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When sending photos for the News, please snail mail original 35 mm photos in color or black and white or e-mail 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 Spring 2012 News, please be sure to meet—or better yet to beat—the March 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

—Alison Freehling

Sending Digital Photos to the News

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

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

2011 has been a year of extreme weather in most parts of the USA—record snowfalls, deadly tornadoes, damaging hurricanes and tropical storms, persistent drought, raging wildfires, even a 5.8 magnitude earthquake on the east coast (the epicenter was about 40 miles east of Charlottesville). For those Norwich owners and Norwich affected by these widespread natural disasters, I hope your lives are back to normal by now and that the final months of 2011 will bring us all a respite from Mother Nature’s wrath.

On a happy note, at a recent teleconference call, the NTCA Board unanimously approved long-time NNTC/NTCA member Carol Suggs as a NTCA Lifetime Member, an honor Carol richly deserves for her decades-long commitment to the health and integrity of the Norwich breed.

Turning to the News, NTCA member Jill Petersen has decided to retire as Working Terrier columnist, a position she has held since the inaugural issue of The Norwich Terrier News (Spring 2009). On behalf of all News readers, I thank Jill for a job well done. Her informative, well-written, and always-on-time reports on earthdog and other working terrier activities made my job easy. While I will miss working with Jill, I welcome and look forward to working with NTCA member Ursula Walsh, who has kindly agreed to step in for Jill. Ursula is no stranger to News readers, having already contributed several articles about her Norwich Harry and Sophie’s phenomenal achievements in earthdog and agility. Thanks, Ursula, for agreeing to join the News staff as the Working Terrier columnist.

As always, I thank all NTCA members and News subscribers who submitted articles and photos for this issue. My file of Norwich photos is almost empty, so please send candids of your puppies and adults for the Spring 2012 News. May you and your Norwich have a joyful holiday season.

—Alison Freehling, Charlottesville, VA

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Those of you whose News’ subscription expired with the Fall 2011 issue have received a white subscription renewal envelope along with your copy of the News. If you want to renew your subscription for 2012 (or for two years), PLEASE take a moment to do so now by filling in your name and address on the envelope and mailing it, along with your News’ check, to Dave Brobst (his address label is already on the renewal envelope). By renewing now, you will save the News’ editor the hassle and the NTCA the expense of sending second reminders. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

—Alison Freehling

Mutually curious: “Wylie” Shlimbaum and visiting deer
A Message from NTCA President Jean Kessler

The year 2011 has been an exciting, busy time for our club. As a newly organized group, we've grown in many ways this year. In completing official paperwork, our Code of Ethics was ratified. Members rallied to participate in various health screenings and tests as well as the CHF online Norwich health survey. Our “Legacy of Love” organ donations, another health committee project, is under way. We have supported two health studies through our Donor Advised Fund. NTCA Health Committee Chair Magda Omansky attended the Parent Club CHF Conference in St. Louis this summer. NTCA Rescue Chair Joan Eckert has continued to serve when needed with rescue and rehoming of Norwich Terriers. Our award-winning Meet the Breeds committee presented booths to share Norwich Terrier information on both east and west coasts. We have initiated a NTCA Judges' Mentor program. In April, the NTCA Board of Directors met at my house in North Carolina for a weekend of work and sharing. Our club supported entries in all parts of the country. On the technical front, we have purchased a P.A. system and arranged to have videos made of the 2011 Montgomery Norwich entry. Our website, www.norwichterrierclub.org, continues to grow and to include more news, information and educational offerings. A Video Library is under construction that will allow members to check out videos, CDs, DVDs, etc. More members accepting emails instead of hard copies of club mailings have helped cut down on NTCA postage expenses.

It has been a pleasure to serve as NTCA President in 2011. Suggestions, comments or ideas are always welcome and needed.

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

NTCA Board Welcomes Two New Officers

Ed.: Following the October 5, 2011 NTCA Board meeting at Montgomery, two long-familiar faces—NNTC/NTCA Treasurer Jim Kinney and NNTC/NTCA Recording Secretary Pat Mason—retired from the Board at the conclusion of their respective terms. Candice Harper of Lafayette, CA has joined the Board as the new NTCA Treasurer and Tamsin (Tammy) Sandin of Atlanta, GA is our club's new Recording Secretary. Below are brief doggy bios of each.

On behalf of all NTCA members, many thanks to both Jim and Pat for their outstanding service to the NTCA from our club's inception—and a big “welcome” and thanks to Candice and Tammy for agreeing to take on these important, not-easy club positions.—AGF

Candice Harper

I grew up in Rhode Island in a dog family. My mother bred and showed Scotties, and my Dad and I hunted with the English Springer Spaniels. After graduating from UCLA, I went to work for the United States Treasury as a federal banking regulator. The job's travel and professional demands caused me to put the dogs on hold.

In 1989 I purchased a boarding kennel in Lafayette, CA, that was famous in the old days for Springer Spaniels. “Waiterock” Kennels was established in the 1920's by Mrs. Juanita Haite, who was the first to breed a Springer that was both a bench show and a field trial champion. I like to think that in some small way, I am carrying on that history with my “Waiterock” Norwich.

I have owned Norwich Terriers for 17 years. I am currently President of the Norwich Terrier Club of Northern

New NTCA Treasurer Candice Harper with Waiterock littermates “Jack” and “Judy”
California. It will be my pleasure to serve as NTCA Treasurer and to give back to this fine organization that has done so much for the Norwich breed.

—Candice Harper, Waiterock” Norwich, Lafayette, CA
(waiterock@sbcglobal.net)

Tamsin (Tammy) Stearns Sandin

My husband Ken and I live in Atlanta, Georgia and have two adult sons. I have been a life-long lover of dogs and have owned several purebred breeds as well as mutts. My husband claims that if he wasn’t around, I would have a house full of dogs.

My first Norwich, Casey, is now 13.5 years old. Two years later, future Norwich champion Ch. Rubicon’s Charming Lucy came to me from my good friend and Norwich breeder Pam Rubinstein (“Rubicon”). I am forever grateful that she let me have such a wonderful bitch. I decided to show Lucy when she was 6 months old. What fun I had with her wins and her subsequent 3 litters. I have met some wonderful people and have been blessed with mentors in the Norwich world who have really been there for me.

I have served the NTCA as Ways & Means Chair and will now join the Board as the club’s Recording Secretary. I will do my best to follow in the capable footsteps of former Recording Secretary Pat Mason. I hope to see you around the rings.

—Tammy Sandin, “Shorttales” Norwich, Atlanta, GA
(thesandins@mindspring.com)

Fall 2011 Report from the NTCA AKC Delegate

There are four AKC Delegate meetings scheduled for 2011: March (NYC area), June (Raleigh, NC), September (NYC area), and December (Orlando, FL in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational). As well as taking club concerns to the appropriate AKC Board or Staff, I want to keep our club membership advised of all changes and new programs initiated by the AKC.

There are ongoing rule changes and additional options to AKC conformation and companion/performance competitions. It is an exhibitors’ responsibility to know the rules. Rules can be downloaded from the AKC website, and up-to-date rule books governing these various competitions are available in booklet form. Written requests will get you free copies, and these rule books are also often available at dog shows.

A big change announced in July was the demise of the print copy of the AKC Gazette and Events Calendar. This came as a shock to those in the fancy who have for many decades considered the Gazette the “Bible” of dogdom. In recent years, subscription prices have been raised, but advertising decreased and printing and postage costs increased. The hard copy Gazette thus became an unsustainable loss to AKC operations. The good news is that it is now available digitally on the AKC website for no fee. Minutes of Delegates’ meetings, Board meeting minutes, rule changes, judges’ applications, parent club breed columns, as well as articles of general interest are now available to all with access to the web. There will be a web link from the parent club breed columns to the parent club websites. Past issues of the Gazette are already online.

A new obedience class known as Beginner Novice was first offered in May 2011. All regular AKC obedience class exercises are done on lead, including the group stays. This class is an excellent introduction to obedience for novice handlers.
In agility, the AKC has created the Preferred Agility Championship, or PACH, taking effect July 1, 2011. The PACH title is also retroactive, so that any dog that met the requirements prior to July 1 will have the PACH prefix added to its AKC registered name. Preferred Agility refers to classes with lowered jump heights at all levels of performance—novice, open and excellent.

In February the AKC launched a new competitive opportunity for all breeds to earn an AKC Coursing Ability title. This opens up the fun of lure coursing beyond just sight hounds to all dogs, purebreds and mixed breeds. (Have any Norwich been known to chase a lure?)

In June, AKC announced yet another new title open to all AKC dogs. The AKC Therapy Dog title or "THD" will be a suffix title to reward dogs and their owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the well-being of others. AKC will not certify dogs. Instead they will be working with therapy dog certification organizations to recognize the work done by the therapy teams. To qualify, dogs must be certified by a participating therapy dog certification organization and have performed a minimum of 50 community service visits. Owners must make application with documentation. The program will accept documentation going back to January 1, 2000. For more information, visit www.akc.org/akctherapydog.

Finally, the AKC has taken its Grand Champion program to another level. Dogs which continue to compete and to win Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex or Select will continue to add Grand Champion points to their records. There are new levels of recognition: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. The AKC keeps an ongoing digital record of dogs’ points, rating the top 100 dogs of each breed. This information can be accessed from the AKC web page.

The elected AKC Board of Directors and salaried staff are being creative to enlarge the AKC family with many new options. Monies realized through increased registrations will enable the AKC to carry on their good deeds, contributing to health research, monitoring proposed anti-dog legislation, and inspecting kennels. I encourage all NTCA members to register all their puppies with the AKC. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Delegate.

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

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**Club Trophy and Award Winners For 2010**

*Ed.: The NTCA is continuing the NNTC tradition of awarding a variety of conformation and performance trophies to member-owned Norwich each year. The following winners for 2010 were announced at the October 2011 NTCA Montgomery Specialty awards banquet. —AGF*

**Conformation: Bred-by-Exhibitor Awards**

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

**The 2010 John Paul Jones Trophy (Norwich Dog)**

This trophy is named in honor of influential prick ear sire, **Ch. John Paul Jones of Groton (JPJ)**. Bred by Mrs. John C. Winthrop (later Mrs. A. C. Randolph) in 1943, JPJ was owned by Norwich Terrier Club President (1955-1960) Mr. Alden Bliodget and his wife, Cornelia Otis Skinner. Blind in one eye from a hunting accident, JPJ won Best of Breed at Westminster in 1946 and was the first post-World War II American-bred Norwich champion. He lived to the ripe, old age of 18. (See *Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966*, pages 17, 28).
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• Ch. Win Dancers Dragon Slayer (Robin Newton)
• Ch. Dunbar’s Dark Moon Rising (Joan Schurr Kefeli)
• Ch. Whiteheart’s Family Tradition (Helen Ruth Beetow)
• Ch. Maystar’s Chipper Shonleh (Sharon Curry)
• Ch. Maystar’s Bossley Shonleh (Sandy Hamilton & Frank Bosson, DVM)

Ed.: *This dog was inadvertently omitted from the list of 2009 JPJ Trophy winners.* —AGF

The 2010 High Rising Trophy (Norwich Bitch)
This trophy is named in honor of early American prick ear breeders, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dickson Green, whose many homebred Norwich champions included the influential Ch. High Rising Hardy Perennial, twice Best of Breed at early Norwich Terrier Club Specialties. (See *Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966*, pp. 64-65).

• Ch. Kilyka’s Early Bird NA NAJ (Betty McDonnell)
• Ch. Norieland Sexy Sadie (Karen & Steve Vaughn)
• Ch. Birchbay Sweet Pea (Janis Birchall, DVM)
• Ch. Noridge Wild Jasmine (Patricia Warrender & Robyn H. Snyder)
• Ch. Amblegreen Notti But Nice (Heather Tomlins)
• Ch. Beric’s Taecini (Nancy Nosiglia & Mark Gustavson)

The 2010 Double Q Plus Award: Agility
The NTCA Double Q Plus Award goes to the member-owned Norwich earning the most agility points for the year, based on AKC point calculations (number of Double Q’s x 10 + speed points). Double Q = two qualifying runs at the same agility competition.

• Breakaway’s In The Know MX MXJ XF (Rainee Johnson, DVM)

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

• MACH2 Yarrow’s Mb Beach Pine Harry CD RE XF SE (Ursula Walsh)
• Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD AX MXJ (Chris Zink)
• Ch. Bunratty’s Earl Arlie O’Todd CD RE AX AXJ NF (Maureen Glancy & Estelle & Ron Crawford)
• Ch. Shoebutton’s Beau Burnside MX MXJ NF SE (Donna West & Joan Dance)
• Jerusalem Olivia Lenox AX MXJ NF (Blair Kelly)

The 2010 River Bend Award: Obedience
The River Bend Trophy, a long-time NNTC and now NTCA annual award, is named in honor of Norwich/Norfolk breeder and obedience enthusiast Sylvia Warren (River Bend) and goes to the member-owned Norwich with the highest obedience score in AKC competition during the year. No Norwich with a UD (Utility Dog) or UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) title is eligible to win the River Bend Trophy.

Ed.: *For the point scale used to determine the highest obedience score, see page 26 of the Spring 2011 News.* —AGF

• Ch. Kilyka’s Early Bird NA NAJ (Betty McDonnell)
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Top 3 Obedience (after the River Bend winner)

Ed.: In addition to the River Bend Trophy winner, only one other member-owned Norwich earned an obedience title in 2010. —AGF

• Ch. Shorttales Sibyl of Kilyka CDX NA NAJ (Betty McDonnell)

2010 Versatility Award

Ed.: Requirements for the NTCA Versatility and Versatility Excellent Awards are posted on the club’s website at http://norwichterrierclub.org. —AGF

• Ch. Top Drawer’s She’s A Keeper CD RE NA NAJ (Meredith Dwyer)
• Ch. Bunratty’s Earl Arlie O’Todd CD RE AX AXJ NF (Maureen Glancy & Estelle & Ron Crawford)
• Ch. Shorttales Sibyl of Kilyka CDX NA NAJ (Betty McDonnell)

2010 Versatility Excellent Award

• Beach Pine Sophie of Oakley RE NA NAJ OAP AJP ME (Ursula Walsh)

Ed.: Many thanks to NTCA Show Chair John Francisco and NTCA Performance Chair Carlynn Ricks for compiling the list of 2010 NTCA annual award winners. The News congratulates all NTCA members whose Norwich won conformation and performance awards and apologizes for any omissions and/or inadvertent errors in your dogs’ names, titles and awards.—AGF

The 2010 NTCA Register of Merit Awards

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

Norwich Sires

• Pinelake’s Mega Bucks RE AX AXJ (8), owned by Carol S. Clark
• Shonleh Robin (8), owned by Sharon Curry
• Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell (8), owned by Margaretta (Missy) Wood.
  Ed.: “Time Will Tell” (aptly named under the circumstances) earned his ROM in 2009, but was inadvertently omitted from last year’s list of winners. —AGF

Norwich Brood Bitches

• Den-Mar’s Down To Earth (5), owned by Marie Cato
• Dunbar’s Million Dollar Baby (5), owned by Joan Schurr Kefeli
• Littlefield Keri On Regardless (5), owned by Leandra Little
A Sign of the Times: AKC Gazette Ceases Print Publication

In a “sign of the times,” effective October 2011, our old friend the AKC Gazette will no longer exist in hard copy. Instead, the magazine is being reformatted, transitioning from ink-on-the-page to a PDF electronic document posted monthly on the AKC website (www.akc.org).

According to Gazette Editorial Director Erika Mansourian, “this new incarnation of our venerable publication will include the breed columns, as well as the AKC chairman’s and President’s letters, AKC Updates, and the Secretary’s pages.” Other content like the AKC Delegate and Board meeting minutes will be found on the AKC website. The new online Gazette will be free, and current subscriptions will be transferred to the AKC’s more general audience magazine Family Dog.

The Gazette is (was) one of the oldest dog magazines in existence. It first appeared in January 1889. According to the AKC website, the new magazine was backed by the fourth AKC President, August Belmont, who “put the wheels in motion ... by guaranteeing against any of the magazine’s losses for five years with his own personal security of $5,000 per year.” The magazine thrived from the beginning and never needed to use a penny of Belmont’s support. The cost was 20 cents per issue; subscriptions were $2.00 per annum. The inaugural cover consisted of the magazine’s masthead and a full-page ad for Spratts Patent Dog Cakes and Mange Cure.

In the early years, along with the ads for Spratts Patent and others, the Gazette included the Secretary’s minutes as well as show and field trial dates. The inside cover lists the early members—not individuals, but rather clubs such as the Philadelphia Kennel Club and the Collie Club of America. Oddly there were even three poultry societies! Edited by James Watson, the Gazette was a terse publication in accordance with Belmont’s wishes that “it will be a dry bones compilation of information,” ostensibly to keep costs down. The “From Member Clubs” breed columns began in 1935 as “Where Members Gather.”

By the 1940’s, while the newsstand price had only increased by a nickel, the content had significantly improved. There were excellent articles and photographs. The July, 1942 cover, for example, featured a striking black and white photo of three dogs of Dogs for Defense Inc. with their uniformed handlers against a backdrop of the American flag and the sky. During the WWII years, dog shows and obedience and field trials continued due in large part to the AKC’s ingenuity in meeting difficulties like gas rationing. According to Erica Mansourian, “Long-standing rules and regulations were interpreted more loosely and, in many instances, disregarded altogether.” This meant the appearance of the first cluster shows and the relaxation of geographic restrictions. The Gazette accommodated the demands of wartime shortages by
downsizing to a smaller format. But whether WWI or WWII, the magazine continued to serve the fancy and continued to grow, reflecting the popularity of purebred dogs enshrined in the popular media of the day—e.g., “Rin Tin Tin” (1918 and onward); “Asta” (in The Thin Man in the 1930’s); “Toto” (from The Wizard of Oz, 1939); “Lassie” (Lassie Come Home, 1943); Sergeant Preston of the Yukon and his dog “King” in the 50’s . . . among others.

Times, of course, change and print media today are not the only victims of the digitization of our world. The Gazette’s new iteration, though, represents a loss to fanciers. In my view, there is no substitute for the pleasure of reading an article, paging back and forth, clipping contents and being able to refer back to breed columns and features. The Gazette has been our magazine, one not aimed at the general public. Seeing it online will not be the same.

The change hasn’t come without controversy. Protests have been voiced by many. Sari B. Tietjen wrote in Dog News: “It is too bad that AKC did not devise another solution that would have kept our printed magazine—or that it did not look elsewhere to save money (eliminating some Delegates’ meetings, stop paying Directors $1,000 a month over-and-above expenses, stop paying those chosen Delegates who serve on the Delegate Committees a stipend for every meeting they attend, cutting back on top salaries and benefits, merge the two office buildings that it rents into one, doing away with unnecessary paperwork and meaningless, time-consuming policies and one could go on and on).”

In answer to the general outcry from the fancy, AKC Executive Secretary Jim Crowley addressed the reasons why: “In just the past five years, subscriptions have gone from 50,000 to 23,000 this year and they would have dropped to below 20,000 by next year. In this same five year period, annual advertising revenue has gone from $525,000 to $287,000, with a continued decline expected. Many of our major advertisers in the past, e.g. dog food companies, have now switched to more of a mass market strategy, with an emphasis on digital advertising.”

Mr. Crowley went on to say, “The magazine has always been subsidized by surplus registration income. At the same time that printing costs are rising, what revenue the Gazette has been able to generate has plummeted, and the surplus registration income no longer exists . . . By going to the digital Gazette, while continuing to publish Family Dog in both digital and print version, we hope to reach millions of readers, as opposed to the 23,000 and continuously falling number of Gazette subscribers.”

AKC Delegates were not asked for input on the decision because, according to Mr. Crowley, “the Bylaws give the Board both the responsibility for the financial operation and management of the organization and for the manner and form in which the Gazette is to be published. The obligation of fiduciary responsibility left no real option.”

The only way to remedy the situation and to bring the printed Gazette back would be for the Delegates to change the Bylaws, which takes a 2/3rd’s vote. Alternatively the Delegates could vote out of office the current Board and Officers, certainly a cumbersome approach.

So it seems we must reconcile ourselves to the loss of the Gazette. It’s all about the bottom line, the decline of purebred registrations, and the ascendance of the “rescue/mixed breed/animal rights” mode of thinking, which
vilifies purebred dogs and their breeders. It’s hard to name a purebred dog in the popular media today that captures the public’s imagination the way “Lassie” did in the 1940’s. Rather, the most popular canine character seems to be the animated dog “Brian” from the Family Guy series. There are competing dog registries like the UKC, and show entries are declining in the face of ever-rising entry fees and the economy. The American Kennel Club is under attack from without and within. The Golden Age of the purebred dog is on the wane, and by eliminating its print-voice to the fancy, AKC seems to be capitulating . . . a sign of the times.

Thanks so much to AKC Archivist Craig Savino for his help in verifying dates, facts and providing images for this article.

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

The Champion Farndon Romeo Trophy

Ed.: This article on the Champion Farndon Romeo Trophy is the third in a series of short “history lessons” about long-time NTO/NNTC/NTCA awards and trophies named in honor of early prick ear Norwich and breeders/kennels in America. Previous articles focused on the John Paul Jones, High Rising and River Bend trophies, all of which are now annual awards for NTCA members only. The trophy highlighted here is awarded at the NTCA National Specialty and thus may be won by club or non-club Norwich owners. —AGF

The Champion Farndon Romeo Trophy has been awarded for Best of Opposite Sex Norwich (prick ear) at the National Specialty for many decades. Presented by early American prick-ear breeder Mrs. A.C. (Theodora) Randolph (“Groton,” “Halfway” and “Oakley” kennel prefixes), this oval-shaped, scalloped-edge silver trophy is named in honor of Mrs. Randolph’s influential red sire, Ch. Farndon Romeo. Mrs. Randolph imported “Romeo” from his breeder, Mr. W.E. West of Market Harborough, England, a horseman who had acquired his “Farndon” breeding stock from early U.K. breeder and fellow horseman “Roughrider” (Frank) Jones. Farndon prick ears were well known as small, game, red working terriers. Three Farndon males (Romeo, Randolph and Rodney), all sons of the influential English sire “Pax of the Briars,” came to America in the late 1940’s/early 1950’s. Romeo was the oldest of the trio. Before emigrating to the USA, he sired the to-be-famous red bitch, Eng. Ch. Jericho Hill Vixen. Bred and owned by U.K. breeder Sheila Monckton, “Vixen” went on to become England’s record-holding bitch Challenge Certificate (CC) winner with 14 CCs. In America, Romeo sired another well-known red bitch, Ch. High Rising Hardy Perennial. Bred and owned by Mr. & Mrs. Grant Dickson Green (“High Rising”), “Hardy Perennial” was Best of Breed at the 1956 and 1957 Norwich Terrier Club National Specialties.
GENERAL INTEREST

Farndon Romeo's American owner, Mrs. A.C. Randolph, epitomized the early USA Norwich breeder. A life-long, avid horsewoman, she bred world-famous show and steeplechase horses, first at her “Grotton” stables in Westbury, Long Island, NY and later at “Oakley,” her picturesque estate near Upperville, Virginia. Master of the Piedmont Hunt for 42 years, Mrs. Randolph was known as the “first lady of foxhunting” in Virginia.

Mrs. Randolph (then Mrs. John Winthrop) imported her first prick ear Norwich from Mr. West in 1937. Her foundation bitch, Rachel, also bred by Mr. West, became the first American prick ear Norwich champion in 1939 and was Best of Breed at Westminster in 1940. Mrs. Winthrop also owned the first prick ear American male champion, Apple Jack, who was Best of Breed at Westminster in 1941. Her homebred male, Ch. John Paul Jones of Grotton (1943-1961), a son of Ch. Apple Jack and a grandson of Ch. Rachel, was Best of Breed at Westminster in 1946 and a dominant prick ear sire of his day.

During her 59 years as a Norwich breeder, Mrs. Winthrop/Randolph held firm to “Roughrider” Jones/Mr. W.E. West’s ideal of Norwich as sturdy working terriers of small size and sporting disposition. She died in Upperville in 1996 at the ripe, old age of 91.

—Alison Freehling

Vacationing with a Norwich and a Golden

A friend and I just returned from a 90-day driving trip from San Antonio to Alaska and back. I could go on about our experiences at great length, but here I want to focus on how much the hospitality of people we have met through the NTCA added to our trip.

Our first stop was Denver, Colorado, where we helped out with the TOPS trial. (See separate story.) From Denver, we went to gorgeous Bozeman, Montana, to visit NTCA members Susan Novotny and her husband Scott Laidig and their Norwich, including agility stars Dignpop Lucky Lily Ru AX MXJ OF and MACH Skyscot’s Trouble Scooter, CDX RE OF. We enjoyed wonderful hospitality that included walks in the mountains.

I had written ahead to ask NTCA member Debbie Ross of Anchorage, Alaska (whom I had never met) if we could have dinner together. We could and did, twice, because we couldn’t talk about everything we wanted to talk about over one dinner. She and her family provided interesting insights into Alaska and Alaskans.

We did this trip in a very small camper van with my 15-year-old Norwich “Darcy” and my friend’s 6-year-old Golden. Both dogs got serious walks morning and evening. In addition, we were pleased to learn that, unlike the USA, the Canadians allow dogs on their national park trails, so the Golden enjoyed the beauties of the Canadian Rockies up close. With a little planning, we found sources for our particular brands of dog food along the way. We had no trouble with the seven US-Canadian border crossings or with any of the ferry crossings that we did to and from Victoria, British Columbia. The dogs were allowed on the ferry deck with us on one of the crossings. They were also allowed to visit Victoria’s fabulous, formal Buchart Gardens, which even provided poop bags at the entry! We didn’t spend significant amounts of time in museums, choosing rather to enjoy the scenery up close from trails.

Not everyone would want to do a trip like this, but the NTCA members we connected with on the way made us welcome, so we felt less like strangers. For those Norwich owners who don’t like to leave their dogs at home, I encourage you to plan a vacation that includes your dogs. We sure enjoyed sharing our trip with our dogs—and they enjoyed it too.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX (carlynnricks@earthlink.net)
New AKC Therapy Dog Title

(June 2011 Press Release from AKC Chairman Ron Menaker)

New York, NY – I am pleased to announce an exciting new title open to all AKC dogs. The AKC Therapy Dog title, or “THD,” will launch June 27th as an official AKC suffix title and will reward dogs and their owners that have provided ongoing community service to help improve the well being of others.

Currently, it is estimated there are 50,000 certified and active therapy dogs in the United States. Volunteerism has exploded over the past decade, especially those with dog and owner teams working in schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and at natural disasters.

As you know, the AKC annually recognizes an outstanding Therapy Dog as part of the annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). We receive so many great nominations that we know there are many more dogs out there that deserve recognition. We have also received many requests from the fancy to award titles to therapy dogs as a way to recognize the “great work their dogs do.” Additionally, earning a THD title builds on the skills taught in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy and Canine Good Citizen programs, which create a sound and friendly temperament needed by a successful therapy dog.

The AKC will not certify therapy dogs. Instead, we’re working with therapy dog certification organizations to recognize the work done by therapy teams. The certification organizations are the experts in this area and their efforts should be acknowledged and appreciated.

The title will be open to all AKC dogs that have completed a series of criteria. To qualify, dogs must be certified by a participating therapy dog certification organization and have performed a minimum of 50 community service visits.

To obtain a title, an owner must complete an application along with evidence of documented visits. Application forms are available on the website at www.akc.org/akctherapydog. The program will accept documentation going back to January 1, 2000.

If your dog qualifies we encourage you to apply for the title. For more information visit www.akc.org/akctherapydog or email akctherapydog@akc.org.

“Cobber’s” daily stretching routine
Brand new: 4-day-old "Littlefield" black and tan

Ball boy: 6-week-old "Choklat" Freehling

Winter chic: 5-week-old "Gracie" Schubart in her designer sweater

Southern belle: 3-month-old "Ruffin" Hall

Growing up fast: 6-month-old "Edison" Lucas
RESCUE AND REHOME

Fall 2011 NTCA Rescue Report

Purebred Norwich rescue has been very quiet this past six months. There are still huge problems with puppy millers and auctions with half-bred Norwich, but thanks to some very sympathetic club members, even those mixed breeds found good homes. Many members think that NTCA money goes to that effort, BUT it does not—as well it shouldn't. If we try to rescue, even purebreds, from these opportunists, we help them, not hurt them, in their quest to make a buck . . .

We did have one dog come through NTCA Rescue for rehome that a breeder could not or would not take back. At least the breeder did send a donation to the club. Once again, if you can't be responsible for your own dogs and puppies, don't breed them. Our rescue and rehome should not include members' dogs.

—Joan Eckert, NTCA Rescue and Rehome Chair
(joaneckert@sbcglobal.net)

Love Is In The Air: Life With My Two Beloved Norwich Rescues

The one year anniversary of the arrival of “Bella” (Isabella Rossellini) and “Cooper” (Gary Cooper) at my house is fast approaching. My heart is so full to have these two little Norwich rescues captivating my attention.

When I first spoke with NTCA Rescue Chair Joan Eckert, Joan indicated that both Norwich had spent their entire lives in a puppy mill, living in crates and procreating. Bella and Cooper were a “couple,” and that relationship was clear from the moment I met them. She was his protector and in charge of everything.

After arriving on a flight from Michigan, the two dogs approached my home and fenced-in yard with some unease, but Bella quickly found her legs and began to patrol the inside perimeter. She also discovered the luxury of a dog door, which allowed her to be outside bellowing much of the night. She couldn't seem to get enough of her new-found freedom, so, of course, it didn't take her long to find the one picket in the fence that was down. Luckily she didn't run far the first time she escaped. I quickly corralled her and followed her with a drill and screws when she returned to the open hole in the fence.

After that, it was a continual dilemma trying to figure out how they would next seek their freedom. Today, I have two gates on the front; I don't use the back gate as it is too easy for the dogs to slip through. There is also a gate on the steps to the second floor, as Cooper can get up but not down. Evening walks were another problem as the dogs weren't used to walking in the street and refused to do so for months. But slowly, they built up a tolerance, and now it is Cooper who takes the lead and loves to be seen walking alongside Bella.
Initially, Cooper’s major movement was to back up whenever anyone approached him. He shook all the time. My therapy for him has always been a minimum of one hour on my lap each night. After about 3 months, I knew that was working when he jumped up next to my chair to get my attention so he could get on my lap. Now when I stretch out on the sofa, he is curled behind my knees.

Bella spends more time inside with me nowadays than she does outside. She often sleeps at my feet or jumps up on both of us whenever she needs some attention. The relationship between the two Norwich is kind, loving, still a bit sexual, and so tender that it just about breaks my heart. They have been sleeping with me since the first night and despite a number of wet beds, we have finally gotten the formula for dry nights—along with a new mattress.

This doesn’t mean that every day has been easy, but truly every day has been worth it. When Cooper first moved in, he chewed paper when he was frustrated. I was used to keeping lots of articles lying around on the floor in my sitting room. He ate them all, and shame on me for not filing them. Both he and Bella also ate some of my knitting supplies, but that caused no harm.

A few favorite memories of my first year with my Norwich concern other animals. One night none of us could sleep as we listened to a squirrel in the attic. Finally, I gave Bella the okay. She raced up the stairs and scared the heck out of the squirrel. She patrolled the attic every night for weeks and marked the territory to ensure that no critter returned. She also took Cooper on a mission under the front porch one night as she tracked a possum. Hours later, with help from the police, fire, EMTS, ambulance and a fire truck, the dogs were rescued. My porch lost a few boards and the poor possum got flung out of the yard by a police officer. That night, both dogs pooped all over the second floor while I was sleeping.

The big event came about a month ago when the gardener left the gate open. I found Bella within hours, but not Cooper. I went to bed with the gate open, the lights on, and a very heavy heart. The police had searched along with me, but we found nothing. I got up the next morning expecting to find a furry dead heap by the side of the road, but thankfully Cooper peeked out from a house a few doors away. He was wet, cold and scared. I went to work late that day as we both needed a nap after his bath.

Cooper now walks me to the gate each morning when I leave for work. He keeps hoping I will take him along, but he gets car sick. He and Bella have both visited one of my Hospice patients more than once; they are the joy of her week. For me, these two rescue dogs are a dream come true. When my little Norwich “Sammy” died on August 14, 2010, I looked into his empty eyes and said, “please, send me another puppy to love.” Norwich rescue sent me two, and they fill every day with delight. They have found their freedom, and I have found joy at the end of every long Hospice day.

—Barbara Hoepp

15-year-old “Darcy” waiting patiently (!) for his supper
Old Dog Vestibular Disease...with a Happy Outcome

Ed: The following letter from a long-time News subscriber relates to the article in the Spring 2011 News (pp. 17-18) about my "Brownie's" losing battle with old dog vestibular disease. Another Norwich owner called me after reading that article to say she had also lost her 13-year-old female to this disease. Thankfully, the dog described below completely recovered. —AGF

April 13, 2011

Alison,

My husband and I have subscribed to the News for over 14 years, even before we got our first Norwich, Windsor Royal Flyer, who is now 13 ½ years old. We read with sadness your story about Brownie. Last October we had a similar experience. Windsor developed a little cough and then we noticed his head was tilting and he was walking in circles. We went to our veterinarian that afternoon and he diagnosed Vestibular Disease. He couldn't find a reason for the cough as Windsor's lungs sounded clear, but he prescribed antibiotics anyway. That evening Windsor's appetite was normal, but he immediately threw up and the cough was much worse. Off to the Pet Emergency Clinic we went. They concurred with our vet's diagnosis of Vestibular Disease, but after an x-ray and other tests, they also diagnosed Megaesophagus as well as Aspiration Pneumonia. Windsor spent the next four days in "doggie ICU" in an oxygen chamber with a little IV in his paw and lots of antibiotics. Eventually he was well enough to come home. We continued the course of antibiotics, his esophagus issue seemed to improve, and he has been eating normally. Gradually the Vestibular Disease disappeared completely. If it weren't for the prompt and wonderful care he received at the Pet ER, I don't think our story would have a happy ending. Fortunately, Windsor is his feisty self again, enjoying walks, playtime, and grooming his "little sister" Cricket (our 8-year-old Norwich).

Windsor developed epilepsy several years ago, but his daily medication has that well under control. The poor little guy has had his share of problems through the years, but he remains happy, affectionate, and always ready for an adventure!

Virgie Finch, Spokane, WA

"Windsor" Finch
Fall 2011 NTCA Health Committee Report

Ed.: Due to space issues in the News, I have had to downsize Magda Omansky’s lengthy health committee report. The unabridged version is available on the NTCA website (http://norwichterrierclub.org). —AGF

The NTCA Health Committee has been working on multiple fronts. While this report serves as a summary of our main projects, some projects currently underway are still in the planning stages and not ready to be included in this report. There are several important announcements included here. Please consider participating in our health studies, help us to finance our projects, fill out our online breed health survey—and please keep your Norwich fit and happy.

National Parent Club Canine Health Foundation Conference

In early August, I represented the NTCA at a bi-annual National Parent Club Canine Health Foundation Conference in St. Louis. This year’s theme was canine cancer research. The participants learned about some of the most recent (some not published yet) developments in molecular genetics, cancer cytogenetics, and novel targeted cancer therapies involving canine-derived antibody fragments. Scientists and veterinarians spoke about various branches of cancer research, but one overarching theme was the suitability and promise of canine models for human cancer research.

The take-away message to parent club members is to please participate in clinical trials if your dog has been diagnosed with cancer. CHF is currently working on setting up one central information page on all canine clinical trials. Before CHF launches this new web page, please visit www.clinicaltrials.gov and look for trials involving canine patients. A clinical trial will often offer therapy options that are otherwise cost prohibitive or not available at all outside of research. When making a decision about participating, please be sure that the trial has been reviewed by the Animal Care and Risk Committee. Those trials have strong safety and ethics protocols.

The CHF Conference was structured to include lectures and workshops. One workshop had a discussion on making breed health a major part of AKC breed clubs’ work. There were several topics discussed and suggestions made. Is your breed currently participating in the CHF Donor Advised Fund program? About 50% of hands went up. Has your club joined the CHIC program? Less than half of the participants’ hands went up. Have you done a breed health survey recently? A few hands went up. Have you ever organized a health clinic? Very few hands were raised. Apparently, clinics are more popular with all-breed clubs than with parent clubs. Is your breed currently pursuing or participating in any breed specific research? Less than a dozen hands went up. Is health screening addressed in your Code of Ethics? Only a couple of hands went up. Our little club might have been the only one that could proudly answer “yes” to every question. I want to thank the NTCA Health Committee members and our hard-working Board for making us into the model of a health-oriented club. We should all be proud of NTCA.

Epilepsy Database

The subcommittee formed to investigate the rules and logistics of keeping a database for Norwich Terriers diagnosed with epilepsy is still working on the record-keeping and record-sharing model. After conversations with OFA, the option that was being investigated, i.e., submission of a veterinary diagnosis of epilepsy to a database kept by OFA/CHIC, is not available right now. OFA rules do not allow for searchable record keeping for canine diseases (such as epilepsy) that do not have a diagnostic test.
"Legacy of Love" Program

We are asking Norwich Terrier owners to participate in our Legacy of Love program, which involves donating the bodies of their deceased Norwich Terriers for a necropsy and pathology study of Upper Airway Syndrome. For more information on this project, see NTCA Health Committee member Dr. Chris Zink's article on pages 21-22 of this News.

NIH Study of Genetic Mutations Implicated in Norwich Upper Airway Syndrome

The Ostrander Laboratory at the National Institute of Health is conducting DNA blood sample collections for a genetic study of Upper Airway Syndrome in Norwich Terriers. To participate, please request a blood collection kit at dog_genome@mail.nih.gov. This 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 and 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 Dr. Chris Zink at mczink@jhmi.edu.

Lead researcher Dr. Jeff Schoenebeck will present an update on this important study at the NTCA annual health seminar on October 6, 2011 during Montgomery Specialty weekend.

Updated Eye Test Recommendations for Submission to CERF Database

After consulting with veterinary ophthalmologists and with CERF about inheritable eye diseases in Norwich Terriers, as well as researching the recommendations of other breed clubs, the NTCA Health Committee presented our findings to the Board. At its April 2011 meeting, the Board approved the following new recommendations:

The NTCA Health Committee strongly recommends a yearly CERF examination for all Norwich breeding stock between the ages of 12 months and 10 years of age. At an absolute minimum, we recommend at least one CERF eye test prior to breeding, at the age of at least 12 months, and a repeat test when the dog is 4-6 years old.

If the dog's CERF test is listed as "normal" in the CERF database and that dog is later diagnosed with an inheritable eye disease, the dog's owner must have the CERF records updated with the new findings. Per CERF policy, the dog's owner may opt for non-disclosure, which includes removal of any previous record from the public CERF database.

Although CERF strongly recommends yearly eye exams, without explicit club policy, many breeders opted to test only once in a dog's lifetime. Testing only once, especially at a young age, is not an effective statistical tool for the breed, nor does it provide an accurate health screening for breeding stock. In addition to a strong explicit recommendation of yearly tests, the absolute minimum suggested will address the most common age for the onset of inheritable eye diseases. Those who very vocally oppose yearly testing should at least be able to comply with the absolute minimum recommendation. Over 99% of inheritable canine eye diseases develop after 6 months of age. Increasing the minimum age to at least 12 months is in line with most other breed clubs' recommendations and with the recommendations of CHIC and ophthalmologists consulted on the matter. With the new NTCA rules, the dog's age at the time of the first CERF test cannot be any earlier than 12 months of age for the test to be valid for the CHIC database.

The CERF database lists as tested "normal" a few Norwich Terriers that later developed inheritable eye diseases, including those leading to early blindness. Such "normal" listing prior to the onset of eye disease is misleading and actually more harmful to the breed than the absence of any information. Although the NTCA has a policy of not mandating any health screenings, the health committee feels very strongly about mandating updating CERF records with information opposite to the information originally listed. It is CERF policy to allow suppression of a previous record if
the dog owner chooses not to disclose the disease publicly. This policy might ease some breeders’ apprehension about privacy issues, and hopefully remove any reasons not to update the record. This last change is the most crucial in having accurate records and a meaningful CERF database.

**Online Health Survey for Norwich Terriers**

Concluding two years of the NTCA health committee’s work, our online breed health survey is available at OFA’s website. If you have not filled out the survey for each Norwich Terrier you own, please go to the OFA website, click on “Surveys” and choose “Norwich Terrier”, or type http://www.ofa.org/surveys/survey_norwich.html into your browser. The survey takes a minute of your time if your dog has never had any health issues. It will open additional questions if you indicated any areas of concern. Over 400 Norwich Terriers have already been included in the survey. You may view the quick results on the web survey’s page.

The survey is going to be used for several purposes:
- to define focus areas for the NTCA health committee to concentrate on and to initiate breed-specific health studies
- to define trouble areas that are common with other breeds so that we can support and participate in research jointly with other breed clubs and academic institutions
- to keep track of disease trends, since we have records of past breed surveys and will undoubtedly conduct Norwich health surveys in the future
- to document the need for specific studies when applying for grants
- to draw statistical correlations between various diseases and environmental factors (for example, is there a correlation in our breed between orthopedic problems and cancer and the age of neutering/spaying (as evidenced in surveys of several large breeds)?, etc.
- to draw a statistical correlation between certain diseases (for example, is there any correlation between UAS and allergies or periodontal disease?, etc.)
- to get a statistical snapshot of each health problem in the breed (most common age of onset, whether one gender is more frequently affected than the other, etc., etc.)
- to find any statistically important discovery

**Clinical Study of Upper Airway Syndrome**

Dr. Brandon McKiernan, a foremost authority on canine respiratory disorders, expressed interest in heading our clinical study of UAS in Norwich. At the time, Dr. McKiernan was working at Southern Oregon Veterinary Specialty Center, but he has recently moved to the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine as the Director and Professor at their Small Animal Teaching Hospital. In January 2012, the NTCA health committee plans to submit a grant request to CHF for Dr. McKiernan’s Norwich UAS study.

**Telephone Calls and E-mails to the NTCA Health Chair from Owners of Dogs in Distress**

As NTCA Health Chair, I have responded to over 40 phone calls and emails from owners of Norwich Terriers since January 2011. I usually spend a fair amount of time answering callers’ questions about UAS and other health problems. I am always happy to offer any help I can, but I would like to ask everyone who calls to please follow up and contact me with feedback on what did and did not work. If you asked for a specialist, please let me know what your experience was. If you had a bad experience with the recommended specialist and you do not tell me, I will continue sending other Norwich owners there. Please be courteous and find the time to call me back. Thank you!
BREED HEALTH

Donor Advised Fund with the Canine Health Foundation

As of the last report, dated June 30, 2011, the balance in our Norwich Terrier DAF was $14,496.44. We have supported two studies currently in progress through our Donor Advised Fund:

- grant #00963: Genotyping Small Breed Dogs with Portosystemic Vascular Anomalies and Microvascular Dysplasia Portosystemic Liver Shunt, Dr. Sharon A. Center, Cornell University
- grant #01425: Identification of Epilepsy-Causing Mutations from the Associated Loci by Next Generation Sequencing, Dr. Hannes Lohi, University of Helsinki

—Magda Omansky, NTCA Health Chair/CHF Liaison
(dinpop@gmail.com)

Legacy of Love: A Study of Norwich Larynxes

Many of us are very concerned about the number of Norwich Terriers with upper airway abnormalities. Although only a portion of Norwich Terriers have clinical signs of noisy breathing, many show signs of difficulty breathing or of reduced stamina during activities such as agility. A relatively recent study in Switzerland showed that the vast majority of Norwich tested there by upper airway scoping were affected to some extent. A variety of abnormalities were seen, including everted laryngeal sacculae, elongated soft palates and other alterations to airway structure and integrity.

As a veterinary pathologist, I am undertaking a study examining the larynxes of affected Norwich and comparing them to normal dogs. I will perform a complete post-mortem examination on any Norwich Terriers that die within the next year or so, regardless of whether they were ever diagnosed with upper airway disease. I will take out the larynx and photograph it, and I will also look at the tissues under the microscope. Your veterinarian will be sent a complete necropsy report detailing all of the findings in your dog, those associated with the upper airway as well as any other abnormalities. There will be no charge to you for this service.

If you wish to participate in this study, you will need to contact my administrator Nancy Nath at 443-287-2953. She will send you a form to fill out that describes the history of your dog’s veterinary problems. You will also need to transport your deceased dog between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM to:

Attn: Bruce Baldwin or Chris Zink
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Department of Molecular and Comparative Pathobiology Loading Dock
1721 E. Madison Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21205-2196

You may drive your dog’s body to this location personally or ship it double-bagged in plastic with abundant ice packs overnight via Federal Express.

You may also request that your dog’s remains be cremated and the ashes returned to you, which we can arrange through the generosity of a local veterinary clinic. You will be responsible for the cost of cremation ($80).

I know that it is a very difficult time when our beloved Norwich die. However, by participating in this research project, your beloved companion will contribute to our understanding.
of the breed’s devastating condition. Please give this study consideration now and, if possible, let us know a few days in advance if you expect your dog to die and would like to contribute his body to this study.

—Chris Zink DVM, PhD, DACVSMR, Ellicott City, MD
(mczink@jhmi.edu)

Ed.: Dr. Chris Zink is a NTCA member and owner of Norwich performance star “Vespa.” When I asked what the initials DACVSMR stood for after her name, here is her reply:

The initials DACVSMR mean that I am a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. In April 2010, the American Veterinary Medical Association granted approval for this newest specialty in veterinary medicine, The American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVSMR). I was one of 13 equine and canine sports medicine veterinarians nationally to help start this new specialty.

The mission statement for this college reads as follows: The American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation advances the art and science of veterinary medicine by promoting expertise in the structural, physiological, medical and surgical needs of athletic animals and the restoration of normal form and function after injury or illness.

This new specialty provides exciting new educational and certification opportunities for veterinarians and will increase the number of veterinarians who understand the medical, surgical and rehabilitation needs of canine athletes. For a long time there has been a gap of knowledge. Owners of canine athletes have known that they needed additional expertise for their canine athletes, but they didn’t know where to go to get that expertise. In the future, they will be able to look for the letters DACVSMR after a veterinarian’s name and know that that veterinarian has passed a rigorous training and certification process to increase and test their knowledge about veterinary sports medicine and rehabilitation. For more information, please visit www.vsmr.org. —CZ

“Rocky” savoring a super-sized chew
AGILITY

The 2011 AKC Agility Nationals

For the second year in a row, my Norwich “Harry” qualified for the AKC National Agility Championships. We did not go last year as the event was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, requiring 3 separate flights to get there from our home in Pinehurst, North Carolina. This year the Nationals were held at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia, a 5 ½-hour drive, so we decided to go. One other Norwich qualified for this year’s event, Breakaway’s In The Know (Savvy), a great little black and tan bitch, bred and handled by NTCA member Rainee Johnson DVM of California. Rainee elected not to come this year, so Harry and I were the sole representatives of our breed.

To qualify for the Nationals is a big thing for a Norwich Terrier, requiring the dog to have 6 double qualifying runs in a 12-month period. A double qualifying run consists of scoring 100 in a Standard run and 100 in a Jumpers with Weaves run on the same day and getting both runs done at or under the Standard Course Time. The dog must also accrue 400 speed points in the 12-month period. Speed or MACH points are obtained by coming in with a qualifying run under the standard course time. One point is awarded for each full second that the dog finishes under the course time. One mistake on course is all it takes to get an NQ or Non Qualifying run, but the biggest challenge for most of our little terriers (which I fondly refer to as “little bricks with feet”) is to get the 400 speed points. Let’s face it, Norwich are not built for speed!

The “Hair Bear” and I packed up the car and on a cloudy, cool March day we were off to Lexington, a small college town nestled in the Blue Ridge mountains of southwest Virginia. Spring notwithstanding, it was cloudier and much cooler in Virginia and the stalls in the barns of the Virginia Horse Park were very cold! I ended up working Harry out of my car instead of from the box stall I had planned on sharing with some friends. Over our three days in Virginia, we had rain, snow, sleet, thunder and lightning. Finally on the last day, the sun made an appearance! The main arena was quite large and commodious with rows of elevated stands lining the floor area that was divided into two rings. Unfortunately, Harry and I had three of our five runs in a smaller arena with a low ceiling and 3 rings set up on a dirt floor. Dogs running in all three rings at the same time raised a lot of dust! Thank goodness, the dogs dealt better with the dust than the humans!

The first run was a warm up, a gaming class called FAST, meaning Fifteen points and Send Class. This class requires that the dog accumulate a minimum of 15 points by jumping, running through and over various obstacles that are assigned points. These obstacles may be taken in any order that the handler chooses. Then at some time in the course, the handler must work the dog through two or three obstacles in a defined order from a preset distance—all to be done within a specified time. It’s a lot of fun and Harry does pretty well at distance work, so we had a good time. The next day we ran in a State Team Tournament Class under International Rules, which are slightly different rules from the regular AKC classes in this country. As I recall, the top three scores in each height group are used in a formula to see which State wins the tournament.
AGILITY

These points count only for the tournament and are not a part of the cumulative scores for the National Championship. Harry did very well in this class, but sad to say, his handler didn’t. We navigated all the hard parts of the course, but on the second-to-last obstacle yours truly sent him to the wrong jump. Oh well . . .

Harry qualified in all three of the National Championship Classes, but unlike the AKC Agility Invitational where only one dog of each breed goes to the Finals Round, at the AKC Nationals, the fastest and highest scoring dogs of any and all breeds go to the Finals Round. In our 8 inch jump height class, only 10 dogs would be eligible for the Finals Round. I knew going in that Harry would not be one of them. However, he ran clean and under the time allowed in every one of the National Agility Rounds and came in 46th out of a total of 109 eight inch dogs that actually ran at the Nationals. These are the creme de la creme of all the agility dogs in America that participate in AKC trials, and Harry finished well within the top half of his height class! He did a great job even if he is a little brick with feet! He has lots of heart!

—Ursula Walsh, Pinehurst, NC
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New NTCA Agility Titles

_Incredible_ is the only way to describe the achievements of NTCA members and their Norwich partners at AKC agility events during the first half of 2011. They just keep getting better and better!

First and foremost, huge congratulations go to Rainee Johnson, DVM and her home bred “Savvy,” more formally known as _Breakaway in the Know_. In late June 2011, just a few days before only her 4th birthday, Savvy earned the prestigious _Master Agility Champion_ title, becoming the seventh Norwich Terrier with a MACH. The day after her MACH, Savvy then became the first Norwich to earn the _Master FAST Excellent_ title, demonstrating her tremendous consistency in both speed, precision and taking direction around a course from a long distance. Very few handlers of dogs in the 8” class (meaning the course includes jumps 8” high) even enter the Excellent FAST class because of the speed required and the necessity of the dog to accurately respond to cues at a long distance. Savvy and Rainee conquered these difficult courses ten times over to earn the Master title. _Incredible_!

If you have been following _News_’ articles about Norwich achievements in AKC agility events, you are very familiar with Ursula Walsh’s MACH2 Harry (who is now very close to earning his MACH3)! Well, in January 2011, Ursula’s young Norwich pup, “George,” made his agility debut at a trial in north Florida at which he immediately earned his _Novice Jumpers_ title. George’s _Novice and Open Standard_ titles, as well as his _Open Jumpers and Novice FAST_ titles, quickly followed. Unbelievably, George earned his _Excellent Jumpers_ title in March, his _Excellent Standard_ title in May, and his _Master Excellent Jumpers_ title in June! George is already collecting points and Double Qs toward his MACH! _Incredible_!

Other Norwich also earned an impressive handful of agility titles during the first half of this year, adding to their obedience and Rally titles. _Dig-N-Pop Digby, BN, RN_, owned by Joanie and David Brobst, progressed from Novice Standard, through Open Standard, and earned the _Excellent Agility Standard_ title, as well as _Novice FAST_. Ch. Shonleh He’s a Magic Man, RA, owned and handled by new NTCA member Patty Fornelli, earned _all three Novice titles_ – Standard, JWW, and FAST; as well as the _Open Agility Standard_ title. Great work, Joanie and Patty!
Also earning the Excellent Standard title in the early part of this year was my own “LilyRu” (Dig-N-Pop Lucky Lily Ru) after finally conquering the Pause Table. Achieving the more advanced Master Excellent Agility title, requiring ten Excellent Standard legs, was Melanie Bryson’s “Molly” (Arcadian Dynamite Red Beryl).

Finally, during this past spring, three new Novice Jumpers titles were awarded to NTCA member-owned Norwich Terriers. Without doubt, we’ll hear more about these dogs now that they’ve “gotten their feet wet!” Congratulations to Jean Kessler and her Luvnors Man In Black, to Judy Laffey and her “Paige” (Ch. Glengariff Bethpage Black) and to Joan Krantz and her “Cricket” (Elysium’s Summersong at Pinelake). While this is Cricket’s first AKC agility title, she already has earned an agility championship title (C-ATCH) in another agility venue, CPE (Canine Performance Events), and she will quickly climb the ranks into the advanced classes.

Congratulations to all the NTCA new agility title holders! Incredible achievements by all!

Upcoming AKC National Agility Events

Once again, Norwich Terriers will be well represented at the upcoming AKC Agility Invitational to be held in mid-December in Orlando, FL (in conjunction with the “Eukanuba”) and at the AKC National Agility Championships to be held on April 1, 2012 in Reno, Nevada. Accepting their invitations to the Invitational are Ursula Walsh and MACH2 Harry, Alexa Applebee and MACH2 Higgins, Rainee Johnson and MACH Savvy, and Chris Zink and Vespa. Invited but unfortunately unable to attend are Vicky Yamaoka and Winston and Gail Exstrom and MACH2 Malarky.

Qualifying for the 2012 National Agility Championships are Ursula and MACH2 Harry, and Rainee and MACH Savvy. (Since the qualifying time does not expire until November 30, 2011, we may have even more Norwich traveling to Reno!)

All these teams are extremely skilled and talented. All are great representatives of Norwich athletes, and each has an excellent shot at making it to the final rounds. These events will be VERY EXCITING! Best of luck to you all; we’ll be cheering for you!

—Susan Novotny, Worthington, OH
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Master Agility Champion “Savvy”

A note from News agility reporter Susan Novotny: “Savvy” (MACH Breakaway: In The Know, MXF) was born on June 29, 2007. Quite remarkably, in 2010 and 2011, this young Norwich bitch qualified and was invited to both the AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC National Championships. Savvy is the first Norwich to have earned the Master Excellent FAST title, which requires consistency in speed as well as in distance work (difficult for most small dogs). As Rainee’s article mentions below, Savvy was bred and is owned and trained by NTCA member Rainee Johnson, DVM. Her dam is Breakaway’s Melly Kat; her sire, Ch. Nordic Goldrush Pushin’ Too Hard, a grandson of Rainee’s first homebred Champion, “Hobbs.” —SN

Years ago I had two Norwich breed champions that I showed in agility. One had great drive, but was limited by his structure. The other had great athleticism, but wasn’t quite as
confident and driven. I decided that, bred together, these two Norwich might produce an ideal agility dog. They did, but the female puppy wasn’t what I wanted for conformation, so I sold her to my friend Gail Eustrom. That Norwich is MACH2 Breakaway’s Malarky, who, now at almost 12 years of age, is still running agility!

Since that time, I have continued to try to breed a puppy with the right combination of personality, drive, and a structure which allowed for peak performance in both the agility and conformation rings. I finally found that combination with Savvy, MACH Breakaway’s In the Know, MXF, born in June, 2007. In addition to her agility Championship, which she earned this year at the young age of four, Savvy has breed points. However, I have recently decided to no longer show her in conformation (a very difficult decision) because it takes away from our agility—which is her and my favorite canine sport!

I am so thrilled to have bred and to own a dog like Savvy. She is the type of Norwich I have been aiming for in breeding for several years. She is very athletic, has a sound mind, and is a healthy dog. She has the right combination of being strong-willed but trainable. As a puppy, she was one of those “you can’t catch me” puppies. The first thing she learned was to come to me and lay her head in my hand so I could get a finger in her collar. I still use that behavior with her. Savvy is a very confident dog, yet she will still take direction from me. Most of all, she loves the game! She is always up for fun, whether it is agility or hunting mice in the hay barn or going for a hike in the woods. In addition, she is a smart dog; she figures things out quickly (and occasionally gets herself in trouble that way!) She will climb up, over and under anything, especially if she thinks food is involved. She wrestles hard with the other Norwich in the family and with her Springer buddy, and then sleeps in a pile with all of them. She loves her pack!

Yes, Savvy is a very special agility dog. But most of all, she is an all-around terrier and great companion.

—Rainee Johnson, DVM, “Breakaway” Norwich, Placerville, CA (rbjvdoc@sbcglobal.net)
Fall 2011 Norwich Obedience and Rally News

I am very pleased to report lots of Norwich successes in AKC obedience and Rally rings. Norwich earned six new obedience titles and five new Rally titles, the most in a long time.

Joanie and David Brobst have extended their training with Dignpop Digby NA OAJ, successfully adding Rally and obedience to his work in agility. This spring “Digby” finished both the Rally Novice and the Beginner Novice titles. That’s great!

Also starting and succeeding in Rally are Joan Graham and Gay Stanley’s “Halle” (Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony), who earned her RN. Joan says that this Rally title was “one of my proudest and happiest moments that I have ever had in the sport of dogdom.” Joan walks with crutches, and it took her some time to find the right lead and the right spot for Halle to focus on for heeling. Also, handling the crutches and the lead when Halle went behind her back on the “left about turn” took some maneuvering, but clearly she got it. “It was worth all setbacks and the work.” Congrats!

I am aware of quite a few Norwich teams with one or two RN legs, as of July 1. These dogs and owners will probably have earned their title by the time you read this. Maureen Glancy is off to a good start with Toddkin Addy Goodchase, as is M. Leech with Tara’s Norwich Ms. Chloe Belle, both of whom have one RN leg. With two legs toward the RN are Karen and Terry Turner’s Ch. Dk’S Buster and Judy and Ed Ungar’s Sarum’s I Fly Solo. I hope to see or hear about that third leg and title soon.

Beginner Novice is a new AKC obedience class that crosses the line from Rally to Novice Obedience. The course looks like a Rally course, but with fewer signs, and the signs have the standard obedience commands – right turn, left turn, sit, about turn, fast, slow. The “stay” requires the dog to sit in the center of the ring while the handler walks the perimeter. Both Margaret Johnson with Rogel’s In The Zone RN OA AXJ NAP NJP and the Brobst’s Digby are starting AKC obedience through this class, having earned the BN title. Digby did it in style earning placements, including first, with every leg.

Up in Alaska, Debbie Ross with “Meena” (Yvaine’s Lil Bit Xtra RN) started with the RN last spring, then continued this March with a Beginner Novice obedience title, including a first and second placement. This team then continued in April with the RA title, with placements for every leg. Meena now has two Rally Excellent legs as well as a Novice B obedience leg with a first place!

Also working in both obedience and Rally is Joan Bakken with Ch. Gaylord’s Vixon Of Ipswich RN MX MXJ. On the same day in February 2011, she finished both her CD (Companion Dog) and her Rally Advanced title, collecting ribbons in both classes! She has since gone on to earn at least one leg toward the Rally Excellent title. Congratulations, Joan. Looking forward to such glory in obedience, along with a highly respectable career in agility, is C. Cook-Pruitt with Briardales Music Man NA NAJ AXP AJP OFP, who has earned a leg in Novice B.

Finally, I am extremely pleased to report two new CDX titles (Companion Dog Excellent). Once again Joanie and David Brobst have worked hard and succeeded with this difficult competition, with their Fairfield Zilly CD RAEx earning two firsts and a second in the process! No one will be surprised to learn that Betty McDonnell and “Robin” (Ch. Kilyka’s Early Bird CD NA NAJ) have finished the CDX, but we continue to be impressed by the quality of this obedience work. All three of Robin’s legs were placements, and the first leg was a tie for first. Unfortunately, Betty had to leave before the runoff and thus settled for second. Nice job, Betty. Sorry you had to leave.

All these Norwich owners deserve a round of applause. The reward, of course, is the incredible relationship with the dog that results from all this work, and we love to recognize it! I encourage everyone to send me stories of their activities in the AKC obedience and Rally rings. Otherwise, this column is just names and number.

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

PS. See my report on the TOPS obedience trial (p. 28) to read about the great things Jill Petersen and “Ginger” (Rogel’s I’m Ginger Hollywood CDX RE) did in Rally. —CR
Norwich at TOPS 2011

On May 20 – 22, I chaired the obedience trial at TOPS (Terriers Only Performance Summit) in Castle Rock, Colorado, just south of Denver. It was my pleasure to watch the only Norwich in competition, Jill Petersen’s “Ginger” (Rogel’s I’m Ginger Hollywood CDX RE). Jill and Ginger traveled from the Seattle area to compete. Ginger had lots of energy in obedience, including go-outs we would all like to have (where the dog has to run across the ring, then turn and sit and wait for a further command to take a return jump). Unfortunately, the ghosts in the obedience ring tripped her up most of the time, although she turned in a very nice Open B performance for a fourth place. Rally was a different story. Ginger was definitely queen of the Rally ring all three days. She earned four first places and a second over the three days. Obviously, she was the reigning Norwich at this trial, and always a joy to watch.

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair
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“Ginger” with her TOPS 2011 loot

Norwich Participation in Obedience Versus Agility

Noting a significant difference in the number of Norwich competing in obedience versus agility, News editor Alison Freehling asked if I might explain this discrepancy, as my Norwich regularly compete in both events. Perhaps a little history might shed some light on this. The waning interest in obedience is not particular to our breed or to the Terrier Group.

AKC obedience was first sanctioned in 1936. There have never been a great many Norwich competing in obedience, as Norwich have never been high on the list of AKC registered dogs. However, as you may know, Bridget Carlsen, a high-profile trainer/competitor, trained her Norwich “Hemi” to an Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH) title two years ago. [Ed. See the Spring 2009 Norwich Terrier News, p.27, for an article on “Hemi’s” historic OTCH.] If you ever get the chance to watch this pair in the ring or watch a video of them on YouTube, you will find it most inspiring. Norwich in the hands of a great trainer can be great little performance dogs.

In the early years of obedience, training methods were negative, with heavy corrections, so there was little fun for the dog. If an activity is not rewarding, Norwich can easily be turned off and quit. Most trainers today use positive reinforcement with food rewards or toys to shape behavior. We know that it is natural for Norwich to want to be near their owners, and those that are motivated by praise want to please their trainers and earn treats. It takes time for any dog to develop the maturity to be ready for obedience competition. But the journey itself is rewarding.
In more recent times, the sport of Rally has aroused Norwich owners’ interest. Rally is a great way for beginner trainers to start obedience. Trainers follow a course marked by signs, and they can continually talk to their dogs, giving encouragement. Beginner Novice is another new AKC option which can function as a bridge between Rally and obedience. Handlers perform tasks similar to Novice obedience with a judge giving commands, but some exercises are done with the dogs on lead. This new AKC titling class was just introduced this year, and hopefully it will give handlers confidence to continue into obedience competition. The benefits of an obedience-trained Norwich are numerous, and as they learn an expanding vocabulary, they earn more freedoms.

Agility was approved as an AKC sport in 1994. Interest in the sport has exploded amongst all purebred breeds and mixed breeds. Dogs are constantly receiving positive reinforcement for new tasks. As they learn to string together a series of jumps or obstacles, the activity itself is exciting and self-rewarding. In my opinion, agility was made for our little Norwich. Consider that all breeds must handle the same obstacles. For a giant breed, the dog walk might be like a gymnast performing on a balance beam. A healthy, orthopedically sound Norwich is an extraordinary jumper.

Most of our ten-inch terriers can easily jump on our furniture, which is often more than double their height. Certainly a tunnel and closed tunnel or chute is such fun that even a ten-week-old Norwich puppy loves to run through it. The weave poles, once mastered, are not stressful to our little dogs as they are to the spines of some of the larger breeds. I have found that my little terriers, if started young, are fearless on the A-frame and dog walk—a little more cautious with the seesaw. Not only is the course fun for our Norwich; the camaraderie of the Norwich agility handlers is most rewarding to those involved.

As the interest in agility and Rally has grown in recent years, many obedience schools and clubs have added agility and Rally classes. This means fewer opportunities for beginning trainers to have classes geared towards competitive obedience. Without instruction and without the experience of group stays, it can be very intimidating for first-time competitors to enter their first obedience trial. If one is fortunate to have a good obedience school or club, then they can be prepared. My all-breed kennel club that used to offer obedience through the Utility level now offers only puppy kindergarten, with the goal of preparing puppies to pass the AKC Star Puppy Program or to prepare dogs to earn their Canine Good Citizen award and allow them to become Therapy Dogs. These are not unworthy goals, but they do not increase the pool of future obedience competitors. Some all-breed clubs are eliminating obedience from their shows, claiming that it is a money loser, as obedience judges could never judge the number of dogs that a breed judge could judge in a day. On the other hand, agility and Rally are money makers for clubs. Sadly, our options are money driven.

It is my hope that more people will introduce their puppies to both obedience classes and to agility. In obedience a dog learns to be a good citizen, and obedience training will improve agility performance. It should not be an either/or choice between two different activities, but a combination of the two that leads to a happy, well-behaved pet and a happy pet owner.

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Fall 2011 Working Terrier Report

This will be my final News’ “working terrier” column, at least for some time. I’m at a point, dog-wise, where I really don’t have a Norwich I’m entering or training in earthdog, and over the past several years, I’ve probably shared the bulk of my knowledge and opinions! I’m leaving you in good hands though; NTCA member Ursula Walsh has agreed to take my place! Ursula’s name shows up regularly in the News (including this issue) in the “successful earthdog” section. She is unique in that she is the only Norwich owner ever to earn earthdog titles on more than one dog. In 2010, Ursula’s Beach Pine Sophie of Oakley RE NA NAJ OAP AJP became the third Norwich to earn a Master Earthdog title. Her older male, MACH2 Yarrow’s Beach Pine Harry CD RE XF SE, is halfway to his Master title, having recently earned his first two legs in one weekend. You can see from all the titles that Ursula’s Norwich have earned that she is (very!) successful in many venues other than earthdog, including agility, Rally and obedience. She also has a young Norwich named “George” at home, whom I imagine will soon be following in her other two dogs’ paw prints! It will be fun to hear of his adventures. Welcome, Ursula!

In prior columns, I’ve encouraged everyone to get out and give earthdog a chance. I still highly recommend it, but no matter what you do with your dogs, be it conformation, obedience, earthdog, or just snuggling together and watching TV, enjoy every moment you are lucky enough to have together. There’s nothing like a Norwich!

For this News, I asked NTCA member Margaret (Maggie) Johnson of Kent, Washington to share her road to a Junior Earthdog title with her Norwich male, “Flint.” You will see in her story that Maggie is not one to give up! I’ve been lucky enough to be at many practices and tests with Maggie and Flint and have seen them work hard to overcome some serious obstacles. Unfortunately I missed both Flint’s passes, but I knew from the first time I heard him meet the rats (when he was just four months of age), that he was meant to earn an earthdog title. Hopefully Maggie and Flint will continue to participate for advanced titles. Dogs have a lot longer to get to the quarry in Senior Earthdog, which might be just what Flint needs! Thanks, Maggie, for telling us your story.

Norwich Earthdog Passes and Titles

On April 16th and 17th, 2011, Ursula Walsh’s MACH2 Yarrow’s Beach Pine Harry CD RE XF SE earned his first two Master legs at the Carolina Terrier Association’s earthdog tests. Then, on July 10, 2011, Margaret Johnson and her Rogel’s In the Zone BN RN OA AXJ NAP NJP (“Flint”) earned the Junior Earthdog title by passing at the Puget Sound Earthdog Club’s summer test. To both of you – cong-RAT-ulations on a job well done!!

—Jill Petersen, Kenmore, WA
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“Flint’s” Earthdog Adventures

I have been active in canine performance sports for more than 25 years, including hunting, herding, tracking, protection training, and obedience. I have always been a big advocate of letting dogs do the things for which they were originally developed and bred. My dream was to get a Norwich Terrier to perform in earthdog tests and in agility. During the two years that I remained on a wait list for my first Norwich, I joined the Puget Sound Earthdog Club (PSEC) to learn more about the sport. Then my Norwich male finally arrived! We named him Rogel’s In The Zone and called him “Flint” after the flint stone wall that historically surrounded the town of Norwich in England. I picked him up at 12 weeks; he was just perfect. Not wasting any time, at 4 months he was already flying through the
above ground tunnel and barking his little head off at a PSEC practice near our home. He was so happy doing what came to him instinctively. Together we kept practicing, especially working on his speed to the quarry.

When Flint was about a year and a half, we were practicing shortly before our first test. He was zooming through the tunnel, his body hitting the sides as he so wanted to get to the quarry. Just as it was getting dark, we had one last go. I released him at the entrance, but he backed out. What?? Thinking he might have injured himself, I checked him over, but didn’t see anything obvious, so we went back to the tunnel. This time he stood at the entrance and just made that noise we all love when a Norwich sounds like a guinea pig. Something was up. I opened a trap door near the entrance and saw that my boy had a very good reason for not entering the tunnel. There was a very small wasp nest in the upper corner of the tunnel. Smart boy! That ended practice for that day.

A few weeks later (in 2005), we went to our first earthdog test at the lovely home of a PSEC member. At the release point, Flint acted very happy and ready to go. I gave him the command “Get the Rats!” He charged up to the tunnel entrance and STOPPED, cocked his head, and was obviously listening for the buzz of the wasps. He walked around the top of the tunnel multiple times, always returning to the entrance to listen with his head cocked. That little wasp nest was a huge set back. Over the next 3+ years, we used different ways to encourage Flint to feel comfortable about once again entering the tunnel.

In 2006 he almost made it, but the beeping from an earthdog judge’s stopwatch sent him in reverse. Next he started chewing grass at the tunnel entrance, which I interpreted as a sign of stress. We took several breaks where we didn’t train at all. At those times we focused on Agility, where he is doing quite well.

We had planned a vacation to the Oregon Coast in September, 2008. This just so happened to coincide with the Oregon Trail’s End Earthdog tests south of Salem, OR, so we decided to make that a stop along the way. Unfortunately, Saturday was a wash, so I was not very hopeful for Sunday’s test. We arrived early that morning and I managed to adjust my attitude. Our judge was Gordon Hildebrant, who has been involved in earthdog since the beginning, including acting as the AKC earthdog rep for many years. At the area reserved for the next dog, Flint started eating grass—not a good sign. When I released him at the starting stake, he turned and looked at me as if to say “not again”? At the entrance, he cocked his head for what seemed like an eternity. And then he went! After his one minute of work, the judge called me up and told me Flint had passed! I was so happy, especially for Flint. He had overcome the demon that haunted him, even if for just that short time. When we received our ribbon, the judge said Flint had taken 29 seconds to get to the quarry; he had one second to spare! Once there he worked in great fashion.

The demon did continue to haunt Flint. He and I went to several tests in Washington and Oregon over the following three years, but he was not able to qualify for that second leg. Then dawned July 10, 2011, the day that Flint finally finished his Junior Earthdog title under judge Ron Sebastiani. He did it in his usual style, head cocked, making sure all was clear, then bolting to the quarry and barking his head off. Ron was very pleased to pass a Norwich Terrier; he commented that he doesn’t often see a Norwich pass. Sometimes I still can’t believe it. Flint is now 8 years old, happy and healthy, and remains active in Agility, Obedience and Earthdog.

—Margaret Johnson, Kent, WA
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Ch. Littlefield Emperor Augustus
(Ch. Newmiller's Handsome Hubert x Littlefield the Jiggs is Up)

Breeder: Leandra Little
Owners: Jake & Natalia Shelton and Leandra Little

"Augie" is a sweet, typey boy. He now makes his home in Dallas, TX, with loving owners Jake and Natalia Shelton. Here are some highlights from his limited show career: BOSS/RWD/Best BBE at 2010 NTCA Montgomery Specialty; WD at Northern California Terrier Assoc. (4/15/11); BOW at Sacramento KC (4/17/11).

Ch. Littlefield’s Pieces of Eight
(Ch. Cobby's Hidden Treasure x Ch. Little by Littlefield)

Breeder: Leandra Little
Owners: Peggy Helming & Wheatley Wentzell

"Jax" finished his championship at 20 months of age with 4 majors and multiple BOBs over Specials, including a Terrier Group 2 placement from the classes. Jax was exclusively handled by Andrew Green.

Ch. tinytowne’s Hot Rod Hottie
(Ch. tinytowne’s Ruff N Tuff x Ch. tinytowne’s Hot Rod Honey)

Breeders/Owners: Rich & Dana Esquibel

"Evi" finished her championship from the Bred-By class in May 2011. She earned 3 majors, including Best of Winners for a 5-point major at the April 2011 NTCA supported entry in Sacramento, CA. Evi is a little devil at home, keeping the rest of our Norwich pack—and us—on our toes and totally entertained. Currently, we are working toward her GCH title.
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

GCH Ch. Baileys Lucky Black Jack
(GCH Ch. Ascot Bailey Walk the Line x Ch. Bailey Drivin Ms. Daisy)
Breeder/Owner: Deborah Bailey

"Black Jack" is all terrier! He has a very short, correct body and a good, harsh coat. He is loved and was handled to his Grand Champion title by his breeder-owner.

GCH Ch. Ascot Bailey Walk the Line
(Ch. TerrapinTime Will Tell x Jaeva Cloudsecret)
Breeders: William & Jane Schubart
Owner: Deborah Bailey

"Scruff" came out of retirement and earned his Grand Champion title in 3 shows. "Scruff" has attitude and is a joy to show. He has correct Norwich type and a wonderful, outgoing temperament.
New Achievement Levels for AKC Grand Champions

(May 2011 Press Release from AKC Chairman Ron Menaker)

New York, NY – To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the AKC Grand Champion title, we are pleased to present the new Grand Champion Achievement Levels of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum to honor your dogs’ accomplishments. Since the program’s inception, more than 5,800 dogs have achieved the prestigious Grand Champion title and AKC clubs have received nearly 51,000 more Best of Breed entries as a result.

Many exhibitors have told us that they’ve enjoyed bringing their Champions out of retirement and would like to continue competing. Due to the excitement fanciers have expressed to us and the increased Conformation entries our clubs have received, we developed the Grand Champion Achievement Levels. Multiple achievement levels have worked well in other dog sports, with many Agility dogs earning numerous MACH titles, so we’re happy to introduce something similar in the Conformation world.

Beginning May 11, 2011, concurrent with the implementation of the 2011-2012 AKC Point Schedule, AKC Grand Champions will now have the opportunity to become Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Grand Champions. To obtain the Bronze level Grand Championship, a dog must achieve 100 Grand Championship points. Silver will be 200 and Gold 400 points earned while our ultimate Platinum level will require 800 Grand Championship points.

Upon reaching each level, AKC will mail special recognition medallions and certificates to the owner of record. To keep up-to-date with the competition, a new Top 100 All-Breed Grand Champions list will be featured at www.akc.org/grandchampionship/.

In addition, the online GCH Breed Lists will be expanded from the top 25 to 100 dogs including Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level designations. We hope exhibitors will enjoy and embrace the newest enhancements to the Grand Championship program.

Grand Championship judging will not change with the introduction of the Achievement Levels. All Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for “GCh” points at all-breed, group and specialty shows at no additional entry fee. Points are awarded, at the judge’s discretion, to the following placements: Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. After dogs have completed the initial Grand Championship title, points will continue to accumulate and the dog will be recognized upon reaching 100, 200, 400 and 800 points.

We look forward to honoring our Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Grand Champions and celebrating your dog’s achievements as you strive to make breed and AKC history. For more information, visit: www.akc.org/grandchampionship or contact eventplans@akc.org.

Judging Undocked Norwich: One AKC Judge’s Perspective

As an AKC judge, it is very frustrating to find in my Norwich class entries a pretty and breed-competitive undocked dog or bitch. The exhibitor is coming to you with this undocked Norwich because he/she feels you will find her dog and credit his good points. He/she knows you have judged abroad, are familiar with long tails, and that undocked tails do not make you uncomfortable.

Herein lies the rub. The AKC Norwich standard states, “Tail medium docked. The terrier’s working origin requires that the tail be of sufficient length to grasp.” The standard does not say medium docked tail, preferred. The wording is pretty black and white, with a sentence of explanation after “Tail medium docked”.

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When you become an AKC judge, you are told to study the breed standards and to judge by them. I have seen judges do all sort of things with an undocked exhibit: excuse the Norwich; give points to the Norwich; give the Breed to the Norwich.

If the NTCA feels so strongly about maintaining our standard's current wording and having Norwich presented in the ring with docked tails, then we need to draw a line in the sand.

Very recently a Miniature Schnauzer breeder started showing a young dog she had purchased abroad. The tail was undocked. Some judges placed the dog in the ribbons; some awarded points.

No judge withheld ribbons or excused the dog. The National breed club sent a letter reprimanding every judge who had judged that specific dog and another letter to every terrier judge eligible to judge Miniature Schnauzers, quoting the standard and asking that any Miniature Schnauzer with an undocked tail be excused.

Judges like to control their ring and to make their own decisions. If it is a cosmetic issue, not a disqualification, and does not affect the breeding of the dog, many multi-group judges feel that, in certain breeds, an undocked tail can be overlooked if the specimen is competitive.

I believe that the NTCA needs to decide how serious club members are about this issue. If we don't want to exclude Norwich with undocked tails, then the club needs to reword the AKC standard. I personally feel that we are going to see more and more long-tailed Norwich shown as the issue heats up in other breeds.

As it stands now, we have no clear-cut judging method. Judges are deciphering an undocked exhibit in their class that day. It doesn't seem fair to an exhibitor, who may have seen other judges give points to an undocked Norwich, be disappointed at her dog not being recognized that day. The AKC wants any judge coming into the system to judge by the standard. If an undocked dog comes into the ring and your standard states "tail medium docked," you must examine and move the exhibit and then decide whether to excuse it or withhold ribbons. Our National club needs to support its standard by doing what the National Miniature Schnauzer club has done—send a letter to every judge qualified to judge our breed stating the NTCA's preference relating to the issue of docked or undocked tails.

—Knowlton A. Reynolds, Breeder, Exhibitor, Judge, "Highwood" Norwich (norwiches@aol.com)

Author's note: Nonie Reynolds has bred "Highwood" Norwich Terriers for 28 years and has been associated with the breed for 60 years. She is an AKC Breeder of Merit and also an AKC and NTCA club-approved mentor for the breed. Her kennel is located in Newbury, NH.

Norwich Results for the

2011 NTCNC Specialty and NTCA Supported Entry

The Norwich Terrier Club of Northern CA (NTCNC) hosted their second annual Specialty once again in Sacramento in April, in conjunction with the Northern CA Terrier Association. With entries of 36 Norwich at the April 14 NTCA supported entry and 37 at the April 15 NTCNC Specialty, there were 5 point majors for both dogs and bitches on both days. NTCNC Show Chair Carole Foucault and President Candice Harper did an outstanding job of coordinating a wonderful luncheon buffet right outside the building under the trees in addition to finding unique trophies. The weather could not have been more beautiful. Notions Chair Patty Pernelli provided a lovely display of beautiful items. Norwich folks attended from all over the US and Canada. NTCNC congratulates all the winners and welcomes you all to join us next year.
SHOWFRONT

NTCA Supported Entry Northern California Terrier Association
April 14, Cal Expo Fairgrounds, Sacramento CA

Breed Judge: Mrs. Pamela Peat
Entry: 10-17-(7-2)


BOS: GCH Dancy’s Storm Warning (Ch. Dunbar’s Paint The Sky With Star K x Ch. Dunbar’s Shining Light At Dancy). Breeder/Owners: Nancy and Dwain Lentz.


BOW/WB: tinytowne’s Hot Rod Hottie (Ch. tinytowne’s Ruff N Tuff x Ch. tinytowne’s Hot Rod Honey). Breeder/Owners: Rich and Dana Esquibel.


Best Puppy: Rogel Tudex K-2 (Ch. Windsor’s Repeat Offender x Rogel Reverie Just Cause). Breeder/Owners: Joslyn Davidson and Elizabeth Pearson.


SELECT BITCH: Ch. Dancy’s Hot Commodity (Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Assets x Ch. Unique’s Red Hot Chili Pepper). Breeder/Owners: Nancy and Dwain Lentz.


NTCNC Specialty Northern California Terrier Association
April 15, Cal Expo Fairgrounds, Sacramento, CA

Sweeps Judge: Mrs. Florence Males
Entry: 3-8


BOS in Sweeps: Wildwest Red Rooster (see RWD for April 14).

Breed Judge: Mrs. Anne Marie Moore
Entry: 10-18-(6-3)

BOB: GCH Fly’n High’s Sonic Boom (see AOM for April 14)

BOS/BW/WB: Windsor’s Too Cute For Words (Ch. Windsor’s Mumms The Word x Ch. Windsor’s Toast To The Queen). Breeder: Dori Ramon. Owners: Belinda Levonsohn and Dori Ramon.
SHOWFRONT

WD: Lasata’s Murphy McGuire (Ch. Winsome’s Sam I Am x Lasata’s Alpha Omega). Breeder: James Latuscha. Owners: Dorothy Prohaska & James Latuscha.
RWD: Wildwest Red Rooster (see RWD April 14).
RWB: Amblegreen Bikini Blondie (see Best In Sweeps).
SELECT DOG: GCH Waiterock Jack Falstaff (see BOB April 14).

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

The 2011 Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club Specialty

The Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club (LSNTC) proudly presented its Specialty on Saturday, July 16, 2011, in conjunction with the River City Series of Dog Shows in San Antonio, Texas. The theme of the event, “Margaritaville,” was in evidence in the festive tropical decorations of the Hospitality Center, the Meet the Breed Booth, and the Raffle Table located in the LSNTC setup area. LSNTC members Suzanne Bell and Susan Tarbuk had arrived on Tuesday to set up these attractive and eye-catching centers. Suzanne, with her husband James’ help, supervised the operation of the Raffle Table, which was well received by exhibitors throughout the show site. The hydraulic grooming table was the main attraction, and the various items donated by club members for the general raffle were interesting, varied, and of excellent quality, making for a successful event.

The Meet the Breed booth was designed and ably hosted all five days of the show series by Susan Tarbuk and her husband Glenn. Its streaming video of candid photos furnished by LSNTC members provided an excellent overview of the versatility of the Norwich Terrier. Informational brochures and gift bandanas with the LSNTC logo were offered to spectators who made inquiries about our breed. The booth was a polished, professional presentation that instilled a sense of pride in all LSNTC members for both our club and our breed.

The Hospitality Center, hosted by LSNTC President Tonnie Willrich, was a daily gathering place for Specialty attendees. Thanks to Barbara Birgfeld, refreshments were beautifully displayed and always available for exhibitors and dogs alike. Polly O’Neal’s pound cake was unforgettable, and the hospitality bags prepared by Kristin Conlan were stuffed with many useful items as well as fun, theme-related goodies such as tropical leis and flamingo lollipops.

The Specialty itself began with the Sweepstakes, judged by NTCA Health Chair and Norwich breeder Ms. Magda Omansky. With an entry of 10 dogs and 9 bitches, Ms. Omansky selected from the 6-9 months Puppy Bitches class Itsy Bitsy Good Golly Miss Molly (Ch. Reverie’s Royal Legacy x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Rock Around The Clock),

LSNTC Best in Sweeps and BOSS (! to r): Itsy Bitsy Good Golly Miss Molly and littermate Itsy Bitsy Radio Flyer with Sweeps judge Magda Omansky and owners-handlers Jerry Willrich and Betty Bossio
bred by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich and owned by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich and Betty Bossio, as her Best in Sweepstakes. Ms. Omansky went on to select from the 6-9 months Puppy Dogs class “Molly’s” litter brother, Itsy Bitsy Radio Flyer, bred by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich and owned by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich and Betty Bossio as her Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps. In her comments to the LSNTC membership, Ms. Omansky stated, “The high quality of the exhibits with the fantastic promise of so many puppies speaks highly of your club and the exhibitors. I am very appreciative of the merits of all youngsters brought to me.” Thank you, Ms. Omansky, for this lovely affirmation of our efforts.

Our Specialty judge was the always capable Mr. Edd Embry Bivin, presiding over 47 entries. His Winners Dog, Wildtrout 42 At Fox Run (Ch. Wildtrout Great Scott x Ch. Wildtrout Shimmy At Fox Run), bred and owned by Roberta Kirby and Joan Jung, was from the Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs class. Mr. Bivin’s Winners Bitch/Best of Winners, Norieland Queen For A Day (Ch. Norieland Harry Houdini x Ch. Norieland Rambling Rose), bred and owned by Karen and Steve Vaughn, was from the Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches class. Reserve Winners Dog was Itsy Bitsy Radio Flyer (Sweeps BOS); Reserve Winners Bitch, from the 12-18 months Bitches class, was Norieland Andrea Gail (Ch. Skyscot’s Man in Command x Ch. Norieland Sexie Sadie), bred by Karen and Steve Vaughn and owned by the Vaughns and Kate Zimmer.

The Best of Opposite Sex and Best Veteran ribbons went to Ch. Skyscot’s Summer Shower (Ch. Bay Breeze Blacken Decker x Skyscot’s Indian Summer), bred by Leslie Becker and owned by Penny Pearson and Leslie Becker. Mr. Bivin chose his Best in Specialty Show from amongst the entry of 17 Specials. This year’s Best of Breed competition was an awesome performance of beautifully turned out dogs and bitches expertly presented by their various handlers. The audience roared their approval as Mr. Bivin pointed to Ch. Itsy Bitsy Rocky Mountain High (Ch. Skyscot’s Cowboy Up x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Ruby Tuesday), bred and owned by Tonnie and Jerry Willrich, as the Best of Breed LSNTC Specialty winner for 2011. This handsome dog exhibits wonderful breed type, and his was a popular win. “Copper” went on to earn a Terrier Group 3 later in the day.

Mr. Bivin presented an Award of Merit to GCH Ch. Skyscot’s Texas Hold ‘Em (Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip x Skyscot’s Pen Pal), bred by Leslie.

Thanks to LSNTC member Caroline Dodwell, who did an outstanding job choosing the trophies for this Specialty. They were a big hit with the exhibitors. And a special thanks to Nan Diefendorf and Ellen Ford for their excellence in manning the trophy table and seeing that everyone received the proper trophy. Also, thanks to Kristin Conlan for providing the unique tropical floral and fruit arrangements topped off with the party-hearty flamingos for the trophy table.

Our Specialty day culminated with a lovely banquet at the Achiotte River Cafe located in the host hotel, The Grand Hyatt, arranged for us by Sandra Stemmler. The South-of-the-Border
cuisine was enjoyed by all. A lively auction, emceed by Suzanne Bell and Jeri Wilson, followed our dinner and provided amusing entertainment as well. Several club members surprised those in attendance by presenting everyone with delightful gifts. Robin Hoch gave each attendee a grooming apron embellished with the club logo, Susan Tarbuk ensured that everyone received a club bandana, and Nan Diefendorf presented each club member with a commemorative, hand-carved, wooden Norwich Terrier ornament. Suzanne Bell made sure that everyone had a carry-all bag with the club logo on it to transport all the goodies home.

The day before the Specialty, several LSNTC members assisted the Bluebonnet Norfolk Club with a Heart Clinic. A huge thank you goes to Barbara Einspruch, Robin Hoch, Jan Birchall, Peggy Schmidt, and Tonnie Willrich for representing the LSNTC in this worthy effort.

"Margaritaville," the Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club’s 2011 Specialty, came to a satisfying close on Sunday after breed judging. A memorable time was had by all. Thank you to our out-of-state participants who supported our Specialty with their attendance and, most of all, thanks to our President, Tonnie Willrich, and all the LSNTC committee chairpersons and club members whose leadership and vision led to the cohesive spirit that ensured the success of this show. A precedent was set, and we can only look forward to the next main event, the LSNTC Fun Day, to be held at Jan Birchall’s home in Wimberley, TX this fall.

—Kristin Conlan, “Thunderwood” Norwich Terriers, Corpus Christi, TX

The 2011 NTCA Supported Entry at Columbia Terrier
(Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD; April 22, 2011)

The Maryland State Fairgrounds has been host to The Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland show for the past several years. It is a perfect venue, as one can walk in the huge building and find hundreds of terriers strutting their stuff all day. The building was beautifully decorated with breed banners hanging high, and the floor was dotted with several vendors sporting good ‘terrierific’ stuff to buy! The Norwich and Norfolk breed clubs teamed up this year to host a nice breakfast and lunch for all Norwich and Norfolk exhibitors and enthusiasts who were chatting ringside. NTCA Notions Chair Patty Warrender brought lots of Norwich gift items and t-shirts and sold just about everything! This is a show where everyone seems to gather for ‘after show activities’ and good fun for the 3-day show cluster.

NTCA member and Norwich breeder (“Ascot”) Jane Schubart judged Sweepstakes and picked Abbedale’s Punchinello (“Punch”) as her Best in Sweeps. Punch, who had traveled from Kalamazoo, Michigan with NTCA breeder/owner Joan Eckert, cleared out most of the Columbia Terrier

Photo credit: Donna West

NTCA members (l. to r.) Dorothea George Michaela Clancy and Judy Laffey ringside at Columbia Terrier
and NTCA trophy table by the end of the day as he captured Winners Dog/Best of Winners for a 5-point major! BOS in Sweeps went to Shoebutton's Nora Muldoon. Janie said she enjoyed judging such a nice group of pups!

Breed judge Dorothy B. Taylor recognized Bronwyn Cadbury's Amazin' Raisin, handled by Roxanne Sutton, as her Winners Bitch for a 4-point major. Best of Breed went to Ch. Yarrow Venerie Old King Cold, handled by Andrew Green. Best of Opposite Sex honors went to GCH Pinelake's Fairy Tail, with John Francisco holding the lead. SEL went to GCH Dignpop Dash of Panache with handler Lori Pelletier. More detailed judging results with sire, dam, breeders and owners can be found at www.infodog.com.

If you missed the NTCA supported entry at Columbia Terrier in 2011, you missed a lot of laughs and good times. It is not too soon to put this show on your list of ‘Must Go’ for 2012. You will not be sorry, I promise!

—Donna West, “Shoebutton” Norwich, Timonium, MD
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The 2011 NTCA Supported Entry At Garden State

The NTCA supported entry at The Garden State All Terrier Club show was held on May 6, 2011 at Mercer County Park in New Jersey. It was a lovely sunny day and, in keeping with tradition, there was a joint Norwich-Norfolk luncheon. This year’s luncheon, with a “Cinco de Mayo” theme, was coordinated by NTCA member Hal Happerstett and NTC member Henrietta Lachman, with generous culinary contributions by the many Norwich and Norfolk fanciers who attended.

Mr. Derek Hyde was the Norwich judge for the day, with an entry of 21(7-7-7-0). Littlefield Pieces of Eight (Ch. Cobby’s Hidden Treasure x Ch. Little by Littlefield), owned by Wheatley Wentzell and Peggy Helming, was Mr. Hyde’s choice for Winners Dog & BW from the 12-18 months class. RWD went to Colleen & Robert Singleton’s lovely black & tan boy, Ragstone’s Earl of Stanley (Ch. Abbedales Brass Tacks x Ragstone’s Lady Wintess). Winners Bitch/BOS, Foxwood’s Princess of Quite A Lot (Ch. Newmillers Handsome Hubert x Ch. Foxwood Warrior Princess), was also from the 12-18 months class. She is a typey grizzle girl owned by Janice Scott. Ste. Ives Mischief Managed (Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell x Ch. Ste Ives Angels Share), bred and owned by Janice Rodgers, was RWB.

Mr. Hyde’s selection for Best of Breed was Ch. Foxwood Chasing a Dream (Ch. Foxwood Wildgoose Chase x Ch. Foxwood Dazzling Aria O’Redfern). He was bred, owned, and beautifully handled by Kathy Mines. Select Dog was awarded to Janice Rodger’s Ch. Ste Ives Up to No Good (Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell x Ch. Ste Ives Angels Share), the littermate of the RWB.

The Norwich Terrier Club of America offered an embroidered Norwich throw as the trophy for Best of Breed, a hardwood picture frame for Best of Opposite Sex, and a small travel pouch with Norwich head detail for Best of Winners. Frank Rogers provided the silver picture frame trophies for WD and WB, while Missy Wood offered lovely Port Meiron china mementos for winners of the BBE Dog and BBE Bitch classes. Glengariff’s Great Expectations (Ch. Foxglyn’s This Ones For You x Ch. Glengariff’s Bethpage Black), bred and owned by Judy Laffey, was Best BBE dog. Best BBE bitch went to Dunbar’s Bride’s Dowry (Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Assets x Ch. Dunbar’s Runaway Bride), bred and owned by Joan Kefeli. A handcrafted “Good Dog” bowl, offered by Leandra Little, was the Best Puppy trophy, won by Littlefield Pieces of Eight.

—Judy Laffey, “Glengariff” Norwich, Long Beach, NY
(judylaffey@aol.com)
The 2011 NTCA Supported Entry at Mattaponi KC

After a week of bad weather in Virginia, Saturday May 21 dawned bright and sunny, providing a great start to the Mattaponi KC weekend shows at the Prince William County Fairgrounds in Manassas, VA. Long-time Norwich breeder Jill Rourke ("Ji-Ro") judged Sweeps at the May 21 NTCA supported entry. From the 12-18 months bitches class, she selected Shoebotton's Nora Muldoon (Ch. Oakwood's Gummi Bear At Scalawag x Ch Shoebotton's Miss Lela Bliss), bred and owned by Donna West, Melanie Vracas and Melissa Kaminin, as Best in Sweepstakes. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps went to Shoebotton's Doc Holiday of Prairie Buffalo, a littermate of the Best in Sweeps winner and with the same breeders/owners.

Mr. Roger Hartinger judged the Norwich regular classes, with an entry of 14 (4-8-1-1). He chose Shoebotton's Doc Holiday of Prairie Buffalo (see BOS Sweeps) as his Winners Dog/Best of Winners for a 3-point major. Hickory House Valentine (Ch. Havic's Red Baron of Fly'n High x Ch. Barley Thorpe), bred and owned by Mary Abel-Smith and Constance Kirkpatrick, was WBD. From the Open Bitches class, Winners Bitch and a 3-point major went to Icknield Clicquot (Ch. Havic's Red Baron of Fly'n High x Ch. Watermark Truffle CD RN), bred by Dorothea George and owned by Dorothea George and Patricia Warrender. RBW was Kingmont's Bristol (Ch. Kingmont's Blustar Snickers x Ch. Kingmont's Sitting Pretty), a 6-9 months puppy bred and owned by Barbara and Dan Burroughs. Best of Breed was awarded to Ch. Millers Rakish Roderick (Ch. Newmiller's Handsome Hubert x Miller's Welcome Addition), bred by Dr. Elaine Miller and owned by Sue Ellen & Cameron Cummins. GCH Pinelake's Fairy Tail (Ch. Pinelake's Mega Bucks x Ch. Shoebotton's Peggy Cass), bred by Carol S. Clark and owned by Kelly and David Fos, was Best of Opposite Sex.

As in years past, the highlight of the Mattaponi supported entry was the festive and delicious luncheon, produced as if by magic by Jean Kessler and her able assistants as soon as Norwich judging ended. Sitting down at comfortable tables, Norwich owners got to visit and share dog news. A good time was had by all. —Patricia Warrender, "Noridge" Norwich, Middleburg, VA (pwnoridge@gmail.com)

The NTCA Supported Entry at Sammamish Kennel Club:

(Redmond, Washington, August 28, 2011)

Last fall, NTCA member Lynne Davis of Issaquah, Washington eagerly flipped open the new issue of the Norwich Terrier News and skimmed the articles right through to the Showfront section. There on page 42, the penny dropped. “I saw the article How to Apply For A NTCA Supported Entry and knew the Sammamish Kennel Club would be glad to encourage a nice Norwich turnout with the great trophies the national club offers. The ‘rules’ were so clear, it was easy to follow the procedure.” And so, The Norwich Terrier Club of America was on its way to its first-ever supported entry in the Pacific Northwest.

The Sammamish Kennel Club (SKC) holds an all-breed summer show every year in conjunction with the All Terrier Club of Western Washington's back-to-back Group shows. ATCWW is just one of many group and specialty clubs hosting fanciers every year in late August during the 3-day cluster. Exhibitors come not only from Washington and nearby states, but also from Canada, California, Texas and even farther afield. All told, 14 national and regional breed clubs, including the NTCA, sent trophies. In addition, the SKC provided lovely Rosettes for BOB, BOS and BOW. The SKC also offered pewter medallions for BOB in every breed having an entry of eight or more.

The cricket field at Marymoor Park on the shores of Lake Sammamish in Redmond, Washington, is the perfect venue. While show superintendent BaRay Event Services sets up grooming
tents, most exhibitors bring their own pop-ups. These small convivial domains are allowed to sprout up right around the rings next to the larger tents. It's fun and convenient to have your home-away-from-home so close to the action. Impromptu social calls are the "order of the day." The dogs really seem to enjoy it too. With ex-pens, crates and grooming tables under the canopy, the dogs enjoy more space and a quieter area for a snooze. The iconic Mount Rainier serves as the breathtaking backdrop to the scene. While the east coast was being drenched by Tropical Storm Irene, blue skies and temperatures in the high 70's-low 80's prevailed for the NTCA supported entry in the Pacific NW.

Judge Paige (Penny) Hirstein had an entry of 18 Norwich (3-9-4-2), but four absentee brought the number down to 14 (2-7-4-1). The AKC has changed the Norwich point schedule in the Pacific NW to require 5 dogs and 10 bitches for a 3-point major, so it was frustrating for the BOW bitch not to earn a major. Results were as follows:

**BOB: GCH Littlefield Dignpop Dashiell of Dungeness** (Ch. Ter-Haven Bold as Brass x Ch. Littlefield Razz's Mazz at Dignpop OA, NAJ), bred by Magda Omansky and owned by Elaine Jong, Britt Litchford and Leandra Little; handled by Chris Larson.

**BOS/Select Bitch: Ch. Amblegreen Bikini Blonde** (Ch. Dralions Smiles and Chuckles x Ch. Amblegreen Malibu Barbie), bred and owned by Heather Tomlins and Geoff Tomlins.

**Select Dog: Ch. Games People Play of Image** (Ch. Fairways Cat in the Hat x Ch. tinytowne Tallulah at Image), bred and owned by Monti Craig.

**WB/BOW: Girl Talk of Image** (Ch. Games People Play of Image x Ch. Ready or Not of Image), bred by Monti Craig and owned by Monti Craig and Nancy Henning.

**WD: Amblegreen Top Notch** (Ch. Abbedale Top Brass at Taliesin x Ch. Amblegreen Notti But Nice), bred and owned by Heather Tomlins and Geoff Tomlins.

Additional congratulations are in order for "Dashiell," as later in the day he was awarded a **Group 4** in stiff competition. In limited showing, "Dashie" has been in the Top 10 in breed rankings since the beginning of the year. Kudos to all the exhibitors. With many fine Norwich at the show, the judge was hard-put to select her winners.

It was nice to see friends from Canada and Oregon at the shows. All-in-all, it was a wonderful weekend at Marymoor Park. Next year, Lynne Davis is thinking of adding Sweepstakes to the Supported Entry. Lynne added, "Thank you to NTCA Show Chair John Francisco for making the procedures for having a NTCA supported entry so easy and clear in your Fall 2010 News article."

—Leandra Little, "Littlefield" Norwich, Tulalip, WA (llittle9@earthlink.net)
NTCA Show Calendar: October-December 2011

Oct. 6 & 7  NTCA Supported Entry:
The Hatboro Dog Club
Middletown Grange Grounds, 576 Penns Park Rd., Wrightstown, PA
Oct. 6 – Breed Judge: Mr. Bob Busby
Oct. 7 – Breed Judge: Mrs. Cathy Thompson-Morgan (“Belleville” Norwich & Norfolk, England)

Oct. 9  NTCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes:
Montgomery County Kennel Club, Inc.
Montgomery Community College, Blue Bell, PA
Sweepstakes Judge (Puppy & Veteran): Carole Bullwinkle-Foucrault
("Briardale" Norwich)
Breed Judge: Beth Sweigart ("Yarrow" Norwich & Norfolk)

Dec. 2  NTCA Supported Entry:
Mississippi Gulf Coast Kennel Club
Harrison County Fairgrounds, 15321 County Farm Rd., Gulfport, MS
Breed Judge: Mr. Roger Hartinger

Dec. 17  NTCA Supported Entry & Sweepstakes:
Richland County Kennel Club, Inc.
Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Barbara Dillon (Puppy Sweeps Only)
Breed Judge: Ms. Mary Jane Carberry

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

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Purina Events Center – Gray Summit, MO
Host Hotel – Holiday Inn at Six Flags

Thursday June 14, 2012 (evening) Purina Events Center
• Set Up
• Hospitality
• Puppy Match
• Grooming Demonstration

Friday June 15, 2012
• Independent National Specialty/Sweepstakes
• Breed Judge Eileen Needham ("Titanium" Norwich, England)
• Sweepstakes Judge: Joan Eckert ("Abbedale" Norwich)
• Banquet – Host Hotel

Saturday June 16, 2012
• Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago
  Specialty/Sweepstakes in conjunction with Rolla Missouri Kennel Club
• Breed Judge: Stephen Hurt ("Hareston" Norwich)
• Sweepstakes Judge: Sue Weaver ("Ronnell" Norwich)
• AKC Museum of the Dog

Sunday June 17, 2012
• NTCA Supported Entry in conjunction with Rolla Missouri Kennel Club
• Breed Judge: Merle Taylor

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

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

New edition of Marjorie Bunting’s 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 $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 pwnorridge@gmail.com.

Happy Halloween from “Mel B” the Nor-Witch
Holiday health tips from your Norwich:

Snack on carrots, not cookies

Exercise more, sit less

Happy, healthy holidays to all 😊