

THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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Summer 2013

**America's #1 Canaan Dog Bitch—Multi Group Placer
GCH RivRoc Lycm Own Dream BSnatch Rsndg, CDCA HC
"Torino"**



The Veteran Issue

-plus-

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

"I just wanted to say thank you to the entire Canaan community for your love and support. Most of you have watched me grow up with my Canaans as a Junior at 10 years old, and have continued to watch me grow into an adult. You reached out your hands to help me reach Orlando and New York with Sirius this year, fifteen years after my debut as a Canaan owner/handler. I will always cherish the time I have spent with you all and I look forward to the day when I can bring another Canaan into the show ring with as much pride and love that I had for my special boy. Thank you so much for your love and friendship. My words cannot fully describe how much I love this community. "Team Sirius" is officially retired, but I look forward to the next teammate that I can show to the world." - *Noelle Renteria*



Tahoe Canaan Dogs

Robin Prince
& Noelle Renteria

In memory of CH Tahoe Sirius Black N White

— by his many friends & fans

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PRESIDENT & EDITOR'S MESSAGE

"Who Are You"

A bit of a mixed bag in this issue, but a fun one to put together. From the latest details on the National Specialty to early information on renewals to a dog cemetery of dogs that might be Canaan Dogs, to my favorite part—a celebration of veteran Canaan Dogs—this issue will take you around the world.

This issue is also a bit of an experiment. I am very happy—and thankful! - to add Amy Preston to the Kib staff. Amy will organize the printing and mailing of the Kibs. As always, John Relph promptly gets the online version on the club website. Please note the new log-ins and passwords for the Members Only section and Kib on page 4.

I do hope you will all try to join the club in person (or in dog!) this fall. The last week of September will find us in New York City for the annual Meet The Breeds event, and then in Atlanta in October for the Annual Meetings and National Specialty. More info on both events elsewhere in this issue. For those who need a winter escape, the Fall issue will contain details on the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships in December in Orlando, Florida. Once again, our Meet The Breed booth will be looking for people and dogs to help educate the public on our incredible breed!

Later in this issue, you will read about the Ashkelon Dog Cemetery. Dr Richard Vulliet will speak at the 2013 National Specialty on this and other topics as they relate to Canaan Dog history. In the meantime, if you want to get your dogs involved in "a global dog diversity project focused not only on the numerous purebred dog lineages, but also on free-ranging 'village' dog populations and indigenous breeds," Dr Adam Boyko from Cornell University is looking for blood samples from Canaan Dogs. He writes "we're really hoping to get samples from Canaan Dogs to compare both to Middle Eastern free-ranging dog populations and also to putatively Middle Eastern AKC breeds. It should give us a good overview about where Canaan dogs

fit in in the big picture, as well as get the ball rolling for more focused genetics project involving Canaan dogs in the future." If you would be willing to donate blood from your Canaan Dog, please contact Dr Boyko for full details (shipping costs may be covered by the researchers): Dr. Adam Boyko, Assistant Professor, VRT T8 016A, Dept of Biomedical Sciences, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, NY 14853, t: 607.253.3503, f: 607.253.4447, email: boyko@cornell.edu

Pats to your pups and I hope to see you all this fall in New York or Atlanta!

- Amanda

Please join us in welcoming two new members to the club:

Catherine Hancock
531 Pace Street
Raleigh NC 27604
catnh@ymail.com
919-906-0558

Liora Ben-Sorek
1 Wooleys Lane
Great Neck NY 11023
dcalee@verizon.net
516-945-5611



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



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: desertdog (case sensitive)

ALL PASSWORDS UPDATED!

<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: pariah (case sensitive)

ALL PASSWORDS UPDATED!



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.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comments on the Spring 2013 issue, from Bertha Sheaffer in a note to Bryna Comsky:

Dear Bryna,

Baby We have come a long way!

I have just finished the CCA [CDCA] Newsletter. My eyes are very bad, so takes a couple days to see it all.

What a beautiful Kibitzer! So many interesting articles— [but] sad to see the ones we lost from one issue to another - [we] have lost so many of our early members.

I was glad to see the special mention of May 25, 1975 Issue, and Judy Ardine's mention. She worked very hard in those early years.

I loved the Sweden Article of Noble Guardian and trip to K'Naani. I loved seeing the Dr. Menzel picture and helpers and Dogs from those very early years of the breed. You have a picture like that in the material I sent you years ago. I am glad to see Myrna still very active. Myrna Shibolet and you, Bryna, deserve a large pat on Back for all you's have done over the years for Canaans, breed & Club. Myrna Karlin Shibolet came from New York to see the Canaans, and bought Spatterdash Gimel Wafi CCA 60 on April 12, 1969.

Bryna Comsky - Spatterdash Dreidle CCA 78 also came from New York to see breed. Sold 12-27-69.

That is about 43 years you two girls are in this lovely breed. I am not active anymore in the breed, but I still have an interest in it. I have glaucoma & very dry eyes. I have to use a magnifying glass to read anything. I am not what I used to be. I use a walker all the time to walk.

Love you,
Bertha V. Sheaffer

PS Myrna went to Israel in those early years to go to College

Apologies ...

To Denise Gordon for missing one of her submissions to the Dual-Ring Dog section of the Spring 2013 Kib.

JUDGE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Even though we haven't had the 2013 National, we need to start working on the 2015 one! As part of the planning for the 2015 National, the Board is tasked with selecting a judge for that Specialty. To that end, we have formed a Judge Selection Committee. Our thanks those listed below who have volunteered for this important job.

Members/Alternates:

Amy Preston (Eastern Section)

Dave Pohl (Eastern Section) (alternate)

Donna Davison (Central Section; also Committee Chair)

Lee Boyd (Central Section) (alternate)

Carrie Cabrera (Western Section)

Details on this committee's task are below.

Donna Davison's email is canaan@midwest.net, or share your thoughts directly with your favorite committee member.

Due date for suggestions September 15, 2013 (to allow the committee to meet their deadline of Oct 1, 2013).

Our thanks to the committee members for their work for the club.

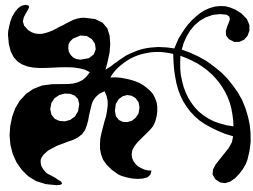
Want to learn more about Canaan Dogs that herd?

Visit the Canaan Dogs Herding

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/288659887935701/>

page on Facebook for photos, videos and discussions





REMEMBERING

Arayls Saretta At Eastland

Another Canaan went to join others at the rainbow bridge. Arayls Saretta At Eastland almost 15 yrs was a Canaan that was known mostly by us old timers in the breed. She helped Canaans be accepted into herding group and was one of the first red canaans being shown. You did well Saretta, and your lines will carry on. Rest in peace now.

- Annette Israel



Eastland's Ehad Minai Elef Eli CDCA-HCX



Eli has taken a piece of my heart with him. Silly, sweet, funny boy. He introduced us to dog shows & performance events although we didn't earn many titles. He was a homebody & always happiest on his turf. He loved to spend time in the yard with a good vantage point to watch the world go by. He loved to talk to us & sometimes to the tv :-). Always excellent with the little dogs but I think he has missed his big red friend as his ears perked up when I said that he was going to see her. I'm sure Donna will show him all the best places to run free at the bridge. I miss you already. ♥you!

Eastland's Ehad Minai Elef Eli CDCA-HCX 6/22/1998 - 7/3/2013

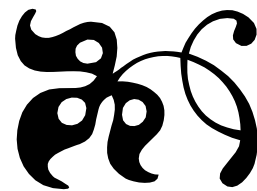
- Julie and Dan Haddy

CH Tahoe's Sirius Black N White & Tahoe's Magic Moon

- Noelle Renteria & Robin Prince



REMEMBERING



CH Pleasant Hill Mazel CDCA HCX, ICDCA VC

I am sad to report the death of my "heart" dog and best buddy, my beautiful boy Mazel, at age 14 1/2. His full name was CH Pleasant Hill Mazel CDCA HCX, ICDCA VC. We got him as a puppy when my dad was dying of cancer, and he was the one bright spot in that dark time. He loved me unconditionally through difficult times and good, and always only wanted to be wherever I was, following me from room to room, and gazing into my eyes. Mazel had a good life for a good dog, with his human family and canine harem. He slept in our room, and every day, even when he was 13, he would jump on the jacuzzi cover,



where he commanded a wide view to watch over the field behind our house. He was my running and hiking buddy, and traveled the country with me. He found all of the activity at dog shows interesting, and the judges loved his movement. He tied for #3 UKC Canaan Dog in 2005, and at age 11 won Best Veteran at the 2009 CDCA Specialty. Two days later, he went from the Veteran's Class to Best of Opposite, with about 40 Canaan Dogs being shown. Then next day, a sheep herding trial, he was awarded Best Experienced Herding Dog. I'll always remember when my cousin, Jessica's daughter, Sari Hattis (now 15) was a toddler, she led Mazel around by collar all over our house for half an hour. He was perfectly patient and gentle with her. Mazel sired 5 litters with 4 bitches, and produced National Specialty Winners Bitches and Awards of Merit. He also sired MACH 4, ADCH Mazel Tov Minnie SCH-Gold, the highest-achieving Canaan Dog in Agility ever. Minnie wouldn't exist if not for Mazel's own agility and determination, since that litter was not planned, and Mazel achieved it by leaping a 4-foot fence and opening a door. Good work!

Donna L. Dodson, thank you for breeding and letting me have my bestest boy dog ever. Run free with your girls Tovah and Naftalia, Mazel. I hope to see all of you at the Rainbow Bridge someday.

- Cathi Oskow

In Memoriam
AKC ACE, CDCA DOTY, Ch. DaySpring Beraiah Ha'Aretz,
CD, RN, CDCA HC, CDCA ROM, CDCA V
3/23/1997—6/26/2013

She was the one.

She was the one that started this journey for me. She was the one that started my foundation. She was the one that taught me the joys of this breed. She was the one that protected my son. She was the one that touched so many lives.

Bred by Parker Flowers, out of CDCA DOTY, Ch. Shivatim Confidence, CDCA HCX & Ha'Aretz Gimel Wafi. She introduced me to this breed when I met her as a young bitch in 1997. Her striking appearance and calm demeanor, along with her sire, won me over. The journey with her began in the Fall of 1998.

November of 1998 found me at my first CDCA National Specialty in Tuscon, AZ. Parker had asked me to take her back in for the Winners Bitch class. She showed like a dream for me and was awarded Winners Bitch and eventually Best of Winners. What a thrill it was for me to have piloted this young girl to such a nice win. She did not know me well at this point, but the beginnings of a special bond had begun to form.

Late winter of 1999 found her at my home to be bred to "Spock". This tryst then turned into "Why don't you just keep her to whelp the litter." Once the litter was whelped, it was then evident that she would spend the rest of her days with our family.

Her life with us was more than just sharing our home with a Canaan Dog. She taught me how to train a Canaan Dog and was my first CD title and RN title. She even garnered High in Trial at the 2000 CDCA National Specialty. Her grace and temperament also taught Ethan how to show a Canaan Dog. She and Ethan qualified at the 2002 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to compete at Crufts. They competed at the 2004 Crufts Dog Show and were a beautiful team. This teamwork continued through many dog shows and beyond.

She was the first to alert us to Ethan's seizure disorder. I didn't understand what she was trying to communicate the first time, but it didn't take long for us to realize she could sense Ethan's oncoming seizures. She would always alert an adult and try to get Ethan to lay down prior to a seizure taking hold. She would stay with Ethan, and try to soothe him, until the seizure had passed. This unique talent earned her the AKC ACE Award for Exemplary Companion Dog for 2005.

She showed in 3 countries - United States of America, Great Britain & Australia. She earned numerous titles in conformation, obedience, rally and herding. She was an exceptional brood bitch and has left a legacy in our breed. She is behind the majority of my dogs and I brim with pride every time I glimpse her type and temperament coming through in subsequent generations.

She was more than an exceptional animal. She was a member of our family. She was the matriarch of my pack. She was a part of my heart and soul. She was:

CDCA DOTY, AKC ACE, Ch. DaySpring Beraiah Ha'Aretz, CD, RN, CDCA HC, CDCA V, CDCA ROM "Raiah"

In Memoriam
AKC ACE, CDCA DOTY, Ch. DaySpring Beraiah Ha'Aretz,
CD, RN, CDCA HC, CDCA ROM, CDCA V
3/23/1997–6/26/2013



Ode to Oz

When you arrived at my home in Arizona, you were a completely terrified little bundle of cream and white. Days went by as my tears fell, wondering if you would ever learn to trust me and feel any joy in your life. But, slowly, slowly, you started to relax your little body and look to me for cues as to what your life was going to be. Everyone who saw you wanted to hug you, but that honor was only given to me. I followed many suggestions to try to give you the confidence to just walk down the street with me, and finally it all began to pay off. As time went by I did what I do with all my dogs, I taught you basic behaviors and commands that you were very willing to do, but not always away from your safety zone and territory. Then I taught you some Rally exercises which you picked up quite fast. I wasn't sure you would ever be able to actually enter a ring with me, but I finally decided to give it a try. You were frightened at first, but still willing to stay close and do as I asked. You gathered a cheering section at every trial—everyone saw how worried you were, yet how you still did everything I asked of you. You worked during heat, during rain, and during strong winds as paper flew by in the air and tents made horrible noises. When you became the first Canaan Dog to achieve the RAE title I was so proud that you trusted me enough to do that. Although we slowed down, only showing occasionally, you managed to get your RAE2 with a number of perfect scores and first placements. I always knew that you had a very big heart, and your willingness to overcome so much fear only made me love you all the more. You have become the dog that I needed and wanted all along, my very own desert dream.

Now, after 10 years, watching as you lost the mobility of your back legs, seeing you still trying to run and often falling, I knew that the time was fast coming when I would have to let you go. That day was probably the hardest day I

have ever had, and I miss you so much. As I write this my tears are falling and through the haze I can almost see you still on your window seat, watching for any danger that might approach, ready to guard and protect your pack.

Shalom, my Oz.

Velikaya's Halom haMidbar RAE2 CGC

Owner: Eileen Jaffe

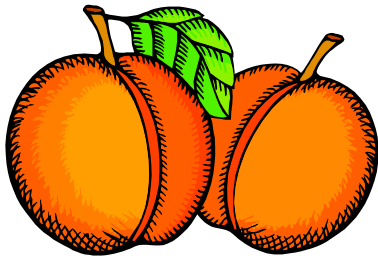
Breeder: Isabella Zirri

Dam: Velikaya's MishMesh

Sire: Velikaya's Shaashua

May 28, 2003-July 10, 2013





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

**The 2013 CDCA Specialty
is 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	pawslover@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 #2183161

Rate \$81.95 per night (note - better than originally published!)

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 to be listed in show catalog has passed, but accepted anytime, and will be listed in the next Kib.

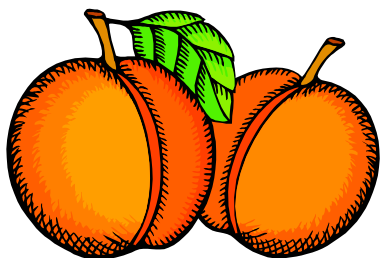
Chris Miller 770-827-2762 riverrockcd@yahoo.com

Catalog Ads

Deadline passed, but if you haven't sent your payment yet, please contact April ASAP.

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





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Banquet Reservations -Deadline October 1, 2013

\$35.00 per person; checks payable to CDCA; contact Annette with specific dietary needs/concerns.

Annette Israel 919-880-9917

eastlandcanaans@gmail.com

Schedule:

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, Oct 16th

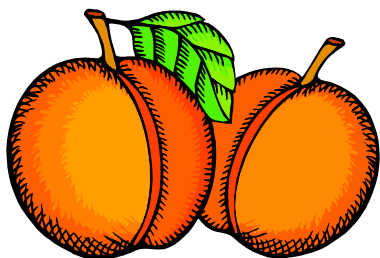
8:00 am – approximately 1:00 pm
Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
3:00 pm – approximately 5:00 pm
Annual General Meeting
7:30pm—after dinner on your own
Education – Topic: The Ashkelton Dog Project
All events to be held at Host Hotel

**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.





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Thursday, 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 - Linda Clark

The CDCA will support the Obedience & Rally classes during the cluster.

The Saturday show will be considered our

'National Specialty Obedience & Rally Trials.'

Obedience & Rally Judges for the weekend may be found online. Regular & Non-Regular Obedience Classes, including Wild Card, offered.

Sat, Oct 19

CDCA Supported Entry at Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.

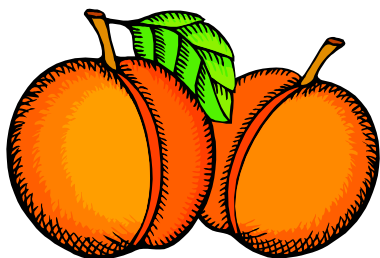
Breed/Group Judge – K Meredith-Cavanna

Evening - Banquet, Awards Presentations and Auction

6:30pm

To be held at Host Hotel





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Sun, October 20
CDCA Supported Entry at Newnan Kennel Club
Breed/Group Judge – R Stein

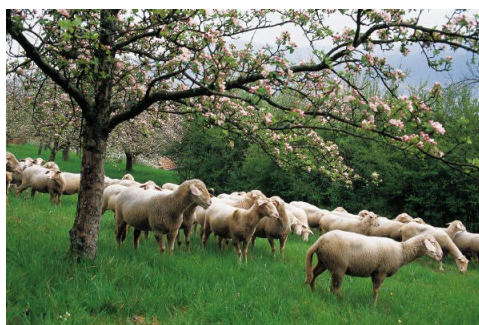
Mon, October 21
Herding
at **Bailey Farm, 1519 Bailey Waters Rd.,**
Dawsonville, GA

Evaluator: Hubert Bailey

Herding entry form may be found on CDCA
Website and was in Spring 2013 issue.

FMI: Denise Gordon

513-470-0507 desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com



Atlanta info:

www.cityofmorrow.com

www.altanta.gov

www.altanta.net

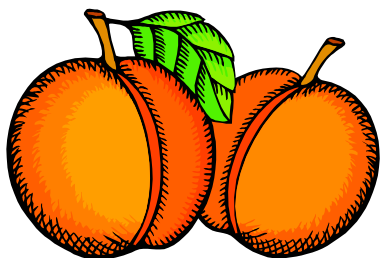
www.altanta.com

Who Let The Canaan Dogs Out? Who? Who?

The Miller family welcomes National Specialty attendees who want to give their dogs a run in a fenced area to contact Chris to coordinate a time to come visit the CDs of RiverRock and let your dogs blow off some steam. Outdoor bathing facilities are also available at their house.

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





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As October approaches, watch the CDCA web site for updates and more information.

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, Melinda Linton, to arrive by Wed., Oct. 2nd, 2013 (6351 Linton Way, Ann Arbor MI 48105-9285)

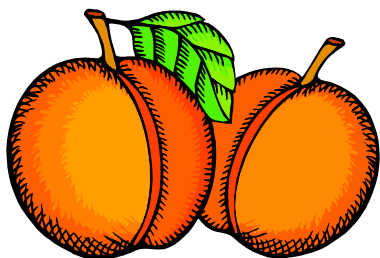
Don't Forget

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.





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Raffles, Auctions and a Place in CD History!

Bring your spending money—buy early, buy often!

PayPal payments accepted, need not be present to win!

50/50 Raffle to benefit the AKC/Canine Health Foundation Canaan Dog Donor Advised Fund - Starting Wednesday - ending Saturday at banquet - before auction.

Tickets - 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10, stretch for \$20

Pet O2 Mask for the trucks of the local Fire Department - your name goes down in history - Starting Wednesday - ending Saturday at banquet - before auction. In past years, we have raised enough money to purchase kits for two trucks—can we top ourselves this year?

Tickets - 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10, stretch for \$20



General Raffle - Various dog related products - starts Thursday (designated grooming area) ends Sunday (designated grooming area).

Tickets - 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10, stretch for \$20

Auction items - if you can't make it in person or need to ship ahead - ship to Chris Miller, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers, GA 30013

Contact Chris for all tickets and with any questions!

770-827-2762 riverrockcd@yahoo.com

Credit Cards accepted on location.



CDCA BOARD BUSINESS & DISCUSSIONS

December 2012

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

A motion was made by Amanda Pough to allow the wording for CHIC eye testing to be changed to 'results entered with CERF, or results registered with OFA' in an effort to comply with new AKC testing reporting procedures. Seconded by Joan Greene. ACCEPTED by consensus.

A motion was made by Amanda Pough to donate \$1,000 to AKC's Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. Seconded by Joan Greene. After discussion, the amount was amended to donate \$500. ACCEPTED by consensus.

A motion was made by Donna Davison to designate monies as grants from the Donor Advised Fund as follows: \$2,500. to Grant #01787 Clinical Advancement of a Cancer Vaccine in Dogs, and \$1,000. to Grant #01849 Filling the Gaps in the Canine Genome. Seconded by Amanda Pough. ACCEPTED by consensus.

Discussion:

ShowSight Magazine requested an article on Canaan Dogs for its' February 2013 Westminster issue; Amanda Pough provided one with Board review.

2013 Nominating Committee members were suggested and will be contacted.

AKC requested the CDCA submit our current membership list via the online update tool.

Pamela Rosman reported on the upcoming December 2012 AKC Delegates meeting in Orlando, FL, AKCs Fourth Quarter Community Achievement Awards, and changes to the AKC Pointing breed championships.

January 2013

One new full membership application was voted upon in January: Melinda Linton; endorsed by Renee Kent and Donna Dodson. ACCEPTED with approval votes from: Renee Kent, Donna Davison, Julie Haddy, Annette Israel, Joan Greene. Not voting: Amanda Pough (per her normal procedure), Bryna Comsky, Ken Cabrera, Chris Miller.

One new Meet and Greet application was voted on in January: Helen Foster (FL). ACCEPTED with approval votes

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

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Discussion:

NAIA requested the CDCA use GoodSearch to support its' work. 2013 Nominating Committee members were contacted. AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship awards, Open Shows, the judging panel for the 2013 AKC Eukanuba show, and the text for the Canaan Dog section in the revised AKC Complete Dog Book, were discussed along with Crufts eligibility certificates. Pamela Rosman reported on the December 2012 AKC Delegates meeting and the January 2013 AKC Board Chairman's Report.

The 2013 AKC CHF National Parent Club Canine Health Conference will be held August 9-11, 2013 in St. Louis MO.

February 2013

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

No new motions were made or voted upon in February.

Discussion:

Bryna was contacted as Recording Secretary by the finder of a lost dog (which did not appear to be a Canaan). The Pub and PE Committee reported on the developing CDCA Information Package. Posts allowed on the CDCA Facebook page and the upcoming International Canaan Dog show in Israel were also discussed.

Pamela presented the December 2012 AKC Delegates minutes and forum synopsis, published in the January 2013 AKC Gazette.

March 2013

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

A motion was made by Amanda Pough to support the North Virginia Israel Street Festival by reimbursing up to 1/3 the registration fee (\$60.) and providing breed information. Seconded by Joan Greene. After discussion it was decided to offer the option of \$60. plus printed materials, or \$90. (1/2 the registration fee).

The Pub and PE Committee's new CDCA Information Pack-

age was presented for review; it was ACCEPTED by consensus and is available at <http://cdca.org/pdf/info-packet.pdf>.

Discussion:

Materials and booth support costs for the Israel Street Festival in North Virginia were discussed. A CDCA catalog advertisement was submitted for the International Canaan Dog show held in Israel. Judges for the 2013 National Specialty were discussed. Members who have not yet renewed will be contacted. AKC Meet The Breeds will be held September 28-29 this year.

The national AKC Lifetime Achievement Award is open to nominations. The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, established by AKC in 2006, is open to member nominations.

Pamela presented the December 2012 AKC Delegates minutes and forum synopsis, published in the January 2013 AKC Gazette, and attachments for the upcoming Delegates Meeting in Newark NJ. Discussion ensued regarding Club directions for voting at the March Annual Meeting and Election, and AKC election and vote results were reported.

April 2013

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

No new motions were made or voted upon in April.

Discussion:

Herding location for the 2013 National may change. Clubs are encouraged to hold AKC Responsible Dog Owner Days. The North Virginia Israel Street Festival was advised the CDCA would sponsor \$90. towards a Canaan Dog booth. A proposal was received from the Western States Canaan Dog Club to host the 2015 CDCA National Specialty. AKC provided information on holding Nationals in conjunction with the Eukanuba.

The AKC GoodDog! Helpline was announced. An invitation was received to join the AKC Companion Events Group eList. An alert was issued regarding an upcoming segment on NBC's Today Show about the AKC and purebred dog breeding. Carrie Cabrera provided a scan of CCA's 4th National Specialty winners from 1975; it is available at http://cdca.org/pdf/CCA_1975.pdf

May 2013

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

A motion was made by Amanda Pough to donate \$250 to the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund and the Oklahoma Tornado Relief efforts, to support those currently in need and to honor the memory of OK Canaan Dog owners and

club members of the past including Gene and Lorraine Stephens, their sons Eric and Matthew and their families, Father Elmer C. Robnett, and others. Seconded by Ken Cabrera. ACCEPTED by consensus.

A motion was by Amanda Pough as follows:

CDCA members may apply to the CDCA for monetary and/or publicity support for Meet The Breed type regional or local events. Such support may be approved for: up to one third of a booth / participation fee, not to exceed \$100, plus a supply of CDCA printed material, or up to one half of a booth/ participation fee, not to exceed \$100, but without any printed materials.

Request should be made to the CDCA Board at least three months prior to any event. While \$100 is the maximum that may be awarded, the Board has final say in the funds released. Funds will be paid to a CDCA member only upon receipt of a paid invoice from the organizing group. Payment directly to an organizing group may be arranged with the treasurer.

CDCA participating members would volunteering at such events as private individuals, and as such, the event will not be considered a CDCA sponsored activity/events in terms of insurance or liability. Applications may be in any format that is appropriate to the event, but must include at least location, date, organizing group, expected gate, and a statement indicating why the member feels this would be an appropriate event at which to publicize Canaan Dogs.

Seconded by Bryna Comsky.

Discussion:

It was suggested that vintage historic documents regarding CCA / CDCA / Canaan Dog history, now in private collections, could be made available to members and others. A photo addendum to the WSCDC's 2015 National Specialty proposal was received. The Canaan booth at the North Virginia Israel Street event was discussed further.

AKC responded to the Today Show segment on the registry, purebred dogs and breeders. At Bryna's suggestion, the Board discussed sending a CDCA letter to the Today Show as well. The letter will be reviewed by the Board before it is sent.

AKC approved changes to Rally and Agility regulations, and announced that the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund for disaster preparedness and recovery will help with the Moore OK tornado/storm disaster.

June 2013

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

A motion was made by Amanda Pough last month to allow CDCA members to apply for monetary and/or publicity support for Meet The Breed type regional or local events. Seconded by Bryna Comsky. ACCEPTED by consensus.

Discussion:

Pamela Rosman submitted information regarding the June 2013 agenda for the AKC Delegates meeting in Raleigh NC, and the AKC Board Chairman's June Report. Amanda provided thoughts on the challenges of getting our National Specialty changes approved through the AKC's events department online links.

A note from AKC judge Honey Anne Glendinning was received indicating she is available to judge sweeps at future Canaan Dog specialties.

A request was received for donations to help Sha'ar Hagai Kennels in Israel. CDCA By-Laws, Article 1 SECTION 3, states: The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual. The request was denied per Club regulations.

AKC again asks Member clubs to host an AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day.

July 2013

A new associate membership application was received and voted on in July: Catherine Hancock, endorsed by Annette Israel. ACCEPTED with approval votes from: Bryna Comsky, Annette Israel, Julie Haddy, Joan Greene, Chris Miller, Donna Davison, Ken Cabrera, Amanda Pough. Not voting: Renee Kent.

A new associate membership application was received and voted on in July: Liora Ben-Sorek, endorsed by Amy Preston. ACCEPTED with approval votes from: Bryna Comsky, Julie Haddy, Joan Greene, Annette Israel, Chris Miller, Ken Cabrera, Donna Davison, Amanda Pough. Not voting: Renee Kent.

By consensus after discussion, Medallions will be offered in conformation, obedience and agility at each AKC/Eukanuba show.

Discussion:

AKC invited the CDCA to join its' AKC Club Outreach program to help reach new AKC dog owners. The AKC meet the Breeds Show Guide, with subsection Meet the Clubs, would expand Club exposure to over 35,000 dog lovers in the Tri-State area for \$250. General discussion was not in favor of the expenditure at this time. Other AKC correspondence suggested items for judges and clubs offered by international

judge Andrew Brace and bronze sculptor Jim Gion.

Issues and information regarding Michelle Harrington (Canada) were discussed and documented.

A judges' selection committee for the 2015 National Specialty was formed, consisting of Members/Alternates:

Amy Preston (Eastern Section)
 Dave Pohl (Eastern Section) (alternate)
 Donna Davison (Central Section; also Committee Chair)
 Lee Boyd (Central Section) (alternate)
 Carrie Cabrera (Western Section)

Denise Gordon requested Board input for changes to the CDCA Versatility award program and Top Performance Canaan Dog submission requirements. Discussion ensued. Renee Kent offered videos of past National Specialties to the Club as part of a CDCA library, if someone can upload them to YouTube. A Yearbook was discussed as a possibility for this year's National and/or our breed's 50th anniversary in the US in 2015. Pamela Rosman submitted highlights from the July 2013 AKC Board meeting.

Please welcome the CDCA's new Officers and Directors for term August 1 2013 to 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 Davison (IL)
 Director (West) – Joan Capaiu Greene (CA)
 Director – Ken Cabrera (AZ)

Special Welcomes to Melinda and Amy.

GREAT appreciation and Thanks to outgoing Board Members Annette and Renee. Their service to the club and breed cannot be overstated.



OFA Test Results April—July 2013

Line in bold signifies the dog has a CHIC number.

Registered Name	Registration Number	sex	OFA Test Number	OFA Test	OFA Results
BLESS-ED BE MELEK'S JAZZ BOOTS	DN19403301	M	CA-DM75/70M-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	CARRIER
BSNATCH RSNDG RAN AWAY TO RIVROC	DN14136802	M	CA-DM64/86M-PI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
CELEV BOOT'S LIBA BAKHOORNONET	DN27418105	F	CA-DM58/39F-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	NORMAL
CELEV MELEK'S LIBA NESEEKHAH	DN21012803	F	CA-DM76/66F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	CARRIER
CELEV MELEK'S PAGE KETEM	DN21927008	M	CA-DM61/58M-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	CARRIER
CELEV RON'S LIBA KOSEMET NOREG	DN1262082	F	CA-DM59/72F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	CARRIER
CELEV RON'S PAGE LIBA	DN15238905	F	CA-DM60/83F-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	NORMAL
CELEV SIMBA'S DENIM AND LACE	DN3267380104	F		DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	AT RISK
CHERRYSH JOY TO THE WORLD	DN27261102	F	CA-EL142F40-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
CHERRYSH JOY TO THE WORLD	DN27261102	F	CA-476G40F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
CHERRYSH LIGHT UP THE SKY	DN30646001	M	CA-480G29M-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
CHERRYSH THE FIRST NOEL	DN27261101	F	CA-477G40F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
D&J HA'ARETZ VERTIGO AT RIVER ROCK	DN12738803	F	CA-DM63/91F-VPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
DAYSRING BERAIAH HA'ARETZ	DL68961901	F	CA-DM62/194F-PI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
LIBI METUKA ME SHAAR HAGAI	DN25293501	F	CA-PA88/52F/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
LIBI METUKA ME SHAAR HAGAI	DN25293501	F	CA-TH93/52F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL DESERT ADAGIO	DN19920506	M	CA-DM68/66M-VPI	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL MIDAS TOUCH	DN00957702	M	CA-DM67/132M-PI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER

OFA Test Results April—July 2013, continued

Line in bold signifies the dog has a CHIC number.

Registered Name	Registration Number	sex	OFA Test Number	OFA Test	OFA Results
PUP/01 #1 (REDCOLLAR)	NOREG1265321	F	CA-DM69/0F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	CARRIER
PUP/02 #2 (BLACKCOLLA)	NOREG1265322	M	CA-DM70/0M-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	NORMAL
PUP/03 #3 (PINKCOLLAR)	NOREG1265323	F	CA-DM71/0F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	CARRIER
PUP/04 #4 (WHITECOLLA)	NOREG1265324	F	CA-DM72/0F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	CARRIER
PUP/05 #5 (BLUECOLLAR)	NOREG1265325	M	CA-DM73/0M-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	CARRIER
PUP/06 #6 (GREENCOLLA)	NOREG1265326	M	CA-DM74/0M-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	NORMAL
RIVER ROCK NO ILLUSIONS	DN25990903	M	CA-DM66/44M-VPI	DEGENERATIVE MYE-LOPATHY	NORMAL
RIVER ROCK NO ILLUSIONS	DN25990903	M	CA-EL141M27-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
RIVER ROCK NO ILLUSIONS	DN25990903	M	CA-475G27M-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
RIVER ROCK NO ILLUSIONS	DN25990903	M	CA-PA85/27M/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
RIVROC LYCM OWN DREAM BSNATCH RSNDG	DN30312601	F	CA-EL143F25-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
RIVROC LYCM OWN DREAM BSNATCH RSNDG	DN30312601	F	CA-478G25F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
RIVROC LYCM OWN DREAM BSNATCH RSNDG	DN30312601	F	CA-PA86/25F/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
RIVROC ONTO SOMETHIN BSNATCH ROSNDG	DN30312605	M	CA-EL144M24-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
RIVROC ONTO SOMETHIN BSNATCH ROSNDG	DN30312605	M	CA-479G24M-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
RIVROC ONTO SOMETHIN BSNATCH ROSNDG	DN30312605	M	CA-PA87/24M/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
RIVROC ONTO SOMETHIN BSNATCH ROSNDG	DN30312605	M	CA-TH92/31M-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
SUFAT SHELEG JASPER'S DUBHAN	DN31161502	M	CA-EYE10/32M-PI	EYES	NORMAL



The CDRN finds itself in a remarkable situation: 3 Canaan Dogs up for adoption! If you or anyone you know might be interested in adopting, please [complete an adoption application](#) and email it to the Canaan Dog Rescue Network's [Eastern Coordinator](#).

Meet **Ida**. Pictures don't do justice to the lovely Ida! She is a sweet, healthy spayed 8 year old Canaan Dog. Her family's changing housing situation is what has caused her to enter the rescue network. Ida is crate trained and likes to play with stuffed animals. She is an active Canaan Dog who is a "people" dog. She MUST be the only pet in the family as she is reactive to other dogs, cats and birds.



Age: 8 years old
Gender: Female
Spayed: Yes
Location: Connecticut
Housebroken: Yes

Ashi is a 6 year old quiet boy that likes to lounge on the couch and get ear rubs. He has a typical Canaan Dog wariness of strangers. * Ashi appears a little overweight in these June 2012 photos, although he IS big boy at 24.5".



Age: 6 years old
Gender: Male
Neutered: Yes
Location: Florida
Housebroken: Yes*

Meet **Nero**, a 3 year old happy, healthy, active boy that likes to play with stuffed animals. * Nero is definitely portly in these photos from June 2012. His height is listed as 20.5", so at his current weight he does need to shed a few pounds.



Age: 3 years old
Gender: Male
Neutered: Yes
Location: Florida
Housebroken: No*

** The CDRN has not yet evaluated the male dogs. Descriptions supplied by current owner.*

New Titles –April through June 2013

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
AKC BEGINNER NOVICE (OBEDIENCE)		
CH. Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn, CGC, RAE, BN	Denise Gordon, Cynthia Grupp, & Pamela Rosman	6/9/13
AKC RALLY NOVICE		
CH. Sufat Sheleg Jasper's Dubhan, CGC, RN	Cathey Dunn	6/1/13
AKC OPEN AGILITY PREFERRED		
Pleasant Hill Hava Shirat, BN, RN, TD, NJP, OAP	Debra White	6/16/13
AKC MASTER CENTURY AGILITY 2		
MACH3 Mazel Tov Prtmjl Minnie Pooh, CD, XF, MJG2, MXC2	Alan & Sylvia Gersman	4/20/13

Save Shaar Hagai Canaans



Many of you might know that the Shaar Hagai Kennels is facing a serious legal suit by the Israel Government Lands Authority who intend to **evict Myrna and the Canaan Dogs**.

Eviction will be a huge and disastrous blow to the breeding and preservation of the Canaan Dog, both here and around the world. Myrna has dedicated all her resources to the breeding of the dogs and their care. She does not have the resources and financial possibility of buying new land and building new kennels. Legal expenses are mounting which is preventing Myrna from being able to maintain the Shaar Hagai kennels.

Please help save the Shaar Hagai Kennel by **donating** at this site: <https://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/mzk2/save-shaar-hagai-canaans>.

It is easy, quick, and can be done using PayPal. All monies raised go directly to Myrna via PayPal.

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. **NEW VERSATILITY LEVELS AND TITLES WILL GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2014.** (The new 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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Join Us In Georgia In October!

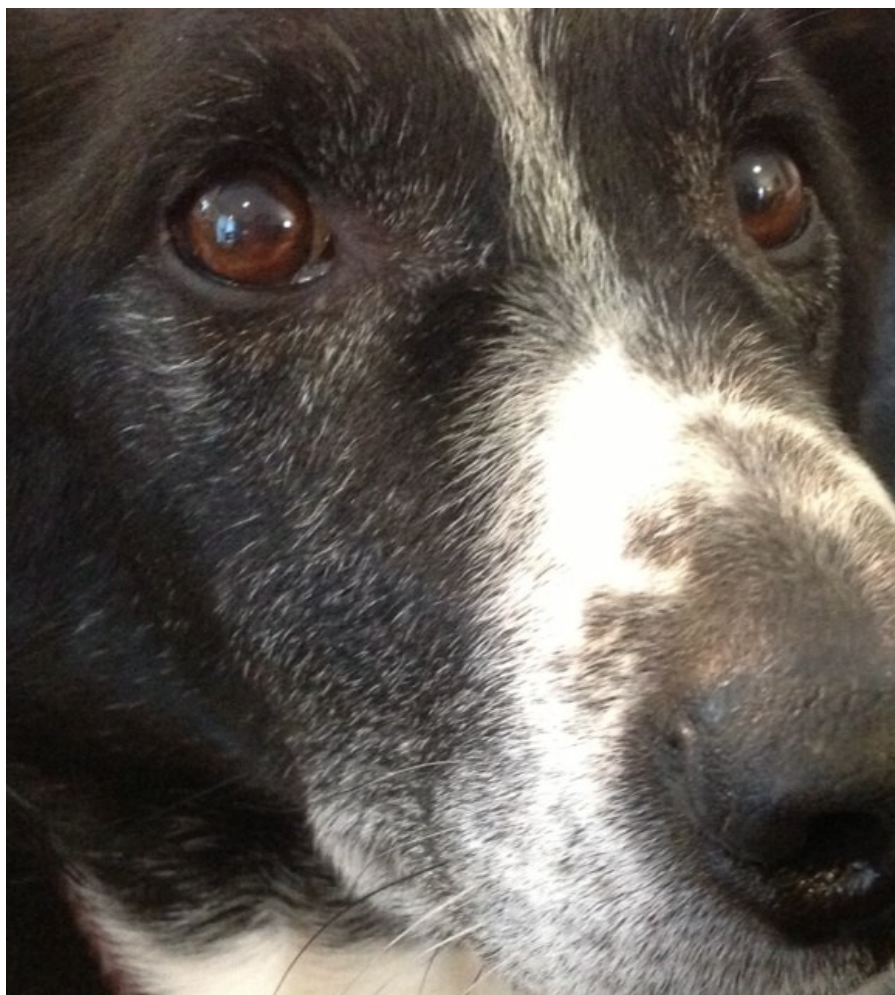
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The Veteran Issue

A Special Advertising Feature

Thanks to those members who supported this feature.



*Fall 2013 will feature the National Specialty
(Open to any dog exhibited in any event at the National.)*

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

THE EPITOME OF A MULTI-RING PERFORMER



UKC-CDX, AKC CH. Ze'ev Midbar, CGC, CD, RN, NA, NAJ, HIAs;
AHBA-JHD, HTDIs, HRDIIs; APDT-R1CL; ASCA-STDs; TDI;
ICDCA-VCh; CDCA-HC, HS, VX (& a half dozen more titles)
"Wolf"

Is Being Followed In His Pawprints By.....



"Comet"
UKC-RO1; AKC RE, BN,
CGC; CDCA-HCX



"Smudge"
UKC-RO1; AKC CH., RAE, BN,
CGC; CDCA-HCX, V



"Angel"
AKC CH., RN;
CDCA-HCX



"Rivi"
AKC CH., RN; CDCA-HCX

Desert Star Canaan Dogs

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AKC Breeder of Merit
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WHO SAYS THAT YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS ?

***SEE WHAT SOME OF THE DESERT STAR CANAAN CREW
HAVE DONE IN THEIR "RIPE OLD AGE"!***



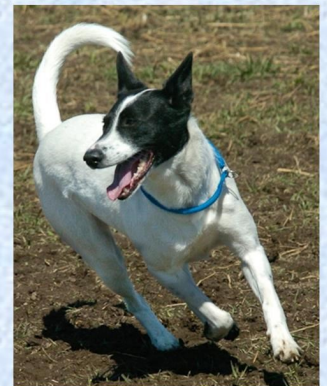
"COMET"

Started his "senior campaign" by earning his first qualifying scores towards his RAE title at 7½ years old in 2013



"RIVI"

Best Veteran Bitch and Award of Merit recipient at the 2010 National Specialty at age 7; still competing & building points towards her Grand Championship title at age 10



"SMUDGE"

Attained the RAE title at just a few days shy of her 8th birthday and earned her Beginner Novice obedience title at age 11; currently in agility and advanced obedience training for Fall 2013 shows



"WOLF"

Earned the Rally Novice title (his 24th title) and was demonstrating advanced herding techniques to younger dogs at 13 ½ years of age in addition to obtaining qualifying scores in Rally Advanced, Agility Open Standard, and Open Jumpers

Desert Star Canaan Dogs

Denise A. Gordon
AKC Breeder of Merit
desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

Pleasant Hill Canaan Dogs

The Veteran Males



Ch. Pleasant Hill Wish Granted 3-3-05

Entered but absent 2012 CDCA National Specialty

Also Eligible on Merit of Age/Quality

Ch. PH Friendly Persuasion 7-8-2000

Pleasant Hill Midas Touch 5-30-02

Ch. Pleasant Hill The Gatekeeper 7-23-07

For more information contact Donna Dodson
(931) 682-2721
(815) 790-3364

Pleasant Hill Canaan Dogs

The Veteran Females



Ch. Pleasant Hill September 6-25-02

Selected Best Veteran 2011 CDCA National Specialty

Also Eligible on Merit of Age/Quality

Ch. Pleasant Hill Class Act 4-24-99

Ch. Jealou Hum'nbirdWhoopedo 6-11-99

Ch. Pleasant Hill Dulcinea 2-28-06

Ch. Pleasant Hill Brazen Image 5-19-06

Supporter of the CDCA Code of Ethics
AKC Breeder of Merit

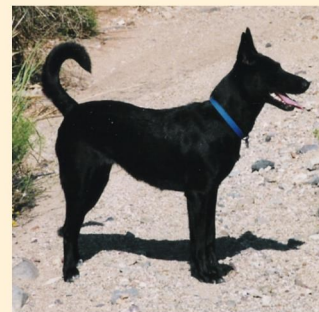


Kol Tuv Canaan Dogs - **The Veterans**



FarSight Maccabee bat Onyx
RN THD AHBA-HCT CDCA-HC CGC

September 10, 1997



Kol Tuv Jochebed
BN RE CDCA-HC CGC

August 2 2004



A salute to the Veterans at River Rock

GCH BSnatch Rsndg Ran Away to RivRoc, RN, CDCA HCX—2006

CDCA DOTY, Aust. Ch./AKC CGH D&J Ha'Aretz Vertigo at RivRock, CDCA HCX, CDCA ROM—2005

Ch. Ha'Aretz Kwisartz Haderach Dwlf, CDCA HCX—2001



Age is just a number for the Canaan Dogs of Rosendog's and Bandersnatch!



Ida (left)—GCH CH Bandersnatch Rsndg Ida Know RivRoc RN CGC CHIC—back in the ring after a winter maternity leave & back to her wining ways! (Whelped 3/12/06)

Peter (below)—CH Rosendog's Lt Columbo RN CGC—having a ball in Veteran Herding groups! (Whelped 3/26/06)



Harry (above) —BISS GCH CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named RN CGC CDCA HC & ROM & V CHIC — 2012 National Specialty Best Veteran (Breed & Sweeps) and Select Dog (Whelped 3/26/06)



Flash! Veteran Group 2 under
Breeder Judge
Lorna Hastings 8/10/13.

Rosendog's—Judy March Rosenthal
Waterbury Center, Vermont

Bandersnatch—Amanda M Pough
Ithaca, New York

“AKC GAZETTE” CANAAN DOG COLUMN, MARCH 2013

By Carrie Cabrera

Living With a Senior Canaan Dog

Good genes, conscientious breeders, and devoted, savvy owners mean that a majority of the time living with a senior Canaan Dog means few, if any, concessions. Remaining spry and relatively healthy in his later years is one of a Canaan Dog's especially attractive traits.

To keep our 15-plus-year-old bitch as healthy and happy as possible, she gets several supplements: Yucca Intensive herbal extract drops (available through Azmira Holistic Animal Care), to deal with minor arthritis inflammation and pain; CholoDin (from MVP Laboratories, Inc.), a chewable dietary supplement to improve cognitive function; and vitamin C and salmon oil. She is still very active, accompanying me on our daily two-mile walks at the pace set by the two younger dogs. A monthly professional massage along with stretching and an orthopedic bed are a couple of the perks that senior status affords her. We're pretty sure that the younger ones in our pack aspire to seniorhood just to share in these goodies!

Older Canaan Dogs can learn new tricks, earning titles well into their teen years. Our senior Canaan Dog earned her Rally Novice title at 11, was herding sheep at 13, and continued to make therapy dog visits until she was 14. She continues to enjoy obedience class. Her obvious joy in getting out and about and being rewarded for a job well done hasn't diminished one bit.

We have recently started doing some nosework with her. Since her eyesight is starting to fail, she relies on her nose more in everyday life, so nosework is right up her alley.

As a general rule, most veterinarians consider a dog to be geriatric around 8 years of age. Don't tell that to a Canaan Dog! As a slower-maturing breed, with an average life span of 14 to 15 years, an 8-year-old Canaan Dog is barely approaching middle age. Many are still being shown at this age, and beyond—and winning!

Keeping an older Canaan Dog's mind engaged with learning new tricks and practicing old ones, keeping her physically fit with regular exercise, at a healthy weight and providing wellness vet checkups, along with a good set of genes from the breed's long history of natural selection will hopefully keep senior Canaan Dogs healthy, happy, and active long into their later teen years.

EARLY REMINDER ABOUT RENEWALS!

By Amy Preston

Since renewal time will all too soon be upon us, I thought I would acknowledge those who took advantage of the multi-year renewal option and will be off the hook this year!

I will send out an initial reminder to all, just to jog your memory in case you need to send me an update. However, the following do not need to reply unless contact information has changed:

Lifetime Members:

Lois & Madlyn Barnett
Bryna Comsky
Donna Dodson
Caroli Dubin

Honorary Members:

Jan Armstrong
Audrey Biemann
Brian Ferrand
Mary Kay Keenan
Marianne Minks
Bertha Sheaffer

Associate Members - good through:

James & Pia Georgeades 2014
Kevin Maquire/Diane Kallgren 2015
Dennis Murphy 2014
Francis Plouffe Jr 2014

Full Members good through:

Donna & Jackie Davison 2015
Cynthia Dodson 2014
Carol Hayes-Gegner 2015
Deborah Johnson 2015
Jennie Larkin/John Relph 2014
David Pohl 2015
Judy Rosenthal 2014
Charley Sargent 2015
Paul Smallwood 2015

Any errors or omissions noted, please contact me.

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It's been a while ... but we're back

Bandersnatch The Language of Bees, HC

~ Mary Russell ~



[Anacan Beit Shemesh (English import) x GCH CH Bandersnatch Rsndg Ida Know RivRoc, CGC RN CHIC]

9 pts, 1 major ~ one BOB over special ~ 2 legs on HCX ~ CHIC

Readying for her JHD and HT herding tests

Thanks to Amanda Pough, Judy Rosenthal and Chris Miller for Mary Russell (plus Ellen Minto!) and Strax;
to Amy Preston and Renee & Evan Kent for Ms. Vixie;
to Kitty Burke for introducing The Sibs to the wonderful world of dog shows; and to Julie Jones for handling our crew.

You are appreciated!

Winter litter planned

~ FARSIGHT ~

Joan Capaiu Greene

<https://www.facebook.com/FarsightCanaanDogs>

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farsight.canaani@gmail.com

~ FARSIGHT ~

GCH CH Renegade Melanchollie Air

~ Vixen ~



(GCH CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named, RN x CH RiverRoc Three Sunrises Lyceum)

Multi-group placements & BOS wins over specials – tied for #2 All Breeds Canaan, 2012.
Vixie is our main greeter, backyard excavator, hunter and breed ambassador – she's CHIC too!

Spring litter planned

.... and introducing Strax!

Bandersnatch RiverRock Commander Strax at FarSight, HC



*(CH River Rock Onto Somethin Bsnatch Rosndog, HC
x GCH CH Bandersnatch Rsndg Ida Know RivRoc, CGC RN CHIC)*

"Life is FUN at seven months – especially with goats!"

WHY WERE HUNDREDS OF DOGS BURIED AT ASHKELON?

BY LAWRENCE E. STAGER

SELECTED SECTIONS OF STAGER'S ARTICLE WITH POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS TO CANAAN DOGS

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Comments from Dr Vulliet:

e are actively attempting to see if we can link CDs with dogs of antiquity. Part of this is just because of curiosity, and the other part is trying to help Myrna. If we can link CDs to any of the pre-biblical dogs, then I think that the Israeli government has to not only stop actions against Shaar Haggai, they may actually have to pay her a stipend to support her efforts to preserve biological antiquity. A slim chance, but we might be able to do it. It will require the efforts of all of us.

I have attached a recent (note the 1991 pub date!) article that you might want to include in the Kibitzer that describes important pre-biblical dogs that were found in an archaeological dig in Ashkelon (Ashkelon is a suburb of Tel Aviv). If you look at pages 5-7, it is clear that these dogs were interred around 500 BC or so and have physical similarities to CDs. This is one of the sources of dogs that we believe tie CDs to biblical history.

Dr Vulliet will speak further on this topic during the 2013 National Specialty week.

See a video of the Ashkelon dig at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viTTWG6wrHU>



A modern-day tanker (upper left) plies the calm waters of the Mediterranean as excavators in the foreground navigate towards the past. Their site along Ashkelon's coast was home during the late-sixth and

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fifth centuries B.C., first, to an approximately 30-by-60-foot port warehouse and then, for about 50 years, to a huge dog cemetery. In all, excavators have uncovered at least six phases, totaling 10 feet in thickness, of Persian-period (538–332 B.C.) occupational debris in Ashkelon atop the earlier Philistine (12th–7th centuries B.C.) phase of occupation. Carl Andrews

Starting about 500 B.C., the Mediterranean coast enjoyed a burst of prosperity under Persian-appointed Phoenician rulers. Author Lawrence E. Stager, who heads the excavations at Ashkelon and who in our last issue described the earlier history of the city under the Canaanites and the Philistines, here moves the story forward into the Persian period, a time when Ashkelon was a city of cultural diversity, teeming with Phoenicians, Greeks, Persians and Egyptians. He also unveils a challenging new hypothesis on why so many dogs were buried on prime seaside real estate.

Ancient Ashkelon, now quietly nestled beside the Mediterranean in the south of Israel, is shaped like a giant 150-acre bowl, with the sea wearing away at much of the western half. The rim and sides of the bowl are formed by the mammoth Middle Bronze Age glacis, or rampart, that once protected the city. Inside the bowl are buried at least 20 ancient cities,



dating from about 3500 B.C. to 1500 A. D., a span of 5,000 years.

In the last issue, we examined the Middle Bronze and Iron Age cities—the first, Canaanite and the second, Philistine. In 604 B.C., Philistine Ashkelon was destroyed by the neo-Babylonian king Nebuchadrezzar (neb-uh-kuh-DREZ-uhr; also called Nebuchadnezzar [neb-uh-kuhd-NEZ-uhr]), whose army soon thereafter (in 586 B.C.) destroyed Jerusalem, capital of the kingdom of Judah, together with its Temple. Thus began what is known in Israelite history as the Babylonian Exile. Less widely known is the fact that the Philistines too were exiled to Babylon. The Babylonians were replaced (in 538 B.C.) by the Persians, who expanded and then ruled the biggest empire the world had known before Alexander the Great—from the eastern Mediterranean to India. A more benign imperial power than the Babylonians—perhaps we may even characterize their hegemony as enlightened—the Persians under Cyrus the Great allowed the Jews to re-

turn to their land and even to rebuild their Temple (Ezra 1:2–4, 6:3–5).

No record exists, however, as to what happened to the exiled Philistines. Those who may have remained in Ashkelon after Nebuchadrezzar's conquest apparently lost their ethnic identity. They simply disappear from history.

Culturally, Ashkelon once again became Canaanite—or, more precisely, Phoenician, as the coastal Canaanites are called at this time, having developed a culture of their own, supported by a far-flung commercial empire to the west. During the Persian period (538–332 B.C.), the great Persian kings ruled the area politically, but they were not cultural imperialists. Even politically, they ruled with a comparatively gentle hand, giving rather wide latitude to local satrapies. In the heart of Phoenicia—the eastern Mediterranean coast, in what today is Lebanon—the Persians found willing allies among the Phoenicians, who provided their Persian overlords with naval power and wealth from the Mediterranean world and beyond. For their cooperation, the Persians gave Phoenicians from Sidon and Tyre control of the coast as far south as Ashkelon. (Farther south, Gaza remained more a desert port than a Mediterranean seaport.) The Persians assigned governors for the coastal cities, cleverly alternating a Tyrian and a Sidonian governor for each major coastal city down to Ashkelon. According to a mid-to-late-fourth-century B.C. source,¹ Ashkelon was known as a “city of the Tyrians” and headquarters of a Tyrian governor. Phoenician culture—and therefore, we may assume, the Phoenicians—dominated Ashkelon by the late sixth or early fifth century B.C. This is evidenced by Phoenician inscriptions (one as early as about 500 B.C.), iconography characteristic of Phoenician religion (especially the sign of the goddess Tanit) and by the Phoenician pottery we excavated.

The Phoenicians brought with them to Ashkelon not only their culture. With their maritime and commercial skills, they also brought a great deal of prosperity to the port. In fact, the whole eastern coast of the Mediterranean prospered during the Persian period under the enterprising Phoenicians. This stands in sharp contrast to the comparatively impoverished province of Judah, or Yehud (ye-HOOD) as it was known in official Aramaic in the Persian period, with Jerusalem as its capital. In abundance of Persian-period remains, the contrast between the two areas is remarkable. Inland, in Yehud, Persian-period strata are very thin if not ephemeral. On the Mediterranean coast, Persian-period occupational debris is quite thick—6 to 10 feet at Ashkelon and at Dor to the north....

That the conflagration was widespread is clear from evidence in Grid 57 on the southwestern side of the city.

Here we found the same phases and subphases of Persian-period occupation, beginning with a monumental structure built in about 500 B.C., followed by later phases of architecture, such as street-front workshops, culminating in a massive destruction. Shortly before the destruction of about 300 B.C., the inhabitants of one of the buildings secreted a hoard of silver coins and a silver bracelet. The coins were tetradrachmas (tet-ruh-DRAK-muhs) bearing the portrait of Alexander the Great. Nearby was a laurel-leaf crown of gold with side pieces of gilded bone. Several basket-handled amphorae stored on the second floor of one of the buildings collapsed onto the first floor. The basement was filled with burnt bricks, rubble and pottery of the late fourth century B.C....

Because of the presence of a hoard of his coins, the citywide destruction must have occurred after Alexander the Great (356–323 B.C.) had conquered the Levant (about 332 B.C.). Ashkelon (but not Gaza) was apparently spared the destruction which accompanied Alexander's conquest. But soon thereafter, in about 300 B.C. (although we cannot be certain until all of the data—pottery, coins, etc.—have been analyzed), Ashkelon too was devastated. This tragic episode must have occurred about the time Ptolemy I Soter (c. 367/6–283/2 B.C.) of Egypt was establishing his supremacy over the region, when Ashkelon was no longer under the control of Tyre.

In Grid 57 we also made one of the strangest discoveries of the entire excavation. In the phase following the construction of the monumental building mentioned previously, sandwiched in between that initial phase and the following architectural phase was a brief interlude (Phase 5 in Grid 57) when the floor area was leveled and used as a dog cemetery! We found a dozen dogs carefully buried here.



A typical dog burial from Ashkelon. James Whitred

In nearby Grid 50 we uncovered an impressive building with six almost identical rooms. These rooms seem to be magazines of a large warehouse, about 30 by 60 feet. Each magazine had nearly 250 square feet of interior storage space. On the floors of the magazines, we excavated several

Phoenician amphorae; Greek Attic Black-glazed ware; Red-figured as well as Black-figured fine ware, also from Greece; and a scapula (collar-bone) of a camel that was one of the basic raw materials from which fine bone artifacts were manufactured. The imprint of a basket containing red ocher was all that remained of perishable items. Other pigments, such as brown umber from Cyprus, were found stored nearby....

Before a warehouse could be rebuilt at the site, however, it was put to a puzzling new use: a vast dog cemetery ..., somehow related to ancient religious practices....

In its original construction, this large warehouse was stepped or terraced down toward the sea; the western half of the building's stone foundations therefore lay at a lower level than the eastern half. In the next phase (Phase 7 in Grid 50, which corresponds to Phase 5 in Grid 57), this western area was leveled up with a series of rubbish-laden fills. But before the leveled area was next used as a warehouse (sometime in the last half of the fifth century B.C.), the deeper fills above the western half of the warehouse were put to a far different use: it was part of a huge dog cemetery that extended all the way to the 12 dog burials we had found in Grid 57. Moreover, the western limits of the dog cemetery could not be ascertained because that part had eroded into the sea.

Till now, we have found more than 700 partial or complete dog carcasses from the fifth century B.C., most of them buried in the western half of Grid 50. Because only the eastern limits of this dog cemetery have been established, we can speculate that it was originally much larger, with dog burials probably numbering in the thousands. This is by far the largest animal cemetery of any kind known in the ancient world.



Three men and an inscription. Frank Moore Cross (center) decipheres a bowl inscribed in fifth-century Phoenician,

discovered in the dog cemetery at Ashkelon, though not in a dog burial. Flanking him are Leon Levy (right), connoisseur of ancient Near Eastern art, philanthropist and patron of the Ashkelon expedition, and Lawrence E. Stager, head of the excavations. The bowl had two holes drilled above its inscription so that it could be displayed on a wall by means of a leather thong. The inscription contains a

word that Cross reads as cgm, "cakes." Intriguingly, honey- and cheese-cakes were a common offering in the healing cult of Asklepios, either to the deity or to the sacred dogs associated with him. James Whitred

Ashkelon's dog cemetery was of extremely short duration, perhaps lasting no more than 50 years. Thereafter the area was returned to its previous mercantile use (though we have indications that dogs still received special burials elsewhere later in the Persian period). Nevertheless, in that short period, as many as three burials were found superimposed in some places, one dug into the other. This suggests that there were no burial markers over the graves. Each dog carcass was carefully and individually placed in a shallow pit dug into the fill of what had previously been a warehouse. Each dog was deliberately placed on its side, its legs flexed and its tail tucked in around the hindlegs. The carcass was then carefully covered with earth containing a mixture of cultural debris. However, no grave goods can be associated with the dog burials.

A Phoenician's best friend. In the first half of the fifth century B.C., the area around the port warehouse underwent a dramatic change: it was turned into a huge dog cemetery—the largest uncovered anywhere in the ancient world. Seven hundred dog skeletons have been unearthed so far, all of them originally buried like the female and puppy shown: laid on their sides in a shallow pit, with legs flexed



and tails tucked around the hindlegs. The western portion of the cemetery has been washed into the sea, leading excavators to believe that even more dogs—perhaps thousands—were once buried here. James Whitred

When undisturbed by later building activity or scavenging, the dog burials present a remarkably homogeneous picture. Actually, it was quite tedious (some would say boring) excavating them, each of which we had to excavate as carefully as the last. About 60 to 70 percent of the dogs were puppies;

the remainder were subadult and adult dogs. Our staff zooarchaeologists, Dr. Paula Wapnish and Professor Brian Hesse, of the University of Alabama in Birmingham, tell us that the skeletons lack any butchering marks, which indicates that the dogs died of natural causes. This is confirmed, according to them, by the fact that the mortality profile of the Ashkelon dogs is similar to that of urban dog populations today. Thus, it does not appear that these dogs were eaten (as the Persians accused the Phoenician Carthaginians of doing²). Nor does it appear that these dogs were offered as sacrifices, despite the implication in Third Isaiah in a passage written shortly before the Ashkelon dog cemetery was established: “Whoever slaughters an ox is like one who kills a human being; whoever sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog’s neck; whoever presents a grain offering, like one who offers swine’s blood; whoever makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol.” (Isaiah 66:3; New RSV)

The mature Ashkelon dogs were a little over 20 inches high and weighed a little more than 30 pounds—a dog population of medium height and build. Although no known modern breed correlates exactly with the Ashkelon dogs, Wapnish and Hesse have found a modern counterpart in today’s Bedouin sheepdogs, known as Palestinian pariah dogs [Old name for Canaan Dogs]. The best ancient representation of dogs similar to the Ashkelon dogs is probably the hound on the so-called Alexander Sarcophagus (late fourth century B.C.) from Sidon, on which Alexander the Great and his client, the king of Sidon, pursue a lion with a hunting hound of about the same size and build as the Ashkelon dogs. Like the dog on the sarcophagus, the Ashkelon hounds could have been used in hunting, to pursue hares, gazelles, wild goats or even lions.

A sleek hunting dog, from the so-called Alexander



Sarcophagus, approximates the size and shape of the

dogs buried at Ashkelon. The dramatic scene is part of a series depicting Alexander the Great and the client-king of Phoenicia engaging in a hunt and is now on display in the Archaeological Museum in Istanbul, Turkey.

The dogs—whose closest modern counterpart is the Bedouin sheepdog known as the Palestinian pariah dog [a.k.a. Canaan Dog]—died of natural causes, were of medium height and build and had a mortality profile (60 to 70 per cent of them were puppies) similar to urban dog populations today. The dogs, therefore, were not sacrificed as part of a ritual, nor were they eaten. Excavators puzzled over why the people of Persian-period Ashkelon would have gone to such lengths to bury so many ordinary-seeming dogs. Author Stager suggests the dogs were part of a healing cult, perhaps associated with the Phoenician god Resheph-Mukol. This or a similar cult led Deuteronomy 23:18 to declare: “You shall not bring the hire of a harlot, or the wages of a dog [paid for healing services] into the house of the Lord your god in payment for any vow; for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God.”

A critical datum: Newborn dogs and puppies were given the same careful mortuary treatment as more mature dogs. This concern for the proper burial of what in some cases were probably dog fetuses reflects an intense relationship between dogs and humans. Yet, because many of these dogs lived only for a short time, if at all, the attachment could not be based on mere companionship. In classical Greek society, where dogs were greatly appreciated, poets sometimes wrote very moving epitaphs for dogs, to be inscribed on markers over the pet’s grave, as in this example penned by the poet Tymnes in about 300 B.C. “The stone tells that it [the grave] contains here the white Milesian dog, Eumelos’ faithful guardian. They called him ‘Bull’ while he still lived, but now the silent paths of night possess his voice.”³ But in ancient Greece, as now, special burials were reserved for pets old enough for some kind of human bonding to have occurred. This could not have been the case for the majority of dogs buried at Ashkelon.

The best explanation seems to be that the Ashkelon dogs were revered as sacred animals. As such, they were probably associated with a particular deity and with that god’s sacred precinct, about which the dogs were free to roam. I hasten to add that we have not yet found a shrine or temple associated with the dog cemetery. But most of the environs of the cemetery have not yet been excavated—and a substantial area to the west has collapsed into the sea.

The area occupied by the dog cemetery is significant. Throughout the preceding and the remainder of the Persian period, this ground was devoted to profit-making enterprises

connected with the export-import business. But for a generation or so, this was interrupted by the dog cemetery, apparently devoted to ritual purposes. Dog burials are extremely rare outside of Ashkelon, although in the same period at neighboring Ashdod, seven dog burials were recorded. Recently, a dog from the Persian period was found buried in a jar at Tell Qasile, in modern Tel Aviv.⁴ Several dogs were also found buried at Gezer, but these are a couple of centuries later, in the Hellenistic period....

In the cosmology of the Persian Zoroastrians, dogs rank next to humans in both this world and the next. In Zoroastrian death rites, the priest gives an egg, a symbol of immortality, to a dog to eat. He then leads the dog to the home of the dead person, where the dog gazes at the corpse and then eats three pieces of bread from the chest of the corpse. After that, the dead body is washed and shrouded. Then for three days a dog vicariously eats three meals a day for the deceased. Then each day for the next 40 days, the canine vicar is fed three pieces of baked bread and a roasted egg at the house of the deceased.⁵

Although Persian reverence for dogs might have influenced the practice at Ashkelon, a Zoroastrian would not have laid the corpse of a human or a dog directly in the ground without a lining of stones or the like to protect the earth from the corpse, which was considered a highly charged pollutant.⁶ That the dogs in the Ashkelon cemetery were placed directly into the ground in unlined pits mitigates against the Zoroastrian association. Moreover, the traces of Persian material culture in the West are minimal. At Ashkelon a beautiful ivory comb, with hunting scenes and rows of lions, recalls Persian Achaemenid art; a lead weight encased in a truncated shaft of decorated bone seems to conform to the Persian standard.⁷ But other than that, the immediate, direct impact of Persians on the material culture of the coast seems negligible....

What about the Egyptians? We know that the Egyptians were nearby and exported basketfuls of trinkets and amulets to Ashkelon. The Egyptians are well known for their reverence, even worship, of animals: they installed them in temples and devoted special precincts to their burials, although most were mummified for careers in the afterlife. Diodorus Siculus, writing in the first century B.C., mentions the dog among several animals venerated by Egyptians:

"For each kind of animal [including dogs] that is accorded this worship there has been consecrated a portion of land which returns a revenue sufficient for their care and sustenance..."

"The sacred animals are kept in 'sacred enclosures' and are cared for by many men of distinction who offer them the most expensive fare... When one of these animals dies, they wrap it in fine linen and then,

*wailing and beating their breasts, carry it off to be embalmed... [and then] they lay it away in a consecrated tomb."*⁸

Egyptian cultural influence. A crown sits atop the head of the Egyptian deity Osiris, king of the dead and the underworld, in this bronze figurine from the fourth century B.C.

Though Ashkelon was receptive to Egyptian culture and though Egyptians venerated dogs, it is not likely that the vast dog cemetery is related to Egyptian cult practices; most tellingly, the dogs of Ashkelon were not mummified, as were most canines ritually buried by the Egyptians. James Whitred



None of the buried dogs at Ashkelon, however, showed any signs of mummification. Thus, although the Greeks, Egyptians and Persians could all be described as "canidophiles" (dog-lovers), I doubt that any one of these relatively small ethnic groups residing in Ashkelon could have accounted for the hundreds (if not thousands) of dogs buried here in the fifth century B.C. And neither the Greeks nor the Egyptians would have had the authority to convert prime real estate into a sacred precinct for dog burials....

The only people with sufficient authority and a large enough population to account for so many dog burials in such a short time were the Phoenicians. Their material culture dominated Ashkelon throughout the Persian period. This is shown by the ubiquity of their religious symbols, such as the "sign of Tanit," as well as their pottery and inscriptions. Although other ethnic groups, such as the Egyptians or the Persians, might have had an influence on Phoenician attitudes and ritual concerning dogs, it was the Phoenicians, I believe, who were responsible for the dog burials at Ashkelon and who considered the dog a sacred animal. The evidence for this inference—derived mainly from the archaeological remains—is, however, not conclusive. I describe it in some detail in the sidebar "Deities and Dogs—Their Sacred Rites."...

Phoenician cultural influence. Another Persian-period item uncovered in Ashkelon is this ceramic blowfish, its piscine lips puckered, dating to the fourth century B.C. Presumably the dog became associated with healing because of the curative powers evident from licking its own wounds or sores. One neo-Assyrian text in cuneiform suggests that

even touching the sacred dog was sufficient to heal: “If a man goes to the temple of his god, and if he touches... (?), he is clean (again?); likewise if he touches the dog of Gula [the goddess of healing], he is clean (again?).”⁹ James Whitred



Dogs were involved in healing cults in many different cultures in antiquity; their association with temples and healing deities was rather widespread in the ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern worlds, whether it be Gula in Mesopotamia, Asklepios in Greece, Eshmun in Phoenicia, Mukol or Resheph-Mukol in Phoenician Cyprus, or, earlier still, at Late Bronze Age Beth-Shean. In Egypt sacred dogs participated in rituals where, according to Diodorus, the Egyptians “make vows to certain gods on behalf of their children who have been delivered from an illness, in which case they shave off their hair and weigh it against silver or gold, and then give the money to the attendants of the animals mentioned [including dogs].”¹⁰ According to the Kition plaque, discussed in the sidebar “Deities and Dogs—Their Sacred Rites,” it was the attendants who were paid for the services involving healing rites performed by the sacred “dogs and puppies” in the Phoenician temple at Kition. This is also the context in which we should understand the Deuteronomist’s condemnation of those who bring the “wages of a dog into the house of Yahweh in payment for any vow” (Deuteronomy 23:18). There were probably healing cults involving sacred dogs operating in the vicinity of the Jerusalem Temple. It is in such a cultic context that I would—at least tentatively—understand the hundreds of puppy and dog burials at Ashkelon. We do not know the name of the deity with whom these sacred dogs were associated (Resheph-Mukol or Eshmun [= Asklepios]?—see the sidebar, “Deities and Dogs—Their Sacred Rites”) nor do we yet have the temple to which the dogs might have belonged. Until the temple or other cultic architecture is found, our hypothesis must be regarded as unconfirmed.

If anyone has a better explanation for the immense dog cemetery at Ashkelon, I would like to hear it.

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