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NEWSLETTER OF THE CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.



CANAAN DOGS CAN DO!

Memories from the 2014 CDCA National Specialty Herding Instinct Testing

IN MEMORIAM



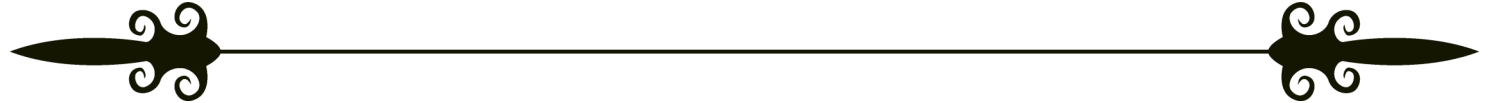
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"Rivi"

12/24/02 - 10/15/19

Run free, my lovely girl,
with Wolf, Liz, Smduge, Nova, and Rion
until we meet again.

- Denise A. Gordon



UKC GCH, AKC GCHB Blue Sky
Desertstar Orion The Hunter,
BN, RA, FDC, ICDCA-V, CDCA-HCX, VA

"Rion"

6/8/08 - 12/13/19

Farewell, sweet boy.
You are sorely missed.

- Norma Bennett Woolf and Denise A.
Gordon



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PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S MESSAGE

We are barely into 2020 and at times, as Dan Rather said, it "doesn't strike me so far as a year that deserves an extra day." We said a sudden goodbye to Mel Holloman. A number of members have had losses of dogs and family this winter, and we extend them all our love and sympathy.

BUT! Others have welcomed puppies! Daffodils are blooming in Georgia (and bouquets of them can be purchased and will bloom in New York). AKC is planning MORE Meet The Breed events around the country. And the club and members can be found around the country, in and out of rings, fields, round pens, and more. (See inside back cover for more information and elsewhere in this issue.)

Volunteers are the heart of any club, and the CDCA is no different. Have an idea? Contact the Board. Local event to you and need club materials? Contact the Board. Not sure what you can do? Contact the Board! **bod@CDCA.org will reach us all and is the best way to share your ideas and love of the breed.**

In the meantime, as I wait for spring to arrive in New York State, here is a favorite photo from Vermont — Reen proving Canaan Dogs will dig in anything—even 3 feet of packed snow! Hey, at least it wasn't mud!

- Amanda



DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!

RENEWAL FORMS MAY BE FOUND:

[HTTP://CDCA.ORG/MEMBERSHIP.HTML](http://CDCA.ORG/MEMBERSHIP.HTML)

Sign and mail your renewal form, along with dues payable to CDCA, to:

Risa Baumrind, 2657 Juniper Way N, New Harmony UT 84757

OR
Mail signed, completed form to address above and submit dues via PayPal to:

Treasurer@CDCA.org

Please send a copy of your PayPal receipt to the Membership Chair at the above address or via email at:

Membership@CDCA.org

Contact Risa Baumrind, Membership Chair, at Membership@CDCA.org with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: New process for NEW membership applications (see also page 4) - initial applications should be submitted to the Recording Secretary, email: recording-secretary@CDCA.org



FROM THE BOARD—OCTOBER 2019 — JANUARY 2020

January 2020

No Board Votes

December 2019

Voted to approve:

1 - Lorna Menaker as judge of the 2022 National Specialty

2 - 2022 National and Designated Specialties to be held at Purina Farms in conjunction with the Three Rivers Kennel Club

November 2019

Voted to approve:

Amy Preston submitted her resignation as Membership Chair. The Board accepted her resignation and thanked Amy for her service to the club. The position was advertised. Risa Baumrind volunteered and was approved by the Board as Membership Database Manager. See also final 2020 renewal notification on page 3.

Policy Change:

Member applications to Recording Secretary for presentation to the Board for action.

October 2019

Voted to approve:

CDCA provide a donation to AKC Reunite for assistance relating to the California Fires.

Reminder from the Board for Members to share plans for CD gatherings. These can be Puppy Parties, local shows or events, etc. We share these to CDCA and extended CD Social Media, and to future CD judges. Please send information about such gatherings to Amanda at President@CDCA.org.



ICYMI

Hemangiosarcoma research

For those who have lost dogs to this devastating disease:

Bartonella bacteria found in hemangiosarcoma tumors from dogs:

<https://tinyurl.com/vpfssfx>

This work was conducted at North Carolina State University and backed by funding from the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Bartonella is a cause of cat scratch fever and can be spread by fleas.

Norma Bennet-Woolf

CANAAN ENTRY AT WESTMINSTER 2020

In 1998, Martha Fielding “came out of retirement” to handle the first Canaan ever to show on the green carpet. He was one of Cindy Grupp’s dogs, had a black and white color

pattern, and became # 1 Canaan Dog for years thereafter. Dr. Carmen Battaglia, the first to judge Canaans at the Garden, and who who judged the Canaan Dog National in 2000, started this dog on his way. A few years later, Mrs. Irene Bivin pulled a Canaan dog in Group, also white with black markings. Judge Mr. Chuck Trotter gave Magnum (white with black markings) a group IV placement, causing the whole community to roar with excitement.

A Canaan dog had achieved Herding Group status at the Garden! Was that possible? Indeed it was a memorable occasion, and one that directed the breed to many group placements and Bests in Show rosettes. Yea for our breed, and thank you once more to Mr. Charles E. Trotter for his courageous recognition of the breed!

Between then and now both styles of Canaans appeared at the Garden to compete in conformation. The number of entries ebbed and flowed with the two major styles: collie-like and dingo-like, competing in the same ring. Judgments favored the white dogs with black markings who looked more

collie-like in head structure. This year ringside observers were in for a predictable outcome. At first and last glances, all three dogs had a similar appearance !!! Yea!!!, meaning they

all looked like Canaan Dogs. Avi won Best of Breed, handled to perfection by Brittany Cipriotti. Both were no strangers to competition

at the Garden, and both looked great in Herding Group. Li'l Roy was happily chosen Select Dog, and Vino, the

Italian import and soon-to-be proud sire, received the Award of Merit. Roy, who has at least one Best in Show award to his credit, was

professionally handled by Laura King. Vino was handled by his owner who skillfully managed to curb his enthusiasm for time spent in the ring! So, despite the predictable outcome,

ringside observers saw continuity of breed type, well presented dogs and good behavior!!! Yea for the breed and wonderful handlers! And thank

you to Sheila Paige for capturing and immortalizing Westminster competition for Canaans, 2020!

- Bryna Comsky

photos & montages © & courtesy of Sheila Paige



CDCA REGISTER OF MERIT AND VERSATILITY AWARDS

Do you have a Canaan Dog eligible for a Versatility or Register of Merit award?

Canaans that have sired or produced AKC Champion of Record offspring and/or versatility-titled offspring may be eligible for the various Register of Merit (ROM) awards.

Canaans who have titled in CDCA and/or AKC companion and/or performance events may be eligible for the Versatility awards.

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

The new Versatility Title Matrix as well as eligibility requirements and forms for both ROM and Versatility are on the CDCA website (www.cdca.org) in the Programs menu. If your dog(s) are eligible for any of these awards, please fill out the form(s) and send them via email as PDF or JPEG files or via the U.S. postal service with copies of required certifications to CDCA Awards Chair, Denise Gordon at the address below.

Forms must reach Denise's home **no later than August 1, 2020** for presentation at the 2020 National Specialty awards banquet on Saturday, October 17th in Wilmington, Ohio. Those awards not picked up at the banquet will be mailed to the recipient after the National Specialty.

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



MEET THE BREEDS: NEW YORK CITY 2020



TALI AT THE 2019 AKC OBEDIENCE CLASSIC IN ORLANDO

Over the past few years, Tali has earned a number of invitations to national competitions, but I never took her to any of them. This past year, however, she qualified for the AKC Obedience Classic in Orlando (in Novice Obedience), and I decided it was time. The thought of going to Orlando in December (just when it is starting to get cold and dark in Maryland) also encouraged me to enter.

To earn a spot at the Obedience Classic in Novice, Open, or Utility, a dog must earn 3 qualifying scores in that class during the preceding year. Tali did not just earn three qualifying scores, she did so in 2 days, winning the class each time, and also earning a High in Trial! With this background, I thought there was a good chance that we would put in a respectable showing. Competition is pretty fierce, since the National Obedience Champions (NOC) and multi-Obedience Trial Champion (OTCH) handlers and dogs compete at this event. While I didn't think that we were going to be competitive to win, I did think that we could put in a good showing.

My goals were five-fold:

1. Enjoy warm weather and palm trees for a few days.
2. Road Trip!!!!
3. Shop the vendors!
4. Demonstrate to the AKC and the top obedience competitors and judges in the country what a nice working Canaan Dog looks like (though they have seen Victor Kaftal and his dogs work in obedience and rally, its nice to have more than one handler out there)
5. Scope out what the Agility Invitational is like (I have every hope of going back in December 2020 for the Agility Invitational with Tali!)

Making this experience complete was the opportunity to road trip down there with my friend Julie and her corgi Wallace (Honeyfox Lover Of Wensleydale CDX PCD BN GN RE CGCA TKA). Julie and I discussed our goals and hopes during the drive down. And I empha-

sized that (in addition to shopping and being warm), I wanted us to show well — not just for us as a team, but because I wanted to give a good impression of the Canaan Dog breed. As a rare breed, every time a Canaan Dog is out in public or at an event, they are representing the breed. And as Dr Menzel established Canaan Dogs to be a working dog, it helps present a more complete picture of the breed to show its working abilities.

Preparing: While it wasn't that long a trip (1.5 day drive down, 2.5 days in Orlando, then 1.5 days back!), Julie and I had to plan how to pack for two people and their dogs, and the enormous number of crates required. Tali had the crate in the car to travel in (her Variocage), a crate for the venue, but we needed a third crate for our hotel room! Happily, I got to borrow one from a friend that folded up very nicely (so



nicely that I need to go out and by myself a new crate so I can have one that convenient all the time). We had a largely uneventful drive down (except for some torrential downpours in Georgia and Florida that made it hard to see the road or much of anything). The dogs were perfect, and Wallace soon took to following his long-legged girlfriend around on all of our potty breaks.

In Orlando: I was especially happy to be traveling with Julie when she politely but quite firmly ensured that we got nice, ground level rooms near to each other and parking at our hotel. And the hotel was everything I could have hoped for — it seemed to cover more than a square mile, with multiple pools, gardens, palms trees, and it was walking distance to Sea World!

When we arrived at the convention center, we got a taste of its enormi-

ty. After a number of



MEET THE BREEDS: ORLANDO FL 2019



MEET THE BREEDS: NEW YORK CITY 2020, CONTINUED



OFA Test Results: September, 2019—January, 2020
Line in bold italics signifies the dog has a CHIC number

<u>Registration</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>OFA #</u>	<u>Registry</u>	<u>Results</u>
DN53414401	ATZMAI BESHETACH	M	CA-EL229M30-VPI	Elbow	NORMAL
			CA-571E30M-VPI	Hips	EXCELLENT
			CA-PA166/30M/S-VPI	Patella	NORMAL - SPECIALIST
			CA-SH2M30-VPI	Shoulder	NORMAL
			CA-TH160/30M-VPI	Thyroid	NORMAL
			CA-DM258/31M-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
			CA-EYE80/31M-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL
DN41425604	CANDO DEX ON THE BEACH	M	CA-EYE77/60M-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL
NOREG1914931	CARLY #1 (CARLY)	F	CA-DM251/3F-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
DN52856301	CELEV LONE STAR MESSENGER	M	CA-EYE78/21M-NOPI	Eyes	NORMAL
DN48036905	D&J HA'ARETZ HELEN	F	CA-TH161/36F-VPI	Thyroid	NORMAL
			CA-SH3F30-VPI	Shoulder	NORMAL
			CA-572E30F-VPI	Hips	EXCELLENT
			CA-PA167/30F/S-VPI	Patella	NORMAL - SPECIALIST
DN50913201	GEMARI'S BOLD ALIYAH	F	CA-EL230F30-VPI	Elbow	NORMAL
			CA-DM259/31F-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
			CA-EYE79/31F-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL
DN51383701	JAYKAY ANNA'S ACT OF TRUE LOVE	F		Thyroid	EQUIVOCAL
				Thyroid	EQUIVOCAL
DN39802505	KOL TUV MARAH	F	CA-EYE76/61F-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL
DN41023001	PLEASANT HILL AVRAM OF CARTERS CREEK	M	CA-EYE81/61M-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL W/ BREEDER OPTIONS NOTED E1:Cataract - Suspect Not Inherited
NOREG1914934	PUPPY 4 #4 (REGAL)	F	CA-DM254/3F-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
DN55111401	RELIC'S I AM KANAAN	M	CA-DM257/13M-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
				Hips	PRELIMINARY GOOD
DN48281802	RIVER ROCK UNANIMOUS DECISION	M	CA-EYE75/33M-VPI	Eyes	NORMAL
DN48281805	RIVERROCK N RELIC UNFORGOTTEN DEFIANCE OF DEBT	F	CA-TH158/33F-VPI	Thyroid	NORMAL
DN46573903	RIVERROCK TALK WITHOUT SPEAKING BANDERSNATCH RSNDG	M	CA-DM255/40M-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
			CA-TH159/22M-VPI	Thyroid	NORMAL
			CA-PA165/24M/P-VPI	Patella	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
DN53439001	VELIKAYAS SH YAYIN SHEN ARI	M	CA-570G24M-VPI	Hips	GOOD
			CA-EL228M24-VPI	Elbow	NORMAL

2019 DOTY/MOTY NOMINATIONS

It's never too early to start sending in nominations the 2019 Member Of The Year (MOTY) and Dog Of The Year (DOTY)! Nominations of recently deceased candidates will be accepted.



MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Please send your nomination of **250 words or less** explaining why a past or present CDCA member should be honored for his/her past and/or current contributions to the breed and/or club. If more than one person would like to co-nominate the same candidate, that co-nomination may be an **additional 250 words** maximum, for a total of no more than **500 words** for the candidate's overall nomination. **If no nominations are received, we cannot present this award.**

DOG OF THE YEAR

Please send your nomination **250 words or less**. Please include all of the dog's titles, breeder, and sire and dam names (not counted in the final word tally of the nomination) and explain why this dog should be honored for his/her past and/or current contributions to the breed. Once received, if the nomination is that of a dog that you do not own, the owner will be contacted to allow him/her to send in a co-nomination statement about the dog, again, not to exceed **250 words for a maximum total of 500 words**. **If no nominations are received, we cannot present this award.**

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

For both MOTY and DOTY, a photo of the nominee either in hard copy print or electronic format (preferably JPEG) should be included with the nomination. All hardcopy photos will be returned.

Nominations should be mailed at the address below or emailed to Denise Gordon **no later than April 1, 2020**. If there is more than one candidate for either DOTY or MOTY, ballots will be mailed to members. Voting may be done either by ballots returned via US Postal Service or electronically (email). Otherwise, a single nomination in either category by the deadline will be declared the winner as confirmed by the Board of Directors. Winners will be announced at the 2020 National Specialty awards banquet on Saturday, October 17th, in Wilmington, Ohio.

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Canaan Dog Breeder/Owner Judges Encouraging Canaan Dog Entries

Canaan Dog Breeder/Owner Judges Upcoming Assignments as of 02/15/2020 taken from AKC.org

Judge	Show Name	Location	Date	Assignment(s)
Linda Clark	Jackson Tennessee Dog Fanciers Association	Jackson, TN	Mar 22, 2020	Canaan Dog
Carrie Chase	Shawnee Kennel Club, Inc.	Stephenson, VA	Apr 04, 2020	4-6 Month Puppy: All AKC-Recognized Breeds
Carrie Chase	Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.	Erwinna, PA]	May 02, 2020	Herding Group
Linda Clark	Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.	Pomona, CA	May 25, 2020	Herding Group Canaan Dog
Linda Clark	Calcasieu Kennel Club, Inc.	Lake Charles, LA	Jun 07, 2020	Canaan Dog
Carrie Chase	Mattaponi Kennel Club	Doswell, VA	Jun 26, 2020	NOHS Best In Show Herding Group Canaan Dog
Carrie Chase	Metairie Kennel Club, Inc.	Kenner, LA	Aug 02, 2020	Herding Group Junior Showmanship
Carrie Chase	Sugarbush Kennel Club, Inc.	Madison, OH	Aug 22, 2020	Herding Group Canaan Dog Junior Showmanship
Amanda Pough	Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.	Romulus, NY	Sep 25, 2020	NOHS Herding Group Canaan Dog Junior Showmanship
Carrie Chase	Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Inc.	Boise, ID	Oct 10, 2020	Herding Group Canaan Dog
Carrie Chase	Lizard Butte Kennel Club, Inc.	Boise, ID	Oct 11, 2020	NOHS Herding Group
Carrie Chase	Carroll Kennel Club	West Friendship, MD	Oct 25, 2020	Herding Group Canaan Dog



2020 NATIONAL SPECIALTY AND MEETINGS



***COME JOIN THE FUN IN
THE HEART OF IT ALL!!***



2020 CDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Host Hotel

Note: Hotel adjoins the Roberts Centre show site

Holiday Inn & Suites – Roberts Centre/Wilmington
123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177
Website: www.robertscentre.com/holiday-inn

Special CDCA Room Rate: \$119 per night plus taxes (13.25%, subject to change)

Pet fee: \$50 for entire stay (non-refundable)

CDCA has a block of 15 rooms for Thursday through Saturday (Oct. 15-17) and 10 rooms for Sunday, Oct. 18. **Opening date** for reservations begins on **Saturday, November 12, 2019**, and **closing date** is **Wednesday, September 23, 2020**. **NOTE:** Any room not reserved after September 23, 2020 will be released from the Club block and made available to the general public! **The Boxer Club of America will be having multiple shows, including a regional specialty (estimated 150+ entries), and has booked the rest of the hotel for that week, so rooms will be at a premium!**

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER: 1-800-654-7036, Option 3

CODE FOR THE SPECIAL ROOM RATE: CDC (Canaan Dog Club of America)

Other Hotels In The General Area

Please contact the hotel directly regarding their rates and pet policy

Holiday Inn Express, 155 Holiday Dr, Wilmington, OH	(937) 382-5858
Hampton Inn & Suites, 201 Holiday Dr, Wilmington, OH	(937) 382-4400
Fairfield Inn, 11349 Allen Rd, Jeffersonville, OH	(740) 948-9305
Baymont Inn & Suites, 11431 Allen Rd, Jeffersonville, OH	(740) 948-2104
Hampton Inn WCH, 11484 Allen Rd, Jeffersonville, OH	(740) 948-9499
Econo Lodge, 9060 West Lancaster Rd, Jeffersonville, OH	(740) 948-2332
Quality Inn WCH, 10160 Carr Rd NW, Jeffersonville, OH	(740) 426-6400

The CDCA Rooms Responsibility Policy Will Be In Effect During Your Hotel Stay!

For a copy of the policy, see the CDCA website: www.cdca.org

RV Parking Reservations

Clermont County KC will be in charge of the RV parking for the show weekend (do NOT contact the Roberts Centre hotel!). **There will be a limited number of hook ups available for rent.** Sites will have water and 30/50 amp service. Sites will be assigned in the order in which the reservations are received on a first-come, first-served basis. If you want to camp together, send your reservations by mail in one envelope. Reservations will be **online only** for these spaces, fully prepaid. Cost will be \$45 per night for hookups, \$30 per night for gravel (self-contained) parking with a 3-night minimum; Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights. Please visit the Clermont County KC website (see below) for further details and to make reservations (tentative opening date in August 2020).

Links

Roberts Centre: www.robertscentre.com

Clermont County Kennel Club: www.clermontcountykcc.org

(Click on the CCKC Fall Show menu tab for show information)

A show information packet will be mailed to all CDCA members on May 1st; if you wish to receive it via email or know of a non-member who would like to receive it, please email Denise Gordon at desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com or phone: 513-741-1832

Tentative Schedule of Events

(Times to be determined closer to event dates)

Wednesday, October 14th – Montgomery Board Room, host hotel - Board of Directors meeting

Thursday, October 15th – Liberty Room (located in Ring between host hotel and Royal Canin Ring) - Annual General Membership Meeting in afternoon, Welcome Reception in evening
Royal Canin Ring – a reserved crating area for CDCA exhibitors will be available in the evening



Friday, October 16th – **National Specialty** (ring to be assigned)

Royal Canin Ring - Obedience / Rally trial (Canaans only) – Judge: Catherine Thompson, followed by Judge's Education Seminar (2 hours), Liberty Room

Royal Canin Ring – Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes – Judge: Marjorie Underwood

Royal Canin Ring – Junior Showmanship and Regular/Non-Regular Classes, including 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Show and National Owner-Handler Competition – Judge: Christina Miller

A lunch will be served courtesy of Desert Star Canaan Dogs in the Liberty Room

A hands-on judges education demo in the ring will be held following conclusion of the show

Saturday, October 17th – Clermont County Kennel Club All-breed Show, Royal Canin Ring

Show includes 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Show, FSS Show, National Owner-Handler Competition, Health Fair, Raffle, Vendors, CGC/TDI Testing

CDCA Designated Specialty (ring to be assigned):

Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes – Judge: Nancy Amburgey

Regular/Non-Regular Classes – Judge: James Moses

Annual Awards Banquet – Evening, Liberty Room, cash bar, auction

Sunday, October 18th – Clermont County Kennel Club All-breed Show, Royal Canin Ring
(same events as listed above)

CDCA Supported Entry (ring and judge to be assigned by superintendent)

Tentative On-site Events (pending AKC approval):

AKC Farm Dog Certification Tests, Saturday and Sunday, 2 tests per day, hosted by CCKC

AKC Scent Work Trials, hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Weimaraner Club; for information, see www.cincyweimclub.com

Canine Good Citizen/Therapy Dog Testing, Saturday and Sunday, hosted by CCKC

Canine cancer seminar hosted jointly by CDCA and the Boxer Club of America (Thurs. or Fri.)

Superintendent for CDCA National Specialty & Clermont County KC Shows

Foy Trent Dog Shows, LLC

PO Box C, Sturgeon, MO 65284

Phone: 573-881-2655

www.foytrentdogshows.com

Photographer (Win Photos Only)

Bryan McNabb, Dog Show Photography

PO Box 780, Granite Quarry, NC 28072-0780

Phone: 704-223-0398 • email: mcnabbphotos@gmail.com • website: www.mcnabbphotos.com

(Only the Official Photographer may take win pictures)

Catalog Ads**Deadline: August 30, 2020****ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY! NO EXCEPTIONS!****Maximum size of ad: 4 ½ inches wide x 7 ½ inches long**

Color Ad Cost: \$40

Black/White Ad Cost: \$30

Back Cover Cost: \$100

Inside Cover Cost: \$70

Inside and Back Covers are on a first come, first served basis

Mail ad and fee to:

Denise Gordon, NS Catalog Ads, 2614 Gracewood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45239

Can also pay online through CDCA PayPal account

Volunteers Needed for Committee Jobs!

Obedience / Rally Trial Chair – Must have previously exhibited in AKC obedience and rally trials; cannot exhibit at the 2020 National Specialty obedience/rally trials if you take this position but can be in the rest of the National Specialty show (i.e., regular and non-regular conformation) as well as the subsequent Clermont County Kennel Club shows.

Trophy Table Assistance – Duties include setting up the trophy table prior to Friday's National Specialty, Saturday's Designated Specialty, and Sunday's Supported Entry shows and assisting the stewards in presentation of trophies for the classes. Can exhibit your dog(s); the NS chair or a designated substitute will cover your job while you are in the ring.

Day of National Specialty Catalog Sales – Duties include selling catalogs at the National Specialty. Can exhibit your dog(s); the NS chair or a designated substitute will cover your job while you are in the ring.

Hospitality (Day of National Specialty) – No experience needed! Duties include making sure the judges and stewards have drinks in the ring cooler prior to the show and be liaison between Roberts Centre catering and the CDCA for the lunch and post-show refreshments. Can exhibit your dog(s) if no contact with the judge prior to the show. No Judges' transportation needed as all judges will be driving themselves to Wilmington for the National.

Saturday Banquet Auction – Duties include being clearinghouse for auction items (hotel will accept shipments if there is a designated person) and setting up the items on the tables at the awards banquet. Can also be the auctioneer if you so wish. Proceeds will go towards pet oxygen masks for local first responders.

Saturday CDCA Raffle – The Clermont County KC allows specialty clubs to have their general public raffle during both days of their all-breed shows. CDCA will have its raffle on Saturday during the Designated Specialty. If you would like to help the NS chair organize a small raffle to help fund the costs of our National (very little time involvement), this is the job for you! Also need someone to sell tickets during the day; the NS chair or a designated substitute will cover your job if you need to show your dog in the ring.

If You Can Help With Any Of the Above Committee Jobs, Contact Denise Gordon**Phone: 513-741-1832 or Email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com**

Trophy Donors Needed!!

Every year the National Specialty offers lovely and unique trophies through the generosity of members, friends, and breed fanciers. Below is a list of the trophies that still need sponsors being offered for the 2020 National Specialty, Designated Specialty, and Supported Entry shows. You can donate in honor/memory of a beloved dog or friend or remain anonymous. Donations towards a specific trophy as well as the general trophy and ribbon fund are greatly appreciated! If you have an item that you would like to donate as a trophy, please contact Denise Gordon, 2020 National Specialty Chair, at 513-741-1832 or email at desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com. All donors will be recognized in both the CDCA National Specialty and Clermont County Kennel Club all-breed show catalogs. **Deadline for donor names to be included in the catalogs is August 30, 2020.**

National Specialty Breed

Best of Breed - The Ursula Berkowitz Memorial Trophy
 Best of Breed - The Mr. Jay C. and Mrs. Bertha V. Sheaffer Memorial Trophy
 Breeder of Best of Breed - The Francis Beard Memorial Trophy
 Best of Opposite Sex - The Dr. Rudolphina Menzel Memorial Trophy
 Best of Winners - The Florence Hogarth Memorial Trophy
 Select Dog
 Select Bitch
 Awards of Merit
 Reserve Winners Dog
 Reserve Winners Bitch
 Best Puppy - The Roy Dodson Memorial Trophy
 First in each regular and non-regular breed class - [Wooden engravable Canaan Dog motif ornament](#)
 Second through Fourth in each regular and non-regular breed class
 Stud Dog, First Place
 Brood Bitch, First Place – The Lorraine Stephens Memorial Trophy
 Brace Class, First Place
 Team Class, First Place

National Specialty Sweepstakes

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes - The Mildred Perry Memorial Trophy
 Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes
 Breeder of Best Puppy in Sweepstakes - The Father Robnett Memorial Trophy
 Best Junior Puppy in Sweepstakes
 Best of Opposite to Best Junior Puppy
 Best Senior Puppy in Sweepstakes
 Best of Opposite to Best Senior Puppy
 First through Fourth in Each Puppy Sweepstakes Class
 Best in Veteran Sweepstakes – The Leal Grupp Memorial Trophy
 Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes
 Breeder of Best in Veteran Sweepstakes – The Dr. Katryna Bogovich Memorial Trophy
 First through Fourth in Each Veteran Sweepstakes Class

National Specialty 4–6 Month Beginner Puppy Competiton

Best in Show/Specialty – Medallion sash and Rosette

National Specialty Obedience & Rally Trials

First in Each Obedience and Rally Class - Wooden engravable Canaan Dog motif ornament
 Second through Fourth in Each Obedience and Rally Class – Plush toy

Designated Specialty Breed

Best of Breed
 Best of Opposite Sex
 Best of Winners
 Winners Dog
 Winners Bitch
 Select Dog
 Select Bitch
 Awards of Merit
 Reserve Winners Dog
 Reserve Winners Bitch
 Best of Breed Owner Handled
 Best Puppy
 Best Bred-By Exhibitor
 Best Veteran
 First through Fourth in Each Regular and Non-regular Breed Class

Designated Specialty Sweepstakes

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes
 Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes
 Breeder of Best Puppy in Sweepstakes
 Best Junior Puppy in Sweepstakes
 Best of Opposite to Best Junior Puppy
 Best Senior Puppy in Sweepstakes
 Best of Opposite to Best Senior Puppy
 First through Fourth in Each Puppy Sweepstakes Class
 Best Veteran in Sweepstakes
 Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes
 Breeder of Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
 First through Fourth in Each Veteran Sweepstakes Class

Supported Entry

Best of Breed
 Best of Opposite Sex
 Best of Winners
 Winners Dog
 Winners Bitch
 Select Dog
 Select Bitch
 Reserve Winners Dog
 Reserve Winners Bitch
 Best of Breed Owner Handled
 First in in Each Regular Class



NEW TITLES – AUGUST 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 2020

Compiled by Denise Gordon from AKC and CDCA records

Dog's Registered Name	Owner(s)	Date Titled
AKC GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE		
GCHB. CH. Sufat Sheleg Jasper's Dubhan, BN, RA, FDC, CGCA, CGCU, TKN	Cathey Dunn	11/11/19
AKC GRAND CHAMPION		
GCH. CH. River Rock Unanimous Decision, DCAT, TKN	Christina Miller	12/11/19
AKC CHAMPION		
CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Aaron, TKN	Donna & Jackie Davison	9/21/19
CH. Haaretz Vav Trendsetter	Bryna Comsky	10/5/19
CH. Bandersnatch Riverrock Commander Strax At Farsight	Joan Capaiu Greene	12/11/19
AKC OBEDIENCE COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT		
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CDX, BN, RM, RAE	Victor Kaftal	9/15/19
AKC OBEDIENCE PREFERRED COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT		
CH. High Desert's Mazel Tov Gili, PCDX, BN, RE, CA, CGCA	Eileen Jaffe & Risa Baumrind	10/4/19
AKC MASTER EXCELLENT JUMPER PREFERRED		
CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, AXP, MJP, NF, OFP, CA, DCAT, ACT2	Jennie Larkin	12/29/19
AKC RALLY CHAMPION		
RACH Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CDX, BN, RM3, RAE2	Victor Kaftal	11/17/19
AKC RALLY MASTER 3 (This is a FIRST for the breed!)		
CH. RACH Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX6, OM4, GO, VER, RM3, RAE6	Victor Kaftal	9/22/19
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CDX, BN, RM3, RAE2	Victor Kaftal	10/27/19
AKC RALLY MASTER 2		
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CDX, BN, RM2, RAE	Victor Kaftal	9/21/19
AKC RALLY MASTER		
CH. High Desert's Mazel Tov Gili, PCDX, BN, RM, CA, CGCA	Eileen Jaffe & Risa Baumrind	10/6/19
AKC RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT 2		
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CDX, BN, RM2, RAE2	Victor Kaftal	10/6/19
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 500 POINTS (DCAT)		
GCH. CH. River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch, RN, CAA, DCAT, CGC, TKN	Christina Miller	10/26/19
CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, AXP, AJP, NF, OFP, CA, DCAT, ACT2	Jennie Larkin	11/16//19
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 150 POINTS (BCAT)		
GCHS. CH. Rivroc Lycm Own Dream Bsnatch Rsndog, CA, BCAT, TKN	Christina & Ethan Miller	12/7/19
AKC TRICK DOG ADVANCED		
Caliente Desert Wanderer, CD, RE, NAJ, CGC, TKA	Gary Peterson	9/18/19
Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace, TKA	Deborah Friedman	9/25/19
AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN		
Pleasant Hill Catch'N Some Rays, TD, CGC	Debra White	8/18/19
AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST (This is a FIRST for the breed!)		
GCH. CH. River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX2, FCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKE, ATT	Marcia & James Muller	11/1/19

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LATEST VERSATILITY AND REGISTER OF MERIT RECIPIENTS!

VERSATILITY

CH. River Rock Unanimous Decision, BCAT, TKN, CDCA-HC, V
Owned by Christina Miller

CH. River Rock Lyceum Sweetest Thing Bandersnatch, CGC, TKN, CDCA-HC, V
Owned by Alan Miller & Christina Miller

VERSATILITY INTERMEDIATE

GCHS. RivRoc Onto Somethin BSnatch Rosndog, CA, BCAT, CDCA-HCX, VI
Owned by Christina Miller & Ethan Miller

GCHS. RivRoc Lycm Own Dream BSnatch Rsndog, CA, TKN, CDCA-HCX, VI
Owned by Christina Miller & Ethan Miller

GCH. BSnatch Rsndg Ran Away To RivRoc, RN, BN, CDCA-HC, ROM, VI
Owned by Christina Miller, Amanda Pough, & Judy Rosenthal

GCH. River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch, RN, CA, TKN, CDCA-HCX, VI
Owned by Christina Miller

VERSATILITY INTERMEDIATE, LEVEL 5

CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, AXP, AJP, NF,
OFP, CA, DCAT, ACT2, CDCA-HC, VI5
Owned by Jennie Larkin

REGISTER OF MERIT

GCHB. Bandersnatch Rsndg Ida Know Rivroc, RN, CGC, CDCA-VI, ROM
Owned by Amanda M. Pough, Judy March Rosenthal, & Christina Miller

GCHS. RivRoc Lycm Own Dream BSnatch Rsndog, CA, TKN, CDCA-HCX, VI, ROM
Owned by Christina Miller & Ethan Miller

VESATILITY REGISTER OF MERIT

GCHS. RivRoc Lycm Own Dream BSnatch Rsndog, CA, TKN, CDCA-HCX, VI, ROM, VROM
Owned by Christina Miller & Ethan Miller

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wrong turns, we found the parking lot and lucked into a good parking space so we could unload our gear. Entering the Convention Center was disorienting, especially as the entrance we went in was right by the Dock Diving Dogs, whose competition was in full swing. If you haven't been to a dock diving event, bring your ear plugs — they are really loud! Julie and I found the check-in room for obedience (but were half an hour early), so Julie joined the line of people waiting to check in while I went to find the obedience area and grab some crating space. Luck was with us again, as there were two remaining crating spaces, right next to each other and near the securely guarded exit to the back side of the convention center. Yeah! Our home for the next 2 days!

The competition started the next day. As a Novice dog, Tali and I were in the ring four times: twice on the first day for individual exercises and twice on the second, once for individual exercises and once for group stays. Since Wallace was competing in Open, he was in the ring 3 times (no group stays!). I will spare everyone the breakdown of the details of how we did on each exercise, and will summarize: Weeks, months, and years of training paid off. I entered the ring with a dog who was connected and focused, and I was very pleased with how well she worked. My favorite exercise (and most difficult) is heeling, and Tali did an outstanding job. She charmed the judges — the first judge she decided was A Very Nice Man and when we were setting up for the recall (just after he petted her on the Stand For Exam) she went over to him and surprised him by inserting herself between his legs and smiling up at him. He looked like this was not a thing that had ever happened to him before while judging. The next day, one of the judges partway through our performance spontaneously enthused that she would "love to take her home!". Our overall score was lackluster because we had an ongoing training issue: she has been confused trying to distinguish between the Open Drop on Recall and the Command Discrimination exercises — and the result was her freezing in place and not coming on a first command. So two of the Novice rounds I had to give a second Come command. But by the third she had regained her confidence and she put in a nice and speedy recall on the first try! If not for the recall issue, she would have scored in the top 20 Novice dogs.

However, Tali put in really nice working performances and represented the breed well.

She also got a gorgeous new collar (as did my Papillon Tip) from Paco Collars.

And we did our best to cheer on the Canaan Dogs entered at the National Championship (but it was hard with our busy obe-

dience schedule)

And one of the most special things of all is that she earned the High Scoring Canaan Dog medallion, sponsored by the CDCA. It is a very large and impressive medallion, and it was an honor to represent the breed and earn it.

Our trip home was smooth and speedy, and Julie and I wafted home on waves of success. Wallace qualified all three times in Open with very strong performances, and he earned High Scoring Pembroke Welsh Corgi!!! Wallace beat a number of other Corgis who were competing at the Classic for the honor.

- Jennie Larkin



BRAG BOX

Marcia Muller

"Ziva" is the first Canaan Dog to earn the new *AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST* title. She also passed the *TEMPERAMENT TEST OFFERED BY THE AMERICAN TEMPERAMENT TESTING SOCIETY*. In January, she added *RATI* to her growing list of titles. (UKC RO1, SPOT-ON, ALCH/AKC GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX2, FCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKE, ATT, TT, RATI, CDCA-HCX, VS)

The January 2020 AKC Gazette's Brag Bag post made Ziva's 6th birthday extra special.

Marcia worked for 6 months with her Town Council and Collin County (Texas) Animal Services to implement Fairview's new "Running at Large" Ordinance that was passed and signed in December.

Cathey Dunn

"Jasper," aka GCH GCHB CH Sufat Sheleg Jasper's Dubhan BN RA FDC CGCA CGCU TKN CDCA-HCX, had a busy fall & winter:

Prescott Arizona KC - September 21, 2019 - Owner Handled Group 3

Prescott Arizona KC - September 22, 2019 - Group 3

At the recent Canyon Cluster in Tucson, AZ Jasper accomplished the following...

BOB all four days and ...

Canada del Oro KC - November 8, 2019 - Owner Handled Group 1, *Best Owner Handled in Show*

Canada del Oro KC - November 9, 2019 - Owner Handled Group 1

Madera Canyon KC - November 10, 2019 - Owner Handled Group 2

Madera Canyon KC - November 11, 2019 - Owner Handled Group 3

Jasper completed his *GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE* at the Madera Canyon KC November 11, 2019

He also added his *RALLY EXCELLENT* title which he acquired this [winter] in Las Vegas, Vegas Valley Dog Obedience Club. Fourth place in Trial 3.

"Asha," aka CH D&J Ha'Aretz Asha of Sundowner, completed her *AKC CHAMPIONSHIP* with two 4 point majors at the Kachina KC Copper Cluster in Surprise, AZ, January 25 & 26, 2020.

Cynthia Dodson and David Golden

"Vino," aka CH Velikayas SH Yayin Shen Ari, earned his *AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST (BCAT)* Title on January 3, 2020



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank You!

I wanted to thank the CDCA for sponsoring a medal for Top Scoring Canaan Dog at the [2019 AKC] Obedience Classic.

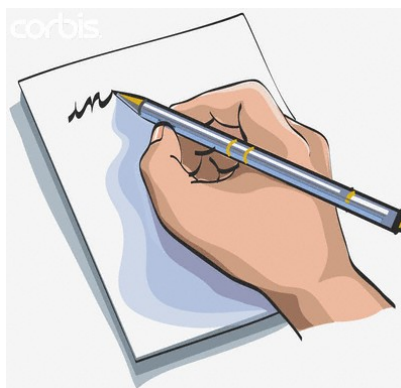
[It was awarded to] CH Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali CD PCD BN RI OA OAJ AXP AJP NF OFP CA DCAT ACT2 CL2 RL2-AOE RLP-AOE C-CDX.

Tali was everything I could have hoped for. Her heel work was wonderful -sparkly, precise, and happy.

She represented the breed wonderfully, which is what I was hoping for. And she charmed the judges.

Thank you for the medal. It means a lot to me, that the club sponsored it and that we earned it.

- Jennie Larkin



Thoughts about Freedom of Choice

Opinions on the subject have changed over this decade. No longer do we strongly criticize breeders and owners who have purchased cockatoos, labradoodles or randomly bred dogs from shelters. The proud slogan, "for purebred dogs buy from a breeder" has all but disappeared. Buyers, i.e. adopters, are turning in droves to shelters and rescue organizations before seeking out serious, sincere, preservation and purposefully bred puppies from knowledgeable breeders. Oh, the horror of it all! Or is it really so horrible? Should not buyers be encouraged to choose among rescues, shelter dogs, street mutts or purebreds? Further, should people who own and love their mongrels be encouraged to compete in companion dog events, excluding conformation, side-by-side with purebreds? The answer now is Yes! and the thought of Bob Berndt, former AKC all-breed judge and chairman of the AKC board, turning in his grave is not a deterrent.

How did we get to this amazing conclusion? Would it surprise you to know that 95% of shelter dogs are not put-bred? Even if we wanted to, we could not supply the dog-owning public with enough dogs to satisfy their demand. Our empty litter boxes are pushing the public to rescues and shelters. Like it or not our banner praising purebred, purposely bred dogs is still raised high, though now it embraces randomly bred dogs also. And why not?

Recently a new brand of discrimination raised its head, this time in Naperville, a Chicago suburb. There, an ordinance prohibiting pet stores from selling purebred puppies was narrowly passed. Happy? Investigate before you cheer. These pet stores may sell only animals received from rescues and shelters, not from (commercial breeders), thereby depriving pet stores from a source of their income. There is no requirement that shelters and rescues supply pet stores with mixed breed

puppies. Excluding privately and commercially bred puppies from the pet store market is not the way to go to preserve the purebred dog community either. Most shelters and rescues are controlled by the Animal Rightists. It will become less likely to see dogs and puppies, purebred or not, in pet stores because the ARs receive and control the distribution of animals arriving from foreign countries. Moreover, emotional propaganda depicting the suffering of dogs and cats left outside to freeze and starve directs

the dog-loving public toward shelters and away from breeders. "For every dog sold by a breeder, a shelter dog loses its life!" Yikes! Not true, but people like to feel good about their purchases.

It's time for breeders to cast away their halos earned by not breeding. We are angels for not adding to the already too high dog and puppy population. Ha! If you believe that myth then yo deserve to watch the decline of the purebred dog population and the increase in the number of low-entry breeds. For dogs' sake breed!

Several months ago, two AKC breeder-judges, Bill Shelton and Doug Johnson, gave AKC delegates a lecture on the subject of breeding dogs. They pointed out clearly that slowing down our breeding programs plays right into the hands of the animal rightists. The fewer dogs purposefully bred by preservation breeders the more space there is left to admit imported dogs, and lots of people want to rescue dogs. Both Bill Shelton and Doug Johnson are master breeders of Clumber and Sussex spaniels, field spaniels, and Pembroke Welsh Corgis.

Did you know that 95% of shelter dogs are not purebred? And that, Chihuahuas discounted, 2% are left? and that percent-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, *CONTINUED*

ages are maintained with deliveries of foreign-born dogs, specifically now from Korea and Egypt. It's no surprise that some of these imports bring rabies and infectious diseases with them. But, some buyers want to buy from pet stores or shelters, and that is their right, it is also their right to expect to get a healthy dog or puppy.

Breeders have the right to operate a reputable breeding or boarding kennel without fear of invasion by animal rightists. We have all heard horror stories of confiscations of dogs for minor or made-up infractions. In Illinois new ordinances now require owners' presence 24-7 or installation of an automatic sprinkler system in order to operate a kennel that houses 4 or more breedable bitches. What can we do to hold on to our rights as breeders and owners of multiple dogs? It is time to show ourselves as exemplary owners, and take an active part in grassroots democracy. The AKC can advise us from the GR (Government Relations) department. It reviews 2500 bills annually on federal, state and grassroots levels. Eleven lawyers work full time with notable successes that pale compared to the millions of dollars of support given to AR organizations from PETA, HSUS, and ASPCA. To allow freedom of choice, we breeders must become informed and active on the grassroots level.

The AKC supports freedom of choice. Purebred or randomly bred. The AKC also supports informed breeding of purposefully bred dogs. AR's have cleverly slowed out breeding efforts by praising breeders for not breeding on the ruse that there are too many dogs in shelters. How can that be when they're importing puppies and dogs by the hundreds of thousands over a year's time? As breeders we must act in favor of purebred dogs as predictable and purposeful, and still outstretch our hands in welcome to our doggy community, Then we begin to justify freedom of choice.

- Bryna Comsky

Dear [AKC Club President;]

I am pleased to share that the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has once again earned a highest possible four-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charity evaluator.

This year, CHF received its highest overall score in over a decade, demonstrating the efficient use of donations, programs growth, and commitment to good governance. CHF earned

Charity Navigator's top distinction based on an independent review of our financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. We also earned the 2019 Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar.

Learn more about the AKC Canine Health Foundation at www.akcchf.org.

At CHF, it is important that our donors know that their investment in canine health is being used wisely to improve the lives of dogs. We value your support and thank you for continuing to work together for healthy dogs!

Sincerely,

Diane Brown, DVM, PhD
Chief Executive Officer
AKC Canine Health Foundation



Editor's Note: More information, including a timeline of CHF's milestones and achievements may be found at akcchf.org/25years



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE: IT'S A WRAP!

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FLORENCE DUGGAN, Delegate, Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.
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Almost two years ago, the idea of a Sustainability sub-committee was born. What a groundswell this topic caused! We didn't anticipate the widespread interest in the topic, but are glad that we began to talk as a group. Through roundtable discussions, it became our goal to find ways to ensure that each AKC breed is represented by purposely bred dogs that exhibit the temperament, type, and purpose noted in its respective breed standard. With an awareness that for breeds with low population counts sustainability is necessary for survival, our mission became one of ensuring that there will always be breeders and owners who will strive to maintain the necessary gene pool to keep each breed going.

We started by defining breed sustainability as an equation: type+purpose+temperament. A dog should look like its breed, be able to do what it is bred to do, and have the proper temperament to do so. From this we moved to questions relative to the issue of demand and whether there are enough dogs and breeders to keep up with the demand. Are the dogs being bred healthy enough to carry on the breed? Are the breeders able to fulfill the demand and generous enough to mentor new people who wish to become breeders? How can we increase the number of healthy pure bred dogs that reflect their breed standard?

Over a period of almost two years, the roundtable discussions concentrated on health and breeding issues. We discussed popular sires, small litter sizes, high fatality rates during whelping, and genetic diversity. The need for more "good breeders" became apparent.

We also found that public education and judges' education are important as well as breeder education. While a pet owner should be aware that each breed has a standard, a judge must know that standard and adhere to it. The health status of a breed must also be conveyed. Media attention that showcases a breed through a movie, Facebook, or a television show, can sometimes cause the public to potentially make a breed very popular for a short time. Conversely, the use of media to educate the public is a huge opportunity for clubs. Many breed clubs have developed Facebook pages and groups to get pet people involved with experienced, ethical breeders. Pictures posted and educational articles related to health and activities available for each breed can help ad-

vance the sustainability of a breed. Positive advice on how to find a well-bred pup is essential to the continuation of our individual breeds.

Breed mentoring was also discussed. It is vitally important to encourage responsible breeders to help in the stewardship of each breed. Many people involved in breeding do not belong to a parent club, or even know that one exists. Reaching out to these people can be a positive force. The mentoring of juniors is essential for our sport to continue. Young people who are enthusiastic and positive become valuable to the sustainability of pure-bred dogs.

We started by defining breed sustainability as an equation: type+purpose+temperament.

The Marketplace was a focal point for many of the discussions. Much attention has been focused

on the negative aspects of the Marketplace, but responsible breeders need to become a pro-active part of the Marketplace. Breeder of Merit listings are free and can move the commercial and high-volume breeders to a lower place on the listing. Suggestions were made for better PR involvement by AKC. Each parent club should update their health information regularly on the AKC Marketplace and on the AKC Breed Information link.

A major topic for our talks involved low entry breeds. The continued existence of some of the lower entry breeds is in question. Most people are aware of the top ten breeds in popularity, but few are aware of the lesser known breeds. While not well known, some of the low entry breeds might be a better fit for pet owners than the designer dogs or pit-bulls which have become so popular. The difficulty in finding purebred dogs is a challenge to the public and we must remain welcoming and inclusive. All of us must help to direct the public to good breeders and answer the questions posed about the appropriateness of each breed and the fit into someone's lifestyle.

The committee had several excellent presentations that showcased how to preserve a low entry breed, but the ideas expressed would work for all pure-bred dogs. Rescue options were also discussed and many participants shared the ways their clubs work in rescuing purebred dogs.

Many people participated in our Sunday night meetings. While our numbers were small at first, they grew to upwards of 60 people who were willing to offer suggestions. This article does not house all of those suggestions just the major ones have been highlighted. It is our hope that informal discussions will continue and that suggestions can be shared to ensure that our breeds are sustained as they were meant to be.

Thanks to all who participated and to Pat Laurans for her help.

THE CHALLENGES OF TRAINING THE INDEPENDENT CANAAN DOG

CANAAN DOG COLUMN: AKC GAZETTE, DECEMBER 2019

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When asked about the toughest part of living with a Canaan Dog, most owners will readily respond that the breed's independent behavior is the greatest challenge. Some even describe their Canaans as "reincarnated cats," a fair portrayal of the breed's autonomous and occasionally haughty nature. Canaans believe that an action must be worth the bother, either in terms of food, toy, or another positive reward, before they will even consider yielding to a command. If the reward is not attractive enough, the Canaan will ignore the request no matter the bribe.

This hardwired autonomy sets up a dilemma for owners who treasure the breed for its self-reliant nature, because it underscores the meaning of a true partnership rather than sycophantic servitude by their dogs—even though it requires creative solutions to training problems. While this self-determination does not imply that the breed is "unbiddable," it does mean that the owner must be at least as smart as the dog.

Training can be complicated by what seems like a contradiction to many owners: This highly independent and easily bored breed may choose the time and place for rewards or develop its own ritual behaviors. For instance, a behavior repeated once can become practice if the perceived reward is highly desired.

Obedience training is highly recommended for every Canaan, whether the dog's future is in the breed or performance ring or as a family pet. Owners should know that the first rule of owning a Canaan Dog is that force cannot be used to make the dog respond to the owner's wishes, because "A Canaan will forgive, but never forget." Those who have tried to physically force a Canaan to their bidding have usually had disastrous outcomes.

Long periods of repetitious training are almost as ruinous as physical force. The Canaan Dog is highly intelligent and can rapidly learn what is required, if the owner is patient and makes the lesson as a game rather than an exercise in robotic precision. Being highly intelligent also means that the dog can get easily bored. However, unlike some breeds

that get frustrated when presented with another tedious repetition of the same exercise, Canaans instead tend to mentally shut down and totally ignore their owners for the rest of the lesson—or longer. To illustrate: One of the top herding Canaan Dogs once got bored with continuously doing practice outruns and decided to blast through the flock instead, scattering them so that he could chase and play with them. During his spree, he thoroughly disregarded commands and returned to the owner only when he tired of the game. The owner learned her lesson: Limit the number of outrun practices.

A Canaan of a less dominant nature is no less independent than a more dominant one, and the challenge of training such a self-governing breed remains the same. Canaans have high prey-drive and a historical instinct for survival; some work better for a toy reward, while others work better for food treats. Whichever category the dog falls into, owners should work their dogs in very short sessions, even ending the lesson after a few minutes if the dog starts to show signs of mental shutdown. While training a Canaan for any purpose can be a challenge, the rewards of achieving a true partnership far outweigh any difficulties.

—Denise A. Gordon, desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

Editor's Note: Did we ask for sits or downs for this photo? Who can tell!



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Links, including entry info and more, at cdca.org

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 1, 2020</u> AKC National Championship <i>Watch on Animal Planet</i> <i>at 6PM ET</i> (non CDCA event)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">January 25 and 26, 2020 AKC Meet The Breeds <i>Javitz Center, New York City, NY</i> Tickets online at akc.org</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 8 to 11, 2020</u> Westminster Kennel Club Agility, Obedience, and Dog Show <i>Pier 92 & MSG, New York City, NY</i> Tickets online at westminsterkennelclub.org (non CDCA event)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 14 to 17, 2020 CDCA Agility Trials <i>Clemson University, Pendleton SC</i> No charge for spectators!</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">October 1, 2020 CDCA Supported Entry: Morris & Essex Kennel Club <i>Colonial Park, NJ</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October 14 to 18, 2020 CDCA National Show & Meetings <i>Willmington, OH</i> No charge for spectators!</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November 26, 2020</u> National Dog Show <i>Watch on NBC</i> <i>after the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade</i> (non CDCA event)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November 27, 28, and 29, 2020 CDCA Agility Trials <i>Clemson University, Pendleton SC</i> No charge for spectators!</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">December 7 to 12, 2020 AKC Meet The Breeds PLUS a week of Dog Sports & Shows <i>Orlando FL</i> Tickets online at akc.org</p> 	

FLASH! AKC just announced two NEW Meet The Breed events for 2020!
Stay tuned for more information about Oaks PA (outside Philadelphia), June 6 and 7
and Nashville TN, September 26 and 27

IN MEMORIAM

Melvin E. Holloman

5th February 1953—17th January 2020

Words cannot begin to express the deep loss that I feel. Mel had been a constant in my dog show world for over 30 years. We go as far back as my Junior Showmanship days. He was always there with a tip, helping hand, or much needed truth.

My dear departed Mom and "Torino" brought Mel into the Canaan Dog world. They were quite the team and accomplished many things together. Mel was always happy to promote the breed and he and "Torino" shared a special bond. All of my Canaan Dogs had an affinity for Mel, and we all know how discerning a Canaan Dog can be. When "Torino" went on maternity leave, Mel asked for "Cayman". I wasn't sure the momma's boy would do well with Mel, but in I was more than pleased to be proven wrong. They, as a team, were above and beyond my expectations.

As I sit and look at all of the Canaan Dogs in my life now, with the exception of 2, Mel had some kind of hand in all of them. Be it exhibiting, assisting with evaluations, pedigree research, or co-breeding, his hand is there. Thank you for all of your support, guidance, truth, appreciation for good wine, knowledge, and friendship. You were part of the family I chose. Until we meet again, & I know "Vala" mugged you for treats at "The Bridge".

Christina Miller, River Rock Canaan Dogs

