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BISS GCHB CH Farsight Argos Renegade of Pern RN CA FDC CGCA CGCU TKN FITS x CH Kol Tuv Jesse's Odyssey CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITB

2025 CDCA National Specialty
Best of Breed, Owner Handled
Best of Breed, & Best Bred By
Exhibitor

Thank you to Breeder Judge Lorna
Menaker for bestowing these honors
on Kuma.



Owned by Jennie La Prade

Bred by Jennie La Prade & Joan Capaiu Greene

Candid Photo by Risa Baumrind

Amos

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GCHB CH River Rock Unanimous Decision FCAT TKN x GCH CH River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch BN RI FDC CAX2 FCAT15
CGCA CGCU TKN ATT VSWB FITS



Amos had a fantastic trip to the West Coast

NOHS Reserve Best in Show - NOHS Herding Group 1 x2 - NOHS Herding Group 2

NOHS Herding Group 4 - OHBOB x4 - BOB - Select Dog x3

Thank you to judges Michael Faulkner, Larry Abbott, Peggy Gutierrez-Otero, Pat Jenkins, Bruce Schwartz, Joyce Siddall, Jean-Christophe Boulinguez, & Leigh Ann Yandle for recognizing his quality amongst such a beautiful entry.

Christina Miller - Canaan Dogs of River Rock

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EDITOR'S NOTE

This summer has been racing by at record speeds! We pushed the deadline for this issue back in order to include results and photos from the 2025 National Specialty. It also gave us time to dig into CDCA members, friends, and club archives to include stories and photos from the past 50 plus years!

The photo search has made me realize how good we are taking photos of the dogs but not as good as taking photos of the people. My mother turned 85 this summer and the number of photos with her head cropped off to concentrate on the dog in her arms is ridiculous! In addition, I've lost two close friends this year and had a similar battle to find photos of the humans, not just the dogs. Now that most of us have cameras in our pocket, I have been trying to make an effort to take the human photos. I've been working on this since the pandemic, but this year has brought this home even more strongly. One of those losses was Judy March Rosenthal, *Rosendogs Canaan Dogs*, who introduced me to CDs and brought me into the breed and club. The photo here is JudyR with Reen. Judy didn't like being kissed by dogs, but loved sharing a meaningful moment with them, and Reen was happy to oblige.

Pat your dogs, and mean it!

- Amanda



2025 ELECTION RESULTS

Posted on July 24, 2025

On behalf of Keith Shank, he would like you to know the following will

take office beginning August 1, 2025:

President: Lorna Menaker

Vice President: Christina Miller

Corresponding Secretary: Risa Baumrind

Recording Secretary: Liora Ben-Sorek

Treasurer: Denise Gordon

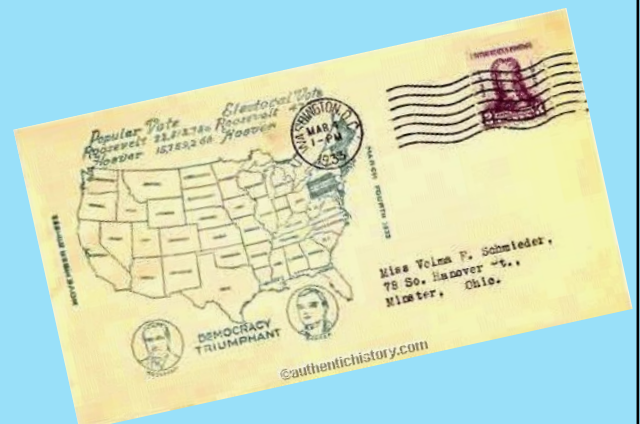
Director-at-Large: Jennie LaPrade

East Coast Director: Dave Pohl

Central Director: Vacant

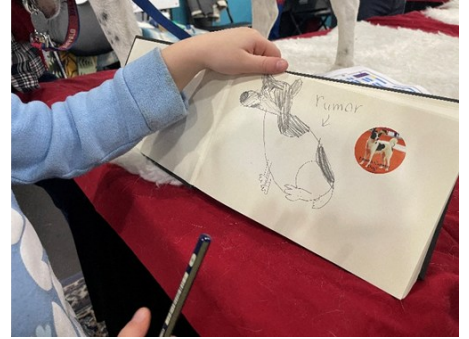
West Coast Director: Richard Vulliet

Thanks so much, *Marianne Smith Vargas*, CDCA Recording Secretary



Editor's Note: Thank you to the outgoing Officers and Board for their work, and congratulations and best wishes to the incoming crew.

DOG OF THE YEAR (DOTY) RUMOR, FRECKLES, PHOENIX, FERN, & RAMI



Nominated by David Golden

“Rumor”: CH Serenity Lane Rumor Has it CGC TKN. Bred by Melinda Linton. By CH Pleasant Hill The Gatekeeper-Serenity Lane Reba on Therun. Owned by Barbara Redcay & David Pohl.

“Freckles”: Owned by Barbara Redcay & David Pohl.

“Phoenix”: Ha’Aretz Yod Phoenix CA FCAT FITG. Bred by Bryna Comsky. By Anacan Son of Glory-Ha’Aretz Leve Gahdohl RN CGC. Owned by Ashley Hatfield.

“Fern”: Raven Fern FITB. Bred by Carole Grider. Owned by Ashley Hatfield.

“Rami”: GCHB Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Ephraim Hadash CGC FCAT2 FITB. Bred by David Golden, Cynthia Dodson, Brittany Cipriotti, and Annette Israel. By GCHP Pleasant Hill Avram of Carters Creek CA FCAT3 CGC TKN FITG-CH Eastlands Jump For Joy V Ellenni. Owned by Cynthia Dodson, David Golden, & Brittany Cipriotti.

Why would five Canaan Dogs travel a total of 3,122 miles and brave the wilds of Manhattan’s West Side in January? To represent their breed at the AKC’s 2024 Meet the Breeds! Rumor, Freckles, Phoenix, Fern, and Rami, along with a number of their human friends, staffed the Canaan Dog booth all day Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, introducing thousands of attendees to our wonderful breed. Rumor and Freckles were out front at ground level happily accepting pets nonstop for hours. Phoenix, Fern, and Rami liked the commanding view of the often five-deep crowds from their perch on the sheepskin-covered table at the front of the booth. The Canaan crew tirelessly posed for selfies, politely accepted treats, and even modeled for portraits from one young artist. All while their human friends talked to many of the over 30,000 visitors about the Canaan Dog breed and its fascinating history. The AKC was so impressed by their performance that it featured the Canaan Dog booth in their Facebook and Instagram coverage of the event. Of course, by 2024 most of the Canaan crew were PR veterans, having represented the breed at a wide variety of venues, including the previous year’s Meet the Breeds in New York.

For their outstanding service in helping to educate thousands about the Canaan Dog breed, we name Rumor, Freckles, Phoenix, Fern, and Rami as 2024 CDCA Dogs of the Year.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR (MOTY) DONNA DODSON



No one is more deserving than Donna Dodson, who passed away last August, to be the CDCA Member of the Year. I wish that I had thought to nominate her last year while she was still with us, as she would have been very pleased with the recognition and remembrance.

Donna's loss has left a huge void in the Canaan Dog community. Those of us who have been in the breed for decades realize that.

Newer members, I encourage you to read the Fall 2024 Kibitzer tribute issue to understand what she did for the breed and meant to its preservation. I'd like to add just a bit more here.

Donna held many positions in what is now the CDCA both before and after AKC recognition. She was a driving force in obtaining that recognition.

Donna participated in a variety of activities with her dogs and to her they were all important. She bred some top performance Canaan Dogs, but will be most remembered for her conformation dogs. Pleasant Hill Canaan Dogs have been prominent for decades. Since 2010, Pleasant Hill CDs won 8 CDCA National Specialties and their offspring have won the last 2, and 10 Westminster BOBs and their offspring, the last 3.

She had a clear vision as to what the Canaan Dog should be and she devoted much of her life to perfecting that vision. Without Donna and her dedication, the breed would not be where it is today.

Shining Happy Canaan Dogs Laughing

CDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK 2025

Candid by Risa Baumrind



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**CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA
NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK 2025**

All shows were held at San Bernardino Soccer Complex 2500 Pacific St, San Bernardino, CA. Full details given the first time a dog is listed.

**NATIONAL SPECIALTY
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025**

**SWEEPSTAKES
JUDGE: KELLY BOYD**

Puppy Sweepstakes

Sweeps 15-18 Months Bitch (1 entered, 1 absent)

Absent

Bandersnatch Triple R Go Forth And Have No Fear TKN. DN78013701. 1/5/2024. Breeder: Amanda Pough, Judy March Rosenthal, Christina Miller. By: GCHB CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CAA FCAT10 CGC TKN ATT VSWI FITB - GCHS CH Jaykay Fearless Defender At Bander-snatch Rosendogs FDC TKN. Owner: Jennifer Wise, Amy Preston, Amanda Pough.

Best in Sweepstakes and Runner up in Sweepstakes N/A

Veteran Sweepstakes

7-10 Yrs Dog (2 entered, 1 absent)

1st/BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

GCHB CH River Rock Unanimous Decision FCAT TKN. DN48281802. 10/26/2016. Breeder: Christina Miller, Mel Holloman. By: CH Jo-Clem Fire Defies The Sun RN FDC FCAT3 SBA SIN - GCHS CH Rivroc Lycm Own Dream Bsnatch Rsndog CA BCAT TKN. Owner: Christina Miller.

Absent

GCH CH Riverrock Talk Without Speaking Bander-snatch Rsndg FDC TKN. 313 1 DN46573903. 5/18/2016. Breeder: Randall Kalik, Christina Miller, Ethan Miller. By: Anacan Son Of Glory - CH RivRock Outside Of Karma Bsnatch RDog. Owner: Amanda Pough, Judy March Rosenthal.

Sweeps Veteran 7-10 Yrs Bitch (1 entered)

1st/RUNNER UP IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

CH Kol Tuv Jesse's Odyssey CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITB CDCA-HCX V. DN44479101. 12/10/2015. Breeder: Carrie Franz. By: CH High Desert's Mazel Tov Gili PCDX BN RM CA CGCA - GCH CH Sufat Sheleg Ziva Bat Ash BN RN CA CGCA TKN. Owner: Jennie La Prade.

BREED

JUDGE: LORNA MENAKER

Bred-By Exhibitor Adult Dog (2 entered)

1st/RESERVE/Best Bred-By Adult

Heritage Reflection Of Argos. DN74110005.

12/20/2022. Breeder: Marla C Haney, Mark A Haney. By: GCHB CH Farsight Argos Renegade Of Pern RN FDC CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITS - CH Pleasant Hill Mirage of Eastland. Owner: Marla Haney, Mark A Haney.

2nd

Odyssey's Murphy of Farsight At Chapterhouse FITB.

DN58817005. 7/25/2019. Breeder: Jennie La Prade, Joan Capai Greene. By: GCHB CH Farsight Argos Renegade of Pern RN FDC CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITS CDCA-HCX VE - CH Kol Tuv Jesse's Odyssey CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITB CDCA-HCX V. Owner: Jennie La Prade.

Open Dog (2 entered)

1st/WINNERS/Award of Merit

Heritage Now You See Me. DN74110003. 12/20/2022. Breeder: Marla and Mark Haney. By: GCHB CH Farsight Argos Renegade of Pern RN FDC CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITS CDCA HCX VE - CH Pleasant Hill Mirage Of Eastland. Owner: Cathey Dunn, Marla Haney, Mark A Haney.

2nd

Relic's Spirited Basil At Farsight. DN71538405.

5/12/2022. Breeder: Amy Preston, Joan Capai Green. By: CH Relic's I Am Kanaan - Cando Farsight Hello Sweetie. Owner: Deborah Ellen.

Bred-By Exhibitor Adult Bitch (1 entered, 1 absent)

Absent #6*

Bandersnatch Triple R Go Forth And Have No Fear TKN

WINNERS and RESERVE N/A

Veteran 7-10 Yrs Dog (1 entered, 1 absent)

Absent

GCH CH Riverrock Talk Without Speaking Bander-snatch Rsndg FDC TKN.

Best of Breed Entries

Best of Breed/NOHS Best Owner Handler/Best Bred-By In Show * β

GCHB CH Odyssey's Kuma of Farsight RN BCAT CGCA TKN FITG CDCA-HC V. DN58817004. 7/25/2019. Breeder: Jennie La Prade, Joan Capai Greene. By: GCHB CH Farsight Argos Renegade of Pern RN FDC CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITS CDCA-HCX VE - CH Kol Tuv Jesse's Odyssey CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITB CDCA-HCX V. Owner: Jennie La Prade.

(Dog).

Best of Opposite * β

CH Pleasant Hill Mirage Of Eastland. DN59609102.

6/26/2019. Breeder: Donna Dodson, Annette Israel, Cynthia Dodson, David Golden. By: GCHB CH Kochav Mazel Tov Lil Roy Me Toro - Pleasant Hill Galya. Owner: Marla Haney, Mark A Haney. (Bitch).

Select Dog

GCH CH Woodland West's Front Runner. DN72629101.

7/11/2022. Breeder: Kent Clark. By: GCHS CH Rivroc Onto Somethin Bsnatch Rosndog CA DCAT TKN FITB - CH Caliente's Elsa At Woodland West. Owner: Ann Murphy Daily. (Dog).

Select Bitch * β

CH Heritage Truly A Renegade. DN74110002.

12/20/2022. Breeder: Marla C Haney, Mark A Haney. By: GCHB CH Farsight Argos Renegade Of Pern RN FDC CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITS - CH Pleasant Hill Mirage of Eastland. Owner: Marla Haney, Mark A Haney. (Bitch).

Award of Merit * β

GCH CH Relic's Moonless Night RI FDC CGC.

DN45181104. 1/23/2016. Breeder: Renee Kent, Amy Preston. By: CH Hatikva Harvest Rain At Relic - CH Renegade Sally. Owner: Marla Haney, Mark A Haney, Kyle B Haney. (Dog).

Ex - COI * β

GCHB CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CAA FCAT10 CGC TKN ATT VSWI FITB. DN62474901.

5/12/2020. Breeder: Christina Miller. By: GCHB CH River Rock Unanimous Decision FCAT TKN - GCH CH River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch BN RI FDC FCAT15 CGCA CGCU TKN ATT VSWB FITS. Owner: Christina Miller. (Dog).

Absent *

GCH CH Relic's I am Kanaan. DN55111401. 9/12/2018. Breeder: Kelly Sims & Amy Preston. By: Relic's Count on Me - CH Renegade Sally. Owner: Amy Preston. (Dog).

Absent *

GCHS CH Jaykay Fearless Defender At Bandersnatch Rosendogs FDC TKN. DN62679502. 5/12/2020. Breeder: Genevieve Landis. By: GCHB CH Kochav Mazel Tov Lil Roy Me Toro - RACH Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love UD BN RM3 RAE2. Owner: Amanda Pough, Judy March Rosenthal. (Bitch).

Absent

GCHG CH Revelation Adiva Aviva Of Samara.

DN66450402. 4/4/2021. Breeder: David Golden, Cynthia Dodson, Donna Dodson. By: CH Velikayas SH Yayin Shen Ari CA FCAT4 - GCHS CH Pleasant Hill Anni Aharona of Carters Cree ATT. Owner: Pamela Rosman, Philip R Vulliet. Agent: Kimberly Calvacca. (Bitch).

Absent * β

CH Farsight Recurrent Confidence For Relic FDC

FCAT CGC ATT. DN71538404. 5/12/2022. Breeder: Amy Preston, Joan Capaiu-Greene. By: GCH Relic's I am Kanaan - Cando Farsight Hello Sweetie. Owner: Amy Preston. (Bitch).

*owner handled

β — Best Bred By Exhibitor in show eligible

Best of Winners N/A

Best Veteran N/A

Brood Bitch (2 entered)

1st

CH Kol Tuv Jesse's Odyssey CA CGCA CGCU TKN FITB CDCA-HCX V

2nd

CH Pleasant Hill Mirage of Eastland

South Bay Kennel Club

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Mr. Bruce Schultz

Best In Veteran Sweepstakes: GCHB RIVER ROCK UNANIMOUS DECISION FCAT TKN

DESIGNATED SPECIALTY

Judge: Mr. Michael H. Faulkner

Winners Dog: ODYSSEY'S MURPHY OF FARSIGHT AT CHAPTERHOUSE

Reserve Winners Dog: HERITAGE NOW YOU SEE ME

Winners Bitch/Best Of Winners: NIZZANA THIS IS

D'WAY RIVROC , DN75723501 11/26/2022. Breeder: Ivan Kaye & Alison Byrne. & Anne Barclay By River Rock Unanimous Decision -- Nizzana Skarina. Christina Miller . Bitch.

Best of Breed/Variety Group 3: GCH CH WOODLAND WEST'S FRONT RUNNER

Best of Opposite Sex: CH HERITAGE TRULY A RENEGADE

Select Dog/Best of Breed Owner Handled/Owner

Handler Group 1: GCHB RIVER ROCK KARIZMA XOCIAL DISTANCING CAA FCAT

Select Bitch: CH PLEASANT HILL MIRAGE OF EASTLAND

Stud Dog: GCHB RIVER ROCK UNANIMOUS DECISION FCAT TKN

Antelope Valley Kennel Club

Saturday, May 24, 2025

SUPPORTED ENTRY**Judge:** Mr. Larry C. Abbott**Winners Dog:** ODYSSEY'S MURPHY OF FARSIGHT AT CHAPTERHOUSE**Reserve Winners Dog:** HERITAGE NOW YOU SEE ME**Winners Bitch/Best Of Winners:** NIZZANA THIS IS D'WAY RIVROC**Best Of Breed/Variety Group 4:** GCH CH WOODLAND WEST'S FRONT RUNNER**Best Of Opposite:** CH PLEASANT HILL MIRAGE OF EASTLAND**Select Dog/Best of Breed Owner Handled/Owner Handler Group 4:** GCHB RIVER ROCK KARIZMA XOCIAL DISTANCING CAA FCAT**Select Bitch:** CH HERITAGE TRULY A RENEGADE**Los Encinos Kennel Club**

Sunday, 5/25/2025

SUPPORTED ENTRY**Judge:** Mrs. Peggy Gutierrez-Otero**Winners Dog/Best Of Winners:** HERITAGE NOW YOU SEE ME**Reserve Winners Dog:** HERITAGE REFLECTION OF ARGOS**Winners Bitch:** NIZZANA THIS IS D'WAY RIVROC**Best of Breed/Best of Breed Owner Handled/Owner Handler Group 2:** GCHB RIVER ROCK KARIZMA XOCIAL DISTANCING CAA FCAT**Best Of Opposite:** CH PLEASANT HILL MIRAGE OF EASTLAND**Select Dog:** GCHB RIVER ROCK UNANIMOUS DECISION FCAT TKN**Select Bitch:** CH HERITAGE TRULY A RENEGADE**San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club**

Monday, 5/26/2025

Judge: Ms. Peri D. Norman**Winners Dog:** HERITAGE NOW YOU SEE ME**Reserve Winners Dog:** HERITAGE REFLECTION OF ARGOS**Winners Bitch/Best Of Winners/Best Of Opposite:** NIZZANA THIS IS D'WAY RIVROC**Best Of Breed:** GCH CH WOODLAND WEST'S FRONT RUNNER**Select Dog/Best of Breed Owner Handled/Owner Handled Group 1/Reserve Best In Show Owner Handled:** GCHB RIVER ROCK KARIZMA XOCIAL DISTANCING CAA FCAT**Select Bitch:** CH HERITAGE TRULY A RENEGADE**REMARKS FROM THE NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGE**

Congratulations to the CDCA who are celebrating their 60th Anniversary year since the club's inception. There are a variety of people to thank as we pay homage to all those breed aficionados and passionate breeders who paved the way to establish the breed in the USA by importing dogs, building pedigrees of the past for our present day dogs that we know today. Some of these wonderful people whom have sadly recently passed include Donna Dodson, Carol O'Bryan, Judy March Rosenthal and Mel Holloman all who have significantly contributed to the breed. 'May their Memory Be A Blessing'.

There is no question that we are all Canaan Dog lovers who do our best representing and promoting the breed and strive to be responsible Preservation Breeders and owners. As current day breed guardians it is our responsibility to maintain the integrity of the Canaan Dog as a natural dog capable of survival. As an AKC conformation judge it is paramount that the dogs presented are evaluated in the accordance with the AKC Breed Standard. We have a unique breed that deserves the best we can



give them, after all they give us their unconditional loyalty and love – on their terms of course!!!

Thank You:

The National Specialty is a celebration of our breed! Judging the National Specialty is an absolute honor, one which I sincerely appreciated the entry both in quantity and quality!!! Thank you to all the exhibitors for allowing me the privilege of judging and ‘putting hands on’ your lovely dogs at this year’s highly successful event. Thank you to the CDCA and its members for your support. Thank you to the wonderful adept Show Committee, headed up by the aptly named Show Chair, ‘Star’ Ott, who undertook this mammoth task merely months ago. Every detail was thoughtfully taken care of by the Show Committee. Star and her team did a stellar job organizing the event. As a side bar, Star’s mom must have been a visionary, she appropriately named her Star – indeed she was a shining Star in my book and I am sure in that of many others. And I have to give a special mention to Richard Vulliet, CDCA Western Director, who worked tirelessly and was incredibly helpful throughout, wearing many hats, and seriously outnumbered by us “gals” but always with a smile on his face!!!

The Judge’s National Specialty Selections:

Overall there was good depth of quality in all the exhibits, all of which were well presented in good coat and condition. All excellent representatives of the breed. Kudos to all the breeders and owners of the dogs. Breeders are the back bone of our breed and our sport!!! Without our breeders there would be no opportunity for the judges to evaluate breeding stock. I applaud each and everyone of you.

BOB - GCHB. CH. Odyssey’s Kuma Of Farsight RN BCAT CGCA TKN FITG CDCA-HCV Owned by Jennie La Prade. Bred By Jennie & Joan Capaiu Greene. Upstanding handsome, white and red male of excellent breed type with moderate angulation front and rear. He gave his all today and his handler got the very best out of him as he moved efficiently in a brisk trot so effortlessly covering ground maintaining his square outline both stacked and on the move. He was clean coming and going. He fulfilled many virtues of the breed

standard, his style and movement winning him this well deserved accolade. I was delighted to award him BOB, Best Bred By In Show and Best Owner Handled in Specialty.

BOS – CH. Pleasant Hill Mirage of Eastland. Owned by Marla Haney and Mark A Haney. Bred by Donna Dodson, Annette Israel, Cynthia Dodson & David Golden. An absolute delight to watch this appealing feminine girl gait effortlessly covering ground around the ring with a brisk trot. She is very moderate in all aspects as required in the standard. I loved her wedge shaped head with an alert and dignified expression enhanced by her dark almond shaped slightly slanted eyes. Her beautiful high set brush tail on the go around completed the picture. Very nicely handled.

Select Dog – GCH. CH. Woodland West’s Front Runner Owned by Ann Murphy Daily. Bred By Kent Clark. This white with black patches boy is a wonderful breed specimen however he was being very much a Canaan Dog on the day and didn’t show to me as well as I believe he can!!! I have to judge the dogs on the day as presented to me. (side bar - the following day I saw him show to the supported entry judge where he gave a great account of himself). There is a huge amount to like about this handsome masculine boy. He has good bone and substance without being overdone. He held his shape and topline on the move and stacked. He gaited well with a ground covering endurance trot with good reach and drive appropriate for his size.

Select Bitch – CH. Heritage Truly A Renegade Owned by Marla Haney & Mark A Haney. Bred by Marla Haney & Mark A Haney. Another lovely breed representative. She was moderate in size and substance with moderate angulation. Lovely feminine wedge shaped head with dark eye and of correct shape. Moved well around the ring in a ground covering trot. Nicely presented.

Winners Dog – Heritage Now You See Me Owned by Cathy Dunn, Marla Haney & Mark A Haney. Bred By Marla & Mark A Haney. A lovely male with good wedge shaped head. Loved his alert expression. Moderate throughout in size and substance. A lot to like about him. He moved out in a brisk ground covering trot with ease. I was delighted to also awarded an Award of Merit.

Reserve Winners Dog – Heritage Reflection Of Argos Owned by Marla Haney & Mark A Haney. Bred by Marla Haney & Mark A Haney. Very similar to Winners Dog, after judging I looked at the catalog and I note that they are litter brothers. Another white with black patching, appealing in type. Moved out well but WD had the edge today. I was pleased to award him Best Bred By Exhibitor Adult.

(There was no Best Of Winners awarded as class bitch entry was absent.)

AOM awarded to GCH CH Relic's Moonless Night RI FDC CGC Owned by Marla Haney, Mark A Haney & Kyle B Haney. Bred by Renee Kent & Amy Preston. This handsome black with white trim male reminded me very much of a Canaan Dog that I had owned a number of years ago. I could see a lot of similarities in his lovely square outline. There was a lot to love about him from his correct wedge shaped head and alert expression through to his proper movement with good

reach and drive. He held his top-line nicely on the go around. He gaited tirelessly around the ring in a ground covering brisk trot with a lightness of feet when on the move.

Brood Bitch class was well represented by two lovely bitches and their "Get". I was delighted to award Best Brood Bitch to CH Kol Tuv Jesse's Odyssey CA CGCA CGCUTKN FITB CDCA-HCXV Owned by Jennie La Prade. Bred By Carrie Franz. She was presented with two of her "Get" who were all very similar in type including in their movement.

I sincerely wish everyone the very best for the future and I take this opportunity to thank all of the gracious exhibitors for accepting my placements on this day. It truly is good to see some up and coming young handlers participating in our breed. Well done to all and keep up the great work!!!

- Lorna Menaker

SPECIALTY WINNERS GALLERY

Datak

National Specialty

Best In Veteran Sweepstakes

Designated Specialty

Best In Veteran Sweepstakes

Stud Dog



Kuma

National Specialty

Best Of Breed

Best Of Breed Owner Handled

Best Bred By Exhibitor In Show



Mirage

National Specialty

Best Of Opposite Sex to Best Of Breed

Designated Specialty

Select Bitch



Balto

National Specialty

Select Dog

Designated Specialty

Best Of Breed



Truly

National Specialty
Select Bitch

Designated Specialty
Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed



Dash

National Specialty
Winners Dog

Designated Specialty
Reserve Winners Dog



Murphy

National Specialty
Reserve Winners Dog

Designated Specialty
Winners Dog



Fennec

Designated Specialty

Winners Bitch
Best Of Winners



Amos

Designated Specialty

Select Dog
Best Of Breed OH



Jesse

National Specialty

Best Of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes
Brood Bitch





**CANAAN DOG
GRAND PRIX**
CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA
2026

SAVE THE DATES

Canaan Dog Grand Prix

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Board Meeting and Welcome Party

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Concurrent National Specialty, Junior Showmanship, and Sweepstakes

Supported Entry

General Meeting (evening)

Friday, July 17, 2026

Designated Specialty with Sweepstakes

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Supported Entry

Banquet and Club Auction (evening)

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Supported Entry

Location:

Cabarrus Arena & Event Center
4751 State Hwy 49, Concord, NC 28025

Committee:

Cindy Oxley, Chairperson/Organizer
Sandy Baum, Liora Ben-Sorek, Tom Cassel, Cynthia Dodson, Ashley Hatfield, Amy Preston,
Marianne Smith Vargus, Jen Wise

CANAAN DOG CLUB OF AMERICA Parade of Companions Biographies

CH Kol Tuv Jesse's Odyssey CA CGC CGCA CGCR TKN FITB CDCA HCX V (Jesse)

Jesse is a much loved member of our family. She is and has been a loyal and devoted companion for nearly 10 years. She was a devoted mother of five beautiful puppies. She has been a terrific ambassador for the breed. Everyone who meets her loves her and marvels at her intelligence. In addition, she was a successful show dog and excelled in multiple performance venues, including herding. She is a genuine delight and we are lucky to have her.

Owner Jennie La Prada

GCHB CH Odyssey's Kuma of Farsight RN CGC CGCA TKN BCAT FITG CDCA-HC V (Kuma)

Kuma burst onto the scene as the last born of Jessie's five

puppies. He's been a force to be reckoned with ever since. Despite the covid lock downs that hit when he was a mere 7 months old, he has excelled as a show dog, and needs only a few points to earn his GCH Bronze. Like his sire, he is a superb athlete earning multiple performance titles. With his keen intelligence and boundless energy, he constantly keeps us on our toes. We are truly blessed to have him in our life.

Owner Jennie La Prada

GCHB CH Sufat Sheleg Jasper's Dubhan BN RE FDC CGCA CGCU TKN ATT NOHS-BIS CDCA-HCX V (Jasper)
Jasper has been my beloved teammate and partner for almost 14 years, and what a team we have been! The love of my life, the true joy of my life. He flew in from Canada to DIA in Denver, CO with his sister, Ziva. The breeder told me he was a very quiet puppy. But, once he was over the several hour airplane ride, and then the car ride to his new home in CO, he was one very wild boy! I was not able to wear earrings for weeks, as he would pull them out of my ears. He loved to go for walks and to play with my rescue Akita Kovear. I often had judges ask me if I was sure he was a Canaan Dog, because he did not act like one. He was very friendly. One time at a show a judge was wearing a tie clasp with a chain and Jasper was flipping the chain. The judge asked, "what is he doing," to which I said he is playing with your tie chain. Another time we were walking out of the rally ring in NM and the judge said, "your dog is excellent, but you on the other hand screwed up!" One time in Las Vegas, competing in Rally, Jazz decided to ignore me. I knew the judge was about to call time. So I looked at Jasper and said, "heh Jazz, I thought we were partners and teammates, what's the deal here!" He looked at me, perked right up, and we finished with a leg. As we were leaving the ring, the



judge said, "I don't know what you said to him out there, but he sure perked up and finished nicely." Jasper is my heart dog, and I am so thankful we have had so many adventures together!

Owner Cathey Dunn

CH D & J Ha'Aretz of Sundowner BN RI CGC TKN CDCA-HC V (Asha)

Asha thinks she should be the boss, and the boys should treat her like a queen, but they treat her like Princess Margaret instead. Oh my gosh, has she been talking to Queen Elizabeth's Corgis? While attending the CDCA National Specialty in Tucson in 2021, another CD woman came up to me and said, "Do you realize you have the most feral Canaan Dog here?" To which I replied, "Yes, I am well aware!" Asha is very sweet and fun loving. At an obedience trial a few years ago, a woman asked me, "Is her name really Naught Autie?" Told her no, her name was Asha, but she was often naughty. She is quite the hunter. A couple years ago she caught a rabbit and wanted to bring it into the house, probably to put it in the bed. It was of course a goner. I took a photo with my phone and sent it to my friends saying, sorry, no eggs or chocolates this Easter, Asha got the Easter Bunny. Another time I was trying to flush out a gopher with the garden hose and Asha was nearby jumping up in the air and coming back down sticking her nose in a hole. She was pushing the gopher back into his tunnel. Asha is really a delightful girl and very endearing. You just need to keep one step ahead of her and her antics. For a good time, call Asha, she is always up for fun!

Owner Cathey Dunn

Heritage Now You See Me (Dash)

A while ago, Jasper [said] we needed to add another Canaan Dog to our family. It could be a puppy or an older CD, JUST NOT A GIRL!! So Dash joined our family at 14 months of age. I had been watching videos and seeing photos of him since he was born and decided it was time for him to join our family.

His only concerns were that he have enough to eat and not be the only dog, and if Asha picked on him, would I step in. Dash is very sweet, like a big loveable teddy bear wanting to please. He seems very happy in his new home. He is learning at my house the dogs rule and pretty much can do what they want, on the couch, on the bed, treats whenever. We have gone to a few shows, and he has done well. He is young and we are still working on being a team in the ring. Look for us in the rally ring this year!

Owner Cathey Dunn



NEW TITLES: MARCH 2025 THROUGH JUNE 2025

Dog's Registered Name	Owner(s)	Date Titled
AKC GRAND CHAMPION		
GCH CH Woodland West's Front Runner	Ann Murphy Daily	25-Jan-25
GCH CH Relic's I Am Kanaan	Amy Preston	15-Feb-25
AKC GRAND CHAMPION BRONZE		
GCHB CH River Rock Karizma Xocial Distancing CAA FCAT10 CGC TKN ATT VSWI FITB		
	Christina Miller	16-Mar-25
GCHB CH Odyssey's Kuma Of Farsight RN BCAT CGCA TKN FITG	Jennie La Prade Esq.	26-Apr-2
AKC COURSING ABILITY		
CH River Rock A Swarm Of Bees FDC CA BCAT TKN VSWB	Christina Miller & Allan Miller	16-Mar-2
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 150 POINTS (BCAT)		
GCH CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Zarah Hadash BCAT	Marianne Vargas & Lenni Brett Cipriotti & Richard Vargas	4-Jan-25
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 500 POINTS (DCAT)		
CH Farsight Recurrent Confidence For Relic DCAT CGC	Amy Preston	13-Feb-25
CH River Rock A Swarm Of Bees FDC CA DCAT TKN VSWB	Christina Miller & Allan Miller	26-Mar-25
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 1,000 POINTS (FCAT)		
Riverrock Gemari Desert Star Zion's Hawk BN RI FDC FCAT CGCA CGCU TKN		
	Denise A Gordon	13-Mar-25
CH Farsight Recurrent Confidence For Relic FDC FCAT CGC ATT	Amy Preston	23-Mar-25
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 2		
GCHB CH Eastlands Revelation Ellenni Ephraim Hadash FCAT2 CGC FITB		
	Cynthia Dodson & Lenni Brett Cipriotti & David Golden	2-Mar-25
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 3		
CH Revelation Liluri Aviv FCAT3 CGC FITS	Cynthia Dodson & David Golden	16-Apr-25
AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST 15		
GCH CH River Rock Lyceum Same Dream Bandersnatch BN RI FDC CAX2 FCAT15 CGCA CGCU TKN ATT VSWB FITS		
	Christina Miller & Allan Miller	12-Mar-25
AKC FARM DOG CERTIFIED		
CH Farsight Recurrent Confidence For Relic FDC DCAT CGC ATT	Amy Preston	14-Feb-25
AKC VIRTUAL SCENT WORK BEGINNER		
CH River Rock A Swarm Of Bees FDC BCAT TKN VSWB	Christina Miller & Allan Miller	2-Jan-25
AKC SCENT WORK INTERIOR NOVICE		
Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace RN NJP NFP ACT1 SCN SIN SBN RATO TKP FITB		
	Deborah Friedman	4-Jan-25
AKC SCENT WORK EXTERIOR NOVICE		
Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace RN NJP NFP ACT1 SWN RATO TKP FITB		
	Deborah Friedman	11-Apr-25
AKC SCENT WORK NOVICE		
Pleasant Hill Desert's Grace RN NJP NFP ACT1 SWN RATO TKP FITB		
	Deborah Friedman	11-Apr-25

NEW TITLES: MARCH 2025 THROUGH JUNE 2025 (Continued)**AKC FIT DOG GOLD**

Caliente Desert Wanderer CD RE NAJ CGC TKE FITG

Gary M Peterson

16-Jan-25

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

CH Farsight Recurrent Confidence For Relic BCAT CGC

Amy Preston

25-Jan-25

AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN URBAN

Riverrock Gemari Desert Star Zion's Hawk BN RI FDC DCAT CGCA CGCU TKN

Denise A Gordon

7-Feb-25

AKC ADVANCED CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Riverrock Gemari Desert Star Zion's Hawk BN RI FDC DCAT CGCA CGCU TKN

Denise A Gordon

7-Feb-25

AKC TEMPERAMENT TEST

CH Farsight Recurrent Confidence For Relic FDC DCAT CGC ATT

Amy Preston

14-Feb-25

**CDCA NEW TITLES****CDCA VERSATILITY TITLE**

Riverrock Gemari Desert Star Zion's Hawk BN RI FDC FCAT CGCA CGCU TKN CDCA HC HTX

Denise A Gordon

21-May-25

CH River Rock A Swarm Of Bees FDC CA DCAT TKN VSWB

Christina Miller & Allan Miller

21-May-25

CDCA REGISTER OF MERIT TITLE

GCHS Rivroc Onto Somethin Bsnatch Rosndog CA DCAT TKN FITB CDCA HCX V

Christina Miller & Ethan Miller

21-May-25



The Reproductive Cycle in Dogs: From Breeding to Birthing

By Harriet Meyers

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Puppies are exciting. However, any experienced breeder will tell you they're also a lot of work. A responsible breeder prepares long in advance—to identify the purpose of the breeding; to carefully plan and research the breed, the standard, the health history, and available healthy males of good temperament; to form partnerships with their veterinarians and build relationships with breed mentors—in order to have the best chance of producing beautiful, healthy puppies of great temperament and maintain the health of the dam.

Whether you are new to breeding or awaiting the birth of a reserved puppy from a breeder's litter, the wait can seem eternal. Thank goodness, a bitch's cycle and the gestation period in dogs is much shorter than in humans.

Hormones Drive Estrous

"A female dog enters puberty when she begins the estrous cycle by having her first season (a.k.a. heat)," explains Dr. Katherine Hollinger, veterinarian and breeder of Lagotti Romagnoli. Timing can vary, but most dogs begin coming into season between 6-to-18 months of age. A bitch can become pregnant as early as this first cycle, however, there is a lot a responsible breeder should do before breeding a dog:

- Complete health testing pertinent to the breed
- Consider showing or titling the dog in conformation or other activities and sports to compare them to other members of their breed
- Select a suitable healthy male of excellent temperament for breeding
- Prepare a safe, nurturing environment for mother and pups



Hormonally driv-

en estrous cycles recur every 6-to-12 months throughout the life of the dog, varying depending upon the dog, environmental factors, nutrition, age, and breed.

There are also some breeds that may go into heat only once a year, such as the Tibetan Mastiff and the Basenji.



"Successfully achieving a pregnancy involves correctly timing ovulation during estrus and breeding within a specific timeframe, depending upon the type of semen and mode of insemination that will be used to produce a litter (i.e., live cover, artificial insemination using fresh, fresh chilled or frozen sperm). This requires working closely with your reproductive veterinarian to pinpoint the ovulation date with progesterone tests or by using an intact male to gauge his interest in mating and the receptivity of the female," says Dr. Hollinger.

Dog Reproductive Cycles Are Unique

The dog has a unique cycle among mammals, explains Dr. Hollinger. Upon ovulation, the eggs are not fully mature. They must divide, which can take 24-to-72 hours post-ovulation, before they are fully mature and can be fertilized by sperm. Healthy sperm, on the other hand, can fertilize a mature egg and can live 5–11 days in the reproductive tract of a female.

"Understanding the estrous cycle plays an important role in determining when to seek care, when to schedule testing and pregnancy examinations, and when to prepare for delivery of a litter. The ovulation date or best estimate of the ovulation date is often used to determine the best time to breed a bitch," she says.

Proestrus

Proestrus lasts 6-to-11 days and is the first stage of the reproductive cycle when estrogen levels increase. Females start to attract males, although they are likely to reject their advances until estrus. The signs of proestrus

are swelling of the vulva, bloody discharge, and standing or mounting behavior with other dogs. However, Dr. Fran Smith, DVM, a board-certified theriogenologist (a specialty dedicated to animal reproduction) and AKC Breeder of Merit, points out that the timescales for both the proestrus and estrus stages are highly variable— both can range from 3 to 21 days.

Estrus

Estrus is the time when the female is receptive to breeding, usually lasting 5-to-9 days but may vary between 10-to-20 days. A surge in luteinizing hormone (LH) occurs that triggers ovulation with concomitant decrease in estrogen and increasing progesterone levels. These hormonal changes are what influence the female's receptivity to breeding. The signs of estrus are a soft and enlarged vulva and vaginal discharge that may become straw-colored, although many color variations exist between individual dogs.

Diestrus

Diestrus is characterized by the elevation of progesterone. Progesterone peaks 2–3 weeks after ovulation and plateaus for 1–2 weeks before slowly decreasing over 10–30 days. Progesterone, the pregnancy maintenance hormone, increases throughout this post-estrus stage whether a dog is pregnant or not. Diestrus ends when the dam delivers a litter or progesterone concentrations return to baseline. During diestrus, the bitch's discharge tapers; she no longer permits mating; and the vulva slowly returns to normal.

Anestrus

Anestrus is the name of the timeframe between one heat cycle and the next. During this period, the uterus repairs and returns to a period of normal inactivity. This generally takes 4 months but is variable and can last as long as 6-to-12 months.

How to Tell if a Dog Is Pregnant

“Hopefully, a breeder has been working with the veterinarian to pinpoint the ovulation date for a successful breeding. The ovulation date or LH surge are the best predictors of the due date. The ovulation date is also critically important for scheduling pregnancy exams. These exams may include palpa-

tion or ultrasound to confirm a pregnancy or radiographs to identify the number of puppies performed after [around] day 55 of gestation. While there may be commercial preg-

nancy tests for dogs, these do not help with identifying important milestone dates such as ovulation date, best insemination date, pregnancy stage,

or due date,” says Dr. Hollinger. A vet may also perform a relaxin test, a blood test which can be useful in evaluation if a bitch is pregnant at the time of the test, performed approximately 27–30 days after breeding.

Another test that may be helpful, according to Dr. Hollinger is a nomograph, a blood titer performed on the bitch to identify distemper and parvo antibodies to gauge the level of antibodies that will be transferred to the puppies in colostrum. This allows a breeder to plan a puppy vaccination protocol when maternal-derived immunity has adequately waned.

What Are the Stages of Gestation?

The normal gestation period in dogs is approximately 63 days as measured from ovulation, although this can vary slightly by several days. Calculation of a litter due date varies depending upon what parameter is used to begin counting, for example the due date is:

- 65–66 days from LH surge (day 0) and 63 days on average from ovulation (2 days after LH surge)
- 64–66 days from the initial significant rise in progesterone, or
- 58–72 days from the first time the bitch allowed breeding

Calculations of due dates based upon a breeding date have a wider range since the bitch may have bred several days prior to the LH surge and ovulation.



“Pregnancy in dogs is relatively short compared to humans, about 9 weeks total, and each day matters. Knowing the due date is important for the health of the pregnant bitch and the puppies and is used by the breeder to adapt changing nutritional demands and schedule veterinary care during pregnancy,” reports Dr. Hollinger.

Timeframe of Canine Pregnancy

Every canine pregnancy is unique, but here is the timeline of the reproductive cycle for dogs:

Weeks One to Four

A canine egg, once ovulated, will mature within 24-to-72 hours. The mature egg is viable and can be fertilized for up to 2-to-3 days after maturation. Spermatozoa present in the uterine horns may be capable of fertilization for 5-to-11 days. A fertilized egg takes from 18 to 23 days to implant in the dam’s uterus.



“Many dogs don’t show any symptoms during the first three weeks of their pregnancy. The fetus begins to take shape by day 22,

and by day 28 or 30 a veterinarian using ultrasound can see signs of pregnancy in the dam’s uterus and may be able to detect fetal heartbeats. Around day 20-28 the embryos may be identified using gentle abdominal palpation,” Dr. Hollinger says.

Some symptoms to watch for during the first month are:

- “Pinking up” having enlarged and pink tipped nipples
- More affectionate behavior
- Decreased physical activity
- “Morning sickness” occurring post implantation

Weeks Five to Eight

Fetal development moves quickly during the second month. Eyelids form by day 32 and toes are visible by day 35. The nails form by day 40, and the coat and skeleton

follow a few days later (day 45). By day 55, an X-ray can reveal the number of puppies in the litter, and a bitch may start looking for a place to nest around day 58 to 62.

Signs of pregnancy in the bitch are much more obvious during the second month:

- Noticeably increased appetite
- Weight gain
- Increased urination
- Behavioral changes
- Clear, odorless vaginal discharge
- Enlarged, firm abdomen (days 45 to 50)
- Decreased appetite (day 45)
- Visible puppy movement in abdomen (day 50)

Week Nine

The bitch is ready to whelp at nine weeks. Puppy development is almost complete around day 58, which means the puppies will begin to move into whelping position in the birth canal over the last few days of the bitch’s pregnancy.

Symptoms include:

- Waist may trim as puppies move into the birth canal
- Appetite loss around day 61 or 62
- Drop in body temperature 12-to-24 hours before labor
- Restless and extreme nesting behavior
- Pacing, panting, shivering, or digging

Stages of Labor in Dogs

Since you want your dog to be as comfortable and relaxed as possible during labor,

she should be in a familiar, warm, dark, quiet area that’s not accessible to other household pets. You’ll also want to have a veterinarian you trust on call in case there are complications or dystocia. “At this point, the onset of labor is controlled by a complex interplay of hormones,” Dr. Hollinger says.



Stage One

The first stage lasts 12-to-24 hours and is often not outwardly noticeable. Contractions in the muscular wall of the uterus increase throughout stage one, both in strength and frequency, and the cervix dilates. You may observe:

- Change in disposition and behavior including restlessness, nesting, and desire to be alone
- Refusal to eat
- Vomiting
- Panting
- Clear vaginal discharge

Stage Two



Puppies are delivered during stage two. The birth of each puppy is close when you see a sac protrude from the bitch's vulva. This stage can take anywhere from

1-to-24 hours, and bitches deliver one puppy at a time. Each delivery should not last more than 1-to-2 hours and normally occurs every 30-to-60 minutes. Pups may safely present head-first or tail-first. If there's a green discharge, the placenta may have separated and the puppy must immediately be delivered. Knowing the total number of expected puppies will allow you to recognize when the bitch is finished with stage two.

Stage Three

The placenta is delivered in stage three. Stage two and stage three occur simultaneously, and stage three is complete when all placentas are delivered. You should contact your veterinarian if your dog's labor takes more than 24 hours, or if more than 2 hours pass in between puppies. Dogs may deliver two fetuses at a time and then deliver two placentas because they may come from two uterine horns.

Signs of Dystocia

Dystocia, or difficulty during birth, can occur due to many

factors affecting the bitch or the puppy. The most common cause in dogs is called uterine inertia, which can be inherited, age-related, or result from nutritional imbalance, disease, or an obstruction in the birth canal. Other causes of dystocia include stress, pain, abnormal position of the fetus, abnormally long gestation or whelping periods. There are situations when a Cesarean-section may be called for.

Canine dystocia is estimated to occur in less than 5% of deliveries, although research found it may be considerably higher in certain breeds such as the Chihuahua, Pug, Boston Terrier, and French Bulldog. It's critical for all breeders to discuss the signs and causes of dystocia with their veterinarian and to call for veterinary help immediately if it's needed. An experienced breeder

will have made an action plan with their veterinarian in advance of the due date for getting the bitch care should she have difficulty in delivering.



Caring for Your Dog After Delivery

After your dog gives birth, you'll want to monitor her temperature, vaginal discharge, mammary glands, and milk supply. "Sanitation, including frequent handwashing and maintenance of a clean whelping box are important during the early life of the puppies to reduce risk of infection for puppies and dam," says Dr. Hollinger.

You may observe the following changes following whelping:

- A discharge called lochia, varying in color from green to red or brown lasting from 3-to-8 weeks. If the lochia has a foul odor or increases in flow, it could be a sign of infection and requires veterinary attention.

- Some dogs may suffer from inflammation/ infection of the breasts called mastitis or of the uterus, called metritis, may occur. It's a good idea to monitor the dam's mammary glands for heat, redness, or hard nodules and if noted to take her temperature and contact your veterinarian.
- It's rare for a dog not to produce enough milk for the puppies (agalactia) but can occur if there are underlying conditions. Making adequate fluids available by offering water and supplementation with calcium and calcium-rich foods postpartum will help.
- The mother dog may experience heavy shedding of her coat while nursing. This is temporary.
- At first, she may be reluctant to leave the pups, requiring you to bring nutritious food and fresh water to her.
- For the first few days after whelping, stools may be soft
- The nursing bitch is under physical and emotional stress and may become easily annoyed and even aggressive, most commonly 2-to-3 weeks after whelping.

As time goes on, even the most dedicated mother will be ready for short breaks from her pups. Allow her to get some exercise and alone time. All parents deserve a break. The puppies will grow quickly. Good breeders, the pups' first teacher, realize they have much to learn during the first 8-to-10 weeks. Soon they'll be ready for their new families and forever homes. •



From The Archives...

Canaan Dogs Trials and Tribulations With a Herding Canaan Dog (Or, If Plan A Doesn't Work, Have Plans B to Z Ready)

As mentioned in previous columns, the Canaan Dog is a highly intelligent, very independent, problem-solving breed. Nowhere is that more evidenced than during herding trials. This is where something invariably can and occasionally does go wrong, to the horror, embarrassment, and/or chagrin of the Canaan Dog owner-handler and often to the amusement of the spectators.

A trained stock dog can "read" the intent of a flock of sheep by observing their body language (and likely, other less-subtle clues) and move to put enough "pressure" to force the sheep in the direction that the handler wishes them to go. With the initial outrun and "lift" of the flock, that direction is usually toward the handler.



For the novice handler and novice Canaan Dog at their first herding trial, even with months of solid training and in the best of circumstances, this first outrun and lift can be "interesting." A Canaan Dog owner-handler is working with a dog who is highly aware of his surrounding environment and subjected to numerous distractions such as sheep or other livestock in adjoining or nearby fields, smells, the tantalizing appetizer known as "sheep poop," a bird flying over head, and so on. Add to the mix the owner's "novice nerves" and excitement, and this can cause the dog to enthusiastically fly into warp drive when gathering or moving the sheep. In turn, this causes the flock to move faster toward the handler



than the ideal pace, and sometimes the crash into the handler can be rather spectacular, as sheep will gravitate toward the human who will “protect” them from the wolf-like menace.

My own tribulations with my Canaans at herding trials have been varied and numerous, to say the least. The most notable problem has been the ubiquitous hole in the trial arena/field and my finding it—the hard way—with the inevitable fall captured for posterity by a friend’s camera or video. One remarkable photo has me completely flipped with feet in the air while my Canaan bitch looks on, probably wondering if this is a new herding technique that I am teaching her.

I have come to accept this bane of my herding with Canaans. If there is a hole anywhere in the field, no matter how remote, I will find it, because I’m more intent on my dog and the sheep than where I am going.

Other herding-trial misfortunes that have occurred involved my Canaan Dog as the cause more than myself. Canaans, being highly intelligent, can get easily bored and will find some means to alleviate that boredom, especially during a trial. My first Canaan, Wolf, was the top herding Canaan in the breed, but if he decided that he needed to “spice up” our herding run, he would split the flock during a near-perfect drive for no reason other than to create mischief. The most memorable trial angst was when my well-trained Canaan, at the apex of a beautiful outrun and lift, found a pile of sheep poop in which to roll, grinding his back into it for added emphasis, ate some of it, then proceeded to finish the lift as if nothing happened; needless to say, even with a wash in the stock tank after the run, it was a fragrant ride home.

My advice to anyone wanting to herd with Canaans is simple. Keep in mind that you are working with a very smart, problem-solving creature—the Canaan Dog—and you need to be as smart and clever, or else you better have multiple backup plans in case something unex-

pected happens during your herding run. —Denise A. Gordon

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DN48965101	CHERRYSH CRYSTAL CLEAR	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE137/91F-VPI
DN51320701	HA'ARETZ YOD PHOENIX	THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH212/84M-VPI
		EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE135/95M-VPI
		THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH213/92M-VPI
DN51856901	CALIENTE'S KRISCOFF AT GEMARI'S	SHOULDER	NORMAL	CA-SH4M92-VPI
/P887088		HIPS	EXCELLENT	CA-621E92M-P-VPI
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA221/92M/S-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL280M92-P-VPI
DN60018302	D&J HA'ARETZ REAPER	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE111/69F-PI
DN65552901	D&J HA'ARETZ SARAH	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE113/55F-PI
DN66450402	REVELATION ADIVA AVIVA OF SA-MARA	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE134/39F-VPI
DN66509602	MAZEL TOV A NEW HOPE PAW-DAWAN	THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH216/48F-VPI
DN68455304	D&J HA'ARETZ SALUTE TO FLYNN	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE112/46M-VPI
/P998786				
DN68550401	D&J HA'ARETZ TANNER	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE110/46F-VPI
		THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH217/41M-VPI
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA226/41M/P-VPI
DN70777207	RIVER ROCK GEMARI ZIPPY AUTO	SHOULDER	NORMAL	CA-SH6M41-VPI
		HIPS	EXCELLENT	CA-625E41M-U-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL285M41-U-VPI
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA225/40F/S-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL284F40-P-VPI
DN70777209	RIVER ROCK GEMARI ZANY VERITAS	HIPS	EXCELLENT	CA-624E40F-P-VPI
		SHOULDER	NORMAL	CA-SH5F40-VPI
		EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE136/41F-VPI

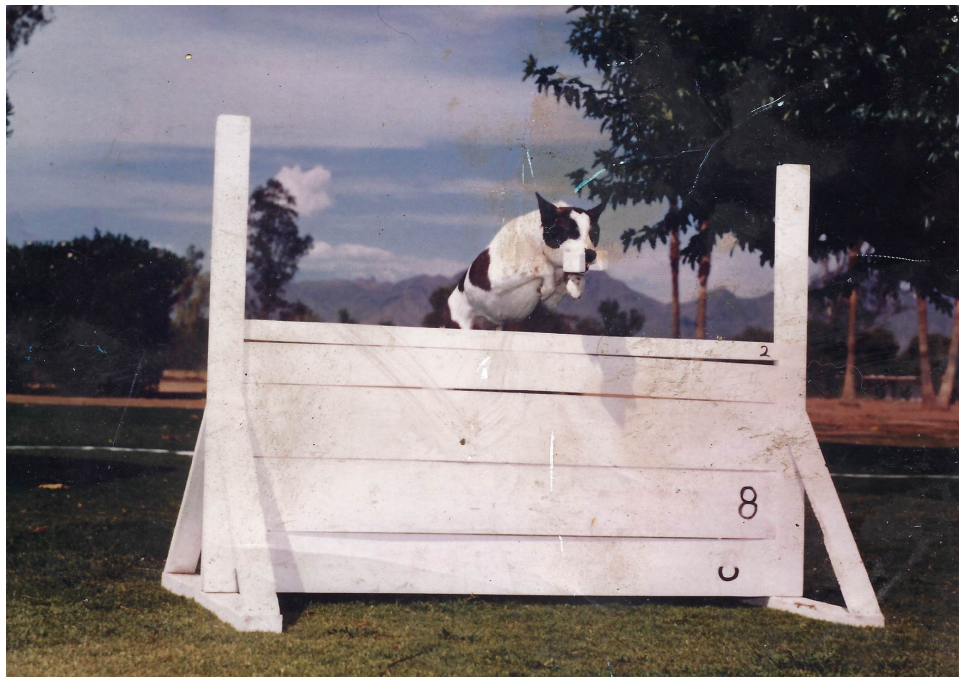
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CDCA Ways & Means would like to thank everyone who helped with the fundraising events during the Doswell Supported Entry in March. We couldn't have done it without Jen Wise, Tom Cas-sel, Pamela Rosman, David Golden, Richard Vulliet, Cynthia Dodson, Rich Vargas, and Chris Oxley. Thank you for helping to set up and for manning the bake sale and auction tables! Marianne Smith Vargas and Cindy Oxley



OFA Test Results CONTINUED: October 2024—July 2025

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DN72742903	KOL TUV HIGH DESERT FEISTY GIRL	EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE132/30F-VPI
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA223/29F/P-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL279F29-P-VPI
		THYROID	COMP. AUTOIM- MUNE THYROIDI-	
DN74909501 /D164016	D&J HA'ARETZ ENOCH O'KARIZMA	HIPS	EXCELLENT	CA-620E29F-P-VPI
		DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY	CLEAR/NORMAL	CA-DM320/25M-PI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL283M24-C-VPI
		EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE133/24M-VPI
DN74909503 /D164017	D&J HA'ARETZ ON MY RADAR	HIPS	GOOD	CA-623G24M-C-VPI
		THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH215/24M-VPI
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA224/24M/P-VPI
		ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL282M24-C-VPI
DN74909506 /D164018	D&J HA'ARETZ HOW SWEET IT IS	PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA222/24M/P-VPI
		THYROID	NORMAL	CA-TH214/24M-VPI
		HIPS	GOOD	CA-622G24M-C-VPI
		PATELLA	NORMAL	CA-PA220/24F/P-VPI
DN80053801	CHERRYSH DAYSTAR FIRE	ELBOW	NORMAL	CA-EL281F24-C-VPI
		HIPS	MODERATE UR	
		EYES	NORMAL	CA-EYE138/78M-VPI
		DEGENERATIVE	CLEAR/NORMAL	CA-DM319/81M-NOPI



Blast From The Past!

More memories from Elan Winkler

"Kinnereth was born at the seeing eye institute in Haifa.... She was imported in December 1968 from Haifa. Her ID was 71/426, CCA-51. Her sire was Ron Me Mi Frat (ID 20/379). Her dam was Reena Me Petach Tikve (ID 44/399).



She was born at the seeing eye institute in Haifa. A colleague of my father's saw the breed and arranged to have a puppy brought over. But when she arrived in NY she had an infection so she was kept in quarantine and didn't arrive in Pittsburgh till she was about 6 months old. At that time the colleague has several other dogs so he couldn't keep Kinnereth. He knew my family loved dogs so he gave her to us.

I credit her for saving my life at least twice. The first time we were out for a walk and a strange car pulled up and the driver started walking towards me. In a flash, she got in front of me, teeth bared and growling. No way was she going to let a stranger anywhere near me! The second time I was home alone with her and she was asleep at the top of the stairs. She suddenly jumped up, raced down the

stairs, barking up a storm. She went outside towards the back of the house. I called 911 and the police investigated then asked me if we had left a ladder propped on the back wall. Obviously, we hadn't. She was very pleased with herself.

We bred her to Aleph from Bethlehem PA and she had 7 puppies. She was a wonderful mom and taught her babies everything they needed to know to be a desert dog, including digging holes in the backyard to find cooler dirt. Not really necessary in Pennsylvania, but you never know when you're going to need such information!



Mrs. Winkler and her canines of Canaan, Jaron, left, and Kinnereth.

Rare Canaan Dogs Lar Promising Roles In U.S

By JERRY SHARPE
If dogs could brag, a black and white fe-
male in Squirrel Hill might top them all.

the Holy Land and they were scat-
ter over the world, the Kelef K'naani res-
tored the Negev Desert and became wild

My high school was 4 blocks from our house. I came out of school one day to find Kinnereth sitting on the corner by herself, no leash, no person! She was so excited to see me, but all I could think was that the house probably burned down! We walked home but got about one block away when she sat down. I could hear my mom shouting for the dog, but my girl wouldn't budge, clearly saying, "I ain't going near that bitch!" Now, you have to understand, my mother was very soft spoken and never raised her voice. But the dog did something (can't remember what) that angered my mom and she yelled at her. Kinnereth left and came to find me to save her. I tried to be angry but all I could do was laugh. She was just so damned clever."

*Editor's note: Elan found us through the club's Facebook page. She will be send-
ing more memories for future issues.*

*If you would like to share memories from the past, your first CD, or events from
club history, please reach out!*

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