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## From the Editor's Desk



Me & my High In Trial dog, Tycho, at the 2004 specialty.

Another National Specialty has come and gone, and they just seem to get better and better! This issue has results, photos, and commentary on the Specialty, as well as results from the 2005 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and from the 2005 AKC National Agility Championship, held concurrently in Tampa Florida, January 14-16, 2005. The 2004 CDCA National Specialty was the biggest entry ever, in breed and in obedience! Many thanks to Chris Miller, Renee Kent, and Kathleen Hargrave for photos of obedience and herding photos from the specialty.

## 2005 CDCA Nominating Committee

As per the constitution, the Board has appointed a Nominating Committee, constituted by Amanda Pough, Kathleen Hargrave and Cathi Oskow, to nominate a slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the club. Full details about the positions, regions etc. may be found in the club's Constitution or by asking a member of the Nomination Committee.

As we start our work, we welcome input, suggestions, etc. from club members. If you would be interested in serving the club, if you would like to recommend a fellow club member, etc., please contact any or all of us on the Nominating Committee:

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This is *your club* and *you* can make a difference in it!

## 2005 CDCA Agility Trial

**When?** Saturday & Sunday, April 23 and 24, 2005

**Where?** Cedar Run Horse Center, Woodbridge, VA

**Who?** The Canaan Dog Club of America

**More Questions?** Trial Chairperson: Alan Gersman, maxisone@erols.com

C'mon down! We had a great time last year, and this year will be even better! Bring yourself, your family, your Canaan Dog! Run your dog or not! But have fun and help us put on the trial.

This will be an indoor trial on sand & rubber surface.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE RIVER ROCK CREW



Ch. River Rock Light my Way, CGC, CDCA HC  
Gave us an amazing 2004 and we look for  
his continued success in 2005. "Samwise"  
ended 2004 as the #1 exclusively  
Breeder/Owner Handled Canaan Dog &  
#4 Canaan Dog in Breed Points. We look  
forward to this puppy to mature  
into a handsome young adult.

Ha'Aretz Kwisartz Haderach DWLF, CDCA HCX

Watch for Chris and "Z" this year. This  
wild child has matured into a lovely adult.  
We look for his continued success in  
2005.

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# RIVER ROCK CANAAN DOGS



2003 and 2004 CDCA National  
Specialty Best Brood Bitch  
Ch. DaySpring Beraiah  
Ha'Aretz, CD, CGC, CDCA HC,  
CDCA ROM

Announces her last litter. Bred  
to Mad River Talisman, CDCA HCX  
These kids are due 1/13/05

Now retired from the conformation  
ring watch for Ethan and Raiah  
in Junior Showmanship, Rally  
Obedience and Agility.  
While on maternity leave, Ethan  
will be handling "Guinan" -  
Ch. River Rock Guilt by Assoc.,  
CGC, CDCA HC pictured  
above with Merry Carol Houchard  
and brother "Pocket" - Ch. Yashar  
Ha'Aretz Machseh, CGC, CDCA HCX  
with Renee Kent



To date, Raiah has produced 4 AKC Champions, 3  
Group Placers, 2 CDCA National Specialty Best  
of Opposite Sex winners, 4 CDCA Herding Certificate  
holders, 1 CDCA Herding Certificate Excellent  
holder, 1 CDCA Best Herding Potential winner  
5 AKC CGC Certificate holders, and many loved  
companions. For more information on the upcoming  
litter, please contact Chris Miller at  
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## 2004 CDCA National Speciality

Thursday, October 21, 2004

### Message from the Chairperson

Alan Gersman

I would like to congratulate all the winners both at the Speciality and at the Middleburg Breed Show, those that finished their titles and those that did well on the Herding Instinct test. I want to especially thank all those Canaan Dog people (and of course the 60 Canaan Dogs entered) who came and made the Speciality a success.

I want to mention that the Speciality could not have been a success without:

Carol O'Bryan & Cindy Grupp donating the fabulous wine for the Hospitality and Banquet events.

Sandy Dudley who spent hours working with me and selected the outstanding food for Hospitality -- I personally couldn't get past the shrimp platter. Sandy also was Show Secretary and arrived at 5am to help set up and stayed and worked all day.

Chuck Dudley who also arrived at 5am and helped set up and then stood outside in the nasty weather and stretched the parking lot ensuring that all the cars & Rv's had a place to park.

Also Margo Milde (who is thinking about getting a CD) and Meir Ben-Dror, both who also arrived at 5am to setup and then stayed afterward to takedown and reset all the equipment.

I also want to thank the many, many CDCA members who did stay and helped clean up and reset the equipment.

Jennie Larkin who helped me keep the Speciality on schedule.

Craig Oskow who MC'ed the CDCA Auction at the Banquet and raised \$1,700. Also to all the donors to the Auction, with practical, creative & fun items.

All 70 attendees at the Banquet who made the Banquet a fun time.

Sylvia Gersman who came at 5am, worked all day and managed to work the CDCA Auction keeping track of who bid for what and who paid.

Chris Miller for putting together the party favors for the Banquet.

Amanda Pough & Judy Rosenthal for selecting and bringing the nicest set of Trophies, hand-crafted woodbury pewter, I have ever seen at a CDCA Speciality. Even the agility game winners received a gorgeous pewter cup with the CDCA logo.

Denise Gordon for arranging and managing the Herding Instinct Test on Sunday where, I believe, 33 Canaan Dogs participated.

I want to thank all the Judges, especially Myrna Shibolet who traveled from Israel, judged the Sweeps and then gave a critique of what she saw.

I want to apologize if I omitted anyone (and I'm sure I have) who helped contribute to making this Speciality the best yet!

I am already looking forward to being in Rochester, MN, for the 2005 CDCA Speciality.





## 2004 CDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY RESULTS

Judge: Mr. Steven Gladstone

### Best of Breed



CH JEALOU'S GOT MILK O'MADRIVER, "Emmitt".  
Dog. Owner: Carol O'Bryan, Sally Armstrong-Barnhardt & Cynthia Grupp. Breeder: Carol O'Bryan & Cynthia Grupp. (Andy Linton, Agent).

### Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Best Puppy



CHERRYSH WINGS OF AN ANGEL, "Gabe".  
Owner: Cheryl Hennings & Susan Hein. Breeder: Jerry Hennings.

### Best of Opposite Sex



CH RIVERROC THREE SUNRISSES LYCEUM, "Marley". Bitch. Owner: Renee & Evan Kent. Breeder: Christina Miller & Merry Carol Houchard.

### Winners Bitch



MAZEL TOV LILA BAT BARAK, "Lila". Owner: Alan Gantt & Catherine Oskow. Breeder: Catherine Oskow & Aviva Oskow. (Martin Cabral, Agent).

### Reserve Winner Dog

CHERRYSH SING HOSANNA, "Glory".  
Owner: Cheryl Hennings

### Reserve Winner Bitch

TAHOE CANDO TOO DARN HOT, "Ella".  
Owner: Sally Armstrong-Barnhardt



## Awards of Merit

1. CH HADAR HA'ARETZ HAPPY PAWS, "Paws". Bitch. Owner: Bryna Comsky. Breeders: Christie Collins, Jerry Collins, and Bryna Comsky.

2. CH MAD RIVER TAHOE ZEPHYR, "Jordie". Owner: Robin Prince Renteria. Breeder: Cynthia Grupp.



3. CH MAZEL TOV MYSTERY GIRL. By Ch Pleasant Hill Mazel - Ch Pleasant Hill Tovah. Bitch. Owner: Allan & Diane Gantt. Breeder: Catherine Oskow.



4. CH MAZEL TOV LEVI. DL 84091803. 06-01-00 By Hadar Ha'Aretz Northern Snow - Ch Pleasant Hill Tovah. Dog. Owner: Kristina Bliss. Breeder: Catherine & Craig Oskow.

## Best Veteran Dog

Ch. Mad River Tahoe Zephyr, "Jordie". Owned by Robin Renteria, bred by Cynthia Grupp.

## Best Veteran Bitch/ Best Veteran

Ch. Hadar Ha'Aretz Happy Paws, "Paws". Owned by Bryna Comsky and Julie Collins, bred by Christie Collins.

## Best Stud Dog



CH Ha'aretz Pei Mishacam, "Mishacam". Owned by Bryna Comsky.

## Best Brood Bitch



CH DaySpring Beraiah Ha'Aretz, "Raiah". Owned by Christina Miller.

**Best Bred By Exhibitor**

Madrider Samara Desert Star Dawn, "Smudge".  
Owned by Denise Gordon, Pamela Rosman and  
Cynthia Grupp, bred by Cynthia Grupp and Pamela  
Rosman.

**Dogs (11d 5 pts)****Puppy 6 - 9 Mos.**

- 1 Cherrysh Sing Hosanna, C Hennings
- 2 Eastlands Isaac, A Rolerson/J Crocker
- 3 Cherrysh Sing So Into You,

**Puppy 9 - 12 Mos.**

- 1 Cherrysh Wings Of An Angel, S HEINE/C  
HENNINGS

**12 - 18 Mos.**

- 1 Pleasant Hill Billy Bob, D Dodson

**Bred By Exhibitor**

- 1 Tk's Nassi Shiloh, T Kopea
- 2 Eastlands Valentine Surprise, A Israel

**Open**

- 1 Cherrysh Midnite Atthe Oasis, K Shank/C  
Shank
- 2 Rosendog's Lt. Columbo, A Pough/J  
Rosenthal
- 3 Lorianna Sirius Star, L Hastings/C  
Hennings
- 4 Ha'aretz Kwisartz Haderach DWLF, C  
Miller

**Bitches (17b 5 pts)****Puppy 6 - 9 Mos.**

- 1 Jonelle's Pleasant Hill Naomi, J  
Badertscher/N Badertscher
- 2 Cherrysh Sing Hallelujah, C Hennings

**Puppy 9 - 12 Mos.**

- 1 Mazel Tov Lila Bat Barak, A Gantt/C  
Oskow
- 2 Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak, C Oskow/A  
Oskow
- 3 Hahar Grand Entrance Anna, C Shank/K  
Shank

**12 - 18 Mos.**

- 1 Tahoe Cando Too Darn Hot, S Armstrong-  
Barnhardt
- 2 Ha'Aretz Shin Medor Ledor, R Steinberg/J  
Steinberg
- 3 River Rock Dancing Barefoot, R  
WRIGHT/P WRIGHT

**Bred By Exhibitor**

- 1 Madrider Samara Desert Star Dawn, D  
Gordon/C Grupp/P Rosman
- 2 Cherrysh Worship The Sun, C Hennings
- 3 Rivroc Guilty Party At Lyceum, C Miller/M  
Houchard

**American Bred**

- 2 Captains Crew Tifa NAJ, D Johnson
- 3 Ph Promise Of Blue Sky, N Bennett-  
Woolf/T Woolf

**Open**

- 1 Arayl's Rivi's Rumor, D Gordon/E Hebert
- 2 Arayls Talitha Of Reckcreate, M Reck
- 3 Cherrysh Hearts On Fire, C Hennings
- 4 Cherrysh My Red Ryder, K Bogovich

**Non-Reg Veteran Dogs**

- 1 CH Mad River Tahoe Zephyr, R Renteria
- 2 Dayspring Amos Anatoly, J Davis
- 3 Fuligin Ged Tycho CDX AX AXJ, J Larkin/J  
Relph
- 4 CH Ze'ev Midbar CD HS HI NA NAJ, D  
Gordon



## Non-Reg Veteran, Bitches

1 CH Hadar Ha'aretz Happy Paws , B  
Comsky

## PUPPY & VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Myrna Shibolet

### Best in Puppy Sweepstakes



Cherrysh Wings of An Angel  
Owned by Cheryl Hennings & Susan Hein.

### Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes



Cherrysh Sing Hallelujah

Owned and bred by Cheryl Hennings.

### Best in Senior Sweeps



Pleasant Hill Billy Bob  
Owned and bred by Donna Dodson.

### Best of Opposite Sex in Senior Sweeps

Ch. Arayl's Rivi's Rumor, "Rivi"  
Owned by Denise Gordon, bred by Liz Hebert.

### Best in Veterans Sweeps



Dayspring Amos Anatoly, "Deke"  
Owned by Annette Israel, bred by Parker Flowers.

### Best of Opposite Sex in Veterans Sweeps

Ch. Cherrysh My Charming Delilah  
Owned by Jerry Hennings, bred by Cheryl Hennings.



## JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Judge: Mrs. S Greendale-Paveza

### Best Junior Handler



Noelle Renteria handling Ch Babrees Crystal Gale

### Novice Junior

1st Jacinta Reck

### Open Junior

1st Miss Sydni Lashley

### Open Senior

1st Noelle Renteria

## OBEDIENCE

Judge: Dr. William Wisecup



Ch. Pleasant Hill Hinda M Rosendog, CD ("Heidi") retrieving on flat in Open A. Heidi is owned by Judy Rosenthal, bred by Donna Dodson

## High in Trial



Fuligin Ged Tycho CDX AX AXJ, "Tycho", owned by Jennie Larkin & John Relph, bred by Donna Dodson.

### Utility A

NQ Fuligin Ged Tycho CDX AX AXJ

### Open B

190 Fuligin Ged Tycho CDX AX AXJ

### Open A

NQ Ch. Pleasant Hill Hinda M Rosendog, CD

### Novice B

172 Ch. Arayl's Magic Springtime



Pre-Novice sit-stays

## Novice B



Novice B First place: Ch. Arayl's Magic Springtime owned by Norma Bennett Woolf & Tomas Woolf, bred by Liz Hebert

## Pre-Novice Obedience

1. (177) Ch Babrees Crystal Gale (Roxy), owned by Noelle and Robin Prince Renteria, bred by Jill & Ian Terry.
2. (157) Ch Hadar Ha'Aretz Tates Neshamele
3. (148) Ch Mad River Tahoe Zephyr
4. (110) Arayls Talitha Of Reckcreate
5. (90) TK's Nassi Shiloh
6. (80) Ch Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz



Pre-Novice down-stays

*Congratulations to all Pre-Novice Competitors!*

## Stud Dog

- 1 Ch Ha'Aretz Pel Mishacam
- 2 Ch Mad River Tahoe Zephyr
- 3 Ha'Aretz Kwisartz Haderach Dwlf

## Brood Bitch

- 1 Ch Dayspring Beraiah Ha Aretz
- 2 Ch Pleasant Hill Hinda M Rosendog
- 3 Ch Cherrysh My Charming Delilah
- 4 Ch Pleasant Hill Alexandra

## AGILITY GAME



Trudi and Buzz, top scoring agility team.

## Individual

First Place (1,933 points): Trudi Kimm & Buzz (Ch. Pleasant Hill What's the Buzz, CDCA HCX, V; CGC, OA, AOP, AOJ, OJP.

Second Place (1,310 points ): Keith Shank & Jake

## Team

First Place: The PH Specials took first place: Trudi Kimm & Buzz, Donna Dodson & Sondra, and Cheryl Shank & Gimmie.



## New Titles

### New Obedience Title:

Mazel Tov Josepha Ariel, **CD**

### New Conformation Titles:

**Ch.** Mazel Tov Yomi bat Barak

**Ch.** Mazel Tov Hana Her My Heart

**Ch.** Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named

**Ch.** Rosendog's Lt. Columbo

**Ch.** Arayl's Rivi's Rumor

**Ch.** Hahar Akahai Shama Abi

### New Agility Titles:

**MACH** Max's Lada L Tiger Pooh, MX, MXJ

DOTY 1999, U-CD Briel's Isabel P Tiger Pooh, CDCA HC, V; CD, MX, MXJ, **AXP**, **AJP**, AAD, OAC, OJC, OGC

Jealou Echo Echo I Herd Ewe, NA, **OAJ**

### New Registry of Merit (ROM) Awards:

CH Hadar Ha'Aretz Tates Neshamele, CGC, CDCA HC, **ROM**

Ch. DaySpring Beraiah Ha'Aretz, CD, CGC, CDCA HC, **ROM**

AKC UKC Ch. Mad River Starcomber, CDCA HC, **ROMX**

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## Impressions from CDCA Specialty, October 2004

Myrna Shibolet  
Shaar Hagai Kennels

I was surprised and thrilled to find such a very large entry of dogs at the CDCA specialty. I believe that this is the largest Canaan Dog show ever. Even here in Israel, at our specialty shows, we have never more entries than 50 or so. Congratulations to the club for such a successful and well attended show. I was also very pleased to see the respectable number of dogs competing in obedience. Keep up the good work!

It was a great opportunity for me to see so many Canaans together. My overall impression is that the breed has improved over the last few years. In the past, there were many dogs that were much too long in body and as a result had very unharmonious movement. Many dogs were also very small and lacking in bone. Now, I can say that the dogs, overall, are much better in proportions, and the movement has improved quite a lot. Bone and size is better, many of the dogs had really correct size and bone. There is an improvement in coat quality, fewer dogs had the very short coat and lack of undercoat that I have seen in the past.

The problems that I find still existing in the breed: first of all, head shape. The Canaan should have a smooth and harmonious wedge shaped head, a shape that is typical of most of the spitz and primitive type dogs. When seen from above, the lines of the head from ears to end of muzzle should be straight and smooth. However, a large number of dogs have heads that are rather elongated, and

when seen from above, the cheeks protrude and there is an indentation at the start of the muzzle. This is definitely incorrect. There were a few dogs with excellent heads; it is important that breeders start to concentrate on using these dogs to improve the heads.

Another problem that is quite widespread is insufficient shoulder angulation, which often results in a soft topline as well. It is also apparent in movement. These dogs are visibly lacking in reach when they are moving, and some were even close to hackneying.

Tail set and carriage can be better in some cases, and the dogs with these problems also tended to have too much length of back and/or steep croups resulting in low tail set. However, many of the dogs had excellent tails.

I was really pleased to see such excellent temperaments. Most of the dogs were confident in the ring, willing to be handled without problems, and well behaved in general. There were only one or two dogs that wouldn't allow themselves to be handled. Much credit goes to the club and the breeders for doing such an excellent job of stabilizing the temperaments.

I really enjoyed seeing these dogs, and meeting old friends and making new ones. I will be looking forward to my next opportunity to visit the US and see the Canaans again.

## 2003 Dog of the Year

### Barak me Shaar Hagai



Barak was one of the very rare and unique Canaans who loved shows and travelling. Unlike most of his kennel mates, who prefer to stay home in their own territory, and are willing to go to shows just as a "favor" to me, Barak always loved riding in the car and going places. He was interested and curious about everything, and although he could be quite dog aggressive in his own territory, he very quickly learned that if he was to have the privilege of going places, he would have to behave - and he behaved very well. He was very outgoing and willing to make friends and to allow people to touch him, and when he was at a show, he was so sure of himself and so certain that he was the best, that the judges had no choice but to concur.



He was a very affectionate dog, loved to come over for cuddling, and his greatest privilege was being allowed to sleep in bed when we were travelling away from home. He was not widely used at stud here in Israel, nor while he was in France for six

months - we always thought that, as he was a young dog, there would be time to make more use of him when he came home. But out of the limited litters he did sire, his temperament came through. Although few of his pups have gotten to the show ring (here in Israel, relatively few people are interested in showing dogs, they are more interested in pets, companions, and home guards), the majority are noted for their wonderful temperaments.

#### Barak's titles:

International Ch.

Israel Ch.

Luxembourg Ch.

World Winner 2001

European Winner 2001

Tel Aviv Winner

AKC Ch.

UKC Ch.

Best in Specialty Show, International Canaan Dog Show, Israel 2001

Best in Specialty Show 2002, 2003 ICDCA

His titled offspring in Israel and in Europe are:

Int. Norwegian Ch. Lavie me Shaar Hagai

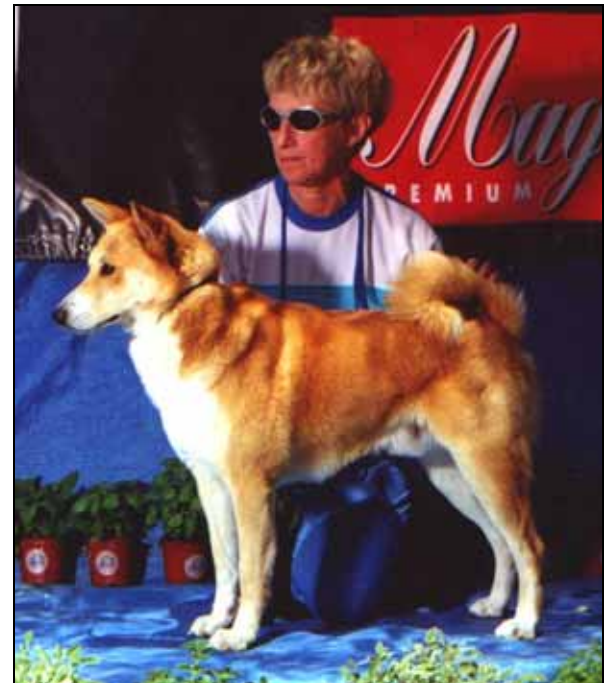
Int. French Lux. Israel Ch. Sufat Hol me Shaar Hagai

Isr. Ch. Sahar me Shaar Hagai (2 x CACIB)

His daughter Mocha Har Adar has been shown only once and has 1 CAC.

All I can say is that we miss him and what he still could have contributed to the breed, but we are grateful that he has managed to leave quality offspring behind. My goal now is to breed another one as good as Barak in all ways.

-- Myrna Shibolet







Barak was a fun dog and loved to be the center of attention. He finished his AKC Championship with five majors and finished 2002 #2 by two breed points. Barak finished his UKC Championship by going Best Male and Best Of Breed three shows in

a row starting with the 2002 ICDCA National specialty.

Barak represents seven generations of home bred champions for his breeder going back to the first Israeli Champion Laish B'nei Ha'bitachon.

Barak won a Group 2 at Apple Valley, MN on April 12, 2003. He got his second Group 2 at Marshalltown, IA on April 27, 2003. He won a Group 1 at Tri-City Kennel Club on Sept. 22, 2003.

He was the first owner handled Canaan Dog to win the AKC Herding Group. Barak won the 2003 ICDCA National Specialty just a few days before he died unexpectedly after ingesting some of his bedding. He was one of the top owner handled Canaan Dogs in breed history. He was one of those exceptional dogs that doesn't happen along very often. Fortunately, he sired several dogs that are producing in several countries.

-- Cheryl Hennings

## 2003 Member of the Year

### Alan Gersman



DOTY 1999, U-CD Briel's Isabel P Tiger Pooh, CDCA HC, V; CD, MX, MXJ, AXP, AJP, AAD, OAC, OJC, OGC and MOTY 2003 Alan Gersman.

The Canaan Dog Club of America is fortunate in the many wonderful members it has, who give so much to the breed and to the club. There were many deserving individuals nominated for the "Member of the Year" award this past year.

The membership of the CDCA chose to give this highest honor to Alan Gersman this past year. Alan has earned this honor many times over, by supporting the breed (within the Canaan Dog community and within the community of purebred dog sports) and by supporting the club.

In order to improve the CDCA's financial situation, Alan conceived of having the CDCA hold all-breed agility trials. He was the Chairperson for the CDCA's first Agility Match (which was necessary to gain AKC approval for a trial) and for both the first and second CDCA agility trials (April 2004 and upcoming this April, 2005). He also, simultaneously, was Chairperson for the 2004 CDCA National Specialty, a highly successful event with the record largest Canaan Dog entry in both conformation and obedience. At this event, he organized a raucous and very fun agility game at the end of the day, in which everyone participated and had a blast!

Alan (and his wife Sylvia) have owned, loved, and trained four Canaan Dogs: Jessie, Isabel, Lada, and now Minnie. Isabel was the first Canaan to earn MX & MXJ agility titles, and Lada is the first MACH-titled Canaan Dog.

## *Alan Gersman's One Large Brag for 2004*

This year, 2004 certainly did fly by and it was a fantastic year for me to remember. During the year, I traveled a lot, exposing my dogs to different agility surfaces, especially carpet, and me to different agility competitors. I trialed in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Minnesota and in Virginia. Taking Hummer to the USA World Team Invitational last May was to say the least, an eye opener. It is difficult to describe how aggressive the handling was at the Invitational. I watched team after team pushing for every hundredth of a second, a wide turn could be the difference between a clean run and time faults. Suffice it to say, with all the great handlers in the USA at the Invitational, there were few clean runs. After the Invitational I spent the rest of 2004 working on speed, let the bars fall and off courses happen if necessary, I had to learn how to handle and push my dogs for speed.

In spite of all this; Hummer earned his MACH in Buffalo, New York, and Lada L. earned her MACH home in Virginia at the Capital Crocker Trial. Lada L. became the first Canaan Dog to earn a MACH and she also finished as AKC's "Top Dog in 2004" for the breed. Hummer, no slouch, finished in AKC's Top Ten for BC's 2004.

I cannot begin to explain how difficult it is to earn the AKC's MACH (Master of Agility Champion) title, the dog and handler have to be consistent and fast -- they have to be and work as a team. Only about 70-80 dogs, nationwide, out of the ten's of thousands that compete in AKC Agility from **ALL** Breeds, earn this title each year. In addition to the 70-80 dogs earning their initial MACH title approximately another 150 MACH titled dogs may earn additional MACH titles each year.

I immensely enjoyed locally teaching two Agility Handler Classes for Dulles Gateway Obedience Training Club (DOGTC) at Banshee Reeks Park last summer. My only wish is that I may have helped someone be a better handler. We were blessed (except once) with some of the finest weather you could have in Northern Virginia.

I chaired an AKC Agility Trial for the Canaan Dog Club of America (CDCA) and also Chaired the CDCA National Speciality in Leesburg, Virginia, this past October where I was voted Member of the Year. An honor I truly appreciate!

I want to thank everyone who helped me make 2004 a wonderful and enjoyable year and wish you all a Healthy, Happy and Safe 2005.



Alan Gersman & MACH Max's Lada L P Tiger Pooh, MX, MXJ at the CDCA's first agility trial.



## Mazel Tov Canaan Dogs

Breeding for health, temperament, conformation and trainability



Puppies socialized and raised with children.

### Announces Tovah's final litter:

Born January 20, 2005

**Sire of Litter: AKC/UKC CH. Cherrysh Fire and Rain "Flynn"**

#1 UKC Canaan Dog for 2004

#9 AKC Canaan Dog for 2004

with very limited showing

Best of Breed at two of the shows at the ICDCA National Specialty weekend

Flynn descends from recent Israeli lines and rarely-used old U.S. lines:

His sire was WW 2001 Int Israel Luxembourg AKC UKC CH. Barak me Shaar Hagai,  
his dam, CH. Cherrysh My Charming Delilah, whose sire was CH. Ariel Shin Ha'Aretz of Briel

**Dam of Litter: CH. Pleasant Hill Tovah, ROM, CD, CGC, CDCA HC, ICDCA VC**

1 male, 4 females—2 black w/white trim, 3 white with symmetrical masks & black markings

### Some of Tovah's previous offspring have been:

**-CH. Mazel Tov Levi CDCA HC**

Best of Sweepstakes and Winners Dog at the 2001 CDCA National Specialty

Best of Winners at the 2002 CDCA National Specialty Show (to finish his AKC Championship  
in just two--National Specialty--weekends of being shown, with three 5-point majors)

**-CH. Mazel Tov Mystery Girl, HCX**

Winners Bitch at the 2002 CDCA National Specialty Show

Award of Merit at the 2004 CDCA National Specialty Show

**-CH. Mazel Tov Naftalia, CDCA HC**

Best Female at 2 of the 4 UKC shows at the ICDCA National Specialty weekend 2001

**-Mazel Tov Josepha Ariel, CD**

As well as other offspring showing their abilities in agility, obedience, herding, and conformation.

Tovah is Grandmother of:

**-CH. Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak, CDCA HC**

#7 AKC Canaan Dog for 2004

Best of Winners at the 2004 ICDCA National Specialty Show at age 7 months

Finished her championship at 10 months by going Best of Opposite during the 2004 CDCA National Specialty weekend for her  
fourth 4-point major

**-Mazel Tov Lila Bat Barak, CDCA HC**

Winners Bitch at the 2004 CDCA National Specialty

and:

**-CH. Mazel Tov Hana Her My Heart**

#5 AKC Canaan Dog for 2004

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# *Rosendog's*

*since 1983*

*Canaan Dogs & Brussels Griffons*



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Amanda M. Pough  
Co-owner/ Handler  
Bandersnatch  
P O Box 473  
Hyde Park VT 05655



# *Celebrates 2004!*

## *CH Rosendog's Lt. Columbo ("Peter")*

Finished with Majors under  
Mr. Eric Ringle  
Mrs. James Clark (CDCA Supported Entry)  
Tied for #11 Canaan Dog  
- Breed Points ("Canine Chronicle")  
in limited showing

## *CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named ("Harry")*

Finished with Majors under  
Mr. William Gunter (Australia)  
Mr. Lester Mapes  
Special Thanks to Mrs. K. Kanzler for "Harry's" Group 3, Springfield Kennel Club!  
#2 Canaan Dog  
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Special Thanks to Kitty Burke, PHA and Kathy Gertler, Kindred Spirits Handling  
For their support and care of the boys this year.

## 2004 CDCA HERDING INSTINCT TEST REPORT

By Denise Gordon, Herding Chair

There were a record 33 Canaan Dogs entered in the 2004 CDCA National Specialty herding instinct test held at Keepstone Farm in Berryville, Virginia, on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Two of those entered were For Exhibition Only -- Eastlands Kaleb ha Pere, CDCA-HCX ("Kaleb") owned by Cynthia Dodson and David Golden, and Ch. Ze'ev Midbar ("Wolf") owned by Denise Gordon. The test evaluator was Susan Rhoades, owner of Keepstone Farm and an AKC and American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) judge. The weather tested the exhibitors with rain and cool temperatures and the test pen soon became an area of maintaining balance in the mud, but owners and dogs prevailed (there were also nearby water hoses to return muddy dogs back to their original color).



Tally earns her HC. Photo by Michelle Harrington.

Of the 31 dogs eligible for titles or qualifying scores, 24 successfully passed the test, giving an 77.4% pass rate, which is one of the highest for a non-Border Collie breed! Of the 24 Canaans, 15 earned their CDCA Herding Certified (HC) title, 4 obtained their 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 3-required HC qualifying scores for their Herding Certified Excellent (HCX) title, and 5 earned their HCX titles, the most number earned within a single CDCA herding event! The Best Herding Potential trophy, an 8½" Gallery Edge tray with the CDCA logo, offered in memory of CDCA Ch. Pleasant Hill Hanna Bat Yetta, CGC, HCX ("Hanna") by Cynthia Dodson, David Golden and Eastlands Canaan Dogs, was awarded to Ch. Hadar Ha'Aretz Tates Neshamele ("Lucy"), owned by Renee (Donaher) Kent. Those dogs earning titles or qualifying scores are listed below in alphabetical order. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped at the test as well as participated!

### HERDING CERTIFIED EXCELLENT (HCX)

**Ha'Aretz Kwisartz Haderach DWLF, CDCA-HCX ("Z")**, owned by Christina Miller

**Ch. Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, CDCA-HCX ("Buzz")**, owned by Donna Dodson & Trudi Kimm

**Madriver Samara Desert Star Dawn, CGC, CDCA-PN, HCX ("Smudge")**, owned by Denise Gordon, Cynthia Grupp & Pamela Rosman

**Ch. Mad River Tahoe Zephyr, CGC, CDCA-HCX ("Jordy")**, owned by Robin Prince Renteria

**Ch. Yashar Ha'Aretz Machseh, CDCA-HCX ("Pocket")**, owned by Christina Miller, Susan Garg & Parker Flowers



Blaze shows the sheep his stiff upper lip while earning his HC. Photo by Renee Kent.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> QUALIFYING SCORE FOR HCX

**Ch. Arayl's Magic Springtime, CDCA-HC(2) ("Zephyr")**, owned by Norma Bennett Woolf & Thomas Woolf

**Ch. Babrees Crystal Gale, CDCA-HC(2) ("Roxy")**, owned by Noelle M. Renteria & Robin Prince Renteria

**Ch. Renegade's Mojo Risin, CDCA-HC(2) ("Mojo")**, owned by Renee & Evan Kent

**TK's Nassi Shiloh, CDCA-HC(2) ("Shiloh")**, owned by Tracey Kopea

### HERDING CERTIFIED (HC)

**Arayl's Talitha of Reckcreate, CDCA-HC ("Tally")**, owned by Mary B. Reck

**Captains Crew Tifa, CDCA-HC ("Tifa")**, owned by Deborah K. Johnson

**Cherrysh Wings Of An Angel, CDCA-HC ("Gabe")**, owned by Cheryl Hennings & Susan Heine



**Eastlands Ehad Minai Elef Eli, CDCA-HC ("Eli")**, owned by Julie Haddy

**Eastlands Isaac, CDCA-HC ("Isaac")**, owned by Amon Rolerson & Jana Crocker

**Eastlands Keziah, CDCA-HC ("Kizzy")**, owned by Cynthia Dodson & David Golden

**Ch. Hadar Ha'Aretz Tates Neshamele, CDCA-HC (Best Herding Potential) ("Lucy")**, owned by Renee Kent

**JK Maccabee Northern Warrior, CDCA-HC ("Macc")**, owned by Michelle Harrington & Lawrence Myers

**Lorianna Sirius Star, CDCA-HC ("Blaze")**, owned by Cheryl Hennings & Lorna Hastings

**Mazel Tov Yomi Bat Barak, CDCA-HC ("Yomi")**, owned by Catherine & Aviva Oskow

**PH Promise of Blue Sky, CDCA-HC ("Promise")**, owned by Norma Bennett Woolf & Thomas Woolf

**River Rock Dancing Barefoot, CDCA-HC ("Darcy")**, owned by Roxanna & Parker Wright

**Riv Roc Guilty Party At Lyceum, CDCA-HC ("Dax")**, owned by Christina Miller & Merry Carol Houchard

**Ch. River Rock Light My Way, CDCA-HC ("Samwise")**, owned by Christina Miller

**Yashar Ha'Aretz Sebastian, CDCA-HC ("Sebastian")**, owned by Evan Kent



Yomi herding. Photo by Renee Kent.

## SO YOU WANT TO SHOW A "DUAL RING" DOG?

By Denise A. Gordon

A "dual ring" dog is one who is trained for multiple events and can be shown in two different events in a single day, usually conformation and a performance event (most often, agility or obedience). In those rare, almost insane occasions, three events in a single day are attempted, sometimes successfully, depending on the dog's mental and physical condition as well as the owner's stamina.

Canaan Dogs have the capability and versatility to be "dual ring" dogs. The owners have the problem with it. Many owners tend to focus on one aspect of dog training wholly before going on to the next. This means that some dogs are not trained in another event for several years. In actuality, Canaans can be trained in different events simultaneously, which will help prevent the dogs from becoming bored or "stale" with the same routine. The owner must be able to multi-task training sessions on a daily basis with the emphasis of making the sessions short, fun and non-repetitious; otherwise, the dog is quickly going to be looking for something more challenging or "tune out."

Once you've trained and socialized your Canaan Dog for multiple events, the next step is the entry form. Many dog clubs give monetary breaks for dogs entered in more than one class. Carefully read all conditions in the premium list (the pamphlet that contains information on the show plus entry forms). Dog show "clusters" (more than one dog show held at the same location over a weekend or other time period) may have agility trials and/or obedience trials under different show secretaries/superintendents, thus, requiring entry forms to be sent to more than one person.

Let's say you've entered two events in the same day and, approximately one week prior to the show, you receive the judging program and your admission slip (which contains your armband number) in the mail. The judging program will give the start times and ring assignments for the various classes/breeds. This start time does not mean you will be going into the ring exactly at that time. Unless Canaan Dog conformation classes are the first breed listed for that time period or your obedience/agility armband number shows you to be the first into the ring, chances are you will have a wait. For single event entries, this is not a problem; for dual ring entries, this can be a problem with possible conflicts.

Owners need to sit down with the judging program and do some calculated "guesses." For example, you have a non-champion male Canaan Dog in regular conformation and in Novice "A" obedience, both scheduled at 8 A.M.. The judging program for conformation will list the breed counts for all breeds in a particular ring at a specific time. In the example, the Canaan Dogs have an 8:00 A.M. ring time, but are the third breed listed after 10 Briards and 2 Puli. Depending on the examination speed of the judge, you can figure about 1-2 minutes judging time per dog, which may put the first male Canaan Dog in the conformation ring about 8:20 A.M. (you should pick up your armband by 8:00 A.M. and watch a couple of the Briards being judged to see how fast the judge examines each dog to get a true sense of time). However, your obedience armband number puts you near the front of the Novice class (about 5-8 judging minutes per dog). A definite conflict.

What to do? Since obedience /agility usually allows for conflicts, before the class starts, go to the obedience ring/table stewards and tell them of the conflict. You can ask to be put at the end of the Novice class; the disadvantage to this is that instead of doing your obedience in the morning, you may now have to wait several hours for your turn. In conformation, there is no going to the end of the class; you need to show your dog when it is called into the ring. In the case of agility versus obedience conflict, work out which class might finish sooner and go to both rings to talk with the stewards about moving down in the class list.

Is showing a "dual ring" dog complicated? Yes, sometimes; you may be running from one ring to another during more than one show in your dog's multi-event show career. Is it workable? Again, yes, but it's a mind-set and a commitment, both financial and time-wise, on the owner's part. Is it worth it? Absolutely! Not only does it keep your Canaan Dog mentally and physically "on their toes", but the same effect is applied to the owner as well and that can only be for the good.

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## In memory, Dr. Dvora Ben Shaul

Dvora Ben Shaul was one of a kind. I don't think that anyone who met her ever forgot her. She was a woman of amazing intelligence, with a photographic memory (she could quote the pages of anything she had ever read) and a vast store of knowledge on a huge variety of subjects. In essence, everything was of interest to her, she had an unquenchable thirst for information, and she put the information to use, whether in doing research, writing and teaching, or gardening, repairing fences, cooking, or cleaning a blocked sewer. She had an unwavering love, not just for animals, but for everything alive, and her love was expressed by her constant support and care of animals of all sorts, plants, and her many friends and loved ones.

Dvora lived a life that would have been more than enough for ten "normal" people. Born on a ranch in Texas, she completed university at the age of sixteen. She came to Israel to help in the War of Independence, where among other things, she helped the Palmach by smuggling guns past the British under her dress. Nobody suspected the innocent looking teenager. She subsequently was married in the US to an air force psychologist whose plane was lost over China during the Korean War. Not one to accept such things lightly, she entered China secretly to search for her husband, unfortunately without success. She later worked with WHO teams in Vietnam, being one of the last Americans evacuated from Diembien Phu. While serving in the far east, her jeep went over a mine and was destroyed and she was hospitalized with a broken back. To the amazement of her doctors, but not those who knew her, she was soon back on her feet and as active as ever.

She immigrated to Israel in 1959, and among other things, worked as a researcher in biology and biochemistry at the Hebrew University (her research on the comparative makeup of mammal milk is still the basic text in hand raising zoo animals today), was the manager and chief biologist of the Jerusalem Zoo, and later the chief biologist of the Israel Nature Reserves Authority. Her experiences with animals would fill several books. She did write a number of books, including a book of poetry, and for many years was a nature columnist for the Jerusalem Post. However, her writings covered many subjects, and she was very active in promoting protection of animals and the environment. She also found the time to do a doctorate in philosophy - a comparison of the attitude to animals in the world's major religions.

Dvora was a great dog lover, always having one or more dogs as pets, along with the other more exotic animals she often brought home. She became active for some time in the Israel Kennel Club. A friend of Prof. Rudolphina Menzel, she became fascinated by the Canaan Dog - this breed appealed both to her love of

dogs, and her interest in nature and the environment. She began making plans to found a kennel for the preservation and breeding of these dogs.

To my great fortune, I immigrated to Israel in 1969 while she was developing these plans. At the time, she was the manager of the Jerusalem Zoo, and had a small boarding kennel operating on zoo property. As I had arrived in Israel with two dogs and no place to live, I was directed to her - and we immediately found common interests. When she discovered that one of my dogs was a Canaan, our friendship was cemented, and I was invited to join her in founding a kennel. That was the beginning of Shaar Hagai Kennels (all of those experiences fill another book) and the rest is history.

Knowing Dvora changed my life. She was an inspiration, and the example of a woman able to function as a highly respected professional, and to take care of herself, whether it was home repairs or fixing a balky car. Her warmth and willingness to help anyone anytime, to always be available to listen and to help you find the answer - she never told you what to do, she let you make your own choices, but was always there with words of wisdom - were behind the success of many of her friends. Her warm country kitchen was always filled with people, including some of the best known politicians, writers, and scientists in the country.

The establishment of the Canaan Dog as a breed was in great part a result of her efforts and interest. She was in contact with Bedouins and villagers all over the country and was able to bring in many dogs from the wild. She was devoted to the Canaans to the day of her passing. Her funeral was attended by her faithful 12 year old Canaan bitch, MishMish - everyone there knew that MishMish had to be there too.

The last years, plagued by ill health, a result of her difficulty and adventurous life, she was unable to continue to live at Shaar Hagai, and moved to Rosh Pina in the north, where she, unable to live actively as she always had, concentrated on writing. She still supported the Canaans in letters and articles, and was always interested in keeping up to date on what was happening with the breed.

There is so much more that can be said about Dvora, her life, her activities and her achievements. It is enough here to say that she will be deeply missed by everyone who knows her. The hole she has left in our lives can't be filled by anyone else.

-- Myrna Shibolet

## 2005 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship January 14-16, 2005

### Best of Breed



Ch. Jealou's Got Milk O'MadRiver

### Best of Opposite Sex Best of Bred By Exhibitor



Cherrysh Worship the Sun

### Congratulations to all those competing!

Aljan's Dreamstalker  
Ch. Cherrysh Midnite at the Oasis  
Ch. Mazel Tov Yomi bat Barak  
Ch. River Rock Light My Way  
Ch. Rosendog's Lt Columbo

### Awards of Merit



Ch. Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named



Ch. RivRoc Three Sunrises Lyceum

## 2005 National Agility Championship

MACH Max's Lada L P Tiger Pooh, MX, MXJ was the only Canaan Dog in competition this year. Lada Earned Top Agility Canaan Dog for 2004, from the AKC.

Lada finished in 20<sup>th</sup> place overall in the 20" Class, which had 181 dogs competing.

In the 24" Class, Alan and his Border Collie, Hummer, finished in fifth place!



## *News from Ha'Aretz...*

*Ha'Aretz Canaan Dogs welcome new owners during the "Dreidle" season.*

*The second litter by CH Mishacam and CH Starli are snug and warm in their new Homes.*

*"Miles" (Ha'Aretz Avi Miles) went to Craig Santiago and Summer in Madison, Wisconsin, after a visit to the Haughts and their "Sugar."*

*On the same evening "Lexi" (Ha'Aretz Alexandra) went home to Palos Hills, Illinois, with Lisa Saville and Jimmy.*

*We look forward to welcome Miles' and Lexi's families to CDCA.*

*After Thanksgiving came Ellen Harrison, already a CDCA member, from Louisiana to pick up Adiva, Ha'Aretz Adiva Bayt Dreidle (from the House of \*Spatterdash\* Dreidle. The round trip was over 2000 miles, and Ellen and Adiva drove like troopers. Adiva, like her littermates, is "attentive and interested in pleasing (most of the time)," writes Ellen. The rest of the time she's teething, growing up quickly, and asking, "Can you make a well-mannered adult dog out of me, and still allow me to be playful?"*

*From Mishacam's and Starli's first litter we have two CDCA family members: Ro and Jo Steinberg with Dori, and Larry and Star Anthony Greenstein with Sirius. We're waiting for "Lupe" and her family to check in, and hope all is well.*

*Mishacam and Starli are planning a third and last litter together. In the meantime, Mishacam sired a litter of five, 4M and 1F, four weeks old on 12/18/04. They are big and strong and 3 will be "ticked" like their dam, and carry her heavy double coat. They are ready for reservations.*

*Finally, we congratulate our Dreidle Descendants who shone at the National:*

*CH Hadar Ha'Aretz Happy Paws won First Veteran Bitch, Best Veteran, and First Award of Merit. Her son, CH Ha'Aretz Pei Mishacam, won his Stud Dog class with his daughters, CH Riverroc Three Sunrises Lyceum "Marley" owned by the Kents, and Ha'Aretz Shin Medor Ledor, "Dori," owned by the Steinbergs. Ha'Aretz Kwisartz Haderach Dwlf, owned by Riverrock Canaan Dogs and Chris Miller, won the second leg on his HCX Title. "Marley" was BOS.*

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