

THE CANAAN KIBITZER

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NEWSLETTER OF THE CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA

"ZIVA"

CDCA 2022 DOG OF THE YEAR



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NACSW - ORT / CDCA - DOTY HCX VS

Owners: Marcia & James Muller

Breeder: Christina Miller

Sire: "Gibson" Dam: "Kate"

Photos: Gretchen Jernigan, 4Bones Photos, Ann Bridges,
Linda Early Photography, Pink Ribbon Puppies

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



EDITOR'S NOTE

Meet the reasons both Keith and I have both been very busy this winter—PUPPIES!

And to make it more fun, our litters are cousins as well.

Thank you to the contributors to this issue. Remember, photos, stories, brags, ads, and more are welcome. Details on submissions on page 21 of this issue.

Snuggle the puppies (of any age) in your life!

- Amanda



MEET THE BREEDS NYC 2024

submitted by Liora Ben-Sorek

“May I pet your dog?”

“Sure.”

“What type of dog is it?”

“It’s a Canaan.”

“I know it’s a canine. But what breed is it?”

“The breed is actually called Canaan Dog; Canaan, as in the ancient Biblical land.”

“Oh, I’ve never heard of them before.”

So goes a conversation that I have had countless times which usually ends up with the person walking away (perhaps believing that I’m pulling their leg) or the beginning of a conversation with the person about this special breed.

Education is just one of the tools at our disposal to promote the Canaan Dog, and there’s no better place to do so than at Meet the Breeds (MTB) events. It is a family-friendly event geared toward educating people about what may be their next family addition. The 2024 AKC MTB calendar kicked off on January 27-28 at the Javits Center, located on Manhattan’s west side. Thousands of spectators attended the event which purpose is to provide the public “the unique opportunity to meet and play with more than 150 different dog breeds in booths individually decorated to depict each breed’s country of origin, historical purpose/function, and attributes as a family pet.” Additionally, the show hosted a demonstration ring that featured canine activities, dog sports, and law enforcement K-9s showing off their skills and talents. I have not seen this many people at MTB since the pandemic.

As in past years, the CD booth was decorated with a Middle Eastern theme, courtesy of David Golden, who has been attending numerous AKC events and educating individuals about CDs for many years. An array of five CDs took turns meeting the public standing atop tables covered with sheepskin rugs or just chilling on oriental rugs placed on the floor beside the tables. Stuffed sheep and an olive tree completed the ambiance while David paid homage to the 21st Century by displaying pictures of CDs on a digital photo frame.



Literally thousands of visitors were drawn to the booth to learn about and meet the dogs. Rami (owned by David Golden) was the “baby” of the Ambassadors at two years old, and happy to allow



people to pet him and make him earn some treats by obeying commands. American-born Rami surprised everyone—even his owner—when he dutifully obeyed a spectator’s Hebrew commands “shev” (sit); “artza” (down); and “yad” (give paw), because he had never been taught commands in Hebrew. We have concluded that, given that this breed originates from Israel, Hebrew must be part of their DNA.

In addition to Rami, we were very pleased that Barbara Redcay and David Pohl drove down from the Buffalo region with Freckles and Rumor. All four are veterans of MTB. Fittingly named for his markings, Freckles was the calmest dog at the event. His “sister,” Rumor also happily interacted with the public, gobbling up praise and petting as easily as bits of dropped popcorn. Barb and Dave might just have started a fan club for their dogs.

Newcomer to MTB was Ashley Hatfield who trekked from [Virginia] to share Phoenix and Fern with us. Fern is unaccustomed to such large gatherings, but you would never have known it. With her blue-and-white collar, representing the colors of the Israeli flag, Fern did a stand-up job representing the

CDs. Her “brother,” Phoenix drew so much attention from spectators that Ashley wondered how he would adjust to normal life after the show. Ashley overheard some people speculating that our dogs are large versions of Shiba Inus (“standard Shibas” like a standard Poodle?). Following up on that, Ashley decided to bring Phoenix over to the Shiba Inu, where the story was met with laughter and a few nods of agreement.

Our real-life demo dogs were all amazing and provided their humans an opportunity to interact with the public and answer various questions

about the dog's temperament, training and care, and an attentive audience for experienced lecturers David Golden and Richard Vulliet to discuss the history and purposes of the breed. The Club's AKC Dele-



gate, Pamela Rosman, was on-hand Sunday running between the booth and meeting with AKC Board, staff, and management.

Thanks to our Ambassadors for a job very well done, and to all CDCA members in attendance.

Meet the Breeds events were held in New York, Chicago, and Columbus in 2023

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-meet-the-breeds/about/>

<https://www.akc.org/sports/akc-meet-the-breeds/frequently-asked-questions/>



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Amanda,

Thank you so much for forwarding me a copy of the Canaan Kibitzer. I really appreciate it! So fun to look thru it and see all the results from all the "stuff" everyone did. Purina does lend itself to a well-rounded national for many breeds. You may be a low entry breed, but absolutely have a great group of Canaan owners. Thank you also for all your mentoring and positive feed back. I just sent in my application for provisional status for Canaans, and hopefully will have my interview in January. I'll let you know how it goes.

Thanks again for all you do for the Canaan breed. You are a wonderful ambassador.

Ronda Bermke

Editor's Note: Ronda is now permit status for the breed.



Canaan Dog Club Of America

2024 NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK

Hello all! The Premium List for both the National Specialty (Concurrent) as well as the Cluster Club has been published. As a reminder, our National Specialty is a part of a Concurrent show with the Langley Kennel Club. I've attached both premiums for your review along with links.

There will be 5 shows in total. They are:

- Thursday:
 - o National Specialty with Sweepstakes, Veterans Sweepstakes, and Parade of Companions. **Please note that the Parade of Companions registration is sent to me instead of going through the Superintendent.**
 - o All-Breed Show (Concurrent with the Langley Kennel Club)
- Friday (Parent Club Specialty - as known as our Designated Specialty) with Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes (Langley Kennel Club)
- Saturday - Supported Entry (Virginia Beach Kennel Club)
- Sunday - Supported Entry (Virginia Beach Kennel Club)

CDCA Premium List: <https://pdf.infodog.com/prm/1783/prm1783.pdf#pagemode=bookmarks>

Langley/Virginia Beach KC Premium List(s): https://www.infodog.com/entry/default.htm?pg=inc_selshow1.htm&ko4=&webrec=&newent=N&step=4&event=C&evtemp=X&rec_X=C435318:1:02/04/24-02/10/24&rec_C=C447071:5:03/03/24-03/09/24&rec_O=C435318:1:02/04/24-02/10/24&rec_P=C435318:1:02/04/24-02/10/24&

The CDCA will also support Langley Kennel Club's BPUP events on Thursday and Friday. So bring your 4-6 month old puppies!

For the Friday events, the Cluster Premium is condensed so prizes are not listed. Be assured that we will have prices for our Parent Specialty!!

Please make your reservations as early as you can. There is a large event occurring at the local college and rooms will be taken quickly. See either premium for a link to the visitor center for a list of possible hotels. I've also provided it here. <https://www.visitrichmondva.com/hanover>

Also, the Gloucester Kennel Club is holding Fast Cat events on Saturday and Sunday. The CDCA will be offering prizes on Saturday for the fastest dog and fastest bitch along with turtle awards for both. We have worked with both the Cluster Clubs and the Gloucester Kennel Club so you'll be able to show and then run if you choose. The Gloucester Kennel Club's registration will open on February 9th, so please sign up early! They aren't holding spots for us, but they would love for Canaan Dogs to participate! If you sign up, in the "notes section" please state that you want the 1:00 slot. The link to their website is: <https://www.gloucesterkennelclub.org/>

I'm also including other National Specialty documents. Please make sure that you note the due dates for those items.

We hope to see you there! - Marianne



Parade of Companions

There will be a non-competitive class Parade of Companions for Canaan Dogs (dogs & bitches.) These dogs **do not have to be** AKC registered (unless otherwise specified) to participate. Participants may include Champions of Record, Rescue Dogs, AKC Performance Titled (AKC/CDCA.) Performance Titles (herding, rally, agility, obedience, tracking, etc.)



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 to each entrant.

Parade of Companions Entry Fees (**not to be entered through the superintendent**): **\$30.00**

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 included in a special program.

Mail completed form, biography, and any entry fee (checks payable to CDCA) to:
Marianne Smith Vargas/CDCA, 5300 Bagpipers Ln., Virginia Beach, VA 23464 or vial email to
mfsmith2010@gmail.com

or by

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

Must arrive NO LATER THAN Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT INFORMATION

As the Canaan Dog National Specialty fast approaches, please show your support for CDCA and our wonderful breed by placing an advertisement in the 2024 National Specialty Program.

Final Deadline: Wednesday, March 1, 2024. We are sorry but we can not provide an extension past this date.

All ads are full page 4 -1/2" wide x 7 - 3/16" high. Please do not exceed these measurements as reductions may affect the final ad size.

Please provide the following information for each page:

- Individual Submitting Ad
- Phone Number (with area code)

Acceptable File Formats: EPS, TIFF, JPEG, PDF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft® Publisher, Microsoft® PowerPoint ONLY

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

- Black and White (print ready) \$40.00 - **Grayscale for all black and white ads**
- 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 Marianne at mfsmith2010@gmail.com

Email is best, but if you need to mail payment, please send to:

Marianne Smith Vargas/CDCA
5300 Bagpipers Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

For more information:

Email: mfsmith2010@gmail.com; phone: (757) 705-1500



CDCA National Specialty Banquet & Auction
Doswell Ruritan Club
16433 Washington Highway, Doswell, VA 23047
Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 7:00 PM



Price: Cash/Check - \$45 per person and includes all taxes and gratuities.
 PayPal - \$46.35 per person

Bring Your Own Beverage (Alcohol Permitted)

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

- ____ Tender Cut Roast Beef with Gravy
 ____ Secret Recipe Crusted Chicken
 ____ Hearty Vegetarian Lasagna

Accouterments:

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| • Tossed Salad with Dressings | • Rolls |
| • Haricot Verts | • Medley of Cakes and Pies for Dessert |
| • Oven Baked Potatoes | • Coffee/Iced Tea/Water |

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number Attending Cash/Check: _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

Number Attending PayPal: _____ x \$46.35 = \$ _____

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

Pre-paid reservations are ONLY accepted for the banquet!!! Reservation and payment must be received by March 6, 2024. We apologize but we are unable to accept reservations beyond this date.

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

or

Send the reservation form, with all the information requested above and payment to:
 Marianne Smith Vargas, c/o CDCA, 5300 Bagpipers Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

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

National Specialty 2024 "Bloomin' Fun"

The Meadow Event Park
13191 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047

As part of the Spring Fling Cluster sponsored by
Langley Kennel Club and Virginia Beach Kennel Club

Tentative Timeline



Wednesday, March 20, 2024:

- Board Meeting – 5:00 pm at the event site – location TBD
- Welcome Event – Progressive – 7:00 pm - Stroll across the Show Grounds and meet your fellow Canaan Dog lovers! Locations will be announced.

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- Concurrent Specialty (National Specialty (NS) and Sweepstakes (SW) followed by an all-breed show) time TBD - set by Langley Kennel Club.) NS Judge – Gordon W. Hayburn; Junior Showmanship – Sidney L. Marx; SW Judge L. Diane Sprung
- Show Silent Auction (for all exhibitors)
- Annual Membership Meeting – Doswell Ruritan Club, 16433 Washington Highway, Doswell, VA 23047, 8:00 PM

Friday, March 22, 2024

- Parent Specialty (Designated Specialty (DS) and Sweepstakes (SW)) – Breed Judging (time TBD – set by Langley Kennel Club) – DS Judge – Karen Hynek; SW Judge Gaye Grant
- Show Silent Auction (for all exhibitors)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

- Judges Education (7:30 am – 9:00 am) - Dominion Conservation Classroom (on show grounds) - information will be posted on the CDCA website)
- Ringside mentorship for judges – Canaan dogs are expected to be in the ring between 9:30 and 10:00. However, the Cluster Host Clubs will determine the final ring time
- Supported Entry Breed Judging (please see the Spring Fling Cluster Judging Program)
- Banquet and CDCA Silent Auction – 7:00 pm - Doswell Ruritan Club, 16433 Washington Highway, Doswell, VA 23047

Sunday, March 24, 2024

- Supported Entry Breed Judging (please see the Spring Fling Cluster Judging Program)

OLD DOG—NEW TRICKS! ASHER EARNS HIS AKC ELITE PERFORMER TRICK DOG TITLE

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?!?! Just a few days shy of his 12th birthday, Caliente Desert Wanderer (Asher) earned his Elite Performer Trick Dog title on Nov. 20, 2023. This is the highest



trick dog title AKC awards. Making it even more special is the fact that he is only the second Canaan Dog to earn this level. (Second to Marcie Muller's Ziva, who was the first.)

Asher started his trick dog training as a fun way to break up the more repetitive nature of obedience and rally training. We initially took classes, but once I got comfortable breaking down a trick's components, we

switched to at home training. At the novice, intermediate and advanced levels tricks can be completed one at a time for evaluation, either in person or on video. The performer and elite levels need to be done in sequence, use props, and have a theme or story. In addition, you cannot use any agility or obedience equipment (but you can repurpose other items to get the same effect). At the performer level, Asher's story was 'Asher the Space Dog' and he had to clear his spaceship of aliens. For his elite level his story was that he competed in the 'Senior Dog Olympics'. We filmed it outside in our yard and the picture shows one of his tricks, the hula-hoop weaves. (Yes, my husband and some friends think I am a bit obsessed.... hehehe)

I am very proud of Asher, for his desire to learn and train; and for his love of working with me! We are now qualified to submit a video for the Yearly Virtual Trick Dog Competition. We have already started learning our new tricks, but the story line will remain a secret until recorded!

I encourage anyone interested in doing something new with your CD to try tricks. Oh, it's also great for puppies to have fun, learn how to learn, and grow their focus! The AKC site has a lot of resources under the Sports & Events section, Home Sports & Events AKC Trick Dog to help get started.

- Debbie Friedman

Caliente Desert Wanderer is owned by Gary Peterson & Debbie Friedman

Brag Box

Cindy Oxley

During the first week of August 2023, our pack grew by one. We had learned that one of Halah's puppies had been returned to Annette Israel and was still looking for a forever home, so we approached her about rehoming Eastlands Baron Junior Banot Yaacov (Beej to us) with us. We are so very happy to report that Beej has integrated very well into our pack! Halah still rules and Beej has taken his place as third after Strider. The boys have buddied up wonderfully well.

Congratulations to the CDCA National Specialty 2024 committee for a job well done!! It was a pleasure to get to know and to work with Jane Nunn, Marianne Smith-Vargas, Marla Haney, Liora Ben-Sorek, and Annette Israel.

Marcia Muller

Ziva qualified and earned her 3rd Outstanding Breed Award - #1 Canaan Dog - for her trick routine in the 2023 AKC Virtual Elite Performer Trick Competition. Here's the link if you want to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EX5KauAGH9g> (PICNIC TIME IN BUTTERFLY HAVEN - Ziva & Mom enjoy an indoor picnic)

Ziva earned 2 additional AKC Scent Work Advanced level titles In October. Sadly, our goal of earning the overall Scent Work Advanced (SWA) title fell short by 1 Buried search.

Our final UKC Nosework trial weekend was in early November. Ziva placed 2nd in Master Containers, 4th in Master Interior and 1st in Elite Containers. This was our first Elite search (where the number of hidden objects, called Hides, is unknown) and we qualified with time left on the clock. We also received Judge's Team Medallions from 2 different judges for searches where we did NOT Q. This is as rare as hen's teeth and we were ecstatic. Lifelong memories were made during our final search weekend.



ZIVA'S MEMORIAL - FOND MEMORIES & LESSONS LEARNED

Marcia Muller

My Canaan Dog education started on our first hotel night with Ziva. The fire department showed up unexpectedly and I decided it was a great opportunity to introduce Ziva to firemen in full gear with engine noise and lights as background. She took it all in and I got my first lesson in how CDs pay attention and notice everything! On the trip home I lifted her into her crate after potty breaks. After doing this twice she decided it was easier to just jump up into the open crate by herself. I had no clue she could jump that high or learn that fast.

At 3.5 months Ziva amazed the Pink Ribbon Puppies photographer. Unlike most pups, she didn't fall asleep during the shoot and was able to sit and lie still when asked. She ended up on their new fund raising show banner because of her looks and intensity.

Over time I learned the different Canaan Dog "Alert/Alarm" sounds. Waking up to my months old pup screaming and running around the house at 3am for 15 minutes was very disturbing. There was no (visible) reason for this behavior. On our 7am walk I saw that our neighbor's yard had been vandalized. There were tire grooves in her lawn, shrubs and skid marks in the street. The vandals left at full tilt when hearing Ziva scream. Different sounds came from our backyard when Ziva pinned a new lawn guy against the wall by moving in a semicircle and barking. Loud, continuous barks in the yard meant Hot Air Balloons were somewhere within 10-20 miles. She refused to go past the driveway if she smelled or heard them when we left for our early morning walks. Even if I couldn't see them I knew they were coming. She hated them so much.

My first conformation show taught me that you bring **both** your dog and ribbons to the photo shoot with the judge. I learned Ziva would memorize the route to her crate so I had to get creative if I ever wanted to get her back in it. I also learned to look up if she was the only dog barking in a show as there might be a loose helium balloon in the rafters.

In our first Agility class, she quickly learned to jump over the bar laying on the floor. The instructor kept us practicing and Ziva decided she must have done it wrong so she started hopping over it instead. I learned to avoid repetition when training anything. The class gasped when Ziva sailed perfectly through the Tire Jump. When she caused a jump bar to fall (happened once) she turned around to see what caused the noise. I learned CDs are natural athletes. Getting her first OJP leg was both exhilarating and exhausting. I literally collapsed in the chair and couldn't leave the ring until I recovered. No one told me a "mature" woman with a short stride shouldn't attempt to keep up with a young, fast Canaan Dog.

After watching one CAT run Ziva was hooked. She LOVED this sport. I LOVED watching her run. She had a great nose and when she smelled coyote scat during a run she would stop on a dime and



Ziva and her Gorilla



UKC MBIS ALCH



Fast CAT



**Best Experienced Herding
2015 National Specialty**



**Virtual Elite Performer Trick
Competition 2021-2023**

**Awarded Outstanding Breed Prize
#1 Canaan Dog**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=opRP5RaOq-A
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Coursing Ability Test (CAT)



Nosework Ribbons



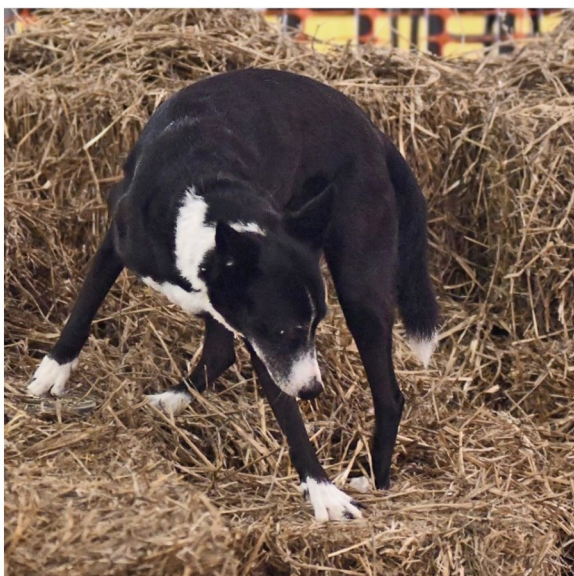
Pink Ribbon Puppies



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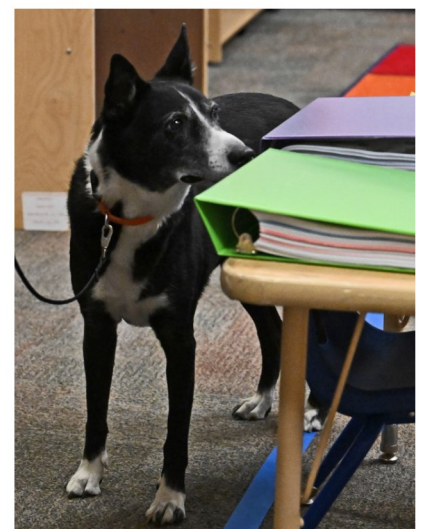
Nosework Exteriors



Barn Hunt



BH Judges Choice Award



Nosework Interiors

return to me. In her mind, the chase wasn't worth a possible encounter. She took it in stride when a loose dog joined her on the course. She got to wear her coursing jacket when running with other dogs in fun matches. She ran over 45,000 yards in CAT trials and loved every step.

Rat odor repulsed her. In our first Intro to Barn Hunt class Ziva backed up from the caged rat, turned away and gave kisses to get me to leave. It was not her favorite sport and sometimes she refused to hunt. When she did hunt, she was in the ribbons. The wild rats in the yard were more fun for her to find and chase.

Our success in Odor Detection sports was due to having fun in every single search. Our last trial was no exception. Judges loved watching us work. In our first Elite search the judge gave us hugs after I called "Finish." Ziva drew the line at searching elementary school bathrooms. There was no way to make this room smell nice enough for her to enter, let alone search.

Making Trick videos with Ziva was so much fun for both of us. Ziva knew when she messed up a trick and I learned she could and would fix her mistakes without any instruction from me. I'm so glad I have video proof of this fantastic feat. It's one of my most cherished memories.

Ziva learned to ride a skateboard, pull wagons and catch Frisbees. She played fetch, horseshoes, basketball and darts with me. Bean Bag games and musical instruments (especially the drums) were favorites. She would hit the cymbal with her nose! She jumped 3 trampolines in a row and learned to operate a Flyball box. I broke 2 toes teaching her a relay race baton exchange. Lesson learned: don't run barefoot in the house.

She tolerated daily teeth brushing. She used a nail board to do her front nails. She didn't venture out if it was raining. Her personal best for "holding it" was 19 hours and it drove me crazy. On our walks, she would put on the brakes if she wanted a route different from the one I chose. We always communicated with each other but she usually won the arguments.

Ziva made dinner time a game by dropping her kibble filled Kongs on the ground so she could "hunt" for the scattered food. She could be patient at times. She stalked squirrels and rabbits in our yard, taking minutes to advance. I have a video! She loved pizza, butt rubs, her Bear and her precious Gorilla. Begging for attention, she would hold her Gorilla and whine while trotting past us. Ziva loved us and we loved her back more than I thought humanly possible.

**"Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure, loving you always,
forgetting you never."**

A SURVIVOR'S TALE

submitted by Liora Ben-Sorek

There is no shortage of personal accounts from October 7, 2023, precisely fifty years to the day after the start of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, and not-coincidentally, the date when Hamas marauders breached the borders of Israel, again catching Israel off-guard. This is one of those personal accounts.

Ofakim, a town in the western Negev is approximately 3.9 square miles in size. It is located along Highway 241 which runs from Beersheva, 20 kilometers to its east, to Gaza, 25.5 kilometers to its west. Ofakim was the furthest point of Hamas penetration on October 7th and a site of intense fighting.

I came upon Heally Gross's story on a Facebook group that connects owners and fanciers of the Israeli Canaan Dog, a rare and unique breed, the world over. I reached out to Heally to learn more of her family's story and am grateful that she has given me permission to share her experience.

A third-generation documentarian, daughter of director Yaakov Gross, and granddaughter of Natan Gross, a Holocaust survivor and "pioneering director at Geva Studios"[1] Heally and her mother, Talia, live in Ofakim together with their five dogs, a Doberman Pinscher and four wild-born Canaan Dogs.

Canaan Dogs have a rich history dating back several thousands of years. They are native to the deserts of Israel and were first domesticated in the 1930's by German émigré Dr. Rudolphina Menzel. Known for their excellent herding and guarding abilities, Canaan dogs can be seen around Bedouin camps just as easily as in someone's living room.

They are fiercely protective of their territory, which by definition includes their family pack. As a friend recently remarked, his Canaan Dog will alert you when the FedEx guy is a block away.

Imagine, then, how worrisome it was to keep the dogs quiet so that their barking would not tip off to terrorists, bent on ravaging, pillaging, and killing, that the Gross family was at home.

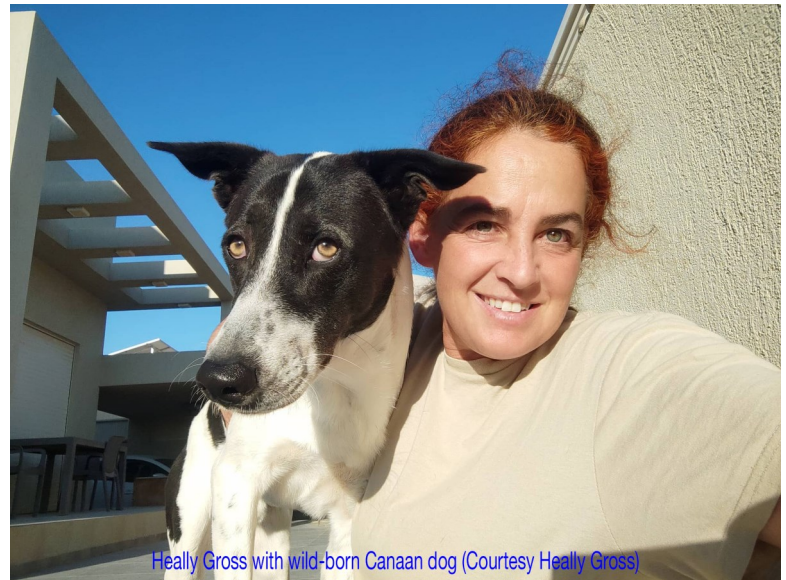
The quiet of that fateful Saturday morning was rudely interrupted by the sounds of rifles, sirens, and rocket fire. At the sound of the first warning siren (azaka) Heally and Talia led two of the younger dogs to a secure area of their home. It soon became apparent that this was not an ordinary alert and the Gross' immediately brought all the dogs to the sealed security room (mamad) and rearranged the space to accommodate crates for each of their dogs, because the animals' safety was their primary concern.

Heally took videos to document that moment in history. In those clips, amidst background sounds of wailing sirens and the rat-a-tat-tat of automatic gunfire, Heally spoke calmly and reassuringly to her dogs. At times in an almost sing-song voice she gave them advance notice of incoming missiles ("od nefila, v'od nefila"), letting them know that they'll soon hear an explosion (pitzutz), convincing them—and herself, as well—that things will be alright. Through it all, her dogs remained silent.

A neighbor called to tell Heally that there was a terrorist in her yard. He was one of a squad of three. The dogs did not bark. "They sat with us in the protected space and understood that it was necessary to be quiet." Heally's "dogs always guard the house and signal me when there is suspicious movement a kilometer away. Because they were born in a pack of wild dogs, they are always alert." Thankfully the guerillas were unable to break into the Gross's home.

In total, her mother, the dogs, and Heally remained secluded and locked in the secure room for thirty hours without food or water, terrified to leave because they knew that the terrorists were still roaming outside. According to news sources, the IDF cleared the town of Hamas invaders the following day.[2]

The behavior of Heally's dogs on October 7th may have saved her life and that of her mother. Heally told me that the silence of her dogs—a breed designed to vocally alert and warn—reminded her of the Biblical account of the exodus from Egypt where it says that no dog barked to alert the Egyptians that the Israelites were leaving (Exodus 11:7). Now she truly understands the meaning of that passage.



Heally Gross with wild-born Canaan dog (Courtesy Heally Gross)



Quiet dogs (Courtesy Heally Gross)

A SURVIVOR'S TALE, continued

Relatively speaking, things turned out well for the Gross family. The same cannot be said for the neighbor who lives 150 meters away upon whose property that missile (nefila) landed. Or the neighbor, a policeman, who went out to fight the terrorists and became one of fifty-three Israelis who lost their lives in Ofakim.

As does everyone else in the close-knit community we call Israel, Heally counts how many days the war has lasted. She looks forward to the day when all hostages will be returned to their families, when Hamas and its militant allies will be suppressed, and Israelis can once again breathe freely. And her dogs? They look forward to the day when they can return to long walks in what has, for now, become a battlefield.

[1] <https://www.gross-israelim.com/>

[2] <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2023-10-08/ty-article-magazine/.premium/the-israeli-town-of-ofakim-has-been-cleared-of-terrorists-but-the-blood-and-shock-remain/0000018b-0fe0-dfff-a7eb-aff8ad030000>



NEW TITLES – OCTOBER 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 2023

<u>Dog's Registered Name</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>	<u>Date Titled</u>
AKC CHAMPION		
CH Woodland West's Front Runner	Kent Clark	12/15/2023
CH Farsight Recurrent Confidence For Relic	Amy Preston	9/17/2023
AKC GRAND CHAMPION		
GCH CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Ephraim Hadash FCAT CGC	Cynthia Dodson & Lenni Brett Cipriotti & David Golden	12/6/2023
GCH CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CAA FCAT8 CGC TKN ATT VSWI FITB	Christina Miller	12/16/2023
AKC GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE		
GCHB CH Jaykay Fearless Defender At Bandersnatch Rosendogs FDC TKN	Amanda Pough & Judy March Rosenthal	11/16/2023
AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN		
GCHB CH Revelation Aharon Aviv BCAT CGC TKN	Richard Vargas & Marianne Vargas	8/28/2023
AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST		
CH Kansas Late Day Sharav BN RN BCAT THDN CGC TKN ATT	Lee Boyd	11/18/2023
CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CA FCAT7 CGC TKN ATT VSWI	Christina Miller	9/23/2023
AKC COURSING ABILITY ADVANCED		
CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CAA FCAT8 CGC TKN ATT VSWI	Christina Miller	11/12/2023
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 8		
Kol Tuv Caleb At Media Meadows FCAT8	Ted Papagiannopoulos & Roxane Papagiannopoulos	12/31/2023
CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CA FCAT8 CGC TKN ATT VSWI	Christina Miller	9/30/2023
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 2		
Revelation Liluri Aviv FCAT2 CGC	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden	12/30/2023
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 1,000 POINTS (FCAT)		
CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Ephraim Hadash FCAT CGC	Cynthia Dodson & Lenni Brett Cipriotti & David Golden	11/22/2023
Celev Klavlev's Curly Shlomo Hasameach Shlomo" FCAT DJ"	Thomas Cassel & Timothy Wenz	9/22/2023
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 500 POINTS (DCAT)		
Mazel Tov A New Hope Paw-Dawan DCAT	Cristina Garland & Catherine Oskow	9/2/2023
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 150 POINTS (BCAT)		
D&J Ha'Aretz Don'r Get Cocky BCAT TKN	Donna Davison & Jackie Davison	10/28/2023
CH Farsight Recurrent Confidence For Relic BCAT	Amy Preston	10/15/2023
AKC SCENT CONTAINER ADVANCED		
GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2 SWN SCA SIA SEA SHDN TT RATO CGCA CGCU TKE ATT VHMA VSWE FITG	Marcia Muller & James F Muller	10/22/2023
AKC SCENT WORK INTERIOR ADVANCED		
GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2 SWN SCA SIA SEA SHDN TT RATO CGCA CGCU TKE ATT VHMA VSWE FITG	Marcia Muller & James F Muller	10/22/2023

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AKC RALLY MASTER 5

RACH High Desert Ari Of Ascend, Mazel Tov CD BN RM5 RAE2 CGC TKN Laura Alton & Risa Baumrind 10/29/2023

AKC BEGINNER NOVICE OBEDIENCE

CH D&J Ha'Aretz Asha Of Sundowner BN RI CGC TKN Cathey Marie Dunn 9/24/2023

AKC TRICK DOG ELITE PERFORMER

Caliente Desert Wanderer CD RE NAJ CGC TKE Gary M Peterson 11/20/2023

AKC NOVICE TRICK DOG

GCHB CH Revelation Aharon Aviv BCAT CGC TKN Richard Vargas & Marianne Vargas 8/28/2023
D&J Ha'Aretz Don't Get Cocky TKN Donna Davison & Jackie Davison 9/15/2023

AKC FIT DOG BRONZE

CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CAA FCAT8 CGC TKN ATT VSWI FITB Christina Miller 11/20/2023
GCH CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Ephraim Hadash FCAT CGC FITB Cynthia Dodson 12/8/2023
& Lenni Brett Cipriotti & David Golden
GCHS CH Rivroc Onto Somethin Bsnatch Rosndog CA DCAT TKN FITB Christina Miller & Ethan Miller 12/5/2023
GCHP CH Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek CA FCAT3 CGC TKN FITB Cynthia Dodson & David Golden 10/31/2023
GCH CH Odyssey's Kuma Of Farsight RN BCAT CGCA TKN FITB Jennie La Prade Esq. 9/22/2023

AKC FIT DOG SILVER

GCH CH River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch BN RI FDC CAX FCAT12 CGCA CGCU TKN ATT VSWB FITS Christina Miller & Allan Miller 11/20/2023
GCHP CH Pleasant Hill Avram Of Carters Creek CA FCAT3 CGC TKN FITS Cynthia Dodson & David Golden 12/29/2023

AKC OPEN BARN HUNT

GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 FCAT2 SWN SCA SIA SEA SHDN TT RATI RATN RATO CGCA CGCU TKE ATT VHMA VSWE FITG
Marcia Muller & James F Muller
9/10/2022

AKC NOVICE BARN HUNT

GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 Marcia Muller & James F Muller 3/7/2021
FCAT2 SWN SCA SIA SEA SHDN TT RATI RATN CGCA CGCU TKE ATT VHMA VSWE FITG

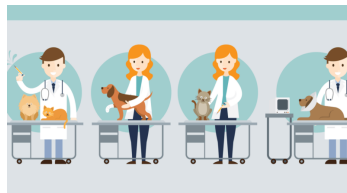
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GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher BN RA FDC NAP NJP CAX3 Marcia Muller & James F Muller 1/25/2020
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OFA Test Results: October 2023—February 2024
Line in bold italics signifies the dog has a CHIC number

Registration	Name	Registry	Results	OFA_#
DN55111401	RELIC'S I AM KANAAN	CANINE	CHIC	189061
DN70777208	RIVERROCK GEMARI DESERT STAR ZION'S HAWK	ADVANCED CARDIAC	NORMAL AUSC+ECHO	CA-ACA3/21M-VPI
DN53414401	ATZMAI BESHETACH	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE80/80M-VPI
		EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE115/27F-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL267F27-P-VPI
		HIPS	EXCELLENT	CA-606E27F-P-VPI
DN68455302/ P998787	D&J HA'ARETZ PHOEBE FOR GEMARI	PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA209/27F/P-VPI
		CANINE	CHIC	191549
		THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH201/27F-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL269M24-P-VPI
		HIPS	GOOD	CA-609G24M-P-VPI
DN69780403	EASTLANDS REVELATION ELLENNI EPHRAIM HADASH	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE118/24M-VPI
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA211/24M/P-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL270F24-P-VPI
		HIPS	GOOD	CA-610G24F-P-VPI
DN69780404	EASTLANDS REVELATION ELLENNI ZARAH HADASH	PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA212/24F/P-VPI
		THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH202/24F-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL266M74-C-VPI
		HIPS	EXCELLENT	CA-605E74M-C-VPI
DN51320701	HA'ARETZ YOD PHOENIX	DEGENERA- TIVE MYELOP- ATHY	CLEAR/ NORMAL	CA-DM305/74M-PI
		EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE116/74M-VPI
DN41023001/ P807769	PLEASANT HILL AVRAM OF CARTERS CREEK	EYES	NORMAL W/ BO	CA-EYE81/110M-VPI
DN66450402	REVELATION ADIVA AVIVA OF SAMARA	HIPS	GOOD	CA-607G33F-P-VPI



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Registration	Name	Registry	Results	OFA_#
DN66450403	REVELATION AHARON AVIV	CANINE HEALTH	CHIC	190719
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA208/32M/P-VPI
		EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE117/33F-VPI
DN66450404	REVELATION LILURI AVIV	PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA210/33F/P-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL268F33-P-VPI
		HIPS	GOOD	CA-608G33F-P-VPI



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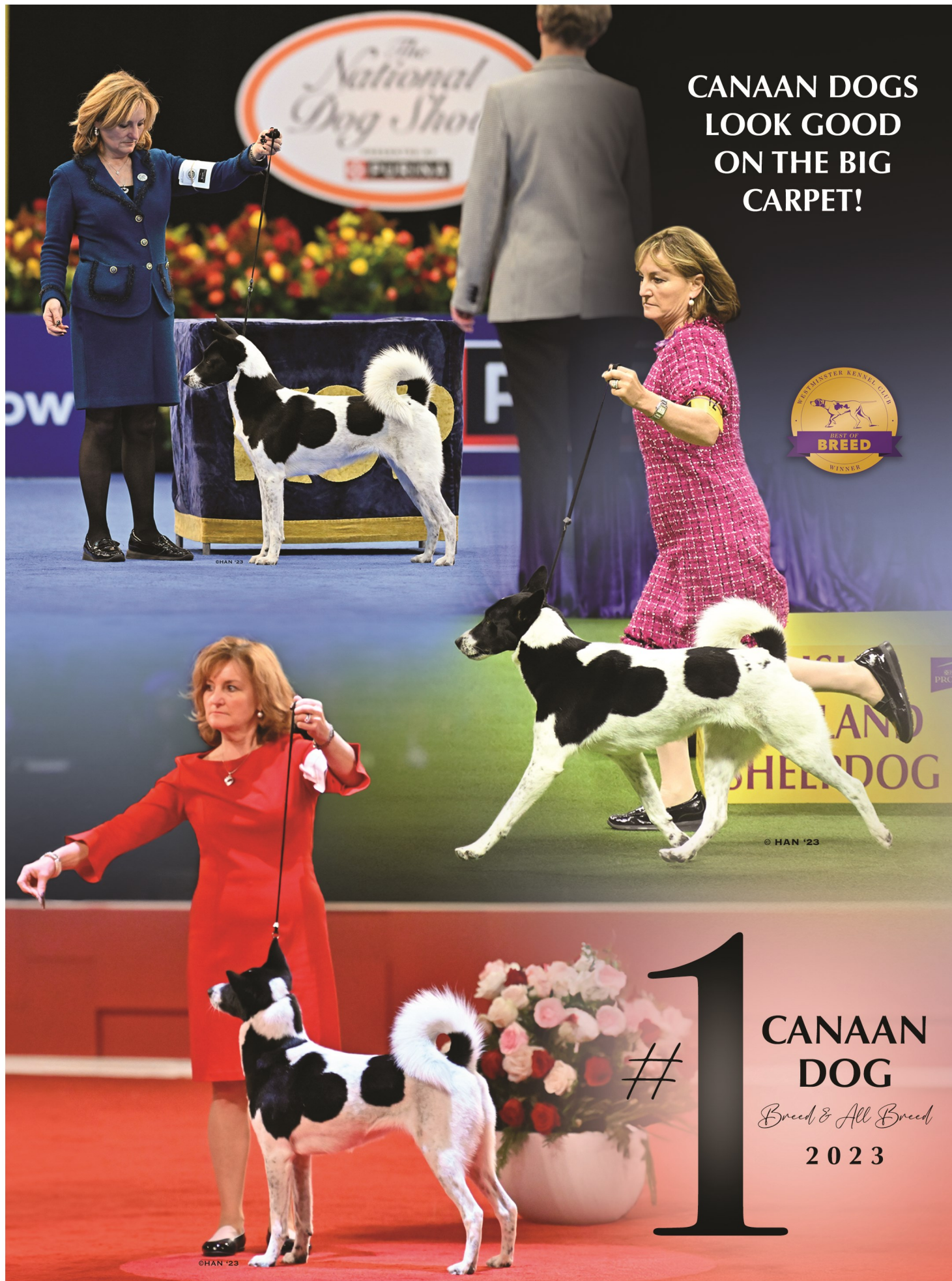
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