

# THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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CH MACH Orela me Shaar Hagai RA MXG MJS OF  
CGC CDCA-HCX CDCA-VS  
AKC's first Dual CH Canaan Dog

## COVER STORY

### January 2018 Orela made history.



As a Canaan is wont to do, Orela did things her way. Getting her MACH was no exception. With Orela, it was ALL about the journey. No matter how we trained things, she was going to do the things her way. Whether it be weave poles, contacts, or her famous helicopter last minute how in the world did she make it jumps; she is a Canaan through and through.

We have made this journey once before. In our other breed, Boston Terrier, we had a special girl, Indy, who was also the first of her breed to score a dual championship. Orela's path was nothing like hers. Looking back, Indy was easy. Orela was much more of a challenge with her independent spirit leading the way. But I wouldn't change a thing on the long and winding road to achieve this level. We have had our ups and downs and sometimes wondered if we should just give it up. Nevertheless, we persisted.

She is laying by my feet right now, without a care in the world (except for where is dinner?). I asked her to take this journey with me. She was reluctant, but daddy spent time with her. That's OK in her book. She is on semi-retirement now. The hot and heavy part of her career is behind her. But the fond memories of our journey remain. The laughter and the tears. The frustration and the pain. It's all cobblestones on the road to MACH.

Thank you Orela, for the long strange trip."

Dan Haddy

"What a long strange trip, it's been. Orela becomes the First Canaan Dog to earn a Championship in multiple disciplines, her conformation CH & now her MACH in agility.

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It's been a LONG time coming & as they say, the not easy dogs teach us the most. She has certainly done that. As Dan said, her MACH run is a microcosm of her entire career. Slow weaves, almost off-courses & nailbiter contacts, but she got it done on her own schedule. The Blondie earned her Steak & Cake!"

Julie Haddy



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays & the new year is off to a good start. February was a busy month with a good turnout for Meet the Breeds followed by Westminster in New York City.

Loads of info in this issue about the upcoming specialty at Purina Farms in Missouri. Hope many members will be able to participate this year with the central location & mid-year date. It's shaping up to be a lot of fun in the "Show Me" state!

While details are being finalized for this year's specialty, the Board is working on nailing down locations and dates for 2019 & 2020 activities.

Hope to see everyone soon!  
Julie Haddy, President  
Canaan Dog Club of America

## CDCA Board of Director Actions November 2017—January 2018

The following is a synopsis of CDCA Board of Director Actions. Please note, these were collected by our Treasurer, Christina Miller, and may not include all actions. Going forward, I hope to have a more concise and complete listing of actions for publication.

**11/1/2017**—The Canaan Dog Club of America annual dues were paid, and acknowledged, to the American Kennel Club.

**11/10/2017**—Registration Statistics for the Canaan Dog were received from the American Kennel Club. (revised statistics with additional break downs were received 12/13/2017)

**11/20/2017**—Jennifer Rinaldi membership and Travis Schrader membership were approved.

**12/14/2017**—Membership Chair, Amy Preston, reports that renewals are coming in at a much better rate than in previous years.

**12/17/2017**—April Gray full membership was approved. Donna Golemme and family full membership was approved.

**12/20/2017**—Event applications for the 2018 Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty and Designated Specialty were submitted to the American Kennel Club for Approval.

**1/12/2018**—Event approval for the 2018 Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty and Designated Specialty was received from the American Kennel Club. (please find more information on these events in this issue of the Kibitzer)

**1/30/2018**—A communique from Marcia Muller with suggestions to the Board of Directors was received and reviewed.

## Editor's Notes

I enjoyed working on this issue of the Kibitzer. I apologize for the delay in getting it published. There was some very important information that needed to be included that I needed to wait to receive.

Also, please note there are some committee reports in this issue that could not fit in the previous issue.

Christina Miller, Editor



## Report – Desert Bred Canaan Dog Registry Committee

17 October 2017

Joan Capaiu Greene, Chair

A quick update: the committee is still discussing the best form for such a registry to take. Recent information seen online in the international Canaan Dogs Facebook group, in rescue retail imports to the US and the UK, and elsewhere on the Internet, indicate that Middle Eastern retailers increasingly view the 'Canaan Dog' designation as a marketing gimmick for native crossbred dogs. Other posts indicate pure desert bred Salukis are also at risk as poor quality animals are apparently being bred specifically for retail sale outside the Middle East. The Canaan Dog Rescue Network has experienced a strong uptick in monthly requests from the public for help rehoming 'Canaan Dog' and 'crossbred Canaan Dog' imports. This is cause for concern.

I believe the past year has seen two important revelations:

1. An increase in Middle East imports of crossbred street dogs and foundlings marketed to US and European buyers as 'Canaan Dogs' or CD crosses has become nearly mainstream through groups such as 'Wings of Rescue' and its' associates. Hundreds are imported each year to both the Western and Eastern US coasts by Middle Eastern retail rescue organizations working with their stateside counterparts.
2. Saluki breeders report seeing a noticeable increase in dogs bred by city dwellers for the export market, with little to no regard for quality or pure breeding. If they've done it for Salukis (and per documents and other posts found online, they have), they will probably soon do so for Canaani as well if they haven't already started. Several weeks ago, I was contacted by a veterinary student in Sweden seeking information on the DBCDR; she was referred to me by Myrna Shibolet. It appears that there is increasing interest worldwide in how the North American gene pool for the breed can be augmented through the creation of such a registry.

If anyone has questions or comments, please contact members of the committee or myself:

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References and information on desert bred Salukis and challenges obtaining pure bred stock:

<http://www.shahanshahsalukis.com/About-Salukis.html>

- apparently we don't have the only breed endangered by Middle Eastern dog brokers

[https://duckduckgo.com/?q=spdb+saluki+registration&atb=v67-3b\\_&ia=web](https://duckduckgo.com/?q=spdb+saluki+registration&atb=v67-3b_&ia=web)

- links referring to Middle Eastern retail / rescue brokers are impacting Saluki exports

[http://www.qashani.com/firat\\_e.html](http://www.qashani.com/firat_e.html)

- registration information for several FCI countries - a Saluki example

<http://www.anatoliandog.org/gentrify.htm>

- Comments by geneticist John Burchard on ME Saluki regional and international genetics

[http://s9.zetaboards.com/Saluki\\_Preservation/topic/7085492/3/](http://s9.zetaboards.com/Saluki_Preservation/topic/7085492/3/)

- Interesting debate on Saluki imports and registration

Documents of interest, relating to desert bred Salukis:

[http://salukiclub.org/uploads/3/5/0/5/3505432/2017\\_dbe-catalog-web-final.pdf](http://salukiclub.org/uploads/3/5/0/5/3505432/2017_dbe-catalog-web-final.pdf)

<http://salukicanada.com/new/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Lost-in-the-desert.pdf>

## Breeder Referral Status Report, as prepared for the 2017 annual meetings

### 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 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 30 September 2017, 30 information packages have been sent out.	•In 2007: 44
•In 2016: 44	•In 2006: 61
•In 2015: 29	•In 2005: 56
•In 2014: 31	•In 2004: 36
•In 2013: 42 packages were sent out.	•In 2003: 31
•In 2012: 123	•In 2002: 119
•In 2011: 79	•In 2001: 252
•In 2010: 104	•In 2000: 180
•In 2009: 103 (revised amount)	•In 1999: 60
•In 2008: 78	•In 1998: 88
	•In 1997: 153

As per the Board, in order to be on the Breeders' List a breeder must have a bitch that has produced a litter

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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 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

## **HEALTH, As prepared for the 2017 Annual Meeting**

Overall we still seem to be doing well on the health front, but I would like to see us gather more hard data. We are working toward this goal.

I pushed hard for participation in the DNA Repository a year ago, but the numbers reflect that I was unsuccessful in convincing the importance of this. We will not be included in health studies if the DNA is not available. One of my dogs was selected for a thyroid study. Please consider doing this at your next vet visit. The form and instructions are on the OFA site.

We may consider blood draws at a future specialty.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Davison

## Meet the Breeds at the 2017 AKC National Championship

By David Golden



Around 200,000 Canaan Dogs could comfortably fit into the cavernous Orlando-Orange County Convention Center, home of the 2017 AKC National Championship. But since the other 199,996 Canaan Dogs were unavailable, Roy, Salina, Anni, and Avi had to work extra hard at the two-day Meet the Breeds event held in conjunction with the Championship. After all, there were over 160 other breeds represented on December 16 and 17, so they had to demonstrate to the thousands of visitors the qualities that make Canaan Dogs so special.

This year the CDCA had a prime corner booth, outfitted with LED-illuminated banners of desert scenes, tomb paintings, and famous and loved Canaans, as well as a fancy digital picture frame scrolling photos submitted by club members. But the stars of the show—what the crowds really wanted to see—

were the dogs themselves. Ably assisted by Keith and Cheryl Shank, Bryna Comsky, Richard Vulliet, and David Golden, Roy and Salina were the hardest workers, spending hours greeting the public from their faux-fur-covered dais as the humans explained the breed's incredible history. Anni periodically relieved Salina, while keeping a watchful eye on Roy who really wanted to be her friend. And Avi made an appearance on Sunday after slacking off the previous day at the spa.

Many of the visitors to the booth were thrilled to finally meet real, live Canaan Dogs. Even some of the 5,000+ exhibitors and competitors at the AKC Championship had never had that opportunity before. A few had seen Canaans in action and were so impressed that they asked for breeder referrals (dozens of CDCA brochures were distributed). Some quietly puzzled over the "Kelev Kna'ani" on the Beni Hasan tomb painting banner before asking (the giant "CANAAN DOG" sign and CDCA logo right above the banner didn't seem to help). And still others had never heard of the breed, but were drawn to the booth by the handsome dogs and stayed to hear some history. And what history. Just a month earlier a new archaeological report had been published showing ancient rock carvings in the Saudi desert of hunters with leashed dogs that the scientists said "resembled the modern breed of Canaan dogs." Only at the CDCA booth could people pet a 9000-year-old dog.

The attractive dogs also drew the attention of a film crew shooting short breed videos for the AKC's website. In addition to the canine glamor shots, the crew conducted a brief interview with some of the human crew, focusing on the breed and its fascinating history.

After two full days, greeting thousands of visitors, and walking miles back and forth across the convention center, the dogs were tired and the humans were exhausted and hoarse. But it was all worth it to show and tell so many people about the extraordinary Canaan Dog.

Kochav Mazel Tov Lil Roy Me Toro, CH Eastland Salina So Special RN CGC TKN, GCH Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona of Carters Creek, and DOTY GCHS Pleasant Hill Avram of Carters Creek CDCA-HCX.



### New Titles – November 2017 Through January 2018

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
<b><i>AKC CHAMPION</i></b>		
CH. Ha'aretz Gimel Road Ranger at Relic, CGC, TKN, CDCA-HC	Amy Preston	
<b><i>AKC MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION</i></b>		
MACH, CH. Orela Me Shaar Hagai, CGC, RA, MX, MXG, MXJ, MJS, OF, CDCA-HCX, VS	Julie & Dan Haddy	1/6/18
<b><i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 150 POINTS (BCAT)</i></b>		
CH. River Rock Undercover Of Darkness, BCAT	Christina Miller	12/2/17
<b><i>AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN</i></b>		
GCHB. CH. Bandersnatch Rsndg Ida Know Rivroc, RN, CGC	Amanda Pough, Christina Miller & Judy March Rosenthal	12/23/17
<b><i>AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN ADVANCED</i></b>		
GCH. CH. Bsnatch Rsndg Ran Away To Rivroc, RA, FDC, CGCA, TKN	Amanda Pough, Christina Miller & Judy March Rosenthal	11/15/17
<b><i>AKC TRICK DOG NOVICE</i></b>		
Caliente Desert Wanderer, CD, RA, NAJ, CGC, TKN	Gary Peterson & Debbie Friedman	12/6/17
GCHB. CH. Bandersnatch Rsndg Ida Know Rivroc, RN, CGC, TKN	Amanda Pough, Christina Miller & Judy March Rosenthal	12/23/17

### Apologies And Congratulations

The following Top Canaan Dog awards were accidentally left out of the last issue of the *Kibitzer* and I apologize to the owners for the error as well as extend my congratulations for the achievements. Denise Gordon, Awards Chair

#### 2016 Top Obedience Canaan Dog

GCH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, CAX, BCAT, NAP, NJP, HIC, CGC,

CGCA, CGCU, TKP, FDC, CDCA-HCX, V

Owned By Marcia & James Muller

#### 2016 Top Overall Performance Canaan Dog

GCH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, CAX, BCAT, NAP, NJP, HIC, CGC,

CGCA, CGCU, TKP, FDC, CDCA-HCX, V

Owned By Marcia & James Muller



**OFA TEST RESULTS: DECEMBER 2017–FEBRUARY, 2018 LINE IN BOLD ITALICS  
SIGNIFIES THE DOG HAS A CHIC NUMBER**

Name	Registration Number	Sex	OFA Number	Test Type	Results
<b>BLUE SKY DESERTSTAR ORION THE HUNTER</b>	<b>DN22127103</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>CA-EYE8/115M-VPI</b>	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
BLUE SKY LUNAR EXPLORER	DN38279002	F	CA-EYE13/50F-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL
BLUE SKY PANDAMONIUM	DN38279004	F	CA-EYE14/50F-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL
DESERT STAR BLUE SKY FIRE DANCER	DN42563601	F	CA-EYE30/34F-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL
EASTLAND'S HALAH	DN41666501	F	CA-DM217/37F-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
<b>HA'ARETZ GIMEL ROAD RANGER AT RELIC</b>	<b>DN42990903</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-EYE56/29F-VPI</b>	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>HA'ARETZ GIMEL ROAD RANGER AT RELIC</b>	<b>DN42990903</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-EL206F29-VPI</b>	<b>Elbow</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>HA'ARETZ GIMEL ROAD RANGER AT RELIC</b>	<b>DN42990903</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-TH139/29F-VPI</b>	<b>Thyroid</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>
<b>HA'ARETZ GIMEL ROAD RANGER AT RELIC</b>	<b>DN42990903</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-547E29F-VPI</b>	<b>Hips</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>HA'ARETZ GIMEL ROAD RANGER AT RELIC</b>	<b>DN42990903</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-PA143/29F/P-VPI</b>	<b>Patella</b>	<b>NORMAL - PRACTITIONER</b>
HATIKVA TK KISMET MAGNIFICENT THOR	DN43859403	M	CA-PA141/24M/P-VPI	Patella	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
HATIKVA TK SWEET VICTORY MEL-ECH	DN43712604	M	CA-PA142/24M/P-VPI	Patella	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
<b>KOL TUV NER ECHAD L'MACCABEE</b>	<b>DN40339704</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>CA-528G41F-VPI</b>	<b>Hips</b>	<b>GOOD</b>
SIMON PETER	NOREG1771231	M	CA-DM218/1M-NOPI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
TAHOE'S BLUE SKY MISCHIEF MAKER	DN51506004	F	CA-EYE57/3F-NOPI	Eyes	NORMAL

## Revised Versatility Matrix (on the following page)

First and foremost, I would like to express my profound thanks to Julie Haddy, Jennie Larkin, and Risa Baumrind for their outstanding help with the revision of the Versatility program! Their participation made it a much better result than I could have done on my own. The new matrix makes it much easier to understand each level's requirement than the previous outline version. It allows inclusion of new AKC event titles without the need to list them all and it now includes the conformation achievement of Owner-Handler Best In Show in addition to Best In Show Specialty and Best In Show. Dogs with CDCA Versatility titles under previous versions do not need to reapply with the new matrix, unless you have new and higher titles that will fulfill the higher levels. All owners applying for a Versatility title should fill out the form that will be available on the website and can either send it to me via email or postal service along with the required document copies. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Denise Gordon, Awards Chair

### Versatility Matrix (Effective January 1, 2018)

CDCA Versatility titles open to AKC / Canadian / International registered Canaans or AKC PAL-registered Canaans owned by CDCA members in good standing. Performance and breed titles / certificates for eligibility requirements must be earned in United States

A higher event level title may be used to complete any Versatility level title, but may not be re-used for another Versatility title.

Titles from ONE level lower may be used to round out the title requirements of a level, but may not be used to satisfy skill level requirements such as Novice, Open or Advanced titles as listed below (ex., V titles would not count past VI level for a VI+ title).

Disclaimer: The requirements for any CDCA Versatility Award may be changed without notice. Notwithstanding the satisfaction of any such requirements, Versatility Awards are subject to the ultimate discretion of the CDCA Board of Directors.

Certificates to be issued for CDCA-V, CDCA-VI and CDCA-VI+; plaque to be issued for CDCA-VM

		Versatility (V)	Versatility Intermediate (VI)	Versatility Intermediate Multipliers (VI+)	Versatility Master (VM)
		Entry level title: Pass/fail tests of Instinct; AKC or CDCA certificates. 4 titles/certificates from 3 of the below AKC or CDCA event categories are required.	A minimum of 4 trial level titles from at least 3 different AKC Events/AKC Recognized categories.	Each VI+ (e.g., VI2, VI3, etc) title requires an additional 4 AKC titles across at least two different categories. At least 2 of these additional 4 titles must be at the Open/Advanced or equivalent level or higher.	In addition to VI title, must have earned at least 1 of the below AKC Events top trial level titles or an AKC Dual Championship (DC) title.
E V A K C t s	Agility	Agility Course Tested 1 or higher	Novice and higher (Standard, Jumpers, FAST; Regular and/or Preferred)	Open and higher (Standard, Jumpers, FAST; Regular and/or Preferred)	Master Agility Champion (MACH) Preferred Agility Champion (PACH)
	Conformation	2 or more points earned at a single show (one time use only)	Champion Grand Champion	BIS BIS OHBS	
	Coursing	Regular or FAST (any level)			
	Herding	CDCA Herding Certified CDCA Herding Certified Excellent AKC Herding Instinct Certified Pre-Tested Herding Tested Farm Dog Certified	Started and higher (any course, any livestock)	Intermediate and higher (any course, any livestock) Master title (any level)	Herding Champion (HC)
	Obedience		Beginner Novice and higher (Regular, Preferred, and/or Optional Titling)	Novice and higher (Regular, Preferred, and/or Optional Titling)	Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) Obedience Master (OM)
	Rally		Novice and higher	Advanced and higher	Rally Champion (RACH)
	Scent Work		Novice and higher (any series)	Advanced and higher (any series)	
	Tracking		Tracking Dog/Tracking dog Urban and higher	Anything above TD/TDU	Tracking Champion (CT)
	Barn Hunt	Instinct Tested	Novice and higher		
	Canine Good Citizen	Any level including Star Puppy			
R e c O B K C i z e d	Dock Diving		Any level		
	Flyball		Any level		
	Therapy Dog	Therapy dog certification by an AKC recognized therapy dog organization			
	Trick Dog	Any level			



# It's a dog-sport buffet!

Ever wonder if your Canaan Dog would enjoy agility? Or be good at nose work? He might be great at finding the rat hidden in a bale of hay. And she might have a special talent for dance!

There are so many dog-sports out there, where do you start?

You could start with a week at Mr Spot Dog Camp in Kingston, Ontario. With over twenty activities daily, participants can try everything from agility to flyball, rally obedience, tracking, tricks... and more! It's a great week for socialization, both for humans and canines.

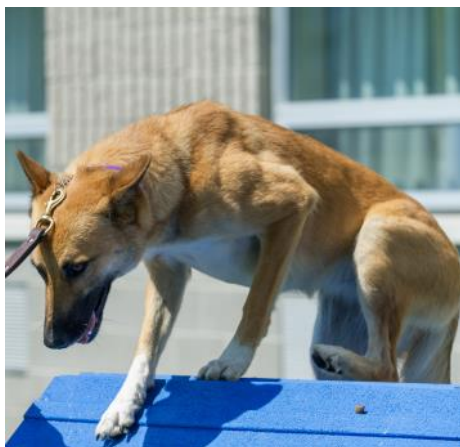


Because of the variety of activities offered, if you (or your dog) don't enjoy one class, try another. The objective is to have fun, so if you prefer to skip class one afternoon and cross the road to Lake Ontario Park to watch the sailboats, that's OK too.

Classes run from after breakfast to right before dinner, Monday to Friday (3 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon – your choice of three or four activities per hour), with additional events scheduled in the evening. Classes are held in secure fenced areas. Dogs and owners stay in private rooms, with A/C, private bathroom and mini fridge. All meals are included. Once you've arrived for orientation Sunday, no need to drive until you leave Saturday morning.

Here are some of the classes/activities offered:

- Rally obedience – Novice, Advanced, Excellent
- Tricks & Games – have fun with your dog!
- Loose leash walking/reliable recall
- Freestyle dancing
- Canine Good Neighbor/Canine Good Citizen
- Flyball
- Lure coursing
- Obedience – various levels
- Tracking for beginners
- Agility – various levels
- K-9 disc
- Freestyle rally
- Nose work
- Herding instinct test



I started up camp in 2015. We're lucky to have many repeat guests, many already signed up for the fourth time. Because there are so many things to try, every summer offers something new.

Being in charge means not being able to participate – I run around making sure everything is running smoothly. But I did manage to pick up two Canine Good Neighbor titles at the end of the week! And we pop into many of the classes when possible: a bit of agility, a bit of obedience, barn hunt...

There's a special discount for Canaan Dog owners – to save, type in **"CANAN DOG"** when prompted, and if you're coming from the US, you'll save more with the exchange rate. A week at camp including all classes, 6 nights accommodation and all your meals will cost you about US\$1,000 if you book by March 5, 2018. And there's no extra charge for bringing two dogs!

Why not plan a vacation for you AND your dog this summer! Come see us at Mr Spot Dog Camp, **July 15-21, 2018**. Kingston is just north of New York state.

See [www.MrSpotDogCamp.com](http://www.MrSpotDogCamp.com) for details or call 613.530.SPOT (7768)

Check out our FACEBOOK page for lots of pictures from the past three summer sessions.



# Still Reaching Higher

MBIS UKC ALCH/AKC GCH RIVER ROCK REACH ANY HIGHER, BN RA FDC  
NAP NJP CAX BCAT CGCA CGCU TKP, CDCA HCX, CDCA VS





The following story, with a 5-minute video, was submitted to AKC on 6/5/2017. "Ziva" was awarded a TKP title on 7/10/2017. Having thus fulfilled the published (May 2017) CDCA requirements for the Versatility Superior title, an application was submitted that day.

Owned and loved by Marcia & James Muller

"Gibson" x "Kate" breeding by Christina Miller

MBIS UKC ALCH/AKC GCH RIVER ROCK REACH ANY HIGHER  
BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX BCAT CGCA CGCU TKP/CDCA-HCX, VS

### ZIVA - THE GORILLA HUNTER

Ziva is placed on her bed using a **Down Hand Signal**. Mommy decides they should go looking for the rare, albino Gorilla that hides somewhere in the house. Mommy will help Ziva search (using both hand signals & verbal cues). After a **Touch command**, we start looking for the Gorilla in the living room with Ziva **Circling Right & Circling Left**. Mommy tells Ziva to **Get on a Platform (Up/table command)** by the window to look for the Gorilla. Ziva looks out the window but she doesn't see the Gorilla. Mommy gives Ziva another **Down Hand Signal** and then asks Ziva to put her **Head Down**. Mommy thinks maybe Ziva will feel the Gorilla's vibrations and locate the Gorilla that way. That doesn't seem to work, but then Mommy sees a treat the Gorilla must have dropped while running away to hide! Ziva waits on the platform while Mommy picks up the dropped treat. Mommy tells Ziva to get off the platform using **Touch command** and then tells her to Sit. Mommy decides that Ziva is probably hungry, so she **Balances the Treat on Ziva's nose**. Ziva must earn the treat by holding **still (7 seconds)** and is then told **OK to Flip & Eat the treat**.

While Ziva devours the treat, Mommy decides to go rest in the bedroom. Daddy realizes Ziva still needs Mommy's help in finding the Gorilla so he opens the bedroom door and tells Ziva to **Go Find Mommy (who is hidden from sight next to the bed)**. Ziva searches and finds Mommy resting on the carpet. Ziva needs to wake Mommy – first with a **Kiss** and then by **Barking on Cue (both commands given by Mommy)**. Ziva now knows Mommy is awake! Mommy sits up but is groggy. To get Mommy's full attention Ziva does a **Paws Up on Mommy's arm**. Mommy asks for a **Say Your Prayers (Advanced Handler's Choice)** and a **Sit Pretty**. Mommy decides to help Ziva look some more for the Gorilla.

Mommy knows they must hurry to find the Gorilla before it runs away and hides for good. They walk quickly through the house, searching as they go (camera off while moving to a different part of the house). Mommy uses a **Sit Hand Signal** and leaves Ziva on a wait while she walks down a long hall. Mommy tells Ziva to **Down with Hand Signal from 15 feet**.

Mommy spotted the Gorilla while they were running through the house. It is trying to make an escape and is hiding among a pile of toys by the front door! Ziva is told to **Come Front (Intermediate Handler's Choice)** and then Mommy points down another long hall and tells Ziva to go **Get your Gorilla from a toy pile (Advanced Handler's Choice)**. Ziva gets her Gorilla and brings it back to Mommy. Then they play **Fetch & Give from 20 feet**. Mommy throws the Gorilla to Ziva who **Catches** it. Ziva thanks Mommy for helping find her toy Gorilla by **Barking (Speak command)** and **Shaking Hands (both paws)**. Mommy and Ziva both **Bow** to thank Daddy for manning the camera. Then Ziva **Waves good-bye** and Mommy waves good-bye.

THE GORILLA WAS FOUND AND LIVES TO PLAY HIDE & SEEK ANOTHER DAY!!!!!!

THE END



## Meet Me In St. Louis! CDCA 2018 National Specialty Week

*Tentative Schedule Pending All Approvals*

<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>
Tuesday, May 29, 2018 (PM)	Board of Directors Meeting and Welcome Party	Host Hotel
Wednesday, May 30, 2018	Herding CDCA Annual General Meeting	Purina Farms Host Hotel
Thursday, May 31, 2018	National Specialty with Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes and Judges Education with Ringside Mentoring Breed Judge Rick Gschwender Sweepstake Judge Joan Capiou-Greene Awards Banquet & Auctions	Purina Farms     Museum of the Dog
Friday, June 1, 2018	Designated Specialty (Mississippi Valley KC All Breed Show) with Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes Breed Judge Linda Clark Sweepstakes Judge Carol Brown	Purina Farm
Saturday, June 2, 2018	Supported Entry (Mississippi Valley KC All Breed Show)	Purina Farms
Sunday, June 3, 2018	Supported Entry (Missouri Rhineland KC All Breed Show)	Purina Farms
Monday, June 4, 2018	Supported Entry (Missouri Rhineland KC All Breed Show)	Purina Farms

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**Meet Me In St. Louis!**  
**CDCA 2018 National Specialty Week**  
**May 29—June 4, 2018**

**Specialty and All Breed Show Superintendent:**

Foy Trent Dog Shows  
 PO Box C, Sturgeon, MO 65284  
 Office 573/687-2101, Cell 573/881-2655

**Host Hotel Info:**

The Wildwood Hotel  
 2801 Fountain Place, Wildwood, MO 63040  
 314/733-9116  
[www.wildwoodhotel.com](http://www.wildwoodhotel.com)

Ask for the Canaan Dog Club of America Room Block  
 Room Rates \$115 King or Double Queen

**Camping available at Purina Farms:**

RV Camping information will be in the premium

To rent an RV that will be delivered to Purina Farms and set up:

Byerly RV  
 636/938-2000  
 M.B. Thomas RV  
 800/392-5655

**National Specialty & All Breed Shows:**

Purina Farms  
 Purina Event Center  
 500 William Danforth Way, Gray Summit MO 63039

**Closest Airport:**

Lambert—St. Louis International Airport (STL)

**Banquet—Thursday, May 31st:**

Will be held at the AKC Museum of the Dog  
 1721 S Mason Road, St. Louis MO 63131

Patio available at 6:30pm; dinner at 7pm.

Explore the Museum during the evening! A Fall 2018 move to NYC is planned, so this may be one of the last chances to visit the Museum in this location.

Cost: \$55 per person.

Mail your payment (made out to CDCA) to Donna Davison, to arrive by May 1, 2018.  
 8285 Sassafras Road, DuQuin IL 62832

Include any allergies or food restrictions

To pay via PayPal, please email Christina Miller, [treasurer@cdca.org](mailto:treasurer@cdca.org),  
 for full directions.

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**Trophy Donations:**

Donate early, donate often!

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Earn your Unicorn Status or Level Up!

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!

Maintain your level for five or more years for additional recognition.

We will post Donor Names & Levels in the Kib and at the Specialties.

**Second Annual CDCA Yearbook:**

Back by popular demand!

Celebrate your Canaan Dogs, a particular moment from

2017 or pay tribute to a dog or person no longer with us.

Deadline May 1, 2018

Please email Christina Miller, [treasurer@cdca.org](mailto:treasurer@cdca.org),  
for full directions and costs.

**Top Dogs and Memorials:**

Was your Canaan Dog on the 2017 Top Dogs list for:

- AKC Breed,
- National Owner Handler Series,
- Obedience,
- Lure Coursing or
- Agility



Please submit a photo as well as Registered Name, Call

Name, Breeder, and Owner by April 1, 2018 to: Julie Haddy, [pawslover@gmail.com](mailto:pawslover@gmail.com)

Did you say goodbye to your CD this year? Julie welcomes all submissions for the memorial slideshow as well.





## CDCA HERDING INSTINCT TEST

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Purina Farms Herding Area

300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039

Evaluator: Ms. Tracy Parciak (AKC/AHBA Licensed Judge)

\*\*\*\*\**Test to Start At 9:00 AM (Central Time) & Limited To 40 Runs*\*\*\*\*\*

COST: \$25 first dog, \$20 each additional dog, same owner(s)

**Pre-Entry Deadline: Saturday, May 19, 2018**

\*\*\*\* **Pre-Entries Will Be Tested Before Any Day-Of-Test Entries** \*\*\*\*

No Canaan Dogs Younger Than 6 Months of Age Will Be Tested

Bitches In Season May Participate, But Will Be Tested Last

If Time & Entry Numbers Permit, Dogs With HCX Titles May Enter Day of Test

For Exhibition Only Practice & Will Run Last

**All Dogs Must Be Kept On Leash Or Crated At All Times On The Farm!!**

All Canaan Dogs Without Prior Livestock Herding Experience Entered

In The Test Will Be Eligible For The Best Rookie Herding Award

Canaan Dogs With Prior Livestock Herding Experience Entered

In The Test Will Be Eligible For The Best Experienced Herding Award

Lunch Will Be Served At The Test Site

Make checks/money orders (in US funds) payable to CDCA and mail with form to:

Denise Gordon, Herding Chair, 2614 Gracewood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45239-7240

For further information, telephone (513) 741-1832, or email: [desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com](mailto:desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com)

### CDCA HERDING INSTINCT TEST PRE-ENTRY FORM

Registered Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

(Include all current titles)

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (on day of test): \_\_\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_

Registered Name of Dog's Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name of Dog's Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Prior Experience With Livestock & Type: (Including any herding training/testing; use additional paper if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a CDCA-Herding Certified (HC) or CDCA-Herding Certified Excellent (HCX) attempt? (Circle one - HC or HCX).

If this is for CDCA-HCX, which "leg" will this attempt be? 2<sup>nd</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> (for title): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

# Two Ways to Show the Love & Express Yourself!

(and your love for the Canaan Dog)

## 2018 National Specialty Catalog Advertising

Full Page \$40.00, Page Size 4.5" x 7.5"

Half Page \$25.00, Page Size 4.5" x 3.75"

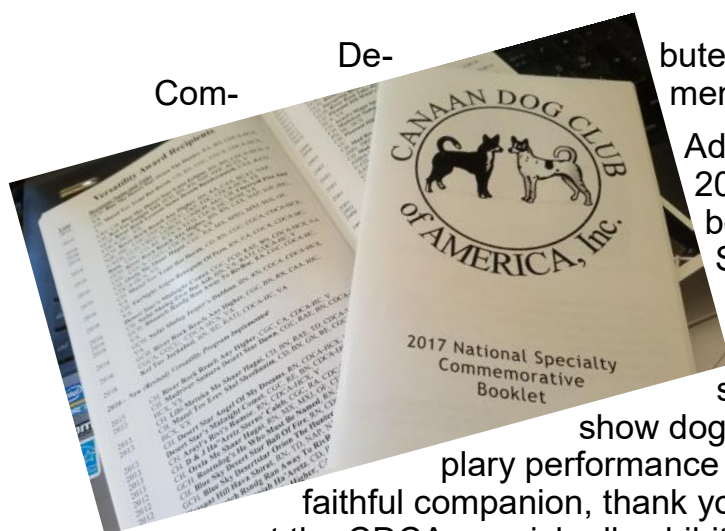
All ads must be photo ready in the following formats: Encapsulated PostScript (EPS), PDF (with embedded fonts, JPG, TIFF, or PUB at 300dpi or greater. Ads should be received as grayscale.

**DEADLINE MAY 1, 2018**

Please send your ads Christina Miller at [treasurer@cdca.org](mailto:treasurer@cdca.org)

Payment to CDCA, 3220 Gees Mill Road, Conyers, GA 30013

## 2017 Canaan Dog Yearbook



De-Com- buted last year as the 2017 National Specialty memorative Booklet

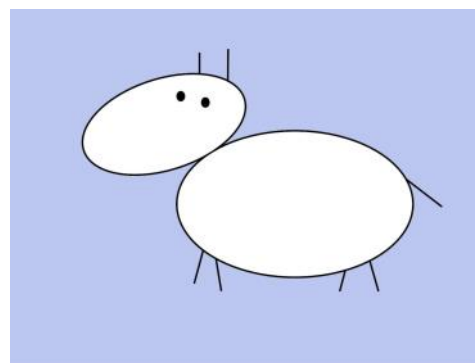
Advertise your love of the Canaan Dog in the 2017 Canaan Dog Yearbook. This full color booklet will be for sale at the 2018 National Specialty, and available for mailing after the National Specialty.

Advertise your marvelous new puppy, your seasoned

show dog, your exemplary performance dog, your faithful companion, thank your breeder, support the CDCA, or wish all exhibitors good luck. It's a wonderful way to express your love of this fantastic breed and support the Canaan Dog Club of America.

The yearbook holds our breed's history. Listings of National Specialty Best of Breed winners, Top Canaan Dog Award winners, Register of Merit Award Recipients, Versatility Award Recipients, DOTY, MOTY, and looking to add other history.

This year will debut the Dog Reference page. This will be a full page with the dogs photo on top and a 3 generation pedigree below. Similar to the Breeder's Reference Book format.



GCHP Fluffy McFluff UDK, Male, DOB 1/1/2018, Breeder/Owner Mike McMike

CH Spot McSpot	CH Fido McFido
CH Rover McRover	CH Lady McLady
CH Fifi McFi	CH Buddy McBuddy
CH Duke McDuke	CH Lulu McLu
CH Molly McMol	CH Jack McJack
CH Sophie McSoph	CH Baby McBabe
	CH King McKing
	CH Bella McBell

Example of the Dog Reference Page

"GCH CH FARSIGHT ARGOS RENEGADE OF PERN RN CA CGC CGCA TKN CDCA-HC VA ("Argos") earned his Grand Championship and was the Number 2 Canaan Dog in the United States in 2017. He also was recognized for his versatility and was awarded a Versatility Advanced title, having earned six performance titles, in addition to his Championship and Grand Championship. He accomplished most all of this during the first three years of his life! To top it all off, he is an all-around wonderful, sensitive and loving dog. I am very proud of my boy and everything he has accomplished at such a young age."



## **AKC REUNITE AND THE THERIOGENOLOGY FOUNDATION JOIN FORCES TO SOLVE U.S. DETECTION DOG SHORTAGE**

*Organizations Help Launch the Working Dog Project at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard to Improve Breeding of Military and Service Dogs*

**New York, NY—** The need for explosive detection dogs and assistance dogs has never been greater. Unfortunately, only half of the dogs being trained for this work succeed.

The Working Dog Project is a unique opportunity to apply cutting edge genomics technology to investigate how genetic variation influences behavioral characteristics. By identifying the key genetic factors, breeders can strategically select better working dogs, thereby saving time, energy and dollars. Rarely has there been the opportunity to make such an impact for BOTH our national security and our disabled Americans.

AKC Reunite, the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the United States, is donating \$150,000 to a joint project with the Theriogenology Foundation to sponsor research at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard for The Working Dog Project. The Theriogenology Foundation has made an initial donation of \$200,000 to fund the project.

The lack of supply of working dogs has become a pressing issue for the government and has a direct impact on national security. The demand for highly skilled animals is only growing and their availability is limited. Despite decades of pedigree analysis and focused breeding programs, the training success rate for service and working dogs hovers at approximately 50%; for high-performing scent dogs, success rates are even lower. This leads to significant issues including wasted training dollars, puppies pushed into roles in which they cannot succeed, unmet client needs, and, in the military, dogs that cannot fulfill the elite requirements to protect and serve.

“Working dogs are important partners to law enforcement, search and rescue, customs and border patrol, and our military. The incredible scenting ability of dogs makes them essential to explosive detection,” said Alan Kalter, Chairman of AKC Reunite. “We are proud to join with the Theriogenology Foundation in supporting the work being done by the Broad Institute. This research will help breeders understand the genetics needed to produce working dogs that will be on the front lines.”

Genetic tests focused on behavior or temperament would help solve the central challenge: accurate prediction at an early age of potential for successful training. They could help identify which dogs should be trained for particular jobs, and would support more successful breeding programs.

“AKC Reunite and veterinarians have long recognized the value of purpose-bred dogs as canine working partners that make our lives safer and more secure,” added Dr. Anita Migday, President of the Theriogenology Foundation. “With this collaborative effort, we continue to merge science and breeding practices to produce world class working dog teams”.

The Working Dog Project is part of a comprehensive program that engages working dog organizations, scientists and dog breeders. The project will focus on two key working dog behaviors: scenting and retrieving, and



will be the first step in leveraging the power of genomics to accelerate the breeding and training of successful working dogs.

“For years we have been diligently committed to supporting research aimed to unlock the genetic code of many physical diseases,” noted Dr. Elinor Karlsson, principal investigator for The Working Dog Project. “Our current commitment is to examine the canine genome as critically for predicting behavior as we have for predicting disease.”

For detailed information regarding the Working Dog Project, please visit [www.workingdogproject.org](http://www.workingdogproject.org).

## Canaan Dog Club of America Code of Ethics

This code is established to protect and advance the interests of Canaan Dogs and to provide standards for responsible ownership and breeding practices.

All Members Shall:

- Appreciate the unique nature of the Canaan Dog and try to preserve its characteristics of type, temperament, and health as a natural dog.
- Abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Canaan Dog Club of America (CDCA) and the rules of the American Kennel Club (AKC).
- Honestly represent the breed and their own dog(s). Not make false or misleading statements about another competitor and their dog(s) and bear responsibility for the truth and accuracy of any information and/or photographs submitted for publication.
- Display good sportsmanship and conduct, whether at home or at shows in such a manner as to reflect praise upon themselves and the CDCA.
- Maintain the best possible standards of health, cleanliness, safety, and care of their dogs.
- Complete and return CDCA Health Surveys within four (4) months from the Survey's post (mailing) date. I understand that non-compliance will result in automatic removal from the CDCA Breeder's List.

All Breeders and Owners, of Bitches and Stud Dogs Alike, shall:

- Breed Canaan Dogs which adhere to the American Kennel Club approved Standard for the breed and which are healthy and temperamentally and structurally sound.
- Breeders shall keep well informed in the field of genetics and work to eliminate hereditary defects from the breed. All dogs and bitches to be bred shall be x-rayed prior to breeding and declared free of hip dysplasia by an authorized body or organization (OFA or Penn-Hip in the USA) and be screened free of eye problems by an authorized body or organization (CERF in the USA).
- A dog or bitch shall be two (2) years of age before breeding; the maximum age of breeding for bitches shall be nine (9) years, if all health tests remain normal. A bitch shall produce no more than seven (7) litters in her lifetime and produce no more than one (1) litter per year.
- Not crossbreed or breed to an unregistered Canaan Dog, with the exception of a dog undergoing "miyun" under the auspices of the Israeli Kennel Club.
- Not wholesale litters of Canaan Dogs, sell or donate to Brokers, wholesale dealers in dogs, humane societies, laboratories, or provide any animal for auction, prize, or raffle purposes.
- Keep all puppies with the litter until at least eight (8) weeks of age.
- Sellers shall provide puppy/dog buyers with the following papers free of charge for each puppy or dog sold: a written Contract of Sale specifying conditions of the sale and signed by both buyer and seller, a four generation pedigree, and written instructions for care, feeding and immunizations. North American Breeders must provide AKC registration papers within six (6) months. Breeders outside of North America who export to the United States must provide registration papers for the exported dog within eighteen (18) months.

Owners of bitches shall not undertake the breeding of a bitch unless they are prepared to keep the resultant puppies until each is suitably placed.

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Any veterinary advice distributed in this newsletter should always be discussed with your veterinarian prior to implementation. The intent of this newsletter is to be informative and becomes a historical document that reflects the breed and the CDCA.

## The Canaan Kibitzer

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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 res-  
olution 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
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FULL Color Front Cover	US\$ 70.00
Front Cover	US\$ 50.00
Rear Cover	US\$ 40.00
Full Page	US\$ 30.00
Half Page	US\$ 15.00
Quarter Page	US\$ 7.50
"Brag Box" (no photo)	FREE
Whelping Box	US \$ 20.00/yr
(up to 10 listings)	

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tive to treasurer@cdca.org

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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.

# *CH Ha'Aretz Kwisartz Haderach Dwlf CDCA HCX*

*14th July 2001—19th January 2018*

*Bred by Bryna Comsky Owned & Loved by The Miller Family & The Houchard Family*

*Run free "Z" like bee, not "Z" like zed*



*I'm never a fan of days like these. Those days when you step back and squelch the selfish side of yourself. Those days when you know your faithful companion is tired and ready for you to help him cross. Those days when you go for one last romp in the sunshine. Those days when you give him his last cheeseburger. Those days filled with grief and pain.*

*But these days should also be filled with love and memories. Memories of that silly black dog that loved to have his butt scratched. That well tempered dog that moved Ethan from Novice Juniors into Open Juniors. That crazy desert dog that loved the water. That opportunistic dog with great survival instinct that could silently launch onto the kitchen counter to clean dishes. That dog with the intense need to pass his genes along and continue his lineage through what was a closed crate, a closed door, another closed door, and another crate. That herding dog that took on a suicidal sheep in Ohio at the CDCA National Specialty. That sweet dog that owned ever second that this world could give.*





# CDCA DOTY Aust. CH AKC GCH D&J Ha'Aretz Vertigo at RivRoc, TT CDCA HCX V ROMX

Bred by Robin & Donna Davison    Owned by Christina Miller    Loved by All Who Met Her

"Vala" - 24th October 2005 - 26th January 2018



"Vala" was an amazing and wonderful Canaan Dog, to which words will not be a fitting enough tribute. I cannot thank Jackie and Donna Davison enough for letting me kidnap her all those years ago. I knew, right from the start, that she was special. Her first time in the show ring and she was WB at the 2006 Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty.

She was a natural in the show ring. We didn't get to complete her AKC Championship until 2 years later after we returned from Australia. She was one of only 2 Australian Champion Canaan Dogs. (The second passed away a couple of years ago - my "Samwise"). Upon our return to the States, it was obvious that she should be Ethan's show dog. That team went on to become the first AKC Grand Champion for the breed. "Vala" was a staple at meet the breed events and helped to bring many to the breed. She even came to alert us of Ethan's seizures - thankfully she didn't have to do that for long, as Ethan's issues resolved. She even talked the Wisconsin State Patrol out of giving me a speeding ticket - that's how special she was. Never one to argue with her kennel mates, she was our benevolent alpha for many years. Her legacy will be forever entrenched in the Canaan Dogs of River Rock. A spirit so kind and so special that will never be forgotten.

Hug your dogs and cherish the time you have with them. Go do something special with that special dog.

