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To assure timely publication of the Spring 2010 News, please be sure to meet—or better yet to beat—the March 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 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.

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—Sharman Pepper, Deerhaven Press, printer of the News
From the Editor....

"Slow and steady" seems an apt description of NTCA progress in 2009. Much has been accomplished. Much remains to be done. At its June 2009 Delegates meeting, the AKC recognized the NTCA as an official AKC club. Our AKC Delegate Betty McDonnell expects to be seated at the December meeting in Long Beach, CA. The new NTCA Constitution is currently being reviewed by the AKC (a slow process!). Once approved by that organization, the Constitution, along with the club’s new Code of Ethics, must be voted on by the entire NTCA membership. The new NTCA website is up and running at www.norwichterrierclub.org. And, as you will see on the front and back covers of this *News*, our club has a great new logo and letterhead.

Thanks to the combined hard work of NTCA Show/Trophy Chair John Francisco and Hospitality Chair Jean Kessler, members who attended the recent Montgomery National Specialty and Kimberton all-terrier trials will have noted other NTCA accomplishments: a new Specialty host hotel and awards dinner venue; expanded hospitality; lovely new club medallions and take-home brochures listing the names of 2008 club conformation and performance award winners—to mention just a few “new.” The NTCA Board and committee chairs have all devoted considerable time and effort to these and other starting-a-new-club endeavors this year. As our website notes on its Home page, the NTCA is still “under construction,” but the project is moving forward.

There has been one change in the *News* staff since the Spring 2009 issue. Due to the demands of her full-time job, Lorrie Kinney has stepped down as showfront editor. Rather than have one person cover Norwich show news, I plan to ask different NTCA members attending National and regional club Specialties and supported entries to send reports to the *News*. Thanks, Lorrie, for your help with the inaugural NTCA newsletter.

Thanks also to everyone who contributed articles and photos to the Fall 2009 issue. Please continue to send cute candids of your Norwich puppies and adults. It would be sad if the *News* photo cupboard were as bare as “old Mother Hubbard’s.” A happy fall and winter to all.—AGF

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*Happy Halloween! “Jake” (devil) & “Grizwald” (witch) with owner Bonnie Carpenter*
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NTCA AKC Delegate's Report

In October 2008, I was elected to serve as AKC Delegate for the Norwich Terrier Club of America. Although the new NTCA Board met that month, the combined breed club, NNTC, was the official AKC club until the end of 2008. We were represented during this period by Norfolk member Marjorie McTernan.

The NTCA’s application to become an AKC member club was submitted as directed, but our application was not printed in the AKC Gazette until February 2009. In March 2009, the application was published for the second time. It was not until the June 2009 Delegates meeting, however, that our new Norwich club was approved as an AKC member club. My delegate’s application was also submitted on time, but it will not be acted on until the September Delegates meeting. We are told that I will be seated as the NTCA Delegate at the December meeting in Long Beach, CA, held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanu Invitational. Our club has thus been effectively unrepresented for a full year.

Even without representation, we have continued to communicate with the AKC directly on matters of interest to the club. We also have followed the reports of business enacted by the AKC, despite not having a vote. The Mixed Breed Program has been approved, allowing mixed breed dogs to be registered and to compete in companion events beginning in October 2009.

Another hot issue on the AKC agenda to be decided at the September meeting is Group realignment. It has been proposed that there will be ten dog Groups rather than the current seven. One reason for the proposed change is the number of new breeds seeking AKC recognition. Approved by the Delegate body, several existing Groups will be split and a number of breeds will be reassigned to different Groups. Delegates will only vote on whether to increase the number of Groups. If they approve, the AKC Board will then assign the individual breeds. There has been much opposition to this by individual breed clubs and by judges who may lose their Group status unless they get approval for new breeds within a two-year period. The Terrier Group will not see any changes, so our lack of representation at the September vote will not affect our club.

The AKC Board of Directors has also approved a plan to award a Grand Championship title for dogs that already have their breed championship. The purpose is to encourage participation in conformation shows after the championship title has been earned. There will be no additional fee beyond the entry fee for dogs entered in the Best of Breed class. Dogs will compete for Grand Champion points, and there will be a Grand Champion ranking system. This proposal will be introduced at the September delegates meeting and will be voted on at the December meeting.

—Betty McDonnell, “Kilyka” Norwich, Mahwah, N.J. (kilykanewf@aol.com)

NTCA Logo and Letterhead

At its February 2009 Chicago meeting, the NTCA Board considered several designs submitted by talented NTCA member-artists for our club’s new logo and letterhead. Board members ultimately chose the wonderful breed drawings by longtime Norwich owner, NNTC/NTCA member, and canine artist supreme Meredith Dwyer pictured on the front and back covers of this News. Congratulations to Meredith and thanks to everyone who participated in the NTCA’s logo contest.—AGF
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NTCA Joins The Purina Parent Club Partnership Program

The NNTC joined the Purina Parent Club Partnership (PPCP) Program in October 2003. Recently the NTCA Board voted to continue our club's participation in PPCP. What, you may ask, does PPCP involve?

PPCP works through the Purina Pro Club. Individual NTCA members who belong to the Pro Club cut out "weight circles" (found on the bags of various Purina dog food products) and send them to the Pro Club. Persons who care for 5 or more dogs and/or breed at least one per year and who reside in the USA are eligible to join the Pro Club. Purina keeps track of all points earned from NTCA members' "weight circles" and, periodically, donates 10% of the points' total value to the NTCA. Fifty percent of Purina's donation goes automatically to the NTCA's AKC Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund (DAF) to support breed-specific health research. The other 50% is sent directly to the NTCA to be used for "canine health, rescue and/or educational efforts to positively impact the general well-being of the breed." For example, if NTCA members' "weight circles" have a total value of $1,000, Purina would donate $50 to our club's DAF and $50 to the NTCA. Purina sends periodic updates to the NTCA Corresponding Secretary, giving the amounts earned by participating club members.

For more information about the Pro Club or to enroll as a member, call toll free at 1-877-776-2582 (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Central Time) or go online to www.purinaproclub.com.

—Alison Freehling

Club Trophy and Award Winners For 2008

Ed.: The NTCA is continuing the NNTC tradition of awarding a variety of conformation and performance event trophies to member-owned Norwich each year. The following winners for 2008 were announced at the October 2009 NTCA Montgomery Specialty awards banquet.—AGF

Conformation: Bred-by-Exhibitor Awards

The NTCA awards annual trophies to each member-owned Norwich dog and bitch earning all his/her championship points from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class.

The 2008 John Paul Jones Trophy (Norwich Dog)

This trophy is named in honor of influential prick ear sire, Ch. John Paul Jones of Groton (JPJ). Bred by Mrs. John C. Winthrop (later Mrs. A. C. Randolph) in 1943, JPJ was owned by Norwich Terrier Club President (1955-1960) Mr. Alden Blodget and his wife, Cornelia Otis Skinner. Blind in one eye from a hunting accident, JPJ won Best of Breed at Westminster in 1946 and was the first post-World War II American-bred Norwich champion. He lived to the ripe, old age of 18. (See Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966, pages 17, 28).

- Ch. Abbedale My Brother's Keeper (Joan Eckert)
- Ch. Avenue's Seventh Summit (Ken Deutsch, Steven Douglas & Roberta Hill)
- Ch. Bedlam's Biker Boy (Mary & Wesley Jones)
- Ch. Belfyre's Zoom Zoom Zoom (Polly & Mike O'Neal)
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• Ch. Bilbrough's Maximum Return (Regina Swygert-Smith & Donna Wiley)
• Ch. Briardales Rough Cut (Nancy Smith & Carole Foucrault)
• Ch. Cobblestone's Cool Hand Luke (Laurie & Peter Loeffler)
• Ch. Romany's Admiral Lord Nelson (Alicia Smilowitz)
• Ch. Shoebuttton's Dub Taylor (Donna West)
• Ch. tinytowne's Ruff N Tuff (Rich & Dana Esquibel and Carolyn Hudson)

The 2008 High Rising Trophy (Norwich Bitch)

This trophy is named in honor of early American prick ear breeders, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dickson Green, whose many homebred Norwich champions included the influential Ch. High Rising Hardy Perennial, twice Best of Breed at early Norwich Terrier Club Specialties (See Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966, pp. 64-65).

• Ch. Beric's Boadicea (Nancy Nosiglia & Mark Gustavson)
• Ch. Bunratty's Holly Hawk (Estelle & Ronald Crawford)
• Ch. Sierra's Catherine The Great (Ellen Lucas)
• Ch. tinytowne's Tess Trueheart (Rich & Dana Esquibel)
• Ch. Waiterocks Bewitched (Candice Harper)

The 2008 Double Q Plus Award: Agility

The new NTCA Double Q Plus Award replaces the NNTC Clean Run trophy and goes to the Norwich earning the most agility points for the year, based on AKC point calculation (number of Double Q's x 10 + speed points). Double Q= two qualifying runs at the same agility competition.

• Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MX MXJ NF (Ursula Walsh)

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Top 5 Agility (after the Double Plus Q award winner)

These 5 Norwich are in descending order of finish, i.e., the top dog earned the most agility points after the Double Q Plus award winner, etc.

• MACH Skyscot's Trouble Scooter CDX RE OF (Susan Novotny & Scott Laidig)
• Ch. Gaylord's Vixon of Ipswich MX MXJ (Joan Bakken)
• Dignpop Lucky Lily Ru OA MXJ OF (Susan Novotny & Scott Laidig)
• Ch. Shoebuttton's Beau Burnside MX AXJ JE NF (Donna West & Joan Dance)
• Ch. Mischief's Sea Wolf RN AX MXJ NF (Gayle Holmen)

The 2008 River Bend Award: Obedience

The River Bend Trophy, long a NNTC annual award, is named in honor of Norwich/ Norfolk breeder and obedience enthusiast Sylvia Warren (River Bend) and goes to the member-owned Norwich with the highest obedience score during the year.

• Ch. Kilyka's High Voltage UD NA NAJ (Betty McDonnell)
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Top 3 Obedience (after the River Bend winner)

• Rogel’s D’Chip De Hollywood UD RE JE (Jill Petersen)
• Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD OA AXJ (Chris Zink, DVM)
• Rogel’s I’m Ginger Hollywood CD RE (Jill Petersen)

2008 Versatility Award

• Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MX MXJ NF (Ursula Walsh)

2008 Versatility Excellent Award

• Ch. Shoebotton’s Beau Burnside MX AXJ JE NF (Donna West & Joan Dance)

Ed.: Criteria for the Versatility and Versatility Excellent Awards for 2008 are based on NNTC requirements. The NTCA Board plans to review and perhaps revise some of these requirements for future awards. New criteria will be posted on the NTCA website once approved by the Board.—AGF

Many thanks to NTCA Show Chair John Francisco for sending the list of 2008 award winners to the News. The News congratulates all NTCA members whose Norwich won conformation and performance awards and apologizes for any omissions and/or inadvertent errors in your dogs’ names, titles and awards.—AGF

“Harry” & “Sam”: Versatility and Versatility Excellent Award Winners for 2008

Author’s note: Any NTCA member’s Norwich is eligible to win a Versatility and a Versatility Excellent Award. At present, a dog must earn 20 points in three categories of competition for a Versatility Award. The Versatility Excellent Award requires 24 points in four categories, with a Master’s level title in at least one.—CR

Congratulations to Ursula Walsh’s “Harry” (Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MX MXJ NF), who earned a 2008 Versatility Award. With Major titles in agility, a Rally Excellent title and that often-hard-to-get CD in obedience, Harry easily met the required 20 points in these three categories. Ursula started Harry’s training in obedience “as that would be good for his little terrier brain” and to lay the groundwork for agility. On the way to his CD (Companion Dog) title, which he earned in four trials, Harry tied for first place with a Golden with 196 out of a possible 200 points. Harry lost the run-off when he got interested in some kids ringside during off-lead heeling. Having titled in one category for the Versatility Award, Harry started competing in agility at 18 months. After a little more than a year, he had moved from Novice through Open to Excellent. As is often the case with dogs that start...
with obedience, Harry was very consistent. By age 3, he managed to finish both his Master Excellent in Standard and his Master's Excellent in Jumpers on the same day! Along the way, Ursula and Harry entered Rally trials and earned a Rally Excellent title for Harry's third and final Versatility Award category.

Our second round of congratulations goes to Donna West's "Sam" (Ch. Shoebutton's Beau Burnside MX AXJ JE NF), who becomes only the second Norwich ever to win a Versatility Excellent Award (VE). Sam's path to the VE began with his earning a breed conformation title (Ch.) from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class. From there, he and breeder-owner Donna went on to train in agility. They started competing seriously in agility when Sam was 3½ years old. Along the way, Sam also worked on obedience and manners for the CGC (the second category for the Versatility Award) and then earned a Junior Earthdog (JE) title, a category required for the VE award. Donna is grateful to NTCA members Blair Kelly, who started running Sam midway through his agility career, and Marian Shaw, who got Sam interested in earthdog work and also took over his agility competition runs. With his Master Agility title, earned running with Marisa Shaw, Sam met the VE requirement of four categories of titles, including a Master level title. Donna is very proud of her "Master of All Trades."

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair

"Harry" competing at the 2008 AKC Agility Invitational

"Sam" flying high
IN MEMORIAM

Dr. M. Josephine Deubler
(May 4, 1917—May 17, 2009)

Ed.: This brief profile of Dr. M. Josephine Deubler is an amalgam of articles from Google as well as the Summer 2009 issue of Mustard & Pepper, the newsletter of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America (DDTCA).—AGF

Dr. Deubler awarding “Rocki” Best in Show at Westminster KC (1998)

Terrier fanciers perhaps best remember Dr. M. Josephine Deubler as the long-time show chairman of Montgomery County Kennel Club, a position she held for over 25 years beginning in 1977). That prestigious position was, however, just one of countless achievements of this esteemed veterinarian, breeder, exhibitor, judge, and dog writer during her 70 years in dogs. Dr. Deubler was the first woman to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine (VMD, 1938), the first woman to earn a PhD at Penn veterinary school, and the first female faculty member there. Following her retirement from the faculty after more than 50 years of teaching and research, Penn named her Emeritus Professor in Veterinary Pathology in 1989. Other honors accorded her by her alma mater include the Josephine Deubler Genetics Testing Laboratory for research on hereditary diseases in dogs and cats and the Dr. Josephine Deubler Dean's Scholarship, recognizing her work on behalf of animal welfare. In addition to her teaching and research at Penn, Dr. Deubler helped to establish and direct the Animal Rescue League of Philadelphia. She also organized the Penn veterinary school's Canine Symposia as educational forums for breeders and exhibitors.

From 1938 to 1962, when she became an AKC licensed judge, Dr. Deubler bred and exhibited Dandie Dinmont Terriers under the kennel prefix “Glespin.” Her Dandies—both homebreds and imports—won Best of Breed at the DDTCA Specialty five times in the late 950’s and early 1960’s. The highlight of her judging career, Dr. Deubler acknowledged, was judging Best In Show at Westminster Kennel Club in 1998. There she awarded the coveted BIS rosette to the black-and-tan Norwich bitch, Ch. Fairewood Frolic, aka “Rocki,” bred by Lotus Sutton, co-owned by Lotus with Glorpina Schwartz, and handled by Peter Green.

In 2003, the AKC honored Dr. Deubler with its Lifetime Achievement Award in Conformation. With her passing, dogdom has lost a giant.

—Alison Freehling
IN MEMORIAM

Jerry L. Roszman
(September 20, 1938-July 17, 2009)

Long-time NNTC/NTCA member Jerry Roszman of San Diego, CA, who was battling Hodgkin’s Disease died unexpectedly of double pneumonia this past July at the age of 70. Born in Marseilles, Ohio, Jerry joined the Navy after high school. Following his naval service he enrolled at San Jose State College, graduating with a nursing degree.

Together with his partner Donn LaVigne, Jerry established “Seaforth” kennels in San Diego, breeding and showing many champion Scottish Terriers. Although best known as Scottie breeders, Jerry and Donn also bred an occasional litter of Norwich Terriers. In one of these litters was a red male puppy who would go on to assure “Seaforth” lasting place in the annals of Norwich history in America.

Jerry sold [Ch.] Seaforth’s Tuffy Travis (Ch. Windyhill Nathan x Ch. Whiteoaks Pretty Petula) as a puppy to NNTC members/ Norwich breeder (“Temblor”) Dave Powers and Ed Flesh of Sylmar, Ca. Owner-handled by Dave throughout his show career, Travis was Best of Breed at the NNTC National Specialty at Huntingdon Valley KC (Ambler, PA) in 1981. He again won Best of Breed at the NNTC’s Huntingdon Valley National Specialty in June 1982 and, in October 1982, was Best of Breed at the NNTC’s first “Floating” National Specialty in Mesa, AZ. In 1983, his banner year, Travis became the first American-bred Norwich to win a Best in Show, a feat he accomplished at the prestigious Detroit KC show. That same year, he also won Best of Breed at both Westminster and Montgomery and place in the Terrier Group (Group 4) at the Garden. Travis repeated his Best of Breed win at Montgomery in 1984.

Following his retirement from dog breeding, Jerry became a well-known AKC judge. Chose by club members to judge Norwich at the 2002 NNTC National Specialty at Montgomery, Jerry awarded Best of Breed to NNTC member George Besbekis’ lovely homebred bitch, Ch. Piccadilly’s Proud Mary.

Memorial donations in Jerry’s name may be sent to Take The Lead, PO. Box 635, Watertown, NY 13601, an organization that assists dog show fanciers in need of help.

—Alison Freehling

Edith Steging

On the eve of the News deadline came the sad news that Edith Steging, a founding member of the Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club of Greater Chicago and breeder of “Camelo Hill” Norwich, had recently passed away. Edie was also a long-time NNTC member, but not in recent years. Anyone wishing to send memories of Edie for the Spring 2010 News is welcome to do so.—AGF
Moonshadow’s Dancin’ in the Dark (“DJ”)

“DJ” (Ch. Teutonia’s Viktor x Ch. Moonshadow’s As You Like It), my Norwich “headmaster” who started it all at Shoebotton kennel, passed away in December 2008 to romp across the Rainbow Bridge. During his short 11 years on earth, DJ was my devoted friend, companion and teacher. It was this beautiful potential show puppy who sparked my passion to get seriously involved in the Norwich breed.

In October 1998, following my emotional divorce, I gave myself permission to pursue ‘dog showing’ as a hobby. I discovered that I could not get a Norwich Terrier from a good breeder unless I had a house with a fenced backyard…so I bought one!

DJ came to me when he was 6 months old. From day one, I noticed that he snored and also breathed very heavily after we would run and play. He had bouts of back sneezing that took us to the ER more than once. In April 2001 he had a terrible episode, later diagnosed as a collapsed trachea, elongated soft palate and major UAS problems. Since he was allergic to most medications and would die in any operation, surgery was not an option. I had dabbled in homeopathy and herbs; DJ’s health problems forced me to learn a lot about alternative medicine just to keep my devoted companion alive. And that it did! He defied all odds and doctor’s predictions by living comfortably for 8 more years. He also gave me the best education in alternative medicine imaginable!

Because DJ was such a beautiful dog, he modeled for many gigs. His most famous photo was on the cover of the 2007 Norwich/Norfolk Terrier Calendar. He was featured on two calendar months as well. I loved cruising eBay and seeing his pictures every day since they offered that calendar all year! It gave me pleasure knowing that so many people all over the world were enjoying his pictures hanging on their walls too! Although he never won an official title like other Shoebutton Norwich, he was much better known and seen than all of them put together!

Of course there are many more things that this little dog gave me, things that are beyond the power of the written word. He was my ‘Heart Dog’ and a real life changer in so many ways. I am sure he has earned his wings at the Rainbow Bridge. God Bless you, Little Man; may you Rest in Peace until I am with you once again!

—Donna West, “Shoebutton” Norwich, Timonium, MD (dwestbear@comcast.net)
"Tux"

A note from NTCA Rescue Chair Dana Esquibel: When Norfolk Terrier Club member Sue O'Brian adopted a black and tan Norwich male named "Tux" from a shelter in Naples, FL, she was given a packet containing his AKC registration papers. Before Sue arrived home with this purebreed Norwich, I contacted his breeder. Due to personal circumstances, the breeder was not able to take Tux and asked me to help find him a home. The breeder agreed to pay Tux’s veterinary expenses and has done so. Just at the News deadline, I am happy to report that Tux has a new permanent home. I would like to thank all the Norfolk volunteers—Sue, Bridget and Heidi—for their help in rescuing an fostering a homeless little Norwich. And thanks to Sue for sending Tux’s story to the News.—DE

About 4 weeks ago, I read an e-mail on the Norwich/ Norfolk chat line about a Norwich in a shelter in Naples, Florida. A few people on the chat line asked that I go down and check him out. NTCA Rescue Chair Dana Esquibel arranged with the shelter to hold the dog until I got there.

It turned out that the dog was indeed a Norwich, a neutered, eight-year-old black and tan male who had just spent his eighth birthday behind bars at the shelter. His owners had both died, the last one in March. They had not made arrangements for anyone to take Tux, so he was brought to the shelter. He was adopted by someone, but those people brought him back in July saying that they didn’t have time for him. How sad; what must this little Norwich have thought. He had been in a home with owners who loved and cared for him for 8 years and then, suddenly, his people are gone, his life is turned upside down, and he is locked in a shelter cage.

I took Tux home that day, but because I have an intact Norfolk male who lives in the house, contacted my friend Bridget Smith, a Norfolk owner who has two bitches. Tux fit right in at Bridget house and was a perfect gentleman. He looked as though he hadn’t been groomed in several years, and his teeth and nails were beyond bad. I made an appointment with my vet to have his teeth and nails done. We had also found a large soft lump on his abdomen, so the vet said he would check that out at the same time. The lump turned out to be a large hernia, which Dr. Iulo repaired. This was a major surgery my vet discounted it because Tux was a rescue dog.

The next thing that happened was that Tux developed a cherry eye. My friend and fellow Norfolk breeder Heidi Evans got him an appointment at the Veterinarian Specialists, so off we went to a canine ophthalmologist in Tampa—Heidi, Bridget, myself, and the little trooper Tux. Dr. Miller, a wonderful vet who has one of my retired Norfolks, gave Tux a complete eye check and fixed the cherry eye, also at a discount.

Tux is a great little dog. He is happy, healthy and full of energy. He loves everyone he come across, both man and beast. Bridget has been fantastic to open her home to him. I hope by the time you read this that Tux is in his new forever home. His story highlights the need for owners to make prior arrangements for their dogs to be cared for in case of the owners’ death. I enjoyed working with Dana Esquibel on Tux’s rescue and would be happy to help her and Norwich people with rescue anytime.

—Sue O’Brian, “Chantilly” Norfolk Terriers, Sarasota, FL
From Poland to Virginia: A Long Journey “Home”

Ed.: Carolyn Betts and her veterinarian husband Marty of Earlsville, Virginia have provided a loving home to many rescue dogs over the years. Carolyn’s story about rescuing Isabelle (Izzy) and Bogie from a commercial breeder in Iowa highlights the sad plight of the Norwich breed in America today—puppy mill lifestyles, online advertising of Norwich puppies and adults by unscrupulous breeders, purebred Cairns and/or mixed-breed imports from Eastern Europe being sold as purebred Norwich, etc. Thanks to the Betts, Izzy and Bogie, after a very rocky start, now have wonderfully happy lives.—AGF

In early February 2009, my husband and I lost two of our six dogs (most of them senior citizen rescues), tragically, within 24 hours. We agreed to “make it through the summer” before considering adding more dogs to our family. By the end of February, we were both perusing canine rescue sites online.

Last year we adopted our first-ever Norwich, a lovable purebred male named “Dudley.” See the Fall 2008 Norwich & Norfolk News, pp. 20-21, for Dudley’s rescue story.). Dudley “hooked” me on the breed, so I found myself looking at Norwich Terrier rescue sites. When I came upon an interesting “ad” for two 5-year-old Norwich, I e-mailed the address inquiring if the male and female were siblings and what the issues were. The owner replied that she had been a breeder in Iowa, but, after her divorce, she had decided to get out of the dog breeding business. The two Norwich, she told me, were not related, but they were both imports from Poland. The male, “Bogie,” had been deemed sterile. Since he was of no value to the breeder, he was left outside all the time and was not housebroken. One day when the woman was away, someone had poured acid on Bogie’s back, leaving a big scar down his spine. The female, “Isabelle,” had had a couple of litters and lived in the house. Last year, she was almost killed by a resident Great Dane that belonged to the woman’s daughter and that the daughter intended to keep. Both Norwich had whipworms, and the owner couldn’t afford to take them to her vet for treatment. My first thought was to save the female from being killed (which is why we rescued Dudley last year), but I felt both dogs needed to be rescued and cared for. I was sure two Norwich would be easy to place once I got them home to Virginia.

As the first step in this process, I sent the Iowa woman worming medication so that Izzy and Bogie would pass the airline health exam. I then arranged to fly to the closest airport (which was in Nebraska) two weeks later to pick up the Norwich. The owner had agreed to make the 2-hour drive and meet me at the airport hotel. When I arrived, she was already there with the dogs strapped in crates in the back of her pick-up truck. It was 33 degrees outside with 30 mph winds. I tried not to show my shock at the dogs’ mode of travel. I was freezing and felt the dogs certainly would be as well.
Now for the FUN part. I had learned 3 days before the flight that I couldn’t “carry on two dogs. The airline’s rule was one dog per passenger, so the second dog would have to travel in baggage. Both dogs arrived filthy and unshaved. I bathed each in my hotel bathtub. Since they were unaccustomed to baths, this was an adventure in itself.

“Izzy” was also in raging heat and “Bogie” was an intact male. I spent the rest of the night listening to the two dogs’ “hormonal torture” sounds.

I had arranged to have my husband neuter Bogie the morning after I got home and to spay Izzy two days later. After their surgeries, I planned to find homes for both of them. Izzy is lovely—small (14 lbs.), sweet, well-mannered and housebroken. Bogie, I figured, would be harder to place. He was not housebroken and was not used to being handled by people. He was so sweet and desperate for a simple human touch that I knew he would be staying in our family. He and Izzy became good friends so quickly that I decided to keep her too. She is the lone female in our canine gang and definitely “rules the roost.” I have since learned that Bogie’s blackish-gray coat is not a recognized color for a purebred Norwich. Whatever breed(s) he is, he is darling and has earned the chance for lots of love.

Our house is no longer quiet as it briefly was in February, but there’s nothing better than arriving home to the welcoming sound of many happy dogs!

—Carolyn Betts, Earlsville, VA
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Still going strong: 14-year-old “Ragamuffin” Pritchard of Edgartown, MA
AGILITY

New NTCA AKC Agility Titles

As reported by the AKC, the first half of 2009 brought many new titles to NTCA agility enthusiasts. From the lengthy list of new titles, it appears that two member-owned Norwich, both breed champions, earned their first agility ribbons. Cheri McAlister’s Ch. Keleven’s First Mate earned a Novice Agility Jumpers title. Cathy Rogers’ Ch. Camio’s Educated Guess earned a Novice title in the Jumpers Preferred class. Congratulations to you both and may you and your dogs enjoy long agility careers.

Several member-owned dogs earned multiple titles during the first six months of the year. Veteran handlers/breeders Rainee Johnson and Blair Kelly brought home numerous ribbons with their young Norwich. Rainee’s Breakaway’s In the Know added Novice Agility, Open Agility, Open Agility Jumpers, and Novice Fast titles to her name. Blair’s Jerusalem Olivia Lenox earned Novice and Open Agility titles, as well as Open and Excellent Agility Jumpers and Novice Fast titles. Very impressive work by these two! Early in the year, Margaret Johnson’s Rogel In the Zone completed both the Open Agility and Open Agility Jumpers titles. Carole Clark’s Ch. Pinelake’s Mega Bucks earned Excellent Agility and Excellent Agility Jumpers titles. Also earning titles at the difficult excellent level were Chris Zink’s Jerusalem Road Less Traveled, aka “Vespa” (Excellent Agility) and Cathy Rogers’ Camio’s Priceless (Excellent Agility Jumpers Preferred).

Three additional FAST titles were earned: Gayle Holmen’s Ch. Mischief’s Little Mermaid earned a Novice FAST title. Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry, owned and handled by Ursula Walsh, and DigNPop’s Lucky LilyRu, owned and handled by Susan Novotny, both earned Open FAST titles.

Two club members’ achievements deserve special mention. Donna West’s Ch. Shoebutton’s Beau Burnside earned the prestigious Master Agility Jumpers title, which requires ten Excellent Jumpers Q’s! And Blair Kelly’s twelve-year-old Ch. MACH Jerusalem Katherina Minola (the infamous “Kate”) proved that she still can run with the young pups as she earned her second Master Agility Jumpers Preferred! These are reasons for everyone in the breed to be proud!

Congratulations to all the new Norwich agility title holders. These new titles are the result of many hours of dog and handler practicing and trialing together to perfect their skills. None of these titles comes easily! Our Norwich are trialing really well. The AKC reports a total of 39 agility titles earned by a total of 19 different Norwich Terriers in the first six months of the year—including our breed’s fourth Master Agility Champion, MACH Rosecroft One More Time, aka “Higgins,” handled by 14-year-old Alexa Applebee. WooHoo!! Let’s keep it going! Hopefully even more Norwich and their handlers will discover the fun of agility!

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

P.S. A complete list of recent Norwich agility titles can be found on the Club’s website at www.norwichterrierclub.org.

"Cut it out! We’ll never get our MACH titles this way."
("Ernie" and "Windy")
“Dusty,” The Flyball Norwich Terrier

When I first saw the sport of canine flyball, I thought it was really neat because the dogs were having so much fun and getting great exercise. I started thinking about trying to run one of our Norwich Terriers. Lots of folks said that Norwich couldn’t do flyball; thei legs were too short; they didn’t like to jump; they wouldn’t like the noise, etc. I have alway believed that Norwich Terriers could do anything as long as you made it fun for them. So Dusty (Country Girl’s Golden Moodust JE FDX TF-2) and I ended up attending flybalf class at the Decatur Kennel Club in Decatur, AL (DAKC).

Dusty really loves going to class. She pulls hard to get in the door once we arrive at DAKC. Unfortunately, when we first went to the tournaments, she ran really slowly, sometimes as much as 13 or 14 seconds (that’s a lifetime in flyball). The Border Collies and other fast dogs were running about 4 or 5 seconds. Anyway, we struggled along and got her first NAFA (North American Flyball Association) title FD (Flyball Dog) one point at a time. I was excited because she was the only Norwich running at that time, but I was also concerned that we were holding our team back. Dusty was intimidated by all the hoopla and wasn’t running up to her capacity. I knew she wanted to run because she got so excited in practice. The captain of our team told me it was more important to be a part of the team than it was to win and that I should stop worrying about how slow she was. Everyone on the DAKC flyball team encouraged us and never fussed when we got zero points because Dusty was so timid and slow.

Well, a light bulb finally came on in that little girl’s head. One day Dusty decided that just because there were loud, barking “freight trains” out there running that they shouldn’t keep her from having a good time running too! She got excited and started barking to run; she even pushed off on me to get started with her leg of the race. She ran with a lot of heart and started breaking 10 seconds every time she ran. When she had an 8 second run, the whole team and the spectators broke out in cheers for her. I was so excited I thought I was going to faint. Dusty was just as cool as a cucumber. That was the weekend Dusty got her second NAFA title (FDX – Flyball Dog Excellent). She has since broken that 8.9 second run and our goal now is to break the 8 second mark. She’s capable and gains more and more confidence with each race. She is well on her way to the next level in NAFA (FDCh – Flyball Dog Champion). She’s one of only two Norwich (the other is our male “Sparky”) in the country running right now. Dusty is the highest scoring Norwich ever to run flyball in NAF and the only Norwich to date to get an FDX title. Because there are a limited number of flyball tournaments in our area, she now also runs in U-Fl (United Flyball League International, Inc.) and

Flyball superstar “Dusty” in action
as her first three titles in that organization a TF – (Top Flight), TF-1 (Top Flight Level 1) and TF-2 (Top Flight Level 2). This makes her the highest scoring Norwich ever to run in U-FLI.

Here’s hoping that some of you folks will get excited about this canine sport and give your Norwich a chance to have the time of their lives running flyball. Dusty and Sparky would love to have their fellow Norwich join them in the game! It’s a wonderful way for you and your Norwich to be a part of a team, to socialize as a team, and to see those little tails wag non-stop at a hundred miles an hour.

—Ann Whatley, “Moonrock” Norwich, Madison, AL

Flyball: A Fun Canine Sport

Ed.: Since many News readers may not know what Flyball involves, I asked Ann Whatley to write a brief description of the sport. Thanks, Ann.—AGF

The canine sport of flyball got its first real start with the establishment of the North American Flyball Association, Inc. (NAFA®) in 1984 when 12 flyball clubs in Michigan and Ontario banded together to guide the development of flyball in North America. Today NAFA has over 400 active clubs and 6,500 competing dogs. The second flyball organization took hold in 2004 when the United Flyball League International, Inc. (U-FLI) was formed. Both organizations are non-profit and geared toward family participation.

Flyball races involve two teams of four dogs each, racing side-by-side over four hurdles. Each dog must run in relay fashion down the course, over the hurdles, doing a swimmer’s turn on a flyball box, which triggers the box releasing the ball. The dog then retrieves the ball and returns over the hurdles to its handler. The next dog is released to run the course, but can’t cross the start/finish line until the previous dog has returned over all 4 hurdles and reached the start/finish line. The first team to have all 4 dogs finish the course without error wins the heat. Points are awarded by the speed at which the heat is successfully completed.

The jump height of the hurdles is determined by the smallest dog on the team; this dog is called the “height dog.” Teams with Norwich run at the shortest height (either 6” with U-FLI or 7” with NAFA). While shorter dogs can’t run nearly as fast as bigger dogs like Border Collies, the low hurdles enable larger dogs to run much faster than if they had to jump at a height of 12”. Having a short dog on a flyball team is, therefore, a big asset.

The Electronic Judging System (EJS), which uses lights and infrared timing sensors, allows competitors to track their starts, passes, finishes, and individual dogs’ times to the thousandth of a second. Many races are won or lost in less than a hundredth of a second. Flyball is fast and furious fun for the dogs and their handlers. Spectators have a great time too.

—Ann Whatley, “Moonrock” Norwich, Madison, AL
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"Libby" (l.) and her daughter "Paige" on full alert

In sync: "Lil" (l.) and "Dashie" practising their tongue moves

"Hush! Mom told us not to use that word."
("Regency's" first Norwich litter)

Opposites attract: pint-sized, wide-awake "Bernie" and his giant fast-asleep buddy "Molly"

"Dunbar" duo hosting an Open House
Fall 2009 Norwich Obedience and Rally News

Obedience

Since the start of 2009, there have been three new Norwich CD titles. Each of these new obedience title winners is already a breed champion. Down in Alabama, NTCA member Ann Whatley has found the kind of dog training club we would all like to join. She has now put a CD on her male “Sparky” (Ch. Corymor’s Too Cool For Words CD RE) as part of his path to a NTCA Versatility Award for 2009. Ann wisely used Rally as a step on the road to normal AKC obedience. Also earning CD’s were Christine Nibouar of Pennsylvania with Ch. Ratcatcher’s Snaffles CD and Donna Moore, from England, with Ch. Norieland Gypsy Rose Lee CD.

Meanwhile, in Washington State, NTCA member Jill Petersen continues to work with her Norwich through the rain and summer heat and has added the intermediate obedience title, CDX to Rogel’s I’m Ginger Hollywould CDX RE (“Ginger”). Congratulations, Jill and Ginger!

Rally

Note: If you’re not sure what Rally is, see the article in this issue, p. 20.

I am pleased to report eight new Norwich Rally titles. As I look around the Rally rings, I see more and more competitors following a new path to Rally. Many owners showing in breed have already taught their dogs to follow them in the ring. Since the beginning level of Rally is on lead and allows you to talk to your dog as much as you want, it’s not a huge step from the breed ring to the rally ring. However, once you leave Novice Rally, you don’t have a leash to connect you to your dog, and once you get to Excellent (RE), you have less freedom to communicate with your dog. Ann Whatley successfully negotiated those hurdles to earn the Rally Excellent title with “Sparky” (Ch. Corymor’s Too Cool For Words CD RE). I’m also very pleased to announce the Norwich breed’s second RAE (successes in both Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent rings on the same day at ten different trials) earned by NTCA member Jerry Haywood with Abbedale’s Miss Maggie CD RAE. Congratulations on these wonderful achievements!

Getting started in Rally are Karen and Terry Turner with Dovehills Pretty Pixie Dust RN. Brennie Brackett is off to a roaring start with her two dogs coming from Agility to Rally. Castle-Bar Daphne Stonehaven RA AX AXJ and Castle-Bar Harley of Stonehaven RA OA DAJ have both earned their Novice and Advanced Rally titles. Also earning a Rally Advanced title is Betsy Seiffert with Yarrow’s Mistletoe CD RA. We look forward to hearing about more successes from these teams.

I love hearing stories from the obedience and rally rings, so please write me about your Norwich successes as well as any questions and/or problems. If you would like to join the conversation about our dogs in obedience and rally on the Norobedience Yahoo group, write to me for an invitation.

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

Rally: A Basic Primer

News readers have heard about Rally, sometimes called Rally Obedience, for several years now, but many may not know what it is. Here’s a primer. The AKC adopted Rally as a less formal introduction to Obedience, or as a bridge between the CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and Obedience. Quite a few owners finish their dog’s breed championship and then want to do more, so they turn to Rally and find it a fun and reasonable challenge. When you watch a Rally competition, you might be confused as to whether you’re watching agility or obedience. Here’s what you would see.

There would be 10-20 numbered stations set up, with signs at each telling the handler what to do. Once the judge says to start, the dog and handler team would navigate the course in order, with the handler talking to the dog, encouraging the dog, praising the dog, and with no further instructions from the judge. Occasionally, you would see the team repeat an exercise that they didn’t do successfully the first time. The judge is scoring the team on accuracy (but not perfection). If the scores of two teams are the same, the faster team wins. There is a generous maximum course time, but there is no required time to beat, as in agility.

Some exercises the teams might be doing would include:

**Novice level**—Sit, Down, 270 degree Right Turn, 360 degree Left Turn, Call dog front then Finish Left, Spiral, short Weaves

**Advanced level**—Send dog over jump; Stand then Walk Around Dog; Halt (which assumes a sit) then 180 degree pivot left then Halt

**Excellent Level**—Halt then Stand then Down; Moving Down and Walk Around Dog; Moving Stand and Walk Around Dog; Honor

As in agility, handlers have a chance to walk the course, which they have never seen before, for 10 minutes before competing. The dog must have 3 successes at each level to earn the titles, which are Rally Novice (RN), Rally Advanced (RA), and Rally Excellent (RE). If the team then successfully completes both the Advanced and Excellent courses at ten different trials, they earn the Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title. At this point, the team is probably ready for formal obedience, and the Companion Dog (CD) title shouldn’t be very far away.

So if you’re looking for a fun and not very complex way to get into the ring with your dog no matter the age of the dog or the handler, consider Rally.

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair, San Antonio, TX (carlynnricks@earthlink.net

TOPS 2009

Terriers arrived in Greeley, Colorado, north of Denver, in mid-May for the second Terriers Only Performance Summit (TOPS). Gas prices and the economy put a damper on attendance, but not on terrier spirits. This year, we were all in one huge room with Obedience in one corner, Rally in another, and Agility occupying the other side of the building at Island Grove Park. Events got started on Thursday with an Earthdog competition in beautiful Ris Canyon, an hour away, where overnight guests said hello to the resident red fox. Competition, which continued from Friday through Sunday at the Greeley venue, was fun and energetic.
There were only two Norwich competitors, NTCA member Jill Petersen of Seattle with “Ginger” (Rogel's I'm Ginger Hollywood CDX RE) and my own "Darcy" (Sand-Castle Darcy UDX RE MX MXJ MXP MJP). In Rally, our two dogs had a good competition. Ginger won the High Rally prize two of the three days, and Darcy won it the other. In Obedience, Jill took all the prizes on Saturday: a first place in Open A for a new title, High from A Classes, and High Norwich. According to observers, Darcy, at age 13, apparently didn't hear my "Down" command for the Drop on Recall, although his other exercises were fine. In Agility, while Darcy ran clean in both preferred classes on Sunday, he was a few seconds too slow, so no Norwich agility prizes were handed out. Jill and I enjoyed the friendly competition.

There is some question about the future of this trial. There was some discontent with the new agility mats. In addition, Denver, although centrally located, is not really close to many large population centers, so low entries were a problem. The Rocky Mountain All-Terrier Club will do some hard thinking this year about the future of TOPS.

—Carlynn Ricks

"Truffle," My First Norwich CD

A note from News Obedience reporter Carlynn Ricks: NTCA member Dorothea George finished her first Norwich CD last spring. She and "Truffle" are a good example of using Rally as an introduction to AKC Obedience—with great success!

After more than twenty years in Labradors, Truffle (Ch. Watermark Truffle CD RN) is my first terrier. I purchased her when looking for a smaller (and, I thought, slower) dog to run in agility. Boy, was I wrong about "slower!" She runs like a jet-propelled rocket!

Truffle, expertly handled by Robyn Snyder, got her championship very quickly, with three majors. Because of a serious car accident, I was not quite ready to run her in agility, so we tried Rally. Truffle got her Rally Novice title in three straight trials. Training a small dog is quite different from heeling with a large Labrador. Truffle's breeder, Dr Phyllis Giroux, gave me invaluable advice in suggesting that I take smaller steps. That worked, and Truffle qualified for her CD title, again in three straight obedience trials. Now we are starting to train for her CDX. After years of living in a house full of retrievers, she has
no trouble retrieving a dumbbell. She is such fun to train, always full of enthusiasm.

Truffle is also a therapy dog and loves to participate in the reading-to-dogs program at our local library. The other dogs in the program are quite large and the kids love it when Truffle crawls into their lap for their reading session. I love the breed and am looking forward to my first litter of Norwich puppies.

—Dorothea George, Prince Frederick, MD
(ickfield@chesapeake.net)
New Norwich Earthdog Titles

Junior Earthdog
(January 10, 2009)

- Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MX MXJ NF JE ("Harry"), owned by Ursula Walsh

Senior Earthdog
(May 10, 2009)

- Ch. Shoebutton's Beau Burnside MX MXJ NF SE ("Sam"), owned by Donna West & Joan Dance

CongRATulations!! — Jill Petersen, Kenmore, WA (dchipster1@yahoo.com)

“A Ratting We Will Go”

How often have you heard Norwich owners say that their dogs will hunt for hours at home or in fields, but, when it comes to earthdog tests, they don’t want to play the game? Many conclude that the earthdog test is too artificial and that their dogs are too bright to fall for caged rats they know can’t “dispatch.” Personally, I think they are half right. Their Norwich DO know they can’t get the rats and that barking and growling at the cage is not going to do any good. However, in my opinion, AKC earthdog tests do a pretty decent job of simulating a real hunting situation—for EARTHDOGS! Earthdogs are bred to enter the tunnels/dens of their prey, and hold that prey at bay until their owners can dig down to kill the cornered animal. Since the diameter of a burrowing animal’s den is typically the size of their head, and since the earthdog must also be able to traverse the tunnel, we are talking some pretty big prey! Badger and woodchucks are the animals most commonly hunted by earthdogs.

The confusion over the authenticity of the earthdog test begins because caged rats are generally used to represent the quarry. Many owners jump to the conclusion that since Norwich are bred to hunt rats, they should be naturals for AKC earthdog work, right? Not necessarily! Rats thrive anywhere there are people and where food and protection from the elements are easy to find. This may be woodpiles, barns, sewers, garbage dumps, attics—you get the picture! In temperate climates, where some burrowing rats may actually be found, the median diameter of their tunnels is 8.3 cm—or just over 3.25 inches! Even a Chihuahua would not be able to traverse a rat’s tunnel! The point is the skills needed for a good ratter are not necessarily the same as the skills needed for an earthdog. And the Norwich are bred to rat! They are included in the list of breeds eligible to participate in AKC earthdog tests, mostly because they are short-legged terriers and are physically able to perform the tasks required to pass the test, not because they are earthdogs by nature. So although Norwich can and do participate (often successfully!) in earthdog tests, these tests are not designed to test the skills a Norwich needs to hunt, locate and dispatch THEIR natural quarry, the rat.

Jo Ann Frier-Murza, author of Dig ‘em (the authoritative book on earthdogs) and one of the designers of the AKC earthdog tests, cites the following requirements for the ratter:

Dogs who hunt them must have excellent noses to follow their paths wherever they go, but at the same time their eyes, ears, and reflexes have to be sharp to notice the lightning fast bolter in time to catch it. The body must be supple and strong, for
quick turns and sprints. They must have a death grip-and-shake to prevent bites and a constitution to ignore the painful bites when they do occur. All of this has nothing to do with getting underground, while all to do with good senses, prey drive, speed, and hardness. The handler-dog partnership is important, too, because the dog needs help to reach his quarry under moving barnyard rubbish, a woodpile, trash...

In this spirit, Jo Ann came up with a game that emphasizes the scent hunt and dog-handler skills needed for the ratter, and also for the earthdog on the hunt up portion of the AKC Master Earthdog test.

Jo Ann’s Rattin for Ratings game, aka Search and Partnership, is a non-titling event that is loads of fun for both the dog and the handler. Holes are drilled into 6 or so segments of 3-4” diameter PVC, and caps are placed over the ends. Inside half of the PVC tubes there is scented rat bedding; in the other half there is scented bedding and a RAT! These tubes are strategically placed in sites where rats would likely nest or hide such as under tarps covering wood piles, trash can areas, palettes, brush piles, a hollow log, etc. The hiding places should be realistic and challenging for the dog to find and the handler to help expose. Safety should also be considered. Avoid areas where there may be broken glass, rusty nails or debris that may fall on top of the dog or handler in the excitement of the chase.

Dogs are walked through the course on a 6-10 foot leash. The goal is for the dog to find all of the PVC tubes, and for the handler, based on indicators from the dog, to be able to discriminate which tubes have rats vs. tubes with just scented bedding. The handler should work in partnership with the dog, noticing places where a rat might be found, asking the dog to check out such areas, and helping to move debris out of the way so the dog can gain access. The PVC is safe for both the rat and the dog, so the dog can roll and bite at the capsules when they are found.

There are variations of the game, such as more complex PVC tube configurations, and a layout where rat scent is used to guide the dog from one capsule to the next. If you are interested in seeing how to set up a course as well as learning about some of the thoughts that went into the design of this exercise, there is an article by Jo Ann posted at: http://pseartheardog.freeservers.com/Ratting44Ratings.htm

Many earthdog clubs offer this activity after completion of the regular tests or at practice days. It really is a fun alternative or addition to earthdog tests for our rat-hunting Norwich. Who knows? Maybe someday there will actually be an opportunity to earn a MR—Master Ratter—title! 'Til then, happy hunting!

—Jill Petersen, Kenmore, WA
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Patience and Persistance: 
Keys To Training My Norwich Earthdogs

Ed.: NTCA member Ursula Walsh is a member of the NTCA Performance Committee 
chaired by Carlynn Ricks. Ursula’s Norwich “Harry” earned the club’s prestigious Versatility Award 
for 2008.—AGF

When I asked the AKC how many Norfolk and Norwich Terriers had earned AKC 
earthdog titles, I was surprised to learn that of the total 156 earthdog titles awarded in both 
breeds through July 27, 2009, Norfolk had earned 131 and Norwich only 25. I had no idea 
what an elite group my two Norwich Sophie SE and Harry JE had joined! Patience and persistence 
have been the keys to training my Norwich for AKC earthdog tests. I do not think that 
the difference in these earthdog statistics is due to lack of prey drive in the Norwich breed.

My older Norwich Sophie has always had a very strong prey drive. She honed her hunting 
skills on everything from Canada geese to squirrels and field rats. I had heard about AKC 
earthdog and knew of a club here that held earthdog trials twice a year. Before our first trial, 
Sophie and I went to an earthdog practice day where the dogs were introduced to rats and 
tunnels and their owners learned the AKC earthdog rules. The introduction to rats was not 
Sophie’s cup of tea. The other dogs, barking and snarling at the caged rat, were too boisterous 
for her. Disappointed, I put her away and waited until the other dogs went on to other things. 
When I took her back by herself to the caged rat, she took a sniff…and instantly turned into 
a barking, snarling beast. She tried Introduction to Quarry (IQ) and did pretty well. IQ is a 
non-titling event used as a warm-up for budding earthdogs. It helps dogs get used to going 
into an underground tunnel and negotiating a 90-degree turn to reach the caged rats at the 
end of the tunnel.

When we got a second Norwich, Harry, sometime after this, Sophie took him firmly 
in paw and introduced him to the joys of hunting. He took to it immediately, and the two 
of them would patrol our grounds searching for the errant squirrel, rabbit, lizard and/or bird. 
They also helped to rid our neighborhood of a plague of field rats, which had taken up residence 
due to a neighbor throwing corn on the ground for doves. Sophie found a nest of field rats in our neighbor’s herb garden under the rosemary. For many weeks, both she and Harry 
came home from our evening walks reeking of rosemary! The rats finally disappeared, shortly 
after Sophie dispatched at least one of them behind our house.

Of my two Norwich, I have found Sophie to be far more accurate about the presence 
of quarry. Harry will bark, scratch, dig and carry on at a once-inhabited, but now-empty opening. 
Sophie never will. She checks, and if no one is home, she moves on. Since Sophie is such a 
good hunter and Harry is so enthusiastic, I thought AKC earthdog would be easy for them. 
I was wrong.

AKC earthdog tests are not the same as live hunting. For one thing, rats do not naturally 
live at the end of long, underground tunnels. Nor would any self-respecting rat stay put 
with a frenzied terrier barking and digging for it. In earthdog tests, the rat is confined to a cage 
at the end of an underground tunnel. To help the dog, both the tunnel entrance and the tunnel 
are scented with rat scent, but the rat at the end never moves away from the dog. In today’s world, 
earthdog tunnels are designed to test a dog’s ability to go to ground and hunt while also 
keeping the rats safe.

After some early mistakes, Sophie eventually excelled at Introduction to Quarry (IQ) 
and moved on to the Junior Earthdog (JE) tunnels, where she had to get past two ninety-
degree turns to get to the rats. On her first try, she qualified and got her first leg toward her
JE title. She went directly into the tunnel got to the rats and marked them for the 30 required seconds. When she tried for the second leg the next day, she knew where the rats were—the earthdog judge was sitting right above them! Sophie figured she could get to the rats much faster if she ran over the top in a straight line instead of going the long way through the tunnel. No fool she. Unfortunately that’s not the way to play the game. We had to wait 6 months for the next test, but she qualified for her second leg on the first day and earned her JE title. Now on to Senior Earthdog (SE). I have no idea why, but Sophie had Senior down pat and got the three qualifying legs for her SE title in three tries!

In the meantime, Harry was having a hard time keeping his mind on business at his earthdog tests. It took him several tries to get into the tunnel in Introduction to Quarry. He felt he had to leave his mark all over the top and the tunnel entrance before even thinking about going in. When he did go quickly to the quarry, he sometimes would lose interest. Maybe he figured the rats were in a cage and not going anywhere, so why bother with them? He was unimpressed and so was the judge. However, every time he failed in IQ, judges spent time encouraging him to get to and stay with the rats. Harry eventually caught on to the game, decided to play, and received two IQ ribbons. On his first try at the JE tunnel, he immediately ran in, raced through the two turns, got to the rats, barked and carried on for the prescribed time, and earned his first JE leg!

Getting his JE title would be a piece of cake, right? Wrong! The next day Harry was back to lifting his leg, checking the hot spots, running across the top to say hello to the judge, He continued in this way through several tests, and it was getting discouraging. However, Sophie was doing well, so I continued to bring Harry along despite his nonsense. He just couldn’t keep his mind on business! Then on the very first day of his third weekend of trying the JE test, he flew directly into the tunnel, ran through the turns to the rats and barked away at them! I was shocked, but elated! Harry had earned his JE! The next day I moved him up to Senior. At his first SE test, he used up all the test’s allotted time just to get into the tunnel entrance; but once in the tunnel, he got the job done. Sad to say, during later SE attempts, Harry has succumbed to old temptations and does not get to the rats in time, if at all!

Sophie meanwhile has been working on the Master Earthdog (ME) test. This past spring she qualified in Master’s on the first day; but the next day, after a great hunt up and marking of the rats at the ME den entrance, she came out the second exit and ran directly over the top to the judge. My second command, allowed in Master’s, didn’t work, so she didn’t qualify.

Despite the setbacks with Harry and Sophie, I’ll continue earthdog work with both my Norwich. As I said at the start, patience and persistence have been the key to earthdog success for my dogs.

—Ursula Walsh, Pinehurst, NC
(ursthenurse@nc.rr.com)
So, Why Test Norwich For Eyes, Patellae and Hips?

Prior to 2002, only nine Norwich Terriers were entered in the database of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). As of this writing, the OFA database for health screening includes information about one thousand one hundred and three tests performed on Norwich Terriers. I could not resist spelling out "thousand" tests. Whenever I feel saddened by news of irresponsible actions on the part of some breeders, I remind myself of this heartwarming statistic. Norwich breeders do deeply care about the breed. It is in excellent hands.

When the NNTC joined the CHIC database (Canine Health Information Center) several years ago, it led to a great shift in health testing awareness. CHIC, a joint venture between the AKC and the OFA, is a goldmine of information for breeders, for puppy buyers, and for the researchers. As the database grows to include multiple generations of dogs and vertical pedigrees (siblings and half-siblings), breeders have a tool to evaluate genetic risks of their planned breedings. Puppy buyers have an objective source of information about breed-specific health issues as well as about the chances of individual puppies developing a particular inheritable disease. The probability that a puppy will develop an inherited disease is reduced when its ancestry has tested normal. Finally, with aggregate information on multiple generations of dogs, the CHIC database will also be useful for researchers, especially epidemiological studies.

But why test Norwich for eye problems, luxating patella and hip dysplasia when these are not the breed's main health concerns? Let me explain why. Or better yet, let the facts do the talking.

The OFA and CHIC database is organized based on the birth year of the dogs. Norwich Terriers born between the years 2000 and 2002 and entered into OFA showed a 15.7% incidence of hip dysplasia among 121 dogs tested. Just in the next few years, that rate dropped to 8.2%, based on 97 dogs tested. I know that many breeding decisions were influenced by what we could learn in the OFA database. Speaking from personal experience, I took hip rating into consideration when one of my bitches tested "fair" and her sibling "dysplastic" in one hip (never bred). Was it the only consideration? Of course not, but I was glad to have the OFA database as a useful tool. I know of a number of Norwich breeders who intelligently bred away from the problem, armed with the knowledge that the OFA database gave them.

Breeds such as the Akita, Belgian Malinois, Bernese Mountain Dog, Brittany, English Setter, Komondor and many others reduced the rate of hip dysplasia by more than half in 20 years. That is an incredible trend, and all attributed to the knowledge that OFA provided. There were thousands of dogs tested in each of these breeds. Akitas showed a 61% improvement from dogs born before 1980 as compared to dogs born in 2003-04. Before you think that the number of dogs tested before 1980 was insignificant, let me dispel that with the exact figures: 2,047 Akitas born before 1980 had been evaluated. In Golden Retrievers, dysplasia dropped by 30% in 20 years based on over 50,000 (!) dogs evaluated. In Old English Sheepdogs, bad hips have been reduced by half, and excellent ones doubled based on roughly 6,000 evaluations. To stick to terriers, Kerry Blues doubled the number of excellent evaluations and reduced hip dysplasia by 67%.

Just as breeds with high numbers of tests performed improved their hip rating, those with dropping numbers of tests performed suffered negative consequences. Bearded Collies are an example. Based on almost 500 Beardies born before 1980, 9% tested dysplastic. Twenty years later, dogs born after 2000 had less than 3% hip dysplasia. Whether the breeders relaxed, dropped their guard, or whatever else was the reason, the number of Beardies tested in the next few years fell dramatically. By 2003, the OFA registrations in Beardies dropped to almost half the previous numbers. The result was statistically astounding. The number of dysplastic Beardies almost doubled in dogs born after 2003 compared to the dogs born before 2000!
Interestingly, the dogs now ranked as having the worst rates of hip dysplasia are mostly medium and small breeds. The fact that hip dysplasia in smaller dogs is less debilitating than in large breeds is a two-edged sword. The breeders of small dogs tend to be more nonchalant about hip dysplasia, and these are the breeds with an upward trend in numbers of dysplastic evaluations. 50% of Bassett Hounds in the OFA database are dysplastic, and that breed is experiencing a much more debilitating degree of the disease than just a few years ago. Predictably, there were hardly any tests done on Bassett Hounds before 1980. The breed currently ranked as the worst among AKC dogs is the Bulldog (English) with 74% dysplasia based on 443 evaluations. Our sister breed, Norfolk Terriers, has a 33% rate of hip dysplasia, roughly one in three dogs! To those who say that hip dysplasia in a small dog is not that bad, don't bank on it!

If you go to the OFA database to view the breed statistics, you will see that Norwich are rated with 13.1% abnormal results. But, as I already mentioned, this is an aggregate number of all evaluations ever done on Norwich hips. Recent years show a downward trend that now stands at 8.2%, a major decline from the 15.7% when the number of evaluations started to be significant. The 13.1% is an historical average, not the breed's current percentage rate. We can be truly proud! A dog that is pain-free and has full mobility is a happy dog.

When breeders test their Norwich, they most likely are focused on their own breeding programs. However, that is much less important than the influence that aggregate testing does for the breed. Health testing is more than a pedigree mapping tool. It is an ethical obligation we have to the breed.

As we continue to work fervently to establish tests for the more pressing Norwich health problems, let us not forget to use the tools we do have. We hope to have a genetic test for epilepsy one day, and we are working right now on a screening protocol for Upper Airway Syndrome. Meanwhile, let us not fall victim to false logic that screening for hip dysplasia, luxating patellae, and inheritable eye diseases is not important. When I hear people say that screening for hips or eyes will not help their Norwich with a breathing problem, I ask them if they tell their doctor that screening for breast cancer will not help them with their heart problem. Are you going to advise a friend to stop going for mammograms because they won't help her heart?

I am very happy to know that the majority of Norwich Terrier breeders who are NTCA members understand the value of health screening. My hat is off to you!

—Magda Omansky, NTCA Health Chair

Norwich Terrier health test statistics at a glance

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—Magda Omansky, NTCA Health Chair
UC Davis Online Study of Canine Birth Defects

Norwich breeders have another golden opportunity to participate in a study, independently funded, that might provide much-needed answers to the genetic versus environmental factors in such mid-line birth defects as cleft palates. These defects do happen in Norwich, so participating in the study would help with research that could prove very helpful to our breed. If you have experienced a birth defect in a puppy bred by you, please take the time to fill out the confidential online survey. Also (please forgive this grim-sounding request), if you have a left puppy born after reading this notice today, please save some tissue (like an umbilical cord) and send it to UC Davis along with the study questionnaire.

The online questionnaire specifically asks for information on litters born last year; but if you have had a Norwich puppy born with a cleft palate, umbilical hernia or a retained testicle before last year, please fill out the survey with that information. It will be useful. Thank you for participating!

—Magda Omansky, NTCA Health Chair
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Description of the UC Davis study

Researchers in the Bannach Laboratory at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California Davis are undertaking a research project to identify genes and environmental factors that predispose puppies to birth defects. Your contributed information and samples will allow us to proceed with this research project. Birth defects are believed to result from interactions between genes and environment. Some of the common birth defects that occur in dogs include:

- **Umbilical hernia:** a defect in the body wall that could allow the intestine to become entrapped. The hernia is normally covered with skin. However, there are severe birth defects where the intestines and other internal organs have come through the defect and are actually on the outside.

- **Cryptorchidism:** retention of one or both testicles inside the body instead of the scrotum. This is a common congenital problem seen in male dogs which makes them ineligible to show. Castration is recommended for these dogs in order to prevent tumors in the retained testicles.

- **Cleft palate:** a hole or cleft in the hard palate (roof of the mouth). It can sometimes also include a lip cleft.

These three birth defects are of concern to breeders since it is recommended that affected animals be euthanized (cleft palate) or not bred (cryptorchidism or umbilical hernia). In breeds predisposed to one or more of these birth defects, a genetic basis is probable. Genetic analysis should identify the genes involved and enable breeders to select against these defects.

The information we are seeking is from both healthy litters and litters affected with one of the birth defects listed above. Please fill out a survey for every litter born over the past year. Please note that you will need the litter registration information in order to complete the survey.

If you are willing or interested in contributing samples to the study, contact information will be found at the end of the survey.

Link for survey: [http://tinyurl.com/nrfqrn](http://tinyurl.com/nrfqrn)
Acupuncture In Small Animal Medicine

Acupuncture was first developed in China about 2000 years ago. It was originally used to treat the emperor and his horses. Over time the use of acupuncture was expanded to other people and other animals. The ancient Chinese observed that stimulation of specific areas on the body surface could relieve pain and internal discomfort and also assist with healing. These “acu-points” were organized into groups of points that were related to each other and became known as meridians. Over time the Chinese made a map of these meridians over the entire body. There are 14 meridians in the body and they are named for the organ system they influence. However we have to remember the ancient Chinese did not view these organ systems the way we would today. For example, the kidney channel influences bone and is used to treat arthritis.

Most people think of acupuncture primarily as a treatment for arthritis. While it is very useful for animals with muscle spasms or weakness, it can also be used to treat a variety of other conditions. Animals with gastrointestinal disorders, particularly cats with chronic constipation, benefit from acupuncture. It is also helpful for patients with asthma and other respiratory problems. Many veterinary neurologists use acupuncture to help their patients with back problems and other neurologic conditions. Integrating acupuncture with Western Medicine (what most of us think of as normal veterinary medicine) often gives better results than using one or the other by itself.

Treating pets with acupuncture is usually easy. Most pets that will tolerate a normal exam will also tolerate an acupuncture treatment. Some pets find the treatment very relaxing and become sleepy during the procedure. Normally a single treatment does not result in an instant cure. Typically, a series of three treatments about 1 to 2 weeks apart is needed to see a response. For chronic conditions like arthritis, animals usually need long-term treatment every 4 to 6 weeks.

Acupuncture is a good treatment to consider in patients whose condition has not responded to routine medicines or if the animal does not tolerate certain medicines well. NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) such as Deramaxx or Rimadyl are often very good for treating canine arthritis or back pain. However, some dogs develop loose stools or vomiting on these medications. Also, NSAIDS are not recommended for dogs with liver or kidney disease. It is safe to combine acupuncture with these medications. Prednisone (cortisone), a steroid, can be used with acupuncture, but it may decrease the effectiveness of the acupuncture. A dog should not receive acupuncture on the same day it has a heavy sedative or general anesthesia.

Two years ago I treated a 15-year-old Jack Russell that had been diagnosed with a slip disc and arthritis in her back. Because of the pet’s age, her owner did not want to pursue surgery. When I first examined the dog, she was in pain when I pressed on her back. She was also wobbly in her back legs and was having a lot of trouble with stairs. After three initial treatments, her back pain decreased, her appetite improved, and her gait was almost normal. Her owner told me that after the acupuncture treatments, her little terrier would go home and race around the house like a puppy. I continued treating the Jack Russell with acupuncture about once a month until she passed away last year at the age of 17.

—Barbara Butler, DVM, Earlysville Animal Hospital, Earlysville, VA

Author’s Note: Dr. Barbara Butler received her veterinary degree from the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She received her acupuncture training at the Chi Institute in Reddick, Florida and became certified in acupuncture in November 2006. The Chi Institute was founded by Dr. Huisheng Xie in 1986. Dr. Xie, a veterinarian who was trained in China and later came to the U.S., is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Florida Veterinary School. To become certified in acupuncture, Dr. Butler completed a 6-month class at the Chi Institute and a 30-hour internship. She was also required to take a written and a practical exam. Dr. Butler has also completed classes in advanced acupuncture and herbal medicine.
Dr. Chris Zink Wins Another Award!

*Ed.: The Spring 2009 Norwich Terrier News* (p. 23) reported NTCA member Chris Zink’s award from the Dog Writers Association of America for her book, The Agility Advantage, honored as the best dog publication for 2008. Recently Dr. Zink received another prestigious award, as Carlynn Ricks reports below.—AGF

NTCA member Chris Zink, DVM, PhD, who competes in obedience and agility with her Norwich bitch “Vespa” (Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD AX AXJ), was named Outstanding Woman Veterinarian of the Year by the Association of Women Veterinarians Foundation. The award, presented at the American Veterinary Medical Association annual conference in July, recognized Dr. Zink’s work mentoring young veterinarians and for developing canine sports medicine and rehabilitation as a new specialty in veterinary medicine. Congratulations, Chris!

—Carlynn Ricks

A Letter to the Editor:
My Norwich “Darcy’s” Experience With *Frontline®*

With regard to Dr. Kathleen Gruss’s article on Flea and Tick Control (Spring 2009 *Norwich Terrier News*, pp. 18-19), my Norwich “Darcy” would be very surprised to hear that *Frontline* flea and tick control products are “perfect.” When I used *Frontline* regularly eight or nine years ago, he developed hair loss around his crotch and under his tail. My vet insisted that *Frontline* couldn’t be the problem, but when I stopped the *Frontline*, the hair came back! I now use it at most once or twice a year. Since I am lucky enough to have only one dog, I flea comb him on every day the rest of the year. This old-fashioned mechanical remedy works perfectly with absolutely no side effects and is akin to the daily inspection for ticks that Dr. Gruss advises.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX (carlynnricks@earthlink.net)
The NTCA’s John Paul Jones Trophy

Ed.: During a recent NTCA Board discussion about club trophies and awards, several Board members mentioned not knowing why long-time NNCTC (now NTCA) annual conformation and performance awards were called John Paul Jones, High Rising, River Bend, etc. Following up on a suggestion that the News provide a few “history lessons,” here is a profile of the club’s John Paul Jones award.—AGF

Those who studied American history most likely remember John Paul Jones as a naval hero of the American Revolution, famous for his “I have not yet begun to fight” retort to a British naval captain. Less well-known to many News readers, perhaps, is the prick ear Norwich Ch. John Paul Jones of Groton (Ch. Apple Jack : Rosa of Groton), an influential American-bred sire in the 1940s and 1950s. Whelped in 1943, the Norwich John Paul Jones (JPJ) was bred by Mrs. Rober Winthrop, who later was Mrs. A.C. Randolph of “Oakley” Norwich in Upperville, Virginia. The kennel prefix “Groton” was named after Mrs. Winthrop’s thoroughbred racing stable on Long Island, New York. Mrs Winthrop sold JPJ as a young puppy to New York City residents Alden Blodget and his actress-wife Cornelia Otis Skinner. Alden Blodget was a member of the first official Norwich Terrier Club (NTC) in America, reorganized after World War II and recognized by the AKC in 1947. Mr. Blodget served as NTC President from 1955 to 1960, holding meetings in his elegant New York City home and at the Madison Square Garden Club.

JPJ was a grandson of Ch. Rachel, Mrs. Winthrop’s foundation bitch imported from the Farndon kennels in England. Rachel, the first prick ear Norwich champion in America and Best of Breed at Westminster in 1940, was the granddaughter of two influential English Norwich Terriers: Ch. Biffin of Beauffin (the first English drop ear champion) and Ch. Farndon Red Dog (the first English prick ear champion). JPJ’s sire, Ch. Apple Jack, added to his family’s impressive list of historic “firsts” by becoming the first American prick ear male champion and the first Norwich male to win Best of Breed at Westminster (1941).

Blinded in one eye by a youthful encounter with an unknown foe (more likely a prickly briar than the mighty groundhog of legend), JPJ made his show ring debut as a middle-aged gentleman of seven years. Undaunted by “scars from fair wear and tear,” this one-eyed red
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A wheaten dog defeated both prick and drop ear competitors to become the first post-World War I American-bred Norwich champion. Like the John Paul Jones of naval lore, Alden Blodget's little male was a true "Don Juan," enjoying the attentions of many charming ladies. A dominant stud dog of his day, JPJ sired both prick and drop ear champions, but his influence was greatest on American prick ears.

Combining the lifestyles of a cosmopolitan New Yorker and a country squire, a successful show dog and a fearless hunter, JPJ lived to the ripe, old age of 18. In tribute to his long-time companion, Alden Blodget presented to the NTC in 1960 the John Paul Jones Trophy for the prick ear Norwich winning the most points during the show year. By 1973 (perhaps sooner), the JPJ trophy had shifted from an annual NTC award for Best Prick Ear Adult to an annual award for the prick ear Norwich (dog or bitch) earning the most points from the Bred-By-Exhibitor (BBE) class. Sometime in the early 1990s, the NNTC Board again changed the trophy's raison d'etre. Continuing the same NNTC criteria, the NTCA awards the annual JPJ trophy to every member-owned Norwich dog earning all his championship points from the BBE class. In today's Norwich show world, with many professional handlers, owner-handling a homebred Norwich to a Ch. title is a meaningful accomplishment. The JPJ award, which will mark its 50th anniversary in 2010, is a lasting memorial to a plucky prick ear showman and sire from our breed's early days in America.

—Alison Freehling

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**AKC Launches New Canine Legislation Tracking System**

*Ed.: The following is a May 7, 2009 press release from the AKC's Government Relations Department.*

The AKC is pleased to announce the launch of the new AKC Government Relations Legislation Tracking Service. This new service enables you to check the status of all 2009 canine legislation in each of the 50 states, as well as federal legislation.

To use this service, go to the AKC Government Relations web page, www.akc.org/canine_legislation, and click on the large "AKC Government Relations 2009 Legislation Tracking" icon. This will bring you to a new page with a clickable map of the United States. To view federal legislation, click on the "US Fed" icon to the right of the map. You can also click on any state to view that state's pending canine legislation, the latest legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, and, if applicable, AKC legislative alerts and messages. In addition, you can view the actual text of the bill or read a brief official legislative summary.

The AKC does not have a position on every bill posted; rather, this service is meant as a reference tool for you to see all the issues being considered in your state.

We hope you will enjoy using this new service of the AKC Government Relations Department.

Any questions or comments regarding this new service should be directed to the AKC Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

Abbedale Miss Maggie CD RAE
(Ch. Abbedale The Huntsman x Abbedale Justice For All)
Breeder: Joan Eckert
Owner: Gerry Haywood
Maggie is only the SECOND Norwich Terrier to earn the Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title. She is pictured here with judge Delvyn Lynn and owner-handler Gerry Haywood of Ooltewah, Tennessee. Way to go Mags!

Ch. Shoebutton’s Dub Taylor
(Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Shoebutton’s Pegeen Ryan)
Breeder/Owner: Donna West
“Dub” received his championship in November 2008, handled by his breeder/owner Donna West in the Bred-By-Exhibitor classes. This candid shot of “Dub” is from the 2008 BBE class at Hatboro.
Ch. tinytowne’s Ruff N’ Tuff
(Ch. Norbest Take A Chance At Ji-Ro’s x Ch. tinytowne’s All In A Tizzy)

Breeders/Owners: Dana & Rich Esquibel

“Tuffy” finished easily from the Bred-By Class. He is a handsome, sound dog with a fun personality and is easy to live with—not “tuff” at all. We look forward to breeding him this year to our newest champion, “Danica,” pictured below. CHIC #57995.

Ch. tinytowne’s Hot Rod Honey
(Ch. Long Valley Peter The Great x Ch. Castlehill tinytowne Knockout)

Breeders/Owners: Dana & Rich Esquibel

“Danica” really enjoyed all the treats and attention of the show ring. That was right up her alley. She comes from a strong line of free whelpers and healthy puppies. We hope she will carry that on and be a good Norwich mother. She will still get healthy treats and lots of attention. Danica is my favorite lap warmer. CHIC #51530
Norwich Results At The 2009 Nor Cal NNTC and NTCA Roving National Specialties

The Nor Cal NNTC held its last combined two-breed Specialty on April 9, 2006 in conjunction with the Northern California Terrier Association at the Cal Expo Center in Sacramento. Norwich Terriers had a nice entry of exhibitors and breeders from all over the USA and Canada. We thank everyone for their participation and extend our congratulations to all the winners!

NTCA member and long-time Norwich/Norfolk breeder Sandra Stemmler ("Barnstable") judged Norwich Sweepstakes, awarding Best in Sweeps to Waiterock Jack Falstaff from the 6-9 months puppy dog class. This young male, bred and owned by Nor Cal club member Candice Harper, also won Best Norwich Puppy and a Terrier Puppy Group 2! For her Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes, Mrs. Stemmler chose 9-12 months puppy bitch Dunbar's Runaway Bride, bred and owned by Joan Kefeli.

Ch. Windsor's Mumms The Word, bred and owned by Dori and Phil Ramon, was Best in Veteran Sweeps.

Mrs. Lydia C. Hutchinson judged Norwich regular classes. She chose Dig-n-Pop Dash of Panache, bred by Magda Omansky and co-owned by Magda with Paul and Nancy Eddy, for Winners Dog and Best of Winners—a 5-point major that earned "Dash" his Ch. title. Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex went to Foxglyn's Wicky Woman, bred by Nicola S Conroy and Jeri L. McClure and owned by Nicola. The Specials class pulled a large entry—11! It was great to see Norwich from different areas of the USA. Mrs. Hutchinson selected Ch. Avenue’s Two Minute Warning, a handsome California lad bred and owned by Steven Douglas and

Best of Breed: Ch. Avenue’s Two Minute Warning, pictured with judge Lydia Hutchinson and co-breeder/co-owner Ken Deutsch

Best in Sweeps: Waiterock Jack Falstaff, pictured with Sweeps judge Sandra Stemmler and breeder-owner Candy Harper
Ken Deutsch, as her Best of Breed. The three Awards of Merit went to Ch. Cobblestone’s Gooseberry, bred and owned by Laurie and Peter Loeffler, Ch. Waiterocks Bewitched, bred and owned by Candice Harper, and Ch. Huntwood’s Joy Ride of Moorcroft, bred and owned by Susan Kipp and Jim and Lorrie Kinney.

The trophies were wonderful sculptures and other items by Dannyquest. We received several comments about how special it was to receive one.

The following day, April 10, was the newly-established Norwich Terrier Club of America’s first Roving National Specialty. The judges were Neil Hamilton for Sweepstakes and James Reynolds for the regular classes. For Best in Sweepstakes, Mr. Hamilton selected Dunbar’s Runaway Bride, the previous day’s BOS in Sweeps. Waiterock Jack Falstaff, the previous day’s Best in Sweeps, was today’s Best of Opposite Sex. Ch. Windsor’s Mumms The Word was again Best in Veteran Sweeps.

In the regular classes, Mr. Reynolds gave the nod to Waiterock Jack Falstaff for Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Reserve Winners Dog went to Maralinga Just Joe Cool, bred by Ray and Dianne Ivey and owned by Al and Dianne Just, all of whom are from Canada. Winners Bitch and Best Bred-By-Exhibitor went to Dunbar’s Runaway Bride, who went on to garner a Bred-By-Exhibitor Group 4. Reserve Winners Bitch, bred and owned by Raine Johnson and Carol Sohrweide, went to Breakaway’s Escapade.

Like the day before, there were many wonderful Norwich Specials. For Best of Breed, judge Reynolds honored Ch. Huntwood’s Joy Ride of Moorcroft, who won an AOM the previous day. Best of Opposite Sex went to Ch. Cobby’s Hope N’ Glory, bred by Renee Sporre-Willes of Sweden and owned by Ashley Wornall of California. Mr. Reynolds chose three Awards of Merit: Dig-n-Pop Dash of Panache (WD/BOW the previous day), Ch. Cobblestone’s Gooseberry (an AOM winner the previous day), and Ch. Briardale’s Lion King, bred by Carole Focurault and Sharon Walters and owned by Lowell and Connie Jennings and Carole Focurault.

In addition to conformation judging, there were several other activities organized by Nor Cal club members during this Specialty weekend. Laurie and Peter Loeffler set up a charming “Meet the Breeds” exhibit with the help of some friends. Siobhan O’ Hara and Patty Fornelli put together a great display of items for sale and raffle. During the morning hours, there was a hosted continental breakfast for all the exhibitors. I also have to acknowledge the BEAUTIFUL flower arrangements, for which Dori Ramon was responsible! They were absolutely gorgeous!

After the NTCA Roving Specialty judging, we went up to the Turf Club for a nice dinner where folks could just relax and visit. Again, Siobhan and friends set up a silent auction with some pretty incredible items! Congratulations to all the winners from both Specialties and thanks to everyone who helped to make this a truly wonderful weekend.

—Sue Altemeyer, “Nordic” Norwich, Placerville, CA (nordic1@comcast.net)
2009 NTCA ROVING NATIONAL SPECIALTY (CA)

Best of Breed: Ch. Huntwood's Joy of Moorcroft, pictured with Specialty judge James Reynolds and co-breeder/co-owner/handler Susan Kipp

Best of Winners/Winners Dog: Waiterock Jack Falstaff, pictured with James Reynolds and breeder/owner Candy Harper

Winners Bitch/Best BBE/BBE Group 4 Dunbar's Runaway Bride, pictured with James Reynolds and breeder/owner Joan Kefeli

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Cobby's Hope N' Glory, pictured with James Reynolds and owner Jennifer Wornall

Best in Sweeps: Dunbar's Runaway Bride, pictured with Sweeps judge Neil Hamilton and breeder/owner Joan Kefeli

All photos by Cook Photography
The NTCA Supported Entry At Columbia Terrier

The Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland Terrier Group show was held on Friday, April 17, 2009 in the Exhibition Building at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland. The Norwich Terrier Club of America (NTCA) held a Supported Entry with a Puppy Sweepstakes. Classic silver-plated NNTC trophies were offered for the regular classes. The Chesapeake Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (CNNTC) also supported the show by providing Sweepstakes trophies and hosting a lovely luncheon following the judging. The Norwich entry of 28 (with 3 absentees) was 40% higher than the breed's 2008 entry. There were majors in both sexes (in fact a 5 point major in bitches), and the bitch major held throughout the weekend.

Mrs. Jacqueline Stacy judged an entry of six Norwich (one absent) in Sweepstakes and elected the 6-9 Months red puppy, **Abbedale's Venture To Tebrun** (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Abbedale's Rettadini), as **Best in Sweepstakes**. Bred and handled by NTCA President Joan Eckert, this young male is co-owned by Joan with Lionel Gribbon of England. The 12-18 Months Junior Bitch, **Foxwood Loose Connection** (Ch. Foxwood Single Edition x Ch. Foxwood High Voltage), bred by Kathy Mines and Stephanie Forte and owner-handled by Kathy, was **Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps**.

Mr. Terry Stacy judged the Norwich regular classes. His **Winners Dog** for 3 points was Lee Little's homebred black and tan, **Littlefield All In The Family** (Ch. Foxwood Ninja Warrior x Ch. Little By Littlefields), owned by Amanda Filanowski and Lee and handled by Kathy Mines. **Reserve Winners Dog** went to the Open Dog, **Glendale Guess Work** (Ch. Glendale Guess Again x Glendale Kiss and Tell), bred by Linda Haring and co-owned by Anne and Susan Sikorski and Carol Granger.

For **Winners Bitch** and a 5 point major, Mr. Stacy selected the Open Bitch, **Foxwood Loose Connection**, who earlier in the day was Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes. She later went on to be awarded **Best of Winners** and finished her Championship. **Reserve** went to the home-bred **Foxglyn's Wichy Woman** (Ch. Dunbar's Desperado Of Acadia x Foxglyn's Happily Ever After), bred by Nichola Conroy and Jeri McCuile and owner-handled by Nichola.

**Best of Breed** went to the red bitch **Ch. Abbedale Take Two At Taliesin** (Ch. Abbedale's The Huntsman x Ch. Abbedale's Polly Pockets), bred by Joan Eckert, co-owned by Joan with Lisa and John Sons, and handled by Susan Kipp. **Best of Opposite Sex** went to Paul and Nancy Eddy and Magda Omansky's **Dignpop Dash Of Panache**. This black and tan, bred by Magda, is sired by Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks and is out of Ch. Littlefield Razz's Matazz At Dignpop. He was handled by Lori Pelletier.

**Best Puppy** was **Rosecroft Spirit at Watermark** (Ch. Shoebutton's Forest Tucker x Rosecroft Sprite). She was bred by Gary Baker and is owned by Gary with Phyllis Giroux, DVM.

Congratulations to all the winners, particularly all those homebreds!

Following the judging, CNNTC/NTCA member Michaela Clancy coordinated a lovely hospitality for Norwich exhibitors and friends.

Columbia Terrier shares the Maryland State Fairgrounds with the Combined Specialties of Baltimore and precedes the three large all-breed shows comprising the Cherry Blossom Cluster. The show is an exhibitor's dream. It's held indoors in a spacious, well-lit, temperature-controlled building. There is plenty of grooming space and unlimited nearby paved parking for cars and RVs. Loading and unloading are a snap. Entry fees are kept low and entry fee breaks are given for Puppy Class entries. Admission, car parking, electricity, and grooming space are all free!

It is a great spring weekend for terriers and terrier lovers. Hope you can join us next year.

—Al Ferruggiaro, "Dreamweaver" Norwich, Burtonsville, MD (alf198@yahoo.com)
SHOWFRONT

The 2009 NTCA Supported Entry At Garden State (NJ)

The new Norwich Terrier Club of America held a supported entry at the Garden State All Terrier Club’s Group show on May 1. The occasion seemed much like the old days, however, as it was held jointly with the Norfolk Terrier Club’s (NTC) supported entry. So whilst the two breed clubs have gone our separate ways, it’s still nice to have long-time friends come together and celebrate both breeds. Mr. Seymour Weiss judged first Norwich, then Norfolk, in succession in the same ring; trophies shared the same ringside table and fanciers of both breeds enjoyed luncheon under the same canopies.

The combined Norwich-Norfolk trophy table groaned under the weight of the many lovely prizes contributed by the respective breed clubs as well as by individual fanciers from each breed. In addition to the lovely NTCA offerings, club members Gwen Warkentin Missy Wood, Betty McDonnell, Joan Eckert and Lee Little donated wonderful prizes for respectively, BOB, WD, WB, and Best Puppy. GSATC members and Norwich breeders Frank and Mary Varone also gave prizes for BOS as well as Norwich Bred-By Dog and Bitch. The beautiful trophies were an incentive to attend, and fanciers responded with a large entry. Norwich (7-11-4-0) had majors in both dogs and bitches; Norfolk (2-8-2-0) had a major in bitches.

Norwich Winners Dog and Best of Winners went to Jan Rodgers’ St. Ives Up to No Good (Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell x Ch. St. Ives Angel’s Share), bred and owned by Jan Rodgers. Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex were awarded to the Open Bitch, Dogwood’s Miss Bea Haven (Ch. Devondale’s Master Muddy Waters x Ch. Azimuth’s Let the Fun Begin Katie). Breeders/owners Mary and Frank Varone were especially delighted since, with this win, their “Lexi” finished her championship. In a strong Specials field Mr. Weiss gave the nod for Best of Breed to Ch. Newmiller’s Handsome Hubert (Ch. Newmiller’s Country Day x Ch. Ribboncliff Miller Seattle Sue), bred and owned by Dr. Elaine Miller. Best Norwich Puppy was awarded to Miller’s Dublin of Fine Hill (repeat breeding of Handsome Hubert’s sire and dam), bred by Dr. Miller and owned by Elizabeth Fineburg.

With judging completed, over 50 people were treated to a lovely buffet luncheon contributed by Norwich and Norfolk fanciers, including Barbara Miller, Vallie Beckwith Grace Scott, Hal Happersett, Missy Wood, Magda Omansky and Gloria Hannoch. The dog bone and Norwich/Norfolk-shaped cookies, cupcakes and rye bread came from NTC members Henrietta and Robert Lachman’s son’s bakery in Bronxville, NY. There was a delicious ham, chicken salad, and a variety of other dishes as well. Luncheon organizer Henrietta Lachman summed up the general consensus with, “I think the important thing about the luncheon at the supported entry this year at Garden State Terrier was that even after the NNTC divided, Norfolk and Norwich people worked together to give an elegant, delicious and fun luncheon.”

Next year’s GSATC show, slated for May 7, is the first of a three-show weekend including Bucks County KC and the “largest-in-New Jersey” Trenton KC show where there are always majors in our breed.

—Leandra Little, “Littlefield” Norwich, Weehawken, NJ (llittle9@earthlink.net)

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The NTCA Supported Entry at Mattaponi KC: May 16, 2009

Every mid-May weekend since 2001, Norwich and Norfolk fanciers from the mid-Atlantic area (and some from farther afield) have headed to Prince William County Fairgrounds near Manassas, Virginia for a day of fun, food and camaraderie at the Mattaponi supported entry. This year’s Norwich judging began at 11 AM in the usual show venue—a covered, but open-sided agricultural building. Sweepstakes judge and Norfolk breeder Jerry Howse (“Howswick”) of Berryville, Virginia, presiding over an entry of 4 Norwich (2-2), awarded Best in Sweeps to Bilbrough’s Wait Until Dark (Schancho Man In Black x Ch. Bilbrough’s Wee Sassy Molassy), a male from the 12-18 months class bred by Donna Wiley and Regina Swygert-Smith and handled by young owner Sadie Hughes. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps went to 9-12 months puppy bitch Noridge Wild Jasmine (Ch. Havic’s Red Baron of Fly’n High x Noridge Thrill Seeker), bred and owned by Patricia Warrender and Robyn Snyder and handled by Robyn.

NTCA member Richard Esquibel, who with his wife Dana breeds “tinytowne” Norwich, came all the way from El Sobrante, California to judge the Norwich regular classes. From a roster of 5 class dogs, Rich selected 14-month-old High Pines Red Rock (Glendale Guess Work x High Pines Jasmine) as Winners Dog and Best of Winners. “Red Rock” was bred and is owned by the mother-daughter team of Susan and Anne Sikorski and was handled by Anne in Bred-By. Best in Sweeps winner Bilbrough’s Wait Until Dark was Reserve WD.

Shorttale Secret Of The Old Clock of Rubicon (Ch. Skyscoter Cowboy Up x Ch. Rubicon’s Charming Lucy), bred and owned by Tamsin Sandin and Pamela Rubinstein and handled by Karen Aurelius, bested seven other class bitches to go Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex. Ragus Got The Look, a long-tailed English import bred by Leslie Crawley, owned by Beth Sweigart and Pam Beale, and shown by Beth, was Reserve WB. Best of Breed went to the lone Special, Ch. Havic’s Red Baron of Fly ‘n High (Ch. Havic’s Rockin’ Roscoe x Ch. Yarrow’s Butterfly), a 2 ½ -year-old male bred by Harriett and Craig Allen and handled by owner Sharon Jones.

Following the Norwich judging, about 50 Norwich and Norfolk aficionados gathered at several long tables set up at the show venue to enjoy the traditional highlight of the Mattaponi supported entry—the sumptuous buffet luncheon. Hosted by the Chesapeake NNTC and choreographed by hospitality queen Jean Kessler, the luncheon featured a smorgasbord of delicious appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts all arranged on a flower-bedecked table with glass plates, cloth napkins and silverware. Special
The 2009 Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club Specialty

The first Specialty of the new regional (Texas) Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club (LSNTC), held Saturday July 11 in conjunction with the 5-day River City Cluster in San Antonio, was an exciting event. Thanks to LSNTC member Carlynn Ricks, our area was set up with a “Meet the Breeds” booth. There were also lots of raffle items, the most coveted of which was a hydraulic grooming table. Thanks to everyone for your contributions of raffle items and your time. LSNTC Trophy Chair Jan Birchall and her assistants outdid themselves again this year with fabulous trophies and a great display at the ringside table. A special note of thanks also to LSNTC Show Chair Joan Jung, our President Karen Vaughn, Treasurer Barbara Einspruch and Secretary Tonnie Willrich for all your hard work.

We were sorry that Norfolk breeder Marjorie McTernan was ill and unable to judge Sweepstakes, but we were honored to have Norfolk/Norwich breeder and NTCA member Lori Pelletier accept our last-minute invitation. Lori looked fabulous and had a great entry of 6 dogs and 6 bitches. Her Best in Sweepstakes, from the 6 to 9 months puppy class, was Itsy Bitsy Rocky Mountain High, bred by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich and shown by Jerry. This handsome young male appears to have a great future ahead of him. Lori chose Skyscot’s Poker Girl, bred by Leslie Becker and co-owned by Leslie with Caroline Dodwell, as Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes. Thanks, Lori, for the great job; we appreciate your stepping up to the plate.

The Specialty judge was Mr. Charles E. Trotter. From an entry of thirty-eight Norwich, judge Trotter chose a lively black and tan male, Itsy Bitsy Troubadour, from the 9 to 12 months class, as his Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Bred by Peggy Schmidt, Kristin Colan and owners Tonnie and Jerry Willrich, “Troubadour” was conditioned and presented by
Betty Bossio. **Reserve Winners Dog** was *Itsy Bitsy Rocky Mountain High* from the Bred By Exhibitor Class, bred and owned by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich and presented by Jerry.

Judge Trotter’s **Winner Bitch**, *Belfyre's Calendar Girl*, came from the Bred By Exhibitor Class. She was bred and is owned by Mike and Polly O’Neal and was beautifully presented by Polly. **Reserve Winners Bitch** was *Itsy Bitsy Rock Around the Clock*. The consistency of the judge’s picks was apparent, with Tonnie and Jerry Willrich again being the breeders and owners of the Reserve Winners Bitch.

**Best Veteran** was *Ch. Turtle Creek Desmond*, bred by Gary Bolding and co-owned by Betsy Watkins, Barbara Einspruch and Katlyn Cagle. This 12-year-old Norwich really enjoyed his time in the ring.

Six beautifully turned out Specials entered the ring. Judge Trotter picked *Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip* as his **Best of Breed**. This handsome black and tan dog, bred by Leslie Becker and owned by Caroline Dodwell, was expertly presented by Brenda Lee Combs. Poker had three group placements throughout the five-show cluster. **Best of Opposite Sex** was a lovely bitch, *Ch. Barnstable Butterfly Kiss*, bred by Kelly Levon and co-owned by Kelly with Sandra Stemmler. Judi Hartell did a fabulous job of conditioning and presenting this bitch to the judge. 1st **Award of Merit** went to *Ch. The Island’s My Cup of Tea*, bred and owned by Carol Wilson and beautifully presented by Patsy Wade. 2nd **Award of Merit** was *Ch. Birchbay Prince Charming*, bred, owned and handled by Jan Birchall.

Our last Specialty entry was a bittersweet win. Polly O’Neal took **Best Brace** with her *Belfyre’s Uptown Girl* and *Belfyre's Calendar Girl*. Both these pretty bitches were out of *Ch. Belfyre’s Tuff Cookie*, the O’Neal’s young bitch who died tragically in July 2008 just a few days after whelping a litter of puppies. *Ed. See the Fall 2008 N & N News, p. 10. for this sad story.* This beautiful matching pair of Norwicht went on to win **Best Brace in Show**. You can only imagine how happy that made Polly.

The final event of the day was a Mexican Dinner at Rita’s on the River. The margaritas flowed freely, the food was great, and the auction was its usual success with the now famous team of auctioneers: Mike Dennis, his sidekick, Rita Mueller, and our own “Vanna” (Linda Boudreaux). Judge Trotter, who with his lovely wife Patricia attended the dinner, thanked us all for making his job easy by presenting him with so many quality Norwicht. A good time was had by all who attended.

As with any Specialty, it took many hands to put it all together. It was great fun, and now we know what we need to do to make it even better next year. Thanks to all who participated and to all who worked so hard to make it a success. Y’all come back now, ya’ hite!

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NTCA & Regional Norwich Clubs Show Calendar For 2010

Feb. 27  Specialty & Sweepstakes: Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago. International Kennel Club, McCormick Place North, Chicago, IL. (Supt. Onofrio; closing Feb. 10) (benched) Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Donna Brown (Puppy Sweeps only) Breed Judge: Peggy Beisel McIwaine

Feb. 28  Supported Entry: Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago. International Kennel Club, McCormick Place North, Chicago, IL. (Supt. Onofrio, closing Feb. 10) (benched) Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Lorraine Bisso (Puppy Sweeps only) Breed Judge: Barbara Keenan There are also 3 All-Breed Shows at this same location on Feb. 24, Feb. 25, Feb. 26 (unbenched)

April 16  Specialty & Sweepstakes: Northern California Norwich Terrier Club. Northern CA Terrier Assoc. (NCTA), Expo Center, Sacramento (Supt. MB-F, closing March 31) Sweepstakes Judge: TBA Breed Judge: TBA There are also shows at this same location on April 15, 17 & 18.

April 23  Supported Entry & Sweepstakes: NTCA. Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, Inc., Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD. (Supt. MB-F, closing April 7) Sweepstakes Judge: TBA Breed Judge: TBA Columbia Terrier show precedes 3 All-Breed Shows, which comprise the Cherry Blossom Cluster.

May 7  Supported Entry: NTCA. Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc. Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp, NJ. (Supt. Rau, closing April 21) Breed Judge: TBA Trenton Kennel Club show on Sunday, May 3 & Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club show, May 4

May 22  Supported Entry & Sweepstakes: NTCA. Mattaponi Kennel Club. Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA. (Supt. MB-F, closing May 5) Sweepstakes Judge: Beth Wilson (Puppy Sweeps only) Breed Judge: Jim White There is a second Mattaponi Kennel Club show on Sunday, May 23.

June 19  Supported Entry: Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago. Great Lakes All Terrier Assoc., Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL. (Supt. Roy Jones, closing June 2)

July 19  Specialty & Sweepstakes: Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club. River City Cluster, San Antonio, TX. Sweepstakes Judge: Anna Bellenger Breed Judge: TBA


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PUBLICATIONS

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.

“Celebrate Pedigrees:” The 2000 Norwich Terrier Pedigree Book. Compiled by long-time Norwich breeder Carol Jordan, this loose-leaf publication has over 200 pages of 4-generation Norwich pedigrees, each with a photo of the dog or bitch. To obtain a copy of this invaluable breed reference, please send a $40 check (which includes postage), payable to Carol Jordan, at 604 Old Fritztown Rd., Reading, PA 19607-1016.

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