

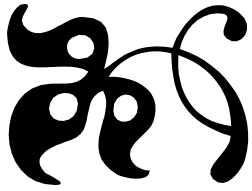
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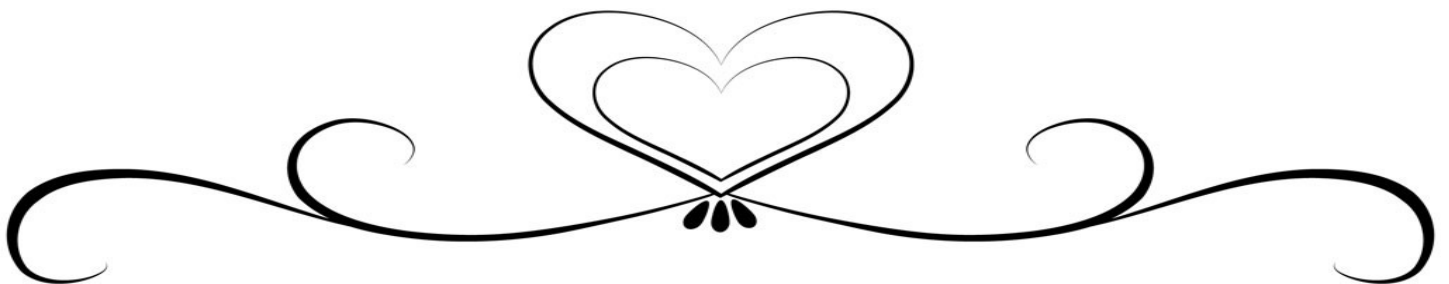
**UKC/AKC CH Blue Sky Desert Star Ball Of Fire,
RN, BN, ICDCA-V, CDCA-HCX,V**

"Nova"

6/8/08 – 1/9/17

Sweet Nova, your bright flame has gone from our lives, leaving us much too soon.

- Norma Bennett Woolf & Denise Gordon



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Events never seem to slow down at CDCA. The agility trial at Thanksgiving was again well attended & I believe we had our best Thanksgiving entries to date. December found club members at the Royal Canin National Championship in Orlando for a fun weekend. This winter finds everyone gearing up for Westminster in NY. Be sure to tune in to the live streaming & the TV broadcast to cheer on the winner!

Plans are well under way for the spring agility trial in May in South Carolina. Then the next big event will be the Specialty in Atlanta this fall. More details later in this issue. Plan to join in the fun!

Remember that CDCA participates in the CHIC program with OFA to help ensure the health of the breed going forward. Winter is a good time to get health clearances up to date during the somewhat slower show schedule as winter limits our options for getting out as much.

- Julie



Editor's Column

Remember that move I mentioned in the last issue? Well, that was hopeful thinking! The first furniture headed over to the new house tonight—three month after our first “move in” date. We won’t actually be in the house until fencing is complete. A non-typical winter has meant the ground has been alternating between frozen and soggy — neither situation conducive to fence posts.

Some of you, by the time you read this, will already be in short-sleeves. Others of us will still be shoveling. No matter your weather, I hope you use this issue to plan out your travels with your Canaan Dogs. Join the club in SC in May for the Agility trials or arrange a gathering at a local show (perhaps at one of the show on pages 13 or 21). Request vacation time for October & join us in Atlanta (pages 28-30), and plan far ahead for 2018 & the St Louis area (week of May 28, 2018). Locally or across the country, gather your dogs and friends to celebrate with the CDCA!

- Amanda

Top Obedience Canaan Dog Award Winner Correction

Due to my fault, the 2015 Top Obedience Canaan Dog award winner was incorrectly reported in the Fall/Specialty 2016 issue of the Kibitzer. The correct recipient of the award is:

Jacque Towery's “Chilli” (Towery's Red Hot Chilli Pepper, CD, BN, RAE, CDCA-HC, V).

Jacque has since received Chilli's plaque for her outstanding accomplishment. My sincerest apologies to her and the club for the mistake.

- Denise Gordon, Awards Chair

New Titles – October Through December 2016

Compiled by: Denise Gordon

From AKC and CDCA Reports.

To report a title before official AKC publication, contact Denise at desertstarcanaans2@gmail.com

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
<i>AKC CHAMPION</i>		
CH. Celev Miska's Khatsot Zeev Adom	Carole & Roy Grider	10/16/16
<i>AKC GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE</i>		
GCHB. CH. Caliente Dangerous Gale Force Winds	Rosette Davila, Cindy Zelbst, Linda Clark, Pamela S Rosman, & Philip R Vulliet	10/1/16
<i>AKC COMPANION DOG</i>		
Desert Star's Midnight Comet, CD, PCD, BN, RAE, CGC	Denise Gordon	12/3/16
<i>AKC UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT 4</i>		
CH. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX4, OM2, GO, VER, RAE	Victor Kaftal	10/8/16
<i>AKC RALLY ADVANCED</i>		
Caliente Desert Wanderer, RA	Gary M. Peterson	
<i>AKC RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT 2</i>		
CH. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX4, OM2, GO, VER, RAE2	Victor Kaftal	10/29/16
<i>AKC ADVANCED CANINE GOOD CITIZEN</i>		
CH. High Desert's Mazel Tov Gili, BN, RN, CA, CGCA	Eileen Jaffe & Risa Baumrind	11/12/16
<i>CDCA HERDING CERTIFIED</i>		
RiverRock Talk Without Speaking Bandersnatch Rsndg, CDCA-HC	Amanda Pough, Judy March Rosenthal & Christina Miller	11/6/16

CDCA 2017 Elections of Officers & Board Members

As per the Constitution and By-Laws "SECTION 4. Nominations and Ballots. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-laws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before February 1 of the election year. The committee shall consist of three members and three alternates, one from each geographical section, all Full members in good standing,

(a) ... The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Corresponding Secretary ... on or before May 1...."

The **Nominating Committee** is:

Amy Preston, Chair	Geographic Section: East
Alla Gertz	Mid-West
Cathey Dunn	West
(Alternates: Annette Israel, Becki O'Donnell, Carrie Franz)	

Please send your comments and names to the Nominating Committee by April 15th so they may finish their deliberations before their May 1 deadline. Comments may be sent to Amy at vicepresident@cdca.org or to any member of the committee.

CDCA Membership

Amy Preston, Membership Chair
membership@cdca.org

Membership List

A link to the 2017 Membership List was posted to the CDCA Yahoo Group.

- Corrections, address changes and such should be sent to Amy. The link will remain the same, and updates will be reflected as soon as they are made.
- The list is in Excel format. It may be downloaded to your personal device for quick access, however it may be better to create a "favorites" link so you are opening the most up-to-date version.

If you are not on the CDCA Yahoo Group, please email Amy for your invitation.

Welcome New Members!

John Duncan - Austin TX
 April Gray - College Park GA
 Marla & Kyle Haney - Ramona CA
 Jessica Heller - West Hartford CT
 Jason Stevenson & Cynthia Stiles - Arlington WA
 Lenny & Aimee Viggiano - Salem NJ
 Catherine Viscoli - New Haven CT
 Robert & Zofia Waters - Arvada CO
 Shelley Wurst - Stafford Springs CT

Welcome back:

Craig Oskow - Plymouth MN
 Debra & Jerry Kawala - Higganum CT



CDCA Club Awards

2016 DOTY/MOTY Nominations

It's time to start sending in nominations the 2016 Member Of The Year (MOTY) and Dog Of The Year (DOTY)! Nominations of recently deceased candidates will be accepted.

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 past and/or current contributions to the breed and/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 past and/or current 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 April 1, 2017**. If there is more than one candidate for either DOTY or MOTY, ballots will be mailed no later than April 8th with the due date of April 30th. Voting may be done either by ballots returned via US Postal Service or electronically (email). Otherwise, a single nomination in either category by the deadline will be declared the winner as confirmed by the Board of Directors. Winners will be announced at the 2017 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

CDCA Club Awards

Register Of Merit and Versatility

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. Dogs both living and deceased are eligible for ROM and Versatility awards.

Eligibility requirements and forms are on the CDCA website (www.cdca.org) in the Programs menu. 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; for CDCA herding titles, send date of certification only.



Forms must reach Denise's home **no later than August 1, 2017**. Award plaques will be presented at the 2017 National Specialty awards banquet in Atlanta, Georgia. Those plaques not picked up at the awards banquet will be mailed to the recipient after the National Specialty.

For further information, contact

Denise Gordon, Awards Chair

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Canaan Dog Column In "AKC Gazette"

Looking For Budding Authors!!!

Have an amusing anecdote about living with your Canaan? Want to let others know what training your Canaan in agility, obedience, rally, herding, coursing, barn hunt, etc. involves? Want to have an article published in the nationally-read *AKC Gazette*? Then step right up! I'm looking for submission by Canaan Dog owners, handlers, breeders, fanciers for the quarterly Canaan Dog breed column in the *Gazette*. Worried that you aren't sure that you are a good enough writer? I can help! You provide the idea and we can discuss how it can be written! Each column is only 600 words long and can cover a variety of topics, except those from a dog's point of view or National Specialty results. Come join the other CDCA members who have contributed to the column!

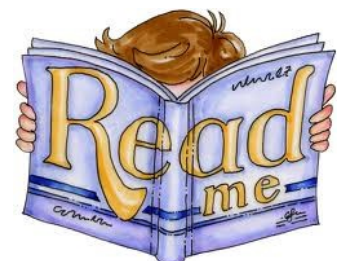
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AKC Awards

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

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

To suggest a CDCA Member for the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, please email CDCA President Julie Haddy at president@cdca.org. Nominations are due by August 1, 2017.

N.B.: 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). Call for 2016 DOTY & MOTY awardees are due April 1st to Denise Gordon. See page 6 for full details.



A Pough

CDCA Committee Reports

Committee Reports prepared for the 2016 Annual Meetings

Health Committee

Donna Davison

After failed attempts to do blood draws at a specialty, the new strategy to gain participation with health research is education. Welcome packets will contain an application, health survey, and cover letter of explanation for the CHIC DNA repository. The plan is to also provide links for this on the lists, facebook page, and perhaps in the Kib.

The first health focus survey is in the works and the plan is to launch in Oct. The first one will focus on eyes. There are high hopes that narrowing in on one area at a time our information will be more concise and useful.

Delegate Report

Pamela S. Rosman

Since the last Annual Meeting of the Canaan Dog Club of America (CDCA) in November 2015, held in Tucson, AZ, there have been four American Kennel Club (AKC) Delegate meetings--the December 2015 meeting held in Orlando, FL and the March 2016, June 2016 and September 2016 meetings, held in Newark, New Jersey, where I have been honored and privileged to represent the CDCA as your Delegate. I am currently serving my fourth term on the Delegate Bylaws Committee, which reviews and makes recommendations on proposed amendments to the Bylaws. I have also served on the Bylaws Joint Subcommittee (with the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee) on the Future Direction of the Delegate Body, examining the growth and governance of the AKC. The powers of an AKC Delegate include approving Rules governing dog shows and field trials, approving amendments to the AKC Bylaws, approving new member clubs and nominating and electing Delegates to serve on the AKC Board of Directors and Delegate Standing Committees. As a voting participant in these quarterly meetings, I am authorized to act per the instructions of the CDCA Board of Direc-

tors. The AKC Delegates' Quarterly Meeting transcripts are sent via email to the CDCA Board of Directors e-list and are posted to the CDCA web site as a web site link, in a password protected members only section for easy accessibility by the CDCA membership. Following are the links for the last four AKC Delegate Meetings:

December 2015 AKC Delegate Meeting http://cdn.akc.org/Delegates_Portal/PDFs/Meeting-Minutes-Dec-2015.pdf?ga=1.169179873.1770427705.1402378107

March 2016 AKC Delegate Meeting http://images.akc.org/pdf/delegate_minutes/Meeting-Minutes-Mar2016.pdf?ga=1.240433731.1770427705.1402378107

June 2016 AKC Delegate Meeting http://images.akc.org/pdf/delegate_minutes/June2016.pdf?ga=1.168785633.1770427705.1402378107

September 2016 AKC Delegate Meeting http://images.akc.org/pdf/delegate_minutes/Sept2016.pdf?ga=1.173512035.1770427705.1402378107

The AKC Board of Directors Meeting minutes are sent by email to the CDCA Board of Directors e-list. Throughout the year, I communicate via email and telephone with both the CDCA Board of Directors and the CDCA membership regarding AKC issues. Annually, at the CDCA Board of Directors Meeting and the Annual General Meeting, I report to the Board and Membership, respectively, on all actions and matters discussed at the AKC Delegate meetings. In addition to reviewing highlights from the Delegate and Board Meetings held during the past year, a general overview of AKC activities is presented. Please attend these important meetings and contribute to the interactive discussion. Remember, your Delegate is the voice of your club to the AKC. To most effectively represent the CDCA, I need to hear from you, the membership. So, please communicate with me with your comments, concerns and issues regarding AKC matters. Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your AKC Delegate.

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Breeder Referral

Sally Armstrong

Breeder Referral Committee Description/

Mission:

- Maintain a file of qualified Breeders, insure that their applications are keep current and that they meet CDCA qualifications.
- Track the CDCA Breeder's 'puppy statuses'. The 'puppy status' is the tracking of the status from breeding through whelping.
- Track the CDCA Breeder's older puppy and dog statuses. This keeps track of any older puppies, adolescents and adult dogs that need placing.
- Publish the CDCA Breeders' List which includes puppy/ dog status (for inclusion in the CDCA information package).
- Keep the Web Chair informed of all updated information for the web Breeders' List.
- Publish the Canaan Dog information package, insure that the information remains current.
- Keep a file of persons qualified to be on the Meet and Greet list.
- Keep the Web Chair informed of all updated information for the web Meet and Greet List.
- Publish the Meet and Greet list (for inclusion in the CDCA information package).
- Answer inquires, via e-mail and phone, from people seeking information on Canaan Dogs, Breeders and their puppy/dog status.
- Mail out information packages to potential puppy buyers.

Committee Member: Sally Armstrong, Chair, in charge of keeping all of the files, information gathering, answering e-mail inquiries, publishing and sending out packages, fielding the phone call inquires and all other sundry things.

In 2013 a committee was formed to update the information package. Thanks to Carrie Cabrera taking the lead on the project, the package was updated. I now have a copy on my computer from which I can make hard copies to send out when requested or send via email. All of this saves the club money and gets the information out faster. I am still getting a trickle of people that request a hard copy and we are still receiving phone calls from people that have additional questions, but appreciate that it has significantly reduced the work load.

Report:

As of 28Aug 2016, 31 information packages have been sent out.

- In 2015: 29
- In 2014: 31
- In 2013: 42
- In 2012: 123
- In 2011: 79
- In 2010: 104

(previous years available from Sally upon request)

As per the Board, in order to be on the Breeders' List a breeder must have a bitch that has produced a litter or a dog at stud that has produced a litter within the last two years from the latest update of the Breeders' List. The Breeders' List was developed for people seeking puppies, and to direct people to breeders that are actively breeding.

A second list is available for breeders that have not met the Breeders' List requirements that would like to remain as contacts, as well as non-breeding owners that would like to be a contact. This list, referred to as the 'Meet and Greet' list, is a program composed of people that would be willing to have people visit their homes in order to meet Canaan Dogs in the flesh and answer questions about Canaan Dogs. The CDCA Board, Breeders and Members need to do more to generate interest in this program. For breeders this program can go a long way to introduce more potential puppy buyers to the breed and give the breeders an avenue to learning more about potential buyers that do not live close-by. It will also help buyers determine if the Canaan Dog is the breed for them. All puppies are cute, it is the adult dog that you live with for many years, and the Canaan Dog is not the breed for everyone. For Members the willingness to participate in the Meet and Greet program is an avenue to become more involved in the positive promotion of the Canaan Dog. The Meet and Greet program was approved by the Board in 2006 and an application is available on the web site.

Once you obtain board approval to be on the Breeders' List you can move back and forth between the Breeders' List and the Meet and Greet List as your situation dictates. This way if you have not produced a litter within the last two

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years you can still actively introduce potential puppy buyers to the breed and jump back on the Breeders' List as soon as a breeding is planned. If you are approved to be on the Meet and Greet list first and you need to move over to the Breeders' List, you must first obtain board approval.

For our new members, I would like to introduce a couple of documents that are available for sale. The Breeders Guide was developed as a guideline 'for the preparation, breeding and follow-up care of the Canaan Dog dam, sire and puppies.' Its information is an invaluable primer for the first time breeder as well as a refresher for the occasional breeder. It highlights everything from necessary health tests for the sire and dam, breeding procedures, care of the pregnant bitch, whelping, raising pups, placing puppies, contract examples and much more. This Breeders Guide is \$12.00 plus \$2.00 s&h.

The committee also has the Breeders Reference Guide available. It contains photographs of, and invaluable information on, most of the foundation dogs found in Canaan Dog pedigrees. It originally sold for \$50 but was reduced to \$30 plus \$3.00 s&h.

Both documents are always available from the Breeder Referral Chair. Send your request along with your check made payable to CDCA to Sally Armstrong, 2300 Crossover Road, Reno, NV 89510-9354.

This committee is organized, runs smoothly and has filled a need for many years. Generating more interest in the Meet and Greet program continues to be of great importance. This will serve the best interests of all Canaan Dog fanciers.

2015 Awards

Denise Gordon

There were several winners for the various Top Canaan Dog performance awards for 2015, which was a great improvement over the previous year. These winners will be announced at the awards banquet which will be held on September 29, 2016, at the host hotel in Waterloo, New York.

In addition to the Top Canaan performance awards, there were a number of Canaans who earned Versatility awards and 1 ROM award, which will also be presented at the banquet. With the Board's approval, I've updated the Versatility program's matrix, including separating Rally and Obedience (now that AKC has done so) into separate categories, and adding the new AKC recognized titles for Coursing Ability Test, Barn Hunt, Canine Good Citizen, Barn Hunt Association, Search and Rescue, North America Diving Dogs [Dock Diving], Therapy Dog, and North American Flyball Association (as well as the new AKC agility and obedience titles).

As I had nominated one of my dogs for 2015 Dog of the Year, it was only fair that I recused myself from the ballot vote process. I want to thank Julie Haddy for taking on the tremendous job of mailing and counting all of the ballots (trust me, stuffing envelopes is no small thing!). She will also present the award at the banquet. Amazingly, there were no nominations this year for Member of the Year.

In the meantime, my congratulations to everyone who earned a title in any organization this past year and keep up the good work!

Herding

Denise Gordon

The 2015 annual herding instinct tests were posted in the winter issue of the Kibitzer, so I won't duplicate them here. I want to thank Risa Baumrind and Carrie Franz for stepping in for me to run the test at Narita Farm.

The 2016 herding instinct test will be held at Central Bark Canine Events in Central Square, New York, on Tuesday, September 27th. This year's test will be held for the first time before the actual National Specialty show due to Rosh Hashanah falling on the date that we normally would have held the test. In addition, this test will be limited to 15 runs due to a low number of sheep available because of various circumstances; dogs attempting qualifying scores for titles will receive priority over dogs who are For Exhibition Only and pre-entries will run before day-of-test (if any slots are

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still available) entries. Bitches in season will be allowed to participate, but will be the last dogs in the test. Our test evaluator will be Colleen Cody, an AKC and American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) licensed judge. Directions to the farm will be posted on the website, at the host hotel, and made available to those attending the annual meetings. Even if they don't have a dog entered in the test, I highly encourage members to come and watch the fun.

As I've mentioned before, while not everyone can make it to a National Specialty test, I encourage owners to take advantage of the club's herding evaluation program. Dogs can be tested through private instructor who is a licensed judge or at an AKC, ASCA, CKC, AHBA, or CDCA-sanctioned event where the dog can simultaneously earn a qualifying score for that organization's herding degree as well as for the CDCA-HC or HCX title. If the dog passes the evaluation, the owner sends in a copy of the scoresheet (evaluation) form to me as Herding Chair and will receive acknowledgement of the qualifying score as well as presentation of the HC or HCX certificate at the next annual awards banquet. Likewise, in the past, members have obtained permission from the club to hold CDCA-sanctioned herding tests, where their dogs may be evaluated and receive titles or qualifying scores towards club herding titles.

"Have Ewe Herd? Canaans Do!"

AKC Gazette Breed Column **Denise Gordon**

First of all, I would like to give a big thank you to David Golden, Marcia Muller and Cathi Oskow, who heeded my (as usual) desperate pleas for guest columnists! Their contributions gave my poor brain a rest from wracking itself trying to come up with new subjects about which to write! The Canaan Dog breed column is published in the March, June, September and December issues of the AKC Gazette. David wrote about a newcomer's introduction to the world of handling and the conformation ring. Marcia gave us her personal insight into Canaan Dog characteristics. Cathi penned an amusing Canaan version of the

Hound And The Fox. That just left me to compose the September column on the topic of Canaans and the question of breed extinction.

The public can now access the magazine through the AKC website and download each issue, which gives a wider exposure of the Canaan Dog world-wide. Articles as written by our members such as David, Marcia, and Cathi give a more personal perspective of our unique breed, which appeals to many readers. One does not need a Pulitzer Prize to write an article for the breed column as I am more than willing to help anyone with a submission on an aspect of living with a Canaan Dog. If you have an idea or would like to submit a column, please contact me at desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com, and you will find a very grateful editor!

Ways and Means Committee **April Lee**

Committee Members: Julie Haddy, Cheryl Kent, Bob Ardinger, Annette Israel

Our committee has not had very much activity this year. We will continue to look into these ideas in the next year. We always appreciate ideas and suggestions from outside of the committee.



**I ♥ MY
CANAAAN
DOG**

Welcome Back GLCDC!

Canaan Dog Owners, Breeders and Friends are hoping to resurrect the Great Lakes Canaan Dog Club!

Join them for a brief organizational meeting and dish-to-share on Saturday, October 7th in Wauseon, Ohio at the Fulton County Kennel Club Dog Show. The meeting will be held after Best In Show. Please bring your own picnic supplies along with your dish-to-share, and your ideas and enthusiasm for all things Canaan Dog + Great Lakes!



Great Lakes Canaan Dog Club

Enter the Fulton County show that day and show to Breeder/Judge Bryna Comsky who will judge breed and the NOHS Herding Group (pending AKC approval). (Sunday's show's judging assignments still pending as of press time.)

Got A Girl Scout In Your Family? Looking For A New Event For Your Local Show?

AKC DOG SHOW PATCH PROGRAM: SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH

By: Samantha Seymour

Published 17 January 2017 on AKC.org

The AKC Dog Show Patch Program successfully launched at the AKC National Championship in Orlando, FL this past December. Over 100 Girl Scouts from more than 25 different troops participated in the launch. The program went without a hitch and received lots of positive feedback from the scouts and troop leaders alike.

This educational program is designed for children of all ages to learn and have fun while attending a dog show. Through the program, children will meet dogs and handlers and learn about the seven AKC breed groups, events at an AKC dog show, responsible dog ownership, canine care, and much more. The AKC provides program packets for the children to complete throughout their day as well as a tip sheet for the parents or troop leaders to help the children. Upon completion of the packet, the children earn an AKC Dog Show Patch.

"It was well organized and structured, but still free formed," raved one troop leader who was pleased with how smoothly the program ran at the launch. "We loved this! We are a new troop working on our Pet Badge. What a great experience! We spoke with lots of wonderful owners and handlers and the program was very educational," said another troop at the end of their dog-filled day.

The program is now available for club members to run at their own shows. A presentation with all the information needed to run the program as well as the downloadable program packet and leader tip sheet are all available under the Dog Show Patch Program page on www.akc.org.

Health & Veterinary Topics

Brucellosis: Dog Breeders Shouldn't Skip Testing for This Dangerous Disease

By Staff Writers

Published 21 August, 2015 on AKC.org

Based on my many discussions with breeders over the years, there appears to be a great deal of misunderstanding about the bacterial disease brucellosis. Interestingly, there also seems to be misunderstanding at some veterinary offices as well.

Brucellosis is a contagious disease caused by the bacterium *Brucella canis*. It is one of the leading causes of infertility in breeding stock. It occurs worldwide, affects all kinds of dogs, purebred and not, and can also be transmitted from dogs to humans. Other animals that can be affected with brucellosis include livestock such as sheep, cattle, and goats, as well as wildlife, including bison, elk, and wild pigs.

In dogs, a classic sign of brucellosis is abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy. Other signs include stillbirths, conception failures, and litter resorption. Some infected dogs may show no symptoms, however.

In humans, clinical symptoms vary. They range from mild, nonspecific or flulike symptoms to infertility or serious cardiac or neurological problems.

In dogs, the bacteria tend to attack the reproductive organs (steroid-dependent tissues) but can also migrate to the eyes, spinal column, liver, spleen, and lymph nodes.

ABOUT BRUCELLOSIS

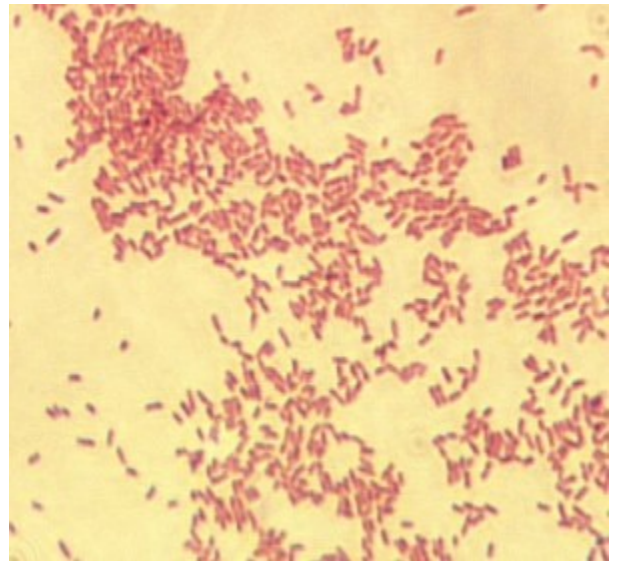
With dogs, the main mode of transmission of brucellosis is by direct contact with infected body fluids, such as semen, vaginal secretions, and urine. Aborted materials are also a major source of infection. The bacterium invades the body via the mucous membranes of the genitals, nose, eyes, or mouth and is spread throughout the body (organs) via blood and lymph nodes.

Brucellosis affects female and male dogs in specific ways:

Females: The most often seen clinical symptom in the female dog is infertility, with 75 percent of cases resulting in late-term abortion (45–55 days of gestation). Aborted puppies will typically show signs of generalized infection, with the female presenting a brownish or green-grey discharge and being highly contagious with the bacteria for several weeks.

Males: The male will present with severe inflammation and/or infection of the epididymis (that part of the testicle where sperm matures and is stored). In the early phase of infection, the testes will be enlarged and painful. As the infection progresses, the testes become firm and shrunken. Infected males will become sterile due to testicular damage causing anti-sperm antibody formation.

Infected males may also develop prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate gland), with clinical symptoms of difficulty urinating and defecating.



Microscopic view of Brucella (Tufts University)

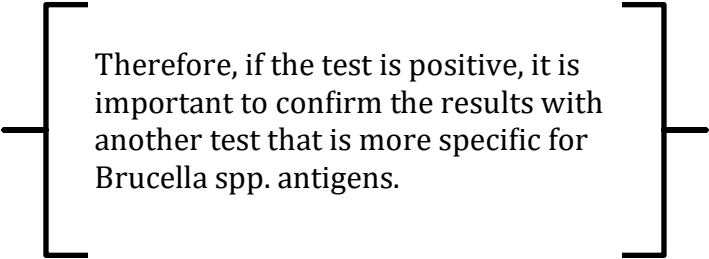
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Both sexes: Non-reproductive symptoms in both sexes can include lethargy, weight loss, and exercise intolerance. More specific clinical symptoms will depend on the organ infected but can include inflammation of the spine, eye, heart, and skin.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TESTING

There are accurate, definitive tests for brucellosis (PCR-based, blood culture), but they must be performed correctly. Screening tests are accurate if negative except very early in the course of the infection. (There is not a 100-percent accurate, definitive test for this infection in dogs, though there are many tests available.)



Therefore, if the test is positive, it is important to confirm the results with another test that is more specific for *Brucella* spp. antigens.

A simple blood draw is most often used. The rapid slide agglutination test (RSAT) that detects antibodies to *Brucella* spp. is often used as a screening tool. This test is quick and inexpensive, but cross-reactivity with other bacterial species commonly results in false positives. Therefore, if the test is positive, it is important to confirm the results with another test that is more specific for *Brucella* spp. antigens.

A definitive diagnosis can be made by positive culture of the bacteria in blood or tissue. However, the bacterium is difficult to detect in early stages with antibiotic treatment affecting the results. PCR testing can confirm the presence of active infection by detecting DNA of the *Brucella* spp., but lab tests are not yet universally available. Ultrasound and/or X-rays may help show abnormalities in the prostate and/or testicles, and inflammation of the spine in cases of discospondylitis.

Sadly, there is no guaranteed cure for this infection in dogs. It is very difficult for antibiotics to effectively penetrate cells to eradicate the disease. Long-term doses of combinations of antibiotics have been tried, as well as neutering and isolation of infected dogs, but the infection often reappears. As the disease is zoonotic (capable of spreading to humans), tragically, euthanasia of infected animals is recommended.

The foregoing should alert breeders as to just how imperative it is to test both male and female dogs for brucellosis before breeding.

PROCEDURES AND PREVENTION

When abortions, infertility, and/or testicular abnormalities are detected in dogs and/or bitches during routine inspections or testing, immediate blood testing for *Brucella canis* should be done. (Again, it is important to bear in mind that positive results can be false and need more specific testing.)

Your veterinarian should know how to accomplish this testing. The kennel should be quarantined during the eradication process, with no new dogs brought to the premises and no selling, relocating, or breeding. Serology testing should be done on all animals in order to identify the sources of infection.

Any animal testing positive must be immediately removed. Monthly testing must then continue for at least three months, until there are no new positive results for brucellosis.

After this period, testing should be performed every three months for a year and a preventative plan put

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in place. Very thorough and careful hygiene routines are vital if this disease is to be eradicated. Sadly, there is no cure, and even if tests are showing a negative result, the infection will most commonly recur.

All organic material should be removed from infected surfaces prior to a thorough disinfection. It is essential that dogs testing positive are not kept as breeding stock, even if they are of great genetic importance in a breeding program. The only way to have and to successfully maintain a clean environment for the dogs is if all infected dogs are removed.

Prevention is easily accomplished by simple blood testing of both the dog and bitch prior to breeding. Stud dogs must be tested annually, and bitches must be tested prior to each breeding. This serological test should even be done on a stud dog being collected for frozen semen. Any new animal entering the premises should be quarantined for 8–12 weeks and tested for *Brucella canis* at the beginning and the end of the quarantine period.

Brucella canis is not transmitted only by sexual activity; all maiden bitches and virgin dogs should also be tested. The bacteria can be found not only in the reproductive tract but also in the eyes, spinal column, liver, spleen, and lymph nodes. The main route of infection is by direct contact with infected body fluids, such as semen, vaginal secretions, and urine.

To date, there is no vaccine for prevention of the disease in dogs.



RISK TO HUMANS

Canine brucellosis is a reportable disease in many states (though not California). In the event of a positive blood result, your veterinarian can seek advice from the state veterinarian regarding a plan of action. It is important to keep in mind that false positives occur, and in this case re-testing or testing at a different laboratory is needed. It is imperative to confirm that a positive result really is positive.

Since the disease can be transmitted to humans, and for dogs there is no known cure and no vaccine, infected dogs are a health hazard to humans. While most human cases of brucellosis are caused by consuming unpasteurized dairy products or undercooked meat, it is possible for humans to get this disease from dogs. Most reported cases from a canine source have been from people who have had direct contact with an aborted litter or aborted material associated with such a litter, such as veterinary technicians and breeders.

Immune-compromised people are at the greatest risk and are of particular concern for contracting this disease. Pregnant women and young children are also at the top of the “concern” list.

Clinical signs in people range from being uncomfortable with flulike symptoms to septicemia, infertility, and cardiac and neurological symptoms of a more serious nature. Fortunately, humans do respond to antibiotic treatment, but prolonged therapy is required. (See the CDC website for more information.)

The above is based on interviews with and articles by Autumn Davidson, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVIM, VMTH SAC, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis.

—Carolyn R. Gold, Gordon Setter Club of America, from a two-part article in the April and July 2015 AKC Gazette

Guest Viewpoints From Around The Web

As the Wheels Turn – Winning Isn’t Everything. It’s the ONLY Thing.... Or Not

By Laura Reeves PHA

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Nobody likes to lose. Fact. “Spending hours, days, weeks, months and years preparing, training, practicing only to lose — that’s my dream...” said no one. Ever.

But... Yep, I know, there’s always a but...

Football coaching legend Vince Lombardi made this headline famous, all the while claiming he was misquoted. What he supposedly meant to say was, “Winning isn’t everything. The will to win is the only thing.” Just doesn’t have the same “ooooorah” ring, does it?

What about the oft-repeated line, “It’s not that you won or lost but how you played the game”? For a staggering number of our exhibitors today, “how you play the game” never enters the equation. That you won or lost is all that is noted.

We see this expressed in many ways. Ribbons thrown away if they don’t meet expectations. Trashing judges, bemoaning professional handlers, bad-mouthing other breeders. Breeding to whatever wins, no matter the cost to one’s breeding program or the breed in general. Exhibitors of all stripes who cut corners and game the system, at the expense of their dignity or the dog’s well-being, simply for a better chance at that coveted W on the reader board.

In conversation with a number of breeders at my national last week, the topic of splitting our national events arose. I was told that holding our events together makes it “too hard to win” at one or the other event. Clearly not THAT hard since the winner of the Puppy Sweepstakes also won the Puppy Stake at the horseback field trial. We had a Dual Futurity award winner with the dog placing, less than a week apart, in both the show and field futurities. Winners Dog at the national is a dog who works in the field and was shown in hard field condition. The national BOS dog ran in two hunt tests the next day. So, you can win, but maybe not win enough? Or big enough? Is it ever “enough”?

Recent discussion on various social media sites about a judge “withholding” ribbons erupted into vitriol — all over the topic of winning. I absolutely loved this comment from the judge in question, while noting that he is not a “ribbon dispenser”: “every time I apply for new breeds, renew my judging license and sign a judges book, I am taking an oath to adhere, respect and protect every breed standard I am licensed for. These blue prints (are) set out by the parent clubs to maintain a certain level of acceptable standard.”

It is an admirable goal to which every breeder, exhibitor, judge or owner should aspire.

You see, winning isn’t about blue ribbons, not really.

Winning means protecting and preserving the breed you love. Winning means breeding to produce



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dogs that meet the written standard, not attempting to revise the standard to match the dogs that “win.” Winning means working tirelessly to produce healthy, sound-minded companions for puppy buyers — the majority of whom will never have to worry about owning a super star. Winning means looking ahead in the breed and your breeding program. Winning means standing against the tide, if need be, in order to do all of the above.

Winning, by this definition, really IS the only thing.

We’re nearing the end of our self-described Year of Living Well. Perhaps the year’s most important project will be to calibrate our understanding of “winning” in such a way that the *dogs* are more important than the ribbons.

As always, this is JMH0.

Letters To The Editor

Fall 2016 Issue

“Wonderful! Great [edition] and great herding write up :)”

- *Eva Razka*, owner of Central Bark Caine Events, site of the 2016 National Specialty Herding Test

Brag Box

Proud to announce that "**Ziva**" has recently earned both the Farm Dog Certified title and the BCAT title in the FAST CAT sport. I believe both are a first for the Canaan Dog breed. Ziva clocks in at 24 mph! She's currently ranked as the #1 Canaan Dog for 2017 and in 2016 she tied for first in the FAST CAT rankings.

Breaking News: “Ziva” just earned her Novice Agility Jumper Preferred title with a perfect score and a 1st place rosette. Way to go!!

This now makes her **GCH. CH. RIVER ROCK REACH ANY HIGHER NJP, BCAT, FDC, BN, RN, CAX, CGCA, CGCU, HIC, CDCA-HCX, VA** - *Marcia Muller*

From the Editor: *Brag Box listings are free to all members (no photos). Submit your brags by May 1 for inclusion in the Spring issue.*

Viewpoints From Fellow Members

Attempting Agility – old handler, young dog!

By Marcia Muller

Well, here I am, age 69 and writing about Agility – a sport I got into in Sept. 2014. Ziva was between obedience classes and conformation shows and finally old enough to start Intro. to Agility. So we took the plunge. My first mistake was Group classes. My second was not having hearing aids. Our training facility had high ceilings and everything the instructor said was garbled. Her style of teaching was all wrong for a Canaan Dog – repetition, repetition, and more repetition. Ziva “got” how to jump over a bar on her first try. By the 3rd try she was hopping over the bar since she figured jumping wasn’t what I wanted. Taking jumps with new obstacles presented a problem since the additional obstacles were being added at the end of the run. After doing the same several beginning jumps multiple times she just shut down. When the instructor asked why she wasn’t jumping I said she was bored. She said “but there’s new obstacles added on at the end.” She didn’t understand Canaan Dogs. She also wanted to train the dogs to stop at the “off” contact points. To me this just seemed so wrong for a Canaan Dog.

Ziva was more interested in playing with the other dogs than taking the obstacles. When she finally decided to appease me and take the tire jump we got an audible gasp from the rest of the class as they observed the beauty and grace of a Canaan Dog flying through a tire jump. When I ran into a pole (twice – same pole) I started getting second thoughts about Agility. This can be a dangerous sport for all members of the team.

We left the Group class after 6 sessions. Next came private lessons with an instructor that was slightly better. This instructor moved away after a month or so and we decided to quit Agility and concentrate on conformation and other sports.

Then last year I found my dream instructor – Elizabeth Evans, owner of Best Friends Fun Farm. Not only does she know her stuff, she knows how to explain what you are doing wrong without making it feel like a lecture or that you are hopeless. She also trains to the dog, not one size fits all style. Elizabeth encourages and is sure to mention all the things you are doing correctly. Ziva was her first Canaan Dog to train and I’m probably her oldest novice student. It



soon became apparent to Elizabeth that the athletic part of this sport was not going to be a problem for Ziva at all. However, it was a problem for my old body. For Ziva - no fear of any obstacles, their height or the “looks” of a new jump. She loves the A Frame. The problems for Ziva are distractions, focus and motivation. She soon learned to ignore the birds flying around the barn where we train. Motivation is still a problem. Food doesn’t really work for her – or rather she doesn’t work for food! So throwing a toy was introduced. Then we had the problem of playing Keep Away! She doesn’t like to tug too much since she doesn’t win. If I let her win then we end up playing Keep Away again. Not good.

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Member Viewpoint: Agility, continued

I set up a backyard course with everything except an A Frame. That helped us to train only a few minutes at a time. I could stop when I got out of breath – which was often! I started getting innovative and set up courses that were way beyond Novice level but I didn't know that since but no one told me we weren't supposed to be doing things like serpentine sequences, wraps and back jumps at this stage of the game. All I knew was that Ziva liked to do different things so I got creative. She loves serpentine.

The Texas heat cuts down on training time as does Ziva's heat cycles and false pregnancies. She just doesn't want to play when her hormones are bouncing all over the place. It's a real bummer because when she's feeling good she just flies through a course. We mix up running a course with fetching a tennis ball or Frisbee. Sometimes the toy acts as a lure. She likes doing weaves and running after the toy when she comes out at the end.

Practicing with others in a group has been reintroduced. The energy of the other dogs gets Ziva all worked up. She sees them running and she just wants to join them on the field. We're at the level now where we train indoors in a barn and outside on a field, depending on weather.

We tried the new AKC Agility Certification Test and Ziva had a blast. We got a NQ on 2 runs but boy was it fast and fun! No bars went down but since her adrenaline level was so high she just flew off the A Frame. I ended up taking out a bar jump on our 2nd run. Once again, this really is a dangerous sport for an old lady. At the end of her run Ziva came over and just sat in front of me with a huge smile on her face and her tongue hanging out.

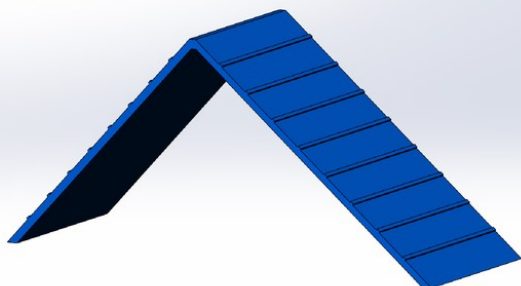
I've ramped up my training and started running on my treadmill in addition to walking 5-6 miles a day. Maybe my cardio endurance will improve and I won't get so out of breath. It's just that Ziva is so darn fast and it's hard to keep up when you have a short stride (I'm 5'1/2"). I look at other gals running with very slow moving dogs and sometimes I wish Ziva was just a tad slower. With her it's either I'm not running at all today or let's fly over everything.

I met Alan Gersman about 2 years ago and he was kind enough to spend a few hours talking to me about CDs and Agility. I can't thank him enough. I only wish I had gotten into Agility earlier with my previous dog. That way I might have had a chance of really moving up in the sport with Ziva. It's really hard on your body if you first start doing Agility in your late 60's. I guess it can also be really hard on your body even if you are young or if you have been doing it for a while – but by then the pleasure gained from having a clean run with a Canaan Dog outweighs the pain!

In Sept. we entered our first "real" agility trial weekend and Ziva had the zoomies in the JWW ring. Then she flew off the A frame and I forgot to send her to the table in the Standard ring. So went Day 1. Canaan Dogs are quick learners and before the weekend was over we managed to get not only Q runs in

both Standard and JWW but also 1st Place rosettes in each!!! I had to apply muscle cream to my entire body each night at bedtime but it was so worth it. I got such a rush out of running the course with Ziva and she, once again, had a blast.

I'm thankful that Canaan Dogs are so versatile. I've been able to sample so many different sports with Ziva. I still have other activities I hope to attempt. I enjoy watching her having fun. So far the most fun for Ziva is running in the CATs. I especially like this sport because I don't have to wear my hearing aids!



Opinions Sought

Encouraging Canaan Dog Entries

Recent discussion among club members revolved around how to build entries in Canaan Dogs. Not just entering a local show, but stimulating discussion about meeting up at shows to increase the chance for points and majors, along with comradery, education and, knowing our members, some great meals!

To that end, the five AKC judges who have bred and/or owned Canaan Dogs were searched for upcoming assignments on AKC.org (* indicate where a contract exists but AKC approval is still pending). The following list was run on 29 January 2017 and lists shows from 1 March 2017 & on.

Is this kind of a list useful to members? Shall we continue to post this list?
Please send your comments to the Editor.



Canaan Dog Breeder/Owner Judges Upcoming Assignments (show dates March 1, 2017 & on) as of 01/29/2017 ... taken from AKC.org and direct reports				
Date	Location	Club	Judge	Applicable Assignment *=pending AKC approval
March 11 (Saturday)	West Palm Beach, FL	Palm Beach Co Dog Fanciers Assoc.	Lorna Hastings Menaker	- Canaan Dogs
April 2 (Sunday)	Claremore, OK	Claremore KC of OK	Linda Clark	- NOHS Herding Group
April 23 (Sunday)	Timonium, MD	Baltimore Co KC	Linda Clark	- Canaan Dogs - NOHS BIS
May 13 (Saturday)	Greencastle, PA	Chambersburg Area KC	Carrie Chase	- Canaan Dogs
June 2 (Friday)	Gray Summit, MO	Mississippi Valley KC	Lorna Hastings Menaker	- Canaan Dogs
June 4 (Sunday)	Dunkirk, NY	Olean KC	Amanda Pough	- Canaan Dogs - NOHS Herding Group
June 17 (Saturday)	Tampa, FL	St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Assoc.	Lorna Hastings Menaker	- Canaan Dogs - NOHS Herding Group
June 17 (Saturday)	Tampa, FL	Sunshine State Herding Group Assoc.	Linda Clark	- Canaan Dogs - NOHS Herding Group - Junior Showmanship
October 7 (Saturday)	Wauseon, OH	Fulton Co KC	Bryna Comsky	- Canaan Dogs* - NOHS Herding Group*

OFA Test Results: October 2016—January 29, 2017

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

Registered Name	Reg. #	Sex	OFA Test #	Test Name	Results
#1 (SUKAR)	NOREG1722671	M	CA-DM197/3M-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
#1 (SUZE)	NOREG1697191	F	CA-DM194/0F-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
#2 (ANTHONY)	NOREG1697192	M	CA-DM195/0M-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
#2 (STAHMA)	NOREG1722672	F	CA-DM198/3F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
#3 (B'')"	NOREG1697193	F	CA-DM196/0F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
#3 (KENYA)	NOREG1722673	F	CA-DM199/3F-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
#4 (DATAK)	NOREG1722674	M	CA-DM200/3M-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
CALIENTE DESERT WANDERER	DN32566102	M	CA-532E59M-VPI	HIPS	EXCELLENT
CALIENTE DESERT WANDERER	DN32566102	M	CA-EL192M59-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
<i>HA'ARETZ ARROW</i>	<i>DN29344502</i>	<i>F</i>		<i>THYROID</i>	<i>EQUIVOCAL</i>
<i>KOL TUV BRINGER OF LIGHT</i>	<i>DN39802504</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>CA-529G28M-VPI</i>	<i>HIPS</i>	<i>GOOD</i>
<i>KOL TUV BRINGER OF LIGHT</i>	<i>DN39802504</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>CA-EL189M28-VPI</i>	<i>ELBOW</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>
<i>KOL TUV BRINGER OF LIGHT</i>	<i>DN39802504</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>CA-EYE47/28M-VPI</i>	<i>EYES</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>
<i>KOL TUV BRINGER OF LIGHT</i>	<i>DN39802504</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>CA-PA129/28M/P-VPI</i>	<i>PATELLA</i>	<i>NORMAL - PRACTITIONER</i>
<i>KOL TUV FULIGIN TALI</i>	<i>DN40339702</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>CA-530G28F-VPI</i>	<i>HIPS</i>	<i>GOOD</i>
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<i>KOL TUV FULIGIN TALI</i>	<i>DN40339702</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>CA-TH128/28F-VPI</i>	<i>THYROID</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>
<i>KOL TUV FULIGIN TALI</i>	<i>DN40339702</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>CA-PA130/28F/P-VPI</i>	<i>PATELLA</i>	<i>NORMAL - PRACTITIONER</i>
KOL TUV NER ECHAD L'MACCA-BEE	DN40339704	F	CA-528F27F-VPI	HIPS	FAIR
KOL TUV NER ECHAD L'MACCA-BEE	DN40339704	F	CA-TH126/27F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
KOL TUV NER ECHAD L'MACCA-BEE	DN40339704	F	CA-EL188F27-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
KOL TUV NER ECHAD L'MACCA-BEE	DN40339704	F	CA-PA128/27F/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER

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MICHA DE SOLEMEL AT NIZZANA	NOREG1686121	M	CA-DM192/4M-PI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
NIZZANA CURTIS KITTYHAWK	AL03259203	F	CA-DM193/76F-PI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
PLEASANT HILL AVRAM OF CARTERS CREEK	DN41023001	M	CA-531G24M-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL AVRAM OF CARTERS CREEK	DN41023001	M	CA-EL191M24-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL AVRAM OF CARTERS CREEK	DN41023001	M	CA-TH129/24M-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL AVRAM OF CARTERS CREEK	DN41023001	M	CA-PA131/24M/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
RELIC'S COUNT ON ME	DN44700903	M	CA-533G33M-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
RELIC'S COUNT ON ME	DN44700903	M	CA-TH131/33M-PI	THYROID	NORMAL
RELIC'S COUNT ON ME	DN44700903	M	CA-EL193M33-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
RELIC'S COUNT ON ME	DN44700903	M	CA-EYE48/33M-VPI	EYES	NORMAL
RELIC'S COUNT ON ME	DN44700903	M	CA-PA132/33M/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
RIVER ROCK LYCEUM SAME DREAM BANDERSNATCH	DN42704501	F	CA-EYE49/23F-VPI	EYES	NORMAL
RIVER ROCK QUITE THE COMEDIAN	DN37121505	F	CA-TH130/43F-PI	THYROID	NORMAL
RIVER ROCK RIGHT NEXT TO YOU	DN39056204	F	CA-TH127/32F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
RIVROC ONTO SOMETHIN BSNATCH ROSNDOG	DN30312605	M	CA-EYE39/74M-VPI	EYES	NORMAL W/ BREEDER OPTIONS NOTED E1:Cataract - Suspect Not Inherited



From the AKC

Canine Legislation: What Is The AKC Doing About It? What Can You Do?

Shelia Goffe, Director of Government Relations, AKC, First published in *Perspectives*, the newsletter for AKC Delegates, December 2009. Copyright AKC, REPUBLISHED WITH PERMISSION, Revised June 2011.

Across the nation, breeders and owners of purebred dogs are under legislative attack by organizations whose agenda includes ending our great tradition of purebred dogs as family pets and working companions. It's not surprising, then, that one of the most common questions we hear is, *what's the AKC doing about canine legislation?*

The AKC is doing a lot. Some of AKC Government Relations (GR) accomplishments include tracking more than 1,000 state and local bills/ordinances each year. GR has conducted, on average, two public training sessions a month throughout the country. AKC GR has made thousands of individual contacts with legislators; launched two newsletters and an online legislative tracking system; and expanded our outreach to the public and the fancy in person, online and in publications. With our federations, AKC has been on the frontlines of successful legislative battles in California, Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, New York, North Carolina and many other states.

The Role of AKC in Canine Legislation

Recently, the AKC Board reviewed the role of the AKC with respect to the increasing legislative pressures faced by dog breeders and owners. The Board reaffirmed the role of AKC with respect to the part of the AKC's mission statement that pledges to work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership. The AKC Government Relations Department is charged with implementing these objectives on a daily basis and ensuring that laws governing dog ownership and breeding are reasonable, enforceable and nondiscriminatory.

Advocacy works best when those who are directly affected by it take the lead in working with legislators. Legislators want to create laws that voters can support. Success in canine legislation requires *involvement by those who will be affected by it*. Hence, the AKC does not regularly send staffers out to legislative trouble spots, but instead provides educational, informational and training resources that enable the residents of a community—those most affected by the laws—to take the lead in working for policies that best address their needs.

As part of the individual responsibility that comes with being a good dog owner, the AKC encourages all dog owners to know, understand, and follow the laws of their jurisdictions. The AKC cannot provide legal advice or advocate on behalf of individuals who have broken local dog laws.

How AKC Government Relations Can Help You

The Government Relations Department is composed of staff who have a broad range of experience in politics at the local, state and federal levels. At the federal level, the AKC also retains a team of federal advocates from the firm of Greenberg Traurig in Washington, D.C.

The GR Department provides a wide variety of resources to support clubs, federations, breeders and individuals in protecting their rights.

Some of the resources AKC GR offers include:

- Tracking and reviewing legislation to determine potential impact on breeders, owners, fanciers and the dog-owning public. This includes a dynamic online legislative tracking system that lets you track canine legislation in any state of the union and on Capitol Hill.
- Online legislative alerts and bill synopses, a monthly newsletter, a quarterly Federal newsletter, and the ability to contact thousands of AKC constituents about legislation that may threaten them. Alerts may be sent out to broad groups of individuals or narrow segments of specific target populations, depending on the issue involved. Nearly all legislative alerts provide next steps to help individuals contact

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their legislators as well as specific information about the AKC's perspective on the measure introduced.

- Statements of AKC issue opposition or support targeted to local, state or federal officials. These statements are specific to the particular bill and the community affected by the bill. GR also provides background data, analysis, and other intelligence to ensure that legislation is reasonable, enforceable and nondiscriminatory.
- Issue-based policy expertise including policy briefs, model legislation, and alternate language to legislators, clubs, federations, and individuals involved in the development of canine policy.

A Few Words about Process

The first thing GR does when it learns about a potentially damaging bill is to research the measure and conduct an analysis of its impact. In addition to assistance provided to clubs, federations and individuals, GR also may contact lawmakers, negotiate language, educate officials about sensible dog laws and responsible ownership, and suggest alternatives to restrictive breeding laws or bans.

Some of the department's work is conducted outside the public eye. While it may sometimes appear that the AKC is not actively involved in the legislative process, this is not the case. Some of the GR department's greatest successes are the bills you never hear about—those that have never been formally introduced or have never made it past committee hearings.

Other times, legislation and legislative issues are best addressed by public support or opposition. This is when the GR Department issues legislative alerts or news items and provides constituents with sample letters and talking points. In some cases, staff may conduct legislative training sessions or lobby days.

How does the AKC decide which bills to support or oppose? The AKC GR Department bases its bill positions on the AKC's Board-approved canine legislative position statements, which are available on the AKC web site at www.akc.org/pdfs/canine_legislation/PBLEG2.pdf.

AKC GR tracks on average more than 1,000 dog related measures at the state, local and federal level. To maintain this heavy workload, AKC GR depends on its friends and colleagues throughout the nation for grassroots legislative information, support and participation.

What You Can Do

As a responsible AKC dog owner/breeder, you have a special opportunity and responsibility to make your voice heard in representing the interests of responsible dog owners in your club(s) and the community.

Most politicians know very little about dogs and even less about breeding and the fancy.

Educating our legislators—*especially before an issue ever comes up*—is one of the most important things you can do to ensure dog owners and breeders interests are served when canine legislation is introduced.

- Set up a 10-minute appointment with your local representatives; introduce yourself and offer to provide insight on dog issues. This will give you access if canine legislation is introduced in the future.
- Make sure all your clubs have Legislative Liaisons and work within a state federation. GR depends on liaisons and federations as two-way information channels to learn about possible local ordinances and to get the word out about new legislation. If GR does not hear about a local issue, we cannot help. If clubs and individuals do not get our information, they cannot respond to it. [The CDCA Legislative Liaisons are Norma Bennett Woolf & Joan Capiiau-Greene.]
- Support—and encourage your club to support—the AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund (CLSF). This fund helps support legislative empowerment seminars at national specialties and all-breed shows, state-wide lobby days, the development of advocacy training programs, and other advocacy efforts.

For more information or assistance, call the AKC GR Department at 919-816-3720, email doglaw@akc.org, or visit www.akc.org/canine_legislation.

Mazel Tov Canaan Dogs *In Partnership with* Kochav Canaan Dogs



**Seeking best home for a top show and performance prospect male pup:
“Roy,” pictured at 7 weeks, is pick pup from a long-planned litter, born December 10, 2016**

Through his Sire*, Roy goes back to the Mazel Tov Foundation Bitch,
CH Pleasant Hill Tovah ROM, CD, RN, CGC, HCX, CDCA V, ICDCA VC,

and through his Dam*, to the original Mazel Tov male,
CH. Pleasant Hill Mazel, HCX, ICDCA VC.

Mazel and Tovah were parents of Canaan Dogs with excellent achievements in
Conformation, Performance and Herding Instinct, including
MACH4 ADCH Mazel Tov PRTMJL Minnie Pooh CD MXC2 MJG2 XF

Roy tests as well for Performance Aptitude in Puppy Temperament Tests as Minnie did!

Pedigree is 1/3 recent Israeli lines, 2/3 old US lines--including some rarely-used dogs.

***Sire: AKC/UKC CH Mazel Tov Matan CDCA HC - At Stud to Approved Bitches.**

Group 1, UKC Multi-Breed Dog Show, ICDCA Specialty weekend 2013
Group 4 Bred-by (AKC), Cambridge, Minnesota KC Show
Best Rookie Herder, CDCA Herding Instinct Trial 2014
#7 AKC Canaan Dog – 2015 (tie) / #9 AKC Owner-Handled Canaan Dog 2014 (tie)
#5 UKC Canaan Dog 2014
Completed AKC Championship with 5-Point Major at 2015 CDCA Specialty Weekend
Completed UKC championship in 1 weekend during 2013 ICDCA Specialty
CHIC, DM-Free, Excellent Hips

***Dam: AKC GCH/UKC CH Pleasant Hill Heavenly Daze CDCA HC**

Select Bitch 2014 CDCA National Specialty/Best of Opposite 3 shows that weekend
Best of Opposite 2012 CDCA National Specialty
Best Puppy and Winners Bitch 2011 CDCA Specialty

Contact:

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Kochav & Mazel Tov Canaan Dogs Pedigree of "Roy," Born 12/10/2016

Sire:  AKC/UKC CH Mazel Tov Matan CDCA HC	CH Naturally Noahs at Eastland	Eastlands Isaac	Eastlands Valentine Surprise	CH Mazel Tov Levi Arayl's Saretta at Eastland
			CH Eastlands Kaila	CH Arayl's Eitan Ben Jordan CH Eastlands Tehilla CDCA HC
			CH CHF Ezra Taft Benson	Shavit Me Shaar Hagai CH Dvash Me Shaar Hagai
			Arayl's Saretta at Eastland	Arayl's Moshe Adam Arayl's Alydar Bat Aja
		Eastlands Adina	WW2001, European Winner 2001, Tel Aviv Winner 2001, Intl Canaan Specialty BIS 2001, BISS 2002, 3 x CAC France, ICDCA Specialty BIS 2003, Intl Isr Luxemburg, AKC/UKC CH Barak me Shaar Hagai	Isr CH Koren me Shaar Hagai Yona me Shaar Hagai
			International, Israel CH Bat me Shaar Hagai	WW92 International, Israel CH Lahav me Shaar Hagai Mikah me Beit Kuti
			Can CH Hadar HaAretz Northern Snow	DOTY 1993 CDCA/ AKC CH Shvatim Confidence ROMX, VX, CGC, HCX, AHBA-HIC HaAretz Gimel Wafi
			CH Pleasant Hill Tovah ROM CD RN CGC CDCA HCX, V, ICDCA VC	CH Pleasant Hill Jordan ROMX CDCA CH Pleasant Hill Daya HC
		AKC CH/UKC CH Mazel Tov Naftalia ROM, RN, CDCA HCX		

Dam:  AKC GCH/UKC CH Pleasant Hill Heavenly Daze CDCA HC	CH Pleasant Hill Wish Granted	CH Lahat Me Shaar Hagai	WW2001, European Winner 2001, Tel Aviv Winner 2001, Intl Canaan Specialty BIS 2001, BISS 2002, 3 x CAC France, ICDCA Specialty BIS 2003, Intl Isr Lux AKC/UKC CH Barak me Shaar Hagai	Israel CH Bazak me Shaar Hagai International Israel CH Bat me Shaar Hagai
			Isr CH Bein-HaArbaim me Shaar Hagai	Israel CH Bazak me Shaar Hagai Yael me Shaar Hagai
			CH Pleasant Hill Titillation	Pleasant Hill Seth CDCA CH Pleasant Hill Yetta
			CH Pleasant Hill Pretti Spiffi	Pleasant Hill Matok CDCA CH Pleasant Hill Sapir ROM
		CH Pleasant Hill Thaddeus	AKC/CDCA/ARBA CH Pleasant Hill Yaakov Metav NA NAJ CGC HCT, CDCA HCX	Pleasant Hill Seth Pleasant Hill Hay Day
			Bay Path's Sarice	Spring Lad Bay Path's Shoshana of Briel
			CH Pleasant Hill Mazel CDCA HCX, ICDCA VC	CH Arayl's Eitan Ben Jordan Pleasant Hill Onyx
			CH Pleasant Hill Alexandra	CH Pleasant Hill Jordan ROMX
		CH Pleasant Hill Brazen Image		

The road leads back to you...

CDCA 2017 National Specialty
Atlanta, Georgia
October 16-23, 2017

(schedule pending)



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE*:

Annual Meetings

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

**Independent National Specialty
with Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)**

Thursday, October 19, 2017

National Specialty judge: Harry (Butch) Schulman
Sweepstakes judge: Mel Holloman

**Designated Specialty
with Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)**

Friday, October 20, 2017

Supported Entries

Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 2017

Douglasville KC of GA, Atlanta KC and Newnan KC

Obedience & Rally traditionally offered at this cluster.

Event Committee: CDCA Board of Directors
Mike Houchard, Chair

Watch "The Kib" and the CDCA website at: cdca.org/specialty17.html

*pending all approvals and scheduling needs



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CDCA 2017 National Specialty Atlanta, Georgia October 16-23, 2017

(schedule pending)



HOST HOTEL

Hospitality Chair: Annette Israel, eastlandcanaans@gmail.com

Drury Inn & Suites: Atlanta Morrow
6520 South Lee Street, Morrow GA 30260

Reservations: www.druryhotels.com or 1-800-325-0720
Group #: 2299150
Block held until Friday, September 15, 2017
No Pet Fee (CDCA Room Policy Applies)

Drury Inn & Suites offer Hot Breakfasts daily, 5:30 Kickback, Wifi and more! This is the same hotel as in 2013. Convenient access to food, shopping and tourism.

Approximately 5 miles from Show Site.

AUCTION 2017

Auction Chair: April Gray, amo2cute@gmail.com

I am honored to be the auction chair for 2017. I plan to make this the most successful auction yet. To make that happen, we need donations from members. Donations can be anything from Canaan themed clothing to lamps.

I've been reaching out to companies for donations as well. I am posting their link on our FB page as they pledge a donation. Please support them by liking the pages, sharing and patronizing them. This will let them know that we appreciate the donation. They might even contribute more in the future.

I will creating a group in the future, to display the items up for auction. I might also use the group for the actual bidding. All donations must be in by June 1, 2017.

Remember, in order to make this auction and our National a success we must all chip in.



- Some of the companies donating:
- Speckled Pet (custom painting)
 - The Pastel Pug (hand painted art)
 - Amer-Pooch (custom embroidery) · Graymatter Training ·
 - Brilliant K9 (gift card) · Siberianart (silver item)
 - Picture Perfect Pedigree · Darkmonster Leads
 - JamesReidDesign (license plate cover)
 - and more being added daily!

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TROPHY DONATIONS

Trophy Chair: Amanda Pough, bandersnatchbtcd@yahoo.com

Donate early, donate often! With four days of shows, and classes in breed, sweepstakes, obedience, rally and herding, we have a LOT of trophies and rosettes to offer. We are planning on beautiful and useful tables overflowing with awards!

New this year—earn your Unicorn Status!

Donors will be recognized at the following levels:

- Bronze \$5 to 25
- Silver \$26 to \$75
- Gold \$76 to \$200
- Platinum \$201 to \$1000
- Mythical Unicorn Level \$1001 and beyond!

These levels will be offered yearly at the 2017 National Specialty and beyond. Maintain your level for five or more years for additional recognition.

We will post Donor Names & Levels ringside at the Specialties and/or at the Awards Banquet, and they will also be feted in the Kib.

Make checks payable to CDCA, Inc. and mail to Amanda:
CDCA Trophy Fund, 34 Michigan Hollow Road,
Spencer NY 14883

or via PayPal to treasurer@cdca.org and forward a copy of the receipt to Amanda at bandersnatchbtcd@yahoo.com



*Unicorn, or Cos-Playing Sheep?
You tell us!*

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Show reports: Please keep all-breed show reports to one page; or less if you are including photographs.

Special events: Specialties or supported entry shows, will be allotted more space and handled on a case by case basis. If you would like to cover a special event, please inform the Editor in advance.

Photos: Always welcome, even without an article. High resolution digital photos are preferred.

Ads: Printed as-is, so please proof them carefully.

Rates: All ads should be in electronic format. Photos must be 300dpi or greater.

Color Sponsorship US\$200.00
(both covers plus 4 page spread)

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Full Page US\$ 30.00

Half Page US\$ 15.00

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Whelping Box US\$ 20.00/yr
(up to 10 listings)

All ads must be paid in advance. Make checks/money orders payable to CDCA. Send fees to Christina Miller, CDCA Treasurer, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers, GA 30013.

Submissions are due midnight 2/1, 5/1, 8/1, 11/1. Special exceptions may be arranged as needed. Submissions that are not time-sensitive may be held for future issues at the editor's discretion. 1 page = 500 words, 1/2 page = 250 words.

Orion the Hunter



**HURRAH FOR ORION'S BIS DAUGHTER GALE
& THE TRIAL SUCCESSES
OF HIS OTHER WONDERFUL PUPS!**

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