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2014 AKC/EUKANUBA BEST OF BREED

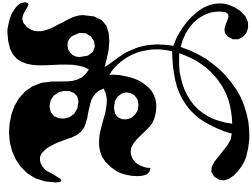
2015 WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB BEST OF BREED

GCH RivRoc Onto Somethin Bsnatch Rosendog, CDCA HC

Breeders: Christina Miller, Amanda Pough, Judy Rosenthal

By GCH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named, RN, CDCA HC, ROM x CDCA DOTY,
Aust. Ch, AKC GCH, D&J Ha'Aretz Vertigo at RivRoc, CDCA HCX, ROM, GROM

Owner: Christina Miller & Ethan Miller



REMEMBERING

Jealou's Got Milk O'Madriver

7/2002-11/12/2014

Emmitt was the first Canaan Dog to ever win a Best in Show at an all breed AKC show. He was a multiple Best in Specialty Show winner and a multiple Herding Group winner. He proved himself in the show ring time and time again. He also proved himself to be a kind and gentle soul that loved kids and everyone he met. He was patient and gentle with Olivia. He will be missed.

The O'Bryan Family



CH Mazel Tov Lila Bat Barak CDCA HC

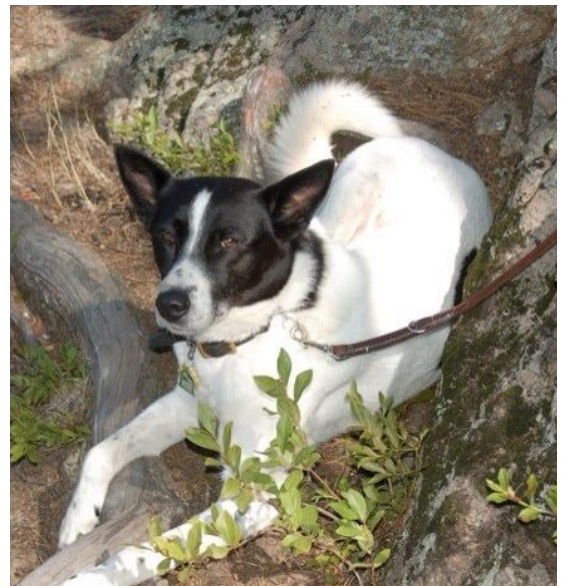
Bred by the Oskow Family
Owned by the Gantt Family

Ch. RivRoc Three Sunrises Lyceum, CDCA HC

3/3/2003—11/30/2014

She was such a sweetie. You were a good girl Mar Mar.

Evan & Renee Kent



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PRESIDENT & EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Good-bye ... At Large Board Member

Sadly, Ken Cabrera, our Arizona Board Member who was in our At Large Board position, has tendered his resignation from the Board due to his health. As a Board Member, Ken was always a measured, calm voice. Please join me in thanking Ken for his service to the club and wishing him all the best in the future. I am sure we will see him still working for the club in one form or another.

As per the club's Constitution & By-Laws [Article III, Section 4, included below] the Board has, by majority vote, filled Ken's vacancy. We are pleased to welcome Risa Baumrind of Utah to the Board. Risa will complete Ken's Term of Office, ending July 31, 2015.

On the subject of the Board, the Nominating Committee is still working on the slate for elections this year. The committee [East: Chair & Board Member - me (Amanda), alt - Lorna Hastings Menaker; Mid: Cathi Oskow, alt - Becki O'Donnell; West: Eileen Jaffe, alt - Risa Baumrind] remind you that if you have a suggestion for an officer or board member, or have a desire to serve yourself, please contact any of us.

Amanda Pough
President, CDCA Inc.
March 5, 2015

Article III, SECTION 4. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers during the year shall be filled until the next election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

2015 Westminster Kennel Club

By: Bryna Comsky

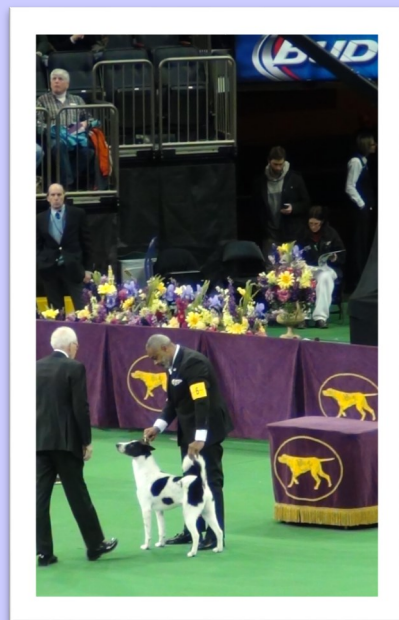
The 139th Westminster Week claimed its space again as the most prestigious dog show in the country, if not the world. Beginning with a day each of the Meet The Breeds event and Agility Trials, (see photos and stories elsewhere in this issue), the two-day dog show, 2015, began at the Piers and held Group and the grand Best in Show Finale at Madison Square Garden.

Dove-tailing breed and group competition were newsmakers among the dogs: Midas, an Akita, will travel to Russia after competing at Westminster; Walter, the St. Bernard, the lone representative from Montana, has 10,000 followers on Instagram and Facebook, and ale performs therapy work at schools and hospitals. Mystic, a golden retriever, is enrolled in the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study that is aimed at determining the causes of health issues affecting the breed. Sam, a 2-year-old Gordon setter, enjoys the sporting life but is just at home at the Duke Cancer Center, where he is a member of Pets at Duke, an animal-assisted therapy program that provides comfort to cancer patients, families and staff. Wink, a German Wirehaired Pointer, belongs to Beverly Blanchard's family, who have been competing at Westminster with their dogs since the 1960's. Blanchard is manager of canine development at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Mich., and also participates in Camp Gone to the Dogs, a Vermont summer training camp. At Leader Dogs for the Blind, more than 100 of the 500 volunteers are minimum-security prison inmates who are involved in raising the puppies. Branson, a Standard Manchester Terrier, is owner-handled by Molly Evers-Yang, a dog cartoon illustrator-artist, a career that developed because of her connection to show dogs and their owners. "Umm The Newf," has his own web site and is author of the soon-to-be released blog, "Newf with a Spoof." Magneto, a 1-year-old Leonberger, plays Sandy in the play "Annie." He also models tuxedos for New York City doggie couture designers. Zenyatta, the flat-coated retriever, owns a whopping 37 multiple performance-event titles. She runs agility most weekends and swims daily once the ice melts.

Of the seven groups, the herding group attracted 308 entries. Highest number was 473 sporting breeds. There were two Canaans entered, and GCH Rivroc Onto Somethin Bsnatch Rosndog went to Herding Group with Mel Holloman handling.

For Best in Show competition the English Springer Spaniel represented the Sporting Group; the Beagle, Hounds; the Portuguese Water Dog, Working; the Skye Terrier, Terriers; the Shih Tzu, Toys; the Standard Poodle, Non-Sporting; and the Old English Sheepdog, Herding. The Hon. David C. Merriam, whose initial breed is bull terriers, chose the beagle, "Miss P.," Best in Show. She's a relative to Uno, the beagle who won a few years ago. What a character!

This year, Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show took place on Feb. 16 & 17, 2015, at Piers 92 and 94 on Manhattan's West Side. The evening sessions were held at Madison Square Garden. The event was covered live on Monday night on CNBC from 8-11 PM, ET. USA Network covered the event Tuesday night from 8-11 PM, ET. For the third straight year WKC teamed with Omnigon, the digital consulting firm to the WKC and other leaders in the sports, media and entertainment industries, to design the app for this 139th Annual Westminster Dog Show, the second longest continuously held sporting event in the United States.



My Journey with Hava

By Debby White

My Canaan Dog Hava (Pleasant Hill Hava Shirat) recently earned an AKC versatility title, the VCD1 (Versatile Companion Dog 1). This title is actually a combination of novice agility, obedience and tracking titles, and although novice level, it was quite challenging for us to attain. I hope our story will tickle interest in others to explore versatility with their Canaans, and that we'll see more VCD titles, and higher levels as well!

When I began the VCD1 pursuit with Hava, a seasoned agility competitor kindly suggested that I keep the right perspective - enjoy the titles, but treasure the journey with my dog. She was spot-on. Hava is totally Canaan, with all the charm and endearing qualities of the breed, and she has repeatedly reminded me that it's her choice to do these activities with me. Although I always felt that Hava could accomplish the title, I was never sure she would, and I knew that she never would if I pushed her too hard. It has been extremely rewarding to watch Hava develop confidence and embrace sports that she once felt were not worth her time, and I have a wonderful store of memories of our journey together.



Somewhat surprisingly, agility has been the most difficult sport for Hava. She can be quite serious and perfunctory, and she just seemed to have no use for agility. Some people laughed at her and asked why I kept trying. I felt that I needed to break through Hava's exterior and convince her that agility could be fun. I kept taking her to practice

and events with my other agility dog, and I tried to make agility a game for her. Before long she started insisting on having turns and even preferred to go first.

Although Hava enjoyed agility jumping and contacts, it was clear from the start that speed would be an issue. After much searching, I found an instructor who took Hava seriously and helped me

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motivate her. We were then able to easily make time in AKC Novice Preferred, and are now working on the Open Preferred titles. I can finally say that Hava loves agility. When she arrives at a trial, she is intent on dragging me into any ring she can find! The process of getting her to a moderate level of agility competition has taken a lot of time and effort, but it has certainly deepened our relationship.

In contrast to agility, Hava was a natural at tracking and loved it from the start. I was the problem in tracking, as it was a fairly new sport for me. We started tracking with a group that met weekly. That went well for a while and gave us an excellent introduction to the sport, along with much track-laying experience. The down-side of the group was the constant switching of instructors, each of whom seemed to have a different way of approaching the sport. So once again I found an excellent instructor, and she firmed up our basic tracking skills and helped us advance. One of my best memories of Hava is the day she earned her TD (Tracking Dog) title. We traveled out-of-state, and when we arrived at the test site in the morning my instructor was there (surprise!) with her dog entered in the TDX portion of the test. Another of her students was entered as well, and we all passed that day. When Hava got home she paraded in front of my other dogs and elevated herself to the position of queen bee. I found it fascinating that, after that day, she set the rules for the other dogs at home.

Tracking is clearly Hava's favorite sport, and she will continue. It's very exciting to watch her do something that comes naturally (and something that we humans can't do!). After observing Hava and my Canaan puppy, who also has earned her TD, I'm convinced that Canaan Dogs are very good trackers and hope more go on to earn titles. There is considerable support for Canaans in the tracking community, and I'm told that the judges are very excited to have them in the mix.

Concerning obedience, I was fairly confident that with my experience I could work Hava through Novice. My mistake was thinking that we had lots of time, and postponing obedience until after Hava had her tracking and novice agility titles. At the age of six, Hava became ill with inflammatory bowel disease and we nearly lost her. It was heartbreaking to think of losing my performance companion at such a young age, and we are very fortunate that some dedicated doctors were able to save her. Within a year she was able to resume sports, and I took her out for her CD as soon as she was physically ready. I expected heeling to be a problem, but Hava rather likes heeling. Instead, she was firmly set against the long down. She just didn't like to lie down next to those other dogs, and in trials we often ended up between dogs that particularly offended her. We went to many practice matches to work through the issue.

Overall, I think the variety of activities has been motivational for Hava. We don't overdo any activity, as each sport would lose its appeal if we did it too often. I have two other dogs in training, and Hava's excitement to get her turn is second to none. She once tore a hole and hung herself in her soft crate, trying to get out for her turn while I was working another dog.

Interestingly, the day Hava earned the CD/VCD1 she came home and befriended the other dogs, after barely tolerating them for years. It's as if Hava had proved her point. I think the depth of understanding and emotion is what I love most about these dogs. That's why we have to be creative in our training, appealing to their hearts and tastes. Once the Canaan Dog decides that working with you is the best thing in the world, you have the most rewarding partnership.

2015 National Specialty

It's been half a century since the first Canaan Dogs arrived in the United States.

Come November, breed enthusiasts will have a major opportunity to celebrate how far the breed has come since its 1965 introduction in California.

The 2015 National Specialty, hosted by the Western States Canaan Dog Club, will draw dozens of Canaan Dogs and their owners to Arizona for five full days of showing, plus a jam-packed slate of educational seminars and sporting fun. There'll be something for every human, as well as special festivities for young puppies and senior dogs alike.

Specialty-related events will run from Tuesday, Nov. 3 to Tuesday, Nov. 10 in Tucson in conjunction with the Madera Canyon and Cañada del Oro Kennel Club's Canyons Cluster. The week kicks off on Nov. 3 with a welcome party. A general meeting and a handling seminar follow on Nov. 4.

The main event – the National Specialty on Thursday, Nov. 5 – will serve as the weeklong celebration's centerpiece. But a number of additional events will let you show your pups and meet or reconnect with Canaan Dog owners from every corner of the country.

Four days of supported entries at the all-breed Canyons Cluster will follow the Nov. 5 National Specialty.

A Parade of Champions and Veterans is also set for Nov. 5, as are Canaan Dog-only obedience and rally trials and a Canine Good Citizen test. A designated specialty is planned for Nov. 6 at the Canyons Cluster. Also on tap for the day are judges' and breed seminars. Other scheduled events throughout the week include sweepstakes, a show for puppies ages four to six months, herding instinct tests, a barn hunt and a museum trip for two-legged attendees.

Owners who want still more opportunities to show their Canaan Dogs can sign up for additional competitions in the four-day Coyote Cluster from Nov. 13-16.

The show's committee chairs are working hard to make the National Specialty a memorable, once-in-a-half-century event, and they're enlisting the help of Canaan Dog owners nationwide to help.

Especially appreciated are donations to cover the cost of show trophies. Organizers are also accepting items for the auction at the Nov. 7 banquet. For guidance on how to raise funds through corporate sponsors, or to offer assistance in other areas, email 2015ns@cdca.org. For more information on the National Specialty, you can also visit cdca.org/specialty15.html. The National Specialty also has an informational and fundraising site at canaandogushalfcentury.weebly.com.



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The host hotel is Hotel Tucson City Center Inn Suites, at 475 N. Granada Ave. in Tucson. Call 520-622-3000 for reservations using the discount code of "CDCA", or check the show website for rates.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday November 3rd 2015

Welcome Party - Hotel Hospitality Room

Wednesday 4th

Board Meeting - Hotel Meeting Room

General Meeting - Hotel Meeting Room

Handling Seminar - Hotel Meeting Room

Taco Bar (\$) - Hospitality Room

Thursday 5th

Obed/Rally Trial a.m. - Hotel Courtyard

CGC after Obed - Hotel Courtyard

Lunch provided - Hospitality Room

Conformation Show - Hotel Courtyard

4-6 Month Puppy Show - Hotel Courtyard

Parade of Champions & Veterans - Hotel Courtyard

Friday 6th

Designated Specialty - Canyons Cluster, Naranja Park

Judge's Seminar - Hotel Meeting Room

Breed seminar - Hotel Meeting Room

Saturday 7th

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Naranja Park

Banquet/ Auction - Hotel's Breakfast Room

Sunday 8th

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Naranja Park

Round Table discussion - Hotel Meeting Room

Monday 9th

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Naranja Park

Group trip to Desert Museum

Tuesday 10th

Herding - Wilcox AZ

Box lunch (\$)

Barn Hunt - Wilcox AZ

Wine Tasting - Wilcox AZ

*AKC events subject to approval Jennifer Robison, Publicity Chair

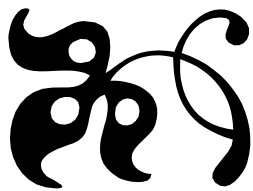
HUGE thanks to the CD owners and dogs who came out to man (and "dog") the Meet The Breeds booth in New York City. It was a fun way to spend Valentine's Day. The Valentine's "red" theme continued in our Booth Decoration Herding Group Second, sponsored by "ShowSight Magazine" - a BIG red rosette! This was a day of firsts - the first MTB held at Pier 92, the first Westminster/MTB collaboration and our first booth placement. Lines waiting to come in stretched at times for 90 minutes, and folks attending also got to watch the Masters Agility Championship on Pier 94.

Please join me in thanking the following humans: Amy, Rachel, Chris, Dave, Keith, Mel, Karen & Robert and Sheila; and dogs: Atri, Camber, Ian, Clover, Cayman, Jez and Rocket. Judy and her niece Jill also provided decorations even though they were not able to attend.

Amanda Pough
President, CDCA Inc.

American Kennel Club & Westminster Kennel Club present Meet The Breeds 2015. Breed Booth contest sponsored by ShowSight Magazine - Herding Group 2 for our booth! Photos (c) and courtesy Sheila Paige & Christina Miller. Dogs: Atri, Camber, Ian, Clover, Cayman, Jez and Rocket.





REMEMBERING



CDCA Co-DOTY, CH Rosendog's Lt Columbo RN, CGC

26th March 2003—13th November 2014

“Peter, Practically Perfect”



Ch. River Rock Guilt by Assoc., CDCA HC

3rd May 2001—18th March 2015

Gift + Canaan Dogs + Our Members = BOOK!

The CDCA was recently offered the gift of a children's story written by Canaan Dog friend & fan Sheila Paige. Sheila also found an illustrator to help bring the story to life! The story, *Dreidel*, tells the tale (tail?) of a dog who finds shelter from a storm with a family on the first night of Hanukkah. Papa is sure the dog will go back to her home when the storm is over, but Sasha knows if Dreidel can earn her bread, she can stay.

At the Board Meeting this June, the Board agreed to accept Sheila's donation and pledged funds to cover final production of the story as a physical book.

We are offering members the chance to help sponsor the book publication. All donors will be listed in the book as a thanks for their donation. The book will also contain information about the club and how to learn more about Canaan Dogs. This will be a great gift for your children or grandchildren, for your local library, for READ programs and can be used in so many other ways.

Each sponsorship will be \$250. You may list the sponsorship as from your kennel, in memory or in celebration of a person or dog, or almost anything else you can think of. Regional groups or clubs may want to place a sponsorship for publicity for their organization. A group of members could certainly get together and share a sponsorship.

To participate please send funds made out to CDCA to Chris Miller, CDCA Treasurer, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers GA 30013. PayPal may also be used: cdca_treasurer@bellsouth.net. Please email me (Amanda) (bandersnatchbtcd@yahoo.com) when you will place your sponsorship, so I may make sure all receive proper credit.



Draft illustration from Dreidel.

From *Dreidel*, by Sheila Paige

"At first, certain of the animals were quite surprised – the lamb Cleopatra, for instance, who seemed to have been born with an extra leg to take her wherever no one else was going – into the brambles, over the stream, up on the rocks. Always her mother had worried, why is it always my own baby lamb who goes astray? But now Cleopatra couldn't leave the flock without Dreidel following and sending her back where she belonged."

Special thanks to Bryna Comsky, Judy March Rosenthal and Cathi Oskow for helping shepherd Sheila's gift to the physical page!

- Amanda Pough

2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of Kennel Club & International recognition of Canaan Dogs. Mark your calendars and plan ahead for the following celebratory events!

International Canaan Dog Conference, organized by Myrna Shibolet, In & around Tel Aviv, Israel
March 2015
<http://www.icdb.org.il/>



Understanding Dogs with Myrna Shibolet, organized by Isabella Zirri
Tuscany, Italy
April 2015
https://www.facebook.com/events/704920849577087/?ref=2&ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming

**Morris & Essex Dog Show – CDCA Supported Entry
Somerset, New Jersey
October 2015**

World Dog Show, Canaan Dog entry supported by Isabella Zirri
Milan, Italy
October 2015
<http://www.wds2015.it/index.php?op=lng&lang=en>

Canaan Dog Club of America 50th Anniversary & 50th Anniversary of Canaan Dogs in the USA, hosted by the Canaan Dog Club of America, local club Western States Canaan Dog Club

Tucson, Arizona
November 2015
<http://canaandogushalfcentury.weebly.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/2015CDCANationalSpecialty>
MUCH more information elsewhere in this issue of the Kib, including a call for history



OFA Test Results November 2014-February 2015

Line in bold italics signifies the dog has a CHIC number.

| Registered Name | Registration Number | sex | OFA Test Number | OFA Test | OFA Results |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| #1 (JACAN) | NOREG1476571 | M | CA-DM136/1M-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| #2 (JAIR) | NOREG1476572 | M | CA-DM137/1M-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| #4 (JORAM) | NOREG1476574 | M | CA-DM139/1M-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| #5 (JOSHA) | NOREG1476575 | M | CA-DM140/1M-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| #6 (JARA) | NOREG1476576 | F | CA-DM141/1F-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| JAYKAY FAIR LADY ALICIA | WL296334 | F | CA-DM135/34F-PI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| JAYKAY RICHELIEU RULES | DN27890101 | M | CA-DM134/62M-PI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| JO-CLEM FIRE DEFIES THE SUN | DN36807101 | M | CA-DM149/19M-VPI-CAR | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | CARRIER |
| NIZZANA BETTER THAN YU | AR03693502 | M | CA-DM144/3M-PI-CAR | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | CARRIER |
| NIZZANA DRACO | AR03693509 | M | CA-DM143/3M-PI-CAR | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | CARRIER |
| NIZZANA KALSERU | AR03693504 | F | CA-DM146/3F-PI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| NIZZANA ROMOTH ASYA | AR03693507 | F | CA-DM145/3F-PI-CAR | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | CARRIER |
| NIZZANA VASUKI | AR03693505 | F | CA-DM147/3F-PI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| RELIC'S ROCK THE CASBAH | DN32105204 | F | CA-EL158F41-VPI | ELBOW | NORMAL |
| RELIC'S ROCK THE CASBAH | DN32105204 | F | CA-497G41F-VPI | HIPS | GOOD |
| RELIC'S ROCK THE CASBAH | DN32105204 | F | CA-PA101/41F/P-VPI | PATELLA | NORMAL - PRACTITIONER |
| RELIC'S ROCK THE CASBAH | DN32105204 | F | CA-DM148/42F-VPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |

OFA Test Results November 2014-February 2015, continued

Line in bold italics signifies the dog has a CHIC number.

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|----------------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| SERENITY LANE RUMOR HAS IT | DN33605904 | F | CA-PA100/31F/P-VPI | PATELLA | NORMAL - PRACTITIONER |
| SERENITY LANE RUMOR HAS IT | DN33605904 | F | CA-EL157F31-VPI | ELBOW | NORMAL |
| SERENITY LANE RUMOR HAS IT | DN33605904 | F | CA-496G31F-VPI | HIPS | GOOD |



New Titles – October 2014 Through January 2015

| <u>Dog's Registered Name</u> | <u>Owner(s)</u> | <u>Date Titled</u> |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <i>AKC GRAND CHAMPION</i> | | |
| GCH. CH. Rabbi Me Shevet Knaanim | Steve Grider, Dennis Murphy, & Carole Grider | 10/4/14 |
| GCH. CH. Sufat Sheleg Ziva Bat Ash | Ken & Carrie Cabrera | 11/9/14 |
| GCH. CH. Bandersnatch The Beekeeper's Apprentice | Amanda Pough, Christina Miller, & Judy March Rosenthal | 11/23/14 |
| <i>AKC CHAMPION</i> | | |
| CH. Celev Melek's April Eeyar | Carole & Roy Grider | 10/4/14 |
| CH. Cherrysh Song Of Shevet | Rachael Selmeski & Cheryl Hennings | 11/7/14 |
| CH. Relic's Little Miss Can't Be Wrong | Amy Preston & Rachel M Reams | 11/13/14 |
| CH. Relic's Rock The Casbah | Frank H Plouffe, Jr. & Amy Preston | 11/14/14 |
| CH. Bandersnatch The Language Of Bees | Joan Capaiu Greene | 11/20/14 |
| CH. Rivrock Outside Of Karma Bsnatch Rdog | Randall Kalik, Christina Miller, & Ethan Miller | 11/21/14 |
| CH. Hatikva Harvest Rain At Relic | Amy Preston & Alla Geretz | 11/22/14 |
| <i>AKC VERSATILE COMPANION DOG, LEVEL 1</i> | | |
| Pleasant Hill Hava Shirat, VCD1, BN, RA, OAP | Debra White | 11/16/14 |
| <i>AKC MASTER SILVER AGILITY</i> | | |
| CH. Orela Me Shaar Hagai, RA, MX, MXS, MXJ, MJB, OF | Julie & Dan Haddy | 12/27/14 |
| <i>AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN</i> | | |
| Ha'Aretz Lev Gahdohl, CGC | Bryna Comsky | 12/8/13 |
| <i>CDCA HERDING INSTINCT CERTIFIED</i> | | |
| Domhnall's Joy's Mischief, CDCA-HC | Rebecca & Thomas O'Donnell | 1/3/15 |
| River Rock Reach Any Higher, CGC, CDCA-HC | Marcia & James Muller | 1/4/15 |



Official Standard of the Canaan Dog

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

Size, Proportion, Substance: Size - Height at the withers is 20 to 24 inches for dogs and 19 to 23 inches for bitches. The ideal Canaan Dog lies in the middle of the stated ranges. Proportion - Square when measured from the point of the shoulder to the ischium and from the point of the withers to the ground. Substance - Moderate. Dogs generally weigh 45 to 55 pounds and bitches approximately 35 to 45 pounds. Dogs distinctly masculine without coarseness and bitches feminine without over-refinement.

Head: Elongated, the length exceeding the breadth and depth considerably. Wedge-shaped, when viewed from above. Slightly arched when viewed from the side, tapering to stop. The region of the forehead is of medium width, but appearing broader through ears set low to complete an alert expression, with a slight furrow between the eyes. Expression - Alert, watchful and inquisitive. Dignified. Eyes - Dark, almond-shaped, slightly slanted. Varying shades of hazel with liver-pointed dogs. Eye rims darkly pigmented or of varying shades of liver harmonizing with coat color. Fault - Unpigmented eye rims. Ears - Erect, medium to large, set moderately low, broad at the base, tapering to a very slightly rounded tip. Ears angled very slightly forward when excited. A straight line from the inner corner of the ear to the tip of the nose should just touch the inner corner of the eye and a line drawn from the tip of the ear to the tip of the nose should just touch the outer corner of the eye. Ear motion contributes to expression and clearly defines the mood of the dog. Major Fault - In the adult dog, other than erect ears. Stop - Slightly accentuated. Muzzle - Tapering to complete the wedge shape of the head. Length equal to or slightly longer than the length of the skull from the occiput to stop. Whisker trimming optional. Nose - Darkly pigmented or varying shades of liver, harmonizing with coat color. Lips - Tight with good pigmentation. Bite - Scissors.

Neck, Topline, Body: Neck - well arched. Balance to body and head and free from throatiness. Topline - Level with slight arch over the loins. Body - Strong, displaying athletic agility and trimness. Chest - Moderately broad and deep, extending to the elbows, with well-sprung ribs.

Loin - Well-tucked up. Short, muscled flanks. **Tail -** Set high. When confident tail will be carried curled over the back, either in a curl or sickle, with one full curl being the ideal.

When extended, the bone shall reach to the hocks.

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

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

Coat: Double coat. Outer coat-straight, harsh, flat-lying. Outer coat of medium length on body, shorter on front part of the legs and head; longer on ruff, tail, top of withers and back of thigh. Ruff more pronounced on males. Thick brush tail tapering to a pointed tip. Undercoat - soft and short with density varying with climate. Excessively long outer coat that masks the clean outline of the dog is undesirable as is any trimming that alters the natural appearance of the dog.

Color: There are two color patterns. Pattern 1) Predominantly white with mask and with or without additional patches of color (large body patches are desirable). Pattern 2) Solid colored with or without white trim. Color may range from black through all shades of brown - sandy to red or liver. Shadings of black on a solid brown or tan dog are frequently seen. The trim on a solid colored dog may include chest, undercarriage, feet and lower part of leg and tip of tail. In all color patterns self-ticking may be present. Disqualifications - Gray and/or brindle. All white. Mask: The mask is a desired and distinguishing feature of the predominantly white Canaan Dog. The mask is the same color(s) as the body patches on the dog. The basically symmetrical mask must completely cover the eyes and ears or can completely cover the head as in a hood. The only allowed white in the mask or hood is a white blaze of any size or shape and/or white on the muzzle below the mask. Faults - On predominantly white dogs - absence of mask, half mask, or grossly asymmetrical mask.

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

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

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2015 AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP JUDGING PANEL

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The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to announce the judging panel for the 15th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015. The 2015 event will showcase the top national and international dogs and will also include popular attractions such as the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, Best Veteran in Show, the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals and AKC Meet the Breeds®. The show will once again take place alongside the AKC Agility Invitational, AKC Obedience Classic, and junior events in each sport.

The Brevard Kennel Club, the Central Florida Kennel Club and the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay shows will precede the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship at the same site on Dec. 8-10, 2015 and a day of specialty and group shows will be held Dec. 11, 2015.

Heading the panel as Best in Show judge for the 2015 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is Mr. Robert Stein of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Mr. Edd E. Bivin of Ft. Worth, Texas will judge Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in Show.

Mr. Robert Stein, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, became interested in showing in 1955, when he acquired his first Afghan Hound. A year later, after he acquired his foundation bitch, he founded his Charaj Kennels. Mr. Stein has had an excellent breeding and showing career, marked with many champions, and specialty and group winners, as well as having the top-producing Afghan Hound bitch in the country in 1970. In addition to Afghans, Mr. Stein owned and bred Salukis and has owned Chinese Cresteds and Affenpinschers. Mr. Stein judges all breeds. He began judging in 1965 (in his mid-20s), and 2015 marks 50 years of judging. Assignments have brought Mr. Stein to almost every state in the Union, and to Canada, Mexico, Israel, Japan, Finland, Puerto Rico, Australia, New Zealand, and many other countries. Career highlights include the Hound and Working groups at Westminster, Hound and Working groups at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show, as well as breed judging several times at Westminster and at AKC/Eukanuba. He has judged the Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty four times, The Saluki Club of America National Specialty, and the World Dog Show. AENC Judging Panel 2 of 7 Mr. Stein is an honorary member of the Dayton Kennel Club, and is a member of the Cary Kennel Club and the Saluki Club of America. He has been president, show chairman, and treasurer of the Afghan Hound Club of Southwestern Ohio; has served Dayton Kennel Club as president, show chairman, and AKC Delegate; and has served on the board of directors of the Afghan Hound Club of America and is now a Lifetime Member. Mr. Stein is a retired architect and real estate developer, and an emeritus member of the American Institute of Architects. He resides in North Carolina with his wife Helen, Tiki Sue (Affenpinscher), and two champion Afghan Hounds.

Mr. Edd E. Bivin, of Fort Worth, Texas, acquired his first purebred dog at age 12. This Pomeranian bitch introduced him to the sport of dogs and became the foundation of a breeding program that led to breeding and exhibiting top-winning Pomeranians. From this base Mr. Bivin was to first judge toy dogs at match shows at age 15. He was approved to judge Pomeranians at U.S. championship point shows in 1961. Mr. Bivin is presently approved to judge all sporting breeds, all working breeds, all terrier breeds, all toy breeds, all non-sporting breeds and several herding and hound breeds. He and his wife, Irene, enjoyed breeding and exhibiting of Doberman Pinschers and Dachshunds during her lifetime. "It has been my privilege to judge many all-breed and specialty shows in the United States and abroad," Mr. Bivin says, "among those being many of the internationally famous ones, including Best in Show at Westminster in 1999. A great joy has been the judging of many national specialty shows of various breeds in the groups for which I am approved." Mr. Bivin judged Best in Show at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in 2013, and the Sporting Group at last year's event.

Judges for each of the seven variety groups and the Miscellaneous Classes are: SPORTING – Mr. Elliott B. Weiss – Middletown, Delaware HOUND – Mr. Eugene Blake – Tulsa, Oklahoma WORKING – Mr. William P. Shelton – Pomona, California TERRIER – Mr. Bruce R. Schwartz – Los Angeles, California TOY – Mr. Chuck Winslow – Monrovia, Maryland NON-SPORTING – Mrs. Peggy J. Hauck – Oviedo, Florida HERDING – Mr. Thomas W. Coen – Great Barrington, Massachusetts MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES – Mr. Desmond J. Murphy – Monroe, New York

Judges for the seven Bred-by-Exhibitor variety groups are: SPORTING – Mr. Thomas Bradley, III – Watertown, New York HOUND – Ms. Mary Dukes – Marshville, North Carolina WORKING – Mrs. Nancy C. Russell – Walsenburg, Colorado TERRIER – Dr. Jerry Klein – Chicago, Illinois TOY – Mrs. Charlotte P. Patterson – Destin, Florida NON-SPORTING – Mr. Johnny R. Shoemaker – Las Vegas, Nevada HERDING – Mr. James J. Mitchell – Wilmington, Delaware

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER – Ms. Mari-Beth O'Neill – Cary, North Carolina JUNIOR PRELIMS – Dr. Adam King of Fort Collins, Colorado and Ms. Christine Englesman of Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Colonel Joe B. Purkhiser of San Antonio, Texas will judge Best Veteran in Show. He and his wife, Murrel, began exhibiting Smooth Fox Terriers in 1966. Their record includes two breed wins at Westminster, many specialty Bests in Show, and four allbreed Bests in Show. "But," says Colonel Purkhiser, "the top was winning the breed at the Montgomery County show with our dog and having his daughter go Best of Opposite Sex to him. Wow!" An AKC judge since 1977, Colonel Purkhiser is approved for all breeds. He rates judging Smooth Fox Terriers at Montgomery County among his memorable moments in the ring. Colonel Purkhiser has held numerous positions "from top to bottom" in specialty and all-breed clubs, including terms as president, show chair, and board member. During his six-plus years as judges' education chairman for the American Fox Terrier Club, the committee devised a breed presentation considered a model of its kind, and published an illustrated standard for both Smooth and Wire Fox Terriers. Colonel Purkhiser is president of the Dog Judges Association of America. The colonel is a retired Air Force officer. He was director of operations for the Air Force Worldwide Reconnaissance and Airborne Command Post Operations, and retired as defense attaché in Yugoslavia. "Our four sons and their families continue to make us proud," says Colonel Purkhiser. "It has been a wonderful life." Judges for each of the seven Veteran groups are: VETERAN SPORTING – Ms. Pluis Davern – Royal Oaks, California VETERAN HOUND – Ms. Helen Stein – Chapel Hill, North Carolina VETERAN WORKING – Mr. Carl Gene Liepmann – Flushing, Michigan VETERAN TERRIER – Mrs. Rosalind Kramer – Leesburg, Virginia VETERAN TOY – Mr. James J. Mitchell – Wilmington, Delaware VETERAN NON-SPORTING – Mr. Allen L. Odom – Denver, Colorado VETERAN HERDING – Mr. Dana P. Cline – Rockford, Illinois

HERDING GROUP: BREED ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. William P. Shelton Miniature American Shepherds, Bergamascos, Berger Picards, Spanish Water Dogs

Mr. Carl Gene Liepmann Australian Cattle Dogs, Belgian Sheepdogs, Norwegian Buhunds, Old English Sheepdogs, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs

Mr. Allen L. Odom Australian Shepherds, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Shetland Sheepdogs

Mrs. Peggy J. Hauck Bearded Collies, Bouviers des Flandres, Briards, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Collies (Rough), Collies (Smooth)

Mrs. Monica Canestrini Beaucerons, Canaan Dogs, Entlebucher Mountain Dogs, Finnish Lapphunds, Pyrenean Shepherds, Swedish Vallhunds

Ms. Janina K. Laurin Belgian Malinois, Belgian Tervuren, Border Collies, German Shepherd Dogs, Icelandic Sheepdogs, Pulik

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