

THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA



2023 Crufts Best of Breed

GCH CH River Rock Unanimous Decision FCAT TKN CDCA-HC V
"Datak"

Breeder/Owner Handled by **Christina Miller**
for Co-Owners **Alison Byrne, Anne Barclay, & Lorna Menaker**
Breeders: **Christina Miller & the late Mel Holloman**

Lexi

Multiple
Group Winning

Thank you Judges Mr. Michael Lanctot,
Mr. Nathaniel Horn, Mr. John Wade,
Mrs. Polly Smith, Mr. Merle Taylor
& Mrs. Amanda Everson for
Lexi's recent group placements

#2

CANAAN DOG

All Breed

Alyssa



GCH JayKay Fearless Defender At Bandersnatch Rosendogs TKN FDC

Presented by Jason McIlwaine

Bred by Genevieve Landis

Owned by Amanda Pough & Judy March Rosenthal

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

First I would like to congratulate all the dogs that went to Westminster in NYC this year. Everyone looked great and did the breed proud.

A Huge shout out to Julie & Dan with what sounds like another great Agility trail. Thank you for all the time and effort you guys do, we're proud of you.

We also had an event in NYC at The Museum of The Dog, the staff said it was the biggest event yet that was attended well.

It sounds like all the wheels are turning for the 2023 National Specialty in St Louis this September.

Speaking of specialty's if you or a group would like to host one in your area, just put together a proposal and send it to the BOD's. We almost had 2024 locked down but checking the dates noticed it may have conflicted with other dates that we would not want conflict with.

It nice to see some newer members stepping up in different area's of the club which is allowing our seasoned members set back and relax and enjoy more of the shows. This club is all about volunteers doing the jobs and the more help the more ideas the easier it is for all.

It's also been nice not only to see all the great wins and group placements in confirmation but also CGC's, trick dog, scent, FastCat & dock diving. Canaan Dogs can do it all with the right people training them. I met one of the Texas 56 and WOW what a difference. Great job to everyone and let's get the world to see what great dogs these Canaan Dogs can be.

Stay safe out there this summer and have fun.

Keith Shank
CDCA President

EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy Summer!

This issue of the Kib, the final corrections to the National Specialty Premium, last minute additional to the events of that week, plus work, plus other volunteer tasks, have all ended up landing in the same 10 day period. If I tell you I have been dreaming of the CDCA specialty trophies mixed with interviews all while calendar pages swirled by, you should not be surprised!

The 2023 National Specialty is shaping up to be a fun, welcoming, and all inclusive event. We are able to offer many, many activities for our dogs, a circumstance that does not always happen. If you can make it to the St Louis MO area in mid-September, you will be warmly welcomed. If you cannot, you can still participate. Donations to the many (many!) trophies and rosettes available during the week are always welcome. Pay tribute to a special dog or friend with a page in the catalog. Share a photo or two, or a story. It is all welcome! Please read this issue careful to learn how you can celebrate CDs with us—in person or from at home.

Speaking of stories, this issue contains the first of what I hope will be a continuing series of stories of "MY FIRST CANAAN DOG." In this issue, Bryna Comsky tells us of her "Dreidle." Watch for Donna Dodson's profile in the next issue. Please let me know if you would like to share your story, or interview someone close to you in the breed about their first CD.

Special thanks to Christina Miller for sponsoring this issue with the COLOR SPONSORSHIP meaning all printed copies of this issue are in color. All members are welcome to place ads in the Kibs—please see page 27 for rates and page specs. You don't need to have won at Crufts for an ad—any and all accomplishments welcome!

Look forward to seeing you all in St Louis soon! Pat your pups, and mean it.

- Amanda



AKC DNA PROGRAM'S GENETIC DIVERSITY PROJECT

By Claire Wiley, VMD, DACVIM

Published on AKC.org: May 17, 2023

Accessed June 3, 2023

"The canine genome was built on one dog, a boxer. As technology improves and becomes more affordable, more and more canine genomes can be generated to add to our knowledge. The AKC DNA Program's Genetic Diversity Project is an exciting new initiative to develop the world's premier database of canine genomic information. This database will generate whole genome sequences of 4000 dogs, representing all AKC-recognized breeds. Using AKC's rich historical pedigrees, these dogs will represent the genetic diversity of breeds today.

Genetic tests rely on robust breed-specific data, and many health tests were developed in the context of one breed. Caution should be made when extrapolating test results for a separate breed, or even a subgroup of the same breed. Public genomic sequences of dogs are expanding rapidly, but not all breeds are represented equally. For more common breeds, these sequences may not reflect the full spectrum of genetic diversity within the breed.

Historically, when breeders are concerned about a health problem in their breed, a researcher collects samples for at least one to two years. Once they have enough study participants, they then perform the DNA sequencing and bioinformatics that may result in a publication a few years later. With this program, we hope to have data readily available, and therefore remove the years of delay needed for sample collection. It also removes the time and cost of sequencing, so researchers can jump right to the bioinformatics and validation. More effort can then be placed on the crucial step of validation. Once a novel genetic variant is identified, researchers look for the variant in a new group of dogs, separate from the initial group used to find the variant.

Validation helps breeders interpret a novel finding, identify the prevalence of a genetic variant within their breed, and understand the prevalence in other breeds. Often, a genetic variant may be developed in one breed, but may not translate to disease in another.

Sharing of data will be structured under academic data grants, similar in concept to the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

The AKC Genetic Diversity Project Goals:

- Expedite canine research projects
- Improve genetic counseling
- Improve breed health research
- Evaluate genetic diversity for breed preservation



The AKC DNA Program is inviting you to participate in this project. Participation involves requesting a Research DNA Kit. The submission process is similar to the AKC DNA Kits, but we request 6 swabs instead of two for each dog. We will send you research kits and submission forms to mail back to AKC DNA Operations."

The CDCA Health Committee Chair Donna Davison, and the CDCA AKC Delegate Pamela Rosman, are pleased to announce that AKC DNA Program's Genetic Diversity Project kits will be available at the 2023 National Specialty. You can swab your dog(s) during the Specialty Week (assistance available for the wiggly ones), and the CDCA will arrange return of completed kits to AKC. Additional kits will be available for take home for any dogs you don't bring. Not able to make it to the National? Complete the form here and AKC will mail you swabs directly: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WNZDPTB>

Please note: "these kits are for research purposes only. They do not fulfill registration requirements. If you would like to purchase an AKC DNA Kit, [please visit the AKC website.]"



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 and reservation form later in this issue.

Trophy Donations: Amanda Pough

Details and donation form later in this issue.

Catalog Ads: Amanda Pough

Details and submission form later in this issue.

Parade of Titleholders/Parade of Rescue Dogs: Denise Gordon

Details and submission form later in this issue.

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

2023 National Specialty Week Schedule		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Events</u>
Tuesday	September 12	<p><i>All Breed Scent Work Trial hosted by the Black Russian Terrier Club Of America**</i></p> <p>Welcome Party at the Host Hotel starting at 7pm</p>
Wednesday	September 13	<p>Herding at Purina Farms Herding Facility starting at 9am. CDCA Herding Instinct Test Pre-Entry Form available on CDCA.org (and in this issue of the Kib).</p> <p>Obedience and Rally at Purina Farms starting at 12noon</p> <p>Board Meeting after the Herding Event - location and time TBA</p> <p><i>For those not still in the Board Meeting, Marianne Smith-Vargas and Richard Vargas invite CD friends to join them for a “Whine and Wine” gathering at their RV at Purina Farms, start time TBA. Celebrate your successful Herding, Obedience and Rally runs, share Handler Error stories, and more. Start time TBA.**</i></p>
Thursday	September 14	<p>National Specialty with Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship, NOHS, & 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy at Purina Farms</p> <p>CDCA Annual General Meeting to be held no earlier than 4:30pm in the Founders Room, Purina Farms</p>
Friday	September 15	<p><i>All Breed FastCAT, hosted by Ibizan Hound Club Of The United States (IHCUS) at Purina Farms, on the Working Dog and Flying Disc Field. (CDCA is offering trophies for Canaan Dogs running in the Friday FastCAT event.)**</i></p> <p>Lunch N Learn CDCA Educational Event at 12noon in the Founders Room, Purina Farms</p>
Saturday	September 16	<p>Judges Education Seminar, in the Founders Room, Purina Farms, final time pending ring times; Judges Education Hands On Seminar to follow judging.</p> <p>Three Rivers KC*, Supported Entry with Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes, Purina Farms</p> <p><i>All Breed FastCAT, IHCUS, at Purina Farms, on the Working Dog and Flying Disc Field**</i></p> <p>Banquet & Auction, in the Founders Room, Purina Farms, start time TBA</p>
Sunday	September 17	Three Rivers KC*, Supported Entry, Purina Farms
<p>*Three Rivers KC will offer NOHS, Pee-Wee, 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy, and Junior Showmanship (Scholarship each day for BJH!). Premium will be on Foy Trent’s website along with the CDCA premium.</p> <p>**Non-CDCA Events are marked in italics.</p>		

2023 CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK

Show Supt (All Events Except Herding, Parades & FastCAT):
Foy Trent Dog Shows, foytrentdogshows.com

IHCUS FastCAT
 beezernational.ihcus.org

Herding
Parade of Titleholders/Parade of Rescue Dogs
 Both included in this issue

Links to all premiums will be posted on the CDCA Website and Facebook pages as soon as they are published.

RV Parking Reservations

Three Rivers Kennel Club reports "RV Parking Reservations are now open for the week of September 11th!"

All reservations must be made via the reservation form on the TRKC website:

<https://www.threeriverskennelclub.com/rv-reservations>

There is a map of the RV lot on the Three Rivers Kennel Club Facebook page. (The club website does not have a map of the RV lot.)

Pee Wee Class at the Three Rivers Kennel Club on Saturday, September 16

"Three Rivers Kennel Club will offer Pee Wee Class at our all breed show on September 16th at the Purina Event Center. The event is for children at least 5 years old and under 9 years old. Entries will be taken on Saturday morning starting at 8 A.M. The class is FREE will be held around noon. All participants are winners and will receive a rosette and several dog related items. Entry is limited to 10 Pee Wee Handlers."

Reserved Grooming

The CDCA will have a reserved grooming/crating area for club members use from Wednesday the 13th through the all breed shows on the weekend. Members who would like their own space may reserve such space(s) through the Three Rivers KC. Reservations will open July 1, 2023, and the reservation form will be in the Three Rivers KC Premium and posted on the CDCA website.



CDCA National Specialty Banquet & Auction
Purina Farms, Founders Room
Saturday, September 16, 2023

Time – To be Announced

Price: \$45 per person and includes all taxes and gratuities

Choice of Entrée (please indicate the number of each):

_____ **BRAISED BEEF BRISKET**
Slow Braised Brisket of Beef with Roasted Tomatoes

_____ **GOURNAY STUFFED CHICKEN**
Breast of Chicken filled with Fresh Gournay, Spinach, Sundried Tomato

_____ **PASTA WITH PESTO SAUCE**

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Allergies/dietary restrictions (please note we will do our best to accommodate your needs based on the caterer's ability to do so): _____

Number Attending: _____ **x \$45.00 = \$** _____

Please list name(s) of additional attendees (include an additional page as needed):

Make check/money order payable to CDCA.

Or PayPal to: Treasurer@cdca.org and forward a copy of the PayPal receipt to Marianne at mfsmith2010@gmail.com

Pre-paid reservations are ONLY accepted for the banquet!!! Reservation and payment must be received by August 23, 2023. We apologize but we are unable to accept reservations beyond this date.

Send the reservation form, or all the information requested above, and payment to:

Marianne Smith Vargas
5300 Bagpipers Ln, Virginia Beach, VA 23464
mfsmith2010@gmail.com

All reservations will be confirmed on receipt. Any questions email (above) or phone: (757) 705-1500



CDCA National Specialty 2023

Catalog Advertisements and Memorial/Honor Pages

As the Canaan Dog National Specialty fast approaches, please show your support for CDCA and our wonderful breed by placing a page in the 2023 National Specialty Catalog. Advertisements, Memorial/Honor Pages, or just saying "Hi" all welcome!

By showing your support, this allows CDCA to provide you, the Canaan Dog Fancier, a future of memorable National Specialties.

Final Deadline: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

For more information please contact: Amanda Pough * email * bandersnatchbtcd@yahoo.com

All ads are full page 4.5" wide x 7.5" high Please provide the following information for each page:

Individual Submitting Ad

Phone Number (with area code)

Ad placement: 1st Choice & 2nd Choice (example: cover, facing another ad, etc.)

Acceptable File Formats: EPS, PDF, JPG, TIFF, PUB (MS Publisher)

Photos themselves can be sent and will be returned to the show chairman at the show

PLEASE no bleeds, all files at 300 dpi or higher for optimal quality

Grayscale for all black and white ads please

Black and White (print ready) \$40.00

*Color (print ready) \$50.00

(We are unable to accept ads that are not camera ready.)

Make check/money order payable to CDCA.

Or PayPal to: Treasurer@cdca.org and forward a copy of the PayPal receipt to Amanda at bandersnatchbtcd@yahoo.com

Email is best, but if mail needed:

Amanda Pough/CDCA

34 Michigan Hollow Road, Spencer NY 14883



FMI or with questions, email:

bandersnatchbtcd@yahoo.com;

phone: 802-272-7635

CDCA National Specialty 2023

- Parade Of Titleholders

- Parade Of Rescue

To Be Held Thursday, September 14, 2023

A non-competitive class, the Parade of Titleholders shall be for dogs and bitches who have attained their AKC Championship and/or AKC/CDCA Performance titles (herding, rally, agility, obedience, tracking). The Parade of Rescue Dogs should be for dogs and bitches who were placed in their forever or foster homes via efforts of the Canaan Dog Rescue Network.

DO NOT ENTER THROUGH SUPERINTENDENT. COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL AS DIRECTED.

Neutered dogs and spayed bitches may be entered. A Rosette will be awarded each entrant.
Entry fees:

Parade of Titleholders (not to be entered through superintendent) – \$32.00

Parade of Rescue Dogs (not to be entered through superintendent) – \$0.00

Owner's Name: _____

Handler (if different): _____

Address: _____

Dog's Call Name: _____

Dog's Registered Name and ALL titles (please print): _____

Please include if known:

Dog's DOB: _____

Dog's Breeder: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Please supply a biography of the dog, not to exceed 250 words (not counting dog's registered name and titles) to be read during the Parades.



Checks made payable to CDCA

Or PayPal to: Treasurer@cdca.org and forward a copy of the PayPal receipt to Denise at desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

Mail completed form, biography, and any entry fee (checks payable to CDCA) to:

Denise Gordon/CDCA, 2614 Gracewood Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45239

to arrive **NO LATER THAN** Wednesday, August 9, 2023

DO NOT send this list with the AKC entry form.

Or email all the required information above to Denise: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

CDCA National Specialty 2023 Trophy Donation Pledge Form

See your name in print!

Support your favorite Breed!

Honor a Mentor or Memorialize A Departed Friend!

Memorialize a Special Dog - your latest, or your first who got you started in Dog Shows!

Give early and give often to the CDCA National Specialty Week!

You do not need to be a club member to donate to the National Specialty Week – donations welcome from friends of the club as well!

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Complete As Appropriate:
Donation In Honor/Memory of: _____

Make check/money order payable to CDCA.

Amanda Pough/CDCA

34 Michigan Hollow Road, Spencer NY 14883

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phone: 802-272-7635

Deadline to be included in the catalog: Wednesday, August 9, 2023





CDCA HERDING INSTINCT TEST

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Purina Farms Herding Facility
300 Checkerboard Loop, Gray Summit, MO 63039



Evaluator: Ms. Terrasita Cuffie (AHBA Licensed Judge/AKC Provisional)

*******Test to Start At 9:00 AM (Central Time) & Limited To 25 Runs*******

COST: \$35 first dog, \$30 each additional dog

Pre-Entry Deadline: Thursday, September 7, 2023

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

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

Bitches In Season May Participate, But Will Be Tested Last

**If Time & Entry Numbers Permit, Dogs With HCX Titles May Enter Day of Test
For Exhibition Only Practice & Will Run Last**

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

**All Canaan Dogs Without Prior Livestock Herding Experience Entered
In The Test Will Be Eligible For The Best Rookie Herding Award**

**Canaan Dogs With Prior Livestock Herding Experience Entered
In The Test Will Be Eligible For The Best Experienced Herding Award**

Lunch Will Be Served At The Test Site

**Make checks/money orders (in US funds) payable to CDCA and mail with form to:
Denise Gordon, Herding Chair, 2614 Gracewood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45239-7240**

For further information, phone (513) 741-1832 or email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com

CDCA HERDING INSTINCT TEST PRE-ENTRY FORM

Registered Name of Dog: _____

(Include all current titles)

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

Registered Name of Dog's Sire: _____

Registered Name of Dog's Dam: _____

Dog's Prior Experience With Livestock & Type: (Including any herding training/testing; use reverse side of form if needed): _____

Is this a CDCA-Herding Certified (HC) or CDCA-Herding Certified Excellent (HCX) qualify attempt?
(CIRCLE ONE - HC or HCX)

If this is for CDCA-HCX, which "leg" will this attempt be? 2nd: _____ 3rd (for title): _____

Owner's Name(s): _____

Street/City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

NOTE: If you are entered in obedience/rally earlier that day, check box as an alert to possible delay in arrival _____

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Ardinger

Bob Ardinger of Columbia, MD passed away peacefully on April 10, 2023. Born on September 10, 1948 in Baltimore, he is survived by his beloved wife Cheryl Kent. Bob was an avid sports fan and played wheelchair basketball for the US Olympic Team and the Baltimore Ravens Wheelchair Basketball team. He was an expert civil right legislator and activist for people with disabilities.

Photo of Bob with Kali.



Jada

Our beautiful Canaan dog, D & J Ha'Aretz Jada at Yafa, passed away in her sleep, of natural causes, this past May 8, at nearly 15 years of age. It was, in fact, about 15 years ago that we first learned of the Canaan dog breed and met Donna and Jackie Davison at an ICDCA show near our home in Denver. We remained in touch with them, and when they had a litter of 4 on September 30, 2008, we purchased the only female, whom we named Jada. She came home with us the day after Thanksgiving that year, and we immediately became an inseparable family of three. Though Jada never entered the ring (due entirely to her humans' shortcomings), readers may know her from her appearances in the ICDCA Calendar over the years. She exhibited the best characteristics of the breed, was healthy and energetic her entire life, made an excellent travel companion, always made us proud, and brought us so much joy. We will always be grateful to the entire Canaan dog community for its stewardship of these magnificent dogs. Rest in peace, dearest Jada.

- Ruth Burnham and family



"And you know it's time to go
Through the sleet and driving snow
Across the fields of mourning to a light that's in the distance.
And you hunger for the time
Time to heal, 'desire' time
And your earth moves beneath your own dream landscape."
U2 – "A Sort of Homecoming"

And she was our own dream. The product of the first two AKC Grand Champion Canaan Dogs – Harry x Vala. The Grand Litter – Grand Torino, Merry Carol's (my mother) last dog. The pretty little bitch that gave Mel nightmares when she went on walkabout at the Biloxi shows. The bitch that held type and movement that made our own dreams come true at the 2013 CDCA National Specialty when she took Best of Breed. And exceeded our wildest dreams at the 2015 CDCA National Specialty when she was again awarded Best of Breed & added Owner Handler Best of Breed.

Her show career and accolades were extensive, but nothing compared to what she gave us as a companion. She was 2013 & 2015 Canaan Dog Club of American National Specialty Best of Breed, 2014 & 2019 Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty Best of Opposite Sex, 2012 & 2017 Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty Select Bitch, 2014 Westminster Kennel Club Best of Opposite Sex, 2011, 2012, 2013, & 2019 AKC National Championship BOS, 2013 & 2014 #1 Canaan Dog Bitch, 2015 #1 NOHS and NOHS Finals Best of Breed, & many other accomplishments I won't bore you with.

A special thank you to Amanda Pough and Judy Rosenthal for helping make the Grand Litter happen and being wonderful co-breeders, colleagues, and friends. Huge thanks to Mom and Mel for making our own dreams come true in this little bitch that could. I had visions of her finding the two of you at the Bridge sipping martinis and talking dogs. Thank you to Allan & Ethan for helping raise and care for her during her 12 years with us. And thank you to Dad for your continued support of the dogs and your crazy daughter.

She leaves a huge hole in my heart, the places she took me, the things she showed me, the gifts she gave me. I am thankful for her kids and grandkids that share their lives with me. She truly was one of the great Canaan Dogs of our time and her stamp on the breed will continue on with type, movement, & temperament. A strong pillar that will hold up the house of River Rock for generations to come. Rest well my Tot-tot, your time here was well spent & I'll see you in my own dreams.

She was:

**MBINSS GCHS CH Rivroc Lycm Own Dream BSnatch Rsndog CA
BCAT TKN, CDCA HCX VI ROM VROM**

17th October 2010 – 8th December 2022



2022 DOG OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

“Anni”

GCHS Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona of Carters Creek ATT

Breeder: Donna Dodson

Sire: CH Pleasant Hill Wish Granted

Dam: Pleasant Hill Galya



Anni has spent most of her life in the service of her Canaan Dog breed. She lived her first couple of years as Donna Dodson’s companion in the backwoods of Tennessee. When she decided to see the world and compete in conformation she was incredibly successful, earning her AKC championship and Bronze and Silver Grand Championships, as well as winning the National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) breed Finals and many Canaan Dog Club of America National Specialty, Westminster, and AKC National Championship honors. She ultimately became the top owner-handled Canaan Dog and #2 Grand Champion bitch in breed history. She is the first and only Canaan Dog to have earned a NOHS Platinum Level of Achievement.

After retiring from conformation, Anni mothered two litters of puppies that are now loving family members, accomplished performance dogs, and top conformation winners in their own right. She also accepted a 12-hour-old Canaan Dog puppy as a foster that she then raised as her own.

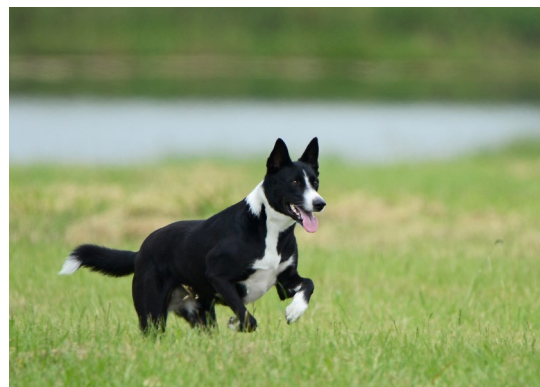
Anni is one of the few Canaan Dogs to have passed the difficult AKC Temperament Test; she’s also a Certified Therapy Dog. She now spends her time as a goodwill ambassador for the breed, anchoring events ranging from Meet the Breeds to holiday parades. But her favorite thing to do is to visit with and bring happiness to nursing home residents and rehabilitation hospital patients. She is Anni—GCHS Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona of Carters Creek ATT.

“Ziva”

MN, AHD, RATO, URO1, MBIS, RBIS, ALCH, SPOT-ON / GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX3, FCAT2, SCN, SIN, SEN, SHDN, TT, RATO, CGCA, CGCU, TKE, ATT, VHMA, VSWE, FITG, IT; ORT; CDCA-HCX, VS

Breeder: Christina Miller

Sire: GCH CH BSnaatch Rsnd Ran Away To RivRoc BN, RA, FDC, TKN, CGCA, CDCA-HCX, VI, ROM



Dam: UKC CH/AKC GCH CH River Rock Take Me Higher CA, CDCA-HCX

Ziva is an outstanding Canaan Dog ambassador. Trying everything (while I searched for the “perfect” sport) resulted in 40+ breed firsts, 70+ titles, multiple Judge’s Medallions, certificates, magazine stories and great public exposure for our breed. Competitors, judges and spectators know her by name and breed.

Ziva lives up to her name by “reaching” higher and excelling in whatever we attempt. In her first conformation weekend (age 6.5 months) she went BOB over Special. Second weekend produced a Group 4. Ziva was Select Bitch (2015 DS) and ended 2016 NOHS as both the #1 bitch and #1 exclusively owner-handled Canaan Dog. Earning her UKC ALCH title in one weekend, with MBIS, was extra special.

She was “Best Experienced” in Herding, received six CDCA Top Performance Awards and in 2017 earned both Excellent and Superior Versatility titles.

I believe Ziva’s lovely, steady temperament and willingness to try new things comes from Vala, her grandma. Ziva was the first Canaan Dog to earn the AKC Temperament Test title and the sixth to pass the difficult ATTS Temperament Test. She qualified in every AKC Elite Performer Trick Dog National Competition and was honored twice with an Outstanding Breed Award. Her UKC Master Nosework title and ranking fifth in the UKC 2022 Group Nosework Hall of Fame are awesome achievements and provide wonderful, enduring memories.

There is no one “perfect” sport – our Canaan Dogs can do them all!!!

2022 DOG OF THE YEAR VOTING

Don't forget to vote for Dog of the Year 2022!

If you haven't done so, please make sure you vote!
The **deadline is July 31, 2023**, so don't delay!

We have created a survey monkey to easily capture your vote. Please use the link below to make your choice. Please note that you can only vote one time!!!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D6SPHWM>

If you would like a paper ballot mailed to you instead, please let me know and I will send it to you.

An email was sent containing the nominee's profiles and pictures and you can also find the nomination profiles elsewhere in this issue.

For further information, contact:

Marianne Smith Vargas, Awards Chair

5300 Bagpipers Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Phone: 757-705-1500; Email: mfsmith2010@gmail.com



CDCA REGISTER OF MERIT AND VERSATILITY AWARDS

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

Canaan Dogs 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 been 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 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. Please note that the Board of Directors is reviewing updates to the Matrix and we plan to have it available by August 1st. 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, Marianne Smith Vargas at the address below. Forms received without the proper information or received after the deadline will not be considered

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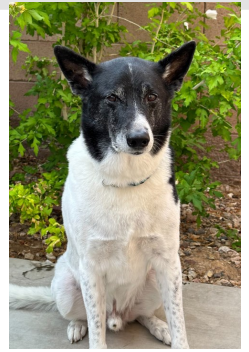
'ARI' THE CANAAN DOG REPS RARE BREED AT 2023 AKC RALLY NATIONAL

By Elaine Waldorf Gewirtz

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When Canaan Dog High Desert Ari Of Ascend Mazel Tov CD BN RM3 RAE2 CGC TKN, also known as “Ari,” competes in AKC Rally, he excels at listening. Thanks in part to how he uses his expressive ears, he’s reached the top of the sport amongst Canaan Dogs. Ari and his owner, Laura Alton, participate in the sport year-round, but this is the first time they’ll compete in the 2023 AKC Rally National Championship.

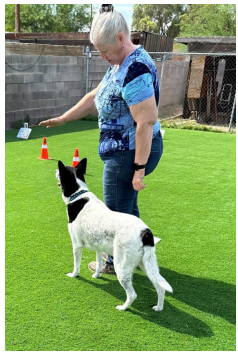


In the National competition, teams will demonstrate their skills in one of six competitive classes—Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Excellent, Master, and Championship. Since 9-year-old Ari has earned Advanced, Excellent, and Master’s titles, he has qualified to compete in the Championship category. The Canaan Dog, co-owned by Risa Baumrind and Alton, will join more than 800 teams to vie for the title of National Rally Champion at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington, Ohio.

“Because I’ve had to work, we’ve never been able to make the 2,000-mile trip,” says Alton of Henderson, Nevada. “Since I retired in December, we’re not sitting this one out.” Alton’s Standard Poodle, Moonshines Zeus of Ascend CD BN RA CGC, will also travel with them and compete in the Intermediate class.

Meeting of the Minds

A representative of a rare breed, Ari is the only Canaan Dog entered in the 2023 AKC RNC. Although many breeds will show off their skills at this event, they are not compared to their own breed but rather by how well they navigate a course with their owners at their own brisk pace. Each team encounters a sign along the routine that instructs them to perform various exercises. Of the 200 possible signs a judge selects for each course, the team must execute 10 to 20 signs. These include turns and commands—all with variations.



“What I like about this sport is being able to talk to my dog when we come to a sign on the course,” Alton says. “The handler and dog must be on their game to earn the most points, with 100 a perfect score. They must also know the signs well enough to follow them correctly. I’ve messed up on reading and communicating the signs more than my dog has.”

Here’s where competent canine listening skills and following directions make all the difference. A team will not score points for that sign if the handler tells the dog to turn right instead of left or ask them to walk slowly rather than fast. “I especially like Rally because Ari loves it,” she says. “His tail wags the whole time, and he looks up at me as if to say, ‘What am I doing now?’ It’s just fun.”

Sometimes, Ari shows off his silly side. “He might plop down in the middle of an exercise or go for a jump before I give the command,” Alton explains. For Alton, seeing her dog get excited when they enter the ring is worth all the preparation. “Sometimes he’s so happy that he messes up, but I think he likes the variety of the sport and doing something different every few steps.”

Devoted to Canaan Dogs

Alton has owned Canaan Dogs since 1996—when the AKC recognized the breed. A year later, the breed became eligible to compete in AKC events. “When I moved to Nevada, I had a Siberian Husky, but she was so miserable in the hot summer,” Alton remembers. “After she died, I looked for another breed, and the Canaan Dog appealed to me because it could handle the heat.”

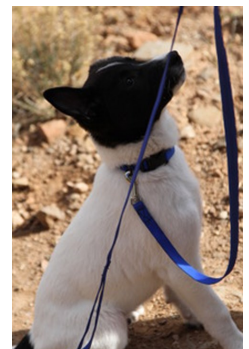
As the national dog of Israel, this medium-sized, intelligent, and somewhat aloof breed seemed a perfect fit. “I knew training Ari would be a little work because, by nature, Canaan Dogs are independent, and I would have to keep him interested,” Alton recalls. “Once he figured out we were a team, he liked Rally.”

Alton began working with Ari on basic obedience skills at 6 to 7 weeks. Within 6 months, he knew basic cues like “sit,” “down,” “stand,” and “heel,” and he could walk on a loose leash. She entered Ari in AKC Rally classes when he was a year old, and he also picked up Obedience and AKC Trick Dog titles, earning a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title, as well.

Practice Makes Perfect

Alton likes to prep Ari casually around the house. After years of backyard practices and small local trials, how will this rare breed and Herding Group member follow his owner’s directions at a new and much larger arena?

“Ari is more than ready for the competition,” Alton says. “We’ve participated in crowded venues many times, and the noise and distractions there never seem to faze him.”



OFA Test Results: January—June 2023
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<u>Registration</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Registry</u>		<u>Results</u>
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		HIPS	GOOD	CA-600G27F-C-VPI
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA200/24F/P-VPI
		THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH195/24F-VPI
		<i>ELBOW</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>	<i>CA-EL260F31-P-VPI</i>
<i>DN62679502</i>	<i>JAYKAY FEARLESS DEFENDER AT BANDERSNATCH ROSENDOGS</i>	<i>EYES</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>	<i>CA-EYE107/31F-VPI</i>
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		<i>PATELLA</i>	<i>NORMAL</i>	<i>CA-PA202/31F/P-VPI</i>
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		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL261M24-P-VPI
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		THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH196/24M-VPI
DN70777208	RIVERROCK GEMARI DESERT STAR ZION'S HAWK	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE108/12M-VPI



NEW TITLES – JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2023

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
AKC CHAMPION CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Ephraim Hadash BCAT CGC	Cynthia Dodson & Lenni Brett Cipriotti & David Golden	3/11/2023
AKC RALLY MASTER 4 High Desert Ari Of Ascend, Mazel Tov CD BN RM4 RAE2 CGC TKN	Laura Alton & Risa Baumrind	1/29/2023
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 9 GCH CH River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch BN RI FDC CAX FCAT9 CGCA CGCU TKN VSWB	Christina Miller & Allan Miller	2/18/2022
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 5 CH Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali CDX PCD BN RI FDC OA OAJ MXP MJP3 MJPB NF OFP T2BP CAA FCAT5 ACT2 SCN ATT	Jennie Larkin	12/13/2022
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 4 CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CA FCAT4 TKN VSWB CH River Rock Undercover Of Darkness CA FCAT4 TKN	Christina Miller Christina Miller	1/27/2023 1/28/2023
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 150 POINTS (BCAT) Relic The Power Of Repetition BCAT ACT1 ACT1J Kol Tuv Ner Echad L'Maccabee RN CA BCAT TKN Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Ephraim Hadash BCAT CGC	Amy Preston Carrie Franz Cynthia Dodson & Lenni Brett Cipriotti & David Golden	11/13/2022 1/29/2023 1/1/2023
GCH CH Revelation Aharon Aviv BCAT	Richard Vargas & Marianne Vargas	12/31/2022
AKC SCENT WORK EXTERIOR NOVICE GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2 SCN SIN SEN SHDN TT RATO CGCA CGCU TKE ATT VHMA VSWE FITG	Marcia Muller & James F Muller	5/6/2023
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AKC NOVICE TRICK DOG River Rock Gemari Zero Cash Back TKN GCHS CH Rivroc Onto Somethin Bsnatch Rosndog CA CAT TKN Relic's Blade Runner TKN	Christina Miller Christina Miller & Ethan Miller Jennifer B Wise	1/11/2023 1/11/2023 1/11/2023
AKC INTERMEDIATE TRICK DOG Relic's Blade Runner TKI	Jennifer B Wise	1/18/2023
AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST GCH CH River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch BN RI FDC CAX FCAT9 CGCA CGCU TKN ATT VSWB CH River Rock Lyceum Sweetest Thing Bandersnatch CGC TKN ATT VSWI	Christina Miller & Allan Miller Christina Miller & Allan Miller	1/29/2023 1/29/2023
AKC FIT DOG BRONZE Kochav Mazel Tov U'Siman Tov TKA FITB 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 FITB	Catherine Oskow & Craig Oskow Marcia Muller & James F Muller	1/10/2023 1/5/2023

NEW TITLES – JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2023 , *CONTINUED*

AKC FIT DOG SILVER

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 FITS Marcia Muller & James F Muller 1/27/2023

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GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2 SCN SIN SEN SHDN TT RATO CGCA CGCU TKE ATT
VHMA VSWE FITG Marcia Muller & James F Muller 3/28/2023



Notes From the Club: Membership & Canaan Connections

Corrections to “Canaan Connections” (received as of June 2023)

Please send membership updates to

Debbie Friedman, membership@cdca.org

All members were mailed the “Canaan Connections—2023

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AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG SHINES ITS BREED SPOTLIGHT ON THE CANAAN DOG

On May 14th—Mother’s Day, and just days after the annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show the AKC Museum of the Dog featured the Canaan Dog in its Breed Spotlight series of programs. The event was held in the museum, located at 101 Park Avenue, New York City, from 12 to 2pm. In spite of being only the #187th most popular breed recognized by the AKC, the Canaan Dog had the largest number of attendees yet of any of these events. There is much interest in this breed because of its long and colorful history.

Informational talks were provided by Canaan Dog Club of America human representatives Richard Vulliet, DVM and David Golden. Dr. Vulliet described the life of a Canaan Dog from pre-biblical times up to when Drs. Rudolphina and Rudolph Menzel re-domesticated them from the desert. Information on ancient rock carvings of Canaan-like dogs on the Arabian Peninsula as well as the over 1,200 dog graves discovered from the extraordinary Ashkelon archeological dig located 20 miles south of Tel Aviv was featured.

David Golden presented graphical examples of key characteristics of the breed (double coat; efficient, ground-covering endurance trot; etc.) and how these were survival traits that allowed Canaan Dogs to thrive in their harsh desert environment for over 6,000 years. These characteristics were then pointed out on the real-life model dogs.

CDCA members Pamela Rosman and Liora Ben-Sorek helped with color commentary and wrangling the model dogs.

And what model dogs they were. Three Canaan Dogs were present for “show and tell” and petting opportunities: this year’s Westminster Best of Breed “Estee” (GCHB Revelation Adiva Aviva of Samara), the winner of the previous five Westminster breed competitions “Avi” (GCHP Pleasant Hill Avram of Carters Creek CA FCAT2 CGC) and, in honor of Mother’s Day, Estee’s mom “Anni” (GCHS Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona of Carters Creek ATT). The dogs basked in the attention, and the attendees appreciated the opportunity to interact with champion dogs while learning about their wonderfully unique history.

Many thanks to the Museum of the Dog staff, and in particular to Program Director Sarah Moshenberg, for a highly successful event.

- Richard Vulliet, Pamela Rosman, David Golden
and Liora Ben-Sorek



MY FIRST CANAAN DOG

A Dreidle At Christmas - Bryna Comsky

An email conversation with Bryna Comsky, edited and compiled by Amanda Pough.

My father had sent me a subscription to the NEW YORK TIMES (Sunday edition), which carried ads for puppies. I was looking for Basenjis. Instead I saw an ad placed by Bert Sheaffer for a rare breed from Israel. We wrote back and forth several times during the year and Bert got me hooked. In 1969 I visited my parents in NYC during Christmas vacation, stopped at Spatterdash Kennels in Emmaus, PA on the way home... and took a Dreidle home at Christmas via the Allentown, PA airport.

Bert and Jay Sheaffer were long time "dog people" and successful Dalmatian breeders. Jay was approved for four groups as an AKC judge. They were intrigued by the challenge of bringing a rare breed to recognition. Canaans caught their eye and they wrote to Mrs. Berkowitz in California.

Aleph of Star Pine was sent to the Sheaffers in Pennsylvania. Aleph was sired by Birion me B'Nei Ha Bitachon (one of the first four imports) and his dam was Waf of Masada, also one of the imports, and unrelated to Aleph. Aleph was in the first Canaan Dog litter whelped in the US. So began the saga of Canaan Dogs in the United States.

Aleph was bred to Petra me Petach Tikvah, who had been imported from the Menzels me B'Nei Ha Bitachon kennel in Israel, who whelped their first litter on Oct 15, 1969, and Dreidle was my pick of the four puppies.

During Christmas vacation that year Dreidle and I flew to Chicago from Allentown, PA. Dreidle was in the baggage compartment safely stowed away in a wooden crate that Jay had built. As a ten-week old puppy he had already cried his eyes out on the way to the airport so he was quiet on the way home from the airport. Good boy, Dreidle.

On our first day home, we went for a run in the park, and then to a homecoming party on Lake Shore Drive, considered part of Chicago's Gold Coast. (Not snooty at all!) I had to chase him in the snow and then coax him from under a heavy oak table to meet his admirers. He learned that people are good, and gave him treats. Good boy, Dreidle.

Soon we moved to the far northwest side of Chicago to be near my horse, named Bryna's Folly by my father who was always right. Both the stable and the new apartment were close to the forest preserve. The scene was set for Dreidle's life and influence in Chicago and the rest of the country. Despite laughter, scorn, disbelief, mockery, and not enough encouragement, nothing could turn us away from the quest for full AKC recognition of Canaans.

Spatterdash Limor, daughter of Limor me B'Nei Habitation, was whelped November 6, 1973, into the last Spatterdash litter. She also left Spatterdash during Christmas vacation (this time 1973), to head for Chicago with me, and her destiny was to whelp four litters by Spatterdash Dreidle. She also performed well in conformation and obedience competitions. Good girl, Limor! It was time to start the dogs in training for conformation, obedience and tracking.

Enter Northwest Obedience Club of Illinois and their good instructors. Among the successes were: Ch Ha'Aretz Ayen Aleph J. Maccabee TD, a Dreidle and Limor son from their fourth litter, who was the first Canaan to achieve his AKC tracking dog title on October 15 of 1990, and Ch Spatterdash Limor CD, who was awarded a plaque from NOCI honoring her performance in Novice A obedience. Good kids!

Dreidle and Limor (and I!) went to every match in the Midwest that allowed rare breeds including CCA/CDCA national specialty matches except 1974 in California. When puppies came, Limor stayed home with them.

The first match was at Spatterdash Kennels, Emmaus, PA, over Memorial Day weekend, 1973. Tess Hensler, well-known Doberman Pinscher breeder and exhibitor, judged. Over 20 dogs competed. Dreidle was expected to win. He didn't. The judge yelled at me for not following directions. Dreidle did what he was supposed to, but I let him down.

In 1973, we went to Youngstown Ohio, and held the show on the grounds of a Jewish synagogue. Dreidle was expected to win. I let him down again.

In 1974, the club ventured all the way to California. Frances "Ann" Beard won the National which was chaired by Margie Lachs I believe. Ann's bitch was an import from Israel as I recall. I was in West Germany and Dreidle was being boarded at the vet's. We both cried at the separation. That was the only national I missed to date.

1975, I chaired the specialty in Chicago. Florise Hogan judged. Judy Ardine won it with her Canaans. The best thing that came out of this competition for me was a lovely picture of Dreidle and Limor together at this show.



In 1976, things changed a bit. The national specialty was held in Philadelphia at the foot of the Liberty Bell. A Doberman judge did the honors. He liked Limor, and gave her BOS. A very nice dog shown by the Karstad's won it.

And I made up my mind to learn the basics of handling a dog in the dog show ring. Dreidle would win from now on.

Dreidle won the national in 1977 in Oklahoma City. Limor won the bitch class of six, but BOB or BOS eluded her. Lorraine Stephens chaired. Father Elmer T. Robnett, who served as CCA President for eight years, picked the judge. Father Robnett had parachuted during the war, and was a dog man with interests in terriers, Samoyeds, and Canaans. This was Dreidle's, and my, first national specialty win. Everyone congratulated us and the remark, "It couldn't happen to a nicer person" was heard. Probably for the last time. ;) I was determined that Dreidle would remain unbeatable.

1978 in Naples, FL, Dreidle won. The show was held in a tavern. Only Arlene Sachs could have thought of that. It worked. Arlene served as Treasurer of CCA for at least two terms.

In 1979, in Arizona I stopped smoking as promised because Dreidle and his daughter, Miriam, won the top awards at the show given by a Rottweiler breeder and judge. They prolonged my life.

The 1980 National was held in Raleigh NC and chaired by Hinda Bergman, of Alaskan Malamute fame. Dreidle won again in 1980. Good boy Dreidle!

1981 involved a road trip with Donna and Roy Dodson from Illinois to New Mexico - all three of us in one Ford Bronco, plus dogs. Dreidle and Limor stayed at Donna's Boarding Kennel. Barbara Burr or "Ann" Beard chaired.


Donna Dodson chaired the national in 1982, held off Dean Street in DeKalb and on her property in Kingston, IL. The Club's first tracking test was held. Four TD tracks were laid, and judged by Ted Hoesel and Ronny Greenberg, AKC tracking judges. Dreidle's son, Ha'Aretz Mem Dreidleson, was the first to pass. Petro was second to pass. Dreidle was third to pass. The fourth entry didn't pass. Good boy, Dreidle and family!

In his last National appearance, Dreidle won the Stud Dog class on June 12, 1982. Barbara Burr's dog was BOB. Jay Sheaffer judged. Dana Cline judged sweepstakes.

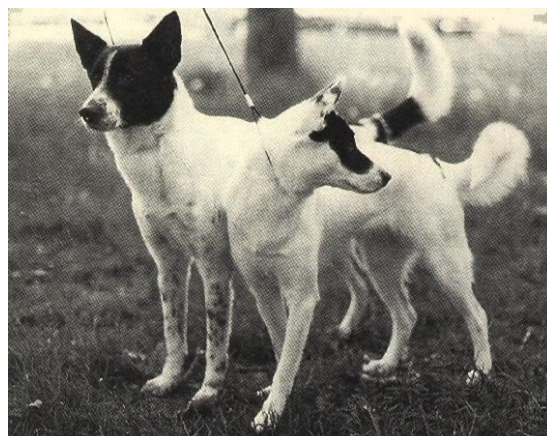
Bryna and Donna have made photos of these first shows available to the club and they are slowly being scanned to allow digital sharing. Many can be found on the CDCA Facebook page, and more will be shared as they are saved.

Editor's Note: We hope to make these stories a reoccurring feature of each newsletter. Next issue: Donna Dodson, edited by Cynthia Dodson and David Golden.

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Brag Box

Richard Vargas & Marianne Smith Vargas

Westminster Kennel Club Show - On May 8, 2023, GCH CH Revelation Aharon Aviv BCAT "Aharon" was awarded Best of Opposite Sex. This was his inaugural appearance at this Show. Additionally, CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Zarah Hadash "Zarah" made her debut as well and was awarded Select Bitch. Owner Richard Vargas also made his first appearance handling Zarah and was the sole Owner Handler in the ring. Many thanks to breed judge Ms. Carrie A. Chase.

BCAT – On December 31, 2022, GCH CH Revelation Aharon Aviv BCAT "Aharon" earned his BCAT.

Cathi Oskow

In the Winter Kibitzer, I wrote about pursuing the new AKC Fit Dog tiles with Simi. After the article was published, I discovered that Ziva - River Rock Reach Any Higher - owned by Marcia Muller, was the first Canaan Dog to earn Fit Dog Titles (Bronze and Silver), and Simi was the second. I believe that Ziva and Marcia have now earned Gold, too! Congratulations!

In the meantime, Simi earned her AKC Fit Dog Silver title on April 10, 2023. So now, with the silver, Simi is:
UKC CH Kochav Mazel Tov U'Siman Tov TKA FITS

Marcia Muller

My Brag for this Kibitzer issue still has me floating on Cloud 9. In January, Ziva (River Rock Reach Any Higher) completed the requirements for her UKC Superior Nosework (SN) title and 3 weeks later she earned her UKC Master Nosework (MN) title with 1st place wins. She is currently the only Canaan Dog with any UKC Nosework level titles. Just when I thought it couldn't get much better, a certificate arrived in the mail informing me that Ziva ranked 5th on the 2022 UKC list for Nosework Hall of Fame Top Ten by Group. In May, Ziva become the first Canaan Dog to earn the AKC Scent Work Novice (SWN) level title. Ziva has earned 13 titles since 2023 started. We've been really busy and are really tired!!!

Bryna Comsky

Proud Breeder Brag. Congratulations to Phoenix and owner/handler Ashley Hatfield who earned multiple points in back to back weekends in Virginia and New York. The first weekend was at the Doswell VA CDCA Supported Entries. Phoenix is the son of Ha'Aretz Lev Gadohl (Big Heart) and Shay. Good boy Phoenix, and good for you Ashley!

Tom Cassel

After ranking 23rd of 24 Canaan Dog participants in 2022 having completed only 3 runs, Shlomo (Celev Klavlev's Curly Shlomo Hasameach "Shlomo" DJ) has catapulted into the 2023 top ranked Canaan Dog in Fast Cat with a current ranked score of 28.17 MPH and achieving his DCAT. He is on target to achieve his FCAT at the National Specialty this year.



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