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The DEADLINE for contributions to the Fall 2000 News is September 1. There are three ways to send articles to the News: (1) snail mail: Alison Freehling, 3500 Huntertown Rd., Versailles, KY 40383; (2) fax: 859-879-0734 (please note that the area code for my fax number is new); (3) email: nntcnews@hotmail.com. Snail mail and faxes come directly to my home. Email goes to Bill’s office at the University of Kentucky. Whichever “sending” method you choose, please be sure to meet—or beat—the September 1, 2000 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation. —AGF

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome to the first News of the 21st Century and the Third Millennium! As you may already have noticed, there has been one change in the year-2000 staff. Due to new, unexpected and time-consuming family duties in Texas, Marleen Greif has had to retire from her Associate Editor and Norfolk ‘Home Front’ responsibilities. I thank Marleen for her help with the 1999 News and hope that she will continue to contribute articles (and Norfolk photos!) as time permits.

I am delighted that long-time Norfolk breeder Susan M. Ely (“Pinchebeck” Norfolk) has agreed to take over Marleen’s ‘Home Front’ post. Sue acquired her first Norfolk (from Anne Winston) in 1962 and bred her first litter a year or so later. She has long been an active contributor to the News. She is also NNTC First Vice President and Chair of Rescue and Rehoming. If the NNTC gave Versatility Awards to its members, Sue, like her multi-talented Norfolk Terriers, would already have garnered several.

As we herald the start of a new century/millennium, sadly this News also reports the recent deaths of prominent American fanciers Barbara S. Fournier, a pioneer Norfolk breeder, and Edwin L. Levy, Jr., a Norwich owner since 1948 and long-time publisher of the Norwich & Norfolk News. With their passing, more pages of breed and NNTC “living history” are lost and our present is diminished.

Thanks to all who sent articles and photos for this News. My inventory of Norwich and Norfolk PHOTOS (especially Norfolk) for future issues is sparse. So everybody please get out your cameras, take lots of pictures of your beguiling puppies and adults, and send your photos (originals, please) to the News. Have a great summer!

— Alison G. Freehling

TO THE EDITOR...

Ed.: The News welcomes constructive letters from our readers about articles, etc., in previous issues. This note from a NNTC member reveals the identity of the “mystery Norwich” on the back cover of the Fall/Winter 1999 News....

“When I opened the most recent News and saw the front and back cover photo credits, I knew without looking that the "unidentified Norwich with the best 'seat' in the house" was my very own Ch. Chestnut Hills Hubcap! Hub likes to be far above the maddening crowd and fortunately has the balance to stay perched on my husband's shoulder, as seen in Barbara Miller's photograph. Combining all that's great about the breed, I'm glad Hub was chosen as the Norwich to bring in the New Millennium.”

— Anne S. Taylor, Stamford, CT

THE 2000 NORWICH TERRIER PEDIGREE BOOK

Norwich owners will be delighted to hear that NNTC member Carol Jordan ("Norwein" Norwich), co-producer of the 1991 Norwich Terrier Pedigrees, will soon be putting together the 2000 Norwich Terrier Pedigree Book! The “cosmic orange” flyer enclosed with this News gives details about this important breed project. As in 1991, the 2000 Norwich Terrier Pedigree Book is an independent venture, not a NNTC undertaking. All Norwich owners, whether or not they are NNTC members, are encouraged to send photos—and a copy of the dog’s registration certificate—to Carol at the address printed on the flyer.
A REPORT FROM THE NNFC AKC DELEGATE AND AKC LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Ed.: AKC Delegate Margareta Wood and AKC Legislative Liaison Neil Hamilton each sent reports on the AKC’s new DNA program for frequently used sires. The News thanks both of our Club’s AKC contacts for submitting this important information. Material from each is included in the following synthesis. —AGF

The AKC’s New “Frequently Used Sires Program”

At its January 10, 2000 meeting, the AKC Board of Directors approved a new Frequently Used Sires Program (FUS). Effective for litters born on or after July 1, 2000, the program requires AKC DNA Certification for all stud dogs producing seven or more registered litters in a lifetime or three or more registered litters in a calendar year. These DNA profiles will be used for genetic identity and for parentage verification—issues relating to the integrity of the registry. Any sire whose DNA is already on file through the AKC’s Voluntary Certification Program or through the Parent Breed Club DNA Program has already met the FUS requirements and does not need to be recertified.

Owners of frequently used sires can obtain a free DNA test kit from the AKC Fulfillment Department, 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606-3390 (email: orderdesk@akc.org; fax: 919-233-3627; phone: 919-233-9767). Return the sire’s DNA cheek swab sample, the necessary paperwork and the payment of a $40 processing fee to the AKC in the envelope provided with the DNA test kit. Every “DNA Certification” is valid for the lifetime and beyond of the frequently used sire. Owners fulfill the FUS DNA requirement when the DNA test kit arrives back at AKC DNA Operations in Raleigh, even though an additional 4-6 weeks are needed to obtain the actual DNA profile. To avoid delays in registering litters, completed DNA test kits should be submitted in advance of the litter application.

The parentage verification policies of all current DNA programs as well as the discipline policies of the Compliance Audit Program will both be applied to the FUS Program. Any excess revenue over expenses resulting from the FUS Program will be set aside and used to fund future registration integrity programs.

Breeders/owners having questions about the FUS Program may send an email to DNA Operations (dna@akc.org) in Raleigh, NC.

— Margareta Wood & Neil Hamilton

NEW INTERNET ADDRESS FOR THE NNFC WEB PAGE

NNFC WebMaster Neil Hamilton has recently moved the NNFC Web Page to the AKC site. The new NNFC Web Page address is http://clubs.akc.org/NNTC. Come visit the NNFC at its new home. . . .
SPRING 2000 OBEDIENCE REPORT

Norwich fanciers: a new star has emerged! Sho-Me Ketka’s Rolling Rock (Rocky), owned by Jan Sinclair of Michigan, has earned his CD title with extremely high scores, qualifying him for a Dog World Award. [To receive a Dog World Award, a dog must complete a title in three shows with no failures and all scores of 195 or above. There is also another type of Dog World Award for a dog that completes all three obedience titles—CD, CDX, and UD—within a nine-month period (or is it twelve months?—sorry, I can’t remember). This type does not require high scores or consecutive passes.] Jan is hoping to have Rocky competing in Open soon.

Another Midwest Norwich, Solaire’s Bogart Did Too, TT, CGC, owned by NNTC member Joan Seipp, got that elusive third leg to complete his CDX. “Bo” is now in training for his UD and is also preparing to compete in agility.

There were two new Norwich CD’s from the Novice A class (indicating a new competitor), one from Tennessee and one from Ohio. In Tennessee, Rolling Ridge Dandy Randy, owned by Sharleen Rhinock, finished his CD in November with one fourth placing. According to his breeder, News editor Alison Freehling, “Tiger” is the first obedience-titled dog from her kennel. The Ohio dog, Dunbar’s Penelope Star, owned by Carol S. Clark, got her CD, apparently in three consecutive shows, with one third place finish.

The Norwich sisters from Colorado, mentioned in the last News as preparing for Open competition, have come through in fine style. Fairmount EK’s Pensive Gem can now add CDX to her TT and CGC. “Gem” finished the title last Fall with nice scores and one fourth place finish AND apparently did it in three consecutive shows. Her sister, Fairmount Ekspectin Chili CD, TT, CGC, got her first CDX leg at one of the same shows at which her sister qualified. That must have been an exciting day! Both sisters are owned by Ellen Van Landingham and Ken Smith.

On the Norfolk side, there is only one item in my news cupboard. Domby’s Bonnie Waters CDX, whose CDX was announced in the last News, is now sporting a new Canadian CD title. I don’t have any details; I just happened to notice it published in Dogs in Canada. “Bonnie,” owned by Mary Waters of Ohio, has also recently acquired a Senior Earthdog title.

Come on, Norfolk owners! You’re not doing your part! Actually, I’m sorry to say that I’m definitely one of the ones falling down on the job. My Norfolk Tylwyth Just Shaelyan CD (who failed one Open show last Spring for refusing to do the figure 8 exercise and then did all the hard stuff—yes, that’s a new one for me) is about to embark on a new round of attempts to get CDX legs two and three. I am losing hope of putting a UD on her brother, Ch. Tylwyth Just Riley CDX; he seems to have no intention of focusing on his scent articles if there are any other dogs present. He seemingly has to keep himself constantly on the alert in case a dog on the sidelines suddenly transmogrifies into a bitch in season!

— Mary D. Fine, Storrs, CT.

1999 NNTC OBEDIENCE TITLES AND AWARDS

1999, the third year of the NNTC Versatility Awards, has brought us our first Versatility Excellent winner. Norfolk Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne CD, ME, CGC (and most recently, a registered Therapy Dog), owned by NNTC First Vice President Sue Ely, has accumulated 24 points in four or more breed and/or performance areas with one “highest level” title and at least one field title to become the NNTC’s first Versatility Excellent achiever.

For those who may not recall, the Versatility Award requires a minimum of 20 points in at least three different areas. The Versatility Excellent Award requires a minimum of 24 points in at
least four different areas, with at least one title being a field title and one being a “highest level” title (ME, UD, OTCH, MAX or another registry’s highest agility title). The Versatility Award should be within everyone’s reach; the Versatility Excellent Award is designed to be much more difficult so that it will remain a true top-level achievement.

Anyone wanting a more detailed description of the requirements may request a tally sheet from me. (The tally sheet was printed in the Fall/Winter 1999 News). It has been brought to my attention that some people think a dog must be a breed champion to win a Versatility Award. This is NOT true. The Versatility Award is a performance-oriented award, and while a breed championship (AKC or other registry) constitutes one of the available categories, it is not mandatory. It is mandatory that the dog’s owner be a NNTC member in good standing before the final points are earned.

We also have our first Norwich Versatility Award winner. Sand Castle Darcy UD, NA, CGC, owned by NNTC member Carlynn Ricks, has met all the requirements in 1999. To date, there have been four Norfolks and now one Norwich that have qualified for the Versatility Award.

Unfortunately in 1999, possibly due to the surge of interest in agility, obedience participation has fallen. During the year, three Norfolks and nine Norwich were published in the AKC Show Awards as having earned qualifying scores. Only 10 titles were earned, eight by Norwich and two by Norfolks. Of those ten titles, only three went to member-owned dogs: one Norwich UD, one Norwich CDX, and one Norfolk CD.

CLUB MEDALS

A Club Medal for a UD title goes to Sand Castle Darcy UD, NA, CGC (Norwich), owned by Carlynn Ricks.

A Club Medal for a CDx title goes to Solaris’s Bogart Did Too CDX, TT, CGC (Norwich), owned by Joan Seipp.

A Club Medal for a CD title goes to Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne CD, ME, CGC (Norfolk), owned by Sue Ely.

RIVER BEND CUP

Ed.: The NNTC River Bend Cup, honoring the kennel name of early Norfolk/Norwich breeder and Obedience enthusiast Sylvia Warren, is awarded annually to the member-owned Norfolk and Norwich with the highest obedience score. — AGF

The Norwich winner of the River Bend Cup is Sand Castle Darcy UD, NA, CGC, owned by Carlynn Ricks, with 8 points*.

The Norfolk winners of the River Bend Cup are Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne CD, ME, CGC, owned by Sue Ely, and Tylwyth Just Shaelyn CD, owned by Mary Fine, both with 3 points*.

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No tracking titles were earned by either breed in 1999.

— Mary D. Fine, Storrs, CT
NOTES FROM RESCUE AND REHOMING

November brought my first call in a long time about a dog in a shelter. Pat Taylor phoned to say that she had seen a Norfolk in the Kent County, Maryland, SPCA and that she would foster him until I could arrange something permanent. I called and got directions, but never used them. The shelter director told me the dog was so old, and in such bad shape, that they put him down right after Pat had seen him. The kind of owner who would leave an old dog out to stray in the evening of his life chills the soul.

In mid-December, just when one would be putting the pedal to the metal for the holidays, I got a report that there was a Norwich in a shelter in a rather seedy part of Brooklyn. Because I have become a bit suspicious after many trips to see Yorkies and Cairns who were thought to be Norwich, I did some calling around and asked a lot of questions. Peggy Shulman, who had actually seen the dog in the pound, said she was sure. Since she was in a handling class with a Norwich, I was inclined to believe her. I began a serious rescue effort, predicated on the reality that I could not just jump in my car and go get him. I had a store to run, and it was our busiest season. Since I tell the NTNC membership every year at the annual meeting that everyone is on the rescue committee, I called Barbara Miller, the club member nearest the action. I knew Barbara could get the job done.

In a series of phone calls, Barbara discovered that this shelter had no state mandate to contact purebred rescue, but could, and planned to, home this dog with the first person on their list who requested a small dog. Barbara zeroed in on the shelter lady in charge of adoptions and found out what we needed to give Peggy Shulman to enable her to get the dog out. Peggy, bless her heart, was willing to take the dog for a few days until I could place him in a Norwich foster-home. As a result, we now have an Adoption Contract, the format of which I owe to Airedale Rescue. Should anyone need/want a copy of said contract, please let me know and I will send you one. Barbara plans to address the issue of mandating shelters to contact purebred rescue groups before placing dogs. Her connections in New York and in the dog world will, I know, be effective. I urge all of you to check the policy in your state to see what chance purebred rescue folks (and they are registered for every breed) have of hearing about dogs in shelters before they are released to other hands. Oh, the end of the story? The Norwich was a Cairn! Cairn Rescue took him over from Peggy Shulman, who deserves all of our thanks for finding him and seeing that he got out into the right hands. My thanks also to Barbara Miller for her drive and help in the matter.

On the more cheerful subject of rehoming dogs, there have been some real happy endings. I was called by Joan Layden from New York City who was caring for two elderly Norfolks, Annabel and Bentley, whose owner was dying of cancer. As always, my first question was "who bred them?" Having asked it, I crossed my fingers because the dogs were 10 and 11 years old—not good candidates for rehoming. If the breeder would not take them back or help me place them, it would be a struggle to place these two very overweight and out-of-condition dogs into a home, singly or together. When I heard Carolyn Pyle’s name, I breathed more easily; sure enough, she took them back. When last I heard, both dogs had lost weight, gained condition, and Carolyn was keeping them.

Two other dogs have also found new homes since my last report. In September I had a call about a 10-year-old Norwich named Kelso, who was not getting on with two spayed Norwich bitches with whom he had gone to live when his owner died. Just after I received the news of his plight, a lady in the next state called. She sounded as if she could give Kelso a perfect home. In a trice, the relocation was done, much to everyone’s satisfaction. Most recently, a couple in Massachusetts called about their Norfolk, Barney, who had been their first and only child for ten years, but now had snapped at their 9-month-old baby. With another baby already on the way, it was a good bet that this couple was not going to deal effectively with Barney’s jealousy. He was already living in their cellar during the day when the baby was up and about. No question about it, Barney needed a new home. The very next day, a woman in Massachusetts called; she was looking for a Norfolk puppy. I told her
how to send for a NNTC breeders’ list; then, on a whim, I said that I really wished she would consider Barney. It was a long shot, but she sounded wonderful so I took the chance. Four days later she called back and opened the conversation with these words, “I can’t get Barney off my mind. Is he still available?” Just to make the big world smaller, it turned out that she lives in the town where the husband works, so, should he want to, he can see his beloved dog. A few days after she took Barney, Suella told me she was already in love with him; he had accepted the cats and was sleeping on her bed… another happy ending. Maybe I’ll have some photos next time.

So why do I tell you these stories in such detail? They are scenarios from which we can learn how both the vicissitudes and the blessings of human life can disrupt the lives of our dogs. In some magical way, I am usually provided with a perfect home just before or after I am presented with a dog in need. I also have a terrific list of potential owners screened from the many calls I get each month. If you ever have puppies or older dogs you would like to place, please remember my list.

— Sue Ely, Bernardsville, NJ
Westminster 2000 just wasn't the same. The black cowboy hat, trimmed with a thin silver band, was nowhere to be found. The expected little southwestern Indian trinkets were not to be received by friends. There was no Bobbie Fournier.

Bobbie and I had chatted prior to her recent trip to Hawaii with the "Golden Girls", AKC all-breed judge Virginia Hampton and AKC judge Margaret Renihan. We decided we would chat upon her return so I could interview her for this article. She returned to Santa Fe on Tuesday, January 18. I received a call from her niece, Holly Bostwick, on Sunday, January 23. Bobbie, as she was affectionately called, had passed away. There was only one Bobbie Schilf Fournier. She never stopped doing the things she thrived on, travel and judging. That very day, Bobbie was to judge a Match Show.

As a personality she stood head and shoulders above the rest. Her love of the American Southwest was evident in the clothing she wore and the home she built. She totally encompassed Santa Fe, New Mexico into her everyday life. But it wasn't always that way, for Bobbie was born and raised in Bethany, Connecticut seventy-eight years ago. She and her siblings grew up on the farm her grandfather had purchased long before her birth. The property was plentiful, affording the family the luxury of owning horses and dogs. In 1950, Elizabeth Spykman, a neighbor of Bobbie's, gifted her with a drop-ear Norwich bitch, Kedron Cobbler's Biscuit. Bobbie was fortunate to surround herself with both Elizabeth Spykman and Katherine Thayer, early drop-ear stalwarts and members of the Norwich Terrier Club. It was Thayer who suggested she breed "Biscuit" to Ch. Tuff, her grandsire. Bobbie was hooked. She produced her first homebred, Bethway's Brigham Young, who earned his championship in 1952. Bobbie became a Norwich Terrier Club member in the early 1950's and remained so until her passing.

Set with her outstanding dog, Brigham Young, Bobbie, through the efforts of English judge Ida Hardy, imported Colonsay Kelly's Eye from Miss Macfie. Kelly's Eye proved an excellent foundation bitch. Her grandsons, Bethway's Mr. Chips and Bethway's Mr. Kennedy, went Best of Breed at Westminster in 1962 and 1964. The Bethway success at Westminster continued with a Best of Opposite Sex win for Mr. Kennedy under Betty Fell in 1966. Betty judged the Terrier Brace Group that same year at Westminster, awarding Bobbie a Group Two with Bethway's The Duke and Bethway's The Dutchess. In 1968 Bobbie once again captured BOB at Westminster with her Ch. Bethway's Mr. Cricket. The Bethway kennel in Connecticut was outstanding. There were times when having as many as eight bitches in whelp simultaneously was the norm. Bobbie ran a string of about sixty drop-ear Norwich, known since 1979 as Norfolks (I'll use the name Norfolks from now on). Her success was enormous, her devotion to the breed unbelievable. Nanfan's Joy Taylor judged Montgomery in 1968, awarding Ch. Bethway's Bitter Sweet the Best of Opposite Sex ribbon. It was also in 1968 that Bobbie decided to apply for and become an American Kennel Club licensed handler.
The Bethway establishment was not only a leading Norfolk kennel; it was also known for its horses. Norfolk fancier Jane Anderson, who acquired her first bitch, Bethway's Abbie, from Bobbie, still remembers the huge stable housing Connecticut's First Company Governors' Foot Guard horses. The kennels were equally big, with many Norfolks as well as a major boarding kennel. Jane Anderson, who became a close friend of Bobbie's, was fortunate to get another of her Norfolks, Ch. Bethway's Red Baron, in 1972 (I can attest to the fact that this dog was gorgeous, sound, sturdy and very red. I tried to breed a bitch to him, but it was unsuccessful). Another of Bobbie's standouts was “Ringo.” Ringo won the National Specialty in 1973 under Mrs. John (Bea) Marvin and a Terrier Group One under Lydia Hutchinson that same year. He was the first Norfolk ever to earn a Group One. Another of Bobbie's dogs, Ch. Bethway's Aramis, won the Group under Dr. Josephine Deubler. There was no stopping Bobbie and her Bethways! Still, in 1974, after a short-lived marriage, she suddenly changed her life.

Following her visit to another Norwich Terrier Club member, Wit Hanning, in Santa Fe, Bobbie decided to make the big move. At the time, Monica Doerk, originally from Germany, was working at the Connecticut kennel and made the trek to the Southwest with Bobbie. It must have been a sight—two women, tons of possessions and dogs, crossing the country! In Santa Fe, Bobbie turned her canine attention at this time toward judging rather than breeding. Upon her passing, she was eligible to judge the entire terrier group, several breeds in other groups, and also Best in Show.

For years Bobbie had a motor home to which she invited one and all to join her on journeys throughout the Southwest, especially the Grand Canyon. She was extremely gracious to our friends in England, often extending her hospitality to Joy Taylor, Sally and Ron Wilby, Gileane White, Eileen Needham, to name but a few. Bobbie was a tour guide at heart. When she first arrived in Santa Fe, she offered her services to the Chamber of Commerce, showing tourists the sights. As Jane Anderson said, “She made friends and never lost them.” In the early 1980’s when the American Norfolk Terrier Association was formed, Bobbie had the honor of becoming its first President. She was always in the thick of things.

It was just a few short years ago, while she was on her way to Russia, that Bobbie took ill. That illness plagued her for the rest of her life but didn't stop her from traveling or judging. Just prior to that trip to Russia, Nat LaMar, Bobbie and I spent time together at Crufts. We visited with English friends and then went on to London. I judged the Norfolk Open show that year and was thrilled when Bobbie complimented me on my choices. She was a young-at-heart woman who, as slight as she was, could still pack away a good meal. It was always a pleasure spending time with her at Montgomery, Westminster or Crufts. She never missed any of these shows. Bobbie had a passion for meeting new people, whether in our breed or not. She befriended fellow NNTC member Louise Leone, who was probably the last to see her. Louise met up with Bobbie in Hawaii this past January. According to Louise and the “Golden Girls”, Bobbie didn't look well, but her desire to keep going was unbelievable.

Bobbie’s memorial service was attended by Louise Leone, several members of the Sangre de Cristo Kennel Club which Bobbie had helped found, AKC representatives, family and many more friends. For that is what she had, friends. She never met anyone she didn’t like. She never spoke ill of any human being. Bobbie loved people as much as she loved her Norfolks. The black cowboy hat was at the memorial service. I know I will always see it in my mind at Westminster and Crufts. Goodbye Bobbie, it’s been an honor knowing you.

— Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY
IN MEMORIAM

EDWIN LOUIS LEVY, JR.
(June 21, 1918-November 20, 1999)

I first met Ed Levy in the mid-1980’s when I was a new NNTC member. Although I never knew him well, to me he was the quintessential Virginia gentleman—soft-spoken, considerate, generous, polite. During the past two years, we talked on the phone several times. Knowing of my interest in history, he sent me all sorts of NNTC memorabilia from his and his late wife Hope Levy’s extensive collection. My most treasured gift is a copy of the original Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966 which, unlike the reprinted edition, has numerous pedigrees of early American Norwich and Norfolk.

Ed was born in Richmond, VA and, except for a year’s stint in Boston as an insurance salesman, spent his entire life in Virginia’s capital city. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1935 and from the University of Richmond in 1938 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. Two years after college, he joined his father Edwin L. Levy, Sr.’s printing company, the Old Dominion Press (ODP). Ed became ODP President in 1944, a position he held until 1991 when the company closed.

Ed acquired his first Norwich (prick ear) in 1948 and was a devoted fancier of the breed. He literally met his future second wife, then Hope Hanley, “over a litterbox” at Constance Larrabee’s King’s Prevention Kennel in Chestertown, Maryland in 1963, when each purchased a puppy from the same litter. Ed and Hope were married in 1975 and, for the next two decades, owned a succession of King’s Prevention Norfolk, the last being Belle Boyd CD, who died in January, 1995.

An honorary NNTC member at the time of his death, Ed held many Club positions over the years. He served on the Board of Governors, was a NNTC Vice President and also the Club’s AKC delegate from 1980 to 1989. Perhaps his best-remembered NNTC role was publisher of the Norwich & Norfolk News. Beginning after the first two issues (1962), the ODP printed the News during Constance Larrabee’s editorship and again during Hope Levy’s editorship from 1981 to mid-1988. The ODP also published the original (1967) and the reprinted (1986) editions of Constance Larrabee and Joan Read’s Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966 as well as the Golden Jubilee News (1986), a special issue Hope put together to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of AKC breed recognition.

At the time of her death in August, 1997 (see the Winter 1997-1998 News, pp. 9-10), Hope Levy was President of the AKC Museum of the Dog. Determined to carry on his beloved wife’s dedication to the future of this institution, Ed joined the museum’s Board of Directors in September, 1997. Executive Director Barbara Jedda told me that, despite his own health problems, Ed never missed a board meeting in St. Louis or New York and regularly attended special museum events. In Hope’s memory, he recently gave the museum a lovely oil painting of a Norwich Terrier, ca. 1895, by well-known British dog artist Maud Earl (for a photo of this painting, see the Fall/Winter 1999 News, p. 30). He also donated numerous books and other canine publications to the museum library for research. The Maud Earl Norwich portrait hangs in the museum’s newly-established Hope A. Levy Memorial Library and will be part of the special exhibit, “The Terriers,” during the NNTC Specialty in St. Louis.

I thank Barbara Jedda (and the November 23, 1999 Richmond Times Dispatch) for contributing to this brief profile of Ed Levy, Jr. He and his wife, Hope, will long be remembered as loyal friends of the Norwich breed, the NNTC and the AKC Museum of the Dog. It is a privilege to have known two such special people.

— Alison Freehling
“SPRING IS IN THE AIR, PUPPIES EVERYWHERE”

“Peek-A-Boo!”

“Sometimes I’m a little shy...”

“Is this cat wrestling—or trying to kiss me?”

“Which ear style looks best on me?”

Four-week-old Norfolk charmers, "Murphy" and "Maude"
THE 1999 AKC NATIONAL PARENT CLUB
CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION CONFERENCE

What a wonderful opportunity it was for me and Fraya Katz to be sent by the NNTC to this October 15-17 extravaganza in St. Louis! Before I go into some of the particular highlights, it is worth commenting on the planning that both the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) and Ralston Purina Company, the event’s sponsor, put into the weekend. Corporately sponsored conferences being what they are, it was sometimes like being a guest at a wedding; certainly it was clear that each partner in this endeavor had reasons to benefit from its association with the other. All the parent club delegates were wined and dined, shuttled in buses, held to a schedule, entertained and informed during every waking minute we spent in St. Louis.

As I look back on the notes I took during the presentations and panels, I remember wishing I had brushed up on the terms that flashed by in bewildering succession: genotype, phenotype, haplotype, allele, autosomal recessive, syntenic…. Most of the reports were results of research studies done on specific breed problems—problems identified by breed clubs which had then funded the research through their own efforts and through matching grants from AKC and CHF. Clear guidelines were given by several speakers on just how an individual club could institute a genetic study, a registry system, a code of breeder ethics, and strategies for fundraising.

The work done by other breeds is both overwhelming and inspiring. A conference such as this does, at the heart of all the speeches and exhibits, dramatize the need to stem the wildfire of the pet industry, which flourishes on a flow of dogs which have neither been tested nor bred with an eye to excellence. While many of the diseases which have been researched do not show up in our breeds, some of them do. So, in the back of my mind was always the question of what benefits the NNTC would realize through involvement with the CHF. Now that the conference is behind me, I think NNTC should address this question in the very near future if we are to control the genetic disorders appearing in Norwich and Norfolk Terriers. We should get involved, and we should do it soon!

Despite the dazzling array of expertise and hard work which characterized all the conference discussions, a few really stood out. One was the work presented by Alice Moon-Fanelli from Tufts University. She is a great friend of Mary Fine’s, and Mary had told me to be sure to hear Alice’s presentation. While Canine Compulsive Behavior Disorder, the subject on which Alice is an expert, is not pretty to watch, the films of the various dogs (including one Norfolk) were a sharp reminder of the challenges to which scholars in veterinary medicine respond. As they work to map the genes which produce good characteristics, they are also hoping to find more and more of the telltale signs that mark less desirable conditions and behaviors. Elaine Ostrander, PhD, from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, offered a wonderful discussion about the development and application of a canine genetic map. She pointed out that information about one breed of dog (say, about the incidence of cardiomyopathy) cannot be extrapolated to another breed of dog with the same condition, although clubs can hook up with each other to share research costs. Thus she emphasized that each breed club needs to provide guidelines in order to establish a registry, demand standards, and educate members. Since involvement in genetic research requires funds, I was most interested in the presentation by a group of breed clubs about fundraising strategies. The English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association presented some great fundraising ideas which included a 50/50 cash raffle, research into corporate matching grants, auctions, encouragement of wills and dedications, and funds to honor specific dogs. They pointed out that interest in research comes from having specific projects on which the money is spent and an efficient method of reporting results to the club membership.

One of the most pertinent and useful presentations was on reproduction and neonatal mortality. This was given by Robert Hutchinson, DVM (who is well known to the NNTC), as well as by Paula Moon-Massat, DVM; Stephanie Todd, DVM; and Deborah Johnson, LVT. I was particularly
interested in Dr. Moon-Massat's discussion of anesthetic in Caesarean deliveries. She discussed ways of minimizing both the time and the stress of the surgery, and of preoxygenating the bitch before the procedure because of the depressant effects of anesthesia. She distinguished between the wrong anesthesia (xylazine and methoxyflurane) and the right ones (propofol and isoflurane). She cautioned not to roll the bitch on her back, but to operate instead with the bitch in a lateral position. As for the puppies thus delivered, she felt that one should not be too quick to give glucose, since not all puppies are hypoglycemic. She also suggested that one should cut a toenail and have a diabetic kit handy to test a drop of blood. Her plan for a C-section was as follows: count 63 days from ovulation, monitor temperature drop (99.5 F. or lower), get a progesterone level, and do a C-section when/if the level is below 3 nanograms. The last two women in this group, both from a veterinary practice in Ballston Spa, N. Y., had perfected a great method of warming neonatal puppies. Called core warming, this method involved placing the puppies on a grate over a bowl of steaming water. Unfortunately, my notes are enthusiastic but somewhat incomplete, but I have the summaries written for this part of the program by the presenters. Copies are available upon request from either me or Fraya Katz.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Malcolm B. Willis of Yorkshire, England, was both entertaining and informative. Actually, the summary of his presentation is more helpful than a point-by-point exegesis from me, but I will share a list of caveats with which he provided us: don't keep too many dogs, breed for yourself, use genetic schemes, socialize pups, vet your buyers, have contracts, rescue your own breeding, look at the whole dog, don't breed to fat dogs, train yourself and other breeders.

Of course, there were other presentations, as well as booths, lunch table discussions, chance meetings with interesting, informative people and displays of ongoing research. There was a wonderful visit to the AKC Museum of the Dog and an extensive tour of the Purina Pet Care Center, where we visited building after building full of cats and dogs who are subjects of research into all aspects of pet care. We saw Purina Farms (where the NNTC will be in May); the facility is beautifully kept and equipped with everything we would want to hold a show. The trip was a great opportunity to learn myriad things. I recommend it to anyone who would like to apply to represent the NNTC in future years.

— Sue Ely

ACUPUNCTURE: AN ALTERNATIVE THERAPY FOR DISK DISEASE

Last August, our then 11-year-old male, Tad, normally a typical, high energy Norwich, became increasingly disinterested in his daily “walkie.” He and 12-year-old Peaches would bound out the kitchen door together, barking and straining at their leashes. Not long afterwards, Tad would slow down and soon lag far behind, reluctant to continue. His gait became stiffer, his stride shorter. I also noticed that his rear legs seemed weak. He had difficulty getting up and often stood in a hunched position with his head down.

When I described Tad’s movement to my regular vet, he suspected arthritis or bacterial prostatitis, an infection and resulting inflammation of the prostate gland which can cause dogs to walk with a short, shuffling gait. X-rays, however, revealed the problem to be intervertebral disk disease (IDD), a spinal disorder commonly called herniated or slipped disks and most often seen in low, long-backed breeds, especially dachshunds.

A short-backed, 12-pound Norwich with a disk problem?! Prior to Tad’s diagnosis, I had never heard of a single Norwich with a bad back! (Since then, I have learned of one other male with the same condition; his was surgically corrected.) And what exactly was IDD?
From my medical textbooks written for non-veterinarians, I learned that these disks, positioned between the vertebrae of the spinal column, are composed of an outer rim of tough, fibrous cartilage with a gelatinous center. Normal disks act as "pillows" or shock absorbers, cushioning the vertebrae and absorbing the stresses/shocks of the dog's movement. When a disk herniates, the whole disk does not slip out of position (the term "slipped disk" is actually a misnomer). Instead, the disk's gel-like center breaks through an opening in the fibrous outer structure and puts pressure on the spinal cord. To help me understand Tad's condition, a vet here used the analogy of a jelly donut. The jelly in the donut's center had oozed out through the surrounding dough and protruded into the spinal canal, exerting pressure on the spinal cord. This pressure compromises nerve function, giving rise to pain, hind-leg weakness and, in cases worse than Tad's, paralysis of both rear legs.

Once Tad's IDD was diagnosed, the vet gave him a cortisone shot to relieve pain and reduce inflammation. He then sent us home with a two-week supply of prednisone pills. This corticosteroid therapy markedly improved Tad's condition. Just a month or so after his last pill, however, the IDD symptoms returned. Another round of prednisone ensued. Knowing that prolonged steroid use can have serious side effects, I asked about surgery. My vet felt that Tad's problem was not severe enough to warrant such a major, risky operation. He also said there was no board-certified veterinary back surgeon in or near Lexington.

What to do when neither drugs nor surgery are feasible? I had recently read several upbeat articles about canine acupuncture in both holistic and mainstream veterinary publications. Acupuncture sounded safe, involved no drugs, and had been proven effective in treating a variety of canine musculoskeletal disorders, including IDD. With my vet's acquiescence, I decided to give acupuncture a try.

Fortunately, Lexington has one small animal practitioner certified by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS). He is not an holistic veterinarian, but has practiced acupuncture for fifteen years and is well-regarded by fellow veterinarians. After studying Tad's x-rays, he inserted nine little sterilized needles into relevant acupuncture points on Tad's body. The needles did not seem to bother Tad. They remained in place about twenty minutes.

Tad was tired after his first treatment and even stiffer the following day. The acupuncturist had said Tad might initially be worse—evidence that the treatment was affecting his system. He had a second and third acupuncture session each week. After the third treatment, just as the acupuncturist had hoped, Tad's condition improved. After the fifth, Tad was decidedly better. From now on, his acupuncture therapy will be on an "as needed" basis.

Tad's progress has been the "slow and steady" sort, not the "quick (but temporary) fix" of corticosteroids. Nobody can say whether he will continue to improve or whether he has already reached his plateau. He cannot run fast, leap fences, or jump up on furniture. He probably will never lead a truly active life. But at least he no longer looks depressed. He is once again barking, wagging his tail and enjoying a short, daily walk.

I do not pretend to comprehend how acupuncture works. This ancient Chinese therapy is a means of helping the body heal itself by stimulating an animal's energy-flow network. Tad's acupuncturist told me that 75% of animals have a positive response to this treatment. Luckily, Tad was one of them. So, at least for now, his IDD can be effectively managed without drugs or surgery. For a list of certified veterinary acupuncturists in your area, call IVAS at 970-587-9686 or visit the website: www.ivas.org.

— Alison Freehling
“HEART OF THE MATTER:”
AN UPDATE ON NORFOLK MITRAL VALVE DISEASE

To all Norfolk owners who responded readily and earnestly to our survey on Mitral Valve (Heart) Disease, our sincerest thanks. You have provided us with helpful facts and details about your dogs and the lives they lead, both those that have suffered (and even died) from MVD and those that have remained completely healthy.

The data that you supplied has helped to establish the following:

• Mitral Valve Disease in Norfolk is a significant health problem, and we must recognize it as such.
• Based on the generous number of survey responses, Dr. Tom Rossi, our cardiac-research consultant, will help us derive a sample percentage of the number of affected Norfolks within our “Norfolk community”.
• Using more detailed information (which we must continue to provide), Dr. Rossi can begin to determine certain patterns of the disease in Norfolks, including age of onset, severity, rate of progression, response to therapy, and the inheritability of the disease. Our long term goal will be to look for the gene or genes responsible for this problem in the hopes of eliminating it from our gene pool.

Most of us know that the progress of a thorough, carefully designed scientific study may seem tediously slow to yield practical, beneficial results. Following are some suggestions about what we as breeders and owners can do NOW to help our beloved little dogs:

• Make sure each of your dogs has a thorough physical exam yearly and that the vet listens carefully to his heart with a stethoscope (this is called ausculting).
• If a murmur, however slight, is detected, there is a problem and cause for some concern. Ask your vet, then and there, to arrange for a colorflow Doppler echocardiogram. This hi-tech diagnostic procedure will confirm if the murmur is a result of MVD and the extent of the disease.
• Based on the Doppler diagnosis, appropriate medication and dietary changes may be advisable. A schedule of follow-up exams will also need to be established in order to properly monitor the course of the disease.
• Any dog diagnosed with significant MVD should be withdrawn from your breeding program. Very mild MVD may not necessarily exclude an individual from being a breeding candidate, but this will need to be confirmed by the results of further study. The offspring of any affected animal should be carefully monitored and bred with caution.

Carol and I would especially like to thank Ed Plummer, president of ANTA (American Norfolk Terrier Association) and Sheila Foran, ANTA’s newsletter editor, for including our survey in the Spring issue of ANTIC. It is important for the success of this project to reach as many Norfolk owners and breeders as possible.

— Nat LaMar and Carol Falk, NNTC Norfolk Health/Genetics Committee
“ALWAYS TIME FOR A FAT TERRIER”

Ed.: Rescue and Rehoming Chair Sue Ely received this “always time for a fat terrier” email from John Schmidt who, with his wife Christine, recently rehomed a Norfolk bitch named Puffin (see the Fall/Winter 1999 News, p. 5). At the time of her adoption, Puff tipped the scales at 24.5 lbs. The Schmidts put her on the following weight-loss program recommended by their veterinarian, a diet which Sue notes is a “SUPER menu for the OVERWEIGHT dog of which there are many in rescue.” — AGF

“Puff is on Purina CNM (Clinical Nutrition Maintenance), dry and canned. She gets 1/3 cup morning and night with lots of carrots and beans/broccoli. At night she gets 2 tablespoons of the canned with the dry and some veggies. NOTHING ELSE. The only treat allowed is an animal cracker, offered twice a week. Very sad….

The canned CNM has only (approx.) 185 calories in a 12 oz. can. The dry food has approx. 300 calories in a cup. It’s very efficient. Purina told me Puff could eat about 350 calories a day and lose weight; but she’d have lost weight too slowly. Realistically, all we can really expect they’ll lose is a pound or a pound and a half a month. That’s it.

Puff improved her ability to walk within 6 weeks, with no pressure from us. Of course Puff had Speck, the flying Lhasa Apso, as an example that pushed her faster than a solitary dog might go. Tell the “fat boy’s” owner to walk him, slowly, until he starts to lag, then be prepared to carry him back. Or get “fat-boy” a pooch-buddy for walkies. Two dogs can’t help but move. As long as the owner is slow and careful, “fat-boy” will do fine. He’s young. If “fat-boy’s” owner is online, give her my email address. We can swap stories and pictures.”

A NAUGHTY NORFOLK PROBLEM

Those who read my Notes From Rescue and Rehoming may recall Carole Kerr, who rescued an almost-Norfolk named Edgar, and Carole’s daughter, Michelle, who rehomed Fergie, a young Norfolk bitch, from Bill McCain. Both dogs live together in the same household and are walked together. Carole recently sent me the following email, which I pass on to *News* readers to see if anyone has had this experience and might have some words of advice.

“Can anyone out there help me with a problem I am having with my two Norfolks? On their walks they smell around in the leaves and try to find feces to eat. They do not eat their own feces, just other animals. Dogs, rabbits, deer, they aren’t fussy. My vet says he has not heard of this problem and had no suggestions. Oddly enough, most of the time it seems that when the feces is just lying there on top of the ground, they don’t try to eat it. It is when it is buried in the leaves that it suddenly becomes appealing. If anyone else has had this problem, or has a suggestion, please email me at Chkerr22@aol.com. I tried muzzling them; they had the muzzles off in 5 minutes flat. I yell at them, tell them “No eat”, nothing seems to work for long. I would appreciate any suggestions.”

To this plea, I would add a specific comment. What disturbs Carole most is that her dogs are eating other dog’s feces. Eating deer or rabbit droppings is not strange for any dog. Indeed, my vet finds rabbit *coccidia* in fecals all the time. Apparently Edgar didn’t show signs of *coppophagia* (stool eating) until Fergie came. She is into shredding anything she can get a hold of: Kleenex, Tupperware, etc. Edgar has picked it up from her, says Carole, thought he is not as assiduous (pardon the pun) as she is. If anyone can help Carole, please send her your thoughts.

— Sue Ely
TICKED OFF

In the spring of 1998, Sandy and I were blessed with the arrival of a beautiful black and tan Norwich male. “Arnie” was the largest and most robust in his litter of five. He was the normal rambunctious, energetic, amusing puppy one expects of a Norwich. Always the leader in the litter, he was full of self-importance and enthusiasm. By mid-July, his littermates had left for their new homes, but Arnie still had two other pups three months his senior to wrestle and beat up.

We moved to our island in Canada for the month of August, where the puppies romped with joy all day long. However, I began to notice a change in Arnie. His energy level started to wane, his tail was down and he spent much of his time sleeping;—oh but he still kept his wonderful appetite. I attributed the lethargy to his being a fast-growing boy, and didn’t give this too much more thought.

By the time he was a year old, he still had not lifted his leg. He also now allowed the other two pups to dominate him. I began to worry about his self-esteem, so I called a famous dog therapist. He came over to evaluate Arnie’s behavior and decided to take him away for two to three weeks. An amusing neighbor remarked, “All that expense just to teach him to lift his leg!”

Of course, this was only one of many symptoms of badly-needed help. Arnie returned with his tail up more of the time; he lifted his leg most of the time and played more enthusiastically with his toys. Still, he had to be coaxed a lot and he lacked energy. At his therapist’s suggestion, I had his thyroid tested. The test results came back perfectly normal.

By July of that year, when Arnie was fifteen months old, I became very ill with Lyme disease. I was exhausted all the time. One day I looked at Arnie and thought, “You look like I feel.” Off we went to have Arnie tested for Lyme. It came back positive. He had had Lyme disease for a year! The vet put him on antibiotics for fifty days. After just four days, the change was remarkable. He played; his tail was up; he lifted his leg on every bush; he was raring to go.

The treatment ended in October. The vet didn’t want to vaccinate as he thought the Lyme vaccine still needed improvement. He also thought the tick season had passed. But no, it was a warm fall and I found two ticks on Arnie. The vet then suggested I put Frontline between his shoulders once a month until the first deep frost. Frontline kills the tick (and fleas) when it bites the dog. Research has found that the tick must stay imbedded for at least 24 hours to infect its victim. Deer ticks (the carrier of Lyme disease) are the size of a pinhead and are impossible to see before they penetrate a dog’s skin.

By December, Arnie’s energy was noticeably diminishing. I had him tested again. This test, called “Western Blot,” was more extensive than before because of his previous antibiotics. It came back positive. Arnie was put on much stronger doses of polycycline—100 mg. per day, two times a day, for three weeks. This dosage was eight times the strength of his first course of antibiotics.

It is April now, and Arnie is bursting with happiness and energy. And so am I.

— Glorvina Schwartz, Tuxedo Park, NY
AGILITY = FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

Yes, it is just as fun as it looks on TV! Fun for dogs! Fun for handlers! That's agility!!! You can do it too!!!

Please understand, I am neither an expert dog trainer nor a top agility competitor. I'm middle aged (can this be true?), with a family, a house, a full-time job, a bunch of pets, and too many volunteer activities—all of which keep me pretty busy. In what spare time I have, I love to do things with my dogs. About two years ago the sport of canine agility came to our little corner of northwest Florida. In these two years of training and showing in agility, my beloved Norwich, Skyscot's Oliver Twist & Shout, CD, OA, OAJ ("Ollie"), and I have had a blast! An unexpected bonus has been (to the surprise of some) that we've even enjoyed some success, as is evident from the alphabet soup following Ollie's name. And, we are not the only Nor' out there doing this. Even in our relatively remote area, Ollie and I have been thrilled to meet a few other Norwich and Norfolks jumping, weaving, and climbing A-frames at agility trials. Our little terriers love doing agility!

Competitive agility is a team sport in which an off-lead dog runs along with his/her handler through a course of obstacles in a very limited time period. Dogs compete against others of similar ability level and height (Chihuahuas, Papillons, Yorkies, and Scotties are our usual competition). Obstacles include different types of high and broad jumps, tunnels, an elevated dog walk, a teeter-totter, an A-frame, a pause table and weave poles. No two competitions are identical since every course design is different. Patterned after horse events, the goal of agility is for the dog to run the specified course as fast as possible with no faults and no knocked-down jumps.

Agility competitions and titles are sponsored by several organizations (AKC, USDAA, NADAC, UKC). I am only familiar with AKC events since these are the only ones available in my area. AKC jump heights and the angle of the A-frame are lower and less demanding than in USDAA, unless you compete in the veteran's class. In AKC, if the dog measures less than 10" at the withers, the jump height is 8"; in USDAA, we'd have to jump 12". In AKC Standard classes, all the obstacles may appear on the course; in AKC Jumpers with Weaves, a very fast and exciting class, the course consists of only jumps, tunnels, and weave poles and is usually run in less than 40 seconds. Titles are earned in both AKC classes.

Agility is a physically demanding sport for both the human and canine team members. A big benefit of agility is that once you get "hooked", you will no longer need a health club for aerobic exercise; you will find agility provides all the running and stretching you need! Seriously though, both athletes of an agility team need to be in good physical condition—especially the dog. Our Nors' cannot do agility if they are overweight. The courses are long and strenuous; excess
weight is just asking for problems with our dogs’ backs and shoulders. Also, our little terriers must be able to run near top speed for the entire distance of a course - which involves significantly more strides than for the bigger dogs. Long, frequent walks at a very fast trot for both you and your Nor’ are a training prerequisite. (A fast “trot” is the most beneficial gait for strengthening a dog’s shoulders and hips. Ollie has now learned the command “trot”.) Also, if you are going to start serious agility training, a nutritious diet is clearly a must for your dog, as are well-groomed feet and nails.

Many people think agility is out of the question for them simply because of the equipment. For most of us, even if we were able to afford the expensive, heavily built equipment used in trials, we have no place to keep it all. Most of us do not have a backyard the size of a soccer field, nor do we have at our ‘beck and call’ an army of strong men to move agility equipment all around. If you are having these thoughts, fear not! In just a small yard, you and your dog can learn nearly all the skills needed to successfully compete in agility using everyday things around your house. For example, jumps can easily be created by balancing a yardstick or broom handle across two shoe boxes or large juice cans. A small ottoman (without casters), a solid suitcase laid on its side, or an inexpensive card table with its legs cut down can be a perfectly good pause table. For a broad jump, plastic guttering from the home improvement store can be cut into 3’ strips and laid side by side. For our little dogs, a plastic child’s tunnel available at Toys-R-Us is quite suitable; get two and clip them together for a long tunnel. Inexpensive silky material from the fabric store can be hooked to the end of the tunnel to make a collapsed tunnel. A small hula hoop or a child’s swim ring makes for easy tire-jump training. Your stairway is a terrific place to train the ups and the downs of the A-frame. And the cheapest and quickest weave poles are short lengths of steel rebar stuck into the ground, over which you slip a 3’ length of PVC pipe. Obviously the equipment problem can be overcome with a little creativity.

So, you want to start training? Great! Before you get too serious about weave poles, A-frames and such, however, some basic obedience training is imperative. To successfully follow your direction around an agility course, first and foremost your dog must be able to pay attention to you, follow simple commands, and disregard all visual and other sensory distractions. To “come”, to come “here” (meaning look at me and quickly come toward me), to “sit”, to “down” and to “stay” are required skills. Also, “no sniff” or “leave it” is a command your dog must respect. Since the arenas in which agility trials are conducted are primarily used for livestock shows, and since the agility equipment bears many scents, our little dogs must be able to navigate around and keep their minds on business even though their noses are only a few inches above the ground. So, if you want to do agility and you have a chance to take an obedience class (regardless of whether you ever compete in obedience), you should definitely do it. In my opinion, obedience training is the first prerequisite to a successful and fun agility career. (And “no sniff” is by far the most difficult task for our Nors’ to master.)

As to specific training for agility, there are plenty of terrific books, videos, and Internet sites which can get you started in the right direction and can also teach you some of the more advanced skills. A few of my favorites are listed at the end of this article. Since time and space do not permit lengthy discussion as to techniques for training each obstacle, here are a few tips that Ollie has taught me. First, as with all training, force yourself to go slowly. Even though it is so much fun to see your little Nor’ fearlessly riding the teeter-totter, he/she will only be able to do this reliably if the introduction to the equipment is slow and deliberate and he/she has learned the necessity of touching the contact zones. Similarly, when training sequences, don’t be in a rush to remove the leash; wait until you are certain your Nor’ is listening to you. Second, if your Nor’ is like Ollie, jumping does not come naturally and must be carefully learned. Ollie tends to take off
for jumps much too early, causing his back legs to knock down bars. Jump height and distance have never been a problem, but the timing and location of the take-off have been a significant challenge. Like horse jumping, we have found training with cavaletti (i.e., ground poles—I use PVC pipe) to be quite helpful. Also in this regard, we’ve learned there is no need to jump too many jumps when training. To minimize wear and tear on Ollie’s little joints and spine and to maintain his enthusiasm, if he does a series of jumps correctly the first time, we quit. Third, as with conformation and obedience, there is a huge advantage to working with an experienced competitor and/or training with a class. Our agility dogs must be comfortable performing on different types of equipment and with endless distractions, and we handlers can learn so much from each other in a class.

One final word about agility. While this is a wonderful sport for dogs and handlers alike, it does pose a bit of danger to our Nors’. Without sounding alarmist, it is a fact that nearly every dog at every agility trial will be bigger than our Nors’; each of these bigger dogs will be running off-lead on the course and may be warming up off-lead just a few feet from the course. Not all of these dogs are obedience trained, especially in the novice ranks, and not all are accustomed to our little terriers darting about. Even if big dogs are on-lead, their handlers may not have complete control or may not be paying attention. It only takes a flash for a terrible “accident” to occur. We must never forget that thought when either on or off the course at an agility event. While such “accidents” are reportedly and thankfully rare, we must always keep the safety of our Nors’ foremost in our minds just as we would when doing any dog activity.

As you can tell, there is much more involved in this sport of agility than what is shown on TV. But I bet you will never find a person or a dog who has tried it who doesn’t agree that it is loads of fun. Sure the competitions and earning ribbons and titles are exciting, but the best part is the everyday training time with your Nor’. From Ollie’s perspective, there’s nothing better than racing through a tunnel and the weave poles to snatch his little mouse toy! So come on out and join us in the fun, fun, fun of agility!!!

Great references include: www.dogpatch.org/agility; Competition Agility Training, a 3-volume video set by Jane Simmons-Moake; Introductory Agility Workbook by Clean Run Productions; Jumping from A to Z by Dr. Chris Zink.

— Susan Novotny, Gulf Breeze, FL

Author’s note: Susan Novotny gives special thanks to Ollie’s breeder, Leslie Becker, for such a sound, smart and spirited little guy. Ollie has earned the AKC Open Agility (OA) title and Open Jumpers with Weaves (OAJ) title. At this writing he is competing for his Agility Excellent (AX) title, his Excellent Jumpers (AXJ) title and his CDX.

Ed.: The wonderful photo on the front cover of this News shows Ollie, the agility whiz, in action. He’s definitely having fun!
THE DOG WORLD "DOWN UNDER": PART II

Ed.: Part I of NNTC member Blair Kelly, III's account of his Spring 1999 trip to Australia, describing conformation shows and a visit to a Norwich breeder, was published in the Fall/Winter 1999 News (pp. 22-23). Part II focuses on obedience and agility trials "down under."

Obedience

Australia, which is about the same size in land mass as the continental United States, is divided politically into eight areas: six states and two territories. The Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) is basically just an umbrella organization for the state and territory canine councils, which have the real power. Each canine council is free to set its own rules—and they do! They try for some national uniformity in conformation, obedience, and agility rules; but that requires the consensus of each state and territory—which can be hard to get. What I describe in this article are the rules for the state of New South Wales (of which Sydney is the capital) as stated by the Royal New South Wales Canine Council (RNSWCC).

I was able to attend an obedience trial and talk with several people, including a judge who was trialing that day and who is very knowledgeable about (and envious of) American obedience rules. Australian obedience is basically tougher than American obedience. First the rings are larger, which means a dog that likes to run can have a harder time slowing down during the run portion of the heeling pattern. The heeling pattern also includes the figure-eight rather than having it broken out as a separate item. The stand-for-exam is done starting with the dog sitting in heel position. Upon the judge's command, you heel off for a dozen paces or so until told to "stand your dog"; thus you have to get your dog to stand from a walking heel. In utility, the stand-for-exam is done as a group exercise.

Most of the exercises are the same as in the States. However in utility, there is one exercise we do not have. This is the "optional" exercise, where the handler can choose one of three exercises: speak on command, food refusal, or directed retrieve of a glove. Until recently, when local councils (local governments) have gotten strict about excessive dog barking, people chose these options in roughly equal thirds. Now the choices are about fifty-fifty between food refusal and directed retrieve.

Another difference from American obedience is that the scent discrimination articles, instead of being dumbbells, are in the shape of sticks—which can make them difficult for the dog to pick up. There are five pieces of wood, five pieces of leather and five pieces of metal; each group is numbered one through five. The judge will decide on a particular number for the day; items with that number will be held back and not scattered on the ground. The exercise is actually a three-part exercise. In some order of wood, leather, and metal, a held-back article will be given to the handler, who will rub it with his hands before it is placed on the ground. Then (hopefully) the dog will retrieve that article. This is done for each of the three held-back articles.

Agility

Early in my stay in Australia, I was fortunate to make contact with agility judge Liz Barker (http://www.ozemail.com.au/~lilibark/). She was very helpful in getting me connected to the canine community in Australia. I owe her a big debt of thanks.

Just as the United States has AKC and USDDA agility, Australia also has two agility groups: ANKC and ADAA (Australian Dog Agility Association). Unlike in the States (where we can compete in both), the RNSWCC has ruled that anyone competing in ADAA cannot compete in ANKC events. This is an unpopular ruling; everyone hopes it will soon be changed.

Just as agility is the fastest growing dog performance activity in America, agility is also growing in popularity in Australia—although it still has a way to go before overtaking obedience. I was able
to visit a dog club in southern Sydney, the Sutherland Shire Dog Training Club, to observe an agility training class and to talk to several members. Sutherland holds their classes outdoors at a local athletic park, taking up a full soccer field when they train. Before a dog can enter Sutherland’s beginner agility class, he/she must pass one of their obedience classes. Since dogs cannot compete in agility in Australia until they are 18 months old, the club rule is that a dog must be a year old before it can start an agility class. Of course, people knowledgeable about agility start their puppies at home.

Instead of crating dogs awaiting their turn on the agility equipment, Australians tie their dogs to stakes set in the ground. Consequently, there is a lot of barking. I observed the same thing at the agility trial I attended. It reminded me of what I imagine dogs barking at a fox hunt sound like, all excited and wanting to “go”. I would guess it is rather stressful on the dogs, so I prefer our custom of crating dogs at trials.

The agility trial I attended was in Cardiff, a suburb of the city of Newcastle about a two-hour train ride north of Sydney. I had arrived in Australia just after the fall agility season in Sydney, but Liz recommended the Newcastle Trial, where she was judging. When I arrived at the trial, I was shocked to see the judge doing things that the host club would do in the States: setting up equipment, organizing and training ring stewards, etc. As Liz later explained to me, while agility in Australia is growing very fast, there are still just a few people who know how things should be done, especially in the more rural clubs. Another thing that surprised me was the lack of ring help; there was the timekeeper (who doubled as a score keeper), a score poster and a gate steward. That was it for the Open ring where Liz was judging. The gate steward was a nine-year-old girl and the other two helpers were spouses who had never done any agility. This gives you an idea of the lack of help. I immediately offered my services and was gladly put to work as the junior gate steward (to help the little girl). Interestingly, people do not check in with the gate steward; rather, the gate steward has to call out the armband numbers.

There are only three height classes in Australian agility: small (for dogs up to and including 380 mm.), medium (over 380 mm. to 550 mm. inclusive) and large (over 550 mm.). (Australia has gone totally metric – mm. stands for millimeters.) Jump heights are set at 380 mm. (14.8 in.), 570 mm. (22.2 in.), and 700 mm. (27.3 in.) for small, medium and large dogs, respectively. The Australian “triple” is three hurdles in succession with the distance between the hurdles being 1500 mm. (4.9 ft.), 2500 mm. (8.1 ft.), and 3500 mm. (11.4 ft.) for small, medium, and large dogs. The obstacle is designed so that the dog does a jump, bounce, jump, etc. Around both the pause table and the weave poles is an “exclusion zone,” which is a fault if entered by the handler. A handler cannot get closer than 1000 mm. (3.2 ft.) to the pause table or 500 mm. (1.6 ft.) to any part of the weave poles. A string staked on the ground delineates the exclusion area. Interestingly, the weave poles I saw were as tall as a person, with a connecting pole along the top. The contact zones on the contact obstacles are divided into three areas: blue, yellow and red (closest to the ground) for large, medium and small dogs, respectively. A dog must touch the contact area for its class. All other obstacles are the same as in the States. I think exclusion zones and different contact areas by height are ideas we might consider here.

During the judge’s briefing, Liz emphasized that she would enforce the rules against swearing. I was sort of disappointed that everyone took her seriously and that there were no offenders; Australians can be quite colorful in this regard!

The Novice ring (under a different judge) had only nine obstacles, including weave poles. At the Novice and Open levels in Australia, a dog may enter the weave poles from either side; at the Master level, the dog must enter with the first pole on the dog’s left. At the Novice level, a dog just has to get on the pause table, neither a “sit” nor a “down” is required. At the Open level, a “down” on
the pause table is required. At the Master level, the dog must assume the position required by the judge (sit, down, stand). The Open course seemed equivalent to an American Novice course in terms of number of obstacles and level of difficulty; the Master course seemed equivalent to an American Master course. I thought that Australian Master level dogs would hold their own against American dogs of the same level.

A major difference between Australian and American agility is that if a dog fouls the ring, it is only faulted, not excused. Another major difference is that the course qualifying time is the same for all three height classes! Qualifying scores, rather than being called “legs,” are called “passes” in Australia. For the Novice and Open levels, after all the dogs had run once, the dogs who scored in the top half (whether qualifying or not) ran again to determine overall first, second, and third. Master level dogs only got one shot. Nice trophies were given to the class winners.

Even with two runnings for Novice and Open, all three classes finished by 2PM. There were approximately 130 dogs entered - an average attendance at such a trial. Since the equipment was there and most people were staying for the Sunday trial (this was a Saturday), Liz organized a game. For two dollars Australian (about $1.20 in U. S. currency), you could run your dog. The objective was to go over each obstacle once, in any order you chose. Liz and her husband (who had been trialing at the Master level under the other judge) had brought five four-legged friends. With the exception of the dogs they were currently campaigning, they offered to let me run one of their dogs in the game. How could I resist? So, after they told me about each of the available dogs, I picked the one I liked best (whose name turned out to be Katie). I hope I did America proud! Although at one point Katie ran out of the ring when she saw Liz, she came back and we finished all the obstacles. Only afterwards did I find out that Katie was a Master level dog. People said I did well for running an unfamiliar dog—but to be honest, Katie outran me! Running a dog in agility was definitely one of the high points of my Australia trip!

I would like to thank Peter, Beth and Andrew (the “Green team”) for taking care of my Norwich, Kate, while I was in Australia. It was a big load off my mind to know she was in such capable hands. Kate gave me a very nice present at the agility trial we attended two weeks after I returned. In four runs, she qualified each time, earning four blue ribbons (signifying she won her height class) and earning two (!) AKC titles. Now she is Ch. Jerusalem Katherina Minola B, CGC, NA, OAJ.

— Blair Kelly, III, Odenton, MD

SERENA JUMPS FOR JOY AT WESTMINSTER

*Ed.: As promised in the Fall/Winter 1999 issue, the 2000 News will reprint articles from early years. This issue’s “pages from the past,” first published in the Spring 1970 Norwich Terrier News, is a light-hearted account by founding editor Constance Larabee of her young King’s Prevention Serena’s trip to Westminster thirty years ago. What would Constance’s late husband, Sterling Larabee, think if he knew that the two Norwich Westminster Best in Show winners—Ch. Chidley Willum the Conqueror in 1994 and Ch. Fairewood Frolic in 1998—both sported black and tan jackets?! —AGF*

A little dog born in your bedroom can make it to Westminster—and win. Serena did.

The night our first black & tan litter was born Sterling said, “You’ll be lucky if you can give those away.” In less than two hours, Britina had whelped one deep red and four black & tan puppies. I took one look at the litter and went into shock. All puppies are beguiling. They were a good litter.
By the time they were up on all four feet I had succumbed to their charm and to their color. They were evenly marked with shiny black saddles and red foxy heads.

At three months, Serena attended her first puppy show. The smallest and the youngest, she went Best Bitch puppy over thirty-nine others at this All Terrier Breeds event. Many were three times as old and five times her size. Arriving home with her trophy Sterling said, "The Judge must be color blind."

Serena grew, never went through the ugly duckling stage and at seven months won her first blue ribbon. Two shows later with two majors she was entered for Westminster.

Life, of course, is not just one big dog show. It was Christmastime and King's Prevention relaxed for the winter. No feverish stripping, grooming or training. In February, on the Thursday before Westminster, our handler John Brennan called. "What Norwich are you sending to Westminster?" The answer was "None. We've had a lovely rest from dog grooming. Serena hasn't been touched since Atlantic City last November." John persisted and I capitulated. That Friday we went back to picking hairs, washing, grooming and getting her back on a lead after running wild on the farm for two months.

On Saturday morning Serena took off for John Brennan's. "She's never seen you before; she won't show for a man. You'll be lucky if she wins one blue ribbon. It's a good thing you're taking those top poodles to the Garden this year." "We'll see!" said John and off they went to New York. Serena and John had a whirl. She'd never seen a skyscraper, an elevator or a sawdust ring. Fascinated by the first two, she hated the sawdust and waited to do all in the show ring. The green mat looked like grass to her—who says a dog is color blind?

It was a Monday to remember at King's Prevention. Serena went Best of Breed, Westminster 1970, the first black & tan and one of the youngest Norwich to win this coveted honor. At Madison Square that evening, twenty-two terriers comprised the terrier group, competing for Best Terrier in Show. Serena was pulled out in the last eight, a compliment to her breed judge’s earlier decision and to the breed.

It was a busy weekend. Sterling did not miss her. An ecstatic phone call from Marcia, who owns Serena's sister, broke the good news. Our little dog was stepping out in New York and not in Chestertown. Sterling immediately rose to the occasion with his best champagne.

What makes Serena wag her tail? What made her win at her age spectacular? We presume to tell it like it is. She has soundness and type. Technically she is a puppy until one year old. A sound structure is essential in a future brood bitch. Type? Without it, Serena could be any breed or no breed. With type she becomes a true representative Norwich Terrier.

Sterling continues to shake his head sadly at Serena. "A dear little dog, but how I wish she were red." Serena couldn't care less. She knows she's "A fabulous show girl."

—Constance S. Larrabee
AN UPDATE ON CH. CHIDLEY WILLUM THE CONQUEROR

Ed.: For those who wonder how dog-show superstars spend their “golden years,” I asked current owner Glorvina Schwartz to share a few anecdotes about “Willum”, the jaunty little black and tan Norwich who was Best in Show at Westminster in 1994.

“Willum the Conqueror” continues to capture everyone’s heart. Almost eleven, with gray, bushy eyebrows, he is now a portly old gent, weighing in at a hefty 14 pounds. His health is fairly stable. He continues to have a chronic sinus infection, which we treat from time to time with various antibiotics after taking a slide of mucus from his nose. His breathing passage has narrowed, making him sound like a rusty wheel when he gets excited. So we do our best to keep him cool, with air-conditioning as needed and spending August in Canada.

Willum has a great sense of humor. He plays with his toys and also enjoys terrorizing the pups, making them think he is a dragon with his growls and snorts when they start to get out of hand. In the cool of the evening, he loves his walks and goes along quite rapidly, sneezing and snorting and blowing it all out.

Last week, Willum felt so well that he slipped past my husband Sandy and quickly ran through the gate when Sandy opened it after his swim in the pool. What a sight the two of them were running down the street in Palm Beach. Sandy had bare feet and was holding a towel with one hand around his waist. He kept calling “come back, ‘Whooh,’ come back.” He finally caught up with ‘Whooh’ a block away where Willum had stopped to court a ‘Frenchie’ (French Bulldog).

As you can see, Willum enjoys all worlds and is the love of our life.

— Glorvina Schwartz

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Ed.: Had I chosen a caption for this engaging photo, it would have been something like “How dare this lovely fly land on my lordly tail?” This, however, would have misrepresented the real focus of “Decker’s” riveting gaze as his owner, News subscriber Lark Shlimbaum, explains.

The picture is Decker on patrol, making sure there are no squirrels in his yard. Decker is so careful about examining everything that some of his friends have nicknamed him The Inspector General. He is an excellent climber. Sometimes you can go out and find him standing on top of the wood pile, surveying his domain. Decker’s climbing ability also means you may find him in the living room bay window, looking for the stray cat who hangs around the front yard; or he may be up on the kitchen table, rearranging the napkins. Decker also keeps a constant eye on Wojo, his three-year-old Norwich “brother.” Even a five minute period of separation is followed by a joyful reunion. Decker is a typical Norfolk in that he loves to eat. He precedes each meal with a lot of barking and jumping; then he does a few tricks. It’s amazing how obedient he becomes when his dish is in hand.

— Lark Shlimbaum, Bay Shore, NY
"I've ordered my breakfast in bed today!"

"It's been a really tough day!"

"Pillow Talk"

"They expect me to swim with this thing on?"

The Morris family dogs await the daily meal
Prelude to Montgomery 1999: Norfolk at Hatboro and Devon

Friends telephone from the West Coast, from the Midwest and from just around the corner. What are you going to wear Montgomery weekend? The weather is always unpredictable. Eastern Pennsylvania on this most prestigious terrier weekend of the year just buzzes with excitement. It definitely is the occasion for ushering in new fall wardrobes. This year the range of attire was as varied as the weather. Just to make certain, I tell my friends, "Bring a warm coat, rain boots and an umbrella."

This year the Hatboro Dog Club held back-to-back shows. On Thursday at Hatboro I, the weather was crisp, in fact cold; therefore, we bundled up in warm clothing. The show grounds are well mowed and flat. There is always ample parking with many attendants pointing the way to the various car parks. The main attraction, other than the dogs, has to be the gorgeous autumn display the club sets out on the site. This year a trellis archway of white wood led the way to mounds of pumpkins and fall flowers. Anyone would be proud to have their winning dog photographed in front of this glorious arrangement. The Thursday show had an entry of thirty-three Norfolks, with four absences. Barbara Keenan was the judge of the day. She awarded the Winners Dog ribbon to Sunoak Brimston of Whitehall, piloted by Lorenzo Mosby, bred by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean, and owned by Ronald and Beverly Tucker. The sire is Ch. Sunoak's Warlock, the dam Melody of Whitehall. Reserve Winners Dog was Augustus McCrae, handled by Californian Amy Rutherford for Nevada owner Theresa Keohoe. The Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex ribbons were all awarded to Brenda and Lyle Coleman's Strathcona's Trifle La Rouge. This young bitch is co-owned with Patricia Johnson and was handled by fellow Californian Woody Wornall. Her sire is Ch. Nanfan Culver from Joy Taylor's famous Nanfan kennel. (In England, "Culver" was owned by Mrs. Cunningham, mother of Michael Coad who, in turn, is best friends with Jeff Corish; from time to time Jeff handles Joy Taylor's Norfolks. When Jim and Marge McTernan imported "Culver" to America, he became a popular stud dog. Upon his arrival, he was co-owned by the McTernans and Mrs. Cunningham. Now he is in the sole custody of the McTernans.) "Trifle's" dam is the lovely Ch. Strathcona's Boozy Rouge. Giving close chase for the Winners Bitch ribbon was the very beautiful Reserve, Wonderwood Sugarpine Tuffy, bred by Jessica Relinquin, Jessica's Ch. Wonderwood Strange Brew is her dam, Ch. Skyscot's Rough Rider her sire. Amy Rutherford was her handler; her owners are Jessica Relinquin and Lauri Rossi Sherick. Both these California Norfolk bitches are a credit to the breed. The East is yearly invaded by the West on this terrier weekend, and the West usually goes home with most of the top ribbons. Ch. The Duke of Copperplate, another California-bred dog, was Best of Breed. Larry Cornelius, his regular handler, was joyful with this win, as were "Duke's" owners Jim and Marge McTernan and breeder/owner Michael Labrie. The Nanfan kennel produced both the sire, Ch. Nanfan Culver, and the dam, Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy. Margaret Mickelson, who awarded "Duke" the Number One ribbon, judged the Terrier Group. "Duke" and Larry went on to capture one more win, the red, white and blue Best in Show ribbon, under judge Council Parker. It would be nice if fellow Norfolk and Norwich fanciers stayed to watch the finals. There's lots to be learned from observing other breeds and, of course, supporting our breed winners.

Friday was a glorious day for Hatboro 2. In past years, entries have been higher for this show, but enthusiasm was nonetheless peak. An entry of forty-two (with five absences) paraded before the judge, Mr. Madison Weeks. Hatboro 2 was a repeat of Hatboro 1 for the Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Dog, Sunoak Brimston of Whitehall and Augustus McCrae. Amy Rutherford easily piloted Wonderwood Sugarpine Tuffy to Winners Bitch. The previous day's Winners Bitch sat this one out. Linda and Maria Federici's Jaeva Brandy Snap, imported from Martin Phillips' kennel in England, took home the Reserve Winners Bitch ribbon. (I'm sure you remember that Martin was last year's Hatboro judge.) "Brandy" was handled by George Wright, himself a transplanted fellow from across the pond. Ch. Copperplate Wintersky Cricket, owned by Freddie Jackson, Larry Rockwell and her breeder, Michael Labrie, was Best of Opposite Sex. She is sired by Ch. Wonderwood Luck of the Draw; her dam is Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy. "Cricket," as you may remember, was Best of Breed at the 1998 Montgomery Specialty under Anne Rogers Clark. As at Hatboro 1, the LaBrie,
McTernan, Cornelius team again went home with the Best of Breed ribbon, awarded to their Ch. The Duke of Copperplate. Mr. Bruce Schwartz had a lovely line up in the Terrier Group ring where “Duke” completed his day with a Group Two.

Montgomery weekend seems to be filled with so much to do, so many friends to see, so many dinners to attend. Barbara Fournier, always the trooper, Pam Beale (Veneric), and U. K. breeders Cathy Thompson (Belleville) and Leslie Crawley (Ragus and Elve) were my car guests. We had tons of laughs as well as healthy discussions about the breeds. It’s interesting to get that “other side of the pond” commentary. Friday evening, the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club held its annual meeting at the host hotel. I was still at Hatboro; therefore, I relied on others to fill me in on what took place. Members were asked to respond to Carol Falk’s heart-disease questionnaire being mailed to all Norfolk members. Judges for both breeds were announced for the Montgomery 2000 National Specialty. Cindy Vogels will be doing the Norfolk honors and Geraldine Kelly the Norwich.

Devon Dog Show Association is held on the Ludwig’s Corner horse show grounds on Saturday. Devon is a terrific show, but the parking leaves something to be desired. Handicap parking was aptly named. Barbara Fournier needed to be as close to the rings as possible, but finding a Handicap space was impossible. It was all hill and dale. Luckily I found a convenient spot behind a vendor, which allowed my carload of guests to negotiate the terrain. The weather was dreary, but members of the fancy cheerful. Mr. Harry O’Donoghue from Ireland judged an entry of forty-nine Norfolks with six absentees. Lorenzo Mosby handled Sunaok Brimston of Whitehall to the Winners Dog/Best of Winners slot and his championship. The Reserve Winners Dog went to Orchard Hill One For Fun, owned by Rachel and Erica Venier and handled by Beth Sweigart. The Veniers and Joan Eckert bred this puppy; he is sired by Ch. Max-Well’s Spring Into Action out of Ch. Abbedale Ever So Clever. In Pennsylvania, it takes nineteen Norfolk bitches for a five-point major which was awarded to Chantilly’s Anniversary Waltz with Larry Cornelius as handler. The breeder-owners are Jim and Sue O’Brien. Her sire is Ch. The Duke of Copperplate out of Ch. Yarrow’s Bewitched. The Reserve ribbon went to Debbie Pritchard’s Glenelg Little Lulu. Shown in the Bred by Exhibitor Class by Debbie, “Lulu” is sired by Ch. Wonderwood Winning Hand out of Ch. Glenelg Grazie. The Best of Opposite Sex winner was once again Ch. Copperplate Wintersky Cricket. And “The Duke” once again went Best of Breed, following that win up with a Group Three under judge Peggy Haas. The little red dog certainly was having a wonderful weekend!

My traveling companions and I stayed at Devon to watch the Groups and Best in Show, thereby missing the NNTC lobster dinner. From what I understand, Larry Adams did his usual splendid job of making all the dinner arrangements and hosting. According to my source (Louise Leone), Eve Kelly’s husband did a drawing of three Norwich, which was the main bid of the auction after dinner. A silent auction was also held. I know we all missed a great evening, but logistics made it difficult to attend.

Saturday night the heavens opened up with a total downpour of water. It seemed as if the rain would never let up—and it didn’t for most of the following day. Montgomery arrived with the wettest weather we’ve seen in years, but those of us in the fancy just braved it all with the cheerfulness of true terrier people. I stayed put at the Norfolk ring with rolled-up slicks and big black boots, rain hat and coat. Some of the exhibitors such as Jessica Renique looked quite fetching in her fisherman rain hat and matching boots. Dashing across the aisle to the Norwich ring, I must say I could barely find Sweeps judge, Carol Suggs, as she was buried in rain gear. Having gotten a handle on the situation by early mid-morning, I braved the elements, dug my boots into the sea of mud and headed for the food truck. My traveling companions were pleased that I thought of lunch. By day’s end, the Best in Show line up was moved to rings fifteen and sixteen, the Norwich and Norfolk rings; it seems we had the only rings not totally under water. Handlers, exhibitors and spectators were drowning in mud but having the best time ever. After all, it’s Montgomery.

Betty-Anne Stenmark’s judge’s critique highlights the Norfolk Montgomery winners. For those of you who haven’t heard, the biggest winner of the day was CH. THE DUKE OF COPPERPLATE. Congratulations to all the winners and to “Duke” for being the first Norfolk to go Best at Montgomery.

— Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY
NORWICH WINNERS AT
THE 1999 HATBORO AND DEVON SHOWS

Ed: I thank Norwich Showfront reporter Nonie Reynolds for sending the results of Norwich judging
at the Thursday and Friday Hatboro shows and at the Devon show on Saturday. — AGF

HATBORO (Thursday, October 7)
Judge: Mrs. Barbara Keenan

- **Winners Dog: Long Valley Rockaway** (Ch. Long Valley Freddie Rock x Long Valley Triceratops Sara). Breeder: Robert Henry Crompton IV. Owner: Mr. Elkins Wetherill.
- **Winners Bitch and Best of Winners: Rubicon’s Southern Charm** (Ch. Kristil’s Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. Skyscot’s The Contessa). Breeder and Owner: Pamela Rubinstein.
- **Reserve Winners Bitch: Dunbar’s Kitty Hawk** (Ch. Kristil’s Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. Dunbar’s Flying High). Breeder: Joan Kefeli. Owner: Anne Taylor.
- **Best of Breed: Ch. Fairewood Fireworks of Sandina** (Ch. Teutonia’s Viktor x Ch. Long Valley Cheers). Breeder: Lotus Tutton. Owner: Glorvina Schwartz.

HATBORO (Friday, October 8)
Judge: Mr. Madison Weeks

- **Reserve Winners Dog: Highwood’s Killer Whisker** (Ch. Sandina Sandman x Ch. Arcadian Gem’s Smoky Quartz). Breeder and Owner: Knowlton Reyners.
- **Winners Bitch and Best of Winners: Barkwich Close To My Heart** (Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror x Barkwich Cross My Heart). Breeder and Owner: Jacqueline McMurray.
- **Reserve Winners Bitch: Huntwood’s Sweet Dreams** (Ch. Sandina Sandman x Ch. Kristil’s Short Stockings). Breeder: Susan Kipp. Owner: Susan Kipp and Tia Davis.
- **Best of Breed: Ch. Sandina Sandman** (Ch. Teutonia’s Viktor x Ch. Chidley Catherine The Great). Breeder and Owner: Sandina Kennels.
- **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice.** (See BOS at Hatboro, Thursday).

DEVON (Saturday, October 9)
Judge: Mrs. Charlotte Patterson

- **Winners Dog and Best of Winners: Devondale’s Master Mycroft.** (See RWD at Hatboro, Thursday).
- **Reserve Winners Dog: Long Valley Rockaway.** (See WD at Hatboro, Thursday).
- **Best of Breed: Ch. Sandina Sandman.** (See BOB at Hatboro, Friday).
- **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice.** (See BOS at Hatboro, Thurs. & Fri.).
NORFOLK SWEEPS (MONTGOMERY 1999)

Judge Anthony Gabrielli’s Critique

I want to take this opportunity to thank the NNTC for the privilege of judging the Sweeps classes at the 1999 Montgomery Specialty. NNTC show coordinators Joe Franchi and Fraya Katz did an excellent job in organizing the show. The show site would have been more greatly appreciated if the rain and mud had not marred all the beautiful mums placed around the ring.

The weather made judging and showing a challenge, but did not dampen the spirits of our little Norfolks. They never cease to amaze me! The entry was very impressive overall. Breeders should be proud of the excellent scissors bites and lovely level top lines I observed. Out of the entire entry, there were only three level bites. And what ears—they all sat perfectly.

As breeders, we need to concentrate on our dogs’ rear assemblies. Many were close behind. This seems to be a persistent problem that we must continue to address. Another concern I had were eyes. There were many light eyes and some were very large. This Sweeps entry will become the foundation of another generation of champions, and we must continue to review the standards to keep our dogs healthy and intact.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who brought their lovely dogs to me, and especially for the graciousness with which my decisions were received.

(Ed.: Due to space limitations, only the winners of each Sweeps class are critiqued.)

Puppy Dogs, 6-9 Months: Ben Kelev’s Poker Chip (Ch. Max-Well’s Wild Card x Ch. Ben Kelev’s Chance Of Rain). Breeder/Owner: Carol Falk. A very nice level top line, harsh coat, good tail and earset, and nice front and rear movement. Would like to have seen a more typy face, but overall very sound with excellent substance of bone.


Junior Dogs, 12-18 Months: Glendale Simon of Queen’s Gate (Ch. Pinbeck Sam Browne, CD, CGC, ME, CTD x Ch. Pinbeck India Ink O Glendale). Breeder: Linda Haring. Owner: Sara Dombroski & Linda Haring. Very animated young man. Tail was always wagging. Nice eye with a nice rim. Good top line and a good rear. Seemed to have difficulty responding to his lead and handler.

Puppy Bitches, 6-9 Months: This was a difficult class to make my placements. All the dogs had good expression and good scissors bites. Minor variances in rear and front movement. All appeared somewhat big for their age: Franaro Fancy Free (Ch. Pinbeck Old Sweet Song x Ch. Pinbeck Primrose). Breeder: Fred Bizzaro & Joseph Franchi. Owner: Mary Jo Sweeney & Tony Ray Sweeney. Very nice expression and a good moving front. Level top line and good scissors bite. A little long of body.


Junior Bitches, 12-18 Months: Glendale’s Blossom Dearie (Ch. Hemlock Lane Domby Spend A Buck x Ch. Abbedale Glendale’s Cover Girl). Breeder: Linda Haring & Joan Eckert. Owner: Linda Haring. A lovely bitch. I could not fault her coming or going. Excellent topline, excellent bite and a beautiful set of teeth. Very animated. Tail was always up and she had a happy expression. She knew how to show herself off.
BEST IN SWEEPS: GLENDALE'S BLOSSOM DEARIE
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: BEN KELEV'S POKER CHIP

Veteran Sweepstakes: 7 Years and Over Bitches: It was wonderful watching these two old girls strut their stuff. They both acted as though they had been showing all their lives: (1) Ch. Reidmar Sweet Georgia Brown, ME (Ch. Jaeva Matti Brown x Reidmar Dream Girl). Breeder: Nat R. Lamar. Owner: Susan M. Ely. This bitch was happy to show off. Her topline is still level and she still has all her teeth and excellent scissors bite. A little close in the rear but a good spring to her gait. (2) Ch. Ginger and Pickles O'Sandpiper (Ch. Ragus Pass The Buck x Ch. Bear Hill's Marigold). Breeder: Gale Studeny. Owner: Valeria H. Beckwith. You could tell this girl was glad to be back in the spotlight again. She had a nice short back and good tail and ear set. Very nice dark eyes. She still had all her teeth but her bite is level. Very pleasing to the eye on the table.
—Anthony Gabrielli, Domby Norfolk Terriers, Russell, OH

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Norfolk Sweeps Judge, Tony Gabrielli

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Best in Sweeps: Glendale Blossom Dearie

NORWICH SWEEPSSTAKES (MONTGOMERY 1999)

Judge Carol Suggs’ Critique

What an honor to be invited to judge my breed’s Sweepstakes at Montgomery County. What a thrill to have an entry of fifty, with so much quality to choose from. Even the weather could not dampen the pleasure I took in the task before me.

(Ed.: Due to space limitations, only the winners of each Sweepstakes class are critiqued.)

Puppy, 6-9 Months Dogs (Class of 10; 3 absent): Highwood’s Killer Whisker. A handsome young fellow whose red coat was in lovely condition. He possessed a good head and eye and a typey outline. His excellent movement and showmanship put him in contention for the top spot.

Puppy, 9-12 Months Dogs (Class of 4; 1 absent): Devondale’s Master Mycroft. This red dog’s coat was in superb condition. Nice head, good eye, good movement, smashing outline. His showmanship, good opinion of himself, the picture he presented and overall quality propelled him to the top spot.

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Junior, 12-18 Months Dogs (Class of 4; 2 absent): Highwood’s Black Doctor. Overall nice black and tan dog with a lovely expression.

Puppy, 6-9 Months Bitches (Class of 17; 5 absent): What a wonderful class! The quality in this class went far deeper than the ribbons I had to give. This group of future brood bitches bodes very well for our breed. After acting like a kid in a candy store, I finally gave first place to: Highwood’s Shady Lady. This black and tan was in prime condition, possessed a typey head and expression, a very pleasing outline and nice easy movement. What gave her the edge was her terrier spirit; in the pouring rain she kept showing and showing and showing, never losing the outline that caught my eye. I later learned she is a litter sister to Killer Whiskey.

Puppy, 9-12 Months Bitches (Class of 5): Psalm’s Salacious Crumb. Lovely red bitch whose style and type won her this class.

Junior, 12-18 Months Bitches (Class of 10; 2 absent): Santana Surely. Beautiful head and a face that stole my heart. Her red coat was in top condition, her balanced outline and easy movement in an oh-so feminine package surely placed her in contention for the top spot.

BEST IN SWEEPS: DEVONDALE’S MASTER MYCROFT
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: SANTANA SURELY

I would like to thank my ring stewards, Dorothy Collier and John Mandeville, for their calm efficiency under trying circumstances. They made sure my paperwork stayed dry and in order and that the next class was lined up and waiting, so that all I had to worry about was judging the dogs.

The exhibitors were great, everyone managed to maintain their sense of humor while standing ankle deep in mud. I want to thank them for bringing me such a marvelous entry. It was a day to remember.

—Carol Suggs, Half-A-Bob Norwich Terriers, Freeport, IL
NORFOLK AT MONTGOMERY

Judge Betty-Anne Stenmark’s Critique

I’m sure I don’t need to mention the weather and conditions that befell the Specialty on Sunday, October 10, 1999; there has been ample ink spilled on that subject already. It was terribly disappointing, though, to all of us who had so looked forward to the day. Hours and hours of coat preparation and ring training went down the proverbial drain if the dog did not prove to be a proficient mudder!

My ring steward, Dr. John Reeve-Newson, provided me with the day’s first decision when he offered me his brand new brolly brought all the way from England. I had to weigh the possibility of some dogs being upset by the judge carrying an umbrella against the fact that I wear glasses and, in a driving rain without an umbrella, there is absolutely no way I could keep my glasses dry to see. I rationalized that Norfolks are hardy little working terriers and their temperament should be solid enough to cope with an umbrella—and most did. I was careful not to pop it open or close it in close proximity to the dogs; but I felt the dogs would have to cope with the conditions as did we.

It is important to remember that the judge must “judge on the day.” This was certainly a case where some dogs rose to the occasion while others let it be known they would have preferred to have been left home on a warm bed. I was looking for the over-all picture: a dog of proper size, slightly longer withers to tailset than withers to ground, typical head with dark eye, strong quarters well angled fore and aft, short straight hocks, level back, high-set tail, a protective coat which stood out for all to see on this day, and an ability to cover the ground freely and easily when viewed from the side.

The Winners Dog came from the Open Class, Copperplate The Artful Dodger (Ch. Nanfan Culver x Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy). A dog of correct size with a handsome head, good balance of length of leg to length of body, and he used himself well, especially considering he was not enamored with rain or mud.

Reserve Winners Dog was from the 6-9 Months Puppy Class, Ben Kelev’s Poker Chip (Ch. Max-Well’s Wild Card x Ch. Ben Kelev’s Chance of Rain). I was impressed with this plucky little dog; he stood out in his class and I gave him real consideration for the points. He was a trooper in those conditions.

Winners Bitch came from a strong 12-18 Months Class, Wonderwood Sugarpine Tuffy (Ch. Skyscot’s Rough Rider x Ch. Wonderwood Strange Brew). She caught my eye the moment she came into the ring. A strongly made but feminine bitch, lovely head and expression, all her parts in harmony with each other and, as expected, she moved out with strength and purpose. She easily advanced to Best of Winners.

Reserve Winners Bitch from the Open Class was Strathcona’s Trife La Rouge (Ch. Nanfan Culver x Ch. Strathcona’s Boozy Rouge). She lost to the Winners Bitch on head, but is strongly made and moved out well, a worthy bitch. I want also to mention the winner of the Bred-by-Exhibitor bitch class, Glenelg Little Lulu (Ch. Wonderwood Winning Hand x Ch. Glenelg Grazie), a lovely bitch who on a fine day might well have fared a little better.

Best of Breed was Ch. The Duke of Copperplate (Ch. Nanfan Culver x Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy), who came to play that day and never looked back. This dog pleases me in every way, a handsome head with good muzzle to skull proportions, dark eyes well set, good ear carriage, and a mouth with even teeth in a scissors bite. Well-angled shoulder with an upper arm to match, strong topline, rear-quarters in balance with front, tail set high with lots of "back
porch” behind, in perfect coat, he covered the ground well viewed from any angle. There’s an awful lot right with a little dog who can move out that freely and effortlessly on a loose lead. He came out of a strong Specials Class, but turned the competition up a notch. He was completely unaware that conditions were anything but perfect for a little working terrier; and when he came back to me and put his paw up and cocked his head, he demanded to win and so he did.

Best of Opposite Sex went to a lovely feminine, truly special bitch, Ch. Copperplate Wintersky Cricket (Ch. Wonderwood Luck of the Draw x Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy). Of similar type and style to the Breed dog, she too could move out with the best, a beautifully headed bitch, with excellent forequarters, good balance of leg to length of body, well-coated and plenty of showmanship. I would like to see her a little stronger behind, but of the three elements of gait I personally find that the least troublesome and the easiest to breed away from.

Awards of Merit went to Ch. Max-Well’s Cyclone (Ch. Max-Well’s Rainman x Ch. Max-Well’s My Thyme), Ch. Mayfair Winter Baron (Ch. The Duke of Copperplate x Ch. Mayfair Winter Rose), Ch. Avalon’s First Step (Ch. Greenfield’s Step to the Rear x Ch. Yarrow’s First Lady) and Ch. Max-Well’s Rainman (Ch. Max-Well’s Sporting Chance x Ch. Max-Well’s Summer Storm).

It appears I put up an entire Norfolk family: the Winners Dog and Best of Breed are full brothers and, along with the Reserve Winners Bitch, they were all sired by the same dog. The Winners Dog, Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex winners were all out of the same bitch. And the Best of Breed dog sired one of the Awards of Merit—an impressive family indeed!

Thank you for inviting me to judge the Specialty. It is always an honour to judge a Specialty, and especially so when it’s a National Specialty held at Montgomery. Judging terriers doesn’t get any better than that! Thanks, too, to my fine stewards who kept things rolling with a sense of humor throughout the morning. I sure hope someone offered to buy a new pair of Ferragamo shoes for the Floridian who arrived without any boots! I was horrified when I looked down and spied those telltale buckles!

—Betty-Anne Stenmark, Woodside, CA

NORWICH AT MONTGOMERY

Judge Dr. Sam Draper’s Critique

It was Sunday, October 10, 1999 at 11 AM in Ring 16, which, fortunately, had an asphalt strip down the middle, making it the most desirable ring at Montgomery on this day of torrential rains and ankle-deep mud. Owing probably to the weather, several Norwich entries were absent out of the total of 116. I will comment on the Winners Dog/Best of Winners, Reserve Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch, Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex, as well as on the four Award of Merit winners. Because of the catastrophic rain, my hand-held recorder became water-logged and broke down quickly. So all my evaluations had to be written by hand, a time-consuming and frustrating procedure given the miserable weather. Without taking a lunch break, I was able to finish the assignment precisely on time. In all, 95 percent of the entry were of championship quality, a rarity indeed, so a great deal of credit goes to Norwich breeders in the last few years. General type has improved; I found also that the
mouts have been greatly strengthened. Many had the large teeth called for by the Standard, even though a few did still have tiny, toy-like dentition. Soundness was the most remarkable improvement. For the majority of Norwich, the going-and-coming was strong, and many had splendid side gaits with a lot of reach and drive. Never have so many top Norwich been seen in one ring; and I did enjoy the excellence of the entry, the sportsmanship of the exhibitors and the arduous work performed so graciously by both the stewards, Mrs. Dorothy Collier and Mr. John Mandeville. Despite being soaked through and through like everyone else, I did enjoy myself tremendously and appreciate the honor of evaluating so many admirable Norwich!

Winners Dog and Best of Winners

Twenty-three dogs competed. Winners Dog, Long Valley Rockaway (Ch. Long Valley Freddie Rock x Long Valley Triceratops Sara), was from the Open Class. A light wheaten dog with beautiful head proportions, good bite, strong jaw, correct dark eye, good coat, excellent gait, front and rear, with reach and drive visible on the side gait. Really quite an outstanding young dog—with super Norwich attitude and presence despite adverse showing conditions.

Reserve Winners Dog

Reserve Winners Dog, Maralinga’s Prince Charming (Ch. Muskoka Jeremy Jinks x Mobiba Love of Pelle), was second in the Open Class. Good Norwich expression, extremely alert and showy, with small, dark, oval eyes. Admirable proportions, good front, strong rear and side gait. Correct, hard coat, but perhaps there could have been more depth of hair. Very pleasing dog of excellent quality.

Winners Bitch

Winners Bitch, Santana Surely (Ch. Castle-Bar Ghost Writer x Ch. Castle-Bar Tickles Santana), came from the Bred-By Class. Her name was omitted from the official Montgomery catalogue, but her number was supplied by the Superintendent who placed her according to her entry blank in the Bred-By Class. What a showy Norwich, who called a lot of attention to herself by barking, suggesting “Look at Me! I’m gorgeous;” and gorgeous she was. A light red with some grizzle markings, a beautiful head, strong mouth, dark, correctly shaped eye, a near perfect compact body, super topline which she kept standing or on the move. A really beautiful bitch, an easy winner, which most of us would like to take home.

Reserve Winners Bitch

The Reserve Winners Bitch, Rubicon’s Southern Charm (Ch. Kristil’s Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. Skyscot’s The Contessa), came from the Open Class. A light red bitch with a beautiful head, correct dark eye and expression. Moved with alacrity and grace, good in front and rear, with the topline and side gait impressive. Certainly a high quality bitch.

Best of Breed

Of the 26 Specials competing, I thought the Best of Breed, Ch. Sandina Sandman (Ch. Teutonia’s Viktor x Ch. Chidley Catherine The Great) was the most spectacular showman of all. With his head carried high, he seemed to exemplify the best of Norwich type. His head is pleasing, with a correct dark eye and beautiful ear set, and his tight lip and large perfect teeth
are remarkable. His coat hard and wiry, a perfect topline, with good width of chest, well-sprung ribs and correctly short in the loin. His legs are strong and straight, and his pasterns correct. Of particular note are this Norwich’s low hocks and excellent bend of stifle; when going over him from the front, one feels how clean his shoulders are. Despite the adverse weather, the BOB dog moved with a great deal of reach and drive, keeping his topline always straight. For me, he was a stand-out among all the specials, and an easy and well-deserved choice.

Best of Opposite Sex

Best of Opposite Sex, Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice (Ch. Skyscot’s W. C. Fields x Ch. Foxwood Foxfire), is a black and tan bitch of good quality who showed spectacularly. A pleasing head, correct eye, and good topline, with an excellent coat. She makes lots of friends because of her winning attitude and showmanship.

Four Awards of Merit

The first Award of Merit, Ch. Sandina Sabotage (Ch. Teutonia’s Viktor x Ch. Fairewood Frolic), was a stylish black and tan male with excellent head, correct expression, good proportions, with an excellent gait. He showed well despite the wetness.

The second Award of Merit, Ch. Fairewood Fireworks of Sandina (Ch. Teutonia’s Viktor x Ch. Long Valley Cheers), a red male, called attention to himself by his Norwich attitude, excellent carriage and stylish side gait. An exemplary head, eye, and mouth, this dog can win in any competition.

The third Award of Merit was Ch. Skyscot’s W. C. Fields (Ch. Devondale’s Master Mandrake x Skyscot’s Tumbleweed), an excellent red male with a pleasing head, good expression, sound in front and rear with a correct topline. His compact body with excellent coat and strong legs makes him very appealing. Always a good showman, he stands out for his Norwich presence.

The fourth Award of Merit, Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror (Ch. Chidley Willum The Conqueror x Ch. Dunbar’s Royal Kristil), is a beautiful red Norwich male with a beguilingly correct head and expression, a beautiful topline, good legs. Shown in top condition. Owing to the wet weather, he didn’t want to move out as readily as the other Awards of Merit, but he is a show dog of outstanding type with excellent potential for winning.

—Dr. Sam Draper, Monroe NY
Norfolk Winners

BEST IN SHOW: CH. THE DUKE OF COPPERPLATE with l. to r.) MCKC Show Chairman Dr. M. Josephine Doubler, judge Hon. David C. Mentlam, handler Larry Cornelius and MCKC President Walter F. Goodman

BEST OF WINNERS/WINNERS BITCH: WONDERWOOD SUGARPIE TUFFY with judge Betty-Anne Steinmark, handler Amy Rutherford, and NNTC President Linda Hasing

WINNERS DOG: COPPERPLATE THE ARTFUL DODGER

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: CH. COPPERPLATE WINTERSKY CRICKET

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Norwich Winners

BEST OF BREED: CH. SANDINA SANDMAN with judge Dr. Sam Draper, handler Peter Green and NNTC member Carol Suggs

BEST OF WINNERS WINNERS DOG: LONG VALLEY ROCKAWAY

WINNERS BITCH: SANTANA SURELY

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: CH. FOXWOOD PRINCESS BEATRICE

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THE 1999 NNTC MATCH SHOW

Judge Barbara Miller’s Critique

The fanfare of Montgomery weekend subsided, but more was still to come. The NNTC annual Match Show was held Monday, October 11th, on the grounds of the Radnor Hunt Club in Malvern, PA. The site, thanks to NNTC Match Show Chairman Reggie Higgins Hunt, was pure bucolic pleasure. Unlike the day before, Monday’s sky was bursting with warm sunshine. The grounds were everything one could imagine a gorgeous horse farm should be. The rolling hills, the paddocks, the horses all made a perfect backdrop for our Norfolk and Norwich breeds. Thanks must also go to Janice Rodgers, Match Secretary, for all her work. I would personally like to thank Sandra Stemmler for being my steward.

As Match judge, I’d like you to know what factors influenced my decisions. The breed standards were foremost in my mind at all times. “Cute” was definitely not a factor, even though many of the exhibits could be described as owning that special quality. In starting with the head, I looked for a keen dark eye, dark eye rims, proper width and placement of ear carriage and a good strong scissors bite, the muzzle being of correct length and width. Shoulders were my next concern; they should be well laid back, allowing for a good width of chest. I looked for a neck in both breeds, more easily found in Norfolk than Norwich. Our breeds shouldn’t have a “stuffy” look. The neck and front offer a bit of elegance to the breeds. The front assembly is so important, as this is where the dog gets its reach. Elbows should be close to the body and, as the standard says, “as straight as is consistent with the digging terrier.” In body, I looked for a Norwich a bit shorter backed than the Norfolk. As for hindquarters, I looked for a good turn of stifle with hocks well let down. That is easier to find in Norfolk than in Norwich. What I object to in either breed is a dog with a straight hindquarter. This is easy to measure with your eye. With the dog on the table, I gently lifted his hindquarter off the table and just as gently allowed the hindquarter to “drop” to the table. Every time, those little back feet will naturally set up, properly or not. Not proper will be a hock that sits directly under the tail set. Proper will be a hock that extends itself beyond the tail set. Any handler, professional or not, is capable of setting up a dog so that the hindquarter is extended, but it is a dog of proper structure in our breeds who is able to do it on his own. Given two dogs, each might be the same height and weight, still one looks toyish. This is so, I believe, because the “toyish” one lacks substance. A dog of good bone structure will look the part every time, a dog ready to do the digging job it was bred to do. “Toyish” belongs in the Toy Group. As this was a Match and not all in attendance were clever trimmers, I didn’t give too much credence to how well groomed the exhibit was or wasn’t. And now for the winners.

The Norfolk entry was tiny. In all my years as a club member, I’ve never seen an entry this small. It was as if the weekend was over and people wanted to get home; after all it was Monday. Having the Match away from the host motel, even though the site is gorgeous, meant that people had to drive further away from main roads and from home. In any event, I’d like to thank those who did exhibit. For the most part, the Norfolk entry of six, plus two stakes bitches, had good bites, hindquarters and fronts. I selected Carol Falk’s Ben Kelev’s Poker Chip, a dog from the 7-9 month class, as my Best Norfolk Puppy in Match. This youngsters had an excellent bite, good strong teeth with a muzzle that could definitely catch and hang on to a rat. He more than measured up in all other areas that I considered critical. The Best of Opposite Sex Puppy, Priscilla Twombly’s Bliss Creek Hibiscus from the 3-5 month class, was at the losing teeth stage but displayed a super head and excellent turn of stifle. Only one
exhibit in this small crowd had a bite a bit too level. It's been my experience if a bite is too level at the young puppy stage, it will go off as the puppy matures. Since the names of post-entry exhibits weren't in the Match catalog, I requested Sandra Stemmier to quietly ask the handler the puppy's name so that I could follow its progress in the future. Sandra complied, jotting the names down next to the entry number in the catalog and turning the catalog over to me upon our departure from the show grounds. It was a pleasure to have ten-year-old Emily Rogers in the ring handling a bitch in the 12-18 month class (Wonderwood Sugarpine Tuffy according to the show catalog). Children should be encouraged to do just that; they are our breeds' future. Her mom, Dale Rogers, spoke to me after the Match, informing me that a ton of years ago I commissioned her husband, David, to make a gold head-study pin of my dog, Ch. Nanfan Crunch. Both Susie Kipp and I wear this Norfolk pin most often. Meeting Dale brought back lots of memories for me about Crunch.

The Norwich entry was more numerous, with twenty-three in attendance in the regular classes and six in the non-regular classes. Still, these are low entries. I firmly feel that there should and must be more canine, exhibitor and spectator attendance. In past years our Match Show was always a learning experience and must continue to be so.

In this Norwich group, I found one pup that needed to have its canine tooth removed as the permanent tooth was trying to move into place. I mentioned this to the handler. A few Norwich were quite close behind as well as straight in style. In one class, all the exhibits needed to have more neck. The class (3-5 month Bitches) from which I selected my Best Norwich Puppy in Match had hot competition. Both the winner and the lovely second-place puppy bitch had good bites, excellent ear carriage, good harsh coats and strong hindquarters for their age. I selected Autumn Serenades Symphony simply because she took it one step further in her expression. This little girl, owned by new NNTC member Judith Carlson Alden, truly captured my heart. I would hope these two youngsters, "Symphony" and Dunbar's Kiss and Tell, go on to their championships. DenMar's Earth Mover, a black and tan dog from the 7-9 month class owned by Dennis & Marie Cato, took the Best of Opposite Sex Puppy ribbon. I felt all three of these young Norwich exhibited the qualities I mentioned above. Best Adult Norwich was awarded to Missy Wood's black and tan Terrapin Tanganyika, a bitch who was of proper size and make. Moonshadow's Dancing in the Dark, with proper length of back, was my choice for Best of Opposite Sex Norwich Adult. He was quite similar to the only entry in Open dogs, but was of better size. Young Emily Rogers handled her Stakes Bitch, a bit fine-boned but a good mover coming and going, to first in a class of three. Best in Stakes went to Anna Bellenger's Devondale's Master Mycroft, who looked terrific going around the ring.

When reviewing the Match in my mind on the drive home, I did conclude that holding a Match the day after Montgomery, especially this one of four shows, is a mistake. I do understand why the NNTC holds the Match on Montgomery weekend, but I strongly feel it should be the lead-off show, not the last of the weekend. Those of us who attended all four shows are dead tired by Monday, not to mention how the dogs must feel. If the Match were first, we could have an educational morning (grooming demos; discussions on foods/health/AKC matters; speakers, etc.), then a break for lunch, followed by a Norwich and Norfolk Match Show in the afternoon (or something like that). If the Match were first, I think we would have a much better entry with more of us in attendance, both puppies and people. The Match has to go back to being a day of enthusiasm, learning and getting to know one another.

I'd like to thank the Club for inviting me to judge. Once again, it was fun and a lovely day for all of us in attendance. The brown bag lunch "served" on the terrace was quite good, as
was the company. Those of us there were at ease with one another and with the day’s event. Possibly we could use the same grounds in the future, but on another day, preferably prior to the Montgomery weekend. Thank you all for my gift and for the honor of passing judgment on your Norfolk and Norwich.

—Barbara Miller

WESTMINSTER 2000

Parties and Norfolk Judging

If you think Westminster is two days, you’re wrong; the festivities begin days before. There are also weekend dog shows at the Pier, easy to get to but difficult to get a taxicab from. Still, these shows offer large rings, good food and a spectacular view of New York Harbor. Our breeds do not partake in these shows. Personally, I believe Westminster is sufficient.

Partying begins towards the end of the previous week. The private party of Cavalier owner/breeder Janet York was fantastic. Janet does it big with great food and magicians to keep guests entertained. From the NNTC, Rink and Nonie Reyners were in attendance as well as Louise Leone. Friday evening was superlative as we attended a performance of Kiss Me Kate, followed by a late supper at the 21 Club. This is a charity event sponsored by the AKC Museum of the Dog. If you haven’t attended in prior years, I’m suggesting you do; it is always fun. Saturday, Joan Kefeli gave a judge’s symposium on the Norwich and Norfolk breeds; Louise Leone and her co-owned Norfolk attended. Such well-known judges as Anne Rogers Clark were also there. Saturday night was more fun as many of us in the fancy attended a luscious cocktail party at the Dakota, home of Poodle owners/breeders Toni and Martin Sosnoff. I met up with Louise Leone afterwards and we dined at a Brazilian restaurant. Loads of fun. Many others went on to the awards dinner of which there were many over the weekend. Sunday the American Kennel Club held their annual open house. This is always fun as one gets to see those gorgeous dog paintings and bronzes once again. With such a wonderful collection, the AKC offices could also be called an art gallery. The AKC library is another treasure and should be visited by one and all. Speaking of art galleries, I visited Bill Secord’s on Saturday where I saw a Norfolk painting. Later in the day, I hopped over to Doyle to see their pre-auction exhibit. The paintings at Doyle were easier to view this year than last. Late the next
day (Sunday), I attended a meeting of Morris and Essex. This dog show event should be spectacular and will be held the Thursday of the Montgomery 2000 weekend. I can’t imagine why our NNTC isn’t supporting the entry; this show is going to be one you won’t want to miss! Sunday evening we had a late start at the party given by Liz Smith, the columnist, and Iris Love, the owner/breeder of Doxies. This is a much sought-after invitation. You had to arrive with your numbered invitation or else no entry. Admittedly by this time your feet are beginning to ache from all the partying.

Terrier day is always Monday at Westminster. The excitement begins the minute you enter Madison Square Garden. At 11:45 AM, NNTC member William Duryea, better known as Bobby, entered Ring 3. Nine Norfolk were entered with three absent. Handler Larry Cornelius piloted the Number One terrier in the country, Ch. The Duke of Copperplate, to the Best of Breed position. “Duke,” who turned five in March, finished the year with 33 Best in Shows. He was bred by Michael Labrie from California and is sired by Ch. Nanfan Culver out of Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy. Jim and Marjorie McTernan are in partnership with Michael Labrie as co-owners of “Duke”. The Best of Opposite Sex ribbon was awarded to Ch. Max-Well’s Salt Water Taffy, sired by Ch. Max-Well’s Weatherman (Storm) out of Ch. Max-Well’s Me Molly Butternut. Her grandsire is “Culver” with three generations of Max-Well’s behind her. Sandra Tait bred “Taffy”; Susan Kipp, Louise Leone and I are her owners. The Award of Merit went to another of “Storm’s” offspring, Ch. Max-Well’s Cyclone, bred and owned by me. His dam is Ch. Max-Well’s My Thyme. In the last half of 1999, this almost three-year-old began his show career in earnest. To date he has seven Best in Shows.

Walter Goodman, looking dashing as ever, was the judge of the Terrier Group. All Groups are held in the evening with television coverage. “Duke” went on to take a Group Two, making him the fourth Norfolk to place in the Terrier Group at Westminster. Fritz Rumpf’s Ch. Rightly So Original Sin earned a Group Two a number of years ago. Prior to that, Ch. Nanfan Crunch placed in the Group two years in a row. Most recently, Ch. Max-Well’s Weatherman also placed in the Westminster Group twice. Norfolks are on the move. With concentration on our breeding programs, we can only get better. Congratulations to Michael Labrie, the McTernans and Larry Cornelius for a job well done.

—Barbara Miller

WESTMINSTER WEEKEND 2000

Parties and Norwich Judging

To say that the Westminster Kennel Club show encompasses only two days is a serious myth. What I am about to list, after several weeks of research, will give you an idea why so many people want to be there. Why people year after year make the pilgrimage, staying in terrible hotels or making difficult commutes; eating bad food at odd hours; dealing with snow storms, ice storms, rain, sleet, cold winds and sub-freezing temperatures. You stand for hours or you sit back with your benched dog in a hot, packed room that seems to cater more to concessions than to the comfort of the exhibitors and their dogs.

Always the parties. They start on Thursday and, if you live in the New York City area, you usually get invited. This year we went to Janet York’s lovely penthouse apartment on 72nd St. Met lots of Toy judges (Janet has the top-winning Cavalier), members of the AKC Board and fellow New Yorkers. Friday during the day, the Toy Specialties were held on the piers. That night Hill’s Science Diet Winner’s Circle Awards were presented to the top ten dogs of all breeds and the AKC Museum
of the Dog held their theater benefit, “Kiss Me Kate,” followed by dinner at the 21 Club. This always-popular event sold out early. You can get tickets by contacting the museum directly. Friday and Saturday mornings and afternoons, seminars were held at the upstairs foyer of Madison Square Garden. These seminars covered sixteen breeds and were open to interested fanciers as well as judges. You can register that morning. Saturday night Nature’s Recipe Show Dogs of the Year Awards dinner took place, honoring the top-winning dogs in each of the seven groups. This was all topped off by the Kal Kan Pedigree Awards, honoring the top dogs in each breed. The AKC hosted an open house at the new offices that started at 4:30. There the AKC Board was available to meet and to answer questions. Sunday night the Judges’ dinner was held at the Union Club in NYC. For the year 2000, The Westminster Kennel Club included on the panel as many as possible of their members who were judges, with Chester Collier, the president of the club, judging Best in Show. Later on that night Iris Love and Liz Smith’s party at Tavern on the Green that started at 8:30 was still going strong at 11:30 when we left. That is always fun because celebs abound and you never know with whom you will be rubbing elbows. Also on Sunday night The American Dog Show Judges, Inc. hosted their cocktail party at the Hotel Pennsylvania. On Monday night after the group judging, Take the Lead held their annual bash. This year it was bigger than ever and had a band and great food. Both Cornell and University of Pennsylvania Veterinary Schools had their sky-boxes available Monday and Tuesday.

But now to the Norwich judging: At 10:00 o’clock in Ring 6, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hartinger stewarded in 15 Norwich Terriers. There were three absentees. A very nice entry for the “all arounder” judge, Mr. Melbourne T. L. Downing. Twelve dogs and three bitches competed for the awards. The results were as follows: BOB—Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror (Ch. Chidley William the Conqueror x Ch. Dunbar’s Royal Kristil), owned by Jacqueline McMurray and Susan Kipp. BOS—Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice (Ch. Skyscoter’s W. C. Fields x Ch. Foxwood Foxfire), owned by Jolene Benzinger, Kathryn Mines and Sara Rousch. AOM—Ch. The Jones Boy of Kitnor (Ch. Highwood’s Ratfaced MacDougal x Ms. Sophie of Kitnor), owned by Glenn and Jean Kessler. AOM—Ch. Skyscoter’s W. C. Fields (Ch. Devondale’s Master Mandrake x Skyscoter’s Tumbleweed), owned by Mr. and Mrs. William F. Milburn.

This was the first year that Westminster implemented a new entry procedure. An automatic invitation was sent to the top five dogs in every breed a month ahead of the usual entry application. This guaranteed to the public some of the very best in each breed. I felt that the quality of dogs this year was excellent and that the system should be continued. Hope to see you next year.

—Nonie Reynders, Bedford Hills, NY
THE CHICAGO 2000 SHOWS

If you haven't been to the Chicago shows, you're missing a great time. There's an ambiance here not found in many other clusters, this one known as the International. The shows are held in the huge convention center of McCormick Place on Lake Shore Drive. The building this year (it changes from year to year) was airy and extremely clean. The vendors are plentiful and varied so you can shop until you drop. The International Kennel Club (IKC) shows on Saturday and Sunday are among the few dog shows that are still benched, with multitudes of spectators milling around on the weekend. It is a safe venue for your dogs as there are many security guards. If you elect to stay at the Hyatt, you're doing yourself a favor. The Hyatt doesn't accept dogs, but it is connected to the venue, allowing you easy access. The hotel itself offers a fabulous buffet breakfast as well as a good lunch and dinner. Dinner reservations are a must. The hotel rooms are large, clean and offer a ton of towels. On the other hand, if you've never been to Chicago or are a repeat visitor, you might want to take advantage of the city's numerous excellent restaurants.

The kick-off show is Park Shore on Thursday, where Robert Fisher did the honors in Norfolk and Norwich. In Norfolk, ten were entered with seven exhibiting. Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone went Best of Breed with his daughter, Max-Well's Candy, taking the Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex ribbons and Rockens Tagg Heuer the Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Tagg Heuer is owned by Patricia Kay Rogers and was shown by Patsy Wade.

Thirty Norwich were entered with three absentees. Glorvina Schwartz and Beth Sweigart co-owned a beautiful puppy, Yarrow's Firecracker of Sandina, that went Winners Dog/Best of Winners from the 6 to 9 month class, capturing the major points. He was handled by Glorvina and appeared to enjoy his time in the ring. Huntwood's Dream Weaver, owned by Ed Carney and Paul Schulz, was Reserve Winners Dog. The Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex was Paddington Paget of Hothorpe, bred and owned by Reggie Higgins Hunt. "Paget" too took home a major. It's really nice to see Reggie back in the breed, not that she ever left, but she did take a leave of absence from the show ring. The Reserve Winners Bitch was awarded to Huntwood's Kristal Dream, sired by the Best of Breed winner and owned by Kipp, Schulz and Carney. Piloted by Peter Green, Ch. Sandina Sandman went Best of Breed. Later in the day Anne Rogers Clark judged the Terrier Group. For her final cut she pulled both the Norfolk and Norwich, awarding "Sandman" a Group Four.

Friday at Blackhawk Kennel Club we had a change of judge in both breeds. Mr. Ed Jennen took ill and was replaced by Mr. Richard Fetzer. Mrs. Mareth Kipp judged the Terrier Group, which prevented Susan and Scott Kipp from exhibiting. Five Norfolk were entered with one absent. Rockens Tagg Heuer was again the Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex went to the lovely Rockwood In the Brink of Time shown by Patsy Wade. Laurie Bacha Vitale and Alan Vitale own this young bitch; she was bred by Patricia Kay Rogers. Judi Hartell was the handler for the Vitale team's Ch. Wonderlands Bear in Mind as he took home the Best of Breed ribbon.

Thirty-four Norwich were entered with four absentees. The big upset of the day was the Beth Sweigart owner-bred Yarrow's Firecracker of Sandina. Handled by his co-owner Glorvina Schwartz, this lovely, well-balanced eight-month-old was Winners Dog and Best of Winners and then went on to take the Best of Breed ribbon. He smartly covered the ring and looked every bit the part as he took the major points. He can only get better. Fraya Katz bred the Reserve Winners Dog, Ariel Wynward's Joint Venture co-owned by Fraya and Elizabeth and Cuneyt Fujikawa. The major in bitches again went to Reggie Hunt's Paddington Paget of Hothorpe. Reggie was pleased to also take the Best of Opposite Sex ribbon home. Peter Green's assistant, Ernesto, does a splendid job of handling this little bitch. Janora's Simply Irresistible, co-owned by Carol Sowders and Norma Braun, was Reserve Winners Bitch.

Friday was also the day the NNTC and many other breed clubs sponsored seminars for judges and those who want to judge. Louise Leone, the NNTC Judge's Education Chair, and I sat in on Walter Goodman's Skye Terrier seminar, which was quite interesting. Late in the day, the NNTC seminar took place. Louise began the seminar with an introduction to the background of the breeds. I then discussed the
Norfolk breed, with Susan Kipp providing the dog. Joan Kefeli discussed the Norwich, using the overhead projector to show various dogs.

The International Kennel Club (IKC) holds back-to-back weekend shows. Sponsored by Ralston Purina, these IKC shows benefit the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club of Greater Chicago (NNTCGC) held its tenth annual Specialty on Saturday. The club, under the direction of Carol and Bob Suggs, goes all out to provide trophies that are more than special. If anyone would like to become a member of the NNTCGC, please give Carol a call. They could use some members who are willing to work at the club match show and on the day of the Specialty. It's loads of fun to be part of a club. I strongly suggest this for those of you first getting interested in our breeds. As usual, the NNTCGC trophy table was laden with lovely offerings.

Norfolk Sweepsstakes had a disappointing entry of three. Mrs. Jane Tenor did the honors in both breeds. Nanfan Canter, bred by Joy Taylor and owned by Joy and me, was Best in Sweeps. Best of Opposite Sex went to Max-Well's Water Lily, handled by the young but capable Dylan Kipp. In the regular classes, Michele Billings had an entry of fifteen Norfolks with three absentees. Joan Eckert's Abbedale Son of a Buck, sired by Ch. Hemlock Lane Domby Spend A Buck out of Allright Wild West, took home the Winners Dog/Best of Winners ribbons for a three-point major. Reserve in dogs was awarded to Nanfan Canter. Reserve Winners Bitch was won by Rockens Time Square, bred and owned by Patricia Kay Rogers and handled by Judi Hartell. Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex and Best Puppy went to Max-Well's Candy, handled by Susan Kipp. Candy is sired by Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone out of Ch. Max-Well's Me Molly Butternut. She's owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. (Later this day, the International KC held Puppy Groups. Little Candy proudly took the third place ribbon in the Puppy Terrier Group.) Best of Breed in the regular classes was awarded to Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone. Sired by Ch. Max-Well's Weatherman out of Ch. Max-Well's My Thyme, he's bred and owned by me, Barbara Miller. In an outstanding line up of terriers, Mrs. Billings awarded Cyclone a Terrier Group One. Susan Kipp is his regular handler.

Wow! Twenty-six Norwich were entered in Sweepsstakes with five absentees. Mrs. Tenor pointed to the black and tan bitch Ketka's Bluwater Kalypso Kid as her Best of Opposite Sex winner. Her breeder-owner is Carol Sowders. Norma Braun is the co-breeder and Sue Lawrence the co-owner. Best in Sweeps went to Hunwood's Dream Weaver, bred by Susan Kipp and owned by Ed Carney and Paul Schulz. Michele Billings judged the Norwich regular classes. Seven were absent from an entry of forty-five. Taffe McFadden piloted the young puppy Dunbar's Mighty Joe Young to the Winners Dog/Best of Winners and Best Puppy position. Breeder-owner Joan Schurr Kefeli was certainly proud and rightfully so as her Joe Young received his ribbon and a five-point major. He's all Dunbar bred, his sire being Ch. Dunbar'S As Good As It Gets out of Dunbar's Sweater Girl. Breeder-owner Jackie McMurray accept the Reserve Winners Dog ribbon for her Barkwich Bold Heart of Avalon. He's sired by Best in Show winner Ch. Kristi's Royal Conqueror out of Barkwich Cross My Heart. In bitches the five-point major, her second of the weekend, was awarded to Paddington Paget of Hothorpe. From her Winners Bitch ribbon she moved on to capture the Best of Opposite Sex. Breeder-owner Reggie Higgins Hunt was ecstatic as this finished the bitch. Reserve Winners Bitch went to Bedlam's Penny From Heaven, bred and owned by Mary and Wes Jones. The Best of Breed ribbon was awarded to Ch. Sandina Sandman, bred and owned by Sandina Kennels (Gloriga Schwartz). This two-year-old dog is sired by Ch. Teutonia's Vikor out of Ch. Chidley Catherine the Great. Peter Green is the dog's regular handler.

Saturday evening, the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) held its dinner within the complex of the McCormick Place convention center. Last year's dinner was a bomb! This year's dinner was fantastic! The only speech was the introduction of the CHF board members. The dinner itself was quite good with no complaints. The hit of the evening was the comedian, who got Walter Goodman, AKC board member and judge, and Lou Auslander, AKC judge and chairman of the International, to join him on stage. It was a hoot. Imagine these two distinguished gentlemen doing bumps and grinds to the Village People's YMCA!

Sunday brought still another IKC show, with Maxine Beam judging both breeds. The Norfolk entry was twelve with three absent. The Winners Dog ribbon was awarded to Shelly's Thief of Hearts,
Norfolk Winners

BEST OF BREED: CH. MAX-WELL'S CYCLONE

BEST OF WINNERS and WINNERS DOG:
ABBEDALE SON OF A BUCK

WINNERS BITCH and BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX:
MAX-WELL'S CANDY

Photos by Booth Photography
bred by Michele James and owned by Lauren Hummer. His sire is Ch. Shelly's Diamond Dealer out of Ch. Fora Goodtime Call Shelly's. Reserve went to Rockens Tagg Heuer. Rockens Time Square, handled by Texan Judi Hartell, was the judge's choice for Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex. On this day Reserve Winners Bitch was awarded to Max-Well's Candy. Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone captured the Best of Breed ribbon. The final Group of the day was Terriers. Again it was a strong line up, with Cyclone taking the Group One under Mabel (Jinx) Gunville.

Norwich had a lovely entry of forty, with three absent. Huntwood's Dream Weaver, the Reserve Winner on Thursday, went home with the Winners Dog and Best of Winners ribbons. This year-old youngster looked quite good going around the ring. His sire, Ch. Sandina Sandman, took home the Best of Breed ribbon. Reserve Winners Dog went to Janora Keta's All Spruced Up, bred and owned by Carol Sowders and Norma Braun. Bedlam's Penny From Heaven went Winners Bitch. She's sired by Ch. Barnstable Harold Angel out of Ch. Solaire's Just in Time. Both the dog and the bitch went home with five-point majors. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Reggie Higgins Hunt's Paddington Paget of Hotheorde her first time as a move up into the Specials class.

This year both Norfolk and Norwich entries were more varied than in previous years. By that I mean entries came from states such as Texas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Arizona and New Hampshire. These shows are certainly worth your attendance. The quality of dogs and of the judging panel is high. I hope to see you there next year.

—Barbara Miller

RALSTON PURINA CONTRIBUTES $65,000 TO AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

Ed.: Barbara Yount, Ralston Purina Public Relations, and Deborah Lynch, AKC Canine Health Foundation Executive Vice President, sent the following bulletin to the News.

CHICAGO, March 2, 2000—Ralston Purina Company showed its support for canine health research by presenting more than $65,000 to the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation (CHF) at the recent International Kennel Club (IKC) of Chicago dog show.

Sponsored by Purina Pet Products, the IKC dog show, held February 24 to 27 at McCormick Place North in Chicago, attracted a record 100,000 people, making it one of the highest attended dog shows in the United States. The four-day cluster of dog shows featured more than 10,000 canine entries, representing 153 dog breeds. Highlighting the event was the Ralston Purina Charity Ball, which culminated year-long fund raising by Purina for the AKC CHF.

Ernie Planck, Purina Breeder/Kennel Group Sales Director, presented two checks to the AKC CHF, totaling more than $76,000. A gift of $21,870 came from matching funds received from Purina and the IKC for adult-dog entries in the Saturday IKC dog show. In addition, Purina contributed $55,000 from donations collected for samples of Purina® brand pet foods and treats during 1999 dog show events, as well as ticket sales to the Ralston Purina Charity Ball.

The 2000 IKC dog show marked the second year Purina and the IKC have joined to raise funds for the AKC CHF. In 1999, more than $71,000 was presented to the CHF, with Purina donating more than $60,000 of the total contribution.

"Purina and the IKC are committed to improving the understanding of canine disease and advancing knowledge about canine genetics," Planck said. "The contribution to the AKC CHF reflects that commitment."....

Founded in 1995 by the American Kennel Club, the AKC CHF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing funds to support research aimed at improving the health and longevity of dogs. The AKC CHF has raised more than $3.8 million to fund 62 canine health research projects. For information on donations and membership, log onto www.akcchf.org, or call toll-free 1-888-682-9696.
LOOKING AHEAD:  
THE 2000 NNTC MONTGOMERY SPECIALTY

**Location:** Montgomery County Kennel Club show grounds, Ambler, PA  
**Date:** Sunday, October 8, 2000  
**Weather:** ???

**Breed Judges:**  
Norfolk—Mrs. Cynthia (Cindy) Vogels ("Andover" Norfolk Terriers)  
Norwich—Mrs. Geraldine (Geri) Kelly ("Kelly’s" Miniature Schnauzers)

**Sweeps Judges:**  
Norfolk—Mr. Michael Labrie ("Copperplate" Norfolk Terriers)  
Norwich—Dr. Kenneth B. Sumner ("Pair-A-Docs" Norwich Terriers)

**NNTC Specialty Headquarters:** Comfort Inn, 3660 Street Rd., Bensalem, PA.  
Tel: 215-245-0100. Cost: $105 per night, plus tax; this rate includes breakfast. The NNTC has reserved 70 rooms for members only. Please contact NNTC Show Chair Joe Franchi for additional information.

**NNTC Dinner:** Saturday, October 7 at the Holiday Inn, Bensalem, PA, right across the street from the Comfort Inn. Larry Adams, the NNTC Hospitality maestro, will again be planning this year’s feast.

*The NNTC members’ mailing will provide further details about the Montgomery Specialty.*

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**THE 2000 NNTC MONTGOMERY SPECIALTY:  
JUDGES’ PROFILES**

*Ed.: The News thanks Cindy Vogels, Norfolk breed judge at Montgomery, and Geri Kelly, Norwich breed judge, for submitting the following autobiographies, each highlighting the author’s long-time involvement in the dog world.*

**Cindy Vogels**

A native New Yorker, I grew up in Rockville Centre on Long Island. I graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, majoring in flute. Our entire family moved west in 1974 and settled in Boulder, Colorado, where I went to graduate school and acquired a master’s degree in music history. It was there that I met my husband, David. We have been married for 22 years and have one son, Philip, who is a sophomore at Boston University. For the past 11 years, we have lived in southeast Denver.

My mother, Jackie Gottlieb, and I backed into the world of dog showing. When I was a high school junior, my childhood pet, a Poodle, was replaced with a Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier. Since Wheatens were quite rare and still shown in miscellaneous, everyone was encouraged to show. The first show we attended was Westbury in 1968; and we bred our first Soft-Coated Wheaten litter in 1970. Over one hundred Soft-Coated Wheatens have been finished under our Andover prefix, including many top winners and top producers. Ch. Andover Song N Dance Man holds all show records for the breed and is one of the breed’s all-time top sires.
SHOWFRONT

I became intrigued with Norfolk Terriers upon meeting Bobbie Fournier and her dogs in the mid-1970’s. Bobbie, too, was a recent east-coast transplant. Years later, when Mark and Sally George, who were handling Song N Dance Man, asked if I’d like a Norfolk, I jumped at the opportunity. In March 1986, Surrey Shore Leave became the first non-Wheaten member of the Andover family. Of course, no one ever has just one Norfolk. I found out that I had actually married into Norwich/ Norfolk Terriers as my husband’s uncle, Morgan Wing, had been the Norwich Terrier Club AKC delegate for years. Upon hearing of my interest, David’s aunt found us a bitch, and we were off and running. We imported a dog and a bitch from U. K. breeder Martin Phillips (Java) and had an active breeding program, producing quite a few champions. In the ensuing years we also bred Kerry Blues and Welsh (which my mother still breeds). I owned a couple of outstanding Norwich, but decided to concentrate on breeding Norfolks. We still have two Norfolks, and it would be hard to imagine our lives without one.

I was approved to judge five terrier breeds (including Norfolks) in 1993. I am now approved for nearly the entire Terrier Group and for Brittany’s. It is my conviction that judges should not breed or campaign dogs extensively, particularly in breeds they judge. However, I do think it is advantageous for judges to breed and exhibit on a small scale to keep abreast of the sport. So, our home is now graced by a Doberman, a Brittany, a Pekingese and the two Norfolks. We also breed and show champion Morgan horses under the Andover banner.

A past President of the Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, I continue to be active in breeder and judges’ education. I am on the Show Committee for Flatirons KC and am also Secretary and Show Chairman for Evergreen Colorado KC. I am a regular contributor to the AKC Gazette; my Better Breeding column appears bi-monthly, and I’ve written a number of feature articles.

I am honored to judge Norfolks at Montgomery 2000. I look forward to it, positive that it will be a day full of sunshine and wonderful dogs.

—Cindy Vogels

Geri Kelly

I was born in Boston, MA. When I was young (and up until several years ago), my Mom and Dad bred and showed English Bulldogs. Throughout my teenage years, I was a competitive speed skater.

When I was dating my future husband, Dick, he had a new two-seater Thunderbird and I would take one of the Bulldogs along on our dates. As most dog people know, Bulldogs shed and drool a lot, so you can imagine how our dating went! Dick knew then how much I loved dogs.

The first week after our honeymoon, Dick and I bought our first terrier, a Miniature Schnauzer. We bought a Schnauzer because they do not shed or drool. That was many years ago. Since then, we have bred this country’s top winning black Miniature Schnauzer and we hold most of the records for this color. We also bred Lakeland Terriers and finished the “first and only” blue Lakeland in the U. S. In addition, we bred Wire Fox Terriers, Poodles, Pomeranians, Lhasa Apos and Schnauzers.

As a professional handler (PHA), I showed and finished all breeds in the terrier group except the Miniature Bull Terrier, which was not in the terrier group at the time. I showed, but did not finish, the Sealyham Terrier.

Three years ago, AKC gave me the entire Terrier Group to judge. I enjoy judging and am always looking for that outstanding specimen. I also judge three-fourths of the Toy Group, as well as Giant Schnauzers and Standard Schnauzers. I am looking forward to judging Norwich at your Specialty in October.

—Geri Kelly

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Ch. Glenelg Little Lulu
(Ch. Wonderwood Winning Hand x Ch. Glenelg Grazie)
Breeder/Owner: Deborah G. Pritchard

Always full of herself in the ring, "Lulu" finished with three majors under judges James Reynolds, Chashoudian and Renihan. Shown all the way from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class, Lulu took Best BBE at Montgomery and RWB at Devon, "pointless" but pleasing wins for her amateur handler!

Ch. Mercator Proof Positive
(Ch. Ruddle Ridge Nelson’s Victory x Ch. Glenelg Placere)
Breeder/Owner: Andrew Kramer

"Hummer," a male born May 23, 1998, finished in seven shows, each time going Best of Winners from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class.
Ch. Glendale As Goode As It Gets
(Ch. Chestnuthills Hob of Glendale x Miss Goodie Twoshoes)
Breeder/Owner: Linda Haring

Owner handled to his last five-point major, “Arthur” finished at 17 months with all majors. Modest about his success, he aspires only to unlimited access to the groundhog in our woodpile.

Ch. Jerusalem Plum Pudding
(Ch. Miller's Golden Perfect Son x Jerusalem Popover)
Breeder/Owner: Phyllis K. Pullen, M.D.

Her dam's only puppy in three tries, she is a favorite of mine.
Ch. Glendale Blossom Dearie
(Ch. Hemlock Lane Domby Spend A Buck x Abbedale Cover Girl)
Breeders: Linda Haring & Joan Eckert
Owner: Linda Haring

Best in Norfolk Sweeps at Montgomery 1999, "Blossom" finished in two weekends. She divides her time between the "telly," her computer and her job as "yard boss."

Ch. Glendale Simon of Queen’s Gate
(Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne, CD, CGC, ME, CTD x Ch. Pinchbeck India Ink O' Glendale)
Breeder: Linda Haring
Owners: Sara Dombroski & Linda Haring

"Simon" finished at the Leather Stocking cluster in Syracuse, NY in November, 1999. Our thanks to George Wright for his superb handling—and to Simon, who enjoyed every second in the ring with a smile on his face saying "Look at Me!"
Ch. Terrapin Twyla Tharp
(Ch. Terrapin Trial By Jury x Ch. Terrapin Tina Turner)
Breeder: Margareta Wood
Owners: Margareta Wood & Mary L. Matteson

From a five-point major at the NNTCGC-supported Blackhawk to a four-point major under breeder-judge Allen Buckner, "Twyla" did us proud by earning all her points from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class.

Ch. Devondale's Master Mycroft
(Am./Int. Ch. Chestnut Hills Royal Blue x Devondale's Mistress Mickifinn)
Breeder/Owner: Anna Bellenger

"Holmes" had a very impressive record in 1999: Best Puppy in Match at Montgomery County; Best in Match at Columbia Terrier; a major at 6 months, one day, over two 1998 Montgomery AOM winners; Best in Norwich Sweeps at Montgomery; Best in Stakes (NNTC Match); and Best of Winners at Devon!
DEVONDALE (NORWICH). For those who think that some horrendous disease has over- 
taken Devondale's stud dogs, I can assure you they are well and doing fine in one- or-two-dog house- 
holds all within an hour of home (so I can still use them). As I am now back to my painting, the “dog 
room” has been opened up with three big windows to become my studio. 

I want to get my dog population down to two intact females. (Master Miles will be sixteen 
this spring and Mistress Mercy, fourteen; they will finish out their days here.) So, to that end, I gave 
“Robert” away, sold “Blue” on Saturday and “Holmes” on Sunday night. By 8 AM Monday, I had 
‘puppy-itis’ and bought a black and tan male. Yes, he’s a boy. Oh well, I gave it a try! 
—Anna Bellenger, Unionville, PA

MAX-WELL (NORFOLK). In the spring of ’99, Max-Well’s Salt Water Taffe, owned by 
Susan Kipp and me, went to Northern California and earned her championship by going Best of 
Breed at the shows. Susan and I now co-own “Taffe” with Louise Leone. Louise and I also co-own a 
“Storm” daughter, Max-Well’s Secret. She earned her championship President’s Day weekend (2000) 
at the Colorado shows. Ch. Max-Well’s Tornado made his way to Japan, where he is loved and will be 
bred to Max-Well bitches. In the fall of ’99, Ken Sumner and Mit Seiler acquired Max-Well’s Tabasco, 
better known as “Pepper”. At the end of ’99, I had the honor of writing a feature article on Norfolk 
and Norwich Terriers for the American Kennel Club Gazette. I’d like to thank those of you who sent 
me a note after reading the article. 

I’m all for genetic testing. As I write this, little by little I’m having all my dogs DNA tested, 
starting with males. It’s expensive, $40.00 per dog, but in the long run will prove worthwhile. When 
Norfolks had an eye scare a year or two ago, I immediately took my top stud dogs to have them eye 
certified. The forms were recorded. As for hips, I’ve been x-rating hips for a ton of years. No, I don’t 
bother sending the film to Penn Hip or OFA. I trust my vet’s knowledge. Some bitches sent to 
Max-Well for breeding are required to have their hips x-rayed as I’ve become familiar with certain 
lines over the years. I must admit that I did object to the NNTC 2000 Directory of Breeders and Stud 
Dogs asking if stud dogs were tested for the above items. If hips and eyes aren’t recorded by an official 
institution, does that mean someone is a bad breeder? What did I miss? When and where did we 
discuss this at a meeting? When I spoke with certain NNTC members, they had no recollection of 
these items having been approved to be part of the kennel listing. Changes of any sort should be 
brought to the membership. See you all in St. Louis the beginning of May for our National Specialty. 
—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

PINCHBECK (NORFOLK). We’ve not been exactly idle since the last report. Ch. Pinchbeck 
Sam Browne has added both an ME and a Therapy dog title to his accomplishments. To get the 
lover, he had to take the CGC Test with added components in the shapes of crutches, wheelchairs 
and canes with which he had to deal with grace and calmness. He went on his first visit to a rehab 
center with a group of other dogs just before Christmas. He was a big hit because he was small 
and a group of other dogs just before Christmas. He was a big hit because he was small 
and enough to sit on laps and beds, all the while smiling and shaking hands! He resumed progress on his 
ME with an extraordinary performance in a difficult earth up at a western Massachusetts trial. For 
two days, only two dogs out of 35 or so had qualified in the earth (one of them being the Robert 
Lachman’s wonderful Norfolk bitch, Rosie, the first of the breed to win her ME, who was running as 
by-dog to complete a brace). On that second day, Sam had found the quarry, although not in the 
time allotted. The next morning, he showed he had a good memory because he went into that earth 
and found the quarry with a slim second to spare. That day, Rosie was not running, but there was 
still a Norfolk to carry away the honors! Sam took his fourth and final leg of the ME in West 
Virginia. Later in the fall, Pinchbeck Pollyanna and her son, Ch. Pinchbeck Heads-Up Harry, each 
took their JE titles at a Bordentown trial. As Polly is Sam’s daughter and Harry is her son, I am
proud of the fine working line I have established on the foundation laid by Ch. Reidmar Sweet Georgia Brown, ME.
Lest things sound like we do only fun and games, Pollyanna and Harry have also been working in Obedience. Harry is now in Novice classes, and Polly is going to start what I hope is a more successful campaign toward the CDX than we had last year. After her auld lang syne appearance at Montgomery, Georgia has settled in as the dowager empress of the household. Her spitting image, Franaro Lucy Pinch, seems to copy every move her great-grandmother makes. At just a year old this February, Lucy shows signs of being a good ratter and has progressed through two puppy classes in Obedience school. She will go out to show with George Wright this spring; first things first!
—Susan M. Ely, Bernardsville, NJ

ROLLING RIDGE (NORWICH). Three of our four young Norwich bitches came in heat the first week of February (poor Tad!). I was tempted to breed Dixie, a 4-year-old who has not yet had a litter, but decided to wait until her next season in seven or eight months.
Several factors influenced my decision. For the past eighteen years, I have never bred without intending to keep at least one puppy from the litter to show (we used to show our Norwich quite regularly from 1982 to 1992) and, more importantly, to carry on the line. Often the “pick puppy” did not work out and became someone else’s beloved pet. But our purpose when breeding a Norwich litter has always been to keep a puppy for ourselves.
Right now, our seven Norwich and one Dandie, comprising four “seniors” (12-15 years) and four young adults (2-4 years), are as many dogs as I can comfortably manage. As Norwich owners all know, these little terriers are a high-energy, gregarious and hairy breed requiring lots of exercise, attention and grooming. So adding a rambunctious, new puppy to our current canine octet is not my favorite idea. I want to enjoy my dogs, not feel overburdened by doggy duties.
The puppies’ due date was a final consideration. A bitch bred in late-ish February would whelp in late-ish April, which would preclude my attending the May 5-7 NNTC Specialty in St. Louis. Specialty co-chairs Sandra Stemmler and Larry Adams have planned so many interesting and fun events in conjunction with this three-show weekend that I would hate to miss the festivities. To top it off, St. Louis is only a 5-hour drive from Versailles, virtually “next door” compared to the marathon treks to Montgomery and California. It’s a real treat (and a good ideal) to occasionally have a NNTC Specialty “in between” instead of the usual east coast-west coast venues!
—Alison & Bill Freehling, Versailles, KY

TERRAPIN (NORWICH). Life has been filled with Ups and Downs, mainly Ups, since last we wrote. Autumn began with Coretta surprising us with a nice win at Devon over the Montgomery weekend. Surprising because we had entered her for ring experience only. The following weekend her half-sister, Twyla, ended her quest for a title by finishing with yet another major. In November, on Veteran’s Day, three little Terrapins “came out fighting”; in honour of this auspicious holiday, the boys have been named Tommy Atkins and Tour of Duty and the girl, Tipperary. We haven’t had snow bunny puppies in quite some time.
December was filled with family and fun, and we celebrated the new millennium at a piss-elegant dinner party with old and dear friends. February brought with it the usual case of cabin fever, which I remedied by taking a week off in Marsh Harbour. Now we are home with snow still on the ground, but hope in our hearts that spring is around the corner. I say this because one of the puppies just came back inside carrying a crumpled crocus in his mouth. That’s our version of Ground Hog Day!! Best wishes to all ‘til next time.
—Margaretta Wood, Phoenixville, PA
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