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

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

—Alison Freehling

Sending Digital Photos to the News

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

We welcome digital photos for all other sections of the News. They should be at least 900 pixels wide (or tall, if the orientation is portrait). 1200 pixels at the longest dimension is even better, especially if you hope to have your photo considered for the front or back cover. Please note that, depending on your computer monitor's resolution, a picture of this size may appear HUGE on your screen. Don't worry about this (and please don't resize the photo); it will be just right to print in the News.

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

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

The year 2011 marks a milestone for the Norwich Terrier breed in America. Three-quarters of a century ago, on February 20, 1936, Mr. G. Gordon Massey of Maryland's Eastern Shore registered the first Norwich Terrier with the American Kennel Club, thereby making Norwich an "official" breed. Mr. Massey's male, an English import named "Witherslack Sport," was a drop ear and thus would be registered as a Norfolk Terrier today. Prior to official separation of the two ear varieties in America in 1979, however, the Norwich breed included both prick and drop ears. Congratulations to Norwich (and Norfolk) Terriers on the occasion of their 75th AKC Anniversary—a Diamond Jubilee! May our beloved little Norwich continue to prosper as the "hardy hunt terriers" and "gay, fearless, loyal and affectionate" companions the breed standard describes.

The year 2011 also ushers in a change in the cost of an annual subscription to the News. At the 2010 Montgomery meeting, a majority of NTCA Board members voted to increase the price of the News to $25 for USA subscribers and $30 for non-USA. This $10-a-year price hike is the first increase in the cost of a News subscription since 1997 and reflects the ever-rising costs of printing and mailing the newsletter. The News values its subscribers, many of whom contribute interesting articles and wonderful candid photos to the publication. So as editor, I hope most of you will stay on board despite the higher price tag.

The NTCA Board approved another News-related change during a March 1, 2011 teleconference call. The long-existing policy of NTCA breeders requesting a complimentary back issue of the News for their new puppy buyers has been discontinued. Instead, the Board unanimously recommended that NTCA breeders include a one-year gift subscription to the News as part of a breeder's mentoring packet for each new Norwich owner. Hopefully many NTCA breeders will support the Board's recommendation.

For much of the USA, the infamous Winter of 2011 brought seemingly endless snow/ice/cold. Thankfully, that is now behind us and Norwich and Norwich owners alike can enjoy the more temperate days of Spring, Summer and Fall.

As always, thanks to the many people who sent articles and photos for this issue. Your support of the News is hugely appreciated.

—Alison Freehling, Charlottesville, VA

"Is this a new-style AKC agility tunnel?"

'Sybil' at the entrance to a 12-foot-long snow tunnel at NTCA member Betty McDonnell's New Jersey residence (January 2011)
A Message from New NTCA President Jean Kessler

Spring is here and the NTCA is springing into action with new projects and activities. NTCA members overwhelmingly ratified the new Code of Ethics in December 2010. The club's new application for membership and sponsors' pages may be downloaded from the club website (http://norwichterrierclub.org) or obtained from NTCA Membership Chair Carol Jordan (norweim@aol.com). The 2011 NTCA Membership Directory has undergone an overhaul. The expanded version may be found in the "members only" section of the website. Corresponding Secretary Barbara Einspruch will send a smaller, less comprehensive, printer friendly version to NTCA members.

Many exciting plans are under way for our Montgomery National Specialty weekend in October where we will celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of our breed. Special birthday celebrations are in the works, as well as a commemorative publication, special Health Committee program, and awards. Information about the weekend and how the membership may help or participate in this good time will be on its way to everyone very soon. Do mark your calendar (October 6-9, 2011) and plan to attend.

Again, thanks for the privilege of serving as NTCA President.

—Jean Kessler, Nokesville, VA (luvnors@aol.com)

Report from the NTCA AKC Delegate

I was honored to represent the Norwich Terrier Club of America at three of the four AKC Delegates' meetings in 2010. I did not attend the North Carolina meeting, as there was nothing on the agenda that necessitated a vote by our club. At the two New Jersey meetings and the one in Long Beach, CA, I attended committee meetings on Health, Parent Clubs, and Obedience on Mondays prior to the Delegate meeting.

The March 2011 meeting is to be held in New Jersey again. Election of three new Board members is the main item on the agenda. There are seven candidates running for three open positions.

To recap some of the AKC's 2010 activities, the Canine Partner program for mixed breeds in performance events is proving to be a success. From its inception in April, there have been more than 1200 titles earned in the first nine months. These entries added to the revenue of the sponsoring clubs. The Grand Championship program, launched in May 2010, is also very popular, bringing in new revenue to show-giving clubs. There will soon be an AKC ranking system listing the top 25 dogs in each breed determined by number of Grand Championship points earned.

In New York City, AKC hosted a second annual "Meet the Breeds" event in October with an estimated 39,000 in attendance. In conjunction with the December AKC/Eukanuba Invitational in Long Beach, there was another successful "Meet the Breeds". NTCA was represented on both coasts by dedicated volunteers providing information to the public about our Norwich Terriers.

The AKC Breeder of Merit program was begun in October 2010. More and more breeders are joining daily. One can view the up-to-date list on the AKC website and new joiners are listed monthly in the AKC Gazette. Many Norwich breeders are members of the program, but participants are listed by name alphabetically, not by breed. There are many benefits to those who join the program.

—Betty McDonnell, "Kilyka" Norwich, Mahwah, NJ (kilykanewf@aol.com)
Treat time! "Gracie" and her Westie friend

"Rhett" (l.) and "Scarlett" on a warm Tennessee day

The lineup (l. to r.): "Niles," "Daphne" and "Harley" of Washington State

"We want OUT!" Swiss pals (l. to r.) "Monty," "Hamlet" and "Jelly"

"Little" and her new black and tan trio
NTCA Breeder Opportunities

NTCA breeders of Norwich Terriers have some unique opportunities to set themselves apart from non-NTCA Norwich breeders. One is the new AKC program called the “Breeder of Merit.” As described by the AKC, “The Breeder of Merit Program honors breeder/exhibitors dedication and hard work as they continue to produce dogs that are healthy, capable, and beautiful. The foundation of today’s AKC, Breeders of Merit have the power to influence, guide, and teach future breeders, exhibitors, and all purebred dog owners.”

To be eligible for the Breeder of Merit program, a breeder must:

• Have a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
• Have earned at least 4 AKC Conformation, Performance or Companion event titles on dogs they bred/co-bred.
• Be a member of an AKC club.
• Certify that applicable health screens have been performed on your breeding stock as recommended by the Parent Club.
• Demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that 100% of the puppies you produce are registered with the AKC.

To learn more about the Breeder of Merit program, go to the AKC website: http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit/index.cfm

Another opportunity available to NTCA breeders is to utilize the AKC Breeder Classifieds when puppies are available. Many breeders of AKC Norwich Terriers are using this tool. Not all of them are NTCA member / breeders or members of a regional Norwich Terrier Club or of any other AKC Club. It is possible that there are breeders on the AKC website advertising puppies that are not even purebred Norwich Terriers. It is a known fact that there are AKC-registered Norwich Terriers that are not purebred. This is one good reason why it is important for NTCA members to set themselves apart and to let the public know what they have to offer as a breeder. The AKC advertisement offers multiple ways to distinguish yourself from the rest of the pack:

1. It will list “Breeders of Merit” listings first.
2. Next it will list breeders who belong to an AKC Club.
3. The rest of the breeder listings are simply offering AKC- registerable puppies.

When you complete both the survey and the “Additional Information Provided by the Breeder” sections, each AKC advertisement offers you the opportunity to describe how you are a responsible breeder. This comment section allows you to offer in your own words specific information about the litter that may not fit neatly into the survey section.

To learn more about AKC Breeder Classifieds, go to:
http://www.akc.org/classified/index.cfm

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

"Rafael" is an 8-year-old leopard tortoise who has lived with me and my family in Scottsdale, Arizona since he was six months old. He keeps growing and growing and now weighs 10 lbs. He lives in a house in our backyard. Since he is a desert tortoise, he loves the sun. Rafael eats lettuce, grass and different kinds of greens that we plant for him in his house. He has a special heater that keeps him warm in the winter so he doesn’t hibernate.

We got our Norwich Terrier female, "Dolce," from NTCA member-breeder Leslie Becker (“Skyscot”) in September 2010. Dolce is now 7 months old and weighs 10 lbs. When we introduced her to Rafael for the first time, they both were very scared. Rafael went inside his shell, and Dolce jumped back as fast as she could. Since then, we have been taking Dolce outside to see Rafael every day so that they can get to know each other. Dolce now recognizes Rafael’s name. Every time I ask her, “where is Rafael ?,” she runs to the door. As soon as we are in the yard, she goes to his house. We are still teaching Dolce to be gentler with Rafael because she gets very excited, even though she just wants to play. She keeps running around him and smelling his shell. She gets tired pretty quickly because he is not very interested in her, but he is not afraid of her anymore. We are sure that, with time, they will be great friends.

—Mavi Farca, Scottsdale, AZ (mavi@touchofhistory.com)

Compiling A Norwich Pedigree Database

For many years, I collected Norwich pedigree information from the many sources available: pedigree books such as [Jordan1] and [Jordan2], show catalogs, pedigree reports from the AKC store, and information publicly available on the Internet. (There is actually quite a lot of Norwich pedigree information available on the Internet if you hunt around.) However a few years ago, I got frustrated trying to reconcile inconsistent information collected from these different sources. There were just too many discrepancies of spelling and information for my taste. So instead of using secondary sources, I resolved to use only primary sources; for AKC-registered dogs, primary sources mean the AKC stud books. This necessitated many trips to the AKC Library in New York City to photograph Norwich entries in the AKC stud books and then to transcribe the information from the photographs into my pedigree database. Finally I wrote several computer programs to check the consistency of the data and to fix any discrepancies found.

I can now report that I have a complete photographic collection of the Norwich entries in the AKC stud books from the first entry in April 1936 up to July 2010. I also now have a pedigree database of approximately 6,000 Norwich verified from the AKC stud books. I have offered to share both the photographic collection and the database with fellow NTCA members via the NTCA website, but have not yet heard anything back from the NTCA Board regarding my offer. I will happily supply pedigree information to any responsible person for non-commercial research purposes.

I do not claim that all the information in my database is perfect; there are bound to be some transcription errors. But my database has the advantage over others because each entry lists
its source in the AKC stud books. A person can thus easily look up the relevant photograph in the AKC stud book and check the information's accuracy.

You may be wondering which pedigree program I am using. Being very comfortable with computers, I am not using any commercial program; I have written my own. This gives me the flexibility to add new features as I want, rather than being limited by a commercial program. For those of you interested in technical details, I am using the Python scripting language.

One of the first decisions I had to make when setting up my pedigree database was: what information should it contain? The obvious answer is “what is in the AKC stud books.” But when I looked closer at the stud book entries, I realized that they contain some information that I (being interested in pedigree information for genetic research purposes) am not interested in. For example, each entry lists a dog’s titles at the time of entry into the stud book. I decided not to include titles, because if I am interested in a dog’s titles, then I am most likely interested in current titles, not the ones a Norwich had when it was entered in the stud books. (You can look up—for free—any modern dog’s titles on the AKC website. Just go to “on-line research pedigree reports” and search on a dog.) Also AKC stud book entries contain the name of the owner and breeder of each dog, information that I did not include in my database. I finally decided that each entry in my pedigree database would include a dog’s registered name, sex, AKC registration number, date of birth, reported color, sire, dam, and location in the AKC stud book. I also have a comment field for unusual information about the stud book entry.

The next decision I had to make was whether or not to capitalize a dog’s entire registered name. If you look at any new title certificate, you will notice that the AKC capitalizes the dog’s entire name. AKC stud book entries beginning in December 1977 are also all caps. However, from March 1953 to November 1977, only the first letter of each word of a name was capitalized. And prior to 1953, the dog’s name was in all caps, but the dog’s sire and dam have only the first letter of each word of their name capitalized. To confuse matters even more, the AKC computers (as you can see on the AKC website) usually only capitalize the first letter of each word of a name. I finally decided to follow the lead of the AKC computers. After all, for any dog from about the mid-1970s, one can look up on the AKC website the capitalization in the AKC computers and use that as an authoritative source.

Originally the AKC listed all registered dogs in the AKC stud books. As time went on and more and more dogs were registered each year, the stud books got bigger and bigger. Since December 1952, a dog is only listed in the AKC stud books the first time it sires or whelps a litter. The reasoning is that only these dogs contribute to the pedigree of a dog. So if you know the sire and dam of your Norwich (which is on the dog’s AKC registration form), you can go to the AKC stud books and look up your dog’s pedigree.

As I mentioned, there are, to date, approximately 6,000 Norwich in the AKC stud books. If you are only interested in Norwich who are ancestors of the Norwich currently alive (say born since 1990), then we are only talking about 4,000 Norwich.

Every AKC registered Norwich is descended at some point from an imported dog. For most Norwich, one does not have to go very far back in the pedigree to find an imported dog. The most “American” Norwich in the AKC stud books is “Arcadian Enchanted Talisman,” who has 8 complete generations in the AKC stud books. Every other Norwich in the AKC stud books has an imported dog sooner in its pedigree. Consequently by the time you read this, I will be hard at work transcribing the (British) Kennel Club Stud Book Breed Record Supplements, the equivalent of the AKC Stud Books.

[Jordan1], Norwich Terriers Pedigrees 1991, Sharon Curry, Carol Jordan, and Joan R. Read.

—Blair Kelly, “Shaksper” Norwich, Odenton, MD
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I picked “Shoebutton” as my kennel name, inspired by those Norwich eyes looking so similar to my antique teddy bear’s old shoe button eyes. Magically, “Sam” came to me in my first litter as one of three sons and a daughter of my foundation bitch, Pennroyal’s Auntie Mame. I named him Shoebutton’s Beau Burnside, reflecting Auntie Mame’s handsome suitor. This handsome black and tan pup immediately caught the eye of breeder-mentor Joan Dance, who agreed to be Sam’s co-owner and supporter for the rest of his life. Joan, too, recognized that he was special from the very beginning; she later knew it to be true when he fathered seven healthy black and tan pups for her ‘Dance’ Norwich kennel.

Sam’s show magic began on my birthday in April 2002. At my second show as a handler, Sam won his first major—which was my first point ever! He finished his Championship with me handling in BBE that November.

Sam and that Bred-By-Exhibitor medal marked my entrance into a new, all-consuming world of dog showing, breeding, professional grooming and performance training.

Sam took to agility like a duck to water, just as his Mom had done. For three years, he and I trained and played in the agility arena, keeping fit in mind and body as we perfected our skills several days a week. Together we captured Novice titles in Jumpers and Standard. Due to life circumstances, I subsequently had to turn Sam over to Blair Kelly to train and trial. They acquired many Q’s, good times and titles for that next year. Then Norfolk breeder Dr. Marian Shaw saw Sam and offered further training and assistance. The two became a fantastic team and in 2009 captured the Eukanuba Invitational’s top agility Norwich! This certainly was a first (and most unexpected) win for us all, as well as a memory I will cherish forever!

Marian trained and trialed Sam for the next three years. Along with agility, she taught him how to bring out his earthdog instincts. When Sam earned a Junior Earthdog (JE) title, he qualified for the prestigious NNTC Versatility Excellent Award in 2008. After earning his Senior Earthdog (SE) title, he was honored as top earthdog at the 2009 NTCA Awards Banquet. He was well on his way to his Master Earthdog (ME) title, with 2 legs under his collar, before his passing. Marian loved working with Sam in earthdog events. Very few modern Norwich take to this performance venue enough to earn even a JE title. Only one Norwich has a ME title. Sam almost made it!

Sam represented the Norwich breed with great pizzazz, class, skill, elegance and type. Everyone whose life he touched considered themselves lucky to have known him. Rest in peace, my little one, you will be remembered and missed by many.

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

“Wojo”

(February 11, 1997 – February 26, 2011)

Our Norwich “Wojo” never entered a show ring, ran in an agility trial or competed in obedience or rally. Wojo was nevertheless a Champion in our hearts throughout the 14 years we had the pleasure of his company as a member of our family.

Wojo the Wonderdog, as he came to be affectionately known, was a five-pound three-month-old when my husband and I cashed in our airline miles and flew first class from New York to California to meet the breeder in person and to gather our new boy. On the way home, the attendant explained that airline rules required a dog to remain in its carrier in flight, but then quickly added with a laugh that it was okay to break the rules. We spent the next six hours bonding with Wojo while he snuggled in our laps.

That bond grew as Wojo developed into a happy, devoted companion. He loved his daily routine and would be pushy about making it happen, jumping on us and barking when it was time for his walk and dancing around the kitchen and barking some more when it was time for dinner. Wojo was equally happy running like the wind on a deserted beach or lounging on the sofa watching TV. He always had a smile on his face at belly rub and play times.

Our darling Wojo brought much joy to our lives and is sadly missed.

—Don and Lark Shlimbaum, Bay Shore, New York

“There’s no such thing as too many toys.” ("Pip")
“Cinnamon:” From Puppy Mill to Forever Home

In early December 2010, some members of the Norwich Terrier Club of America learned that an organization called the Puppy Mill Dog Group had partnered with a shelter in Nassau County, New York to rescue several dogs from a Missouri puppy mill. Some of the dogs were reported to be Norwich. NTCA member Alicia Smilowitz, a breeder of Cairns and Norwich from the Long Island area, and I visited the shelter to see the five dogs listed as “Norwich:” a very small 1-year-old bitch, a 3-year-old bitch, two 6-month-old dogs, and a 2-year-old dog. All five were withdrawn, ungroomed, and crated separately. They appeared to be Norwich, but there was no way to be sure. The shelter was a no-kill facility with strict adoption policies; the staff declined offers to help place the Norwich.

I remembered a young couple who had been looking for a Norwich puppy several months earlier. At the time, they were purchasing a house and thought it best to put off buying a puppy. I called to let them know of the Norwich at the shelter, and suggested they look at the 6-month-old black and tan boy. PJ and Lauren went to the shelter later that afternoon; they fell in love with the year-old bitch. PJ said she was the only one that came up to greet them at her crate. Since they were still living in a condo with a no pet policy and were waiting for closing dates on their condo and new home, I offered to foster their new Norwich for a few weeks. They adopted her that day and brought her to me soon thereafter. They named her “Cinnamon.” She was very small, just 7 pounds, with a shaggy red coat. The shelter had her listed as a year old, but my vet examined her and judged her to be no older than 8 months. She was diagnosed with kennel cough and demodex, and took her medications willingly. Once she was groomed and the shaggy red coat removed, her undercoat was more a wheaten color and one could see how very small she was.

I had never witnessed the behavior of a “puppy mill” dog before Cinnamon. When I saw how terrified and shy she was, my heart broke. Initially she would sit with her back pressed against the rear of the crate, just out of reach. I placed her crate inside an x-pen, so eventually she ventured out of the crate, coming out only for food or a treat. When I picked her up, she seemed to fold into herself. She never made eye contact those first few days, and she had no interest in toys.

I kept Cinnamon separated from my two Norwich, Libby and Paige, for the first few days, but when they were introduced, Cinnamon displayed a surprising playfulness. She enjoyed the company of other dogs and eventually started playing with toys.

PJ and Lauren visited when they could. As real estate dealings often go, the closing dates changed. The longer foster period gave us more time to build Cinnamon’s confidence and introduce her to new experiences. She was clean, using the paper outside her crate, but her habit of eating her feces was a problem. We kept her pen clean and introduced her to the outside world, hoping that housebreaking would solve that problem. Within a few weeks, she was going outside—not 100% of the time, but she learned quickly. Accidents had to be cleaned immediately or she would “clean it up” herself.

Although DNA testing revealed that Cinnamon was part Cairn, she displayed the playful, gentle temperament of her Norwich relatives. She reached the point where she would come
when called by name, sit on command, and stand to be put in her harness. The outside world was still a bit overwhelming for her, but each day she ventured a bit farther. When snow arrived, however, poor Cinnamon reverted back to the fearful pup she had been when she arrived. Her familiar outside world had disappeared and had seemingly been replaced by a very bright blanket of white that was deeper than she was tall! When we cleared a walkway and patch near her favorite place, she reached a level of comfort so we could continue her training.

Meeting new people was a bit stressful for this little girl. She would watch from her pen and eventually permit petting—for a treat of course. With PJ she showed a definite affection, however, even though she saw him infrequently during those weeks she was with me. When the day came for Cinnamon to go to her forever home, I packed her crate, bowls, and toys and played with her one last time while we waited for PJ. Cinnamon was playing in another room when I went to answer the door. As I talked to PJ in the foyer, that little dog came running in and jumped up at PJ’s legs as if she saw him every day. There was no shyness at all. Cinnamon was just an exuberant little terrier happy to be starting her new life.

—Judy Laffey, “Glenariff” Norwich, Long Beach, NY (judylaffey@aol.com)

A Report from the NTCA Rescue Chair

I have been chair of NTCA Rescue for a little over a year now. During that time most of the dogs that I have been involved with have been Norwich-Cairn mixes and have been rehomed by other rescue groups not associated with our club. The NTCA Registry Integrity Committee, chaired by Carol Suggs, has certainly benefited from such mixed breed rescue dogs by getting DNA samples proving that these AKC-registered “Norwich” are not in fact purebreds.

NTCA Rescue has been able to place four purebred Norwich. With the help of Ellen Lucas, Dana Esquivel, Candice Harper, Brenda Combs and countless others, we have also placed more than thirty Norwich mixes. If I had one hundred two-and-three-year-old dogs/bitches, all neutered/spayed, housebroken, healthy, outgoing, I could place all of them too. Nobody looking for a rescue dog really wants a ‘problem child’; they all want the perfect dog—for nothing. This is the norm for most of my calls.

The downside for me as Rescue chair was that I recently had to euthanize two purebred Norwich that I had tried to rehabilitate for over a year. They had been rescued by another group and given to me. The little fellow had epilepsy and the girl had severe breathing problems. In addition to their serious health problems, they were both just shell-shocked from living with a puppy miller for five years. Putting them down was a heart-wrenching decision for me. I thought I was tough enough for this rescue job, but these two little Norwich really got to me.

I wish to thank everyone who has given financial and moral support to these dear used, neglected and abused little dogs.

—Joan Eckert, NTCA Rescue Chair, Kalamazoo, MI (joaneckert@sbcglobal.net)
**BREED HEALTH**

**On The Busy NTCA Health Front**

**Online Health Survey for Norwich Terriers**

By the time you read this report, a Norwich Terrier health survey will be posted online. Please go to www.ffa.org, click on “Breed Surveys” at the top of the page, and then select “Norwich Terrier”. If your dog has not had any health problems, filling out the survey will take only about a minute. If you check off any areas of concern, the survey will guide you to more in-depth questions. We hope that this intelligent survey design will ensure broad participation and, therefore, will provide a thorough image of health concerns in the breed. We ask that you fill out the questionnaire for every Norwich you have ever owned.

The survey is a result of two year’s work by the NTCA Health Committee. We looked at all successful breed surveys and also tried to learn from mistakes of those that failed. The Orthopedic Foundation for Animals is graciously hosting the survey at no cost to our club and will also compile the results.

**Genetic Study for Upper Airway Syndrome in Norwich Terriers**

Upper Airway Syndrome (UAS) remains the most common and most pressing health concern in our breed. We are extremely happy to report that not only is there a genetic study underway to find genes responsible for the disease, but that the study is off to a great start. The response from the Norwich community has been wonderful.

The study aimed at mapping DNA associated with Upper Respiratory Problems in Norwich Terriers is led by Dr. Jeffrey Schoenebeck from the Ostrander Canine Genomics Lab at the National Institute of Health (NIH). Dr. Schoenebeck is looking at two groups of dogs. One group has been diagnosed with UAS via laryngoscopy, especially those with severe UAS. The second group constitutes dogs that do not have any breathing problems as confirmed by laryngoscopy. Here are the basic instructions for participation:

To participate, please request a blood collection kit at dog_genome@mail.nih.gov. Your e-mail will go to Ms. Gretchen Carpintero, the NIH lab’s Samples Manager. Please indicate that it’s for Dr. Schoenebeck’s study of Norwich Terriers. Please include a written laryngoscopy report with the sample. The kit will include instructions. Also, please send a copy of your dog’s laryngoscopy report to NTCA member Dr. Chris Zink at mczink@jnhmi.edu.

When successful, this invaluable study will help us identify genes responsible for UAS. This, in turn, will allow Norwich breeders to eliminate the problem from the breed in the long term.

**Genetic Study for Canine Epilepsy in America and in Europe**

I have written numerous times about the joint efforts of several academic institutions to find genes implicated in canine idiopathic epilepsy. The NTCA Health Committee invited Liz Hansen of the University of Missouri to our club’s first annual health seminar two years ago to update our members on epilepsy studies. We have organized blood collection clinics and spread the news about the study, including calling every NTCA member on the phone. In spite of our best efforts, the University of Missouri has received only about 10 samples of affected dogs. We hope that such limited participation reflects the relatively small numbers of American Norwich suffering from the disease. The study is still open to our participation at www.canine-epilepsy.net

Meanwhile, European partners of the epilepsy project have collected over 70 samples of affected Norwich. The main European research effort is at the University of Helsinki in Finland.
The study, led by Dr. Lohi, has the most potential for finding inheritance of epilepsy in our breed. The NTCA Board has recently voted to sponsor Dr. Lohi's study, along with the Canine Health Foundation.

**Pedigree Database for Health Concerns**

At the club's 2010 Montgomery meeting, NTCA members passed a motion for the Health Committee to keep a pedigree database of dogs affected with major health problems, namely epilepsy and UAS. The database would include only dogs whose owners voluntarily submitted the information, including a written veterinary diagnosis. The Health Committee has formed a task subcommittee to investigate the best ways to keep and distribute such a database, as well as how to establish uniform rules for record keeping and validation. This effort is still underway. We will be updating the membership with information about any adopted procedures. The task force aims to design a blueprint of the process that will ensure that it is beyond reproach. Health record collection will be a valuable tool in responsible litter planning, but we want to be sure that it can never be misused as a “witch hunt”. Once the carefully thought-out process is in place, we will announce that we are ready to collect records.

**Health Seminar and Clinic at the 2010 Montgomery Specialty**

This year's Montgomery health seminar was designed to expand our knowledge of the most current veterinary research for our breed-specific concern: canine epilepsy. Although epilepsy does not seem to affect many Norwich Terriers, it is still a problem in the breed. The guest speaker was Dr. Michael Podell, one of the most sought-after lecturers on canine epilepsy. The NTCA was extremely lucky to have him agree to speak to us about this important breed topic.

Dr. Podell is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and is board certified in Neurology and Neurosurgery. He received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Tufts University in 1988. He completed his internship at The Animal Medical Center in New York City in 1989 and his residency at The Ohio State University in 1992. Dr. Podell served as a Full Professor and as the Director of the Comparative Neurology Service at The Ohio State University until 2002. He currently is an Adjunct Full Professor in the Colleges of Veterinary Medicine at both the University of Illinois and The Ohio State University, and is also actively practicing veterinary clinical neurology at a specialist hospital. He has published numerous articles and book chapters and has lectured worldwide on various topics in veterinary neurology and neurosurgery. The Norwich Terrier Club of America offered this amazing program at no charge to participants in the pursuit of knowledge and betterment of our beloved breed.

Seminar participants also had the chance to see a Power Point presentation outlining the Health Committee's tasks, information on genetic tests available, studies that the club participates in, and other pertinent information.

The Health Committee also organized a Patellar Luxation and Microchipping Clinic, which was held on October 7th at the host hotel during our National Specialty gathering. New NTCA member Dr. Joe Rossi again offered his services as a clinic veterinarian. This is the second time that Dr. Rossi has helped our club in that capacity, and we thank him for his efforts on behalf of the Norwich breed.

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**Weight Control: Helping Your Norwich To Lose Weight**

When Ella, my Norwich Terrier, first came to live with me at four years old, she weighed a svelte 10.8 pounds. Within two months her weight had ballooned by almost a full pound, and there was no way you could call her anything but plump (see photo).

How could this happen? I perpetually preach the benefits of keeping dogs lean, so how could I have let my new dog get fat? The answer is that I’d never owned such a small dog before, and it turned out I was massively overfeeding her, particularly when I counted all the treats she was getting. Here is what I learned during my struggle to help Ella lose weight.

**What’s the big deal?**

Why worry about one extra pound? On a big dog, one pound wouldn’t matter, but for Ella, that’s 10 percent of her body weight, and it’s noticeable on her small frame. But it’s not her looks; it’s her health that concerns me.

Lean dogs live longer, healthier lives than those who are overweight. A 14-year study showed that Labrador Retrievers who ate 25 percent less than their free-fed littermates lived an average of two years longer, showed fewer visible signs of aging, and needed treatment for arthritis a full three years later. Health problems that are more common in overweight dogs include pancreatitis, diabetes, heart disease, disc disease, ruptured cruciate ligament, hip dysplasia and other forms of joint disease, surgical complications, compromised immune system, and even many forms of cancer. Extra weight also contributes to upper airway syndrome (UAS), the breathing problems to which Norwich Terriers are prone.

**Is your dog fat?**

Many people don’t know their dogs are overweight. A recent study found that veterinarians considered 47 percent of their canine patients to be overweight, yet only 17 percent of the dogs’ owners agreed. You should be able to feel your dog’s ribs quite easily. A distinct tuck at the waist should be seen when viewed from the side or the top. As long as your dog’s hips and spine don’t protrude, your dog is not too thin. If in doubt, ask your veterinarian’s opinion.

**What’s the best way to lose weight?**

Traditional commercial weight-loss diets are high in carbohydrates and low in fat, with indigestible ingredients added to “fill up” the dog. This approach has several problems, however. Protein and carbohydrates have the same number of calories per gram. Protein helps build lean muscle, but carbohydrates are more likely to be stored as fat. Low-fat diets leave dogs feeling hungry all the time, and research shows that adding high amounts of fiber doesn’t satisfy their appetites. Recent studies have shown that dogs lose weight faster and are more satisfied when fed diets that are high in protein and low in carbohydrates, with moderate amounts of fat.

If you feed a homemade diet and your dog is overweight, feed lots of high-protein foods, such as lean meat and low-fat or nonfat dairy. Eggs and sardines (packed in water, not oil) can be fed in moderation. Remove the skin from chicken, and feed dark meat rather than ultra-low-fat breast meat. Use low-fat red meats, or first cook the meat to remove some of the fat. Eliminate
or greatly reduce starchy carbohydrates such as rice, oatmeal, potatoes, and pasta, replacing them with cooked or raw green vegetables.

If you feed a commercial diet or a combination of commercial and homemade, look for products that are high in protein with moderate amounts of fat (12 to 16 percent fat for dry foods, about 5 percent fat for canned). Ideally, percentage of protein should be at least twice the percentage of fat. Some companies now make senior and weight-loss diets that fit these criteria. Avoid prescription diet foods and any diets that are low in protein, high in fiber, or contain indigestible ingredients such as powdered cellulose (sawdust) and peanut hulls. Even if you feed mostly commercial, you can add some of the high-protein foods listed above to increase the protein and reduce the carbohydrate content of the diet. Reduce the amount of commercial food when adding fresh food to your dog's diet.

How much to feed

Don't suddenly cut the amount you feed dramatically; this can change your dog's metabolism and make weight loss more difficult. Instead, gradually reduce the amount you feed, cutting back about 10 percent every two weeks until your dog begins losing weight. Continue feeding the same amount as long as weight loss continues. Aim for weight loss of 3 to 5 percent of body weight monthly; a 15-pound dog should lose 2 to 3 ounces per week.

It's best to weigh food using a kitchen or postal scale in order to control portions. You should also weigh your dog regularly to ensure your weight loss plan is working. Small dogs can be accurately weighed on a baby scale or by placing a box on a postal scale, or swing by your vet's office to use their scale.

Treats and chews

Account for everything your dog eats, including treats, chews, and leftovers. Make sure your whole family is on board with the weight-loss plan so your dog isn't getting snacks you don't know about.

Keep treat sizes small. Dogs don't differentiate between small and large treats; they're happier getting two or three very small treats than one larger treat. Avoid feeding high-calorie fatty treats such as cheese, peanut butter, hot dogs, and pig's ears. Cooked chicken breast is a good, low-fat option.

For Norwich Terriers, this means using really tiny treats. When I need many treats for clicker training, I cut already small Zuke's Minis into four pieces and a single Zuke's Jerky Naturals into 25 to 30 pieces. I contacted a number of treat manufacturers to find out the number of calories in their treats. Some of the better options I found include Charlee Bears (less than 3 calories each, and you can break them in half), Liver Biscotti (1 calorie each), and Itty Bitty Buddy Biscuits (3.5 calories each, and can also be broken in half). Zuke's Mini Naturals have 2 calories and Jerky Naturals 17 calories per treat. In comparison, Little Stars Tiny Treats are 6 calories each.

Many dogs enjoy raw vegetables such as carrot sticks, broccoli, and zucchini slices. These can be fed in any amount because they are low in calories.

Stuff 'kongs' or other hollow toys with low-fat or nonfat yogurt, then freeze the toys to make long-lasting treats. Bully sticks are a good choice for low-fat chews.

It's fine to share leftovers with your dog, but limit amounts and make sure they're healthy foods, not fatty scraps. Decrease the size of your dog's next meal to account for the extra calories.
Exercise

Gradually increase the amount of exercise your dog receives. For obese dogs, this might start with just a slow walk to the corner and back, building up the distance and pace as your dog loses weight and is better able to move around. For more active dogs, take them to an off-lead area to run. Be careful not to overdo it to the point where the dog is sore afterward.

What if nothing works?

If your dog fails to lose weight despite eating less and exercising, schedule an appointment with your vet. Hypothyroidism can lead to weight gain and lethargy, which decreases your dog's desire to exercise. Other signs of hypothyroidism include cold intolerance, hair loss, dry and scaly skin, oily coat, skin infections, and behavior problems (such as aggression or fearfulness). This condition can be easily treated.

Cushing's disease and diabetes can cause increased appetite and thirst. Talk to your vet if your dog seems famished all the time, despite eating a high-protein diet that's not excessively low in fat. Acting starved seems to be a normal state for many Norwich, though (including my Ella), so don't be concerned as long as your dog's water intake is normal.

Keep it up

Once your dog has reached its proper weight, continue to monitor on a regular basis by feeling the ribs and weighing frequently. Weight gain is easier to reverse when you catch it early. Too often, food is given as a sign of love, but the real way to show love is to keep your dog at a healthy weight.

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Ed.: For more of Mary Straus's writings on canine health and nutrition, visit her website at www.DogAware.com. As noted in the Fall 2010 News, Mary 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 canine diets for Dog World magazine. —AGF

“Brownie”: A Sudden ‘Farewell’

On January 4, 2011, our 13-year-old Norwich bitch, “Brownie,” went to the vet for her twice-yearly senior wellness exam. Her physical exam (heart, teeth, skin, etc.) was A/OK. Results of her blood work were “perfect.” My vet was concerned about Brownie's rather significant weight loss since her last check-up—from 12.6 lbs. to 10.4 lbs. I mentioned that Brownie had been on a bit of a diet recently, since 12.6 lbs. was too much for her small size. Still, 2 pounds was a lot to lose!

Just 10 days later, on January 14, I came home from a few errands to find Brownie standing with her head severely tilted to the left. She could barely walk; her balance and coordination were poor; her eyes were moving in a rapid, back and forth motion. We had had an older Norwich with these same symptoms several years ago, so I realized that Brownie had not suffered a seizure or a stroke-like episode. She had a condition known as old dog vestibular disease, which my veterinary reference book noted, is characterized by sudden onset and is caused by a middle ear infection or by abnormalities in the dog's brain.

I took Brownie to the vet that same afternoon. Kathi Gruss diagnosed old dog vestibular disease and told me she had never seen a dog with such a severe head tilt and poor balance. The
prognosis was not good, but rather than have Brownie put to sleep, I decided to see if she might recover. Kathi gave Brownie an anti-nausea shot and some B vitamins for general wellness. She sent us home with pills to control vomiting, and cans of high-calorie, nutrient-complete dog food which I was to feed Brownie with a spoon.

Brownie had almost no appetite the first evening, but gradually began to eat quite well. Her head continued to tilt badly, but her balance and walking improved during the first 3 days. On the 4th day, we returned to the vet for a “look see.” Kathi noted some improvement in Brownie’s coordination and eyes (nystagmus).

Two days after this visit, however, Brownie took a turn for the worse. She refused to eat, had bad diarrhea, and her balance/coordination deteriorated. She could barely stand and frequently fell to her side. Kathi said she must have had another “episode” of the disease during the night and that her symptoms indicated the problem was in her brain, most likely a malignant tumor. Because Brownie was noticeably worse, not better, after a week, we made the sad, but humane, decision to let her go rather than prolong her discomfort and anxiety. She was a wonderful, sweet Norwich, and I couldn’t bear to see her suffer.

Brownie’s vestibular disease was severe. Many dogs do recover from this condition on their own. Some recover completely (our other Norwich did). Others continue to have a slight head tilt for the rest of their lives. In the article below, Dr. Kathi Gruss describes the forms, symptoms, causes, etc., of old dog vestibular disease and suggests what the owner of an affected dog can do to help their pet during this stressful time.

—Alison Freehling

Old Dog Vestibular Disease

A dog’s vestibular system is responsible for letting your pet know what is up and what is down. For a dog to have good balance, this system needs to be functioning well. Old dog vestibular disease is a common acquired disease where older dogs lose their balance. The onset is very rapid; symptoms develop in an hour or less. Complete recovery takes days to weeks, but symptoms are most severe during the first one to three days. A dog generally continues to improve slowly after that.

The vestibular system is made up of the vestibular nerve (as it goes from the brain to the inner/middle ear), the vestibular nuclei in the brainstem portion of the brain, and the flocculonodular lobe of the cerebellum (also in the brain).

Abnormalities in any of these areas can result in signs of vestibular disease. If the disease is in the nerve itself, it is called peripheral vestibular disease. If the disease is in the brain, it is called central vestibular disease. Peripheral vestibular disease is the most common form. This is good because many pets recover from peripheral disease. Central vestibular disease is less common, but often much more serious.

There are clues that veterinarians look for to help determine if a dog’s disease is central or peripheral, but often it is very difficult to tell. The progression of the disease may be the most reliable clue. Affected dogs that recover within days to weeks most likely have peripheral vestibular disease. If the disease worsens or new signs of brain disease develop, they likely have central disease.
The symptoms of both peripheral and central vestibular disease include:

- Loss of balance, including leaning or falling to the side where the abnormality is
- A head tilt to the side of the abnormality
- Abnormal eye motion called nystagmus.
- Nausea and dizziness

Because of these symptoms, many dog owners mistake vestibular disease for a stroke. Strokes are caused by vascular disease, which is uncommon in dogs, so a stroke is a very rare cause of old dog vestibular disease.

Peripheral vestibular disease is commonly caused in older dogs by a condition called idiopathic old dog vestibular disease. We do not know a cause for this condition. Affected dogs often recover their balance over days to weeks though they can have a residual head tilt. Usually we see improvement within the first few days.

Another cause of peripheral vestibular disease is middle ear infection. Sometimes with middle ear infection the dog will also have facial nerve paralysis and we'll see a droopy lip and ear. Examining the ear will help tell if there is middle ear infection, but often veterinarians also need to get X-rays of the area or an MRI to tell for sure. Middle ear infections generally need thorough evaluation under anesthesia; the veterinarian makes a small hole in the ear drum for drainage and to get culture samples. Affected dogs are treated for several weeks with the appropriate medications and often recover quite well.

Central vestibular disease is caused by disease of the brain. These diseases are often quite serious and life-threatening, especially in older dogs. An MRI, examination of cerebrospinal fluid, and evaluation by a board certified veterinary neurologist may be necessary to tell exactly what is causing vestibular disease in many dogs.

Your pet's balance is also influenced by his vision, which allows the dog to focus on the horizontal and vertical, orienting them in space, and by gravity, which is detected by pressure receptors in the skin that let the dog know what is up and what is down. Veterinarians use this information to help make your pet more comfortable.

If your dog has vestibular disease and has lost its balance, there are things you and your veterinarian can do that really help. Owners should realize that their pet feels as if he is on a ship in a storm and that the floor is not where he thinks it should be. The dog is also very dizzy and nauseous. We know his balance will be better if he gets good gravity messages from his skin, so letting him have lots of points of contact is helpful. He will walk better with a hand on him or if he leans on the wall. He is likely more comfortable lying down than he is walking. Be careful when you pick him up, and hold him securely so that he can feel the contact.

Your dog will also have better balance when he has good vision. Typically with peripheral vestibular disease, the nystagmus, or abnormal eye motion, improves within the first 48-72 hours. Once the pet can see more normally, his balance will improve.

Your veterinarian has medication that can help with the nausea. I have had the best results with Cerenia®, a medication made by Pfizer that controls nausea both at the level of the brain and the stomach.

Be sure to feed your dog tasty food that he tolerates well. The goal is to keep your pet from losing weight while recovering. This isn't the time to entice him to eat by feeding spicy or fatty foods that may make him feel even more nauseous. A lean meat like cooked chicken may be an excellent choice. Special veterinary recovery diets like Hill's A/D® or Iams Max Calorie® are tasty foods that are packed with calories and the nutrients needed for your dog to heal. Your pet will get everything he needs in a smaller volume than normal dog food.

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New NTCA Norwich Agility Titles: Fall & Winter 2010

During the fall and winter months of 2010, several NTCA member-owned Norwich earned new AKC agility titles. Every agility title, at whatever level, requires 3 qualifying scores—or what in agility parlance are called “Q’s.” Q’s are most often difficult to achieve, requiring keen skills by both dog and handler, and good luck. For new dogs and new handlers, not only are agility courses difficult to maneuver and difficult to remember, but simply being able to perform at your best in the excitement of the trial environment can be challenging. For more experienced agility teams, earning Q’s becomes even more difficult as the courses are more and more complex and tricky. Oftentimes, a dog attempts many runs before finally earning a single precious Q. In the case of the Master Excellent level titles, a total of TEN Q’s on the most difficult of AKC courses are required! Far from easy tasks, indeed, so when a new agility title is earned, it is certainly an achievement worthy of recognition!

First and foremost, huge congratulations are due Ursula Walsh and her amazing “Harry” (MACH2 Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry, CD, RE, XF, SE). The “MACH2” preceding Harry’s name indicates that he has joined that elite group of agility Norwich to have TWICE earned the necessary requirements for the difficult Master Agility Champion title. Ursula is the first NTCA member to have earned a MACH2, with Harry joining only Gail Exstrom’s “Malarky” and Bob Frazier’s “Higgins.” As Ursula explains, Harry “may not be the fastest Norwich” around the agility courses, but “ persistence and determination” on both her and Harry’s part have brought them to this incredible level of success.

In the last issue of the News, we applauded Carol Clark for earning Novice Standard and Jumpers titles with Ch. Shoebutton’s Peggy Cass. In early December, “Peggy Cass” finished her Open Agility title. Also in December, Carol’s Ch. Pinelake’s Mega Bucks finished the 10 successful legs of his Master Excellent Jumper title.

Dr. Chris Zink continues to do really well with “Vespa” (Jerusalem Road Less Traveled). In November Vespa completed her 10th clean run for her Master Agility Excellent title. Rainee Johnson DVM’s speedy little “Savvy,” aka Breakaway’s In the Know, added an “XF” after her name—only the second Norwich to do so (after Ursula’s Harry). “XF” signifies three successful runs in the difficult Excellent FAST class described in the last News. In the fall, Savvy also received a coveted invitation to compete in the AKC’s National Agility Championship in Lexington, Virginia in April, 2011. Way to go Savvy!

Finally, several newcomers to the sport of agility have started off their careers with Novice titles. New NTCA member Melanie Bryson, handling her “Molly” (Arcadian Dynamite Red Beryl), proudly came home from Kimberton with her first two titles—Novice Agility and Novice Jumpers. Also earning both his Novice Agility and Novice Jumpers titles was DignPop Digby, owned by Joanie and David Brobst. Earning his Novice Jumpers title in November was Donna West’s breed champion, Ch. Shoebutton’s Dub Taylor. And finally, jumping 4” obstacles, Judy and John Laffey’s “Paige” (Ch. Glengariff’s Bethpage Black) earned her Novice Preferred Jumpers title.

Huge congratulations to all new NTCA agility title holders and to all club members who compete in the sport! Achieving a Q is not easy, and we all recognize what an incredible amount of practice time (and expense) go into competing. Like all athletes, our agility Norwich require constant conditioning, proper nutrition and diligent training. As a result, they are strong and fit and eager to run and play with us. The relationship with our Norwich that results from participating in a sport like agility is unbeatable, and the payoff far surpasses the Q’s and titles. Keep up the good work, and we wish you fun and safe trialing this spring and summer.

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AGILITY

The 2010 AKC Agility Invitational

There were ten of us in our “band of brothers,” actually pretty much a “band of sisters,” at the 2010 AKC Agility Invitational in Long Beach, CA. The five Norwich and five Norfolk were the top five agility dogs in their respective breeds in the country. Handlers and dogs in our group came from California, New York, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Illinois and Kansas. All ten dogs crated together under the Noragility Group Banner. The Noragility Group is an Internet list composed of Norwich and Norfolk handlers and owners who compete in agility and who share their experiences with their agility dogs online. We all hung together and supported each other throughout the three days at Long Beach. Cheers erupted from the group every time one of us entered the ring. Even the announcer noted and commented on our strong team spirit.

On Friday we got together for a Noragility dinner at a local restaurant. We were joined by agility enthusiast Beth Kravetz whose Norfolk, Ch. Avalon Beulah She’s So Popilicious, competed in conformation over the weekend. California Norwich enthusiasts Patty Fornelli and her husband Norm were also there, along with Candice Harper, whose Norwich, GCH Ch. Waiterock Jack Falstaff, won Best of Breed (conformation) on Sunday. They contributed several bottles of a very nice local wine that certainly added a taste of California to our dinner!

All five Norwich performed well. MACH2 Yarrow’s MGB Beach Pine Harry, the #1 agility Norwich in America for 2010, came in first among the Norwich with four clean runs and in 18th place out of all 94 dogs in his height category. Every year our Norwich do better and better. Despite their square and solid builds, Norwich can be very fast. Just watch Shonleh Miagar Winston, owned and handled by Vickie Yamaoka, fly around a course or MACH2 Breakaway Malarky, owned and handled by Gail Exstrom, cover the ground—and Malarky is 11 years old! NTCA member Rainee Johnson’s Breakaway In the Know (Savvy) is another
up and coming speed star. Rainee breeds and shows in both conformation and agility. It is quite an achievement that she bred two of the top 5 agility Norwich at this year’s Invitational. MACH Ketka’s Mariposa (Posey), owned and handled by Esther Newton, was one of three MACH Norwich in our group. As did Malarky, Posey racked up two perfect scores in her four runs.

Among the Norfolks, MACH3 Triune Tartan Gandolph Greybeard (Wizard), co-owned and trained by World Competitor Joan Meyer, but run by co-owner and Junior Handler Drake Evers, is the first Norfolk to get a MACH3. This Invitational was his last. At age 11, Wizard is retiring; we will miss him! Jill Van Dieren’s Norfolk, Barney Google Squarepants, was 12th out of the 94 dogs in our height class. He not only made the cut for the Finals, but placed third. This is a first for our little terriers and quite an achievement for Jill’s first Invitational. We are definitely looking forward to more firsts like that at the 2011 AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando, Florida!

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“Posey”: A Norwich with Upper Airway Syndrome (UAS) Earns Her MACH

I had always been a “Poodle person,” but in 2004, I was thrilled when Carol Clinton said I could have a little eight-month-old black and tan Norwich female. I had fallen in love with this bundle of energy as I watched her in Carol’s backyard playing on a kid’s plastic slide, hopping up the three little stairs and sliding down, over and over, just for the fun of it. I just knew this little girl could become a great agility and obedience competitor. I named her “Posey.”

Back then few Norwich breeders were aware of the seriousness of UAS. It wasn’t long before I heard Posey puffing and panting on a walk of any length, especially if it was hot. I took her to a surgeon who diagnosed elongated soft palate. He thought removing some of her palate would ease her breathing, but it did not. Over the next two years, I had her sacculcs removed; her tonsils were so inflamed that she had to have those removed too, along with a second sacculated operation. Finally Dr. Schulz in Okemos, Michigan, scoped her and discovered the probable cause of her ongoing breathing problems: a partially collapsed trachea. By this time I was well along in Posey’s obedience and agility training, so I asked Dr. Schulz if it was fair to ask her to continue. He told me there were only two things I could do for her survival and quality of life: keep her weight down and keep her active. Those were things I could easily do.
Posey loves performance and was so easy to train. My Poodles love agility for the speed of it. Posey is different. Agility is a physical challenge for her, but she does it because she loves to run with me. Posey looks to me for direction; we are always coordinated. Though she is a pretty good jumper, she is not as fast as she would be if she could breathe easily. But she always gives it her best effort and people love to watch her compete. Around ringside, she is "Miss Congeniality," working her cuteness, always endearing, greeting everyone in her path. As a team we have been very successful. Posey has her CD in obedience and is trained up through Open. For the past three years, she has been in the top five Norwich in AKC agility. We have flown cross-country together twice to compete at the AKC Agility Invitational in Long Beach, CA. On Sept. 12, 2010, Posey earned her MACH, the highest AKC agility title. It was an incredibly tremendous thrill. She continues to compete.

Through our seven years together, Posey has never failed to delight my heart. I am so proud of her and proud to be part of her team. I admire her courage and grit. She has proven that, at least for her, with proper treatment, UAS is not an insurmountable roadblock. Competitive performance events turned out to be not only great therapy for Posey, but also a big part of our life together. She is truly a champion, and I'm proud to display "MACHPOZ" on my Michigan license plate.

—Esther Newton, Ann Arbor, MI
(emn1940@gmail.com)

"I do my best thinking inside the box." ("Violet")
Kimerton Agility, Obedience and Rally:
October 5-8, 2010

In case you did not know, there's more going on during the time of the Montgomery County conformation shows than conformation! For the past ten years, several hundred terriers and their handlers have gathered at the nearby Kimerton, PA fairgrounds for unique all-terrier Agility, Obedience, and Rally competitions. Despite rain, snow, ice, wind, and sometimes even in beautiful sunny weather, the games go on! Having now expanded to four days of trials, the Kimerton events have become tradition and a special occasion that Norwich and other terrier performance enthusiasts look forward to all year.

Four days of Agility outside on the grassy fields overlap with one day each of Obedience and Rally, both held indoors. Again this October, the two Agility fields were surrounded by pop-up tents, chairs, flags, banners, and the air of a festival. Over the years, the combined Norwich and Norfolk group has become famous as the epitome of supportive cooperation. Owners of other terrier breeds have told us, “You get along so well! We wish our breed did.” There is no jealousy, no ill will, just friendly support, partly because, in performance events, everyone can qualify and earn a leg toward a title. “Norville” (an area ringside where Norwich and Norfolk competitors and their friends congregate at the same place every year) has grown to include numerous tents and canopies, under which about twenty Nors await their time to run and show off their skills. Veteran agility dogs no longer competing in agility (such as NTCA members Carlynn Ricks’ 14-year-old “Darcy” and Patti Evans’ 15-year-old “Hazel”) and young pups join the throng. The camaraderie among the group is obvious to all. Huge cheers erupt from Norville and ringside for successful Norwich and Norfolk runs and for “close but not quite” runs. Cameras abound as everyone videotapes and clicks memories for themselves and each other. Friends, some having traveled hundreds of miles and who see each other only once a year at Kimerton, become reacquainted, and new friendships are always made. Norville has also become famous for its dining tent (this year complete with crab cakes, white chili, and loads of yummy treats) and its prize tent, thanks to donations from the competitors and from the NTCA.

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Everyone who makes the pilgrimage to Kimerton comes home glad they went, regardless of success or not on the agility field. This year, just as in years past, the Norwich brought home more than their share of ribbons. Of special note are NTCA member Dr. Chris Zink’s “Vespas” three ribbon success on the difficult Excellent courses and new NTCA member Melanie Bryson’s “Molly” earning both her Novice Jumpers and Novice Agility titles!

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In the Obedience and Rally building, the competitions are quieter and more reserved, but the excitement level is equally high. This year’s Kimerton Obedience and Rally trials were sponsored by the Airedale Terrier club. It’s always such a treat to compete with like-minded dogs and handlers. Two Norwich competitors were unlucky in the Open rings. In Open A, NTCA member Gerry Haywood and Abbedale Miss Maggie CD RAE were victims of a long wait, always tough on owners and dogs. Maggie just couldn’t get over her nerves. In Open B, Carolyn Cotter’s Devondale’s Master Myron CDX RN had an upset tummy that caused Carolyn to excuse the team from the ring after the first
exercise. In Rally, NTCA Performance Chair Carlynn Ricks and 14 1/2-year-old Sand-Castle Darcy UDX RAE MX MXJ AXP AJP VN finished that tenth RAE leg, qualifying in both Advanced and Excellent. Darcy is probably the oldest dog ever to earn a Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE) title.

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If you plan to attend the conformation shows at Montgomery County next October, treat yourself to a morning or an afternoon at Kimberton. Come over to Norville to say hello and meet everyone and our little athletes. You will really be glad you did!

—Susan Novotny and Carlynn Ricks

Carlynn and her 14 1/2-year-old performance star “Darcy”—still going strong!

2010 NTCA Versatility and Versatility Excellent Award Winners

Author’s note: Any club member’s dog can win a NTCA Versatility Award. Requirements are posted on the club’s website at http://norwichterrierclub.org. Basically, as of 2011, your Norwich needs to earn 16 points in three categories of competition for the Versatility Award. The Versatility Excellent Award requires 20 points in four categories, with a Master’s level title in at least one category. —CR

The number of NNHC/NTCA Versatility Award winners has gone up and down since the first winner in 1999, my own Darcy UDX RAE MX MXJ AXP AJP VN. There has often been just one winner, occasionally two; in 2003 and 2004, there were none. Lately, the number has been increasing, particularly the number of Versatility Excellent winners. This is not because the awards are easier to earn, but because more and more Norwich owners are training their dogs in multiple events. In particular, owners of breed champions are increasingly training their Norwich in a variety of performance events, not just one. Titles in Earthdog, obedience, rally, and agility are within the reach of many dogs and owners. Moreover, spurred by the incentive of a Versatility Excellent award, owners are training in Earthdog. The Versatility awards remain a great achievement. Thus, it is with pride that I announce the 2010 recipients of these awards.

NTCA Versatility Award Winners

Betty McDonnell with Ch. Shorttalen Sibyl of Kilyka CDX NA NAJ VN has earned yet another Versatility Award with one of her marvelous dogs. Betty believes in training her Norwich to do the basics, and beyond. She puts obedience and agility titles on all her dogs these days, in addition to their breed championships. Maureen Glancy and Ch. Bunratty’s Earl Arlie O’Todd CD RE AX AXJ VN have come a long way from that first obedience title in 2004 and that first agility title in 2008 to a 2010 Versatility Award. Congratulations to both these great trainers and their dogs.

NTCA Versatility Excellent Award Winner

It is my pleasure to congratulate the insuperable Ursula Walsh on yet another job well done. Congratulations to Versatility Excellent Norwich Beach Pine Sophie of Oakley RE NA NAJ OAP
AJP ME VNX, who completed her Master Earthdog last April to clinch the award. Sophie is only the third Norwich to earn this prestigious Versatility Excellent award. This is Ursula’s second Versatility Excellent Norwich; her first was MACH 2 Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE OF VNX. Wow! Most of us would be thrilled with one Versatility Excellent Award in a lifetime.

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair

Spring 2011 Obedience and Rally News

Those of us who do both agility and obedience with our Norwich have fun exchanging ideas (or barbs) on what we love or don’t love about the two venues. At the moment, more Norwich owners are choosing the fast and furious pace of agility over the calmer atmosphere of the obedience rings. Therefore, my Spring report is somewhat short. Note that I have not sighted Rally, which is officially called Rally Obedience and is included under the AKC’s obedience umbrella. Also note that we are now using the NTCA titles, VN (Versatile Norwich) and VNX (Versatile Norwich Excellent).

The breed’s only new obedience title went to Tannis Witherspoon’s Amblegreen Don’t Tell CD, who earned his CD with all three scores in the 190’s, including a 196 and a first place. Congratulations, Tannis.

In Rally, several people whose Rally Novice titles were reported in the Fall 2010 News have continued in Rally and completed Rally Advanced titles. These include two breed champions: Ch. Highwood’s Red Lightning Bug RA, co-owned by NTCA member Kimberly Dwyer Mullings with Suzanne Orban-Stagle, and Ch. Shonlehe He’s A Magic Man RA, owned by Patty Fornelli and Norman Fleming. Also earning the Rally Advanced title is “Vespa” (Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD RA MX MXJ OF VN), owned by club member and research veterinarian/author Dr. Chris Zink. Finally, just for fun, my old guy “Darcy” (Sand-Castle Darcy UDX MX MXJ AXP AJP VN) and I decided that we were tired of sitting around watching the youngsters in the ring, so we entered the ten trials required and finished the RAE at Kimberton this past fall. So, young and old, do some training, get on out there with your dog, and have some fun. Then be sure to let me know your results.

Meanwhile, don’t forget the wonderful all-terrier trial TOPS (Terriers Only Performance Summit). The first TOPS was held in 2008, the second in 2009; now the event will be held every other year. This year’s trial in Castle Rock, CO, just south of Denver, includes 3 days of agility, obedience, rally on May 20–22, 2011 and Earthdog on May 23. Find more details on the website http://rmact.net/tops/index.htm.

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair (carlynnricks@earthlink.net)

Clarifying the NTCA River Bend Trophy

Several people have asked me how the annual NTCA River Bend Trophy winner is determined. The award is given to “the member-owned Norwich earning the highest obedience score in AKC competition during the year.” That highest score is determined according to the following point scale, and is simply the total of the points a dog has earned in each successful leg. No Norwich with a UD (Utility Dog) title is eligible to win the River Bend Trophy. —Carlynn Ricks

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K9 Nosework: A New Game in Town

Of the many dog activities and competitions, some of the most fun (and educational) are sports such as hunting and tracking where the dog is in charge. Here the handler must learn to trust and ‘read’ their dog as the dog does what comes naturally, calling on instinct and survivor skills to solve a puzzle. The sense of smell, likely a dog’s biggest “window” to its environment, is at the heart of both hunting and tracking. Now there’s another game designed to highlight the canine’s extraordinary sense of smell. Appropriately it is called K9 Nosework.

K9 Nosework is the brainchild of Ron Gaunt of southern California. Ron’s background is in law enforcement and as a military consultant where he has trained dogs to search buildings, vehicles and containers for narcotics, explosives and other contraband. The work is so rewarding to the dogs that Ron and friends came up with some nose games that all dogs can play. Scenting activities were designed and refined until the first K9 Nosework competition was held in August 2008, sponsored by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW). Since then, the sport has “exploded” on the west coast and is quickly migrating across the country.

Nosework is an activity for “any dog – any handler,” and can be practiced in a small area. There is no need to search for the increasingly more difficult to find open field to lay a track; no need to keep a rat and dig tunnels in the back yard! Just gather some boxes and hot dogs (or whatever is your dog’s favorite treat or toy for the day!) and you’re ready to get started. It’s easier if you have a partner to help you, but you can certainly adapt these methods to train by yourself.

The first step is to get your Norwich comfortable with boxes. Let the dog watch your partner put a high value treat in a box, then let the dog get it out. Once the dog is comfortable grabbing for an easy access treat, put another further into the box and increase the work the dog needs to do to retrieve it. If the dog is confident and driven to get to the box treat (sort of like a box lunch!), the real fun can begin!

Scatter 8 to 12 boxes around your work area. Your partner will put a treat in the same box you used in step one, placing that box amongst the others. Keep your dog on leash, using a non-restrictive collar or harness, so you can keep the dog in the search area, but give no guidance. As Ron says, leave “NO” at the door. This is not obedience; the handler is just along for the ride. Dogs will quickly understand that they are on their own and finding the treat is self-rewarding.

Ideally, once the dog finds and retrieves a treat (make the initial finds easy enough that the dog can get them out of the box without a lot of effort), he will go to the next box and continue searching. Your partner can then put another treat in the same (original) box in the same position, or shuffle it amongst the empty boxes. If your partner has good aim, he can throw the treat into the box to keep himself as separate from the activity as possible. As the dog becomes more driven and better understands the game, you can make the “hides” more difficult by stacking boxes, turning them upside down—generally making access more challenging and the scent a little less blatant. Keep your sessions short. You can do multiple sessions a day as long as you always leave with the dog wanting more. It is also extremely important to make sure there is only one dog at a time in the working area. You want this to be positive and to build confidence in the dog. Another dog in the vicinity might be perceived as a threat or competition or even just be a distraction. This is a truly individual sport.

If you choose to compete in nosework with your dog, you will eventually move on from food treat searches to searching for one or all of three scents: birch, anise or clove, depending on the level of competition. These scents are applied in the form of natural essential oils to a Q-tip (or Q-tips) hidden in the boxes or elsewhere in the test area. You can still use food as a reward when your dog locates the “hide,” but they must now learn to hunt these target scents. Introduction to
WORKING TERRIERS

the scents used in nosework tests is best not done before week eight or ten. You want to make sure you have built a strong hunt drive and that the ground work has been adequately laid.

Whether your goal is to compete in K9 Nosework trials or just to have some fun games to play with your dog, nosework can benefit any dog in many ways. It can serve as an outlet for a dog to burn mental and physical energy, helping him to build focus in other performance activities or simply to make him a more contented housemate. It can help build confidence. In nosework the dog is in control of his own environment. As he paws through and knocks over boxes, he is the one creating the noise and chaos; and there is a great reward at the end that makes it all fun, not scary. It can create a stronger bond between the dog and handler as the handler learns to ‘read’ the dog and the dog learns the handler is really listening to what he is saying.

The “any dog – any handler” is yet another great aspect of this sport. This is a game where retired or physically challenged dogs can excel. One of the instructors at a nosework seminar I recently attended said she had just come from her “creaky dog” class. All dogs were 13 or older; one was blind, one deaf, one an amputee. All the dogs and owners had fun, and these senior dogs once again had a job where they could be successful. Physically challenged handlers can also participate, as there’s no need to be running after the dog nor traversing difficult terrain. Mostly it’s just fun! Use your imagination to come up with new ways to play the game, such as creating an Easter egg hunt with plastic eggs—ones with a treat inside! Or go to the websites—www.k9nosework.com and www.nacsw.net—to check requirements for each nosework test level or possibly to find an instructor in your area. If anyone is presently competing with a Norwich in nosework, I’d love to hear your stories!

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

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Spring 2011 Earthdog Update

Another Norwich first was achieved in September 2010 when Fxhnt Pippin, co-owned by NTCA member Hal Happersett with Joanne Gilden, earned his Endurance Earthdog 2 (EE2) title. That means “Pippin” passed both the Senior and Master Earthdog tests at the same trial ten times! Congratulations, Pippin!

NTCA member Ursula Walsh’s “Sophie” also earned an Endurance Earthdog leg on November 7, 2010. Only four more to go!

Unfortunately it seems there were no other Norwich earthdog passes in the past 6 months. Hopefully seeing these two dogs breaking new ground (pun intended!) will give other Norwich owners inspiration to go out and see what their terriers can do.

Cong-RAT-ulations to these two special Norwich and their owners!

—Jill Petersen, Kenmore, WA (dchipster1@yahoo.com)
DEVONDALE. I had my final litter of Norwich pups in November 2010. Today (January), as I lifted one side of the 4 x 4 puppy pen, I remembered why. There was a “pop,” and my back went out. Eleven weeks ago, as my bitch free-whelped her three babies under the skirted, living room footstool (they all love this spot), I was upside down across the stool with many dry towels, heating pads, water for the bitch and wine for me. I was there from a little before midnight to 3 A.M., and, believe me, it was hard to stand (and it was only one glass of wine!).

I have kept or “run on” a puppy from each litter. My last four Norwich lived to be 16, 16, 17 and 17. That would put me in my 90’s with this litter. It’s time to stop, though it kills me to say so.

I feel like my dear late friend Constance Larrabee (“King’s Prevention”), who, when she stopped breeding, started to exhibit her beautiful photographs. A week ago, I had a painting accepted into The American Watercolor Society show (April, in New York City), one of this country’s most prestigious art shows for watercolors. That same week, 100 Artists of the Brandywine Valley arrived at bookstores. I am one of the 18 artists on the cover. The photo is one that Constance took of me with my first litter of Norwich 30 years ago! And so a new phase of my life begins—or rather continues—since I can’t remember when I haven’t painted.

But for now, off to the chiropractor!

—Anna Bellenger, “Devondale” Norwich, Unionville, PA

ROLLING RIDGE. The Norwich Terrier News hadn’t received any Breeder Updates since its launch in Spring 2009, so I assumed that that part of the newsletter was defunct, yet another casualty of the Internet. Then in February, Anna Bellenger sent news from “Devondale” in a Breeder Update format. Not wanting Devondale to feel lonely, I decided to write a short update on Rolling Ridge, a mostly sad report due to the deaths within the past 7 months of two of our remaining 5 Norwich.

Two weeks after her 15th birthday, our smallest Norwich, Dixie, diagnosed a few months earlier with what my vet suspected was a malignant brain tumor, suffered a serious seizure and was put to sleep on August 4, 2010. As winter approached, I worried that Dixie’s litter sister, Bonny, with her weak hind legs and mild cognitive dysfunction, might not make it through the season. As things turned out, I was worried about the wrong dog. Bonny continues to hang in there, but her and Dixie’s full, younger sister, Brownie, left us on January 21, 2011 due to the sudden onset of severe old dog vestibular disease (see article on p. 18 of this News). Dixie and Brownie were life-long best friends, similar in size and with sweet, reserved personalities. It feels strange to have only 3 Norwich now. Two of these, Bonny and Charlotte (13), are teenagers. The third is our 5 ½ year old “all boy,” Choklat, the tail end of the RR line. I can’t remember the last time we had so few dogs—probably way back in 1981 when we bred our first Norwich litter.

—Alison Freehling,
Charlottesville, VA

Sidekicks and sisters “Brownie” (shaggy) and “Dixie” (just stripped) relaxing on the deck (April 2004 photo)
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

Ch. Double Squeeze of Image

(Ch. Reverie’s Mr. Cool Stuff x Ch. Ready or Not of Image)

Breeder: Monti Craig
Owners: Monti Craig & Cheryl Berens

“Abbey” finished her breed championship title in October 2010, always owner-handled. She loves to show off in the ring and has won the heart of many judges along the way. She will be specialized occasionally until motherhood calls.

Ch. Diamond in the Ruff of Image

(Ch. Reverie’s Mr. Cool Stuff x Ch. Ready or Not of Image)

Breeder/Owner: Monti Craig

“Bling” finished her Ch. title at the January 2011 shows in Portland, Oregon, following in her sister “Abbey’s” footsteps and making Daddy “Colton” proud. Bling is very sound, with a short, compact body. Her plans are to undergo the remainder of her health testing (CERF is done) when she is two in preparation for motherhood.
Ch. Briarcote’s Hot Toddy
(Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Country Girl All That Jazz)

Breeders/Owners:
Carolyn Rook & Judith D’Amico

A fun boy to show, his correct movement and charming expression made him a standout in the ring. Shown mainly from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class, “Toddy” completed his championship in July 2010.

Ch. Moonrock Lunar Gravity
(GCH Moonrock Escape Velocity x Country Girl’s Golden Moondust JE)

Breeders/Owners: Phil & Ann Whatley

“Bunny” completed her breed championship before she was 11 months old. Handled by Phil Whatley in the BBE class, she finished in Atlanta, Georgia in the Fall of 2010. This girl is a pleasure to show because she “owns the ring” and loves the attention.

Country Girl’s Golden Moondust JE FDCh TF-III
(Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Assets x Ch. Dreamweaver’s Country Girl)

Breeder: Linda McCutcheon Owners: Phil & Ann Whatley

“Dusty” continues to excel in the sport of Flyball and enjoys it immensely. She qualified for the Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh) title in November of 2010 from The North American Flyball Association (NAFA). It is her third title in NAFA. She received her fourth title from The United Flyball League International, Inc. (U-FLI) organization in February 2011. Her TF-III title completes the Top Flight Series in U-FLI. Dusty is the ONLY Norwich Terrier in North America to achieve a Major Flyball Title under ANY organization.
Something for Everyone:
The Montgomery 2010 Specialty Weekend

Ed.: Leandra Little's report covers the first three conformation shows of Montgomery weekend as well as other highlights of the NTCA National Specialty gathering. Results of Norwich judging at Sunday's Montgomery show are included in breed judge Dr. Andrew Kramer's critique. —AGF

Thursday: Morris & Essex (Somerset, NJ)

Every five years members of the Morris & Essex Kennel Club don their vintage finery and attempt to bring back some of the glamour and style of Geraldine Rockefeller Dodge's original dog show extravaganza. In 1937 there were 4,104 dogs entered and over 50,000 spectators. In 2010, while the entry was less than during Mrs. Dodge's heyday, it still reached 3,090. Just a fraction of the total were Norwich Terriers, but it still meant an entry of 17 for Lori Pelletier in Sweeps and 62 for Dr. Richard Meen in the regular classes.

The weather cooperated, the golf carts saved many a harried exhibitor, and the huge central generators were a welcome alternative to the normal cacophony of a showsite. It was a fitting kick-off for our club's annual four-day marathon. Mrs. Dodge would have approved the first winner in our breed. Bred and born in New Jersey, Best in Sweeps from the Puppy Bitch 9-12 months class was the darling black & tan Kilyka's Witch Hazel (Ch. Dignpop Dash of Panache x Ch. Kilyka's Early Bird CD NA NAJ), bred, owned and handled by Betty McDonnell. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps was awarded to the equally darling red puppy Fishback Canadian Thistle (Ch. Paradym Yarrow Mark My Words x Ch. Fishback Prom Queen), bred, owned and handled by Susan Miller Hall.

Dr. Meen's Winners Dog was Thistle's half-brother, Fishback Hard Tap (Ch. Paradym Yarrow Mark My Words x Dunbar's Pancake). Hard Tap, bred and owned by Susan Miller Hall, is co-owned by April Clark. He took home 4 points from the 6-9 months puppy class. It was a good day for Susan! It was also a good day for Sandra Stemmler, Claire Johnson and Brenda Newcomb whose Capability Wren (Ch. Jaeva Rockon Robin x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Run Around Sue) was awarded Best of Winners. Dr. Meen's eye was obviously caught by the puppies. Wren, bred by Claire Johnson and Brenda Newcomb, also came from the Puppy 6-9 months class.

RWD went to Wren's older brother, Capability Brown (Ch. Jaeva Rockon Robin x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Run Around Sue). Bred by the Johnson/Newcomb team, Capability Brown is owned by Alexandra Geremia and Claire Johnson and was handled by Wood Wornall. Country Girl Bon Bon (Ch. Dunbar's Paint the Sky With Star K x Ch. Country Girl Fiesty Fiona), bred and owned by Linda McCutcheon, was RWB from Bred-By.

This was all prelude to Dr. Meen's lovely Best of Breed class. He and the spectators were then treated to a field of 27 of the finest Norwich Terriers in the country. Certainly he was "spoilt for choice," but in the end he had to select and so he did:


BOS: Ch. Abbedale Take Two at Taliesin (Ch. Abbedale's The Huntsman x Ch. Abbedale's Polly Pockets), bred by Joan Eckert, owned by Lisa & John Sons and Joan Eckert, and handled by Susan Kipp.

There were two SELECT dogs: Paradym Yarrow Rusty Justice (Ch. Fairwood For Your Eyes Only x Ch. Fentondale Pearly Queen at Yarrow), bred by Kelly Wood and Beth Sweigart, owned by James & Merridy Watt, and handled by Roxanne Sutton.
**Ch. Elysium’s Ciao Bella** (Ch. Reverie’s Mr. Big Stuff x Ch. Dunbar’s Dauntless Debutante), bred by Karen & Bruce Sullivan DVM and co-owned by the Sullivans with Carol Clark.

Judging and photos over, members returned to The Doubletree Suites, NTCA headquarters for the weekend. John Francisco reports that the “Hotel was very pleased with our stay and had no negative comments. They did say that two other breed clubs are requesting to stay at the hotel since the word has gotten out about how happy the Scottie and Norwich members are with the hotel. We as a club need to make sure that the hotel continues to want us back. We are booked through October, 2012.”

Balancing the “beauty pageant” aspect of our 4-day gathering, the NTCA health committee arranged two very important programs following Morris and Essex. Norwich Terrier owners and new NTCA members Joseph Rossi DVM, with the able assistance of his wife Jill, were stationed in one of the meeting rooms ready to examine Norwich patellae and to insert microchips. Pam Seifert took care of coordinating the clinic; NTCA health chair Magda Omansky reported that between 25-30 Norwich were examined and that the Rossis stayed well past the clinic closing time to accommodate all the walk-ins. Jill Rossi reports that “We are not seeing a major patella problem in the breed based on the group examined at the Norwich clinic.”

Later that evening, following a buffet-style “Taste of Philly” members mixer and dinner, distinguished specialist Professor Michael Podell DVM gave a seminar on canine epilepsy (covered elsewhere in this issue of the *News*). It was a comprehensive talk focusing on one of the essential health issues affecting our breed. A deep debt of gratitude is owed to Magda Omansky and the health committee for arranging this seminar as well as the microchip and patella clinic.

**Friday: Hatboro (Wrightstown, PA)**

Friday dawned early and bright for exhibitors as the first Norwich class was held at the heartbreakingly early hour of 8:00 AM. Breed judge Minna Lisa Koltes was undaunted as she met her entry of 21-28 (23-9). Her **BOW** choice was *Yarrow Venerie Old King Cold*, bred by Beth Sweigart, Lesley Crawley and Pam Beale and owned by Pam Beale and Lesley Crawley. He was handled by Andrew Green and shown in the 12-18 months dog class. “Edward’s” sire is *Ch. Chadley Willum the Conqueror*, the late great Montgomery and Westminster BIS winner. His dam is *Eng. & Am. Ch. Ragus She's Got the Look*, the long-tailed import Beth Sweigart showed to her championship and multiple Group placements in 2009. *Vienna* was bred to Willum via frozen semen; Edward is one of the three puppies which resulted, hence his clever name.

**RWD** went to *Capability Brown* from the Open Class (see RWD, Morris & Essex). In bitches, **WB** was awarded to *Foolzle Dark and Stormy at Millbrook* (Ch. Dignpop Dash of Panache x Ch. Moonshadow's High Flyin’), a charming black and tan bred by Alyson Cleary; owned by Paul and Nancy Eddy and Lori Pelletier, and handled by Lori Pelletier in the 12-18 months class.

**RWB** went to *Capability Wren* (see BOW, Morris & Essex).

There were 31 entries in the **BOB** class, which was again taken by *Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip* (see BOB, M&E). Ms. Koltes awarded **BOS** to *Ch. Dancy's Hot Commodity* (Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Assets x Ch. Unique’s Red Hot Chili Pepper), bred and owned by Nancy and Dwain Lentz. Dwain also handled “Emma” to her win. **Select Dog** was awarded to *GCH Fly’N High’s Sonic Boom* (Ch. Rosecroft Once More x Ch. Ascot Tiger Lily), bred, owned and handled by Sharon Jones. “Boomer” is now co-owned by Lynn and Howard Marshall and will be specialed this year by Bill McFadden.

Friday evening over 100 club members and guests gathered for the annual NTCA Awards Banquet at the Four Seasons Banquet Hall in Norristown, conveniently just two and a half miles
away from the Doubletree. For the second year in a row, this proved to be a great location, and the dinner and service were super. It was so nice to relax with friends and peruse the many wonderful Norwich items offered both on the Notions table and at the Silent Auction.

The afghan fundraiser, chaired by Karen Whalen, has also been very popular. There are a few afghans left so, if interested, contact Karen. Every diner was also treated to a goodie bag arranged by Elsie Francisco and put together by club members. The goodies included show essentials like Kleeneex, clean-up bags, mints, hand sanitizer, a squeaky toy and the most darling little Norwich bear with leather leash and NTCA pin. What a cherished souvenir this will always be.

For me, the highlight of this year’s awards dinner was the “Basket, Box and Bed Fund Raiser.” Chairperson Donna West divided the NTCA membership into geographical areas and designated a chair for each. Each chair was then charged with filling the basket, box or bed with wonderful regional goodies, as well as Norwich/dog articles. It was according to Donna, “…an opportunity for participants to take home neat items in remembrance of a fun weekend.” The result was an incredible outpouring of generosity from all areas of the USA and from Canada as well.

Coordinated by Judy Laffey on the night of the dinner, the offerings reflected regional treats like box seats to Westminster, home-made blackberry jam from the Pacific NW, and an amazing basket from Canada, which included Norwich jewelry donated by Denise Castonguay, smoked salmon, a beautiful quilted dog bag and a wooden salad bowl with a Pacific NW native motif. The California and Mountain states donated a $300 gift certificate to Windsor Vineyards and a bottle of their 2001 Champagne Brut. Judy Laffey, high bidder on this basket, was directed to call the winery and discuss her wine preferences, make a selection, and then design labels to personalize the bottles. The winery’s design service offers a completely customized service and Judy has plans to have her label include her Norwich.

Auctioneer Jim Kinney, assisted by wife Lorrie, moved the bidding along. The Mid-Atlantic “Groomer’s basket” included the latest grooming tools from Ashley Craig, an apron, gift certificate from Cherrybrook, and a bottle of NY State wine. The Central Northeast basket, coordinated by Carol Clark, was a gift certificate for an original painting done from a photo of your dog. The SE Central/Atlantic Region, coordinated by Cathy Rogers, included wine glasses etched with a Norwich, wine, a cheese board and a Norwich towel. The Pacific NW included a dog bed, home-made blackberry jam, Norwich Terrier dish towels, collector’s items and more. Suffice it to say that the baskets were treasure troves reflecting both imagination and regional generosity, and the NTCA reaped the benefit. Jim Kinney reports that the proceeds from all three fund-raisers (silent auction, live auction and Notion sales) amounted to nearly $11,000. There was something for everyone at the awards dinner, whether at the Notions table, in a basket or in the silent auction. Expect to see (and plan for) the regional baskets again this year.

Saturday: Devon (Ludwig's Corner, PA)

On Saturday, for the third day in a row, members greeted the dawn with an early (8:30 AM) ring time. Judge Mario Renato Leme Duarte of Brazil had an entry of 19-30 (27-7). His picks were: BOW, Yarrow Venerie Old King Cold; Reserve WD, Capability Brown, handled by Wood Wornall; WB, Fozlè’s Dark and Stormy at Millbrook; RWB Yellowrose Mistress Brickhouse (Ch. Watermark Candyman x Yellowrose Foxy Roxy), bred by Betty Johnson and Stacey Johnson; owned by Betty Johnson and Ashley Turner, and handled by Roxanne Sutton. The breed again went to Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip; BOS to the darling GCH Moondance First Landing. “Sky”, bred and owned by Robin Hoch, was just 19-months old. Her sire and dam are GCH Winsome’s Aston Martin x Keleven Moondance Hello Dolly. She was handled to her win by Jody Paquette.
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Mr. Duarte awarded two with Select Dog designations: Ch. Abbedale Take Two at Taliesen and GCH Waiterock Jack Falstaff (Ch. Barnstable Stuffed Shirt x Ch. Waiterock’s Copacabana), bred and owned by Candice Harper and handled by Wood Wornall.

The early judging program afforded those who did not wish to stay for Group judging time to socialize and meet for a leisurely lunch before heading either back to the hotel to prepare for the annual NTCA membership meeting or to the Montgomery show site to set up. It made the early morning pain worth it.

A few additional notes...

A few final scribbles and “awards of merit” to deserving club members who helped make this incredibly well-organized feat all possible: Thank you to past NTCA President Al Ferruggiario and particularly to NTCA Show Chair John Francisco, whose organizational skills were evident throughout the whole event. And let’s not forget John’s wife Elsie, who handcrafted every Norwich bear found at each place at the awards dinner.

John extended his appreciation to Dana Esquivel for sitting all day at the trophy table making sure the proper trophies were presented to the stewards for each class at Montgomery. He also noted the remarkable job Trophy Chair Susan Miller Hall did “in taking the tattered Challenge trophies and making them look better than new. She had new bases made and the sterling silver pieces restored.”

Kudos too to Magda Omansky for the health clinics and a special note of appreciation to Dr. Joe and Jill Rossi for their generous work; to Jean Kessler and her hospitality committee for the goodies, the incredible meals, the hospitality table and many thoughtful touches; to Jim and Lorrie Kinney for coordinating the advertising for the Montgomery catalog and for auctioneering duties; and to all the regional basket coordinators (Susan Brown-Leger, Bambi Holly, Judy Laffey, Carol Clark, Denise Faulkner, Kim Mullings, Cheri McAlister, Cathy Rogers, Barbara Einspruch, Candice Harper, Heather Tomlins and Linda Dowdle) and to all who so generously donated to their regional basket. Thanks to everyone omitted from this roster for all their good works. Whether you stuffed a bag or manned a table, your contribution was and is invaluable. And, finally, thank you to the climate gods, who provided superb fall weather throughout the week.

Perhaps the NTCA Montgomery gathering can all be summed up by the statement at the top of the Schedule: “See the best we have to offer in the breed and where the breed is headed. Find the perfect Stud Dog. Laugh at the antics of our puppies. Watch in awe at a great agility run…. Celebrate with old friends and new. You’ll be up before 5 a.m. and still grooming at 1 a.m. It’s a wild ride, but one well worth taking. See you there!”

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This year’s conformation show dates are October 6-9, with much to celebrate. New NTCA President Jean Kessler points out that 2011 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the breed in America and, with that in mind, “our theme will be “Happy 75th Birthday to the Norwich Terrier.”

The dinner, again slated for the Four Seasons Banquet Hall, will be a birthday bash, as will the mixer. Judy Laffey and Donna West will coordinate the regional basket auction. NTCA members Carole Bullwinkle-Fourcrault (“Briardale” Norwich) will judge Sweeps and Beth Sweigart (“Yarrow”) the breed. See you there!

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

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(It has come to my attention that some people believe that I disqualified a Norwich in this class because she was menacing. That is not correct. The 6-9 month puppy bitch that had an undocked tail was excused, NOT disqualified. Since there are no breed-specific disqualifications, the only way a Norwich can be disqualified is if it attacks the judge, attacks another dog, or has only one descended testicle. The bitch that was excused did not show any sign of aggression. Additionally, she did not have a bite problem. In this judge's opinion, an undocked tail is a serious enough fault to warrant excusal. That's all that transpired.)

9-12 Months Puppy Bitch - Camio's Educated Enchantress was a grizzle puppy with a wonderful coat and level topline. She needs to mature a bit.

12-18 Months Bitch - A large class. Yellowrose Mistress Brickhouse was a well-moving young bitch that excelled going away. She had a well-defined stop and beautiful eye, as well as a good coat coming in with profuse furnishings.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch - Sienna's Heart 'N Soul was an attractive bitch with a nice head and good shoulder layback. Her eye could have been a bit darker.

American-Bred Bitch - Foxwood Harbringer of Spring had an attractive outline with a good coat coming in.

Open Bitch - Fishback My Friend Toni had a charming head, but could have been shorter in loin.

Winners Bitch was Yellowrose Mistress Brickhouse and Reserve Winners Bitch was Capability Wren. This was a very close call, but the puppy bitch seemed to let down in the Winners class.

Veteran Dog - Both entrants were quite good. They were in top condition with great coats considering their age. Ch. Foxwood Noble Ninja was a bit more square than Ch. Fairfield Frankly My Dear and that was the deciding factor here.

Best of Breed - There were a number of excellent exhibits that made my final decisions challenging but enjoyable. My Best of Breed, Ch. Itsy Bitsy Troubadour, was the quintessential Norwich in outline, coat, movement (both going and coming) and head. Select Dog and Award of Merit went to GCh. Yarrow Venerie Starlite Express, another exceptional exhibit. Hard to fault, this dog showed wonderfully and was the equal of the Best of Breed winner except that the latter had a bit more skull. Best of Opposite Sex went to Ch. Abbedale Take Two At Taliesin, who had arguably the best head of any Norwich on the day as well as a wonderful coat. Select Bitch and Award of Merit was Ch. Dancy's Storm Warning, a pretty, well-put-together bitch with nice proportion of height, length, and neck. She showed well, but could have used a tiny bit less weight. Award of Merit also went to GCh. Fly'N High's Sonic Boom, a beautiful red dog with a hard coat that moved wonderfully with great shoulder layback. He was just a bit too large for me. Another Award of Merit went to Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip. This dog was a close contender. His proportions, coat, and front movement excelled.

Again, I want to thank you for the honor of judging your national specialty. It was one of my most enjoyable judging assignments.

—Dr. Andrew Kramer, "Mercator" Norfolk Terriers, Leesburg, VA (mercator@ix.netcom.com)
Best of Breed: Ch. Itsy Bitsy Troubador
(Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Iz Misbehavin'),
pictured with Specialty judge Dr. Andrew Kramer, handler Betty Bossio, and NTCA President Jean Kessler

Best of Winners/Winners Dog: Capability Brown
(Ch. Jaeva Rockon Robin x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Run Around Sue)

Winners Bitch:
Yellowrose Mistress Brickhouse
(Ch. Watermark Candyman x Yellowrose Foxy Roxy)

Best of Opposite Sex:
Ch. Abbedale Take Two At Taliesin
(Ch. Abbedale's The Huntsman x Ch. Abbedale's Polly Pockets)

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The 2010 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

The Eukanuba. Notice how it always has the word “the” in front of it. Westminster has its prestige and spectators dripping in fur and jewels, but this show in Long Beach, CA has youth, vigor and excitement, coupled with great weather and palm trees. There is nothing else like it. The immediate area around the Long Beach Convention Center is full of fine hotels (many of which made huge concessions in their rack rates for this dog show), wonderful restaurants, a Nordstrom Rack four blocks away—and the City has free wi-fi.

I arrived the Wednesday before the Eukanuba to attend the three “Hair and Eggng Cluster” shows that lead up to Sunday’s main event. For these first three days the rings are completely carpeted, and each ring has a gigantic Christmas tree ringed with poinsettias. How tall? That’s hard to say because of the scale of the building, but I would say at least 10 feet and fully decorated. On Sunday night before the Eukanuba they pull down all the trees and redecorate the rings.

By Sunday you could barely walk through the aisles because of the throngs of people. The vendors were many and varied; jewelry was sold, aching feet were soothed, portraits were painted, and dog food was peddled. Despite the crowds on the main show floor, I could still hear the roars coming from the agility trial in the next building. In fact, there were crowds roaring for all different reasons all around the show site. Just outside was the swimming pool set up for doggy diving. The police dogs were there, the service dogs were there, and every school in the area was having a field trip that day. The “Meet the Breeds” booths were fabulous and staffed by dedicated volunteers. NTCA “Meet the Breeds” Chair Pam Seifert was out of town on a family emergency that day. Club members managed to cover the booth, but we sure missed Pam!

Because of a broken bone in my foot, I had hired a handler for the fall shows so I was able to deliver my Norwich to him early in the day and actually enjoy the show! I got to the ring early to watch Border Terriers, one of my first breeds. Norwich were next. Judge Ronald Irving, President of The Kennel Club of England, judged an entry of 19, with two absent. After making three cuts, the judge gave Best of Breed to my homebred “Jack” (GCH Ch. Waiterock Jack Falstaff (Ch. Barnstable Stuffed Shirt x Ch. Waiterock Copacabana)! Best of Opposite Sex went to GCH Ch. Dancy’s Billion Dollar Baby (Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Assets x Ch. Uniques Red Hot Chili Pepper), bred by Nancy and Dwain Lenz and owned by Janet Sanders and Shelby Wilson. Three Awards of Excellence (AOE) were given out: #1 AOE was awarded to Ch. Paradyrn Yarrow Rusty Justice (Ch. Fairwood For Your Eyes Only x Ch. Fentondale Pearly Queen At Yarrow), bred by Kelly Wood and Beth Sweigart and owned by James and Meridy Watt; #2 AOE went to GCH Ch. Skysscot’s Poker Chip (Bon-Marks Hairy Pawter x Ch. Skysscot’s Summer Shower), bred by Leslie Becker and owned by Caroline Dodwell; #3 AOE was awarded to GCH Ch. Migar Shonleh’s Brother Love (Ch. Shonleh Robin x Ch. Migar Shonleh Shamrock), bred by Michele Fain and Sharon Curry and owned by Maris Purvins and Christine Kiino. Ch. Briardales Lion King (Ch. tinytown’s Hardy Boy x Briardale Merci Me), bred by Carole Bullwinkel-Foucrault and Sharon Walters and co-owned by Carole with Lowell and Connie Jennings, was Best Breed-by-in Breed.

As owner of a Best of Breed winner, I received a wrist band that allowed me to be on the floor during the Groups. It was such a thrill to be so close to the center of action. When Jack was stacked on the table for the judge, his little face filled the giant screen. Down and back he went, showing his heart out despite the fact that it was nearly 9 p.m. and well past his bedtime. The Terrier Group was incredibly strong and Jack did not place, but I couldn’t have been more pleased with his performance.

During the photo session, I spoke with Mr. Irving, who told me it was the finest group of Norwich he has ever had the pleasure to judge. I personally would say that the Norwich breeders represented at the Eukanuba have proven themselves to be great stewards of our breed. It was an honor to compete among them.

—Candice Harper, “Waiterock” Norwich, Lafayette, CA (waiterock@sbcglobal.net)
NTCA Supported Entry Richland County Kennel Club
December 18, 2010 • Cleveland, Ohio
Breed Judge: Mrs. Thora P. Brown
Entry 5-8 (2-4)


• WD: Yarrow Veneric Once and Future King (Ch. Chidley Willum The Conqueror x Ch. Ragus Got The Look). Breeders/Owners: Pam Beale & Beth Sweigart & Lesley A. Crawley.


• RBW: Fishback My Friend Toni (Ch. Ketka’s Garden Party x Ch. Fishback Prom Queen). Breeder/Owner: Susan Miller Hall.

• SEL: GCH Oakwood’s Starburst (Ch. Fairewood For The Fun Of It x Ch. Dunbar’s Bound For Glory). Breeders/Owners: Donna K. Brown PhD & Martin E. Brown.

• GCH Elysium’s Ciao Bella (Ch. Reverie’s Mr. Big Stuff x Ch. Dunbar’s Dauntless Debutante). Breeders: Bruce Sullivan DVM & Karen Sullivan. Owners: Carol S. Clark & Karen Sullivan & Bruce Sullivan DVM.

—John Francisco, NTCA Show Chair, Norwalk, OH (jfranco@neo.rr.com)

All Aboard For Buffalo!

Where do NTCA members gather to relax and have fun in the cold months of winter? Why, Buffalo, New York, of course, aka, the “snow capital of America” where the wind often drives temperatures down to the negative numbers. In January 2011, seventeen Norwich Terriers were exhibited at the Buffalo Kennel Club shows. Local NTCA member Yvonne Vertlieb hosted wonderful dinners at her home so the camaraderie and laughter continued well past BIS judging each day. There was so much cheering ringside that even the show photographer came over to see “what was going on in the Norwich ring.”

—Judy Laffey

Back row (l. to r.): Joan Eckert (Abbedale); Donna West (Shoebutt); Mark Gustavson (Beric); John Francisco (NTCA Show Chair); Linda Dowdle (Dralion); Front row (l. to r.): Nancy Nosiglia (Beric); Judy Laffey (Glengariff); Roxanne Sutton (Juslyn); Lisa Sons (Taliesin); Yvonne Vertlieb (Scalawag)
Norwich Results At Westminster 2011

Breed Judge: Mr. Kenneth McDermott

Sixteen Norwich Terriers were entered at Westminster 2011; two dogs were absent. From the 14 Norwich present (12 dogs, 2 bitches), Mr. McDermott selected the following:

- **Best of Breed:** GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip (Bon-Marc's Hairy Pawter x Ch. Skyscot's Summer Shower). Breeder: Leslie Becker; Owner: Caroline Dodwell. “Pokey” was also BOB at Westminster in 2009 and 2010, so this was his third straight breed win! He now plans to retire to the good life at owner Caroline Dodwell’s Texas ranch. Happy retirement, Pokey!

- **Best of Opposite Sex:** Ch. Highwood Margit of Redfearn (Ch. WWW.Redbuly De Vom Rittersee x Highwood’s Lady Interceptor). Breeders/Owners: Nancy & Janos Fonyo

- **Award of Merit:** GCH Itsy Bitsy Troubadour (GCH Skyscot’s Poker Chip x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Iz Mizbehavin’). Breeders: Kristin Conlan & Peggy Schmidt & Tonnie & Gerard Willrich; Owners: Tonnie & Gerard Willrich. “George,” a “Pokey” son, was Best of Breed at the 2010 NTCA Montgomery National Specialty.

- **Award of Merit:** GCH Dignpop Dash of Panache (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Littlefield Razz’s Matazz At Dignpop). Breeder: Magda Omansky; Owners: Paul & Nancy Eddy and Magda Omansky. “Dash” also won an Award of Merit at Westminster 2010.

Congratulations to all the Norwich winners at this year’s Garden. —AGF

Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago
21st Annual Specialty/Sweepstakes

Saturday February 26, 2011
Sweepstakes Entry : 14
Breed Entry : 8 -15 (7-2)

Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Mary Paisley

Best in Sweepstakes: Fishback Hard Tap, Susan Miller Hall & April Clark
Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes: Janoras Luck Be A Lady, Norma Braun

Breed Judge: Dr. Robert Smith

Winners Dog: Fishback Biskit, Susan Miller Hall & April Clark
Reserve Winners Dog: Fishback Canadian Thistle, Susan Miller Hall
Best of Winners/Winners Bitch: Janoras Glitter Baby, Norma Braun
Reserve Winners Bitch: Camio's Educated Enchantress, Cathy Rogers
Best of Breed: Ch. Skyscot's Texas Hold’Em, Sharon Esposito MD
Best of Opposite Sex: GCH Fishback’s Black-Eyed Susan, April Clark, Amy Grace Clark & Susan Miller Hall
Select Dog/Award of Merit: Ch. Itsy Bitsy Tanglewood Ranger, Christine & Anastasia Cwik
Select Bitch/Award of Merit: GCH Pinelakes Fairy Tail, Kelly & David Foos
Best Amateur Owner Handler: Fishback Hard Tap, Susan Miller Hall & April Clark (2nd AOH Group)
Best Bred By Exhibitor: Janoras Red Sky Delight, Norma Braun
Best Puppy: Janoras Glitter Baby, Norma Braun (1st Puppy Group)

Norwich Terrier Judges Education Seminar
Presenter: Lori Pelletier
(NTCA Judges Education Chair; “Avalon” Norwich Terriers)

Nineteen NTCA & NTCGC members, one judge, and four guests attended the Norwich Terrier Judges Education seminar presented by NTCA Judges Education Chair and Norwich/Norfolk breeder Lori Pelletier. Lori covered the Norwich Terrier breed standard, using a Powerpoint slideshow to help explain and clarify each item in the standard. In addition, Lori had attendees examine five Norwich brought to the seminar by members and asked for opinions on how these dogs measured up to the standard she had just covered. Many outstanding compliments were given on Lori’s excellent presentation.

NTCGC Supported Entry/Sweepstakes
Sunday February 27, 2011
Sweepstakes Entry : 13
Breed Entry: 6–14 (7-2)

Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Pamela Simmons
Best in Sweepstakes: Camio’s Educated Enchantress, Cathy Rogers
Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes: Fishback Hard Tap, Susan Miller Hall & April Clark

Breed Judge: Dr. John A. Reeve Newson
Best of Winners/Winners Dog: Fishback Canadian Thistle, Susan Miller Hall
Reserve Winners Dog: Scalawag The Sherrif At Stetlands, Teri Nyari
Winners Bitch: Janoras Glitter Baby, Norma Braun
Reserve Winners Bitch: Janoras Red Sky Delight, Norma Braun
Best of Breed: Ch. Skyscot’s Texas Hold’Em, Sharon Esposito MD
Best of Opposite Sex: GCH Pinelake’s Fairy Tail, Kelly & David Foos
Select Dog: GCH Dignpop Dash of Panache, Paul & Nancy Eddy & Magda Omansky
Select Bitch: GCH Fishback’s Black-Eyed Susan, April Clark, Amy Grace Clark, & Susan Miller Hall
Best Amateur Owner Handler: Camio’s Educated Enchantress, Cathy Rogers (3rd AOH Group)

—John Francisco, NTCA Show Chair, Norwalk, OH (jfrancjo@neo.rr.com)
2011 NTCA & Regional Norwich Clubs Show Calendar

Feb. 26  
*Specialty & Sweepstakes – Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago: International Kennel Club*, McCormick Place North, Chicago, IL. (benched)  
Sweepstakes Judge: Mary Paisley (Puppy Sweeps only)  
Breed Judge: Dr. Robert Smith

Feb. 27  
*Supported Entry & Sweepstakes – Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago: International Kennel Club*, McCormick Place North, Chicago, IL. (Benched)  
Sweepstakes Judge: Pamela Simmons (Puppy Sweeps only)  
Breed Judge: Dr. John A. Reeve Newson

April 15  
*Specialty & Sweepstakes – Norwich Terrier Club of Northern California: Northern California Terrier Assoc.*, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA  
Sweepstakes Judge: TBA  
Breed Judge: Annemarie Moore  
*[April 14: NTCA Supported Entry]: Northern California Terrier Assoc.  
Breed Judge: Pamela Peat]*

April 22  
*Supported Entry & Sweepstakes – NTCA: Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, Inc.*, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD.  
Sweepstakes Judge: TBA  
Breed Judge: Dorothy Taylor

May 6  
*Supported Entry – NTCA: Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.*, Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp, NJ.  
Breed Judge: Richard William Powell

May 21  
*Supported Entry & Sweepstakes – NTCA: Mattaponi Kennel Club*, Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA.  
Sweepstakes Judge: TBA (Puppy Sweeps only)  
Breed Judge: Roger Hartinger

June 18  
*Supported Entry – Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago: Great Lakes All Terrier Assoc.*, Libertyville Sports Complex, Libertyville, IL.  
Breed Judge: TBA

July 16  
*Specialty & Sweepstakes – Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club: Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.*, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX.  
Sweepstakes Judge: Magda Omansky  
Breed Judge: Edd Bivin

Aug. 28  
*Supported Entry – NTCA: Sammamish Kennel Club*, King County Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA.  
Breed Judge: TBA

Oct. 7  
Breed Judge: TBA

Oct. 9  
*National Specialty & Sweepstakes – NTCA: Montgomery County Kennel Club, Inc.*, Montgomery Community College, Blue Bell, PA.  
Sweepstakes Judge: Carole Bullwinkle-Fourcrault (Puppy & Veteran)  
Breed Judge: Beth Sweigart

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

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**New edition of Marjorie Bunting’s The Norwich Terrier.** NTCA Notions Chair Patty Warrender still has a few copies of this invaluable breed reference, edited and with two new chapters by Swedish Norwich breeder Renee Sporre-Willes. To order your copy, please send a $50 check ($45 for the book, $5 for postage), payable to NTCA, to Patty Warrender, P.O. Box 1431, Middleburg, Va 20118. If you have questions, please e-mail Patty at pwnoridge@gmail.com.

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