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*Can we be jealous yet?*

In this issue, our multi-talented Canaan Dogs show their stuff. Maccabee writes an excellent "What I did this summer" essay complete with photos. (How did he manage that???) Ariel shows her spiritual side, providing horoscopes for all the avid Canaan Dog readers. (Though somehow I doubt she wore a turban).

On the human front, Donna Thompson, a respected Tracking judge and Springer Spaniel breeder, writes: "Why you should train your dog to track".

## From the Editor's Desk

I've been hiding that picture of Michelle and Maccabee from Tycho. I know one look at it and he'd start gazing at me with Those Eyes, saying things like ... "yeah, mom... I remember when we used to go camping in the mountains a couple times every summer. I'd be the camp dog, we'd go on hikes, and sometimes I got to herd cattle away from our camp site. And there was that mountain meadow that went on forever and I could run and run until I couldn't run any more."

However, summer is definitely over. Tycho and I have started walking my son Paul into school every morning again. And Tycho's fan club has reformed. All the little kids that knew Tycho already from last year or the year before, got to lord it over the other kids, who hadn't met him yet. He got to shake **a lot** of little hands. And have many, many small children pet him and fawn over him.

So see, we don't have to have too much of a pity party for Tycho, because he doesn't get to go hiking in Banff, one of the most beautiful spots in the world. I can say that because I was there just a couple of weeks ago, sans dog, on a conference for work. It was staggeringly gorgeous!

However, if it's the end of summer, that means only one thing! Yup!! The 33<sup>rd</sup> CDCA National Specialty is only a month away. October 21<sup>st</sup>, Leesburg Virginia. Be there or miss out!

The festivities will start the night of Tuesday, October 19, with a welcoming party sponsored by Alan and Sylvia Gersman in honor of Lada L, first Canaan Dog to earn a MACH (Master Agility Champion). This is Agility's equivalent of an OTCH (Obedience Trial Champion). Wednesday there will be general membership and board meetings, a tracking demonstration by Donna Thompson, and a breed seminar. Then the specialty on Thursday will start with obedience, followed by puppy and veteran sweepstakes, and then breed classes. We'll finish off the afternoon with an agility demonstration by Lada and her Canaan Dog agility buddies, then we will have an agility game for **everyone** to join. That evening, we'll all be ready for the awards banquet and auction!



***“Do you know the way to Leesburg?  
Can you give me a lift????”***

Ariel looks for some transportation to take her to Leesburg, Virginia for the Canaan Dog Club of America's 33<sup>rd</sup> National Specialty on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

Unfortunately, Louis' response was “Nay!!” (or, perhaps that was “neigh!”??)

**New Titles:**

Reminder! Please report all new titles (AKC and non-AKC) to our new Awards Chair, Annette Israel. (Contact info is on the last page of the Kib, as always!)

Also – if you want your new titles to appear in the Kib, you'll have to send them to me, (the editor) too. I've been working on my mind-reading skills, but all I've got so far is Tycho's thoughts: “food food food ... chase the SQUIRREL!!!! ... walks are good ... cheese!!!!!! ... naptime ... zzzz”. And something tells me that I don't need mind-reading skills to figure those out!

**Agility:**

Jealou Echo Echo I Herd Ewe, CGC, **NA**, NAJ, AHBA-HCT

**Front and Finish® Canaan Dog Obedience and Agility Ratings**

Front & Finish® 2003 Open A & B Obedience Rating System

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|--------------------|----|
| 1. Jacob CD AX AXJ |    |
| B Hogaboom         | 26 |

Front & Finish® 2003 Inaugural Preferred Agility Standard Open Rating System

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| 1. CH Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz NA NAJ |   |
| D Dodson/T Kimm                            | 6 |

Front & Finish® 2003 Inaugural Preferred Agility Jumpers Open Rating System

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| 1. CH Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz NA NAJ |   |
| D Dodson/T Kimm                            | 4 |

Front & Finish® 2003 Regular Agility Standard Obedience Rating System

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|---------------------|----|
| 1. Sabrina NA NAJ   |    |
| K Bennett/D Bennett | 26 |
| 2. Iggy Pop NA OAJ  |    |
| C Blanton           | 24 |
| 3. Addie OA OAJ     |    |
| G Roper             | 18 |
| 4. Thea NA NAJ      |    |
| J Tessier           | 11 |

Front & Finish® 2003 Regular Agility Jumpers Obedience Rating System

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|-------------------------|----|
| 1. Sabrina NA NAJ       |    |
| K Bennett/D Bennett     | 35 |
| 2. Shiner Bock Atherton |    |
| A Atherton              | 23 |
| 3. Addie OA OAJ         |    |
| G Roper                 | 22 |
| 4. Thea NA NAJ          |    |
| J Tessier               | 10 |

## Health Clearances:

Health Clearances are available online at the OFA web site ([www.offa.org](http://www.offa.org)). Full health clearances are also available for some Canaan Dogs on the CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) website, at <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org>. The Canine Health Information Center is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. CHIC requirements are customized to the needs of each breed, as determined by the parent club. Health clearances for related dogs can be obtained from both websites, allowing breeders to research both the depth and breadth of the health pedigrees.

### CHIC Goals:

- \* To work with parent clubs in the identification of health issues for which a central information system should be established.
- \* To establish and maintain a central health information system in a manner that will support research into canine disease and provide health information to owners and breeders.
- \* To establish scientifically valid diagnostic criteria for the acceptance of information into the database.
- \* To base the availability of information on individually identified dogs at the consent of the owner.

### MADRIVER SAMARA DESERT STAR DAWN

Registration: DL91139901

CA-CA3/23F/S-PI	Cardiac - Normal
CA-346E24F-PI	Hips - Excellent
CA-EL45F24-PI	Elbows - Normal
CA-PA11/24F/P-PI	Patella - Normal

### MAD RIVER AIN'T MISBEHAVIN

Registration: DL82912102

CA-EL42F48-PI	ELBOW	Apr 5 2004	48	NORMAL
CA-341G48F-PI	HIPS	Apr 6 2004	48	GOOD
CA-PA8/48F/S-PI	PATELLA	Apr 12 2004	48	NORMAL - SPECIALIST
CA-TH24/48F-PI	THYROID	Apr 16 2004	48	NORMAL
CA-183	CERF	Apr 21 2004	49	NORMAL. TESTED: 04

### MAD RIVER MONTGOMERY

Registration: DL85623503

CA-178	CERF	Mar 8 2004	41	NORMAL. TESTED: 04
CA-340E40M-PI	HIPS	Mar 16 2004	40	EXCELLENT
CA-EL41M40-PI	ELBOW	Mar 16 2004	40	NORMAL
CA-PA7/40M/P-PI	PATELLA	Mar 19 2004	40	NORMAL - PRACTITIONER
CA-TH23/40M-PI	THYROID	Mar 19 2004	40	NORMAL

### ARAYL'S MAGIC SPRINGTIME

Registration:DL82747204	F	Jun 29 2004	CA-345G52F-PI	HIPS
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### BABREES CRYSTAL GALE

Registration:DL91219301	F	May 12 2004	CA-343G27F-PI	HIPS
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### CHERRYSH FIRE AND RAIN

Registration:DN01193302	M	Aug 27 2004	CA-348G25M-PI	HIPS
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### CHERRYSH MI CORAZON MIRACLE

Registration:DN01234802	F	Apr 15 2004	CA-342G24F-PI	HIPS
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### FAR SIGHT MIRIAM

Registration:DL68530305	F	May 27 2004	CA-344E107F-NOPI	HIPS
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### MAZEL TOV MYSTERY GIRL

Registration:DL88277305	F	Aug 9 2004	CA-347G38F-PI	HIPS
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## Summary of OFA Health Registrations for 2003

This information was provided to the CDCA by the OFA, to assist parent clubs in maintaining their own databases as well as facilitating the printing of OFA results in club newsletters. Abbreviations used in this report are: O (open), C (closed), CA (Cardiac), TH (Thyroid), PA (Patella), EL (Elbow), HD (Hip Dysplasia). I would like to laud the breeders that caretake and perpetuate our breed for checking the health of their breeding stock so assiduously, often far above the minimum requirements set out by the CDCA's Code of Ethics. Well Done!

REGISTERED NAME	REG. #	OFA #	REGIS TRY	O/C	SEX	BIRTH DATE	AGE AT TEST	RESULT
ZE'EV MIDBAR, CH	DL68636002	CA- CA2/132M/C-PI	CA	O	M	2/19/92	132	NORMAL - CARDIOLOGIST
PLEASANT HILL SIMON SEZ, CH	DL76530703	CA-TH22/61M-PI CA-PA6/60M/P- PI	TH	C	M	10/17/98	61	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL SIMON SEZ, CH	DL76530703	CA-EL40M60-PI	PA	C	M	10/17/98	60	NORMAL - - Pract.
PLEASANT HILL SIMON SEZ, CH	DL76530703	CA-338G60M-PI	EL	C	M	10/17/98	60	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL SIMON SEZ, CH	DL76530703		HD	C	M	10/17/98	60	GOOD
HADAR HA'ARETZ TATES NESHAMELE, CH	DL79179904	CA-TH16/49F-PI	TH	C	F	2/7/99	49	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL GINGER	DL84361702	CA-TH20/38F-PI	TH	O	F	7/8/00	38	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL GINGER	DL84361702	CA-336G38F-PI	HD	C	F	7/8/00	38	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL PHOENIX	DL84361704	CA-322G29M-PI	HD	C	M	7/8/00	29	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL PHOENIX	DL84361704	CA-EL33M29-PI	EL	C	M	7/8/00	29	NORMAL
MAD RIVER BLACK BART	DL85623501	CA-TH14/26M-PI CA-326E26M- NOPI	TH	C	M	9/25/00	26	NORMAL
D&D'S OZ OF GRAY MESA	DL85835207	CA-324G25M-PI	HD	C	M	12/21/00	26	EXCELLENT
D AND D'S ZEKE OF GRAY MESA	DL85835208	CA-323G27M-PI	HD	C	M	12/21/00	25	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL THADDEUS	DL85873101	CA-EL34M27-PI	HD	C	M	11/5/00	27	GOOD
PLEASANT HILL THADDEUS	DL85873101	CA-TH15/27M-PI	EL	C	M	11/5/00	27	NORMAL
PLEASANT HILL THADDEUS	DL85873101		TH	C	M	11/5/00	27	NORMAL
DJ HA'ARETZ LYDIA OF GRAY MESA	DL86756901	CA-325G25F-PI	HD	C	F	1/19/01	25	GOOD
DJ HA'ARETZ FANCY TROUBLE GM	DL86756902	CA-333G28F-PI	HD	C	F	1/19/01	28	GOOD
HA'ARETZ TZ STARLITE, CH	DL86996905	CA-334G32F-PI	HD	O	F	12/11/00	32	GOOD
D&J HA'ARETZ SHEBA OF TAHOE	DL87583701	CA-330G24F-PI	HD	C	F	4/25/01	24	GOOD
RIVERROCK GUILT BY ASSOC.	DL87938503	CA-329G24F-PI	HD	C	F	5/3/01	24	GOOD
RIVERROCK GUILT BY ASSOC.	DL87938503	CA-TH17/24F-PI CA-PA3/24F/P- PI	TH	C	F	5/3/01	24	NORMAL
RIVERROCK GUILT BY ASSOC.	DL87938503	CA-EL36F24-PI	PA	C	F	5/3/01	24	NORMAL - - Pract.
RIVERROCK GUILT BY ASSOC.	DL87938503	CA-331G24M-PI	EL	C	F	5/3/01	24	NORMAL
MAD RIVER REVOLUTION, CH	DL88119301	CA-EL37M24-PI	HD	O	M	7/4/01	24	GOOD
MAD RIVER REVOLUTION, CH	DL88119301	CA-TH18/24M-PI	EL	O	M	7/4/01	24	NORMAL
MAD RIVER REVOLUTION, CH	DL88119301	CA-327G25F-PI	TH	O	M	7/4/01	24	NORMAL
BABREES THE ASTRAL VISION	DL88729601	CA-EL35F25-PI	HD	C	F	1/26/01	25	GOOD
BABREES THE ASTRAL VISION	DL88729601	CA-335G24F-PI	EL	C	F	1/26/01	25	NORMAL
RENEGADE'S RIKER	DL88959601	CA-EL39F24-PI CA-PA5/24F/P- PI	HD	O	F	8/22/01	24	GOOD
RENEGADE'S RIKER	DL88959601	CA-TH19/24F-PI	EL	O	F	8/22/01	24	NORMAL
RENEGADE'S RIKER	DL88959601		PA	C	F	8/22/01	24	NORMAL - - Pract.
RENEGADE'S RIKER	DL88959601		TH	O	F	8/22/01	24	NORMAL
JUMPIN' JAZZMIN HAZARIZA	DL88992001	CA-328G29F-PI	HD	C	F	11/11/00	29	GOOD
SHAAR HAGAI, CH	DL89642206	CA-PA4/24M/P- PI	CA-PA4/24M/P- PI	PA	C	7/14/01	24	GOOD
HA'ARETZ KWISARTZ HADERACH DWLF	DL89642206	CA-332G24M-PI	PA	C	M	7/14/01	24	NORMAL - Pract.
HA'ARETZ KWISARTZ HADERACH DWLF	DL89642206	CA-EL38M24-PI	HD	C	M	7/14/01	24	GOOD
HA'ARETZ KWISARTZ HADERACH DWLF	DL89642206	NO REG	EL	C	M	7/14/01	24	NORMAL
KUBLA	1082302 NO REG	CA-337E60M-PI	HD	O	M	9/20/98	60	EXCELLENT
KUBLA	1082302	CA-TH21/60M-PI	TH	O	M	9/20/98	60	NORMAL



## Why you should teach your dog to track

By Donna Thompson

In Tracking, we acknowledge the dog's natural scenting abilities by training the dog to follow a track scent and find an article at the end of the track. The age of the dog makes little difference in its tracking ability. With a Springer Spaniel three months is a great time to start.

In training you dog for tracking, you will develop a very close bond with your dog, for in tracking the dog is the boss and you must learn to read and understand what he telling you.

In the Los Angeles Daily Journal in 1990, there was an article titled "*Dogs Sniff Out Arsonists and Find Accelerant*". In this article, the trainers were quoted as saying that a dog's sense of smell is 100 times better than man's. With good reason: humans have 5 million cells devoted to the sense of smell. Dogs have 220 million.

The sport of tracking has really grown in popularity in the last 20 years. Tracking is a non-competitive sport – you either pass or fail. Unlike many activities, everyone at the trial really wants your dog to pass. There is a great camaraderie among the participants.

A misconception is that you have to live in the country – in 1995 a new tracking title was added – the Variable Surface tracking title, which is judged on parking lots, industrial parks, and many urban areas. As of this writing, there are only 16 dogs in the country who have earned a VST titles, and two of them are Springers!

It's nice if your dog likes to retrieve, but it is not necessary that they retrieve the glove at the end of the track so long as they indicate that they have found it – they can sit on it, lay down on it, lift their leg on it, and in some cases have even swallowed it!

In training for tracking, we start with straight-line tracks that become longer and longer. When we feel that the dog is getting the idea, we then introduce turns. Longer and longer tracks are then put in, and then we start aging them.

Time schedule: it is quite conceivable that you could get a dog ready for its beginning tracking title in 3 to 5 months.

*Certification:* In order to enter a tracking trial due to the limited number of entries in the trial, you must get your dog certified by a licensed judge like myself. If your dog certifies, the judge will give you a written statement that you must submit with your entry form.

On the TD level, the track is 440 to 500 yards long. The track must be aged 30 minutes to 2 hours. There will be 3 to 5 turns, and you will find two flags – one to show you where to start and one to give you the direction of the track.

On the TDX level, the track is considerably more difficult – 800 to 1000 yards, 3 to 5 hours old, and only one flag marking the start with no other flag giving you direction. There will be at least two obstacles, and two cross-tracks made by two people, and 4 articles to find.

On VST, the track will be from 500 to 800 yards, 3 to 5 hours old, and only one flag marking the start, and the dog must find 4 articles. Many different surfaces will be used: sand blacktop, concrete, bare dirt, wood, etc.

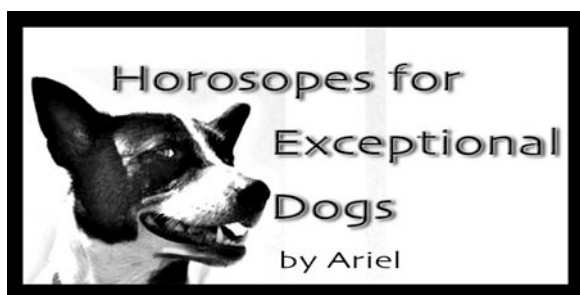
Many tracking dogs have been called upon to work with search teams, serving communities when called upon to help locate children who have wandered or to find elderly people who have become confused and lost.

Tracking is a great sport – good exercise for the dog and the handler!

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*Editor's note:* I hope that you are enjoying this series on tracking, put together with the help of Bryna Comsky, our Tracking Chair.

In future issues we will have articles written by Canaan Dog owners that are currently training and working their Canaanis in tracking.



### **Aries (March 21- April19)**

Today is the day to start that new project you have been thinking about. Dig that hole near the garden, or under your favorite tree, evacuate that mole, rough up that new toy, take a bath in your water dish, and go wild. Seize the day!

### **Taurus (April 20- May20)**

Be careful today, no wide turns, no lagging or forging in obedience drills. Focus! Watch everything. No intruders especially birds or bunnies. Think about the details and track down any odd scents. Be alert!

### **Gemini (May 21- June21)**

It's a two-fer day or week! Do whatever you want twice! Two naps in the sun, two games of tag, two rolls in the grass. When your human lets you out give two barks and come right in and ask to go out again. Maybe you will get two walks!

### **Cancer (June22- July22)**

We know you are a home body, check the perimeter, announce your presence and mark your boundaries. When the place is secure relax in a spot you can watch for the UPS truck because you never know when they might show up with cookies!

### **Leo (July 23-August 22)**

Act like your king of the jungle today. Stalk a bird or squirrel; let the world know you are boss dog! Don't take any attitude from any cats. Announce your presence to the word!

### **Virgo (August 23- September 22)**

Love is in the air! Let everyone know you love them, lots of smiles, leans, licks and kisses. Snuggle with your family. Really show Fifi at the dog park or that cute mutt next door you care. Share the love!

### **Libra (September 23- October 22)**

Sure you are an active dog but sometimes sleeping in the sun or curled up in a nice bed is the best ever. Find a favorite toy, settle down for a chew, and get comfortable. This could be one of those low-key days.

### **Scorpio (October 23- November 21)**

It's taste everything or sniff everything day. Enjoy your senses; do some air sampling with nose high and low. Eat some grass, roll on something really stinky and share the smell with everyone. Taste it, or smell it all, or better yet both!

### **Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)**

Time to mend fences. Wag at the dog next door; let the mail carrier know you like them even if they intrude in your space. Share a toy, no resource guarding today!

### **Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)**

Jump for joy! Run and jump over a log, a chair, or another dog. Frisk to your hearts content. Play, play and enjoy. Start a game of chase and get everyone revved up. Start your engines!

### **Aquarius (January 20- February 18)**

The stars are in perfect alignment for dizzy activities, Chase your tail, do some zoomies around the yard. Agility practice would be perfect!

### **Pisces (February 19- March 20)**

Recall and play is the thing! When anyone calls come so fast you bump into him or her! If no one calls come a running anyway! Start a game, find a stick and get a game going.



Yomi and Anna are ready for the specialty! Are you?

## Rocky Mountain Maccabee “Northern Warrior”

The Tales of a Desert Dog in the Mountains

### Go West Young Canaan

I guess I can use the adage that if Canaan Dogs were meant to fly we would have been given wings. And after being around for the better part of 4000 years we have all of the parts that we require, thank you very much. Now I don't mind the car (I like the speed), but traveling through the air to distant places is really not my cup of tea. Michelle and Larry wonder why I spend so much time looking up at the planes when we are at home – its because I couldn't figure out why someone would be crazy enough to go up in one of them.

Now don't get me wrong. I realize that the only way we could get out there in decent time would be to fly, and the flight wasn't all that bad. I had lots to do in my crate – toys, cold frozen water and lots of blankets – but someone has to do a better job of briefing the new flyers. Do you know what turbulence is? I do! Down in the cargo hold we get the full effect – up, down, left, right – and in the dark it's like being on Space Mountain for 4 hours. But as much as it was rough on me, I think it was twice as rough on Michelle – she would have traveled cargo with me if she could.

Finally, Calgary, Alberta – CowTown – now that's something I can relate to. I hear there is a Stampede going on – sign me, I'll pardner, I'm going to round me up some of those heifers!

### New Lab Buddy

Ok, so if I'm not herding cattle, then why did they bring me out here? At any rate the place we are staying is pretty good – complete with a built-in playmate. Morgan is a 7-year old golden Lab – nice dog but she has this weird desire to go swimming. She actually jumps into the water and swims out to fetch things. She says she has been trained to fetch ducks that her human shoots, but when she does this he won't share any of them with her. I think we will need to have some long talks, but I don't know if I have enough time to get her straightened out.

Morgan has some young humans that live with her. They really seem to like dogs – one of them is always hugging me. I like this but I have an image to maintain, so I will just look bored when she does it.



### Camping in Banff

We went on a long drive today and ended up surrounded by huge mountains. The humans are unloading things from the trucks, and they are setting up some bubble-looking buildings. They look a bit like my collapsible kennel, but they can't be that because the humans are going into them. I think we are going to be staying in them tonight.





Now this building is different – not exactly one to elevate the spirit. Louis XIV, to pick a name at random, would not like it, it being not nearly sunny enough nor having enough mirrors. Michelangelo would be most distressed by its proportions, which are not nearly lofty enough, nor equipped with ceilings suitable to painting. Quite frankly, it is just not up to normal Canaan standards. But I have been informed that we are “roughing it” and sacrifices must be made. Even my humans are sleeping on the ground with me.

It is very quiet here – but wait, what am I hearing outside of this kennel? Is that the cat moving around? Sounds a lot bigger than her – must be one of those large cats with the burglar mask that eats at the neighbours compost pile. No, it’s bigger than that. And

does it stink! It seems to be moving on, so I guess I don’t have to herd it. Good, I couldn’t hold my breath long enough to keep it contained. Well, back to sleep.

## Hiking



Finally, a hike! I like them back home. This isn’t so bad ... a little uphill, but nothing I can’t handle. The humans are going pretty slowly, though. Gives me some time to explore and contemplate. All of this wilderness, all of this space and yet we see so few hikers. Now if they turned this over to the dogs, we would be off exploring and searching all of the time. Beautiful tall trees, cold, running streams (good to drink, not to bathe), and endless paths. OK, looks like they are ready to go again. Ah, there is a stream - I need a good, long drink ... oh no, Morgan, stay out of the water! I want a drink but not tasting your stinky feet! Ok, go in downstream of me ... sheesh, Labs, addicted to swimming and nothing you can do about it.



So this hike is called Healey Pass .... Pass what? Trees, mountains ... I’m so confused. We have been going to 3 hours, with only ONE lunch break. They call this a holiday? There are bugs and water and more bugs.....yes, I know survived for thousands of years in the desert, yada, yada, yada. That was history people; we have become the Chosen Dogs (nice biblical reference) and deserve to be treated as such.

Yes, it is a nice view.....more trees and mountains. We could have stayed at the bottom, looked up and seen the same thing with a heck of a lot less aggravation! People, do I have to think of everything. Ok, back to camp and a nice dinner.



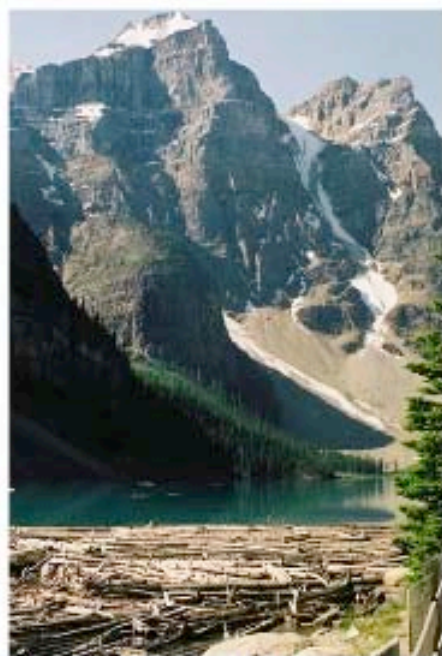
## More Hiking

Off we go again ... the destination today is Taylor Lake ... it's just Michelle and Larry with me this time ... this is supposed to be a tough hike ... lots of uphill and switchbacks.

Puff, puff, puff...at last, the top. More trees and it's wet and muddy and why are we up here? Oh great, mosquitoes also. Ok, let's move along and...wow, what a view. Even I'm impressed. Large lake (good, I'm thirsty), a waterfall (hence the lake) and a glacier (hence the waterfall). And fields of wild flowers, perfect! I'm so itchy from the mosquitoes, the mosquito spray, the hiking, now for a good roll.



## What do you mean there are Cougars up here?



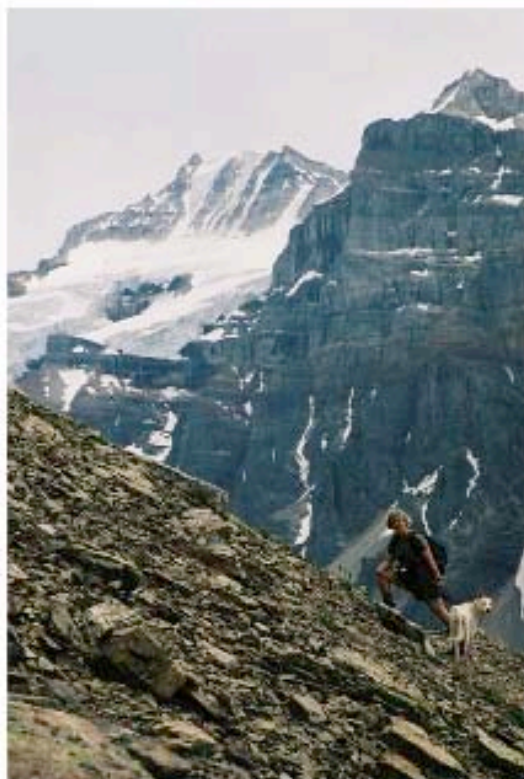
Eiffel Lake....I hope I don't have to walk to France for this one! We are starting out at Moraine Lake...beautiful turquoise water, large glacier and lots of whiskey jacks flying around trying to steal your sandwich! This looks nice and tranquil. But wouldn't you know it, this is just an illusion...our hike to up that mountain.

The view of Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks is spectacular up here...every which way you turn is another postcard...and now that we have reached the top it's not so bad, except for the Grizzly part...they could have kept that to themselves, but it explains all of the noise we are making....whistles, yelling, singing (now that is the worst...makes ME want to run the other way).

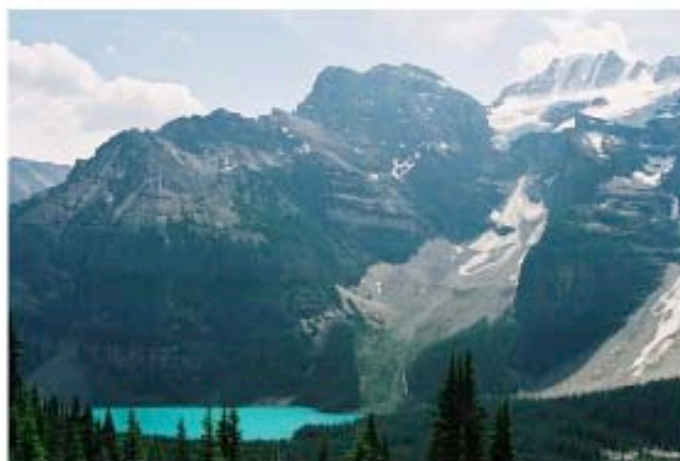


Hey, is that...could it be...SNOW! I love SNOW!!! Yeah, I know, desert dog, but this stuff is fun to play in. CHARGE!!!





Finally, Eiffel Lake, so named because the mountain behind it looks like the Eiffel Tower. You really have to use your imagination to come up with that one! Like it matters, though. Neither the mountain nor the lake really cares. They have just been here minding their own business, evolving, melting, flooding, rocksliding, and whatever mountains and lakes do in their spare time away from the prying eyes of humans. Then one day somebody wanders up here without so much as a hello, or how-do-you-do, and names them. They may have already had fine names....Bob or Felix. But this "explorer" wants to be famous, so they give them a name. Oh well, give it a couple of hundred years and the names will be forgotten and someone else can get famous giving them a new one.



### **Cabin Life – that's more like it**

After a week of this "roughing it" or is it "ruffing it" lifestyle, finally some civilization. A beautiful cabin, with a fireplace and a nice big rug to curl up in front of it. Warm, dry, and a great bed for me to sleep on when they go out to dinner. There is a big old-fashioned bathtub, but we won't mention the bad things here (although Michelle seems thrilled by it).

Out back is a beautiful waterfall and long paths, full of golden-striped ground squirrels (look like chipmunks to me). Yep, it looks like they finally figured out how to travel out here in Banff.

### **Homeward Bound**

Back onto the plane.....now for some much needed sleep. I won't tell them, but I hope we come back and do this again next year.

## CDCA National Specialty Schedule of events

### Where to stay?

We suggest you make your reservations as early as possible. The CDCA has a block of rooms at The Leesburg Holiday Inn.

Contact: Melissa Snow: (703) 771-9200 or [leesburgdos@crownamerican.com](mailto:leesburgdos@crownamerican.com)

### When?

Tuesday October 19 – Sunday October 23

### Where?

Leesburg, Virginia. Half an hour west of Washington DC. The closest airport is Washington-Dulles (~15 minutes drive), but other area airports are Reagan National (~40 minutes) and Washington-Baltimore (~ 1.5 h).

### What to do?

Besides lots and lots of things with your Canaan Dog at the specialty (I'll list them below) there is a lot of touring you can do with your Canaan Dog.

Wine Tasting. Yes, Virginia has vineyards and wineries.

Sight-seeing. You and your Canaan Dog can go visit all the memorials down in DC on the National Mall. It's a great place for a walk!

Hiking. There are some really nice hiking and biking trails. One of my favorites is the C&O Canal trail, it goes a few hundred miles along the northern side of the Potomac River, from Washington DC (Georgetown) to West Virginia.

### Specialty Events

#### **Tuesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup>**

6 – 9 PM Welcoming Hospitality Party at the Holiday Inn sponsored by Alan & Sylvia Gersman in honor of Lada L, who is the first and (so far!!) only Canaan Dog to earn a MACH (Master Agility Champion), the AKC's highest agility title.

#### **Wednesday Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

9 AM General membership meeting  
1 PM Board of Directors meeting  
3 PM Tracking Demo  
7 PM Judges' Education Breed Seminar

#### **Thursday Oct 21<sup>st</sup>**

9 AM 33rd CDCA National Specialty order of events: Obedience, Sweepstakes, Breed, Junior Showmanship.  
Afternoon Agility games for Canaan Dogs (no experience necessary!)  
6 PM CDCA Awards Banquet & Annual Auction (Contact Alan Gersman for reservations)

#### **Friday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Supported Entry at Middleburg Kennel Club Show

Saturday, Oct 23, 2004

Supported Entry at Middleburg Kennel Club Show with obedience

#### **Sunday, Oct 24<sup>rd</sup>**

CDCA Herding Instinct Test at Keepstone Farm, Berryville, VA (~30 min. drive from show site; directions to farm will be given at host hotel and during National Specialty show)

### Questions?

Contact Alan Gersman, Specialty Show Chair. (703) 437-6969, email: [maxisone@erols.com](mailto:maxisone@erols.com)

### **Agility Game**

This game involves guiding your dog over 8" jumps and optionally through tunnels. There will be three rows of jumps/tunnels across the ring.

ROW	JUMP points	TUNNEL points
one	1	3
two	3	5
three	5	8

The middle jump in each row has a jump that will double your score each time you go over it. Each team has 45 seconds to build a score. Each team can have a second run, if they like.

No penalty for knocking bars. Trophies for the top three places.

This event is for EVERYONE!



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