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ATTENTION: DEADLINE NOTICE FOR SUMMER 1999 NEWS!

The DEADLINE for all contributions to the Summer 1999 *News* is April 15, 1999. This date should be easy to remember, since it is also the deadline for filing income tax returns! In order to assure timely publication of the *News*, articles and photos, etc., received after April 15 will be held for the Winter 1999 issue. Thank you for your cooperation.

A MESSAGE FROM NNTC PRESIDENT LINDA HARING...

I hope your holidays were happy and that you are all as invigorated as I am by thoughts of a fresh, new year. I would like to take this opportunity to share with the membership some of the recent changes that have taken place in the Club.

We have a new Treasurer. Trish Lussier Forrest has stepped in for Anna Bellenger (Class of 1999) whose resignation was accepted at Montgomery. First Vice-President Charles Kaleta (Class of 1999) and Governor Nat LaMar (Class of 1999) resigned from the Board in November and, in accordance with the NNTC Constitution, Second Vice-President Sue Ely was automatically moved to First Vice-President to fill the remainder of Charles's term. The Board voted to move Governor Sandra Stemmler to the newly-vacant Second Vice-President slot (Class of 2000) and also elected two new Governors, Alison Freehling (Class of 1999) and Larry Adams (Class of 2000), to fill remaining vacancies on the Board. Then, in late December, Heidi Evans (Class of 2000) resigned as Corresponding Secretary. The Board elected Jody Cunningham to fill the remainder of Heidi's term. If you think you need a scorecard to keep track of "who's on first," I don't blame you! Many thanks to Anna, Charles, Nat and Heidi for their service to the Board. They have all promised to continue to help whenever needed.

We have a new hotel headquarters for the 1999 Montgomery weekend (another Comfort Inn!), right across the street from last year's Holiday Inn. Thanks to Reggie Higgins Hunt, we also have a beautiful new show site for our Puppy Match at the Radnor (PA) Hunt Club the Monday after the Montgomery Specialty.

The Board will be even more active in the next two years, as all Officers and Governors have accepted working committee obligations as well as all their usual Board responsibilities. I have called a Board meeting in February at the NNTCGC Specialty and the NNTC supported entry in Chicago. The following are some of the issues the Board will discuss:

The Norwich & Norfolk News. During the October 1998 meeting at Montgomery, Board members recommended that the *News* be produced on a more cost effective, timely basis. The NNTC has many projects, including the Illustrated Breed Standards, waiting to be funded. The *News* has always been one of our greatest areas of expense. *News* Editor and newly-appointed Governor, Alison Freehling, has been informed of the Board's concerns and we have her assurance that the publication's long tradition of literary excellence will not be compromised by these changes. Since *News* production will be simplified by elimination of color photo reproductions, we will all reap the benefits of a more timely printing schedule as well as better stewardship of Club funds. Further discussion of the new format and publication schedule will be on the agenda at our February Board meeting.

Constitutional Update. Revision of the NNTC Constitution is a lengthy project which we will begin in January, 1999. Several articles and Bylaws have been highlighted for immediate consideration and change by the Board.

Club Manual. Although mandated by the Constitution, a notebook outlining Club policy as well as job descriptions has never been compiled and is long overdue!

Illustrated Standards. Funds have been allocated and Standards Chair Joan Eckert has been collecting brochures from other dog clubs for Board evaluation. This will also be discussed at the February Board meeting.

As you can see, there is always work for worker bees. I have had wonderful cooperation from Board members and I also welcome anyone else who would like to join us in moving the Club ahead.

— Linda Haring, 695 Glendale Blvd., Mansfield, OH 44907

FROM THE EDITOR...

It is with a genuine sense of my shortcomings for the job, and only after several arm-twisting sessions with NNTC President Linda Haring (Linda did the twisting!), that I agreed to try my hand as editor-producer of the *Norwich & Norfolk News*. By training, I am an historian. Hopelessly old-fashioned, I still write on yellow legal pads and do not own a computer. So perhaps you can understand my reluctance to take on this responsibility!

I decided to give it a try only because I believe that the content of the *News*, not the editing or the producing, is what really matters. The articles and photos contributed by NNTC members and *News* subscribers have always been and will always be the heart of this publication. Without these contributions, an editor has nothing to edit or to produce. Therefore, I am counting on *you* to carry on the “informal, engaging, sociable” publication “full of character and variety” that *News* founders envisioned almost 37 years ago.

As an educational resource for a large, diverse group of Norwich and Norfolk fanciers, the *News* wears many hats. It must not only cover two different breeds, but also such varied “doggy” interests as breeding, showing, Obedience, Earthdog—or simply owning a Norwich or Norfolk as a beloved pet. This is not an easy task (understatement!). If you think *News*’ coverage falls short in a particular area, there is, however, an easy solution. Rather than grumble, write an article(s), take a photo(s) and send them to the *News*. To borrow words from one of my favorite Presidents, Abraham Lincoln, “He has a right to criticize who has a heart to help.”

Speaking of help, I am particularly grateful to the following persons who have already volunteered their time and talents. First and foremost, I thank Norfolk breeder (Wensum) Marleen Greif of Iola, Texas, who will be the Associate Editor responsible for Norfolk “Home Front.” Thanks also to Barbara Miller and Nonie Reynders who will, respectively, continue to report Norfolk and Norwich show news; to Mary Fine and Kate Kenny, who will carry on as Obedience and Working Terrier columnists; and to long-time *News* staffers Kathleen Sadler, who compiles listings for the *Directory of Breeders and Stud Dogs*, and Dave and Joanie Brobst, who supply the mailing labels and keep track of subscribers’ names and addresses. The Brobsts have now added Subscriptions to their growing list of *News* responsibilities. Effective immediately, current subscribers should send changes of name and/or address to the Brobsts. Requests and checks for new subscriptions should continue to go to Alison Freehling. All articles related to Norfolk “Home Front” (health, general interest, etc.) should be sent to Marleen Greif. All other *News* articles and ALL PHOTOS (new title holders, show and non-show photos) should be sent to me.

Finally, one last round of thanks to those who contributed articles and photos for this “hurry up” issue. With only a six-week deadline rather than the usual six months, your willingness to rally behind the *News* is much appreciated.

— Alison G. Freehling

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WANTED: VIDEO VOLUNTEERS!

The NNTC is seeking persons fully experienced with video taping to video the Norwich and Norfolk Specialties at Montgomery County. To volunteer, please contact NNTC President Linda Haring at 419-756-6420 (phone) or 419-756-5202 (fax). Thanks very much!

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FROM THE ASSOCIATE EDITOR...

Since I will be Associate Editor for Norfolk "Home Front" news, I thought I should introduce myself. After showing Bouviers for almost 10 years, I decided I wanted a smaller breed. I had Airedales as pets, so I knew I wanted a terrier. I fell in love with both Norwich and Norfolks and couldn't decide which to get. As a result, I got my first Norwich (Best-In-Show winner **Ch. Skyscot's Chimney Sweep**) from Leslie Becker in 1987 and my first Norfolks (**Ch. Max-Well's Winter Spice** and **Ch. Max-Well's Wind Chant**) from Barbara Miller in 1988. I selected "Wensum" as my kennel name as I could connect it to my Norwich, Norfolk, and Bouvier Des Flandres. The Wensum River flows through the city of Norwich in the U. K. county of Norfolk and this area was settled by Flemish weavers from Flanders.

My partner in Norfolks, Donna Winslow of Springbok Scotties, has enabled me to breed 4 litters of Norfolks over the years. She loves the whelping, while I prefer raising the puppies. Our first litter in 1989 produced 3 champions and my Best-In-Show winner, **Ch. Wensum Springbok Travelin Man**. This led me to concentrate on Norfolks rather than Norwich. With the exception of one short stint in Wire Fox (I was fortunate to own the great Wire **Ch. Registry's Lonesome Dove** for the first 4 months of her career), I have concentrated solely on Norfolks since 1990. My Norfolks have had some health problems (Ichthyosis) and so I am now starting over in my breeding program with **Ch. Skyscot's Quick Study**, co-owned with Leslie Becker. I love the breed and hope to continue in Norfolks for many more years, if only on a small scale. In addition to my NNTC membership, I am a member of the all-breed Brazos Valley KC as well as a founding member and current Secretary of the Heart of Texas NNTC.

I look forward to hearing from all Norfolk owners and hope you will send me your articles on health, general interest, etc.

— Marleen Greif

A NEW NNTC PROJECT: NORWICH AND NORFOLK CALENDARS!!

As the new NNTC Notions chairperson, I would like to put together a Norwich and Norfolk calendar (one for each breed) for the year 2000. The calendars will include such important NNTC dates as the St. Louis Specialty in May and the Montgomery Specialty in October. Since I have my own printing business here in Phoenix, I already have the means of producing the calendars. What I need now are cute photos of Norwich and Norfolks. A photo can be any size, either color or black and white, just as long as I can scan or digital shoot it. Puppies and adult dogs are fine—but please no show photos or photos with people (except for "people" like Santa!).

Please send me your photos by **July 1, 1999** so that the calendars will be ready for Montgomery weekend. For those who cannot attend Montgomery, I will ship you a calendar. Since I will have to choose just one photo of each breed for each month, I cannot guarantee that your photo will be used. I can guarantee that your photo(s) will be returned if you put your name and address on the back of each picture and also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope or photo mailer. Let's make this project a big success and start a 21st-century NNTC tradition of having our own Norwich and Norfolk calendars. Thanks for your help. Karen Whalen, PO Box 82935, Phoenix AZ 85071-2935

SEASON'S GREETINGS (BELATED!) FROM THE NEWS



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"Toys R Me"

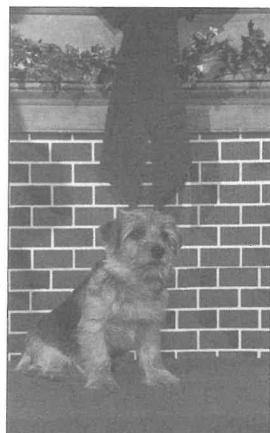


Photo submitted by Sue Ely

"Deck the Halls"



Photo: Georgia R. Crompton

"Merry Gentlemen"
Henry Crompton and puppy pal

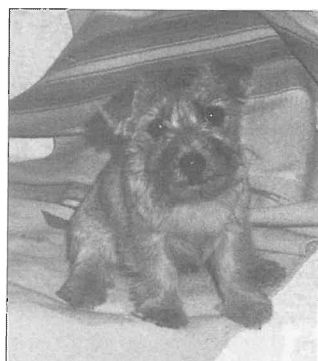


Photo: Marleen Greif

Christmas Angel?



Photo: Alison G. Freehling

"The children were wrestling all snug in their beds"



Photo: Betty Loendorf

"Have I been naughty or nice?"

FROM YOUR AKC DELEGATE

The following are excerpts from Margaretta Wood's report to the NNTC Board of Governors, October 1, 1998:

- The AKC Board has approved a policy requiring the signature of all co-owners of the dam of a litter in order to register such litter. This policy went into effect on January 1, 1999.
- The AKC Board has adopted the following provision with regard to the AKC DNA program: A DNA profile from an AKC-approved laboratory will be accepted as an alternative to microchip or tattoo identification of an imported dog.
- A \$605,000 budget for the AKC's Parent Club DNA Program was approved for the three-year period 1998 through 2000.
- Effective October 1, 1998, the AKC will require AKC DNA certification for all stud dogs collected for fresh extended and frozen semen use, including foreign stud dogs collected for use in the United States.
- The 19th edition of the AKC's *The Complete Dog Book* has at long last been (re)published, hopefully without the mistakes of the original. Each AKC member club will receive a free copy of this revised edition.
- The AKC Board has adopted a policy whereby a Parent Club may request that a registered kennel name that has had significant impact on a particular breed be permanently retired when no longer renewed by the owner. The Board has also simplified criteria for registering a kennel name. For more information on kennel name registration, contact AKC Customer Service in Raleigh, NC at 919-233-9767.

Please feel free to contact me on AKC matters whenever you have a question.

— Margaretta Wood, PO Box 707, Phoenixville, PA 19460-0707

NNTC GENETICS/HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

This year (1999) the NNTC Board has decided to split the Genetics/Health position in two. I applaud this division as our breeds do have very different health concerns. I shall continue as the Norfolk Genetics/Health chairperson and will work very closely with long-time Norfolk breeder Nat LaMar (Reidmar). Nat and I are very excited about working together and about the prospect of selecting a particular Norfolk health issue which we can all pursue. Fraya Katz (Ariel) will chair the Norwich Genetics/Health committee, assisted by new NNTC member and Norfolk owner Dr. Kim Hennessy, DVM. Dr. Hennessy has treated many Norwich and Norfolks at her veterinary practice over the past sixteen years.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation grant that the Heart of Texas NNTC and the NNTC have supported is entering its third year. Dr. Dawn Boothe is studying the effectiveness of potassium bromide versus phenobarbital in controlling epileptic seizures. To date potassium bromide has proved as effective as phenobarbital, although Dr. Boothe reports that a few dogs developed stomach upsets when beginning treatment with potassium bromide. The study is to continue for one more year.

I have also been in contact with Dr. Robert Dunstan, who is studying the hereditary skin disease, ichthyosis, in Norfolk Terriers. Dr. Dunstan moved from Michigan State Veterinary School to Texas A & M Veterinary School this year. He reports "My move to Texas slowed things down a little bit but we are now in our new (and improved) lab and starting to continue with our gene sequencing. Our major thrust is on Norfolk and Jack Russell Terriers, but we are also working on forms in American Bulldogs, Golden Retrievers and more recently, Labs. I would envision a lot of good results from our work in the next 9 months." I shall continue to keep you updated on Dr. Dunstan's progress.

— Carol Falk, 13 Moulton Rd., Peabody, MA 01960

WINTER 1998-99 OBEDIENCE REPORT

Kudos to Alex Ijams of New York City who finished her very first CDX on her 8 year old Norfolk, **Little Sheeba**, in only 5 shows. Sheeba had one fourth place and lost a run-off at her last show for another fourth place. Alex has done an amazing job of training this dog, who was very difficult to motivate. They are currently training for Utility, but Alex is realistic about their prospects since Sheeba is getting older.

Another first CDX—this one for a Norwich from Texas. Carlynn Rick of San Antonio has a CDX on **Sand Castle Darcy** whose scores ranged from the mid 80's to the low 90's. Darcy is now training for Utility and Carlynn reports great progress. Darcy took a break to acquire an Agility title—definitely a multi-purpose dog.

Not to let the Midwest go unnoticed, NNTC member Joan Seipp is back in the obedience ring in Illinois with her Norwich, **Solaire's Bogart Did Too CD**, earning two CDX legs in one weekend, one with a second place and a beautiful 194.5 score! It should not be long before an "X" is added to this dog's name.

In Oregon, the Murphys are still going strong. Their **Ch. Shonleh Merrymaker CD** now has two CDX legs, each with a third place ribbon.

Ellen Van Landingham from Colorado Springs reports that **Fairmount Ek's Pensive Gem** and her half-sister, **Fairmount Ekspectin' Chili**, co-owned with Ken Smith, are progressing with their Open training. I will be on the lookout for CDX legs for these two Norwich girls.

Hardly a newcomer to Obedience, NNTC member Meredith Dwyer from Maryland has completed yet another CD title, this one on **Ch. Top Drawer's Lucie Furr**, adding to Meredith's collection of Norwich "titled at both ends". Another Norwich from the mid-Atlantic area, **Roebell's Action Newsmaker**, owned by NNTC member Beverly Knoll, is also sporting a new CD title with nice scores and one fourth place. Further south, in the Carolinas, **Ketka's Friendly Short'un**, a Norwich co-owned by Mary Lee Johnson and Carol Sowders, now has a CD from the Novice B class.

The future looks bright for a number of Norwich, all published in recent AKC Gazette *Awards* as earning a first CD leg. Three of these 5 dogs are in the Novice A class, so we should have some up-and-coming Norwich obedience competitors. The Novice A dogs are: **Ch. Abbedale's Me Got Happy Face**, co-owned by D. Dornberg, N. Zurek, and NNTC member Joan Eckert; **Dunbar's Diamond Lil**, co-owned by S. and A. Hoppe; and **Kismet Polly of Kitnor**, co-owned by Glenn and new NNTC member Jean Kessler. From Novice B are: **Aven-Port East End Arfur**, co-owned by NNTC member Fay Stengler and her daughter Susan, and **Dunbar's Montgomery Find**, owned by Pam Lorenzen. A later *Gazette* reports a second leg for Arfur.

Norfolks, except for the CDX reported above, have not been as active as their Norwich cousins. **Domby's Bonnie Waters**, owned by Mary Waters, finished a CD from Novice B with nice scores. My young bitch, **Tylwyth Just Shaelyn**, has a first CD leg with a third place and a 193.5 score. Shaelyn, soon to be nicknamed "The Hard Luck Kid", was done out of an earlier leg by my failure to proof for large bulldozers (!) moving behind her on the long down. She is currently sidelined with a broken foot. Who knows what will be next?! Her older brother, **Ch. Tylwyth Just Riley CDX**, (yes, the very same dog who tried to capture a turkey vulture during a Flat Retrieve exercise last spring) is now going to matches in Utility (indoor matches, guaranteed to be vulture-free).

At long last, when the 1998 awards are tallied up, the Club will be awarding a Pam Riker Trophy for a Tracking Dog title. NNTC member Olive Hobbs from Ohio got the TD title on **Abbedale's Bilbo Baggins**, co-owned with NNTC member Joan Eckert. Congratulations to Olive and her tracking Norwich!

I close with the usual reminder: if you want to read more details about your dog, write me with the information. Otherwise I remain dependent upon the AKC Gazette *Awards* section.

— Mary D. Fine, 66 Ellise Rd., Storrs, CT 06268-1424

NOTES FROM RESCUE AND REHOME

Let's have the sad news first. This past spring, **Teddy**, a rehomed Norfolk Terrier, passed on from his loving mistress, Maria Matson. Maria, who is very active in Airedale Rescue, adopted Teddy into a bustling canine household. He never failed to hold his own against the bigger dogs, proving in some instances, to be more opinionated than anyone, especially about dinner dishes and pecking order in the backyard! I asked Maria for a photo of Teddy many times, but she said he was very camera shy and would hide when anyone started taking pictures. She found this fear odd since otherwise "he was not afraid of anything else, either big or small."

On a happier note, I received two ecstatic letters from Marion Chomiak and her daughter, Krista. They had been waiting for a puppy for nearly a year when they came to the NNTC Match on Labor Day weekend. I was able to put them in touch with Ruth and Ross Beetow, who had a wee Norwich lad named **Skipper** just for them. I wish I could bottle the light that shone from Krista's face as she led Skipper around the show grounds. Marion wrote me a couple of weeks later to say that Skipper has "a nice mellow temperament and a loving personality." Krista wrote to say "we all love him to shreds." What words could better convey the happiness of puppy and child?



Photo: Dory Lesnewich

Glenelg Cinnamon on "squirrel patrol"

Glenelg Cinnamon also landed on her feet with **Dory Lesnewich** in Maryland. Cinnamon has a "cute and devilish" personality, more apt with tricks than with the basics of "come, sit and stay." Dory writes that she still is wary of tall men in dark clothing, especially those wearing baseball caps. It is just such conundrums in an adult rehome which can be very frustrating for the new owner, and Dory is trying to ease the dog's fears. I try to explain to rehome families that their dog's bizarre behavior has no origin with them; it is just one of the hidden "costs" of the rehome process.

There have been no exciting rescues. A recent call from a local shelter turned out to involve an Australian rather than a Norwich Terrier. Another call about a Norwegian (sic) terrier never produced the photographs I requested in order to help the owner sell her bitch for \$1000! I am still getting calls from people who shy away from the price of a puppy and who want the perfect rescue: a bitch, 1 to 3 years old, housetrained, good with kids. . . . I ask them why such a Norwich or Norfolk would be in rescue, and we all share a rueful laugh. I do keep a list, however, of the likeliest candidates for a rescue or a rehome. I even found a New Jersey couple who specialize in adopting older dogs; so call me if you need a good person for a special dog. (908-766-5429)

— Sue Ely, 85-3 Mountain Top Rd., Bernardsville, NJ 07924

NNTC ON THE INTERNET: AN UPDATE

Last year, over 17,000 people viewed the NNTC web page on the Internet (<http://www.geocities.com/colosseum/1259/>). I have received and responded to over 500 pieces of email. Although I haven't really kept statistics on people who send me email, the vast majority have just discovered our breeds and want more information on Norwich and Norfolks and about possible breeders in their area. Some of the questions people ask are: How much do Norwich or Norfolks cost? Do they shed? Are they good with children or with other family pets? I am considering adding a FAQ (frequently asked questions) to the web page and would like to request that NNTC members send me a list of questions they are most often asked about our breeds, along with their responses. I will then summarize your answers and place them on the web page.

Since the NNTC web page is linked to the AKC web page, I am also considering moving the NNTC web page to the AKC site. The AKC offers breed clubs space at no charge, so moving our page makes sense. When the page is moved, there will be a link from the old page to point viewers to the new page. I would expect that our address on the AKC site would be <http://www.akc.org/clubs/nntc/>.

For those of you on the Internet, some good sites to check out are: 1) The AKC page (<http://www.akc.org/>) and 2) The AKC Legislation page (<http://www.akc.org/legislat.htm>).

If you have questions, suggestions or would like to provide information for the NNTC web page, please contact me. Thanks. — Neil Hamilton, Madera, CA (For Neil's full mailing address and his phone/fax/email, see his article below on AKC Legislative Liaisons).

A NEW NNTC "COMMITTEE": AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

The AKC has become very active in dog legislation that is being introduced around the country. To this end, the AKC is asking breed clubs to appoint legislative liaisons. I have been serving in this capacity for the Northern California Terrier Association, watching legislation introduced at state and community levels in California. So when NNTC President Linda Haring asked if I would be our Club's legislative liaison, it seemed like a natural extension of work I was already doing. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact me at:

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American Kennel Club Canine Legislation

The following text is from an AKC web page discussing legislative liaisons.

Who are legislative liaisons? Dog club members who follow legislative issues and provide an important communications link between their clubs and the AKC Canine Legislation Department.

What do legislative liaisons do? Legislative liaisons help their clubs influence local, state and federal issues affecting purebred dogs and their owners. Their responsibilities include:

- Monitoring their local news and staying aware of issues which may impact the purebred dog fancy.
- Preparing their clubs for actions should a legislative initiative arise that requires input from purebred dog owners and breeders.

NNTC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Receiving materials, updates and advice from the AKC Canine Legislation Department and distributing information to fellow club members.
- Presenting the views and interests of the purebred dog fancy to lawmakers, other citizens and the news media.
- Sharing their club's experiences and expertise with government officials, members of the community and other interested fanciers.
- Organizing and motivating club members to become active in the legislative process, and encouraging other interested fanciers to help advance legislation that will benefit purebred dog owners and breeders.

The AKC Canine Legislation Department has the following free materials available:

- Canine Legislation: Taking Command Video
- Preparing For Action
- What Do You Mean, "Lobby?"
- Make Your Contact Count
- Disagree Diplomatically
- What is a Legislative Liaison?
- Dangerous Dog Legislation Packet
- Preventing Breeding Restrictions Packet
- Consumer Protection Legislation Packet
- Reading Resources for Canine Legislation
- Dogs in Parks Legislation Packet – New!
- Organizing State Federation Packet – New!
- Canine Legislation Position Statements – updated

To order any of these materials, please call AKC Customer Service at 919-233-9767 or fax your request to 919-233-3740.



Photo: Debbie Fador

"Looks like another bad-hair day!"

CUTTING NAILS. . . ANOTHER WAY

I prefer my Norwich to have short nails. I dislike the click-click sound on concrete or tile and long nails scratching when my dog “paws” me. Short nails are also a must if one is doing Agility, as I am with my dog.

I freely admit that I am terrible at cutting my dog’s nails. Since I almost invariably cut too close, it is a scramble to apply styptic powder to stop the bleeding. My dog is upset—and I am frustrated. Successive nail-cutting sessions become more of a wrestling match as my dog tries to avoid the clippers. It takes one person to hold and one to clip—which leaves me one person short as I am a “single” parent.

I have heard that if you cut the nails frequently and only a little bit at a time, then the quick will slowly recede. But how to cut only “a little bit” is my problem, not a solution. It is not just me. I have seen professional groomers and handlers cut too close, causing my dog to bleed. Even the breeder from whom I got my Norwich leaves nail cutting to her vet.

Recently I learned of another way! Since it works so well, I would like to share it. Instead of cutting my dog’s nails, I now sand them with a small tool called a “dremel”. A dremel (which is a brand-name but one which has become synonymous with the tool’s function) is an electric nail grinder similar to a drill. Instead of a drill bit, a dremel has a small drum wrapped in sandpaper. When this drum rotates, it sands away part of the dog’s nail.

A dremel comes with more than one speed, usually “low” and “high”. To trim nails, always use the “low” setting. Do not leave the rotating drum against a nail for more than a few seconds, as the sanding produces heat which could get uncomfortable for the dog. I spend a few seconds on each nail, then move to the next one. By using a dremel, I can grind off the thinnest layer of nail and then check how close I am to the quick. I know I am getting close when I see a lightish-colored dot in the middle of the nail. I stop when I just see the quick so that I do not get down to the nerve, which causes the dog pain. Another advantage of sanding rather than cutting is that when we are done, my dog’s nails are smooth (since I’ve rounded the edges) rather than sharp.

If I had started using a dremel from the beginning, I could probably put my Norwich on a grooming table to sand her nails. But because she was already traumatized, I put her in a cat’s claw-control bag where her legs stick out the bottom through special holes. I suspend the bag from a broomstick through the handles of the bag and then rest the broomstick on some milk crates. Crude, but it works!

Since I got a dremel, I have been able single-handedly to trim my dog’s nails every week. And just as I was told, if I take a little bit off frequently, the quick really does recede and the nail shorten. I thank Dr. Barbara Kummel, DVM, of Rockville, Maryland, for suggesting and showing me how to use a dremel.

P.S. Katie (Ch. Jerusalem Katherina Minolta B) recently got her championship and is now working on putting a title “on the other end”. It will probably be in Agility before Obedience, as she often lives up to her name of “Taming of the Shrew” Kate.

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GENETIC SCREENING AND YOUR BREEDING PROGRAM

Being a breeder has never been easy. Breeders must be aware of both good and bad qualities in their breeding stock, know where they want to go with their line, and have some plan how to get there. Many factors should be considered when choosing breeding stock including type, temperament, soundness, structure and, of course, health. There are many reasons to screen our dogs for genetic defects, but the bottom line is, it’s the right thing to do for the dogs.

Knowing that our terriers are either affected by or carry genes for genetic problems makes our job as breeders more difficult. To automatically eliminate breeding stock because of genetic defects would be a mistake. Breeding only dogs or bitches clear of all genetic defects could ultimately result in a very healthy dog that bears no resemblance to a Norfolk or a Norwich. As guardians of these spunky little terriers, we would have failed miserably. So what do we do with all this new information that is or is going to be available to us?

First, we must understand what each health problem means for the dog: how does it affect his or her quality of life? We must then try to determine how this health problem is passed down from generation to generation, i.e., its mode of inheritance. All of us must begin now to search for answers to these questions as it may take several generations of "informed breeding" before we actually get some answers.

The three major Norfolk health concerns identified in our mini-survey last year are hip dysplasia, eye problems and heart defects. It seems reasonable to recommend that all breeding stock have their hips radiographed prior to being bred and that they have a routine eye exam performed by a veterinary ophthalmologist. It is also a good idea to have your vet carefully palpate both knees to rule out (or in) luxating patellae. If there have been heart problems in your Norfolk line, you might also consider an echocardiogram before breeding.

At what age should these tests be performed and do they need to be repeated yearly? I posed this question to three vets whom I regard as experts in their respective fields of orthopedics, cardiology and ophthalmology. All of them responded that not enough Norfolks have been screened to accurately make any recommendations. Could the heart murmur first detected when "Fido" was auscultated (to listen to the heart with a stethoscope) at the age of six have been identified via ultrasound when the dog was two or three or four?

On February 25-28, 1999, the AKC Health Foundation will join forces with Ralston Purina and the Chicago International Cluster Dog Shows to raise funds for canine genetic research. On Friday, February 26, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM, the NNTCGC will host a seminar on "Canine Genetics for the Concerned Breeder" with George A. Padgett, DVM, well-respected Professor of Pathology at Michigan State University. Dr. Padgett will discuss several topics, including "Inbreeding: Good or Bad?" and "Can you Breed Carriers?" The NNTCGC will hold its Specialty show on Saturday, February 27 and on Sunday, the NNTC will support the Norfolk and Norwich entry. Anyone planning to attend this cluster should make Dr. Padgett's seminar a must.

— Carol Falk

LOSING A PUPPY TO PARVO

Bad luck. That was Dr. Leland E. Carmichael's diagnosis when I called him in a panic at Cornell University's James A. Baker Institute for Animal Health. How could my two six-week-old Norfolk puppies have parvo when I had observed the same vaccination and hygiene protocol without incident for seventeen years? According to Dr. Carmichael, head of the Cornell research team that first identified parvovirus, my puppies' illness was most likely the result of converging risk factors beyond my control. The presence of the virus, which is ubiquitous; the dam's antibodies which did not protect, perhaps even blocked the pups' response to vaccination; and the time of onset, just one day after the pups' first parvovirus shot at six weeks, could all have contributed to the outbreak of infection.

The puppy bitch recovered within two days and, other than a high fever (104°) and loss of appetite, never showed symptoms typically associated with parvo (i.e., no vomiting or diarrhea). The puppy dog was a different story. From the start he was far more debilitated. Although he was quickly admitted to the Ohio State Veterinary Clinic and placed on intravenous fluid therapy, he was already suffering from a serious depletion of white blood cells. Four days after onset, he died.

Canine parvovirus-2 (CPV-2) is the name given to a highly pathogenic (disease-causing) virus isolated at Cornell's Baker Institute in 1978. Although closely related to viruses that cause disease in other animals, this variant is known to infect and cause disease only in dogs. The primary mode of infection is by fecal-oral transmission. Once on the premises, parvovirus is extremely resistant to heat and most common household disinfectants. CPV-2 can persist in the environment for months or even years depending on the vigor of hygiene practices. A dilute solution of one part chlorine bleach (Clorox) to 25 parts water to scrub floors and crates is a practical and effective disinfectant.

The parvovirus now circulating in the canine world is thought to be a mutation of the original strain and has been designated CPV2-A. Studies at Baker Institute suggest that this "new" strain is more virulent than the old, with a shorter time between infection and onset and a briefer but more severe intestinal infection (hemorrhagic enteritis). Characteristic of an affected dog is a reduction in the number of white blood cells, a condition known as *lymphopenia*. This reduction is usually more severe in pups less than four months old. Early diagnosis is important since puppies suffering from lymphopenia are more likely to die; rapid treatment is essential. Intravenous fluid therapy, which in 1978 was highly successful in treating most parvo cases, is now less effective in arresting the bloody diarrhea associated with the infection.

Immunization involves the administration of a modified-live or killed parvovirus vaccine with the expectation of producing "immunity". Immunity means increased resistance to infection as a consequence of either vaccination or previous natural exposure to the disease. Immunity to CPV-2, provided by antibodies to the virus, is "complete" when a dog's antibody level is sufficient to block the virus's entry into the animal. Breeding bitches, who have been vaccinated and who are themselves immune to the virus, convey passive immunity to their young in the form of maternal antibodies derived from colostrum and milk. These same maternal antibodies do not offer total immunity, however, and can interfere with the pup's own response to vaccination. The mechanism underlying this phenomenon of vaccine failure is poorly understood and, as my experience suggests, parvovirus can infect pups before vaccination effectively protects them. Thus the statement that *any* vaccine will protect all pups to a level of complete immunity at a particular age is misleading. The ability to completely immunize depends not only on the properties of the vaccine, but also on the level of maternal antibodies present in vaccinated pups. It is thus critical to begin parvovirus vaccination at six weeks, continuing at three-week intervals, until puppies are at least sixteen weeks of age. After sixteen weeks, a puppy's maternal antibody levels have dropped to the point that effective vaccination is possible.

While both modified live and killed (inactivated) parvovirus vaccines can immunize dogs, there are distinct differences in the speed at which that immunity is achieved and in its duration. Modified live vaccines convey immunity within two to three days and usually protect for at least three years. With killed vaccines, the time between inoculation and onset of protection is believed to be much longer; moreover, killed vaccines usually give "complete" immunity for only a few months.

All vaccines are manufactured as a "standard dose". This dose should not be split or reduced. The dose for a Norfolk or a Norwich puppy is the same as for a Bullmastiff or a Saint Bernard! Since vaccines are not formulated on a body weight or an age basis, dose splitting will result in inadequate protection.

Parvovirus and distemper are the two principal diseases that threaten pups during their first four months. Prevention of these two infections should be the principal objective of any puppy immunization program.

I am grateful to Dr. Carmichael, Professor of Virology, Emeritus, at the Baker Institute, who graciously shared both his advice and the printed material on which this article is based.

— Linda D. Haring

HEART DISEASE IN NORFOLK TERRIERS

On May 1, 1994, Ch. **Wonderwood Barnburner** (Ziggy), my first Norfolk, was put to sleep. The heart that had served him for 10 years was no longer able to function correctly. He was in the final stages of heart disease; it was time to put him to rest. More than four years later, I still feel the pain of his loss, especially as I sit here and write about him. Since Ziggy's death, I have heard of increasing numbers of Norfolks succumbing to heart disease. I would like to share with you my experiences and the information I have acquired.

There are many classifications of heart disease. The one that affected Ziggy and that also appears to most often affect Norfolks is Mitral Valve Disease (MVD). This condition may eventually lead to congestive heart disease, cardiac arrhythmias (irregular heart beats) and cardiac failure.

To better understand MVD, a short description of the heart and its function may be helpful. The heart is a muscular organ composed of four separate chambers: the right atrium and right ventricle, the left atrium and left ventricle. The right side of the heart receives unoxygenated blood returning from various parts of the body and pumps the blood to the lungs to receive oxygen. After oxygenation, the blood is returned to the left atrium and pumped through the *mitral valve* to the left ventricle, then back out to the circulatory system, carrying freshly oxygenated blood to the body.

It is here at the mitral valve that Ziggy's problem began. During contractions, the mitral valve in a normal heart snaps shut. In a diseased heart, the mitral valve becomes sluggish and does not close tightly, thus allowing blood to leak back from the left ventricle to the left atrium. As the disease progresses and the mitral valve becomes increasingly sluggish, greater quantities of blood back up into the left atrium (which enlarges to accommodate the additional blood), causing an accumulation of excess fluid in the lungs. This excess fluid in the dog's lungs (pulmonary edema) causes the coughing, labored breathing and shortness of breath characteristic of left-sided heart disease. To compensate for the blood leakage, the left ventricle also enlarges because it has to work harder to pump more blood to the body. As both the left atrium and left ventricle enlarge, the heart begins to lose its ability to function as a pump.

MVD is not uncommon in older dogs. The disease may be genetic (inherited), congenital (existing at birth) or acquired from bacteria in the bloodstream affecting the heart and the heart valves, a condition known as bacterial endocarditis. As breeders, we must be primarily concerned about inherited MVD. Alan Kay, DVM, a specialist in ultrasoundography in San Francisco, believes that if a Norfolk breeder has several young dogs (under 7 years old) diagnosed with MVD, the problem may be genetic. On the other hand, if several dogs older than seven have this condition, the problem may be less serious because heart disease in older dogs is more common and may be acquired.

Diagnosis

As was the case with Ziggy, MVD is often detected when a veterinarian listens to a dog's heart with a stethoscope. When he was eight years old, Ziggy went to my veterinarian, Dr. Ruth Doe, for annual vaccinations and a checkup. Ziggy was not exhibiting any symptoms of heart disease, but Dr. Doe detected a slight murmur while listening to his heart. Some heart murmurs are insignificant. Others like Ziggy's, caused by faulty closure of the mitral valve, signal the beginning of left-sided heart disease.

Once your vet detects a heart murmur, he/she will advise you on how to proceed. Procedures may include a chest x-ray to see if your dog's heart is enlarged, an electrocardiogram (EKG) to check for abnormal heart beats and an echocardiogram (cardiac ultrasound) to provide further information on the internal structure of the heart and valves. Your vet will usually schedule repeat tests every six months to a year to monitor the progression of the disease and determine whether a change in medication is necessary.

Treatment

Your vet may prescribe a low-salt canine diet to reduce the amount of fluid in the blood, thereby making it easier for the heart to function. The two most common drugs used in treatment are Lasix (Furosemide), a diuretic that removes excess fluid by excreting it through the kidneys, and Vasotec (Enalapril), a vasodilator that expands the blood vessels so that the heart thus needs less force to pump blood through the system. These two drugs are often used together to treat MVD. Studies have shown that Vasotec is effective in slowing down the development of heart failure. If your Norfolk is on Lasix, which promotes urination, you will need to let him out more often.

We faithfully followed Dr. Doe's recommended treatment. Ziggy had a chest x-ray and cardiac ultrasound about every six months. Soon after the initial diagnosis, he was put on Lasix and Vasotec. Dosages were adjusted depending on test results. Ziggy did very well for over two years. As his heart disease progressed, we noticed he tired more easily after short walks. He also experienced bouts of coughing, at times producing a frothy sputum. Sometimes, while resting, he would hold his head high, as if trying to draw more oxygen into his lungs. Then in March, 1994, he experienced an episode of acute shortness of breath and respiratory distress. We immediately took him to the vet, who administered Lasix IV (intravenously) to him. After about five minutes, the symptoms subsided and we brought Ziggy home. Dr. Doe told us that Ziggy's condition had now progressed to congestive heart disease. His heart murmur was very pronounced and his lungs were filling with fluid. The episodes of respiratory distress became increasingly frequent, requiring emergency visits to the vet. There Ziggy required larger and larger doses of IV Lasix; he was also placed in an oxygen tent to help relieve his symptoms. At this time, after consultation with Dr. Doe, we decided to put him to rest. We took Ziggy home and, later that evening, Dr. Cindy Heiler, an associate of Dr. Doe, came to our house. Ziggy went to sleep in my arms and in his favorite room of our home, the kitchen.

Additional Considerations

Yearly Checkups. Early diagnosis and proper follow-up treatment of MVD are essential to help prolong your dog's life. Dogs whose owners administer annual vaccinations or whose owners subscribe to the new theory that annual vaccinations are no longer necessary may not see a veterinarian on a regular basis. Without yearly checkups, the value of early detection is lost. By the time a dog exhibits symptoms, heart disease may be in the advanced stages.

Breeding Bitches. MVD has been diagnosed in young Norfolk Terriers. It is thus very important to have bitches checked by a veterinarian prior to breeding. Pregnancy puts an enormous strain on a dog's heart and other organs. Breeding a bitch with a heart murmur or undetected heart disease could create a life-threatening situation.

Dental Care. Poor dental care can lead to MVD. Bacteria from plaque and tartar deposits on a dog's teeth may not only cause periodontal disease (severe gum infection, tooth and bone loss) but may also lead to Bacteremia (bacteria in the bloodstream) and bacterial endocarditis (inflammation of the heart and valves). Bacteria from the infected gums enter the bloodstream through a large network of blood vessels located in the gums. The bacteria then cause inflammation of the heart and heart valves, resulting in scarring of the valves and impeding their ability to function properly. So clean your dog's teeth regularly using a toothbrush and toothpaste recommended by your vet. Human toothpaste can make your dog ill!

While there is no cure for left-sided heart disease, early detection and treatment will help extend your dog's life and lessen the severity of the symptoms.

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care, Kathleen used the following references to prepare this article: Jane Vincent Corbett, Laboratory Tests and Diagnostic Procedures (Appleton and Lang, 1991) and Gerald K. McEvoy, AHFS Drug Information (American Society of Health System Pharmacists, 1995). Two veterinarians also checked this article for accuracy. —AGF

LOW-NORMAL THYROID (T4): THE “MISSING” LINK?

Three-year-old litter sisters **Bonnie** and **Dixie** have never had symptoms of thyroid deficiency. They are not overweight or lethargic; their coats are not sparse and dull; their skin is not dry and flaky. Rather than obese “couch potatoes,” both are svelte and energetic, fond of long walks, eager to chase chipmunks, squirrels and tennis balls. Neither bitch has ever had the irregular and/or abnormal heat cycles (estrus)—e.g., lack of estrus, long intervals between estrus, coming in and going abruptly out of heat—often characteristic of an underactive thyroid. Both come in heat every six or seven months and progress normally through their cycle.

Why then, when Bonnie and Dixie look and act “normal,” do I bother to have their thyroids checked every year? Although I have bred Norwich since 1981, annual thyroid check-ups were not part of my pre-breeding procedures until 1989 when we moved to northeast Connecticut. There my Norwich went to a veterinarian, Dr. Mary Wakeman, whose practice centered on canine reproduction. Dr. Wakeman recommended that brood bitches and, in some cases, stud dogs have a blood test three or four months before a planned breeding to measure their thyroxine (T4) levels. Normal range on the T4 test is 1 to 4, but for successful reproduction, Dr. Wakeman advised that thyroxine levels be high-normal (2.5 to 3.5). Females with low-normal or below-normal (hypothyroid) T4 levels, she explained, often fail to conceive or, if pregnant, are more likely to abort puppies, give birth to weak puppies or have insufficient milk. Males with similar thyroid deficiency are often infertile, with few or no viable sperm and little or no sexual libido. Knowing from my own and other breeders' experiences that reproductive “misses,” puppy mortality and artificial insemination (due to males' low libido) are all too common in the Norwich breed, an annual blood test to detect possible thyroid deficiency seemed a wise investment.

Bonnie and Dixie had their initial T4 test in July, 1997, just before their second birthday. Bonnie's T4 was 3.1; Dixie's, 2.5, both within the desired high-normal range. Three months later, we bred Bonnie for the first time. She produced four robust puppies, had plenty of milk, and her whole litter flourished. In September, 1998, I had Bonnie's thyroid rechecked. She had had a normal heat seven months after her puppies were born. She was still fit, trim and boundlessly energetic. Her T4 level, however, was 1.7. Since I hoped to breed her on her next heat three or four months hence, Bonnie began daily supplementation with synthetic T4 (*Soloxine*). She will have another blood test in four weeks to determine whether the initial dosage (0.1 mg. once a day) is correct. If not, the dosage will be adjusted until her T4 level is at least 2.5.

Dixie has never had puppies; but since I hope to breed her in the near future, her thyroid was rechecked in October, 1998. Her T4 was 1.4, thus quashing my amateurish theory that motherhood might have caused Bonnie's thyroxine level to decline. My veterinarian, Dr. Dale Eckert, attributes their lower T4 levels primarily to advancing years. He explained that while age of onset varies, clinical signs of hypothyroidism usually begin in dogs between two and six years old. Dr. Eckert also noted that underactive thyroid is the most common canine glandular abnormality, with many different breeds and certain lines within a breed being particularly predisposed. The mode of inheritance is not known, but is thought to be genetic.

Considering the small gene pool in American Norwich, as well as the breed's well-documented history of reproductive woes, annual T4 tests seem advisable to detect one possible cause of infertility or of neonatal mortality. Whether Norwich as a breed are predisposed to low-normal thyroxine, or whether just certain lines within the breed are affected (and at what age), are issues the NNTC Norwich Health Committee might want to investigate.

—Alison Freehling

OLLIE'S SECOND CHANCE

"Ollie's Story" in the Summer 1998 News (p. 11) told of a Norfolk Terrier who proved too spirited for his original owners and was rehomed by Peggy Metcalf. In two sequels below, Peggy brings us up to date on Ollie's successful adjustment.

Part I: The First Month

When Sue Ely called to say she had a possible earthdog prospect to rehome, I was both excited and honored that she chose me. **Domby's Oliver Twist** was a neutered, two-year-old Norfolk male who needed a job! He had his bags all packed but had nowhere to go. As a kindergarten teacher, I am used to busy children... and Ollie was indeed a busy little dog. He was also used to



Photo submitted by Peggy Metcalf

"Ollie" with his new owner, Peggy Metcalf

being "top dog" in his household and having his own way. Sue and I and Ollie's owners, the Exums, agreed to a month's trial to see if Ollie would fit into my household.

It was a long month! Although Ollie was firmly established in my heart within a few hours, he was more than a handful. I considered giving up on him many times. I had to teach him to walk calmly on a leash, to come when called, to stay when told—and not to bolt out open doors, not to lunge at and chase cars, not to bark at passing trucks, and above all, not to shriek at anything and everything. He also did not like to be reprimanded and tended to be nasty. I found that the best attention-getter was to hold him by the sides of his head, lift him off the ground and calmly tell him in a low, firm voice just exactly what I thought of his behavior. I respected him and, in turn, taught him to respect and trust me. Every day was an

adventure, each lesson taught and retaught with firmness, kindness and consistency. Slowly but surely we have made progress. His behavior is much, much better, but still has a way to go.

I try to keep Ollie busy, with a purpose and a plan. He enjoys our daily walks on a loose lead, truly enjoys lure coursing and flat racing, and is being introduced to earthdog work. He sleeps on my bed, readily crates when we travel and is well-mannered toward other canines at dog events. The one thing I've not been able to change is his strong desire to eat my cat! I am presently looking to rehome this beautiful, declawed, seven-year-old feline.

Part II: Continuing Adventures

Ollie is still going strong, but in a more positive way! He and I traveled to many events this past summer and fall. He won the Housedog Class (for neutered and spayed pets) at ANTA's Midwest match in July. Ollie's breeders, Wayne Palmer and Tony Gabrielli, hosted the match and were pleased to see him again. Ollie again won the Housedog Class at ANTA's Fall Festival in Bedford, New York. This time, the Exums were there and seemed happy that Ollie was doing so well. Ollie covered them all with delicious doggy kisses!

Our many trips to earthdog trials were not as successful. Although he worked furiously at home, when it was time to "get the rats" at an actual trial, Ollie would calmly walk behind me and sit down rather than rush to go down the tunnel. On Sue Ely's suggestion, I took him to some earthdog training sessions in September where we both learned a lot. At an American Working Terrier

Association (AWTA) trial in October, Ollie earned a first in Novice B (open to dogs twelve months and older who have not earned a 100% in the Novice Class). When I released him, he ran ten feet to enter the tunnel, ran through the ten-foot tunnel and barked, whined, dug and bit at the caged rats for thirty seconds. At the AKC Earthdog trial the next day, Ollie qualified in Introduction to Quarry (the same requirements as AWTA's Novice B). On both days, however, he would not enter the 30-foot tunnel for the next step up the earthdog ladder. I was pleased that Ollie had begun to dust off his natural terrier instincts. Next spring we'll revisit the training sessions and continue to pursue our goal.

At home, Ollie has done well. He walks on a loose lead, does not bolt out the door (I have to remind him on occasion!) and works on controlling his barking. He puts up with all sorts of nonsense from my puppies. When he gets tired of their crawling all over him and chewing on his face, he hops up on the couch and goes to sleep. I have also rehomed my cat, so life is more peaceful now.

Ollie was a real ham when I took my Norfolks to school. He pranced around on stage in front of 300 primary children and must have licked every single child's hand that day! He loved them and they loved him. We plan to go again soon. Next is Obedience class in late November. That should be interesting!

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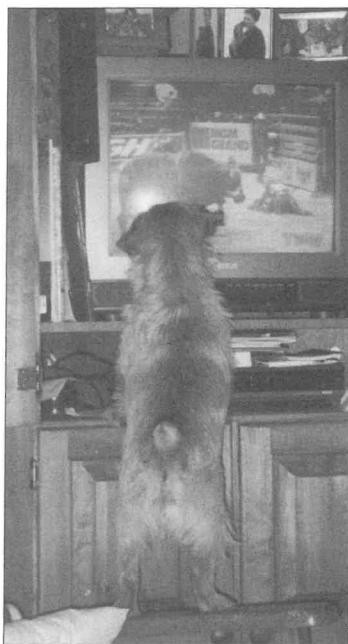


Photo: Peggy Metcalf

*"Ollie" watching his favorite TV show,
"Bull-Mania" (bull riding)!*



Photo: Dorothy Saleznik

"A Peaceable Kingdom" or "Hey, Ollie, give cats a chance!"

PUPPY TRAINING TIPS

NNTC member Carl Schrader has trained and shown two Norfolk Terriers to their Junior Earthdog titles and their CDX Obedience titles. His **Ch. Max-Well's Wild Flower, JE, CDX** ("Rosebud") is currently working on her Senior Earthdog, her UDX and her first Agility degree! When I asked him to share the secrets of his successful training methods, he told me such an article had already been written and published in the March-April 1995 *Golden Retriever News*. Connie Cleveland, the author of "Around the Obedience Ring," and her husband Brian are, in Carl's words, "the *sine qua non* of my own success." Connie and Brian own and operate a dog-training school in Greenville, SC, where they teach 15 classes a week for puppy through Utility students. Everyone who trains with Connie enjoys her humorous and insightful approach. She trains with compassion as well as motivation, and her approach produces happy, thinking canines.

Space precludes reprinting Connie's entire article. For this *News*, I have excerpted her tips on "Sit," "Down" and "Heel." The Summer 1999 *News* will excerpt her training approach to "Recalls" and "Retrieves." — AGF

AROUND THE OBEDIENCE RING: INTRODUCE PUPPIES TO OBEDIENCE

By Connie Cleveland

When do you begin to train your puppy? Is there such a thing as too early?

I am interested in developing a relationship with my puppy as early as possible, teaching him that I am trying to communicate with him and that he, in turn, can communicate with me. My goal is to teach the puppy how to learn. I love working with puppies between seven weeks and six months. During that time of their life, countless behaviors can be shaped. With an enthusiastic puppy and an equally enthusiastic owner, it is possible to introduce a puppy to almost all the obedience exercises he will ever need to know.... It is possible to put ideas and concepts into his head, like paying attention, coming when called, jumping, retrieving and hand signals....

How does this process begin? I start with food and a hungry puppy (not meaning food-deprived, only that time has elapsed since his breakfast, and perhaps he's also had a nap).... All of the following examples are based on a premise that I hold as truth. Dogs (and puppies) have the ability to solve problems, and they solve their problems by trial and error....

The easiest "problem" for the puppy to solve is *sit*. Begin with the piece of food in front of the puppy's nose and raise his head by using the food until he "falls" into a sit. As he does, tell him to sit, and praise him. Be patient. You do not need to give him the solution to his problem by pushing his rear to the ground.... If he is interested in getting you to give him the treat, he will figure out how to make you do that. Pretty quickly the puppy knows how to get fed. "Hmm, when I sit they feed me" does not seem like a bad deal to him! Some puppies may begin to sit without a command to encourage the game. Do not reward a sit you did not ask for.

Oftentimes owners get frustrated or impatient with puppies who try to get the tidbit by other solutions. Perhaps your puppy is jumping up, pawing at your hands, or biting your fingers. These behaviors do not frustrate me, they delight me. I see that puppy being a thoughtful problem-solver. The puppy is trying everything he can think of to get you to give him the treat. Wait him out and do not reward a behavior you do not want.... Pushing your puppy into a sit is usually impatience on your part. It is not your responsibility to solve your puppy's problem for him.

Teaching your puppy to lie *down* is usually easier after a few days of sit. First, get your puppy to sit. Put a tidbit right in front of his nose and slowly lower the food to the ground at an angle so

that by walking forward with his front feet, he lies down. By placing your other hand on his back, you will prevent him from standing up. You are not putting your hand on his back to push him down. Again, don't solve his problem for him....

I do not teach my puppies to *heel*. I teach them to walk with their heads up. I make this distinction because heeling is a position that a young puppy is not coordinated enough to maintain, but at this age he can learn to walk and look at me. My hands are together to keep the leash loose. It is too often our inclination to try to pull the puppy's head up with the leash. Again, don't solve his problem for him. At the beginning, I'm feeding him every few steps. If he jumps up, he gets no food. Don't let the jumping frustrate you; just don't reward it. Soon he'll be too tired to jump. You may find it is easier to get your puppy to walk toward you with his head up. That's fine; remember, the goal is to walk and look up simultaneously. Where he walks in relation to your body is not yet important!

As my puppy starts to believe that I will give him food every few steps just for walking and looking at me, I start to raise my hands higher and walk more upright. As I start to go farther and farther between tidbits, the puppy may start to get frustrated, bored or just plain uninterested. That's fine, because I use this opportunity to teach him that something slightly annoying might happen if he looks away....

As the puppy starts to wander off, I reach down and poke him.... As soon as the puppy looks back ("Hey, you poked me, what do you want?"), I immediately praise him and give him the food as if to say, "You impatient pup, what did you look away for? I was just about to give you the treat anyway!"

Some people find the coordination of the leash, food, and poke difficult to do. You can do the same with a more traditional pop on the leash, and when the puppy whirls around to see what bit him in the neck, praise him for looking your way and feed him. My goal for this game is to teach the puppy that the pop or poke means "look at me." Developing a correction that means "pay attention to me" is an important step in developing an obedience dog.... (To be continued)

Any *News* readers who need advice or assistance as they work with their Norfolks or Norwich in Obedience, Earthdog or Agility, please give Carl Schrader a call at 864-944-2511 or write him at 3 Wave Ct, Salem, SC 29676.

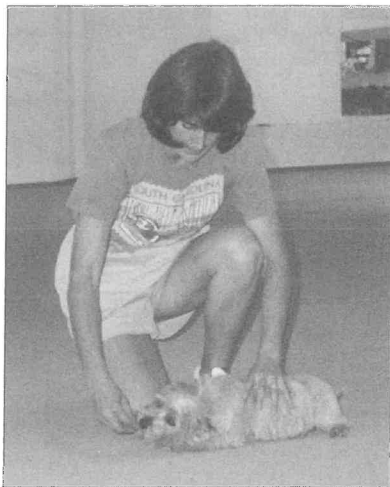


Photo submitted by Carl Schrader

Connie Cleveland teaching "Rosebud" to down

MR. AND MRS. PHILIP S. P. FELL: A PROFILE

January 1, 1999 was the Twentieth Anniversary of official AKC recognition of drop-ear Norwich as Norfolk Terriers, a separate breed from prick ears. As the Norwich Terrier Club's AKC Delegate from 1974 to end-1979, Mr. Philip S. P. Fell played a leading role in our club's efforts to achieve breed separation. To commemorate this major milestone in the history of Norwich and Norfolks in America, I asked Norfolk breeder Barbara Miller to profile her long-time friends, "Tiny" and Betty Fell, for this issue of the News. Thank you, Barbara. — AGF

Whether you call her Mrs. Philip S. P. Fell, Mrs. Elizabeth Fell or just Betty, she was the one lucky enough to "snap up" Mr. Philip S. P. Fell June 28, 1940. Theirs was a special marriage, very much in tune with one another. Let me tell you what I know about them.

Born in Philadelphia in 1919, Philip was known as "Tiny" because at birth he was considered a small baby. The philanthropist, Anthony Joseph Drexel, was his great-grandfather (The Drexel family and Drexel University in Philadelphia are one and the same.). Philip Fell's life was full, his life had meaning, as you will see as you read on.

Betty, a born Long Islander (New York), was raised on the Phipps' estate, which is now Old Westbury Gardens. It was here that her interest in dogs developed. Her parents raised racing Whippets and Wire Fox Terriers. Many Whippet races were held on the Phipps' property. Betty's true first breed was Sealyhams, which she acquired as a teenager. Frank Brumby, a member of that famous Long Island "doggy" family, was Betty's first handler. He piloted her English Sealyham to his championship and a Best In Show. Meanwhile, Betty's mother took a liking to Pekingese and became a top breeder. By the time Betty met Tiny, she was deeply involved in dogs. She was also an avid horsewoman who adored both fox hunting and horse racing. Gutsy as she was, Betty entered her first race on Long Island and finished third. She finished second in her next race and then decided to ride her brother-in-law's two-year-old horse in a race at Pimlico in Maryland. In those days, 1938, tracks had Ladies Races prior to the main card. This race was Betty's greatest achievement; she finished first!

In the late 1930's, Long Island had many fine restaurants, one being *Rothman's* in East Norwich. One evening Betty and Tiny were dining there, each in the company of their own dinner party. It was a lucky evening, as Tiny knew some of Betty's friends. Before long, he asked her for a date. Betty's stepfather had had no interest in dogs before Betty's mother bought him a Smooth Fox Terrier puppy, *Nornay Sadler*, who would become one of the most famous of his breed. Following in her mother's footsteps, Betty gave Tiny a Beagle for Christmas the year they became engaged.

Once they were married, Long Island was their home. Before long, however, our country and Tiny Fell found themselves engaged in World War II. Home then became Long Island and Washington, D. C., where Tiny was a lieutenant in the Army. In 1942 the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers established a unit known as the "Manhattan Project." Tiny was a member of this unit that helped produce the atomic bomb. At war's end, the Fells moved to Pasadena, California, where he was an associate of the Union Oil Company, a subsidiary of Gulf Oil. Betty has told me many a funny story of her dishes clattering in the cupboard during their West Coast stint. Those quakes, you know.... While they were in Pasadena, the Fells purchased a Whippet. An AKC judge since the 1930s, Betty showed her Whippet and also judged during her eight years in California. Gulf Oil transferred the Fells briefly back to New York and then, in 1959, transferred them once again. This time, Betty, Tiny and their four children moved to England.

The Fells made their home in Kent, a county southeast of London, and remained there for ten years. A major executive of Gulf Oil, Tiny was head of the Public Relations Department, a position which required extensive travel in Europe. The Fells brought their Whippets to England

and needed a home where the dogs could run. Their house was set on a hill with a large pasture for the dogs. Beyond the pasture was the National Forestry, totally fenced.

It was in England that Betty renewed her interest in Norwich Terriers. She had first seen drop-ear Norwich (now Norfolks) shown at the Westbury Kennel Club in 1935. Percy Roberts, a noted handler of that time, had brought two drop ears back from England for Henry Bixby, secretary of the American Kennel Club. One was **Merry of Beaufin**, who became the first Norwich champion in America. Betty never forgot these little red dogs. Now in the country of their origin, she and Tiny contacted Marjorie Bunting of Ragus Kennels, who sold the Fells **Ragus Elegant Lady of Badgewood** in 1961. Shortly thereafter, the Fells returned to America for a visit, where Betty was to judge at Westbury Kennel Club. Len Brumby, of that famous Long Island "doggy" family, was showing a drop-ear Norwich bitch, **Ch. Newry's Mrs. McThing**, for Rita Haggerty. The Fells purchased this bitch and then bred her to a Bethways stud dog. While in quarantine back in England, Mrs. McThing produced a single pup, **Badgewood Miss Poppet**. The kennel name Badgewood came from Betty's Sealyham days; badgers and woodchucks are the prey of Sealyhams. Miss Poppet was bred to Joy Taylor's famous Norfolk, **Ch. Nanfan Heckle**. The result of this breeding produced **Badgewood Bonnie**, the Fells' first English Norfolk champion. The Fells became conscientious breeders of both Norfolk and Norwich Terriers and also continued to breed Whippets. An exciting memory for Betty is the time she had the privilege of judging the very young Norfolk, **Ickworth Ready**, putting him up over English champions. She always enjoyed her judging assignments in England.

The Fells returned to the good old USA in 1969 with many Whippets and a small number of Norwich and Norfolks. They bought a home, which Betty still resides in, in the famed village of Oyster Bay, Long Island. Part of the house was built in 1770! The kennel was a mere shed, which the Fells renovated into a glorious one-story building with air-conditioning and heat. Jack Simm, whom the Fells knew from his days with a leading Whippet kennel, became their handler. Tiny and Betty became increasingly involved with their breeds' dog clubs. They founded the Atlantic Whippet Association. Tiny became its first President; Betty served on the board. She also served as AKC Delegate for the American Whippet Club for many years. In 1973, Betty was elected to the Board of Governors of the Norwich Terrier Club (now the NNTC). For the next fifteen years, she served the club as a governor, Second Vice-President and, finally, as President in 1988.

Tiny was also actively involved in the Norwich Terrier Club (NTC), first as a governor and then as the club's AKC Delegate from 1974 to late-1979. In 1970, the NTC Board of Governors had begun to seriously consider separation of prick- and drop-ear Norwich. Club members were eventually asked to participate in these discussions, with their views forwarded to the AKC. As our AKC Delegate, Tiny was instrumental in bringing the club's arguments for breed separation to the AKC. The NTC instructed him to press for breed division, but to advise the AKC that we must remain one breed club. The reason for one club was simple: at that time, there were not enough Norfolks or breeders for two clubs. Under Tiny Fell's leadership, separation of the breeds finally occurred in January 1979, when the AKC officially recognized drop ears as Norfolk Terriers.

For more than two decades, the Fells developed a line of Badgewood Norfolk and Norwich that helped put our breeds on the map of the fancy. **Ch. Badgewood Monty Collins** won numerous Terrier Group placements in 1975 and was also Best of Breed at Westminster and Montgomery. Another of the Fells' standout Norfolks was **Ch. Badgewood The Huntress**, who won our National Specialty in 1977 with Jack Simm as handler and went on to take a Group Two. "Carrie," as she was known, again took BOB at the 1978 National Specialty, this time with Betty at the helm. Then, of course, there was the Fells' English import, **Ch. Ickworth Nimrod** (Nimmie), who sired both Monty and Carrie. I adored Nimmie as he sired six of my Max-Well Norfolk champions.

In the fall of 1979, I had the pleasure of serving as NNTC Match Show Chairman for hosts Mr. And Mrs. Philip S. P. Fell at Badgewood. The grounds were perfectly manicured, the band

played delightful music during the lunch break, the tenting kept us all comfortable on this overcast day. Ah... those were the days!

Sadly, not long afterwards, Tiny Fell passed away on December 22, 1979. His death left a void in our breeds. He came to his marriage without a real interest in dogs. He left it deeply involved in the breeds he and his wife championed. He was a distinguished and charming man, one I am proud to have known.

Betty continued to judge at AKC shows and was always ringside for NNTC Specialties. At the 1994 NNTC Specialty at Montgomery, her most recent judging assignment for our breeds, she awarded BOB to the Norwich bitch, **Ch. Chidley Catherine the Great**. She had not missed a Montgomery until 1998 when a personal problem at home prevented her being there. We all look forward to seeing her at Montgomery next year. As for the "Garden", you'll find her ringside there in February. Go over and say "hello" to a great dog woman who has been part of our fancy for well over sixty years. As for me.... Betty, it has been a privilege knowing you and Tiny. Thank you for letting me into the world of Badgewood.

— Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

HI EVERYBODY!

My name is Reuben and I was named after the famous sandwich my "parents" have at our German restaurant in Syracuse, NY. My full name is **Skyscot's Danzer's Reuben** and I was born at Leslie Becker's in Middleburgh, NY. I love Leslie! My story is about my first vacation to Florida. My parents, Egon & Anne Heil, are so nuts about me that they never go anywhere without me! So away we went.... My first plane ride was great. I was in my Sherpa Bag, but the flight attendants loved me so much they let me out and I rode on my own seat!



Photo: Egon Heil

"Ain't Life Grand!"

First Mate Reuben Aboard His Private Yacht

When we arrived in Fort Lauderdale, we took a 46 foot yacht by ourselves. My dad was the Captain and my mom and I first-mated the trip! We went to Miami, Marathon, Key West and Hawks Cay. As you can see, we had a lot of fun! I ate shrimp cocktail in a fine dining restaurant and had my own bar stool in Key West! Coming home was great as I had my own fat-free ice cream cone in the airport. Who says waiting for planes is a drag?!

I was so glad to be home and finally rest in my own bed!! Next is Germany, so I'll keep you posted....

Love,
Reuben

Ed.: The photo on the front cover of the News shows a dapper Reuben genteelly sniffing carnations as he awaits his shrimp cocktail. . . .

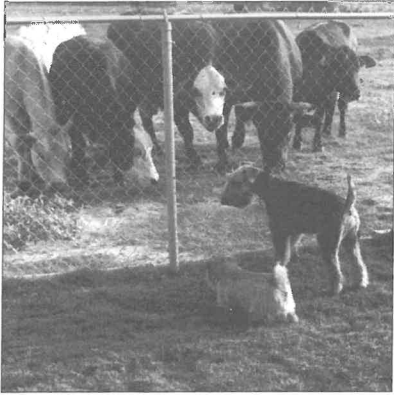


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The Stand-Off



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The Retreat



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"Pretty As A Picture": Georgie Crompton with her Norwich buddy

Norwich and Norfolks "Down Home"



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"The More The Merrier"



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"Squirrel Alert!"



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"I'm all ears."

TAIL DOCKING: AN ISSUE

About twelve years ago, upon my return from a trip to England, I wrote and spoke freely about an issue important to those of us who breed dogs with docked tails. Our standards call for tails to be docked. My concern at the time was and still is that this issue must be left in the hands of breed clubs, not with any government agency. So far our country hasn't been bothered by the situation. How long do you think this will last? Way back then, I photocopied articles pertaining to the issue and brought them to NNTC meetings. I can count on one hand how many members went home with any of these reprints. The attitude was and possibly still is: "can't happen to me...." Read on to discover what is happening in Europe.

Great Britain banned tail docking in 1993. The ban, in my opinion, was a strange one. The law prohibited lay persons (breeders, etc, who are not veterinarians) from docking tails. In the beginning, the Home Office assured breeders that docking could continue but that only veterinarians could do the procedure. Somehow the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons decided that docking tails was unethical. Their force in this matter was so strong that breeders were taken unaware. The Royal College informed their membership that disciplinary action would be taken by the organization against any veterinarian who docked a tail. Think about it....would you want this to happen in our country? There are breeders in England who will dock and pay no mind to the ban, just as there are veterinarians who will dock and pay no mind to the Royal College. I know tail docking has continued in England in defiance of the law; just go to any dog show. At the onset of the 1993 law, the Council for Docked Breeds was formed. This group raised lots of money, swelled their ranks with supporters and fought the ban. We can all learn a lesson here. The group might have been late in realizing what was to come. Are we going to be late?

The initial reason for docking Norwich/Norfolk was to be able to grab the tail to pull the dog out of a hole or drain. It is true that, along the way, the show ring became more important than pursuing foxes or rats. Nowadays we could consider docked tails as being done for cosmetic reasons. Think of the Norwich and Norfolk. Picture in your mind how the breeds look to you. Concentrate on the standards. The docked tail helps to give the dog balance. I dock puppies' tails at four days. Properly done, the pup recovers from the procedure in a matter of seconds and is returned to the whelping box to join his mother.

One morning, a few months ago, a noted breeder called me in distress. She had heard that the American Kennel Club Board had just issued a directive stating they felt that veterinarians should dock tails. Checking on this, I found she was correct. I was amazed the AKC would make a statement of this nature, one that might become law without the fancy having a chance to read it first in the *Gazette* so we could take issue with it. I was assured the statement was only "suggesting" a vet do the procedure. Go back to the preceding paragraph. Didn't the Home Office assure breeders that docking could continue if veterinarians did the procedure? In my opinion, once something is put to print, it shortly becomes the law. The AKC, according to what I've been able to find out, has put this statement to rest for the time being. Could that have been because many of us in the fancy voiced a strong objection, myself included?

We do have a small contingent of owners/breeders both here and abroad who feel docking is improper. I won't argue with them, for that is their right; but I will say, "Read our standards." I'm sure many of you (if not all) have seen our breeds with tails. I've seen them on both sides of the Atlantic. I've seen the straight-up-in-the-air tail, the over-the-back tail, the almost-squirrel tail and the tail that points. Which is the correct tail? How is the dog to be judged? How many generations of breeding will it take to get the tail right? What about the balance of the dog? Will we have to elongate the neck? Of course, we don't have to worry about undocked tails. That's what Europeans thought too....

There is an organization in Europe called the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Pets. I'm sure they do a great job overseeing the well-being of animals; but where does it start and where does it end? The Swedish government signed the Council's bill calling for a ban on docking for aesthetic reasons. Docking has been banned in Sweden since 1989 and in Finland since 1996. In the latter country, those who disobey the law would find themselves in prison for two years. Laws are so stiff in Finland I wonder why people have dogs at all. Their government has decreed which dog breeds are acceptable and which are dangerous. Dangerous dogs...that's a whole other topic. Norway's docking ban requires proof that any docked dog imported into the country was docked by a veterinarian. Furthermore, a Norwegian must own the docked dog. If owned by someone from another country, the docked dog cannot be shown! Somehow this just doesn't make sense!

The German government doesn't permit docking either. The ban there went into effect in June, 1998. The German government does not allow docked dogs to be imported or shown in Germany. According to accounts, the German Kennel Club may challenge the law in the European Parliament. There will be exceptions made for dogs in Germany that are already docked. It is felt Holland might follow suit. In some countries, gundogs might be exempt. The Austrians will ban docking as of the year 2000. They too have a government act pertaining to docking.

Could it be that the people in all these countries were asleep while their governments were wide awake? Are these governments giving in to animal activist groups? Do you feel government has the right to interfere with our breed standards? Do you feel only a veterinarian has the right to dock your puppy? Do you feel you are capable of docking your own puppy? I know I'm capable of tail docking and I would most certainly resent the interference of any government agency. Horses are gelded while they stand without a general anesthetic; lambs and bulls are castrated without anesthetics when they are several months old. In the "Old West," horses and cattle are still branded without any painkillers. Aren't these acts more invasive than tail docking?

Don't think it can't happen here. Be aware and be prepared. Retain the right to decide if your puppies are to keep their tails or if they're to be docked. The National Breed Alliance, founded many years ago, is an organization we should support. Its purpose is to support all dog clubs that feel their breed standards are being interfered with by outside sources. Now that you've read this article, I trust you feel informed.

— Barbara Miller, 135 High Farms Road, Old Brookville, NY 11545



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Let It Snow!

1999 NNTC SHOW SCHEDULE

Supported Entries

- Wednesday, Jan. 20: Terrier Association of Oregon (Portland, OR)
Judge: Mrs. D. V. Hansen
- Sunday, Feb. 28: International KC of Chicago (benched)
Judge: Mr. Kenneth McDermott
- Friday, May 7: Garden State Terrier Club (Readington, NJ)
Judge: Mr. David Kirkland

National Specialty

- Sunday, Oct. 10: Montgomery County KC (Ambler, PA)
Breed Judges: Norfolk—Mrs. Betty-Anne Stenmark
Norwich—Mr. Sam Draper
Sweepstakes Judges: Norfolk—Mr. Anthony Gabrielli, Domby Norfolk Terriers
Norwich—Mrs. Carol Suggs, Half-A-Bob Norwich Terriers

NNTC Match

- Monday, Oct. 11: Radnor Hunt Club (Radnor, PA)
Judge (Norfolk & Norwich): Barbara Miller, Max-Well Norfolk Terriers

NNTCGC Supported Entry

- Friday, Feb. 26: Blackhawk KC (unbenched)
Judge: Mr. Walter F. Goodman

NNTCGC Specialty

- Saturday, Feb. 27: International KC of Chicago (benched)
Breed Judge (Norfolk & Norwich): Mr. R. Stephen Shaw
Sweepstakes Judge (Norfolk & Norwich): Mr. Robert La Rouech

Both these shows and the NNTC Supported Entry on February 28 will be held at McCormick Place South, 23rd & Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL.

THE NNTC SUPPORTED ENTRY IN SAN ANTONIO

The Heart of Texas NNTC (HOT) was very pleased to host its third NNTC supported entry in San Antonio on August 22, 1998. Despite the heat outside, everyone was cool and comfortable inside the Convention Center. Mrs. Michele Billings was our judge, and both breeds had majors up for grabs. Our trophy table, decorated in a fiesta theme, had many lovely items decorated by artist Diane Orange.

Norfolks were first up, with the following results: BOB to Laurie and Alan Vitale's homebred **Woodland's Bear In Mind** (who had finished the day before); BOS/BW/WB to Mike and Tina Dennis' homebred **Regency's Jerusalem Rose**; WD to the Vitale's **Woodland's Bear Essentials. Dolo** of **Whitehall**, bred and owned by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dean, Jr., was RWD; **Rightly So Run For The Roses**, bred and owned by Fritz Rumpf, Toni Harrold and Louise Leone, took RWB.

The Norwich were next, with the following winners: BOB to Karen Whalen and Fraya Katz's **Ch. Ariel Rojo Del Sol**; BOS to Michael and Jan Haworth's **Chalkhill Clementine** (who had

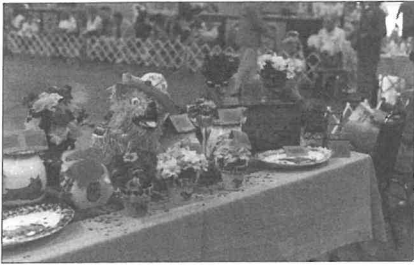


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A Texas-Sized Trophy Table

sation and our fabulous auction. Once again we combined silent, Chinese and live auctions. Auctioneer Bob Warkentin did a super job and was almost voiceless by evening's end. We made almost \$2,600, which topped the proceeds of our last auction!

The weekend was a lot of fun and a huge success. Several dogs finished their championships, old friends got together, and new friendships were made. While HOT members worked hard on this event, I want to thank those who worked extra hard, namely David and Melissa Dyche (hospitality), Laurie Vitale (auction), Fay Stengler (trophies), Bob Warkentin (auctioneer) and Betty Bossio (reserving the grooming space).

— Marleen Greif

HEART OF TEXAS NNTC FALL PLAYDAY

After one delay due to heavy rains and flooding in Texas, the HOT NNTC finally had our playday on November 7. We gathered at David and Melissa Dyche's lovely country home in Victoria. Despite clouds and fog, the rains held off and we were able to enjoy our dogs and numerous activities.

The morning began with terrier races. David and Melissa's Norwich, **Clark**, won the preliminary heats but lost the final race to Gwen and Bob Warkentin's defending champion, **Bee**. We also had a visiting Corgi puppy who showed the terriers how racing should be done. If the Corgi only had gone in the hole, he would have won.



Photo: Marleen Greif

Costume Class Winners from the Land of Oz

After a delicious Bar-B-Q dinner with fantastic side dishes provided by our members and guests, we held our costume class. Once again, Jim and Jody Cunningham's Norfolks defended their title, this time dressed as Dorothy (complete with ruby slippers), the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion. The pack of Warkentin Norwich was a close second as the Queen of Sheba, her princess, and their two

leopard-skin-clad slaves. This class is always a big hit! After a short, informal match which included best housepet classes, everyone headed home. Plans are in the works for a more formal match and another playday in the spring.

We also held a short business meeting to determine what to do with proceeds from our San Antonio auction. We discussed forming a non-profit foundation to fund genetic research. We all agreed it would be wonderful to find the genetic markers for problems and then be able to eliminate affected dogs from our breeding stock by means of a simple swab test. The Scottish Terrier Club has

done this with VWD. We will make a final decision at our next meeting. If we do it, epilepsy in Norwich will be our first research project. I'll keep you posted.

— Marleen Greif



A Corgie puppy led at the start. . .



But the Norfolk and Norwich were first at the finish!

THE NNTC MATCH

Judge: Barbara Pessina, Moonshadow Norwich Terriers

It was a genuine pleasure to be asked to judge the 1998 Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club Match on September 5 in Tarrytown, New York. The Westchester site was outstanding, as were all the details that enriched the day, including the box lunches and NNTC member Meredith Dwyer's wonderful handpainted trophies. Match Chairperson Nonie Reynders did an excellent job of pulling this match together. She deserves kudos for her efforts, as do all her committee.

There was a wonderful Norwich entry of 17 dogs and 15 bitches, with 4 dogs and 2 bitches in the Stakes Classes. Norfolk classes consisted of 7 dogs and 10 bitches, with 4 dogs in the Stakes Classes. These numbers do not include the combined Housedog or Costume classes.

It was a true pleasure to have the opportunity to actually put my hands on so many nice dogs to evaluate their merits. I've watched and studied these breeds since the mid-1980's and have seen a real evolution over the last ten years. For the most part, the overall quality of the dogs was excellent, as were their conditioning and presentation. Some dogs were in various stages of dress or undress; however, overall, coat condition was good. While I was more forgiving of younger dogs misbehaving in the ring, some youngsters could have placed higher if they had shown just a bit better.

I would like to make a few general observations about the overall quality and differences I found. Many Norwich and Norfolks presented a wonderful silhouette when viewed from across the ring—nice heads on moderate necks that blended smoothly into the withers. By this I mean that most had enough neck to set the head apart from the shoulders; only a few appeared stuffy with not enough neck. Length of neck is very important to a dog's image when viewed from the side and also to the efficiency of a dog's front movement. Overall size in both breeds was good, with only one or two entries slightly larger than ideal.

The balance between front and rear was also quite good; I was very pleased to see the improvement in shoulders. Sadly there were a few in both breeds that had too much twisting in the hocks going away, with elbows flying. This is far less than I have seen on previous occasions, so I think there is some genuine improvement in rears and fronts taking place. However, there were still a few where I thought I picked up luxating patellae.

I did not find any overly refined specimens and felt that the balance of bone and musculature was excellent. Some were a little "chubby"; I would like to see just a little more "hard" muscle instead of fat. I am more forgiving with younger puppies in this regard and will also somewhat excuse a

softer topline in a baby since experience has shown me that a well-angulated youngster does not necessarily have the muscles yet to hold it all together. A poor topline in an adult is inexcusable. Soundness and muscle contribute to the gait and performance of any dog.

In Norwich I found the greatest variation in heads. Some were a little snikey in the muzzle, lacking in underjaw; others were a little too long in the muzzle. Some ears were too big; some heads were lacking in top skull. This is truly a distinct head type and helps to give definition to the breed. I did not find any bad bites, and just a couple with missing incisors.

There were some bad bites in Norfolks, both overshot and missing teeth. I found some Norfolks to be just a little weak in the front pastern; when I found this, I also found a longer, flatter foot (hare foot). I did, however, find that, overall, the Norfolks were in harder, more muscled condition than the Norwich.

I am pleased to see that, overall, there are much stronger moving Norfolks and Norwich than in years past. Many are making much better use of their angles with good reach and a nice drive behind. Moreover, when allowed to free stack, they are setting up nicely with four square and hocks vertical to the ground, not tucked under them as in the past.

It was a true honor and privilege to judge these two breeds and I thank all who entered and helped to make this such a good day. — Barbara Pessina, 632 Peekskill Hollow Rd., Putnam Valley, NY 10579.

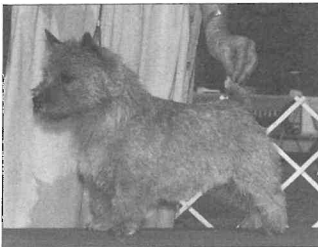


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Fairewood Fireworks of Sandina



Photo: W. Bushman

Bliss Creek Boomerang, pictured with Judge Barbara Pessina and co-owner Jack DeWitt

NNTC Match Puppy Winners

Best Norwich Puppy: Fairewood Fireworks of Sandina (Dog, born 11-9-97)

Sire: **Ch. Teutonia's Viktor**

Breeder: Lotus Tutton

Dam: **Ch. Long Valley Fairewood Cheers**

Owner: Glorvina R. Schwartz

BOS Norwich Puppy: Sandina Sally Forth (Bitch, born 1-21-98)

Sire: **Ch. Teutonia's Viktor**

Breeder: Sandina Kennels

Dam: **Ch. Sandina Czarina**

Owner: Jennifer Fusco

Best Norfolk Puppy: Bliss Creek Boomerang (Dog, born 9-13-97)

Sire: **Ch. Max-Well's Will B Good**

Breeder: Priscilla G. Twombly

Dam: **Ch. Chidley Chatterbox**

Owner: Susan and Jack DeWitt and
Priscilla G. Twombly

BOS Norfolk Puppy: Ben Kelev's Sprout (Bitch, born 10-9-97)

Sire: **Ch. Max-Well's Wild Card**

Breeder: Carol Falk

Dam: **Ben Kelev's Chance of Rain**

Owner: Betsey Bliss and Carol Falk

PRELUDE TO MONTGOMERY: NORFOLKS AT HATBORO AND DEVON

Montgomery! The terrier weekend that initiates the fall show season in the east. The excitement begins around mid-September when we make arrangements for foreign and NNTC-member friends who have decided to attend. We watch the weather channel, trying to get a handle on conditions for our three outdoor days in Pennsylvania. It's best to take no chances and just be prepared. On this particular weekend, we had it all...sunny...partly sunny...rain.

The Hatboro show is the lead-off event. The Hatboro committee sets the stage with a gorgeous display of pumpkins, corn and hay where lucky winners have their dogs photographed with this centerpiece as the backdrop.

Martin Phillips of Jaeva Norfolk and Norwich Terriers (U. K.) judged both our breeds. For a foreign judge to officiate at an AKC event, he/she must be qualified to award Challenge Certificates (CC's) in the breed (s) to be judged in America. Mr. Phillips, who awards CC's in both Norfolk and Norwich Terriers, judged Norfolks once before in our country at the 1990 Montgomery show. That year he awarded BOB to **Ch. Moraine Farmer Brown**, a son of Martin's **Eng. and Am. Ch. Jaeva Matti Brown**, whom I leased and campaigned here.

Friday was a lovely, sunny day. There were 51 Norfolks entered, with 13 absent. **March Wind's Oliver Twist**, bred by Bernie Kuehn and Don Rowe and handled by George Wright, took home the Winners Dog ribbon for owner Dr. Mark Burlingame. Sitting ringside, Nat LaMar was quite proud as his homebred, **Ch. Reidmar Rob Roy**, sired this young Norfolk. Oliver Twist's dam is **March Wind's Funny Girl**. Shelly's **Good As Gold**, bred and owned by Michele James, was Reserve Winners Dog. He is sired by **Ch. Max-Well's Wild Card** out of **Ch. Fora Goodtime Call Shelly's**.

The lovely **Strathcona's Viva La Rouge**, California bred and owned by Brenda and Lyle Coleman, went Reserve Winners Bitch. **Eng. and Am. Ch. Nanfan Culver**, from Joy Taylor's famous Nanfan kennel in Berrow, England, sired this bitch. Her dam is **Ch. Strathcona's Boozy Rouge**. It was "California here we come" again as handler Amy Rutherford piloted another beauty, **Copper Plate Wintersky Cricket**, to Winners Bitch for owners Freddie Jackson, Larry Rockwell and Michael Labrie. Cricket went on to capture the Best of Winners ribbon.

Larry Cornelius handled the Best of Breed dog, **Ch. The Duke of Copperplate**, for owners Jim and Marjorie McTernan and breeder-owner Michael Labrie. Duke's dam is **Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy**. His sire, **Eng. and Am. Ch. Nanfan Culver**, is owned and was campaigned in this country by the McTernans. **Regency's Jerusalem Rose**, having earned her championship the week before at Westbury Kennel Association, was moved up at Hatboro and captured Best of Opposite Sex for Texas breeder-owners Tina and Michael Dennis. Rosie, handled by Liz Tobin, is sired by **Ch. Max-Well's Will B Good**, who himself won BOB all three days of Montgomery weekend in 1992. **Ch. Regency's Angel of Abbedale** is Rosie's dam.

The weather at Devon was a mixture of sun and clouds, affording dogs a pleasant day of exhibiting. Devon is held at the Ludwig's Corner horse show grounds. The grounds are spread out with parking on the perimeter, making it quite a hike to the rings. One of this show's best features is the large number of concessions on the grounds. I always manage to purchase something. This year it was a gorgeous Norfolk statue modeled after my now retired **Ch. Max-Well's Weatherman**.

Mrs. Barbara Keenan, no stranger to the terrier world, judged an entry of 51 Norfolks. I counted absentees in the classes only; there were ten. I'm not sure how many were absent in the Best of Breed class as I was trying desperately to adjust my camera, which had gone haywire.

Prestwick Spencer Goodday, bred by Lynn Foley, Denise Ford, Judith Brown and P. Tucker and owned by Carolyn Good Day, was Reserve Winners Dog. **Ch. Max-Well's Spring Into Action**

is his sire; **Ch. Prestwick's Tidal Wave** is his dam. The black and tan **Glendale's Mr. Lincoln**, piloted by Jeff Roberts, won the Winners Dog ribbon for owners Fritz and Linda Haring. Linda proudly bred this young Norfolk, who is sired by **Ch. Abbedales' Clyde Barrow** out of **Pinchbeck India Ink O Glendale**. "Lincoln's" dam, also black and tan, was Winners Bitch at Devon last year.

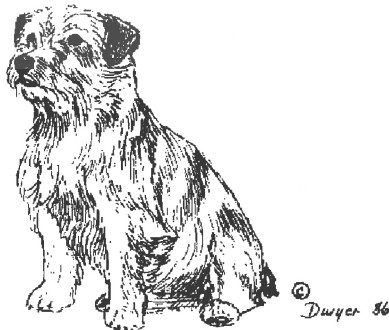
Bergit Coady moved **Rockens When Time Began** into the Winners Bitch and Best of Winners slots for breeder-owner Patricia Kay Rogers. Her sire is **Ch. Greenfield's Born In The USA**; her dam, **Ch. Andover Pickpocket**. Repeating her Hatboro performance, **Strathcona's Viva La Rouge** was Reserve Winners Bitch. Mrs. Keenan awarded the Best of Opposite Sex ribbon to **Ch. Max-Well's Weathering Hites** (Janie), bred and owned by Pamela and John Beale and Barbara Miller and handled by Beth Sweigart. Janie is sired by **Ch. Max-Well's Will B Good**; her dam is **Ch. Max-Well's Weather Or Not**. As at Hatboro, **Ch. The Duke of Copperplate** went home with the Best of Breed ribbon.

The NNTC dinner was held Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn, the Club's host hotel in Bensalem, PA. The room was beautifully arranged and tended to by the very capable Larry Adams. Larry did a terrific job overseeing the buffet dinner, filled with chicken, lobster and all the matching goodies. Along with Sandra Stemmler and Sue Weaver, Larry also manned the Club's Notions tables, which were loaded with wonderful Norfolk and Norwich items. Heidi Evans conducted the bidding for NNTC member Constance Coleman's painting of two lovely Norfolks. Constance is a well-known, accomplished artist whose works have become greeting cards sold in such major stores as Harrods in London. Dinner guest William Secord, who represents Coleman at his New York City canine art gallery, quickly bid on the painting. Not to be outdone, Melanie Wallwork continued to bid until she was the final winner. NNTC Education Chair Joan Kefeli deserves a pat on the back for putting together many outstanding items for the silent auction. The auction raised a lot of money, which I'm sure Joan hopes will be earmarked for illustrated breed standards.

Sunday, Montgomery day, dawned on a downside...drizzle and then some. But our spirits weren't dampened as, after all, this was the big day. Many spectators hurried to place their chairs under the tents. Next they hurried to buy a catalog. If not purchased at dawn's light, the line for Montgomery catalogs will snake out onto the field later in the morning. I always stop in at the Overseas Visitors tent to say "Good morning" to NNTC members Gaynor Green and Marjorie McTernan who busily tend to the table of sweets. Michael Labrie is also there to offer a helping hand. Montgomery show chairman, Dr. Josephine Deubler, is always there to welcome us all.

Our judge, Anne Rogers Clark, has written extensive comments on Norfolks at Montgomery. On behalf of all Norfolk owners, I'd like to thank Mrs. Clark for judging our Specialty in 1998. See you all at the Chicago International in February.

— Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY.



Drawing by Meredith Dwyer

RESULTS OF NORWICH JUDGING AT HATBORO AND DEVON

Nonie Reynders, who usually reports Norwich show news for Montgomery weekend, was Norwich Sweepstakes judge at the Montgomery Specialty and thus could not cover the breed at Hatboro or Devon. I thank the AKC for faxing me the Norwich winners at Hatboro and NNTC member Sandra Stemmler for faxing the Devon winners. —AGF

HATBORO

Judge: Mr. Martin Phillips

Winners Dog: **Foxwood Prince Harry** (Ch. Skyscot's W C Fields x Ch. Foxwood Foxfire).

Breeder: Kathryn A. Mines. Owner: Judith McChesney & Kathryn Mines & J. Benzinger & S. Rausch.

RWD: **Dunbar's As Good As It Gets** (Ch. Teutonia's Viktor x Ch. Dunbar's Jet Setter).

Breeder-Owner: Joan Schurr Kefeli.

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex: **Littlefield Lovenote For Becky** (Ch. Skyscot's Steeplejack x Chidley Oh Dear). Breeder: Leandra Little & Barbara Ege. Owner: Leandra Little & Carol Gamm.

RWB: **Sandina Sally Forth** (Ch. Teutonia's Viktor x Ch. Sandina Czarina). Breeder: Sandina Kennels. Owner: Jennifer Fusco.

Best of Breed: **Ch. Teutonia's Viktor** (Skjoldungen Duke of Wellington x Teutonia's Xana).

Breeder: Ruth Borinsky. Owner: Sandina Kennels.

DEVON

Judge: Mrs. Anne S. Katona

Winners Dog/Best of Winners: **Fairewood Fireworks of Sandina** (Ch. Teutonia's Viktor x Ch. Long Valley Fairewood Cheers). Breeder: Lotus Tutton. Owner: Glorvina R. Schwartz.

RWD: **Dunbar's As Good As It Gets**. (See RWD at Hatboro).

Winners Bitch: **Sandina Sally Forth**. (See RWB at Hatboro).

RWB: **Ms Maggie of Kitnor** (Ch. Highwoods Ratfaced MacDougal x Ms. Sophie of Kitnor). Breeder-Owner: Kathryn Ann Vaughan.

Best of Opposite Sex: **Littlefield Lovenote For Becky**. (See WB/BW/BOS at Hatboro).

Best of Breed: **Ch. Teutonia's Viktor**. (See BOB at Hatboro).

NORFOLK SWEEPSTAKES (MONTGOMERY)

Judge: Mr. James McTernan, Llywydd Norfolk Terriers

A little bit of damp and gray should not dissuade a Norfolk from doing his or her "thing," as this is what they were bred to endure. Although the skies opened up from time to time, both dogs and owners were most presentable. As the dogs entered the ring, it was evident that grooming and presentation were high on exhibitors' lists.

From my own perspective, accepting this assignment to judge Sweeps at Montgomery meant that I would not be able to show my dogs under the judge whose opinion I most value. On the other side of the coin, however, I hoped to find the next great one and have my opinion validated by Mrs. Clark.

Anyone who knows me and the dogs I have shown during the past 10 years must understand that I am most critical of them and constantly looking to improve their quality. As breeders we have had our share of winners as well as some near misses which have never been presented to the fancy.

There was an entry of twenty-one (21) with seven (7) absentees. I prefer to critique the Best-In-Sweepstakes winner in detail and comment in general on the rest of the exhibits. **Ben Kelev's Belhaven Typhoon** (Ch. Max-Well's Wild Card x Ch. Ben Kelev's Chance of Rain) is a very useful bitch. She is perhaps a bit up on size and a little longer cast than I prefer, but extremely sound on the down and back and carrying all the pieces very neatly going around the ring. On the table she filled my eye and hands, with a pleasing head, nicely set ears and a good manner of construction. She won the day handily and was never pressed by any other competitor. Upon checking the catalog after the judging, I was easily able to understand her resemblance to her sire.

When I first began to show dogs 35 years ago, I had the good fortune to exhibit an Old English Sheepdog bitch to the legendary all-rounder, **Alva Rosenberg**. At the time I was still pretty green and seeking all the information I could garner. When the ribbons were handed out, I asked the judge for his comments, expecting to be told of her lovely puppy coat or massive head. **WRONG!** Mr. Rosenberg said he liked her overall, but that her front was what impressed him enough to put her over more mature dogs. Even today I can still hear him say, "give me a dog with a correct front and the rest will follow."

These words kept going through my mind as I watched the young Norfolks this year. Soundness is a necessary compliment to type; any dog with a poor front is going to suffer in both aspects of movement evaluation, coming and sidegaiting. Except for the Best-In-Sweeps, there were very few fronts that I liked. As a breeder this concerns me as much as the varying earsets I ran across. Properly placed ears in conjunction with a balanced head as called for in the breed standard are necessary to achieve the true Norfolk expression. On this day, there was a wide variation in type, which can be expected based on the gene pool that is available to us as breeders. What we need to do is to define in our own minds what type we seek and then decide what deviations are acceptable in moving toward our goal to breed the best.

Three dogs had mouths to be severely penalized. One was a wry mouth; the other two were undershot. This is never acceptable in terriers, as the mouth is one of the most important weapons the dog has when working quarry. On the bright side presentation was very good, exhibitors were very enthusiastic despite the weather, and the dogs I examined all demonstrated the best of temperaments. I would like to thank all the exhibitors for their efforts and especially for displaying such good sportsmanship toward the winners.

— Jim McTernan, 26 Alexandria Dr., Pittstown, NJ 07924

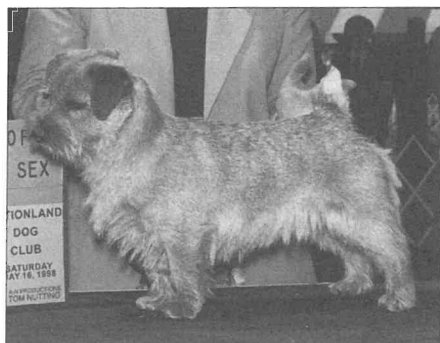


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*Best In Sweeps:
Ben Kelev's Belhaven Typhoon*

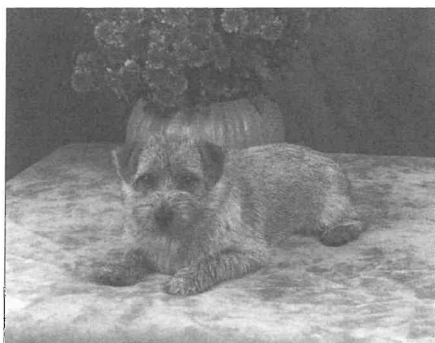


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*BOS In Sweeps, Easy High Hopes, a
Swedish import owned by Jane Anderson.
Photo was taken at ANTA's Fall Festival.*

NORWICH SWEEPSTAKES (MONTGOMERY)

Judge: Mrs. Knowlton A. Reynders, Highwood Norwich Terriers

Thank you for allowing me to judge such a lovely group of Norwich in the Sweepstakes at the Montgomery County NNTC Specialty. To draw over half the regular Norwich entry in Sweeps was indeed a compliment. The Sweeps included dogs from kennels throughout the United States, Canada, Germany and Switzerland. It was a treat!

I was impressed by the quality and soundness of the overall entry. I didn't find one bad bite, and only two puppies had a missing bottom tooth. All knees were tight, which surprised and pleased me. Most puppies were correct on muscling and weight, although there were a few whose owners were too generous with treats. Fronts are improving, but I still found some too wide. Movement has improved incredibly. It is a treat to see a puppy move as though he could actually catch something instead of lumbering from side to side and hopping through the grass. I found it advantageous to gait and set up the puppies on the ring's macadam runway. The weather wasn't the best, and they seemed happier on a continuous surface.

Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Dogs. Class of 10 (2 absent)

This was an exciting entry of young puppies. They all went remarkably well in such inclement weather. I awarded first to **Dunbar's As Good As It Gets** (Ch. **Teutonia's Viktor** x Ch. **Dunbar's Jet Setter**), owned by Joan Kefeli. This little guy had wonderful movement with a reaching, straight front. He had great expression and a hard wiry coat (rare for a black and tan). Second went to his littermate, **Dunbar's Sho-Me The Best of Times**, owned by Fran Westfall and Carol Sowders. I saw similar movement and, again, a lovely front. Third was **Millbrook's Prt. Out Strbo. Home** (Ch. **Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal** x **Pomirish Eloise**), owned by Nancy and Paul Eddy and Lori Pelletier. This puppy had a perky, eye-catching attitude and a wonderful driving rear. Fourth was **Barnstable Angel in Disguise** (Ch. **Barnstable Harold Angel** x Ch. **Titanium Apfel-Torte**), owned by Sandra Stemmler. This cute pup had lovely type and good side movement.

Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Dogs. Class of 8 (3 absent)

This was a difficult class to judge. The puppies were very different in type, maturity, and coat. Too, this is a hard age, the stage when even the prettiest puppy can momentarily fall apart—gawky adolescence, perhaps. But when my first place and eventual Best In Sweepstakes, **Sandina Sandman** (Ch. **Teutonia's Viktor** x Ch. **Chidley Catherine the Great**), owned by Sandina Kennels, walked into the ring, I knew immediately that he was to be reckoned with. He moved fluidly with nice drive. He used his neck and reached well. He was a very confident puppy and seemed mature for the class. He stood squarely and looked right up at me. His front was clean and straight. He had full dentition and a scissors bite. Second place went to **Show-Me Ketka's Blackrange Kiwi** (Ch. **Show-Me Ketka's Peacekeeper** x Ch. **Show-Me Ketka's Orange Zinger**), owned by Angela Smith, Fran Westfall, Carol Sowders, and Marilyn Smith. This pup had a wonderful ring attitude, a lovely head, and pretty side movement. Third was **Ketka's Admiral** (Ch. **Kristil's Ambassador to Ketka x Git'em After Dark**), owned by Norma Braun and Carol Sowders. This puppy was in lovely condition and had an even topline. Fourth was **Whitehart's Boston Blackie** (Ch. **Show-Me Ketka's Peacekeeper** x **Git'em In Formal Attire**), owned by Marcia and Craig Fattey. This pup was very 'typey' and will place higher when he matures.

Junior, 12 to 18 Months Dogs. Class of 4

First went to **Foxwood Prince Harry** (Ch. **Skycot's W C Fields** x Ch. **Foxwood Foxfire**), owned by Judith McChesney, Kathryn Mines, Jolene Benzinger and Sara Rausch. This was a solid, well-made little dog. He was all business in the ring and presented himself admirably. Second was

Urchin's Just In Tyme (Ch. Toomax Brick A Brack of Ji-Ro's x Norwesia Meadowlark Caper), owned by Suzanne Stagle-Vracas and Ronald Readmond. This dog was in beautiful condition. He moved well with nice rear drive. Third was **Kingmont's Lord Chesterfield** (Ch. Regalridge's Never Surrender x Kingmont's Sarah Churchill), owned by Mrs. Igor Presnikoff and Elizabeth Presnikoff. Fourth to **Barkwich Royalheir Of Huntwood** (Ch. Kristil's Royal Conqueror x Kristil's Kick A Little), owned by Jacqueline McMurray.

Puppies, 6 to 9 Months Bitches. Class of 13 (5 absent)

First to **Sandina Sally Forth** (Ch. Teutonia's Viktor x Ch. Sandina Czarina), owned by Jennifer Fusco. This little lady trotted about as if she owned the ring—pert and lively, with a correct front and a driving rear.... All in such a lovely package. Showing well beyond her age, she made you look at her. She would become my Best of Opposite Sex In Sweepstakes. Second to **Dunbar's One In A Jillion** (Ch. Teutonia's Viktor x Dunbar's Super Saver), owned by Joan Kefeli and Dennis Miyasato. In the horse business, we call this type of animal a "packer", a type that looks good, goes perfectly, and usually wins everything. This time she lost by a nose, but watch this puppy. She is going to do her share of winning—a lovely front with reach, and a glorious coat. Third to **Reverie's Got To Be Tru** (Ch. Arcadian Gem's Topaz O'Reverie CD x Ch. Devondale's Mistress McCormick), owned by Ann R. Carlson and Mary Beth Carlson. This was a strong moving puppy with confidence and stature. Her coat was in lovely condition and she was handled beautifully. Fourth went to **Fairway's Tee Time** (Ch. Fairway's Sam I Am Sam x Skyscot's Daisy Miss Mazie), owned by Jean Bryant.

Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Bitches. Class of 8 (1 absent)

This class varied both in type and in maturity. First went to **Huntwood's Star O' Max-Well** (Ch. Kristil's Royal Conqueror x Kristil's Short Stockings), owned by Susie Kipp and Barbara Miller. This bitch had lovely side movement and showed well. She was in proper coat. Second to **Ketka's Admiration** (Ch. Kristil's Ambassador to Ketka x Git'em After Dark), owned by Carol Sowders. This jaunty lady almost showed herself into first place; she just needed a bit more maturity. I liked her topline and ring attitude, and she was nicely conditioned. Third went to **Top Drawer's She's A Keeper** (Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal x Ch. Top Drawer's Lucie Furr CD), owned by Meredith Dwyer. This little black and tan worked very hard and was competitive; she is young but has a great future. Fourth went to **Little Tramont Licorice** (Ch. Chestnut Hills Royal Blue x Ch. Little Tramont Funny Christmas), owned by Anna Bellenger.

Junior, 12 to 18 Months Bitches. Class of 3

First to **Arcadian Gem's Chrysoberyl** (Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal x Ch. Bramble Run's Arcadian Gem), owned by Kathleen and James Attwood. This bitch moved strongly, with excellent rear movement, and presented herself well. Second to **Foxwood Princess Beatrice** (Ch. Skyscot's W C Fields x Ch. Foxwood Foxfire), owned by Kathryn Mines, Sara Rausch, and Jolene Benzinger. Third to **Ragstone's Crown Jewel** (Ch. Kristil's Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. Dunbar's Flying High), owned by Colleen Singleton.

In my final ring, I arranged my first-place winners from the youngest to the oldest dog and then from the youngest to the oldest bitch. This was quite a group, and it was exciting to see them together. **Sandina Sandman**, my Best In Sweeps, and **Sandina Sally Forth**, my Best of Opposite, are beautiful examples of the breed. It is interesting to note that three of the final six puppies, including my two Bests, were sired by **Ch. Teutonia's Viktor**. After watching these and several other Viktor puppies in Sweeps, I feel that this German import has contributed significantly to improving Norwich fronts.

Thank you again. It was indeed a pleasure to judge such a large and strong Norwich entry.
— Knowlton A. Reynders, Highwood Norwich, 326 Cantitoe Rd., Bedford Hills, NY 10507

Norwich Sweeps Winners



Best In Sweeps, Sandina Sandman, pictured with Judge Nonie Reynders, Breeder/Owner/Handler Glorvina Schwartz, and NNTC First Vice President Charles Kaleta



BOS In Sweeps, Sandina Sally Forth, pictured with Judge Nonie Reynders, Robert Sharp (father of owner Jennifer Fusco) and NNTC First Vice President Charles Kaleta

NORFOLKS AT MONTGOMERY

Judge: Mrs. James Edward Clark, Surrey Norfolk Terriers

It is 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 4 and I am at Montgomery County to judge 73 Norfolk Terriers at the NNTC Specialty. It's raining and it's cold. I will comment on dogs one through four in each class, plus Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex and Awards of Merit.

Puppy, 6 to 9 Months Dogs

There are 3 entries, with 2 absent. The single entry that showed up, **Avalon's Prince of Thieves** (Ch. Elve Nick Redthorne at Belleville x Ch. Yarrow's First Lady), is a cute black and tan with a black, black eye, lovely expression and is well presented. He has a little difficulty in using his legs, which may be a stage he is going through. He has a good, hard topline; nice tailset; and a nice pair of ears. However, he's got to learn to walk a little better!

Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Dogs

There are 3 entered, all present. Sorry my tape recorder misfired on this class.

Puppy, 12 to 18 Months Dogs

There are 2 entered. This class was won by **Bliss Creek Boomerang** (Ch. Max-Well's Will B Good x Ch. Chidley Chatterbox), a moderate-sized red dog who is nicely presented. He has a lovely topline and tailset; well-placed, well-set and well-carried ears; a dark eye; a good mouth and proper length of foreface in balance to his back skull. He is a very clean mover behind. The second-place dog, **Prestwick Spencer Goodday** (Ch. Max-Well's Spring Into Action x Ch. Prestwick Tidal Wave), is more masculine, a little bigger stamp. He does not have quite the neatness of ear or the color of eye of the winning dog, but this is a dog with a lot to offer. He has a nice topline and nice tailset. The first-place dog is a very pretty mover and very coordinated in front and rear.

Novice Dogs

The single entry, **Easy High Hopes** (Porrigito Claypot x Easy Click Track), is an attractive red dog, well presented. He looks a little "foreign in type" to what we are used to because of his full tail, which I am going to accept as it has become the norm throughout most of the world not to dock tails. This dog has a wonderfully harsh coat, is quite sound, carries a good topline; the tail is very well set and very well carried. He could be a little darker in eye. He has a good mouth and a lovely temperament.

Open Dogs

There are 4 entered and 2 present, both nicely presented red dogs. The winner of the class, **Buckeye Bold Venture** (Ch. Nanfan Culver x Ch. Buckeye Ruby Red), is a compact dog with a cute head, eye and ear. He has a good mouth and is quite good behind. He uses his front well because he has a good shoulder. I'd like to see his front back under him more. He has a good tailset and carriage; he's compact and quite stylish. The second dog, **Shelly's Good As Gold** (Ch. Max-Well's Wild Card x Ch. Fora Goodtime Call Shelly's), has a dark eye and a nice pair of ears. The winner of the class had the clear advantage in compactness and in shoulder.

Winners Dog; Reserve Winners Dog

Winners Dog to **Buckeye Bold Venture**, bred by Kay & Mary Jo McKinstry and Gail Owens and owned by Kay and Dick McKinstry & Mary Jo McKinstry Morgan. He won on all of his positive attributes. He kept himself together on the move.

Reserve Winners Dog to **Bliss Creek Boomerang**, bred by Priscilla G. Twombly and owned by Susan W. & Jack P. DeWitt and Priscilla G. Twombly. He could have won it, but he rather blew his chances when asked to move.

Puppy, 9 to 12 Months Bitches

There are 4 entered and 3 present. All are red bitches close to a year old. The winning bitch, **Ben Kelev's Sprout** (Ch. Max-Well's Wild Card x Ch. Ben Kelev's Chance of Rain), is very beguiling in head and expression. She could have a little darker eye. She has a very good tailset and topline. She is a good mover behind and, so far, has close to the best front I have had today. Her front is back under where it belongs and she takes a nice stride on it. She has a full mouth. The second-place bitch, **Lynjo's Ruby Duby Do Emma** (Ch. Southampton Traveler Ace x Lynjo's Light My Fire), is a little different type, heavier bodied at this particular point and time. The third bitch, **Rightly So Funny Girl** (Ch. Rightly So Sinful Reflection x Ch. Southampton Go Go Girl), has a lovely expression and a good ear. The two bitches above her had the advantage in having full mouths and used themselves better on the move.

Puppy, 12 to 18 Months Bitches

All 5 entered are present. The winner, **Wenwagon Maybellene** (Allright Rolling Thunder x Wenwagon Airlie), is a substantial but not too big red bitch with great appeal in head, eye and ear (when she remembers to use her ear). She's quite sound and uses herself well on the move. She has a good mouth, good topline and is in decent coat. Second is an appealing little red bitch, **Domby's Rosa Dartle** (Ch. Hemlock Lane Domby Spend A Buck x Ch. Domby's Miss Clara Peggotty), who is a little smaller. The first-place bitch had the advantage in bone and substance and in the ability to use her front. **Buckeye Deerwalk Lilybelle** (Ch. Buckeye Bradley x Ch. Jaeva Dolly Blue), a nicely marked black and tan, is third. The two bitches ahead of her had the advantage in shoulder lay-back, but this is a cute bitch with a nice body and a lovely attitude. The fourth bitch, **Braeland's Daisy** (Ch. Nanfan Culver x Ch. Tylwyth Sinful Night), is a little different type, but she used herself well on the move and had a good mouth. It was an interesting class. I quite like the bitch that won.

Bred by Exhibitor Bitches

There are 10 entered, with 2 absentees. This was a very interesting class won by **Ben Kelev's Downpour** (Ch. Max-Well's Weatherman x Ch. Ben Kelev's Drizzle) who is by no means small, but neither is she a great big doggy bitch. She is a bitch of power and means. She's in muscle, with a handsome head and a well-filled foreface, dark eye, full mouth, good shoulder and a front back under her where it belongs. She covers ground easily and well and she acts like a sensible, go-to-ground terrier. The second-place bitch, **Avalon's Country Chase** (Ch. Greenfield's Step To The

Norfolk Specialty Winners



Best of Breed: Copper Plate Wintersky Cricket, pictured with Judge Anne Rogers Clark, Handler Amy Rutherford and NNTC Show Chair Kathleen Eimil



Best of Winners/Winners Bitch: Strathcona's Viva La Rouge, pictured with Judge Anne Rogers Clark and Handler Larry Cornelius



Winners Dog: Buckeye Bold Venture, pictured with Judge Anne Rogers Clark, Breeder/Owner/Handler Kay McKinstry and NNTC Show Chair Kathleen Eimil



Award of Merit: Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song, pictured with Judge Anne Rogers Clark, Owner Sue Ely and NNTC Show Chair Kathleen Eimil

No photo of the Norfolk BOS was taken.

Photos by Ashbey Photography

Norwich Specialty Winners



Best of Breed: Ch. The Jones Boy of Kitnor, pictured with Anna Bellenger, Judge Roger Thomas, Handler Lorenzo Mosby and Owner Jean Kessler



Best of Winners/Winners Dog: Urchin's Just In Tyme, pictured with Judge Roger Thomas, Handler Greg Strong and NNTC President Linda Haring



Winners Bitch: Ragstone's Crown Jewel, pictured with Judge Roger Thomas, Breeder/Owner Colleen Singleton and NNTC President Linda Haring



Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Jerusalem Blackberry, pictured with Judge Roger Thomas, Breeder/Owner/Handler Phyllis Pullen and NNTC President Linda Haring.

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Rear x Ch. Yarrow's First Lady), is a little smaller and is not quite the bitch that won the class. But here is a bitch with appeal in attitude, topline and beautiful body. The winner had the advantage in front, use of front and finish of foreface. The third bitch, **Rightly So Foolish Pleasure (Ch. Arroyo's River Darter x Ch. Rightlysowherthesindontshine)**, is a well-presented little female in gorgeous condition. The fourth place, **Tylwyth Just Shaelyn (Ch. Copperplate Alexander of Venerie x Ch. Tylwyth Fatal Attraction)**, is not as compact as the first three; but here is a bitch in muscle, willing to cover ground and to act and look like the breed.

American-Bred Bitches

The 2 entered are both present. First to **Bilbrough Lady Giggleswick (Ch. Greenfield's Step to the Rear x Ch. Windstar's Wildflower)**, a nice sizeable bitch bright red in color, very alert and full of herself, with a good coat. The second-place bitch, **Hevans Funny Girl (Ch. Allright Charlie Brown x Hevans Cafe Latte)**, is a little smaller with a lovely topline and lovely attitude. The winner had the advantage in head, eye, expression and maturity of body.

Open Bitches

Of the 8 entered, three have moved up and one is absent. The winner of the class, **Strathcona's Viva La Rouge (Ch. Nanfan Culver x. Ch. Strathcona's Boozy Rouge)**, is a nicely presented red bitch of good proportions who looks as if she could carry and produce a litter. She has width behind and one of the few good fronts I have had all day. I would shorten her foreface just a little, maybe make her eye just a little smaller. She has a good ear, is very keen and is presented in nice condition. The second-place bitch, **Flatford Rosa Flats (Ch. Wonderwood Winning Hand x Flatford Little Red Hen)**, is a smaller, useful bitch, but does not have quite the ear set and carriage of the first-place bitch. She is shown in nice condition, has a hard topline, is a good little mover and uses herself well. The third-place, **Ben Kelev's Belhaven Typhoon (Ch. Max-Well's Wild Card x Ch. Ben Kelev's Chance of Rain)**, is a biggish bitch. The two ahead of her had the advantage in head and expression and in way of moving. Fourth, **Shelly's Secret (Ch. The Duke of Copperplate x Ch. Fora Goodtime Call Shelly's)**, is a very nicely presented, dark red bitch who failed to be competitive with the others mainly due to her inability to move out.

Winners Bitch; Reserve Winners Bitch

Winners Bitch to Strathcona's Viva La Rouge, bred and owned by Brenda & Lyle Coleman, primarily on her coat, condition and front.

Reserve Winners Bitch to Ben Kelev's Downpour, bred by Carol Falk and owned by Mary Ellen Wigmore & Carol Falk, who had the advantage in a little shorter foreface and a little prettier eye and expression.

They are a very useful pair of bitches who could both use their fronts well standing and on the move. More about construction and fronts later.

Veteran Dogs

The single entry, **Ch. Mayfair's Rock 'N Roll (Ch. Greenfield's The Hustler x Ch. Wonderwood Megabyte)**, is a compact, red dog in beautiful condition.

Veteran Bitches

The two entered are wonderful red bitches. The first-place bitch, **Ch. Sheer Bliss Sylvia Ben Kelev (Ch. Ragus Bantum Cock x Ch. Babkins Bottom Up)**, won on her well-turned stifle and her well-set and well-carried ears. Second, **Ch. Churchwood's Stowe-Away (Ch. Nanfan Caper x Ch. Jal-Mar's Erin Go Bragh)**, is a handsome little bitch with a short back and keen disposition.

Best of Breed; Best of Winners; Best of Opposite Sex

Best of Breed to **Copper Plate Wintersky Cricket** (Ch. Wonderwood Luck of the Draw x Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy) bred by Michael Labrie and owned by Freddie Jackson, Larry Rockwell and Michael Labrie. She is a smashing red bitch who is the right size, right length and who has beautiful use of her front standing and on the move. She has a lovely hindquarter, beautiful tailset, lovely head and eye, correct ear and beautiful mouth.

Best of Winners to the handsome Winners Bitch, **Strathcona's Viva La Rouge**.

Best of Opposite Sex to the very handsome red dog, **Ch. Max-Well's Spring Into Action** (Ch. Greenfield's Step To The Rear x Ch. Max-Well's Weather Or Not), bred and owned by Pamela & John Beale and Barbara Miller. He was good on the move with a lovely shoulder, good topline, good tailset and carriage.

Awards of Merit

Ch. Arroyo's Rudolph The Red (Ch. Todwil's Tailor Made x Ch. Arroyo's Savannah Darter) bred by Susan Coley and owned by Ed & Ann Dum. He is a short-backed, light red dog, very full of himself.

Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song (Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne x Pinchbeck Aunt Polly) bred by Geddeth Smith and owned by Susan Ely. A very useful black and tan dog. When he wants to, he shows beautifully, moves very well and uses his front very well.

Max-Well's Queen of Diamonds (Ch. Max-Well's Wild Card x Ch. Max-Well's Wilhelmina) bred by Barbara Miller and owned by John David Hughes. She is a red bitch who is very, very similar in type to the BOB bitch. She has very good use of herself on the move, is keen and has a lovely head, eye and ear.

Regency's Jerusalem Rose (Ch. Max-Well's Will B Good x Ch. Regency's Angel of Abbedale) bred and owned by Tina & Michael Dennis. She is a short-backed, very pretty little bitch who was very good on the move. All my AOM winners could use their front ends and had good toplines, tailsets and attitudes.



Photo: Barbara Miller

Montgomery BOB Winner, Copper Plate Wintersky Cricket, with (l. to r.) Co-Owners Larry Rockwell and Freddie Jackson, Judge Anne Rogers Clark, Handler Amy Rutherford and Breeder/Co-Owner Michael Labrie

Summary

Looking back over my entry, I was a little dismayed at the number of Norfolk Terriers being shown today that are not correctly made in front, do not use their fronts correctly, cannot open them from the side. When it started, this breed was a good-going, strong-going, hard topline, rugged breed. I fear that, in many cases, the breed has become cute little “couch potatoes” in haphazard coat, with not too much attitude—which would make you think that they couldn’t clear a stable of vermin. I think that to make them cute, little cuddly dogs rather than wonderful country or city dogs that like to go for walks or be the sporting terriers they were designed to be has done the breed a disservice. Remember that until a few years ago, Norfolks were a stronger, better-constructed breed than the Norwich. Somehow or other, we have lost the fronts, the attitudes, the correctly laid-back shoulders and the attitude of showmanship—not of killing each other in the ring, but of stand-up showmen who are aware of themselves and their importance. We must go back and breed for the original purpose of this breed if we are to continue the heritage of this spunky, little terrier. I love and adore Norfolks and would never be without one; but I want to look at them on their toes, alertly looking back at me, with good length of neck, hard backs, beautiful fronts, good feet. I can’t tell you how many long toenails I saw today, hanging right out there for everyone to see because the ground was wet and the feet were wet. Some of them looked as if they could perch on a bough like a bird! This is not the breed. Let’s get back to basics!

I thank the Club for inviting me and also for their lovely gift. I thank the exhibitors for their sporting attitudes, and I thank the breed for being its breed.

— Anne Rogers Clark, Greenwood, DE

NORWICH AT MONTGOMERY

Judge: Mr. Roger Thomas,
Squirreldene Norwich and Norfolk Terriers, Isle of Man

This had to be a challenging and uplifting experience for someone making his first visit to the United States, never mind Montgomery County. To have the great honour of judging one’s own breed at this prestigious show was something I had never imagined and, as I write this report several weeks later, I still remember the atmosphere and pressures. The weather was the one letdown, with steady rain, a chilling breeze and poor light being the order of the day.

Prior to judging, I handed over to Montgomery Show Committee member, Mr. James McTernan, the rosettes which the U. K. National Terrier Club presents annually for Best In Show and Best Brace In Show at Montgomery. I was also delighted to be introduced to Montgomery Show Chairman, Dr. Josephine M. Deubler. After a cup of coffee, NNTC Show Chair Kathleen Eimil (the perfect chaperone) took me to the ring where I received my instructions from the AKC representative and my ultra-efficient ring stewards.

Steady rain was already falling and, unfortunately as judging went on, many classes and part of the Best of Breed competition were affected by even heavier rain. As a result, many exhibits had to gait up and down a limited area just under the tent. In the short periods when conditions allowed the ring to be used, a triangle was not fully



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*A picture of
concentration*

Scenes from Montgomery Weekend



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Judge Martin Phillips with Norfolk BOS Regency's Jerusalem Rose and Handler Liz Tobin at sunny Hatboro



Photo: Barbara Miller

NNTC member Jessica Relinque (Wonderwood Norfolks)



Photo: Barbara Miller

New NNTC member Sandy Schwartz and NNTC Governor Pam Beale



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Beaming NNTC Trophy Chairs Ellen Lucas and Angela Smith



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"Rainy Reverie"
NNTC Notions Chair Larry Adams

achievable as a tarmac split the ring up the middle. Because of this, I asked exhibitors for two gaits up and down and then I moved to the side to better view the dog's topline, profile and side movement. Some handlers, both under cover and outside, committed the cardinal sin of putting themselves between their dog and the judge. A great shame this, as no doubt some Norwich were not seen to best advantage.

Comparisons between U. S. and U. K. Norwich are difficult to assess, especially with a somewhat different interpretation of the standard required. On the whole, I was pleased with presentation and not as worried as I had thought I would be with over-trimming or handling. Heads covered a wide range, with head and skull proportions a problem with some, as well as the lack of a well-defined stop. As always, size can be a difficulty and, for me, some exhibits had problems coming within the standard's "body moderately short" and thus were longer in loin. Some weak pasterns, high-set hocks, straight stifles and the failure of hind legs to follow in the tracks of forelegs were also readily apparent. Overall, I was somewhat disappointed with the bitches as compared with the dogs.

I hasten to add, however, that my Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Winners Bitch and four Awards of Merit all pleased me immensely and made my visit so worthwhile. There were also many other quality exhibits showing correct size, coupled with the substance and movement required to do the job for which they were originally bred. I felt comfortable with my decisions, and with some nice youngsters present as well, the Norwich Terrier, in my humble opinion, is in good hands in the U. S. A.

Unfortunately, the tape machine I used to record comments about individual exhibits was completely blank when I played it back! So my report will be restricted to the main Norwich winners. My apologies for this, but my memory is clear enough to highlight the following excellent exhibits, fully deserving of their awards:

Winners Dog and Best of Winners

Urchin's Just In Tyme (Ch. Toomax Brick A Brack of Ji-Ro's x Norwesia Meadowlark Caper), bred by Catherine Stephen, owned by Suzanne Stagle-Vracas and Ronald Readmond, handled by Greg Strong. Scored in head with good wedge, strong jaw, well-defined stop and good dentition. Clean lines in profile and on the move, compact and deep in body, nicely balanced, well presented and not overhandled.

Reserve Winners Dog

Fairewood Fireworks of Sandina (Ch. Teutonia's Viktor x Ch. Long Valley Fairewood Cheers), bred by Lotus Tutton, owned and handled by Glorvina Schwartz. Scored in head, eye and ears. Lively and full of energy; moved out well once settled.

Winners Bitch

Ragstone's Crown Jewel (Ch. Kristil's Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. Dunbar's Flying High), bred, owned and handled by Colleen Singleton. Nicely made with appealing head and presented in lovely coat and condition. Pleased in eye and ear carriage and moved out well, especially from the rear.

Reserve Winners Bitch

Little Tramont Licorice (Ch. Chestnut Hills Royal Blue x Ch. Little Tramont Funny Christmas), bred by Helène Gisin of Switzerland, owned and handled by Anna Bellenger. Another energetic character with pleasing head and expression, compact in body, level topline and good tailset. The only full-tailed exhibit, but I could not deny her on this form.

Best of Breed

Ch. The Jones Boy of Kitnor (Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal x Ms. Sophie of Kitnor), bred by Katherine Vaughn, owned by Glenn and Jean Kessler, handled by Lorenzo Mosby.

Just right for size and should be looked at seriously for typifying that. Pleasing in eye shape and colour, well-placed ears and correct head/skull proportions. Held a level topline and moved soundly fore and aft with good reach and drive. Presented and handled so well, I was pleased to see his first-class performance in the Group. A quality Norwich for me.

Best of Opposite Sex

Ch. Jerusalem Blackberry (Ch. Norweim's Sir Winston x Ch. Jerusalem Butterball), bred, owned and handled by Dr. Phyllis K. Pullen. Attractive and feminine, who pleased in eye, head and expression. All of a piece, she displayed a good outline on the move, compact body with a nice jacket and appeared ready for anything.

Awards of Merit

Ch. Teutonia's Viktor (Skjoldungen Duke of Wellington x Teutonia's Xana), bred by Ruth Borinsky, owned by Sandina Kennels, handled by Peter Green. Close up to BOB showing a strong head with good breadth of skull; dark, well-shaped eye; well-defined stop and good dentition. Shown in excellent jacket and so well presented; moved adequately once settled into the temporary area available at the time.

Ch. Skyscot's W C Fields (Ch. Devondale's Master Mandrake x Skyscot's Tumbleweed), bred by Leslie Becker, owned by William F. Milburn, handled by Larry Cornelius. Another one close to what I was looking for. Nice shape, good driving movement and that eagerness of attitude that catches the eye.

Ch. Kristil's Royal Conqueror (Ch. Chidley Willum the Conqueror x Ch. Dunbar's Royal Kristil), bred by Debra Oster and Susan Kipp, owned by Jacqueline McMurray and Susan Kipp, handled by Scott Kipp. Well handled and presented in excellent coat and condition. Good breadth of skull and well-defined stop, compact body, nice topline, good tailset and moved out well.

Ch. Barnstable Harold Angel (Ch. Barnstable Chip of the Rock x Ch. Ronnell's Show N Tell), bred by Sandra Stemmler and Sue Weaver, owned by Sandra Stemmler, handled by Merle Taylor. Solid and compact, good bone, and showing nice lines. Drove well from strong hindquarters.

I would like to thank all those special people who met, transported and looked after me during my stay in America. The hospitality afforded me will never be forgotten.

— Roger Thomas, Ramsey, Isle of Man

A WHIRLWIND FIRST VISIT TO AMERICA

My journey to America to judge Norwich at Montgomery commenced with my flight from the Isle of Man to London Heathrow at 7 AM October 1. On reaching the departure lounge for the British Airways direct flight to Philadelphia, I ran into Martin Phillips, who was to judge both Norwich and Norfolks at Hatboro the following day!

The flight passed reasonably quickly and we arrived at 3:45 PM Philadelphia time (already 8:45 PM English time!). NNTC Second Vice-President Susan Ely met me and drove me to the NNTC headquarters at the Holiday Inn in Bensalem, PA. After a quick shower and change of clothes, out I went with Norwich breeders Larry Adams (Gaylord) and Eileen Needham (Titanium, U. K.) to a very nice Italian restaurant for the evening. I crawled into bed approximately 23 hours after crawling out of bed on the Isle of Man and awoke the next morning ready to be taken to the Hatboro show. My driver, chaperone and pre-show advisor was NNTC Show Chair Kathleen Eimil, who was efficiency "par excellence" over the whole of my stay. She kept me well away from the Norwich ring during Martin's judging, and I had the chance to see many people over from England during this most enjoyable day.

The following morning Norwich breeders Alison and Bill Freehling (Rolling Ridge) took me out into the countryside, where we visited some wonderful gardens at Winterthur and Longwood and generally got away from the “dog scene” for a short period. That evening I was a guest of the NNTC at their dinner (a splendid affair) and was delighted to be presented with a pottery single-stem vase depicting a Norwich standing up looking at a squirrel [Ed.: Roger and Madeleine Thomas’ kennel prefix is Squirreldene]. This was a most enjoyable evening and then before I knew it, next morning came and Kathleen had driven me to Montgomery.

I had an entry of 90 Norwich. At 11:30 AM I was introduced to the AKC representative and to my ultra-efficient stewards, who made sure I was familiar with the somewhat different American judging procedures. Unfortunately the weather was wet and cold; but, unlike in England, judging continued outdoors. Methinks exhibitors in the U. K. are a bit spoiled compared to their U. S. and Scandinavian counterparts!!

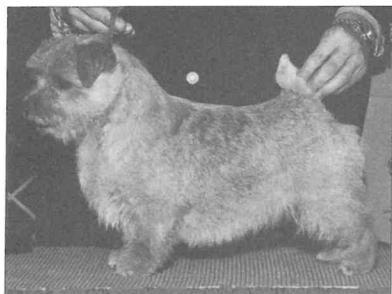
I completed judging and photographs by 3:30 PM. Despite being rather wet and cold, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and was pleased at my reception and the friendly atmosphere around a damp ringside. After watching my Norwich BOB put in a good performance in the Group, it was back to the hotel, a quick change of clothes and then out to the same Italian restaurant with Alison, Bill and Kathleen before collapsing in bed for my fourth and last night in America.

On my last morning (Monday), Alison and Bill took me to Alison’s father’s farm near Christiana, PA and then on to another wonderful horse farm that afternoon before dropping me at the Philadelphia airport for my 6:20 PM flight to London Heathrow. I arrived back on the Isle of Man at 10:15 AM the next day, having had my second almost-24-hour jet lag stint in five days! This, however, was a small price to pay for the wonderful experience that is Montgomery. The hospitality afforded me was first class, and my thanks go out to all the special people from the NNTC who made it all so worthwhile.

— Roger Thomas, Ramsey, Isle of Man



Roger Thomas relaxing in the Pennsylvania countryside the day after judging Montgomery



Ch. Skyscot's Quick Study

(Ch. Nanfan Culver x Skyscot's Hot Tamale)

Breeder: Leslie Becker

Co-Owners: Leslie Becker & Marleen Greif

"Zinnia" lived up to her AKC name by finishing quickly to become Skyscot's first Norfolk champion. She is shown here winning her third major to finish at the 1998 NNTC of Greater Chicago Specialty.

Ch. Jerusalem Blackberry

(Ch. Norweim's Sir Winston x Ch. Jerusalem Butterball)

Breeder/Owner: Phyllis Pullen

Blackberry is not very big, but she loves the show ring. She finished with three majors and then went BOS at Montgomery in her first show as a Special.



Ch. Jerusalem Katherina Minolta B

(Ch. Jerusalem Tyler Too x Ch. Jerusalem Primrose)

Breeder: Phyllis Pullen

Owner: Blair Kelly III

"Katie" is a small bundle of energy. While she was earning her Conformation Championship, she was also taking Obedience and Agility classes.

NEW TITLE HOLDERS



Ch. Reidmar Sweet Georgia Brown, ME

(Ch. Jaeva Matti Brown x Reidmar Dream Girl)

Breeder: Nat LaMar

Owner: Sue Ely

Georgia is only the second Norfolk bitch ever to win the Master Earthdog title. She turned in four consecutive perfect performances in West Virginia and New Jersey Master earths.



Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne, SE

(Ch. Jaeva Night Owl x Ch. Reidmar Sweet Georgia Brown, ME)

Breeder/Owner: Sue Ely

After finding several ways not to qualify in the Senior earth, Sam earned his last leg and the Senior Earthdog title at Crosswicks, New Jersey, October 5, 1998 under Joanne Freyer-Murza.

GLENDALE (NORWICH & NORFOLK). Field mice. That's what Norwich puppies born eight days early look like! I was worried whether **Glendale's Darling Clementine** would be able to free-whelp her three pups. Mother Nature solved the problem. Like melon seeds from pursed lips, those tiny puppies shot out and were cleaned up in a flash. Too young to have good instincts to nurse, I had to help them the first 48 hours, but now all are lusty and thriving.

After a leisurely summer too hot to show dogs, we rallied for our lovely fall weather and finished **Ch. Glendale's Mr. Lincoln** (who gently removes my earrings using only the very tips of his teeth) at Devon and **Ch. Abbedale Glendale's Cover Girl** at Cleveland's Crown Classic. The Cleveland shows are always special, with a large gang of us abusing Wayne Palmer and Tony Gabrielli's hospitality at their Cricket Hill Farm. This year the regulars were joined by Heidi Evans and Sue Ely. Great confusion usually ensues as all of us get ready. One not so glorious time, we forgot to bring along the very dog we had hoped to finish! These are very special times filled with blessings and the kind of fellowship that only years of shared memories could bring. My best to all of you and the little dogs in the new year to come.

— Linda Haring, Mansfield, OH

MAX-WELL (NORFOLK). Summer has come and gone as have my Norfolk puppies. NNTC member Colleen Stevenson lost her best friend, Hugger, this summer. Her frantic call for a puppy put me in a tail spin; she wanted a bitch. As I always keep a puppy from a litter, I didn't know what to do about the little girl I was planning to keep except to allow Colleen to have her. Hopefully, the bitch will mature as nicely as I think she will so that we will see her in the show ring. Right now she's enjoying her life in the Hamptons. Margie Baldwin and family adore their male. He's loving every minute of his puppy time in Buzzards Bay, MA. And then what to do about good friends Carol and John Lieser? They lost their Max-Well Norfolk last winter. Carol called me consistently until I promised she could have a little fellow. There's no doubt this little guy is in a terrific home. Jean Olin happily received her male puppy and claims he loves the Miami Beach weather. Mom, **Ch. Max-Well's Wilhelmina** and dad, **Ch. Max-Well's Wild Card**, are thrilled their children are in great homes. **Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone** and **Ch. Max-Well's Whizard of Oz** produced a lovely litter of three. Terry Allen and her family are enjoying their little bitch. Me, well I'm enjoying **Max-Well's Twister** and **Twister's Sister of Max-Well**. Both appear to be promising puppies for the show ring.

Congratulations to Carl and Faith Schrader. Their **Ch. Max-Well's Wildflower** walked off with three top awards at the NNTC dinner, all for Obedience and Earthdog titles. She also produced a lovely litter this past summer. I know the Schraders are proud of her. Some find the conformation ring their cup of tea; others prefer the Obedience ring; still others are capable of doing both. In the fancy there's no doubt the show ring gets more attention...just witness Montgomery and Westminster. My hat goes off to people like the Schraders who enjoy both aspects of our sport.

As a final note, I'm thrilled to have **Ch. Max-Well's Weatherman** (Storm) home with me. He retired from the show ring having done it all. I thank him and his handler, Susan Kipp, for making his show career a great one.

— Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

PINCHBECK (NORFOLK). My dogs and I have kept active in the past half year with obedience training, go-to-ground, and the show ring. Ollie (**Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song**) has been holding up his side in the show ring; I was proud of his Award of Merit under Anne Rogers Clark at Montgomery County. A week later, on October 11, he took a Group III in Maine. **Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne** and his dam **Ch. Reidmar Sweet Georgia Brown** have been busy underground, dancing with rats. After finding creative ways not to qualify, Sam finally completed his Senior Earthdog this fall and then earned the first leg of his Master Earthdog (ME) title the very next day.

Georgia became only the second Norfolk ever to win a ME. In her quest one foggy morning in West Virginia, Georgia refused to work the rats in a tunnel for the first time since she had started earthdog competition. Puzzled, I took her back to the car to figure out what was “wrong”. Georgia had been paired with a seasoned performer, a Border Terrier named Dorothy Parker. First to the hole, Dorothy had entered the earth and worked the rats vociferously. Georgia came out of the hole once and then remained mute in front of the rats. Should I give her prunes, baby aspirin, a pep talk? I was deep in thought when a member of the committee announced that due to a misunderstanding between the judge and his stewards, there had been NO RATS in the hole that morning. Dorothy had worked those non-existent rats for the required 90 seconds; Georgia clearly had a finer sense of energy conservation! She got to run again with rats at the end of the Master class; this time she qualified without hesitation. If anything, I thought her demeanor was a bit fiercer than usual!

Although “spectating” at an earthdog trial is akin to watching grass grow or submarines race, it is exciting to handle a dog through the demands of a Senior or a Master course. You see the dog make independent decisions based on courage and instinct to solve problems encountered down in the darkness. Obedience training is a similar but a more exacting and exposed partnership. **Pinchbeck Pollyanna** took time out to whelp a puppy, but now we are working toward her CDX. Sam earned two legs on his CD in the spring (1998), taking high-scoring Norfolk at Columbia Terrier his first time out. His daughter, Pollyanna, won this same title the year before. Sam will be competing to get the final CD leg at the end of 1998. In addition, Sam and Georgia just earned their CGC (Canine Good Citizen) awards. This was a particular feat for Georgia who has never had a formal obedience class and who really only cares if there are rats in tunnels at the end of a car trip! To say that all this keeps us busy is an understatement. However, if you ask the new entry, **Pinchbeck Heads-Up Harry**, he will tell you that I find far too much time to work on him. Watch for Harry, somewhere, in 1999.

— Sue Ely, Bernardsville, NJ

ROLLING RIDGE (NORWICH). Relative to 1997, when we said “goodbye” to three beloved fourteen-year-olds (two Dandies, one Norwich) and “hello” to two Norwich litters during the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, 1998 has been uneventful. Our four “senior citizens” (three Norwich, one Dandie) are, with one exception (read on!), faring well. The two bitches we kept from 1997 litters are now rambunctious one-year-olds with instinctive earthdog talents. Parts of our backyard resemble prairie-dog colonies, as **Brownie** and **Charlotte** have created a maze of holes in their pursuit of subterranean moles.

Despite the relative calm, there have been disappointments and dilemmas. We hoped to breed three-year-old **Dixie** for the first time last fall (1998). Naturally, she came in heat at just the wrong moment, requiring us to choose between possible puppies a week before Thanksgiving and long-standing family Thanksgiving plans in Virginia. Dixie’s mating was postponed. Looking ahead, her next litter would most likely arrive when Bill and I plan to be in northern England. Given Dixie’s penchant for bad timing, I occasionally think of placing her; but as Henry Higgins said of Liza Doolittle (*My Fair Lady*), “I’ve grown accustomed to her face” and am too attached to let her go.

A more serious dilemma involves our thirteen-year-old Norwich, **Tuffy**, who has developed such hypersensitivity to at-home teeth cleaning during the past four months that she now has gingivitis (a red swollen gumline, with tartar on her teeth). I know that canine periodontal disease is a health risk, leading in advanced cases to severe gum infection and tooth loss. Bacteria from the mouth can also enter a dog’s bloodstream, causing possible damage to the heart, liver and kidneys. On the other hand, the general anesthesia required for veterinary dental cleaning also poses a risk, particularly for older dogs. After weighing these conflicting health risks, I finally decided on professional treatment of Tuffy’s teeth and gums—but only after a thorough veterinary check-up indicated

a “normal” heart, liver and kidneys. Her appointment is next week and already I’m on “pins and needles.”

To minimize your dog’s chances of developing periodontal disease, you should scrape off plaque and tartar and brush his/her teeth and gums at least twice a week, using a special dog tooth-paste or oral rinse containing chlorhexidine. Although often overlooked by dog owners, good oral hygiene should be as much a part of a Norwich or Norfolk’s grooming routine as ear-cleaning, toenail trimming and coat care. Look for more on periodontal disease in the next *News*.

— Alison and Bill Freehling, Versailles, KY

TERRAPIN (NORWICH). Last June, **Timbuktu** and **Tina Turner** became proud parents of four girls and one boy who affectionately became known as The Jive Five. When the time came for some to leave the hive, three went to previous long-time Norwich owners. Peggy Strohl took off with **Tanzania**; Christopher Thompson is trail-blazing with the boy, **Tobruk**; and Susie Wilmerding is entranced with **Tangiers**. Ali and Andy Hoffman, on the other hand, are first-time Norwich owners and learning of their charms with little **Tripoli**, aka Thimble. On the homefront, we will keep **Tanganyika** and co-own her with good buddy Nat LaMar. We look forward to fun times with “Coretta”. Most of you think of Nat as strictly a Norfolk breeder, but think again. Back in the 60’s and 70’s, Nat bred champion Norwich under the Spicer prefix, including **Ch. Spicer Jones**, top Norwich in 1969. His success was the result of blending the indomitable lines of England’s Whinlatter kennels and America’s Upland Spring Norwich. What goes round, comes round. Welcome back Nat-Man!

— Margaretta Wood, Phoenixville, PA

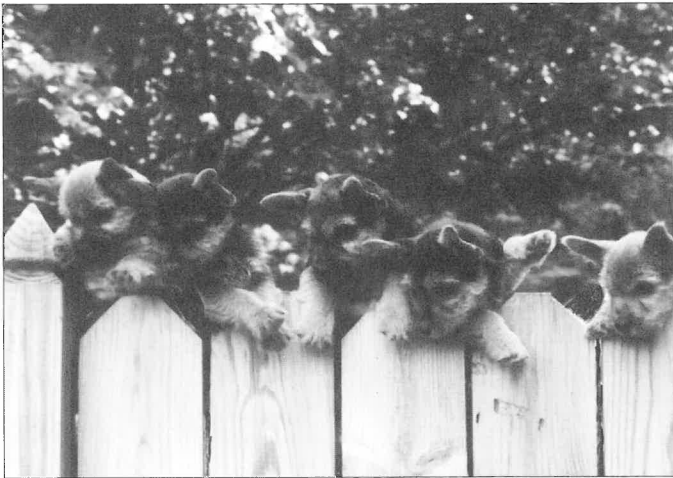


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The Jive Five Before They Left the Hive

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"Settled down for a long (?) winter's nap"