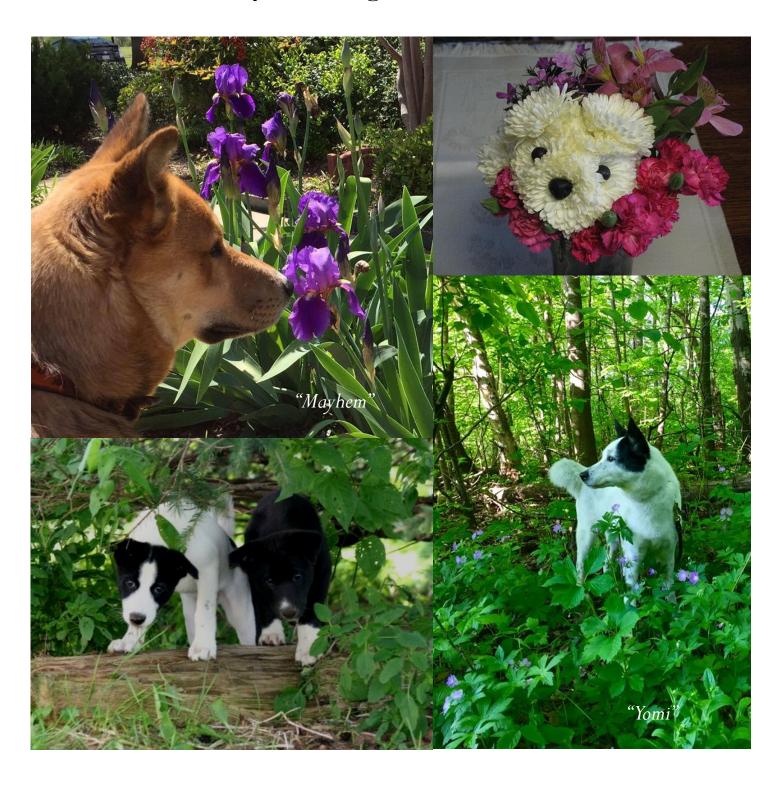
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Spring is here! Get out with your dogs and smell the flowers





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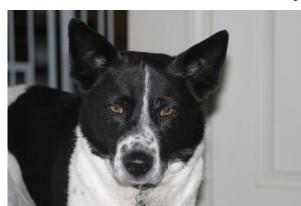
The International Canaan Dog Community was sadden to learn of the death of one of our own. French breeder Jean Paul Sicre unexpectedly passed away April 6th, 2016 as a result of an accident. He will be missed by many.



This picture was always Jean Paul's Profile picture.

"BOB"

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Sally Armstrong's Bob crossed the rainbow bridge mid April. He sired just two litters (at 12 years old) both born 17 October 2014 from two full sisters - nine pups total.

"He was a great dog and always very gentle with everyone - human, child, and animal alike." Katherine "Kat" O'Bryan

"Bob was such a sweetheart, one of my all time favorites. He will be missed by all who knew him. " Carol O'Bryan





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is ready for some summer fun this year! If your dog is going on vacation with you, please share pictures for the Kibitzer or on the club's facebook pages. We all love to see our dogs out having fun.

The CDCA just wrapped up our 4 day all breed agility trial in SC with our largest entry to date. The days were long and some a little hot, but everyone seemed to have a good time. We received lots of positive feedback on the event from competitors and drew entries from across the Southeast ranging from VA to TX.

While you're planning your summer fun, be sure to make plans to attend the CDCA Specialty in Romulus, NY in September. Loads of details on the event, schedules & activities are included in this issue. There will be many chances for majors as well as many other events in conjunction with the all breed shows. Upstate NY is beautiful in the fall with lots of area activities worth investigating as well.

If members in your area would like the specialty to rotate to your area, please check the Policies & Procedures info in the CDCA e-mail list Files section & submit an application for consideration at the Board meeting in conjunction with the specialty. If no applications are received, plans will proceed to switch to our alternate standing location for fall 2017 in Atlanta, GA.

Have a great summer! Julie

Editor's Column

By Becki O'Donnell

I had the honor of being a guest editor of the Canaan Kibitzer this issue. It is my first experience doing anything like this and I have to say it was a lot of fun.

I hope you enjoy this issue, it includes stories from two of our members—one of which was highlighted in the "Precious Pets" column of the Fairview Estate Life Magazine.

In this issue you will also find useful information about the upcoming National specialty and how you can be the next person to host this special show.

If you would like to submit an article or photos to be included in the next issue please submit them to me at odonnellrebecca@yahoo.com.





BRAG BOX

Proud to announce that (Texas) Ziva CH. RIVER ROCK REACH ANY HIGHER RN, CA, CGCA, CGCU, CDCA-HCX, V was awarded OH Group 2—Baytown KC—4/30/16.

Marcia Muller

New Titles – January Through March 2016

Compiled by Denise Gordon from AKC & CDCA Reports

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Note from Denise: The AKC Reports "are two months behind. Their February report is actually December titles. So, their March report next month will be the January titles. The only January titles [listed above were submitted] to me by individuals." For sooner listing of AKC titles, scan & email or copy & mail the certificate copy to Denise directly. (Contact info on page 16.)





Ziva - CH. RIVER ROCK REACH ANY HIGHER RN, CA, CGCA, CGCU, CDCA-HCX, V - was highlighted in the "Precious Pets" column of the Fairview Estate Life magazine, April 2016 issue.

Pariah Dog Wins Hearts

precious pets

By Katherine Ponder

Pariah (n) – a person who is hated and rejected by other people Pariah dog (n) – free-ranging dog that forages on the outskirts or entirely away from human settlements, changing little over time and remaining genetically consistent.







Ziva is a pariah dog, a canine that belongs to no one and makes its own way in life. However, she has landed in the lap of dog heaven under the "partnership" (not ownership) of Marcia and Jim Muller. She is descended from the wild dogs of Israel, now identified as the Canaan Dog breed. If you've never heard of Canaan Dogs, you're not alone. Pariah breeds you may have heard of are the basenjis from Africa and the dingoes from Australia.

There are only about 3,000 Canaan Dogs worldwide, 1,000 in the United States in 110 households, and only a small handful of breeders. Canaan Dogs have existed for thousands of years in the Biblical land of...you guessed...Canaan. Tomb drawings dating back to 2200 BC bear remarkable similarities to the modern-day Canaan Dogs, lending support to the idea that these are the same, unchanged dogs from distant history. When the Israelites were driven from their land by Romans, their wily dogs fled to the Negev Desert and managed to survive on their own for thousands of years. In the 1930's Israeli settlers brought the dogs back to live near and among them as hyper-vigilant alarm watch dogs.

"These dogs don't miss anything," said Marcia. "They see, hear, smell and/or feel every little change. And when they raise an alert, they scream. It's like nothing you've ever heard. They won't fight unless they have to in order to get away. That's their goal—survival."

In fact, 2-year-old Ziva's watchful nature saved her west Fairview neighbor from extensive vandalism. During the middle of the night, Ziva started screaming and running around her house, refusing to be comforted. Marcia and Jim couldn't figure out why she wouldn't settle down. The next morning, they saw their neighbors' half-pulled bushes and plants where vandals had been interrupted—by Ziva's vocal alarm—in the midst of their botanical crimes. Score one for Ziva!

Marcia had owned a beautiful German Shepherd for years and was heartbroken when the gorgeous giant died. Before moving to Texas from Virginia, Marcia was visiting a "meet the breeds" function at the AKC/Eukanumba dog show in Orlando, Fla., when she spied the Canaan Dog breeder and her dogs. Marcia was savvy enough to recognize this dog was the same breed that John F. Kennedy, Jr. had owned and passed off as a mutt. He used to bring his dog to work with him on Fridays (hence the dog's name "Friday"). The Georgia-based breeder, Christina Miller, recognized that Marcia was not your average newbie to dogs, and the breeders top female dog "Vala" approved of Marcia with an uncharacteristic lick—not something Canaan Dogs do to total strangers. Within less than a year of relocating to Texas, Marcia had on of Vala's grand-daughters.



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Hosted By The CDCA Board of Directors

Join us in beautiful Upstate New York this fall! Close enough for a visit to New York City or Niagara Falls on your way. Cooperstown, Thousand Islands, Erie Canal, & more!

Upstate New York is a "foodie" destination with Wineries, Craft Breweries, many Farmers Markets and even Wegmans!

The 2016 National is being hosted by the CDCA Board of Directors, Amy Preston Chair. Due to Rosh Hashanah starting at sundown on Sunday the 2nd, the schedule has been adjusted so that those needing to get home before the holiday may do so.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (PENDING ALL APPROVALS)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

Herding - Central Bark Canine Events,
Central Square NY
Welcome Party— Host Hotel,
Holiday Inn Waterloo/Seneca Fall, Waterloo NY



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Meetings and Education - Picnic Pavilion, Sampson State Park, Romulus NY
Tentative Schedule:

Board of Directors— 8:30am
Annual General Meeting—1:00pm
Judges Education with Hands On— 4:00pm

Pizza Party—Host Hotel, Holiday Inn Waterloo/Seneca Fall, Waterloo NY

Non-CDCA Event—Herding Seminar at Central Bark Canine Events, Central Square NY. See ad elsewhere in this issue.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

CDCA National Specialty at the Kanadasaga Kennel Club

-Sampson State Park, Romulus NY

Breeder/Judges:

Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veterans) Lorna Hastings Menaker, Lorianna Breed Amanda M Pough, Bandersnatch

Judges Education—Ringside Mentoring

Non-CDCA Event—Nancy Nosiglia Photography has put our National on their schedule for ringside candids, show schedule allowing. Contact Nancy directly to arrange personal photo sessions:

bericdowns@mac.com

Banquet, Awards Presentation & Auctions

—Host Hotel, Holiday Inn Waterloo/Seneca Fall, Waterloo NY

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Supported Entry at the Finger Lakes Kennel Club

- Sampson State Park, Romulus NY **Breed Judge** Deborah Anthony



Non-CDCA Event—Local Winery Tour,

Hosted By Amy Preston and David Golden & Cynthia Dodson
FMI, contact David at David.Golden@ey.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016

CDCA Designated Specialty at the Elmira Kennel Club

- Sampson State Park, Romulus NY

Breeder/Judge Carrie Chase, Hum'nbird

Education Seminar—after BIS

- Host Hotel, Holiday Inn Waterloo/Seneca Fall, Waterloo NY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

Supported Entry at the Onondaga Kennel Association

- Sampson State Park, Romulus NY

Breed Judge Bill RW Edwards

We will work with the Cluster for Breed ring times that will lessen conflicts with Obedience & Rally. Best of Breed Winners each day will continue to Herding Group.

THE WINE COUNTRY CIRCUIT offers Obedience, Rally & Junior Showmanship all four days of the circuit. Four days of Agility (Host Club – Finger Lakes Kennel Club) with three days including Premiere Classes. CAT tests are hosted by LAKE COUNTRY LURE COURSERS. Health Clinics with Clinicians from Cornell University are planned.

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WHO IS WHO?

Show Chair

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Trophy Donations may be sent directly to the CDCA Treasurer

Checks payable to CDCA, Inc, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers GA 30013 or contact Chris at 770-827-2762 for a PayPay address

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Chris Miller, 770-827-2762, thecanaandog@yahoo.com

All Breed Shows Supt.

Rau Dog Shows, 610-376-1880, raudogshows.com

Lure Coursing

Lake Country Lure Coursers, lakecountrylurecoursers.com

Agility Trial Secretary

Countryside Agility, countrysideagility.com

Auctions Items Shipped Ahead

Amanda Pough, c/o Dental Office of Dr Catalfamo, 212 W Buffalo St, Ithaca NY 14850

Self Service Dog Bathing Tubs

The Puppy Hut Cut, 315-759-5005, facebook.com/ThePuppyCutHut Geneva NY, half way between Host Hotel & Show Site.

Central Bark Canine Events, Central Square NY,

central-bark.biz, 716-983-5238

Nancy Nosiglia Photography, bericdowns@mac.com, www.beric.net **Local Winery Tour**—after breed judging on Friday, Sept. 30th:

FMI, contact David Golden at David.Golden@ey.com

The 2017 National Specialty will similarly be hosted by the CDCA Board of Directors and will be held in Atlanta GA in October 2017. Deadline for applications to host the 2018 National is September 27, 2016 to Melinda Linton, CorrespondingSecretary@CDCA.org. Application may be found elsewhere in this issue.





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HOST HOTEL—Holiday Inn Waterloo/Seneca Falls

2468 NYS Route 414 N, Waterloo NY 13165

Room Block Reservation Code: RCD One time pet fee of \$30.00 Call Toll-free 855-576-8659 Block held til August 27, 2016

Ground Floor Rooms are limited. We recommend you call early to make your reservations. If ground floor rooms are not available when you call, you may request to be placed on a cancelation list as they open up.

Hotel Options in the area:

The Venn Diagram of Hotels in the area that have banquet facilities, allow dogs and are within a reasonable distance of the show site is very, very small.

110% sure you are coming? Pre-book & pre-pay your Host Hotel reservation for the best rate (which may be WELL BELOW the "Block Rate").

Won't know if you can come until the last minute? Block under the Room Block, cancel if needed until much closer to the date of the show.

Many other hotels in the area with varying rates; find one you like near a specific attraction or in your hotel network. Just come to the Host Hotel for the Host Hotel Events.

Camping? See the next page!



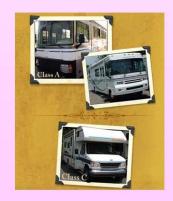
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of the shows and Wednesday meetings. Busses run from the camping loops to the show rings periodically throughout the day. All efforts will be made to coordinate rides to the Host Hotel for those camping on site.

Link to Camping Reservation Form will be posted online and mailed with the premium list. CAMPING RESERVATIONS WILL OPEN TUESDAY, AUGUST 16th. It is recommended you overnight your reservations on Monday the 15th (reservations received early will be returned). Those wishing to camp together should mail their reservations in the same envelope. You must make camping reservations via the Cluster as Reserve America does not book the park during this week.

As soon as the Camping information is posted, ALERTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE CDCA YAHOO e-LIST, THE CANAANI-L YAHOO e-LIST AND ON THE CLUB'S FACEBOOK PAGE.









| <u>Club Name</u> | Kanadasaga KC | Finger Lakes KC | Elmira KC Designated Specialty Saturday, 10/1/16 | Onodoga KA Supported Entry Sunday, 10/2/16 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Show Type | National Specialty | Supported Entry | | |
| Date | Thursday, 9/29/16 | Friday, 9/30/16 | | |
| | | | | Sunday show pending |
| | | | | final AKC approvals |
| Sweeps | Lorna Hastings Menaker, Lorianna | not offered | not offered | not offered |
| Breed | Amanda M Pough, Bandersnatch | Deborah Anthony | Carrie Chase, Hum'nbird | Bill RW Edwards |
| Group | Deborah Anthony | David Anthony | Bill RW Edwards | |
| BIS | Luc Boileau | Doris Cozart | Jacqueline Quiros-Kubat | |
| NOHS Group | David Kirkland | Deborah Anthony | Bill RW Edwards | |
| NOHS BIS | Dr Michael T Manning | Dyane M Baldwin | Jacqueline Quiros-Kubat | |
| Junior Showmanship | Amanda M Pough, Bandersnatch | Ronald Pock | Dr Ronald I Spritzer | |
| Obedience | E Van Uden & T Masterson | E Van Uden & T Masterson | P Broderick & ME Baird | |
| Rally | ME "Betsy" Baird | ME "Betsy" Baird | Evelyn Van Uden | |
| Agility | C Closson & L Herring | C Closson & L Herring | C Closson & L Herring | C Closson & L Herring |
| (all Agility Trials - Fi | nger Lakes KC) | | | |



Central Bark Canine Events Presents:



Fall Herding Seminar

Seminar Instructor:

Colleen Cody, Owner and Operator of Two Shadows Farm, New Braintree MA is a registered AKC herding judge. Colleen has been actively herding and competing with her Belgian Tervuren for 18 years and has earned multiple titles across AKC, ASCA, and AHBA, including three AKC herding championships. Her dogs have been consistently ranked in the top ten nationally for Belgian Tervuren and have won the American Belgian Tervuren Club National Trial multiple times. Colleen is experienced with starting all breeds of dogs from puppies through adults. Her experience in training dogs is supplemented by 35 years of sports coaching which enables her to train people in a manner that is clear and enjoyable.

Wednesday September 28th, 2016 8:30AM-5:30PM

At Central Bark in Central Square NY (70 miles from the Wine Country Dog Show Site)

Outside or inside ring depending on weather

Seminar will be on ducks and *possibly* sheep

Come further your herding experience and knowledge with one of the best instructors for upright herding dogs in the North East! Same site as the Herding Instinct Tests.

Camping allowed! Hotels within 20 minutes of the site.

Pricing:

| Working Spots (12) | Auditing Spots (Unlimited) | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
| \$125/day/dog | \$40/day | |

For the FULL registration form or more information please email Eva Raczka info@central-bark.biz



Due to diligent breeders and awesome owners, the Canaan Dog Rescue Network was dormant in 2015; with not one Canaan Dog entering the network! Because we had another quiet year, it seems we have also slipped under the radar as donations have fallen off. While the organization is in good shape financially, overhead costs have a way of chipping

away at bank balances. So please consider donating. Remember, the CDRN **IS** a registered 501c3 organization – meaning donations are usually tax free (please consult your tax accountant for specific advise).

We're working on some fund raising activities to potentially occur at the National Specialty this year—so stay tuned!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers that ARE the CDRN:

Alla Geretz, Vice President/Director & Midwest US Coordinator

Doug van Cleve, Secretary & Western US Coordinator

Evan Kent, Director

Becki O'Donnell, Treasurer

Genny Landis, Coordinator - Canada

Carrie Franz

President & Eastern US Coordinator

Reminder:

CDCA Policy - AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

Per AKC "The AKC provides member club club's the ability to award AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Awards on a yearly basis. This award honors those individuals who deserve special recognition that have made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embodied the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. Medallions are awarded solely at the club's discretion." Club's are under no obligation to present this award.

The CDCA Board of Directors feels that the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award should not be an award given out "just because we can," but instead should only be awarded after a thoughtful and deliberative process.

CDCA Members are encouraged to suggest members who they feel should be so honored. The Board of Directors shall have final decision over which members are chosen to receive this award.

When a recipient has been selected, this information shall not be shared beyond the Board of Directors and the Delegate. The Delegate will inform AKC of the need for a me-

> dallion and coordinate engraving of this medallion. A presentation of this award will be made during the next Annual General Meeting of the club.

This award is separate from the CDCA Club Award for Member of the Year. MOTY nominations are voted upon by the whole club (or approved by the BOD if only one nominee), and will have a deadline for nominations of August 1, 2016. See page 12 for this year's call for nominations.



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Ziva came to the Muller's and had to settle in. She was named for an Israeli Mossad (national intelligence agency) character on the TV show NCIS. At first, the canine namesake Ziva was a little bossy in her new home, and Marcia knew it was very important to continue to patiently socialize he an show Ziva that this new pack had a hierarchy where Ziva was not top dog above the humans.

Canaan Dogs are very smart and willing to please people when there's something in it for them. They do not like repetition—in commands or tasks. Through training at What a Great Dog, Marcia found fun and challenge for both her and her new dog.

Marcia booked Ziva with pink ribbon puppies for a photo shoot for calendars and notecards that are sold to support breast cancer research. These same folks encouraged Marcia to enter her first dog show. That was the beginning of a very distinguished show career. (See Ziva's list of awards.) Ziva has beaten more experienced show dogs and even leading breeders' dogs. Marcia also started training Ziva in performance sports and says the work is just as good for her as for her dog. "It keeps me physically and mentally active. This is great for retired people."

If you want to see Ziva or other dogs in action, visit Bob Woodruff Park in Plano every Wednesday in April at 7 p.m. The Greater Collin Kennel Club will be helping owners train their dogs for free. Ziva also competes at McKinney's Myers Park, where there are performance competitions virtually every weekend. If you're lucky, you may see her racing to catch the "rabbits" zipping along on a pulley for coursing competitions. "She'll do anything you ask her to," said Marcia, of her canine partner. "it's fun!"

Ziva's Accomplishments

This is just a partial list of Ziva's awards and certificates. She's been a busy girl! Canine Good Citizen – 2014 Champion – 2014 Coursing Ability Dog – 2015 Rally Novice – 2015 Canaan Dog Club of America – Versatility - 2015

Instinct Tested certificate - 2016



^{*}Correction to original article: Ziva became a Champion in 2015

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

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

Eligibility requirements and forms are on the CDCA website (www.cdca.org). If any of your dogs are eligible for any of these awards, please fill out the form(s) and either send them via email or postal service 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 August 1, 2016. Otherwise, plaques will be mailed to recipient after National Specialty.

Award plaques will be presented at the 2016 National Specialty awards banquet on Thursday, September 29th in Waterloo, New York.

For further information, contact
Denise Gordon, Awards Chair
2614 Gracewood Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45239

Phone: 513-741-1832

Email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A NATIONAL SPECIALTY IN YOUR HOME STATE?

The Board has yet to receive an application for the 2018 National. Dneed to receive a complete application by 27 Sept. 2016 or we will select between one of our "fall back" locations.

More details: Our "fall back" locations are New York in September or Atlanta in October. No applications were received for 2016 or 2017, hence this year's National in NY, and the 2017 National in Atlanta. Following this pattern, I suspect we would flip back to New York in September if needed for 2018.

Those seeking more information on hosting a National are invited to direct their questions to Chris Miller or myself (Co-NS Liaisons). A "Clift Notes" version of the club's National Specialty P&Ps should be finished in the near future.

Chili Goes to the AKC Rally Nationals

By Jacque Towery

I'm thrilled to be writing an article for the *Kibitzer* about my wonderful Canaan Dog girl Chili. I know I don't have to tell most of you reading this about the breed. But even though I have been training and showing dogs in Conformation and Obedience since the early 1960's, I had to learn that this was a different breed that needed to be handled very differently from the way I had trained most of my other wonderful dogs.

Let me start at the beginning of my journey with Chili. In 2012 there was a call for help from our local shelter. I went online to look for a companion for my Border Collie, Lady, and I quickly found a darling 3 month old puppy I thought was a Border Collie. Chili came home with me that day, and Lady immediately took Chili as her new best friend. Since I was showing Lady in Obedience, Chili joined us at all of her many trials, and Chili was happy and friendly with everyone.

When Chili was 6 months old we started basic Obedience training, and all was going great until suddenly one day she became very cautious of people and her surroundings, and training became much more of a challenge. But I was not going to give up on my sweet girl. She was so smart and worked so well during training sessions, but it was a completely different story at shows. She just didn't act like the Border Collie I thought she was. Then a year ago a very nice lady, Marcia Muller, approached me as I left the ring with Chili at a show in Mesquite, TX. She said Chili really looked and acted like a Canaan Dog. I thanked her and went on my way. The next week I went online to do some research on the Canaan Dog, and to my surprise Marcia was right. Everything I read sounded like Chili over and over again.

I started searching for more information. I found Rebecca O'Donnell listed as a Canaan Dog breeder, so I called her, and after an hour on the phone, she said everything I had told her pointed to Chili being a Canaan. I met Rebecca and Marcia and 2 AKC Herding Judges in Denton, TX the following weekend, and they all agreed that yes, Chili was a Canaan Dog. This explained a lot about her nature, particularly her



cautiousness around anything new. With 4 letters from 4 different AKC Herding Judges, I contacted the AKC to see what choices I had. They informed me of the Purebred Alternative Listing process, which required that I send pictures and the letters to AKC, and it wasn't long before I heard they would be changing her breed from Border Collie to Canaan Dog, along with the titles she had won.

Armed with this knowledge training took a different path, with more socialization and less repetition. Chili was a quick learner and very easy to work with, except for the "DON'T TOUCH ME if I don't know you." That made it difficult to get a leg in Obedience Novice B, because as the judge would approach she would back up or move behind me. Her scores were near perfect except for the stand, which was an automatic NQ. To help her get over this, and to keep her showing in the ring, we started training for Rally. There were problems there also. Showing under a male judge was at first almost a guaranteed disaster. I will never forget a show in Longview, TX with a male judge. Chili was predictably very nervous going into the ring, but we pushed on. Chili would not take her eyes off the judge, to the point where she even started the course sitting backwards to keep looking at him. But when the judge said "Are you ready?" with a heel command we were off.

Chili quickly earned titles in Rally Novice, Advanced and Excellent we were ready to go for her RAE title. Rally was working for both of us—I could encourage Chili in the Rally ring, and that helped her gain confidence. On July 25, 2015, Chili and I earned her RAE title. I then realized she had qualified to enter the AKC Rally Nationals in Tulsa, OK in March 2016, and we decided to go. We started working with an experienced trainer, which was just what we needed to fine tune us as a team.

Then it was finally time to head to Tulsa. I was joined by my friend Virginia Hyatt, who gives me encouragement and was going to help with getting us all to the rings on time. The show site was a large building with 8 rings, but everything was very well organized and all the volunteers were extremely helpful. It was also fun to see lots of friends I had met and shown against for years. After setting up and walking around the rings to let Chili feel comfortable in her new surroundings, we were off for dinner and early to bed.

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The next day started for us at 5:00am, because walk throughs began at 7:30 and judging at 8:30. It was very hectic, because I had entered Chili in 2 Advanced and 2 Excellent runs, each of which were held in a separate ring. It was a long day for all. Mine was even fuller because I also showed Lady, my Border Collie, which meant I was in the ring 8 times.

But what a thrill the whole event was for me and my wonderful Canaan Dog, to qualify and show in the Nationals. Our scores were in the 80's and 90's which thrilled me even more, given how far Chili had come. Working as a team has created so much love and understanding between the two of us. Chili will be the last dog I train in Obedience and Rally and one of the special girls in my life. Our trip to Nationals will go down as one of the highlights of my years in this wonderful sport. Chili made me very proud in Tulsa as she does every day we are together, Chili was the only Canaan Dog showed in

Nationals this year, and it was an honor to be there to support the breed and show all they have to offer. Chili is living proof of what a Canaan Dog can do with a lot of love and understanding.

2015 DOTY/MOTY NOMINATIONS

It's time to start sending in nominations the 2015 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.

Once received, if the nomination is of a dog that you do not own, the owner will be contacted to allow him/her to send in a co-nomination statement about the dog, again, not to exceed 250 words.

The ballot will contain the write up from the nominator and owner (if received). Should the owner not choose to submit a nomination, the ballot will only contain the write up from the original nominator. Please note, if you nominate a dog you own or co-own, only the initial write up (max. 250 words) will be published.

For both MOTY and DOTY, 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 1st. If there is more than one candidate for either DOTY or MOTY, ballots will be mailed no later than August 8th with the due date of August 30th; ballots may be returned via US Postal Service or email. Otherwise, a single nomination in either category by the deadline will be declared the winner. Winners will be announced at the 2016 National Specialty awards banquet.

For further information, contact Denise Gordon, Awards Chair 2614 Gracewood Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45239 Phone: 513-741-1832

Email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com



Westminster Week 2016, NYC

By Bryna Comsky

The Westminster Kennel Club celebrated its 140th Annual Dog Show this year. A Saint Bernard, an American Foxhound, a Pointer, and a Cocker Spaniel, among others, were already on hand at the Wyndham New Yorker Hotel on the Thursday preceding the event, depicting "firsts" in the long history of the iconic dog show, which was held this year on Monday and Tuesday, February 15th and 16th, 2016.

The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show has thrilled audiences at Madison Square Garden across three centuries at all five of its venues. The all-breed dog show, which predates by two years Edison's patent in 1879 for the light bulb, has captured the imagination of dog lovers and sporting enthusiasts for generations. In 2016, the reigning Top 20 dogs came to Westminster, including a return trip by three of last year's Group winners.

With more than 3,000 dogs representing all 50 states descending on Manhattan to participate in many events, there were plenty of historic moments in the making. "Meet and Compete" featured the first Masters Agility championship at Westminster on Sunday, February 14th, and AKC Meet the Breeds continued its annual event at Piers 92/94 on Saturday, February 13th. The 140th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Pier 92/94 during the day, and at the Garden at night for the Group and Best in Show judging, rounded out the week's events. Attending the dog art exhibition at the William Secord Gallery made for another great and fulfilling experience.

Why is all this information of interest to Canaan Dog lovers? Because Canaans became eligible to compete at AKC point shows in 1997, as AKC's 141st fully recognized breed, after 32 years of working to achieve this privilege. The first Canaan Dog, Ch. Catalina's Felix To The Max, was judged on the green carpet the following year by Judge and AKC Director Dr. Carmen Battaglia, who went on to judge the 2000 CDCA National.

"Canaan Dog Week" at Westminster began this year on Saturday, February 13th with the "Meet The Breeds" event. The usual gang was there to welcome the thousands of visitors. Jeze and David Pohl took their positions at the Canaan Dog booth, accompanied by team members Ida and Amanda Pough, who were ready to rotate with Torino, Cayman, Chris Miller and Mel and Sue Holloman. Judy Rosenthal and her friend, Lynn, provided sustenance, good humor, and good help. Once again, CDCA members and friends put forth an all-day, heroic effort to promote the breed. But we still need more people and dogs next year, and a 500-word essay on the value of the Meet The Breeds event for Canaan Dogs is available upon request.

The Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA) held its meeting

and awards luncheon on Sunday, February 14th, at the Penta. One of its founders, Maxwell Riddle, had judged the Canaan Dog National in 1985, and was a big encouragement during the Canaan Dog fight for AKC recognition. DWAA's highest award, the "Maxwell" medallion, once went to ICDCA'a publication, "Desert Tracks." The *Kibitzer* has been nominated at least once for this award.

At 11am on Monday, February 15th, Canaan Dogs came to the green carpet at Pier 94 to be shown to Judge Mrs. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, a student of the breed since 2003, when she came to the National Specialty in Ohio. Peggy ultimately selected Gale and her agent, Tiffany Knox, for BOB, and sent them to the Herding Group at the Garden. Cayman stepped into the BOS slot with Mel Holloman on lead. The young dog, Avi, again beautifully presented by Brittany Cipriotti, was Select Dog, and Torino, litter sister to Cayman, and breeder-owner-handled by Chris Miller, Select Bitch. The Award of Merit went to the solid red two-year-old, Harvey, owner-handled by Amy Preston. To Amanda Pough and her lovely Veteran bitch, Ida, fell the honor of congratulating the winners. Handler great Kitty Burke had piloted Ida throughout her Specials career, and it was fitting that Amanda took her home-bred bitch onto the green carpet for her last run before retiring. It was a first for Amanda, and a beautiful last run for Ida. Photographer Sheila Paige saw all this with her incomparable eye for what is beautiful and noteworthy. Good for Canaan Dogs and their beautiful entry of six dogs this year!

That night Gale and Tiffany showed under Judge Mrs. Dorothy Collier, where they faced the formidable but balletic due of the great German Shepherd Dog bitch, Rumor, and her breeder-owner-handler, Kent Boyles. After her victory in the group, the next night Rumor faced stiff competition in the Best of Show ring. The Canadian judge Dr. Richard Meen ultimately chose the exquisite Borzoi from Japan for reserve BIS, and the outstanding German Shorthaired Pointer, GCH Vjk-Myst Garbonita's California Journey, as Best in Show.

So be it. Some years ago, the late judge Mrs. Irene Bivin pulled the Canaan Dog handled by Andy Linton in the Herding Group at the Garden. Then, in 2013, Tara Schultz and Magnum won a Herding Group IV placement under Judge Mr. Charles Trotter. Who knows where Canaan Dogs will go from there? It's only a matter of time and effort to get to the top. And, if you don't believe that, then there ain't no dogs in Georgia!

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| RIVERROCK OUTSIDE OF KARMA BSNATCH RDOG | DN30312602 | F | CA-507G62F-PI | HIPS | GOOD |
| RIVERROCK OUTSIDE OF KARMA BSNATCH RDOG | DN30312602 | F | CA-EL167F62-PI | ELBOWS | NORMAL |
| RIVERROCK OUTSIDE OF KARMA BSNATCH RDOG | DN30312602 | F | CA-PA109/62F/P-PI | PATELLA | NORMAL- PRACTITIONER |
| RIVERROCK OUTSIDE OF KARMA BSNATCH RDOG | DN30312602 | F | CA-TH116/62F-PI | THYROID | NORMAL |
| RIVER ROCK QUITE THE COME- DIAN | DN37121505 | F | CA-508G33F-VPI | HIPS | GOOD |
| RIVER ROCK QUITE THE COME- DIAN | DN37121505 | F | CA-EYE34/32F-VPI | EYE | NORMAL |
| RELIC ROSE | DN27869301 | F | CA-EYE1/62F-VPI | EYE | NORMAL |
| HATIKVA HARVEST RAIN AT RELIC | DN37702005 | М | CA-EYE31/26M-VPI | EYE | NORMAL |
| RENEGADE SALLY | DN31165501 | F | CA-EYE32/53F-VPI | EYE | NORMAL |
| HIRAM ARCHITECT TO THE KING | DN33125403 | М | CA-509E46M-VPI | HIPS | EXCELLENT |
| HIRAM ARCHITECT TO THE KING | DN33125403 | М | CA-EL168M46-VPI | ELBOWS | NORMAL |
| HIRAM ARCHITECT TO THE KING | DN33125403 | М | CA-PA110/46M/P-PI | PATELLA | NORMAL— PRACTITIONER |
| HIRAM ARCHITECT TO THE KING | DN33125403 | М | CA-TH117/46M-PI | THYROID | NORMAL |
| HIRAM ARCHITECT TO THE KING | DN33125403 | м | CA-DM179/49M-PI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| HIRAM ARCHITECT TO THE KING | DN33125403 | М | CA-EYE33/46M-VPI | EYE | NORMAL |
| KOL TUV JESSE'S ODYSSEY | DN44479101 | F | CA-DM174/1F-NOPI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| KOL TUV OZ OUT OF ZILI | DN4447902 | М | CA-DM175/1M-NOPI- CAR | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | CARRIER |
| KOL TUV CALEB AT MEDIA MEADOWS | DN4447903 | М | CA-DM176/1M-NOPI- CAR | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | CARRIER |
| HA'ARETZ ARROW | DN29344502 | F | CA-501G63F-VPI | HIPS | GOOD |
| HA'ARETZ ARROW | DN29344502 | F | CA-EL169F63-VPI | ELBOWS | NORMAL |

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| RELIC'S LITTLE MISS CAN'T BE WRONG | DN32105203 | F | CA-EL170F55-VPI | ELBOWS | NORMAL |
| RELIC'S LITTLE MISS CAN'T BE | DN32105203 | F | CA-PA111/55F/P-VPI | PATELLA | NORMAL- |
| RELIC'S LITTLE MISS CAN'T BE | DN32105203 | F | CA-DM177/56F-PI | DEGENERATIVE | NORMAL |
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| FARSIGHT ARGOS RENEGADE OF PERN | DN39001303 | М | CA-EL171M28-VPI | ELBOWS | NORMAL |
| FARSIGHT ARGOS RENEGADE OF PERN | DN39001303 | М | CA-PA112/28M/S-VPI | PATELLA | NORMAL-SPECIALIST |
| FARSIGHT ARGOS RENEGADE OF PERN | DN39001303 | М | CA-TH118/28M-PI | THYROID | NORMAL |
| MAD RIVER SCOOBY DOO | DN09338804 | М | CA-DM178/136M-PI | DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY | NORMAL |
| HIGH DESERT'S MAZEL TOV GILI | DN38124602 | М | CA-EYE35/25M-VPI | EYE | NORMAL |
| D&J HA'ARETZ VERTIGO AT RIVER ROCK | DN12738803 | F | CA-EYE37/121F-PI | EYE | NORMAL |
| RIVROC LYCM OWN DREAM BSNATCH RSNDOG | DN30312601 | F | CA-EYE38/61F-PI | EYE | NORMAL |

Health Survey Reminder

Is your dog's information up to date? Our health survey, housed by the Orthopedic Foundation For Animals, is most useful when it is complete and accurate. Once the initial survey has been completed, any additional information can be entered as an update. Using an annual date, such as the first of the year or your dog's birthday, etc., is a good way to remember.

New Health Focus Project

In addition to our health survey, we would like to try another approach as well. In the near future, expect some mini-surveys on the various Canaan Dog media groups. By gathering data and focusing our attention on one issue at a time, our hope is to advance our knowledge of these issues. The first area of focus will be eyes.



The new AKC Agility Course Test (ACT) program is ready for a full roll-out. We hope that clubs and instructors will use this new program to share the excitement of AKC Agility with their students. This program encourages potential new exhibitors to register their dogs with the AKC and to enter their first "trial" in a comfortable environment. This program will help them learn the ins and outs of entering and showing at AKC Agility Trials and ultimately any AKC event.

ACT events may be judged by current AKC Agility Judges, AKC Agility Field Representatives and evaluators. If anyone in your club would like to become an evaluator the person must be 18 years old, have completed an AKC AX or AXP title on a dog, submit an application and complete the ACT Evaluator Quiz. All information on becoming an ACT evaluator may be found on the AKC website on the ACT Page.

There are two classes – ACT 1 and ACT2 that exhibitors can enter. Clubs and trainers can adopt the ACT classes as the graduation exercise for their training classes to be held at their facility, thus providing their students a familiar and comfortable setting. The ring size requirements are small enough that ACT classes can be held in many training facilities across the country. In addition to preparing for these introductory classes, exhibitors will learn to do things such to enter an AKC event, check-in at the ring, prepare for their run, and handle their dog while under judgment. We hope that clubs and trainers will use these classes as learning experiences.

There are several elements of the ACT program that are different from AKC Agility Trials.

- Eligibility to enter: Dogs that are not registered/listed with the AKC may participate and their performance will be recorded under a temporary recording number. Owners will receive a letter from the AKC explaining how they can register their dogs. Application to be listed as a Canine Partner may be accepted at the test and submitted with the results.
- Holding ACT events: Any AKC agility judge/ACT evaluator may hold a stand-alone ACT event. The event does not have to be held by an AKC licensed club. AKC agility clubs may hold ACT events in conjunction with their trials if they desire.
- Jump Heights: No jump height card in required to enter an ACT class. Handlers are encouraged to have their dogs jump at the appropriate height that will help them prepare for AKC Agility trials.
- Event Applications: Clubs or judges/evaluators do not need to file an application for ACT events; there will be no application fee. A \$5.00 per entry recording fee for all dogs entered will submitted with the results.
- Courses: Evaluators and judges will need to submit their courses for review however courses may be reused, which we encourage for ease of administration.
- Titles: Dogs must receive two passing scores to earn each of the ACT titles. Dogs are required to be fully registered/listed in order to be awarded a title.

The clubs and judges who have helped with our final testing over the past couple of months have found this new program to be an excellent way to introduce new teams to the American Kennel Club.

We are excited about working together to bring new exhibitors to the American Kennel Club.

The AKC Agility Department

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB LAUNCHES "I AM A BREEDER" VIDEO SERIES

Digital Series Highlights Responsible Breeders

New York – The American Kennel Club (AKC[®]) announced today the launch of the brand new "I Am a Breeder" video series. The series is aimed at promoting responsible breeders and the love they have for their dogs to the general public.

"Responsible dog breeders have a depth of knowledge and a level of commitment to purebred dogs that is admirable and should be celebrated. Many dog owners do not think that breeders are just like the average dog owner, but at the end of the day most breeders' passion for dogs started with the love of a family pet," said AKC Vice President Gina DiNardo. "Breeders care for and love their puppies. They're dedicated to bettering their breed and providing prospective dog owners with the best possible family pet they can. Breeders are a wonderful resource to their puppy buyers for the life of the dog."

The "I Am a Breeder" series provides insight into the motivation and passion of AKC breeders





Pictured: Val and the comedians

Owned by: Chris Miller

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