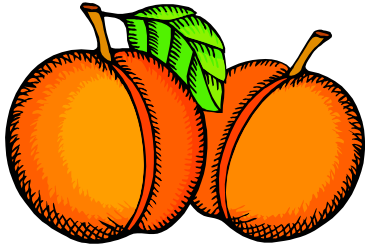
12/31/03—4/11/13

AKC/UKC Champion Hahar Grand Entrance Anna aka as Gimmie, gave up the fight she struggled with DM. She had an old sweet sole and gentle spirit. She takes our hearts with her.

She was a special Canaan dog. Lift a glass for Gimmie - we love you and know all of your legs are working and you're running like the wind. Look for Kodi and Lucy, they will show you the way. We will see you again.

- Cheryl & Keith Shank





CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings October 15-21, 2013

**Here are details on the upcoming CDCA Specialty in
Atlanta GA this October. Plan to join us!**

Dates: October 15-21, 2013

All AKC events pending AKC approval; some details still being finalized.

Show Chair: Annette Israel 919-880-9917 eastlandcanaans@gmail.com

Specialty Committee:

Julie Haddy 864-325-3562 pawlover@gmail.com

Chris Miller 770-827-2762 riverrockcd@yahoo.com

April Lee 252-339-6128 arlee243@gmail.com

Host Hotel: Drury Inn, 6520 S Lee Street, Morrow GA

Phone – 770-960-0500 or 1-800-378-7946

Ask for the Canaan Dog Club group

Rate \$96.95 per night

No Pet Fee (CDCA Room Policy applies)

Includes Breakfast & Afternoon Snacks

Convenient access to food, shopping & tourism

About 5 miles from Show Site

Trophy Donations—Deadline August 1, 2013 (to be listed in show catalog, but accepted anytime)

Chris Miller 770-827-2762 riverrockcd@yahoo.com

Catalog Ads—Deadline August 1, 2013

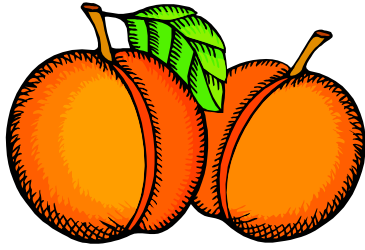
April Lee 252-339-6128 arlee243@gmail.com

Banquet Reservations -Deadline October 1, 2013

Annette Israel 919-880-9917

eastlandcanaans@gmail.com





CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings October 15-21, 2013

Schedule:

Tuesday, October 15

7:00 pm Welcome to Atlanta! Hospitality
To be held at Host Hotel

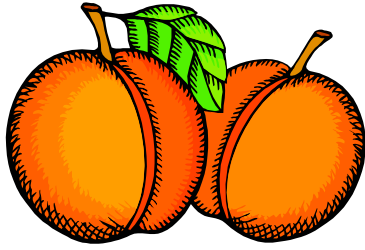
Wednesday, Oct 16th

8:00 am – approximately 1:00 pm
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
3:00 pm – approximately 5:00 pm
Annual General Meeting
Evening (after dinner on your own)
Education – Topic: Pending
All events to be held at Host Hotel

**Show events, Thursday—Sunday, will be at the
Atlanta Exposition Center,
3850 Jonesboro Road, Atlanta GA**

The shows will be Superintended by Onofrio. Full premium information will be available on onofrio.com and we have asked to have premiums mailed to all CDCA members.





CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings October 15-21, 2013

Thur, October 17

NATIONAL SPECIALTY DAY

Final times to be decided based on entries:

Judges Education

Ringside Mentoring

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes - Judge Amanda Pough

Junior Showmanship - Judge Amanda Pough

National Specialty – Judge Neena VanCamp

Fri, July 27

CDCA Designated Specialty at Douglasville Kennel Club of Georgia

Breed/Group Judge – C Liepmann

Sweepstakes - pending

The CDCA will support the Obedience & Rally classes during the cluster. The Friday show will be considered our 'National Specialty Obedience & Rally Trials.' Judges for the weekend still pending.

Sat, Oct 19

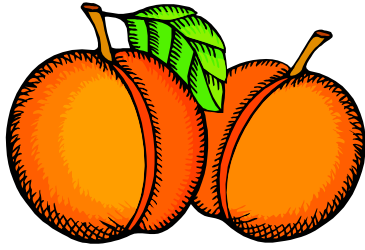
CDCA Regional Specialty at Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.

Judges still pending

Evening - Banquet (location TBA)

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 under separate cover.





CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings October 15-21, 2013

Sun, October 20
Supported Entry at Newnan Kennel Club
Judges still pending

Mon, October 21
Herding
at **Bailey Farm, 1519 Bailey Waters Rd., Dawsonville, GA**

Evaluator: Hubert Bailey

Herding entry form may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Denise Gordon 513-470-0507 desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

Atlanta info:

www.cityofmorrow.com

www.altanta.gov

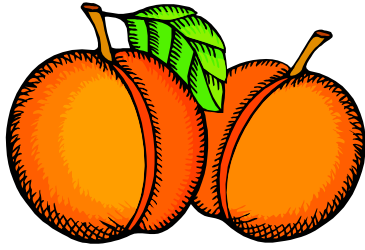
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www.altanta.com



As October approaches, watch the CDCA web site for updates and more information. Further details will also be published in the Fall "Kib," or mailed under separate cover, but please note some deadlines will have passed by the time the Fall issue is published.





CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings October 15-21, 2013



As per Article II, Section 1 of the CDCA By Laws, the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at 3pm at the Drury Inn, 6520 S Lee Street, Morrow GA (The Board of Directors will meet at the hotel at 8am the same day.)

To help facilitate the meeting, club members are encouraged to submit items for the agenda to the Recording Secretary, Joan Capaiu Greene, to arrive by Wed., Oct. 2nd, 2013 (4801 Laguna Blvd #105-227, Elk Grove, CA, 95758).

Don't Forget

Top Canaan Dogs of 2012



If your dog was among the top CDs in performance or conformation in 2012, 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 for more information.



CDCA AND THE AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

In the American Kennel Club's ongoing efforts to recognize and celebrate its volunteer club members, The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award program was established in 2006 to provide each member club with an AKC Medallion to award to one of its own on a yearly basis.

This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of pure-bred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club.

Now is the time for CDCA Members to make nominations for the person you would like to see receive this prestigious award. The deadline for nominations is *June 1st, 2013*. Please send your nominations to Bryna Comsky at correspondingsecretary@cdca.org. The winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet at our National Specialty in October.



CDCA BOARD BUSINESS & DISCUSSIONS

August 2012

No new membership applications were received or voted on in August.

No motions were proposed or voted on in August.

Discussion:

- how to add our recommended list of Breed Mentors to the judges' page on the AKC website
- how Google Analytics is used with the CDCA.org website
- membership requirements for National Specialty committee members; portions of AKC's 'Rules Applying to Dog Shows'

and 'Dealing with Misconduct at AKC Events' publications appear to be most applicable.

The Publicity and Public Education Committee was asked to develop a draft 'Meet The Breed' text to be included in the 21st edition of AKC's Complete Dog Book.

A preferred judge list for supported entries has been created from lists of past National Specialty judges, judges in the top three in voting for a National Specialty, those with significant history and interest in Canaan Dogs, and Regional Specialty judges. Please send suggestions for additions to the CDCA BOD.

It was discovered that AKC requires a minimum of 20 years involvement with a breed before a Parent Club can recommend a breeder-judge; Chris Miller will therefore not be submitted under this program at this time.

Pamela Rosman provided information and reports regarding the upcoming AKC Delegates Meeting next month in New Jersey, and AKC Board Chairman Alan Kalter's August report. She reminds us that the AKC Gazette magazine and AKC Breeder newsletter are now available online.

A CDCA press release announced that the Club provided the Pendleton (SC) Fire Department with two sets of Pet Oxygen Masks.

Comments were solicited by the Publicity and Public Education Committee on the proposed, revised trifold Breed Brochure.

Bryna Comsky forwarded an email from a Canaan Dog owner wishing to rehome their dog; CDRN information was provided along with a suggestion to first contact the dog's breeder.

Shirley Pierce, who along with her husband Joe was a very active Canaan Dog fancier during the 1980s – 1990s, passed away on July 27, 2012 in Centerville, TX.

September 2012

No new membership applications were received or voted on in September.

A motion by Amanda Pough to accept a new Club 'tagline' of: Canaan Dog - Designed By Nature. Discussion in August/September. PASSED with approval votes from: Joan Greene, Chris Miller, Annette Israel, Ken Cabrera, Julie Haddy, Donna Davison. Not voting: Amanda Pough (per her normal procedure), Renee Kent.

A motion by Amanda Pough to replace the current trifold with the proposed new one developed by the Publicity and Public Education Committee. Discussion in August/September. PASSED with approval votes from: Joan Greene,

Chris Miller, Renee Kent, Bryna Comsky, Annette Israel, Ken Cabrera, Julie Haddy, Donna Davison. Not voting: Amanda Pough (per her normal procedure).

Discussion:

of AKC Lifetime Achievement awards nominees

of proposed changes to the trifold brochure

Pamela Rosman provided AKC Board Chairman Alan Kalter's September report. An AKC committee nominated several Delegates to fill current Board vacancies.

The Pub and PE Committee submitted graphics for a new business card and club banner featuring the new Club 'tagline.' Photos are requested for club use in similar materials.

Sally Carlson, who lived in Utah with her Canaan 'Libi,' has passed away after a long fight with cancer. Libi now lives with Laura Alton in Nevada thanks to help from Risa Baumrind and other CD fanciers.

October 2012

One new single associate membership application was voted on in October: Linda Clark (Tulsa OK). ACCEPTED with approval votes from: Donna Davison, Joan Greene, Bryna Comsky, Julie Haddy, Annette Israel, Ken Cabrera. Not voting: Amanda Pough (per her normal procedure), Renee Kent, Chris Miller.

One new family associate membership application was voted on in October: Alice & Mark Kobb (Voorhees NJ). ACCEPTED with approval votes from: Donna Davison, Joan Greene, Bryna Comsky, Julie Haddy, Annette Israel, Ken Cabrera. Not voting: Amanda Pough (per her normal procedure), Renee Kent, Chris Miller.

A motion by Amanda Pough to allow the Breeder Referral Chair to automatically switch a breeder that is already on the Breeder's List (BL), and remains a member in good standing, to the Meet and Greet (M and G) list and then back to the Breeder's List when they are ready. Julie Haddy provided the second. Discussed and PASSED by consensus.

Discussion:

on proposed new CDCA Banner and business cards

of photos and necessary releases for use in new trifold brochure

on whether the Club should advertise in the 2013 Westminster KC catalog; approved by consensus.

AKC accepted the Canine Good Citizen (CC) award as a

title and will allow retroactive titles with owner applications.

John Relph has created email addresses for the BOD and officers that forward on to the individual or group:

treasurer@cdca.org:

president@cdca.org:

vicepresident@cdca.org:

webmaster@cdca.org:

recordingsecretary@cdca.org:

correspondingsecretary@cdca.org:

membership@cdca.org:

boardofdirectors@cdca.org,

board@cdca.org and

bod@cdca.org

Membership renewal forms will be sent out soon by Amy Preston.

Pamela Rosman provided highlights of the AKC Board's October Meeting.

Thanks to all who worked the New York City Meet The Breeds Booth in October.

November 2012

No new membership applications were received or voted upon in November.

A motion was made by Amanda Pough to add Julie and Daniel Haddy to the Breeders' List. ACCEPTED with approval votes from: Bryna Comsky, Annette Israel, Donna Davison, Ken Cabrera, Chris Miller, Joan Greene. Julie Haddy recused herself. Not voting: Amanda Pough (per her normal procedure), Renee Kent.

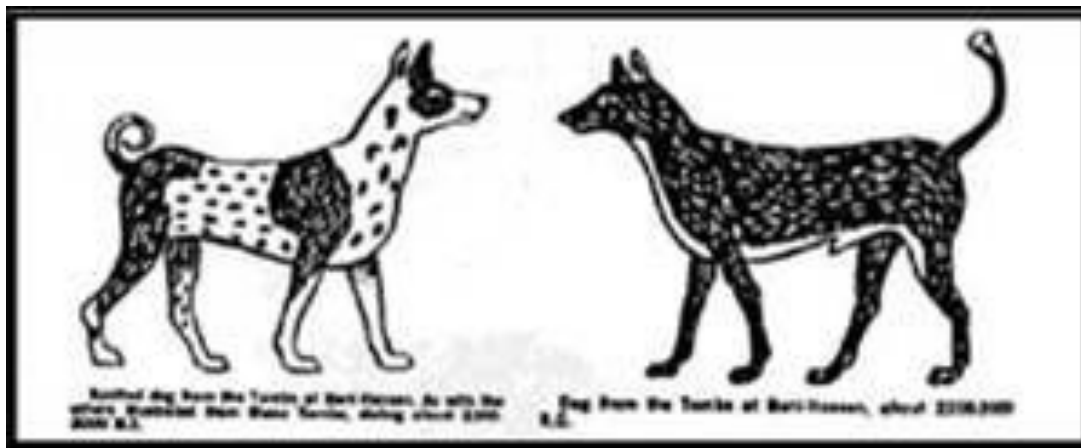
Discussion:

of vendor issues regarding the Fall 2012 CDCA Agility Trial

of the possibility of backup administrators for the CDCA website

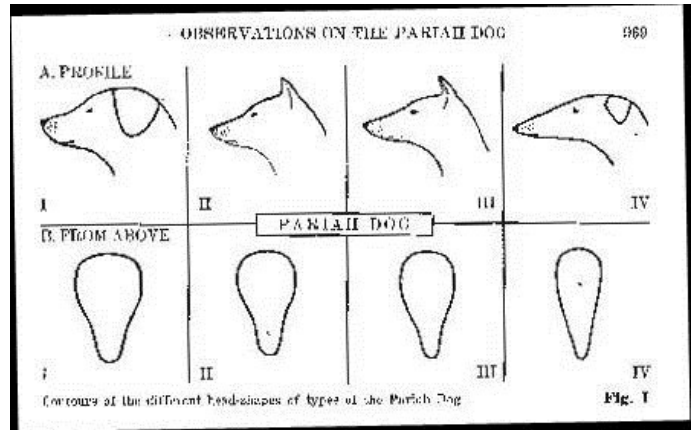
about members in the path of Hurricane Sandy, and hopes for their safety

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Various photos and illustrations
from the CDCA Judges Education
Presentation.





MORE FROM AKC

TODAY SHOW RESPONSE

The AKC is extremely disappointed that The Today Show was given all of the information below but chose not to include any of it in their segment this morning. We met with the producers for an hour prior to the taped interview — which also lasted nearly an hour — and we provided them with supporting documentation, and they chose only to include less than 1 minute of airtime for AKC. They disregarded important facts that should have been told. In fact, we requested to receive a copy of the tape of the entire, unedited interview with Jeff Rossen so that we could show you all of the information we gave them, but their lawyers refused to provide the footage to us.

Here are some top facts that The Today Show didn't tell you:

- 1.They didn't tell you that no other organization does more to protect dogs than the AKC and that "being the dog's champion" means, among other things, donating more than \$24 million to canine health research, conducting kennel inspections, and offering more educational programs for responsible dog owners than any other organization.
- 2.They didn't tell you that when an AKC inspector finds substandard kennel conditions they must immediately report it to the appropriate federal, state and local authorities to take action.
- 3.They didn't tell you that, in many instances, the highly publicized raids for which animal rights groups take credit in the media have come about as a direct result of AKC's reporting to law enforcement.
- 4.They didn't tell you that, as we explained to Jeff Rossen and his producers numerous times, there are no "AKC Registered Operations" or "AKC Registered Breeders" and that breeders use AKC services voluntarily.
- 5.They didn't tell you that less than 5% of AKC's registration revenue comes from commercial breeders or that the AKC is a not-for-profit organization whose total revenues are less than the total marketing budget of the HSUS.
- 6.They didn't tell you that AKC saw substandard breeders leave the registry in droves in the mid-1990's when we instituted an inspections program. We did it anyway, even though it affected our bottom line negatively, because it was the right thing to do for dogs. And, more breeders left when we began DNA testing.
- 7.They didn't tell you that when AKC has concerns with leg-

islation, it publicly puts legislative alerts on its website where anyone can learn about how a bill may potentially affect responsible breeders and dog owners' rights and not do anything to protect dogs.

8.They didn't tell you that AKC works to ensure the enforcement of cruelty and neglect laws, as well as the provisions of the federal Animal Welfare Act. As a result, AKC has a productive working relationship with local animal controls, state and local law enforcement, state departments of agriculture throughout the country, as well as the USDA.

9.They didn't tell you that AKC is well respected by lawmakers who consider us credible experts on dog issues, and rely on our thoughtful and considered advice when it comes to legislation that will impact dogs and their breeders and owners.

10.They didn't tell you that the purebred rescue groups they referenced are actually AKC breed parent club groups and affiliates that make up the largest dog rescue group network in the country.

11.They didn't tell you that The Today Show's Natalie Morales made a TV public service announcement in conjunction with the Ad Council and the HSUS.

Please send your comments directly to the Producer of the Today Show Don Nash don.nash@nbcuni.com and the President of NBC News Phil Griffin phil.griffin@nbcuni.com.

Watch the segment on the Today Show website and then go to Rossen Reports and Today.com and NBCNews.com to post your comments in support of AKC and all the responsible dog owners and breeders in this country.

MARCH 2013 AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT -- Defending Our Rights --

For years, animal rights extremists have focused on attacking the health of purebred dogs based on what they determined were improper breeding programs, and have indiscriminately discredited dog breeders with unsupported anecdotal stories as opposed to facts. We all know the unsubstantiated accusations all too well.

Unfortunately, the rather gullible media simply accepted these allegations without objective investigation. A case in point is the untruthful story about Bulldogs published in the New York Times Magazine. Interestingly, while we supplied significant factual information about the health of Bulldogs, as did the Bulldog Club of America, the article was selective — which is just a nice word for “biased” — in the utilization of those facts. In the end, the story was simply propaganda, not journalism.

But starting last year, there was a subtle, yet very noticeable shift in the communication tactics of the two largest animal rights organizations. Previously, for the most part, they had practiced a strategy of either ignoring or dismissing the AKC. Simply put, they did not see us as an organization of any concern to them in their quest to eliminate dog ownership through the elimination of breeders. As they have made very clear, their stated goal is “no new puppies” – a goal they intend to accomplish through legislation and ballot initiatives to mandate spay/neuter and restrict breeders to the point of oblivion.

So, what changed? We did. In the past few years all of us - you, your clubs, and the AKC - have become more aggressive, more organized, more vocal, and more visible in legislative matters.

The tipping point last year appears to have been our proactive approach to the proposed APHIS rule changes, which included both a well-documented, reasonable, and thorough review of all the issues with suggestions to make the intent of the regulatory changes achievable without unnecessarily damaging hobby breeders, and a petition of support signed by over 75,000 concerned dog owners. Our response to APHIS caught the extremists completely by surprise and sent them into a whirlwind of activity that amounted to nothing. Most likely, their evaluation after the storm was that the AKC needed much greater attention from them.

But the proactive plan around the APHIS rule changes was just the tip of the spear the AR extremists have been feeling of late. The AKC Legislative Department, led by the pleasantly indomitable Sheila Goffe, has made our presence, knowledge, and commitment felt on a myriad of legislative issues around the country. Last year, Sheila’s department monitored more than 1,500 pieces of legislation. Contrary to what the AR extremists would have people believe, we are a respected resource in dog legislation for legislators and governmental organizations charged with animal care oversight. Our Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy is accepted as an intelligent and fair standard. Our careful analysis of proposed legislation helps reveal unreasonable requirements buried in a bill that would make it virtually impossible for a legislator’s constituents to be in compliance. Our individual financial support of legislators’ campaigns has made new and strong friends for the AKC and our mission.!

And your clubs, and the hard-working AKC legislative liaisons at both the state and local levels, have made significant inroads in protecting our rights to own and breed our dogs responsibly.

Today, the AKC is neither being ignored nor dismissed by the AR extremists. Instead, those organizations are now attacking us using the same propaganda tactics of lies and innuendo. I

believe our position as squarely in the sights of the AR extremists is a status and a challenge we should accept with resolve and great pride.

As a former ad guy, I am reminded of a 1915 magazine ad for Cadillac considered one of the greatest print ads of all time. It only ran once - in the Saturday Evening Post. I believe that ad, titled “The Penalty of Leadership,” captures the essence of the American Kennel Club and the challenges we face from AR extremists. The ad explains why companies that honor “standards of excellence” become “targets of the envious.”

Here are a few pertinent sentences:

“In every field of human endeavor, he that is first must perpetually live in the white light of publicity. The reward is widespread recognition; the punishment, fierce denial and detraction. When a man’s work becomes a standard for the whole world, it also becomes a target for the shafts of the envious few. If his work be merely mediocre, he will be left severely alone. If he achieves a masterpiece, it will set a million tongues a-wagging.

The leader is assailed because he is the leader. The follower seeks to depreciate and to destroy. If the leader truly leads, he remains - the leader.”

How are we leading in this fight for our rights?

First, we are proactively taking our messages of the Good Things We Do (the Parent Club rescue network, AKC kennel inspections, AKC CAR, and our collective commitment to improving the health of dogs) to the public; we are telling the facts about purpose-bred dogs and the desirability of owning a well-bred purebred as the family dog; and we are telling the stories of the passionate commitment of our breeders to protect, preserve, and improve purebred dogs. We are doing that through a combination of an aggressive public relations strategy utilizing every media opportunity imaginable to get our story told correctly and in its entirety. In addition, we now have an expert in social media, which gives us the ability to tell the narrative of the AKC throughout the world of social media. For the first time, we will have a constant and consistent platform to reach the general public every day.

Second, we will always be aggressive in responding to AR propaganda posing as media stories. The difference in our response to the Bulldog story and the response to the New York Times attack on the AKC is a demonstration of our new commitment to act quickly, broadly and emphatically.

While the cost to have a day-in and day-out public outreach program and an immediate response program is significant, we can afford it. In fact, we can’t afford not to have it.

“Grand Torino”

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AMERICA'S #1 CANAAN DOG BITCH.

Handled by Mel Holloman

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**FROM THE AKC STANDARD:
“A SQUARE DOG OF MEDIUM SIZE, MOD-
ERATE AND BALANCED WITHOUT EX-
TREMES, SHOWING A CLEAN OUTLINE.”**

River Rock Canaan Dogs
Christina Miller & Ethan Miller
[Facebook.com/CanaanDogsofRiverRock](https://www.facebook.com/CanaanDogsofRiverRock)

Lyceum
Mike Houchard

Bandersnatch Canaan Dogs
Amanda Pough

Rosendog
Judy M. Rosenthal

With Churchill as inspiration, our mantra now is this: we will fight with growing confidence and growing strength; we will defend our rights, whatever the cost may be; and we will never stop fighting.

Your comments and suggestion are most welcome
atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,
Alan Kalter, Chairman

APRIL 2013 AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- Making a Difference for Canine Health and Well-Being --

At the March Delegates meeting, Article III of the American Kennel Club Bylaws was amended to include the following: "The objects of the Club shall be to advance canine health and well-being..." Someone unfamiliar with the AKC might see this as a beginning. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, this amendment signals the commitment each of us has to the never-ending journey begun decades ago by our responsible breeders and breed Parent Clubs - a journey that is making a difference for dog health and well-being, but one that is not truly understood by the public.

Probably the most well-known product of the journey is the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which was instituted by the AKC in 1995 and is the largest funder of exclusively canine health research in the world today. Since its inception, the AKCCHF has funded almost 600 grants, totaling nearly \$30 million - all addressing the health needs of dogs during their lifetime by focusing on all aspects of their physical, emotional and social well-being. What is not known by many people is that over 30 years ago the AKC was the first and the principle funder of the research that developed the vaccine for canine parvovirus, thus saving thousands of puppies' lives around the world.

There is no doubt that responsible breeders - in their efforts to protect, preserve, and improve their breeds with every litter - embrace the advances in health screening and tests. These breeders apply their understanding of the science of genetics by utilizing the screening and testing protocols designed to aid in the selection of a sire and dam. Today there are a number of health registries that support breeders in that selection process, including the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF). In addition, the AKCCHF and the OFA created the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Working with participating Parent Clubs, CHIC provides a centralized health database used as a resource for breeders of purebred dogs to research information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds.

The AKC recognizes our breeders' motto of "Breed to Improve," and offers significant information to help them achieve their ongoing quest. CHIC is but one of the many examples of available information and opportunities for advancing knowledge for the AKC breeder. The AKC offers breeders information via the website and the quarterly AKC Breeder Newsletter - covering a wide range of topics of interest to breeders. The AKCCHF hosts the National AKC Parent Club Canine Health Conference, affording dog breeders the opportunity to meet, learn, and share ideas with some of the most sought after researchers and experts in their fields. The latest addition to AKC programs helping breeders is the AKC Breeder-to-Breeder Workshop coming to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando this December. This will be a free workshop open to all AKC breeders. Pre-eminent expert AKC breeders will share the thinking behind their successful breeding programs in a learning experience that is sure to deliver "news you can use."

The improvements we are seeing in the health of our dogs are a direct result of responsible breeders' commitment to utilizing today's science. Our AKC Breed Parent Clubs are strongly committed to the journey of improving the health and well-being of their breeds through educational outreach and funding research studies. Virtually every Parent Club's website includes a prominent health section supporting health awareness and education in their breed, identifying beneficial screening and testing protocols, and reporting on funded studies. In the aggregate, AKC Parent Clubs have contributed millions of dollars to fund research studies - many already yielding the science to change lives.

As George Bernard Shaw said, "We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future." By adding "health and well-being" so prominently into our Bylaws, we are re-affirming our commitment and our responsibility to ensure that every AKC dog can be a better dog and a quality pet. Our collective commitment to protecting, preserving, and improving the dogs we breed is vital and strong.

While we continue our mission, we must address a crucial issue: The fastest way to improve the lives of dogs is to connect knowledgeable puppy buyers with responsible breeders who register with the AKC. Unfortunately, we know that is not always the case. Not every dog breeder shares the motto "Breed to Improve," and not every puppy buyer knows how to discern those that do from those that don't.

It is imperative that we have a better informed, more knowledgeable puppy buyer - particularly in regard to health and well-being. In the spirit affirmed by Nelson Mandela, educating puppy buyers is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the destiny of dogs. We are aggressively committed to

being at the forefront of that education.

And it is imperative that we have a way for responsible breeders to identify themselves and their litters. Certainly, our 10,000—member Breeder of Merit program is one way for the public to identify breeders who certify that applicable health screens are performed on their breeding stock as recommended by their breed's Parent Club. However, not every responsible breeder meets all of the Breeder of Merit requirements around sport participation. A manageable way of identifying all AKC breeders who certify that applicable health screens were performed is a necessary goal in our desire to help buyers find healthy puppies.

In light of the importance of improving the health and well-being of all dogs, the Delegates acted wisely by writing the commitment to both into the Objects of the AKC Bylaws. While this is a reaffirmation of our beliefs and actions for the last 100+ years, it shall be addressed with energy — much like Yul Brynner's pronouncement from Cecil B. DeMille's epic film *The Ten Commandments*, "So let it be written; so let it be done."

Your comments and suggestions are most welcome
atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,
Alan Kalter, Chairman

HELP THE PUBLICITY & PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The P&PE committee wants to hear from you!

Having worked on materials that can both be given out at events like Meet The Breeds and individually by members, the committee reminds ALL members that they welcome and seek your input on what other tasks they should next take on. Always thought "I wish I had ..."? Let the committee know! Get the same question asked over and over again? Let the committee know!

Contact your favorite committee member:

Carrie Cabrera
Bryna Comsky
Norma Wolff
Keith & Cheryl Shank
Rachel Reams

UPDATED MATERIALS FROM THE PUBLICITY & PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Carrie Cabrera for the P&PE Committee

The Publicity and Public Education Committee has been working diligently to update the various publications available from the CDCA. Not only has the content been reviewed and revised, but the branding — or look — of the documents has been updated.

Business cards (2012-Nov-bcard.pdf), a tri-fold brochure (2012-Nov-trifold.pdf) and an information packet (Info packet.pdf) can be found on the CanaanDogClubofAmericaList Yahoo Group in the [Files](#) > 2012 Public Education Material folder.

The information packet has also been added to the CDCA.org web site. It can be found at <http://cdca.org/referral.html>

Please feel free to use these publications to promote and educate the public about the wonders of the Canaan Dog.



New Titles –January Through March 2013

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
AKC CHAMPION		
CH. Celev Boot's Coco And All That Jazz	Carole M Grider & Marquarite Gardiner	1/20/13
CH. Libi Metuka Me Shaar Hagai, CD, BN, RAE, TD	Laura Alton	3/31/13
AKC GRAND CHAMPION		
GCH. CH. Renegade Melanchollie Air	Joan Capaiu Greene	3/30/13
AKC BEGINNER NOVICE (OBEDIENCE)		
Libi Metuka Me Shaar Hagai, CD, BN, RAE, TD	Laura Alton	1/27/13
AKC GRADUATE NOVICE (OBEDIENCE)		
Jealou Ascend's Jet To The Top, CD, BN, GN, RE	Laura Alton	1/27/13
CH. Mazel Tov Erev Shel Shoshanim, CD, BN, GN, RE, CGC	Risa Baumrind & Catherine Oskow	3/31/13
AKC GRADUATE OPEN (OBEDIENCE)		
CH. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, CDX, GO, RE	Victor Kaftal	1/27/13
AKC MASTER BRONZE JUMPER (AGILITY)		
CH. Orela Me Shaar Hagai, RA, MX, MXJ, MJB, OF	Julie & Dan Haddy	2/10/13
AKC MASTER BRONZE AGILITY		
CH. Orela Me Shaar Hagai, RA, MX, MXB, MXJ, MJB, OF	Julie & Dan Haddy	3/30/13



We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce the

Western States Canaan Dog Club!!!

Our mission is to promote western states Canaan Dogs in the show ring and in performance events through supported entries and recognition of major achievements.

If you'd like to join, a membership application can be found on line at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/b9v8mgylcbt73k/2013%20membership.pdf>. And we can also be found on Facebook; search for "Western States Canaan Dog Club".

AGILE CANAANS

By Alan Gersman

SUMMARY

Dog agility is a fun sport whether you want to compete or just want to establish a strong bond with your dog. You must have a great form of communication that connects your dog to your every move. You have to get your dog to want to do agility. You have to show your dog it is possible to do all the obstacles (11-12 different obstacles depending on the venue), that is to say build obstacle confidence. You have to learn how to run a course and how to direct your dog around the course using your body language, your voice and your eyes. And after you learn and do the above, you must train your dog in a way that ensures you still have a happy dog who wants to play with you in an agility ring!!



Agility Championship Titles no matter what venue are not easy to come by. In my area, the mid-Atlantic, the 3 most popular venues for agility are; AKC, USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association) and CPE.

CPE is excellent for novice, that is, beginner dogs and/or handlers. CPE has flexible jump heights and Level 1 courses with no teeter or weaves, and usually a very relaxed, low stress environment.

AKC makes an effort to accommodate all breeds and now includes mixed breeds. They do this by creating courses that limit to some degree the effectiveness of speed and by maintaining course times allowing slower breeds to qualify. Courses in AKC tend to be tighter, with more turns and less chance for a dog to extend to go faster or speed up.

USDAA is the most competitive both in course time and in course design. For example in the USDAA Standard (this can include ALL obstacles that are legal) the course time is calculated using the same time (as AKC) approximately 3.1 yds (yards per second) except AKC adds 5 additional seconds to the resulting time and USDAA does not.

Both AKC and USDAA have lower jumps height classes (preferred and performance respectively) generally for older dogs, but also popular for young dogs starting out.

Of the 3 venues I prefer USDAA especially for older dogs. For the performance class USDAA removes the spread jumps (that is both the double & the triple).

USDAA has more variety of classes, generally has more runs without as much waiting around time (as per AKC) and the classes are generally less expensive. Also for young dogs starting out the first 2 levels (both AKC and USDAA have 3 similar levels of competition) USDAA does not have "refusals."

Refusals can be one of 3 violations: a significant hesitation approaching an obstacle, turning back after an approach and running past the front plane of the next obstacle. In my experience, nothing scientific, "refusals" probably account for most course violations for young, novice dogs.

USDAA is more competitive. I am not aware of any dog qualifying for a USA international agility team without seriously competing in USDAA trials. USDAA courses are more like European (FCI) courses.

In order to earn titles in AKC a dog must be foremost consistent and then able to make time. For USDAA, a dog must be consistent and fast, that is, place in the top 15% and 25% of some classes.

If you have any questions on training or agility with Canaan Dogs you can contact me at: maxisone@erols.com

- Alan

CDCA TITLES AND AWARDS

HAVE A DOG OR BITCH ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTER OF MERIT OR VERSATILITY AWARD?

Canaans that have sired or produced litters with breed champions and/or versatility titled offspring may be eligible for the various Register of Merit (ROM) awards. Those Canaans who have titled in breed and/or performance events may be eligible for the Versatility awards.

Eligibility requirements are listed on the form elsewhere in this issue. If any of your dogs are eligible for either award, please fill out the form and either email or postal mail it with copies of required certifications to Denise Gordon (see contact information below); for CDCA herding titles, send date of certification only.

For presentation of award plaques at National Specialty, forms must reach Denise's home no later than September 14, 2013. Otherwise, plaques will be mailed to recipient after National Specialty.

Award plaques will be presented at the 2013 National Specialty awards banquet on Saturday, October 19th in Atlanta, Georgia.

DOTY/MOTY Nominations

It's time for the 2012 Member Of The Year (MOTY) and Dog Of The Year (DOTY) nominations.

Please send your nomination of less than 350 words explaining why that person or Canaan should be honored for their contributions to the breed or club. A photo of the nominee either in hard copy print or electronic format (preferably JPEG) should be included with the nomination. All hardcopy photos will be returned. Nominations should be mailed or emailed to Denise Gordon no later than AUGUST 31, 2013. If there is more than one candidate for either DOTY or MOTY, ballots will be mailed no later than Sept. 15th, with the due date of Oct. 1st. Otherwise, a single nomination in either category by the deadline will be declared the winner, pending Board approval. Winners will be announced at the 2013 National Specialty awards banquet.

Denise Gordon, Awards Chair
Email to desertstarcanaan@yahoo.com
or mail to: 2614 Gracewood Ave, Cincinnati OH 45239 ♦

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Canaan Kibitzer.



Join Us In Georgia In October!

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OFA Test Results January 2013—April 2013

Line in bold signifies the dog has a CHIC number.

Registered Name	Registration Number	sex	OFA Test Number	OFA Test	OFA Results
ANACAN SON OF GLORY	DN33978201	M	CA-EYE6/14M-NOPI	EYES	NORMAL
ANACAN SON OF GLORY	DN33978201	M	CA-PA84/15M/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
ANACAN SON OF GLORY	DN33978201	M	CA-TH90/15M-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
CHERRYSH HATIKVA MOONLIGHT SERENADE	DN30646003	F	CA-472G24F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
CHERRYSH HATIKVA MOONLIGHT SERENADE	DN30646003	F	CA-TH88/24F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
CHERRYSH HATIKVA TURKISH DELIGHT	DN30646002	F	CA-TH89/24F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
EASTLAND BETSER HA HAR	DN13401301	F	CA-TH91/88F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
EASTLAND BETSER HA HAR	DN13401301	F	CA-474G88F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
MAZEL TOV EREV SHEL SHOSHANIM	DN25373602	F	CA-360377	CERF	11,13:A3-Eyelids, distichiasis

The Dual-Ring Dog Issue

A Special Advertising Feature

Thanks to those members who supported this feature.

Fall 2013 will feature Veterans (over 7 years of age)

\$5 discount on ad rates. See inside rear cover for more details.

Do You Know The Meaning of "Versatile?"

Ver-sa-tile

Adjective; 1. capable of, or adapted for, turning easily from one to another of various tasks, fields of endeavor, etc. Often used to describe Canaan Dogs with multiple titles from performance trials, conformation shows and herding events.

Our Dogs Do!



UKC CH
Blue Sky Desert Star
Luna Eclipse,
RN, CDCA-HCX



AKC GCH/UKC CH
Blue Sky Desert Star
Orion the Hunter
RN, CDCA-HCX, V



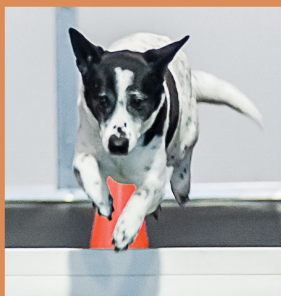
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Blue Sky Desert Star
Ball of Fire
RN, BN, CDCA-HCX, V

Preserving The Heritage...

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ZEPHYR



**13 YEARS ...
& STILL QUEEN
OF THE HOUSE!**

Thank you Liz Hebert &
Donna Dodson for our
multi-talented Frances/Jordan
daughter. Zephyr introduced
us to the breed & 13 years of
wonder & delight

EVERY DAY IS A JOY!

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ARAYL'S MAGIC SPRINGTIME,
CD, RE, HCX, V

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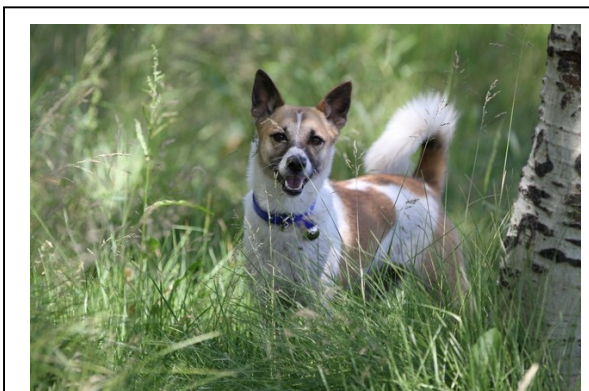
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LIFE OF A FAMILY DOG

AKC/UKC CH Mazel Tov Naftalia ROM, RN, CDCA-HCX, ICDCA VC

By Catherine Orkin Oskow

Sometimes the puppy you worry about so much at birth turns out to live a long life and occupy a special place in the heart of your family. That was certainly the case with Naftalia. Nafti was born in our very first Canaan dog litter, on June 1, 2000, right before our daughter Aviva's ninth birthday. Nafti's mother, our foundation bitch, CH Pleasant Hill Tovah ROM, CD, RN, CGC, HCX, ICDCA VC, CDCA V ("Tovah"), gave birth to her first four puppies with no difficulty. Then came a lapse of three hours. An X-ray had shown six puppies, so we tried walking Tovah to restart the labor. When that didn't work, we brought her into the emergency vet.

The vet took another X-ray. He said, "The next puppy in line is small. It could be dead. If it's not moving, that may be why labor stopped."

Craig and I held hands and watched with concern as the vet gave Tovah a shot of oxytocin, then left the room. About nine minutes later, little Number Five puppy made her entrance, white with big black splotches. Craig picked her up and dried her off. She breathed! Five minutes after she emerged, Number Six slid out and began moving.

Puppy Number Five had a marking on her shoulder that looked just like the letter "N." The pups' sire was Genny Landis's CKC CH Hadar HaAretz Northern Snow CGC, call name "Jake." I wanted to name Jake's first kids after the sons of Jacob in the Bible—from the Land of Canaan, of course. The boys were easy: Levi and Zebulan. But we had four girls, so we feminized three names to Josepha, Simone, and Asherah—and when we saw that "N," I knew the last girl puppy had to be named for Jacob's son Naftali. So from the moment of birth, this little pup became Naftalia.

The whole family grew attached to the small puppy. She didn't nurse as strongly as the other pups the first couple of days, so Craig bought puppy formula and supplemented with a bottle, making her his special project. It paid off. Soon she was drinking as strongly as the other pups, and she grew up strong and adorable.



Aviva and our middle son, Noah, age eleven, spent a lot of time with the pups and loved them. Aviva wanted a puppy of her own for her birthday. Both kids were attached to the pick male, Levi, but Naftalia was a favorite of the entire family, even our oldest son, Kevin, who didn't live at home anymore. Genny's five-year-old niece, Tiffany, became enamored of her from Ontario, too, and spent an entire weekend pretending she was Naftalia.

So Naftalia stayed with us, our daughter's special dog, and we had plenty of reasons to be glad the vet had been wrong about her. Naftalia was such an endearing Canaan Dog that she inspired and answered to many nicknames: most often Nafti, but also Nafs,

Nafters, and Nafti-Talia. Sweet, smart, easy, humorous: Nafti rolled on her back and waggled her paws on the carpet in front of the television, a motley clown whose act was funnier than the TV show. She "talked" to us in conversational tones, and adored everyone of any age who frequented our house. She knew the family members who visited once in awhile and all the kids' friends.

Aside from being incredibly sweet, Nafti became the first Mazel Tov Canaan Dog champion at 14 months of age, having earned points at each show she entered. Her mother, Tovah, was the first dog I ever showed, but Nafti was the first dog I finished. We invited friends and their dogs to a barbecue on our deck and backyard to celebrate. It was almost like a "bark mitzvah" party.

Naftalia was Best Female at two of the four UKC shows at the ICDCA National Specialty weekend in 2001, and Best Brood Bitch in 2005 at both the CDCA and ICDCA National Specialties. She finished her Rally Obedience Novice title in three straight runs at CDCA National Specialty weekends 2007 and 2009—the only trials she ever entered—earning 2nd Place in Rally Novice B at both Specialties.

She thought herding sheep was the most fun ever, and easily earned her HCX.

Nafti gave birth to a total of six puppies in two litters. Three of them were shown, earning her an ROM: CH Mazel Tov Hana Her My Heart RN, CGC; CH Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak RN, CGC, CDCA HC; and CH Mazel Tov Lila Bat Barak.

Between them, Nafti's three daughters won at CDCA National Specialties: 3 Awards of Merit, 2 Winners Bitch and 1 Veterans' Sweeps; at ICDCA National Specialties: Champion of Champions and 2 Best Females; and at Westminster: Best of Opposite. And Yomi became the second female Canaan Dog UKC Grand Champion.

Naftalia herself showed beautifully when she was young. But during an adolescent fear period, she was in the ring at an off-season hockey rink, and some idiot banged loudly on the Plexiglas directly behind her. That fright made her apprehensive at show sites, an attitude which intensified after the 2004 ICDCA National Specialty in Upstate New York, when a sudden storm swept over and pounded on the metal roof of the open building just as she entered the ring.

After that, Nafti thought show sites scary places, but she was willing to perform on the rare occasions I requested. Her full name with titles became AKC/UKC CH Mazel Tov Naftalia ROM, RN, CDCA-HCX, ICDCA VC. She earned honors, and contributed to the breed through her offspring--but the places she truly shone brightly were in our home and the field and woods behind our house, among family and friends.

I thought Aviva might want to get involved in performance activities with her dog. She showed some in Junior Showmanship (usually with Mazel, who enjoyed shows more than Nafti), but Aviva's life grew very full with other activities, such as theater, music, art, sports and academics. Naftalia didn't care. She was happy relaxing with the stuffed animals on Aviva's bed. Aviva's birthday present slept on her bed every night until Aviva went to college, and again when Aviva would come home. Nafti was a favorite of the multitude of children, teenagers, and young adults that passed through our house. She was gentle and affectionate, and Aviva taught her tricks. Nafti loved the chance to show off for attention and treats.

Aviva cocked her finger at Nafti like a pistol and said, "Stay where you are!" Nafti stopped in her tracks. "Down on the ground!" Nafti laid down. Aviva said, "Bang!" Nafti rolled on her side.

She also shook hands, did "Give me five!", "Give me ten!", crawled on command, pulled a sled, ate a treat when told it was "Kosher," and refused the treat when told it was "Traife" (not Kosher).

Lucky that "Traife" came before "Kosher" and she always got



the treat in the end, because Nafti loved food. I feed Yomi and Matan in indoor runs in the basement when I have to leave for work. Nafti ate upstairs in the kitchen. Yomi zips right into her run because she wants to eat. The puppy, Matan, does not like to be fenced in, so he doesn't rush to cooperate. Several times when I was in a hurry this year, I saw out of the corner of my eye that Matan had gone into his run and begun eating. I said, "Good boy!" as I moved to feed Yomi.

Then I brushed against something behind me. Matan, dodging confinement. Not in his run.

Nafti, who has similar coloring, had snuck in and pretended she was her grandson. I said, "Nafti! Get out of there! That's not your food!" She sauntered out with an attitude of "Yeah, I know. Fooled ya'. Extra snacks for me," wagging the tip of her tail and practically smiling.

Nafti loved puppies, even when they grew up and outsized her. She helped raise her grand-puppies. She played with Matan like she was still a puppy herself, even when he was large teenager and she was nearly thirteen years old. She had the wild dog instinct to regurgitate food for her own young (even sometimes when Yomi was a couple of years old) or her grand-puppies. When Yomi came in heat, Nafti would clean her like she was still a pup. And even though she ordinarily was the most humble and peaceful of Canaan Dogs, she growled at a male dog if he wanted to get too familiar with her adult "baby." She also growled at our male, Mazel, if he was rough with a puppy--even a puppy bigger than her.

Nafti surprised me by demonstrating her guardian side regarding me, too. One year, a young male from Tovah's final litter was returned to us because his people moved to Taiwan. Tikvah was a big male with Alpha attitude. Nafti got along with him as she did with everyone, because she was laid back. On Father's Day, I bought a firepit at a Target store. I asked whether they had any firewood for sale. They were out. There was just one piece of a log, maybe 7 inches long, left in the place where they ordinarily would have the wood for sale. I asked if I could take it, and the salesperson said, "Sure."

While I was there, I bought groceries. I returned home, and I was bringing in the groceries, putting the bags on the kitchen floor. I carried the piece of log in with me and set it down, in the middle of all of the bags on the floor. Then I went back out for the next

load.

Tikvah was in the kitchen with Tovah and Nafti. When I came back in with the next bags, Tikvah was standing rigidly, hackles up, leaning forward, pointing with his nose, tipped-forward ears, and entire body at something he was sure was an alien creature. He began barking a warning. I looked, and sure enough, it was the piece of log.

Nafti and Tovah thought they had better investigate, since Tikvah was so adamant there was something dangerous in the house. They checked cautiously, and both decided it was nothing of concern. Tikvah didn't trust their judgment, and kept barking at it.

I went over to the piece of wood, and said, "Tikvah, there's nothing to be worried about." He didn't believe me. I picked it up so he could sniff. He ran behind the kitchen table, continuing to bark. Then he circled and came closer, barking wildly at the piece of wood in my hand.

Nafti did not like this. It looked to her like Tikvah was barking angrily at human Mom. She put her body between mine and that of her bigger half-brother and barked a fierce warning at him.

Surprising action on her part, but it showed me that sweet, mild-mannered, laid-back little Nafti would protect her human family if she felt the need.

I went to California with family for two weeks at the end of March this year, returning in early April, two months before Nafti's thirteenth birthday. Before I left, she was playing with Matan and Yomi and being silly, and excited to obey commands when I gave them to all three dogs that were in the kitchen, knowing treats were in the offing. Her muzzle had grayed over the years, but she showed no signs that anything was wrong.

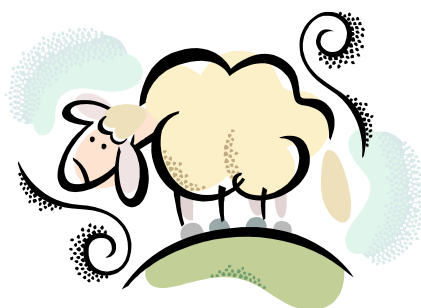
The day before I came home, Nafti suddenly couldn't use her legs. Craig kept her in the family room with him and Noah all evening, fed her biscuits and loved on her, and she was perfectly happy, wagging her tail and giving kisses as though she didn't think anything was wrong. He took her into the animal hospital first thing the next morning, where our vet diagnosed a brain tumor. She said that often dogs act perfectly normal until a brain tumor reaches critical mass. Craig wanted to bring Nafti home that evening so I could say good-bye after my plane got in. But when he got back to the vet, she was unresponsive. She no longer knew him or focused on anything. He put his face close to her, in case she could smell him, and her tongue came out a little. He was the first thing she smelled coming into this world and the last thing leaving.

Aviva graduates college this month, and it will be hard to come home with her "puppy" gone. It is so difficult that our

beloved dogs live so much shorter a span than we do. Like the span of a childhood. Our children grow up and head off to into adulthood. And our dogs? We like to think of them waiting for us at the Rainbow Bridge, don't we?

Naftalia was born into this family and was happy until her last day in our home. She was the epitome of "Good Dog." Her grandson Matan has some big (yet littler) paws to fill. Her only granddaughter, CH Mazel Tov Erev Shel Shoshanim CD BN RE CGC CDCA-HCX ("Shani") will be bred this month, with Risa Baumrind. We hope and pray that some of Naftalia's qualities and personality will continue forward.

See you at the Rainbow Bridge some day, sweet Nafti. I know you'll be waiting; you loved us all so much. Until then, run free, and give a lick to your Mom Tovah and Dad Jake. Family dogs don't come any better than you.



“AKC GAZETTE” CANAAN DOG COLUMN, SEPTEMBER 2012

By Denise Gordon

“Dualing” Canaan Dogs

Some exhibitors feel that training a Canaan Dog solely for the breed ring is stimulating enough while others concentrate on one performance venue as their training goal. Then, there are those for whom the term, “crazy”, would be justifiably applicable, as these hardy folk train for both breed and performance, and not only just a single event for the latter. These are the dual or multi-ring Canaan Dog advocates who can be seen hurrying from the breed ring to an obedience, rally and/or agility ring or vice-versa within a single day’s show.

As mentioned in previous columns, Canaan Dogs are highly intelligent and just as highly independent. Training can be rapidly accomplished; however, it can be a challenge at the same time. The advantage of training for multiple events keeps the dog mentally stimulated and less likely to “shut down” due to boredom. Whether training for single or multiple venues, the first step is simple basic obedience. Not only does this reinforce the “alpha” role that the owner/handler must exhibit when working with a Canaan Dog, it is also essential for the show ring. A dog that cannot hold a stand for exam in the breed or obedience ring or maintain a stay at the agility start line or in the herding arena is less likely to place or even qualify for that event.

The myth that you can’t simultaneously train a dog for different events is just that – a myth, especially with Canaan Dogs. This breed is very adaptable and by the simple use of a different type of collar for each event, Canaans are smart enough to know what is asked of them when they step into any ring. Most multi-event Canaan exhibitors use body language in addition to different collar types to assist their dogs. An example of such is when coming to a halt in front of the breed judge, the handler will turn his or her body slightly towards or in front of the dog to signify that the dog is to come to a standing stop rather than an automatic obedience sit. Training the multi-event Canaan with hand signals and/or different commands for the same action in different situations is also beneficial. The standard “stay” obedience command can become “pose” in the breed ring, “wait” at the agility start, and “hold” in the herding arena.

One factor in training for multiple events that is not often mentioned is the condition of both dog and exhibitor, both mentally and physically. At National Specialties, it is not uncommon for a Canaan Dog team to show in the breed ring, exhibit in the rally and/or obedience rings, run two or more agility courses, and herd sheep during an instinct test, all within a space of several

days. Canaans tend to be tightly bonded with their owners, so having someone else who is more physically fit run a dog through an agility course or herding trial does not always succeed as with more biddable breeds.

Though not yet fully prevalent, the Canaan Dog exhibitor community is starting to expand in the world of duel and multi-ring experiences. It is through these not-so-crazy, but adventurous folk that the “Can-Do” attitude is displayed when showcasing this versatile breed.

THE FINAL FIVE COMES TO DOG SHOWS

DogKnobIt blog, reprinted with permission, Susi Szeremy

I’m not sure if I’m typical of most Americans with this, but I love lists. I rely on a list to keep me on the straight and narrow at Costco, spell out what I’m supposed to get done in a day, remind me of all the things I don’t want to forget before leaving for a dog show (like, say, the dog) - and keep a mental “naughty and nice” list for my own personal amusement.

I make lots of lists – and lose half of them. I especially like lists with bullets. You know, bullets?

- Clean oven
- Buy wine
- Wash Dogs
- Buy wine
- Return Library Books
- Liquor Store

Lists are the ultimate ice breaker at a party: Quick – name the Seven Dwarfs. List the Eight Wonders of the World. Name the Great Lakes. What are the Seven Deadly Sins? What were the Seven Nations of the Iroquois. Rattle off the Ten Commandments. See? You’re doing it. You’re seeing if you can answer any of these.

For the record, the dwarfs did not have names in the original Snow White story as written by the Brothers Grimm. The story has been adapted so often into books, animation, film, and plays that somewhere along the line, the dwarfs got names, and those names changed according to the release date of the medium (as did the number of dwarfs). In 1912, the dwarfs were named Blick, Flick, Glick, Pluck, Quee, Snick and Whick. In 1937, the Disney animation gave them the names by which we know them

today: Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy and Sleepy. Later versions, I think, left something to be desired: In 1965, they were Axelrod, Bartholomew, Cornelius, Dexter, Eustace and Ferdinand. It just gets worse. Last year in "Snow White and the Huntsman," they became Beith, Coll, Duir, Gort, Muir and Nion.

But I digress.

My affection for lists puts me in good company. When asked what book he recommended for writers, Garrison Keillor replied, "Roget's Thesaurus, the fourth edition, which has those cool lists of words, like twenty five types of anchors, a hundred varieties of cheese, forty kinds of saws, and on and on... the Fort Knox of Words." While I don't have that particular book, my own list bible is the Trivia Lovers' Lists of Everything – 50,000 big and little things organized by type and kind. Boxing punches, knife types, all the messages that appear in a Magic '8' Ball, purple color variations, forms of marriage, types of radiation. These are things I must know.

Even if some people don't keep lists, however, pretty much everyone loves the kind of list that defines excellence: The Final Four, The Triple Crown, the Top Ten of anything. When something I love – dog shows – involves a list, I'm in heaven. With regards to "the triple crown," it's not just for horse racing. There is some debate within the dog fancy as to what our Triple Crown is. Certainly Westminster is one. Crufts would be the other. But is the third "crown" the World Dog Show, the National Dog Show, or the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship?

In my view, it would have to be the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship by virtue of the competition. Not only are great dogs from this country exhibited there, but great dogs from over 45 countries are flown in. I've been honored by my dog having received invitations to Eukanuba, but I've always elected to write from the show because of the access I have to see so many cool things. As a result of this access, I've come to feel that Eukanuba is the dog fancy's front line of attack against animal rights zealots by showcasing purebred dogs in a meaningful way to the public. Education is most effective when it happens "live." Pet this Xoloitzcuintli, watch dogs dive into water and love it, see the partnership between handler and dog at the conformation show, look at how wicked fast the agility dogs are, touch this dog's hair, feel the bond between the companion dog and its owner.

Pet, watch, see, look, touch, feel – these are action words the public experiences for themselves. You can't teach this in books, and you can't convince an uninformed public about the value of purebred dogs in society unless they see it for themselves. Perhaps my only complaint about Eukanuba has been that there has been so much to see that I sometimes have felt that I missed something.

This is about to change, and if you're considering attending Eukanuba this year, you'll want to know that a full day of events has been added to the Friday before the show. It's being called the "Final Five" which appeals to my love of lists. What five events

will usher in the end of the competitive dog show year this December? Three all-breed dog shows, a day of independent specialties, special attractions, and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

It's the day of special attractions held on the Friday before Eukanuba that has my attention. I've already written about the importance of the Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes Finals and why, in my opinion, this event should be standing-room-only. We need to support breeders at a time they're coming under fire from animal rights radicals, the growing intolerance of shelter-and-rescue zealots, and a gullible, if not misinformed public. In previous years, however, the Breeder's Stakes has suffered from scheduling conflicts and too many fellow exhibitors, fanciers and spectators have been unable to watch. With its new time slot on Friday, I, for one, expect to see a healthy crowd at the ring in a show of support, if not out of the shared interest that fanciers have in common: This whole "dog show thing," is about one thing: Assessing dogs in order to determine soundness and type worthy enough to create the next generation of that breed.

Another "must attend" event moved to Friday is the World Challenge pre-judging. In addition to seeing some breeds not yet accepted by the AKC, spectators will be treated to seeing various breeds as they are shown under FCI rules. The competition is fierce, the atmosphere is international and the judging is fascinating – but pre-judging in the past has usually been missed by many exhibitors because of scheduling conflicts with their own breed judging. Watching this competition will be the closest some of us ever get to the World Dog Show and you owe it to yourself as a fancier to see this.

The World Challenge: you have to see it at least once

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be held December 10-15, 2013 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida. The broad schedule looks like this:

■Dec. 10-12, 2013: Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, Brevard Kennel Club, Central Florida Kennel Club and Orlando Dog Training Club shows, which include all-breed conformation, obedience and Junior Showmanship competitions;

■Dec. 13, 2013: A full day of specialties and special attractions, including Eukanuba World Challenge pre-judging, the Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes Finals and the AKC Owner-Handler Series end-of-year competition. Clubs interested in hosting specialties should contact Michael Canalizo at mlc@akc.org or 212-696-8213;

■Dec. 14-15, 2013: The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, joined by the AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC Obedience Classic (and their respective Juniors competitions). Other activities include Celebrate Dogs!, AKC Meet the Breeds® and My Dog Can Do That!, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor competition, and Eukanuba World Challenge.

Suddenly, I'm getting really excited for December. Note to self: Make a list of things to take.

CRUFTS, 2013

By Ellen Minto (Anacan and formerly Briel Kennels in the USA), United Kingdom

For many exhibitors in the UK, one of the main reasons for showing their dogs during the year is to qualify for Crufts – the largest dog show in the world. And as Canaan Dogs are still unable to attain championships over here, Crufts is one of our best promotional tools as it has finally become well televised. (When the BBC televised it they gave the greatest part of the coverage to flyball and agility and showed only the 8 breeds that made the cut in each group. Now that another channel is televising it, the groups are shown in their entirety.)

This year a total of 20,566 dogs were entered into breed judging, Gamekeepers' classes and the Obedience Championships, including a record number of dogs from overseas. In addition, thousands more dogs took part in agility, heel-work to music, flyball and a number of other competitions and displays as well as the popular Discover Dogs area.

Crufts 2013 attracted more than 2,000 dogs from overseas for the first time. A total of 2,131 dogs from 41 different countries took part in the show, including dogs from Hong Kong, India, Indonesia and Malaysia, none of which have previously been represented.

There were 13 Canaan Dogs entered under a very well-known UK judge, Mrs Zena Thorn-Andrews with 1 absentee. As usual, we were late getting into the ring, as the Rare Breeds, which the Canaan is classified as (similar to the Miscellaneous Class in the US), which meant not much time for the BOB to be rested before going into the group ring. Mrs Thorn-Andrews was very pleasant with all the exhibitors and their dogs and apologized for the delay, which had nothing to do with her – the breed in the ring before us took a half hour longer than they should have. Mrs Thorn-Andrews choice for Best Dog & Best Of Breed was my Am CH Ha'Aretz Hayyim For Anacan (Imp USA) with Richard handling for me because of my back problems. Hayyim is the first American-bred Canaan Dog to win BOB at Crufts! Best Bitch was last year's BOB, the Israeli entry, Multi CH Bat Yerushalaim She Zahav ('Terush'), owner/breeder: Miss Inna Blayvas. Reserve Best Dog went to Richard & Nishma Crowfoot's Kessem Yanis Orly To Khandikhaine ('Jaedun') and Reserve Best Bitch went to my Anacan Happy Anni (a Hayyim daughter). As you can imagine, Richard and I were over the moon, as was Hayyim's breeder, Bryna Comsky, who had come over from Chicago to visit me and watch the judging.

Bryna and I stayed in the hall we were judged in to keep an eye on my other dogs while Richard and Hayyim went to the group ring, but we were able to watch on the giant television screen in the hall. I have been into the group ring a couple of times when BBC televised it, but not since channel 4 took over. The Scruffs final took place in the ring just prior to the Utility group judging. This is a competition exclusively for crossbreeds. For the first time in Scruffs' 12-year history, the UK's best mutts were rubbing shoulders with the cream of the pedigree crop at the world's greatest dog show. Richard said they had banners and flags on tall poles in the ring for Scruffs and the TV guys came running out of the ring with them just before the group was to go into the ring and spooked even some of the most laidback breeds. He said to me that "once you got into the ring, it stopped being a dog show and became a television show." As the dogs came in the announcer told the crowd "to give the dogs a big clap" and they broke out into cheers and clapping, which again was a bit off-putting for many of the dogs. However, Richard and Hayyim represented the breed well. We know when we go into the group here our chances of even being pulled are remote so we do it just to let the world hear of and see our wonderful breed.

We are very happy that Bryna allowed Hayyim to come to live with us. He has been a wonderful addition to 'the family' and has given us some gorgeous 'kids'. His win at Crufts was just the icing on the cake.



HAYYIM ENTERS THE HISTORY BOOKS AS THE AMERICAN-BRED CANAAN DOG TO WIN BEST OF BREED AT CRUFTS

By Bryna Comsky, Photo courtesy Alan Seymour

HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, President of the Crufts organization, introduces exhibitors, owners of 200 breeds, and spectators, to the four days of judging at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, England. His welcoming letter says that "nearly 21,000 dogs are expected at Crufts this year, who will have travelled from all over the UK, Europe and beyond in the hope of being chosen as the ultimate winner of the Best in 'show award on Sunday evening. "May they all enjoy this opportunity to appear on the most famous dog stage in the world," writes HRH. In addition to the breed competition,

"which is the one great constant in an ever-evolving event such as Crufts, there is a wealth of other activity for visitors to enjoy. The Main Arena will play host to a number of events during the day, including agility, heel work to music and displays by charities and training organizations." There

must be 500 vendors in five Halls, and Discover Dogs booth that showcase the breeds in group order. "Crufts continues to serve as the biggest and best celebration of dogs that there is, writes HRH.

Crufts was once privately owned, and was sold to The Kennel Club (counterpart to AKC) in 1939. Since 1946, this

benched dog show has taken place, formerly in London, and now at the modern, easily accessible, NEC in Birmingham. Professor S.P. Dean, BVetMed, MRVS, DVR, was recently elected chairman, after Mr. Irving's resignation. Agility and Events Directors, Arena Director, Chief Obedience Steward and Group Stewards, Events Manager and Guarantors to The Kennel Club. With the recent emphasis on dog health, all Judges at this show agree to abide by the following statement: "In assessing dogs, judges must penalize any features or exaggerations which they consider would be detrimental to the soundness, health and wellbeing of the dog."

The Crufts entry of 13 Canaans, one absent, brought people and dogs from Sweden, Israel, and the United States to Merry Olde England. The American-bred dog, AM CH HA'ARETZ HAYYIM FOR ANACAN won Best of Breed under Judge Mrs. Z Thorn-Andrews. He was born during the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Week of 2007, sired by AM CH CHERRYSH SING HOSANNA & HA'ARETZ RIDDLE RAP "REMMIE". Breeder: Bryna Comsky. Riuchard Minto handled him for Ellen, and

brought him to group where he showed to Judge Mr. Frank Kane who usually does the announcing. It was thrilling to watch Hayyim gait around the group ring with Richard on the lead! *[Photo on this page, ed.]*

Best of Opposite Sex to Hayyim was the Israeli-born and bred WD JR CH BAT YERUSHALAIM SHEL ZAHAV, bred, owned and handled by Inna Blavis. The team has represented the breed at many world shows. We met in Salzburg last May, where they won the breed under Israeli Judge Dr. Agnes

Ganami-Kertes, and went to

Group under Judge Mrs Phyllis Poduschka-Aigner. Both judges are familiar with Canaans. Mrs. Poduschka-Aigner organized the Austrian Kennel Club's dedication to the Menzels on the occasion of their 100th show celebration.



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THE CANAAN DOG CLUB OF THE UNITED KINGDOM 13TH ANNUAL OPEN SHOW

By Ellen Minto (Anacan and formerly Briel Kennels in the USA), United Kingdom

The Canaan Dog Club of the United Kingdom held its 13th annual single-breed open show on Sunday 7th April 2013. The UK is the only place where Canaan Dogs are a recognized breed, but cannot attain championships. They are in a sort of limbo until The Kennel Club decides there are enough dogs being shown and enough genetic diversity before they will award the breed CC's (Challenge Certificates) 3 of which must be won to become a champion. Therefore at this time the club cannot hold a championship show. It can only put on an open show, which is similar to your Sanction A matches – they must be pre-entered. This event is

a great place for prospective owners to come and meet a number of Canaan Dogs and for new exhibitors to 'wet their feet' as it always has a relaxed and jovial atmosphere and everyone there understands Canaan behavior.

Once again the British dog food company, Arden Grange, graciously sponsored the show with vouchers for food prizes for the top placements, as well as a voucher for the raffle table, which was laden with treasures. Club members, Patrick and Barbara Gold, did a great job of providing everyone with delicious sandwiches, cakes and beverages, as well as feeding the judge, the steward and



show secretary.

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This year's judge was Mr. Chris Quantrill -- a member of the club for a number of years, but not a Canaan owner, with his own breed being Bullmastiffs. Chris drew a very nice entry of 22 Canaans with 2 absentees, with his wife, Janet, ably serving as his steward. Spoilt for choice, Mr Quantrill's Best Puppy, Best Beginner, Best Dog and Best In Show was awarded to the 7-month old dog,



Anacan Abu Ghosh - (call name 'Moshe'), owned by Martin Moulding, bred by Ellen Minto. Martin has shown Border Collie's in obedience but it was both his and Moshe's first time in the show ring, and what a way to make his debut! If you could have seen Martin's face when the judge pronounced Moshe BIS – complete shock. As Moshe's breeder, I was ecstatic! Reserve Best Dog was awarded to Moshe's

sire, Anacan Issachar, owned and bred by me. Best Bitch, Best of Opposite Sex and Reserve Best In Show went to Chancos Charmani At Anacan (Imp Swe), owned by Ellen Minto and bred by Maria Selin.

'Ami' is Moshe's dam, so it was truly a family affair. Reserve Best Bitch went to



Danehaven Ashkezar At Capshulacan, owned by Diane Collins, bred by Christine Powley, Sire: Sheleg Harishon At Danehaven, Dam: Anacan Maid For Glory At Danehaven. Best Veteran was Christine Powley's 12 year old dog, Sheleg Harishon At Danehaven, who was also the winner of the Progeny class. He was bred by Ilan and Anne Schonewald, Sire: Sivan Mishaar Hagai (Imp Isr), Dam: Petra Havar Bakar Eliad (Imp Isr).



Though a small show, it still takes a lot of work to make it a success. Many thanks to all who helped make the day the happy event it was, with special thanks to Jacqueline Taylor for acting as Show Secretary and unofficial photographer (alas, our show is too small to attract a professional photographer).

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It was immensely satisfying to renew old acquaintances and make new ones at the show. Jill Terry, who had judged Sweeps at the CDCA National in 2006, was there along with Pam O'Laughlin who had a German Spitz (Mittel) entry. Nishma and Richard Crowfoot brimmed with enthusiasm for the breed, and had many thoughts for the future of Canaan dogs. Barbara and Patrick Rose, stalwart members from the last Century even, were there, and showed their dog, "Rosie." Kirsten Hansson and her partner, Patrick, came from Sweden. Julie Kelly's high spirits and dedication to the breed sustained us during the day, and kept up the cheer at night, when she invited us to celebrate Hayyim's win at a nearby "pub," a memorable experience for all!

It was a great visit. Special thank you's to Richard and Ellen who invited me to their home, and gave me Hayyim's BOB pin to treasure always.



A TRIP TO "THE PROMISED LAND", THE LAND OF K'NAANI

Text & Photo Kirsten Hansson, Noble Guardians Canaan Dogs, Sweden

In the last days of 2012 an invitation to a trip to Israel was posted on a public community offering a trip to the origin land of the Canaan Dog. The trip promised three international exhibitions, one specialty show, one trip to the desert with a visit to the Bedouins and a breed seminar. A trip I absolutely did not want to miss! So at the end of March I travelled to southern latitudes, to the exuberant spring in Israel and to the breeds origin nature.

It was an international group that met on the trip to the desert, travelers from Australia, France, Germany, Sweden, Belgium and of course Israel. The trip went south with a stop in Arad, a place where desert Canaan Dogs had been captured before, we passed the Dead Sea and out into the Negev desert. With time on our side we even had some time to visit a crocodile farm before the planned visit of the Bedouins. Arriving at the Bedouins camp we where not greeted by spoiled dogs on silk pillows, oh no, the saying "only the strongest survive" doesn't get more real than this. Hot, dusty, rocky, skinny animals, lack of shade, merciless sun, a normal lift for the Bedouins who survived for thousands of years, the unreality for us who live in well-insulated homes, comfort and do not lack material things...

We were all invited to lunch before our departure and the owner of the camp told us a little more about the Bedouin lifestyle while enjoying our dinner..

Wednesday and Thursday featured dog exhibition for many in the international group while my lovely hosting family and I

enjoyed the art markets, ice cream and shopping in Tel Aviv port and Jerusalem, beautiful views, the winding streets of the old town with ancient aromas, spices and hundreds of small market stalls.

The Club Show was held on Friday, 12 Canaan Dogs of different ages where shown under Judge Dr. Rita Trainins' scrutinizing eye and today's big winner was JWW06 WW08 EW08 Isr. Fr. Lux. Hu. CH Zik, who became Best of Breed and Isr. JCH Kerach Dak me Shaar Hagai, who won Best of Opposite Sex. The atmosphere around the ring was convivial and the dogs where very nice, both mentally and exterior although some were a little too well-fed.

The show was a tribute to the Canaan Dog and its uniqueness and value, many of the participating dogs in the show are no longer than one or two generations from wild-caught ancestors.

And here are the results from the Club Show;
BOB, BV - Multi Ch. Zik (Bayud Bedoui me Tel Arad x Mocha Har Adar) B: Danny Barel, O: Myrna Shibolet
BOS, CAC - (New Israel Ch.) Kerach Dak me Shaar Hagai, (Isr.Ch.GCh. Chabib de Solemel x Isr.Lux.Ch. Lilo me Shaar Hagai) B+O: Myrna Chaim Shibolet
RCAC bitch - Halva me Shaar Hagai (MultiCh. Zik x Isr.Ch. Briza me Shaar Hagai) B: Myrna Shibolet O: Eytan Bar Nes
Best Junior, JCAC female - Ahlah me Shaar Hagai (Benjie me Shaar Hagai x Lacey Lace me Shaar Hagai) B: Myrna Shibolet O: Eytan Bar Nes
JCAC Male - Shomer Rex me Shaar Hagai (Tsuk al Kashhar x Isr.Ch. Briza me Shaar Hagai) B: Myrna Shibolet O: Avi Israeli
Ch.Class GCH - Multi Ch. Bat Yerushalayim Shel Zahav (Jimmy me Shaar Hagai x Chupa Givat Har Adar) B: Dina





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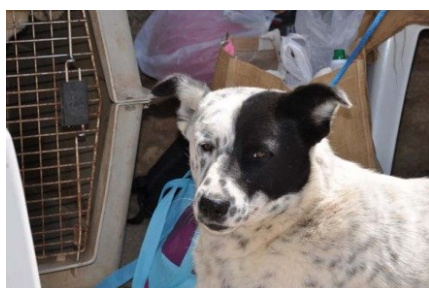
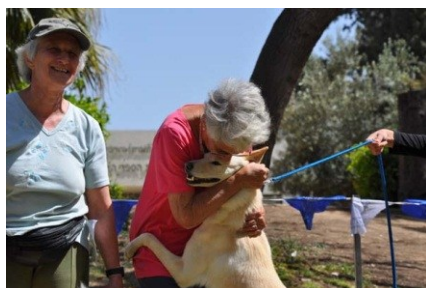
Saturday's seminar was of course about the Canaan Dog, we talked about history, temperament, conformation, color, usability and current status situation and the future of the breed.

The speakers where Ethan Hendel and Myrna Shibolet in her kennel Shaar Hagai and with a lot of puppy cuddle! 8 gorgeous puppies after 100% desert lines, plump, woolly, cute, mischievous ... Who can resist putting her nose among a pile of five week old Canaan puppies?? Not me, that's for sure...

Also at the seminar the participation covered in much of the world, Australia, Mexico, France, Germany, Finland, Swe-

den ... (photo 2 + 3 are taken by Eytan Hendel)

After a week in this wonderful country, it was time for me to fly home to the family and the dogs again. I have had an amazing journey! It gave me new perspectives, ideas and goals, a journey filled with experiences – many great and some not so great, wonderful food, delicious wine, beautiful dogs and I finally got to meet some very special friends



in real life.

I am very grateful that I got the opportunity to make this journey and I hope that there will be more chances in the future!



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