

THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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Summer 2015

**CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY**



**Come join the celebration in Tuscon, Arizona
November 3rd through 10th, 2015**

Deadlines approaching soon!

New Titles – March Through August 2015



| <u>Dog's Registered Name</u> | <u>Owner(s)</u> | <u>Date Titled</u> |
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| <i>AKC CHAMPION</i> | | |
| CH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, CGC | Marcia & James Muller | 5/9/15 |
| <i>AKC OBEDIENCE MASTER 1</i> | | |
| CH. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, OM1, UDX GO, RE | Victor Kaftal | 4/19/15 |
| <i>AKC UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT 2 (OBEDIENCE)</i> | | |
| CH. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX2, OM1, GO, RE | Victor Kaftal | 4/25/15 |
| <i>AKC COURSING ABILITY TEST</i> | | |
| CH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, CA, CGC | Marcia & James Muller | 5/23/15 |
| <i>AKC MASTER SILVER AGILITY (JUMPERS)</i> | | |
| CH. Orela Me Shaar Hagai, RA, MX, MXJ, MXS, MJS, OF | Julie & Dan Haddy | 5/9/15 |
| <i>AKC OPEN AGILITY (STANDARD)</i> | | |
| D&J Ha'Aretz Peaceful Flight, OA, NAJ | Donna & Jackie Davison | 6/6/15 |
| <i>AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN</i> | | |
| High Desert Ari Of Ascend, Mazel Tov, CGC | Laura Alton & Risa Baumrind | 3/15/15 |
| <i>CDCA HERDING CERTIFIED</i> | | |
| FarSight Argos Renegade Of Pern, CDCA-HC | Jennie La Prade | 8/8/15 |

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new Board took office on August 1. Everyone please welcome the new board & feel free to bring us any issues or ideas which you believe the club needs to address.

Summer is quickly drawing to a close & the countdown is well under way for the CDCA 50th Anniversary & Specialty in Tucson, AZ this November. A full week of festivities is planned & we hope many will be able to join in for some or all of the fun. Additional information follows in this issue.

Besides the Specialty, we have a lot of other events going on between now & the end of the year. In October, the CDCA has a supported entry at the esteemed Morris & Essex show in NJ where we hope to see a good entry. This show only occurs every 5 years & is themed to the period when these shows first took place so hats & spats will be in abundance. We are looking forward to lots of pics from this event.

Late November finds the CDCA hosting the all breed agility trials in Pendleton, SC. We are always glad for more entries and more helpers if you can join us.

December finds the CDCA at Eukanuba in Orlando, FL. We will have entries in conformation, agility & hopefully obedience to represent our versatile breed. CDCA will also participate in the Meet The Breeds event there, but we do need help to man & "dog" the booth to greet visitors & provide them with info. Anyone who will be at Eukanuba, please volunteer to cover a shift in the booth.

Hope to see you all soon at some or all of these events!

- Julie Haddy

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello From Israel!

My name is Eytan Hendel and together with Myrna Shibolet [and] Eyal Kan, we organized last March ... in Israel the International Canaan Dog Conference. We had more than 20 visitors from overseas; 7 were from the USA.

You can read all about it with this link: www.icdb.org.il

With warm regards from Israel

Eytan Hendel



Photo: The Doctors Menzel

Editor's Column

By Amanda Pough

Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer!

Central New York State has had an easy summer. Up until this weekend, we haven't had days upon days of temps in the 90s and high humidity. Of course, this weekend's spike coincided with our local shows. Lots of fans, shade, SPF 50 sunscreen and gallons of water kept us comfortable. We are still in a Triple H spell of weather (hazy, hot and humid) but the end is in sight this weekend. It may not be in time for the local college move ins weekend, but if nothing else, we know winter, and snow, will come sooner than later!

It is that promise of snow that makes me excited about upcoming CDCA events. Before—or maybe after—the snow flies, CDCA members and friends will gather in New Jersey for the Morris & Essex Kennel Club show, then in November in Arizona for the CDCA's Annual Meetings and National Specialty show and in South Carolina for our bi-annual Agility Trials. We wrap up the calendar year in Florida with the AKC National Championships. More details on all events elsewhere in this issue.

My appreciation to Christina Miller for Guest Editing the last two issues. It was a needed break from The Kib for me, and I approached this issue with enthusiasm and energy.

As a reminder, the fastest way to read the newsletter is to read the online version which is posted on the CDCA website within days of being finished. All members may read this version—and get the added benefit of the seeing it in color. Hard copies are mailed to those who so elect—but they are subject to printing delays, the US mails and more.

The deadline for the next issue (Fall 2015) has been extended to December 1, 2015. While not all reports from the meetings and national weekend of events will make that deadline, it should allow for results and plenty of photos. As always, your stories, photos and ideas are always welcome. The Kibitzer is both an archive of the CDCA, and an educational and entertaining snapshot of living and loving Canaan Dogs. My appreciation to Bryna Comsky and the Muller family for their submissions this issue.

As deadlines are fast approaching for the Specialties, Meetings and 50th Anniversary Celebrations, some information is repeated from the Spring issue. Make a list and check it twice to make sure you are participating in all events and gatherings!

Look forward to seeing you all this fall!

- Amanda

The Dog Treat Jar to the left is:

- A) A Thank You Gift to a former CDCA Board member,
- B) A waste of space according to a CD as it is empty of dog treats,
- C) A sneak peek at an artist who whose work will be in the auction at the CDCA Banquet this November,
- D) All of the above.

If you answered D, you are correct!



The Miracle Litter

By : Bryna Comsky & Friend

Editorial Note: “The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the CDCA. Any veterinary advice distributed in this newsletter should always be discussed with your veterinarian prior to implementation.”

By no means should the content of this story be interpreted as a call to boycott veterinarians or to diminish their value to dog owners. It is meant to call attention to the use of alternatives to their diagnoses, and as a warning to keep track of the swift movements of the vet techs who, at the blink of an eye, can be drawing blood from a dog at \$200.00 a draw.

My dog is four years old and has one litter to his credit. He was diagnosed infertile by three different vets after they had seen the results of three different blood and sperm tests. Each vet had prescribed the expected antibiotics for him, and each one said that we'll try something else if this doesn't work, a variation of we'll take your money and guarantee nothing.

One vet warned us that the longer the dog remained infertile, the more likely he was to become irreversibly sterile. Each of the vets had seen 50B dead sperm under the microscope. The situation seemed inevitable and hopeless, both for him and for my bitch, the would-be dam of the litter.

My bitch had eaten Morning Glory leaves which poisoned her. Their toxins had affected her mobility. She was diagnosed with a neurological disease. Breeding her was out of the question. The vets had prescribed medications for her too, because clients expect to go home with a prescription, and no one leaves without one. Once again, one vet after another charged me a lot of money to tell me they didn't know what was wrong with her, and gave me another veterinarian's name to go to. These vet bills were getting to more than I could afford.

I had two choices: dig a hole on the hill, or consider another approach. I accepted this challenge. Both dog and bitch were taken off all medications and worked hard everyday pulling weighted carts. The heavy regular exercise helped rid their systems of the chemicals from the medications they had been given. No special diets were involved. When my bitch came in season I bred her to my stud dog. Sixty-three days later, she whelped 6 puppies. Both sire and dam had been cured of their afflictions, and the hill stayed level.

In my view this litter materialized as a result of hard work, the benefit of previous experiences, the courage and determination to go ahead with what you think is right, and the indispensable collaboration of my friends. I had refused to believe or hope that my bitch could conceive or whelp a litter, or that my stud dog could become fertile again.



It appears that over-medicating has become too common of a practice in treating dogs today. Veterinarians are charging as much for a dog as it costs humans to go to their doctors. (Exaggeration to make a point). My plan now is to avoid vaccines and meds when possible, and to look to the results of titers to determine when and if vaccinations are necessary. Hopefully the titer protocol works honestly and accurately.

I am grateful for my miracle litter!



2015 Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty Information



*This specialty marks a very special anniversary – the 50th year of the CDCA.
We hope to see you all there!*

All the latest news regarding the Specialty and the events of the Specialty weekend can be found on Face Book at:

<https://www.facebook.com/2015CDCANationalSpecialty>

And at the Specialty website:

<http://canaandogushalfcentury.weebly.com/>

The Specialty and associated events will take place Tuesday November 3 – Tuesday November 10, 2015, in Tucson AZ. That's right! A full week of events!

There will be a designated specialty on Friday, Nov. 6 in conjunction with the Canyons Cluster, followed by three more days of showing at the cluster. There will be a herding instinct test and a Barn Hunt on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

For anyone who isn't all showed out, there is another four day cluster the following weekend.

Schedule of Events:

Tuesday November 3rd 2015

Welcome Party - Hotel Hospitality Room

Wednesday 4th

Board Meeting - Hotel Meeting Room

General Meeting - Hotel Meeting Room

Judge's Seminar - Hotel Meeting Room

Taco Bar (\$) - Hospitality Room

Thursday 5th (National Specialty)

Morning: Obed/Rally Trial a.m. - Hotel Courtyard

CGC after Obed - Hotel Courtyard

Lunch provided - Hospitality Room

Afternoon: Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes - Hotel Courtyard

Junior Showmanship - Hotel Courtyard

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Conformation Show - Hotel Courtyard
 4-6 Month Puppy Show - Hotel Courtyard
 Parade of Titleholders & Veterans - Hotel Courtyard

Friday 6th (Designated Specialty)

Designated Specialty - Canyons Cluster, Naranja Park
 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

Transportation:

The closest airport is:
 Tucson International Airport
 7250 S Tucson Blvd,
 Tucson, AZ 85756
 (520) 573-8100

Major airlines flying in to Tucson (TUS) that allow pets in cargo:
 American—Nonstop from LAX, O'Hare and Dallas
 Delta—Nonstop from Atlanta, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City
 United—Nonstop from Denver, Houston, LAX, San Francisco
 Alaska—Nonstop from Seattle/Tacoma

Many non-stop flights available into Phoenix (PHX) Sky Harbor airport
 which is approx. 108 miles (1.5 hrs) from host hotel.

Accommodations:

The Host Hotel is:
 Tucson City Center Inn Suites
 475 N. Granada Ave
 Tucson, AZ 87501
 (520) 622-3000

All rooms have a microwave and frig. A full breakfast buffet and social

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hour included.

Group rates:

\$85 for standard room (2 queen beds) w/ pet fee included - no limit on number of dogs.

\$95 for 2-room suite w/pet fee included.

Use a discount code of CDCA when booking your room.

There is also RV parking available.

Other Hotels in the area:

America's Best Value Inn (Tucson)
810 E. Benson Hwy, Tucson, AZ 85713
(520) 884-5800

And Camping:

Miracle RV Park (Tucson)
Fairview Manor RV (Tucson)
Catalina State Park (Oro Valley)

Deadlines:

Trophy Donations: September 1, 2015
Catalog Ads: September 1, 2015
Banquet Reservations: October 15, 2015
2015 NS Closing date :October 21, 2015

Contacts:

Trophy Donations—Deadline September 1, 2015 (to be listed in show catalog, but accepted anytime)

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

Carrie Franz 520-444-9356 koltuvcanaandogs@yahoo.com

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Banquet Reservations -Deadline October 15, 2015

Online Reservation form available at:

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Or contact: Carrie Franz 520-444-9356

koltuvcanaandogs@yahoo.com

A raffle to provide the Golder Ranch Fire Department with pet oxygen masks will take place at the banquet.

Contributions to the fund to bring Myrna Shibolet to join us for the week can be made here: <http://www.gofundme.com/geu4yc>

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Show Secretary:

Closing date: 10/21/15

Arizona Dog Shows <http://www.azdogshows.com/>

A link to the Specialty will be posted on Arizona Dog Shows website when the premium is available. Online entries are accepted.

General Questions:

Email us at: 2015ns@cdca.org

Banquet:

The Banquet will be held at the host hotel. The cost will be \$28 per seat. It will be a buffet dinner with salmon, chicken and beef entrees with various side dishes. Special requests, such as a vegetarian plate, should be made in the Comment section of the online reservation form and/or sent with payment.

Photographer and Videographer:

Conformation: Ken O'Brien, O'Brien Photography

Obed/Rally/Candid/Herding/Barn Hunt: Kevilee Watterson, 4Bones Photos (<http://www.4bonesphotos.com>)

Conformation Videographer: Eric Christensen has said he will video for us. We are certainly hoping to hold him to it!

Judges:

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Conformation: | Ms. Bryna Comsky |
| Obedience/Rally: | Ms. Betty Brask |
| Sweeps: | Ms. Carol O'Bryan |
| Juniors: | Ms. Margaret Pough |
| 4-6 month puppy: | Gloria Kerr |

Designated Specialty and Cluster Shows:

The location for the show site, Naranja Park, is in Oro Valley, AZ, about ½ hour away from the host hotel. The address is:

660 West Naranja Drive, Oro Valley, AZ 85727
(520) 229-5050

There is a dearth of dog-friendly hotels in the immediate vicinity of the show. We are planning on renting a large tent for the duration of the cluster so that we have grooming space, shelter, and a place to hang out. Details will be made available as they become known.

The show secretary for the designated specialty and for the Canyons Cluster will be Onofrio: www.onofrio.com

The closing date is: 10/21/15

The Conformation Judges are:

Friday (Designated Specialty): Nancy Simmons

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Saturday (supported entry): Mr. Merle Taylor

Sunday (supported entry): Ms. Shelley Hennessy

Monday (supported entry): Ms. Angelika Kammerscheid-Lammers

Herding and Barn Hunt

Herding Instinct and Barn Hunt will be held at Narita Siegel's facility in Willcox, AZ, about an hour from the host hotel. Herding will be judged by Laura de La Cruz, AKC and AHBA Herding Judge. The Barn Hunt will be judged by Nita Gandara. **You MUST register your dog with Barn Hunt to participate in the Barn Hunt. More information will be posted to the website and Facebook as it becomes available.**

Herding Entry Form included in this Kib mailing, or on the CDCA and/or Specialty Websites.

Basic Barn Hunt Info on following pages.

Area Information:

Self-serve Dog Wash:

Dirty Dawgs (<http://www.dirtydawgs.biz>). \$15.00 per dog which includes shampoo/conditioner, use of apron, towels, dryers, brushes/combs, nail clippers, ear wipes. 4.5 miles from host hotel.

Dog food:

Pet Club (http://www.thepetclub.net/pet_products.php). Features premium pet foods, including raw. 5.7 miles from host hotel.

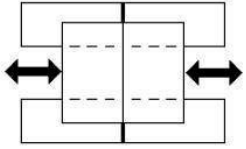


BARN HUNT BASICS


INSTINCT TITLE (RAT)

Elements to complete (Qualify once, in 1 minute. This is an optional title):

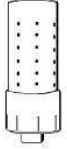
GO THROUGH TUNNEL
Short, No Turns
(Optional for this title)




CLIMB ON BALE
(Optional for this title)




FIND THE RAT!
3 Tubes (in sight)
1 Empty



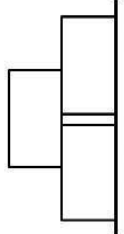
1 Rat (with small amount of litter)



1 litter (used by rats)



Bales stacked up to 2 high on course.



For complete rules go to: <http://barnhunt.com/>

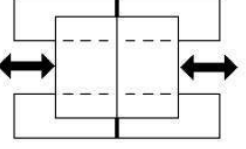
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BARN HUNT BASICS


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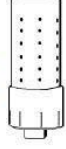
GO THROUGH TUNNEL
Short, No Turns
(required for this title)




CLIMB ON BALE
(required for this title)




FIND THE RAT!
3 Tubes (hidden)
1 Empty



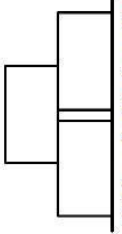
1 Rat (with small amount of litter)



1 litter (used by rats)



Bales stacked up to 2 high on course.



For complete rules go to: <http://barnhunt.com/>

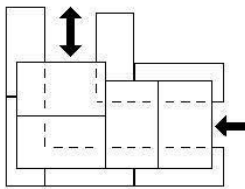
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BARN HUNT BASICS


OPEN TITLE (RATO)

Elements to complete (Qualify 3 times. Within 2 1/2 minutes each):

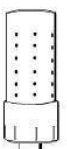
GO THROUGH TUNNEL
1 Turn (either direction)
(required for this title)




CLIMB ON BALE
(required for this title)




FIND ALL RATS
5 Tubes (hidden)
1 Empty



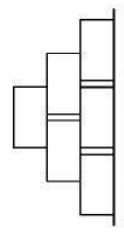
2 Rats (with small amount of litter)



2 litter (used by rats)



Bales stacked up to 3 high on course.



For complete rules go to: <http://barnhunt.com/>

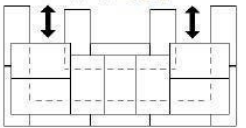
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BARN HUNT BASICS


SENIOR TITLE (RATS)

Elements to complete (Qualify 3 times. Within 3 1/2 minutes each):


GO THROUGH TUNNEL
2-3 Turns (Judge's choice)
(required for this title)




CLIMB ON BALE
(required for this title)




FIND ALL RATS
8 Tubes (hidden)
1 Empty



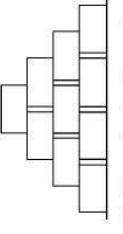
4 Rats (with small amount of litter)



3 litter (used by rats)



Bales stacked up to 4 high on course.



Example Design
The Judge may create many other variations for the tunnel.

For complete rules go to: <http://barnhunt.com/>

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CDCA 2015 National Specialty

Catalog Advertising

Deadline: September 1, 2015

Ads containing photos must be copy ready[†]. See sizing below.
This will be a **COLOR** catalog!

Ad Sizes/Placement:

| | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------|
| Full Page: | 4 ½" wide by 7 ½" tall | \$ 100.00 |
| Half Page: | 4 ½" wide by 3 ¾" tall | \$ 50.00 |
| Business Card: | 4 ½" wide by 1 ¾" tall | \$ 25.00 |
| Inside Front or Back Cover ^{††} – full page size | | \$ 125.00 |

Make checks payable to:

Canaan Dog Club of America, Inc.

NS Catalog Advertising

3220 Gees Mill Road

Conyers GA 30013

Email copy-ready ad to: koltuvcanaandogs@yahoo.com

[†]Preferred Format: Microsoft Publisher, Word, PDF, JPG

^{††}Confirm availability by calling 520-444-9356

You can also pre-order your catalog.

Pricing:

\$10.00 / picked up at show site

\$15.00 / mailed

Please visit:

<http://canaandogushalfcentury.weebly.com/catalog-advertisingpre-orders.html>

to order your copy

2015 NATIONAL SPECIALTY BANQUET INFORMATION

The banquet will be held at the Host Hotel's breakfast room
at 7 pm on Saturday November 7th 2015.

It will be a buffet dinner with salmon, chicken and beef entrees with various side dishes.

Special requests, such as a vegetarian plate, should be made in the Comment section.

The cost will be \$28 per diner.

Please submit the Banquet Reservation form below by October 15th 2015.

Make your check out to the CDCA with Banquet in the memo line and mail to:

Carrie Franz

11750 E Irvington Road

Tucson AZ 85747

Banquet reservations can also be made using PayPal and this email address:

"treasurer@cdca.org".

Please remember to submit the form below when donating via PayPal!!

Or you can do it all online if you visit here:

<http://canaandogushalfcentury.weebly.com/reservation-form.html>

2015 National Specialty Banquet Reservation

Name: _____

Email: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ x \$28.00, Total: _____

Please make check payable to: CDCA and mail with this form to: Carrie Franz, 11750 E Irvington Road, Tucson AZ 85747

OFA Test Results June 2015-August 2015 (accessed 08/18/15)

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

| Registered Name | Reg. # | Sex | OFA Test # | Test Name | Results | |
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| BLACK BOY | DN42830602 | M | CA-DM154/2M-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | DM | NORMAL |
| BLACK GIRL | DN42830603 | F | CA-DM155/2F-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | DM | NORMAL |
| D&J HA'ARETZ AMBER WAVES | DN40105301 | F | CA-EYE27/14F-VPI | EYES | EYE | NORMAL |
| D&J HA'ARETZ HANNAH'S LEGACY | DN26166801 | F | CA-EYE28/69F-VPI | EYES | EYE | NORMAL |
| D&J HA'ARETZ KATRINA | DN40105304 | F | CA-EYE29/14F-VPI | EYES | EYE | NORMAL |
| JO-CLEM FIRE DEFIES THE SUN | DN36807101 | M | CA-EYE25/26M-VPI | EYES | EYE | NORMAL |
| JO-CLEM FIRE DEFIES THE SUN | DN36807101 | M | CA-TH109/26M-VPI | THYROID | TH | NORMAL |
| KANSAS LATE DAY SHARAV | DN36571005 | M | CA-EYE23/25M-VPI | EYES | EYE | NORMAL NORMAL W/ BREEDER OPTIONS NOTED |
| KANSAS RASHABA COM- ING SOON | DN36571003 | F | CA-EYE24/25F-VPI | EYES | EYE | A3:Distichia sis |
| <i>ORELA ME SHAAR HAGAI</i> | <i>DN22462601</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>CA-EYE26/89F-VPI</i> | <i>EYES</i> | <i>EYE</i> | <i>NORMAL</i> |
| PLEASANT HILL ANNI AHARONA | DN41023005 | F | CA-DM157/9F-PI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | DM | NORMAL |
| <i>RELIC ROSE</i> | <i>DN27869301</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>CA-DM152/62F-VPI</i> | <i>DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY</i> | <i>DM</i> | <i>NORMAL</i> |
| WHITE BOY | DN4283061 | M | CA-DM153/2M-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | DM | NORMAL |
| WHITE GIRL | DN42830604 | F | CA-DM156/2F-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | DM | NORMAL |



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

Morris & Essex Dog Show – CDCA Supported Entry
Somerset, New Jersey
October 1, 2015

Premium and more available on infodog.com or morrisandessexkennelclub.org
 Box lunches, trophies & rosettes and exhibitors & judges in period (1920s-1950s) inspired outfits. Hats abound at M&E!



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

CDCA Fall Agility Trials, November 27-29, 2015

Clemson, SC

Come and run your Canaan Dog in agility, and/or help with the behind the scenes efforts that make an agility trial happen! FMI, contact Dan Haddy at agileboston@gmail.com

15th Annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Orlando, Fla. on Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015.

Join us for Meet-the-Breeds. For more information, or better yet to volunteer to help man/dog he booth, please contact Christina Miller, cdca_treasurer@bellsouth.net. This is always a grand event and a wonderful opportunity to educate people on our wonderful breed.

Sunshine State Herding Group Association will have their Herding Group show on Friday, Dec. 11, 2015

During the Orlando, FL week of festivities.



2014 DOTY/MOTY Nominations

It's time to start sending in nominations the 2014 Member Of The Year (MOTY) and Dog Of The Year (DOTY)!

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Please send your nomination of **500 words or less** explaining why a past or present CDCA member should be honored for his/her contributions to the breed or club.

DOG OF THE YEAR

Please send your nomination **250 words or less**. Please include all of the dog's titles, breeder, and sire and dam names (not counted in the final word tally of the nomination) and explain why this dog should be honored for his/her contributions to the breed.

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Our Journey (or Why Meet the Breeds Matters)

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Archival photos courtesy CDCA members.

Looking back on it now, it seems more than a coincidence that a Jewish ritual lead to us obtaining a Jewish dog. The Jewish service of commemoration or “unveiling” is a formal dedication of the tombstone of a deceased relative.

We had been waiting to schedule my mother-in-law’s unveiling due to the deteriorating condition of our German Shepherd Dog as we knew she couldn’t make the trip from Virginia to Florida with us. Heidi was finally laid to rest in Aug. 2012 at age 14.5 years. Jim and I decided to drive to Florida that December and we planned on hitting the 2012 AKC/ Eukanuba National Dog Show on the way home. We wanted to do Meet The Breeds as we knew we eventually wanted another dog but were unsure as to what breed it should be. Heidi had been our first purebred dog. Previous dogs were mainly GSD mixes.

We love the GSD breed but figured if our next dog lived 14-15 years like Heidi did we would be at that stage in our lives where a smaller dog would be better than a larger dog. We also wanted a healthier breed of dog. The GSD is the poster child for congenital health problems and we experienced most of them with Heidi. We wanted a natural dog - no tail docking or ear cropping. Not too much grooming desired. Of course, the breed had to be intelligent. I also wanted a breed that had some attitude and personality. I found all that and more in the Canaan Dog!

It wasn’t easy finding a dog breed that fulfilled all our “wants.” We walked up and down the MTB aisles and talked to many people manning the booths. We narrowed down our list of possibilities - I had mine and Jim had his - but we kept looking as we knew we had to make the right decision since it would be for the life of the dog and we both needed to be happy with our choice. Then we walked passed a booth and I came to an abrupt stop and said “Wait a minute” to Jim as I pulled him back to go to the Canaan Dog booth with me. That’s how we got to meet Chris Miller and Vala. Chris asked me if I knew anything about the breed and I said the only thing I knew was that John Kennedy Jr. had a Canaan Dog that he passed off as a mix breed. Chris said that was more than most people knew. We spoke for awhile and I got literature to read, which I did. I went back to Chris at least 6 times over 2 days. Vala had been so calm and such a lady each time I visited the booth and so sweet when she gave me kisses. It wasn’t until someone Vala knew came to the booth while I was there that I saw what I was looking for - that spark of individual personality. Vala came to life! And when it happened Chris knew right away that this was what I was waiting to see in a dog.

We knew we would be relocating to Texas and didn’t want the hassle of moving with a puppy. Vala was going to have one more litter and the temptation was very great to put our name on the “expecting” list. But we had a plan and we stuck to it. We tried to kept in contact with Chris but family circumstances for both of us caused us to lose touch.

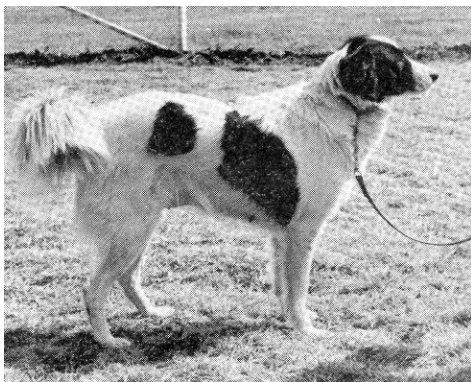
We moved to Texas in the summer of 2013. We found out that there was a CD breeder in San Antonio - Rosette Davila. We had friends near San Antonio so we combined a visit with both of them so that we could meet some more Canaan Dogs and make sure it was still the breed for us. It’s not like you see this breed on every street corner. We came away from Rosette’s with a big smile on our faces as we knew we were now ready to move on to a new breed.

Our debate started about whether we wait awhile and do some vacationing and traveling or start looking for a litter soon and raise a pup. I tried to find out when and where the next CDCA National was going to be held as we figured we would drive to the National to meet with



breeders. One thing led to another and I was on the Breeder Referral site when I noticed Chris Miller had a litter due in Jan. 2014. So I quickly re-established contact and she remembered us. We filled out paperwork and I wrote on her questionnaire that I wasn't interested in showing my dog in AKC conformation shows. I had never done this before and didn't even know how to begin. I came from obedience and thought I would concentrate my efforts in performance events.

The first week home with a Canaan Dog was a real learning experience. My husband made the mistake of using the bathroom air freshener one evening. Thank goodness Ziva didn't have a way to get outside by herself or I'm sure she would have somehow escaped my yard even with my 6 foot high fence. The particles in the air that she saw, the odor that she smelled and the hiss sound she must have heard all lead to her becoming a wild dog for about 15 minutes. I had never heard a dog screech like that before. That behavior really took me by surprise. No more bathroom sprays allowed in my house! I immediately understood why the Israelis used them as "Alarm" dogs.



The next big surprise was when I called her to come to me and she came by the most direct route possible - right over and through my living room furniture! Any other puppy would have seen tables, couches and club chairs as obstacles and go around but I guess a CD doesn't worry about those things. I stood there with my mouth hanging open and thought OMG!

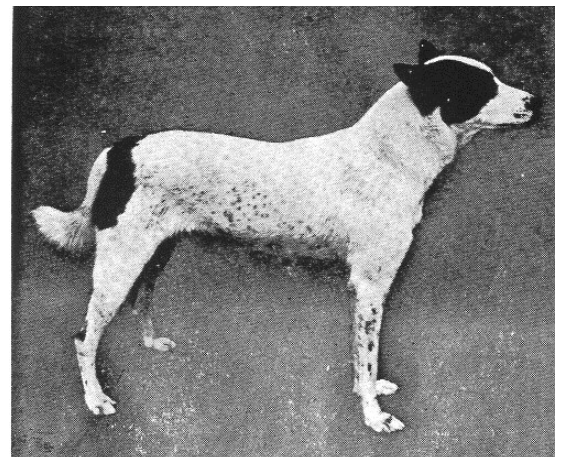
Ziva went through puppy socialization then Puppy School 1 & 2. She posed for Pink Ribbon Puppies, a non-profit organization raising money for breast cancer research. The photo shoot was over in no time since she was already obeying basic commands - like sit & stay. The photographer was really impressed. I then put my obedience knowledge to use and Ziva got her CGC at age 5.5 months - before anyone told me that I shouldn't expect to pass with such a young CD. She couldn't start Agility Classes until she was 7 months old so I had time on my hands. I went to the Dallas, TX

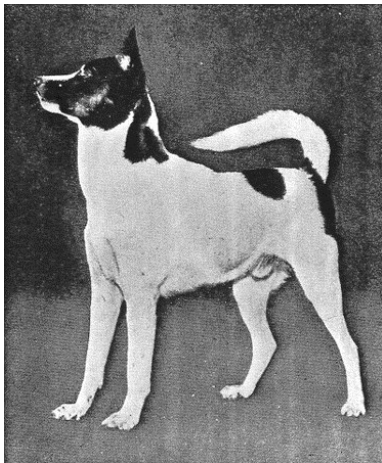
show cluster on July 4th weekend with a friend to watch the Canaan Dogs compete. I wanted to see more dogs! The Pink Ribbon Puppies gang was at the show and encouraged me to enter Ziva in a local AKC conformation show that was closing in a few days. I called Jim from the show and asked if he was open to "Showing" in 3 weeks and he said yes so I picked up a Premium List (didn't even know what this was) at the show and brought it home. I wasn't even sure if the entry would arrive on time when I mailed it Monday for a Wed. noon closing date. I hurried up and arranged for 2 semi-private conformation show lessons before the show. I mean, I've been watching the Westminster Dog Show my entire life - so how hard could this be? How naive of me.

Ziva was now age 6.5 months. Our first show of the weekend was a success because she was the only CD entered. When the Judge finished his assignments I got a photo taken with him and he was kind enough to wait while I ran back to our crate to get Ziva's ribbons. I didn't know that the Judge would hold ribbons for the picture so I had put them away for safe keeping. Like I said - I never did this before and even the basics were beyond me. The Group Ring memory was a blur as I didn't know what I was doing and was so nervous.

We had competition for the second show that weekend - 2 class dogs and a Special dog. This time I knew to keep ribbons close by if needed. What a thrill to get a photo with the Judge holding our Best of Breed ribbon that day - our first point! I was crying so much and Ziva was giving me kisses. Later the Judge told me that she almost started crying along with me. She also told me to suck on hard candy. Again, the Group Ring is a lost memory.

Now I really had to learn what the heck to do! I went to 2 more semi-private conformation classes and then drop-in classes twice a week. I continued this way until the next local show came along in October, right before Ziva turned 9 months old. We also managed to squeeze in Barn Hunt and Agility Classes before this Oct. show. I want Ziva to experience as much as she can.





We had competition both days of the show weekend and got Best of Breed ribbons both days. But this time the Group Ring memory of our 4th show will stay with me forever. Ziva got a Group 4 placement under Judge Bill Edwards and I went berserk. I didn't even know where to stand and what to do but I had a friend who took Group 3 and she guided me along. Only later when I looked at who was in the ring with us did the impact of Ziva's win take hold. She had beaten both Champions and Grand Champions, most of whom had professional handlers on the leash. Two weeks later I got to experience something else that was new to me - a canine heat cycle. The heat wasn't as bad as the 2 months of false pregnancy that followed!

I was now hooked. Time to move up to dresses versus slacks when showing. We ended 2014 as the #5 Canaan Dog in the All Breeds Standings - and again I needed this explained to me. The start of 2015 brought us shows and Sheep Herding! One Herding Instinct Test passed and so a CDCA-HC title was earned! We will try more herding and hope to earn an AKC

Herding Instinct Tested Certificate someday. I also learned that Ziva loves to smell the dirt at the Texas shows that are held in arenas.

We needed to find more CDs to compete against for Majors. So we ventured to Arizona and the Fiesta Cluster where we met some incredible Canaan Dogs and their people. How lucky was I to select a breed where the breeders are all nice, where they work with each other and help each other out? They are all friends and I hope they now consider us new friends. What a thrill it was for us as we came back to Texas with 2 Majors. Ziva was now 13.5 months old and needed just 2 more points to finish.

Back home in Texas in April we discovered Coursing Ability Tests and got 2 legs towards a CA title. Running free and chasing plastic bags. It doesn't get better than this for a Canaan Dog with a sky high prey drive!

An early Mother's Day gift from Ziva (those last 2 points and her Championship title) came under Judge Alice Inman, a Herding Group judge. We had a blast in Herding Group that day. Jim told me that people watching got a big kick out of the SEG I had plastered on my face. We really had fun and when you get down to it that's what it is all about.

We traveled to Stillwater, OK to get in one more CAT run. Ziva was hyper-excited the second she saw the track. Her third leg (CA title) was passed in cold, windy and wet weather. This little CD can run! But she doesn't like to come when the run is over.

We have taken up Agility again, entered some Rally trials (one Q leg so far), gotten a couple of points towards her "Grand" and are doing Nose Work. All done for the sake of fun and enjoying retirement with our dog.

I believe I got the dog I needed. I was lacking self-confidence and feeling down at times with few friends in Texas and no family. Ziva forced me to solve problems as Canaan Dogs can be very creative and I had to stay at least one step ahead of her. So challenges in both raising a CD puppy and in the conformation ring have been thrown at me. I feel I've overcome most of them and so my self confidence has increased over this journey of ours. I've also sharpened my math skills (calculating points) and learned a new language (dog show vernacular) to help keep dementia at bay. Running in Agility has made me sore and I have fallen down more than once, but I keep getting back up. I've found new friends through my local AKC club and am feeling like I belong here in Texas. And I'm so glad my Israeli desert dog fits into my hot and humid Texas climate. Much better than the Siberian Husky breed we seriously considered back when we walked the MTB aisles in Orlando, Florida in 2012.

A big thank you to all who helped us and cheered us on during this journey. We couldn't have done it with you!



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