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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer, enjoying the longer days, vacation time & plenty of fun things to do with their furry friends.

Time is ticking away towards the October Specialty in Atlanta. It's a beautiful time of year in the Southeast & we hope many of you will be able to join us this year. We'll have multiple days of majors in conformation, plus awards for Obedience & Rally as well as the opportunity to try herding so something for everyone! This issue will have all of the details so make your plans, get reservations done & start counting down to the fun in Georgia.

AKC has recently added some new events which are proving popular venues & are now eligible for earning titles with AKC, the Tricks Dog category. We have several dogs who have quickly & literally jumped through the hoops to move up the levels in Tricks to be awarded several new titles. Congratulations to those participating!

AKC has also been accepting titles from Barn Hunt & Dock Diving for recognition. I know some Canaan Dogs are doing well in Barn Hunt, but have not heard of any trying Dock Diving yet. I know Orela feels that desert dogs are not supposed to be wet & would not have fun with that!

Please share your stories and pictures of your dogs as they compete if you're willing to share in the Kib and/or the social media pages. We love to see pics of dogs doing fun activities.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer & hope to see you soon in ATL!

- Julie

P.S.: Don't forget the Top Dogs and Memorial slideshow, technically past deadline but I'll work in the late submissions up to a point. [Editor— see box on this page.]

Editor's Column

Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer

It is hard to believe it is already August—we've had as much rain as "Hazy, Crazy Days." It is time to start getting serious about heading south in October for the National Specialty week. You need not have a Canaan Dog to show to attend—come and meet other CD breeders & owners, come for a (dog) family reunion, come to learn all your CD can do and set goals for 2018!

This is a fat, fun issue filled with memories of CDs who have left us and stories of new adventures for Canaan Dogs both in & out of competition. I don't know if I will ever go for a Trick Dog title on my dogs, but they—and I—certainly enjoy coming up with the tricks themselves & training them.

Hope to see you, your CDs and their tricks, in Atlanta in October

- Amanda

NATIONAL SPECIALTY TOP DOGS & MEMORIALS

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pawslover@gmail.com

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New Officers & Board Members

CDCA Officers and Board of Directors, Term of Office August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2019:

President – Julie Haddy (GA)
Vice President – Cynthia Dodson (MD)
Treasurer – Christina Miller (GA)
Recording Secretary – Bryna Comsky (IL)
Corresponding Secretary – Richard Vulliet (CA)
Director (East) – Amanda Pough (NY)
Director (Central) – Melinda Linton (MI)
Director (West) – Joan Green (CA)
Director – Risa Baumrind (AZ)

Welcome to Board to Cynthia and Richard;
 and our appreciation & thanks to Amy and Donna for their service to the club.



NATIONAL SPECIALTY EXTRA REMINDERS!

HERDING INSTINCT TEST

Herding Chair: Denise Gordon, desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

Wednesday, October 18th. 9am start time. Evaluator: Doyle Ivie. Watkinsville, GA.



Registration form may be found on the CDCA website (cdca.org/specialty17.html), in the files on the CDCA Yahoo List and was mailed with the Spring 2017 issue (for those who receive hard copy issues). Pre-entry deadline: October 4, 2017.

AWARDS BANQUET & LIVE AUCTION

Hospitality Chair: Annette Israel, eastlandcanaans@gmail.com
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Canine Influenza Virus (H3N2 strain) Update from AKC

This notice is being sent out to provide up-to-date and accurate information about the Canine Influenza Virus to help prevent the spread of the virus to healthy (unexposed) dogs. The information provided is not intended to alarm dog owners and handlers.

There are recently confirmed cases of the Canine Influenza Virus (H3N2 strain) that was first brought to and identified in Chicago, Illinois in the spring of 2015. The most recent outbreaks concern the following states: Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Canine Influenza Virus is an extremely contagious airborne disease that is easily spread among dogs, and in rare instances, can be contagious to cats. If you believe one of your dogs may have contracted the Canine Influenza Virus, immediately isolate it from other animals and contact your veterinarian.

Here is some additional information about Canine Influenza Virus and tips for how to minimize the risk and reduce the spread of the disease:

Canine Influenza Virus

Canine Influenza Virus is spread through:

- Close proximity to infected dogs (it is airborne and can travel up to 20 ft.)

- Contact with contaminated items (bowls, leashes, crates, tables, clothing, dog runs, etc.)

- People moving between infected and uninfected dogs

- 80% of all dogs that are exposed to the virus will contract it

- The virus lives up to 24 hours on soft surfaces and up to 48 hours on hard surfaces.

- Some exposed dogs will be subclinical carriers - meaning some dogs will contract and spread the

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virus without showing symptoms.

Dogs show clinical signs within 24-48 hours and can shed the virus for up to 28 days from exposure.

Most dogs will completely recover with proper treatment.

Dogs that regularly interact with dogs outside of their own family or frequent places where many dogs gather are most susceptible to exposure to Canine Influenza Virus.

Symptoms:

Dry, hacking cough (similar to kennel cough)

Lack of appetite

Lethargy

Discharge from the nose or eyes

Fever (normal temperature is 101 – 102)



Prevention:

The best protection is vaccination. There is now a single vaccination for both the H3N2 and H3N8 strains of the virus. The vaccination requires a booster shot two weeks after the initial vaccine. Vaccination provides the best chance of immunity within 7-14 days of booster shot.

Isolate sick animals and keep them isolated for up to 30 days after symptoms subside.

Practice good sanitation. Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas such as tables, bowls, leashes, crates, etc. Allow items to thoroughly air dry for a minimum of 10 minutes before exposing dogs to them. Bleach breaks down quickly so solution should be made daily. Keep in mind that bleach becomes inactive in UV light. If mopping use two buckets so as not to cross contaminate areas

Wash your hands frequently, ideally between handling different dogs. At the very minimum, hand sanitizer should be used between handling dogs.

Use disposable gowns or wipe down clothing and shoes with a bleach solution between dogs or after leaving an area where dogs congregate.

Food/water bowls should be made of stainless steel instead of plastic because scratched plastic is hard to fully disinfect.

Treatment

Treatment of Canine Influenza Virus requires veterinary assistance. If you believe your dog may have Canine Influenza Virus, please contact your veterinarian immediately. Untreated, the illness may progress to pneumonia or other, more serious problems. H3N2 can lead to severe secondary pneumonia which can cause extremely sick dogs with potential fatalities.

Most dogs take 2-3 weeks to recover from the illness.

Containment

Any dog suspected of having Canine Influenza Virus should be immediately isolated from other dogs and should not attend dog shows, day care, grooming facilities, dog parks, or other

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The road leads back to you...

**CDCA 2017 National Specialty
Atlanta, Georgia
October 17-22, 2017**



SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017

Afternoon: Annual Meeting of the Board Of Directors
(2pm, Host Hotel, meeting room to be posted)

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

9am: CDCA Herding Instinct Test
Watkinsville, GA

4pm: CDCA Annual General Meeting & Welcome Party
Lyceum & River Rock Farms, Conyers, GA

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Independent National Specialty
with Junior Showmanship and Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)
National Specialty judge: Harry (Butch) Schulman
Sweepstakes judge: Mel Holloman
Atlanta Exposition Center South, Atlanta GA

Friday, October 20, 2017

Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 2017

Friday, Designated Specialty with Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)

Saturday & Sunday, Supported Entries

Saturday Evening, Awards Banquet & Live Auction

Douglasville KC of GA, Atlanta KC and Newnan KC
Junior Showmanship, NOHS, 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



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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
CDCA Room Policy Applies
Due to changes at the hotel, \$25 per day pet fee.
Some members have reported better rates booking directly with the hotel (i.e., outside the block).

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.

For those with RVs: reserve with cluster for parking at show site. Electricity but no water. Full details should be in premium.

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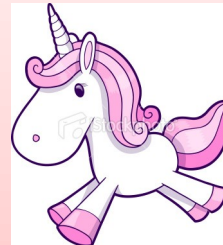
TROPHY DONATIONS

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:
Christina Miller, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers, GA 30013.
or via PayPal to treasurer@cdca.org

See page 12 for the list of the donors received to date! Thank you to them all!

AUCTION 2017

Auction Chair: April Gray, amo2cute@gmail.com

Online, and Saturday, October 21st. Donations from members and friends always welcome! Please let April know what you are bringing or—to contribute even if you cannot attend—to arrange shipping.

Online bidding planned—watch the CDCA Yahoo List or Facebook pages for links when it goes live, and the Summer Issue of “The Kib” for the link.

Please like and thank the following businesses for their donations received to date!

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) • Gulf Coast Laser Graphics • Petsie • Wry Toast T-shirts • Upcycled Books • Karunda Pet Beds

• and more being added daily!



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SUPERINTENDENT FOR SHOWS

WWW.ONOFRIO.COM

ANTICIPATED CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

As of press time, premiums still in production. When they are available, links will be posted in all the usual places: CDCA website, CDCA Yahoo List, and the club Facebook page. Hard copies of the premiums may be requested directly from Onofrio Dog Shows. Phone 405-427-8181.

As part of the Specialty shows, we are requesting the following:

- 12 to 15 and 15 to 18 month classes (instead of just a 12 to 18 month class) at both the National Specialty and Designated Specialty.
- Age Divided Veterans Eligible for Best of Breed at all shows.
- Spayed & Neutered Veterans eligible to be shown in Veterans at the National Specialty and in Veteran Sweepstakes that day.
- Spayed & Neutered Veterans eligible to be shown in Veteran Sweepstakes at the Designated Specialty.
- Special rosettes for Parade of Titleholders — with the vendor telling us she is not fazed by long registered names and lots of titles!

***Join Us For Fun, (Dog) Family and A Week
Of Canaan Dogs In Atlanta This October!***





2017 Trophy Donor List As of 8/1/2017

Platinum Donor Level:

Richard Vulliet & Pamela Rosman

Amanda Pough

Christina Miller

Gold Donor Level:

Michael Houchard

Donna Dodson

Bronze Donor Level:

Craig & Cathi Oskow

This year's trophies will include original artwork by Walkerworks metal etchings, Leslie Hutto Ceramics, Mountain Dog Cookie Company, and rosette ribbons to die for. It's not too late to see your name adorn this list. Donations should be payable to CDCA and mailed to: Christina Miller, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers, GA 30013.

Blast From The Past!

CCA Specialty— June, 1982, Held at Gevaht Noam (later Pleasant Hill) Kennels, IL

Photos courtesy of Donna Dodson & Bryna Comsky; commentary by Bryna Comsky

N.B.: CCA— Canaan Club Of America —later became the CDCA—Canaan Dog Club Of America

The first picture shows the two winners of the sweepstakes. Dana Cline, who has maintained a knowledgeable and sincere interest in Canaan Dogs over the years, judged the competition. He's now licensed to judge four groups. In the photo, - was it Lora who took them? - Hinda Bergman, president of CCA, is shown winning the sweeps competition, and Barbara Burr, also an officer of the club, BOS. She would win the specialty next day under breeder-judge Mr. Jay C. Sheaffer, Spatterdash Kennels.



(I think that's Roy [Dodson] in the background of the first photo. Knowing him, he's admiring the good looks of his front lawn as much as the dogs being shown.)

"Take them around!" Picture (2) The dog with the outstretched head is Petro* on the bottom left of picture. Barbara is handling Sorcerer Apprentice*, bred by Hinda. In front of him is Marj Kantak handling Misha*. An unknown handler is in the middle with a black bitch from Hinda's Beth Din Kennels, I think. And Hinda is behind Dana with the sweepstakes winner.



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Lovely picture of Donna showing one of her bitches to Dana. (3).



Picture (4): Kathy Rohlwing is showing Shelah*, my favorite bitch, who is getting pulled. Yea! Barbara Burr has Sorcerer Apprentice; the unknown is handling the black bitch of Hinda's; I'm handling Petro, and Marj Kantak is handling Misha who would win WD, BOW next day.



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That morning, June 12, 1982, Ted Hoesel and Ronnie Greenberg judged the Tracking Test. They judged four Canaans, three of whom passed and earned their CCA TD (Tracking Dog) titles. They were: Hertzi* owned by Alan C. Greenberg; Petro* bred and owned by Bryna Comsky; and Dreidle* bred by Mrs. Jay C. Sheaffer (Bert), and owned by Bryna Comsky (photo this page).

Hertzi was the first Canaan Dog in the US to earn his tracking title. It was a very exciting day!

On June 13, 1982, Breeder-Judge Mr. Jay C. Sheaffer judged the national and gave BOB to Barbara Burr's dog who would win the next two competitions. BOS was Limor* and BOW was Misha. Dreidle was Stud Dog, shown with get Petro and Misha; and I think Ahuvah* was Brood Bitch. Shelah would have been shown as one of her produce. Winners Bitch escapes me. Might have been Shelah.

My translation of the Menzels Pariahunde (Pariah Dogs) appeared for the first time. It was dedicated to the Sheaffers and others.



Bryna Comsky, Ha'Aretz Canaans

Who's Who:

*Petro - Samach Petro Ha'Aretz TD

*Sorcerer Apprentice - Beth Din's Sorcerer Apprentice bred and owned by Hinda Bergman. Handled here by Barbara Burr.

*Misha - CCA Ch Ha'Aretz Ayen Aleph J. Maccabee TD. Won the National in 1985 under Judge Mr. Maxwell Riddle. Misha's sire, CCA CH Spatterdash Dreidle TD, won four consecutive nationals: 1977-1980. Misha's son, CCH CH Ariel Shin Ha'Aretz of Briel, won the four nationals he attended: 1987, 1988, 1990, and 1992.

*Dreidle - CCA CH Spatterdash Dreidle CCA TD. Bred by the Sheaffers and owned by Bryna Comsky. He sired 11 litters for the breed.

*Hertzi - Ha'Aretz Mem Dreidleson, owned by Alan C. Greenberg. Hertzi learned tracking in Central Park and was coached by Jim Dearing, head of the AKC obedience and tracking departments at the time.

*Limor - CCA CH Spatterdash Limor AKC CD. Bred by the Sheaffers and owned by Bryna Comsky. Whelped four litters by Dreidle. She is sired by Aleph of Star Pine, first Canaan Dog born in the US. Her dam is Limor me B'Nei Habitachon, bred at the Institute by the Menzels.

*Ahuvah - CCA CH Gevaht Noam Ahuvah AKC CDX. Great obedience and brood bitch, trained to CDX level by Kathy Rohlwing. Kennel name, Gevaht Noam, was changed to Pleasant Hill.

*Shelah - CCA CH Gevaht Noam Shelah. My favorite bitch. Finished in 3 shows. Typiest Canaan. Bred and owned by Donna Dodson.

Viewpoints from Members

Yomi: A Good Dog's Good Life

By Catherine Orkin Oskow

A much shorter version of this article appeared in the American Jewish World Newspaper, June 28, 2017.

My husband Craig and I delivered Yomi in our Minnesota home on November 29, 2003, with our two youngest children, Noah and Aviva, in attendance. Aviva was twelve at the time; Noah was fourteen.

Yomi's mother, Nafti, was our favorite from our first Canaan Dog litter, and she became Aviva's special dog, her ninth birthday present. She was also the first dog I ever showed to a championship. Her full name with titles was AKC/UKC CH Mazel Tov Naftalia ROM CD RN CGC CDCA HC, ICDCA V. We wanted to breed Nafti to Barak Me Shaar Hagai, a beautiful champion in four countries with great temperament. I emailed his breeder Myrna Shibolet in Israel. When our vet told us Nafti was ovulating, I called Barak's American co-owner, Cheryl Hennings. She told me she was leaving for dog shows early in the morning, but if I wanted to drive down quickly to her home in Iowa, we could try a breeding that night.

Aviva and I hit the road. Four hours later, we were at Cheryl's farm. Barak and Nafti renewed acquaintance and a midnight assignation took place.

Nafti was very attached to Aviva, so we decided to take our chances with one breeding and bring Nafti home with us.

Several weeks later, the ICDCA held its National. Right before the Specialty, I brought Nafti in for an ultrasound, but the vet saw no puppies. She said I could come back, but she did not think Nafti was pregnant.

Barak won the Specialty, but tragically, died accidentally a couple of days later. Many people in the Canaan Dog community grieved his loss at too young an age.

When I brought Nafti for a second ultrasound, the vet was amazed to see two puppies. So Yomi and Lila were my miracle Barak puppies.

"Barak" means lightning in Hebrew. I named the black puppy "Lila" (Hebrew for "Night") and the mostly white pup "Yomi" (Hebrew for "My Day"). Yomi's complete registered name--Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak--meant "Good Luck My Day, Daughter of Lightning."

I felt I had to keep one of these pups, the last sired by Barak. At that time my two puppies were the only



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Canaan Dogs to combine the bloodlines of three very important Canaan Dog studs: Barak, CH. Pleasant Hill Jordan ROM and CCA AKC CH, Shvatim Confidence CGC, CDCA HC ("Dylan"), bringing together very important older U.S. and recent Israeli lines. With the limited gene pool in our breed, I felt it was crucial the two puppies be shown or do performance competition and be bred.

Lila went to Allan and Diane Gantt in California, who had earlier bought Mazel Tov Mystery Girl from me. They had done a great job with Mystery Girl, giving her plenty of love and attention, taking her to classes and sheep herding and having her shown by a handler.

I thought Yomi might do well for Alan Gersman, who had been seeking his next Agility prospect. But Alan G. would not promise to keep Yomi intact, because it could interfere with her Agility competition schedule. He said to me, "This dog is so important to you. I think you should keep her." So instead I picked out Minnie for Allan, from a litter born to Tovah a couple of months after Nafti's litter.

We kept Yomi. She looked to me like a little copy of Barak in a different color scheme, right down to his extra-curly tail. Yomi's black mask looked like it just slipped off to one side of her left eye. It was a minor flaw, but a major cute factor. Cheryl Hennings said some judges would downgrade her because of the mask, but others would look at her structure and movement, and consider the mask a very minor issue. Yomi and I started training classes together. Cheryl was correct; most judges loved Yomi, and she charmed them with her happy personality, too.

At seven months, Yomi was chosen Best Female Puppy at the 2004 ICDCA National Specialty, held in New York. Then the judge named Yomi Best of Winners. She chose an adult Champion, TK Nassi Shiloh as Best of Breed, but smiled and told his owner Tracey Kopea, "The puppy gave you a run for your money."

Yomi won a slew of multi-colored rosettes that weekend, and I proudly displayed them on the front of her crate. But when we left her alone with Nafti at our relatives' house for several hours to sightsee in New York City, Yomi proved she was still a mischievous puppy. She chewed up the beautiful ribbons. The next day? She pooped confetti.

Yomi finished her AKC Championship at ten months, the weekend of the CDCA Specialty in Virginia, including three 4-5-point Majors. (Her sister Lila was Winners Bitch at the actual Specialty Show.)



She was the #7 AKC Canaan Dog in 2004, and was invited to the AKC Eukanuba National Championship, which was held in Orlando, January 2005. As we walked into the venue, a woman spied Yomi and began talking with me. She'd been looking for a show quality Canaan Dog, and she said Yomi was exactly what she'd been dreaming of. She offered to buy her on the spot. When I called home that evening and spoke to the family, Aviva said, "Don't you *dare* sell that little half-mask cutie!"

Yomi was game for whatever training and competition I suggested, earning titles in conformation, obedience, rally, herding instinct, and Canine Good Citizen Advanced. She became: AKC CH/UKC GCH Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak CD RN CGCA, ICDCA VC, CDCA HC. In UKC, Yomi became the second-ever female Canaan Dog Grand Champion. She earned Awards of Merit at several CDCA and ICDCA National Specialties, as well as Best Veteran and/or Veteran Sweeps. After being spayed, Yomi won UKC Altered Best in Show and Best Veteran in Show multiple times at ICDCA National Specialty weekends. At one of

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Good Life, continued

the shows, after Best in Specialty judging was finished and Yomi came in for Veterans, the judge took one look at her and asked, "Where have YOU been?"

Training and competing were a pleasure for Yomi; she eagerly used her mind to figure out how to earn treats and praise, and time invested and communication built deepened our bond. We hiked, traveled the country, and Yomi kept me company long hours I wrote, even inspiring a children's novel. Yomi also bonded with our entire family. She'd look deeply into our eyes and communicate.

When I gave Yomi a fortune cookie last year, her fortune read: "You are kind-hearted, hospitable, cheerful, and well-liked." Yomi was a favorite of our kids and their friends, who told her, "They just don't come any cuter than you!" She loved parties, and was happy to represent Canaan Dogs at Meet the Breeds events. She served as mascot for our synagogue Sunday school, starring in a song and visiting to help educate about treating animals kindly. She performed tricks and commands in English, Hebrew and hand motion, and occasionally pulled a sled in winter. She nurtured, played with, and helped raise puppies--hers or others'--even one that looked more pig goblin than dog (Craig's French bulldog Woola).



Even as an elder dog, Yomi led me to adventure. A year ago, I let her take the lead on our walk. We encountered a young fox who shadowed Yomi, inexplicably intrigued by the prick-eared, bushy-tailed dog. I wrote about the encounter in last December's Canaan Dog column in the AKC Gazette. [You can reread it on the blog on my writer's website <http://www.catherineorkinowsky.com/yomi-and-the-fox/>.]

And the month she turned twelve, Yomi traveled with her son Matan and me to Tucson for the 2015 CDCA National Specialty Show. Yomi's daughter Shani and grandsons Ari and Gili acquitted themselves well in performance activities that weekend. Matan earned his championship, but Yomi went High in Trial at the Specialty's obedience trial. She won a gigantic rosette.

I am pleased to report that--with the wisdom of age--she did not consume this ribbon.

Until the last couple of months, Yomi seemed far more youthful than thirteen. She was happy when her grown-up human kids Aviva and Noah came home for ten days in late May. After they returned to New York and Japan, it seemed Yomi had been holding herself together until she could say goodbye. She gave Craig and myself a few days to come to grips with the inevitable, enjoying plenty of love, yummy treats and sunshine.

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On Saturday evening, June 3, Yomi lay flat, with no energy to rise. Her grandpuppy, six-month-old Simi—could not understand why Grandma no longer wanted to play. Yomi hadn't been interested in eating for a few days, but I tempted her with homemade chicken, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Movement in our backyard caught my eye: A fox--bigger than the one Yomi and I encountered the previous June—ran past. It swiftly graced our property with its wild beauty, then departed. Craig said we should leave Yomi in the kitchen; the stairs would be too difficult. But when I headed up, Yomi stood, adamant to accompany me as usual.

Upstairs, her breathing was labored. I joined her on the floor, stroked and talked to her. I said, "I wish you and I could be healthy together for 30+ more years. I wouldn't need any other dog. Because you're the best dog."

A couple hours later, Yomi stood. "Do you have to go out?" I asked, opening the bedroom door.

She stopped before my study, as if she wanted to go lay on her mat in there while I worked, as she'd done so many times in our life together.

"We're not doing that now," I said.

She surprised me by running downstairs. Instead of exiting the doggy flap, Yomi stood at the family room's sliding glass door. She stared out at the yard where the fox ran by earlier, and at the field and woods beyond.

Yomi died the next night, June 4, 2017. She died in Craig's and my arms; the same arms that brought her into this world.

Animal Rights organizations like PETA promulgate the concept that dog breeders are evil; everyone should *only* rescue dogs. However responsible breeders test their dogs for genetic diseases, carefully screen buyers, temperament test puppies to place each in its most favorable home, and take back dogs that don't work out. These dogs do not end up in shelters. It is laudable to rescue dogs. But not every family will find their best match at an animal shelter. Saying that people should only adopt and never buy a dog of a breed they have carefully researched and bought from a caring breeder is analogous to saying there are so many children in distress in the world that people should only adopt, not exercise the choice to create their own biological children.

Surrounded by a caring human family from birth to death, Yomi also had the rare advantage of growing up with her canine mother and grandmother, and lived the latter part of her life with her son and granddaughter. Hers was a life of security, enrichment, human and canine companionship. And she gave back as much as she received. If Animal Rights organizations make it impossible for individuals to legally breed animals, no dogs will have the opportunity to be thoughtfully planned and raised.

The night after Yomi died, Craig and I woke and saw a patch of light on the floor where Yomi often lay. I whispered, "We love you so much, Yomi. But you can run free now."

Like the fox.

Run free Yomi, with your dear mom, Nafti, your Grandma Tovah, sister Lila, half-sister Hana, and buddy Mazel who left before you.

Yomi: A good dog who lived a good life.



Viewpoints from Members

AKC Evaluation Process for Trick Dog Titles By Marcia Muller

Photos courtesy of Marcia Muller and April Gray

I admit that I was caught off guard when in March I read my February 2017 CGC Evaluator News that “[The] AKC Announces New Trick Dog Titles.” I would have seen this coming had I read the AKC Gazette cover to cover, starting with the Dec. 2016 issue. Tucked into the Secretary’s Pages was an “Event Focus Group Summary” and Tricks, among other events, scored high among the focus groups participants. The February Gazette wrote - again in Secretary’s Pages - “The Board reviewed a recommendation to develop an AKC Trick Dog titling program.” The owner of Do More With Your Dog (DMWYD) was in discussion with the AKC. The March Gazette announced that the New Trick Dog Program would be launched on May 1, 2017. On March 7th, the AKC put out a Press Release announcing this new program.

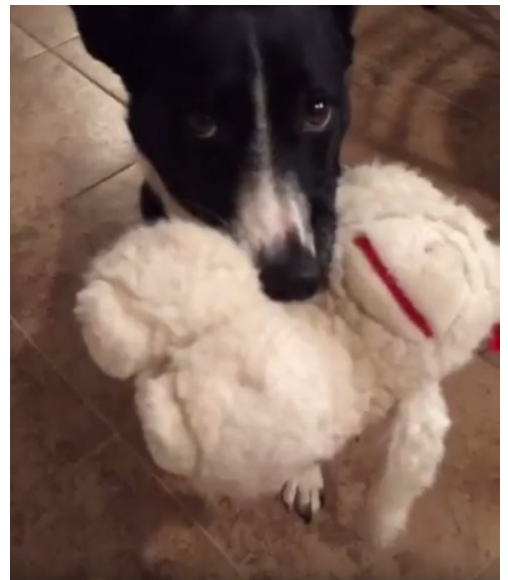
I’ve never seen a program take off as fast as this one, and for good reason. IT IS SO MUCH FUN!!!!

In my opinion, the AKC wasn’t fully prepared to launch this program. Their Q & A page didn’t address many of the concerns the CGC Evaluators had. I alone sent them more than half a dozen emails, each one filled with pages of questions. Another Evaluator I know did the same – with different questions. We both needed clarification on some of the trick descriptions if we were going to test for these titles. Our questions, and others that were submitted, ultimately led to the revision, clarification, and reposting of some of these descriptions. I think there will probably be more changes in the future.

Novice level must be passed before the Intermediate level is tested and then after Intermediate you can test for the Advanced title. After these 3 titles are recorded the Performer title video can be reviewed by AKC. You may submit all applications and test check-sheets at the same time with the applicable fees. If more than one application is being submitted in the same envelope I suggest writing and attaching a separate check for each application. The AKC will only process and record one application per day even if you submit more than one at the same time. I’m not sure if you can submit the Performer application with video link at the same time you submit paperwork for the lower level titles. I decided to wait to hear back from AKC about the 3 lower level titles before submitting my dog’s Performer application with video link. Currently there is a 4-5 week backlog on reviewing the Trick Performer application with video at the AKC.

If you plan on training your dog for these AKC Trick titles make sure you read the **latest** AKC Trick Dog Evaluator Guide. Understand the trick descriptions for **all** the levels before you decide on which trick to use in each level. Several tricks are repeated but if you use a trick in one level you may not be able to use it again (example Crawl). With other tricks, you can use it more than once but the degree of difficulty increases with each level (example Weave poles). Some Tricks allow the use of food or toy lures, regardless of level. The AKC is giving their Evaluators a lot of weight (for now) with the Handler’s Choice tricks. So, one Evaluator may accept a certain trick and another may reject the same trick.

Following quotes are from the AKC Trick Dog department. The AKC does not want the testing to be a “whole Rally or Agility routine.” Keep this in mind when deciding which tricks to perform. AKC wants



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Trick Dog, continued

the handlers to teach tricks – not just use Rally and Agility moves. While an AKC Evaluator may personally know that a dog can do all the Rally or Agility moves or that the dog has Rally and/or Agility titles, this knowledge cannot be counted towards tricks when testing the dog. The “dog would need to do these (*meaning Rally/Agility*) for tricks in the content of submitting the other tricks.” AKC will allow the Evaluator to “accept a video for the Handler’s Choice behaviors if they want to do some obstacles such

as a tunnel, etc.” if the video is presented at the time of testing. For the Performer title the video “should be as close to a routine as you can make it. The routine may have a story line or the dog/handler may just do the 10 required tricks in sequence. The tricks should be done together....For now, we are giving allowances for small breaks to set up or break down props or to move from one space to another space.”

The question is, do all the AKC Evaluators know this information? Probably not. The AKC answered questions individually and did not post on-line for other Evaluators to read and understand the nuances involved in Trick testing. So, the testing will be based on the Evaluator’s understanding of the rules as posted in the Evaluator Guide.

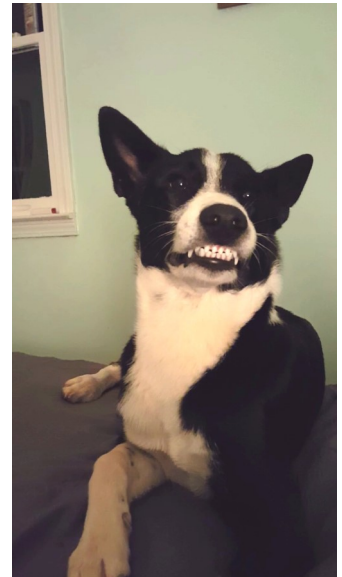
It’s hard to find individual Evaluators who are both familiar with this new AKC Trick Program and have all the equipment that might be requested by the handler. Training Centers offer classes and tests. An Evaluator can’t test their own dog.

Personal suggestions for Trick training:

In my opinion the first thing you need to do is understand your dog’s drives. Every dog, regardless of breed, can be trained using drives (prey, pack, defense). Each dog will be trained differently depending on their personal drive levels. This holds true for basic manners training, formal obedience training and trick training. Wendy Volhard has developed a Dog Personality Profile. You can read about this and “test” your own dog at this link: <http://www.volhard.com/pages/canine-personality-profile.php> You can decide where your dog fits in and train using the method that works best for the drive level that’s prominent in your dog.

Ziva is my first and only Canaan Dog so I don’t know if she’s typical of the breed or not, but if I had to guess I would say she is. Her prey drive is almost off the chart. She scores low in pack and defense drives. Wendy characterizes a dog with these types of scores this way – “this dog will give the appearance of having an extremely short attention span, but is perfectly capable of concentrating on what he finds interesting.”“You will need lots of patience because the dog will have to be taught mainly through prey drive.”

This describes Ziva perfectly. This personality is well suited to Trick training! Hand signals and body language are used to teach lots of tricks. Her short attention span allows for training several different tricks at the same time. To her, each one is novel, different and interesting. Her eyes follow either my finger or the toy/food in my hand which gets thrown when



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Trick Dog, continued

the trick is completed (prey drive). You need to figure out the dog's line of sight and where to hold your hand in relation to the dog's body. Take into consideration the owl-like neck flexibility of the Canaan Dog and adjust your hand position if you don't get the movements you want. Take baby steps when teaching and try using the back-chaining method for some tricks.

Another extremely easy method when training tricks is the capture technique. I usually have treats in my pockets and whenever Ziva gives me a behavior that could be used as a trick I mark and reward. She's now offering behaviors on her own and I first mark them and eventually will name them. There's plenty of opportunities for me to capture and train since almost any behavior can be incorporated into a trick.

Helpful Resources:

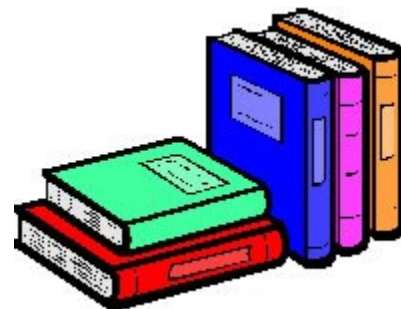
Kyra Sundance – 5 different books. I used **101 Dog Tricks**

Captain Haggerty – 3 different books including

How to Teach Your Dog to Talk, How to Get Your Pet Into Show Business, Dog Tricks (written with Carol Lea Benjamin)

Mary Ann Rombold Zeigenfuse and Jan Walker – **Dog Tricks**

Ted Baer (for Barrons) – **How to Teach Your Old Dog New Tricks**



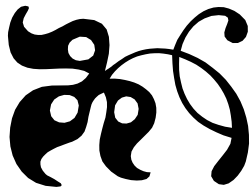
Brag Box

After many tries for an Open leg, **Chilli** put it all together yesterday [July 29, 2017] in Longview, Texas. She did us both proud with a 1st place, 1st leg and a score of 188.5, and \$20.00 prize. It has been a long haul but with a lot love, kindness, and patience she did what I she I knew could do, in grand fashion. —*Jacque Towery and Chilli*

Ziva performed 27 tricks (32 when you include CGC title) to earn her first 3 Trick Dog titles in one day. For her Trick Dog Performer title (awarded on 7/10/17) Ziva performed 22 different tricks (24 overall) during a 5-minute video [theme: ZIVA – THE GO-RILLA HUNTER] that was submitted, judged and approved by the AKC Performance Events Dept.

[She is now] GCH CH RIVER ROCK REACH ANY HIGHER BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX BCAT CGCA CGCU TKP—*Marcia Muller and Ziva*

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



Remembering ... Audrey Biemann

Reflections & Memories from Bryna Comsky



Her New York accent always attracted me, especially when it appeared in Vero Beach, Florida. Audrey Biemann was “in the breed” for decades. Sometimes she was quiet. Mostly not. Since the early '70's, she participated in many breed events. Most importantly she cared for Birion (Birion me B'Nei Habitachon), one of the first four imports, during the later portion of his life, along with two or three other Canaans. She served as a director of the newly organized CCA (Canaan Club of America)* when they needed a volunteer. After breed recognition by the American Kennel Club, she jumped into the dog show world with her beloved Dari, handled for her by Ann Skyler-Cobbett, whose tribute to Audrey appeared in the last issue of the Kib. Audrey was fun loving and generous: she thought nothing of going ice-skating with her grandson, Ben, or of taking a group of 15 of us out to breakfast. Her dear Betsy was the last of the Canaans with whom she shared an active life.

*CCA became CDCA in July, 1992.

Audrey loved her Dariel and probably was disappointed that she finished in two or three weekends, handled by pro-handler and Audrey's friend, Ann Skyler-Cobbett. So, she traveled some with Ann, helped out, and had a good time at dog shows in the Florida area. In the early '90's, Audrey decided to take her new champion, Dari, to Crufts. She made all the preparations, fulfilled all requirements, and then was stopped by the weather from making the trip. But, she received a Certificate from The Kennel Club that allowed Dariel to compete at the Crufts Show. Audrey was proud of this, and sent me a copy. Under “THE KENNEL CLUB 1 Clarges street, London W1J 8AB” letterhead it reads:

AUTHORITY TO COMPETE
CANAN DOG
HA'ARETZ TZ L'CHAIM DARIEL (ATCAD00314USA)
AM CH
MRS A BIEMANN
1940 26TH AVENUE
VERO BEACH
FLORIDA
32960-3067
USA

This Certificate entitles the above named dog to compete at Kennel Club Licenced Events in the UK in accordance with Kennel Club rules & regulations. The seal reads: THE KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION.

Audrey goes back a long way in the club. In the early '70's, she was asked by Jay C. Sheaffer, Spatterdash Kennels, to serve on the Board of Directors of CCA. This she did. She also housed Birion* after Ursi* could no longer care for him. There were several other Canaans at her house too, as well as Pharaoh Hounds and another rare breed. She bred at least one litter, and actually sold them!

*Birion (Birion me B'Nei Habitachon) was one of the first four imports sent by the Menzels.

*Ursi (Ursula Berkowitz) imported Birion and three other dogs from the Menzels. The dogs were Toro, Wafi and Belith, sister of Birion.

Canaan Dog Breeder/Owner Judges



Encouraging Canaan Dog Entries

**Canaan Dog Breeder/Owner Judges Upcoming Assignments (show dates 08/24/2017—1/08/2018)
as of 08/04/2017 ... taken from AKC.org and direct reports**

Date	Location	Club	Judge	Applicable Assignment
August 24 (Thursday)	Owensboro, KY	Owensboro's River KC	Bryna Comsky	- Canaan Dogs
September 14 (Thursday)	Amarillo, TX	Panhandle KC of TX	Linda Clark	- NOHS Herding Group - Junior Showmanship
September 15 (Friday)	Amarillo, TX	Panhandle KC of TX	Linda Clark	- Canaan Dogs
October 7 (Saturday)	Wauseon, OH	Fulton Co KC	Bryna Comsky	- Canaan Dogs - NOHS Herding Group
		<i>Great Lakes CDC: Brief organizational meeting and dish-to-share. 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!</i>		
October 14 (Saturday)	Lawrence, KS	Lawrence Jayhawk KC	Linda Clark	- NOHS Herding Group
October 15 (Sunday)	Lawrence, KS	Lawrence Jayhawk KC	Linda Clark	- Canaan Dogs - Junior Showmanship - 4-6m Beg Puppy
October 15 (Sunday)	West Friendship MD	National Capital KC	Carrie Chase	- 4-6m Beg Puppy
October 17-22	Atlanta, GA	CDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK		
October 28 (Saturday)	Austin, TX	Travis County KC	Linda Clark	- Canaan Dogs - Junior Showmanship - 4-6m Beg Puppy
November 24 (Friday)	West Springfield MA	South Windsor KC	Amanda Pough	- Canaan Dogs - NOHS Herding Group - Junior Showmanship - 4-6m Beg Puppy
December 8 (Friday)	Oaks PA	Huntingdon Valley KC	Carrie Chase	- Canaan Dogs - Junior Showmanship - 4-6m Beg Puppy: Herding Group
December 9 (Saturday)	West Springfield MA	Eastern Dog Club	Linda Clark	- Canaan Dogs
December 10 (Sunday)	West Springfield MA	Eastern Dog Club	Linda Clark	-NOHS Herding Group
January 7, 2018 (Sunday)	Indio CA	KC of Palm Springs	Linda Clark	- Canaan Dogs

New Titles – April through June 2017

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 GRAND CHAMPION SILVER</i>		
GCHS. CH. Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden	6/1/17
<i>AKC OBEDIENCE MASTER 3</i>		
CH. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX5, OM3, GO, VER, RAE2	Victor Kaftal	4/23/17
<i>AKC PREFERRED COMPANION DOG</i>		
CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, PCD, BN, RN, ACT2	Jennie Larkin	4/2/17
<i>AKC RALLY ADVANCED</i>		
GCH. CH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX, BCAT, CGCA, CGCU	Marcia & James Muller	4/21/17
<i>AKC RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT 3</i>		
CH. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX5, OM3, GO, VER, RAE3	Victor Kaftal	4/29/17
<i>AKC COURSING ABILITY ADVANCED</i>		
GCH. CH. River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch, CAA	Christina Miller	4/16/17
<i>AKC COURSING ABILITY</i>		
Kol Tuv Jesse's Odyssey, CA, CGC	Jennie Laprade	6/10/17
<i>AKC MASTER GOLD AGILITY</i>		
CH. Orela Me Shaar Hagai, RA, MX, MXG, MXJ, MJS, OF	Julie & Dan Haddy	5/27/17
<i>AKC NOVICE AGILITY JUMPER PREFERRED</i>		
CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, PCD, BN, RN, NJP, NFP, ACT2	Jennie Larkin	4/9/17
<i>AKC AGILITY FAST NOVICE PREFERRED</i>		
CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, PCD, BN, RN, NJP, NFP, ACT2	Jennie Larkin	4/9/17
<i>AKC ADVANCED CANINE GOOD CITIZEN</i>		
Desert Star's Midnight Comet, CD, PCD, BN, RAE, CGCA, CGCU	Denise Gordon	5/7/17
<i>AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN URBAN</i>		
Desert Star's Midnight Comet, CD, PCD, BN, RAE, CGCA, CGCU	Denise Gordon	5/7/17

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New Titles – April through June 2017, continued

AKC TRICK DOG NOVICE

CH. Mazel Tov Erev Shel Shoshanim, CD, BN, GN, RAE, CGCA, CGCU, TKN	
Risa Baumrind	5/5/17
GCH. CH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX, BCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKN	
Marcia & James Muller	5/12/17
Desert Star's Midnight Comet, CD, PCD, BN, RAE, CGCA, CGCU, TKN	
Denise Gordon	6/9/17
High Desert Ari Of Ascend Mazel Tov, CD, BN, RA, CGC, TKN	
Laura Alton & Risa Baumrind	6/29/17

AKC TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE

CH. Mazel Tov Erev Shel Shoshanim, CD, BN, GN, RAE, CGCA, CGCU, TKI	
Risa Baumrind	5/8/17
GCH. CH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX, BCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKI	
Marcia & James Muller	5/16/17

AKC TRICK DOG ADVANCED

CH. Mazel Tov Erev Shel Shoshanim, CD, BN, GN, RAE, CGCA, CGCU, TKA	
Risa Baumrind	5/9/17
GCH. CH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX, BCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKA	
Marcia & James Muller	5/17/17

AKC TRICK DOG PERFORMER

River Rock Turn It Up Loud For Graymatter, CGC, TKP	
April Gray, Eric Gray, Alexander Gray & Xavier Van Alstyne	6/14/17



OFA Test Results: May-July, 2017

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

Registered Name	Reg. #	Sex	OFA Test #	Test Name	Results
ANACAN BEAUTIFUL SONG	DN44089701	F	CA-EL199F29-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
		F	CA-540G29F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
DANNY	DN49379506	M	CA-DM211/1M-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
DOMHNALL'S JOY'S MISCHIEF	DN39852301	F	CA-EL198F34-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
		F	CA-538G34F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
		F	CA-PA136/34F/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
EASTLAND'S HALAH	DN41666501	F	CA-TH134/31F-VPI	THYROID	NORMAL
		F	CA-539G31F-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
LEVI	DN49379502	M	CA-DM207/1M-NOPI	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	NORMAL
MAYHEM ME SHAAR HAGAI	P800001	M	CA-EL197M36-VPI	ELBOW	NORMAL
		M	CA-537G36M-VPI	HIPS	GOOD
		M	CA-PA137/35M/P-VPI	PATELLA	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
MOSHE	DN49379504	M	CA-DM209/1M-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
REBA	DN49579501	F	CA-DM206/1F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
<i>RELIC'S EXCALIBUR</i>	<i>DN29150506</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>CA-DM205/78M-PI</i>	<i>DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>
<i>RIVER ROCK LYCEUM SAME DREAM BANDERSNATCH</i>	<i>DN42704501</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>CA-EL196F27-VPI</i>	<i>ELBOW</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>
		<i>F</i>	<i>CA-536G27F-VPI</i>	<i>HIPS</i>	<i>GOOD</i>
		<i>F</i>	<i>CA-PA135/27F/P-VPI</i>	<i>PATELLA</i>	<i>NORMAL - PRACTITIONER</i>
		<i>F</i>	<i>CA-TH133/27F-VPI</i>	<i>THYROID</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>
SAMMY	DN49379503	M	CA-DM208/1M-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER
TALI	DN49379505	F	CA-DM210/1F-NOPI-CAR	DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CARRIER

Viewpoints from Around The Web

More Regulations Needed for Animal Shelters and Rescues By Patti Strand

The news has been rife with articles encouraging adoption as the best way to obtain a dog. More and more jurisdictions are passing laws restricting dog breeding and limiting pet stores to offering only rescue and shelter dogs. Few people realize that shelters and rescues have little or no oversight. (Ohio requires shelters and rescues to register with the Dept of Ag, but inspections and investigations are done only on complaint.)

The National Animal Interest Alliance has been a leader in bringing facts about the growth of the retail adoption movement and the shelter and rescue industry to public attention. This article by NAIA president Patti Strand (a former AKC board member and long-time delegate) makes a case for legislation to provide oversight of the shelters and rescues.

Norma Bennett Woolf

https://pilotonline.com/opinion/columnist/guest/patti-strand-more-regulations-needed-for-animal-shelters-and-rescues/article_5d3fe4e6-7393-50ae-9a9c-282d697c22b0.html

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DOG LOVERS, especially parents hoping to give their children a lesson in compassion, find it nearly impossible to resist the heart-wrenching television ads and graphic photos on social media urging them to save a shelter dog's life by adopting. But they should resist, at least long enough to do their homework, because their children's lives could depend on it.

Many modern-day shelters do outstanding work. They are professionally operated institutions that provide expert care for their animals and follow ethical and expert-based placement practices. Others, unfortunately, are fly-by-night operations exploiting the public's love of animals to raise money by whatever means necessary.

Over the past 30 years, shelters have done an extraordinary job of ending dog overpopulation in many parts of the United States. Their success has created some empty spaces at shelters, which has led the people who run those organizations to scramble for pet inventory or risk going out of business.

Many shelters keep their doors open by importing dogs from wherever they can find them. This brings in dogs with health and temperament problems, such as rabies and a history of biting. Dogs that never would have been accepted for adoption just a decade ago are adopted out daily to unsuspecting members of the public.

Many people don't yet realize that shelter standards have dramatically changed. Prospective adopters are seldom aware of a pet's background. Did it come from down the street or off the streets of Cairo? Was it "rescued" from a nearby neighborhood or from a kill shelter in the South where it was impounded for attacking someone? Adopters also are unaware that they have little to no recourse if they adopt a sick or dangerous dog, even one with a known history of biting.

This has become an issue in Virginia. Over the past year, dogs that should never have been offered for adoption have mauled, maimed and killed people. The Pilot has covered the tragedy of a Virginia Beach resident who was recently killed by a dog that a relative had just brought home. In Fairfax, a television

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report profiled a shelter after adopting families and shelter employees suffered multiple injuries.

These tragic outcomes highlight the shocking lack of shelter and rescue oversight by federal, state and local governments. Shelters and rescue organizations are putting public health and safety at risk, and they are getting away with it because their nonprofit status exempts them from many state laws. The risk to the public is grave. We need legislation to fix the problem.

Virginia's consumer protection laws apply to everyone in the pet marketplace except for organizations whose primary purpose is to find permanent adoptive homes for animals. This is an extraordinary exemption. Shelters and rescues now are the biggest source of dogs in the pet marketplace. By calling a sale an "adoption," these retail shelters and rescues can avoid most pet-related state laws.

The National Animal Interest Alliance supports sheltering animals in need and finding homes for them when they can become safe and suitable family pets. Regardless of whether an organization is a nonprofit shelter or commercial enterprise, it should care for animals humanely while protecting consumers from harm.

NAIA also believes it is time to impose reasonable regulations on animal shelters and rescue organizations to ensure that their practices are in line with those of the regulated pet marketplace. The many shelters and rescues that operate responsibly should welcome the opportunity to distinguish themselves from the shiftier ones. We must move past the feel-good rhetoric and propaganda that places greater value on the life of a dog than on protecting an adoptive family from a dangerous or sick animal.

It's time for shelters and rescue organizations to join with the rest of the pet industry. The reality is that fundraising goals and "no-kill" ideology are driving irresponsible shelter practices and putting lives at risk. Regulations would help protect the public from the unscrupulous operators in the shelter ranks. There are black sheep in every human activity, and the sheltering industry is no different.

Regulating shelters and rescue organizations is the essential next step in making the lives of our pets and pet owners better and safer.

Patti Strand is president of the National Animal Interest Alliance.

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!

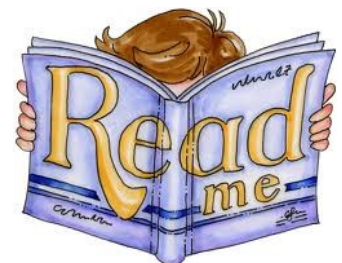
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Early Detection of Bladder Cancer Possible With New Screening Tool By Penny Leigh

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<http://www.akc.org/content/health/articles/early-detection-of-bladder-cancer-possible/>
accessed 08/04/2017

A phone call from a puppy buyer delivered news to Darlene Stewart that no breeder wants to receive. Their beloved family pet had been ill. The Beagle male was having recurring urinary tract infections that did not respond to antibiotics.

Stewart's thoughts immediately went to the dog's grandmother that she had lost to bladder cancer, a difficult disease to pinpoint in the early stages. She advised the family to pursue more testing to determine if there was something more serious going on with their pet.

"Multiple trips to the vets, multiple rounds of antibiotics, multiple catheterizations, multiple ultrasounds, and we could not get a definitive diagnosis. The entire time I was concerned that it was bladder cancer due to family history," Stewart said. "The ultrasounds did show some generalized thickening of the bladder wall, but they could not identify a mass."

Months went by without a diagnosis, and the veterinarians started an oral treatment for the type of bladder cancer known as canine transitional cell carcinoma/urothelial carcinoma (TCC/UC). But it proved to be too late.

"After one really bad period of urinating almost pure blood and the dog being in tremendous pain, the owners were faced with the decision to euthanize," Stewart said.



This sad story, which occurred many years ago, has been typical for many canines with bladder cancer. But today, there is a new way to detect emerging tumors in the bladder in the very early stages of disease.

The CADETSM BRAF Mutation Detection Assay is the first early detection system for TCC/UC, and it only requires non-invasive collection of a urine sample.

"A single mutation in the canine BRAF gene is present in 85 percent of confirmed TCC/UC cases. The test identifies tumor cells carrying this mutation that are shed into the urine. The test can detect as few as 10 abnormal cells in a urine sample, which allows the cancer to be detected much earlier than traditional methods, and often several months before the dog has any symptoms," said the test's creator, Dr. Matthew Breen, N.C. State University Distinguished Professor of Comparative Oncology Genetics and co-founder of Sentinel Biomedical.

Since the test can alert to the presence of tumor cells up to four months before any clinical signs become evident, veterinarians have the opportunity to screen high-risk dog breeds for very early signs of the disease. The test enables owners of dogs that test positive to follow up with their veterinarian and seek the most appropriate treatment very early.

Stewart, a longtime Beagle breeder, is the chairperson of the National Beagle Club Health and Genetics Committee, and she has worked with the researchers on improving early detection of bladder cancer in the breed. If this test had been available sooner, there could have been a different outcome for her dogs, she said.

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"It would have allowed a much quicker diagnosis for us. Not only would we have saved money, but we could have treated the dog sooner and more specifically," Stewart said. "Maybe we could have saved the dog, or at least given him more time with his family in greater comfort."

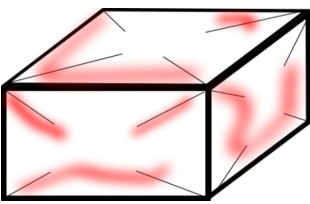
Breen and Sentinel Biomedical have teamed with the American Kennel Club to offer the early detection/screening version of the test to owners on a subscription basis and make them part of the ongoing research into TCC/UC. Owners are encouraged to start screening, especially in high-risk breeds, starting at age 5 to 6 years.

The most at-risk breeds, in addition to Beagles, are the Scottish Terrier, West Highland White Terrier, and Shetland Sheepdog. Other breeds with an elevated risk are: American Eskimo Dog, Australian Cattle Dog, Australian Shepherd, Bichon Frise, Border Collie, Russell Terrier, Lhasa Apso, Rat Terrier, and Wire Fox Terrier.

"The American Kennel Club is excited to team with Sentinel Biomedical to make this test available to our breeders and dog owners. We know it will improve the health of our dogs and give breeders valuable information," said Mark Dunn, senior vice president of AKC registration and customer development.

Purchase of a CADETSM BRAF Mutation Detection annual subscription provides owners with a kit that allows three tests to be performed for the same dog over the course of a year. Owners collect urine from their dogs and ship it to the Sentinel laboratory once every four months.

There also are breeder packs available that enable one-time testing of multiple dogs at a reduced rate. The kits are available in the AKC store.



For both the annual subscription and breeder pack options, owners receive the test results back within two weeks. Since Sentinel requires the owners' veterinarians to be involved in the process, a copy of the report is also sent to them. If the BRAF mutation is detected, the owner should schedule an appointment with her veterinarian as soon as possible.

"It is very important to follow up with a veterinarian to perform a thorough physical exam of the dog to confirm diagnosis and determine a treatment plan. Use of the screening test expedites time to diagnosis, leading to the best possible outcome for the dog," Breen said.

The tests are easy to use. Owners collect urine from their dog in a clean container, transfer the urine to the provided collection pot, and then ship the sample back to the testing laboratory. All packing materials and prepaid shipping labels are included with the kit.

Along with the test kit there is a questionnaire that owners submit with each sample. The questionnaire answers are being used as part of a nationwide study aimed at finding the cause of TCC/UC and determining any link between genetic and environmental factors. Questions cover topics such as the major source of drinking water for your dog; whether lawn care products are used on your yard; and if your dog is exposed to second-hand smoke.

A major issue with TCC/UC is that, as with Stewart's Beagles, many dogs first have urinary tract symptoms, including frequent urination and straining to urinate, that are also true for other common conditions. This can result in several cycles of antibiotics, along with repeated urine cultures, that can last several months. By the time a conventional diagnosis is made, the cancer often has had time to become more advanced and spread.

"I think any dog owner who is dealing with chronic or recurrent UTI in their dog, no matter the breed, should consider asking their veterinarian to use this test. Considering the complete scope of diagnosis and treatment, this test is less expensive, provides diagnostic confirmation or elimination, and allows an

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early treatment protocol to be formulated,” Stewart said. “It is just a simple urine sample and easy to obtain. While there are certain breeds, like Beagles, that have a higher risk for TCC, this test is for all dogs.”

In addition to the annual subscription available from AKC, Sentinel Biomedical also offers the CADETSM BRAF Mutation Detection Assay for diagnosis of TCC/UC in dogs that already have developed urinary symptoms. This version of the test is available to veterinary professionals from the Sentinel Biomedical online store or by e-mailing orders@sentinelbiomedical.com. Results are sent to the veterinarian within two days of receipt of the specimen by the laboratory.

The American Kennel Club and Royal Canin Announce Inaugural National All-Breed Stakes for Puppies and Juniors

Competition Created to Spotlight Puppy and Junior Dogs In Conformation

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world’s largest purebred dog registry, and Royal Canin, a leading global pet food company specializing in breed-specific nutrition, are pleased to announce the launch of the inaugural AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed Puppy and Junior Stakes.



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The National All-Breed Stakes is a competition created exclusively for puppy and junior purebred dogs ages 6-18 months. (Puppies 6-12 months/ Juniors 12-18 months). The event is open to all AKC-registered breeds including Miscellaneous Class breeds and provides an opportunity for breeders and exhibitors to showcase their breeding program. The inaugural Stakes will take place on Friday, December 15, 2017 in Orlando, Florida at the Orange County Convention Center, in conjunction with the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin held December 16-17, 2017.

“Puppies and junior dogs are the future stars of our sport,” said Dennis B. Sprung, President and CEO of the AKC. “The AKC National Championship is the largest platform, in the United States, that highlights the best dogs from around the world. We are excited to focus on the next generation of champion purebred dogs.”

“Each year the Show Committee strives to strengthen the National Championship, where the best dogs, and the best breeders are recognized by world-class judges,” said Jason Taylor, Assistant Show Chairman and National PRO Sales Director for Royal Canin. “We hope that this new Puppy and Junior Competition will be the next step in building the most important dog show of the year and give breeders and exhibitors yet another reason to make the National Championship a must-attend event.”

Judging for the Stakes will begin at the breed level and be divided into four age classes as follows: Puppy 6-9 months, Puppy 9-12 months, Junior 12-15 months and Junior 15-18 months. Each class will be divided by sex. The eight class winners will compete for Best of Breed and will be designated the AKC Royal Canin National (Breed) (Puppy/Junior) of the Year. Best of Breed winners will go on to compete in their respective Group (i.e. Sporting, Working, etc); Miscellaneous Breeds will compete in their designated Group. Each Group winner will be designated the AKC Royal Canin National (Group) (Puppy/Junior) of the Year. First through fourth places will be awarded with monetary prizes ranging from \$25-\$1,000. Group winners compete to win Best in Stakes. This Best in Stakes winner will be crowned the AKC Royal Canin National All-Breed (Puppy/Junior) of the Year.

The premium list and entry information will be available on AKC.org in September. For more information, [visit AKC.org].

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