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The deadline for submitting all articles and photos for the Fall 2010 News is September 1, 2010. Articles may be snail mailed to Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901 or faxed to me at 434-244-2674. If possible, however, I would much rather have your articles come online to nntcnews@hotmail.com, either as imbedded e-mails or, preferably, as attachments in Microsoft Word. Please note that my computer often refuses to open articles sent in other formats. If you have questions about News submissions, feel free to call me at 434-244-2498.

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

To assure timely publication of the Fall 2010 News, please be sure to meet—or better yet to beat—the September 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

—Alison Freehling

Sending Digital Photos to the News

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

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As a general rule, you won’t have a problem with photos as long as you use a modern digital camera (less than 5 years old) AND set it to shoot at its highest resolution. (Please do not submit photos taken with cell phones.) Save your file as a JPG or TIF; and happy shooting!

—Sharman Pepper, Deerhaven Press, printer of the News
December 31, 2009

Dear NTCA members:

Due to personal circumstances beyond my control, I am stepping down from the office of President of The Norwich Terrier Club of America. It was an honor to have been asked to serve as the club's first President, and it has been an honor to have served you and the dogs this past year. First Vice-President Al Ferruggiaro will step up to take over the Presidency and will continue the good works of our more-than-competent Board.

Thank you to all who have been so generous with your time and patience during this tumultuous but exciting time. I send you and yours my sincerest gratitude, and please remember that the Norwich breed needs to come first above all.

Sincerely yours,
Joan Eckert

A Profile of New NTCA President Al Ferruggiaro

My lifelong passion for purebred dogs dates back to my junior showmanship days and my junior membership in the Sand and Sea Kennel Club in my native New Jersey in 1963. I'm approaching 50 years of involvement in the sport of dogs.

My life with terriers began in 1978 when I acquired my first Lakeland, Ch. Sujaow's Dreamweaver. She was the matriarch of my line of Lakeland champions and gave me my kennel prefix, Dreamweaver. I added Norwich to the mix in the late 1980's with Devendale's Mistress Monica from Anna Bellenger. I then acquired SkyScot's Wags To Witches from Leslie Becker. Bred to Anna's Ch. Devendale's Master Manfred, Wags To Witches jump-started my breeding program by producing littermates Ch. Dreamweaver Son of a Witch and Ch. Dreamweaver Kitchen Witch. Castle-Bar Head Turner later joined me from Barbara Pierce and, when bred to Phyllis Pullen's Ch. Jerusalem Artichoke, produced Ch. Dreamweaver Chocolat. "GoGo" has proven to be an excellent, free-whelping producer. Nonnie Reynders has also been very helpful to my breeding program by allowing me to use Rottie as well as her other stud dogs. These gave my Norwich the bone and substance that they needed.

I have proudly finished many champions as a breeder, owner, and handler. I'm still actively breeding Norwich, but my judging schedule has somewhat curtailed my showing. My goal has always been to produce happy, healthy, quality terriers. I promote the health of my terriers by keeping abreast of health issues in my breeds, trying to make the best informed breeding decisions, and health testing my breeding stock.

I joined the NNCTC in 1990. My NNCTC contributions included two terms as a Governor and Chair of the Breed Standard Committee. In the new NTCA, I served one year as First Vice-President.

Photo submitted by Al Ferruggiaro

Al finishing a "Dreamweaver" Norwich from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class (1995)
before becoming President when Joan Eckert resigned. I coordinate the NTCA Supported Entry at the Columbia Terrier show in April.

In addition to the NTCA, I’m a member of the UK Norwich Terrier Club and serve as an officer of the Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, the National Capital Kennel Club, and the Mason-Dixon Dog Judges Association. I serve as Show Chair for the Columbia Terrier group show and for two large all-breed shows. I enjoy travelling around the country judging Norwich. I also judge the other terrier breeds, the terrier group, toy breeds, and Best in Show.

I serve as the animal fancier appointee to the Montgomery County Maryland Animal Control Board, which hears cases on biting and barking dogs and, most importantly, monitors pending regulations that could adversely impact dog ownership or dog breeding in the county.

I plan to continue in the sport of dogs and contribute to the NTCA for many more years.

—Al Ferruggiario, “Dreamweaver” Norwich, Burtonsville, MD (alf198@yahoo.com)

Leandra Little Returns As AKC Gazette Norwich Breed Columnist

Following a one-year hiatus, NTCA member-breeder Leandra Little (“Littlefield”) will once again be the Norwich breed columnist for the AKC Gazette. Leandra served in this position for the NNTC from August 2006 to May 2009. Her first article as the NTCA’s columnist will appear in the May 2010 Gazette. Welcome back, Leandra, and, on behalf of all Norwich fanciers, thanks for agreeing to return. —AGF

NTCA AKC Delegate’s Report

I am writing this report a week before the March 9 AKC Delegates’ meeting. The first item on the agenda of that meeting will be the election of three delegates for vacancies on the AKC Board of Directors. There are five candidates for the Class of 2014: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, Roswell, GA; Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Marion, OH; Steven Gladstone, Mount Pocono, PA; Dr. William R. Newman, Bedford, PA; and Patricia C. Scully, Suffern, NY. All have served prior terms on the Board.

Here is a summary of what the AKC has done in 2009 that affects our breed:

It has been announced that the 2010 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show will once again be held in Long Beach, CA. The 2011–2015 National Championship shows will move to Orlando, FL and will be held at the Orange County Convention Center.

The AKC will host the Parent Club Conference on August 27-29, 2010 in Raleigh, NC. This conference will include a wide range of workshops on health issues and club governance.
The NTCA will send Corresponding Secretary Jean Kessler as our delegate, as well as a possible second person.

Across the nation, breeders and owners of purebred dogs are under legislative attack by organizations whose agenda includes ending our tradition of having purebred dogs as family pets and working companions. To help fight these anti-dog-owning bills, the AKC encourages all dog fanciers to get involved and is helping to direct our efforts. Individuals may contribute to The AKC PAC (Political Action Committee) to support candidates who defend dog owners’ rights. A second AKC effort to combat anti-dog legislation is the Canine Legislation Support Fund. Individuals or clubs may contribute. For further information and to contribute online, visit www.akc.org/canine_legislation.

A rule change passed by the AKC Board of Directors affects the requirements for registering litter resulting from artificial insemination using fresh extended semen. It is no longer required that a veterinarian be involved.

Effective March 1, 2010, dogs competing in AKC earthdog events will be able to earn the new Earthdog Endurance Title (EE). The EE would be awarded when a dog, on five occasions, passes both the Senior and Master Test at the same event.

The new AKC program for the Grand Champion conformation title was approved at the December 2009 Delegates’ meeting. Dogs can earn points towards the Grand Champion title if they are entered in the Best of Breed class at any show. It will be up to the officiating judge whether the Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex and up to two Select dogs are worthy of these points.

The AKC Board voted to register mixed breed dogs in the AKC Canine Partners Program. Beginning on April 1, 2010, mixed breed dogs registered with the AKC will be allowed to compete in performance events in the same classes as purebreds and can earn the same titles as purebreds in AKC companion events. It will be the option of each individual club holding an AKC obedience, rally, or agility trial to accept entries for mixed-breed dogs enrolled in the Canine Partners Program.

Another new AKC program launched this past year was the STAR Puppy Program, a precursor to the popular AKC canine good citizenship test, which will get puppies and their owners off to a good start.

There are an unending number of small changes to the rules and regulations in conformation showing and for performance events. It is up to each individual person who plans on entering and competing to become familiar with these rules. Individual rule books are available free for the asking. When we sign entries, we agree that we are familiar with the rules. These are often available at shows at the AKC desk or can be requested by phone or by e-mail.

—Betty McDonnell, NTCA AKC Delegate, Mahwah, NJ (kilykanewf@aol.com)

“Ernie” Herstein “sittin’ on the dock of the bay”
From The Editor...

As I write this (late February), a blanket of icy snow still covers the ground here in Charlottesville, VA. All during December, January and February, one storm after another dumped snow throughout the mid-Atlantic region, shattering records here (56 inches) and in D.C. Baltimore and Philadelphia (about 81 inches each in the latter 2 cities!). Only our intrepid 4-yea. old Norwich male has relished this historic winter. The four older females, especially the two 14 ½ year olds, have not enjoyed slipping and sliding on the ice and have opted to spend most of their time indoors. Hopefully Spring is just around the corner!

The winter months have also been a season of considerable disruption for the NTCA Board. For reasons related to family and health, our club’s first President Joan Eckert decided to resign in late December 2009. As outlined in the NNTC Constitution and By-Laws (under which the NTCA continues to operate), First VP Al Ferruggiario took over as NTCA President and Second V. Pam Seifert became First VP. The office of Second VP is currently vacant, as is one Governor’s slot following the mid-February resignation of Natalie Fay Green due to job-related issues. This shuffling of club leadership has, unfortunately, delayed Board action on the new NTCA Constitution and By-Laws (CBL). Under Al’s leadership, Board members are now addressing suggested changes to our club’s draft CBL proposed by the AKC. The final versions of both the CBL and the Code of Ethics will hopefully be mailed to the NTCA membership for consideration in the near future. “Patience is a virtue” seems an appropriate NTCA motto at present.

One more change relates to the club’s annual Directory of Breeders & Stud Dogs. After many years of compiling this NNTC/NTCA publication, Ann Carlson decided to retire. Donna West has kindly volunteered to take on this not-easy task. NTCA members thank Ann for doing such a wonderful job with the Directory and Donna for her willingness to carry on this important club project.

As always, thanks to those who took the time to write articles and contribute photos for the Spring 2010 News. Unlike the Charlottesville snow, my inventory of candid Norwich photos is at a record low, so please send lots of fun pictures of your puppies and adults for the Fall 201 issue. Thanks.

Here’s to Spring and Summer! 😊 —AGF

Winter in Virginia?!
“Choklat” Freehling frolicking in 22 inches of snow (December 2009)
IN MEMORIAM

Bonnie Marie Hohn
(May 8, 1941 – December 10, 2009)

Bonnie Hohn, 68, of Staunton, Virginia died December 10, 2009 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville after suffering a stroke. Bonnie was a retired biology professor (at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton) and a former member of the Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club. She and her sister Sally Hohn were active in the 1980’s breeding and showing Norwich under the “Hedgerow” kennel prefix.

—Jane Schubart, “Ascot” Norwich, Harrisburg, PA

Gilbert S. Kahn
(March 11, 1928 – February 22, 2010)

Gilbert Stanley Kahn of Palm Beach (FL), Newport (RI) and New York City died at his Palm Beach home on February 22, 2010 at the age of 81. Mr. Kahn was a member of the NNTC/NTCA for many decades. He acquired his first Norwich, Dame Elaine of High Rising, from influential early pricker breeders Mr. & Mrs. Grant Dixon Green (“High Rising”) in 1953. During the first stage of his long involvement in the world of purebred dogs, Mr. Kahn bred and exhibited Norwich Terriers under the “Charing Cross” kennel prefix. Although he later switched his focus to Shih Tzus, he remained loyal to the Norwich breed and to the NNTC/NTCA throughout his life, most recently as co-owner with NTCA member Nonie Reynders of Eng. & Am. Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor. At the NNTC’s 70th anniversary celebration in Warwick, Rhode Island (June 2-4, 2006), Mr. Kahn generously funded club members’ transportation costs from the Warwick hotel to historic Newport. He also arranged for and sponsored the NNTC’s private guided tour of the “Breakers,” Newport’s grandest old mansion.

In addition to his participation in the sport of purebred dogs as breeder, exhibitor and AKC conformation judge, Mr. Kahn was involved in numerous dog organizations. To name but a few, he was a trustee of the AKC Museum of the Dog for many years and, at the time of his death, was serving as Chairman of its Board. He also served on the Board of Overseers at the University of PA School of Veterinary Medicine (where there is a Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary Medicine) and as a trustee of the “Take The Lead” Foundation.

Mr. Kahn also supported many philanthropic causes outside the dog world. A passionate opera lover, he served on the Board of the Metropolitan Opera from 1997 to 2009 and funded several live productions at the Met. He was a Board member of the Newport Museum of Art and the Newport Preservation Society.
The NTCA and all Norwich fanciers, the world of purebred dogs, and the many cultural and other organizations that Mr. Kahn supported have lost one of their most generous benefactors. In honor of our breed’s long-time friend, the NTCA Board recently approved a $100 donation in Gilbert Kahn’s memory to the AKC Caring for Canines Health Foundation. The Board also voted to dedicate the 2010 NTCA Montgomery National Specialty to Gilbert Kahn as well as to another long-time NNTC/NTC member Jerry Roszman. [Ed. See the Fall 2009 Norwich Terrier News, p. 10, for Jerry Roszman’s “In Memoriam.”]

—Alison Freehling

Ed.: Information for Gilbert Kahn’s “In Memoriam” is from “Google,” the New York Times, assorted Norwich publications, and NTCA President Al Ferrugiaro. —AGF

“Pretty please, just one more biscuit.”
"HAPPY HUNTING GROUND"

"Toggie"
(April 24, 1996 – January 20, 2010)

Our Norwich "Toggie" truly did make "footprints on our hearts" in the years he lived with us. He was born "Tog the Ribber" at Maralinga Kennels in Alberta, Canada of Danish & Canadian parents. At five months old, he became part of Leslie Becker's Skyscot Kennels, then in Albany, NY, where he was shown and bred. He sired three litters; one of his daughters is part of Robin Siegel's Pennyroyal Norwich in Maryland. Toggie came to live with us on Long Island, NY on 7/30/97; he was our first doggie boy.

Tog was a sweet, gentle soul. His inquisitive nature and loving spirit made all who met him fall in love with him. Although a brain tumor took him from us physically, our wonderful memories of Toggie live on. He would jump up on the sofa and be the lookout at the front window. He loved to sit in the child's seat of the shopping cart at Home Depot, Office Max, or Pet Smart, where he was always a hit with the shoppers. Tog loved fuzzy squeaky toys, and often carried ones bigger than he was up and down the hallway. He would sit between the eggplant and pepper plants in the garden, watching me plant and weed. After following me back and forth to the car to bring in groceries, he would nose each bag on the kitchen floor, hoping to find a treat. This always made me laugh.

From snoring under the dining room table when we had guests, to licking my legs dry when I came out of the shower, to sitting on a chair beside me while I marked school papers, Toggie filled our home with joy. Best of all, we won, several times, dog-owner look-alike contests after proudly doing walks together for Guide Dogs, American Cancer Society and Last Hope Rescue. Until we are with you again at the Rainbow Bridge, all our love Toggie Boy!

—Julie & Ron Tedeschi, Massapequa, NY
"Sprout" Plucks A Perfect Pear

August 17, 2009 was a very exciting day for the Dowell family. We left the lovely northern California home of NTCA members Dori and Phil Ramon with our 3-month-old black and tan Norwich, Windsor's Oh My Word O'Dowell. We named her "Sprout." It was love at first sight.

"Sprout" loved to be outdoors. She would run and play with the apples that fell from our trees, but what she really wanted was one of the "precious" pears from my husband's prized pear tree. After days of looking at the pears, she took a chance. She got up on her hind legs, grabbed the low limb of the pear tree and pulled it up and down, up and down until a perfect pear fell to the ground. She gently rolled her prize over to the lawn, where she admired it, smelled it, and finally took a bite—and then many more bites. Seeing how much Sprout enjoyed her hard-earned pear, even Mr. Dowell had to give in. Now that's a Norwich Terrier!

—Jeannine Dowell, Kent, WA

Ed.: NTCA member and AKC judge Jeannine Dowell, together with her husband Stephen, have owned and loved Norwich Terriers for more than 30 years. Their first, "Wiggins," from breeder Steve Hurt, lived to be 18. Their second, "Shadow," a black and tan bitch from breeder Eileen Rourke, died last year at age 15. —AGF

Magda Omansky Wins Dog-Writing Award!

On behalf of all NTCA members, the News congratulates Board member and NTCA Health Chair Magda Omansky for winning the 2009 Dog Writers Association of America (DWAA) award for best feature article in an all-breed magazine. Magda's winning article, entitled "On the Scent of a Killer," was published in the December 2008 AKC Gazette. A true story, Magda recounts her Norwich "Kate's" uncanny and life-saving ability to detect a malignant breast tumor by using her sense of smell. To broaden the article's import beyond just her personal experience, Magda researched the mechanisms behind dogs' olfactory abilities, compiled studies on other cancer-sniffing dogs, and interviewed dog owners with experiences similar to her own. Magda's award was announced at the DWAA's Awards banquet the Saturday before Westminster. Congratulations, Magda, on this prestigious accomplishment! —AGF
Our First Norwich: From “Greenhorn” to NTCA Versatility Award Winner

A note from NTCA Performance Chair and News' Obedience reporter Carlynn Ricks: This wonderful story about Ann and Phil Whatley's first Norwich is a great example of how to choose a breed and find a breeder and what to do with the dog once you bring it home. —CR

“Sparky” (Ch. Corymor’s Too Cool for Words CD RE), bred by NTCA member Susan Lawrence, came home with us to Alabama early in 2001. My husband Phil and I had been looking for a Norwich for well over a year. We had been to a number of dog shows and had done a lot of research looking for just the right breed. Lorenzo Mosby was one of the reasons we decided we couldn’t live without a Norwich. He was showing a Norwich, and we asked if we could pet his dog. They had already been in the ring, so Lorenzo picked his Norwich up and handed him to Phil. In typical Norwich fashion, this little guy proceeded to lick our faces, wag his tail non-stop and act like we were the most wonderful things that had ever happened to him. Of course we didn’t know that this was what most Norwich do regardless of the person. Lorenzo was happy to answer all our questions and spent a lot of time telling us about the breed. He confirmed in our minds that this was the breed for us.

We didn’t realize how difficult it is to find a Norwich puppy. Phil called every breeder he could find, but had no luck. We were just about to give up when Phil learned that a breeder named Susan Lawrence in California might have one. Phil called her right away. She had no clue who we were and was rightfully a little leery of this crazy Alabama couple willing to fly anywhere to get a Norwich puppy. As it turned out, Susan’s husband Tom and I both worked for Boeing. Tom knew some of the people I worked with and asked them about me. Susan sent us pictures of the litter, and we knew immediately which puppy we wanted. When we arrived in Los Angeles to visit with Susan and her husband, Sparky came bounding out of the puppy room and jumped right into Phil’s lap. We were definitely goner. Susan said Sparky was show quality and that she would like to have him shown. We had no idea what we were getting ourselves into, but we quickly agreed. We didn’t know how to groom a Norwich; we had never shown in conformation; we didn’t even know how to figure the points at a show. But we wanted that little guy so badly we would have agreed to anything. With Susan living in California, she really couldn’t mentor us very much, but she did everything she could to help over the phone. We were lucky to meet some wonderful Norwich people at the shows we went to who helped Phil learn to groom. Phil finished Sparky at 14 months with 15 points and 4 majors. I cried the first time Sparky got a point because it was such a relief to know that total greenhorns could show a dog if the dog was good enough.

After Sparky earned his Ch. title, we joined the Huntsville Obedience Training Club and a whole new world opened up to us again. Phil had accomplished his goal by finishing Sparky, so now it was my turn. Over the next 7 years, Sparky became my best friend. He and I just love being together and “Doing Stuff.” Sparky completed his Rally Titles (RN, RA, RE) and then got his first Obedience Title (CD) in February 2009. He’s close to competing for his CDX if he ever holds that dumbbell long enough to get it back to me. He has his Canine Good Citizen certificate (CGC) and is a Therapy Dog. We visit assisted living facilities in Decatur, AL, every month and he has a fan club at each. We have been invited to join Canine Partners, a certified therapy dog organization, so I hope to have Sparky certified to visit
children in hospitals. Sparky also runs flyball with the Decatur Alabama KC River Runners. He has Top Flight Flyball Title (TF) with U-Fli and is well on his way to the next level. He has his Freesty. Dog-Musical Freestyle Beginning A title (W-FD/MF), and we perform all over North Alabama with the HOTC Dancing Dogs. We’re currently preparing our next solo freestyle performance for competition (to the theme from the cartoon Underdog), and we will compete in duet (to the Wizard of Oz) with a Snoodle named Colby and her owner Linda. Sparky and I have also gone to several earthdog trials. He did get an Introduction to Quarry ribbon, but other than that Sparky would rather have tea and cookies with the rat than bat at him. As long as he’s having fun we never give up, so we will try earthdog again. Meanwhile, Sparky has started classes in tracking with the North Alabama Tracking Association and loves it.

I suppose some would say that Sparky is a “jack of all trades and a master of none,” but his many activities and titles have qualified him for the NTCA Versatility Award. As you can imagine, we are very proud of our little Norwich.

—Ann Whatley, “Moonrock” Norwich, Madison, Alabama (annwhatley@knology.com)

Another NTCA Versatility Award Winner

The newest NTCA Versatility Award winner, Ch. Top Drawer’s She’s A Keeper CD RE N
NAJ, should surprise no one. “Keeper,” who turned a healthy 12 years old at Christmas, was bred and is owned, trained and handled by long-time NTCA member and Norwich breeder Meredith Dwyer (Top Drawer), whose wonderful artwork graces most NTCA items these days.

Before Meredith began training her in obedience and agility, “Keeper” earned her Canin Good Citizenship (CGC) certificate and her breed championship. She also had three litters while she was training in obedience and agility. In the three years from 2005 to 2007, “Keeper” earned six titles: the CD (Companion Dog) in obedience; RN, RA, and RE (Rally Novice, Advanced, and Excellent) and both novice agility titles, NA and NAJ. Congratulations, Meredith, on a Versatile Norwich!

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

No Need To Dread a Car Ride

Common Sense Motion Sickness ‘Busters’

Most Norwich puppy owners have been there—soiled dog beds, miserable pooches, that unmistakable acrid smell of dog vomit. Motion sickness is no fun for dogs or their caregivers. Luckily there are things we can do to avoid it.

Most Norwich puppies outgrow this unpleasant condition, but some unlucky ones remain affected all their lives. My Holly Bee is one of them. Her motion sickness is both severe and long-term. In dealing with Holly’s car sickness, I developed a number of successful strategies to minimize the condition and to help Holly cope with it. I hope you will find them helpful.

Understanding the mechanism behind motion sickness helped me most to address it. I learned that travel sickness is a result of stimulation of the vestibular apparatus located within the inner ear. The
most common hypothesis for the cause is that it functions as a defense mechanism against poisons. There is a part of the brain, called “area postrema”, responsible for inducing vomiting when toxins are detected in the body. When a dog feels the motion without seeing the cause, the brain concludes that the experience is a hallucination due to the ingesting of neurotoxins. In other words, air sickness occurs when the brain receives conflicting messages from the body affecting balance and equilibrium. Car sickness is more commonly seen in puppies and young dogs, just as it affects more children than adults. The ear structures used for balance are not fully developed in puppies and the brain cannot cope with the conflicting messages. Sometimes the problem may be an improperly formed middle ear, but most commonly it is a function of the brain overreacting to the stimulus of moving.

The severity of motion sickness varies from mild, when the dog is only yawning, whimpering and drooling, to severe, which might involve explosive vomiting and diarrhea.

There are some common sense ways to help mitigate motion sickness:

1. Condition your terrier for a positive experience. Spend some time in a parked car with your dog. Take her for really short and fun trips. Drive around the block and have a fantastic play session afterwards. Go to the car for a doggy massage session or just some one-on-one time, with lots of petting and attention. I spent many, many hours in the car with Holly with the car not moving, just sitting in the driveway. I would either read or work on my laptop, and Holly eventually learned to settle and not be anxious in the car.

2. Take your dog for a walk before any travel. This is especially important when you plan on traveling far. Make time for a really long walk. A tired dog is a less anxious dog. The brain will be less reactive.

3. Do not give any food or drink before a car trip. My rule of thumb is 6 hours of no food and little or no water before any longer trips. The idea is to send messages to the brain that the stomach is empty. There is no poison there to get rid of.

4. One exception to the “no eating rule” is ginger. Give one ginger cookie to settle the dog’s stomach about 30 minutes before a trip. Ginger is a traditional remedy for nausea. I found it especially helpful for puppies. Puppies should never be kept hungry.

5. When driving, open the car windows for fresh air or at least lower them a bit. It is important to lower them on both sides of the car. This helps balance the air pressure inside the car with the air pressure outside, which may help reduce your dog’s nausea and discomfort.

6. Locate the dog’s car seat or crate in a place that allows a view of the far horizon. Again, the idea is to reconcile the brain the visual stimuli with the feeling of motion. Conversely, if possible, avoid having your Norwich ride in the most bouncy parts of the vehicle and those closed off from seeing out the window, like the back of a van.

7. Avoid any food or any products with strong smells in the car; these may further stimulate the brain into thinking that the “poison” is still there and may agitate the motion sickness.

8. Drive as smoothly as possible, avoiding sudden stops, fast turns, bumpy roads. The less the little terrier body is thrown around the better. After all, it is all about balance and equilibrium.

9. Make frequent stops to allow a feeling of the solid ground under the dog’s paws.

If the above methods are not enough, you may want to consider medication. Pharmacological intervention was my last resort, but it worked very well for Holly. For her, none of the natural remedies worked (we tried about a dozen or so), nor did any over-the-counter motion sickness remedies for children that our vet suggested we try. The good news is that Pfizer came out with Cerenia, the only medicine specifically formulated for canines. Cerenia, along with the other measures I shared above, allows Holly to travel without vomiting. It is a prescription drug specifically formulated for motion sickness in dogs without causing drowsiness. It is a relatively new medication, so I was hesitant to use it, but it proved incredibly effective for Holly and made our family’s life much happier.

—Magda Omnsky, “Dig-N-Pop” Norwich, Murray Hill, NJ (dignpop@aol.com)
What the NTCA Expects of Member-Breeders

NTCA has specific expectations for member-breeders whose Norwich Terriers are in need of rescue or rehoming. When NTCA Rescue is contacted about a Norwich needing help, one of the first tasks is to try to determine the breeder of the dog. If identified, the NTCA Rescue chair will contact the breeder. Ideally, the breeder would be willing and able to take back the dog and be responsible for finding it a quality permanent home. That is a basic responsibility of a "reputable" breeder. It is understood that sometimes circumstances are such that it is a true hardship or impossibility for a NTCA breeder to fulfill this responsibility. Death, changed living situations, poor health are all understandable circumstances. However, "inconvenient" is not one of those circumstances. A breeder should do everything possible to either take the dog back or arrange for foster care. A breeder should likewise be actively involved in attempting to find a new qualifying home. It is also expected that a member-breeder will cover any expenses incurred by NTCA from the rescue of the dog, if possible. Rescue is there to assist and help breeders successfully take responsibility for the Norwich Terriers they brought into this world.

—Dana Esquibel, NTCA Rescue Chair, El Sobrante, CA
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The Rescue of "Jack"..... and Gail

Gail Furman contacted me recently after she lost her beloved Norfolk, May May, to congestive heart failure. She was still devastated by the loss, but felt it was time to network with folks who might lead her to either an adult Norfolk or Norwich Terrier. Gail lives in Philadelphia, and we had an opportunity to meet in person at the 2009 NTCA Montgomery Specialty. I could really sense Gail’s pain when she described May May and the Norfolk’s fascination with cat videos on YouTube. We both agreed it might be better for Gail to adopt a Norwich so that she wouldn’t make comparisons to May May.

A few months later, a woman in Illinois who does Miniature Schnauzer rescue contacted me. She had a male Norwich named “Jack” from a puppy mill and requested that the NTCA take the dog to rehome. She said he was a very nice-looking Norwich and suspected he was an import as he had a long tail. Pedigree information ultimately confirmed that his suspicions were likely correct. Two NTCA members confidently identified this dog as a purebred Norwich. Fortunately, the woman who had Jack was able to arrange to deliver him to NTCA member Joan Eckert to foster. Joan described Jack as, indeed, very handsome, and quite a special dog. I thought he might be a good match for Gail.

You guessed it—it is a great match! Gail and Jack are inseparable. She works from home, and the two are constant companions. Judging from the smile on Gail’s face in the photo, I am not sure which of them we rescued. I think both!

—Dana Esquibel, NTCA Rescue Chair, El Sobrante, CA
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The “Princess” and the “Charmed”

In addition to “Jack,” two other Norwich Terriers were rehomed through Rescue networking in 2009. When “Princess Zoey’s” owner passed away, a relative contacted Rescue about finding her a new home. Through Rescue contacts (Sue Ely in particular), the perfect new home was found. Lucky Charm, an intact female Norwich in good condition and well-groomed (although clipped), was found wandering the streets of Longview, Texas. One ear has scar tissue that appears to be caused by a hematoma, and the ear is bent over. Charm was fortunate enough to end up with a woman who fosters rescue dogs. We connected and through NTCA member Pam Seifert’s chatlist, we found Charm a new home. In both these cases, no breeder was identified. Both these Norwich are lucky enough to now be living the charmed life of a princess.

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

Rescuing 17 “Norwich” At A Puppy Mill Auction

November 7th, 2009 was an unforgettable day for me and 17 dogs, both puppies and adults, advertised as “Norwich.” That day, a Saturday, I was introduced to the world of puppy mill auctions and kennels in the state of Missouri. My life, as well as the lives of the dogs I rescued with the help of many wonderful friends, has not been the same since.

This journey began the Thursday before when a friend called to alert me that 17 Norwich Terriers were being offered at a puppy mill auction in Missouri. She asked if I had ever been to an auction like that and would I be interested in attending on behalf of the Norwich. I said I was a novice, but that I would certainly help any Norwich I could that needed to be rescued. My friend indicated that two of the 17 dogs, both adult bitches, were AKC registered Norwich. She referred me to the auction website where I could see the ages and sexes of all the dogs and bitches that were being sold. I was stunned when I went online to learn that over 450 dogs of all breeds, ages, and sexes were being auctioned that day in a “liquidation sale.” The Norwich included 11 puppies (five were just a month old; the other six were 4 ½ months old), 4 adult bitches and 2 adult males.
My friend warned me to wear inconspicuous clothes, to tell no one that I was there to but to rescue, and not to take any pictures. If I did, I could be kicked out or intimidated by the other at the auction. Pretty scary, I thought; things couldn’t be good if all this is shrouded in secrecy.

I called my friends at VCA Woodland Central Animal Hospital to ask what assistance they could provide should I succeed in buying and rescuing the dogs. They volunteered to have vet and vet techs on duty that Saturday evening and were waiting for my call on Saturday afternoon to be available for whatever dogs I might bring. They were my heroes and still are!

My best friend and I arrived at the auction site at 8 AM with 10 crates crammed in the back of my car just in case. We wanted to get there in time to view all the animals for sale, to register for the auction, and to receive our bidding numbers before the auction began at 9:30 AM. I immediately started looking for the Norwich. After making a first pass of all the kennel areas, I had to ask the owner of the kennel where they were. When I finally found the “Norwich,” I recognized that none of the 17 was, in fact, a Norwich. They all had docked tails like our breed but, except for one wheaten-colored female named Panda, all the others were brindle in color and looked to me to be purebred Cairns. They were housed in a trailer in 2-ft. by 2-ft. indoor cages with wire floors and a door that let out into outside cages, also 2 ft., all in the air. Most cages had two dogs per cage. The dogs had been in those cages their entire lives. I asked about “Panda because the auction material said she had puppies. The owner of the kennel explained that “good help was hard to find these days.” Panda had delivered a litter of three pups, but the kennel help had turned out the light in the kennel and, therefore, also the heat. When the owner checked on Panda the next day, two of the pups had frozen to death. Panda was shivering from the cold; he one remaining pup lived a couple of days, but then died.

All the dogs were filthy and many were covered in mats. The adults and puppies appeared to be well-tempered, anxious for any attention they could receive. I did not see “Crosta,” the AKC-registered Norwich bitch with the five 4-week-old pups. I was told they were in a separate area and that I could check on them later.

Unfortunately the Norwich were being sold at the end of the day, so I had all day to witness the horrible auction proceedings. Dogs were sold in lots, some together with their pups. The were held up and auctioned off, some for a dollar a dog. The bitches or dogs came out together, or 5 at a time. You could bid on the lot, and whoever won the bid could pick out a dog or could buy all for the same bid price. Mothers sold with their puppies obviously went for a higher price. Once these were sold, the remaining bitches were auctioned individually. It was just so sad to see these wonderful dogs being paraded around in the air until someone bought them. I will never forget the look in their eyes; they looked dazed, never struggled, just stunned.

After calling several Norwich friends from my cell phone in my car, it was decided that we needed to buy the two AKC-registered “Norwich” bitches, “Crosta” (and her 5 pups) and “Candy Paint.” A breeding bitch and 5 pups would be very popular with other puppy mill breeders there. The other adult bitches were priority number two and then the female pups that would soon be old enough for breeding. As the
moment of the Norwich auction approached, I decided that I had to try and buy as many of the 17 as I could. Breeding them and their puppy offspring would be very damaging to the integrity of our purebred Norwich registry and would help to perpetuate the fraud by these kennel owners and the auction company that these docked-tailed Cairns were really Norwich. My friends had told me to do what I thought was best. They said they would stand behind me to help offset the costs and to help find these dogs happy lifetime homes.

I managed to buy all the puppies and the adult bitches, all for different prices. “Crosa” and her 5 pups were the most expensive since many puppy mill breeders wanted her and her babies. Many folks in attendance had their own commercial kennels in Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, etc. I asked them many questions, trying to find out why they were there, how they got into the business, what their favorite breeds were, etc. Most said their best market was the Internet. Puppies were the easiest to sell. Adults did not fetch the same kind of money, but could be used for breeding.

At five o’clock, the auction finally was over. I had purchased all 17 “Norwich,” even the two males at just $50 each. There was not much of a market for them as I had bought all the females. It was getting dark; I had a credit card bill to pay along with basic paperwork to complete and receive. Since I had met the kennel owner, I asked if she had any more records on all these dogs—shot records, pedigrees, transfer documents, etc. Fortunately she did.

Those additional documents proved to be invaluable in helping to purge these fraudulent pedigrees from the Norwich registry. I obtained the dogs’ AKC registration papers, APRI papers where it applied, documents showing from whom the current owner had purchased these dogs (she had only had them for 8 months), pedigree information, and much more. The documents showed that the adult dogs had been imported. The person who owned these dogs prior and who sold them to the kennel auction owner sold them as Norwich. Their transfer paperwork all stated they were Norwich. They were not. Crosta was Mars DNA tested after she was rescued. Her DNA results came back as 100% Cairn! Her litter sister Candy Paint was the other AKC registered bitch in the auction. Cairn as well as Norwich breeders should be very disturbed.

We loaded up 15 of the dogs in my car and began our three hour trip back home. One of the older female pups was being taken by a friend to her new home, and one of the adult males was slated to go to a rescue group the following day. All the dogs were quiet. I’m sure they did not know what to think about being on dog pads for the first time and driving in a car. As we drove out of the auction site, I shouted, “You’re saved…… on your way to new forever homes!”

Veterinarians Dr. Chad Lewis and Dr. James Osborn were waiting for us at 9:30 PM that Saturday night. I had called them earlier to say we were on our way with 15 dogs of assorted ages and sexes that needed to be examined and housed. When we arrived, guys and gals rushed out, grabbed crates and started triaging the dogs. Each was examined for any initial problems or needs. They all were given bandanas with their names and numbers, taken out to pee, given food and water, and placed in their own comfy cages with toys and treats. Most looked very stunned at the fuzzy toys in their crates. They had never had toys to play with, but they quickly got the hang of
it. The veterinary staff marveled at the dogs’ great temperaments, at how cooperative they were even though a little stunned.

The next morning when I came back to check on my charges, all 15 were the stars of the clinic! The adults had to learn to walk outside to pee; they had never been on a leash or walked on their own. At first they were messy for the caring vet staff as they had been used to peeing and pooping in their crates. All were given shots, bordatella, heartworm tests; all were wormed, fecals taken, worming and flea prevention meds given. Then they were scheduled for a spay or neuter surgery and full dentals. One adult male and one adult female had significant hernias that needed to be repaired during their spay or neuter. Dr. Chad Lewis and his staff provided all these services at a reduced fee. We could never have afforded this without their caring generosity!

Other friends also stepped up to help. One bathed all the dogs for free as her contribution to our effort. She cleaned and dematted them, washed them, cut their nails and dried them to gorgeous condition. All had “before” and “after” pix. Too bad there is not a doggie makeover show on TV! More good news followed. The girl puppies were transported to a wonderful rescue lady, Dr. Angie Patton, in Longview, Texas. The boys hitched a ride to the Happy Trails Animal Sanctuary in Missouri. Both these rescue organizations kept the puppies until they were old enough to b spayed or neutered and then found them terrific loving homes. The 5 adults went to stay with my friend and professional dog handler Brenda Combs, who bathed and groomed them so that they looked like the beautiful Cairns that they are. Brenda donated the dogs’ month-and-a-half boarding and care on behalf of our Norwich Terrier/Cairn rescue group.

I am proud and relieved to say that all the dogs, adults and puppies, are in good hands now.

As in any successful effort, it took a team of dedicated folks to rescue and rehome these special dogs. I can truly now say “they are free and in loving forever homes!” For these 17 puppy mill dogs, this is a wonderful conclusion to what could have been a tragic story. But their story is not an end. It is a wakeup call to all of us who care about dogs and to parent clubs who care about their purebred dogs. Countless numbers of dogs continue to be sold at auction every week. When they hear this rescue story, some people have asked me how this can happen, why are these people not put out of business? Many states have tried to enact legislation to stop commercial puppy mills, but unfortunately they meet strong resistance from many groups—including the AKC. The AKC runs full-colored ads in publications printed by auction companies that support the commercial puppy mill business. The AKC openly solicits commercial breeders with ads calling these breeders their “most important clients.” Why? I can only believe it is because the AKC want the money from these commercial breeders who pay for litter and dog registrations. That revenue seems to be more important than how these dogs are treated, how they are cared for, what type of breeding practices these people use, and in the case of these “Norwich” really Cairns, whether the commercial breeders are even accurate with the public about the specific breed!

I wish that the AKC would work with legislators in puppy mill states to help them develop laws that will either stop commercial puppy mills or at least prevent poor treatment of animals in the commercial kennels. I intend to pursue these issues diligently with the AKC and work to help develop appropriate legislation that fights puppy mill commercial breeders but still support and protects the interest of small breeders like you and me. If you care about your dogs, please join me.

—Ellen Lucas, “Southwest Quarter” Norwich, Tulsa, OK (ellen4bill@cox.net)

Ed.: Ellen Lucas has bred Norwich under the “Southwest Quarter” kennel prefix since 1988. A long-time NNTC member, Governor and club President from 2000 to 2002, Ellen ha also served on animal shelter boards and has worked for or founded several organizations advocating low-cost spay-neuter services and humane treatment of animals. —AGF
Cardboard recycling, Norwich style

"Darn! I'm too big to squeeze under here."

"Yippee! No more snow!"

"Mom's ears make great chew toys."

"I've mastered the art of 'pick-your-own' gooseberries."
Beware Xylitol, More Toxic To Dogs Than Chocolate!

Ed.: The following two-part article begins with the story of “Beetle,” a 10-month-old Norwich, written by his bereft owner, Elizabeth Kelly:

“Beetle’s” Tragic Death

Beetle was a puppy of such zest. He touched everyone who came in contact with him. Our family has been blindsided by his death. Just 10 months old, he died from eating sugarless gum containing the artificial sweetener Xylitol.

From the beginning, Beetle loved to chew and eat everything. We were very aware of this and thought we were doing a good job of keeping dangerous things off the floor. But despite our precautions, one day Beetle go into a pack of sugar-free gum.

When I saw him eating the gum, I called my vet. I felt panic rising when the vet said “How soon can you get him here?” The vet induced vomiting, but it took Beetle over 1 ½ hour to vomit up the gum from his stomach. The vet also put Beetle on an IV catheter of fluids and glucose and checked his “levels” a few times that night. He felt confident that this treatment was beyond the norm for care, but to the vet’s and our absolute shock our beloved Norwich did not live through the night.

For a dog Beetle’s size (about 10 pounds), it takes only 1 ½ pieces of gum sweetened with Xylitol to be toxic. I estimate that he ate at least 4 pieces. We had no idea that this danger was in our home. Even a short-legged Norwich could find gum (or candy) sweetened with Xylitol in the pocket of a coat—or the gum could fall out of the pocket onto the floor. Our lesson has been very painful. I write this story to warn others with canine companions NOT to have products containing Xylitol around your house. We miss you Beetle boy; our family feels incomplete.

—Elizabeth Kelly, Lacey, WA

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Ed.: In the aftermath of Beetle’s death from Xylitol poisoning, it seemed advisable to reprint this article from the Fall 2006 Norwich & Norfolk News (p. 34), written by then NNTC Norwich Health/Genetics Chair Laura Madsen DVM. For more information, google “xylitol and dogs.” —AGF

Toxin Alert: Xylitol

Xylitol is a relatively new artificial sweetener. It is available as a sugar substitute, and can be found in products for human consumption such as chewing gum, breath mints and pudding. In humans, xylitol is safe, but in dogs, it can cause acute liver failure and/or hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). In humans, xylitol has no effect on insulin
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The insulin drives the dog's blood sugar down, causing seizures, coma and death. Liver failure is characterized by severe jaundice, vomiting, coagulation abnormalities, and death.

The toxic dose to cause hypoglycemia is approximately 0.2 grams per kilogram of body weight; the toxic dose to cause liver failure is approximately 1.5 grams per kilogram. Xylitol-sweetened chewing gum contains 1 to 2 grams per piece and sugar-free chocolate pudding contains 7 grams per 6-ounce container. For a 13-pound Norwich or Norfolk Terrier (6 kilograms), this figures out to potential toxic doses of one piece of chewing gum or one ounce of pudding to cause hypoglycemia. The doses to cause liver failure would be 5 pieces of gum or one 6-ounce pudding.

Xylitol is also found in canine water additives for freshening a dog's breath. At proper dilutions, the xylitol content is very low, but toxicity could theoretically be seen with improper dilution.

—Laura Madsen DVM

A “Do It Yourself” AI Success Story

My Norwich bitch “Little” (Ch. Little by Littlefield) came into heat on September 14, 2009. I’d been planning a breeding to a nice California male since early summer, so I called the stud dog owner right away with the news. Five days later (a Friday), I took Little in for a baseline progesterone test; the result, 1.0. Four days later, it was 2.5 (day 9); by day 11 (Thursday) it had risen to 7.0. My vet said, “The optimum breeding day will be Saturday, September 26th.” Then he added, “I won’t be available, but we have vets on duty here who will be able to do an AI.”

I was a bit dubious since he was the only reproductive vet that I knew of in the practice. When I went to settle up, I asked my trusted, long-time expert at the front desk for her input regarding the other vets on staff. “Well,” Debbie told me, “Dr. so-and-so has done a few.” “Is there anyone else”, I asked? She replied, “We also have Dr. so-and-so, who has done one or two.” “Hmmm,” I said, “I’ve done more than that, let me think about it.” What I didn’t say was that it had been over two years since I’d done an AI, but nothing ventured … I called California that afternoon and instructed the stud owner to send the fresh chilled semen for Saturday arrival and then reviewed my literature on the subject and checked that I had an AI kit on hand. All set!

The package duly arrived Saturday morning. I put Little on the table and took out my AI kit (which I had previously sterilized and scrupulously made sure was bone dry). Now an AI “kit” is a pretty simple thing. It consists of a syringe with a flexible tube attached to the “needle” end. I removed the top half, poured in the semen and then, without thinking, went to reinsert the plunger part … yes, that’s right, with about 2 inches of airspace between the semen and my plunger. Well, it was sort of like the fountains of Rome when I began to fit on that top piece. There were droplets of that precious, shipped-all-the-way-from-CA semen lying on the table. Fortunately, I quickly figured out where I’d gone wrong. I halted everything, took the top part off the syringe, poured the semen back into the original receptacle and then, ever so carefully, started over, drawing the precious liquid up into the syringe. I lifted Little up and inserted the flexible tube. This time the semen went where it was supposed to go. I stood with her in my arms, her rear up in the air and, after withdrawing the tube, feathered her for a few minutes. Then I put her into a crate and let her lie in afterglow. I thought to myself: “what will be will be.”

After the Montgomery Specialty, I went to Seattle for three weeks, leaving Little at home with her “dad”, my patient husband, Steve. I would ask him over the phone, “How is she doing?” He would reply, “Just fine! Eating up a storm.” I returned on November 3rd. Gee, she seemed a bit round. I’m not good at palpation, so I didn’t even try that, but her nipples did seem rather full…

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She was sitting in my lap in the back seat of our car when we had a terrible accident driving from New Jersey to Florida on November 8th. Little and I were both thrown out of the car. Unlike me, Little showed no sign of ill effects from the accident and delivered 3 sturdy, healthy boys on November 25th. Delivered by section, they were a “textbook” litter. No problems, thank goodness. I thank my Norfolk Terrier friends Heidi Evans, Sue O’Brien and Bridget Smith for taking care of Little and her boys while I was in the first stages of recovery from my injuries. I was able to retrieve Little and the puppies at 3 weeks. Fortunately the AKC no longer requires you to sign off on AI litter registrations, so it was easy to register the litter as well.

The moral of this AI story is that shipping fresh-chilled semen can work in breeding Norwich, even if somewhat “rusty” hands. But it is crucial to test for progesterone levels to find the optimum day. Also “be prepared.” Have your AI kit and review your notes if you haven’t done an AI for a while. There are reproduction books, breeders’ chatlines and DVD’s available on the Internet. Little had no stress when I did the AI; she was at home in the arms of her “mommy.” I think also the puppies survived the accident because although they were firmly implanted by November 8th, they still had most of their actual weight gain and final development to accomplish. Now if only I could have arranged for one or two girl puppies....

—Leandra Little, “Littlefield” Norwich, Bradenton, FL (llittle9@earthlink.net)

CHIC and Truth In Advertising

NTCA voted to participate in the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) program. The recommended breed health tests NTCA chose include OFA or PennHip evaluation for Hips, OFA evaluation for Patellar Luxation, and CERF for Eye Clearance. When these tests have been completed, the dog will receive a CHIC #. For a breeder to state that a particular dog has had the health tests recommended by the parent club (NTCA), the dog must have a CHIC #. The only exception is if the dog in question is under 2 years of age and not yet eligible to receive a permanent evaluation for hips, but has completed a preliminary OFA or PennHip evaluation. Once the dog reaches 2 years of age, the permanent hip evaluation must be recorded and the CHIC # assigned. More information can be found on the CHIC website, www.caninenehealthinfo.org.

One site for advertising puppies is the AKC Classified Section. NTCA encourages members to advertise their litters on this site and give the public a place to find responsible Norwich breeders. There is a breeder survey as a part of the AKC listing, and one of the questions asked concerns health testing. Specifically it states, “The applicable health screens have been performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the Parent Club for this breed. (AKC recommends you ask about health issues as discussed on the web pages of the respective AKC Parent Club). Please make sure appropriate certification data, which is recorded by the AKC, is recorded for the sire
and dam if indicating yes.” When answering “Yes” to this question, both the sire and dam must have a CHIC # (only exception is if a dog is under 2 and has the preliminary OFA or PennHip evaluation completed). There is a section on the AKC listing where breeders can make comments noting any information on the puppies, sire and dam health screenings that have been completed, contract information, etc. I recommend you take advantage of this section of the listing to offer more information for users of the site.

As NTCA’s CHIC Liaison, I monitor the AKC site for truth in advertising. There has been some confusion as breeders may have completed some of the health tests and mistakenly thought that would qualify them to answer “yes” to this survey. Any tests and appropriate documentation (OFA and CERF #s) could be noted in the comments. However, all three tests must be completed and a CHIC # assigned to truthfully answer “yes” to the survey.

The same guidelines apply to any advertising involving recommended health testing by the parent club (NTCA).

—Dana Esquibel, NTCA CHIC Liaison

A Different Approach To Canine Wellness

Author’s note: This is a recap of my experience with the healing of my Norwich Terrier “DJ” 10 years ago. It is not intended to “slam” mainstream veterinarians or Western medicine, but rather to applaud the miles we have come in successfully integrating holistic and Western medicine to allow healing to be all about the dog. —Donna West

Holistic medicine respects and is attuned to the “wisdom of the body.” This wisdom is defined as the connection between body sensitivity and mind awareness. Modern science wants to separate mind from body and heal the body as if it were a machine, part by part. In the holistic or “whole-being” approach, one aims to restore balance on the physical, spiritual and mental levels, resulting in the human or animal being happy and healthy. I have embraced this “whole-being” approach since 1989, and I believe it is what saved my Norwich Terrier DJ as well as giving him a good quality life for most of his 11 years. Perhaps after reading his story, you will consider opening your mind to learn about a whole new set of tools for healing your own dog’s disease.

I purchased DJ in 1998 when he was 6 months old. He was supposed to be my first show dog. His sire was a popular breed champion promoted as the greatest show dog of the time. From the minute DJ came into my house, he exhibited a constant rattle; he breathed and snored so loudly, I could hardly hear the TV. By the time he was 10 months old, he had so many bouts of back sneezing and wheezy breathing ending in ER visits that I lost count. Various vets determined he had possible bronchial infections, a reaction to tainted rawhide or several other educated guesses they conjured up. Early on I found DJ was very reactive to the many medications prescribed to help him breathe better. This turned me to Bryonia (30c), a homeopathic remedy that I administered several times a week. For many months it seemed to help quiet his snoring and chest rattling. But on our daily walks, I noticed he had less and less stamina, tiring easily. His condition deteriorated rapidly, with more emergency trips to the vet for oxygen to restore his gum color and breathing.

I switched local vets for different opinions. At 13 months old, DJ was diagnosed with three different maladies: COPD, a collapsed trachea, and an undetectable stomach disorder which later showed up as IBD (Irritable Bowel Disease). Everted Saccules were not mentioned. Surgery was not recommended due to his extreme fragility. I was very frustrated with the multiple diagnoses and no suggestions of a cure in sight.
In December of 2000, 2 weeks after receiving a rabies vaccination, DJ and I went, yet again, to the ER, this time because he had been vomiting greenish/yellow foam several times a day for 6 days straight. He ate, but could keep nothing down, and he was choking on his vomit. His body had grown too weak and dehydrated to keep him at home. On this visit, a vet mistakenly gave him an overdose of glucose. This shocked his body so much that he lost his eye sight. The vets all concurred and warned me that he might never see again. We were now working with a blind dog and a sketchy diagnosis at best. DJ could not eat and was barely breathing; he was seizing with unknown internal pain and was semi-conscious. He was hooked to IV's, had several pain patches, and was receiving high doses of prednisone for his breathing. After 5 days, the vets finally gave up, saying they had nothing left to offer me to save his life.

Watching my lovely DJ, blind and dying in their well-equipped veterinary hospital, saddened me, but luckily not beyond belief! Faith kicked in and I suddenly knew I had to try every healing technique out there to save his life! Although blood tests, ultrasounds, x-rays, and Western drugs had been utilized, I felt strongly that his healing required something that was absent from Western medicine. There had to be some way to fortify and stimulate his energy system.

In desperation I consulted my friend and holistic vet, Dr. Anne Smith, who lived 3,000 miles away. She knew DJ and agreed to take over his care. She ordered him off all the meds except the prednisone and the IV for hydration. Using my hands and her prescribed injectable homeopathic remedies, herbal tinctures, and precise energy work, we jump-started his fragile immune system. I gave DJ the injections that she mailed to me, and faithfully performed the energy work per her detailed instructions. The ER doctors would not inject medicines they knew nothing about, nor did they believe that I could ‘regenerate’ his energy with my hands. Their smugness made me even more determined to keep my faith in what I was doing to save my little Norwich.

The vets did allow DJ to stay in their hospital hooked up to the IV for hydration. They also gave me access to him in a small storage room where technicians would roll him in on a gurney three times each day and night for me to treat. I was told that I if I was crazy enough to spend all my money and time for useless hospitalization for a dying animal, so be it. They gave me two days to show them a sign of improvement with my ‘witch medicine.’ I slept only in the three-hour intervals when I was not at the hospital. It was quite a challenge for an already emotionally torn soul to stop grieving for her dying dog and take charge when all local support was sure of his imminent death. I became even more determined to save his life. Later I understood why my intention and determination that he survive were essential keys to his wellness.

My friend who came with me to see DJ held another important key to his life. DJ would try to eat and drink, but he could not swallow. She suggested trying the food thickener used in nursing homes when older people cannot drink. When mixed with water, it thickens it, thus allowing the body to swallow without the trauma of choking. After a few tries, DJ finally took his first swallow of ‘thick’ water. As his energy increased, I coaxed him to lick the gruel I had prepared. Those few swallows an hour were monumental in saving his life. The ER personnel were astounded and later quite thankful to add this magic to their box of medicinal tricks. But the miracle was that after this ‘ice breaker,’ everyone then shared my hope, including DJ! I had finally done something that they could see that actually made the patient better. Complementary medicine was now at work, and the road to wellness had begun.

Once DJ was strong enough and I was able to take him home, his energy and strength improved each day. I could then hand-feed him a gruel of real food every few hours. He also received minerals, immune boosters, and various supplements for support. The only traditional medicine I kept him on was a small dose of prednisone. Two years later, I was even able to wean him off that as his breathing steadily improved.

In my opinion, the ‘lay person’ who has good observational skills and focused intention can be very effective with natural remedies. It is always best to consult with a homeopathic and/or holistic veterinarian, but, as a rule, over-the-counter remedies are gentle and do no harm. If you
guess and use the wrong remedy, the body simply does not recognize it as invasive. If you administer the correct remedy, you usually see rapid improvement of some sort.

I sadly lost DJ in December 2008 due to a mass in his stomach. I chose to let him go before the quality of his life caused him any discomfort. But he lived eight quality years after that horrible incident in December 2000. I hope that in sharing the following specific modalities I utilized with DJ that other dogs may benefit: DJ’s eyesight returned after five months with the homeopathic remedy, Euphrasia (200c), administered 3 times a week. Bryonia (200c) and Antimonium Tart (30c) were used for his breathing and to keep his lungs clear. I switched these every week with Heper Sulph (30c) and Pulsatilla (30c) according to the color and texture of the mucus he was producing. Arnica Montana (1M) was given for his pain 3 times daily at first, then once a week thereafter for many weeks. If he threw up, Veratrum Album (30c) was the remedy of choice and then Arsenicum (200c) to clear and soothe his stomach.

The Bach Flower Remedies given consisted of a long list. I had to mix and change them according to his moods. I feel these were a very important part in his healing as they deal with specific fears. If the fear is eradicated in the brain when the behavior is detected, it does not appear in the body to manifest as disease. Many people are familiar with Rescue Remedy only, but the other 33 Bach remedies are just as powerful. They are fun to study and are quite helpful in the mind of man and beast. Dr. Smith prescribed many immune boosting herbs according to how DJ’s bowels were reacting. Slippery elm is one that was most helpful for his loose bowels, as well as organic pumpkin. A Children's tincture of Echinacea/Golden Root was given to build him up (I take this myself to ward off a cold.)

I also used several Essential oils during and after his rocky road to wellness. Eucalyptus kept his nasal passages open, sniffing lavender totally calmed him when needed and peppermint/almond oil eased his tense muscles with light massage. My massage therapist taught me how to use Reiki and other energy work to get his body balanced. I learned pressure points to substitute the acupuncturist's weekly needles. I had to do as much therapeutic work as I could at home with the bills from his illness pouring in. DJ gave me a better course in ‘Proving the Effectiveness of Alternative Medicine and Complimentary Medicine’ than I could ever have taken at any school of medicine.

I hope none of you ever have to go through anything like this to prove the power that these energy medicines have to heal disease. Start by treating common problems such as kennel cough, stomach disorders, diarrhea, and research treatments using some of these different techniques and healing modalities. Take seminars to learn how to do Tellington Touch, massage and Reiki. You will be keeping your brain active by learning something new, your body healthy, and your animals living by your side for a long time!

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

The 2009 AKC Canine Health Foundation Conference

Every year, the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) offers a 3-day scientific program to AKC breed parent clubs. Last October I had the pleasure of representing The Norwich Terrier Club of America at the 2009 National Parent Club CHF Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

As its mission statement declares, the AKC CHF is dedicated “to research and education that leads to longer, healthier lives for all canines, thus improving the quality of life for both pets and their human companions.” CHF has been instrumental in supporting landmark canine
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health research of root causes of various diseases, developing innovative therapies, and offering groundbreaking insight into human diseases. This year's conference focused on canine cancer research and therapies.

The attendees participated in very informative lectures and workshops. The program was condensed and varied. We learned about such subjects as the newest methods applied in veterinary oncology, advances in canine cardiac research, comparative genomics, immunonutrition, as well as broader subjects like the AKC involvement in dog legislation or navigating the CHF grant process. A number of lectures presented at the conference have been recorded and posted in a series of video podcasts available on the CHF website at www.akchf.org.

This year's keynote speaker was Mike Sampson, an adjunct lecturer at the University of Tennessee. Mr. Sampson discussed the One Health concept and its implications to both human and veterinary research. His presentation looked at public health as it relates to veterinary medicine and the detection and treatment of illnesses like SARS and the latest influenza virus, H1N1.

There were too numerous presentations to list them all, but here are some highlights. Matthew Breen, PhD of North Carolina State University, presented the most fascinating look into the future of canine research and medicine in general in his fantastic lecture Canine Cancer & Comparative Genomics: New Technologies, New Opportunities. Dr. Breen's peek into the future of genetics was truly spellbinding.

Dr. Simon Platt of the University of Georgia talked about New Diagnostic and Therapeutic Investigations of Neurological Disease in Dogs. Dr. Platt's lab has one of the seven most powerful MRIs used in veterinary science in the world. We were offered a rare insight into the newest diagnostic tools for neurological disorders. Considering that some Norwich Terriers suffer from seizures, I found this presentation most informative.

As a breeder, I also found the lecture Dalmatian Bladder Stones: not just a Dalmatian Problem by Danika Bannasch, DVM, PhD, captivating. Dr. Bannasch's presentation showed how geneticists discover modes of inheritance, and how understanding the way a genetic condition gets passed from generation to generation offers an opportunity to breed away from a disease. As a side note, I wrote in the Fall 2009 News about Dr. Bannasch's study on midline defects (cleft palate) and cryptorchidism. I hope many of you participated in the online survey.

The most direct benefit to the NTCA resulting from my participation in the CHF conference are the numerous contacts I made with researchers and OFA representatives. These will allow us to offer an online health survey to Norwich Terrier owners (coming soon), and to advance our efforts to fund an Upper Airway Syndrome study.

—Magda Omansky, NTCA Health Chair, Murray Hill, NJ
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Full stride: "Robin" McDonnell retrieving her king-sized toy rat
Master Agility Champion Harry

On October 9, 2009, at an agility trial in Charlotte, North Carolina, Ursula Walsh’s Harry, also fondly known as “Hair Bear,” earned the highest award in AKC agility, Master Agility Champion, and the right to proudly display the abbreviations of the title before his formal name. MACH Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MX MXJ OF JE is a young five years old and was bred by Beth Sweigart and Jamey Lahy.

The extensive requirements of the Master Agility Champion title were recounted in the Spring 2009 issue of the Norwich Terrier News (p.20). In a nutshell, to earn a coveted MACH, a dog and handler must be consistently fast, consistently accurate, and have the skills to repeatedly negotiate around the most difficult of agility courses as a coherent team. On the journey toward earning a MACH, both dog and handler must persevere through innumerable challenges off and on the courses. Ursula’s Harry is the fifth MACH Norwich Terrier, and joins Norwich Terriers MACH Kate, MACH Scooter, MACH Malarky, and MACH Higgins.

Harry’s MACH was earned in remarkable style at the Charlotte trial with 1st Place and 2nd Place ribbons. When earning his final 750th speed point for his MACH, Harry also earned his 40th Double Q! (A “Double Q” is agility lingo for two qualifying rounds on the same day—a very difficult task!) Many great reasons to celebrate!

Now with his MACH, Harry has indeed proven himself to be a willing and talented little terrier, and Ursula most definitely a patient and talented trainer. Our members will recall Harry’s receipt of our club’s Versatility Award in 2009 (see Norwich Terrier News, Fall 2009, p.7). For good reason, not only Ursula, but all of the Norwich Club, can proudly proclaim, “We’re just wild about Harry!” “MACH Harry,” that is!

—Susan Novotny, News agility reporter (tinyterriers@gmail.com)
New NTCA AKC Agility Titles

In addition to Ursula Walsh’s new MACH Norwich Harry, four NTCA member-owned Norwich earned new agility titles during the last six months of 2009. And boy, did they earn the titles!!!!

Three young dogs continued their winning ways from the first part of the year. These three dogs have quickly climbed into the upper ranks of Norwich agility and are proving that they are the new faces to be reckoned with. Blair Kelly’s young Jerusalem Olivia Lenox earned her Excellent Agility title and Master Agility Jumpers title. No small feat! Rainee Johnson’s young Savvy, aka, Breakaway In the Know, earned her Excellent Agility title, Excellent Jumpers title, and Open FAST title. To say Savvy is quick and motivated is an understatement—she’s been averaging 22 seconds under standard course time on Excellent Standard and 11 seconds under standard course time on Excellent Jumpers courses! Maureen Glancy’s Ch. Bunratty’s Earl Arlie O’Todd earned his Open Agility, Open Jumpers, and Excellent Jumpers titles. Wow! At the very highest levels of AKC competition, these young, athletic Norwich Terriers are proving they can compete with the best and most experienced agility dogs on the most challenging of courses.

Another agility team deserving of special congratulations is Chris Zink and her “Vespa,” also known as Jerusalem Road Less Traveled. Vespa has clearly overcome her little training hiccups and has also put together ten qualifying jumpers runs to earn her Master Agility Jumper title. Blair’s other young girl Norwich proved she, too, is on her way to an agility career. Jerusalem Mariah Lenox earned her Novice Agility title and is on her way.

Finally, in the latter part of 2009, two of our veteran agility dogs showed that they can still run clean and fast. Rainee’s eleven year old Ch. Breakaway’s Central Perk, better known as Chandler, who already has an MX, MXJ after his name for titles earned in the 8 inch jump-height class, now has added the Novice Agility Preferred title to his name. And what more can possibly be said about Blair’s Kate, also known as Ch. MACH Jerusalem J. Katherina Minola, who has incredibly earned her Master Jumper Preferred 3 title. This means that Kate, after earning her MACH at the 8 inch jump height, has earned more than 30 qualifying clean runs on Excellent Jumper courses in the 4 inch jump height. You rock, Kate!!!!

All these titles reflect far more than a completion of requirements for advancing through the levels of AKC agility. These titles represent hours and hours of training, traveling, practicing, and of having loads of fun together by these dogs and handlers. Our Norwich athletes and their handlers have very special relationships. Huge congratulations to all. A complete listing of all Norwich agility titles can be found on the Club’s website.

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The 2009 AKC Agility Invitational

In conjunction with the Eukanuba National Championship at the Long Beach Convention Center, the Agility Invitational was held on December 12-13, 2009. Three of the top five agility Norwich accepted invitations to compete for the honor of high scoring Norwich Terrier and best agility dog in the 8 inch jump height. Club members Donna West and her Sam, Ch. Shoebottom’s Beau Burnside MX MXJ NF SE, Ursula Walsh and her Harry, MACH Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MX MXJ OF JE, traveled from the east coast (NJ and NC) for the prestigious event and were joined by northern California’s Vickie Yamaoka and her Winston, Shonleh Migar Winston AX MXJ OF.

A total of 88 dogs competed alongside the three Norwich Terrier boys in the 8 inch jump height. After four rounds on technically challenging and fast running courses, and close competition among the Norwich, Donna West’s Sam came out on top with the most points and the top score. Sam was expertly handled at the event by Donna’s good friend, Norfolk breeder Marian Shaw, DVM. Sam’s victory was especially remarkable in light of Marian’s inability to run full out due to her own recent leg injury and her need to employ less familiar, compensating, handling maneuvers. As Marian explains, she really had to rely more than ever on Sam to generate his own speed and to take the turns as efficiently as possible. As Marian modestly reported afterwards, “in a couple of ‘oops’ moments, Sam really saved us!” Actually, Donna’s little Sam was steady and consistent in all four runs, never gave up, and well deserved the large medallion, sponsored by the Norwich Terrier Club of America, for Top Norwich Terrier.

Ursula and MACH Harry also had an Invitational to brag about. As is so often the case in this sort of agility, but for one missed weave pole, Harry was “oh so close” to having four perfect runs and almost becoming the first Norwich Terrier to make it to the Final Round. At the Invitational, one split-second mistake can be most costly.

As in years past, Ursula and Donna reported they enjoyed far more than the actual competition at the Invitational. The camaraderie, the excitement, and “sheer energy” of the event resulted in memories and friendships that will last forever. Like very few other breeds, the Norwich handlers and owners and families and friends all cheer loudly for one another, encouragingly support one another, and celebrate wildly each other’s successes. Despite the rain and puddles surrounding the agility arena at this year’s Invitational, once again the weekend in Long Beach lived up to its reputation as being the single event of the year that every Norwich agility team longs to attend.

Congratulations to all owners, breeders, and handlers of Norwich who were invited this year, and huge kudos to Ursula, Donna, Marian, and Vickie, and of course to Sam, for a job well done!

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Bad timing!

NTCA member Joan Bakken’s agility star, “Ips-C” (Ch. Gaylord’s Vixon of Ipswich MX MXJ) was invited to the 2009 AKC Agility Invitational, but pulled a rear leg muscle in training 3 weeks before and couldn’t compete.
OBEDIENCE

Spring 2010 Obedience And Rally News

The title of this Spring 2010 obedience article should be “A Norwich in Obedience,” since exactly one NTCA member has put an obedience title on a Norwich in the last four months. Betty McDonnell’s bitch, “Sibyl” (Ch. Shorttales Sibyl of Kilyka CD NANA)J, earned a CD (Companion Dog) in September, the result of four placements with scores ranging from 192 to 196. She is now working toward Open. We congratulate her. When I asked Betty about why so few Norwich compete in obedience, she mentioned the lack of available obedience training classes. She also pointed out that whereas “agility is more fun for the dogs, and rally is certainly easier for beginning handlers, those who have not trained in obedience do not know how much fun it is to have a trained dog and how much the dogs do enjoy obedience.” I would add that, based on my own experience in all three performance venues, the bond between me and my Norwich formed in obedience is the strongest of any.

Meanwhile in Sonoma, CA, Brennie Brackett has been working hard with her two Norwich in Rally. Both Castle-Bar Daphne Stonehaven RE AX AXJ and Castle-Bar Harley of Stonehaven RE OA OAJ earned their Rally Excellent last August. As you can see from their other titles, these two Norwich are also working hard in the agility rings. Congratulations to this talented duo. [Ed.: “Daphne” and “Harley” are pictured on the front cover of this News.]

Part of the problem with the small numbers of Norwich competing in obedience may be a lack of “terrier friendly” trials, so I am including below a list of terrier-only obedience trials (designated as TOO) from around the country. These are annual TOO trials, so if you missed one this year, look for it next year. I’m sure there are some I’ve left out, so please let me know about them.

2010 Terrier-Only Obedience Trials

- **The 3rd Wednesday in January**: 1-day TOO and Rally in Portland, Oregon with 4 all-breed Obedience/Rally trials the following 4 days; Indoors.

- **April 15 & 16**: 2-day TOO and Rally with 2 all-breed trials to follow at the Cal Expo in Sacramento (with the Northern California Terrier Association). The obedience conditions here are second to none! Indoors, climate controlled, matted and baby-gated. Obedience/Rally is held in its own BIG building with plenty of room for crating and warming up. A big benefit of staying for the all-breed trials is that some of the best obedience people in the country often compete at this show. Last year, two National Obedience winners (Dee Dee Anderson and Louise Meredith) were there. It’s fun and interesting to watch the cream of the crop.

- **April 23**: 1-day TOO. Columbia Terrier Association, Timonium, MD; Indoors.

- **May 7**: 1-day TOO and Rally. Garden State All-Terrier Assoc. (NJ); Indoors.

- **June 19**: 1-day TOO and Rally with the Great Lakes All Terrier Association in Grayslake/ Libertyville, IL. Indoors with air conditioning. There is plenty of room for parking, crating and exercising your dog. There are also all-breed trials on June 18 and June 20.

- **June 25 & 26**: TOO and Rally at Great Western Terrier Association, Long Beach, CA. Outdoors. Rally is June 25; Obedience is June 26.

- **August 26 & 27**: 2-day TOO and Rally in Seattle area. Western Washington Terrier Club. One all-breed trial to follow; outdoors on green manicured grass.

- **October 6 & 7**: Kimberton, PA: TOO and Rally. Rally is Oct. 6; Obedience is Oct. 7, hosted this year by the Airedale Club of America. Trials are indoors in good conditions. They are held in conjunction with a 4-day terriers-only agility trial during Montgomery County week.

I look forward to seeing you at some of these trials. If you’ve never been to the Kimberton trials during Montgomery week, I encourage you to come join the party. Not sure what I’m talking about? Write and I’ll tell you more.

—Carlynn Ricks, carlynnricks@earthlink.net
The New AKC Endurance Earthdog Title (EE)

(Or: What Will AKC Think Of Next?)

All performance sports have participants who achieve the highest title and then ask, "What next?" Those who frequent AKC earthdog tests are no exception. This canine sport is fun for both dogs and owners and is usually something a dog can do well into its advanced years. Since many dogs earn their Master Earthdog (ME) title by age 3 or 4, a lot of years remain for the dog to play the earthdog game. So, what is next?!

Ideally there would be a class available beyond Master Earthdog that tested additional hunting skills and aptitude. Since many earthdog breeds are also ratters, a test designed to focus on the skills specific to rating would be great (sign me up!!). There's also the possibility of creating a more complex earthdog test by altering den configurations, adding more obstacles, or introducing more variability into what the dog might find once they are in the den. For example, in Canada the Master Earthdog test has two quarry ends. On entry, the dog must pass through the same types of obstacles found in the AKC Master tunnels in order to locate the "active" den. After working the quarry for a specified time, the quarry "bolts" and is moved to the other quarry tunnel. The dog must react to the movement by first searching and locating where the quarry has moved and then by resuming work. It's a fun variance and interesting to see how the AKC Master dogs react to the new situation. Less predictability would require the dogs to think things through, and possibly open up an opportunity for an additional earthdog title.

The easiest approach to adding an advanced title is to require a specified number of passes beyond the initial title requirements. This has been the AKC's approach with the UDX title in Obedience and the RAE title in Rally. For both these titles, a dog must pass both upper level classes at the same trial, ten different times. These titles test endurance and consistency, but they do not require the dog to learn additional skills. Nevertheless, earning these advanced titles is a significant challenge for both dogs and handlers and is obviously tremendously rewarding. By offering the UDX and RAE, AKC provides incentive for owners to continue to enter trials long after the top title (by skill requirement) is earned. It's a win-win situation. AKC collects $7.00 for each UDX/RAE attempt. This covers the Event Service Fee ($3.00), a service fee for the second class ($3.00), and the recording fees for each class entered ($50/each). The trial-giving clubs get increased entries, and the handlers and dogs get to keep playing whatever game at which they've chosen to excel.

In this spirit, at the November 2009 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved a new "title" called Endurance Earthdog or EE. Like the UDX and RAE, to qualify as an EE, a dog must pass both upper classes—Master and Senior—at, in this case, five different earthdog events. However, there is one significant difference about this new title. In order to receive it, the dog's owner must 1) track and record each double qualification and submit that record to the AKC; and 2) send AKC a $30.00 title recording fee! After that, the owner will receive a certificate and be able to put the letters EE behind his/her dog's name.

To the best of my knowledge, this is the first AKC "title" that competitors are required to "buy." Is this an indication of what the future holds? AKC claims that the earthdog program is a money drain, not paying for itself, and that is why it is necessary to charge for this "title," as well as why competitors must track their own dog's progress. Well let's see... To be eligible to compete for this title, a dog must already have earned the first three earthdog titles—JE, SE and ME. Assuming the dog has a perfect record, this requires a minimum of 9 entries, with two legs required for the JE, three for the SE and four for the ME. At this point, the handler has paid AKC $31.50, but has also received three certificates, so that's a good deal!! Now, let's assume this same fictitious wonder dog that passes every time goes for the EE. Every EE would earn AKC an additional $35 in event fees, plus the $30 recording fee. Oh, and did I mention that dogs can earn multiple EE's, i.e., EE-2, EE-3, etc., for repeating the requirements additional times? So if your personal goal is to earn an EE-35, your perfect
dog’s perfect record will net AKC another $1,225 in fees from entries plus the $1,050 charge for the honor of adding another number to your title.

Granted, this perfect dog is a fantasy, but lest you think I’m jesting that someone might aim for an EE-35, let me go back to the UDX/EE comparison. The most UDX recorded to date for an individual dog is a UDX-71. Yes, that means this dog passed both Open and Utility at the same show at least 710 times! Again assuming a perfect passing record (with this dog, it was probably pretty close!), this dog (appropriately named Jo’s Xpensif Hob!) netted AKC a minimum of $4,970 in fees. Back in reality, a conservative estimate of the average number of attempts required to earn the UDX title is 30. For every dog that earns a UDX, there are at least 3 or 4 others out there trying (over and over again!) that never succeed, but are still paying their entries and the AKC fees.

This same scenario could hold true for the Endurance Earthdog title. There is no perfect dog, so to earn an EE will likely require around an average of fifteen double entries in order to earn the five double passes. For every dog that succeeds in this quest, there will be many more that make the attempt, pay their entries and fees, yet never quite reach the goal. Then there will the over-achievers who continue on, earning an EE-2, 3, 4, etc. Or will there? Many in the earthdog community see the AKC’s approach to the EE title as a slap in the face. Since many earthdog clubs have already instituted some type of internal recognition for double passes-multiple times, many participants may choose to stick with those honors alone and forego paying the AKC just to get a certificate. Of course, buying the certificate is the only way one can place the letters EE behind a dog’s name. But what will it really mean when one dog has an EE because it passed and its owner paid, while another dog has 25 double passes, but its owner refused to play by the new rules to have the honor of the title? This scenario gives titles a whole new meaning—or lack thereof!

The addition of the EE title may have some benefits. It may inspire owners of retired dogs to bring them back out for more fun earthdog times. It probably will keep some participating a little longer than they might have otherwise. And some people will truly enjoy the quest and honor of another title. However, I know many whose earthdogs already have multiple double passes who refuse to send money to the AKC for this tribute. Personally I think it is sad that the AKC has chosen this road with our earthdogs. I hope it isn’t a sign of things to come in other AKC programs.

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“Five minutes ‘til take-off”: Wannabe pilot “Sybil” McDonnell with feathers she found on a hike
Ch. Ascot Apple Betty
(Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell x Ascot Birthday Party)

Breeders/Owners: William J. Schubart & Jane Schubart

With lots of attitude, “Betty” finished easily from the Bred-By class. Her daughter Ascot Apple Blossom will make her show debut this year.

AM/CAN/ENG Ch. Dunbar’s Kensington Square
(Ch. Dunbar’s Little Red Ryder x Ch. Dunbar’s Frequent Flyer)

Breeder: Joan Kefeli
Owners: Barbara Crosby & Lesley Crawley

"Kenny" made breed history by becoming the first Norwich Terrier imported from America to be awarded an English championship title. Kenny earned his 3 Challenge Certificates in 4 shows. He also won 3 Bests of Breed, a Group 2 and a Group 4.
Ch. Littlefield’s Fashionably Late
(Ch. SkyScot’s Cowboy Up x Ch. Littlefield Keri On Regardless)
Breeder/Co-Owner: Leandra Little
Owner: Wheatley Wentzell
“Party” earned her first 11 points, including both majors, in the first two weekends she was shown at 18 months of age. Her wins included a BOW at the prestigious Westchester KC show (NY) for a 5-point major. She was RWB at Hatboro II under Beth Sweigart in 2007. After taking a leave for motherhood (2 litters), “Party” returned to the ring for her last 4 single points.

Ch. Littlefield Dignpop Dashiell of Dungeness
(Ch. Ter-Haven Bold As Brass x Ch. Littlefield Razz’s Matazz At Dignpop NA NAJ)
Breeder: Magda Omansky
Owners: Elaine Jong, Britt Litchford, Leandra Little
“Dashie” finished in style, going BOW under judge Ron Menaker at the Terrier Association of Oregon’s group show in January 2010. With the exception of the 2009 Montgomery Weekend (where he was RWD at Devon), Dashie was undefeated in the classes. He is an exceptionally sound dog with fantastic bone and beautiful movement. He lives with his loving owners Elaine and Britt in Port Townsend, WA.
The 2009 NTCA Montgomery National Specialty

Like a snapshot in the rain, the October 1-4, 2009 Montgomery National Specialty is fading into memory now. But for those who participate, it’s the kind of memory worth refreshing year after year no matter what the hardship or the outcome. John Mandeville, writing for *Dog News*, characterized the long weekend this way: “Montgomery County epitomizes the best there is in the world of dogs.” Agreed.

For both NTCA members and guests, the 2009 Montgomery Specialty experience was enhanced thanks to the tireless work of our newly formed club’s board and committee chairs, particularly NTCA Show/Trophy Chair John Francisco and NTCA Hospitality Chair Jean Kessler, along with the many members of her committee. The winning dogs deserve accolades, but so does everyone who contributed in some manner to the success of the weekend. Since it was the club’s first Montgomery as a solo breed club, much of the wheel had to be reinvented.

To reprise some of the effort: Last year John Francisco flew to Philadelphia and negotiated a contract with the Doubletree Suites hotel in Plymouth Meeting. The club’s 2009 rooms, mostly with one king bed and a sleeper, were well-appointed and comfortable; the staff was courteous and helpful; and the elevators worked, too. The NTCA now has a three-year contract (2010 through 2012) with Doubletree at a guaranteed rate and rooms with two king beds.

Jean Kessler’s Specialty preparations started early, too. She began her on-line search for a new NTCA awards dinner venue in January and reserved The Four Seasons banquet hall in Norristown, PA. While the facility has an unprepossessing exterior, it’s a roomy yet cozy place with plenty of parking. Members enjoyed the Friday evening dinner, the company, and the chance to recognize the NTCA annual award recipients. The booklets listing the names of all the 2008 conformation and performance winners were a nice touch and a lasting memento. More than 100 banqueters also took home NTCA mouse pads (commissioned by Jean) with the club’s new logo, charming decoupage boxes (made by Elsie Francisco) filled with logo M&M’s, and Tiny Dog Bakery treats (provided by Joan Graham). Barn coats with Norwich breed motifs, special-ordered for the NTCA by Notions Chair Patty Warrender, were also a big hit at the awards dinner and earned the club over $1,000!

The pizza party at the Doubletree on Thursday evening got the social side of the Specialty weekend off to a great start. It was a chance to kick back, have a drink and enjoy reconnecting with old friends and meeting new fanciers from around the country and overseas. Thursday evening wasn’t all about socializing, however, as the pizza party was coupled with the first NTCA breed health seminar. During the mixer, members could bring their Norwich to
the Epilepsy Project/DNA Bank Clinic and have blood drawn for overnight shipping to the University of Missouri. Thirty-six samples were collected. After dinner, Liz Hansen, DVM, of the University of Missouri, spoke about the Canine Epilepsy Project, DNA research and canine degenerative myelopathy. NTCA Health Chair Magda Omansky followed Dr. Hansen's talk with a report on behalf of the NTCA Health committee, including a summary of the grading system used in the Bern, Switzerland study of UAS (Upper Airway Syndrome) in Norwich. Swiss Norwich breeders Helene Gisin and Barbara Wytttenbach also gave informative presentations on breeding away from UAS using the Bern grading system. The audience was encouraged to participate with a Q & A session. Due to the success of the combined member mixer-breed health seminar, the NTCA plans to make this an annual event on the Thursday night after Hatboro 1. Magda reports that the seminar room has already been reserved for 2010, but the program has not yet been finalized.

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Turning to conformation and judging results, both Hatboro 1 and 2 had 8:30 AM ring times, a hardship, particularly for those who had to travel to the shows. Seventy-four entries on Thursday and eighty-one on Friday had to be there bright and early, as did those who just wanted to watch. The weekend weather was frisky overall: chilly at Hatboro, hot at Devon and just perfect for Montgomery. Results are as follows:

Hatboro 1
Judge: Mary Jane Carberry
(74 entries: 18-30 (19-7))


BOS: Ch. Cobbys' Hope N' Glory (Cobby's Royal Silver x Cobbys Hobe's Diamond) Breeder: Renee Sporre-Willes (Sweden). Owner: Ashley Wornall Endy.


AOM's:
- Ch. Yarrow Venerie Starlight Express
- Ch. Dignpop Dash of Panache
- Ch. Elysium's Ciao Bella
- Waiterock Jack Falstaff
- Ch. Abbedale Take Two at Taliesin
Hatboro 2
Judge: Mareth Kipp
(81 entries: 23-32 (18-8))

BOB: Ch. SkyScor’s Poker Chip
BOS: Ch. Cobbys Hope N’ Glory

BOW/WD: Paradym Yarrow Rusty Justice (Ch. Fairewood For Your Eyes Only x Ch. Fentondale Pearly Queen at Yarrow). Breeders: Kelly Wood & Beth Sweigart. Owners: James Watt & Merridy Watt

RWD: Briardales King of the Road (Ch. Briardales Lion King x Ch. Briardales High Maintence). Breeder/Owners: Carole Bullwinkle Foucrault & Cathy Branco.

WB: Synerwich Lola

RWB: Moondance First Landing (Ch. Winsome’s Aston Martin x Keleven Moondance Hello Dolly). Breeder/Owner: Robin Hoch.

AOM’s:
Ch. WildWest Buckshot
Ch. Fishback’s Black-Eyed Susan
Ch. Suffolk Louis Latte
Ch. Winsome’s Aston Martin

Devon
Judge: Rosalind Kraus Kramer
(98 entries: 27-39 (20-12))

BOB: Ch. Abbedale Take Two at Taliesin (Ch. Abbedale’s The Huntsman x Ch. Abbedale Polly Pockets). Breeder: Joan Eckert. Owners: Lisa & John Sons & Joan Eckert


BW/WD: Paradym Yarrow Rusty Justice


WB: Synerwich Lola


Montgomery

For the Sunday NTCA National Specialty at Montgomery County, the club’s Hospitality Committee provided breakfast for fanciers, with baked goods and granola, water, coffee and tea. There was also a raffle of photographic equipment donated by Lisa and John Sons. The ringside was crowded with spectators. The trophies were beautiful, and I think it safe to say, a good time was had by all.

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Montgomery Sweeps Judge: Laurie Loeffler ("Cobblestone" Norwich)  
(36 entries: 14-22)

Best in Sweepstakes: Capability Brown


Montgomery Breed Judge: Sandra Goose Allen  
(126 entries: 29-52 (25-14) 6)

BOB/Group 4: Ch. SkyScot's Poker Chip

BOS: Ch. Abbedale Take Two at Taliesin

BW/WD/BBBE: Briardales King of the Road


WB: Belfyre's Calendar Girl (Ch. Birchbay Jim Dandy x Ch. Belfyre's Tuff Cookie). Breeder/Owners: Mike & Polly O'Neal.

RWB: Moondance First Landing (Ch. Winsome's Aston Martin x Keleven Moondance Hello Dolly). Breeder/Owner: Robin Hoch.

AOM: Ch. WildWest Buckshot (Ch. Birchbay Sir Galahad x Ch. Paradiso WildWest Circle the Wagons) Breeder/Owner: Betty Bossio

AOM: Ch. Winsome's Aston Martin (Winsome's Who's Your Daddy x Winsome's Mercedes). Breeder: Anne Buffington & Sharon Curry. Owner: Robin Hoch


AOM: Ch. Foozle's Blue Dahlia (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Foozle's Violets Are Blue). Breeder/Owner: Alyson Cleary


John Francisco commented that “this year (2010), we will go back to having the silent auction at the NTCA awards banquet.” He added that new NTCA Trophy Chair Susan Miller Hall is overseeing the refurbishing of the Specialty challenge trophies, which do look somewhat shabby, and that the club is looking into allowing members to sponsor individual trophies. The Norwich barn coats will be back again this year, too.

Each person is the custodian of his/her own memories about our first-ever Montgomery as an independent breed club. For me, it is the shared experience, the hardships, the humor, and being able to introduce two “first-timers” to the “best there is in the world of dogs.” They plan to come back.

—Leandra Little, “Littlefield” Norwich
(Illittle9@earthlink.net)
Best of Breed & Group 4: Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip, pictured with Specialty judge Sandra Goose Allen, handler Brenda Lee Combs, and NTCA President Joan Eckert

Best of Winners/Winners Dog/Best BBE: Briardales King of the Road, handled by co-breeder/co-owner Carole Bullwinkle Foucrault

Winners Bitch: Belfyre’s Calendar Girl, handled by co-breeder/co-owner Polly O’Neal

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Abbedale Take Two At Taliesin, handled by Susan Kipp

Best in Sweepstakes (Puppy): Capability Brown, pictured with Sweeps judge Laurie Loeffler and co-owner Claire Johnson

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The 2009 NTCA Montgomery National Specialty:
Judge Sandra Goose Allen’s Critique

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to The Norwich Terrier Club of America for the invitation to adjudicate its 2009 National Specialty show. It will be a moment I will always remember and cherish.

It is indeed an honor to judge, but to judge at Montgomery, where entries are large and where breeders bring you the finest dogs in the country, is an awesome experience. To all lovers of Norwich Terriers, this is the stage where excellence shines.

I always strive to judge the whole dog. Soundness, condition, balance and temperament all contribute to the overall breed type for which we aim and which are prerequisites to any good show dog. I had so many excellent Norwich Terriers presented to me; I was so pleased! This made it especially clear that, as judge, I must adhere strictly to the Standard and move through it in a methodical way. The breed standard is always my Bible; it is where my judging begins.

Presentation was superb, coats were good, and length of neck in most cases, excellent. Rear assemblies, fronts, top lines, prick ears all conveyed close adherence to the Standard. I was impressed by so many incredible gaits.

My winners were:

Best of Breed: Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip
Best of Winners/Winners Dog: Briardales King of the Road
Winners Bitch: Belfyre’s Calendar Girl
Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Abbedale Take Two At Taliesin

Awards of Merit:
Ch. WildWest Buckshot
Ch. Dignpop Dash of Panache
Ch. Winsome’s Aston Martin
Ch. Foozle's Blue Dahlia

I truly enjoyed this assignment. Everyone was so upbeat, and the audience seemed to appreciate the show so much. The stewards were most helpful, and the aura of good sportsmanship prevailed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for such a wonderful time with the Norwich Terriers at Montgomery.

Congratulations on a wonderful Specialty! It was an honor and a privilege to be with you.

—Sandra Goose Allen, St. Petersburg, FL

The 2009 AKC Eukanuba National Championship
(Conformation)

What is the first thing that pops into your head when you hear “Eukanuba”? “Dog food” would have been the response most often heard until a decade ago when, for dog show fanciers, the word “Eukanuba” became synonymous with the AKC National Championships. “Something Supreme” was the commercial intent when the word Eukanuba was coined. The December 2009 show, which celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the American Kennel Club, gave credence to the original intent of the word Eukanuba. For those lucky enough to attend, it was “something supreme,” a celebration of all things dog.
The thrill of anticipation leading up to this event was only more exciting from the moment one walked into the Long Beach (CA) Convention Center. Vendor booths surrounded the blue-carpeted conformation rings on all sides, offering everything a dog shopper could hope to find. From grooming equipment to crates, enticing treats to toys, it was all there! Canine videos, books, and magazine subscriptions were available, along with a large selection of dog jewelry and art. Purses and clothing replete with sparkling designs of each breed vied for attention with more practical choices such as gelled insoles and foot massages for tired feet as the day progressed. While shopping is always a fun part of attending a dog show, there was also a chance to contribute to worthy “people” and canine causes via “Take The Lead” and the Canine Health Foundation.

An array of educational experiences was also offered for all attendees, from the all-day seminars for breeders to the overhead sage comments from the ringside mavens. Upstairs at the convention center, “Meet the Breeds” booths helped the general public learn about the different breeds. The Norwich and Norfolk booth, created by NTCA “Meet the Breed” chair Pam Seifert and her husband Jeff, featured an English “brick” cottage with Norwich and Norfolk terriers peering out through the windows into a garden. The garden was surrounded by a white picket fence and had lots of real flowers in bloom. Many people commented that the booth smelled as wonderful as it looked. For those who wanted to learn about our breed, a variety of fliers had advice about Norwich and contact information for the NTCA through the club website address and Breeders Directory. We were delighted that our club’s booth took second place in the terrier group booth competition.

Norwich breed judging was on Sunday. Because the 2009 Eukanuba was also celebrating the AKC’s 125th Anniversary, for the first time conformation classes at the show were open to class dogs instead of being a limited invitational for the top 25 of each breed. Norwich breed judge Beth Sweigart selected the following winners:

Best of Breed and Group 4: Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip
Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Abedale Take Two At Taliesin
Best Bred -By -Exhibitor in Breed/Variety : Ch. Waiterock Jack Falstaff
Winners Dog : Capability Brown

Awards of Excellence:
Ch. Back In Black
Ch. Winsome’s Aston Martin
Capability Brown

The televised evening events included Group judging, the World Showcase of Dogs, and Best in Show. Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip earned a Terrier Group 4 under well-known judge Mrs. Robert S. Forsyth.

Eukanuba 2009 lived up to its name. It was “Something Supreme,” and we were all happy to be a part of it. Hope to see you there next year!

—Pam Seifert, San Marino, CA
(pjs91108@yahoo.com)
Norwich Results At Westminster 2010

Breed Judge:
Mr. William Potter II of St. Louis, MO

Sixteen Norwich Terriers were entered at Westminster 2010, but six were absent. From the 10 Norwich present (9 dogs, 1 bitch), Mr. Potter selected the following:

- **Best of Breed:** Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip (Bon-Marc's Hairy Pawter x Ch. Skyscot's Summer Shower). Breeder: Leslie Becker; Owner: Caroline Dodwell

- **Best of Opposite Sex:** Ch. Abbedale Take Two At Taliesin (Ch. Abbedale's The Huntsman x Ch. Abbedale's Polly Pockets). Breeder: Joan Eckert; Owners: Lisa & John Sons and Joan Eckert

- **Award of Merit:** Ch. Yarrow Venerie Starlite Express (Ch. Sandina Sorcerer x Ch. Sandina's Evanstar). Breeders: Beth Sweigart and Pam Beale; Owner: William L. Pape

- **Award of Merit:** Ch. Dignpop Dash of Panache (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Littlefield Razz's Matazz At Dignpop). Breeder: Magda Omansky; Owners: Paul & Nancy Eddy and Magda Omansky

Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip went on to earn a Group 3 under Terrier Group judge Mrs. Loraine Bourwell of Kansas City, MO. Congratulations to him and to all the Norwich winners at this year's Garden. —AGF

“I wish I could go to the Garden”:
Furry fashionista “Macie” Smiddy
Updated 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) (Bench) Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Donna Brown (Puppy Sweeps only) Breed Judge: Peggy Beisel McIlwaine

Feb. 28 Supported Entry: Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago. International Kennel Club, McCormick Place North, Chicago, IL. (Supt. Onofrio, closing Feb. 10) (Bench) Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Fran Schwartz (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: Mrs. Florence A. Males Breed Judge: Gary M. Vlachos 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: John Constantine Breed Judge: Clay Coady 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: Kerry Lee (from Australia) 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.

Updated Show Calendar For 2010 (continued)

June 27  *Supported Entry & Sweepstakes: NTCA. Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California.* Queen Mary Park, 1126 Queens Hwy, Long Beach, CA (Supt. Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows, closing June 9)
Sweepstakes Judge: Carole Cason
Breed Judge: Christine Erickson

July 19  *Specialty & Sweepstakes: Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club.* Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX. (Supt. Onofrio Dog Shows, closing July 2)
Sweepstakes Judge: Anna Bellenger
Breed Judge: James Reynolds

Oct. 7  *Supported Entry & Sweepstakes: NTCA. Morris & Essex Dog Show.* Colonial Park, Franklin Township, NJ (Supt. Rau, closing Sept. 22)
Sweepstakes Judge: Lori Pelletier (Puppy & Veteran Sweeps)
Breed Judge: Dr. Richard Meen

Oct. 10  *National Specialty & Sweepstakes: NTCA. Montgomery County Kennel Club, Inc.* Montgomery Community College, Blue Bell, PA. (Supt. MB-F, closing September 22)
Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Yvonne Vertlieb (“Scalawag” Norwich) (Puppy & Veteran Sweeps)
Breed Judge: Dr. Andrew Kramer (“Mercator” Norfolk)

—John Francisco, NTCA Show Chairman  
(jfranco@neo.rr.com)

"Don't forget to send the News lots more photos of cute puppies like me (adults, too)." 😊
**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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“Fenway” wide awake in his box of toys  
“I think I need a nap!”

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"Happy days are here again..."