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To assure timely publication of the Spring 2011 News, please be sure to meet—or better yet to beat—the March 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

—Alison Freehling

Sending Digital Photos to the News

Even in this digital world, we prefer to work with good 8 x 10 prints of photos destined for the Showfront and New Title Holder sections of the News. Because we crop Showfront and New Title Holder photos so drastically to focus on the dog, they present special problems, and we are 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 take with cell phones.) Save your file as a JPG or TIF, and happy shooting!

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

“So, what’s new?” As applies to the NTCA, the answer to this oft-asked, off-the-cuff question is “LOTS.” Since my last “From The Editor” in the Spring 2010 News, our club now has its own Constitution and By-Laws (CBL), passed by a huge majority of NTCA members (168 “Yes” votes, 11 “No” votes) and subsequently approved by the AKC. This new CBL thus replaces the NNTC Constitution as the official document governing the NTCA. Under the new NTCA CBL, the Board of Governors has been renamed the Board of Directors. The club’s AKC Delegate is no longer a voting member of the Board, but may attend Board meetings at her/his discretion. The NTCA CBL has many more less obvious changes too, too many to mention here.

Thanks to the hard work of NTCA Nominating Committee Chair Yvonne Vertlieb and her committee, the NTCA also has a new President (Jean Kessler), a new Second Vice-President (Jane Chubart) and a new Corresponding Secretary (Barbara Einspruch). Brief bios of each of these new Officers are on pages 4-6 of this News. Former NTCA Presidents Joan Eckert and Al Ferruggiaro continue to serve on the Board as Directors. Director Dana Esquivel opted to retire from the Board after serving a two-year term. Dana’s husband, AKC judge Rich Esquivel, recently agreed to chair the NTCA Illustrated Standard committee, so hopefully work will soon be underway on this important project. The Board has also recently approved a new NTCA membership application form. The club is still a work in progress, but we have made significant strides in 2010.

This News will come out after the 2010 Montgomery Specialty, so I hope everyone had great time. Show and Hospitality Chairs John Francisco and Jean Kessler, Trophy Chair Susan Miller Hall, Health Chair Magda Omansky, Performance Events Chair Carlynn Ricks and so many other NTCA volunteers have devoted countless hours of their time and talents to assure that the NTCA National Specialty offers something for all Norwich fanciers—from the pizza party and awards banquet, to breed health seminars, to the Kimberton agility trials, and, of course, the four conformation shows, culminating in the Montgomery County KC Specialty. The Spring 2011 News will have extensive reports on the 2010 Specialty and photos of the Montgomery winners.

Thanks to everyone who sent articles and photos for this issue. Please continue to send candid photos of your puppies and adults; my inventory is still pretty low. May your holidays be as merry as our little Norwich Terriers. —AGF

At Last, the NTCA Has Its Own Constitution and By-Laws!

After many months of working with the AKC, particularly with Ms. Mara Holidun, the NTCA finally has an AKC-approved Constitution and Bylaws (CBL). The persevering NTCA Bylaws Committee, consisting of Pat Mason, Co-Chair; Natalie Green, Co-Chair; Lu Matteson; Carol Suggs; and Marilyn Jacobs, spent numerous volunteer hours on the documents. The committee wishes to thank Ms. Holiday and NTCA Board members for their invaluable input.

Following NNTC Bylaws, NTCA Corresponding Secretary Jean Kessler mailed 340 ballots to the membership on May 24, 2010. 179 ballots were returned to the Corresponding Secretary. To ensure accuracy, Jean Kessler secured the NTCA Board’s permission to allow two non-members to conduct the count. On June 30, 2010, the ballots were counted. There were 168 votes in favor and 11 votes against the new CBL, with no illegal ballots received. A report of this tally was sent to the AKC and official AKC approval of our documents occurred on August 2, 2010. Many thanks again to all who were involved!

—Pat Mason, CBL Committee Co-Chair, Potomac Falls, VA (masonk9s@aol.com)
Changing Places—and Two New Faces—on the NTCA Board

Ed.: The 2011 NTCA Board welcomes familiar faces in different places as former Corresponding Secretary Jean Kessler assumes her new position as club President and former President Al Ferruggia continues on the Board as a Director. Two new faces—Jane Schubart of Harrisburg, PA and Barbara Einspruch of Dallas, TX—have joined the Board as, respectively, Second Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary. Below are brief ‘doggy’ profiles of Jean, Jane and Barbara. —AGF

Jean Kessler

Since early childhood, dogs have been among my favorite friends. My first dog show, a small local affair, saw me insisting on showing our family’s English-bred Cocker and telling the judge I already had blue and red ribbons and how about a pink or yellow. My mother said they handed me a red ribbon and shoved me out of the ring. Fifty years later, my next show dog was a Norwich Terrier named The Jones Boy of Kitnor. He went on to earn his championship and also won BOB at Montgomery (1998), two AOMs at Westminster, and a European championship. More important than ribbons to me (and to most NTCA members), however, is the love and companionship our dear little dogs give us every day.

My goal as NTCA President is to move the club forward to become an active group working for the betterment of the breed. In my view, we need to keep in mind that the NTCA is the national breed club and that members must act accordingly. We need to be serious about prospective new members and their reasons for wanting to join the national club. One of the primary goals of the club is to encourage health testing our Norwich in order to produce stronger stock and diminish life-threatening conditions. Considering this goal, we must measure our breeding practices and those of people we ask to join us to assure that all our intentions toward this breed are above reproach. We must put the dogs first; our personal ambitions should be much less important.

To further club progress, we need to have active committees that do something and that report to the membership, thereby showing accountability. All members need to contribute their time and talent to the club, recalling their enthusiasm and reasons for joining the NTCA. Many members sometimes feel free to complain, but are not as willing to serve.

Having served for many years as NNTC/NTCA Hospitality Committee Chair, seeing that members get together and have a good time socially is important to me. As NTCA President, Hospitality is another pursuit I will surely encourage to continue.

My husband, Glenn, and I are privileged to live with four Norwich. Our oldest, Cl The Jones Boy of Kitnor, is thirteen. Next is Luvnors Man in Black, my agility dog who has two CPE titles and is 2/3rds of the way to his first AKC agility title. Two girls, Blossom Dearie and Bella, round out the family.

Please feel free to email or call me with any suggestions you may have about ways to improve the club, ways you’d like to volunteer, and ways I could better perform my job. You’ve
stowed a great honor in electing me to the office of NTCA President. Leading the club in positive directions is my ultimate goal.

—Jean Kessler, “Luvnors” Norwich, Nokesville, VA (luvnors@aol.com)

Jane Schubart

I grew up with small dogs—a Cocker Spaniel, miniature Poodle and a Dachshund/terrier mix—and horses, but never went to a dog show until after I was married. My husband Jayson and I had just moved into our first house, and we went to the Salem-Roanoke (VA) show to decide which breed would be right for us. Jayson wanted a Lab and I wanted a small dog. A Pembroke Welsh Corgi was the compromise. We wanted a pet, but bought the show quality female in the litter because she was the prettiest and the most outgoing. We were fortunate to live in Charlottesville, Virginia at the time, near Peggy Kessler (Wakefield), who told me the truth: we would have trouble getting majors and should have the bitch spayed. Peggy is my mentor to this day. We purchased a Wakefield Corgi male a few years later and did obedience and herding. I thought we would eventually show and breed Corgis—that is, until Jayson discovered Norwich at a show.

Our first Norwich was Ch. Dunbar’s Best Kept Secret. At our first two shows with him, Jayson went in against Beth Sweigart and the next weekend against Peter Green. Our dog didn’t win the purple ribbon either day, but we gained so much more. Peter showed me how to show Norwich. Competing against handlers has sharpened our skills. I try not to whine when we lose to the professionals, but rather try to do a better job. I’m now thankful that it took us a while to get a bitch. I learned so much by waiting and watching. After seeing a photo of Eng. Ch. Jaeva Jailhouse Rock (“Elvis”), I was determined to meet his breeder, Martin Phillips. We tracked Martin down at the Richmond Dog Show (England), held at the Ascot racecourse (hence our “Ascot” kennel prefix). About a year later, we sent us a bitch puppy sired by Elvis, and a bit later we got Ch. Yarrow’s Love Bug from him. So that was our foundation. We bred our first litter in 2004.

Jayson enjoys showing our Norwich in Bred-By, but showing is really secondary. I like planning each breeding and taking care of puppies. We strive to breed healthy Norwich that conform to the breed standard. I am most interested in the health issues that affect our breed, as well as in more general immunology, virology, genetics, and reproduction. I have 20 years of experience in human medicine and am currently a member of the Penn State College of Medicine faculty, Department of Surgery, in Harrisburg, PA. Before moving to Penn State, I worked at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. At Penn State, I conduct clinical outcomes research and teach surgical residents, medical students, and students in the Master’s of Public Health program.

I look forward to serving the NTCA as Second Vice-President.

—Jane Schubart, “Ascot” Norwich, Harrisburg, PA (jschubart@hmc.psu.edu)
Barbara Einspruch

I acquired my first Norwich Terrier, a little red bitch named Cavalieri Texas Promenade ("Fergie"), in the late 1990s. She was a lovely companion and the dam of our first homebred champion, Ch. Belvedere Sister Parrish UDX RN ("Frizzle"). I sold Frizzle as a puppy to Joa Jung, who showed her in conformation and obedience. They are a great team and now have 70 points toward an OTCH, as well as several high combined scores. Frizzle placed third in the Terrier Group at the 2007 AKC/Eukanuba National Obedience Invitational.

I currently have three Norwich at home. "Harry" (Ch. Long Valley Harry Hotspur) keeps the squirrels at bay and has signed a temporary truce with his son "Will" (Ch. Norielan Boxcar Willie (co-owned with Karen Vaughn). Moondance Artemis joined our group last year. "Deedee" offers her opinions freely and keeps the boys in line.

Shortly after I bought my first Norwich, I joined the Heat of Texas club, which later became the Bluebonnet Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club. I assisted with Hospitality for the BNNTC San Antonio specialties and later was asked to be BNNTC Secretary. When the club split, I became Treasurer of the Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club. In 2009 and 2010, I have assisted NTCA Show Chair John Francisco with Conformation Titles records. As NTCA Corresponding Secretary, I look forward to working with everyone and to a new opportunity to support the national club and our breed.

—Barbara Einspruch, “Belvedere” Norwich, Dallas, TX (breinspruch@mac.com)

Would You Like to Join the NTCA?

For information about becoming a NTCA member, please contact NTCA Membership Chair Carol Jordan at norweim@aol.com. Carol will provide details about the application process and will send you all the necessary new membership application and sponsors’ forms.—AGF

"Play ball!" MVP "Sami" Herstein with a treasured toy
Conformation: Bred-by-Exhibitor Awards

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

The 2009 John Paul Jones Trophy (Norwich Dog)

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

- Ch. Chances Are Of Image (Monti Craig)
- Ch. Bunratty’s Travlin Man (Estelle & Ronald Crawford)
- Ch. Itsy Bitsy Rocky Mountain High (Tonnie & Gerard Willrich)
- Ch. Moonrock Escape Velocity (Phil & Ann Whatley)
- Ch. Norieland Harry Houdini (Karen & Steve Vaughn)
- Ch. Norieland Boxcar Willie (Barbara Einspruch & Karen & Steve Vaughn)

The 2009 High Rising Trophy (Norwich Bitch)

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

- Ch. Ascot Apple Betty (William J. & Jane R. Schubart)
- Ch. Belfyre’s Calendar Girl (Mike & Polly O’Neal)
- Ch. Belfyre’s When You’re Hot You’re Hot (Mike & Polly O’Neal)
- Ch. Bunratty’s Wildflower (Estelle & Ronald Crawford)
- Ch. Classic Grace To Place (Sandra E. Bails)
- Ch. Dancy’s Hot Commodity (Nancy & Dwain Lentz)
- Ch. Devondale’s Mistress Mulberry (Anna Bellenger)
- Ch. Dralion’s Whimsical Dreamer (Linda & Peter Dowdle)
- Ch. Dunbar’s Runaway Bride (Joan Kefel)
The 2009 Double Q Plus Award: Agility

The NTCA Double Q Plus Award goes to the member-owned Norwich earning the most agility points for the year, based on AKC point calculations (number of Double Q's x 10 + speed points). Double Q= two qualifying runs at the same agility competition.

- Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE OF JE (Ursula Walsh)

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

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

- Breakaway's In The Know AX MXJ OF (Raine Johnson)
- Ch. Shoebutton's Beau Burnside MX MXJ NF SE (Donna West & Joan Dance)
- Ch. Gaylord's Vixon of Ipswich MX MXJ (Joan Bakken)
- Jerusalem's Road Less Traveled CD AX MXJ (Chris Zink)
- Jerusalem Olivia Lenox AX MXJ NF (Blair Kelly)

The 2009 River Bend Award: Obedience

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

- Ch. Shorttales Sibyl of Kilyka CD NA NAJ (Betty McDonnell)

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Top 3 Obedience (after the River Bend winner)

- Ch. Kilyka's High Voltage UD NA NAJ (Betty McDonnell)
- Rogel's I'm Ginger Hollywood CD RE (Jill Petersen)
- Ch. Corymor's Too Cool For Words CD RE (Phil & Ann Whatley)

2009 Versatility Award

- Ch. Corymor's Too Cool For Words CD RE (Phil & Ann Whatley)
- Jerusalem's Road Less Traveled CD AX MXJ RN (CGC) (Chris Zink)

2009 Versatility Excellent Award

- Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MX MXJ OF JE (Ursula Walsh)

Many thanks to NTCA Show Chair John Francisco for sending the list of 2009 NTCA annual award winners to the News. The News congratulates all NTCA members whose Norwich won conformation and performance awards and apologizes for any omissions and/or inadvertent errors in your dogs' names, titles and awards. —AGF
The 2009 NTCA Register of Merit Awards

Ed.: The NTCA awards a Register of Merit (ROM) title to each member-owned Norwich dog that has sired 8 or more conformation champions and to each member-owned bitch that has produced 5 or more conformation champions. The following Norwich, with the number of breed champion offspring in parentheses, earned ROM titles in 2009. Thanks to NTCA Show Chair John Francisco for sending the ROM winners’ names to the News. —AGF

Norwich Sires

- Ch. Rattletrap Mack The Knife (10), owned by Chris Applegate-Hofer
- Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks (9), owned by Joan Eckert
- Ch. Gaylord’s Solo Me-Oh (8), owned by Marie Cato & the late Dennis Cato
- Ch. Ter-Haven Bold As Brass (8), owned by Magda Omansky
- Ch. Yarrow’s Slightly Azure (8), owned by Beth Sweigart

Norwich Brood Bitches

- Ch. Abbedale’s Rettadini (7), owned by Joan Eckert
- Ch. Rubicon’s Charming Lucy (7), owned by Tamsin Sandin
- Ch. Barnstable Lily At Den-Mar (5), owned by Marie Cato, the late Dennis Cato, & Sandra Steimler
- Ch. Bunratty’s Lady Lillian (5), owned by Estelle & Ronald Crawford
- Ch. Devondale’s Mistress Maddalyn (5), owned by Anna Bellenger & Laurie Loeffler
- Ch. Sandina Evanstar (5), owned by Beth Sweigart & Pam Beale

“Rosie Buttons”... ‘cute as a button’ 😊
Annual NTCA Awards: The High Rising and River Bend Trophies

Ed.: The Fall 2009 News’ article on the Ch. John Paul Jones Trophy (pp. 32-33) was the first short series of “history lessons” about long-time annual NTCA awards named in honor of early American prick ear Norwich and kennels/breeders. The second “lesson” focuses on the High Rising and River Bend awards.—AGF

The High Rising Trophy

The High Rising Trophy (HRT) was first presented by the Norwich Terrier Club (NTC) in 1960 in memory of early American breeder Betty Green. During the 1950s, Mrs. Green and her husband Grant Dickson Green bred prick ear Norwich at “High Rising,” their hilltop homestead in Heath, Massachusetts. The Greens acquired their first Norwich from Alden Blodget, NTC President from 1955 to 1960 and owner of the influential prick ear sire Ch. John Paul Jones of Groton. High Rising provided foundation stock to several early Norwich breeders, including James and W.H. Hanning (“Blu-Frost”) and Gilbe Khan (“Charing Cross”). Perhaps the Greens’ best-known homebred was Ch. High Rising Hardy Perennia, a red bitch who was BOB at the 1956 and 1957 NTC Specialties. High Rising Bar Maid, sold to the Hannings as a young puppy, won the Ch. Jericho Hill Vixen Salver for Best Puppy in Match at the 1958 NTC Match under judge Henry Bixby.

For three decades, the NTC/NNTC presented the HRT annually to the member-owned Norwich (prick ear) earning the most championship points from the Puppy class.

CH. HIGH RISING HARDY PERENNIAL - 1953
Ch. Farnon Romeo x Ch. Quartzhill Primula (a Ch. Wyndcliff Napoleon grand-daughter) bred and owned by High Rising Kennels.

The River Bend Trophy

The River Bend Trophy is the NTC/NNTC/NTCA’s long-time annual award for the member-owned Norwich earning the highest Obedience score in AKC competition during the year. First presented by the NTC in 1967, this trophy is named in honor of Miss Sylvia Warren, an early obedience enthusiast who bred both drop and prick ear Norwich at her “River Bend” farm in Massachusetts. Miss Warren acquired her first Norwich, a drop ear named “Bruff,” from her good friend Mrs. Josephine Spencer (first President of the NTC) in 1942. River Bend’s in-
Involvement with prick ears began in unexpected fashion some years later with the birth of home-bred "Puff." A singleton bitch puppy whose sire ("Ch. Tuff") and dam ("Muff") were both drop ears, "Puff" opted to have two strong prick ears, thereby launching Miss Warren's interest in the breed. Puff, whose personality also sparked Miss Warren's interest in obedience training, earned both her CD and CDX titles, along with her breed championship.

Miss Warren gave her sister, Katherine Thayer, a drop ear Norwich in 1946, a gift that bega was Mrs. Thayer's 'career' as an important drop ear breeder ("Maplehurst"). Miss Warren and Mrs. Thayer, along with their friend Mrs. Josephine Spencer, were founding members of the Norwich Terrier Club, officially recognized by the AKC in 1947. Miss Warren served as NTC President from 1968 to 1970 and was an Honorary Vice-President from 1971 until her death in 1972. An "in Memoriam" for Sylvia Warren, written by her friend Joan Read ("Chidley"), is published in the Spring 1972 Norwich Terrier News (p. 29).

—Alison Freehling

The AKC Parent Club Conference

The AKC Parent Club Conference was held in Durham, NC the last weekend in August. Three hundred club officers representing 248 AKC and FSS breeds attended along with top AKC officials from both the New York and North Carolina offices. Upon arrival, attendees were given escorted tours of the AKC headquarters.

The first General Session, entitled AKC Companion Animal Recovery, was a detailed presentation about CAR's microchipping clinics and assistance for breed clubs and communities in search and rescue and disaster preparedness.

Among other topics covered were Club Officers' Forum, Docking and Cropping, Financial aspects of the Operation of a Parent Club, Breed Standards, Rescue For and By Parent Clubs.

On-Line AKC Help offered information about how to take advantage of the vast inventory of services for clubs, breeders and fanciers found at www.akc.org.

The Print Materials Resource Room displayed examples of Parent Club print documents such as magazines, codes of ethics, procedure manuals, sale and breeding contracts, CDs, DVDs yearbooks and more.

It was a great pleasure for me to represent NTCA. I was most impressed with the commitment shown by fellow Parent Club Officers to their breeds. Health and ethical breeding practices seemed to be everyone's most important concerns.

—Jean Kessler, Nokesville, VA
(luvnors@aol.com)
Norwich Make Great Volunteers!

Almost 7 years ago, I wanted to take my Norwich Terrier, Sophie, to visit a local hospital or nursing home. She is a very gentle soul (except when it comes to rodents) and, being a small couch potato, would easily fit on people’s laps or beds. We took the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Therapy Dogs International (TDI) tests at the same time. TDI Certification requires that the dog pass the CGC test and then adds some specific situations that the dog must be able to handle for TDI certification, e.g., people walking around with crutches and canes, people in moving wheel chairs, people making all kinds of noises (coughing, sneezing, etc.), and the dog being able to stay with a stranger out of sight of the owner for 10 minutes without experiencing undue anxiety. If the dog passes the test, then the TDI Certified Tester gives you all the information you need to send in to TDI, including a health certificate filled out by your veterinarian. Voila, you now have a certified Therapy Dog and you are insured against mishaps to people in the health care facility and to your dog when making Therapy visits.

Sophie, now 11 years old, has been joined in her volunteer work by our almost 6-year-old Norwich, Harry. Sophie is the “Curl up in Lap and Quietly Enjoy” type of dog while Harry is the “Meet and Greet, Now Let’s Move On and see the Next Person” type. Together we visit a local Nursing and Rehabilitation Center once a week. The residents enjoy our visits, and so do their visitors and the Staff. Sophie and Harry add quite a bit of zest to their day.

One volunteer opportunity led to another. Four years ago, our local school district put out a call for Therapy Dogs to take part in a new canine-assisted reading program. Since I love both reading and dogs, the program was tailor-made for me. I have been taking both Norwich to local elementary school every Tuesday morning so that third graders can read to them. Two children join Sophie, Harry and me in the school library for about 20 to 30 minutes of reading. The three of us are assigned to one teacher’s class for the year, so all the children in the class get to read to the dogs once a month or more during the school year. That way we all get to know each other. I can see definite improvement in the kids’ reading ability as we go along to the end of the school year. The dogs’ pictures are in the school lobby. They are known throughout the school as “the Readin’ Dogs.” If you love reading and dogs, I encourage you to try this program. It was first started by local libraries, but has since expanded to include schools. It is an excellent opportunity to teach children about dogs and how to be responsible and act safely around dogs.

The reading program led to the next step in my Norwich’s volunteer career—our county’s Citizens Pet Responsibility Committee. Here in North Carolina, with too many unwanted cats and dogs ending up in shelters, our county formed a committee to see what could be done to decrease the numbers of animals coming into the County Animal Center. Luckily a group of veterinarians and local citizens had started a low cost Spay/Neuter Clinic. This helped, but they needed to get the Spay/Neuter message out to more people. I became a member of the Citizens Pet Responsibility Committee as a representative of our local all-breed kennel club. We were able to get all kinds of dog groups under this umbrella: rescues, county animal control, hunters, working dog groups, show breeders, and the local humane society. After trying several approaches, the Committee decided that the best way to decrease the numbers of unwanted animals would be to teach responsible pet ownership in the schools and the importance of spaying/neutering household companion animals.

Sophie Harry and I went to fourth grade class rooms in the county to teach the kids how to take proper care of their animals. The fourth graders were able to see two well-trained, well-socialized dogs, which.
dly, was a first for many of the kids. We did demos on the five basic commands (Sit, Down, Come, Stay and Heel), and the kids were able to pet both dogs and ask questions about them. Having two Norwich Terriers in the class room really gets the children’s attention; Harry and Sophie are the ultimate teaching aid!

Our Norwich are a great bridge between people and dogs! Anyone who owns a Norwich Terrier knows how much attention these little terriers attract just by being walked down the street. If you can make even two hours a week available, you can capitalize on that instant attraction to our breed by checking out volunteer opportunities for you and your Norwich. Try it; you'll like it... and will your dog!

—Ursula Walsh, Pinehurst, NC
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Nor’West Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club PlayDay

In 2002 a group of Norwich and Norfolk Terrier owners and friends in the Pacific Northwest decided to start a dog club. Our goal then, and now, was to bring people together for the pure enjoyment of the breeds. This had been a long-time dream of Rick and Jill Rourke, breeders of “JiRo” Norwich.

The club’s founding members gave ourselves positions and put together a Constitution and By-laws and a Code of Ethics. Fortunately for us, the appointed Secretary had done all of this before.

The club holds PlayDAYS several times a year. At first, they were held at members’ homes, but as our membership grew, we found a wonderful facility that we rent for most of our PlayDAYS. Sometimes we have an educational speaker, sometimes games and contests, holiday photo shoots, or just plain playtime; we always have good food. We also hold a photo contest every year and pick the very best Norwich and Norfolk photos for our club’s little calendars.

Our club’s most recent event was held on August 7, 2010 in a small community park on the waters of Puget Sound. It was our Third Annual Beach Party and was enjoyed by a very large group even though it drizzled most of the day. Everyone brought the usual good food for this potluck party. We were also fortunate to have NTCA member Jill Petersen, an AKC and CKC earthdog judge and competitor, talk to us about the distinction between ratters and earthdogs. Jill also broughtodont companions for an “Intro to Ratting.” As you can imagine, the rats were a big point of interest with both humans and Nors, with some dogs keener than others. All in all we had a great time; the rain never dampened our spirits.

—Joan Herstein, Nor’West NNTC President, Camano Island, WA
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Mars Coat-King: A Tool for Grooming Older Norwich

Many of us have an aging Norwich who no longer has the patience or tolerance to have its coat stripped. Nevertheless, as owners, we really don't want to live with or let others see our ultra-shaggy dogs. One tool that has helped me groom my 14-year-old Darcy's coat is called the Mars Coat-King. Think of it as a razor blade with blunt teeth or a fork with very short tines and a cuttir edge between curved tines. The effect is that of using thinning shears, but the work goes much faster, much to the dog's relief. This tool works well on the dog's big flat surfaces, like the back and ribs, well as on the sides of the neck. It does not work at all well on the dog's legs or face. The coat in the areas will have to be dealt with in another way, probably thinning shears.

My dog is much more willing to put up with the Mars Coat-King than with being stripped. Others Norwich owners have told me that their dogs love this tool; they seem to think they're getting a massage. I use the original model, with 10 blades, approximately 1.5 inches wide. You can see the entire Mars Coat-King line as well as before-and-after grooming photos at www.groomersmall.com, as well as other sites. Using this tool will not keep the Norwich harsh coat, but the result looks much closer to a correct coat than I, as a total amateur, could produce with thinning shears, scissors or clippers.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX (carlynrricks@earthlink.net)
Ascot "Hershey" Bear dashing through the snow (in Canada)

"Annie" (l) and "Archie" McBryde modeling their new winter jackets

"Pippin" (l) and "Quinn" Techreob sporting their holiday best

Our first Noel ("Itsy Bitsy" pups)

"Ollie" Gisin sends holiday greetings from not-so-snowy Switzerland
ANOTHER AUCTION RESCUE TALE

On June 18th, devoted Norwich advocate Ellen Lucas attended a dog auction three hours from her home in Tulsa, OK...alone. Since the last dog auction where she rescued 17 “faux” Norwich (the Mars Breed Test showed all to be Cairn Terriers, even though two bitches were AKC-registered Norwich), Ellen has developed an interesting relationship with auctioneers and participants at commercial dog sales. This relationship has enabled Ellen to gather significant pedigree and other information that has proven valuable for the NTCA’s Registry Integrity Committee. I do want to make it clear that the NTCA HAS NO INVOLVEMENT in Ellen’s rescue efforts, but the club has been able to benefit from Ellen’s activities as a private citizen.

There were three AKC-registered Norwich Terriers listed in the June 18 auction catalog: a 5-year-old black and tan male, a 5-year-old red bitch, and 3-year-old black and tan bitch that was an offspring of the other two dogs. When the auctioneer offered these three dogs for sale, he stressed that they were the “real deal” (meaning they were Norwich, not Cairn beir sold as Norwich) and also that all three were AKC registered, not APRI (a pet registry) dogs. He emphasized to the audience that AKC Norwich puppies bring higher prices and that there was a proven breeding pair at that day’s auction. He stated the minimum price and said that if someone didn’t buy them for that, he would buy them himself and sell them at a bigger auction for a premium price.

Ellen quietly paid that minimum bid and was able to obtain the three sad little dogs for $630. She took the three to her vet where they were examined, bathed, ‘de-flead’, de-matted, teet cleaned with some extracted, and spayed and neutered. Fortunately, all the dogs appeared to be in good health and, although frightened and untrained, exhibited sweet and loving personalities. Timing could not have been worse as Ellen’s support people were all headed out of state to dog shows and could not assist in grooming and fostering. The dogs remained at the vet’s for boarding until help was available. Needless to say, although Ellen’s vet discounted significantly, the total bills were a lot for one person to take on.

Subsequently, the dogs were groomed by an outstanding professional Norwich groomer and handler, Brenda Combs, who has generously donated her services to this worthy cause. [Ed.: See p. 38 of this News for a photo of Brenda handling “Poker Chip”] Next, they were transported for volunteer foster care with Joan Eckert, who had already fostered and successfully rehomed several of the 17 “faux” Norwich. Ellen is so lucky to have these two talented and giving women to help her with her rescue efforts.
Ellen sent in a DNA Mars Breed Test on the three dogs. Test results showed the black and tan male (now known as Gambler) to be a purebred Norwich. The older red bitch (now Dusty) came back 50% Norwich and 50% Cairn Terrier—which, of course, means that the 3-year-old black and tan bitch (now DD) is 75% Norwich and 25% Cairn. Yet all these dogs are currently AKC-registered Norwich Terriers. This is disturbing, to say the least! We have Ellen to thank that they will no longer contribute to the already-tainted gene pool of the AKC Norwich registry.

—Dana Esquibel, “tinytowne” Norwich, El Sobrante, CA (tinytowne@comcast.net)

P.S. Thanks to information Ellen provided to NTCA Registry Integrity Committee Chair Carol Suggs, “Crosta” and “Candy Paint,” the two AKC-registered “Norwich” bitches from Ellen’s rescue of 17 Cairn Terriers (see Spring 2010 News, pp. 15-18), have been removed from the AKC Norwich registry. —DE

Avid birdwatchers “Sybil” (l) and “Robin” McDonnell
A Very Expensive Peanut!

Ed.: When she sent me the following article for the News, author Mary Straus noted that Dr. Brendan McKiernan, the veterinarian who treated her Norwich, had reviewed and okayed the contents. —AGF

On May 21, 2010, my 6-year-old Norwich Terrier, Ella, had a sudden, very intense reverse sneezing episode right after finishing her dinner. Reverse sneezing is common with most dogs, but not like this. Ella was shaking and acting as if she couldn’t breathe. I was able to interrupt the behavior by stroking and distracting her, but she clearly was not right afterwards. She sounded congested and she continued to reverse sneeze a few more times, though I was able to stop it from escalating by interrupting her. I gave her half a Benadryl, hoping she’d be better in the morning.

Thus began my 2-week odyssey into learning about Norwich Upper Airway Syndrome (UAS), a collection of respiratory problems that include elongated soft palate, enlarged tonsils, everted laryngeal sacculles, and, rarely, epiglottic malformation. These problems are common in brachycephalic breeds (dogs with pushed-in faces), but also in Norwich Terriers, which are not brachycephalic, for reasons we don’t fully understand. Everted laryngeal sacculles are caused by negative air pressure. Sacculles are the name given to the mucosa that normally line the laryngeal ventricles of the larynx. They are pulled into the glottic opening when the dog struggles to breathe secondary to other problems (sort of like the lining of a pair of pants that pops out in the laundry). Once everted, they contribute to breathing difficulty by further obstructing the airway. Everted sacculles are believed to always be secondary to other breathing issues rather than being a primary problem. While common in Norwich, brachycephalic breeds such as Pugs and Bulldogs have even more problems with everted sacculles.

When Ella woke the next morning, she still sounded very congested, and clearly felt miserable, not wanting to move. She had no other symptoms: no sneezing, reverse sneezing, coughing or nasal discharge. We made a quick trip to a substitute vet (my regular vet was not in). The vet found nasal congestion and inflamed tonsils that were not overly enlarged, but she saw no evidence of everted sacculles. She thought allergies were the most likely cause, though I was not convinced due to the sudden onset and no prior symptoms. She told me to give Ella half a Benadryl three times a day. I talked her into giving me prednisone as well, but she said not to use it unless Ella was having trouble breathing.

The next day was Sunday, and there was no improvement. I became convinced that Ella must have UAS, and I was terribly worried about her, not sure how this would affect the rest of her life.

On Monday, I talked to my regular vet, who told me to give Ella 4 mg of Medrol (methylprednisolone), and to bring her in to see him that afternoon. Within a few hours of getting the Medrol, Ella perked up, running around and acting happy again, though she continued to sound congested. My vet examined her and confirmed the first vet’s findings: congestion that sounded nasal rather than in the chest. He was unable to see her tonsils or throat due to edema (swelling) caused by inflammation. He too suspected allergies, though we also discussed the possibility of a foreign body: Foxtails (grass awns) that can get stuck in the nose or throat are common in my area. We started Ella on antibiotics just in case there might be a foreign body present that could cause infection, and I continued to give her 4 mg Medrol daily.

I discovered that a few Norwich with symptoms similar to Ella’s were found to have a blade of grass in their nose. Magda Omansky writes in one of her articles on UAS that a blade of grass sticking out of a dog’s nose is symptomatic of elongated soft palate; it happens when dogs eat grass and a
iece works its way above the soft palate into the back of the nose. Other signs of elongated soft palate include sloppy water drinking, gagging while drinking, and panting with a "k" sound.

Ella seemed better at times, then would get worse again. Because the Medrol did not control her symptoms, my vet felt that allergies were less likely. He recommended that she be "scoped" under anesthesia in order to look into her throat and nose in hopes of finding the cause. He explained that he did not have a flexible endoscope and so would not be able to look into the back of her nose, but he felt it likely that he'd be able to find and remove a foreign body if one was there. He also does not do laser surgery, so if he found something that needed to be corrected, such as an elongated soft palate or everted laryngeal saccules, I'd have to schedule a second procedure with a specialist.

I had called several veterinary specialists, but none was able to see my dog in less than two to three weeks. My vet and I both felt that it wasn't a good idea to wait that long, so one week after Ella's reverse sneezing started, my vet did the scope procedure. He found an elongated soft palate and enlarged tonsils, but felt that neither would account for her symptoms. He felt that the tonsil inflammation was likely caused by the congestion rather than the other way around. There were no everted saccules. He also did not find a foreign body, despite flushing her nasal passages thoroughly with saline. He did a culture but not a biopsy, as we felt that a fungal infection was unlikely due to the sudden onset and lack of other symptoms. The culture came back negative: no sign of bacterial infection. We were back at square one.

Ella continued to sound congested, sometimes worse and sometimes better. She had no exercise intolerance, and her breathing was mostly quiet at night. There were no sounds of congestion when breathing through her mouth, another sign that the problem was in her nose rather than her throat. I began cautiously taking her for walks again, which she was able to enjoy without worsening of her symptoms afterwards. We began slowly reducing her Medrol, first cutting her back to 2 mg every day for several days, and she seemed no worse. The next step was to give the Medrol every other day.

I had posted Ella's story to two Norwich Terrier email lists, asking for input. NTCA member Jill Petersen, who lives in Washington State, suggested that I take Ella to Dr. Brendan McKiernan, a Board Certified Veterinary Internal Medicine Specialist at the Southern Oregon Veterinary Specialty Center in Medford, Oregon, which was six hours from where I live in the San Francisco Bay Area. Jill said, "Dr. McKiernan is one of the best upper respiratory vets in the world. He has a passion for upper respiratory diagnosis and treatment and travels internationally to educate vets on upper respiratory illnesses. He is aware of the issues with Norwich and has treated a number of them." She described her own positive experiences two years earlier when she had brought her Norwich Terrier, Ginger, to Dr. McKiernan. Another specialist had given Ginger a death sentence, saying she would not live more than another year or so. Dr. McKiernan removed laryngeal saccules from Ginger using a laser and treated her with a topical chemotherapy drug to minimize scarring. He also explained to Jill why the previous vet had misdiagnosed Ginger with a collapsed larynx. Two years later, Ginger is still doing great.

I called Dr. McKiernan's office, and rather than putting me off as the other specialists had done, he was willing to see Ella immediately. He believed she must have a foreign body due to the sudden onset with no prior symptoms, and he didn't think it would be good to wait any longer. Ella and I jumped in the car and headed to Oregon. On the way, Ella got much worse, starting to reverse-sneeze for the first time since the initial episode, and once again acting as though she felt
The next morning, Dr. McKiernan, with the help of his wonderful assistant Sarah, examined Ella thoroughly. He confirmed once again that the congestion was nasal, particularly because her breathing was normal (no sounds) when she breathed through her mouth. That afternoon, they anesthetized her and used an endoscope and video camera to look into her throat and the back of her nose. I was allowed to watch the procedure, and could see everything they saw on a wide-screen TV monitor.

It wasn’t long before Dr. McKiernan found the problem: what looked on the monitor like a whole peanut in the back of her nose! It turned out to be just a peanut fragment, maybe ¼” long, right in the front of her nasopharynx. Using a small, flexible endoscope, he could see that the mucosa was swollen and inflamed. He removed the peanut fragment with forceps and flushed the area with saline. I breathed a huge sigh of relief that the cause of the problem had been found, and that now Ella would get better.

When Dr. McKiernan initially inserted the endotracheal tube for anesthesia, he commented that Ella did have everted laryngeal saccules. Since they had not been there when the first procedure was done a week earlier, they likely became everted the night before, when she had begun reverse sneezing again. He explained that the saccules were the result of negative pressure caused by her difficulty breathing (the severe reverse sneezing). They are what he called a “dynamic obstruction” since they can come and go intermittently and quickly as her apparently did. Because the saccules were not large enough to obstruct her breathing, Dr. McKiernan didn’t feel it was necessary to remove them. He said that the saccules should return to normal now that the cause had been eliminated, especially since she had never had any prior symptoms.

Dr. McKiernan gave Ella an injection of dexamethasone and instructed me to continue giving her 4 mg of Medrol for three days to reduce inflammation caused by the peanut and the procedure. Since he had not done any laser surgery, there was no need for her to stay at the clinic, so we drove back home that day.

Ella was subdued the next day, probably tired from the long drive and the anesthesia, but by the day after, she was back to normal, with just a touch of congestion in the morning. Even that was gone by the following day, and she’s been fine ever since.

If you’re wondering how Ella got a peanut stuck in her nose, it’s because I put peanuts out to feed wild birds. The birds hide the peanuts, and Ella had become adept at finding these little “treasures.” Dr. McKiernan thought it likely that Ella got a piece of peanut caught in her throat that she tried to spit out, but it ended up going above her soft palate and into the back of her nose. Needless to say, the birds are no longer getting any peanuts. Even though it was likely a fluke, I can’t risk it happening again.
I learned a great deal about UAS in Norwich Terriers during this scary time, including that many vets, even those who claim to know a lot about these respiratory problems, do not diagnose or treat them properly. It is definitely worthwhile to see a veterinary respiratory specialist if at all possible. I cannot speak highly enough of Dr. McKiernan, who was the nicest and most caring specialist we ever dealt with (and there have been many over the years). If it is not possible to bring your dog to him, he might be able to consult with a more local specialist about the best treatment for your dog.

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Southern Oregon Veterinary Specialty Center, (541) 282-7711
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Articles on Norwich UAS by NTCA Health Chair Magda Omansky
http://norwichterrierclub.org/archives/ucas

—Mary Straus, Pleasanton, CA
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**About the author:** Mary Straus got Ella, her first and only Norwich Terrier, in March 2009 when Ella was almost 5 years old. The two enjoy living and taking long daily walks together in the San Francisco Bay area. Prior to Ella, Mary had Chinese Shar-Pei for 25 years. Mary has been involved with dogs all her life. After studying dog behavior and training for about 15 years, she became interested in canine nutrition and health in the late 1990s. She has written articles on canine nutrition for the *Whole Dog Journal* and in January 2010, she took over the “Cook’s Corner” column on homemade dog diets for *Dog World* magazine. Mary also owns the www.DogAware.com website where she has posted her many articles on canine health and nutrition.

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**Dr. McKiernan To The Rescue: More Norwich With “Foreign Bodies”**

*Ed.: The following two stories by NTCA members Jill Petersen and Leandra Little recount respiratory problems caused by foreign bodies in their dogs’ nasal cavities. Thanks to Mary Straus, Jill and Lee for alerting News readers to what seems to be a not-so-uncommon breed concern. —AGF*

**“Ginger” Petersen**

Little did I think when I contacted Norwich owner Mary Straus to tell her about Dr. McKiernan, that just a few weeks later I would need to heed my own advice! As Mary mentioned in her article about “Ella” and the peanut, my Norwich “Ginger” had been doing great during the two years following her surgery for everted sacculles. Her breathing had been clear, and she and I were enjoying our venture into obedience and many other activities that had been impossible before our first visit to Dr. McKiernan. Then, out of the blue one day as she was giving me my morning kisses, Ginger started to choke and gag. When she heeled down the hall to the kitchen (her choice, not mine!), holding her head up to look at me caused more gagging and some sneezing/snorring. After breakfast she seemed fine, but later that afternoon and the following days, there was more gagging when she drank, her endurance was lower—and then came the reverse sneeze…
I knew that what I was seeing with Ginger was very different from the saccula issues she had previously. After the first reverse sneezing episode, what Mary had described about her Ella: symptoms really struck a chord. Ginger had NEVER had a reverse sneeze in her life, but over the next few days she had two more. I have had other dogs, including my other Norwich, who have had occasional reverse sneezing, and with whom I find this a relatively "normal" behavior. It was the lack of such behavior in the past from Ginger, along with her other symptoms and her prior respiratory problems, that made her reverse sneezing a red flag for me. I realized that, like Ella, Ginger might have a foreign body in her nasal cavity.

On Monday I called Southern Oregon Veterinary Specialty Center (SOVSC) and made an appointment for Wednesday. I also took Ginger to her regular vet on Monday, "just in case", but he could not detect any distressed breathing either through her nose or her mouth. So on Tuesday, Ginge and I made the 9.5-hour drive to Medford, Oregon.

On the initial exam, Dr. McKiernan did not detect any abnormal breathing noise from either the nose or mouth. To determine if there was a real problem would require scoping. I a most backed out! But, long story short, Ginger was scoped and a foreign body was in fact found in her right choanae—apparently the same spot where Ella's peanut fragment was found! Unlik Ella, with Ginger, multiple attempts to flush the debris/foreign body were unsuccessful. It required a combination of flushing and forceps to dislodge the foreign body and, sadly, the object was not recovered in the suction bottle. Sad 1) because I will never know what it was, and 2) you (the owner!) always worry if it really got "all the way out". Dr. McKiernan felt confident that the foreign body was out of Ginger’s respiratory system, mostly likely swallowed despite the suction. I was there through the procedure and also feel secure that, whatever it was, the foreign body was no longer where it was originally seen!

The not-so-good news with Ginger was that this object/debris had apparently been present long enough to cause damage to other parts of her right nasal cavity, in particular her turbinates. One of the primary functions of these mucous-covered bony structures is to filter dust and particulates in the air so that they don't enter the dog's lungs. With Ginger, the long-term implications of this damage are not clear, but I do have to watch her for other nasal/rhinitis issues. Given that a foreign body was present for some time in her airway, I don't know why I didn't recognize symptoms sooner. As soon I had any indication there was a problem, I acted. I guess the takeaway lesson is, no matter how diligent you are, subtleties can elude you.

When Ginger was scoped, Dr. McKiernan also found a small fibrotic nodule on her slightly everted saccula on the left side. This nodule was lasered out and treated with topical Mitomycin-C (a chemotherapy drug). Admittedly, I had heard the breathing noise associated with that nodule for some time, but it was minimal compared to her previous saccula symptoms and had had little to no impact on Ginger's activities. But for this foreign body crisis, I'm sure Ginger and I would still be living with this nodule without concern.

Ginger is currently doing well. Her endurance is back to its previous level. Still, on occasion I worry about her noisy breathing early in the morning before she wakes. I don't remember hearing any such noise prior to this episode. So I continue to listen to every noise Ginger makes breathing—awake, asleep, in excitement... One thing I recommend to anyone dealing with Norwich breathing issues is to record your dog's noises before seeing a specialist (breathing noises can be so difficult to describe!) or at least before having any surgery. In the days/weeks following any respiratory proce-
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Discomfort, you will be dealing with additional noise due to inflammation. Most likely you will question whether a noise is the same, worse, new, different, or (hopefully!) better than what you heard before. Once again, I need to heed my own advice! I've mentioned this to others, but have yet to do it for myself. I have a Flip camera with which I should be able to record the breathing noise(s) I'm hearing. To be our dog's advocate, the more information we provide can only help the vet to make an accurate diagnosis. And having something to compare to the breathing sounds during recovery can help alleviate the guessing game whether any noises are new or different.

I would like to thank Mary for posting Ella's story to the Norwich Pet list so that I had an idea of what Ginger's problem might be. I would also like to thank Dr. McKiernan and his staff for their knowledgeable and caring treatment. It is wonderful to have such a veterinary resource, even if it is 500 miles away!! In the scheme of things, that really is a very short distance!

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

“Fritzi” Little

My Norwich female “Fritzi” had had on-again, off-again respiratory-type infections since September 2009. At first I thought she had kennel cough. A few days after a Match show, she came into the house with a few short coughs. I took her to the vet, who prescribed Clavamox. The infection didn’t clear up and lingered through the winter. Fritzi sounded congested to me, but she didn’t have trouble with walks, wasn’t heat intolerant, etc. In March, she developed pneumonia! All in all, she went to see five vets and had at least four courses of antibiotics!

She seemed a bit better in June, but now that I was at our place in Washington State, I decided to take her to see Dr. McKiernan. He examined Fritzi, but couldn’t find anything wrong. I insisted that she be scoped. During this procedure, Dr. McKiernan found a tiny piece of grass in her tonsil crypt—and then he found the real problem in her nasal passage. It was almost totally blocked with scar tissue! He didn’t know what it was—a “foreign body.” He tried to clear the nasal passage, first with a probe and then with a tiny balloon. Neither did any good. The next day, we went back for laser surgery. Dr. McKiernan made an incision in Fritzi’s neck and approached the problem in her nasal passage from the “back door.” Although he wasn’t able to get all the scar tissue cleared out, she is much better. I’ll probably take her back for a follow-up exam in the fall, but for now I am so relieved that we got to the bottom of her respiratory issue. The other good news is that her saccules are fine and that her soft palate didn’t warrant any intervention.

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

“Fritzi” during surgery

“I’m feeling much better now, thank you.”
(“Fritzi” a week after her surgery)
Tools of the Trade: Genetics for Litter Planning

Few disciplines have been developing as rapidly as genetics in the last few decades. As genetics evolves, the accelerated course of the knowledge it brings will leave us in the dust if we do not keep up. As breeders, we know the meaning of line breeding and outcrossing, but what on earth is controlled gene insertion? This is not as far away as you might think. But before we embark on laboratory manipulation of our dogs’ genes, let us review some basics and look deeper into our souls as breeders.

Linebreeding means, of course, staying within a limited gene pool of closely related individuals for the preservation of certain desired qualities. Outcrossing is mating relatively more distantly related individuals, which increases heterozygosity. From a genetic point of view, outcrossing is healthier for the breed, but from a breeder’s point of view it produces less predictable results and introduces the scary unknown. Before you tell me not to be ridiculous with stating the obvious, let me agree with you. I also find it ridiculous to think of dog breeding choices in the 21st century this way. What we should be talking about is no longer inbreeding, linebreeding, outcrossing or negative assortative mating. Our vocabulary should include Inbreeding Coefficient and hierarchy of disagreeableness in every sentence describing our choices.

Inbreeding Coefficient (abbreviated to “IC”), defined as “probability of homozygosity by descent,” does not bring about an instant illumination. So let me put it in a way that helps me to understand it. Every dog passes only 50% of its genetic material to an offspring. In the next generation only half of that half of genes will be inherited. Thus in the first generation there would be 50% of the genes passed; in the second generation, only 25%; the third, 12.5%; the fourth, 6.25%, and so on. Now imagine the same individual dog appearing in a pedigree two times. What that means is that the percentage of his genes just increased. To know by how much exactly, you can use the Inbreeding Coefficient. For example, let us say that there is a dog with undesired health problems in a pedigree once in a fourth generation. That same dog appears 5 times in further generations on another pedigree. This information might be completely unknown if you look at just the 4-generation pedigree. Only IC, which is calculated based on a 10-generation pedigree, would reveal the possible risks involved in this breeding. In my opinion, IC is like the invention of the wheel for dog breeding. Once I took that ride, I’m not getting off.

Another concept I would like to share is hierarchy of disagreeableness, a subject of hot discussion recently in one of the breeder chat rooms. I received over a hundred replies, my personal record to a single posting. Given the interest, I am repeating those thoughts here. The discussion revolved around Dr. Padgett’s explanation of the concept of hierarchy of disagreeableness and the breeding tools he was advocating. It was argued, quite reasonably, that, for example, test breeding is not a practical concept for Norwich, with their small litter sizes and limited gene pool. I replied that what I took from Dr. Padgett’s lecture was a desire to remove emotional motivation from my breeding decisions. Dr. Padgett makes a strong and very lucid case for using objective tools in mapping future generations. When one looks at the particular tools he is suggesting and finds them difficult or imperfect in implementation, it is easy to miss the bigger picture and his entire point.

Making a priority list for avoiding undesirable traits and sticking to it in breeding decisions is harder than you think. At the same time, it is paramount. Here is an example. Norwich breeders all say there are no tests for epilepsy or for UAS and that these are two of the most important things to avoid. Isn’t this an excuse for not putting such major breed health concerns at the top of the list? It was for me.

Can I truly say that each breeding I ever did was motivated first by avoiding the risk factors for epilepsy and UAS and only then avoiding longer backs, wide fronts, weak bones, bad bites, light eyes? There are no genetic tests for longer backs or wide fronts either, but I knew what to consider in avoiding those traits. I can honestly tell you that I did not have a solid priority list of negative traits (hierarchy of disagreeableness) until after I listened to Dr. Padgett. And, at least for me, making a written list and assigning numerical risk factors helped a lot.
I caught myself many times steering towards emotional breeding decisions. “But he’s so gorgeous and would fix my bitch’s lack of bone”, etc, etc., had to be moved to the right place on the list, get its number and wait there patiently until I dealt with other more important negative traits. I had to resign myself to the fact that, in order to prioritize, it would take me longer than one or two generations to fix certain things with my Norwich. It was difficult to decide to risk sacrificing desirable conformation traits while reducing the numerical risk for UAS. But when I see my most recently bred young adult dogs and hear from their owners that they are little ‘energizer bunnies’ in hot weather, with no noisy panting, I have Dr. Padgett to thank.

I think all Norwich breeders have a negative priority list. Most just tend to have conformation traits on the top of the list. I know I did until I really forced myself to use objective pedigree mapping tools. It is not easy to recognize and to silence the desire to breed for the most beautiful possibilities in conformation as a first priority. “Beautiful and healthy” is what everyone wants, but “healthy and beautiful” seems to be the way to get there.

Let us use all the tools genetics has to offer and be as informed in our decisions as we can. To that end, let me remind you of some other tools at breeders’ disposal. The Norwich CHIC database is growing and helps us to determine the risks of patellar luxation, genetic eye disorders and hip dysplasia for our planned matings: www.caninehealthinfo.org Again, this is another objective tool we should all use. CHIC is not a certification program; it is an information database—an orthopedic and eye pedigree, so to speak.

There is also a test available to avoid “fluffies”. Both Norwich parents have to be carriers to produce a fluffy puppy. The test involves a simple cheek swab and will ensure that you can avoid doubling up on this undesirable gene. There are two places that perform the test: www.vetdnacenter.com/canine-fluffy-test.html and www.vetgen.com.

Let us not see the glass as half-empty and concentrate on the health tests we do not have yet. Let us instead use the many wonderful genetic tools at our disposal. May all your future litters be better than previous ones! Upward and onward!

—Magda Omansky, NTCA Health Chair, Murray Hill, NJ
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New NTCA AKC Agility Titles

In the first half of 2010, Norwich owned and trained by NTCA members earned both starter and upper level agility titles. Huge congratulations to both the new competitors earning their first agility titles as well as to the veterans earning those difficult and challenging open and excellent legs!

The newcomers among the title winners, earning BOTH their Novice Standard and Novice Jumpers with Weaves titles, are Betty McDonnell's Kilyka's Early Bird and Carol Clark's Ch. Shoebutton's Peggy Cass. It's also great to have Magda Omansky competing again as she handled Ch Littlefield Razz' Matazz at DignPop to earn the Novice Standard Agility title.

As for the more experienced Norwich teams, on the east coast Blair Kelly's Jerusalem Mariah Lenox earned both her Open Standard Agility and Open Jumpers titles, and Chris Zink's Vespa (Jerusalem Road Less Traveled) picked up both her Novice FAST* and Open FAST* titles. Out in California, Rainee Johnson's two dogs continued to collect titles. Her older Norwich, Ch. Breakaway: Central Park, who had already earned Master agility titles in the 8” classes, now has also earned the Preferred Open Agility Jumpers title. Rainee's "Savvy" (Breakaway's In The Know) added her Master Agility and Master Agility Jumpers titles. Also in California, Maureen Glancy's Ch. Bunratty's Ear Arlie O'Todd earned both the Agility Excellent title as well as Novice FAST*. And in Washington State, achieving the Agility Excellent Jumpers title was Margaret Johnson's Rogel's In the Zone. Down south in North Carolina, Ursula Walsh's "Hare Bear", well known in performance events as MACH Yarrow's MGB Beach Pine Harry, earned yet another title—Excellent FAST*, a title very few small dogs are able to accomplish. In fact, Harry is the first Excellent FAST Norwich. All these Norwich and their owner-handlers deserve a hearty pat on the back for these new titles—none of which come without hours of training and practice and patience and trialing.

Two other very exciting springtime agility accomplishments deserve special mention. Two Norwich earned their second Master Agility Championships: Gail Exstrom's MACH2 Breakaway's Malarky and Bob Frazier's MACH2 Rosecroft One More Time ("Higgins"). Malarky and Higgins are the first Norwich ever to earn the MACH2 title.

Congratulations to all!

*Author's note: FAST ("Fifteen and Send Time") is a relatively new AKC titling class requiring strategy and skill in accumulating points to qualify for a successful run. One of the big challenge of the FAST classes is the requirement of handling the dog's path and performance from a distance. At the Excellent level, a tricky sequence of 3 obstacles must be independently performed by the dog while the handler is at a distance of 15-20 feet.

—Susan Novotny, Worthington, OH; (tinyterriers@gmail.com)

Norwich at 2010 and 2011 AKC National Agility Events

The 2010 AKC Agility Invitational will be held in Long Beach, CA on December 4-5. The top five agility dogs of each breed are invited. Representing Norwich Terriers at this year's Invitational will be five great dogs and handlers: MACH Yarrow's MGB Beach Pine Harry ("Harry") and Ursula Walsh; Breakaway's In the Know ("Savvy") and Rainee Johnson; MACH2 Breakaway's Malarky and Gail Exstrom; Ketka's Mariposa ("Posey") and Esther Newton; and Shonleh Migar Winston and Vickie Yamaoka. Best of luck to all of you! Run fast and run clean!
For only the second time in breed history (the first was Blair Kelly's agility 'phenom' 'Kate'), a Norwich Terrier owned by a club member will be competing at the AKC Agility National Championships, to be held in Lexington, Virginia in April 2011. An invitation to the national championship is quite an achievement, and giant kudos go to NTCA member Ursula Walsh’s and her agility star, “Harry.” You two are incredible! We'll all be cheering for you!

—Susan Novotny

Norwich Agility on YouTube

If you have never seen a Norwich run an agility course, or even if you have, you will enjoy watching these videos of Ursula Walsh’s fantastic Harry, Esther Newton’s go-getter Posey, and Chris Zink’s speedy Vespa! For sure, you will be impressed by the skill and speed of these teams!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuLUTShJZDw
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TS0GnzORoqU&feature=related
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnRZpOqmXxg

—Susan Novotny

Why do I have to wear this silly reindeer hat every Christmas? ("Pippin" Telchreb)
Fall 2010 Obedience and Rally News

It's always my pleasure to let News readers know of all the obedience and Rally titles that Norwich have earned. If you're not working with your dog in performance because training looks like an impossible task, keep in mind that every dog trainer had a first dog. That's even truer for Norwich than for some other breeds, because traditionally Norwich owners didn't do as much with their dogs as retriever owners, for example. Several current “stars” in the breed started with a Norwich, never having trained a dog before. You have the advantage of a smart dog, bred to work and to think independently, who probably has lots of energy and who loves food. That is the very definition of a supremely trainable dog. You'll notice that Norwich trainers live all over the country, often in no contact with other Norwich or even with other terriers. They do, however, manage to stay in touch and get training tips through several Yahoo groups, among them the norobedience group and the obedterriers group. You can always let me know if I can help. So get out there and work with your dog. Both of you will love it.

Rally

More and more Norwich owners are discovering the fun of getting into Rally obedience. I was very pleasantly surprised to discover that Norwich earned six (6) new Rally Novice (RN) titles in the last five months. Even better, four of these new RN titles were earned by breed champions. In the Midwest, NTCA member Joan Bakken continued her winning ways by adding the RN to the master agility titles she had already earned with Ch. Gaylord’s Vixon of Ipswich RN MX MXJ. NTCA member Chris Zink of Maryland followed suit by adding the RN to the agility and obedience titles of Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD RN AX MXJ NF (Vespa).

On the other hand, four Norwich owners have chosen to start their performance career with Rally. This event is probably the easiest place to begin in performance. If your dog is already used to walking with you on a leash, the Rally Novice title is the most accessible. NTCA member Carolyn Taylor down in Kentucky did so with Ch. Rosecroft Show Ann Tell RN. Patty Fornell completed the RN with Ch. Shonleh He's a Magic Man RN out in California. Robin Siegel from Maryland had fun earning the RN with Ch. Pennyroyal’s Naughty Baronet RN, as did Zoe and Deborah Ross’s Yvaine’s Lil Bit Xtra RN in Arkansas. Congratulations to all these owners for choosing to spend quality time with their dogs. The next step is the Advanced Rally ring, where you give your leash to the steward on the way in, take a deep breath, say a prayer that your dog doesn’t decide to do zoomies all around the ring, and brightly announce, in response to the judge’s question, that “Yes,” you are “Ready!”

After the Advanced Rally class is the Excellent class, where NTCA member Maureen Glancy from California added the Rally Excellent title to Ch. Bunratty’s Earl Arlie O’Todd CD RE AX AXJ. Can the RAE be far behind for Maureen? Congratulations to all these hard-working Norwich owners.

Obedience

This has been a unique period in Norwich obedience history. Norwich have earned one beginning title and three intermediate titles in the past 6 months. Much of it happened in New Jersey where NTCA member Betty McDonnell’s homebred Ch. Kilyka’s Early Bird CD NA NAJ earned the beginning obedience title, Companion Dog (CD). Continuing her winning ways, Betty, who knows that “training” is another word for “communication” when it comes to dogs, added the wonderful intermediate obedience title, Companion Dog Excellent (CDX), to Versatility Award winner Ch. Shorttales Sibyl of Kilyka CDX NA NAJ. On the way to this CDX, Sibyl earned a High in Trial (from the Open A class!). Betty deserves huge congratulations for the devotion she shows all her
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Dogs, adding agility and obedience performance titles to each of her breed champions. Also earning the CDX were Betsy Seiffert of Pennsylvania with Yarrow’s Mistletoe CDX RA and Carolyn Cotter pf Delaware with Devondale’s Master Myron CDX RN.

Two of the hardest exercises in intermediate obedience, called Open, are the out-of-sight sit stays’ and ‘down stays’. For three minutes, the dog must sit in a line with 5–10 other dogs, some of them very large, while the owners go out of sight. Then they must do the same thing in a down position. Those are the longest three and five minutes in the life of any obedience competitor. So now, with those out-of-sight stays out of the way, how hard can a utility title be for our three CDX winners? Very hard, I know, but worth every minute you spend with your dog. My Norwich Darcy has never stopped thanking me for finally letting him use his brain, as is required in the utility (most advanced) ring. Our smart little dogs love to exercise their minds as well as their bodies. I encourage all of you to give them the chance to do that.

Congratulations for these fine achievements!

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair
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NTCA Versatility Award Changes

At the June 2010 NTCA Board meeting in Long Beach, CA, I proposed and the Board approved the following two changes to the Versatility Award and Versatility Award Excellent requirements. The changes are small. They are designed to simplify the calculations and to clarify some confusion regarding how the calculations are done. These changes will make NTCA Versatility Awards neither harder nor easier to earn, simply easier to understand and calculate.

1) As of 2011, you will need 16 points for a Versatility Award and 20 points for a Versatility Excellent Award. These numbers are lower than the previous requirements because (see

2) In each category, only the highest title earned by the dog will be counted. Previously, the points were added for each title earned within a category. Now, for instance, we will count only the highest agility title, only the highest obedience title, etc., that the dog has earned. The point value of the titles is the same with the exception of Rally, where the RAE title has been added and the points of the other Rally titles adjusted accordingly.

Earlier this year, the NTCA Board agreed to follow the practice of many breed clubs, allowing Versatility Award winners to add VN (Versatile Norwich) and Versatility Excellent Award winners to add VNX (Versatile Norwich Excellent) at the end of the dog’s name. Please note that it is up to individual owners to notify NTCA Performance Chair Carlynn Ricks if they think their dog has earned enough points for the Versatility or Versatility Excellent Awards.

Below is the complete listing of the new Versatility Award Requirements.

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair
NEW NTCA VERSATILITY AWARD CRITERIA

The NTCA Versatility Award requires 16 points in a minimum of three categories listed below. In categories where multiple levels have titles, only the highest title earned by the dog will be counted.

The NTCA Versatility Excellent Award requires 20 points in a minimum of four categories listed below, including at least one Field title. In categories where multiple levels have titles, only the highest title earned by the dog will be counted. One title must be OTCH (AKC), UDX, TDX, Master Earthdog, or MX (Master Agility Excellent).

**Obedience**
American, UKC or Canadian titles are eligible.
CD: 4 pts, CDX: 6pts, UD: 10 pts, UDX: 12 pts, OTCH: 14 pts.

**Rally**
AKC or APDT titles are eligible.
RN: 2 pts, RA: 3 pts, RE: 4 pts; RAE: 5 pts.

**Tracking**
AKC or CKC, but only one title:
TD: 4 pts, TDX: 12 pts, VSTD: 12 pts.

**Field**
Certificate of Gameness/Junior Earthdog: 4 pts.
Senior Earthdog: 12 pts, Master Earthdog: 14 pts.

**Agility**
Titles from any of the flavors of agility (AKC, USDAA, NADAC, UKC, etc.) are acceptable. Points are given corresponding to the equivalent AKC levels: Novice: 4pts, Open: 6pts, Excellent: 10pts, Master: 12pts, MACH: 14pts.

**Breed**
AKC Championship: 6 pts, CKC Championship: 3 pts, Other Foreign Ch.: 2 pts.

**Flyball**
NAFA
Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh): 2 pts, Flyball Dog Master (FDM): 4 pts, Flyball Dog Master Excellent (FMX): 6 pts
Comparable points are given for U-Fli titles.

**Search and Rescue**
Search & Rescue Certified: 6 pts.

**Other**

Titles not listed may qualify toward the NTCA Versatility Award. The number of points, if any awarded for such titles will be decided on a case-by-case basis. These titles would include, but are not limited to, such activities as weight pull, freestyle, water rescue etc.

Clarification: At least one of the points must be earned while the owner is a NTCA member.
2009 NTCA Versatility Excellent & Versatility Award Winners

For NTCA performance enthusiasts, the club’s Versatility Excellent (VNX) and Versatility (VN) Awards represent the pinnacle of success, requiring a Norwich to earn titles in multiple events. The first Norwich to earn a then-NNTC Versatility Award (in 1999) was Carlynn Ricks’ Sand-Castle Darcy UDX RE MX MXJ AXP AJP VN.

As more and more Norwich owners train their dogs in both conformation and performance, the number of VNX and VN winners has been increasing. In 2009, three Norwich earned these prestigious awards—one VNX and two VN. Ursula Walsh’s “Harry” (MACH Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE OF VNX) became only the third Norwich ever to earn the VNX. Unlike the VN, the VNX requires at least one Field title (Certificate of Gameness, earthdog, etc.). In the Fall 2009 News (pp. 25-26), owner-trainer Ursula Walsh chronicled her Harry’s earthdog experiences, an on-again, off-again adventure that culminated in his earning a Junior Earthdog (JE) title and thus qualifying for the VNX. In May 2010, Harry added to his go-to-ground achievements by completing the challenging Senior Earthdog (SE) title! (See p. 36 of this News.)

“Sparky” (Ch. Corymor’s Too Cool for Words CD RE VN) and “Vespa” (Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD AX AXJ NF VN) earned 2009 VN awards. In the Spring 2010 News (pp.11-12), owner-trainer Ann Whatley wrote about her “Sparky’s” path to the VN, starting with his breed championship and then adding Rally, Obedience and Flyball titles as well as a CGC and Therapy Dog. Vespa’s story has not yet been highlighted in the News, so below is owner-trainer Chris Zink’s account of her bitch’s success. Congratulations to all three of these great Norwich teams!

—Alison Freehling & Carlynn Ricks

“Vespa”: A 2009 VN Winner

I have had Golden Retrievers for 28 years and always played the many canine sports available for that breed, including obedience, agility, rally, tracking and hunt tests. After 13 years of traveling and presenting “Coaching the Canine Athlete” seminars, I decided that I needed a travel dog—one that would fit under the seat of an airplane. After making inquiries of several different Papillon breeders and having them tell me that, to qualify as a Papillon owner, I would need to divide my house into a small dog area and a large dog area (ridiculous!), I decided to look for a sturdier breed. NNTC member Blair Kelly kindly loaned me his Norwich Bianca for a couple of weeks’ “test drive”. I, who had always said I would never get a small dog and certainly NEVER a terrier, was smitten!

With my history in Goldens, it was only natural that my first Norwich, “Vespa,” would be involved in as many different canine sports as she showed an aptitude for. We began training in agility when Vespa was about a year old and always have a TON of fun in that sport. When Vespa was about three, I started her in obedience classes. There I discovered that her barking with delight during any game she played was a significant disadvantage in obedience. We managed to get her CD with what would have been fantastic scores but for all the squeaking sounds (now successfully suppressed from all-out barking) during the exercises. Rally came naturally after obedience. When she was a pup, I trained Vespa in tracking. She is very good at it, and pulls me to the point of canine exhaustion on a regular TD track. So we are currently looking for a test where the grass is low and the weather is cool.

Throughout it all, Vespa has been a true champion—always ready to play any new game I introduce. I am completely smitten with her and with this wonderful breed and will never be without a Norwich for the rest of my life.

—Chris Zink, Ellicott City, MD
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Three New Norwich Earthdog Titles: Two Are Historic!

The past six months have been very good to Norwich seeking AKC earthdog titles! NTCA member Ursula Walsh of Pinehurst, NC has not one, but two very big brags! On Sunday, April 18, 2010, at the Carolina Terrier Association earthdog trials, Ursula’s *Beach Pine Sophie Of Oakley RE NA NAJ OAP AJP*, earned the right to add ME (Master Earthdog) to her already-impressive list of performance titles! This puts “Sophie” in a very elite group indeed. Only two other Norwich have ever earned a Master Earthdog title. The first was *Ch. Bunnatty’s Tod Moran*, who earned the title in 2004. The second was *Fxbnt Pippin*. Sophie is the third Norwich ME and the first Norwich bitch to reach this lofty goal!

Not to be left behind, on May 15, 2010 Ursula’s *MACH Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE OF* earned his Senior Earthdog (SE) title at the Furniture City Kennel Club trials held in Stokesdale, NC. The SE title is often considered more difficult to earn than the ME, so maybe someday soon, “Harry” will join his ‘sister’ Sophie in the elite Master category. Meanwhile, Ursula should take great pride and continue to celebrate Harry’s coveted Senior Earthdog title! Ursula has a new Norwich named “George” at her house, and I expect we will hear him barking and working the rat in the not too distant future! [Ed.: For a photo of Ursula’s Norwich trio, see p. 12 of this News.]

On March 13, 2010, more Norwich history was made when *Fxbnt Pippin ME*, co-owned by NTCA member Hal Happerset with Joanne Gilden, became the first Norwich to earn the AKC’s new Endurance Earthdog title (EE)! The Endurance Earthdog title requires qualifying five times in both the Master and Senior test at the same trial. The EE just became a recognized AKC title on March 1, 2010, so “Pippin” is one of the very first of any of the earthdog breeds to earn an EE. AKC “grandfathered in” up to four legs (double Qs) earned prior to March 2010, but the fifth leg needed to be earned after the March 1 start date for the title. Pippin seems to be well on his way to an Endurance Earthdog 2 title, having earned 3 more legs since the pass that earned him his EE title.

Cong-RAT-ulations to all these talented terriers and their equally talented owners!

—Jill Petersen, Kenmore, WA
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Give Earthdog A Try!

Reporting the accomplishments of the three Norwich earning advanced earthdog titles in the last six months was exciting, amazing, inspiring! It makes one think that Norwich ARE out there “diggin’ it” and succeeding to boot! However, while tracking the accomplishments of these incredible dogs, I was disappointed to see that in the last 18 months, only one other Norwich, Ch. Shoebotton’s Beau Burnside MX MXJ NF SE, owned by Donna West and Joan Dance, earned an earthdog leg. Way back in May 2009, “Sam” earned two senior legs to complete his SE title. There has not been a single Junior Earthdog leg earned by a Norwich since the split of the NNTC and the establishment of the Norwich Terrier Club of America in January 2009.

Does this mean that no new Norwich are out there playing in the dirt and demonstrating that the breed still possesses working abilities? I certainly hope not. In past *News* articles, I have expressed my personal opinion that Norwich are primarily ratters, but until our club or some of the other “ratter”-breed parent clubs design a test specifically addressing the qualities of a hunter/killer/
atter dog, earthdog tests remain the only option for Norwich to demonstrate that form follows func-
tion. I know we all love the small, cuddly Norwich we live with every day, but I, for one, want to see
them remain working terriers.

In early August, the Northwest Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club asked me to give a talk/demo about earthdogs and raters. This club is an amazing mixture of serious breeders, purely pet
owners and everything Norwich and Norfolk that comes between! The common denominator is a
group of people who love their dogs and enjoy getting together to share fun doggy and human times.
I felt honored to be asked, and with the help of our local earthdog club, I managed to bring rats and
rubbing enough to set up a rattling for ratings test.

In rattling for ratings, multiple PVC tubes are hidden along a path, some with rats, others
with just rat bedding. The goal is for the owner to help the dog through the course, and together
determine the likely spots for rats to reside, locate the pipes, and decide which tubes have what — rat
or just rat scent!

Twenty Norwich (and one Norfolk) went through the course. The test was held on a beach
looking down at Puget Sound where kids were playing at low tide, some Norwich were wandering over
to “help,” and the other 30+ Norwich and their people at the Play Day were a very short distance
away enjoying fried chicken and getting time to romp together (the first group was the owners, the
second the dogs!).

A number of the 20 “ratter” Norwich were just too distracted by the kids, the sun and the
food to even think about what might be hidden under the next piece of driftwood! Fair enough — it
doesn’t mean these dogs don’t have “hunting in their blood” or that they wouldn’t focus in a less
distracting environment. The other “ratter” Norwich were split equally. Half showed moderate interest
in the tubes and made some differentiation between the tubes with the rats and those that just had
bedding. The other five Norwich (and the one Norfolk) were really, really out to get those rats!!

These six dogs not only indicated the rat tubes correctly; they exhibited true earthdog behavior — barking, digging, refusing to leave (well that’s not what you ultimately want at an AKC earthdog
test, but it will get you past a Junior title anyway!). I was very pleased! These five Norwich (and the
one Norfolk) could likely walk in and easily pass the intro test at an AKC trial. Given a little tunnel
practice, my guess is that once they got to the rats, the working aspect of the test would be a breeze!
WOW! These Norwich had likely never seen a contained/caged rat, yet they instinctively knew how
to work and did it with gusto!

I certainly hope that these Norwich owners will be inspired to come out and give earthdog a
try. Even the dogs that were too distracted that day on the beach may still turn out to be great earth-
dog candidates, given a different environment. If you haven’t been to an earthdog trial before, maybe
it’s time you too should go and see what it’s like! Although a practice setup is ideal for getting started,
the intro class at an earthdog test can still give you a chance to see what your dog will do instinctu-
ally as well an opportunity to see what the dog might do given some encouragement by the judge to
enter the den or work the rats.

Meanwhile, if anyone out there is entering tests, just maybe not passing quite yet, I’d love to
hear from you! Maybe you can share some stories of what you’ve seen from your Norwich and what
aspects of the test are giving you trouble. And hopefully by the next News, I will have many more
earthdog titles to report!

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Ch. Littlefield All In The Family
(Ch. Foxwood Ninja Warrior x Ch. Little by Littlefield)

Breeder: Leandra Little  
Owners: Amanda Kozora & Leandra Little

“Archie” earned his first major at Columbia Terrier in April 2009 when he was 13 months old and his second at Bucks County KC a month later. He was beautifully groomed and shown to most of his championship points by Kathryn Mines. He is a typey, cobby boy with an adorable expression and a gentle disposition. Look for him soon in the agility ring.

Happy Birthdays!

“Wojo” Shlimbaum on his 13th birthday

We all love “Frosty Paws”: (l. to r.): “Grizwald”, “Star” and “Jake” Carpenter celebrating Star’s first birthday
AKC'S NEW GRAND CHAMPION TITLE

On May 12, 2010, the AKC began its new Grand Champion (GCH) title competition. The title was inaugurated to encourage quality conformation dogs to return to the ring after they complete the requirements for a breed championship. Competition for this new title is judged during the Best of Breed competition at all-breed, group or specialty shows. All Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed competition are eligible to compete for Grand Champion points. Grand Champion points are awarded, at the judge’s discretion, to the following placements: Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Select Dog and Select Bitch are champions that the judge recognized as the top quality of their sex after BOB and BOS have been awarded. Also eligible are champion Veteran Class winners and dogs that have “moved up” to Best of Breed competition. Grand Champion points are calculated using the same AKC point schedule as is used for Championship points.

Completion of the GCH title requires all of the following:

- 25 Grand Championship points
- Three “majors” (three or more points earned at a single show) won under three different judges
- At least one or more of these GCH points won under a fourth judge
- Must have defeated at least one other AKC Champion of Record at three shows

Congratulations to GCH Ch. Yarrow Venerie Starlite Express (Ch. Sandina Sorcerer x Ch. Sandina’s Evanstar), bred by Beth Sweigart and Pam Beale and owned by William Pape, who earned the first Norwich Terrier CGH title on June 4, 2010. As of mid-August, 8 other Norwich have earned the CGH title.

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

The 2010 Norwich Terrier Club of Northern California Specialty

April 16 was another beautiful California day at CalExpo in Sacramento for the NTCNC Specialty, held in conjunction with the Northern California Terrier Association shows. Norwich folk and entries came from all areas of the United States and Canada. This year, NTCNC had a hospitality tent out in the RV overnight area to welcome our fellow Norwich exhibitors and friends.

Sweepstakes was judged by Mrs. Florence Males, who some may remember as the former AKC Rep for the Northern California region. She judged an entry of 3 puppy dogs and 5 puppy bitches. For Best in Sweeps, Mrs. Males chose Amblegreen Notti By Design (Ch. Dralions Smiles And Chuckles x Ch. Amblegreen Notti Biscotti), owned by Cyndy Monk and Heather Tomlins and bred by Heather Tomlins. Later that day, this young Norwich bitch grabbed third place in the Sweepstakes Group. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps went to Laprale Zippity Do Da (Ch. Foxlea Rabi x Sound of Music), owned by Angelia Hall and Edna Grabo and bred by Edna Grabo.

Mr. Gary M. Vlachos judged 7 dogs and 15 bitches in the regular classes, and 7 dogs and 3 bitch Specials in the Best of Breed competition. Mr. Vlachos found his Winners Dog, Itsy Bitsy Tanglewood Ranger (Ch. Wildwest Buckshot x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Ruby Tuesday), in the 6-9 months
puppy class. He is owned by Kristine Cwik and Anastasia Cwik and bred by Tonnie and Geran Willrich. **Reserve Winners Dog** was the Open Dog, **Shonleh Cosmopolitan** (Ch. Shonleh Keleve: Krugerand x Ch. Shonleh Singapore Sling), owned by Karen Perkins and bred by Laurie and Dick Byrne.

**Winners Bitch and Best of Winners** was **Gaylord’s High Fashion** (Ch. Gaylord’s Napoleon x Ch. Cobblestone’s Juniper Berry), from the 12 to 18 months class. She is owned by Laurie and Peter Loeffler and bred by Larry Adams and David Guempel. **Reserve Winners Bitch, Amblegreen Notti By Design** (see Best in Sweeps), also came from the Open class.

For his **Best of Breed**, Mr. Vlachos chose **Ch. Abbedale Take Two At Taliesin** (Ch Abbedale’s The Huntsman x Ch. Abbedale’s Polly Pockets), a bitch owned by Lisa and John Sons and Joan Eckert and bred by Joan Eckert. **Best of Opposite Sex** was **Ch. Waiterock Jack Falstaff** (Ch. Barnstable Stuffed Shirt x Ch. Waiterock’s Copacabana), owned and bred by Candice Harper. **Awards of Merit** went to **Ch. Migar Shonleh’s Brother Love** (Ch. Shonleh Robin X Ch. Miga Shonleh Shamrock), owned by Maris Pervins and Christine Kiino and bred by Michele Fain and Sharon Curry, and to **Ch. Dancy’s Storm Warning** (Ch. Dunbar’s Paint The Sky With Star K x Ch Dunbar’s Shining Light At Dancy), owned and bred by Nancy and Dwain Lentz. **Amblegreen Nott But Nice** (Ch. Maralinga Johnny Be Good x Ch. Amblegreen Notti Biscotti), owned by Heather and Jeff Tomlins and bred by Heather Tomlins, was **Best Bred By Exhibitor**.

After Best in Show judging, the NTCNC held its Specialty dinner at the Turf Club on th CalExpo grounds. This was a nice venue for Norwich exhibitors because it was close by and crate dogs were invited!

The Board and members of the Norwich Terrier Club of Northern California congratulate all the Specialty winners and thank everyone for attending our show! We hope to see you all next year!

—Sue Altmeyer, “Nordic” Norwich, Placerville, CA (nordic1@comcast.net)
The 2010 Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club Specialty

The Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club (LSNTC)'s second Specialty was an exciting event, held in conjunction with the Saturday June 19 show at the 4-day River City Cluster in San Antonio, Texas. There were majors in both Norwich dogs and bitches every day. Many of us had already enjoyed two days of showing, fellowship, sightseeing, and eating at our favorite restaurants when Specialty Day arrived.

Thanks to Carlynn Ricks, the LSNTC area was set up with a Meet the Breed booth. Thanks to Suzanne Bell and our many generous friends, there was also a beautiful raffle table display where the most coveted item was a JONART whelping box and puppy pen (won by Jan Birchall). Thanks to everyone who put so much time, thought, and effort into their donations. Suzanne Bell had lots of help in the booth, especially from our out-of-state members. Tina Dennis and Caroline Dodwell chose beautiful stained glass Specialty trophies that were displayed on the ringside table. Steve Vaughn made the permanent placement number stands for the ring. The LSNTC shared in the ringside decorations with the Bluebonnet Norfolk Terrier Club. The theme for the 2010 Specialty was the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Norfolk member Kathy Tant made beautiful large papier mâché teapots to decorate the ringside and large stuffed Mad Hatter characters to decorate the table.

We were honored to have NTCA breeder-member Anna Bellenger (Devondale) judge Sweepstakes. Anna had a great entry of 5 dogs and 7 bitches. Her Best in Sweepstakes, from the 2-18 months Junior Bitches class, was Barnstable And Away We Go (Ch. Barnstable Stuffed Shirt x Ch. Barnstable Bahama Breeze), bred, owned, and shown by Sandra Stemmler. This beautiful young bitch appears to have a great future ahead of her. Anna chose Wildwest Ridin' Shotgun (Ch. WildWest Buckshot x Ch. Birchbay WildWest Dream On), bred by Betty Bossio and Jan Birchall, co-owned by Carolyn Taylor and Betty Bossio, and shown by Betty Bossio, as her Best of Opposite Sex. Thanks, Anna, for the great job. We appreciate your joining us to judge our 2010 Sweepstakes.

The Specialty judge for the regular classes was Mr. James G. Reynolds, who had an entry of forty Norwich. His Winners Dog, from the 9-12 months class, was Itsy Bitsy Tanglewood Ranger (Ch. WildWest Buckshot x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Ruby Tuesday), a lively red male bred by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich, owned by Kristine M. Cwik and Anastasia N. Cwik, and conditioned and presented by Betty Bossio. Reserve Winners Dog was Fox Trail Twice the Spice (Ketka's Top Chef x Abbedale's Pumpkin Pie) from the Open Dog class, bred by Louise M. Keller and Joan Eckert and owned by Louise M. Keller. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners, Den-Mar's Just Wait N' See (Ch. Den-Mar's Ozarkansawyer Red x Ch. Den-Mar's Down to Earth), came from the Bred by Exhibitor class and was beautifully presented by breeder-owner Marie Cato. Reserve Winners Bitch was Itsy Bitsy Hallelujah Chorus (Skyscot's Poster Boy x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Calendar Girl) from the Open Bitch class, bred by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich, owned by Suzanne and James Bell, and shown by Betty Bossio.

Fourteen beautifully turned out Specials entered the ring. Judge Reynolds picked Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip (Bon-Marc's Hairy Pawter x Ch. Skyscot's Summer Shower) as his Best of Breed. This handsome dog was bred by Leslie Becker and is owned by Caroline Dodwell. "Poker" won multiple group placings during the four show days and a Best in Show on Thursday. Best of Opposite Sex was a lovely bitch, Ch. Moondance First Landing (Ch. Winsome's Aston Martin x Kelevan Moondance Hello Dolly), bred and owned by Robin Hoch. Jody Paquette did a fabulous job of conditioning and presenting this bitch to the judge. Select Awards went to Ch. Dunbar's Here Comes the Bride (Ch. Dunbar's Desperado of Acadia x Ch. Dunbar's Million Dollar Baby) bred, owned, and shown by Joan Schurr Keefer; and to Ch. Maystar's Coast to Coast (Ch. Shonleh Robin x Maystar's Santa Gabriella), bred by Sandy Hamilton and Frank Bossong DVM, owned by David and Sheryl Vogt, and handled by Lawrence W. Cornelius.
The final event of our Specialty day was a Mexican dinner at Casa Rio. The margaritas flowed freely, the food was great, and the auction was its usual big success with Jerry Willrich joining the auctioneer team of Rita Mueller and our own Vanna (Linda Boudreaux). A good time was had by all who attended.

As with any Specialty, it took many hands to put it all together. A special note of thank to our club’s show chair, Jeannette Stimson; our President, Karen Vaughn; our Treasurer, Barbara Einspruch; Secretary, Tonnie Willrich; Ways and Means Committee Chair, Suzanne Bell; Hospitality Chair, Linda Boudreaux, and all the other LSNTC members who gave time and support. Thank also to all the participants, especially those who traveled from out of state. It was great fun, but next year will be even better! Join us for all the fun in San Antonio July 14-17, 2011.

—Tonnie Willrich, “Itsy Bitsy” Norwich Terriers, La Grange, TX

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Best of Breed: Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip, pictured with judge James Reynolds, handler Brenda Combs, and LSNTC trophy presenter Tina Dennis.
Results of NTCA Supported Entries: April-June 2010

There were 4 NTCA supported entries (3 with Sweeps) during the months of April, May and June 2010. Below are the Norwich winners at each. —AGF

Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland
April 23; Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD

Sweeps Judge: Mr. John Constantine
Entry: 9-11


Breed Judge: Mr. Clay Coady
Entry: 13-21-4-2


- **RWD: Foxwood Chasing A Dream** (Ch. Foxwood Wildgoose Chase x Ch. Foxwood Dazzling Aria O’Redfern). Breeder/Owner: Kathryn Mines.


For complete Columbia Terrier Norwich results, go to www.infodog.com/Results
Garden State All Terrier Club
May 7; Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp, NJ

Breed Judge: Mr. Kerry Lee (from Australia)
Entry: 9-14-7-0

- BOB: Ch. Yarrow Venerie Starlite Express. See BOB Columbia Terrier.
- WD: Glendale Guess Who’s Dancing (Ch. Glendale Guess Again x Glendale Dime A Dance). Breeder/Owner: Linda Haring.
- BOW/WB/BOS: See BOS above.

For complete Garden State Norwich results, go to www.naudogshows.com/Results

Mattaponi Kennel Club
May 22; Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA

Sweeps Judge: Beth Wilder Wilson
Entry: 4-5


Breed Judge: Mr. Kenneth McDermott
Entry: 6-11-4-1

- BOB: Ch. Yarrow Venerie Starlite Express. See BOB at Columbia Terrier and Garden State.
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- **BOW/WB/BOS**: See BOS above.

- **RWB**: **Ascot Twinkle Little Star** (Ch. Fairwood For Your Eyes Only x Yarrow Pleasanthyme Belle Star). Breeders/Owners: William J. & Jane R. Schubart.
  
  *For complete Mattaponi Norwich results, go to www.infodog.com/Results*

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Great Western Terrier Association

June 27; Queen Mary Events Park, Long Beach, CA

Sweeps Judge: Carole Cason ("Santana" Norwich)

Entry: 0-3

- **Best in Sweeps**: **tinytowne's Trouble Hunter** (Ch. Abbedale's The Huntsman x Ch. tinytowne's Tempest In A Teapot). Breeders: Dana & Rich Esquibel. Owners: Carolyn Hudson & Dana Esquibel.

  **Breed Judge: Ms. Christine Erickson**

  Entry: 3-8-5-3

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

- **BOS**: Ch. **Skyscot's Poker Chip** (Bon-Marks Hairy Pawter x Ch. Skyscot's Summer Shower). Breeder: Leslie Becker. Owner: Caroline Dodwell

- **BOW/WD**: **Unique's Got A Lot O Gusto** (Ch. Wynward's One Cool Dude X Ch. Unique's Rednecked Girl). Breeder/Owner: Karen Whalen

- **RWD**: **Briardales Tommy Tucker** (Ch. Briardales Toast Of The Town x Briardales Sparkling Diamond). Breeders: Carole Fourcrault & Susan Roach. Owners: Cathy Branco & Carole Fourcrault

- **WB**: **tinytowne's Trouble Hunter** (Ch. Abbedale's The Huntsman x Ch. tinytowne's Tempest In A Teapot). Breeders: Dana & Rich Esquibel. Owners: Carolyn Hudson & Dana Esquibel

- **RWB**: **Gryphon's Chelsea Gem** (Ragus Up 'N' Adam x Gryphon's Clair De Lune). Breeder: Cecilia Brunhoff Hakansson. Owner: Ashley Wornall

Select Awards:

- **Ch. Cobby's Hidden Treasure** (Ch. Waleric Pearly King x Cobby's Hide N' Seek). Breeder: Renee Sporre Willes (Sweden). Owner: Wood Wornall

- **Ch. Dancy's Storm Warning** (Ch. Dunbar's Paint The Sky With Star K x Ch. Dunbar's Shining Light At Dancy). Breeders/Owners: Nancy & Dwain Lentz

  *For complete GWTA Norwich results, go to www.jbradshaw.com/catalog.*

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Another NTCA Supported Entry for 2010

*Ed.: This supported entry was just recently approved by the NTCA Board and so was not included on the 2010 NTCA Show Calendar published in the Spring 2010 News (pp. 43-44). —AGF*

**When:** Saturday, December 18 in conjunction with the Richland County KC show (part of the 4-day Crown Classic Cluster, Dec. 16-19, 2010)

**Where:** International Exposition Center, Cleveland, OH

**Breed judge:** Mrs. Thora P. Brown

For more information, contact NTCA Show Chair John Francisco (jfrancjo@neo.rr.com)

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**How To Apply For A NTCA Supported Entry**

Applying for a NTCA Supported Entry in conjunction with your local, all breed club show is easy and takes very little time or effort. To apply, you must be a NTCA member and willing to accept responsibility for coordinating any necessary approvals and communications information.

*The application process, outlined below, should start 10-12 months prior to the show date:*

1. Make sure you have a commitment from local Norwich exhibitors so there will be an entry large enough to support the effort. The suggested number of Norwich entries is at least 10-12.

2. Contact your local all breed club President or Show Chairman and request permission to have a NTCA Supported Entry at their all breed show. Be sure to request all deadlines for information needed by the club. That is usually around 5-6 months before the show date.

3. If permission is granted by your local all breed club, then you will need to submit an application to the NTCA Corresponding Secretary at least 8 months prior to the show date. Supported Entry Request Applications can be found in the members section of the NTCA webpage under "Club Forms" or can be requested from the Corresponding Secretary or the NTCA Show Chair. Make sure to fill out the application completely.

4. The NTCA Corresponding Secretary will present your application to the NTCA Board for approval. You will be informed of the Board's decision within a couple of weeks.

5. Notify your local all breed club as soon as you receive NTCA approval for the Supported Entry.

6. The NTCA Trophy Chair will purchase and ship trophies to you well in advance. It is your responsibility to get the trophy listing to the local club's trophy chair and to make sure that the NTCA trophies get to the show. All clubs handle their trophy situation differently. Some require that trophies be awarded at the club trophy table;
others make it your responsibility to have the NTCA supported entry trophies at
ringside and to hand them to the ring steward as needed. Be sure to find out your
local club’s policy on this issue.

7. Once you are comfortable holding a Supported Entry only, you may want to consider
adding a Sweepstakes in the future. To do so, you must find a qualified Sweepstakes
judge and submit an application to the AKC to hold a Sweepstakes at least 6 months
prior to the show. Sweepstakes applications can be found on the AKC website under
Downloadable Forms – Application for Show/Trial. (The NTCA Show Chair will
assist with the application).

**Supported Entry Trophies:**
The NTCA offers trophies for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best of Winners.

**Supported Entry & Sweepstakes Trophies:**
The NTCA offers trophies for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Best
in Sweepstakes, & Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes.

All trophies offered by the NTCA must have “NTCA” engraved, embroidered, silk-
screened, stamped, or labeled on the trophy.

*The NTCA Show Chair is not responsible for requesting and organizing Supported
Entries with the local all breed clubs.*

If you have questions about applying for a NTCA supported entry, please contact NTCA
Show Chairman John Francisco at 419-668-2069.

—John Francisco, NTCA Show Chair

**Looking Ahead:**

**The 2012 NTCA National Specialty in St. Louis**

Earlier this year, the NTCA Board asked club members to vote for or against holding the
2012 NTCA National Specialty at the new, state-of-the-art *Purina Farms Events Center in St.
Louis* rather than at the Montgomery County KC all-terrier show. A large majority of NTCA mem-
bers voted for this one-year change of venue for our club’s National Specialty. Accordingly, the 2012
**NTCA National Specialty will be held on Friday, June 15 at the afore-mentioned Purina Farms
site.** Long-time Norwich breeder (Abbedale) and NTCA Board member Joan Eckert of Kalamazoo,
MI will judge Sweepstakes. The Specialty breed judge will be long-time Norwich breeder (Titanium)
and NTCA member Eileen Needham of Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, England. **The following
play—June 16—, the Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago will hold its club’s Specialty
at the same Purina Farms venue.** Sweeps and breed judges for the NTCGC Specialty will be an-
ounced at a future date.

NTCA member-breeders Sandra Stemmler (Barnstable) and Larry Adams (Gaylord) have
kindly agreed to serve as hostess and host of the 2012 NTCA St. Louis National Specialty. Those who
attended the May 2000 NNTC Specialty in St. Louis (not at Purina Farms), also hosted by Sandra
and Larry, know what a fun and memorable occasion that was. [Ed.: See the Fall 2000 *Norwich &
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*Norfolk News*, pp. 40-49, for write-ups and photos of that event.] St. Louis is an easy-to-access, "it the middle" location convenient for both east and west coasters and for Norwich fanciers between coasts. The city is also home to the AKC Museum of the Dog with its vast and wonderful collection of canine paintings and sculptures, etc. Make plans now to "Meet Me in St. Louis" in June 2012.

—Alison Freehling & John Francisco

N.B. The 2012 Montgomery County KC all-terrier show will be a NTCA supported entry.

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**A Note from Sandra Stemmler about the new Purina Farms Events Center**

Larry [Adams] and I went out to Purina Farms last week (February 2010) to have a tour of the new Purina Events Center. Led by Brock Fitzgerald, the manager of the farm, we proceeded up the hill to the site of the new building. WOW! Rising up where there once were the kennels was the new show site and building—under roof and to be completed in June 2010. This is where the 2012 NTCA National Specialty will be held and also the Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago Specialty. Back-to-back Specialties on June 15 and 16—and will they be great!! We will have our own ring and large grooming area, access to bathing facilities [dogs] and changing facilities [human]. A beautiful banquet area on the upper tier overlooks the rings. There are rooms for seminars, clinics meetings... whatever. This building has got it all! —SS

*Photo submitted by Larry Adams & Sandra Stemmler*

Larry and Sandra touring the new Purina Farms Events Center with manager Brock Fitzgerald in February 2010

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

Back Issues of The Norwich & Norfolk News. Now a collector's item, back copies of the News from the Fall 1998 through the Fall 2008 issues are available at a cost of $6 each from Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901. The Spring 2003, Spring 2004, Spring and Fall 2005 News are sold out and no longer available. Please make checks payable to NTCA.

New Edition of Marjorie Bunting’s Book, The Norwich Terrier!!

NTCA Notions is delighted to announce the arrival of a new edition of Marjorie Bunting’s comprehensive book on Norwich Terriers. The NTCA ordered 50 copies of this invaluable breed reference, each autographed by Swedish breeder Renee Sporre-Willes, who edited this new edition and also added the final two chapters.

The price of the book is $45. Please e-mail me your order and be sure to include the address to which you want your book(s) shipped. Please make your $45 check payable to NTCA and add an extra $4.50 for postage costs.

The NTCA is only getting 50 copies of the book, so please act quickly if you want one. It is possible to order more, but we need numbers to get this good $45 price. Thank you in advance for your order.

—Patty Warrender, NTCA Notions Chair, Middleburg, VA (pwnoridge@gmail.com; 540-364-4901)
We Norwich are usually on the go.

But sometimes we need a break — 😊

"Happy holidays from the News"