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Fall 2009 News Deadline

The deadline for submitting **all articles and photos** for the Fall 2009 *News* is **September 1, 2009**. **Articles** may be snail mailed to Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or faxed to me at 434-244-2674. If possible, however, I would much rather have your articles come online to nntcnews@hotmail.com, either as imbedded e-mails or, preferably, as attachments in Microsoft Word. Please note that my computer often refuses to open articles sent in other formats. If you have questions about *News*' submissions, feel free to call me at 434-244-2498.

When sending me **photos for the News**, please send either **original 35 mm** photos in color or black and white or **digital photos** that meet criteria suitable for printing in the *News*. Please see the instructions about digital photos below.

To assure timely publication of the Fall 2009 *News*, please be sure to meet—or better yet to beat—the September 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

—Alison Freehling

Sending Digital Photos to the News

Even in this digital world, we prefer to work with good 8 x 10 prints of photos destined for the Showfront and New Title Holder sections of the *News*. Because we crop Showfront and New Title Holder photos so drastically to focus on the dog, they present special problems and we are not able to do justice to the subjects in many of the show photos we receive digitally. If you cannot send the original of a show photo, please call 800-961-0015 and ask for Sharman.

We welcome digital photos for all other sections of the *News*. They should be at least 900 pixels wide (or tall, if the orientation is portrait). 1200 pixels at the longest dimension is even better. Please note that, depending on your computer monitor's resolution, a picture of this size may appear HUGE on your screen. Don't worry about this (and please don't resize the photo); it will be just right to print in the *News*. As a general rule, you won't have a problem as long as you use a camera of at least 3 megapixels AND set it to shoot at its highest resolution. Save your file as a JPC or TIF, and happy shooting!

—Sharman Pepper, Deerhaven Press, printer of the *News*

“Honey, They’ve Shrunk The News!”

If you thought “something looks different” about this first issue of *The Norwich Terrier News* (NT News), you’d be right. To reduce printing and postage costs, the NTCA Board recently approved a slight downsizing of the new Norwich club publication. *The Norwich & Norfolk News* (N & N News) measured 6" x 9", a custom size that, in turn, required a custom-order 6 ½" x 9 ½" mailer envelope. The NT News is 5 ½" x 8 ½" (a standard 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper folded in half) and thus fits inside a standard 6" x 9" mailer envelope. “Shrinking” of both the newsletter and mailer envelopes will lower NT News’ printing, envelope and mailing costs—savings that our new Norwich club Board deemed advisable.

While decreasing the size of the newsletter, the NTCA Board concurrently approved a slight increase in the charge for a New Title Holder (NTH) photo—for the first time in 28 years! The \$15 price for NTH photos has been in place since the Spring 1981 *N & N News*. At that time, the price was doubled from \$7.50 to \$15 for a new champion photo—a 100% jump. Effective with the Fall 2009 NT News, a NTH photo will cost \$18—a 20% increase. I should emphasize that NTH photos are not just for new Norwich breed champions. Any NTCA member-owned Norwich earning an AKC performance title—Agility, Earthdog, Obedience, etc.—is also welcome to have his/her photo in the NTH section. Instructions concerning the text for these photos are on the page just inside the NT News’ front cover.

I hope Norwich fanciers will understand the reasons for the Board’s recent NT News-related decisions. As the NTCA launches this Norwich-only newsletter, I welcome readers’ suggestions as to new content/features you would like included.

—Alison Freehling

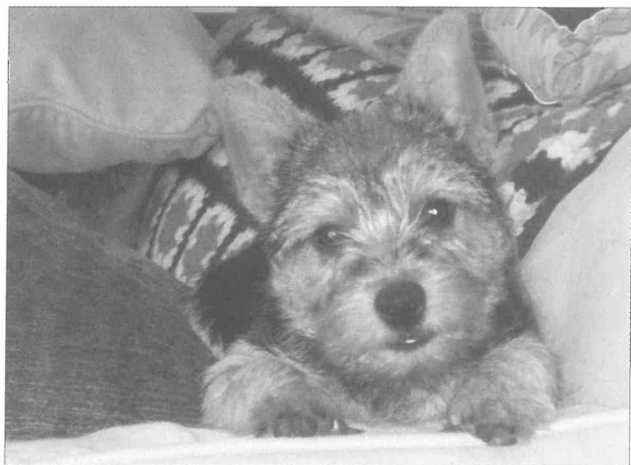


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“Hi, I’m ‘Siggy’ Little—or little ‘Siggy’”

“NTCA Members Only”?: Correcting Some Subscribers’ Misconceptions about the News

About 5 months ago, I mailed a questionnaire to everyone on the 2008 *Norwich & Norfolk News* (*N & N News*) subscribers’ list asking which breed they owned and, if Norwich, whether they wanted to subscribe to the new Norwich club newsletter for 2009. Several persons who returned these forms asked what, to me, was a surprising question: Are subscribers welcome to submit articles and photos to *The Norwich Terrier News* (*NT News*) or would the “club members only” policies of the *N & N News* continue?

The answer is simple. Subscribers were always welcome to send articles and photos to the *N & N News* and, in fact, many did. This same “open door” policy will carry on with the *NT News*. I hope Norwich owners, whether or not they are NTCA members, will send photos of their dogs and articles on a wide range of breed topics.

Perhaps the misconception about the *N & N News* stems from what were a few “**members only**” privileges. Dogs whose **photos** were published in the **New Title Holders** (NTH) section had to have at least one owner who belonged to the NNTC. The NTCA Board recently voted to continue this “**one owner must be a club member**” policy for NTH photos in the *NT News*. So too, the Board voted to carry on the NNTC policy that only NTCA members may request **complimentary copies of the *NT News* for new puppy buyers**.

One other misconception that sometimes surfaced during my years as *N & N News* editor was that being a *News* subscriber meant you were a NNTC member. This was not true then, and is not true now. Anyone is welcome to subscribe to the *NT News* by sending me a \$15 check, payable to NTCA. You don’t even have to own a Norwich. Becoming a club member requires an application process, with forms obtained from NTCA membership chair Carol Jordan (Norweim@aol.com). With a Norwich-only breed club now up and running, this would seem a great time for Norwich fanciers to join the NTCA and volunteer your time and talents on behalf of our beloved terriers.

—Alison Freehling, *NT News* editor



Photo credit: Patricia Dwight

“Sidney” enjoying a walk in springtime meadows

NTCA Website Update

The NTCA website is currently under construction. The new website address will be <http://www.norwichterrierclub.org/>

The NNTC owned the domain name <http://www.norwichterrierclub.com/>. Our club plans to use that domain name to direct people to the NTCA website, as well as several others we have purchased in order to protect our club's name on the internet for the next decade. After the Norfolk and Norwich clubs each have their new websites complete, we are proposing to have our old NNTC web domain (<http://www.norwichandnorfolkterrier.org/>) serve as a link to each of the new club websites, directing people to their breed of choice.

If anyone has suggestions for things you would like to see on our website, feel free to contact me at pjs91108@yahoo.com.

—Pam Seifert, NTCA Website Liaison

From The Editor....

An exciting new chapter has begun in the history of Norwich Terriers in America. For the first time, the breed has its own official AKC club and its own just-for-Norwich newsletter. History buffs will note that the names Norwich Terrier Club and *The Norwich Terrier News* are not new. The AKC recognized the first official Norwich Terrier Club in 1947. Editor Constance Larrabee launched the first *Norwich Terrier News* in May 1962. As we all know, however, before 1979, when the AKC officially recognized drop ear Norwich as a separate Norfolk Terrier breed, "Norwich," both club and newsletter, included prick and drop ears. Early in 2009, the new Norwich club Board voted to add "of America" to the club's full name—The Norwich Terrier Club of America, Inc.—and to carry on the newsletter's original 1962 name. NTCA members must approve the club's name before it becomes official.

Starting anew is never easy, and a dog club is no exception. Due to her interest in addressing Norwich health issues, long-time breeder Joan Eckert ("Abbedale") of Kalamazoo, Michigan bravely agreed to serve as our club's first President. All NTCA members owe Joan our sincere thanks for taking on this challenging responsibility. Even more, we owe her—and all the new NTCA Board members and committee chairs, etc.—our full-fledged support and, if need be, our *constructive* suggestions regarding the future of our club and of our beloved breed. There is much to be done: a new Constitution/By-Laws; a new Code of Ethics; a new website; decisions about breed health projects, conformation and performance events venues, club awards, etc. The list goes on and on. The NTCA welcomes your help, so why not get involved?

As general editor of the *News*, I would like to thank NTCA members Carlynn Ricks, Susan Novotny, Magda Omansky, Jill Petersen and Dana Esquibel, who all cheerfully agreed to join the *News* staff as regular reporters. Thanks also to NTCA member Lorrie Kinney, who as *News* co-editor, is responsible for the Norwich showfront (conformation) section. NTCA member Dave Brobst will continue to handle *News* subscription renewals and subscribers'

address changes. NTCA member Ann Carlson will continue to compile the data for the annual *Directory of Breeders and Stud Dogs*. Thanks to both for their help.

Along with my “thanks” to the new *News* team, I have one more “thank you” left over from my “From the Editor” in the Fall 2008 *Norwich & Norfolk News*. In acknowledging the “behind the scenes” *News* team, I inadvertently omitted NNTC member Kathy Sadler’s name. For many years, Kathy chaired the annual *NNTC Directory of Breeders & Stud Dogs*, so I thank her for her help and apologize for my oversight.

Now that this is a one-breed publication, I will need a larger-than-before inventory of **Norwich photos**. Thanks to all the NTCA members and *News* subscribers who answered my “I need photos” request and sent so many wonderful candid photos for this inaugural issue. Please keep them coming! Have a great spring and summer with your Norwich.

—Alison Freehling

A Message from NTCA President Joan Eckert

I have done much reflection about my new position as NTCA President and how I ever got here. I was given my first Norwich, Ch. Chidley Bib N Tucker, by long-time Norwich and Norfolk breeder Joan Read (“Chidley”). I had already formed a relationship with Joan, as I had a Norfolk bitch I wanted to breed in 1979 and she was the only one who gave me the time of day. After I had been rejected by many other Norwich breeders, Norwich owner Steve Hurt told me to call Joan. Steve said that Joan would help me—and help me she did in so many ways. “Bibby” was a very healthy Norwich, but I soon learned that he was the exception to the rule. Joan educated me about the health problems in certain Norwich lines, and I avoided these dogs like the plague in my breeding program. That is the main reason, health wise, where my “Abbedale” Norwich are today. I also learned that, for the most part, everything with dogs was genetic and that included not only conformation, but also character, intelligence and disposition.

What I and my conscientious, talented NTCA Board members are striving to do is to educate breeders as well as to enjoy our endeavors with our little Norwich. The NTCA and Norwich breeders need to get on the band wagon before our breed is irrevocably compromised by carelessness and ignorance. We must think about the dogs first! Along with an increased commitment to Norwich health, the NTCA will also give more attention to our club’s diligent performance enthusiasts. My hat is always off to these folks.

As I write this brief message for the first NTCA newsletter, I would like to inform club members that the Board is very close to completing our new Constitution and By-Laws and the new Code of Ethics. We are still working on the Illustrated Standard and on our Judges’ Education program. New doors are being opened in our quest for knowledge about epilepsy and UAS. Our hospitality and show chairs are planning a really great Montgomery weekend with new accommodations. We look forward to the new NTCA website that is close to completion.

I am very encouraged by the support of our membership, and I know the new NTCA will go forth with great success. The door is always open for *constructive* communication with me and with all the other Board members.

—Joan Eckert, NTCA President, Kalamazoo, MI
(joaneckert@sbcglobal.net)

A REPORT FROM THE NTCA'S AKC DELEGATE

With the dissolution of the NNTC on January 1, 2009, both the Norwich and the Norfolk breeds have lost their voice in the AKC until our two clubs are accepted as new AKC member clubs. NTCA officers acted promptly in every filing, but our application for recognition was not posted in the AKC *Gazette* until the February issue. It will be repeated in the March issue. We have been advised that our application will probably not be acted upon until June. It is not known now whether the NTCA's AKC Delegate will be seated in June or in September.

Until the NNTC dissolved, NNTC AKC Delegate Marjorie McTernan continued to receive bulletins from the AKC, and she was kind enough to forward them on to the NTCA Board. In this interim period, both Marjorie and I must rely on the AKC *Gazette* for official minutes. It is unfortunate that our club will be unable to vote in March for the election of the AKC Board of Directors. After I am seated as a Delegate, I will advise the NTCA Board of Governors of all issues which may impact our club and ask for our Board's direction in voting. If the general membership has issues which they would like the club to take to the AKC, feel free to contact me, and our NTCA Board will certainly consider your suggestions.

At the current time, the NTCA is working under the old NNTC Constitution and Bylaws. Under a new NTCA Constitution and Bylaws, the AKC Delegate may or may not be considered part of the voting Board. The Delegate may be an elected position or it may be a Board of Governors appointment. Term limit will also be reconsidered. Club members will be asked to ratify the new NTCA Constitution and Bylaws.

—Betty McDonnell, NTCA Delegate to the AKC
(kilykanewf@aol.com)



Photo credit: Magda Omansky

"This peek-a-boo photo of 'Holly Bee' is at our breakfast table. The rascal jumps on a chair, hides her head under the table, and waits for a chance to peek from under the tablecloth to survey what's [for breakfast]."

—Magda Omansky

Clyde ("Cec") Bryant

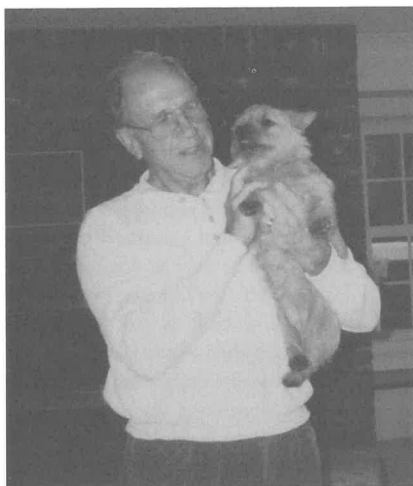


Photo submitted by Siobhan O'Hara

"Cec" Bryant with a 'Fairway' Norwich

On Wednesday, December 17, 2008, long-time NNTC/Nor Cal NNTC member Clyde Bryant ("Cec") passed away of pancreatic cancer in Sacramento, California. Cec and his wife Jean Bryant were founding members of The Middle Kingdom Alliance of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers (MKANNT), the club that eventually became the Nor Cal Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club. The Bryants got their first Norwich Terrier in 1980. [Ed.: The Bryant's first Norwich was King's Prevention Tara, purchased as a puppy from well-known breeder Constance Larrabee of Chestertown, Maryland. Tara became a breed champion and was the foundation bitch for the Bryant's "Fairway" Norwich.]

Cec Bryant was a first class gentleman. He loved his dogs, and he also loved to play golf. After Cec left the Army Air Corps, he flew for several commercial airlines. He was always thought of by his peers as one of the best pilots!

Jean and Cec have been active in dog shows for many years. Cec's last show dog was Ch. Fairways Cat in the Hat, a male who had a very successful show career and is now happily retired.

Jean and Cec were married for 38 years. Jean asks that in lieu of flowers, donations in Cec's memory be sent to: Take the Lead— www.takethelead.org (800-814-1123); The AKC Canine Health Foundation—Norwich Terriers— caninehealth@akcchf.org (888-682-9696); or Sutter Hospice, Sacramento, CA— http://www.suttervnaandhospice.org/foundation/foundation_memorialgifts.html (800-541-5045).

—Laurie Loeffler, "Cobblestone" Norwich, Novato, CA
(cobblestonenorwich@yahoo.com)

Editor's note: This "In Memoriam" for Cec Bryant was first published in the Nor Cal Norwich Terrier Club newsletter, Norwagger, and is reprinted here with the kind permission of editor Siobhan O'Hara. —AGF

CANINE DNA RESEARCH

Individual Dog Information

Breed _____

Litter ID code: _____

Blood - Tissue - other _____

Registered Name _____ Call name _____

AKC# _____ Birth Date _____ Male / Female - - Intact / Neutered

Sample Submission Date: _____ Color _____

Sample submitted for which research project? _____

Owner:

Alternate Contact:

name _____

name _____

address _____

address _____

phone (day) _____

phone (day) _____

phone (eve) _____

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Does this dog exhibit any of the following conditions? (Please attach history for any **Yes** answer)

Y - N Allergies

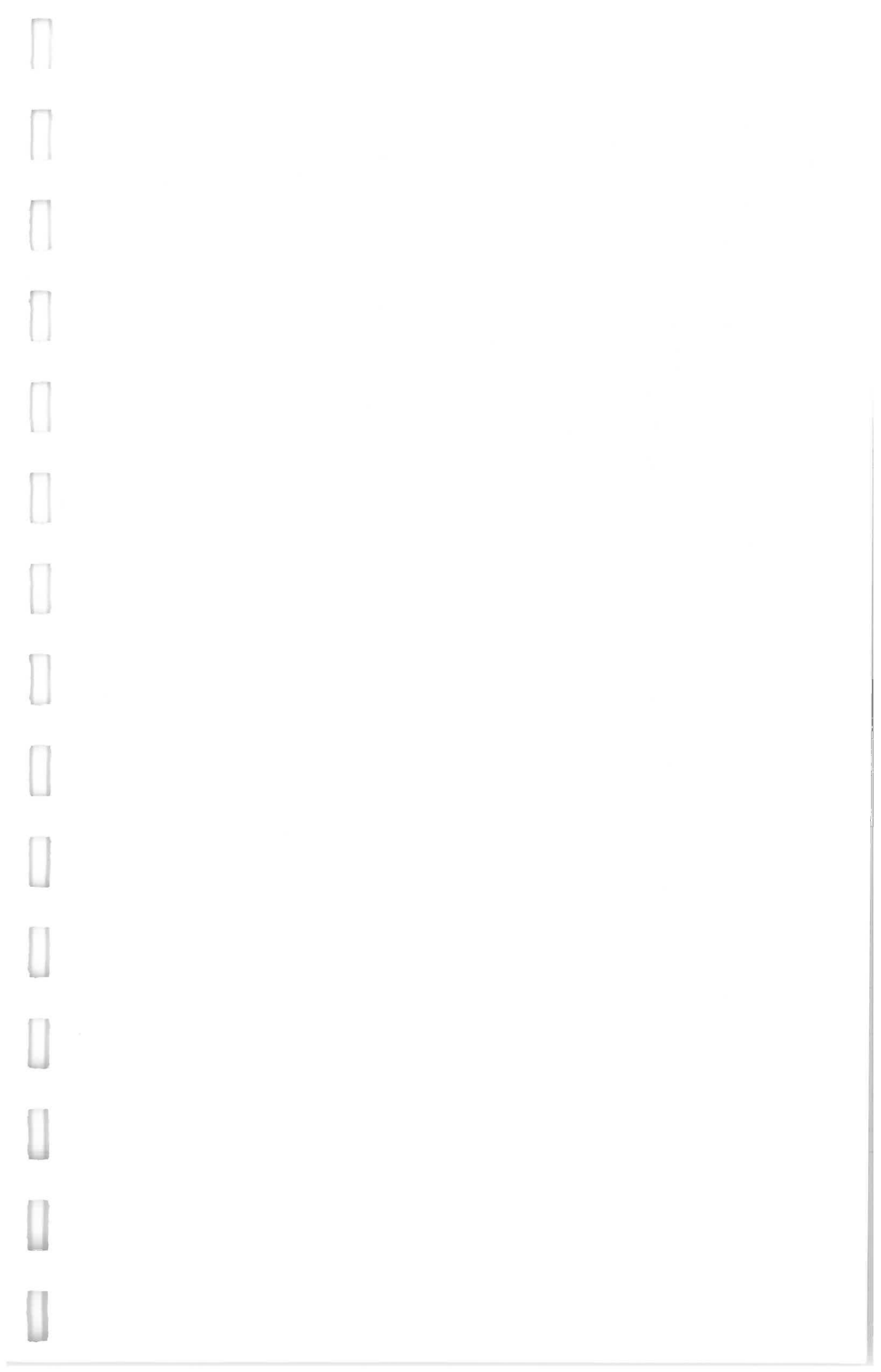
Y - N Digestive difficulties

Y - N Arthritis

Y - N Heart Problems

Y - N Autoimmune Disorders

Y - N Hernia (where? _____)



Y - N	Cancer / Tumors	Y - N	Seizures
Y - N	Cataracts / Vision Problems	Y - N	Skin / Coat Problems
Y - N	Deafness / Hearing Impaired	Y - N	Skeletal Abnormalities (Hip Dysplasia, etc.)
other (please list):		Y - N	Temperament Problems (shy, aggressive, etc.)

Testing done on this dog:

OFA/PennHip	Y - N	age at test: _____	result: _____	# _____
CERF	Y - N	age last tested: _____	result: _____	# _____
Thyroid	Y - N	age last tested: _____	result: _____	
other (please list):				

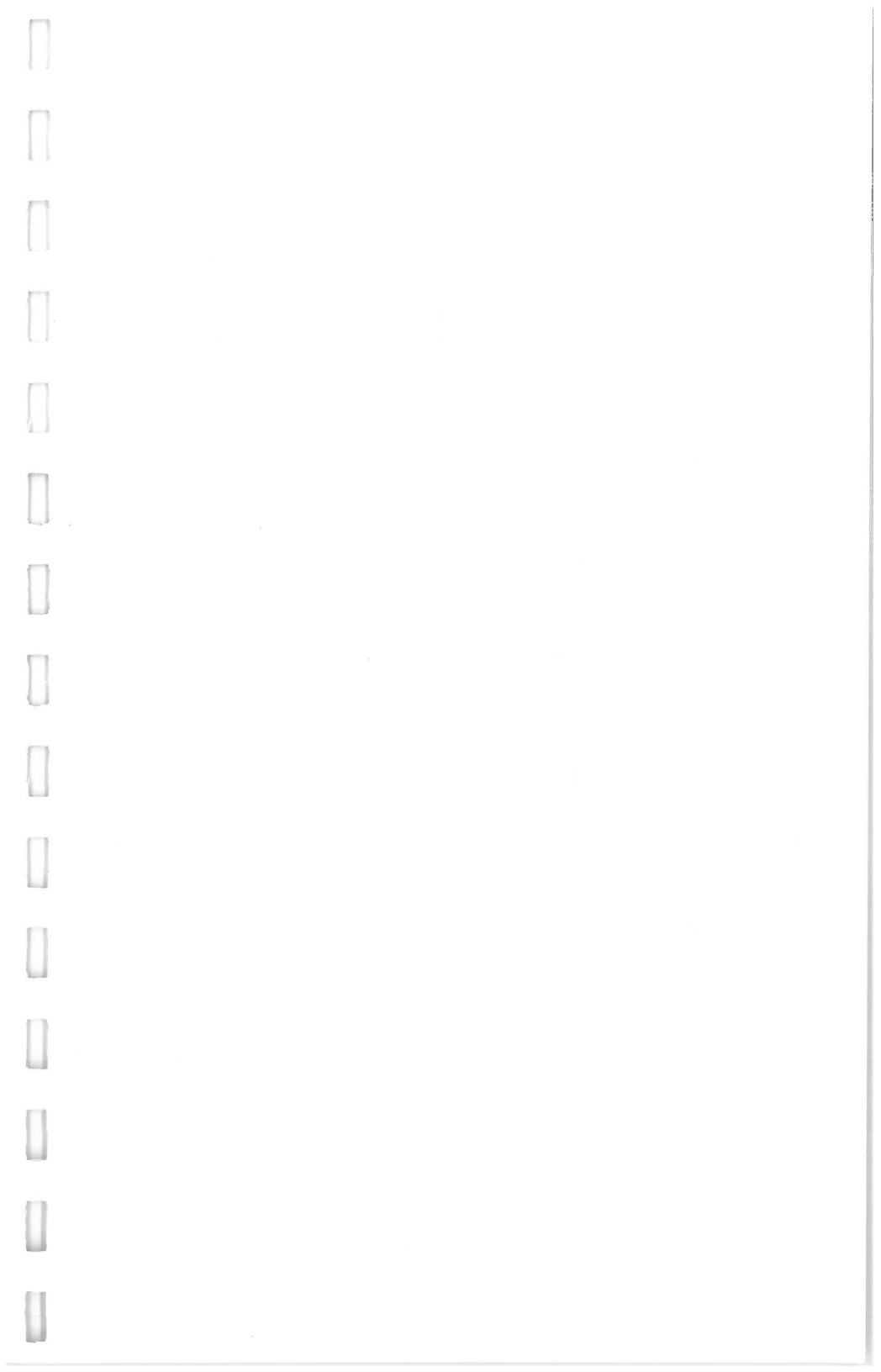
Other Comments / Questions / Concerns?

Please circle your response to the following:

- I am / am not willing to provide additional blood samples if needed for research.
- I will / will not consider donation of a tissue sample (spleen, kidney, or liver) upon the death of this dog, and will discuss this decision with my veterinarian so that a notation is placed in my file.

I submit this sample and pedigree for the purpose of DNA research; I understand that the identity of dogs and owners participating in the research will not be revealed; and I have supplied complete and accurate information, to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ date _____



- Include a sample submission form (included with this mailer)

All samples will be coded with numbers and used anonymously by the researchers. All information will be entered in a database separately, for the purpose of creating family connections between the samples only, and will be kept strictly confidential.

BREEDERS

Please consider sending samples from entire litters. The instructions are the same. Please add litter submission forms (Litter List and Litter Information), which you can find at www.canine-epilepsy.net

Again, your participation will be **strictly confidential**.

Complete families are critical to locating specific genes and markers. Wherever possible, submit samples from all siblings, both parents, and all available grandparents.

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE REFER TO THE PROJECT'S WEBSITE AT

www.canine-epilepsy.net

or feel free contact me at dignpop@aol.com

Thank you very much for participating!

—Magda Omansky, Health Chair, Norwich Terrier Club of America
(dignpop@aol.com)

Littlefield Mazie Dear

(July 6, 1995 – December 18, 2008)



Photo credit: Lee Little

"Mazie Dear" at age 13

Our darling girl Mazie left us December 18th. She was our first home-bred and my "starter" Norwich, the one with whom I earned Littlefield's first breed championship point. She was pure for red and smart as could be. One Christmas eve my husband told Mazie she was going with us to visit some friends. When I walked into the room, I noticed she very excitedly ran to the top of the stairs. My husband innocently asked, "Who's going with us to Abby and Dave's?" I said, "Oh, I'm just taking Razzi, as Abby has her hands full with the dinner and all the guests." Upon hearing this, Mazie turned around, put her tail down and crawled under the bed. She'd overheard our

conversation and knew my plan was to leave her home. Needless to say, she went.

Mazie is the Norwich breed example in the AKC *Dog Book for Kids*. The photo was taken at a dog show in Westchester, NY on a hot June day. The photographer approached me, explained she was taking pictures for the book and would I be willing for Mazie to model. Would I! I hope that book stays in print forever. Mazie looks happy, but hot, with her pink tongue hanging out and her tail down. But she was the quintessential Norwich, gay, loving and fearless, so she deserves to be there, forever young.

I never finished Mazie. As they say, everyone was always happy to see us at the show. I didn't know how to groom for that dip in her topline. She almost finished, but retired with 14 points, just lacking that last major. We had wonderful times together, and I'm sure I learned more by losing and going to show after show than I would have had my first Norwich been an easy finisher. Mazie had 6 puppies in her life, all red. Three were shown and became champions. Her line carries on.

It was a long goodbye. She'd been diagnosed with cancer in August. We fed her her favorite foods and put her on a program of holistic meds. She traveled across America in her lookout seat in June and September. She saw the Badlands and Devil's Tower. She spent the summer at the beach at our place in Washington State, waiting for tidbits to fall as we cracked crab. She looked great right up to the end, appearing front and center on our Christmas card with our four other Norwich.

She was a 'ham'. She loved to do the shoulder dance, loved her orange ostrich toy, loved to turn over on her back and twitch for attention. She was queen of the pack here. She was a demand barker. She knew when it was dinner time and woe betide the laggard cook! Her only concession to her illness was to go and lie on a cool tile floor, comfort no doubt as the tumor spread.

That last morning, she didn't eat her breakfast. We thought she was having one of her 'bad' days; she had bounced back before. Thinking she was just a bit off, we went out to do errands. When we returned to the house about 2:30 PM, we found our girl, clearly in the end stages. Not 15 minutes later, she was gone. I really do think she waited for us to return. I was with her from her first breath to her last. Goodbye, sweet Mazie, we will love you forever.

—Lee Little and Steve Weinberger, "Littlefield" Norwich

Friends, Fun and Food: The Story Behind the News' Front Cover Photo

When *News* editor Alison Freehling asked if I could send some candid Norwich photos for the Spring 2009 issue, I forwarded a photo from Dignpop Fun Day, an annual event where I invite all puppies bred by me, and some friends with other Norwich, for a day of fun with our dogs. We have a hotdog bobbing contest, a costume parade, various humorous competitions, an agility demonstration, potluck lunch, etc. Above all, we enjoy the day with our dogs and with other Norwich owners. All participants earn beautiful certificates, dog toys and treats, and I am left with priceless memories. For me, to be a part of my puppies' lives, and friendships forged with their owners, are the biggest joy of being a breeder.

The story behind the moment captured in my husband's photo is the essence of "Norwichness" to me—a group of dogs getting along, intently waiting to be asked to do something to earn a treat. The dog wearing a shirt is my oldest dog, "Biskit," who absolutely loves to wear clothes and really wanted to keep the shirt on after a costume contest. I look at this picture, and it has all the answers to why I love this breed so much.

—Magda Omansky, Dignpop Norwich Terriers, Murray Hill, NJ
(dignpop@aol.com)

Tail Docking: Recent AVMA and AKC Statements

Ed.: The history of AVMA policy on ear cropping and tail docking can be found at: www.avma.org/issues/policy/animal_welfare/tail_docking.asp. —AGF

AVMA

Following a report/recommendation by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Welfare Committee, the AVMA Executive Board on November 15, 2008 revised its policy on ear cropping and tail docking of dogs. **The 1999 AVMA policy stated:** "Ear cropping and tail docking in dogs for cosmetic reasons are not medically indicated nor of benefit to the patient. These procedures cause pain and distress, and, as with all surgical procedures, are accompanied by inherent risks of anesthesia, blood loss, and infection. Therefore, veterinarians should counsel dog owners about these matters before agreeing to perform these surgeries." **The revised 2008 policy, approved by the AVMA Executive Board, states:** "The AVMA opposes ear cropping and tail docking of dogs when done solely for cosmetic purposes. The AVMA encourages the elimination of ear cropping and tail docking from breed standards."

AKC

In a press release dated November 21, 2008, the AKC responded to the revised AVMA Ear Cropping/Tail Docking Policy:

"The American Kennel Club was advised this week of the AVMA's newly amended policy on ear cropping and tail docking following its adoption by the AVMA Executive Board at the recommendation of their Committee on Animal Welfare on November 15, 2008. Historically the AKC has worked closely with the AVMA to ensure that the rights of individual dog owners,

and breed standards, remain protected. However, the AKC was very disappointed to not have been consulted regarding this latest iteration of the policy, despite having been in contact with the AVMA in recent months.

At a joint meeting this Wednesday, AKC explained to the AVMA that we recognize ear cropping and tail docking, as prescribed in certain breed standards, are acceptable practices integral to defining and preserving breed character, enhancing good health, and preventing injuries. These breed characteristics are procedures performed to insure the safety of dogs that on a daily basis perform heroic roles with Homeland Security, serve in the U.S. Military and at Police Departments protecting tens of thousands of communities throughout our nation as well as competing in the field.

Mislabeling these procedures as “cosmetic” is a severe mischaracterization that connotes a lack of respect and knowledge of the history and function of purebred dogs. Breed standards are established and maintained by AKC Parent Clubs keeping foremost in mind the welfare of the breed and the function it was bred to perform.

As a not for profit organization that has been devoted to the advancement and welfare of dogs for 125 years, the AKC believes that dog owners bear a special responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times and that responsible dog owners, in consultation with their veterinarian, have the right to make decisions regarding appropriate care and treatment of their pets.

AKC’s policy on the issue, which remains unchanged, states: The American Kennel Club recognizes that ear cropping, tail docking and dewclaw removal, as described in certain breed standards, are acceptable practices integral to defining and preserving breed character and/or enhancing good health. Appropriate veterinary care should be provided.

Dog owners who would like to contact AVMA directly regarding their policy should direct comments to Gail Golab, head of the AVMA Animal Welfare Division: ggolab@avma.org or 847-925-8070.”

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At its February 20, 2009 meeting in Chicago, the NTCA Board voted to draft and send a letter to the AVMA stating the club’s opposition to the AVMA’s new tail docking policy.

—Alison Freehling

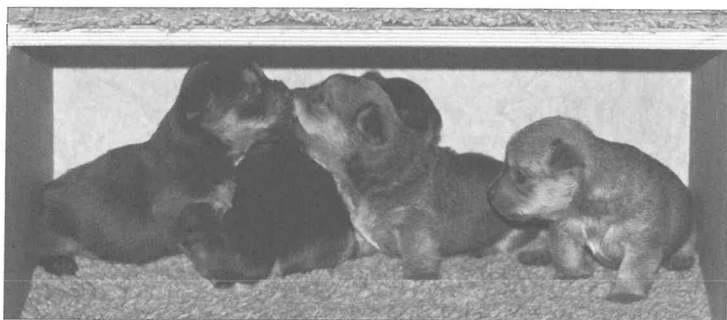


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‘Swiss kiss’: Little Tramont lovey-doveys

New AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program

Ed.: This February 6, 2009 AKC Press Release about the organization's new S.T.A.R. Puppy Program is reprinted here with kind permission of AKC Communications. If only this program had existed when our unruly Norwich male, "Choklat," was a puppy! —AGF

New York, NY— The AKC Canine Good Citizen® program debuted in 1989, with 1,392 dogs taking the CGC test. Today, nearly 40,000 purebred and mixed breed dogs per year participate in all 50 states. To date, we have enrolled more than 9,000 official CGC evaluators in communities across the country to train and test America's dogs....

To continue with 20 years of CGC success and in response to evaluator's needs, we have created the new AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy™ Program, another step in a long line of responsible dog ownership initiatives. A precursor to the AKC Canine Good Citizen program, the S.T.A.R. (Socialization, Training, Activity and Responsibility) Puppy Program will provide basic training and socialization opportunities for new puppies (those under one year old) and answer any new-owner questions. Ultimately, our hope is that these S.T.A.R. puppies will continue down the path to more AKC events, graduate on to more formal obedience training and create future obedience and agility stars!

S.T.A.R. puppies will test on behaviors such as sit, down and recall on command; walking on a leash; and remaining calm around other people and dogs. But puppies won't be the only ones learning in these sessions – evaluators will also offer "people lessons," providing information on important topics such as housetraining. Owners will also be "tested" on whether or not they bring bags to class to pick up after their pup, provide proper identification, create an adequate daily exercise and play plan and more.

Upon graduation, from a course at least six-weeks long, your puppy will receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Medal and Puppy Package that includes:

- A beautiful, frameable certificate designating your puppy is in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records at AKC
- AKC Puppy Handbook, a valuable resource
- Discount enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery Corporation, a 24-hour recovery service
- Ongoing Monthly Email Newsletter: *Your AKC*. This includes training tips and up-to-date information every dog owner needs to know.

We began enrolling puppies in the S.T.A.R. Puppy Program late last year and will officially kick-off the program at the "Puppy Extravaganza" at the International Kennel Club of Chicago shows on February 21-22, 2009. Here we will celebrate the success of many Chicago puppies that have successfully completed the program. CGC and S.T.A.R. Puppy Director Dr. Mary Burch will be on hand to award the 125th medal to the 125th program graduate (a Labrador Retriever, the breed that is ranked # 1 in registration statistics in Chicago), in honor of the AKC's 125th birthday.

We are looking forward to the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program enjoying the same growth and success as its "Parent" program. If you're interested in making your young dog a STAR puppy or have any questions about the program, please visit www.akc.org/starpuppy or contact starpuppy@akc.org.

Here's to more well-behaved puppies and responsible, happy owners in the future.

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker, Chairman, AKC Board of Directors

NORWICH DOING 'NORWICH-Y' THINGS



Photo credit: Magda Omansky

"Holly" the huntress bringing another 'trophy' home for 'Mom'

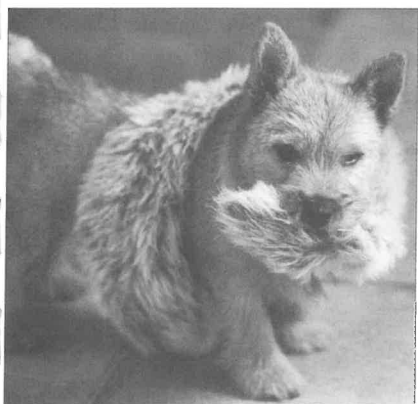


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"Choklat" tussling with a favorite squeaky toy



Photo credit: Betty McDonnell

Dishwasher "Sibyl" McDonnell working on the pre-rinse cycle



Photo credit: Toby Mazrolle

"Edward" chawing on a gourmet carrot—his favorite veggie



Photo credit: Russ Blackburn

"Maximus" playing retriever on a rocky CA beach

The Spring 2009 Rescue Report: "Expect A Call From Me"



Photo submitted by Siobhan O'Hara

Dana with 'tinytowne' litter sisters "Tizzy" and "Fiona"

I am happy to report that in my two months as the NTCA Rescue Chair, no Norwich has needed to be rescued. However, I have been very busy learning the ropes from long-time NNTC Rescue Chair, Sue Ely. The first and very important part of Rescue is to realize that *the entire membership of The Norwich Terrier Club of America is the Rescue Committee.*

Two NTCA members, Craig and Harriet Allen, have already learned that they are on this committee. The Allens were called upon to ID a puppy in a shelter in Florida that was identified by the shelter as a Norwich Terrier. As it turned out, Craig Allen was correct in his personal

evaluation of the puppy as a Cairn Terrier when he went to see it at the shelter. The shelter workers ultimately revealed that this puppy had a microchip identifying it as a Cairn Terrier sold by the Hunt Corporation. Unfortunately, the microchip did not identify who purchased the puppy. Cairn Terrier Rescue was notified, but the shelter stated they already had a new owner for the puppy and promised he would be neutered. Thank you Craig and Harriet Allen for all the time and effort you spent unraveling the real story behind the "Norwich puppy" in a shelter.

Another situation was brought to my attention when committee member Sue Lawrence was approached by a vet tech at the recent IKC Chicago shows. The tech told Sue that there was a Norwich Terrier at her vet hospital that had been hit by a car and brought to them by the local authorities. Based on the photos and information provided by the authorities, the dog appears to be a young, red, spayed female. Fortunately, the dog only had minor injuries and was being cared for by the vet tech in her home. A search is on to find the bitch's owner, but if no owner is located, the vet tech has said she will keep her as her own. Please be on the lookout for any postings for lost Norwich. Thank you Sue Lawrence for all the time and effort you have spent identifying the bitch and trying to find the owners of this little lost Norwich.

Don't be surprised when you get that phone call from me asking for assistance. We are all on the NTCA Rescue Committee.

—Dana Esquibel, NTCA Rescue Chair
(tinytowne@comcast.net)

The NTCA Health Committee's "To Do" List

We now have a new club dedicated exclusively to our lovely breed. For many people, the number one reason for creating a Norwich-only breed club was a strongly felt need to focus more productively on health issues affecting Norwich Terriers. I think we will all agree that the two most pressing problems requiring our immediate attention are Upper Airway Syndrome and epilepsy. I promise, as NTCA Health Chair, that I will work tirelessly to address them both, while not losing sight of other health issues affecting Norwich.

Even before January 1, 2009, the official start of the NTCA, the club's new Health Committee had rolled up our sleeves, set some goals, and started to work. We have a lot planned, and a lot already accomplished. This is only a partial list of breed health projects already approved by the NTCA Board:

Upper Airway Syndrome

1. We are in the process of organizing an Upper Airway Syndrome (UAS) research project. We are putting together a team of veterinary specialists from across various regions of the country. The team will establish a consistent and objective diagnostic protocol and initiate a clinical study. Breeders are now able to address a complex issue of hip dysplasia by taking radiographs of the hips and submitting them for evaluation to OFA or PennHip. It is our goal to have a similar process for making the diagnosis of UAS as objective as possible--- based on digital images and precise measurements. We will establish a diagnostic protocol, a grading system for UAS, and hopefully also prove a correlation of that grading with a blood test for VEGF. VEGF is a possible biological marker for UAS. (I have written about VEGF quite extensively in the *Norwich & Norfolk News*). Finally, our team of veterinary experts will publish suggestions for corrective procedures. Stay tuned to the progress on this crucial project.
2. We will send a letter to every veterinary teaching school in North America outlining the facts from published research on Upper Airway Syndrome in Norwich Terriers. We will also continue to update the veterinary community on any new findings from our study.
3. We will offer educational lectures on UAS to owners and breeders of Norwich Terriers.
4. We will have a portion of the NTCA website dedicated to facts and education on UAS.
5. Having a long-term goal of eliminating UAS from our breed, we will eventually pursue mapping mutations for it. Although no genetic research can be initiated without a clear clinical diagnostic protocol, this is a goal we will steadily work towards. Right now, our aim is to establish a Norwich DNA blood bank for future UAS research (see more on the DNA blood bank under "epilepsy").

Epilepsy

1. I am happy to announce that the first item on our "to do" list for epilepsy has already been accomplished. In a joint event with the regional Chicago club, those who attended the recent IKC shows had a chance to participate in a lecture on epilepsy on February 21st, followed by a presentation on genetic research for epilepsy marker. Special thanks to NTCA member and Norwich breeder Lisa Sons who organized this event! The lecture by Dr. Podell was a crash course in identifying various forms of canine epilepsy, and it was superb. We watched several

short videos, including one showing a Scotty Cramp for comparison, and learned about the most up-to-date protocols for epilepsy. It was most educational. Right after Dr.Podell's lecture, I offered a brief Power Point presentation on genetic research for epilepsy mutations. I invited Liz Hansen of the Canine Epilepsy Project to introduce the project and answer any questions. I hope to be able to repeat that program, especially Dr.Podell's fantastic lecture, during the NTCA Montgomery National Specialty weekend in October.

2. NTCA has an extraordinary opportunity to participate in the LUPA project. This is an epilepsy study funded entirely by multiple grants, with no cost to our club. LUPA also offers the exciting possibility of creating a long-term blood bank for Norwich Terriers for future research in other inheritable diseases in our breed.

You will find more information on Norwich DNA Research in a separate flyer included with this *News*. Please look for it.

3. The NTCA Health committee initiated a phone campaign to spread the word about the Norwich DNA Research Project. I am thrilled to report a very positive response to our calls. The members who have been contacted so far were overwhelmingly supportive of the LUPA project and pledged their participation.
4. We will try to organize blood drives for participation in the epilepsy study in conjunction with NTCA regional and national specialties. I will compile a "how to" list for such a drive for any club willing to organize it.

Education

1. The NTCA Board approved dedicating a portion of the club's website to health issues. We hope to build up a comprehensive library of reference materials, articles and tips relating to health questions and problems in our Norwich.
2. The *News* will continue to include articles on health-related subjects. Additionally, I will be reporting to you on our projects and will keep you informed of progress in every issue of the *News*.
3. There will be a health seminar at our first National Specialty. More details later.

Looking Ahead

1. We will look into a possibility of conducting a thorough health survey for Norwich. The last survey was not successful and did not reveal the principal health concerns in our breed. There might be other new health problems that we are not sufficiently aware of.
 - We have contacted over 20 breed clubs that had both successful and not very successful health surveys done to draw on their experience.
 - We have looked into software for surveys.
 - We are compiling names of top dog health survey writers.
2. At some point we will organize a fund raiser for the needs of the UAS project and collecting samples for the epilepsy project.

Please participate in the Norwich DNA Research! It will be the most important contribution you can make to help insure the health of our breed. Please feel free to volunteer for our projects, to submit articles for our online health library, and to offer any suggestions.
Please get involved. We need you!

—Magda Omansky, NTCA Health Chair
(dignpop@aol.com)

Report FromThe NTCA's CHIC Liaison

What is CHIC?

The Canine Health and Information Center (CHIC) is described on its website as a database of consolidated health screening results from multiple sources. Co-sponsored by the OFA and the AKC Canine Health Foundation, CHIC works with parent clubs to indentify health screening protocols appropriate for individual breeds. Dogs tested in accordance with the parent club established requirements, that have their results registered and made available in the public domain, are issued CHIC numbers." CHIC's mission statement is "To provide a source of health information for owners, breeders and scientists that will assist in breeding healthy dogs."

The Norwich parent club (the NNTC when Norwich Terriers became a CHIC breed) identified the breed's health tests for the CHIC database as the following:

CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation) registers dogs free of heritable eye disease.

CERF recommends that dogs be tested annually to be sure they have not developed serious ocular disease. Puppies should be checked at 4 months and annually thereafter. Dogs used for breeding should be checked close to the time of mating. A test done 11 months ago is still valid, but may not reflect the dog's true eye condition. Generally speaking, most dogs will not develop heritable eye disease after 9 years of age. Norwich Terriers are listed as a breed that can have Genetic or "Juvenile" Cataracts, a disease that can lead to blindness. Currently there are 221 Norwich with CERF results on the OFA website. OFA only accepts normal CERF results from CERF. OFA only accepts abnormal CERF results from a dog's owner.

OFA Hips: This involves a radiograph of a dog's hips to evaluate for hip dysplasia. Preliminary evaluations can be done from the age of 4 months to two years, but clearance is not accepted before the dog reaches two years of age. This is a permanent evaluation. Currently there are 413 Norwich with OFA hip evaluations. Of those dogs submitted to OFA, 13.1% were abnormal and 86.4% were normal.

OFA Patella: As described on the OFA website, "The patella, or kneecap, is part of the stifle joint. In patellar luxation, the kneecap luxates or pops out of place, either in a medial or lateral position. Although the luxation may not be present at birth, the anatomical deformities that cause these luxations are present at that time and are responsible for subsequent recurrent patellar luxation. Patellar luxation should be considered an inherited disease." The patella can be evaluated at 12 months of age for OFA database and is a permanent evaluation. Currently there are 222 Norwich with OFA Patella evaluations. Of those dogs submitted to OFA, 4.5% were abnormal and 95.5% were normal.

CHIC Summary: There are currently 103 Norwich Terriers with CHIC numbers.

—Dana Esquibel, NTCA CHIC Liaison
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Flea and Tick Control

Flea and tick control has been pretty easy since the advent of the Frontline® line of products in 1997. We veterinarians certainly thought we had the perfect product when Frontline Plus® hit the market in 2000. This product had close to 100% effectiveness in killing fleas and ticks within 48 hours and an insect growth regulator that sterilizes fleas. Equally important, it has a very high safety margin.

Many other products have joined the market since. Some of these products are excellent while others do not have the same effectiveness or may have more side effects. Some older, less effective products also keep coming back under new labels.

Recently, there are reports across the nation of fleas and ticks developing "relative resistance." These groups of fleas and ticks are no longer effectively controlled with a product that originally had 100% effectiveness. Because controlling your dog's fleas and ticks is not as easy now, it is important that you understand basic facts about fleas and ticks.

Fleas

The most common parasite of companion animals is the cat flea, *Ctenocephalides felis*. These fleas will infest most warm-blooded animals in the household, including dogs, cats, ferrets, and domestic rabbits. Flea bites are itchy for all pets. They are worse for the many dogs and cats that are allergic to flea bites. Flea allergy dermatitis (FAD) is the most common skin disease of dogs. Fleas can also cause other diseases such as anemia, tapeworm infections, and cat scratch fever.

Once a flea jumps on an animal, it lays eggs within 24 hours. The eggs are laid in the pet's hair and roll off into the environment where the larva and pupae can survive for a long time. One flea can lay thousands of eggs in her short lifespan. Flea eggs and pupae are resistant to all insecticides, but can be controlled with Insect Growth Regulators (IGR's).

There are outdoor flea reservoirs. If there is a flea infestation in your outdoor environment, it may be difficult to eradicate fleas in your house. The outdoor fleas often come from dogs, cats, opossum, or raccoons that live in or visit your yard. Flea eggs fall off these reservoir animals and the larvae and pupae can develop in the environment.

Fleas do not jump from one pet to another or jump off a pet. Pets acquire fleas from infested premises, not from another pet. An adult flea spends its entire life on one pet. Flea eggs deposited into the environment develop into adult fleas in as little as 16 days or the larva can remain in the cocoon stage for up to six months. Carbon dioxide, warmth, and vibration cause the pupae to emerge as adult fleas. So, fleas hatch in response to a dog or cat walking by and the jump on the pet immediately after they hatch. All fleas seen in the environment developed from flea eggs. They did not jump off the pet. We have learned that fleas are much easier to prevent than they are to conquer once you have an infestation. An infestation can happen before you see the first flea on your pet and may take months to get under control.

All pets should start flea prevention treatment before flea season starts and continue past the end of the season. Here in central Virginia and many parts of the United States that means year round preventative medication. All pets in contact with your pet need to be on flea control. This means all your pets—dogs, cats, small mammals, etc.—as well as visiting animals. Be sure to read product information carefully. Most flea products are made for a specific species. What is safe for your dog may not be for your cat or rabbit. Your flea control program needs to include a product that kills flea eggs, larva, and pupae (IGR). These are the source of the infestation. In general, sprays, powders and dips have been replaced with safer and more effective oral medications and liquids that are applied in one spot over the pet's shoulder. The

newest product is Comfortis,* the monthly flea pill that appears to be very effective and safe. Flea shampoos may kill adult fleas on your dog, but they will not offer protection from the eggs, larva, and pupae. As soon as the pet's feet touch the ground, newly-emerged fleas can jump right on and start feeding.

Ticks

Ticks are another common external parasite of dogs. Tick bites can spread numerous diseases, including Babesia, Ehrlichia, Lyme disease, Anaplasma, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Dogs come in contact with ticks in areas of vegetation (grass or shrubs) or in or near wooded areas. Ticks live in moist and humid environments, so it is not surprising that ticks flourish in many parts of the United States. Here in central Virginia, we see ticks 12 months of the year.

There is no product on the market now that can keep pets tick free 100% of the time. Ticks are acarids (like spiders and mites), not insects, so insecticides are not very effective in killing them. Be sure to do "tick checks" on all your dogs every day during tick season. Remove the ticks with tweezers and discard them in the toilet or drown them in alcohol in a jar. Treat all ticks as if they are infectious. Do not touch ticks with your hands or cut or burn them. Most disease is spread after the tick has been on your dog for 24 hours, so these daily tick checks and removals can really help you keep your pet healthy.

Your veterinarian is the best source of information about safe and effective flea and tick control measures for your pet. Your veterinarian will know which products are working well in your area and thus can recommend a flea control program tailored to your dogs. The internet has the best and worst information about flea control, so if you use the internet, make sure the source is reliable! One site that always has expert information is: www.veterinarypartner.com.

—Kathleen Gruss, DVM, Earlysville Animal Hospital, Earlysville, VA
(www.earlysvilleanimalhospital.com)



Photo credit: Gail Herstein

*"Hey, we should get a head start!"—
'Zigzag' Norwich racing a long-legged friend*

Two New Norwich Master Agility Champions!

The MACH—Master Agility Champion—is the highest and most coveted award in the sport of AKC agility. The first Norwich Terrier to earn this title was “Kate,” more formally known as Ch. MACH Jerusalem Katherina Minola CD. Handled by owner Blair Kelly, Kate earned the title in June 2005 and remained the only Norwich Terrier to proudly list MACH before her name until this past Fall.

In a ten-day span in October 2008, at distant corners of the USA, two Norwich Terriers earned **new MACHs**. The first, my male “**Scooter**” (**Skyscot’s Trouble Scooter, CDX, MX, MXJ, RE, OF**), earned his final few points for his MACH on October 10 near Cleveland, Ohio. Less than ten days later in Pleasanton, California, my good friend Gail Exstrom and her Norwich bitch “**Malarky**” (**Breakaway’s Malarky, MX, MXJ, NF**) completed her 20th “Double Q,” earning her MACH. All across the country, Norwich agility folk celebrated!

Becoming a Master Agility Champion requires both the dog and handler to have focus, determination, drive, endurance, skill, fitness, perseverance, and luck. It can be a long and fun road with incredible highs and thrills, and just as many disappointing oh-so-close-to-perfect runs. Practice, training and sometimes retraining are required. It is not an easy feat, and it does not happen overnight. But the journey is a great one, and Gail and I would never trade the time spent training and trialing with our Scooter and Malarky during the past few years. As a bonus, in the process of each of us trying our hardest to have our Norwich be the next to follow in Kate’s MACH footsteps, we became close friends as well as competitors. We truly made each other better at the sport.

The requirements for the Master Agility Champion are speed and consistency. A dog must earn twenty perfect qualifying scores (“Double Qs”)—with no faults whatsoever—on two separate courses on a single day. The courses are at the highest level of AKC agility competition, testing the dog’s ability to perform technical skills and the handler’s ability to successfully maneuver the dog around the course. To qualify, a dog must be fast and must finish the course under the time limit set by the judge. To earn a MACH, a dog must accumulate 750 speed points—one point for each second under standard course time. Interestingly, Scooter finished his MACH by earning his last few speed points, having already banked his 20th Double Q. Malarky, on the other hand, had hundreds of speed points to spare, but when she earned her 20th Double Q, the MACH was hers. Scooter is accurate, but not particularly fast. Malarky is a little speedster!



Photo submitted by Susan Novotny

MACH Scooter and MACH Malarky celebrating their new titles with owner-handlers Susan Novotny & Gail Exstrom



Photo submitted by Susan Novotny

A very happy Susan Novotny showing off "Scooter's" super-sized MACH ribbon

What is there after a MACH? Well, Kate eventually semi-retired, but has continued to compete in agility, racking up quite a few new titles. After the Agility Invitational in December 2008, Scooter retired from AKC agility. He will still compete in Teacup Agility and NADAC, but he will primarily concentrate on his obedience Utility title. Malarky is going full steam ahead toward MACH2! You go girl!

—Susan Novotny, *News Agility* reporter
(tinyterriers@gmail.com)

Author's note: Susan Novotny and her husband Scott Laidig have loved, trained, and competed with Norwich Terriers since 1998. Susan currently enjoys training and competing with Scooter and LilyRu, and previously with Ollie, in obedience, agility, earthdog, and tracking. Susan started her dog training hobby in Pensacola, Florida. Now retired, she and Scott travel in an RV from Virginia to California. Susan is a member of the Gallatin Dog Club and Galloping Dog Agility Club in Bozeman, Montana.

The 2008 AKC Agility Invitational

On December 13 and 14, 2008 in Long Beach, California, the top five Norwich Terriers in agility had the privilege of competing with the top five dogs of each recognized AKC breed at the 2008 Agility Invitational. Representing our breed this year were **Rosecroft One More Time, MX, MXJ, "Higgins,"** owned and trained by Bob and Winnie Frazier and handled by their granddaughter, Alexa Applebee, all from Maryland; **MACH Breakaway's Malarky,** with owner/handler Gail Exstrom from northern California; **Ketka's Mariposa, CD, MX, MXJ,** with owner/handler Esther Newton from Michigan; **MACH Skyscot's Trouble Scooter, CDX, RE, MX, MXJ, OF,** with owner/handler Susan Novotny from Montana; and **Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine Harry, CD, RN, MX, MXJ, NF,** with owner/handler Ursula Walsh from North Carolina.

The Agility Invitational is held in conjunction with the Eukanuba National Championship at the Long Beach Convention Center. It is an exciting and challenging event with hundreds of talented and accomplished performance dogs. Over the two days, the five Norwich ran in four rounds with varying courses full of technical challenges and difficult jumping angles—and all five represented our breed superbly! The little Norwich girls and guys showed everyone that they are not only the cutest of the agility breeds, but that they are also serious contenders and can run and climb and weave and jump with the best.

Each Norwich attending the Invitational was an excellent agility competitor. At the start of the weekend, all five had a real chance of earning a spot in Round 5—the Finals, an exciting event televised by Animal Planet. Everyone knew that even the slightest mistake or misstep would drop you in the ranking and knock you out of running in the Finals. The pressure to be careful, but also to run as fast as you could, was *very* high. At the end of the preliminary runs, out of a perfect score of 400, no Norwich had a cumulative score of less than 350. All five had runs to be proud of. Higgins and Malarky were neck and neck to the bitter end, but an unexpected bailoff

by Malarky on the teeter pushed **Higgins** into first place, earning him and his junior handler **Alexa** the impressive **AKC medallion for the Top Norwich at the Invitational**. This was quite an achievement for this teenage girl: not only did she and Higgins beat all their Norwich competition, but they missed a spot in the Finals by only one dog! Alexa had nerves of steel and was cool and calm right to the finish! She and Higgins truly made all of us proud!

Attending the Invitational is an exciting experience. Just qualifying and receiving the Invitation to attend is pretty darn special. The trip to Long Beach for everyone is far from easy. Bob, Winnie and Alexa with Higgins, Esther with Posey, and Ursula and her husband Bill with Harry, all had to fly across the country—a long trip in the worst of winter weather. The size alone of the event, the crowds of spectators, the lights, the noise can all be overwhelming and nothing that most of the Norwich competitors or their dogs had experienced before. Yet, attending an Invitational is not something most agility competitors ever get to do and something that almost all would love to do.

For the five Norwich handlers and their families, the most lasting memories of the 2008 Invitational will be the genuine camaraderie and friendship shared throughout the weekend. At our first dinner together, lots of stories, laughs and helpful tips by the Invitational veterans were shared. Right away it was clear we were all there to support one another and to show off and enjoy our little dogs! Wonderful banners were presented commemorating Scooter and Malarky's recent MACHS, and these banners then proudly hung above the Norwich/Norfolk crating area in the convention center. During the competition itself, the loud cheering for one another by the Norwich and Norfolk crowd was envied by handlers with other breeds. Even though the five Norwich were competing against each other head to head, each of the Norwich folk wanted the others to run well and to run their best. After the first day of competition, everyone enjoyed another fun dinner. We celebrated Alexa's birthday, toasted our friends who were not there and also our beloved current and past Norwich (and Norfolk) who taught us so much and who stuck with us through the good and the not-so-good times in the sport of agility and in our lives. Friendships made at the Invitational will last forever, as will the memories of these exciting few days in our sport.

—Susan Novotny



Photo submitted by Susan Novotny

Norwich & Norfolk agility competitors at the 2008 AKC Agility Invitational (l. to r.): Laurie Rossi Sherick & "Andi," Alexa Applebee & "Higgins," Esther Newton & "Posey," Drake Evers & "Wizard," Gail Exstrom & "Malarky," Susan Novotny & "Scooter." Missing from photo: Ursula Walsh & "Harry"

Dr. Chris Zink Receives Book Award

NTCA member Dr. M. Christine Zink, DVM, PhD, a well-recognized canine sports medicine expert and Norwich Terrier enthusiast, recently received high recognition from the Dog Writers Association of America. At their annual banquet, sometimes referred to as "Oscar night for dog writers," Dr. Zink received the Eukanuba Canine Health Award and the President's Award for the best dog publication of 2008 for her book, *The Agility Advantage*, published by Clean Run Productions. The Canine Health Award is presented to the author of the book which "best promotes the health and well-being of dogs, based on accuracy, clear writing, and representation of a fresh view of canine health."

The Agility Advantage is an easy-to-read paperback compilation of short, stand-alone chapters which address topics of interest to all pet owners, especially to owners of canine athletes. Dr. Zink presents useful and concise information on canine physical structure, movement, feeding and exercise programs, teaching jumping skills, and diseases and injuries encountered by active and athletic dogs. This is definitely a reference book to have on your shelf!

Dr. Zink is known for her other award-winning books, including *Jumping from A to Z*, *Peak Performance—Coaching the Canine Athlete*, and *Dog Health and Nutrition for Dummies*.

Dr. Zink competes in agility and obedience with her Norwich Terrier, "Vespa" (Jerusalem's Road Less Traveled OA, AXJ, CD), who Dr. Zink describes as "the most driven and fun to train dog I have ever had!"

Congratulations, Chris!!!!

—Susan Novotny, *News Agility* reporter

New AKC Norwich Agility Titles

Congratulations to all the new agility title holders and their owners and handlers. The following are titles earned by Norwich Terriers from July 1 to December 31, 2008 as reported by the AKC. It is wonderful to see so many new Novice titles as well as upper division titles.

—Susan Novotny

Novice Agility

- Ch. Bunratty's Earl Arlie O'Todd CD RA NA NAJ, Maureen Glancy, Ronald & Estelle Crawford
- Castle-Bar Harley of Stonehaven NA NAJ, Brennie Brackett
- Shorttales Sibyl of Kilyka NA NAJ, Betty McDonnell
- Ch. Mischief's Little Mermaid NA NAJ, Gayle and Timothy Holmen

Novice Agility Jumpers

- Ch. Bunratty's Earl Arlie O'Todd CD RA NA NAJ, Maureen Glancy, Ronald and Estelle Crawford
- Breakaways' In the Know NAJ, Rainee Johnson, Carole Sohrweide
- Jerusalem Mariah Lenox NAJ, Blair Kelly
- Jerusalem Olivia Lenox NAJ, Blair Kelly

Novice Agility Preferred

- Debe's Betty Boop NAP NJP, Carole Jungbluth
- Pair-A-Doc's Mint Julep OA OAJ NAP NJP, Marcia Frank
- Ch. Treasure's Exotic Expresso NA OAJ NAJ NJP, Patti and James Evans

Novice A Jumpers Preferred

- Ch. Treasure's Exotic Expresso NA OAJ NJP, Patti and James Evans

Open Agility

- Ch. Pinelake's Mega Bucks RA OA OAJ, Carol Clark
- Castle-Bar Daphne Stonehaven OA NAJ, Brennie and Larry Brackett
- Castle-Bar Harley of Stonehaven OA NAJ, Brennie Brackett
- Oliver OA OAJ, Jennifer Taylor

Open Jumpers

- Castle-Bar Daphne Stonehaven OA OAJ, Brennie and Larry Brackett
- Castle-Bar Harley of Stonehaven OA OAJ, Brennie Brackett

Open Jumpers Preferred

- Camio's Priceless OJP, Catherine Rogers

Open Preferred FAST

- Briardale's Music Man NA NAJ AXP AJP OFP, Cynthia Cook-Pruitt

Excellent Agility

- Castle-Bar Daphne Stonehaven OA OAJ, Brennie and Larry Brackett

Excellent Preferred Agility

- Sand-Castle Darcy UDX RE MX MXJ OAP AJP, Carlynn Ricks

Excellent Jumpers

- Castle-Bar Daphne Stonehaven OA AXJ, Brennie and Larry Brackett
- Shonleh Migar Winston OA AXJ NF, Vickie Yamaoka

Excellent Jumpers Preferred

- Sand-Castle Darcy UDX RE MX MXJ OAP AJP, Carlynn Ricks

Master Agility

- Ch. Shoebuttin's Beau Burnside MX AXJ JE NF, Donna West & Joan Dance

Master Agility Jumpers

- Breakaway Wilbur Valentino MXJ, Claire Demartini
- Dignipop Lucky LilyRu OA MXJ NF, Susan Novotny

—Compiled by Susan Novotny

Spring 2009 Obedience and Rally News

Obedience

Our little Norwich just get better and better at watching and listening to us. That, combined with their bright minds and willing spirits, make them great obedience dogs. Here's the evidence: in the six months since Mary Fine's last obedience report in the Fall 2008 *Norwich & Norfolk News*, Norwich have earned 3 CD's, 2 UDX's and 1 OTCH! Keep in mind that the breed's first UDX didn't happen until 3 years ago, and you'll see the power of believing in what's possible. We are further thrilled that two of the six new Norwich obedience title holders are also breed champions.

We applaud the **3 new Norwich Companion Dogs (CD)**. Having earned several agility titles, NTCA member Chris Zink, who put UDs on Goldens prior to her entry into the Norwich world, finished the CD on **"Vespa" (Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD OA OAJ)**. Also earning that first obedience title was NTCA member Dorothea George with **Ch. Watermark Truffle CD RN**. On the west coast, *News Working Terriers* reporter Jill Petersen earned the CD with her **"Ginger" (Rogel's I'm Ginger Hollywould CD RA)**.

Earning one of the breed's **two UDX titles** was Joan Jung's **"Frizzle" (Ch. Belvedere's Sister Parrish UDX RA)**. I saw this bitch in her first competition and was so impressed with her attention and enthusiasm that I expected to see her earn the UDX title someday. Frizzle now has 38 OTCH points! We're crossing our fingers for more news about this Norwich.

Finally, Bridget Carlsen accomplished what many of us thought would occur farther into the future. She and her Norwich male **"Hemi" (OTCH Huntwoods Four On The Floor UDX NA NAJ)** earned the **breed's first OTCH** – just a day after **Hemi became only the third Norwich ever to earn the UDX!** We're so proud of Hemi and Bridget and pleased that they have shown us the path. Congratulations!

If you missed the Team Obedience event at the Fall 2008 Kimberton (PA) obedience trial, you missed a really fun show. Four team members and their Norwich formed the Wicked Wicked 'Wiches team. Sporting tall, black, pointed hats with orange flowers on them and T-shirts with a black Norwich silhouette on an orange moon were NTCA members Susan Novotny with **"Scooter" (MACH Skyscot's Trouble Scooter CDX RE OF)**, Chris Zink with **"Vespa" (Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD OA OAJ)**, Ursula Walsh with **"Harry" (Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine CD RA MX MXJ)**, and Carlynn Ricks with **"Darcy" (Sand-Castle Darcy UDX MX MXJ AXP AJ)**. Of the four terrier teams, the Norwich came in second. This was quite remarkable since we had practiced only once, whereas the first-place team, the Airedales, practiced lots. But we were louder, and I'm sure we had more fun! You can probably still see this fun event on U-tube at <http://tinyurl.com/4a7vs9>.

Rally

Norwich were also well represented in the Rally ring in the past six months. I'm noticing a new path to obedience. Many Norwich are starting in rally, where the dogs learn to watch and follow their handler (and get treats for doing it), as well as learning sits and downs. Then the handlers enter rally, which is somewhere between agility and obedience, and finally, they enter obedience.

Norwich earned three beginning Rally titles, aka, **Rally Novice (RN)**. NTCA member Kimberly Dwyer Mullings successfully negotiated the skills three times with **Ch. Highwood's Red Lightning Bug RN**, a Norwich she co-owns with Suzanne Orban-Stagle. Beth Bonnifield's **Urchin's Touch and Go RN** and **Shadowwalk Katie Did It RN**, owned by Jose Alberto Rodriguez and Valerie Schroeder, also earned **RN's**. **"Katie"** completed her intermediate Rally title, called **Rally Advanced (RA)**, as well.

Also moving on to **Rally Advanced titles** were NTCA members Kimberly Dwyer Mullings and Meredith W. Dwyer's **Ch. Top Drawer's Intimidator CD RA**. Meanwhile, NTCA member

Ursula M. Walsh and her two Norwich were on a roll in Rally. Ursula's "**Sophie**" (**Beach Pine Sophie of Oakley RE NA NAJ OAP AJP JE**) and "**Harry**" (**Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine CD RE MX MXJ**) each earned both the **Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent (RE)** titles in only six months!

NTCA member Carol Clark was also very active in the top level Rally ring (Excellent), putting **Rally Excellent (RE)** titles on two of her Norwich, both breed champions. Congratulations to Carol's **Ch. Dunbar's Good Luck Charm RE NA OAJ OAP NJP** and **Ch. Pinelake's Mega Bucks RE OA OAJ**. Jill Petersen added the **RE title to her CD on "Ginger"**. It certainly looks as if Jill is using the Rally ring as an excellent preparation for Open obedience. We look forward to that CDX soon. We're pleased to note that Meredith W. Dwyer, longtime Norwich performance competitor, has earned the **Rally Excellent** title on **Top Drawer's Time Square CD RE**.

Finally, a big congratulations to the **breed's first RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent)**. This title is the Rally equivalent of the Obedience UDX. To earn the RAE, the handler and dog team must qualify in both the Advanced and Excellent classes on the same days in ten different trials. NTCA member Joanie Brobst and **Fairfield Zilly CD RAE** were the first Norwich team ever to do that. Bravo!

A Brief Profile of Carlynn Ricks

Ed. News' obedience reporter Carlynn Ricks sent the following in response to my request for a short profile of her involvement in the world of canine performance. Carlynn is also chair of the NTCA's Performance Events committee. —AGF



Photo submitted by Carlynn Ricks

Carlynn with her 13-year-old performance superstar, "Darcy"

I got my first and only purebred dog, Sand-Castle Darcy UDX MX MXJ RE AXP AJP, thirteen years ago. Realizing that I had a TERRIERist coming, I panicked and signed up for an obedience class. The rest is history. Darcy first earned a CD. Then I discovered agility. Darcy loved agility, where he got treats, and hated obedience. Two weeks after I started using treats for obedience training, he got his first two CDX legs. After that, I trained him in both obedience and agility, alternating focus and titles, depending on the weather. Darcy earned a UD title at age 3, an incredible dream for someone like me who hadn't even known what the initials meant 3 years earlier.

Darcy has never stopped wanting to learn. By age seven, he had finished his MX and MXJ agility titles. At age 10, he became the first Norwich UDX and the first in the breed to be invited to the National Obedience Invitational. I am particularly grateful to Mary Fine, Carl Schrader, and all those NNTC members who took me under their wing and encouraged me along the way.

For the last nine years, at least once a week, Darcy has been doing his most important job as a Delta therapy dog, working with physical therapists in hospital rehab gyms. At age 13, he still works once a week and is always up for a good retrieve (or twenty) thrown by a hospital patient.

Grateful for the canine performance world that Darcy introduced me to, I co-founded the all-terrier obedience trial at Kimberton (PA) 5 years ago. Last year, I co-founded a version of Kimberton—TOPS (Terriers Only Performance Summit)—near Denver where terriers compete in obedience, agility, rally, and earthdog. I am thrilled that more and more Norwich owners are training their dogs for performance events because I know how much closer their relationship with their dog will be.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
(carlynnricks@earthlink.net)

OTCH Huntwoods Four On The Floor UDX NA NAJ ("Hemi"): The First Norwich Obedience Trial Champion!

One of the questions I am most commonly asked is: "Why a Norwich?" I have always had Golden Retrievers. I have trained, shown and competed with Golden Retrievers for over 30 years. When I decided to get a different breed, I had several criteria. First I wanted *cute*, because we all know that cute goes a long way. I also needed a small dog to take on airplanes with me since I had started to give obedience training seminars around the country. For my seminars, I had been given the label of a "Golden retriever," so I wanted a breed that was not known for setting the obedience world on fire. This would help me relate to "non-Golden" people and, more importantly, help them relate to me. I also was looking for a puppy six months or older so that, again, I could relate to trainers who had acquired older dogs with all sorts of really fun "baggage."

So, back to my first requirement—cute. Norwich Terriers have always caught my eye. They are one of those breeds that I would look at and think, "they are to die for cute." In my quest to find that perfect, cute, older Norwich puppy, I ran across Susie Kipp at the International KC show in Chicago. As luck would have it, Susie had an older male puppy that she would, MAYBE, consider selling if the home was right.

The only thing I knew about the breed (other than its cuteness) is what I had read. I didn't know what to expect when I went to meet "Hemi" for the first time. I remember looking at the crated Norwich at Susie's kennel, hoping that the cute lil' guy in the middle was him. To my excitement, it was. The kennel help got him out and he hit the ground running. That was it; I wanted him. So now I had the perfect dog . . . a nine month old TERRIER, who wasn't good about riding in cars or walking on a leash, and certainly was not at all interested in being lured into heel position with food or retrieving toys. But he sure was CUTE!!!!

Hemi's training was what I had thought it would be, very different and very difficult. Hemi is very bright and quickly learned that if he gives me what I want, he gets what he wants. I realized that he is not a Golden, and if our relationship was based on "you give, then I give," I was okay with that. So, Hemi has worked for EVERY meal that he has had, and continues to do so. He and I just had to meet in the middle of the road, TOGETHER. He has taught me a world of knowledge, as I have taught him. He adores me, as I adore him. I have worked extremely hard

to get him to the point where I thought he could become an OTCH, and he has worked even harder. His short little legs and big heart worked together to prove that he was a contender. He rose to the challenge and has accomplished what no other Norwich has ever done. My goal was obtained and, at three years of age, Hemi has made breed history. It's not just the OTCH that makes his accomplishment so special; it's the way people view Hemi. He's not just a terrier; he's a dog that became an Obedience Trial Champion. I was told that I would not be able to do this. Well, I didn't do it; Hemi did!!!!



Photo credit: Tamara Fanter

*OTCH "Hemi" and proud owner-handler
Bridget Carlsen*

—Bridget Carlsen, Norway, IL
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The OTCH: Title Requirements

The initials OTCH stand for Obedience Trial Champion and go at the beginning of a dog's formal name, not at the end like other obedience titles. To earn an OTCH, a dog must already have earned beginning, intermediate and advanced obedience titles. Then the dog must win three first places in intermediate and advanced classes, at least one in each and under three different judges. This means that the dog must beat every other dog competing in the class—all those Golden Retrievers and Shelties and Poodles, breeds that were bred to look at their handlers, unlike our terriers that were bred to work on their own. Along the way, the dog must also earn 100 points, according to a complicated AKC formula that is based on how many dogs you beat in competition. You do not get any points unless you place, and often there are not enough dogs competing for third or fourth place to earn points. OTCH titles are, understandably, very rare, which is why "Hemi's" and Bridget Carlsen's achievement deserves much celebration.

—Carlynn Ricks

The First Norwich Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) Title!

A note from News obedience reporter Carlynn Ricks: The Rally Advanced Excellent title is relatively new. To earn the RAE, a dog must satisfactorily complete both the Rally Advanced and the Rally Excellent courses on the same day at ten different trials. Congratulations to "Zilly" and her owner-handler Joanie Brobst for their achievement!



Photo credit: Dave Brobst

"Zilly" Makes Breed History

We were excited to hear that our little Norwich, Zilly, was the first Norwich Terrier to achieve the RAE title. We had a really good time getting the title and met a lot of nice judges, handlers, and dogs. Zilly had a good time as well, especially the time in Excellent when a small white dog was the honor dog. Zilly was doing extremely well until she took one look at the small white dog. She went up to it, they touched noses, and then Zilly did zoomies in the ring to show off. All our mouths fell open!

Zilly finished her RN, RA, and RE in one year. The next year she finished her RAE as well as a CD. We currently are trying to deal with dumbbell retrievers. This Norwich is no retriever, but we are trying to convince her to change her mind!

—Joanie Brobst, Glen Allen, VA
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*"Zilly" and owner-handler
Joanie Brobst finishing their
historic RAE title*

The Spring 2009 Working Terriers Report

As this is the inaugural issue of The Norwich Terrier Club of America's newsletter, this too is the first column focusing exclusively on the working Norwich. Historically in *The Norwich & Norfolk News*, the trend was to see more earthdog legs and titles earned by Norfolk than Norwich. Now that we will be covering only Norwich successes, it is more important than ever to get out there with our dogs and let them show us what they can do. That said, I unfortunately have no news of any Norwich earning earthdog legs or titles over the past six months. This does NOT mean there were no Norwich out hunting and successfully conquering the rat. Rather the lack of Norwich news is a reflection of my having no way to track the recent earthdog results. I expect this will not be a problem in the future, as starting this month I will have access to the AKC *Awards* publication. This should enable me to track and report all AKC legs and titles. In the meantime, if any Norwich out there DID earn earthdog legs or titles over the past few months, please let me know and I will be sure you are recognized in the next issue of the *News*. Likewise, if you'd like to share a fun earthdog or rat-related story, training tip or lesson learned, please contact me or Alison. Success stories from other working activities such as tracking are welcome here as well. It is always fun and educational to hear what others are up to with their Norwich.

Alison asked that I give *News* readers a little background about myself and my dogs. Since my dogs are much more interesting, I will start with them. My current family includes Raisin CDX RE ME, a 12-year-old Cairn, Chip UD RE JE, a 9-year-old Norwich, and Ginger CD RE, a 5-year-old Norwich. Chip and Ginger are my first Norwich; I have had Cairns forever. Aside from obedience, earthdog and rally, I have earned titles in conformation and tracking with earlier dogs. All my dogs are Delta certified Pet Partners and enjoy visiting old and young alike when we have a little extra time. As for me, I still need to work full time to support my dogs and their activities. I have been a federal employee with NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in the Seattle area for over twenty years. In my free time, I obviously enjoy training and showing my own dogs in multiple venues. I am also an AKC and a CKC earthdog judge. Aside from work and dogs, in recent years I have developed a passion for gardening. The dogs finally convinced me it is very therapeutic to dig in the ground!

I thought it might be fun to offer a short training tip with each of my working terrier columns. Of course, there are many roads to the same destination. These are just some methods I have seen work with Norwich and other earthdog breeds:

Introducing the Rats!

One of the primary elements of any earthdog test is the "work." Work is defined as digging, barking, growling, lunging, biting at the quarry cage or any other action that, in the opinion of the judge, indicates the dog's interest in the quarry. Staring does not count as work. Too bad, Norwich can be awesome starers...!

If at all possible, it is best to introduce your dog to rats at a practice, where they can see the rat cage above ground and where they are able to interact with the rats directly (vs. through the bars in the tunnel). The rats should be in a durable cage with wire gauged wide enough to allow the dogs to see and smell the quarry. While you hold your dog on leash (with a harness is best, but never on a choke chain), a second person should be in control of the cage. Have that person place the cage on the ground, keeping a hand on it, at least until you see how strongly the dog is going to react. Normally a Norwich will not pose a threat to a well-constructed cage, but it's always best to be prepared.

Assuming the dog doesn't immediately respond, the next step is where I think Norwich differ from many of the other earthdog breeds. The tendency for those helping beginning earth-



Photo submitted by Jill Petersen

Jill extracting "Chip" from an earthdog tunnel

dogs is to cut short the time they give the dog just to investigate the cage and quarry. People (and I am no exception) get caught up in the moment and often push the dog for a reaction before the dog is ready. Some dogs will begin work quickly if the cage is moved around, and if the owner and/or the assistant encourage the dog verbally or by scratching at the cage. Every Cairn I've owned reacted positively to these sorts of antics and was working the rats in short order. (It's actually quite amusing to watch the people at the earthdog practice as they bark, dig and dance around with the rat cage trying get the dog's interest.) I have not seen such success using these methods with Norwich, at least not before they have decided for themselves that the cage is of interest and something worth acknowledging.

What I have observed to work better with Norwich is almost the opposite of the above. Let the dog investigate the quarry and cage. If the dog starts working on his own—GREAT!; you are one of the lucky few! At this point you might want to offer some quiet encouragement, but don't get too loud or raucous; that is often more of a distraction than an aid to the dog. If your dog shows no interest, don't despair. While it may look as if he is thinking about everything *other* than the rat cage, in all probability he is very much aware of it and has more interest than he is letting on. At this point, both you and the assistant might back off of the cage, but remain within leash length to see if the dog will wander back on his own. Have a nice quiet conversation with the other human and let the dog be. Ideally all of this is away from the chaos of other dogs waiting to meet the rat or barking at each other. You want a quiet atmosphere where the dog is not distracted and can decide on his own to wander back over and check out the rat. It is hard to wait some Norwich out, but if you do, there is a very good chance that the dog will eventually become bored with being ignored and will wander back to the cage to talk to the rat. Left alone, he will likely start pawing at the cage or the ground around it, i.e., WORKING THE RAT!! Don't make too big a deal of this. Let the dog interact with the rat alone for a bit, then go over and softly encourage the dog. Put a name to the action like, "Get it," and when the dog responds to your "command," quietly praise him. This will be a big help with the transition to working the rats underground in the tunnel and can also become your release command when the dog starts entering the tunnel.

This method can be modified as necessary. One fun game is to hide the quarry cage under a bush and let the dogs find it and begin working it. At this point the goal is to stimulate interest in the cage; the tunnel element will come next. Be aware, it is not uncommon for young dogs not to show interest in the quarry. Try again when they are older; things change. And if this method doesn't work for you and your Norwich, there are many others to try. The best thing is to find a convenient earthdog club for training. Most will have at least a few practices a year, and all will have members with some great ideas. Happy Hunting!

—Jill Petersen, Kenmore, WA
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P.S. Late-breaking news!! After I had submitted this article to the *News*, I found that one Norwich had in fact earned an AKC earthdog title since the final issue of *The Norwich & Norfolk News*. On November 1, 2008, **Beach Pine Sophie of Oakley RE NA NAJ OAP AJP** added an **SE** to the end of her name after earning the final leg of her Senior Earthdog title! "Sophie" is owned by NTCA member Ursula Walsh. BIG congratulations to Sophie and Ursula on their latest accomplishment! —JP

PUPPY PIN-UPS



Photo credit: Richard Schiller

"Chloe" Schiller (New York City)



Photo credit: Gail Herstein

"Edda" Herstein (Washington State)



Photo submitted by Lee Little

"Dashie" Litchford-Jong (Washington State)



Photo credit: Dana Esquibel

"Danica" Esquibel (California)



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"Bonnie Blue" Freehling (Virginia)

2008 Hatboro and Devon Results: Norwich Terriers

Hatboro, October 2, 2008

Judge: Al Ferruggiaro

Winners Dog/Best of Winners: **Huntwood's Joy Ride of Moorcroft**

- Reserve Winners Dog: **Dignpop Dash of Panache**

Winners Bitch: **Bilbrough's Redhot Formal Affair**

- Reserve Winners Bitch: **Foxglyn's Witchy Woman**

Best of Breed: **Ch. Sandina Sorcerer**

Best of Opposite: **Ch. Ascot Tiger Lily**

- AOM: **Ch. Itsy Bitsy Bobbie McGee**
- AOM: **Ch. Newmiller's Handsome Hubert**
- AOM: **Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip**

Hatboro, October 3, 2008

Judge: Jeannine Dowell

Winners Dog/Best of Winners: **Huntwood's Joy Ride of Moorcroft**

- Reserve Winners Dog: **Dignpop Dash of Panache**

Winners Bitch: **Cobby's Hope N' Glory**

- Reserve Winners Bitch: **Abbedale Mel B**

Best of Breed: **Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks**

Best of Opposite: **Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony**

- AOM: **Ch. Sandina Sorcerer**
- AOM: **Ch. Newmiller's Handsomer Hubert**
- AOM: **Ch. Dunbar's Kensington Square**

Devon, October 4, 2008

Judge: Merle Taylor

Winners Dog/Best of Winners: **Dunbar's Super Trouper**

- Reserve Winners Dog: **Dignpop Dash of Panache**

Winners Bitch: **Bilbrough's Redhot Formal Affair**

- Reserve Winners Bitch: **Abbedale Take Two at Taliesin**

Best of Breed: **Ch. Syscot's Poker Chip**

Best of Opposite: **Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony**

2008 Montgomery County Results: Norwich Terriers

NNTC National Specialty:
Montgomery County, October 5, 2008

Sweepstakes Judge: Linda McCutcheon

Best in Sweeps: **Paradym Yarrow Carnival Queen**

Best of Opposite in Sweeps: **Huntwood's Joy Ride of Moorcroft**

Breed Judge: Norman Patton

Winners Dog: **Dignpop Dash of Panache**

- Reserve Winners Dog: **Havic's Rock N Roll**

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners: **Elysium's Ciao Bella**

- Reserve Winners Bitch: **Belfyre's When Your Hot Your Hot**

Best of Breed: **Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks**

Best of Opposite: **Ch. Camio's Educated Guess**

- AOM: **Ch. Sandina Sorcerer**
- AOM: **Elysium's Ciao Bella**
- AOM: **Ch. Dunbar's Kensington Square**
- AOM: **Ch. Foxglyn's Once Upon a Time**



2009 Westminster Kennel Club: Norwich Results

February 9, 2009

Judge: Jon R. Cole

Best of Breed: **Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip**

Best of Opposite: **Ch. Ascot Tiger Lily**

- AOM: **Ch. Winsome's Aston Martin**
- AOM: **Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks**

—Hatboro/Devon/MCKC and Westminster
show results were compiled by Lorrie Kinney
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Best of Breed: Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks

(Ch. Ter-Haven Bold As Brass x Abbedale The Goode Case), pictured with judge Norman Patton, handler Lori Pelletier, and NNTC member Margaretta Wood. Breeder: Joan Eckert. Owners: Paul & Nancy Eddy and Bonnie Johnson.



Best of Winners/Winners Bitch/Award of Merit: Elysium's Ciao Bella

(Ch. Reverie's Mr. Big Stuff x Ch. Dunbar's Dauntless Debutante), pictured with judge Norman Patton, owner/handler Carol Clark, and NNTC member Margaretta Wood. Breeders: Bruce Sullivan DVM & Karen Sullivan. Owners: Carol Clark and Breeders.



Winners Dog: Dignpop Dash of Panache

(Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Littlefield Razz's Matazz At Dignpop), pictured with judge Norman Patton, handler Lori Pelletier, and breeder/owner Magda Omansky. Breeder: Magda Omansky. Owners: Breeder and Paul & Nancy Eddy.



Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Camio's Educated Guess

(Ch. Glendale Guess Again x Camio's Tempest of Glendale), pictured with judge Norman Patton, breeder/owner/handler Catherine Rogers, and NNTC member Margaretta Wood. Breeder/Owner: Catherine Rogers.



Best in Sweeps: Paradym Yarrow Carnival Queen

(Ch. Fairewood For Your Eyes Only x Ch. Fentondale Pearly Queen At Yarrow), pictured with Norwich Sweeps judge Linda McCutcheon and breeder/owner/handler Kelly Wood. Breeders: Kelly Wood & Beth Sweigart. Owner: Kelly Wood.

All photos by Ashbey Photography

Calendar of 2009 NTCA Specialties and Supported Entries

- April 9 **Specialty: Nor Cal Norwich Terrier Club** (Supt. MB-F, closing Mar.25)
Sweepstakes Judge: Sandra Stemmler.
Breed Judge: Lydia Coleman Hutchinson
All grooming, rings, Notions display, AM Hospitality and Luncheon will be in the White Tent.
- April 10 **Roving Specialty: Norwich Terrier Club of America** (Supt. MB-F, closing Mar. 25)
Sweepstakes Judge: Neil Hamilton
Breed Judge: James Reynolds (judging change)
All grooming, rings, Notions display and AM Hospitality will be in the White Tent.
Dinner served just steps away in The Turf Club Bldg. right after Best in Show. *Crated dogs allowed.* Additionally there are 2 All Breed Shows at the same location April 11th & April 12th with the Sacramento Kennel Club.
- April 17 **Supported Entry: Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, Inc.** Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD. (Supt. MB-F, closing April 1)
Sweepstakes Judge: Jackie Stacy
Breed Judge: Terry Stacy
Columbia Terrier show precedes 3 All Breed Shows, which comprise the Cherry Blossom Cluster.
- May 1 **Supported Entry: Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.** Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp, NJ (Supt. Rau, closing April 15)
Breed Judge: Seymour Weiss
Trenton Kennel Club show on Sunday May 3; Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club show on May 4
- May 16 **Supported Entry: Mattaponi Kennel Club** Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA (Supt. MB-F, closing April 29)
Breed Judge: Richard Esquibel
There is a second Mattaponi Kennel Club show, Sunday May 17. (The Sunday show is not a NTCA supported entry.)
- Oct. 4 **National Specialty: Norwich Terrier Club of America** Montgomery County Kennel Club, Inc.,
Montgomery Community College, Blue Bell, PA. (Supt. MB-F, closing Sept.16)
Sweepstakes Judge: Laurie Loeffler
Breed Judge: Sandra Goose Allen
- Dec. 12-13 **Supported Entry: AKC Eukanuba National Championship** Long Beach, CA (Supt. Onofrio, closing Nov. 11)
Breed Judge: Beth Sweigart

—John Francisco, NTCA Show Chairmai
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Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966. Edited by Constance Stuart Larrabee and Joan Redmond Read, this is a paperback reprint (1986) of the original hardback book of the same title. The book includes many wonderful photos of early Norwich and Norfolk Terriers and breeders, profiles of influential American kennels, and articles on early Specialty and Match shows. It is the definitive history of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers in America during the 30 years after official AKC recognition of the breed(s). Price: \$20 postpaid to USA addresses; \$25 to non-USA addresses. Please send a check, payable to NTCA, to Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

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