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FROM THE EDITOR

As I write this brief “letter” to News readers on September 1, signs of change are everywhere. Here in Kentucky, flocks of Canada geese are on the move, honking as they pass overhead. The “dog days” of summer are (thankfully!) giving way to cooler, crisper weather and, here and there, trees are sporting autumn hues.

Changes may also be on the way for the NNTC. Already, in early June, the NNTC Norfolk Health/Genetics Committee Chairs resigned. In early August, a group of Club members petitioned the Board first to discuss NNTC division at the October 4, 2001 Montgomery meeting and then to have ballots sent out for members to vote “Yes” or “No” on dividing the present two-breed club into separate clubs, one for Norfolks, one for Norwich. As this News goes to press, the NNTC faces an uncertain future.

I thank all those NNTC members and News subscribers who contributed the many interesting articles and beguiling photos for this issue. So that non-NNTC members can more easily reach NNTC Committee Chairs and/or News columnists, email addresses are now included under various authors’ names.

Best wishes to you and to your beloved Norfolks and Norwich for a joyful holiday season.
—Alison G. Freehling

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THE NNTC REGISTER OF MERIT AWARD

Ed.: I must admit that until NNTC President Ellen Lucas asked me to mention the NNTC Register of Merit (ROM) winners in the News, I had never even heard of this award. Thanks to the NNTC website and also to Missy Wood, who dug up her old Board minutes at my request, I am now more enlightened and can pass on the following information to News readers.—AGF

At the October 7, 1994 meeting, the NNTC Board of Governors, prompted by then Recording Secretary Melanie Wallwork, approved the following criteria for a first-ever NNTC ROM award:

(1) All ROM candidates must be member owned.

(2) The owner of any dog or bitch eligible for the ROM must apply for such award and supply all necessary data to the NNTC Statistics chair for confirmation.

(3) To qualify for the ROM award, a dog must have sired eight or more conformation champions; a bitch must have produced five or more conformation champions.

(4) Two or more progeny of any ROM candidate must have additional titles in either obedience, tracking, therapy dog, AKC Canine Good Citizen, Certificate of Gameness, etc.

(5) The ROM candidate must also have earned one or more of the above specified titles, with a conformation title being one possibility.

To date, there have been two NNTC ROM award winners. Ch. Devondale’s Master Miles, bred and owned by Anna Bellenger, received the award in 1998. Ch. Castle-Bar Billy The Kid, bred and owned by Barbara Pierce, accomplished this same feat in 1999. Congratulations to both these ROM Norwich gentlemen!

—Alison G. Freehling

Plum tuckered out!
IN MEMORIAM

MARJORIE BUNTING
(May 7, 1925 – March 23, 2001)

Mrs. Marjorie Bunting, then Miss Marjorie Marks, founded the Ragus kennel of Norwich and Norfolks in England in the mid-1940’s when these two terriers were still classified as one breed and known as prick and drop ear Norwich. Ragus (pronounced Rags, the name of Jack Cooke’s original Norwich Terrier stud dog in the early 20th century) spelled backwards is “Sugar,” an affectionate name Mrs. Bunting’s sister used for all dogs. In 1949, Mrs. Grace Marks joined her daughter as a partner in the kennel and after Mrs. Marks’ death in 1966, Marjorie Bunting’s daughter Lesley (now Mrs. Lesley Crawley) became a partner, helping her mother to breed and exhibit Norwich and Norfolk—and also Border—Terriers.

The Ragus kennel has had phenomenal success in the show ring over the years, having bred and owned 43 U. K. Norwich Terrier and 34 U. K. Norfolk Terrier champions. Their bitch, Ch. Ragus Gypsy Love, was the first Norwich to win Best in Show at an all-breed championship show, accomplishing this feat at Windsor in 1979 at nine months of age. Amongst the many outstanding Ragus dogs, perhaps two of the best known were the influential sires Ch. Ragus Golden Chip (Norwich) and Ch. Ragus Whipcord (Norfolk).

In addition to her great success and influence as a breeder, Mrs. Bunting was also a prolific writer, well-known for her vast knowledge of the Norwich and Norfolk breeds and their history and for her outspoken opinions. For many years, she wrote the breed notes for both Norwich and Norfolks in Dog World (U. K.). She was also the author of the only comprehensive book on the Norwich breed, The Norwich Terrier, first published in 1982 during the breed’s Golden Jubilee celebrations in England, and with a second edition in 1997.

—Alison Freehling

Ed.: The above biographical information is condensed from the “Ragus” history in Mrs. Bunting’s The Norwich Terrier (1997 edition, pp. 176-177) and from the tributes to Marjorie Bunting in the March 30, 2001 Dog World (U. K.).

ELEANOR JOHNSON
(January 11, 1916 – May 14, 2001)

Although not nearly as well-known to American Norwich fanciers as Marjorie Bunting, Eleanor Johnson was for many years a great lover of the Norwich breed and a dedicated worker for the U. K. Norwich Terrier Club. In the words of long-time English Norwich breeder (Squirreldene) Roger W. Thomas, Eleanor Johnson was “a true English lady who never pushed her way forward but who worked tirelessly in the background for both club and breed.” Miss Johnson registered her Thornslade kennel prefix in 1962 and in the early 1960’s owned and exhibited Ch. Whinlatter Cain and owned Ch. Whinlatter Candid, both bred by Mrs. Muriel Fisher May. Miss Johnson bred one U. K. Norwich champion, Ch. Thornslade Golden Rod of Audacle, who was owned and exhibited by Mrs. Marjorie Wells. In addition to her interest in Norwich, Miss Johnson also bred foxhunters and Anglo-Arab horses, was a keen and talented horticulturist, and a generous patron of the arts.

I thank Roger Thomas for sending me the above information about Eleanor Johnson and also for sharing with News readers his personal appreciation of both Marjorie Bunting and Eleanor Johnson, which he wrote for the U. K. Norwich Terrier Club Newsletter.

—Alison Freehling
IN MEMORIAM

MARJORIE AND ELEANOR

With the passing of Marjorie Bunting and Eleanor Johnson, we of the Norwich Terrier fraternity have lost two ladies who touched our lives in many different ways. Our breed and club have been well served by both, and many members, owners and exhibitors will have their own memories and recollections of events to remind us of their years in the breed.

In the mid-1970's, when [my wife] Madeleine and I took our first faltering steps into the breed, the Ragus kennel and therefore Marjorie were regarded somewhat in awe when looking at their records and achievements over the years. A look through Norwich handbooks and Newsletters informs us all of the success, knowledge, experience and influence which Marjorie had and which contributed so much to the development of the breed at home and abroad.

Many others will illustrate Marjorie's service and achievements, but we here at Squirrelndene remember our many visits to Kilsby, the village where Marjorie lived, for tea and talk; many committee meetings at Napton; the book launch at the Metropole, and many other occasions with discussion, dispute, argument, laughter and, subsequently, appreciation that we were all the better for and had learnt so much from the experience.

I well remember being somewhat daunted when judging at the Norwich Terrier Club Show in March, 1984. Having just read a series of articles by Marjorie on the theme "Why do you want to judge?", I stepped into the ring convinced they had been written with me specifically in mind! Nevertheless, I walked up to the judge's table and there, right behind said table, sat Marjorie and Eleanor. For a brief moment, the urge to turn and run was foremost in my mind. Thankfully it subsided and I got on with the job in hand, though both ladies stayed in their positions until I had completed my task. I never found out whether I had passed the test, but I can say that I have never feared going into the big ring since that day.

Marjorie will also be remembered for her strong views and prolific writings. Many of us can testify to the power of her pen if we were misguided enough to respond to one of her missives in the NTC Newsletter or dog press. She was such a gifted writer and we amateurs were frequently no match for her; together with her strong personality and knowledge of her breeds, no one who knew her and worked with her could fail to have learnt and benefited from the experience.

Eleanor contributed much to the club and breed over her nearly forty-year love affair with the Norwich Terrier, but many would not have been aware of the extent of her contributions behind the scenes. She served the club in every capacity and was forever organizing raffles and supplying tea, coffee, cakes, etc., for club events and committee meetings. One of the highlights of the NTC committee gatherings was the prospect of a piece of Eleanor's home-baked cakes!!

Eleanor was NTC President during the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1982. In an article in the August, 1980 NTC Newsletter, she described how Marjorie had asked her to become a committee member after breed separation in 1964 and so had started Eleanor's club involvement. Over the years, Eleanor was a committee member, cup secretary, Chairman of Committee, Vice President, President; she combined all this with stewarding at all levels, as well as exhibiting and also awarding CC's to the Norwich breed. In the 1970's, she organized the Norwich/Norfolk rallies held at the Village Hall near her home in Stewkley, with helpers and first class meals all laid on.

It was most pleasing to be present at the 1996 rally at Baginton when a presentation was made to Eleanor celebrating her 80th birthday that year and her thirty years work and support for the club and breed. We visited Crubbs Close, Eleanor's home in Stewkley, on many occasions for meetings, etc. The Norwich Terrier was always on the agenda, but there was also time to talk, admire Eleanor's garden and book collection, and partake of some of the best home-cooking you could ever wish to have. As with Marjorie, we will all have our own recollections of Eleanor. We have been extremely fortunate to be around to share and appreciate all that they have contributed to both club and breed and to us all as individuals. Sadly, the moulds have been broken; we shall not see their like again.

—Roger Thomas, Squirrelndene, Isle of Man
HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

Ed.: This section of the News commemorates those Norfolks and Norwich—whether conformation and/or performance events stars or stay-at-home pets—who, sadly, have bid their owners “farewell” and crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. All Norfolk and Norwich owners are encouraged to send a few sentences—or a full-length story—about their special, departed companions.—AGF

Ch. Rightly So Original Sin
(December 15, 1986-August 15, 2001)

Better known as “Ziggy”, Ch. Rightly So Original Sin had a very successful show career with his breeder/handler, Fritz Rumpf. When Ziggy’s show career was over, he came to live with us. He had a special spot on the sofa and in our hearts. There will never be another Ziggy. He is truly missed.

—Toni and Carroll Harrold, Loris, SC
—Fritz Rumpf, Scottsdale, AZ

ACE (a. k. a. NEW GARDEN ELFRIEDA)
(July 24, 1986 – March 28, 2001)

Ace, the very last puppy to carry the “New Garden” kennel name, was a daughter of the renowned Norfolk sire, Ch. Surrey Sink or Swim. She received her unfeminine call name prenatally when an x-ray of her tiny mother, Ermi, revealed a single, “huge” puppy, which the vet confidently predicted to my mother, Ermi’s owner, would be a male. “Guess what!” came my mother’s postnatal phone call. “Ace is a girl! Are you sure you still want to call her Ace? All the boy dogs will tease her!” Since an “ace” can refer to anyone who’s good at what she does, Ace she stayed, and any boy dog who had the temerity to tease her got ROWF’d at.

Ace exemplified the very best qualities of a Norfolk Terrier: inexhaustible energy, boundless curiosity, and unflagging good nature. She could be described as not merely intelligent but truly creative. This is the dog that climbed onto scaffolding at the back of our house, where it was near ground level, and leaped across two-foot gaps to come around to the front, where she startled Michael by suddenly looking in a window that was five feet above the ground. On another occasion, forbidden to walk on a drop cloth that spanned the width of the deck, she astounded us by utilizing the lumber scraps that were holding its edges down, jumping from board to board to cross the cloth without setting foot on it.
Like most Norfolks, Ace enjoyed a challenge. She was particularly fond of a game we called “tennis ball hunting,” in which a tennis ball was thrown into the worst weed-and-bramble patch available. She would disappear into the mess and cruise back and forth until she located the ball by scent. When she emerged, bur-covered and panting, with thorn rips in her ears and sometimes even her tongue, she had rarely failed to find the ball and was always eager for it to be thrown again. It was amusing to demonstrate this game to people unfamiliar with a terrier’s temperament. “Oh, how meant!” they would gasp as the ball disappeared into a mass of thorny stems. Ace was always chasing something. If it wasn’t small mammals or tennis balls, it was rubber rings, sticks or even Frisbees. She would pick a Frisbee up by inverting her head, grasping the disk’s far edge, and flipping it over so it could be carried upside down and not trip her. Her shrill yips when ring-chasing would echo off the mountain half a mile from us. Coming back with the ring in her mouth, she looked just like a door knocker. She also liked to swim and would retrieve objects thrown into water. We used to joke that in a previous life she had been a Labrador. Ace chased objects indoors as well as out. The interior walls and ceilings of our house are marked by round and toroidal smudges left by objects bounded off them. Ace would retrieve objects to the point of exhaustion, but giving them to you was not one of her priorities. She tended to sit down just out of reach, toy between her paws, to entice the thrower into chasing her around on hands and knees, trying to wrestle the item from her mouth. Even when you finally had your hand on the coveted object, she would clamp her jaws on it so tightly that she could be picked up by it. We invented an exercise called the “terrier life” and contemplated making an exercise video.

Ace was also a serious hunter. She had rid my entire yard of a serious mole infestation by her first birthday. I found dead moles in my yard all that summer; I once looked out to see her flat on her belly, following a mole tunnel, her head completely underground and all four legs kicking out dirt. She looked as if she was swimming in the ground. As a rabbit killer she was less successful, but she snagged a couple that were flushed by her “dump dog” friend, Blue. Their joint efforts in chasing rabbits were a major deterrent to unwanted garden visitors. Ace’s shrill vocalizations when on a scent led to a household joke about the “bone-chilling hunting squeak of the dreaded Timber Terrier.” It was always Ace, the smallest dog in our household, who lost her tags in the brush and who required veterinary treatment for warbles, infected thorns in her ears, and injuries to her eyes.

Ace wasn’t merely a fanatical retriever. She was also an affectionate companion with an extensive vocabulary of conversational noises that didn’t fall into any of the categories we use for canine vocalizations, such as growls, whines or howls. The little “rowrowrow” and “wahrrr” sounds she used to get attention delighted everyone she met, and she would dance on her hind legs, waving her front paws, or roll onto her back to wave all four paws in the air. Of course, she was cute because of her small size, but much of her cuteness came from her behavior. She was an expert at devising behaviors that appealed to people. For people she knew and loved, she would smile and show all her pointy teeth, and she had one of the fastest tails ever recorded. When we heard from old friends who had
moved away, they invariably asked how Ace was. And what other dog could inspire a grown man to become a saltwater crocodile and slide around the house on his butt, exclaiming “SNAP! SNAP!”, trying to catch Ace with his feet? The one thing Ace never was was cuddly. She did not like to be picked up, and she thought laps were there to allow her to bounce on all the most sensitive parts of your anatomy and nip your nose, or to use as a way station to jump onto the table and inhale food.

Ace was a tireless hiker who started walking with us in the mountains when she was five months old. She took her last walk, over three miles, the month after she turned fourteen. She went on a nine-mile hike two weeks after her spaying operation. No matter how far the distance, Ace always trotted ahead of us on the trail. Most of our pictures taken on hikes show views of her ginger-colored rear disappearing around the next bend. At every rest break, she would bring sticks to people to throw for her. She carried her own backpack in which were her leash, dog biscuits, and our candy bars and spare rolls of film. All vulnerable items had to be sealed in Ziploc bags: if we came to any water, in she went! She and Blue were the hiking companions of Michael’s and my early courtship. Dressed in surplus Army field jackets and worn-out jeans, we were a scruffy-looking pair to meet on a deserted ridgetop trail. One sight of Ace and Blue in their matching backpacks usually banished anyone’s apprehension. People with cute, backpack-carrying dogs couldn’t possibly be a threat!

Among the vital services Ace provided our household was that of wakeup terrier. She was unsurpassed in her ability to roust out people who didn’t want to get out of bed. “Mon dieu!”, Michael would exclaim as I dropped Ace on his head, “I shall protect myself with the Maginot Pillow!” The Maginot Pillow proved no more deterrent to Ace than the Maginot Line did to the German Army; she burrowed right under it to put her tongue up Michael’s nose. Ace’s many nicknames, “Vacuum Cleaner with Legs”, “Shark with Legs”, “Piranha with Fur” referred primarily to her voracious appetite. She would eat anything that didn’t eat her first. Secondarily, these monikers referred to her careless play habits. She never bit anyone deliberately, but Ace would snap at balls and rings so eagerly that anyone holding them was in danger of losing fingers. In our picture of Ace swimming in a creek, eyes glinting in the sun, she looks just like a piranha with fur lurking in the murky depths of the Amazon Basin.

Like a typical Norfolk Terrier, Ace never gave up. In her last days, weakened by kidney failure and blinded by cataracts, she would still shuffle after that tennis ball a few times even though she could barely see it. Her tail wagged right up to the end. I always said it would be the last part of her to stop working. Now she lies next to her lifelong friend Blue, with whom she walked so many trails and chased so many rabbits.

What was Ace the Ace of? I was fond of saying she was the Ace of Spayeds. But really, she was the Ace of Hearts, because everyone loved her so much.

---Hazel Beeler and Michael Kuric, Newport, VA

Ed.: In response to my request, Hazel Beeler kindly sent the following short history of her parents’ New Garden Norfolks: “As for my parents’ (John and Anne Beeler) New Garden Kennel, it was a very small operation that never, to my knowledge, produced more than one litter a year. The foundation pair were imported from “Wymbur” kennel in Britain in the last 1960’s and a couple of “Castle Point” dogs joined the household in the early 1970’s. Mary Fine got her first Norfolk, Kelly (Ch. New Garden Eadith, with multiple obedience titles), from my parents, as did Barbara Runquist. It was at my father’s insistence (he was a medieval historian) that all New Garden puppies had Anglo-Saxon names. When he died in 1985, that was essentially the end of New Garden Kennel.” Hazel went on to say that “If I were able, I’d love to raise some litters and continue the New Garden name, but the line has pretty much petered out, as far as I know, and with the price of [Norfolk] puppies in the stratosphere, breeding stock is out of [my] reach.” Happily, she and Michael still have two Norfolks, Penny, a re-home from Linda Haring, and Deuce, Anne Beeler’s last Norfolk, a neutered, 8-year-old male.—AGF
Happy Holidays from the NEWS

“Santa Claus is coming to town”

“[Digging] through the snow”

“I’d have a blue Christmas without you.”

“Joy to the World!”

“All I want for Christmas is… a big, rubber rat”
FALL 2001 AGILITY REPORT

Author's note: With so many Norwich and Norfolks getting into agility, a word on titles may be in order. It's pretty simple. There are two categories of agility: Standard (which includes the teeter, A-frame, and dogwalk) and Jumpers (which has only jumps, weave poles, and tunnels). So if the initials include a "J" that means a jumpers title; if not, it's a standard title. The order of agility titles is Novice (NA, NAJ), Open (OA, OAJ), Excellent (AX, AXJ) and Masters (MX, MXJ).

It's working! We are hearing about more and more of our little dogs running and jumping and weaving through poles all over the country. In fact, I am aware of at least eight of us who will be competing in the 2nd Annual All-Terrier Agility Trial October 3-5 (three days!) in conjunction with the 2001 Montgomery weekend. That's an amazing number, since there were only two of us last year. For those of you thinking about starting your dogs in agility, Susan Novotny's article in the Spring 2000 News is a good place to begin.

Further good news is that NNTC members Carl and Faith Schrader's Max-Well's Wild Flower CDX, AX, NAJ, ME, who received her AX in March, is not alone among Norfolk in the agility ring, although she is the first member-owned Norfolk to earn an AX. Congratulations, Carl and Faith! NNTC member Laurie Rossi Sherick's Norfolk, Andover Petite Bonbon, started her agility career and finished her NA in June. I'm not sure where Joan Meyer's Norfolk Triune Tartan Gandolf Greybeard AX, MXJ has been hiding, but Joan and her dog finished that MXJ this past spring. We look for the MX to be not far behind and to seeing the first Norfolk at the AKC Nationals. And it will be fun to watch the Norfolks that are coming to the Montgomery agility trial.

Meanwhile, those little Norwich Terriers and their owners are really getting into agility. We have lots of good news. NNTC member Mary Goodall is off to a great agility start, having put both novice titles on her Outfoxed Wauwiner Wren NA, NAJ this past spring. In the Midwest, NNTC members Joan C. Bakken and Joan Schurt Kefeli's Dunbar's Mistress of the Hunt earned her NA, the first of many agility titles, I'm sure. That same day, NNTC member Pam Lorenzen, recipient of this year's NNTC River Bend Obedience Trophy, ran Dunbar's Montgomery Find CDX, NA to an OAJ. What a great day! Pam followed up this title with two Excellent Standard legs in June. Out in California, NNTC member Raine Johnson, DVM added an OAJ to the novice titles already earned by Ch. Breakaway's Central Park NA, OAJ (Chandler). Chandler is the son of Raine's Ch. Breakaway's Grand Slam CGC, OA, OAJ (Marti), who had a litter last year and will be bred again this fall. After that, Raine says agility will be her top priority. Raine bred both these Norwich and handles and trains them as well. There's an example of doing it all!! Meanwhile, down in Florida in May, Susan Novotny and Ollie (Skyscot's Oliver Twist & Shout CDX, OA, OAJ) picked up a second Excellent Standard leg and a first Excellent Jumpers leg with a 1st Place! That 1st Place is quite a feat for our short-legged little terriers. Congratulations to both Susan and Ollie. Who will be the next AX? By the way, Susan Novotny and Pam Lorenzen both report that their dogs are also working at the utility level in obedience.

Other Norwich titles earned this spring include a Novice Jumpers title for Michael and Mary Wiley's Avatar Ernie-Traveller Man NA. And it must have been a great weekend for Ch. Pair-a-Docs' Peppercorn, a Norwich owned by James and Patricia Evans that finished both the NA and NAJ one weekend. Congratulations for each of the three legs it takes to earn just one of those titles! Keep up the good work and let's hear more.

The March AKC Gazette listed the top agility dogs for 2000. The top Norwich, Kate (Ch. Jerusalem Katherina Minola B, MX, MXJ, CD, owned by NNTC member Blair Kelly III, had a litter this spring and is now back in training, hoping to qualify for the AKC National Agility
Trial in November. Blair is also grooming one of the puppies to follow in Kate’s footsteps. The #2 Norwich, my own Sand-Castle Darcy UD, MX, MXJ, finished that MX and qualified for the AKC nationals on Friday the 13th of July, overcoming a case of teeter-phobia that had been plaguing us.

Finally, several people have asked me about how to succeed with our little guys in agility. Norwich and Norfolks are a long way away from us down there so low to the ground with no leash; they are also fast and agile and, therefore, hard to control. In my opinion, obedience is the solution. I think it is not a coincidence that the NNRC River Bend Obedience Trophy both last year and this year was won by a dog that also does very well in agility. After all, the basis of obedience is “Watch me,” and that is absolutely essential in agility.

I’m counting on all of you to get your agility news to me.

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WICKSY, A NORWICH AGILITY PIONEER

With canine agility becoming so popular, it’s fun to learn about the pioneers in the sport. After some research on the part of NNRC members Blair Kelly III and Mary Fine, and after helping the AKC correct its records, we determined that Aven-Port Albert Sq’s Wicksy NA, CD, CGC, NAFA (the novice Flyball title), a Norwich owned by NNRC member Fay Stengler of Houston, was there at the beginning. Competing in the first AKC agility trial in the Houston area on August 11, 1994, Wicksy not only qualified (which very few dogs did), but also placed fourth, the first Norwich or Norfolk ever to earn an agility leg. Then, on June 3, 1995, Wicksy became the first Norwich or Norfolk ever to earn an agility title, the NA. This was before the Jumpers class was introduced into AKC competition.

Fay started Wicksy in agility in the early 1990’s before the AKC held agility trials, so Wicksy had to compete in USDAA agility (United States Dog Agility Association). That meant he had to climb an A-frame 6 inches taller than the AKC one and had to jump 12 inches rather than the 8 inches most of our small dogs now jump. As if that weren’t hard enough, there were very few local agility trials; only four were held annually in the Houston area, which is why it took a while to collect all three legs for the title. And, of course, there was no training anywhere close. Fay and Wicksy initially drove a seventy-mile round trip once a week for agility lessons. Nevertheless, Wicksy managed to be the only Norwich listed in the 1994 AKC Agility Ratings published in Front and Finish, in which “the rated dogs were the pioneers in AKC Agility and only had a limited number of trials available to them.” Two years earlier, he had been the only Norwich listed in the obedience ratings.

Things are easier now, of course. There are lots of tournaments held nearby and several clubs have training classes. Fay’s daughter, Susan Stengler, has followed in her mother’s footsteps. According to Susan, her Norwich EastEnd Arfur NA, CD, CGC, “owns the open ring” in agility. “He loves it so much, he may never leave it.”

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
FALL 2001 OBEDIENCE NEWS

An email from New York brought word of a new Norwicht CD. Skyscott's Tanda II, owned by Sarah Dean, finished her CD in July from Novice A, overcoming an encounter with duct tape on the mats – identified by Tanda as a hazardous foreign substance. Tanda is a wonderful, happy worker and a rewarding first obedience dog for Sarah. These two should fare well in Open training. Tanda is the first Skyscott Norfolk to finish an obedience title in the past year, the first being Skyscott's Oliver Twist and Shout CDX, OA, OAJ (reported in the Spring 2001 column).

In Michigan, another Norwicht, Sho-Me Ketka's Rolling Rock, owned by J. Sinclair, completed a CDX in April with nice scores and one first place finish in Open A.

Lots of Norfolk news this time. Sheila Foran's Outland's Sadie of Folklore finished her CD in June after taking time off for puppies and is now training for Open. If I am not mistaken, Sadie is Sheila's fourth CD Norfolk. Three Norfolks have been active in New York, all in the Novice A class, so there are definitely new competitors in the pipeline. NNCTC member Peggy Metcalf, another obedience first-timer seen more often competing at earthdog events, now has her first CD, on Domby's Oliver Twist SE. March Wind's Cobbler, owned by Robin Foley, has a CD with very good scores (one third place and one fourth place). A third Novice A dog, Abershan Mary Todd, owned by J. Carbauh, got a first CD leg in Schenectady last March. I think I saw this dog work at another show and, if I'm correct about that, she's another one who will be a lot of fun to train.

In Virginia, Ch. Landmark Sweet Someone, owned by NNCTC member Robyn Snyder, got her first CDX leg with a first place win in Open A, so we hope to hear more good news about her in the near future. New England gets the award for the obedience Norfolk with the most interesting name: Chantilly's Aelfwynborey Brow, owned by Shirley Hutchins, got a first CD leg in the Novice B class. My Norfolk, Tylwyth Kelsy of Elbow Rock, just got her first CD leg in her first try at Open A. It was a very noisy indoor all-breed show and, despite Kelsy's MANY deviations from perfect, I was delighted to see her actually stop and think at one point: during the Retrieve Over the Jump exercise, she raced over the jump toward the dumbbell, got distracted, turned around and ran back over the jump to me – without the dumbbell. Almost to my feet, she stopped, appeared to be thinking "something isn't right about this," then turned around, ran BACK over the jump, picked up the dumbbell, and (finally) came back to me, this time with the dumbbell! Because no extra commands were involved, this was a qualifying exercise, although obviously with a big deduction.

We already have 3 dogs in 2001 that have qualified for the NNCTC Versatility Award (only NNCTC members are eligible). The one Norwicht and two Norfolks are: U-CD, U-AGI Dunbar's Montgomery Find CDX, OA, OAJ, CGC, owned by Pam Lorenzen, Ch. Andover Petite BonBon SE, NA, CGC, owned by Laurie Rossi Sherick, and Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song CGC, ME, owned by NNCTC First Vice President Sue Ely.

Training tips: when training your Norfolk or Norwich, remember that since our terriers are not "typical obedience breeds," they do not always respond to standard training methods. We, as trainers, must be creative. If you are having difficulty keeping your dog's attention on an exercise, find a toy or some exotic treat with which to bribe him. For instance, I had a Norfolk who hated the Broad Jump. I found that she would do that exercise if she knew that I would let her chase a mechanical mouse around my basement afterwards. Another Norfolk trainer finally captured her dog's attention on the Heel Free by saying "rats" instead of "heel." The point to keep in mind here is that each dog has different "buttons" that can be pushed, and no one knows your dog's buttons better than you do. When you find something that works, try not to "wear it out"; save it for the things that are giving you problems.

Good luck at the Fall obedience trials!

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THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF RIVER BEND TORY, CD, CDX, UD

—The First Norwich Terrier to Acquire Three Obedience Titles—

By

The Well-Known Obedience Judge Jake Giacomelli

Ed.: This issue’s “pages from the past,” reprinted from the Spring 1967 Norwich Terrier News (#13, pp. 15-16), is for all present-day Norfolk and Norwich owners who may have endured similar moments in the Obedience ring. River Bend Tory, a drop-ear Norwich (now Norfolk) male whelped March 29, 1962, was bred by Miss Sylvia Warren, an influential early drop and prick-ear breeder whose dogs excelled in obedience. Tory was owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Dwyer. The Dwyer’s 14-year-old son, William, who began the dog’s early obedience training, aptly predicted, “I have a feeling Tory will be a winner some day because he is a happy worker.” [See Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966, reprint edition, p. 127.] Tory earned his Companion Dog (CD) title in 1964 and his Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) and Utility Dog (UD) titles in 1966. The NNTC River Bend Trophy, awarded annually to the member-owned Norfolk and Norwich Terrier with the highest Obedience score, was first presented to the Norwich Terrier Club in 1967 to honor River Bend Tory’s achievements.—AGF

This month I’ll cater to my favorite breed—THE LADIES—and tell them of a true-life experience that will appeal to them I’m sure!

At quite a large dog show in the United States, a perky little Norwich Terrier marched into the Open Class obedience, little eyes darting right and left, but still paying attention to his handler, a very unrelaxed lady. He was a cute, comical little dog as he jogged along and comments were passed on what particular Terrier breed he was, as they are rarely seen around.

During the Heel Off Lead and Drop On Recall everything was going fine, until the Retrieve On Flat exercise was approached. Suddenly, from nowhere, a rather portly beetle scurried across the mat into a wee hole in the brick wall, behind the little dog, that formed one side of the ring. Instinct proved too strong for him and he tore over to the hole, feet scratching, hind feet dug in, the edges of the mat flopping in his frenzy to dig that pest out!

Each time the handler got her dog lined up for the Retrieve On Flat and I said “Are you ready?” Zoom! The Norwich decided he wasn’t yet and away he took off for the hole, feet a-flailing! After about the third try, I had to decide whether to fail him or whether, in his specific case, to do something different. I thought I would give him one more chance. I had the handler and dog move to a different part of the ring for the Retrieve On Flat—yes, I know, judging must be standardized, but as far as I was concerned this was a most unusual, extenuating circumstance. Here was a born little hunter whose hunting instinct superseded all else!

“Are you ready?” “Send your dog!” “Finish!” During this whole sequence of events, the Norwich’s eyes never left the hole. Yes, he ran out, retrieved by instinct I guess, because he never looked at the dumbbell; his eyes were always on the hole! It was so cute to see his head turned at right angles to his body as he made a beeline back to his mistress. Then I gave the magical order “Exercise Finished”—before his handler could bend down to pet him—Zoom!—he was gone, back to the hole, his small feet a blur of action.
Now came the High Jump—the intriguing hole was only a few feet to his rear and off to one side—God! What a temptation a little dog has to be subjected to! To my surprise he completed the whole retrieve over the High Jump routine with his little head rotating on his neck, never losing sight of the magic hole for a moment; all the while his little black, cheeky eyes and perky little head looking so alert and happy. Again—"Exercise Finished"—SWISH! Back to the wonderful hole again!

As he was being brought over to do the Broad Jump, you could almost see what was going through the little fella’s mind.—"As soon as I get this one over with!"... well, he performed his Broad Jump well and again, as soon as he heard the words "Exercise Finished," SWOO-OOSH! You guessed it!

When this little bright spot started off on his little extra "added feature," there were mild titterings and giggles around ringside but, by the time he had completed all his obedience exercises, the crowd was in an uproar with tears of laughter in some cases.

By this time his harassed handler was in a semi-state of shock, I’m sure,—"to think that her dog would put on such a display in the obedience ring, and that darned beetle would have to turn up at that time of the day—why didn’t it pick on a St. Bernard instead of her Norwich"—and I shall never be able to look anyone in the eye again after today—it’s all ruined."

These are the highlights of obedience judging and the most fun of all, and are to be treasured.

With her face showing mixed emotions, my friend was called into the ring for her qualifying ribbon—; after all, he hadn’t only done all his obedience work correctly—this little character knew enough about the Rules and Regulations that he could pursue his hobby in between exercises!

Do you want to know how he made out on the Long Sit and Down exercises? Well, by this time he had completely won my heart over, so I made sure the dogs sat on a side where they could all see the hole! Yep! He stayed! Eyes riveted to that marvelous hole, and the whole time his little body trembling and eyes flashing with the anticipation of hearing those key words "Exercise Finished!"

By the time we came to the end of the Long Down, I felt a certain hysteria mounting up inside me. I felt a terrible urge to shout "Exercise Finished"—I was so anxious for the little fellow to make it back to his hole again.

For one mad and frivolous second as I watched him scamper over there, I wondered what would have happened if all his doggy pals in the ring had followed him over to that beckoning hole—he made it look so intriguing!

I wonder just how big that hole actually is—h-m-m! Excuse me for just a few seconds—"Exercised Finished"—SWOO-OOSH!!!

River Bend Tory
between “SWOO-OOSH”es
RESCUE AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS
OR
MINDING, MONITORING AND MENTORING

In the fall of 2000, an article appeared in the HSUS publication, Animal Update, which seemed worth clipping and sending to the News for reprint as food for serious thought. In her wisdom, the editor sent the article back suggesting it become a piece from the perspective of the Rescue and Rehome Chairperson. Now, about a year after first reading that article, the thoughts it engendered have taken root in the regrettably fertile soil of Norwich and Norfolk rescue.

It will never be said of me that I am a Web-surfer, but one day in the shop, I decided to visit some of the rescue websites out there in cyberspace. On one, I think it was dogfinders.com, I found no fewer than four entries for Norfolk/Norwich Terrier crosses. Even the photographs of the dogs, one in Connecticut, one in California, and one somewhere else, bore testimony of at least some purebred ancestry (as compared to generic “Benjie” characteristics). In fact, one labeled a Norfolk/Dachshund cross looked a lot like a Norfolk I had as a rescue about 14 years ago. I’ve worried about these waifs for some months now, even though they had all been placed, because of what they indicated was not happening in our breeds. Most particularly, they indicated that some breeders were not insisting on spay/neuter contracts when they sold pets. They also indicated that some breeders might not be mentoring new show puppy buyers who wanted to breed their dogs or bitches when the showing was done. The rescue community is of the opinion that purebred (as well as mixed breed) dogs are turning up in shelters because the folks who breed them do not understand the responsibilities inherent in breeding dogs, and that these responsibilities must be modeled by the established breeders from whom they buy their dogs.

The final impetus behind this article, however, resulted from the actual field of rescue for our breeds during the past year. NNNTC member Marleen Greif in Texas has galvanized the HOTNNTC rescue network to get no fewer than four Norfolk mixed-breed waifs out of shelters between March and August 2001. One dog was in Houston, but it was gone before we could get to it. Then in March, there were half-brothers in Vernon, one of whom, Baxter, was rescued by dint of a 700-mile round trip by Patricia Rogers. The other half-brother had already been adopted. The last one in early August was a bitch, Amy. She needs surgery on a damaged foot, but a home is ready and waiting for her. In a recent email, Marleen commented that Baxter and Amy look enough alike to be related, and also noted that both were found in the vicinity of military bases. Questions arise: Are they related? Did someone sell a dog (or dogs) with no spay/neuter requirement? Were there pups which, under pressure of a military relocation, were not responsibly placed or returned to the original breeder? Mix-breed rescues are not only in Texas; we also monitored one in Connecticut and, just last week, many NNNTC members called me about a Norwich cross whose photo and whereabouts were on the Internet. She, it turned out, had been found covered with ticks, running in Patterson, NJ. She was subsequently put down because of serious liver disease. Nevertheless, she adds to the total number of such mix-breed rescues which have caught our attention.

Antidotes to the problem are well known to all of us, but it cannot hurt to review them here. Responsible, ethical breeders should:

- **Screen** buyers carefully to make sure they will provide a safe and permanent home for a puppy. Ask buyers why they want a terrier and whose responsibility the puppy will be. Many folks say they want a pup for their children; remind them that children grow up and leave home, but dogs do not. Too many nice dogs fall through that crack in a household.
• Have a **contract**, as well as instructions for care, feeding, training, grooming, etc. There are many breeders who not only mandate spaying/neutering, but who also withhold papers until they receive a veterinarian’s certificate. Other breeders actually return $100 of the purchase price when that spay/neuter certificate arrives! The contract should also make clear that you, the breeder, will take the dog back at any time, for any reason.

• Take the time to **mentor** both pet and show puppy owners to whom you sell a puppy. Many folks over the years have called Rescue/Rehome because they were afraid to call the breeder from whom they purchased their dog. Often they had difficulties which could have been cleared up sooner had the breeder set up a mentoring relationship from the outset. Small things like nails, grooming and weight management can get to be big deals in the long run. Believe it or not, they even can be reasons for not keeping a dog!

• When breeders sell a show puppy, **be aware** of its career both in the show ring and after it finishes. What then? Breed it? To whom? **Remember**, this is your line and, presumably, you had a plan when you bred the dog. With the high genetic stakes our breeds have, we must be sure to guide new owner/breeders into breedings which will continue to foster health and soundness.

• **Breed for a reason**, not to put a roof on the tool shed. While backyard or casual breeding may seem like a good idea to a neophyte, it is up to every serious breeder, who knows how expensive and time-consuming a litter is, to discourage it. Yes, it seems tempting, given the prices some people get even for pet quality Norwich and Norfolk pups. But more numerous breeds than ours bear witness to the overpopulation and genetic faults which result from unplanned, unresearched breedings. In the event breeders sell a puppy with permission to breed, make sure it is a serious breeding and **mentor** the litter owner from start to finish. Most first time breeders have NO idea what they are getting into. If we provide a model for future owners, perhaps they will be as careful with their pets or the progeny of their show dogs as we have been with ours.

It is vital that each person reading this *News* realize that the rescue of our breeds is everyone’s job. I am here to help, to find homes, to make calls and to provide funds for medical needs and boarding fees. However, I am in **one** state and rescue is increasingly **everywhere**. I have chosen to work with a Rescue Committee that is as big as the NNTC because it **IS** the NNTC. To those of you who have been vigilant Web-watchers, thank you; to Marleen Greif, Patricia Rogers (not an NNTC member) and the Heart of Texas Rescue volunteers, thank you; to NNTC member Susan deWitt in Connecticut, who always has a solution up her sleeve, thank you; to anyone who has reported, looked at, transported or lain awake at night worrying about a lost Norfolk or Norwich, thank you. Let’s keep up the good work; but let’s also be sure that nothing we do, however inadvertently, will contribute to the numbers of Norwich and Norfolks who are turning up in shelters. One is too many!

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BAXTER’S STORY

In late March 2001, AKC Judge Margo Klinger notified NNTC Rescue and Rehoming Chair Sue Ely of two Norfolks in a shelter in Vernon, Texas, a small town northwest of Dallas. The information we got from the shelter was sketchy, but apparently the dogs were either littermates or half-brothers with undocked tails. Their owners had surrendered the two because they were moving and unable to take the dogs. Vernon is near a military base, so it is possible the owners were in the service. We do not know if they had bred the dogs or had purchased them, possibly from overseas.

Sue and I were trying to find someone in north Texas to rescue the dogs when we learned that one had already been adopted. NNTC member Judi Hartell had also put the information on the HOTNNTC website. Fortunately, HOTNNTC member Patricia Rogers volunteered to drive to Vernon to rescue the remaining dog named Baxter. This was a six to seven hour drive each way for Patricia, who lives in College Station. I can’t thank her enough for her help. She also volunteered to keep Baxter at her Pet Resort and home until a new home could be found.

From the shelter records we learned that Baxter had been there since February—almost two months. Unfortunately, while there, he had gotten some ticks and fleas. My vet was aware of a problem with Ehrlichiosis in north Texas due to the ticks, so he did a blood test during Baxter’s checkup. Results showed that Baxter had both tapeworms and a mild case of Ehrlichiosis, which would require three weeks of antibiotic treatment. During this time, we learned Baxter was housebroken and loved both people and other dogs.

Fellow HOTNNTC member Deborah Hill heard about Baxter and offered him a home provided he got along with her Norfolk, Pal. As soon as Baxter had a clean bill of health, Deborah brought Pal to Patricia’s to introduce the two males. They got along just fine, so Baxter went home with Deborah and Pal. Deborah reports that Pal seems happy to have a buddy and both dogs enjoy their play days with canine neighbors Thelma and Louise, two terrier mixes.

I want to thank everyone who helped with Baxter, but especially Patricia Rogers and Deborah Hill. Baxter is one very lucky Norfolk.

—Marleen Greif, Iola, TX

Ed.: For News readers like myself who may not know what Ehrlichiosis is, here’s what I learned from my veterinary textbooks: Canine ehrlichiosis is a noncontagious infection caused by the organism Ehrlichia canis and transmitted by the bite (saliva) of the brown dog tick. In North America, it is most often seen in dogs from the Gulf coastal region of Texas and the southern states. In the initial (acute) phase of the disease, symptoms may include fever, loss of appetite, eye and nasal discharge, enlarged lymph nodes and, in more severe cases, muscle twitching and other neurologic signs. Dogs with mild infection, however, may have no clinical signs. As in Baxter’s case, diagnosis is confirmed by blood tests. Treatment, which is most effective in the early stages of the disease, involves a two to six weeks (or more, depending on the severity of infection) course of tetracycline antibiotics. Without treatment, ehrlichiosis progresses to the chronic phase, where the disease attacks the dog’s bone marrow, resulting in progressive decreases in numbers of platelets, red blood cells, and white blood cells. Dogs with long-standing, chronic infection experience weight loss, anemia,
bleeding (especially nasal bleeding) and often require months of antibiotic therapy. Prognosis for recovery is guarded and, if no significant response is seen after two to four months of intensive treatment, poor.

No vaccine is currently available. For dogs at high risk of exposure (in areas with large populations of brown dog ticks), prevention includes giving low-dose tetracycline on a daily basis and undertaking such tick-control measures as dipping of dogs and spraying of premises on a regular basis.—AGF

A SECOND TEXAS RESCUE “TAIL”

Unfortunately, we have had another rescue in Texas of a possible Norfolk or Norfolk Terrier cross. HOTNNTC member Betty Bossio heard about a dog in a shelter in Seguin, just northeast of San Antonio. She was not able to get there to see the dog, but put the word out on the HOT website. The response was quick, and HOT member Bob Becker drove over to see the dog. Once Bob concurred that she looked a lot like a Norfolk—but with an undocked tail—, I contacted the shelter. The staff told me the little female had wandered around an apartment complex for days before someone finally tried to find her owner and then brought her to the shelter.

After conferring with NNTC Rescue and Rehome Chair Sue Ely, I drove to pick up the bitch. Fortunately, this drive was only three hours, unlike our last rescue, which was six or seven hours each way. As soon as I saw the little female with her adorable eyes, I thought who could not love her. An old song, “Once In Love With Amy,” came to mind, so her name is Amy. I drove her straight to my vet for a complete checkup. Thank heavens, she was heartworm negative as that is a big concern here in Texas.

Amy appears to be about five or six years old and in remarkably good health. Her only problem is an old injury to a hind foot. An x-ray showed what looks to be BBs, so my vet suspects that someone shot this sweet little girl in the past. Despite her earlier trauma, Amy adores people. She will be spayed soon and then will see the orthopedic surgeon at Texas A & M Vet School to determine if her foot can be repaired. Then, she will be rehomed. Once again, HOT member Patricia Rogers is keeping Amy until she is ready for adoption. Patricia reports that Amy is very content to be the official greeter and grooming shop mascot at Patricia’s pet resort. At home, Amy is a couch potato—and is housebroken too.

I want to thank all the HOT members who helped with our rescues. As Sue Ely told me, “The Heart of Texas Club has a heart as big as Texas.” I hope to have an update on Amy for the next News.

—Marleen Greif, Iola, TX

Author’s P. S.: When Patricia Rogers saw Baxter and Amy side by side, she said the resemblance is remarkable. Both also have undocked tails and dewclaws and both were found in animal shelters near military bases. We wonder if they are related and possibly belonged to military personnel. I just hope we don’t have someone in Texas with an intact Norfolk male they are breeding.—MG
JUNIOR, SENIOR AND MASTER EARTHDOG TESTS

The spring and summer earthdog season has been booming! Many terriers have earned new earthdog titles and their owners are now training their dogs for the next levels. Way to go! Let’s get them ready for the NNTC’s first sponsored Earthdog Test on Monday, October 8th at Village Green Farm Earthdog Center in Crosswicks, NJ. Hope you do (did) well!

In the Spring 2001 News, I described the Introduction to Quarry level. After the dog has been successful in this 10-foot underground tunnel, the next step is Junior Earthdog (JE). This test consists of a 30-foot tunnel with three 90-degree turns. The dog has 30 seconds from release to reach the quarry. The judge will allow the dog 30 seconds from the time it reaches the quarry to begin working. Working means barking, digging, growling, whining, or working in some acceptable form for 60 seconds. The judge will then call the handler to come and remove the dog. If the dog has completed the approach to the quarry and the working of the quarry successfully within the time limits, then he has earned the first leg of his JE title. To earn a JE title, a dog needs to qualify twice under two different judges.

The Senior Earthdog (SE) test is considered by many to be the most difficult. The tunnel is 30 feet long with three 90-degree turns; it has a false exit not visible from the release point and a false den. The entrance to the tunnel is mounded with dirt and cover so as to make a steep, 45-degree entrance. The dog cannot see the actual tunnel entrance from the release point. The dog has 90 seconds from release to reach the quarry. Once there, the dog has 15 seconds to start working (barking, digging, growling, whining, or working in some acceptable form) and must work consistently for 90 seconds. Now things really get interesting! The judge seals the viewing area and removes the rats. The handler must recall the dog from the tunnel entrance and has 90 seconds to secure the dog. If the dog completes the approach to the quarry, the working of the quarry, and the recall successfully within the time limits, he has passed the test. To earn a SE title, the dog must qualify three times under two different judges.

The Master Earthdog (ME) test is designed to come as close to natural hunting as possible. Two dogs work at a time; a random draw selects the braces and the running order. While the handlers walk with the judge, the two dogs hunt up to the tunnel entrance (100-200 yards). The dogs must work without interference or any aggression. The dogs must mark the entrance to the tunnel. The first to mark is the first to run. The second dog is staked 10 feet from the entrance. This honoring dog should show interest but remain fairly quiet. The Senior tunnel is used for the Master test with these modifications: an 18-inch-long constriction to narrow the tunnel to 6 inches, an obstruction across the tunnel to simulate a root or rocks, and an unscented false den entrance visible from the release point. The dog has 90 seconds to reach the quarry and must begin working within 15 seconds. He has to work (you know the routine by now!) for 90 seconds. After the dog works for 60 seconds, the judge creates a distraction by digging or scraping on the tunnel liner. The dog should continue to work. Last, the handler has 15 seconds to remove the dog from the quarry end of the tunnel. The dogs then change places and the second dog works as the first dog honors. If the dog passes the walk-up, the honoring, the working and the removal, he or she qualifies. A dog must qualify four times under two different judges to earn his ME title.

Before each test, the judge will hold an orientation to explain the test and answer any questions the handlers may have. You should listen carefully, as judges sometimes expect slightly different behaviors. I suggest you send to the AKC for the Regulations for Earthdog Tests for Small Terriers and Dachshunds. This will explain all the rules.

For my next column, look for comments from Earthdog judges on handling your dog successfully.

—Peggy Metcalf, Camden, NY
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NEW EARTHDOG TITLE HOLDERS

The following dogs (all Norfolk Terriers, once again!) have earned AKC earthdog titles since my last report in the Spring News. I apologize if I have left anyone off the list. Please let me know if your Norfolk—or Norwich!—earns an earthdog title. My e-mail address is printed below. Thanks.—PM

Junior Earthdog
- Allright Bubbles – Robin Ormiston
- Tally Ho Ho Ho – Beth Kravetz
- Ch. Glenelg Little Lulu – Deborah Pritchard
- Ch. Franaro Lucy Pinch – Sue Ely

Senior Earthdog
- Ch. Jaeva Brandy Snap – Linda Federici
- Ch. Glenelg Grazie – Deborah Pritchard
- Adam’s Bouncer – Adam Metcalf

Master Earthdog
- Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song – Sue Ely
- Adam’s Bouncer – Adam Metcalf

—Peggy Metcalf, Camden, NY
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“DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY”…?

Ed.: News subscriber Suzanne Niemann of Ocala, Florida sent this amusing account of an earthdog outing with her two Norwich. Not all our little terriers, it seems, at least not all Norwich, are eager to go to ground!—AGF

Last spring, on the second day of the earthdog trials, it rained very hard. Max, my Norwich male who has one leg toward his Junior Earthdog title (after 4 or 5 tries), did okay, but was too slow and did not get his second leg. Morgan, my Norwich bitch, is a bit prissy and did not like the rain. She simply ran into the tunnel to stay dry. She would not come out and she would not go toward the quarry. I had to lie on my belly in the mud to get her out. The one-hour trip home was really special, with me soaking wet from head to toe and covered in mud from my chest down. My husband, who had stayed in the truck and was warm and dry, found the whole thing very amusing.

We will start to practice again at the end of October or the beginning of November when the weather cools off. It is much too hot for rat hunting now [late July]. However, this should indicate how my dogs’ rat hunting has been going. We are having some work done on our home. The workmen discovered a nest of rats living right outside our back door. Max and Morgan (also known as M & M) never knew the rats existed and they (M & M) are out there on a regular basis!!

—Suzanne Niemann, Ocala, FL
“Best Buddies”

“Someone to watch over me”

“Dinner’s served?... That’s ‘music to our ears!’”

“These are a few of our favorite things.”

“Every puppy should have a boy.”
(or a girl)

“Dogs lead a nice life. You never see a dog with a wristwatch.”
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COMMITTEE REPORT

Canine Epilepsy Project: Norwich Terrier Research

Research on canine epilepsy is currently available for Norwich (and Norfolk) Terrier participation. A consortium of veterinary researchers from the University of Missouri, University of Minnesota, Ohio State University, and the Animal Health Trust (England) are currently doing DNA research to try to locate the mutation(s) responsible for causing epilepsy in dogs. Because researchers do not believe it is the same mutation for each breed, each breed will be analyzed separately. Each DNA sample will thus be looked at "family by family" and "breed by breed." An AKC Canine Health Foundation grant allows affected dogs and their families from ALL breeds to participate at no cost to the dogs' owners or to the parent breed clubs.

Epilepsy, seizures, "fits" and muscular cramp-like symptoms have affected Norwich health for many years. The Canine Epilepsy Project is an INEXPENSIVE means for Norwich fanciers to assist in resolving this elusive health problem(s). Researchers need blood samples and information from affected Norwich and their families. Norwich displaying typical seizure activity, as well as those experiencing unusual and undiagnosed neuro-muscular symptoms or atypical "seizure-like" activity, are encouraged to participate. Owners should submit a detailed description of these episodes to assist researchers. There is now an on-line "seizure survey" to assist owners.

After reviewing the Canine Epilepsy Project's website (www.canine-epilepsy.net) and speaking with Liz Hansen, Coordinator of Veterinary Information, I am confident this project is worthy of our breed's participation. Please help Norwich health by submitting affected dogs' blood samples and other information to the project. Please also note that: (1) Participation is at no cost to the owner or the parent club. (2) All information is confidential. (3) When research produces results, this information will be available to owners of participating dogs.

Project information, submittal forms, etc., are available at the Canine Epilepsy Project website or by contacting Liz Hansen at 573-884-3712 (phone), 573-884-5414 (fax) or HansenL@missouri.edu (email). Her address is University of Missouri, College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Molecular Genetics Lab-Dept of Veterinary Pathology, 321 Conaway Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Request For A Professional Norwich Terrier Health Survey

The road to research and, ultimately, a test to determine whether an individual dog is clear, a carrier or likely to be affected by a genetic disease is a long one. Deciding which Norwich Terrier health problem to fund and to research is no small task. Current incidence, severity of various diseases, and the fancy's perception of an illness must all be considered. Health surveys are the most useful and the most accurate way to obtain current trends in breed health. Surveys provide valuable information for breeders and greatly assist in ascertaining and prioritizing health problems and research projects.

The NNTC last conducted a Norwich Terrier health survey in 1995. The AKC Canine Health Foundation recommends that a comprehensive breed health survey be done, followed by smaller follow-up surveys every 2-3 years, to track changes and trends in breed health. After reviewing other parent club health surveys and speaking with their health chairs, I have recommended to the NNTC Board that a professional Norwich health survey be performed by Dr. Margaret Slater, DVM, of Texas A & M University. Dr. Slater is highly recommended and has considerable experience conducting parent club health surveys.
Enlisting the services of a professional health surveyor has many benefits. Advantages include the creation of a survey specifically tailored to the breed and known health problems, processing and computation of survey results and statistics, and a final data analysis. Professional health surveys also allay any confidentiality concerns breeders and/or owners may have about submitting health information about their dogs and/or their lines. I have recommended that a professional Norwich health survey be done prior to initiating and funding research. We must accurately prioritize and characterize the health problems facing our breed today. I look forward to receiving the NNTC Board's decision on this Norwich Terrier Health/Genetics project. [Ed.: Laura Huber's request for a professional Norwich health survey is on the Board's agenda for the Montgomery meeting.]

—Laura Huber, NNTC Norwich Health/Genetics Chair
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NEONATAL RESUSCITATION OF PUPPIES FOLLOWING CAESARIAN SECTION

Ed.: Norwich Health/Genetics Chair Laura Huber received permission from Stephanie Todd, DVM, to reprint the following article in the News. Dr. Todd's article is chock full of helpful information on reviving c-section puppies. Norwich breeders especially might want to share this protocol with their veterinarians. —AGF

Neonatal mortality rates are highest from zero to three days of age. Stillbirths comprise about half the fatalities, 20 percent have anatomic abnormalities, nine percent are cannibalized, and most of the rest are lost due to trauma or infectious disease (Dr. Cheri A. Johnson, The North American Veterinary Conference, 1995). Low birth weight is an important risk factor for early losses. Difficult labor and cesarian section add significant risk. Our goal is to minimize loss of puppies by aggressively resuscitating them from the effects of anesthesia, fluid-filled respiratory tract and, in some cases, the stress of prolonged labor. Puppies should be warm, well-hydrated, have normal blood glucose levels, and be crying and ready to nurse as soon as possible after delivery.

Normal vital signs for neonates are: body temperature 94-96 degrees F, irregular respiratory rhythm/breathe with no pause between inspiration and expiration, heart rate 200-240 beats per minute, bright red gums, hematocrit equal to dam's, TP=5-6, BUN=7-10, glucose=40-60. Neurologic reflexes include: suckle, rooting (cup hand around muzzle and puppy should push), lumbar rubbing causes squeal, toe massage causes head wobble, extended neck causes flexion of all four limbs from days zero to four (flexor dominance) and extension of all four limbs from days five to 21. Depressed or absent neurologic reflexes may indicate hypothermia, low blood glucose, or a central nervous system (CNS) disorder.

Resuscitation of neonates follows the 'ABC' acronym used for resuscitation in adults: A=Airway, B=Breathing, C=Circulation. The complicating factor with neonates is that the lungs are collapsed and full of fluid. Surfactant, the substance that coats the alveoli of the lungs and allows them to expand properly, may be present in decreased amounts in pups that are premature. Difficult delivery can lead to decreased blood oxygen levels in the puppies by loss of placental blood flow, early placental separation or early rupture of the umbilicus. Anesthetics given to the dam can cause respiratory, cardiac, or CNS depression in the puppies, necessitating physical and pharmaceutical stimulation to aid in recovery. Planned cesarian sections often result in vigorous puppies that have no need for
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Intensive care. Emergency caesarian sections, however, especially those following prolonged labor, may result in depressed puppies that will not survive without aggressive resuscitation techniques. The following steps comprise our protocol for neonatal resuscitation:

(1) Airway
   • Stimulate breathing (imitate mother) by clearing airway of membranes and vigorously rubbing puppy.
   • Suction airway with a bulb syringe.
   • Swing puppy downward with head low to clear lungs (does not seem to cause bleeding around the brain as it would in a human infant).

(2) Breathing
   • If no breathing in 30-60 seconds, administer oxygen; inflate lungs first by blowing in mouth/nose. Oxygen may be given by facemask, oxygen chamber, or core warming (described below).
   • If still no gasping/breathing, then give Dopram under tongue or in umbilical vein (works for 15-20 minutes). Don’t give more than two doses, as the benzyl alcohol component can cause CNS toxicity and hyperventilation can lead to acid-base imbalance.

(3) Circulation
   • Rewarming with oxygen-rich, moist warm air is ideal. This prevents overheating and burns from other external heat sources, and raises the core body temperature quickly (core warming). This immediately improves cardiac performance and increases circulation to vital organs. The technique is accomplished by placing puppies on a grate over hot (steaming) water underneath an oxygen tent.
   • Correct dehydration and hypoglycemia by giving warmed fluids intraperitoneally (Lactated Ringer's Solution/LRS with 2.5 dextrose @1 ml/30gm), or via an intravascular catheter (10 percent dextrose @ 0.1 ml/30gm, and LRS @ 1 ml/30 gm initial bolus).

   Neonates cannot regulate their body temperature, cannot constrict small blood vessels to preserve blood flow to vital organs, and cannot increase the strength of heart muscle contraction, just the heart rate. In order to maintain circulation in these puppies, we must always aim to correct hypothermia, hypoglycemia, and dehydration.

   Poor prognostic signs for neonatal survival include prematurity (indicated by sparse hair coat, especially on top of the paws), a heart rate of less than 80 beats per minute, and lack of gasping/breathing despite following the above protocol. Do not give up on any puppy, however, without doing a “drop test” to check for total loss of reflexes. Drop the puppy, abdomen downward, from a six-inch height onto a firm surface and watch for the limbs to spread out and pull back in a quick, subtle movement. Some puppies with no detectable heartbeat but a positive “drop test” have been revived after 15 to 30 minutes of stimulation and core warming. Core warming and intermittent, vigorous stimulation should be continued until puppies are breathing, hydrated with fluids and dextrose, and moving when stimulated. They can be moved to an oxygen chamber for further supportive care if needed. Neonates are ready to be removed from oxygen and placed with the dam (or in a heated whelping box) when they are moving and crying, have heart rates over 200 beats per minutes, and have normal neurologic reflexes.

   —Stephanie Todd, DVM

Author’s note: Stephanie Todd received her DVM degree from Cornell University in 1987. She developed an interest in canine reproduction and has pursued it in private practice over the last twelve years. She currently owns Harmony Veterinary Clinic in Ballston Spa, New York. The protocol used at Harmony Veterinary Clinic for neonatal resuscitation following caesarian sections is a combination of standard techniques recommended by reproductive specialists.
PHENOBARBITAL AND BROMIDE STUDY RESULTS

Ed.: For the past several years, Dr. Dawn Boothe, DVM, of Texas A & M University's College of Veterinary Medicine has conducted research comparing phenobarbital and potassium bromide as the sole first choice drug therapy for canine epilepsy. This study, funded by the AKC Canine Health Foundation (Grant #1280), the Heart of Texas NNTC and the NNTC, has now concluded. NNTC Norwich Health/Genetics Chair Laura Huber has sent the following official summary of the final results. Thanks, Laura.—AGF

Final Results Summary

The efficacy and safety of Bromide vs. Phenobarbital for the treatment of canine epilepsy was studied in 46 dogs with spontaneous epilepsy. Comparisons of 6-month data to baseline data were made within treatment groups and between treatment groups using statistical tests. Mean indicators of seizure activity (number, frequency and severity) were reduced at 6 months compared to baseline for both drugs; additionally, seizure duration was shorter for Phenobarbital but not Bromide. Both drugs caused abnormal behaviors. Weight increased 10% in both groups. Side effects in some dogs at one month for Phenobarbital included ataxia (muscular incoordination), giddiness, polydypsia (excessive thirst), polyphagia (excessive ingestion of food) and hyperactivity. Bromide side effects included vomiting, giddiness, polydypsia and polyphagia. Two dogs were withdrawn from the Bromide group during the loading period due to vomiting, and one from the Phenobarbital group at two months due to leukopenia (reduced white blood cell count). At 6 months, side effects were markedly reduced in both groups, but particularly the Phenobarbital group.

This study suggests that both Phenobarbital and Bromide are reasonable first choices for control of epilepsy in dogs. However, based on efficacy and incidence of side effects, Phenobarbital may remain the preferred first choice antiepileptic drug in dogs. This study also supports the currently recommended therapeutic ranges for both drugs and the use of therapeutic monitoring to guide therapy.

THE BARF DIET: A CAUTION

When I read about what is now commonly called the BARF Diet (Bones and Raw Food) in the “Canine Nutrition Survey” in the Summer 1998 Norwich & Norfolk News, I was intrigued. I have since read more and have been feeding my performance Norwich raw, fresh food for over a year. He loves it and is healthier than ever. At our most recent visit, the vet pronounced my 5-year-old’s teeth cleaner than ever, and they have never been cleaned by a vet!

I do have one caution about this diet. Since my Norwich Darcy started on commercial puppy kibble, he never really learned to chew. His idea of eating was inhaling. As a result, early on he tried to inhale a raw chicken bone, which then lodged at the entrance to his stomach. Fortunately, a wonderful veterinary surgeon managed to push it into his stomach, so it posed no further problems. After this incident, however, I knew I couldn't just keep letting him wolf down the raw bones. So I taught Darcy a new command: “Crunch!” I did this by wrapping my fingers and thumb around the chicken neck with just the end sticking out, which required him to crunch a little at a time. Now Darcy’s dinnertime command is “Crunch,” and he has had no further problems. So, if you decide to try the BARF diet (and I encourage you to), be sure to teach your dog to chew his food thoroughly.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
PYOMETRITIS

Ed.: Norwich Health/Genetics Chair Laura Huber received permission to have this article by well-known canine reproduction specialist Robert V. Hutchinson, D. V. M., reprinted in the News.

Pyometritis has long evoked fear in the hearts and minds of purebred dog breeders. This disease should be approached with not only the patient's well-being in mind, but also with equal attention to the client's desire for future breeding of the affected females.

Signalment: Pyometritis normally occurs when the bitch's uterus is under the influence of progesterone. Though often seen in older bitches, the clinician should always consider the possibility of uterine infections in the diestrus bitch showing septic signs.

Diagnosis: The typical bitch presented with pyometritis will show a variety of signs, including: fever, elevated WBC, PU/PD, elevated kidney and liver serum values, vomiting and dehydration, vaginal discharge (if open cervix). The presence or absence of vaginal discharge is not the key factor in the diagnosis of pyometritis…. Many bitches, very ill with pyometritis, will have a “closed cervix” pyometritis and show minimal vaginal discharge. The key factors in diagnosing pyometritis consist of recognizing the signs of a bacterial toxemia and demonstrating an enlarged or fluid-filled uterus on radiograph or ultrasound…. The standard testing for diagnosing pyometritis in a bitch should include CBC, SMAC, urinalysis, vaginoscopy and radiography or ultrasound. Once the diagnosis of pyometritis is made, the mode of treatment should be evaluated as to the owner's future breeding desires and the condition of the bitch. The most common organism isolated from the uterus in pyometritis is E. coli. Appropriate antibiotic therapy should be started immediately. A culture and sensitivity should be performed to assure the efficacy of the chosen antibiotic. Once thought of as primarily a surgical disease, pyometritis is now also readily treated medically.

Surgical Treatment: If the owner has no future breeding desires and the bitch is a good surgical candidate, ovarian-hysterectomy is successful in curing pyometritis.

Medical Treatment: Patients with future breeding potential, patients too ill for surgery or where surgery is best delayed (i.e., older bitches) can be successfully treated medically with Prostaglandin F2a (Lutalyse, Upjohn)... injected subcutaneously three times a day at a dose of .1mg per pound of body weight or 1 ml Lutalyse per 50 pounds of body weight. This dose is given until the clinician sees no vaginal discharge (blood or pus) within one hour post-injection or until no fluid-filling is seen in the uterus through ultrasound examination. Prostaglandin are associated with the following side effects: salivation, trembling, vomiting, panting, diarrhea, general weakness. The side effects are short term, usually less than 30 minutes. Walking the bitch after giving the injection tends to reduce the side effects of the medication.

Follow-up Therapy: If the bitch has been treated surgically, routine suture removal should take place at the surgeon's normal post-surgical interval. Care should be taken that no vaginal discharge is present, as occasionally pyometritis can persist in the uterine stump.

If the bitch was treated with Prostaglandin F2a, a follow-up injection of Lutalyse should be given 7 days after the last daily treatment to confirm that the uterus is empty and that refilling has not occurred.

If the bitch was treated medically, she should either be subjected to ovariohysterectomy before her next heat cycle, bred on the next estrous cycle, or be started on Mibolerone (Cheque Drops, Upjohn) to delay the next estrous until such time as breeding is desirable.

—Dr. Robert V. Hutchinson, D.V.M.
THE “FRIENDS OF NORFOLK HEALTH” DONOR ADVISED FUND

On May 15, 2001, Nat LaMar and I sent out more than 400 letters to Norfolk Terrier breeders, owners and enthusiasts all over the country. We were anxious to establish a Donor Advised Fund within the AKC Canine Health Foundation specifically for the study of the prevention and control of Mitral Valve Disease in Norfolk Terriers.

The response to our solicitation has been overwhelming. As of August 15, 2001, one hundred and ten generous respondents have donated $15,290, including $1,000 from the Heart of Texas (HOT) NNTC. Furthermore, we now have in place a special project through which we hope to raise another $10,000 for this fund. Incidentally, many contributors included notes with their donations, and several wrote tributes to dogs they had lost to MVD. It has been a very moving several months for Nat and me.

In September, the CHF will solicit pre-grant proposals from researchers all over the country. This means the Foundation will be actively looking for scientists interested in studying MVD in Norfolk Terriers. In December, those researchers whose preliminary proposals look promising will be asked to submit formal grant proposals. In June 2002, after being evaluated by the CHF, grants in many areas of canine health will be funded. Hopefully, a serious study on MVD in Norfolk Terriers will be among these grants. If not, monies already donated will remain in the DAF; earning interest and continuing to grow with new donations until a feasible and appropriate study becomes a reality, as it unquestionably will. Nat and I have the utmost confidence in the Canine Health Foundation and its ability to use the monies donated for the specific research the many Norfolk owners intended. Let’s all work together to continue the work we’ve so generously and enthusiastically begun.

—Carol Falk, Peabody, MA
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WHAT A GREAT IDEA!!

NNTC Governor and Norwich breeder Helene Gisin (Little Tramont) of Séprais, Switzerland has come up with a wonderful way for breeders to support the Club’s Canine Health Foundation Donor Advised Fund (DAF). For every Norwich puppy she sells and every Norwich stud fee she receives, Helene will donate $50 to the Norwich DAF. Hats off to Helene for her generous commitment to Norwich health. Wouldn’t it be great if other breeders followed suit!
COOLED EXTENDED SEMEN BREEDING

At the News editor's request, former NNTC Norfolk Health/Genetics Chair Carol Falk sent this profile of her on-the-job experience with canine reproduction.

For the past 24 years, I have worked at Bay State Animal Clinic (BSAC) near Boston and have been Practice Manager there since 1993. Because BSAC has many dog breeders as clients, we do a lot of progesterone testing (I do most of this) to establish ovulation and breeding time. Along with veterinarian Dr. MacNamee, I have also participated in numerous cooled extended semen breedings and two (of three) successful frozen semen breedings using surgical implantation techniques. In 1982, I did collecting and storing of frozen semen with well-known research veterinarian Dr. George Padgett, DVM, of Michigan State University. Dr. Padgett and one of his vet techs drove from Michigan to Massachusetts with their equipment, and we froze semen from about 25 local dogs. I learned a lot about collecting semen from Dr. Padgett's vet tech—and I also taught Dr. Padgett how to eat lobster correctly!

I began breeding dogs (Labrador Retrievers) in 1975 and still have two-year-old Rudi, a chocolate bitch who represents eight generations of my breeding. I have bred Norfolk Terriers (Ben Kelev) for ten years. Of interest to Norwich breeders, I did the AI breeding that produced the top-winning bitch Ch. Fairewood Frolic (Rocki)!

—Carol Falk

The use of cooled extended semen is an important reproductive tool for any breed, particularly now that airlines are adopting increasingly strict regulations about shipping dogs. With breeds such as ours that are small in number (with a limited gene pool) and spread across the country, the use of cooled extended semen can play a vital role. Norfolk and Norwich breeders should all understand what is involved in a cooled extended semen breeding and be in a position to participate in one given several weeks' notice. The ability to breed your bitch to a stud dog anywhere in the country at any time of year without having to ship her and without having to drive further than your own vet seems too good to be true. Well perhaps it is. A successful cooled extended breeding is hard work and certainly as costly as shipping your bitch. Following are facts I feel everyone should know before considering this process.

Only the stud dog (it really is a man's world) has an easy time with this one. In order for a cooled extended breeding to be successful, you must have committed breeders and veterinarians at both ends. The AKC requires that a licensed veterinarian perform both the collection of the stud dog and the insemination of the bitch. To be committed means being ready to draw blood or inseminate on weekends or holidays, or at 10pm. It means being willing to drive to the airport on a Sunday afternoon to pick up a counter-to-counter shipment or collecting your stud dog at 4am so that your package can make the 6:15am direct flight to wherever. It means carefully questioning your vet to make sure that he or she understands their vital role in the success of this breeding. Dogs and bitches involved in a cooled extended breeding must be DNA identified. It's a good idea to do this well in advance, as the process seems to take about 6 weeks. In addition, you will need to write to the AKC to obtain the paperwork specific for cooled extended breeding.

The most common reason for a bitch "missing," and often the reason for a small litter size, is poor timing. While timing is important in a natural or an artificial breeding (AI), it is essential in a cooled extended breeding. Cooled extended semen lives for 48 to at best 72 hours, whereas in a natural breeding, eggs may be fertilized up to a week after the breeding. It is important, therefore, to do progesterone testing on your bitch to determine exactly her fertile period. There are several in-house kits for this available to your vet, but I have found these to be often unreliable. I much prefer that blood is drawn and then sent to an outside lab where an actual progesterone level is determined. Make sure your vet is familiar with ovulation timing. You will want to ship semen so that the bitch
will be bred on days 4 and 6 or on days 5 and 7 post LH surge. The bitch’s progesterone levels determine the LH surge. Most often 3 or 4 blood draws will be necessary to insure proper timing.

When your bitch comes in season, notify the stud dog owner immediately and then contact one of the companies specializing in canine cooled extended breeding and arrange for semen collection/insemination kits (which include shipping containers) to be sent to the stud dog’s vet. The stud owner’s vet may suggest a particular kit, but if he or she is unfamiliar with cooled extended breeding, you will need to do a little homework. On line you can type in key words or try www.synbiotics.com. Click on Canine Reproduction and scroll down to “Fresh Express Kit (double).” Dr. Robert Hutchinson, a veterinarian well known for his success in canine reproduction, also has a website that is helpful at www.northviewvet.com. This is also the time to contact your own vet and set up appointments to have your bitch’s blood drawn for progesterone testing.

Semen may be shipped using any overnight carrier and should be collected late in the afternoon for guaranteed arrival by 10am the following morning. In certain locations and on weekends, it may be necessary to ship counter to counter (also called priority parcel or Delta Dash, etc., depending on the airline). Once the semen arrives, the bitch should be inseminated ASAP. If semen arrives on an 8pm flight Sunday evening, your bitch should be inseminated that evening. I recommend two breedings. Now are you beginning to see why it is necessary to have committed individuals at both ends?

Costs for a cooled extended breeding will vary depending mainly on the price of progesterone testing and on the veterinarian’s collection and insemination fees. A double “fresh express kit” costs about $150. Overnight shipping should be $35 to $50. It would not be unreasonable for a vet to charge $100 per collection and insemination. I have seen a variety of prices charged for progesterone testing, but $50 per test is a good average. As you can see, costs can easily reach $800 or $900 not including the stud fee.

Why would anyone go through all this? Perhaps it is because we are committed breeders whose goal is to breed better Norfolk or Norwich Terriers. We must select the best stud dog for our particular bitch regardless of where he lives. Yes, it may seem a bit complicated the first time you attempt this, but it does get easier. The key is never to try and accomplish all this at the last minute. Prepare for your cooled extended breeding well ahead of time. As always, I am happy to help with any problems or questions.

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CHEYLETIELLOSIS: A COMMON NORFOLK & NORWICH AFFLICITION

Ed.: Norfolk Homefront reporter Sue Ely asked me to include some information in this News about Cheyletiella, those pesky little mites that all too often show up on young Norfolk and Norwich puppies— as well as on some adult dogs. The following two articles, the first by NNTC member and Norwich breeder Sophie Stephens, the second from a canine publication, are reprinted from the Summer 1996 Norwich & Norfolk News, pages 34-35.—AGF

Cheyletiella: Not Just For Puppies

My foundation bitch recently whelped her last litter. It is almost a given that by the time they are fours weeks of age, the puppies will develop the “itch from hell.” Just as they are entering one of their most endearing stages, just when I can begin to snuggle and cuddle the most, “puppy dandruff” will appear. It appears to bother them very little. It bothers me a lot.

Muller, Kirk and Scott’s Small Animal Dermatology, 3rd Edition, defines Cheyletiella dermatitis as a “mild, nonsuppurative, mite-induced dermatitis produced by Cheyletiella living on the surface of the skin.” Cheyletiella mites affect dogs, cats, rabbits, and human beings. The three species may go freely to various host species. They do not burrow, but live in the keratin layer of the epidermis and are not associated with hair follicles.

The entire life cycle is complete on one host. The adult males die within 48 hours after leaving the host, while the adult female is capable of surviving for up to 10 days. For the owner whose dogs enjoy an occasional nap on the sofa, it presents some additional consideration.

The mites are highly contagious, especially between young host animals, but man may be affected too. Adult dogs are usually lightly infected even when in direct contact with infected puppies, and very few mites or eggs can be demonstrated on debris from their coats. Human infestations vary in severity, but after direct contact with infested animals, well-demarcated lesions may appear. Absent further animal contact, the lesions subside in about three weeks.

The mites are easily destroyed by most insecticides. Mycodex with carbaryl is recommended, although I have found that treatments with Mycodex with pyrethrin are completely effective. Puppies are bathed weekly for three consecutive weeks. I am personally reluctant to use Mycodex with 3x pyrethrins on younger animals. I have used this product on adults with no side effects. Ivermectin has recently proven to be effective against the Cheyletiella mites. A careful study of the possible negative side effects of Ivermectin should be undertaken prior to initiating treatment with Ivermectin. My own preference is Adam’s Flea and Tick Spray.

As for the lesions that appear on humans, Absorbine applied on an as-needed basis can provide some degree of relief. The “bites” produce an unrelenting itch in some rather sensitive areas and appear to be aggravated by warmth. The morning shower can be torturous. I have never used Mycodex, but I plan to order at least a gallon in the near future.

—Sophie Stephens, Midland, MI

And here’s more on the “Itch from Hell”...

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Cheyletiella is a large mite that can cause problems in any age dog but is most commonly associated with puppies. The parasite causes a mild skin disorder often referred to as “walking dandruff.” While the problem is not nearly as severe as either Demodex or Sarcoptes, Cheyletiellosis can be a real nuisance, especially in kennels where multiple litters are raised each year.
Description: Cheyletiella yasguri is the species that most commonly affects dogs. It is an actual tiny walking mite that is larger than most other skin mites found in dogs.

Means of Infection: The mite is very highly contagious, especially between puppies. The most common source of infection is direct contact from one dog to another.

Location in the Dog: This parasite has a predilection for locating on the rump and along the back. It is also sometimes found on the top of the head and on the nose.

Life Cycle: The entire life cycle of Cheyletiella is spent on one host.

Clinical Signs: Infestation with Cheyletiella produces mild scratching. This syndrome is normally not associated with hair loss unless the puppy is so irritated that it licks or bites some of its hair out. The mite, by itself, does not destroy hair follicles. The course of infection with this mite can be rather protracted, sometimes affecting pups for many months.

Diagnosis: The skin of pups with "walking dandruff" will appear somewhat scaly and scurfy. Often, with the naked eye or hand-held magnification, one can see the mites moving through the hair. Deep skin scrapings are not necessary to detect this mite! The easiest way to diagnose this skin infection at home is to comb through the scaly area onto a piece of black paper. Then, carefully watch to see if the tiny white specks move on the paper.

A good thumb rule I use is this: Scurfy-looking dandruff with scratching in 2-to-10-week-old puppies is highly suggestive of Cheyletiellosis.

Treatment: Fortunately, this mite is comparatively easy to eradicate. The parasite is killed by simple dusting or dipping the puppy with virtually any insecticidal product. Medications with carbaryl or pyrethrins are very effective. Treatment should be repeated three times at 7-to-10-day intervals.

I would suggest treating all dogs in a kennel if Cheyletiellosis is found. It has been proven that some adult dogs can harbor the organism and not appear infected. Although mites do not live long off the host, an effort should be made to clean the premises. It is even best to keep all dogs out of an infected kennel for seven days.

Any new animals being added should be carefully inspected and appropriately treated if in doubt.

Zoonotic Note: Humans can become infected after contact with an infected animal. Skin lesions will appear reddened and crusty and will itch. Constant contact with infected animals is needed to maintain human infections; otherwise the condition lasts about three weeks and will clear up.

"Will an 'apple a day' keep my veterinarian away?"
Badgewood in its day was a beauty of a kennel. Philip and Elizabeth Fell returned to Long Island from England in 1969 and found a lovely old home on a goodly amount of property in Oyster Bay. They bred both ear types and hired Jack Simm as the private handler of all the Badgewood dogs. Most weekends Mr. Simm and the Fells would drive off to a dog show, exhibiting and often winning with their best Norwich and Norfolks. Ch. Badgewood Monty Collins was my introduction to the breed. One look at this little guy and I knew I had to own a drop ear Norwich. As for drop ear bitches, everyone adored Ch. Badgewood the Huntress.

The Badgewood kennels were well-built, with large indoor and outdoor runs. Bitches in whelp had a separate room as they got closer to whelping puppies. A lovely two-story cottage was attached to the kennel for the kennel help. The kennels now are empty, but the memories linger on. One of those memories is that of our Club’s wonderful Match Show held at Badgewood in 1979. The Fells engaged a three-piece band to play gentle music during lunch. The ring was impeccable, as the grass had been tended to all summer so it would be perfect in the fall. I was Match Show chairman and had asked fellow Club members to contribute luscious food to the buffet table. The sun was out, the day lovely. For years, Badgewood was a prime force in the world of Norfolks and Norwich.

When speaking of the early kennels, Mt. Paul and its breeder/owner Anne Winston must certainly be included. This drop ear kennel thrived for years in the Gladstone, New Jersey area. The name Mt. Paul was taken from a Native American chief who, legend has it, is buried on the property beneath a pine tree. Anne, in her breeding and exhibiting days, was a true competitor. Her Norfolks had proper temperament and generally enjoyed the show ring. I remember Anne calling me one day to say she was coming to get a puppy bitch. If you know Anne, you’ll understand what I mean when I say that she speaks with authority. This puppy bitch was my first homebred. I had no intention of selling her, but after all, our then Club President needed a puppy! Her own bitch had had problems whelping. I’ve always been grateful to Anne, for she not only proposed me for Club membership, but about a year and a half after buying the bitch, she returned her because she (Anne) wasn’t feeling well. This little bitch went on to produce six or seven Max-Well champions.

No story of early American kennels would be complete without mentioning Castle Point. Mary Stevens Baird’s elegant estate in Bernardsville, New Jersey. Everything at Castle Point was done to perfection. The horse barn built in the late 1800’s became the kennels. The kennel walls were backdrops for the many ribbons won by Castle Point Norfolks. Mrs. Baird imported many English drop ears and incorporated them into her line. She was a generous woman, always allowing the Club to hold match shows and educational fun days at her place. At one of our Club’s events at Castle Point, a go-to-ground was set up in which most members participated. It was always a treat looking forward to and being at Castle Point.

These are just a few of the famous early American kennels and just a peek into their being. If any of you are interested in knowing more, try getting your hands on Constance Larrabee and Joan Read’s excellent history, *Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966*, and Joan Read’s famous book, *The Norfolk Terrier*. Our breeds have a proud ancestry. Let’s protect it.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY
GENERAL INTEREST

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Anyone who has a nice bitch knows that shopping around is the name of the game when it comes to breeding her. Do we breed in or out? Is there a magic nick out there just waiting to be discovered? Many of us pore over pedigree forms and accompanying photographs; we sit by the Specials ring at all the shows, watching for the magic feeling that he is the right one. On more than one occasion we run home to check out a pedigree to match a handsome face or brilliant movement, only to find that the pedigree is full of just what we do not want to replicate in our own lines. The process is sometimes frustrating but always fun, especially when the “die is cast,” we have bred the bitch and await what we know will be the best litter yet.

It isn’t until one owns a dog, let’s call him Studly, that the flip side of the process is made clear; it is not quite as much fun. First of all, we finish him and then proudly list Ch. Studly in our kennel listing and maybe even in a couple of dog magazines. Of course, we can include the words “to approved bitches” in the ad to give us a sense of control and, perhaps, a hint of exclusivity. Then we and Ch. Studly sit down to wait. We soon begin to realize it is not like dancing school where the boys ask the girls to dance. No, in dog breeding, it is a bitch’s world. So Ch. Studly (and his owner) must continue to trot handsomely around the Specials ring just to be seen, and continue to wait for the phone to ring with someone asking questions about his temperament, his pedigree, oh, and yes, his study fee. When such a call comes, woe betide Ch. Studly and his owner if their little hearts go pitty-pat so early in the process. There will surely ensue further discussion of the pros and cons, more deliberation and seeking of advice from others who purport to know (as if Studly and Co. didn’t) what he has in his favor and what in his demerits…. If the bitch is not in heat, these discussions can go on for months; if she is in season, they will be more hurried, but the outcome will be no less predictable.

At this point, Ch. Studly and his owner need to reach an understanding no matter how eager they are (although for manifestly different reasons!) to consummate this (or any) union. They must remind each other that there are lots of dogfish in the sea and, as mentioned earlier, that it is a bitch’s world. Ch. Studly would do well to get a life, to keep his calendar full of fun stuff to do whether it be freaking out the local squirrels, visiting a nursing home, learning to heel off lead, hunting rats, or perfecting a small hollow in the living room sofa. He could even be a bit hard to reach on the phone, say, if he had a winter home in Arizona or wanted to compete in an earthdog trial in Seattle. No point in being cranky about the whole choosing ritual; it just is what it is; and an inquiry is just that—an inquiry. Since breeding little Studlies is still a matter of good research and guesswork in equal measure, an inquiry is a compliment as well as a stab in the genetic darkness. Ch. Studly has cause for pride even to be considered.

My three Ch. Studlies and I have come up with what we hope will be a list of helpful hints for those who own stud dogs:

• Don’t consider standing a dog at stud unless you have at least one bitch of your own to whom you intend to breed him. If you don’t use your dog, how can you expect anyone else to?
• Have your dog’s eyes tested (CERF), if you haven’t already done so when you had his litter, and, as soon as he is two years old, have his hips evaluated by OFA. If you have a competent veterinarian, s/he can check his patellas. Be sure to list his OFA and CERF tests on his pedigree listing; like kinships, they improve the marital picture! Should Studly get a poor score on a test, however, reconsider using him at stud. Reputable dog owners should breed only to improve or maintain the integrity of the breed.
• Know your dog’s shortcomings as well as his strengths and use them to his best advantage. Don’t breed him to just any bitch; chances are he won’t “improve” her, nor she him! (Remember, bitch owners are apt to say, “I bred to Ch. Studly and I got…”)

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• Keep in mind that your dog is not the only stud out there with either much the same pedigree and/or many of the same strengths. Know what makes him special.

• Prepare a pedigree, preferably one with a couple of photographs—one show pose and one informal pose—on the back. If someone expresses interest in breeding to your dog and you send the pedigree, don’t consider the breeding a ‘done deal’ until the bitch is sent to you in season!

• Don’t get ‘bent out of shape’ if a potential breeder changes his/her mind about breeding to your dog; there’s always next time, but there may not be if you get crabby!

• Evaluate, to the best of your ability, the puppies your dog sires; that’s always useful information when potential breeders inquire and you are discussing the “match” of the two dogs.

• Make sure you have the breeding process ‘covered’: an ICG vet (if needed), a place for the bitch to stay, and someone experienced (if not you) to manage the breedings. It’s not always easy to get a good job done, and the conception of a litter is your primary goal.

• Give your Ch. Studly a life. It’s great to be a Ch., but unless Ch. Studly is a winning specials dog and you have the money to campaign and advertise him, you would do well to work him in another field (obedience, therapy, go-to-ground, tracking, agility, etc.) so that he has more than his good looks to recommend him.

—Sue Ely, Pinchbeck Norfolk Terriers, Bernardsville, NJ

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**TERRIER TAKES OVER WITTY HOUSEHOLD**

Four years ago “Georgy” entered our lives and ever since then this 12 pound, eight year old Norfolk Terrier has virtually taken over our lives, has certainly changed the way the Witty household functions.

His reign as King-Of-The-Hill in our lives began when we decided that we had been without a dog long enough, after a series of well-loved, long-remembered canine companions.... We called the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club where a charming lady, Sue Ely of New Jersey, who is responsible for Rescue and Rehoming, arranged for us to pick up Georgy from the Zebede Kennel near Charlotte. On a nippy February day we took him away from his 34 buddies and canine-cuties and brought him here to begin his reign.

_And reign he has. Despite a somewhat lengthy period of adjustment wherein he displayed various moods of joy, of pathos (he manifests the latter with a dolorous, hang-dog mode, designed to suggest his sad plight), he has settled in and taken over our way of life triumphantly._

Although very wary of me early on, he has come around to thinking of me as a necessary (evil?) part of his life since I walk him three times a day and feed him most days. He took to my wife, English, from the very beginning and even today makes no bones about who ranks number one in his affections. Even though I have carefully explained to Georgy who pays the bills around here, he still lights up and wags that stub of a tail when she appears on the scene.

It has been fascinating watching this dual personality, effervescent and subdued, wary and aggressive, joyous and downright sad these last four years. His bright, intelligent eyes can light up a room; his peppery, tight “circle” spins him like a top at chow time, and his “leave me alone I want to snooze” mode (when it’s time to go out for his walk) can be exasperating.

What is it that man (and women) see that causes us to grin like Cheshire when a dog appears on the scene? If a canine shows up on TV, trots by on the street or even sticks his head out of
a passing car, I'm grinning and clucking like a giddy idiot. Georgy and all his ilk know this and are not above taking advantage of this weakness in man. He has perfected his begging mode to the nth degree and if we dare put something in our mouth when he is within sight, he becomes a whining, pawing bundle of wriggling fur—until he gets his share. He has that act down to perfection.

This "Little King" knows exactly what he is doing, what effect he has on the two of us, and he usually gets his way, just as man's best friend has been doing for centuries—by playing the downtrodden, put-upon canine, impish at times, churlish at others, who plays on our sympathies like a violin.

Georgy is terribly territorial, as most terriers are, and if someone dares walk down "his" hallway, he has a tizzy—going into his guard-dog-Rottweiller stance and creating a big fuss, the runt who plays "mastiff." But if he comes face to face with a real threat he backs off, becomes a coward with only a guttural growl. He has become acclimated to being put into his Condo each night at nine and is subdued until the next morning at seven. He teeters between emulating the Energizer Bunny and Rigor Mortis.

We complain about the time we must spend in caring for him, the many ways in which he takes huge slices of our day to see to his needs; but then we pause and remember what he has brought to us: complete loyalty, affection galore and loads and loads of laughs.

And that's the point where we remember what life was like "before Georgy." Less complicated, sure. Less tied-down, sure. But nowhere near as fulfilling and complete as with this cockamamie, blond, wriggling presence in our lives. This puckish blithe spirit makes our days just a little bit brighter and completes our family circle.

—Bob Witty, Columbus, NC
CACTUS CAPERS

Norwich and Norfolk fanciers gathered under palm trees and cactus to celebrate the second NNTC supported entry of 2001 beneath cloudless skies in the resort city of Scottsdale, Arizona. The date was March 23rd, and despite the fact that this is peak season in the Scottsdale area, the temperature hit almost 90 degrees. With no humidity and cool desert nights, this get-together was a pleasant vacation for those of us who had left cold and snow behind.

The entry in Norfolk was dismal, only two entered and both understandably absent. Thankfully, the same could not be said for Norwich with an impressive entry of 29, equaling 5-point majors in both sexes and 7 specials. All this for our judge, Mr. Richard Fetzer of Streamwood, Illinois. Mr. Fetzer began his assignment with the selection of Winners Dog, Terrapin Tennis Anyone? (Ch. Terrapin Timbuktu x Ch. Terrapin Topiary), bred and owned by Margareta Wood. Reserve Winners Dog also came from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class in the form of Tinytowne's PT Cruiser (Ch. Ji-Ro's Seabee x Ch. Curtiss Tinytowne Speakeasy), bred and owned by Dana Esquibel, Anne Buffington and Sharon Curry, co-owned with Richard Esquibel. In bitches, both awards came from the large Open class. Winners Bitch went to Ketka's Jumpin Into Starline (Ch. Kristi's Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. Git-em Easy For Ketka), bred by Carol Sowders and owned by Laura and Christopher Huber. Reserve Winners Bitch was a Texas gal, Paradiso Wildwest Circle The Wagons (Ch. Wildwest Lone Ranger x Ch. Baybreeze Lickity Split), bred and owned by Peggy Schmidt, co-bred with Holly David and co-owned with Betty Bossio. The Specials class was indeed impressive, complete with cornflower blue skies and mountains all around. For Best of Breed Mr. Fetzer selected Ch. Devondale's Master Merry Andrew (Ch. Devondale's Master Mirthmaker x Ch. Little Tramont Licorice), bred and owned by Anne Bellenger. Best of Opposite went to the Winners Bitch and Best of Winners to the Winners Dog.

Our judge was kind enough to comment after his assignment, "I have admired this breed for many years and it was a pleasure to have so many in one ring at one time. My Best of Breed is a nice red dog, jaunty and well-proportioned. Winners and Reserve Winners Bitch are both typey and appealing in head. But the one I'd take home is my Winners Dog. Everything I could ask for wrapped up in a smart, but steady package. What a delightful job I had."

After judging, Norwich and Norfolk enthusiasts converged under a hospitality tent to partake in conversation, refreshments and the ever-favorite Notions Table. None of this would have been possible without the hard efforts of NNTC members Laura Huber and Karen Whalen. They provided the icing on the cake of a great day. And for a nightcap the day ended with fun and frolic at a local Arizona-style bistro called Pinnacle Peaks. All in all, a super supported entry in the Valley of the Sun.

—Margaretta (Missy) Wood, Phoenixville, PA

THE MATTAPONI KC SUPPORTED ENTRY

According to AKC guidelines, a Specialty Club which has held at least one successful B-level sanctioned match may support the entry of its breed(s) at an all-breed or group club event. By supporting an entry, the national club calls on its members to come out and show, and offers trophies to encourage participation. At the Mattaponi KC show, held at Prince William County Fairgrounds two miles south of Manassas, Virginia on May 19, the NNTC offered beautiful silver-plated trophies. The Mattaponi KC also offered BOB, BOS and BOW rosettes for both Norwich and Norfolks. Mattaponi was the last of three NNTC supported entries for 2001. The other two were
held at the Manatee KC show in Sarasota, Florida on January 12 and at the Scottsdale Dog Fanciers KC show in Scottsdale, Arizona on March 23.

Although the weather was rainy, mid-Atlantic Norwich and Norfolk fanciers went all out to welcome entrants and guests. NNTC Corresponding Secretary Jean Kessler, a Mattaponi KC member, chaired the luncheon of fried chicken and salads and also made hand-drawn Norwich and Norfolk posters. Beth Wilder Wilson brought homemade fruit and Caesar salads, Pat Mason made brownies, and Hal Happersett came with a birthday cake for Robin Siegel. There were door prizes (squeaky toys and treats) and everyone went home with pizza-flavored dog biscuits made by Edie Coleman. There was even a bit of behind-the-scenes drama. For some reason, the NNTC trophies didn't arrive, so at the 11th hour, the night before the show, NNTC member Pat Mason rushed out to buy replacements. Pat also inspired some good-natured laughter by entering her five-month-old Norwich, Dickens Mister Fezziwig, in the Bred-By class. The puppy was allowed to show, but for exhibition only.

The Norwichs were assigned to ring 15, outdoors near the concessions, while the Norwich ring was indoors in an agricultural building. Jean Kessler tried to fix this error; but once rings are assigned by the show superintendent and printed up, there's no going back.

Judge Desmond Murphy had an entry of five Norfolks, with two absent. Best of Breed went to Andrew Kramer's Ch. Mercator Proof Positive, who went on to win a Group 4. Karen and Ronald Anderson's Chestnut Hills Lily was Winners Bitch and BOS.

Judge Mrs. Robert S. Forsyth had a much better showing in the Norwich ring with a total entry of 17 (8-7-2-0). With one class dog absent and the puppy, Mister Fezziwig, just there for fun, the six class dogs made up a 4-point major. Winners Dog and Best of Winners went to Missy Wood's Terrapin Tennis Anyone?. Reserve Winners Dog was Bilbrough Six Shooter, co-owned by Tracey Weinberg and Regina Swygert-Smith. Both were from the Bred-By class.

There were six Norwich class bitches for a 3-point major. Winners went to the Open bitch, Watermark Gertrude, owned by Phyllis Giroux DVM and Linda Vaughn. Reserve was Highwood's Matapedia, owned by Patricia Warrender, from the 12-18 months class.

Three Norwich were entered in Best of Breed. Peter Green arrived just in time to show Ch. Sandina Sandman, who won BOB. "Penny" also went third in the Terrier Group; so all in all, it was a very good day for Norwich and Norfolks. Leandra Little's new champion, Littlefield Razzle Dazzle, who moved up from the Bred-By class, was BOS. Judge Jane Forsyth commented afterward that "it was a good quality entry overall," but she would have liked to see more Norwich entered. She particularly mentioned the Winners Dog, Terrapin Tennis Anyone?, saying "I loved the Winners Dog. He is very typey."

Thanks again to NNTC members Jean Kessler and Pat Mason and to all who helped make this supported entry so much fun. Congratulations to all the winners.

—Leandra (Lee) Little, Weehawken, NJ

Photo: Leandra Little

NNTC Corresponding Secretary Jean Kessler organizing lunch at Mattaponi KC

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Casino boat tours to nowhere leave from nearby Riviera Beach and a 13-acre tropical garden is located near the show site. Lion Country Safari, where 1,300 animals roam in the nation’s first cageless zoo, is nearby, but no dogs are allowed in your car when you drive through the site.

Obviously, golf courses are abundant. Not so obviously, you can visit one of the world’s finest show jumping and polo facilities or the National Croquet Center, the world’s largest croquet complex. At the time of the shows, both the Montreal Expos and the St. Louis Cardinals will be in the midst of spring training in Palm Beach. Since the two teams share the same facility, there is a baseball game almost every day.

Alternatively, you can act like a native and sip a colada at the side of a pool, tour the splendid homes in Palm Beach, or shop on world-famous Worth Avenue (where dogs are welcome). Our club has an interesting connection with Mar-a-Lago, the former Post estate which was acquired by Donald Trump. The successful battle to stop the proposed development of this property was led by the late Bob Ballinger, a long-time NNTC member.

If you plan to travel by air, remember that Ft. Lauderdale is a forty-five minute drive from Palm Beach. Because Ft. Lauderdale is served by a number of low-cost airlines, most carriers have more competitive fares to Ft. Lauderdale than to Palm Beach. Rental car rates in Florida are usually the cheapest in the nation.

The NNTC headquarters motel is the Comfort Inn on Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard. It is offering a special rate of $99.99 plus tax per night and $10.00 per dog for NNTC members. Call (561) 689-6100 [and mention the NNTC rate] as soon as possible to reserve a room. The multi-story motel is centrally located and will be the venue for the Club dinners. While there is space nearby for walking dogs, the motel grounds might not be suitable if you use exercise pens. In that event, there is the older Royal Inn in Royal Palm Beach on a lake west of the Fairgrounds. This has plenty of space for dogs. Its rate is $52.50 per night and $12.00 per dog. Its telephone is (561) 793-3000.

I hope to see you all in sunny Palm Beach next March.

—Charles Kaleta, Coral Gables, FL
PROFILE OF NNTC SPECIALTY JUDGE
MRS. CHARLOTTE P. PATTerson

Ed.: Mrs. Charlotte P. Patterson of Destin, Florida will judge both Norwich and Norfolks at the March 9, 2002 NNTC Specialty in Palm Beach, Florida. I thank Mrs. Patterson for submitting this profile highlighting her long-time involvement in the sport of purebred dogs.—AGF

I purchased my first Pug in 1969. It was a pet, but it began a love affair with the breed that has shaped my life. I met my husband, Edward, when I searched for a stud dog for a lovely bitch, which was my very first litter. She whelped five puppies, four of which became American champions. Edward and I were married in 1975. We have bred more than 100 Pug champions and continue to breed. Our prefix, Ivanwold, is found in many of the top Pugs and producers in America. We have also owned Pekes, Bostons, Yorkies, and Whippets. We were professional handlers for over ten years, campaigning three Pugs to the #1 ranking in America for six years in a row.

I served as Vice President for eight years and President for six years of the Pug Dog Club of America. I continue to be active in the parent club, serving as chairman of the Judges’ Education Committee. This entails presenting seminars on our breed to judges’ groups all over the country. I am currently the President and Show Chairman for the Okaloosa Kennel Club in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida and also serve on the Board of Directors for the Dog Judges Association of America.

I am approved to judge all Toy and Non-Sporting breeds, 16 terrier breeds, Boxers, Whippets, Junior Showmanship and Best in Show. I have judged in Ireland, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand, Wales, England, the Dominican Republic and Argentina. I have judged the Pug national specialty, as well as specialties in many other breeds. I am scheduled to judge the Chihuahua national specialty in October 2002. I judged Pugs, Min Pins, Chinese Crested, Toy Manchester Terriers and Junior Showmanship at the 2001 Westminster Kennel Club show in New York.

After judging Toys and Non-Sporting breeds for several years, I applied for eight terrier breeds. Once I began to judge in the terrier group, I felt as if I had come home. My husband tells everyone that I am truly a closet terrier person. I have had the good fortune to judge terriers at Devon for the past two years. In 1999, I judged Cairns and Norwich; in 2000, Welsh and Wire. I have been invited to judge Airedales and Cairns at Devon in 2001. The quality at this show, the day before Montgomery, is wonderful. I stood in the ring and felt I was in a candy store. It is such an enjoyable and rewarding day; you don’t want it to end. My admiration for terrier people knows no bounds. The amount of work required to present a terrier in the ring is truly an act of dedication. I recently returned from a judging trip to Australia where I had the pleasure of judging a Smooth Fox Terrier specialty in Melbourne. I found the exhibitors there were just as dedicated to their breed as those here in the U.S.

A deep commitment to the purebred dog fancy continues to give me much satisfaction on all levels. As active breeders, exhibitors, judges and presenters of judges’ seminars, my husband and I lead very full lives, but somehow find time for our two daughters and five grandchildren who live nearby.

—Charlotte P. Patterson, Destin, Florida
CH. MERCATOR TESS TRUEHEART
(Ch. Ruddle Ridge Nelson’s Victory x Ch. Glenelg Piacere)
Breeder: Andrew Kramer
Owners: Deborah Pritchard & Joanne Hart

Tess of the sweet disposition had her first litter in February, earned her first points in June and completed her championship with a third 4-point major in August. A productive year for Tess at Glenelg and Fieldstream Connemaras.

CH. GLENELG GRAZIE CGC, SE
(Ch. Reidmar Mercator x Wenwagon Beatrice)
Breeder/Owner: Deborah G. Pritchard

With her ideal working terrier temperament (keen but sensible), Grazie earned the final leg of her Senior Earthdog title at the Finger Lakes trials in July. Living and working with Grazie is a pleasure.
CH. PICCADILLY'S PROUD MARY
(Ch. Piccadilly's Call Me Billy Bob x Piccadilly's Suzanne Que)
Breeder/Owner: George Besbekis

Finished at Land O' Lakes KC show on January 7, 2001 under judge Mrs. Martha Olmos-Ollivier. This little lady has the sweetest personality, loves the show ring and thinks she owns it. She's "Pizzazz" with a capital "P." She also thinks the sun rises and shines on her handlers, which makes one proud to show her.

CH. PICCADILLY'S LILY OF THE VALLEY
(Piccadilly's Call Me Jim Bob x Piccadilly's Georgie Girl)
Breeder: George Besbekis
Co-Owners: George Besbekis & Suzanne Carrier

Finished at Elkhorn KC show on July 31, 2001 under judge Mrs. Peggy Haas. She's another bright-eyed Norwich that loves to show. She prefers to play with the rest of the gang, but only if it doesn't interfere with her favorite daily event—chow time!
IMAGE (NORWICH). As a new NNTC member, I would like to introduce myself and my IMAGE Norwich and Cairn Terriers. I acquired my first show dog, an Old English Sheepdog, in 1969. He became my first champion. In 1974, I brought home a light tan puppy with huge feet, a dear Irish Wolfhound, who soon became my second champion and #10 Irish Wolfhound at age two.

At the time, I was living in southern California and needed to downsize. During my search for a smaller breed, I found a young champion Cairn who needed a home. That was in 1978. I was quite happy breeding and showing my Cairns until a little black and tan, 4-month-old Norwich bounced into my life in 1990. “Gusher,” bred by NNTC member Neil Hamilton, totally changed my life and thus the direction of my breeding goals. It has been Norwich ever since.

I am pleased to have bred one of the top-ranked Norwich this year, Ch. Funny Business of Image (pictured). I am also pleased that all but one of “Buzzy’s” sire’s (Ch. Freestyle of Image) kids are champions as well as his dam’s (Ch. Ji-Ro’s Jenny Jump Up) kids. Jenny was bred this summer to Can./Am./Int./Ven. Ch. Ji-Ro’s Urban Cowboy; we are hoping for babies in October.

I have received a lot of advice and support from many people along the way, but I especially owe a great deal of thanks to Lou Perry-Cunningham, Neil Hamilton, Glenn Wills, and Rick and Eileen Rourke. I have loved every dog I have ever lived with, but the Norwich bring such joy, I can’t imagine ever being without one!!

—Monti Craig, Grants Pass, OR

MAX-WELL (NORFOLK). For me, nothing beats a houseful of Norfolk puppies. Just weeks apart, Max-Well bitches produced three litters, all sired by Ch. Nanfan Canter. The dams—Ch. Max-Well’s the Warden’s Wife, Ch. Max-Well’s Lady Luck and Ch. Max-Well’s Weather Watch—proved to be calm and caring moms. The Warden’s Wife (“Roz”) has now been rehomed to Connie and Bill Smith where she enjoys lounging on the lawn watching ducks float by on the lake. I kept a puppy from each litter as I always do—two bitches and a dog. The remaining nine pups went to loving homes. Lucky pups, they summered with their owners in the Hamptons, Newport (R. I.), the mountains of New York state and the seashore of New Jersey. I, on the other hand, summered at home recovering from major foot surgery. I’d like to thank the NNTC for the glorious flowers and the many Club members for their “Get Well” cards.

Unfortunately, my second night home from the hospital, I lost Ch. Max-Well’s Will B Good to pancreatic cancer. “Willie” had shown no previous signs of illness. Early last spring (2001), he had a full examination, including a blood test, and passed with flying colors. The morning of the day he died, he devoured a full breakfast. By evening, he showed signs of not being well. His walk was unsteady. Because of my foot, I was not able to rush to the vet; so the vet rushed to me. All efforts were made to save Willie, but to no avail. He died at age eleven, which was much too soon. Willie
was a Best in Show winner, a National Specialty winner, and also won numerous Group Ones. The sire of many worthy champions, Willie lives on at Max-Well through his daughter, Weather Watch, and her son, Max-Well's Red Devil. Willie's sire was multiple Best in Show winner Ch. Hugo's Prancer; his dam, Ch. Max-Well's Wind Chase. Willie will be missed, but will never be forgotten for his devotion to me and his importance at Max-Well.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

PINCHECK (NORFOLK). Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song took his Master Earthdog title in early July. Like his father, Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne, he qualified in a variety of different earths, including one on a hillside at Whoamule Farm, Widbey Island, WA. He is a great hunter, a super traveler, and a nice dog to have around the house. Ch. Pinchbeck Heads-up Harry is still slogging his way through his Senior Earthdog title; as of this writing, he has one leg to go. His obedience training has been called into play because his problem in Senior has been the recall; it seems he has begun to understand that “Come” means the same thing in the dirt as it does in thin air.

Pinchbeck Pollyanna is really working well in Utility training, learning the bits of each exercise and then learning to put them together. She still is tempted to whip off over a jump when retrieving the glove—mostly because directed jumping is her favorite activity and she cannot bear to see the jumps go unused even for a minute! I wish I had the youth (and the hips) to start her in agility; she would be a natural.

Our most exciting news, however, is our most recent: this August, for the first time in almost three years, we have puppies! Ch. Franaro Lucy Pinch produced a litter of two by Ed and Ann Dum's dog, Ch. Arroyo Rudolph the Red—a bitch and a dog, a red and a black and tan. That's about the most diversity possible in a litter of two! As of this writing, they are just a week old, fat as butter, and very mellow; time will tell what wonders they'll become. As for their mother, she was quite undaunted by being in whelp and took her Junior Earthdog title at the end of July, just two weeks before the puppies were due. It was wonderful to watch her dive like a bullet into the liner, never misjudging her ample girth in that 9” space.

—Sue Ely, Bernardsville, NJ
ROLLING RIDGE (NORWICH). Bill and I have taken a temporary "leave of absence" as Norwich breeders, so this update is about our three teenage terriers—our sole Dandie, Puff (almost 15) and two Norwich, Peaches (14) and Tad (13). Their lifestyle and medical regime differ significantly from that of our four younger Norwich.

Unlike the 6-years-old-and-under gang, the words "Wanna go OUT?" no longer elicit a mad dash to the backdoor in hopes of 'doing in' squirrels, chipmunks or birds loitering in the yard. "Walkie?" no longer elicits exuberant tail-wagging and jumping up in anticipation of an on-leash excursion. Most often, our "seniors" go out only if I repeatedly insist—or if, exasperated by their continuing immobility, I pick them up and carry them to the yard. Peaches (and sometimes Puff) still volunteers for short walks—unless it's too hot, too cold or even slightly rainy.

The "oldies" also take daily, natural supplements for assorted geriatric needs: glucosamine tablets for achy, arthritic joints; digestive enzymes (Viokase) for better digestion and absorption of nutrients in their kibble. None has had any vaccinations since their 11th birthdays. Instead, each has a thorough annual physical, including extensive blood work to determine whether liver, kidneys, etc., are doing okay.

So far, so good for all three following their latest check-ups. Puff has a slight heart murmur, but her condition does not yet require medication. Peaches has occasional (3-4 times a year) soreness/lameness in one hind leg, but a minimal, one-time dose of prednisone quickly alleviates the problem. Tad is another story. His degenerative disk disease, first diagnosed in January 2000, has slowly worsened. In the past few months, his hind legs have become weaker so that his "stride" is now a stiff-gaited shuffle. Acupuncture, which worked wonders early on, has not done much good lately. Two veterinarians here have advised against back surgery due to Tad's age and to his having herniated disks affecting two different areas of his spine.

I wonder how much longer Tad can go on. His acupuncture vet assures me that he (Tad) is not in pain. He copes rather well with his weakened hind legs. It's poignant watching him try to keep up with his fleet-footed friends. Dogs are such plucky, resilient souls!

—Alison and Bill Freehling, Versailles, KY

TERRAPIN (NORWICH). Just before tax time in April, 13-year-old Timber's Song and his young granddaughter, Tanganyika, became the proud parents of five pups. Once again, all Terrapins went to new homes of people who are madly in love with the breed. Congratulations to the Eaken family who acquired Time Out. He has gone to live with his half-sister, Trick or Treat. Jaye Pinch, who has owned Norwich for decades, took home Time Flies to be a sisterly companion to 6-year-old Norwich, Finn. Finn now acts like a puppy again. Time Traveller lived up to his name when he boarded an SAS plane to fly off to the Land of the Midnight Sun. He will eventually live with long-time Swedish breeder and NNTC member Ylva Samuelsson. In the meantime, "Don" will spend six months in "in-house" quarantine with Lizzie Bauder in Denmark. Lizzie is a terrier judge and owner of three Norwich so Don is not alone, although he is struggling to learn the language. Ylva will make many visits to Denmark before Don officially becomes a Swedish citizen. I will be visiting my sister in Sweden next May and plan not only to see Don again, but also to attend the Swedish Norwich Specialty and the Swedish Terrier Show. On the home front, co-breeder Nat LaMar and I will keep a boy, Time Will Tell, and a girl, Time And A Half.
The month of May was bittersweet as 14-year-old Twin Wager celebrated her birthday on the operating table. "Mavis" took a fall off the bed and had spinal surgery to correct the injured disks. Her spirits were lifted, however, when her brother Cecil came for a visit in July. The two of them tottered around enjoying a long overdue reunion.

I wonder if anybody has any suggestions for the following problem that occurred here this summer? Several Terrapins were itching like mad. I finally figured out they had contracted poison ivy. Determined to avoid any anti-itch steroids, I treated the problem as I would for myself using calamine lotion. The only difference was I needed to shave the areas of concern; so it looks like "bye-bye" Montgomery for some of the dogs. If anyone has a better remedy, I would love to hear from you.

—Margaretta Wood, Phoenixville, PA
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