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Winter Watch

In Memoriam

Tim Wenz

1968—2022

My Partner Timothy Wenz, also a member of the CDCA with me, passed away suddenly, on August 15, 2022. I wanted to share the section of my eulogy on how Roscoe and Shlomo, our rescues from the Texas '56, transformed our lives.—Thomas Cassel

I want to talk about Tim and our decision to adopt 2 rescues last year, Roscoe and Shlomo. Tim had never owned a dog in his life and I hadn't owned any in 40 years. We adopted 2 purebred Canaan Dogs, the national dog of Israel and an almost extinct primitive breed with less than 1500 in the world. They are only recommended for experienced dog owners, not Tim or me.

Our first day with Roscoe was a disaster. Upon picking him up after midnight when we uncrated him to bring him in, Roscoe ran away into the night escaping his ill fit collar. We later learned that his name had appropriately been Houdini. It took us about 14 hours to finally find and capture him with the help of many. He was fearful and unsocialized. He was afraid of everything since everything was unfamiliar to him. Skittish and reactionary. Roscoe didn't even know how to navigate steps. We had to pick up 45 lbs of dead weight to get him in and out of the house for walks. And once you got him out he would walk to the next house and stop, immovable except to go home. But Tim never gave up.

About 3 weeks later we finally picked up Shlomo near Richmond. Upon seeing him, Roscoe perked up and was so excited to have a buddy there. He took on his role as teacher and mentor. He slowly built up some basic skills. But through it all he was still nervous, skittish and territorial. Tim continued working with him and over the year every day got a little better. Now he listens to commands and does what we ask, all due to Tim's patience and perseverance. Tim had become Roscoe's human. Others in the breed took notice and complimented him on how well he was doing. Tim, the inexperienced dog owner had transformed Roscoe and became Roscoe's human. I was Shlomo's. And he did an amazing job at it.

On Tim's final day, when we had Tim in the car to go to the ER, I leashed up Roscoe and Shlomo and quickly brought them out to say goodbye. Roscoe stood back and watched while Shlomo, the compassionate one, walked up to the car, put his front paws onto the floorboard, and proceeded to put his head on Tim's lap. They knew before we did. Roscoe has struggled some over the past week as he knows his human is gone and he clearly misses him as do both Shlomo and I. He will come back around and Tim will be watching him from above with encouragement and love, like he did with everything in his life. Tim was proud of both of our dogs and especially proud of Shlomo who became the number 1 ranked Canaan Dog in North America in distanced dockdiving. In fact he was the first in his breed ever to compete in a sport for retrieving water dogs, of which he was neither. Tim was a proud dad.

As a quick update, Roscoe has blossomed over the past 5 months to the point of now he comes over and gives me kisses which I never would have believed could happen. He now goes to my office with Shlomo after a year being left home because he wasn't socialized enough. He is clearly the funny one with a big personality and fast wagging tail when excited. Using his front paws, he directs us to follow him to come out and play in the backyard. We tried Fast CAT which Shlomo immediately embraced, but he just looked with the "You want me to do what?" look. We will be trying some new activities in 2023.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone

A new year, a new outlook and new memories.

I hope everyone is finding happiness and peace in this new year. This year is election time for the CDCA, if you're interested in doing more with the club, watch for the nomination committee. They're out there looking for people.

Some things to watch for this year are:

[Supported Entry] in March in Virginia, Agility in South Carolina May and November and our National Specialty this September in St. Louis.

Education of the public is always at the top of our list and showing all the things are Canaan Dogs can do is very important, like FastCat, nose work, trick dog, dock diving, our coursing, confirmation, meet the breeds and the most important, lap dogs.

Remember to join our Happy Hour Zoom meetings ever other month, and tell us what your dogs are doing and ask what others are doing. Very informal. The General and Board meetings are open to all.

Thank you for letting me be your President.
Keith Shank

EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy 2023!

A quick housekeeping note—OFA has changed how reports download from their site. Rather than changing formats immediately, I will investigate what we can get and aim to play catch up on reporting testing by the next issue.

Thank you to all who submitted content for this issue. It is all welcome and appreciated.

Winter has been odd this year in New York State — plenty of cold temps but not a lot of snow that sticks around. The CDs enjoy dry, warm snow much more than sub-zero days, but all are heaps better than rain or sleet in their opinions! It is amazing how tightly upright ears can be folded to keep the water from getting in them!

A lot of announcements and ways for the membership to be involved in the club are in this issue—please read and support the club. Photos for publicity, serving on the Board — there is a need and place for all members in jobs small to large.

Stay safe,
- Amanda

NOTES FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

- ◆ Congratulations to CDCA Member Michael (Mike) Houchard on receiving AKC's Walter Bebout Memorial Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation, for his work with the Georgia Canine Coalition and their legislative efforts.
- ◆ After receiving a note and sympathy card in memory of the loss of his wife, Eli, from CDCA, Victor wrote as follows: "The family of Elisheva Neshor Kaftal appreciates the love, kindness and support you have expressed during this most difficult time."

"Dear Bryna, Please thank the officers and members of CDCA for their condolences. After 50 years together it is hard to imagine life without Eli. But life continues and, yes, dogs are a comfort. Including training Anut. Victor"



Club Updates

Reminder - Canaan Dog Supported Entry to be Held in March 2023!

When: March 25, 2023 and March 26, 2023
Where: Meadow Event Park; 13191 Dawn Blvd,
 Doswell, Virginia
Supt: MBF (infodog.com)
Closes: March 8, 2023
Club: Virginia Beach Kennel Club

Special prizes are to be offered to Canaan Dogs for the Supported Entry shows.

FMI: Marianne Smith-Vargas, 757-705-1500, mfsmith2010@gmail.com

These entries are part of a 4-Day cluster beginning Thursday, March 23rd!

CDCA Agility Trials Clemson SC

May 18-21, 2023

Exhibitors and volunteers welcome!

More information will be posted on the CDCA Agility Trials Facebook page, and at gonedogginagility.com

*And add November 24-26, 2023 to your calendar
 for the Thanksgiving Trials!*



All CDCA Club Members,

This note is a heads up that **CDCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICES** have been mailed.

Membership renewals and payment are due by January 1st; membership not paid by March 1st will lapse. That said, it is of benefit to the club if you can send in your renewals ASAP.

Your renewal letter will contain specifics to your membership (i.e. if you paid multiple years in advance, are a lifetime member, etc.).

Wishing everyone a great final few months of 2022,

Thanks,
 Debbie

membership@cdca.org
 Debbie Friedman
 5015 San Adam Ave NW
 Albuquerque NM 87120



NEW CONTEST! Submit Your Photos and Videos

The CDCA Publicity & Public Education Committee would like to announce a new contest where you can show off your Canaan Dogs and win semi-valuable prizes. Starting in March, every week the CDCA Facebook page will feature a different Canaan Dog photo or video (15 seconds or less) submitted by a CDCA member. The photo or video with the most "likes" for the month will win a CDCA-themed prize. The photos will also be posted on the Club's new Instagram account.

Please send your submissions to David Golden at treasurer@CDCA.org. If you have multiple submissions (limit 6 per member) there's no need to save them for future months—we'll keep the extras and more or less randomly post them over time. The contest will run through the end of 2023. Enter today! (Not available in North Dakota.)

David Golden and Marianne Smith Vargas

CLUB UPDATES

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for this year is as follows:

Annette Israel (Chair), Alla Geretz, and Marla Haney.

Alternates: Melvin Banister, Risa Baumrind, and Richard Vargas

The BOD would like to Thank those that volunteered (arms might have twisted, but not broken). If anyone would like to be an Officer or on the Board, you can reach out to them. They will also be reaching out to YOU for different positions.

- Keith Shank, President

CDCA By Laws: Article IV, SECTION 4. Nominations and Ballots. *No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these By-laws. A Nominating Committee shall be chosen by the Board of Directors before February 1 of the election year. The committee shall consist of three members and three alternates, one from each geographical section, all Full members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board shall name a chairman for the committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, FAX telephone, or other electronic means subject to similar provisions as otherwise set forth herein.*

(a) The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club in good standing, one candidate each for President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer as well as one candidate for Director from each of the three geographical sections set forth in ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, and one additional candidate for Director without regard to the geographical section, and shall procure the acceptance of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates to the Corresponding Secretary who shall mail the list to each member of the Club on or before May 1, so that additional nominations may be made by members if they so desire.

(b) Additional nominations of persons who meet the residence requirements of ARTICLE III, SECTION 2, may be made by written petition addressed to the Corresponding Secretary at his regular address and postmarked on or before June 1, signed by five Full members in good standing and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office.

(c) If no valid additional nominations are postmarked on or before June 1, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected and no balloting will be required.

(d) If one or more additional nominations are postmarked on or before June 1 of an election year, the Corresponding Secretary shall, on or before June 15 mail to each eligible member in good standing a ballot listing candidates for each of the 5 offices in alphabetical order. Candidates for Director shall be listed by sections of the country and in alphabetical order within each section. With each ballot the Corresponding Secretary shall mail a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Recording Secretary or an independent auditor marked "Ballot" and bearing the name of the member to whom it was sent. The Recording Secretary is obligated, under Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, not to divulge any individual's member's vote, but only to provide a tally of all the votes. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking his ballot, shall seal it in the blank envelope which in turn shall be placed in the second envelope addressed to the election auditor. The election auditor shall check the returns against the Corresponding Secretary's official list of members in good standing prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting. Upon completion of the count, the election auditor shall render a written report to the Corresponding Secretary and shall turn over to the Corresponding Secretary the envelopes and the marked ballots. The report, which shall give the number of members voting and the votes cast for each candidate, and the ballots shall be retained for one year by the Corresponding Secretary and then destroyed. The Corresponding Secretary shall, within five days after receiving the election auditor's report of election results, notify by telephone or mail each candidate of such results. In addition, the Corresponding Secretary shall mail the election results to the Editor of The Canaan Kibitzer, who shall publish such results in the next issue.

(e) The election auditor shall count and certify all ballots of eligible candidates. The persons receiving the largest number of votes for the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall be declared elected. The candidate for Director from each of the three geographical sections set forth in ARTICLE III, SECTION 2 receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The candidate for Director receiving the largest number of votes after the geographical requirement has been fulfilled shall also be declared elected.

(f) Nominations cannot be made in any manner other than as provided above.

2022 DOTY/MOTY NOMINATIONS

2022 Member Of The Year (MOTY) and Dog Of The Year (DOTY) nominations are now open! 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 Marianne Smith-Vargas no later than April 1, 2023. 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 2022 National Specialty awards banquet.

For further information or to submit an application, contact:
Marianne Smith Vargas, 5300 Bagpipers Ln Virginia Beach VA 23464
 757-705-1500
 mfsmith2010@gmail.com



2023 CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK

Tuesday, September 12, 2023—Sunday, Sept 17, 2023

Gray Summit, Missouri

Event Locations

Purina Farms

- Purina Farms Event Center, 300 Checkerboard Way, Gray Summit MO
- Herding and FastCAT on Purina Farms grounds:
details on locations will be made available closer to events

Host Hotel

- Holiday Inn St Louis West At Six Flags, 4901 Six Flags Road, Eureka MO
- approximately 10 minutes from Purina Farms
- \$35 one-time non-refundable dog show fee
- maximum of 4 dogs/kennels per room
- maximum of 5 people per room
- reservations by calling the hotel directly at 800-782-8108 or 636-938-6661
and ask for the Canaan Dog Show rate (\$130.95 + tax 2 Queen Beds;
\$189.95 + tax Family Room)



Nearest Airport

- Lambert—Saint Louis International Airport (STL)

Show Committee:

Chair: Amanda Pough, bandersnatchbtcd@yahoo.com, 802-272-7635

Assistant Chair: Donna Davison

Welcome Party: Amy Preston

Herding: Denise Gordon

Banquet Reservations: Marianne Smith Vargas

Meal details TBA

Trophy Donations: please send to CDCA Treasure David Golden and let Amanda know you have donated

Catalog Ads: TBA

Auction Items (to be shipped ahead): Donna Davison, 8285 Sassafras Rd, DuQuoin IL 62832

Show Supt (All Events Except Herding & FastCAT):

Foy Trent Dog Shows, foytrentdogshows.com

<i>Tentative Schedule (Pending All Approvals)</i>			
<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Tuesday, September 12, 2023	Host Hotel	Welcome Party	Evening
Wednesday, September 13	Purina Farms	Obedience and Rally	7:30am Start Time Rally Judge: Dr Jill Warren Obedience Judge: TBA
		Herding	10:30am Approximate Start Time Evaluator: Terrasita Cuffie
		Board Meeting	Time & Location TBA
Thursday, September 14	Purina Farms	National Specialty with Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship, NOHS, and 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy	Judges: Breed: Christina Miller, <i>River Rock Canaan Dogs</i> Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship & 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy: Dr Jill Warren
		CDCA Annual General Meeting	Founders Room, No Earlier Than 4:30pm
Friday, September 15	Purina Farms	All Breed FastCAT	Ibizan Hound Club Of The United States
	TBA	CDCA Educational Event	Topic & Time: TBA
Saturday, September 16	Purina Farms	Judges Education Seminar	Founders Room
		Supported Entry with Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes	Three Rivers KC* Judges: Breed: Bryna Comsky, <i>Ha'Aretz Canaan Dogs</i> Sweepstakes: Ronda Bermke Judges Education Hands On Seminar to follow
		All Breed FastCAT	Ibizan Hound Club Of The United States
		Banquet & Auction	Founders Room
Sunday, September 17	Purina Farms	Supported Entry	Three Rivers KC*

*Pending approvals, Three Rivers will offer NOHS, Pee-Wee, 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy, Junior Showmanship (Scholarship each day for BJH!), and potentially more.

Hike! New AKC FIT DOG Titles Begin in 2023

Hike! New AKC FIT DOG Titles Begin in 2023 (and Simi is 2nd Canaan Dog to earn a Title)

By Cathi Oskow

Want to help both your dog and yourself to get healthier, have fun together, and earn titles doing so? That's what Simi and I have been up to.

In Fall 2022, the American Kennel Club (AKC) announced an opportunity for humans and their dogs to increase their fitness and earn titles. Anyone who can walk their dog can work on these titles, but you also can apply other activities you do with your dog, such



It was a pleasure to walk FIT DOG miles with Simi in October!

as Agility and FAST CAT.

Previously, in 2018, AKC had announced a FIT DOG initiative, as follows:

"The most commonly recommended exercise to improve fitness is walking. Walking is considered a safe activity that improves muscular strength, circulation, memory, weight loss, increases energy, helps with sleep, and reduces stress. The American Heart Association recommends walking a minimum of 150 minutes per week. Participation in the AKC FIT DOG program will bring health benefits to both you and your dog."

But a few months ago, they added Fit Dog *titles* dogs can earn, and the first of these were awarded in January 2023. AKC wrote: "AKC FIT DOG titles were designed to provide a structured, individualized fitness plan that you and your dog can do together."

AKC FIT DOG titles are noncompetitive; just you and your dog bonding as you both become healthier. There are three title levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Each requires completion of a specific number of activity points, choosing from at least two out of the following six categories:

AKC FIT DOG Course

Runs (community runs—or hikes/walks—such as a Turkey Trot, Spring Scurry, etc.)

Walks and hikes (Independent or Group)

Unique to You and Your Dog (e.g., swimming, Parkour)

AKC title that is fitness related (e.g., FAST CAT, agility)

AKC Parent Club Performance Titles (e.g., pack dog, sledding)

For further information, go to:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-family-dog-program/akc-fit-dog/akc-fit-dog-titles/>

And you can download the Participant Guide at:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/28131350/p-FINAL-FIT-Guide-JANUARY-2023.pdf>

In September, I read that titles would officially launch in January 2023, but AKC invited people to start participating and recording their activities with their dogs anytime, and then to submit their documentation in January.



November walks sometimes required more fortitude.

Before Covid times, I had regularly attended dog training classes with my Canaan Dog Simi, training her in Obedience, Rally, Agility, Conformation, and Tricks. I had earned a UKC championship with her, and several points in AKC, including a Major, plus the Novice Tricks title.

When lockdown occurred in 2020, my husband Craig and I were living on wooded acreage in New Hampshire. I kept training Simi at home, and was able to earn the Intermediate and Advanced Tricks titles remotely. We also walked and hiked together every day during that period.

Even though we are now vaccinated and have also moved back to the Minneapolis area, I have not gotten back to group classes or to a large number of shows, because I have been doing a lot of caregiving for my elderly mother. So when I read the AKC announcement about these new FIT Titles, it was exciting to me, in the same way as during lockdown when I read that Tricks titles could be earned remotely: I might not have time to regularly attend classes or shows right now, but I could certainly make time to regularly walk and hike with Simi again, making both of us happier and healthier, and earning titles at the same time. So I went on the AKC website and read up on the requirements, and began documentation.

Over eight weeks from mid-October into December, Simi and I walked and hiked, fulfilling the requirement for the “Walks and Hikes (Independent)” category. We usually do that a decent amount in pleasant weather, but once Minnesota winter sets in, I often become disheartened. However documenting for AKC Fit encouraged me to keep walking during weather that might have discouraged me in previous years. There are different ways you can document your walks. I wear a fitness tracker as my watch, but I hadn’t really looked into how to upload information from it. So I kept a Word document, and at the end of each walk, I took a photo of my watch face where it showed our mileage and time, and later I typed the date, my time and mileage walking onto my World Doc, plus where we’d walked/hiked, and I added the photo of

my tracker in a text box, along with a photo of Simi/or Simi with me from our trek.

For our second category, I participated in an AKC Community Run (hike, in my case) called the Turkey Trot. It was a non-competitive virtual 5K (3.1 miles) that people walked or ran with their dogs, at their own pace. The \$20 registration fee included a Turkey Trot medal on a ribbon, and proceeds were donated to the AKC Humane Fund, which “assists women’s shelters that accept pets, supports the AKC’s Rescue Network to help rescue dogs, and promotes responsible dog ownership through outreach and education.” People could run or walk the Turkey Trot anytime between September 29 and December 12, either alone with their dog, or with others. Simi and I went on a hike in a state park with my husband Craig on our anniversary in October, and we actually walked over 4 miles.



December provided its own beauty.

January 2023 arrived, the official launch month for AKC FIT DOG titles to be awarded. and my documentation was all ready for submission. On January 10, 2023, Simi became the second Canaan Dog to earn an AKC FIT title. (I asked which Canaan Dog was first, but the person I communicated with at AKC told me she was not permitted to release information on someone else’s dog. So if anyone reading this earned a FIT DOG title before January 10, let us know!)

The initials “FITB”—standing for FIT DOG BRONZE—now follow Simi’s registered name. She is now: UKC CH Kochav Mazel Tov U’Siman Tov TKA FITB.

I encourage others to go for these titles! You don’t need any special classes or equipment, just special time with your dog and an opportunity to appreciate the world around you. Your dog and your own body will thank you!

As for Simi and me—we are daily walking toward our Silver title. Join us, if you’d like!

Letters To The Editor

Where In The World Is Carmen Sandiego—Canaan Dog Style!

How novel... a Canadian-bred litter born in Canada (last Canadian-bred litter was born in Ohio!)

- Genny Landis



Article Expansion

While I would like to thank Bryna Comsky for recording her thoughts on the 2022 National, as the Kibitzer is the official publication of the Canaan Dog Club of America, it is necessary to make some clarifications for the sake of posterity.

Ms. Comsky wrote that "several Canaans have won Best of Breed multiple times" at National Specialties, but she then goes on to list only three. In addition to the three mentioned in the article, there are in fact 7 (yes 7!) others. Following is a list of those 7 Canaan Dogs that deserve recognition.

CH Catalina's Felix to the Max. "Max" holds the record after being selected as Best of Breed 5 times (1994 through 1997 and again in 2002, where he won from the Veterans class). He was bred by Carlana Smith and owned by Cynthia and the late Leal Grupp, who were instrumental in gaining AKC recognition of the breed.

GCHS CH Pleasant Hill Magnum of Samara. "Magnum" took Best of Breed at 4 Nationals (2010 through 2012 and again in 2014). Donna Dodson was his breeder and he was owned by Pamela Rosman and Richard Vulliet.

CH Mad River Walk on the Wild Side. "Wiley" won 3 National Specialties (1999 through 2001). He was bred by Cynthia Grupp and owned by Sandra Sailor and Cynthia Grupp.

GCHP CH Pleasant Hill Avram of Carters Creek. "Avi" was Best of Breed at 3 National Specialties (2017, 2019 and 2021). He was bred by Donna Dodson and is owned by Cynthia Dodson and David Golden.

Lahatut Me Shaar Hagai. "Gil" was Best of Breed twice (1991 and 1993). He was bred by Myrna Shibolet and owned by Victor Kaftal.

CH Jealou's Got Milk O'Madriver. "Emmitt" was a two-time winner (2004 and 2005), He was bred by Carol O'Bryan and Cynthia Grupp and owned by Carol O'Bryan, Cynthia Grupp and Sally Armstrong Barnhardt.

GCHS CH RivRoc Lycm Own Dream BSnatch RsnDog. "Torino" won 2 Nationals (2013 and 2015). Breeders were Christina Miller, Ethan Miller, Judy Rosenthal and Amanda Pough and she was owned by the late Merry Carol Houchard and Christina and Ethan Miller.

In addition, in her article Ms. Comsky was incorrect in stating that GCHS CH Rivroc Onto Something Bsnatch Rosndog was the first dog after AKC recognition to win 4 consecutive AKC point shows during a National Specialty week (2018). During the 2017 National Specialty cluster, GCHP CH Pleasant Hill Avram of Carters Creek (Avi) was selected as Best of Breed each day of the 4 day cluster, including the National and Designated Specialties and the 2 all-breed shows. As noted above, Avi was bred by Donna Dodson and is owned by Cynthia Dodson and David Golden. (An interesting fact is that during that 2017 cluster, Avi's littermate, GCHS CH Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona of Carters Creek ("Anni"), took Best of Opposite each of those 4 days.)

- Cynthia Dodson

NEW TITLES – SEPTEMBER 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 2023

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
<i>AKC GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE</i> GCHB CH Revelation Adiva Aviva of Samara	Pamela S. Rosman & Philip R Vulliet	11/5/22
<i>AKC CHAMPION</i> CH. Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Zarah Hadash	Marianne & Richard Vargas & Lenni Brett Cipriotti	9/3/22
CH. D&J Ha'Aretz Sarah	Donna & Jackie Davison	9/4/22
CH. Relic's I Am Kanaan	Amy Preston	9/5/22
<i>AKC OBEDIENCE UTILITY DOG</i> RACH Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love UID BN RM3 RAE2	Victor Kaftal	10/23/22
<i>AKC RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT 2</i> High Desert Ari Of Ascend, Mazel Tov CD BN RM3 RAE2 CGC TKN	Laura Alton & Risa Baumrind	11/18/22
<i>AKC AGILITY TIME TO BEAT PREFERRED</i> CH Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali CDX PCD BN RI FDC OA OAJ MXP MJP3 MJPB NF OFP T2BP CAA FCAT4 ACT2 SCN ATT	Jennie Larkin	12/3/22
<i>AKC MASTER BRONZE JUMPER PREFERRED 3</i> CH Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali CDX PCD BN RI FDC OA OAJ MXP MJP3 MJPB NF OFP CAA FCAT4 ACT2 SCN ATT	Jennie Larkin	11/19/22
<i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 8</i> GCH CH River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch BN RI FDC CAX FCAT8 CGCA CGCU TKN VSWB	Christina & Allan Miller	11/5/22
<i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 7</i> GCH. CH. River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch, RI, FDC, CAX, FCAT7, CGCA, TKN, VSWB	Christina & Allan Miller	9/17/22
<i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 6</i> Kol Tuv Caleb At Media Meadows, FCAT6 CH River Rock Winged First Avenger CAA FCAT6 TKN	Ted & Roxane Papagiannopoulos Christina Miller	9/3/22 11/25/22
<i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 5</i> CH River Rock Winged First Avenger CAA FCAT5 TKN	Christina Miller	10/12/22
<i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 3</i> CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CA FCAT3 TKN VSWB CH River Rock Undercover Of Darkness CA FCAT3 TKN	Christina Miller Christina Miller	10/23/22 10/23/22
<i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 1,000 POINTS (FCAT)</i> D&J Ha'Aretz Mighty Swarm FCAT TKN	Donna Davison & Jackie Davison	10/30/22
<i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 500 POINTS (DCAT)</i> Revelation Liluri Aviv DCAT CGC CH D&J Ha'Aretz Josie DCAT TKN	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden Donna Davison & Jackie Davison	10/13/22 10/30/22
<i>AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 150 POINTS (BCAT)</i> CH D&J Ha'Aretz Sarah BCAT	Donna Davison & Jackie Davison	10/29/22

NEW TITLES – SEPT 2022 THROUGH JAN 2023, *CONTINUED*

AKC SENIOR BARN HUNT

Cando Dex On The Beach RN RATS CGCA TKA

Cristina Garland & Kaelin Sweet

11/8/22

AKC NOVICE BARN HUNT

Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace RN NJP NFP ACT1 RATN TKA

Deborah Friedman

9/11/22

AKC OPEN BARN HUNT

GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2
SHDN TT RATO CGCA CGCU TKE ATT VHMA VSWE

Marcia Muller & James F Muller

9/12/22

AKC VIRTUAL SCENT WORK INTERMEDIATE

CH River Rock Lyceum Sweetest Thing Bandersnatch CGC TKN VSWI

Christina Miller & Allan Miller

10/31/22

AKC SCENT WORK CONTAINER NOVICE

GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2
SCN SIN SHDN TT RATO CGCA CGCU TKE ATT VHMA VSWE

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11/6/22

AKC SCENT WORK INTERIOR NOVICE

GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2
SCN SIN SHDN TT RATO CGCA CGCU TKE ATT VHMA VSWE

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11/5/22

AKC NOVICE TRICK DOG

Graymatter Mofet Super Sonic TKN

Kymberlli Parker

11/15/22

AKC FIT DOG BRONZE

CH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2
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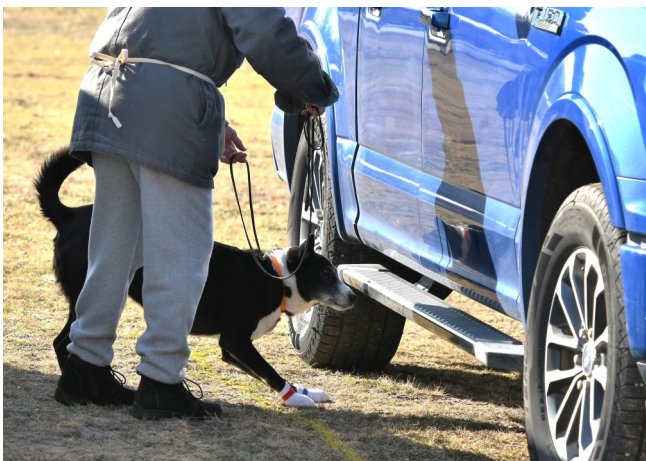
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AKC FIT DOG SILVER

CH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2
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Celev Klavlev's Curly Shlomo Hasameach "Shlomo" DJ became the first Canaan Dog ever to earn an AKC title in dockdiving achieving his Dockdiving - Junior (DJ) title on June 26, 2022 through reciprocity with North American Diving Dogs. Since Shlomo completed 17 splashes, more than the required minimum of 15, Shlomo became the first ever ranked Canaan Dog in North American Diving Dogs earning him Canaan Dog Best of Breed for 2022 in the sport.

- *Thomas Cassel*

Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace (Becca) earned her RATN title in 3 runs at the Bosque Barnstormers Barn Hunt trial in Albuquerque last fall. If I am reading the Barn Hunt Association records correctly she is only the third Canaan Dog to earn beyond the instinct level.

- *Debbie Friedman*

Since the previous Kibitzer deadline, **"Ziva" (River Rock Reach Any Higher)** was awarded an Outstanding Breed Award - #1 Canaan Dog, Elite Performer - in the AKC 2022 Trick Dog National Competition. This is the 2nd year in a row that she has received this honor. Our story "Carnival Time – Lots of Fun, Games, Wild Animals & Prizes" and can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5BCzHq63KI>

Ziva recently had a very special weekend at UKC Nosework trials. On Jan. 14th (her 9th birthday) she earned her UKC Master Interior (MI) title. The following day she earned both her Superior Vehicle (SV) title and the overall UKC Superior Nosework (SN) title. One weekend – 3 new titles, additional Q scores that go toward other Master titles and great birthday memories.

A new AKC Family Dog Program called FIT DOG started in January. Ziva has already earned both the Bronze and Silver level titles and we're going for the Gold!

- *Marcia Muller*

Simi has a new title: AKC Fit Dog Bronze.

Her name with titles is now: **UKC CH Kochav Mazel Tov U'Siman Tov TKA FITB.**

- *Cathi Oskow*

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