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THE FIRST PLATINUM GRAND CHAMPION CANAAN DOG

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FROM THE ARCHIVES ...

STRUCTURE, MOVEMENT, FORM, AND FUNCTION

Novice exhibitors may think the faster a dog is moved in the conformation ring, the better, but that simply is not true for the Canaan Dog. When in search of a mate or looking for food, this natural dog would find it necessary to cover much terrain without structural stress and the resultant fatigue. Movement is influenced by correct structure, and structural appearance -whether correct or not- can be dictated by movement. Therefore, in this breed with moderate angulation, a medium reach and drive at moderate speed are most advantageous.

The correct movement of the Canaan Dog is a balanced, brisk, energy-efficient, ground-covering, natural trot, referred to as an “endurance trot.” There should be no wasted movement, no motion that causes jerking of the shoulders, swaying of the topline, overreaching of the hind feet, or pounding of the front feet. The movement of the total body should be smooth and effortless.

Natural movement should allow the instantaneous changing of direction: For a herding breed such as the Canaan Dog, this is essential. Hackneying in front, or kicking the rear feet far out and up behind, are indicative of wasted motion and should not be seen in a Canaan Dog of correct structure. Pacing is inappropriate in a mature dog. Canaan Dogs single-track at higher speeds, but such speeds are not ordinarily seen in the ring.

The judge who asks an exhibitor to walk the dog or to move more slowly is the judge who is properly assessing the gait. In down-and-back gaiting, some young dogs move quickly away from the judge and may then proceed to “crab” or side-wind in an effort to see what the judge is doing behind them. Teaching the “walk” command at the beginning of training may help avoid that tendency. The handler may find it useful to begin moving the young Canaan Dog at a walk and then, as control is obtained, increasing the speed - but never to the point where the structural assembly is stressed or control is lost. The use of distractions, such as people or other dogs in the training ring, will also desensitize the dog to actual ring conditions.

Because the Canaan Dog is inherently reserved, in the ring there should be no excess of animation, which tends to upset the appearance of the controlled, comfortable dog and may also be used to hide a defective gait. A self-assured presence is preferred. A dog who is poised and bold will carry his tail and head above the level of the topline as he moves. But some Canaan Dogs display more of the herding dog attitude - the observant, focused dog with a job to do - and will move with the head and tail on a level with the topline. If gaiting is correct, that dog should not be penalized for such an attitude. Though presented in the conformation and performance arenas, the Canaan Dog should display the correct, untiring, natural movement that led to its survival in the desert.

Donna Dodson, as reprinted from the AKC Gazette June 2005



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PRESIDENT/EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Well, 2020 is over.

And 2021 is proving to be just as interesting a year.

It is hard to focus on the positives but they exist. For me, those positives include my Mother surviving a long hospitalization this winter - oh, and she was COVID positive. My old girl Ida just celebrated her 15th Birthday as did her brother. Both are showing their age, but are doing well overall. The 10 month old puppy has maybe learned to catch - okay, she still misses 50% of the time but she is making progress! And most of our snow has melted. (Of course, that means mud season is here, but this is my positives list so let's skip it.)

It is tempting when you are having a hard time to share that edge with those around us. Sometimes this is done deliberately. Sometimes it is inadvertent. I urge you to read Connie Cleveland's "The Joy Stealers" as we head into a return to "normal" this spring.

<https://greenvillejournal.com/arts-culture/the-joy-stealers/> Think how to take her message with you into 2021 and beyond. We have a chance to make the new "normal" not the old ways - but "back to better" as a college classmate recently commented.

Bring your dogs with you on that trip to better. Join the CDCA in Arizona this fall for a safe National. (Details start on page 4.) Take advantage of AKC and other organizations for virtual events (social distancing still has a place in our road to better.) Think how you can support the CDCA, your dogs, your friends and neighbors. Reach out towards that "better" and bring others with you.

As Connie Cleveland said "every dream turned into a goal involves a journey laden with setbacks, disappointments and milestones. There is joy in that journey. Guard that joy well so that in the end you rightly celebrate the accomplishment as well as the memories of the trip."

Be safe, and find that joy.
- Amanda



DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP? THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!

Renewal forms may be found: <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.

2021 CDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY CELEBRATIONS

WEDNESDAY NOV. 10 – TUESDAY NOV. 16



Please see the 2021 Specialty Web site for up-to-date information:

<https://cdcans2021.weebly.com/>

The 2021 Specialty will be held in Tucson AZ, Wednesday Nov. 10 – Tuesday Nov. 16, in conjunction with the Canyons Cluster at Rillito Park.

The superintendent is **Onofrio**.

The hosting clubs are the **Madera Canyon Kennel Club** (<http://www.maderacanyonkc.com/>) and the **Canada del Oro Kennel Club** (http://www.canadadelorokc.com/cdokc_home)

The **host hotel is La Posada Lodge and Casitas**, which is about ¼ mile from the show site.

General Information

Tucson is on Mountain time in November.
Average temperatures are: hi - 72, low - 45.

Getting there:

Tucson International Airport (TUS) is approximately 16.5 miles from the host hotel. The NS and Canyons Cluster show site is Rillito Park which is just under 3 miles or 7 minutes from the host hotel. American, Delta, United and Alaska airlines offer some non-stop flights in to Tucson and allow pets in cargo. The Phoenix International Airport (PHX) offers many non-stop flights with pets in cargo. PHX is approximately 107 miles (1.5 hours) from the host hotel.

Points schedule:

Arizona is in AKC's Division 9 for point schedule:

1 POINT	2 POINTS	3 POINTS	4 POINTS	5 POINTS
Dogs Bitches	Dogs Bitches	Dogs Bitches	Dogs Bitches	Dogs Bitches
2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5	6 6

If the entry allows Reserve Winners will be awarded a three point major (need at least 12 in that sex for the Reserve National Major to be awarded).

Following the National Specialty there are 4 days of shows at the Canyons Cluster. And the weekend following that there are another 4 days of shows at the Coyote Cluster (<http://www.coyoteclassic.org/>). Yes, that is NINE days of shows in 12 calendar days.

Campgrounds near host hotel:

Miracle RV Park <http://www.miraclervpark.com/>

Whispering Palms RV Park <http://www.whisperingpalmsrvpark.com/>

Reviews of area **RV parks** can be found here:

<http://www.rvparkreviews.com/regions/arizona/oro-valley>

Good Sam member RV Parks can be found here:

<http://www.goodsamclub.com/travel/campgroundsandrmparks/SearchResults.aspx?city=Tucson&state=AZ>

Self-serve dog wash: Dirty Dawgs (<http://www.dirtydawgs.biz/>). \$15.00 per dog which includes shampoo/conditioner, use of apron, towels, dryers, brushes/combs, nail clippers, ear wipes. 5.1 miles from host hotel.

Dog food: Pet Club (http://www.thepetclub.net/pet_products.php). Features premium pet foods, including raw. 1.1 miles from host hotel.

Host Hotel:

[La Posada Lodge and Casitas](#)

5900 North Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

Phone: (520) 887-4800 Fax: (520) 293-7543

<https://www.choicehotels.com/arizona/tucson/ascend-hotels/az389?source=gyxt>

Group rates:

\$139.00 plus tax plus \$10.00 resort fee for a standard room.

\$159.00 plus tax plus \$10.00 resort fee for a casita.

Maximum of 3 dogs per room. First 2 dogs at no additional charge. 3rd dog will have an additional fee of \$10 per stay.

To hold a room at these event rates, please make reservations NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20TH 2021.

A link will be provided by the hotel to make reservations, or you can call the hotel and refer to the group rate for the Canaan Dog Club of America.

Events

Schedule:

Wednesday November 10th 2021

Board Meeting 2 pm - Hotel Meeting Room

Welcome Party, 7 pm - Host Hotel

Thursday 11th

Group trip to San Xavier del Bac

OFA CHIC DNA Blood Collection**

General Meeting, 3 pm - Hotel Meeting Room

Friday 12th

Concurrent NS - [Rillito Park](#)

Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes



Junior Showmanship
Conformation Show
Parade of Titleholders & Veterans
Obedience & Rally HIT CD

- Lunch Provided -

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Rillito Park

Saturday 13th

Judge's Education, TBD

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Rillito Park

Banquet/Auction - Host Hotel

Sunday 14th

Designated Specialty - Canyons Cluster, Rillito Park

Monday 15th

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Rillito Park

Tuesday 16th

Herding – Empire Ridge Ranch

Box lunch (\$)

Wine Tasting (by reservation)

**AKC events subject to approval*

***Subject to change*

Judges Education: TBD

National Specialty/Designated Specialty:

Judges: Robert Frost (NS)

Amanda M Pough (DS)

All Regular classes

Non-regular classes:

Veterans (7-10, 10-13, 13+)

Herding Titled

Stud Dog

Brood Bitch

Brace—Two dogs of the same recognized breed or variety that are similar in appearance, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of two handlers. Both dogs in the Brace must have at least one common owner.

Team—Four dogs of the same recognized breed or variety that are similar in appearance, performing in unison, and presented by a maximum of four handlers. All dogs in the Team must have at least one common owner.

Generations—At least 2 generations of direct descendants.

National Owner-Handled Series

Sweepstakes

Judges: Kitty Burke (NS)

Nancy Amburgey (DS)



Junior puppy (6-9, 9-12, 12-15)
 Senior puppy (15-18, 18-21, 21-24)
 "Rona" puppy (24-27, 27-30)
 Veterans (7-10, 10-13, 13+)

Junior Showmanship
 Parade of Titleholders
 Parade of Veterans
 Candid/ringside photos will be taken by <https://photosbylennah.com/>

Banquet:

Please see the NS website (<https://cdcans2021.weebly.com/reservation-form.html>) for reservation form.

The banquet will be held at the Host Hotel's banquet room at 7 pm on Saturday November 13th 2021. It will be a buffet dinner entrees with various side dishes. Special requests, such as vegetarian or kosher, should be made in the Comment section. The cost is TBD.

Auction:

Following the Banquet. April Gray will be coordinating the auction.
 Please send Auction Items to Carrie Franz at:
 601 N Fairhaven Dr
 Vail, AZ 85641

Further details regarding auction will be available in the coming months.

Donations for K9 Vest:

Details will be available.

Herding:

The **Herding Instinct Test** will be held on **Tuesday November 16th 2021 at the Empire Ridge Ranch** (<https://www.empireridgeranch.com/herding>).

Our **judge will be Laura de la Cruz** (<http://thetakepen.com/ABOUTLAURA.html>), AKC and AHBA Herding Judge.

Entries limited to 20 runs.

The cost is TBD.

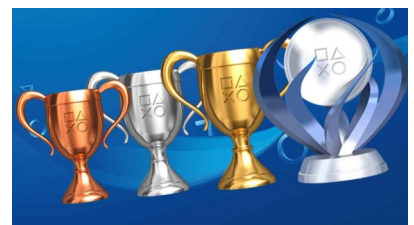
A box lunch will be offered; cost and other details TBD.

There will be a **wine tasting** at the dog friendly Charron Vineyard and Winery (<http://www.charronvineyards.com/>) following the instinct trial.

Memorial Trophies:

Memorial Trophies available for sponsorship:

Best of Breed - The Ursula Berkowitz Memorial Trophy
 Best of Breed - The Bertha & Jay Scheaffer Memorial Trophy
 Best of Opposite Sex - The Dr. Rudolphina Menzel Memorial Trophy
 Best of Winners - The Florence Hogarth Memorial Trophy
 Best Puppy - The Roy Dodson Memorial Trophy
 Brood Bitch First Place - Lorraine Stephens Memorial Trophy
 Best in Puppy Sweepstakes - The Mildred Perry Memorial Trophy



Best Veteran in Sweepstakes – The Leal Grupp Memorial Trophy

Breeder of Best in Veteran Sweepstakes – The Dr. Katryna Bogovich Memorial Trophy

Additional Trophy Categories

Regular Classes:

Best Bred by Exhibitor

Best Veteran

Best Herding Titled

Winners Dog

Winners Bitch

Non Regular Classes:

Stud Dog First Place

Brood Bitch First Place

Generations First Place

Junior Showmanship:

Best Junior Handler

Sweepstakes:

Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes

Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes

Obedience:

High Scoring Canaan Dog in Trial

Rally:

High Scoring Canaan Dog in Trial

See <https://cdca2021.weebly.com/trophy-donations.html> for form

Misc.:

Logo tee shirts will be available.

Forms are available on the Specialty web site; hardcopies will be made available in the next Kib, or can be requested from Risa Baumrind (risa@innosys.com)



2020 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & FASTCAT INVITATIONAL

Best of Breed:

CH Pleasant Hill Regal Ladonna Of Eastland



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Best of Opposite Sex & Best Bred By in Breed/ Variety:

**GCH CH River Rock Unanimous Decision
DCAT TKN**



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Select Dog:

GCHB CH Kochav Mazel Tov Lil Roy Me Toro

Select Bitch:

CH Haaretz Vav Trendsetter

Winners Bitch & 1st Award of Excellence:

**Jaykay Fearless Defender
At Bandersnatch Rosendogs**



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JUDGE: Mr. Brian Meyer

Puppy 6 - 9 Mos., Bitches

1/JAM1 / WIN

Jaykay Fearless Defender At Bandersnatch Rosendogs.
DN62679502. 05122020. BREEDER: Genevieve Landis By
GCHB CH Kochav Mazel Tov Lil Roy Me Toro -RACH Jaykay
Anna's Act Of True Love CDX BN RM3 RAE2 OWNER:
Amanda Pough & Judy March Rosenthal

Puppy 9 - 12 Mos., Bitches

1/RWIN

Revelation Sukaryat Lev.
DN61437903. 02142020.
BREEDER: David Golden/
Cynthia Dodson/Donna Dodson
By CH Velikayas Sh Yayin Shen
Ari CA FCAT2 -GCHB CH
Pleasant Hill Anni Aharon Of
Carters Creek OWNER: David
Golden & Cynthia Dodson

ALSO PUPPY STAKES BOB

American Bred, Bitches

1

Mofet Denali Faultline At Graymatter CGC TKN ATT.
DN52633603. 01232018. BREEDER: Dorey Harman By
Nizzana Better Than Yu -CH Kerach Dak Me Shaar Hagai
OWNER: April Gray & Dorey Harman

Open, Bitches

1

River Rock Rhythm Unbroken. DN39056201. 01142014.
BREEDER: Christina Miller By GCH CH Bsnatch Rsdng Ran
Away To Rivroc BN RA FDC CGCA TKN -GCH CH River
Rock Take Me Higher CA OWNER: Pamella Desautels
(Carol Herr, Agent)

Best of Breed/Variety

ABSN

GCH CH Riverrock Talk Without Speaking Bandersnatch
Rsdng. DN46573903. 05182016. Dog. BREEDER: Randall
Kalik/Christina Miller/Ethan Miller By Anacan Son Of Glory -
CH Rivrock Outside Of Karma Bsnatch Rdog OWNER:
Amanda M Pough & Judy March Rosenthal

SEL

GCHB CH Kochav Mazel Tov Lil Roy Me Toro.
DN47981901. 12102016. Dog. BREEDER: Keith Shank/
Cheryl Shank/Donna L Dodson By CH Mazel Tov Matan -
GCH CH Pleasant Hill Heavenly Daze CGC OWNER: Keith
Shank

BOB

CH Pleasant Hill Regal Ladonna Of Eastland. DN59609104.



Meyer By Rick

2020 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP & FASTCAT INVITATIONAL, CONTINUED

06262019. Bitch. BREEDER: Donna Dodson/Annette Israel/
Cynthia Dodson/David Golden By GCHB CH Kochav Mazel
Tov Lil Roy Me Toro -Pleasant Hill Galya OWNER: Keith &
Cheryl Shank

ALSO NOHS BOS

BOBBBE/OS

GCH CH River Rock Unanimous Decision DCAT TKN.
DN48281802. 10262016. Dog. BREEDER: Christina Miller/
Mel Holloman By CH Jo-Clem Fire Defies The Sun RN FDC
FCAT -GCHS CH Rivroc Lycm Own Dream Bsnatch Rsnog
CA BCAT TKN OWNER: Christina Miller

ALSO NOHS BOB

SEL

CH Haaretz Vav Trendsetter. DN47235402. 08062016. Bitch.
BREEDER: Bryna Comsky By Anacan Son Of Glory -Ha'Aretz
Lev Gahdohl RN CGC OWNER: Bryna Comsky (Danielle J
Goodland, Agent)

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-championship/2020-akc-national-championship-results/breed-results/>

accessed 12/25/2020 8:29pm

2020 AKC FASTCAT INVITATIONAL

Top Twenty Five—All Breeds
(21st out of 118 entries)

**GCH CH RIVER ROCK LYCEUM SAME DREAM
BANDERSNATCH RN CAA CGC TKN FCAT**



GCH CH RIVER ROCK LYCEUM SAME DREAM BANDER-
SNATCH RN CAA CGC TKN FCAT DN 42704501. 12-25-14.
Bitch. By GCH CH BSnatch Rsnog Ran Away To Rivroc RN BN
CGC TKN - GCHS CH Rivroc Lycm Own Dream BSnatch Rsn-
dog. OWNER: Christina Miller, Conyers, GA 30013143. BREED-
ER: Christina Miller & Ethan Miller & Amanda Pough.

*Editor's Note: Photos of all top winners at
these events were requested. All who responded
are included here.*



Letter to the CDCA

From: Dan Silvers <danwsilvers@gmail.com>

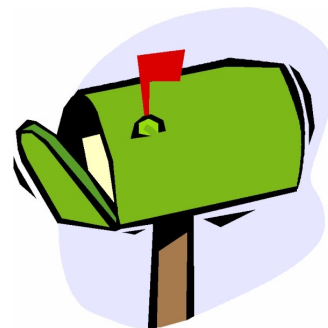
Date: January 10, 2021 at 10:15:54 PM CST

To: corresponding-secretary@cdca.org

Subject: Canaan

I had a pup from Ursula Berkowitz's first litter in '65 (?). His name was Abbie. Gave him to my father who eventually sent him off to a ranch in San Fernando Valley. Then I got Caleb later. Wonderful dog. I am now 88 and would like to know if you know anyone who wants to give up their Canaan for adoption. I am too old for a puppy. I am a 100% disabled vet and it would be nice to have a Service Dog already trained for companionship. Please advise. Thank you. Dan Silvers. SunCity. Palm Desert. 612 743 8438.

Mr Silvers contact information is included should any member wish to reach out to him to discuss breed history or help with finding him an appropriate dog.



2019 DOG OF THE YEAR

Editor's Note: No Member of the Year nominations were received. As only one Dog of the Year nomination was, as per policy it was reviewed and confirmed by the CDCA Board Of Directors.

Tali: CH Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, AXP, MJP, NF, OFP, CA, DCAT, ACT2, C-CDX, RLP-AOE, RL2-AOE, CL2, VI5, CHIC (at time of nomination)



Sire: BIS BISS CH. Jealou's Got Milk O'Mad River
 Dam: CH U-CD Libi Metuka me Shaar Hagai, BN, CD, RAE, TD
 Breeder: Carrie Franz & Ken Cabrera
 Owner: Jennie Larkin

Tali exemplifies the best of the Canaan Dog breed and for years has served as an ambassador to the dog performance community, excelling in obedience, agility, lure coursing, as well as conformation. At five years old, she has earned over 30 titles, including multiple High In Trials in all breed obedience trials, and has earned multiple invitations to national-level competitions. Tali does not just qualify routinely, she usually wins or places when she is in the performance ring.

Tali finished her breed championship quickly over the course of three weekends, proving both her physical and mental soundness and breed type, after which she focused full time on the whelping box and then the performance arena.

All the ribbons, titles, and awards aside, what sets Tali apart as an outstanding Canaan Dog representative and ambassador is her joy in working and in being in dog performance venues. Outside the ring, she is well known for schmoozing up to all the spectators (while politely ignoring the dogs, often in very tight surroundings). Once she enters the ring, however, she is all business: focused on her handler and her job.

Tali is an outstanding companion, getting along wonderfully with Bo and Tip (our 2 old papillons) and is a reliable off-lead hiking partner who delights in playing in streams and ponds (no matter how cold or muddy). However, being a Canaan Dog with a correct coat, that mud and dirt is largely gone by the time we make it back from the hike.

2020 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, 2021. 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.

For further information, contact:

Denise Gordon, Awards Chair

2614 Gracewood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45239

Phone: 513-741-1832 Email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

Living with a Versatile Canaan Dog

By Jennie Larkin

My hobby is dog training. While some of my friends find one sport that they really love doing (for some its obedience, for others its agility, and others really love conformation, etc...), I enjoy too many different activities with my dogs to focus on just one. or even two...

I think that Canaan Dogs excel at this versatile (aka, easily distracted by new games to play!) approach to dog training and competition. This approach also allows us to adapt as circumstances change. And it is entertaining for the dogs, who have new games to learn and new challenges to meet.

In her first year, Tali and I focused on training for the breed ring, rally obedience and obedience, as well as starting foundational agility training. And always always, an important role for Tali is to be our hiking partner! We explored a variety of different venues (CynoSport Rally, CPE Agility, CDSP Obedience) that were both friendlier to young dogs starting out and cheaper than AKC entry fees. One thing I have learned with my dogs (both Canaan Dogs and Papillons) is that training for the breed rings helps dogs be stable, happy, and confident in a variety of show/trial settings. It is especially helpful for the Novice and Utility Stand for Exam exercises. So Tali started going to Conformation classes at my training club early on and entered a few shows as the only Canaan Dog, because those were great opportunities for her to have positive experiences in the ring. So yes, we always stayed for regular Groups and National Owner-Handler Series Groups, because that meant for one entry fee, we got THREE chances to practice being in the ring! I think the excellent training at my club and these early positive experiences helped Tali, as by the time she went into the conformation ring to really compete against other Canaan Dogs for championship points she did very well: finishing her championship over three weekends (one in Richmond VA, one in Salem VA, and finally at the 2015 CDCA National in Tucson). As we know how challenging it can be to build majors, I was pleased to both help build majors for the breed on those weekends and to benefit with at least one major each of those weekends.

Both CynoSport Rally and Companion Dog Sports Program

(CDSP) Obedience were fantastic ways to ease into formal obedience competition, as they have classes specially tuned for puppies and beginner dogs, and rules that allow treats in the ring. CPE Agility also had Level 1 agility at lower jump heights and without weave poles, chutes, or teeters, that allowed Tali and me to learn how to work as a team in a trial setting. All of these allowed Tali to learn to enjoy going to trials and have fun in the ring.

Also in her first year we went on regular hikes with a friend and her dogs, in a place where all the dogs could run safely off lead. This helped Tali learn how to be a good hiking partner early on, and for 6 years now she has been an outstanding hiking partner and I have

no idea how many miles we have logged together. We have a few favorite trails we like to go to, and it is wonderful to see the seasons shift as we hike them.



When the pandemic hit a year ago, we stopped all dog competitions and dog training classes. However, we managed to keep activities going, though in an adapted manner. For the first few months of the pandemic, hiking was the only way we got out of the house and helped me to stay sane. For dog training, I started taking advantage of online training that some of my trainer friends were starting to organize, in the absence of classes. In addition, Tali, Tip (my little old Papillon) and I started the UpDog Video Games, a pandemic-style virtual disc games tournament that could be done in a small space in my backyard. There was a different game every week (that I had to teach myself and the dogs, often requiring new and very specific skills), fol-

lowed by live finals (where you had to record it live, so it was a "once and done" sort of event!). Both Tip and Tali did surprisingly well! The other pandemic sport we took up was lure coursing, in both coursing Ability Tests (CAT) as well as Fast CAT (the 100 yard timed straight sprint). These events are done outside and the lure operator in our region figured out how to run safe and fully COVID19 compliant events early on. What is even better is a small crew of Canaan Dog owners formed, so we organized to enter events together so we could always be sure we had catchers and releasers of our dogs together. We also ended up finishing a number of titles togeth-

Living with a Versatile CD, continued

er! It is these sorts of supportive relationships that make me really love dog events.

I was saddened to have to miss the 2020 Agility Invitational (as qualifying for that with Tali has been one of my life goals), but I remain hopeful that we might be able to both qualify for the 2021 Invitational. Tip qualified for both the 2020 and 2021 Agility National Championship (2020 was cancelled so his eligibility was extended to 2021), but at 13 years old he has aged out of active competition. I was fortunate to attend the 2019 Agility National Championship with him and also to finish his



agility championship (PACH) in the fall of 2019, just a few months before the pandemic shut down all competitions.

I think Canaan Dogs are good for my eclectic dog training and competition approach. I always have a lot of different things to work on, and there are often entirely new and different things to try. (I'll be honest, I tried swimming with Tali and she HATED it so we shall strike that one

from her list of activities. She's not real keen on kayaking either). Except for swimming, she is game for anything and loves to go out to dog events and see people and get treats and do things. People love her because she is a sweet thing and good, and can be so very joyful. We do our bit for the breed by representing at these different events, so people can see what Canaan Dogs are like, and what excellent and versatile dogs they are. We should all remember that the Menzels established the Canaan Dog as a working breed. While they are beautiful and outstanding companions and pets, they are also so much more. I hope people continue to hold true to the original vision of the breed by finding ways of working with their Canaan Dog, whether that is through being assistance dog, farm dog, city companion, or working in any of the ever-expanding range of dog sports opportunities available to us.

So while the pandemic will likely continue through much of 2021, Tali and I encourage everyone to maintain safe habits but also continue to have fun together! There are an increasing number of events that are being done online or virtually, and ways that clubs are figuring out how to have safe in-person events. There are still lots of ways for you to have fun with

your dog! This spring, I am finally taking some online Nosework classes, to learn how to do this with both Tali and Tip (my 13 year old Papillon who is too old to do agility but still really wants to be active with me).



CDCA Communications "Housekeeping"

A/ CDCA.org website log ins

The log ins and passwords for the website have been updated. Members Only section

Log In: cdca Password: cautious

Newsletter Only

Log In: kbitzer Password: quarterly

Please note, both log in and passwords are case sensitive.

B/Club email list

If you are still attempting to use the old club yahoo group address, you will find your emails bouncing as Yahoo no longer supports groups. We have moved the Club and Board to the groups.io platform.

All members were sent invitations to join the groups.io email list. If you did not do so at the time, or lost the invitation, please join now by sending an email to:

CanaanDogCoA+subscribe@groups.io

For assistance with the email groups.io, please contact Julie Haddy at:

director-east@cdca.org

OR

CanaanDogCoA+help@groups.io

C/ Membership List

A printed membership list (plus other club info and references) was mailed to each member household. In 2020 (International households received theirs via email.)

Membership Database Coordinator, Risa Baumrind:

membership@cdca.org

Updates, etc. are available from Risa upon request.

FROM THE BOARD: APRIL—NOVEMBER 2020

Cynthia Dodson, Recording Secretary

April 2020 Board Report

There were no motions made or Membership Applications received to vote on in April.

Throughout the month, AKC Delegate Pamela Rosman and President Amanda Pough shared with the Board and membership various AKC communications. Communications related to actions the AKC had to take due to the financial effects of Covid-19 and as well as to guidance that clubs going forward with events follow all applicable regulations pertaining to minimizing the spread of Covid-19. The AKC also began unveiling virtual programs.

Amanda Pough reported on the 10th that she and Membership Chair, Risa Baumrind, had agreed to allow extra time for renewals to arrive. A plan to print and mail a membership list to each member has been postponed to May instead of April.

On the 16th Julie Haddy reported that the Agility Committee had decided to cancel the May agility trials. Even with the extended closing date, entries would close prior to the end of restrictions on events at Clemson. It was unlikely that events would be able to move forward in May due to phased reopenings and likely restrictions on group events in the month. People have held off on submitting entries due to the uncertainties.

May 2020 Board Report

President Amanda Pough reported that the CDCA Membership List had been successfully uploaded to the AKC. This is a yearly requirement for the club's AKC Membership.

An Event Approval Notice was received from the AKC for the upcoming National. The Board was informed that the Clermont County KC held a meeting for club members to give input on whether or not to hold their show in October. The consensus was to hold their show while monitoring the situation very closely and observing how the Peach Blossom cluster does with Covid conditions in place.

AKC Delegate Pamela Rosman kept the Board and Membership informed of the many happenings at the AKC as they developed "Suggested Best Practices" for conformation events and for the sports that AKC sanctions/recognizes and made changes to judging practices due to the continuing Covid pandemic.

Amanda Pough notified the Board and Membership of new CDCA.org website log ins and passwords for the website for the Members Only and Kibitzer sections and the upcoming June 1 deadline for the next issue of the club newsletter. Members were reminded that the club yahoo group address is being phased out due to Yahoo no longer supporting groups and that the Club and Board groups are moving to the groups.io platform. All members were sent invitations to join the groups.io email list and provided with instructions as to how to join if they have not yet done so. A printed membership list (plus other club info and references) will be mailed during the month to each member household, with International households receiving theirs via email.

The following motion was made during the month's motion period and voted upon:

1 - Motion to extend an invitation to Kitty Burke to judge Sweepstakes at the 2021 National Specialty

The motion passed with the votes of all but for Melinda Linton who did not vote and Amanda Pough, who, as President, votes only in the case of a tie.

June 2020 Board Report

There were no motions made or Membership Applications received in June.

CDCA Delegate, Pamela Rosman, forwarded AKC communications and publications throughout the month to the Board and CDCA Members. She brought to the Board's attention that a "low entry breed" Parent Club whose 2020 National Specialty had been cancelled had made a motion for a rule change to allow two National Specialties in 2021 and requested input from members of the Board in case the CDCA should cancel its own event.

President Amanda Pough asked Julie Haddy if she would be interested in participating in a new group created by the AKC Delegate Standing Committee on Companion Events for sharing information on Companion Events among those Clubs that offer these events (AKC Companion Events are Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking). The group is replacing the Companion Events Yahoo Group which is being discontinued.

Bryna Comsky was asked to send condolence and get well cards to several CDCA members and friends

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July 2020 Board Report

There were no motions made or Membership Applications received in July.

There was discussion with the “Sunshine” Committee about the sending of cards.

Bryna Comsky, Corresponding Secretary, forwarded to the Board several Event Pending Notices relating to the November Agility Trials.

CDCA Delegate, Pamela Rosman, forwarded AKC communications and publications throughout the month to the Board and CDCA Members.

August 2020 Board Report

On the first day of the month, Julie Haddy made the motion that the 2020 specialty be postponed in its entirety to the next open specialty year (2022). She proposed keeping all plans the same: Roberts Center, specialty committee, cluster & corresponding dates, judges, etc.; just postponing Ohio to 2022, leaving the 2021 specialty to move forward on schedule in Arizona. Amanda Pough seconded the motion.

All remaining Board members responded within 2 days of the and agreed that it is in the best interests of the Club and its members to cancel the 2020 events. In order to let the unwinding process begin as soon as possible, it was agreed that the motion PASSED by consensus.

On the 23rd Julie Haddy affirmatively responded to Amanda’s Pough’s June 4 request as to whether she would like to be the representative to the AKC Delegate Standing Committee on Companion Events’ new group for sharing information on Companion Events among those Clubs that offer these events.

Amanda Pough forwarded an email to the Board regarding pledging Medallions at the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin and directed the Treasurer to submit forms and payment as the club has a standing policy to offer these.

CDCA Delegate, Pamela Rosman, forwarded AKC communications and publications throughout the month to the Board and CDCA Members.

Two Membership Applications were presented to the Board for a vote:

1. Household Membership Application for Dennis and Catherine Pepperd, endorsed by Genevieve Landis

2. Individual Membership Application for Victor Kaftal, endorsed by Risa Baumrind

The Membership Applications were unanimously approved.

September 2020 Board Report

Due to the cancelation of this year’s National, Amanda Pough asked Jennie LaPrade for assistance regarding the club’s requirement that annual meetings be held. As Delegate, Pamela Rosman was requested to provide her thoughts and any information available from the AKC. Jennie LaPrade reached out to Steven H. Hilfinger, a Partner in the Detroit Office of Foley & Lardner LLP, Detroit, Michigan, who offered pro bono representation. Foley & Lardner LLP authored a paper on non-profits in Michigan, and is known to have a good reputation in the legal community. Later in the month, Foley & Lardner LLP provided guidance on the requirements that would need to be met in order to allow a virtual member meeting.

The CDCA received correspondence from a newly established rescue organization called Canaan Dog Alliance that is partnering up with a rescue organization based in Jordan in the hopes of rehoming Canaan dogs in the US. They asked if they might include certain information from the club website on their website and inquired about possibly teaming up once they start transporting Canaans into the US. Thoughts were that this was not something with which the club should be involved.

Amanda Pough forwarded to the Board the AKC’s Bi-Annual Registration Statistics.

Due to various parts of the country struggling with fires, storms, and hurricanes, AKC Reunite was seeking funds for their efforts. Amanda Pough suggested that since the CDCA often donates to AKC Reunite and typically makes a donation around the time of the National, perhaps the club might wish to make a \$500 donation.

Event Pending Notices were received by Bryna Comsky for the CDCA’s upcoming Agility Trials and forwarded to the Board.

Pamela Rosman provided to the Board and Membership information relating to AKC business and publications. Of special interest is information on genetics.

FROM THE BOARD: APRIL—NOVEMBER 2020, CONTINUED

The following Membership Applications were provided to the Board and voted on in September:

1. Individual Membership Application for Jenni (Jennifer) Pickard, sponsored by Dorey Harman
2. Household Membership Application for Casey Rabe and Linda Campbell, sponsored by Carrie Franz
3. Individual Membership Application for Gregory Lybanon, sponsored by Christina Miller
4. Household Membership Application for Peggy and Charles Walker, sponsored by Christina Miller

The 4 applications were approved by Board Members Jennie LaPrade, Cathey Dunn, Bryna Comsky, Donna Davison, Amanda Pough, Cynthia Dodson and Christina Miller (although she abstained from voting for those persons sponsored by her). Votes were not received from Julie Haddy and Melinda Linton.

Motion: Although it was outside of the motion period, due to the current need for assistance, the following motion was included for voting:

1. That the CDCA donate \$500 to AKC Reunite for wildfire and hurricane relief efforts. Motion made by Bryna Comsky, seconded by Jennie LaPrade.

Julie Haddy and Melinda Linton did not vote. As there was no tie to break Amanda Pough did not vote. All remaining members voted to approve the motion.

October 2020 Board Report

Amanda Pough forwarded the Non-Profit payment confirmation from the State of Michigan.

Amanda Pough reported that thank you notes were mailed to the two Michigan lawyers who did the pro bono work for the CDCA on the virtual Annual Meeting question.

Christina Miller forwarded a thank you email from AKC Reunite for the CDCA's donation of \$500.00 on 5 October.

Amanda Pough reported on her findings regarding options for the upcoming virtual meetings.

Our AKC Delegate, Pamela Rosman, provided to the Board and Membership information relating to AKC business and

publications.

The following motions were made during October's motion period and voted upon:

1. A request from the 2021 Specialty Committee that Nancy Amburgey be approved to judge Sweepstakes at the 2021 Designated Specialty. Motion made by A. Pough, seconded by J. Haddy.
2. That the 2022 National Specialty be held in October at the Roberts Center, Wilmington OH, in conjunction with the Clermont Co KC shows instead of a September Specialty in St Louis, Missouri. Motion made by A. Pough, seconded by J. La Prade.
3. That the 2023 National Specialty be held in September in St. Louis as it is proposed that the 2002 National be moved to Ohio from St. Louis. The St. Louis Cluster was picked for location and events offered. Motion made by A. Pough, seconded by J. La Prade.
4. That the CDCA hold a virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2020. Motion made by A. Pough, seconded by J. La Prade.
5. That Christina Miller be asked to judge the 2023 National Specialty due to the cancellation of the 2020 National. Motion made by A. Pough, seconded by J. La Prade.

Amanda Pough did not vote as per her policy as President. The 5 motions were passed with the affirmative votes of all members, with the exception of Christina Miller who abstained from voting on Motion 5.

The following Membership Applications were presented to the Board in October and voted upon:

1. Individual Membership Application for Andrew (Bo) Burkner, sponsored by Genny Landis
2. Household Membership Application for Uwe and Jacqueline Harer, sponsored by Bryna Comsky

The applications were approved by all Board members.

November 2020 Board Report

Christina Miller reported that the 2021 AKC Dues have been paid.

FROM THE BOARD: APRIL— NOVEMBER 2020, CONTINUED

The Board discussed and settled upon dates for the annual meetings.

Pamela Rosman kept the Board and Membership up to date with information relating to AKC business and publications.

Cynthia Dodson offered to work with John Relph to update the Club website as to the Kibitzer schedule. She inquired as to whether any nominations had been received for Dog and Member of the year and if there were plans for Versatility and Register of Merit awards (the deadline for submissions was August 1, 2020) as those are usually handed out/announced at the annual banquet.

Amanda Pough reported that she was working on the Kibitzer. She noted that she welcomes content.

During the month of November the following applications were received and voted upon by the Board:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

1. International Household Membership Application for Jens and Jutta Hildebrand, endorsed by David Golden.
2. Full Membership Application for Keith and Cheryl Shank. The Shanks' application was endorsed by Annette Israel and David Golden.
3. Individual Membership Applications for Laura Alton. Laura is a past member who let her membership lapse. She was endorsed by Risa Baumrind.

Melinda Linton did not vote. All three applications were approved by the remaining members of the Board, except Cynthia Dodson abstained from voting on memberships endorsed by a household member.

BREEDERS LIST APPLICATION:

1. Breeders List Application for David Golden and Cynthia Dodson.

Melinda Linton did not vote. The application was approved by the remaining members of the Board, except Amanda Pough who did not vote per her standing policy as President.

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Our Losses of AKC Judges, 2020–2021

The world of AKC lost many prominent judges last year. Not only will they be missed, but their loss changes the outlook of our dog world as we know it. Here are a few whose influence has affected Canaans and their owners. They have earned our recognition and tribute.

Lee Riddle played a role in the forward going of our breed. She was the wife of Maxwell Riddle who had judged our National Specialty "Show" in September, 1985. From that time on Lee actively supported our quest for full AKC recognition full steam. She wrote articles on the breed and her judging of it for DOG NEWS, judged Canaans several times, courageously gave a 13-year-old dog his third major, and was always ready with generous words of encouragement and advice. She could sort out an entry with the best of them, and we thank her today for her enthusiastic help and willingness to teach us the ropes.

Julian Prager was a lawyer directly involved with APHIS, the AKC Government Relations Department and advising NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) on legal matters. He was a bulldog enthusiast and not well-acquainted with Canaan Dogs. But his untiring work in these legal fields enabled those battling attacks from PETA, HSUS, and ASPCA to hold their own despite being vastly outnumbered. He came from the State of Pennsylvania and taught us that an alliance with the Amish can be a good thing.

Lt Colonel Wallace H. Pede was an unusual man of the Twentieth Century whose life stretched this far into the Twenty-First. He had Afghans because his dear wife loved them. Sheherazade (sp) was their kennel name. "The Colonel" was instrumental in putting together the first AKC Judges Institute at the University of Indiana in Pennsylvania for Sporting Dogs and Hounds in 1989. Subjects like Physiology, Anatomy et al, were taught by university professors who were also dog people, and tested. Dog Handling was given by Bill Trainor whose wife, Elizabeth Trainor, gave the vet's point of view. Prominent breeders presented their dogs, and Wally explained his method of judging large entries. He and his team were marvelous! They continued to hold these institutes until about five years ago at Louisville. Most memorable of these seminars was a witty exchange between Wally Pede and Jim Crowley about ten years ago. Forgot what they said but it was great!

We have already said goodbye to Roger Hartinger, and will honor others who have taught and influenced Canaan Dog fanciers so selflessly.

- Bryna Comsky

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Breeder Referral Status Report

Sally J. Armstrong, Chair

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 18 November 2020:

11 information packages have been sent out.

- In 2019:13
- In 2018: 24
- In 2017: 35
- In 2016: 44
- In 2015: 29
- (previous years available upon request)

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

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

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

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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.

Publicity and Public Education

Carrie Franz & David Golden, Chairs

The Publicity and Public Education Committee has nothing to report.

I should note that the Committee needs guidance from the Board and the membership as to the future purpose of and, for that matter, even the need for a Publicity and Education Committee.

Judge's Education Report

Christina Miller, Chair

Due to CoVid 19, there were no in-person Judge's Education seminars held. The AKC had the forethought and was generous enough to offer Webinar Breed Seminars for FREE to those that were interested. The Canaan Dog webinar was presented in April to an audience of over 200 participants. The feedback received was positive and appreciative. This webinar is still available at the following link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/4513302124348737795> You will then be prompted to register with your name and email. The actual seminar starts around the 8:50 mark.

The committee is currently working on qualifications for breed mentors. Setting these qualifications should make it

easier to welcome more people who wish to become breed mentors for prospective judges.

We hope to have our normal seminar and hands-on session at the 2021 CDCA National Specialty in Tucson, AZ.

CDCA 2020 Report Desert Born Registry

Joan Capaiu Greene, Chair

There are no updates to the Registry status. AKC continues to not allow use of its' Foundation Stock Service program for fully recognized breeds.

There also continues to be insufficient expressed interest in creating and maintaining (for multiple decades) a US registry for imported, Israel Kennel Club registered Canaan Dogs and their progeny with pedigrees for Generations 0, 1, and 2. I received just one offer of help via email this past year, and appreciate that person's interest in helping our breed's genetic diversity.

Joan Capaiu Greene Chair

CDCA 2020 Legislative Report

Norma Bennett Woolf & Joan Capaiu Greene, Chairs

While the nation has focused on the coronavirus pandemic and the presidential election, the activist drumbeat goes on: anti-breeding advocates, no-kill campaigners, and busybodies repeat their refrains of “overpopulation” and “puppy mills,” continue their emotional pleas for money, and battle for more restrictive laws to resolve real and imaginary problems revolving around animal ownership.

The good news is that science, AKC, NAIA, parent clubs, breeders, and trainers continue to do the actual in-the-trenches work to improve the lives of dogs and dog owners. Health and behavior research goes on; active federations of dog clubs, lawmakers, and government agencies are stepping up to write, campaign for, and testify in favor of reasonable laws and regulations that help dogs without harming conscientious dog owners; and many new programs actually solve real problems.

National efforts

Big deals nationally include a federal bill to standardize rules for importing dogs to the US; changes in USDA kennel regulations; US Department of Transportation rules for service dogs and emotional support animals on airlines; Transportation Safety Administration standards for explosive detection dogs; and yet another set of federal bills dubbed the “Puppy Protection Act of 2020.”

Healthy Dog Importation Act

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Years of efforts by the National Animal Interest Alliance to protect pet and human health by exposing fraudulent retail rescue operations and alerting lawmakers and the public to the health dangers of importing unvetted dogs to the US paid off in May when the three veterinarians in Congress introduced the Healthy Dog Importation Act of 2020. NAIA began reporting on unregulated dog imports about two decades ago and has tracked increasing incidents of foreign dogs bringing diseases and parasites into the US and replacing well-bred dogs from regulated kennels and responsible breeders ever since. After this investigative work by NAIA and involvement by AKC, the 2018 farm bill began the process of regulating such imports by mandating a multi-agency report on the practice. Following release of the report, Congressman Ralph Abraham of Louisiana, Congressman Kurt Schrader of Oregon, and Congressman Ted Yoho of Florida agreed to sponsor the bill.

Known as HR 6921, the bill requires that every dog entering the country for resale, transfer, or donation be in good health, permanently identified, certified by an approved veterinarian in the country of origin to prevent fraudulent paperwork, at least six months of age, have a USDA import permit, and carry records showing that it has received all the proper vaccinations. The bill also streamlines and coordinates federal oversight across agencies, ensuring documentation and import permits are shared electronically between APHIS, CDC, and Customs and Border Patrol.

Passing a bill in Congress is generally a multi-year process. HR6921 barely began the process in this congressional session and will be reintroduced next year. Both AKC and NAIA urge voters to contact their representatives and support HR 6921 to stop the flood of unhealthy dogs pouring into the US.

For details, see “2018 Farm Bill signed into law”; “It’s now or never: Stop dog trafficking now”; “Pet imports: Protecting pets & public health.”

New airline transport regulations

Stories of bizarre pets claimed as emotional support animals, an increase in the use of actual service dogs, and a mish-mash of policies from airlines, led the US Department of Transportation to release guidelines that standardize the definition of service animal across federal agencies, give airlines some flexibility in allowing emotional support animals to ride in airplane cabins, and allows airlines to require documentation of the dog’s health, behavior, and training.

The final rule:

Defines a service animal as a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability;

No longer considers an emotional support animal to be a service animal;

Requires airlines to treat psychiatric service animals the same as other service animals;

Allows airlines to require forms developed by DOT attesting to a service animal’s health, behavior and training, and if taking a long flight attesting that the service animal can either not relieve itself, or can relieve itself in a sanitary manner;

Allows airlines to require a service animal to fit within its handler’s foot space on the aircraft;

Allows airlines to require that service animals be harnessed, leashed, or tethered at all times in the airport and on the aircraft;

Continues to allow airlines to refuse transportation to service animals that exhibit aggressive behavior and that pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others; and

Continues to prohibit airlines from refusing to transport a service animal solely based on breed.

The final rule will be effective 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register. For more information, see U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Final Rule on Traveling by Air with Service Animals | US Department of Transportation.

TSA Guidelines for explosive detection dogs

The US Transportation Safety Administration uses explosive detection dogs at airports and other locations, but until now, there have been no guidelines covering the training and purchase of these dogs. Recognizing a need for domestically bred and trained dogs in an era when need is increasing, AKC organized a task force with government officials, detection dog trainers, and researchers in 2016 and held its first detection dog conference in 2017. The standards for purchase of detection dogs released this year grew from the work done by the task force and its advisors. The standards cover behavior, medical, and technical matters that producers of the dogs must meet in order to offer a dog for TSA work.

These standards begin the effort to expand domestic production of explosive detection dogs, provide oversight of their use and evaluate their effectiveness.

Information about AKC’s Detection Dog Task Force is at AKC Detection Dog Task Force Facts. The Federal Register announcement of the standards is at Federal Register :: Explosives Detection Canine Recommended Standards.

Another attempt to bring hobby breeders under federal oversight

For at least 20 years, activists have lobbied the federal gov-

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ernment to extend Animal Welfare Act regulations to all who breed dogs, but each attempt has failed. Now come companion bills S4757 and HR2442, yet another version of the so-called puppy protection act. AKC notes these arbitrary requirements in the bills:

Mandated unfettered access from dogs' primary enclosures to an outdoor exercise area large enough that it "allows dogs to extend to full stride." This creates a potentially dangerous environment for dogs.

Mandated annual dental exams.

Mandated pre-breeding screenings without specific details for what the screening would involve or who would make such decisions.

A ban on keeping of dogs in enclosures above 85 degrees or below 45 degrees F, regardless of breed or acclimation needs for dogs that hunt, sled, detect explosives, or do other work and thrive in cooler temperatures, or must be acclimated to cooler or warmer temperatures for their safety.

Arbitrary limits on the breeding life of the female dog based on its size, not its health or condition.

Some of these measures seem reasonable, but one-size-fits-all mandates do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs, ignore opportunities for expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for individual dogs, and are not the province of the federal government. AWA regulations affect breeders if they maintain more than four "breeding females" (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and sell or transfer even one of the offspring "sight unseen." "Breeding females" include any combination of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.

The bills have more than 150 cosponsors and are likely to be reintroduced in the next Congress. For information on contacting your legislators, go to Document: Breeder Expertise, Thoughtful Analysis Demonstrate Dangerous Flaws in 'Feel Good' Dog Law (akcgr.org)

Some state issues

Several state issues stand out. In Texas, two evaluations of the state's dog and cat breeder licensing law are underway, either of which could result in repeal of the statute. For information, see Regular Review of Texas' Dog or Cat Breeders Rules to be Conducted – American Kennel Club (akc.org) and Texas Heads-Up: State Breeder Licensing Targeted for Elimination, Expect Opposition – American Kennel Club (akc.org).

In California, AKC successfully lobbied to exempt competition judges in a bill clarifying the state's 2019 law requiring that contract workers be granted many of the same benefits as

full-time employees. This exemption assures that clubs can hire judges without potentially running afoul of the law.

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources finalized regulations covering operation of rescues and foster homes and clarified pet shops regulations. Both AKC and the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs assisted in the effort. Other states, including Michigan and Ohio, are looking at regulations and legislation to standardize shelter and rescue operations.

Some states, including Tennessee and Colorado, have looked at bills giving private humane societies the authority to seize animals if owners are accused of welfare law violations. However, Ohio is moving in the other direction by opening the door for counties to exert more control over cruelty cases to avoid problems when non-government agencies are involved.

Conclusion

In spite of the pall that the virus pandemic has cast over the country, activists and lawmakers have been busy with a variety of laws and regulations that have the potential to affect dog owners, breeders, and exhibitors. As a result, this report, which is already longer than expected, would run for several more pages. So, we'll close with a reminder to monitor the activities of the AKC Government Relations Department at Government Relations – American Kennel Club (akc.org), keep in touch with state and local issues, and write or call legislators when concerns arise.

One more thing: Some lawmakers and social activists are calling for changes in police policies, procedures, practices, and budgets. In spite of the tremendous service performed by law enforcement dogs, their use could be impacted by budget cuts and emotional claims of bias in their use. AKC presents the issue in K-9 Units Are Public Safety Tool That Must Be Preserved – American Kennel Club (akc.org).

Meet The Breeds: NYC

Amanda Pough, Chair

The 2020 NYC MTB was held January 21 & 22 at the Javitz Center. HUGE thanks to the humans and dogs who worked the crowds so well.

AKC provided a new standardized branding for all booths. Playing cards (like Pokeman) were provided to each booth for their breed and were an enormous hit. We ran out on the first day and it wasn't unusual to see kids collecting and organizing their cards. Matching booth banners kept the theme on purebred dogs and AKC, and colors were used to differentiate among groups.

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Photos were posted to the Club Facebook page and printed in "The Kib."

As you know, all other 2020 MTB were canceled due to COVID and we know there will be no January 2021 MTB in NYC next month. (Other locations are still pending COVID and calendar coordination.)

"The Canaan Kibitzer"

Amanda Pough, Editor

In 2020, three issues of "The Kib" have been produced. All have been posted to the Club website behind the Members/Newsletter log in. Thank you to John Relph for his portion of the publishing to the online platform.

Approximately 40 member household receive the printed version. The Membership Chair and both Secretaries are mailed multiple copies for their use. A set of all three 2020 issues were mailed to the AKC Library & Archives in New York City.

We have been having 75 hard copies printed per issue, using DocuCopies (docucopies.com). Their pricing and turnaround time continues to be extremely competitive. During the pandemic, they have been offering many special deals, meaning the cover can often be printed in color for a reasonable cost.

Content, especially this year, continues to be a struggle. Members are encouraged to submit their story ideas, or forward articles for reprint. I am happy to request reprint permission, but appreciate if this has been already obtained. These submissions do need to be in a format that can easily be dropped into the newsletter – text inside an email, or a Word document attached to the email. I am not willing to retype a scanned article as the chance for the introduction of errors is too high.

Please note, articles also submitted to Denise for "The Gazette" should be published first in "The Gazette." Once published there, AKC has a standing policy allowing reprint permission with appropriate credit. HOWEVER, "The Gazette" asks for first refusal on article. If we publish it first, it is likely that AKC will refuse to print the article. It is best to allow for the larger AKC audience to see an essay first, before our club.

Once again, my thanks to those who have submitted content over the past year. Any officer or committee chair who posts public reports is expected to copy the cdca.kib@yahoo.com address so that those reports may be included in "The Kib."

2019 GAZETTE BREED COLUMN EDITOR REPORT

Denise Gordon, Editor

The quarterly Canaan Dog breed columns submitted for publication in the AKC Gazette for 2019 were a "mixed bag" of articles. One featured anecdotes from Canaan owners on their experiences with the new AKC Farm Dog Certification Test. Another was an informative treatise on "Tick Talk" by CDCA member, Norma Bennett Woolf. A subsequent column included anecdotes on Canaans and their love of digging, while the final one of the year was a repeat column on the challenges of training the independent Canaan Dog.

Per the new 2020 Gazette breed column guidelines, we can now report on our national specialties and the associated events, though the Editor-In-Chief requests that listing of actual specialty results be limited to the major/significant winners, rather than an extensive listing that is likely available elsewhere online. Speaking of online, a PDF copy of each digital Gazette issue can be downloaded for free from the AKC website at <https://www.akc.org/products-services/magazines/akc-gazette/> (the Canaan Dog breed columns appear in the March, June, September, and December issues).

As always, I want to encourage the membership to please send me ideas or actual column drafts for submission for the column. Even if the person submitting the idea does not wish to write the column, I would be extremely grateful for the topic; my brain cells are running out of creative "juices." If you have an idea or would like to submit a column, please contact me at desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com, and you will find a very appreciative editor! Since I must submit the Canaan breed column to the Editor-in-Chief by the 1st day of the quarter (i.e., the March column must be submitted by December 1st, the June column must be submitted by March 1st, and so forth), please give me plenty of advance notice of your ideas/column drafts so that I can consult with you and arrange it into the proper format. Thanks in advance!

There is no Herding Chair (no tests and no one earning any CDCA/AKC herding titles last year) and no Awards Chair (no Versatility/ROM) reports.

Denise Gordon, Chair

2021 Specialty Report

Risa Baumrind, Chair

Will be held in Tucson, AZ, Nov 10 2021 – Nov 16 2021, in conjunction with the Canyons Cluster, at the Rillito Race Track. The superintendent is Onofrio.

Host hotel is under contract

La Posada Lodge & Casitas

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La Posada Lodge & Casitas, Ascend Hotel Collection - Tucson, AZ hotel (choicehotels.com)

Judges are under contract

NS Robert Frost

NS Sweeps Kitty Burke

DS Amanda M Pough

DS Sweeps Nancy Amburgey

Cluster notified of concurrent specialties and judges

NS website designed and ready for publication, although details will change

Trophies and swag bags decided upon & arrangements underway

Venue/judge for instinct test TBD

This is the current proposed schedule:

Wednesday November 10th 2021

Board Meeting 2 pm - Hotel Meeting Room

Welcome Party, 7 pm - Host Hotel

Thursday 11th

Group trip to San Xavier del Bac

OFA CHIC DNA Blood Collection

General Meeting, 3 pm - Hotel Meeting Room

Friday 12th

Concurrent NS - Rillito Park

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Rillito Park

Saturday 13th

Judge's Education, TBD

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Rillito Park

Banquet/Auction - Host Hotel

Sunday 14th

Designated Specialty - Canyons Cluster, Rillito Park

Monday 15th

Supported Entry - Canyons Cluster, Rillito Park

Tuesday 16th

Herding - TBD

Health Report

Donna Davison, Chair

It has been a pretty quiet year. Many dogs are enjoying full access to their humans due to Covid. Looking ahead to when adults go back to work and children back to school, I do have concerns about separation anxiety, especially for those who have only known their people being there around the clock.

An opportunity for research, specific to our breed, is a rare, some might say, non-existent. There is a proposal I have been made aware of that is in that realm on our agenda.

Lastly I feel the need to make this plea again.

To the CDCA members and others who wish to help preserve the health of our breed:

CHIC, Canine Health Information Center, maintains a DNA bank of canine DNA samples along with corresponding genealogy and other information.

OBJECTIVES: (as stated on the OFA site)

facilitate more rapid research progress by expediting the sample collection process

provide researchers with optimized family groups needed for research

allow breeders to take advantage of future DNA based disease tests as they become available

foster a team environment between breeders/owners and the research community improving the likelihood of genetic discovery

The process is actually pretty simple. Having just recently made some submissions, I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. The form, which can also be filled out on-line through OFA and then printed. As you can see it is pretty basic information. Do not submit the sample with the initial application. Swabs or blood can be used, but blood is definitely the gold standard and can be used for all research. Send in the form along with \$20 for a blood collection kit.

Within a couple of weeks you will receive your form with collection labels, mailing label, and instructions. You will also get a health survey if you did not submit it with the application. You can make a specific appointment to have 5 to 10 cc's of blood drawn, or you can wait and have it done at a regular appointment. Make sure you tell your vet it is for research purposes and many do will do the procedure for a reduced rate or at no cost. The sample should be shipped in cool packs and sent overnight delivery to the University of Missouri. Do not send submissions on Fridays. Information and forms available on the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals site, click on DNA Repository.

It is my contention that if we are to make progress in areas of health that affect our breed, we must be proactive and have the raw materials there for researchers to use. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

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CDCA Web Committee

John Relph and Joan Capau Greene, Chair

During the past year the members of the Web Committee of the CDCA have continued to try to ensure that the web site is kept up to date with any information that CDCA officers, directors, and committee chairs make available for the purpose. Most often this information concerns the National Specialty and breeder information, but there are also updates to programs, The Canaan Kibitzer, and the like.

We hope that the redesign that we did last year has improved the usability of the web site on mobile devices. In addition, our site hosting partner has been using Google services to provide browser support for PDF file reading, especially The Canaan Kibitzer, which we hope has also improved the web site experience for our readers.

Since February 2008 we have been using Google Analytics to track the usage of the CDCA web site. Since February 17, 2019, we've had over 22,000 users visit the site. 47% of visitors to the CDCA web site find it via search engines, and 43% of visitors enter the URL of the site directly or use a bookmark. 8% of visitors are referred from other web sites, including Facebook, VetStreet, and Canaan Dog Rescue Network, in that order, among others.

Domain name registration for cdca.org is provided by IONOS by 1&1. Domain name service (DNS) and cdca.org email address management and forwarding is provided by Sine Wave Solutions, LLC. Hosting services for cdca.org are provided by antibozo.net, a small not-for-profit service that hosts email and a handful of web sites.

Each year we incur the following web site expenses:

Service	
Provider	
Cost per Year	
DNS	
Sine Wave Solutions	
\$50	
Site hosting	
antibozo.net	
\$100	
Domain name registration	
IONOS by 1&1	
\$20	
Total	
\$170	

If you have any ideas on how to improve the site or you would like to provide additional content for the public via the web site, please let us know.

AKC Delegate—Annual Report

Pamela Rosman

Since the last Annual Meeting of the Canaan Dog Club of America (CDCA) in March 2019, held in Franklin, Tennessee, there have been seven official American Kennel Club (AKC) Delegate Meetings. The March 2019, June 2019, September 2019 and March 2020 Meetings were held in Newark, New Jersey and the December 2019 Meeting was held in Orlando, Florida. The June 2020 Meeting, scheduled to be held in Newark, New Jersey was cancelled in response to the 2020 global pandemic health crisis, replaced by a June 2020 Zoom Session for informational purposes only, with no official business conducted. The September 2020 and December 2020 Meetings were held via Zoom, these virtual meetings allowed because of New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Orders, superseding AKC Bylaws during the coronavirus pandemic. I am currently serving my sixth term (reelected in September 2020) on the Delegate Bylaws Committee, which reviews and makes recommendations on proposed amendments to the Bylaws; I chair the Bylaws DNA Subcommittee, charged with researching DNA applicability to the areas of Registration and Discipline. In 2019, I was appointed to the AKC Board Ad Hoc Committee on Canine Genetic Testing; I co-authored the "DNA Whitepaper" technology review. Additionally, I have served on the Bylaws Joint Subcommittee (with the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee) on the Future Direction of the Delegate Body, examining the growth and governance of the AKC. The powers of an AKC Delegate include approving Rules governing dog shows and field trials, approving amendments to the AKC Bylaws, approving new member clubs and nominating and electing Delegates to serve on the AKC Board of Directors and Delegate Standing Committees. As a voting participant in these quarterly meetings, I am authorized to act per the instructions of the CDCA Board of Directors. The AKC Delegates' Quarterly Meeting transcripts are sent electronically to the CDCA Board of Directors e-list.

The AKC Board of Directors Meeting minutes are sent electronically to the CDCA Board of Directors e-list. Throughout the year, I communicate electronically and by telephone (and now virtually) with the CDCA Board of Directors and the CDCA membership regarding AKC issues. Annually, at the CDCA Board of Directors Meeting and the Annual General Meeting, I report to the Board and Membership, respectively, on all actions and matters discussed at the AKC Delegate Meetings. In addition to reviewing highlights from the Delegate and Board Meetings held during the past year, a general overview of AKC activities is presented. Please attend these important meetings and contribute to the interactive discussion. Remember, your Delegate is the voice of your club in the AKC. To most effectively represent the CDCA, I need to

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hear from you, the membership. Please communicate with me with your comments, concerns and issues regarding AKC matters. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your AKC Delegate.

2020 CDCA Board of Directors Annual Meeting

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The 2020 CDCA Board Meeting was held December 15, 2020 online via "Call to Meeting". The club would like to thank Laura Fochtman for being available as tech help.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 pm EST.

8 Board Members – Amanda Pough, Donna Davison, Bryna Comsky, Cynthia Dodson, Christina Miller, Julie Haddy, Jennie LaPrade and Cathey Dunn - were in attendance as the meeting began. Melinda Linton called in a bit later.

The meeting began following the agenda as distributed on December 13th by President Amanda Pough. (*Italics indicate Agenda items.*)

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the 2019 BOD meeting, as published in Spring/Summer 2019, V55 I1 issue of The Canaan Kibitzer, were approved.

Report of the Secretaries

Recording Secretary. Bryna Comsky reported that she has nothing more to report other than has been reported on the BOD list. Her responsibility as Sunshine Lady has become a major duty. Over a dozen cards have been sent over the past month and she believes it is a valuable tool for the club to keep in touch.

Recording Secretary. Cynthia Dodson reported nothing more than has been provided on the list or in the Kibitzer. She is working on detailed reports, as past reports can be valuable to the club for historical reference.

Report of the Treasurer

The financial report was not yet ready as Christina Miller noted that before finalizing it she needs to include numbers from the recent Agility Trial as well as a couple of other things. The report will be posted tomorrow to the Board and to the group list prior to the meeting.

Report of Committees

Committee reports from certain committees - Breeder Referral, Publicity and Public Education, Judges Education, Desert

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Born Registry, Legislative, Meet the Breeds, Kibitzer, AKC Gazette, Herding 2021 Specialty and Health – had been received and provided to the Board in advance of the meeting and will be forwarded to the membership. All committee reports will be made available to club members.

Breeder Referral

Sally Armstrong's very detailed report was available prior to the meeting. As mailings have been sent out, it does show that people do go to the CDCA website for information. It had been questioned if people still visited the CDCA website. Amanda noted that the availability of the Breeders Guide and Breeders Reference Guide and sales listings for these and other items available from Ways and Means should be featured in the Kibitzer. The club needs to do a better job of advertising items for sale.

This will be brought up during the Annual General Meeting.

Publicity and Public Education

The committee asked for more guidance. The suggestion was that the committee should have press releases available that information regarding new titles, school presentations, etc. could be dropped into.

Discussion centered on the fact that the club needs to do more to make the public aware of the breed's versatility. Chris noted that she contacted her local paper about her dog at the Fast CAT invitational. Amanda will include information about accomplishments in the Kibitzer if she is notified. Cathey stated that she thinks that more performance events should be featured in the Kib and noted that even during the pandemic there have been virtual events. Bryna believes that the club should use all sources available for promotion.

Amanda noted the need to expand into Social Media; a little is done on Facebook, but a dedicated person needs to be responsible, someone who maybe can move us onto Instagram

Judges Education

The Judges Education report has been submitted by Christina Miller. The online seminar on the Canaan Dog is available to everyone. A goal for the new year is to create a Facebook page for judges' education.

Donna asked for clarification of the breed qualifications for Breed Mentors. Chris explained that it is basically AKC guidelines – number of years in the breed and litters bred - but that those may not work in our breed. Information will be published for those interested and such persons should inform the committee that they would be willing and available

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to serve.

Desert Born Registry

Joan Greene's report was brief due to AKC's restrictions and not much interest from club members. Joan would be willing to accept assistance from any interested members.

Legislative

A very comprehensive report was submitted. Amanda would like more for the Kibitzer and the Facebook page.

Meet The Breed

Amanda noted that there was only one event held in NY City before Covid-19 hit. It was emphasized that these are great opportunities to introduce the breed to the public and she hopes that the "on the road" events will be scheduled once Covid-19 is under control.

Kibitzer Report

Amanda requested help with content.

Cynthia had requested permission from the AKC to reprint an article and will retype it. David Golden has offered to provide an article on dog events in the time of Covid-19. There was a question as to whether the Kibitzer could include information on certificates typically presented at the banquet. Awards for Performance for Obedience, Rally and Agility had been sent out. Denise Gordon is going to hold ROM, GROM and others. She only received a few submissions before the September 1 deadline. There is no Awards Chair report this year.

AKC Gazette

Denise Gordon is looking for content or ideas for articles. There are 2 articles due per year. The June column must be sent by March 1 and the March column sent by December.

2021 National Specialty

A report was submitted by Risa Baumrind. There is a tentative schedule already and more info will be posted soon to the website.

Health Committee

Health Chair Donna Davison reported that it has been a quiet year and not many things have been posted. She expects anxiety issues will be seen in the future as most dogs have had their families at home due to Covid-19 and that people are currently stuck at home with their dogs.

There has been a request from Carrie Franz and Risa Baumrind to discuss a health concern at the Annual General Meeting. Ichthyosis, a skin disorder most common in Golden Retrievers, has shown up in a litter.

Donna explained that it is thought to be a simple recessive in most breeds. In individual breeds it may manifest itself differently. Donna suspects that there has been a case here and there.

Web

A report was submitted by John Relph. John is always willing to add content to the CDCA website as necessary. Last year the site was redesigned to show up better on mobile devices. Amanda would like to add more Publicity and Public Education as the club becomes more involved in social media.

Cynthia has started to go through the site to provide direction to John as to revisions needed to update information.

Amanda will follow up with Denise Gordon, as there has been a request to add the TT to the Versatility program matrix.

2022 National

The 2022 National has been moved to Ohio. Amanda Pough and Donna Davison will work on the National despite the change in location. The club is looking for a Chair for the 2023 National, which is now to be held in St. Louis. If anyone is interested, shadowing a previous year is a good way to learn what it entails.

Membership

Risa Baumrind provided CDCA membership numbers. The club has 148 members in 105 households. 18 do not pay dues for one reason or another; 61 paid dues, 26 have not.

16 new members joined in 2020.

It was noted that the club needs to address the lengthy membership renewal period.

Herding

There is no report as there was no test this year.

Agility

The report has not yet been submitted but Julie Haddy reported that there was a smaller entry at the Agility Trial than usual but the event ended up in the black. Most entrants were compliant with the Covid-19 rules and thanked the club for holding the event. There were no reports of Covid-19 cases in the following 2-week period.

Ways and Means

Donna Davison reported that Annette Israel will be sending the Ways and Means report later.

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[At his point AKC Delegate Pamela Rosman was finally able to speak, audio issues had prevented her from doing so earlier in the call.

CB&L

Amanda will send David Golden a note about the CB&L as the club needs to eliminate the lengthy membership period. The membership will be asked about for their thoughts on the current 2-tier membership.

Unfinished business

Job Descriptions

Cynthia Dodson will send a list of what she has been able to find. She had checked through the old Yahoo Group files to see if there was anything and has gone through all the online issues of the Kib. She noted that there are also Policies and Procedures that people may not be aware of. It was discussed preparing a list for the CDCA.

Cynthia also had contacted Bryna and Amy as to the work product from their earlier project to prepare descriptions. Bryna stated that they came up with a good workable document on job descriptions. She said that they had leaned heavily on the Dalmatian Club of America job descriptions and had defined each job so that anyone coming in would know what to expect.

Delegate

Pamela Rosman's report will be available for the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Pamela discussed the pros and cons of Zoom meetings and the new Board process and provided brief descriptions of the happenings at the last meeting including actions on what types of local clubs can be AKC member clubs and allowing clubs to hold 2 Nationals in 2021.

The AKC's focus has been on creating virtual events and registrations. While litter and dog registrations are up, events are down. There are some clubs that have been very successful having events with social distancing. There are marketing initiatives and various programs to encourage participation.

In September 2020, a forum on DNA and Canine Genetic testing was held. It was well received. It is important to know what is appropriate for a breed and to understand the

benefits as well as the limitations of genetic testing.

Election of New Members

Risa Baumrind had notified the Board in early December that, as members in good standing for 25 years, Alan Gersman and Jennie Larkin are eligible for Lifetime Membership. In addition, Carol Hayes Gregner and Kelly Sims are eligible for Lifetime Membership in 2021.

Donna made the motion, seconded by Bryna, to approve Lifetime Membership for those persons eligible. All were in favor.

Risa had notified the Board previously that Dorey Harman had submitted an application for Full Membership, sponsored by April Gray and Joan Greene.

Dorey Harman was unanimously approved for Full Membership.

Nominating Committee

The committee needs to be formed by February 1, 2021. Amanda has reached out to many members. There can be only one Board member on the Committee and that is usually a person who wants to exit the board. Current candidates are Debbie Friedman and Noelle Rentaria for the Western region; Debby White and Linda Clark for the Central region and April Gray for the Eastern region. Amanda said she is willing to serve as an Eastern representative. Noelle and Linda have not yet fully committed.

It was determined that others may express an interest in serving after the Annual General Meeting.

DOTY and MOTY

No 2019 Member of the Year nominations were received and one 2019 Dog of the Year nomination was received.

Cynthia made a motion to approve the DOTY nomination, seconded by Chris. The motion passed unanimously. The 2019 DOTY will be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Adjournment

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm EST.

Living with Degenerative Myelopathy – Hava's Photos

courtesy Debby White

Editor's Note: Hava's photos missed publication dates last issue, but we appreciate Debby sending these on for inclusion this time!



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



DOG SHOWS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19¹

By David Golden, with an assist from Keith Shank

The rumors started on Thursday afternoon. Thursday, March 12, 2020, to be more specific. There was nothing particularly unusual about this Thursday, except that the day before the President had suspended travel from Europe to the U.S. due to “the spread of the new coronavirus”; the World Health Organization had declared the coronavirus outbreak to be a pandemic; Dr. Anthony Fauci had testified before Congress that COVID-19 was likely to be ten times more deadly than the seasonal flu; and Tom Hanks had announced that he and his wife had just tested positive for the coronavirus in Australia. And I was at a dog show in York, Pennsylvania. The rumors naturally related to the coronavirus, but they were not about whether we were all going to die, but rather whether the remaining shows in the cluster would be cancelled. Handlers frantically alternated between monitoring the Pennsylvania Department of Health website and calling their associates at the Kentuckiana shows for even more rumors. Although the weekend shows in Kentucky were eventually cancelled, the remaining York shows were not. But those would be the last AKC conformation shows in the country for the next four months.

Four months is 2-1/3 dog years, which is a long time. During that time we did what we could with our dogs, all while trying to be safe and responsible. We tried the AKC’s first virtual dog show—not much risk of catching something from participating in that, as long as you sanitized your computer keyboard—but the technology was clunky, and the whole thing dragged on for two weeks longer than scheduled. The AKC did a better job in establishing a wide range of titles and programs people could do from home, from Trick Dog to Rally to beginning Agility to something called the “Virtual Water Test,” which did require the use of an actual body of water and not the bathtub. Virtual training classes, which were already widely used by hardcore performance people (see for example the Fenzi Dog Sports Academy), exploded in popularity. The New York Times even had a May 1, 2020 article on the trend: “Consider Virtual Dog Training for Your Pandemic Puppy,” <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/01/well/consider-virtual-dog-training-for-your-pandemic-puppy.html>.

We were already spending enough time indoors, so instead of doing more virtual events we turned our energy, and that of our dogs, to Fast CAT and lure coursing. I should say “some of our dogs,” because one in particular (no names, right Anni?) refused to chase the stupid plastic bag. But the boys loved it, and at many of the trials we amazingly had as many as four Canaan Dogs: Our two, Jennie Larkin’s Tali, and Roxane Papagiannopoulos’ Caleb. Our usual huntmaster had distilled the AKC’s COVID-19 Suggested Best Practices and the Virginia and Maryland state and county guidelines into a simple set of rules for participants. All entries had to include not only a COVID-19 waiver that was written by a human and not a lawyer, but also the name(s) of the person(s) designated to assist in catching or releasing dogs and a waiver for them too. No substitutions allowed. Mask-wearing was required at all times on the grounds, except for the person in the catch pen. Social distancing was enforced by scheduling and strictly limiting the number of runs per hour, and by having dogs run what would have been their morning and afternoon runs in that one-hour window. Once an owner’s dogs had run, they were all required to leave the grounds immediately. Jennie, as the scientist of the Canaan Dog group, approved, which made us all that much more comfortable.

In some respects, the coronavirus pandemic was great for Fast CAT. Because it was the only game in town for several months, it became incredibly popular, and more and more clubs sponsored trials. That meant more opportunities to run our dogs. In addition, because the overall number of runs per trial had been reduced, and formerly separate morning and afternoon trials had been condensed into one-hour blocks, we could do two runs per dog and often still be home before noon. Plus, when we worked as volunteers at trials, setting up the course, managing dogs and ribbons, tearing down the course, and so on, we’d usually be finished by early in the afternoon. But there were downsides. First of all, even with more trials being scheduled, it was very difficult to secure Fast CAT entries due to its popularity and the reduced number of runs per trial. On-line entries routinely sold-out minutes after they opened. Fast CATers began using the same tactics they used a couple decades earlier to snag their Bruce Springsteen concert tickets (or whatever the whippersnappers listened to in those days). Second, because of the run and leave mandate we couldn’t hang out with the rest of the Canaan Dog crew. So, we made do with catching and releasing each others’ dogs at the trials and plotting through dozens of group texts as to how we could get our entries in for the next trial before it closed.

One small correction--Fast CAT wasn’t the “only” game in town. The other game was watching conformation show after show getting cancelled and speculating if and when others would suffer the same fate. For the first time ever, people really read AKC communications, including the aforementioned and very well-thought-out AKC COVID-19 Suggested Best Practices that were released in anticipation of shows reopening. The key to those, however, was the word “Suggested.” The AKC had very little control over how and when shows would reopen. That power rested on the owners of the show venues and, most importantly, the relevant health authorities. Conformation withdrawal suffering owners and handlers quickly became well-versed in the governmental bodies with authority over potential future show locations. For example, to handicap the likelihood of the Fishersville, Virginia shows being cancelled, you had to (1) figure out that Fishersville was not an incorporated town and therefore could not have coronavirus rules of its own; (2) search for any guidance issued by Augusta County, VA; (3) somehow glean that Augusta County was part of something called the Central Shenandoah Health District that made its own rules; (4) read the Virginia Department of Health website every day; and (5) listen to the Governor’s weekly press briefings. And it also didn’t hurt if you knew what Dr. Fauci had for breakfast that morning.

But this turned out to be a big waste of time, because all shows were cancelled for the rest of the spring and early summer. And not just shows—thousands of performance events were also cancelled. It was such a simple, relatable consequence of a horrible pandemic that the

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Washington Post even published an article titled “Dog shows grind to a halt during pandemic.” (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2020/08/14/dog-shows-canceled-coronavirus/>). And so they did, until July 10. On that day the Kenai Kennel Club held an outdoor all-breed show in Soldatna, Alaska and, appropriately, five members of the hardy Canaan Dog breed were there. The next cluster of shows to take place was in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and four Canaan Dogs were entered and three showed. And I was there too. As the first post-COVID-19-shutdown indoor shows (along with Greenville, SC that same week where one Canaan Dog showed), the Bloomsburg shows had rigorous safety requirements. Entries were limited, and non-regular classes, like veterans, as well as the obedience and rally trials, were cancelled. Spectators were not allowed. Masks were naturally required everywhere (just on the people, not on the dogs, even though there were some press reports that dogs could catch COVID-19). Each exhibitor had to check in upon arriving at the show site, present their COVID waiver and have their temperature checked. In return, we received a stylish bracelet “that we could keep as a souvenir of the Mountain Laurel Cluster.” In addition, we received all of our dogs’ numbered armbands for every day of the cluster, to prevent people hanging around the rings each day waiting for numbers. It all made sense, and I was impressed and already felt a little more comfortable attending the shows.

The well-thought-out precautions continued into the layout of the show site and ring procedures themselves. The premium (i.e., the entry pamphlet) had warned that indoor crating and grooming were prohibited and that Show and Go™ would be in effect, requiring exhibitors to show up ringside no sooner than 15 minutes before their scheduled show time and to leave immediately after their final judging. Inside, exhibitors were required to enter through one monitored door and to exit out another to minimize crossing each other at close quarters. Instead of six rings in each of the buildings, only three were installed, and a handful of outdoor rings were constructed for overflow. Six-foot intervals were marked in and around each ring to indicate a proper social distance. Perhaps most interestingly, the main building which housed the group ring also had an adjacent ready ring, with social distancing markings, for dogs waiting on the next group. This kept the dogs and their handlers from milling around and bunching together. The ready ring took on added importance due to the debut of the soon to be ubiquitous Coronavirus Split™. Because of pent up demand and the lack of competing shows, the Bloomsburg shows reached capacity very quickly. That also meant almost every breed was represented in almost every group, which would have precluded a six-foot distance between handlers in the group rings. Judges therefore began splitting the groups into two and made a preliminary cut in each before the final group judging. Those waiting on their turn would also wait in the ready ring. What a great idea! All these precautions resulted in a seemingly safe and successful cluster of shows. Even the famously finicky (and rightly so) Pennsylvania health authorities approved of the plans and their execution.

Over the next few months, a pattern developed. Most shows were cancelled, but every week there would be one or two clusters somewhere in the country. Most were outdoors. Most had limited entries and filled up quickly. And all had a set of more or less rigorous COVID-19 protocols. A cluster of shows in Massachusetts even required proof of a negative COVID-19 test result to enter the showgrounds. But none of the protocols were as rigorous as those for the National Dog Show, scheduled for mid-November just outside of Philadelphia. For the previous four years that had been our favorite show. It was part of a four-day cluster, and the weekend shows were benched (meaning the dogs had to be available for public view the entire day). Breeds were generally benched together, and many exhibitors decorated their areas to promote their breeds to the tens of thousands of spectators that always came. Our dogs, Salina in particular, loved the attention, and we of course loved the opportunity to showcase the Canaan Dog breed. Plus, a taped and edited version of the National Dog Show held on Saturday was always televised the following Thanksgiving Day on broadcast TV, so there was always a chance a Canaan Dog might be seen by tens of millions of people. But with the coronavirus, we were worried the show would be cancelled. How do you safely hold an indoor show near a major population center with thousands of dogs and tens of thousands of people? On the other hand, how can you cancel a show that NBC needs for two hours of family programming on Thanksgiving Day?

After weeks of—what else—rumors, the Kennel of Club of Philadelphia confirmed that Montgomery County, PA had agreed to allow the National Dog Show to take place, albeit with very strict rules. First, all of what by then had become the usual restrictions for indoor shows: Universal mask-wearing, no spectators, no vendors, social distancing, no indoor grooming, hot and cold running Purell™, Show and Go™, and so on. Second, entries were drastically limited to just 600 dogs. Of those, all dogs had to be AKC champions. And in an effort to ensure that as many different breeds as possible would be represented, each breed would be limited to five dogs. Although we were thrilled the show was on, the second set of restrictions caused even more anxiety. How many thousands would be trying to secure one of those 600 coveted entries? And would the club make an extra effort to ensure rare breeds like the Canaan Dog were represented? After all, with 196 breeds recognized by the AKC, it was still possible that 76 breeds (196 breeds – (600 total dogs / 5 dogs per breed) = 76) could still be excluded. But by the time the dust settled it all worked out, and there were two Canaan Dogs entered.

The judging of those 600 dogs was now spread out over two days, and each of the days had morning and afternoon sessions. After the usual temperature check, exhibitors were given a color-coded wristband, allowing entry to just the session in which their breed was judged. Canaan Dogs were of course judged at the crack of dawn on Saturday, and due to the prohibition against indoor grooming and the 37 degree outside temperature, we didn’t spend a lot of time preparing the dogs. We quickly walked the dogs across the parking lot to the guarded entrance, showed our wristbands, and were granted entry into the 240,000 square foot Greater Philadelphia Expo Center. When I walked through the door I felt as if someone had punched me in the gut. The building was virtually empty. There weren’t 4,000 dogs benched in the building.

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There were no breed displays. There weren't 30,000 spectators surrounding the dogs and the rings. There was no David Frei roaming the aisles and posing with dogs. There were no vendors. It was so . . . quiet. There were just a handful of rings well-spaced throughout the cavernous building, and not much else, other than the floor-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall heavy black curtain in one end of the building that had always held the ring for the televised group and Best in Show judging. For the first time I really felt what the purebred dog world had lost due to the coronavirus. It had not only lost thousands of shows and trials; it had lost that which created the sense of community most exhibitors had so cherished. And while I was attending the National Dog Show, that show had lost most of what made it so special for me.

But the show must go on, and so it did. Breed winners on Saturday morning had to leave the building after getting a new wristband allowing entry that afternoon for the group competitions. And another accessory was distributed—a black face mask with the National Dog Show logo in gold. Someone had decided that it would look better on TV if everyone in the group ring was wearing matching masks. When we returned four hours later, I was again struck by how empty and quiet the Expo Center was. But soon it was time for the dogs and their handlers to go behind the curtain to the waiting area for the Herding Group, so they could assemble in that bizarre TV-mandated order where the Canaan Dog follows a Pumi. This year I was not allowed to accompany them as an assistant. I had to wait outside, in the lonely, echoing building with a handful of other owners until the Herding Group was called. At that time we were permitted to enter the ring area, where an attendant was still de-virusing the dozen or so chairs spread out for us, six feet apart. We were greeted with a curious sight. The giant ring, with the iconic blue carpeting brightly illuminated by the hot TV lights and surrounded by bleachers, was the same as it ever was. What was different, however, were the occupants of the bleachers. Instead of hundreds of real live cheering spectators, the bleachers were filled with human-sized cardboard dog heads. Just about every breed seemed to be represented. In fact, I'm pretty sure I saw Jennie Larkin's Tycho the Canaan Dog represented. Then the dogs trotted in, accompanying by pre-recorded clapping. NBC had thought of everything. After the entire group lined up for their Steadicam close-ups, the judge executed the Coronavirus Split™ and began her exams. As each dog was gaited it was accompanied, sometimes a little too early and sometimes a little too late, by more recorded clapping. Cuts were made, the next half were judged, more cuts were made, and then the four group placements were selected. At least that part of the show was the same, except of course for more of the recorded clapping. The only thing left was to get a photo. Many photographers had only been shooting the dog and handler at the shows, in the interest of social distancing, and they later Photoshopped in the relevant judge. Although it may not have been 100% safe, I was happy that the National Dog Show photos included the group judge herself, along with the stewards and a club representative. All wearing matching National Dog Show masks.

Shows were still being cancelled, which naturally started rumors about the last shows for 2020 in Orlando, including the AKC National Championship. But those shows ultimately were held, although the indoor performance competitions and my favorite, the two-day Meet the Breeds event, were cancelled. Most of the usual COVID-19 protocols were followed, such as masks, waivers, no spectators and so on, but entries were not severely limited and there were indoor vendors and grooming. Of course, the 11-acre Orange County Convention Center is so large that with the other events cancelled, there was substantial room to distance, socially or otherwise. The pressure was on to comply strictly with all governmental health rules, particularly after Department of Health officials were seen in the building, which in turn led to some overzealous enforcement of things like the indoor grooming restrictions and no spectator rules (owners were supposed to be allowed to watch their dogs show but sometimes weren't), but the shows did go on, and Canaan Dogs were there too.

No one knows what will happen with dog shows in 2021. Some shows have been held so far this year, and some have already been cancelled. What I do know, however, is that a lot of people in a lot of places have worked very hard to put on shows during this unprecedented period. Clubs, handlers, vendors, judges, and the AKC itself have been hurt financially by cancelled shows and the pandemic. I suspect that the larger clubs and the AKC will survive, as will the larger shows and events. But I do worry about the smaller clubs and shows. I never thought I'd enjoy traveling to small shows in small towns, but that's where you really can feel the sense of community that is so much more valuable than just another ribbon. That's where spectators can get up close and personal with the dogs, and maybe fall in love with a breed like the Canaan Dog. That's where a seasoned handler has the time to help a newbie show their own dog. That's where any exhibitor with a good dog has a chance. That's where it all begins. I hope we can all make it safely through this time of COVID-19 and get back to those shows.

I Just to prove I can read good, I sort of plagiarized the title from Gabriel Garcia Marquez's 1985 novel "Love in the Time of Cholera."

NEW TITLES – MAY THROUGH NOVEMBER 2020

<i>Dog's Registered Name</i>	<i>Owner(s)</i>	<i>Date Titled</i>
AKC GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE GCHB. CH. Kochav Mazel Tov Lil Roy Me Toro	Keith & Cheryl Shank	9/26/20
AKC GRAND CHAMPION GCH. CH. Riverrock Talk Without Speaking Bandersnatch Rsdng	Amanda Pough & Judy March Rosenthal	10/17/20
AKC CHAMPION CH. Mofet International Affair CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Helen, TKN CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Amber Waves CH. Pleasant Hill Regal Ladonna Of Eastland CH. River Rock Turn It Up Loud For Graymatter, RN, CGC, TKP	Dorey Harman Donna & Jackie Davison Donna & Jackie Davison Cheryl & Keith Shank April, Eric, & Alexander Gray & Xavier Van Alstyne	7/10/20 10/7/20 10/8/20 10/14/20 10/16/20
AKC RALLY NOVICE CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Asha Of Sundowner, RN Cando Dex On The Beach, RN, TKA	Cathey Dunn Cristina Garland & Kaelin Sweet	8/21/20 8/18/20
AKC RALLY INTERMEDIATE Tahoe Ascend's Lady Freya Of High Desert, RI	Laura Alton	8/16/20
AKC RALLY ADVANCED Tahoe Ascend's Lady Freya Of High Desert, RA	Laura Alton	10/25/20
AKC AGILITY COURSE TEST 1 Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace, ACT1, TKA	Deborah Friedman	9/15/20
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 150 POINTS (BCAT) GCHG. CH. Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek, CA, BCAT River Rock Winged First Avenger, BCAT, TKN D&J Ha'Aretz Mighty Swarm, BCAT, TKN	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden Christina Miller Donna & Jackie Davison	6/19/20 9/12/20 10/25/20
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 500 POINTS (DCAT) CH. Velikayas Sh Yayin Shen Ari, DCAT GCHG. CH. Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek, CA, DCAT	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden Cynthia Dodson & David Golden	6/17/20 7/2/20
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 1000 POINTS (FCAT) CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, AXP, MJP, NF, OFP, CA, FCAT, ACT2 CH. Velikayas Sh Yayin Shen Ari, CA, FCAT Kol Tuv Caleb At Media Meadows, FCAT	Jennie Larkin Cynthia Dodson & David Golden Ted & Roxane Papagiannopoulos	6/18/20 7/2/20 9/12/20
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST –FCAT 2 CH. Velikayas Sh Yayin Shen Ari, CA, FCAT2 CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, AXP, MJP, NF, OFP, CA, FCAT2, ACT2, ATT	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden Jennie Larkin	9/12/20 9/13/20
AKC COURSING ABILITY TEST CH. Velikayas Sh Yayin Shen Ari, CA, DCAT	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden	6/26/20

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<i>Dog's Registered Name</i>	<i>Owner(s)</i>	<i>Date Titled</i>
AKC COURSING ABILITY ADVANCED		
CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, AXP, MJP, NF, OFP, CAA, FCAT2, ACT2, ATT	Jennie Larkin	9/7/20
AKC TRICK DOG NOVICE		
D&J Ha'Aretz Josie, TKN	Donna & Jackie Davison	5/19/20
D&J Ha'Aretz Mighty Swarm, TKN	Donna & Jackie Davison	5/19/20
D&J Ha'Aretz Reaper, TKN	Donna & Jackie Davison	5/26/20
Kol Tuv Bringer Of Light, TKN	Carrie Franz	5/29/20
Cando Dex On The Beach, TKN	Cristina Garland & Kaelin Sweet	6/10/20
D&J Ha'Aretz Helen, TKN	Donna & Jackie Davison	6/15/20
Odyssey's Kuma Of Farsight, TKN	Jennie La Prade	8/21/20
River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing, TKN	Christina Miller	10/27/20
AKC TRICK DOG INTERMEDIATE		
Cando Dex On The Beach, TKI	Cristina Garland & Kaelin Sweet	7/27/20
AKC TRICK DOG ADVANCED		
Kochav Mazel Tov U'Siman Tov, TKA	Cathrine & Craig Oskow	5/19/20
Cando Dex On The Beach, TKA	Cristina Garland & Kaelin Sweet	7/28/20
AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN		
Mofet Luna Ceeder Pickard, CGC	Jennifer Pickard	7/6/20
Kol Tuv High Desert Fuligin Sullivan's Khepri, CGC	Jon & Jennifer Rinaldi	7/25/20
AKC FARM DOG CERTIFIED		
CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, FDC, OA, OAJ, AXP, MJP, NF, OFP, CA, FCAT, ACT2	Jennie Larkin	8/2/20
Mofet Luna Ceeder Pickard, FDC, CGC	Jennifer Pickard	8/16/20
AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST		
CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, FDC, OA, OAJ, AXP, MJP, NF, OFP, CA, FCAT, ACT2, ATT	Jennie Larkin	8/21/20
Mofet Denali Faultline At Graymatter, CGC, TKN, ATT	Dorey Harman & April Gray	10/28/20
CDCA VERSATILITY TITLE		
GCHG. CH. Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek, CA, BCAT, CDCA-HCX, V	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden	8/2/20
Eastland Salina So Special, TKN, CGC, FDC, CDCA-V	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden	8/2/20
CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Opie, TKN, HIC, CDCA-HC, V	Donna & Jackie Davison	10/20/20
CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Aaron, TKN, HIC, CDCA-HC, V	Donna & Jackie Davison	10/20/20
CDCA REGISTER OF MERIT TITLE		
GCHB. CH Bandersnatch Rsdng Ida Know Rivroc, RN, CGC, TKN, CDCA-VI, ROM	Amanda Pough, Judy Rosenthal, & Christina Miller	1/13/20

2019 CDCA DOG OF THE YEAR

CH. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, AXP, MJP, NF, OFP, CA, DCAT, ACT2, CDCA-CDX, VI5, RLP-AOE, RL2-AOE, CL2, CHIC ("Tali")
Owned by Jennie Larkin

OFA Test Results: October 2020—February 2021
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>
DN51856902	CALIENTE'S ELSA AT WOODLAND WEST	F	CA-EL244F42-VPI CA-585G42F-VPI CA-PA185/42F/P-VPI	Elbow Hips Patella	NORMAL GOOD NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
<i>DN41425602</i>	<i>CANDO FARSIGHT HELLO SWEETIE</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>CA-581G72F-VPI CA-PA182/72F/P-VPI CA-TH176/72F-VPI</i>	<i>Hips Patella Thyroid</i>	<i>GOOD NORMAL - PRACTITIONER NORMAL</i>
DN57946001	D&J HA'ARETZ MIGHTY SWARM	F	CA-DM285/21F-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL
DN56529501	HATIKVA MY LUCKY STAR	F	CA-EL243F24-VPI CA-PA184/24F/P-VPI CA-584G24F-VPI CA-TH178/24F-VPI CA-EL240M25-VPI	Elbow Patella Hips Thyroid Elbow	NORMAL NORMAL - PRACTITIONER GOOD NORMAL NORMAL
DN55111401	RELIC'S I AM KANAAN	M	CA-582G25M-VPI CA-PA181/25M/P-VPI CA-TH175/25M-VPI	Hips Patella Thyroid	GOOD NORMAL - PRACTITIONER NORMAL
DN42830603	RELIC'S LADY DAY	F	CA-DM286/68F-PI CA-EL245F68-VPI CA-586F68F-VPI CA-PA186/68F/P-VPI	Degenerative Myelopathy Elbow Hips Patella	NORMAL NORMAL FAIR NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
DN60391901	RELICS RR RELENTLESS DEFIANCE	M	CA-DM283/10M-PI- CAR	Degenerative Myelopathy	CARRIER
DN62861702	RELICS WILE E COYOTE	M	CA-DM284/3M-PI	Degenerative Myelopathy	NORMAL



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Genetics Resources

REVIEW OF THE CURRENT STATE OF GENETIC TESTING The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) have collaborated to provide a Review of the Current State of Genetic Testing in dogs. This downloadable resource reviews the basic principles necessary to practically and thoughtfully apply genetic test results to the care of all dogs, including breeding stock. The types of genetic tests currently in use, their application in breeding programs, and their limitations will be discussed, as well as potential negative effects of the misuse of test results in both pet and breeding dogs.

CANINE HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER (CHIC) CHIC is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and the **Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA)**. CHIC, working with participating parent clubs, provides a resource for breeders and owners of purebred dogs to research and maintain information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds.

GENETIC CONSULTATION The Veterinary Genetics Laboratory (VGL) at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine is collaborating with CHF to provide genetic consultation service for dog owners, breeders and veterinarians. Through this online resource, pet owners and breeders, or their veterinarians, may request genetic consultation with CHF-funded researcher Dr. Kathryn Meurs and her VGL Team.

HARMONIZATION OF GENETIC TESTING FOR DOGS CHF collaborates with the International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) on the Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs (HGTD) Initiative, a free online resource designed to support owners, breeders, veterinarians, and dog health and welfare specialists in the appropriate selection and use of DNA testing in dogs. The HGTD interface is hosted at **DogWellNet.com**.

Theriogenology Residency Program. The **American Kennel Club/AKC Canine Health Foundation/Theriogenology Foundation Theriogenology Residency Program** is a collaboration among these organizations to increase the number of trained practitioners in companion animal theriogenology (reproductive medicine) and clinical genetics. Learn more about the program **here**.

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ZOETIS REPRODUCTION PODCAST SERIES The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and our corporate alliance, Zoetis, have joined forces to bring you a **podcast series** devoted to canine reproduction education for pet owners, breeders, and veterinarians.

<https://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/for-breeders/> accessed March 9 2021



BRAG BOX!

Keith & Cheryl Shank:

What a year. We had some big plans for showing, but the best of plans go down the tubes and we must adjust. We [had] been told that Regal is good and was going to start to win over her dad Roy, well she did it on the second show after the restart of dog shows defeating him and another special. With so few shows out there the only place to get a major was going to be at the Specialty, well we know how that went. Regal was able to go Breed over 3 specials in Iowa giving her the first major. In October -planning with other owners- we we're able to build 3 majors in Atlanta, with Regal getting the first one and 2 other bitches also got majors, how nice that 3 bitches could all get majors when a plan comes together. Moving on to December in Orlando at the National Specialty week, Regal [was] Best of Breed 4 out of 5 shows and received her Grand Championship. And got to show in the group on TV, what a treat to see your dog on the big screen. (Roy won last year). But I think the most proud moment was on Sunday, to see Regal [from Roy's first litter] go BOB and Lexi [from his 3rd litter] going Winners It was a lot more humid in there for a little while. Roy also received his Bronze Grand Championship this year. So for a year that started out bad finished on a high note for this household. Thank you for everyone that helped us show and helped support the Canaan Dogs!

Marcia Muller:

"Ziva" (UKC NC, URO1, MBIS, RBIS ALCH, SPOT-ON; AKC GCH RIVER ROCK REACH ANY HIGHER BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX2, FCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKE, ATT, VHMA; CDCA-HCX, VS; BHA RATI; ATTS TT) earned her first UKC Nosework title, with 1st & 2nd place ribbons, in Novice Containers the day after her 7th birthday. We are both enjoying this sport. She earned the new AKC Virtual Home Manners Adult title during the Texas COVID-19 shutdown.

Cynthia Dodson and David Golden:

FCAT2 - September 12, 2020 - CH Velikayas Sh Yayin Shen Ari CA FCAT3 ("Vino") became the first Canaan Dog to earn an FCAT2.

Grand Champion Platinum - November 8, 2020 - GCHP CH Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek CA DCAT CDCA-HCX ("Avi") became the first AKC Platinum Grand Champion Canaan Dog.

FCAT3 - November 13, 2020 - CH Velikayas Sh Yayin Shen Ari CA FCAT3 ("Vino") became the first Canaan Dog to earn an FCAT3.

National Dog Show - November 26, 2020 - GCHP CH Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek CA DCAT CDCA-HCX ("Avi") was awarded a Herding Group 4 by esteemed Judge June Penta at the National Dog Show. The National Dog Show is televised on Thanksgiving Day and watched by approximately 20 million people.

Puppy of the Year - December 11, 2020 - Revelation Sukaryat Lev ("Kari") was awarded the AKC Royal Canin National Stakes Canaan Dog Puppy of the Year.

FCAT - December 20, 2020 - GCHP CH Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek CA FCAT CDCA-HCX ("Avi") earned his FCAT.

National Owner Handler Level of Achievement - Effective January 1, 2021 - GCHB CH Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona ("Anni") became the first Canaan Dog to earn the NOHS Platinum Level of Achievement under the new AKC National Owner-Handled Series Levels of Achievement program. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Levels of Achievement are earned by obtaining a minimum number of lifetime NOHS points.

Grand Champion Silver - January 14, 2021 - GCHS CH Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona Of Carters Creek ("Anni") earned her Silver Grand Championship.

AKC Temperament Test - January 15, 2021 - GCHS CH Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona Of Carters Creek ATT ("Anni") earned her ATT title.



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

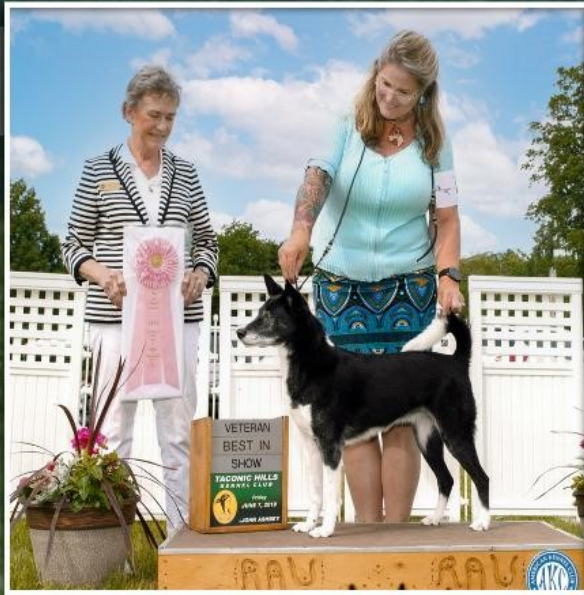
Ads: Printed as-is, so please proof them carefully.

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

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

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

Submissions are due midnight 6/1, 10/1 and 2/1. Special exceptions may be arranged as needed. Submissions that are not time-sensitive may be held for future issues at the editor's discretion. 1 page = 500 words, 1/2 page = 250 words. **A newsletter only address has been established and is requested for all newsletter content:**
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MULTIPLE BEST VETERAN IN SHOW
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3-TIME CDCA BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPS
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FARM DOG CERTIFIED
CANINE GOOD CITIZEN
RALLY NOVICE
WCRL RALLY L1
BARN HUNT RATI
NOVICE TRICK DOG



Salina likely introduced more people to a real, live Canaan Dog than any other dog in breed history. Over her 15 years she greeted thousands of people as the main attraction at Meet the Breeds and other events. She was also often featured in the media. In 2018 she was named CDCA Dog of the Year for her service to the breed.



Salina



Nov. 28, 2005-Dec. 11, 2020

AKC CH UKC ALCH EASTLAND SALINA SO SPECIAL CGC RN TKN FDC CDCA-DOTY

Bred by Annette Israel

Salina



Gamora is *RACING* in to remind you 2021 is an election year for the CDCA



If you have comments on the makeup of the Officers/Board, want to be considered by the committee for the slate, etc., please reach out any/all of the committee members. Email addresses & phone numbers for all of the committee members may be found in “The Canaan Connections” membership list.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Eastern:

Member - Amanda Pough,
Alternate - April Gray

Central:

Member - Linda Clark,
Alternate - Debby White

West:

Member - Noelle Renteria,
Alternate - Debbie Friedman

You will find job descriptions for the Officers and Board Members in “The Canaan Connections” in the Constitution & ByLaws section. This is where you can also learn how the club handles nominations and elections.

Thank you,
Amanda Pough
President, CDCA

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