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is the DEADLINE for all contributions to the Fall 2003 News. Articles may be emailed to either DinosaurMom@aol.com or nntcnews@hotmail.com (I prefer the AOL address), faxed (434-244-2674), or sent by snail mail to Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Please note that both the mailing address and the fax number are NEW (effective May 1, 2003). Whenever possible, please send original 35-mm. photos for the News. Copies do not reproduce well. Digital photos meeting certain criteria are also suitable for printing. Please read the instructions below for sending digital photos to the News. To assure timely publication of the News, please be sure to meet—or beat—the September 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation, —AGF

SENDING DIGITAL PHOTOS TO THE NEWS

Ed.: Since so many of you use digital cameras these days, I asked the News’ computer guru, Sharman Pepper, to specify the criteria necessary for successful printing of digital photos in the News. Thanks, Sharman. —AGF

Digital photography is swiftly gaining popularity, and with good reason, but many adorable photos that look great on your monitor are not high enough resolution for the News.

When speaking of the quality of a digital photo, its resolution (ppi or pixels per inch) and its dimensions must be considered together. A digital photo for the News should be 300 ppi and 3 to 4 inches at its longest dimension. (Another way of saying this is that the photo should be 900-1200 pixels at its longest dimension.) Photos taken at resolutions meant for the Web and e-mail (72-96 ppi) are not suitable for printing. Note that most photos in the News are not printed 4 inches wide or tall, but starting with a photo that large gives the editor maximum flexibility on placing it. If you have a wonderful photo that is 2 inches wide and 300 ppi (a total of 600 pixels at its longest dimension), by all means send it—it just may not be large enough for the cover. If the same 2-inch photo is 96 ppi or even 150 ppi (192-300 pixels at its longest dimension), it will not be usable.

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Please save your file as a maximum-quality JPEG (JPG) or a TIFF (TIF), and happy shooting!
FROM THE EDITOR . . .

If your Winter 2003 was anything like ours here in central Kentucky, the arrival of Spring is a particularly joyous occasion. As I write this, the Kentucky Bluegrass is still recovering from its worst ice storm of the past 100 years. Century-plus old trees, felled by the heavy ice, are gone forever, a poignant testament to Mother Nature’s power.

As we welcome a new season, the Spring 2003 News also welcomes two new members to its staff. As the NNTC’s new Obedience Chair, Pam Lorenzen will be responsible for the News’ Obedience reports. Her inaugural column introduces Pam to News readers. Ann Carlson is the new maestro for the NNTC Directory of Breeders & Stud Dogs. Ann compiles the listings for the Directory and has also agreed to be responsible for its printing/publication, thereby relieving me of hours of meticulous proofreading. Thank you, Ann! While welcoming Pam and Ann, I would be remiss not to also thank Mary Fine and Kathy Sadler for their many years of help with, respectively, the News Obedience column and the Directory of Breeders & Stud Dogs. Both Mary and Kathy deserve a big round of applause from NNTC members and News subscribers for jobs well-done!

Speaking of new, my husband Bill and I will soon be moving (again!) to a new town in a new state. After nine years in Versailles, Kentucky we are heading to Charlottesville, Virginia in late April or early May. We look forward to living near our two “children” (both Virginia residents), closer to long-time east coast friends and relatives, and to being back in “Norwich country.” Our Charlottesville address is included in the information about the Fall 2003 News deadline and will also be in the 2003 NNTC Members’ Directory and the 2003 NNTC Breeders’ Directory. Effective May 1, please send all snail mail to this new address. A happy summer to all.

—Alison G. Freehling

A REPORT FROM YOUR AKC DELEGATE . . .

• The AKC Delegate Parent Club Committee held its first-ever Parent Club Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25-27, 2002. The more than 300 attendees included 8 AKC Board members and 72 Parent Club presidents. 137 Parent Clubs, including the NNTC, were represented. The AKC has arranged for a record of the meetings to be placed on a CD-ROM. It will be sent to all Parent Clubs and attendees and will include a record of what was presented in each of the daytime sessions as well as some of the graphic material presented at the conference.

• The AKC will launch a new consumer lifestyle magazine with focus on purebred companions, effective June 2003. Entitled AKC Family Dog, the quarterly publication will appeal to pet owners by providing a broad range of columns, departments and feature articles from a panel of nationally recognized experts on canine companions. This new publication will complement the AKC Gazette and AKC Puppies.

• In November 2002, the AKC Board accepted the report from the High Volume Breeder Committee for review. This report is posted on the AKC website at www.akc.org. Also, the Board established a $50.00 processing fee for a 90-day extension beyond the initial 30 days, to enter a dog in AKC events with an AKC litter number or foreign registration number.

—Margaretta Wood, NNTC AKC Delegate, Phoenixville, PA
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A NNTC MEMBER?

Are you a Norwich or a Norfolk owner who would like to join the NNTC but don’t know where to start? Well, here is a brief “what to do” guide for prospective NNTC candidates. The first step is to contact the NNTC Membership Chair Carol Jordan, either by mail (604 Old Frizztown Road, Reading, PA 19607-1016), phone/fax (610-775-0792) or email (norweim@aol.com). Ask Carol to send you a membership application packet, which includes a membership application form and two sponsors’ questionnaires. You complete the membership application form and forward the sponsors’ forms to two NNTC members from different households who have agreed to sponsor your candidacy. Once all completed forms are back in your hands (the sponsors return their forms to you), you send them to Carol Jordan, along with a $15 check made out to NNTC. This $15 processing fee is non-refundable.

The NNTC offers either “single” or “dual” membership. “Dual” members are any two adults residing at the same address. Dual members are entitled to individual votes on Club matters, but receive only one copy of all NNTC mailings, including the Norwich & Norfolk News.

To comply with NNTC by-laws, completed application and sponsorship forms must reach the Membership Chair at least three weeks before a scheduled Spring or Fall meeting of the NNTC Board of Governors. The Board reviews each prospective member’s application. Names of all Board-approved applicants are then mailed to the entire NNTC membership. If there are no objections to a prospective member during the stipulated six-week waiting period after this general mailing, the NNTC Corresponding Secretary sends a “Welcome” note announcing your admission to the Club.

Due to some confusion on this subject during the past few years, it should be noted that being a subscriber to the News does NOT mean that you are a NNTC member. One- or two-year subscriptions to the News are available to anyone simply by sending a $15 or a $30 check (made out to NNTC) to the editor. NNTC members receive the News as part of their annual membership dues. And only NNTC members may submit their dogs’ photos for the News New Title Holders section. These are just a few of the “perks” involved in joining the Club. So now that you know what to do, send for your membership application packet today!
REMEMBERING JUDITH CARLSON ALDEN

NNTC member Judith Carlson Alden left us November 5, 2002, her battle with cancer finished at last. Born on May 19, 1940 in Davenport, Iowa, Judy was 62. She left behind her husband Jim, three younger sisters: Sandy Johnson, Kathy Carlson and Ricci Freeman; her many friends and co-workers; and her beloved Norwich: Sassy, Spark, Sadie and Sara.

When Judy was nine, the family moved to Clearwater, Florida. According to her sisters, Sandy and Kathy, Judy always had a love of animals, especially dogs. "She worked at a kennel in Clearwater where she acquired her first pedigreed dog, a sable and white collie named Belle. Dogs have always been an important part of Judy's life."

After graduating from Clearwater High School in 1958, Judy worked and continued her education. She lived in Iowa, Florida, Indiana, Idaho and Texas before moving to New York. She continued her education while working in each of these places because her philosophy was "you never stop learning."

Judy was employed for at least the last ten years by BAE Systems Controls as the Principal Software Quality Assurance Engineer. BAE Systems, located near Binghamton, New York, develops flight control and engine control systems for airlines. Judy's job was to make sure the applicable aeronautical software was developed correctly. A co-worker, Marty Roe, commented that "she was loved by everyone." Judy was an opera and a theater buff with season tickets. She also volunteered at the Lourdes Hospital Hospice and at the Great Bend (PA) Fire Department Auxiliary where she directed traffic each year for the 4th of July parade. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Owner Handlers Association as well. Each year she would serve at the OHA booth at Westminster.

Judy's real love, though, centered about her life with her dogs. Sassy (Ch. SkyScot's Autumn Serenade, CGC) and Sparky (Ch. SkyScot's Autumn Embers, CGC) were obtained from Leslie Becker. Spark finished March 30, 2002 in Syracuse (handled by Lori Pelletier). Judy bred Sassy to Ch. Kestrel's Ambassador to Ketka and whelped two beautiful female puppies on May 27, 1999. They were shown under her own prefix, "Autumn", as Autumn Serenade's Symphony (Sara) and Autumn Serenade's Sonata (Sadie). Some may recall "Symphony" (Sara) earning Best Norwich Puppy at the NNTC Match, Montgomery weekend, 1999.

Despite her cancer diagnosis, Judy was determined to finish Sadie and Sara from the Bred-By class, a goal sadly not obtained although both Norwich were well on their way. Sara just needed a major out of the Bred-By class to complete her championship. At Devon 2001, Judy was thrilled when Sadie won the Bred-By class under the Honorable Judge David C. Merriam.

In recent years, Judy turned more and more to Go-to-Ground and Agility. She served on the committee for the 2002 NNTC-sponsored Agility Trial over Montgomery weekend. Many NNTC members remember last seeing her there—where she never hinted at the extent of her illness. Judy spent the last Saturday of her life, November 2, at an Agility Seminar. She and Spark were just one leg away from obtaining their first title.
A tribute from the Susque-Nango Kennel Club, where she served as 1st Vice President, noted that Judy organized many yearly club functions and was known for her "special little extra touches." They added that "Judy was always smiling, and she made everyone around her feel special. . . ."

It was my privilege to share Montgomery weekends with Judy. She was unfailingly upbeat—the best sport I have ever known. Even this year she minimized her illness—helping to set up her tent, enjoying her Schnapps and attending all the events. Her only concession was to not enter Sara and Sadie in the conformation classes. Her love for her brood was boundless. She will be deeply, deeply missed.

Sassy and Sparky have gone to live with Judy's sister, Sandy. Sara is with Kathy and beautiful Sadie is with Ricci.

So be my passing!
My task accomplished and the long day done,
My wages taken, and in my heart
Some late lark singing,
Let me be gathered to the quiet west,
The sundown splendid and serene.
—W.E. Henley 1849-1903

Judy, we send you love and wish you safe passage in your final autumn journey . . .
—Leandra (Lee) Little, Weehawken, NJ

NANCY HINTERMANN

Nancy Hintermann, an English woman living in Switzerland, brought her first Norwich to the European continent in 1952. Quartzhill Rosina, a red bitch, and Quartzhill Mandrake, a red male, were bred by the well-known English prick ear breeder Mrs. Ida B. Hardy of Quartzhill kennels. The following year, Mrs. Hintermann imported two more Quartzhill males, Spice and Alexander, and a bitch, Poppy of Eildonbrae, from U. K. breeders D. and M. Caldwell. Spice, a grandson of Ch. Bigger Banger, and Poppy, a Ch. Bigger Banger daughter, became the foundation sire and dam for Mrs. Hintermann's Tobermory line. They were the first European Norwich Champions and won CICABs in 1952, 1953 and 1954.

The most successful Tobermory Norwich was International and Swiss Ch. Tobermory Gamble, a 1974 World Winner in Paris and Terrier Group Winner at the International Dog Show in Wohlen, Switzerland. Mrs. Hintermann exported Tobermory Gamp to T. Carter of Canada (Pepper Pot Norwich) in the 1970's. This dog is behind many of today's American Norwich, including BIS winner Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice and NNTC Specialty winner Ch. WildWest Lone Ranger.

Due to failing health Mrs. Hintermann had to give up breeding Norwich in the 1980s. She always hoped to restart, but unfortunately this never happened. She passed away on October 25, 2002.

—Helene Gisin, Little Tramont Norwich, Seprais, Switzerland

Ed.: Nancy Hintermann was a regular contributor to the "Outside the USA" section of the Norwich Terrier News in the 1970's. Some of the information above is from her breeder's report in the Fall 1975 issue (p. 37), which also has cute photos of Spice and Poppy and of Ch. Tobermory Gamble. —AGF
ALEXANDER C. SCHWARTZ, JR.

Alexander "Sandy" Schwartz was born to a beautiful mother and an extremely successful father. From the beginning his was a charmed life. Summers were spent on an island in Canada at the family homestead. This Canadian home is still in his family's hands. The senior Schwartz was an interesting man. His love of amateur boxing led Sandy down the same path. As a young man, Sandy competed in and won Golden Glove events. His father's vocation in banking was all the encouragement Sandy needed to follow in his footsteps. Sandy was a well-respected member of Bache & Co. Major companies and individuals relied upon his knowledge of securities.

It is impossible to talk about Sandy without including Glorvina, his wife of thirty-seven years. Both were married previously. Sandy's children number three, two sons and a daughter; Glorvina has two sons. Glorvina was introduced to the dog show world through the Pugs she had exhibited during her first marriage. Sandy wasn't a part of that world at all. Two years after they were married and dogless, Sandy suddenly came home with an Afghan Hound. He purchased a book written by a famous Afghan breeder and read it cover to cover. Next he contacted the American Kennel Club about how to get started in the dog show world. He and Glorvina started going to AKC Match shows. Much to his dismay, their Afghan male kept losing to his sister. So Sandy decided to purchase the sister. He was now ready to hire a top handler, but didn't know how to go about it. He was clever enough to ask Peter Knoop, a well-known AKC judge. Knoop suggested Jane Forsyth. Mrs. Forsyth showed their black Afghan bitch to her championship in 1967. This bitch wasn't going to win Hound Groups, so Sandy bought a blue Afghan bitch and convinced Glorvina to show her in the classes. Blue Bonnet finished quickly, allowing Jane Forsyth to show her as a special. This lovely bitch went on to win many groups and her offspring won many Bests in Show. As Afghan breeders and exhibitors through the years, the Schwartzes went from number three to number one in the rankings.

After all the glorious winning, Sandy and Glorvina put Afghans on the back burner to look for a smaller breed. Speaking to Beth Sweigart one day, Sandy decided to look at a beautiful Norwich bitch, Ch. Chidley Catherine the Great, bred by the late Joan Read. He told Glorvina he was going on a day business trip, but actually went to Joan Read's home in Oyster Bay, NY to purchase "Kate." Sandy wanted to make Kate the first Norwich Terrier bitch to earn a Best in Show. One BIS wasn't enough; Kate earned several. She also won two national Specialities. Kate is the granddam of the present litter of five Sandina bitch puppies; the proud dam is Ch. Sandina Sweet Potato, Kate's daughter. At Sandy's second Montgomery County KC show, he saw Lotus Tutton's bitch, Fairewood Frolic. "Rocky" earned her championship that very weekend, and Sandy negotiated to have her join the Sandina team on a lease arrangement. What an arrangement it was! Rocky went on to win Best in Show at Westminster in 1998. Sandy obviously had a great eye for a good dog and he was a fierce competitor. Their interest in Norwich Terriers carried Sandy and Glorvina through the good times and bad times. Their impact on the breed has brought Norwich to a higher level.

Sandy served as President and Show Chairman of Tuxedo KC, as Treasurer of Westchester KC, and was a long-time member of Westminster KC, Palm Beach KC, the Afghan Hound Club of America and, more recently, our own NNTC. He judged five groups and was completing his sixth.

Alexander Schwartz died on January 22, 2003. He will be missed in the show ring as a judge, as a Norwich breeder, as Glorvina's other half and to us as a great dog friend.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY
HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

Chidley Oh Dear

Our dear little Norwich Oh Dear came to us while on a visit to her breeder, Joan Read, in June 1994. We had recently adopted a Norwich male, Firethorne Charcoal Briquet (“Brick”), and I’d made a pilgrimage to Oyster Bay, NY to learn more about the breed. Mrs. Read said, “Why don’t you take Oh Dear. We’ll breed her to Brick and I’ll take a puppy back.” I was thrilled and honored. It never worked out with Brick, but it did with Ch. Skyscot’s Steeplejack, from whence all else has come. Oh Dear was my little shadow. She could tear apart a furry mouse toy in about 30 seconds; she snuggled in the bed; she had the sweetest little bark and disposition. She was top dog here. We will miss and love her forever.

—Leandra (Lee) Little, Littlefield Norwich Terriers, Weehawken, NJ

Ch. Clockwise of Jaeva
(December 16, 1985 – December 31, 2002)

Her sire, the very famous Norfolk, Eng. & Am. Ch. Jaeva Matti Brown, came to me in 1987. Among Matti’s many accomplishments prior to crossing the pond was his notable Reserve Terrier Group win at Crufts. Fortunately before he came to me from his breeder, Martin Phillips, Matti was bred to Nanfan Cherry Tart from Joy Taylor’s well-known Norfolk kennel. That clever breeding produced Clockwise of Jaeva, whom Martin called Pickle. As I look back at the Norfolks I was fortunate to acquire and incorporate in my line, certainly Matti and Pickle were standouts. When I was offered Pickle I was thrilled as she had that wonderful touch of Nanfan which I so admired then as I do today.

My handler (or possibly I should refer to her as my “adopted” daughter or as close as a real daughter can get) Susan Kipp (then Depew) and I were in England at the Windsor dog show. It was a lovely summer and we were enjoying the many Norfolk and Norwich being exhibited that day. I made arrangements for Martin to bring Pickle, then a three-year-old, to our London hotel a day or two prior
to our departure for the United States. The hotel management was just wonderful, providing us with dog bowls, a comfy old blanket and steak for her dinner. While in London we took delightful walks in Green Park, where Pickle enjoyed the attention of those passing by.

Pickle’s first U. S. point, I emphasize point, was won at Kettle Moraine KC in July of 1987. That summer she also took her first group placements, back to back. Major points weren’t earned until she came east for Westchester weekend. Having earned both majors that weekend, Pickle seemed to know she was on her way. Walter Goodman presented Pickle with the Best of Breed ribbon at Devon in 1988. The following week at the International KC, Mr. Goodman awarded Pickle a Group One. Pickle went on to capture the Best in Show ribbon under judge Betty Moore. Proudly, Ch. Clockwise of Jaeva became the first Norfolk bitch to earn an all-breed Best in Show. In 1988 her sire, Matti, was the number four Norfolk in breed points and Pickle was number two, according to the now defunct magazine, “Kennel Review”.

Pickle’s first litter produced three puppies; I retained a bitch, Max-Well’s Parcel Post, co-owned with Jane Young from Tennessee. In turn this bitch was bred to Ch. Max-Well’s Will B Good, producing Ch. Max-Well’s Memolly Butternut. Molly was sold to Sandra Tait. Susie Kipp and I asked Sandra to breed Molly to Ch. Max-Well’s Weatherman (Storm). That proved to be an excellent breeding, producing my multi Best in Show winner, Ch. Max-Well’s Blizzard. So… great grandmother Pickle can be proud of her lineage. If I were to take the time to go back in the pedigrees, I would find a multitude of Max-Well Norfolk who owe their championships to Pickle. She put her stamp of excellent type, bone and personality into her offspring, who in turn passed it on to theirs.

Pickle wasn’t just about her show career, the litters she whelped, or the offspring that did well in the show ring. She also brought people to the breed, such as NNTC member Bernice Staton who in 1991 purchased Max-Well’s Peanut Butter. Bernice took a different route. Rather than the show ring, she became involved with obedience. I recently saw Bernice at the December 2002 AKC Invitational Show in Orlando. We reminisced, both with tears in our eyes.

Pickle was my pet. She knew she was star status. If I put her in a dog run with another bitch, there would be hell to pay. Even in her very senior years, given the chance, she would tell the girls off. Pickle preferred her men. I came to the decision to have Pickle visit her ancestors December 31, 2002. She was a healthy, but aging seventeen-year-old. When I say healthy, I mean she wasn’t suffering from any known disease; she just wasn’t herself. I wanted her to leave me with dignity. Years ago I refrained from stripping her coat and opted for a clipper. Even a clipped coat could not deter the wonderful coat texture and color she possessed. She had all her teeth, except one. I brushed them a number of times a week. Her eyesight was still good, yet her eyes were tired. As for her appetite, the days of eating me out of house and home were gone. Pickle became a nibbler rather than the robust eater she had been. In years past, she loved the romping of young pups. Suddenly she preferred just walking into her crate, lying down and sleeping most of the day, not caring that pups wanted to play. Her outside activity was simply to relieve herself, not to run, bark at the squirrels or to welcome me home. She was tired. I gently held her as she closed her eyes. Within seconds my dear veterinarian told me she had passed on.

Ch. Clockwise of Jaeva sleeps with other Max-Well Norfolks in an area of my woods set aside for those who touched my heart and those I will never forget.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY
THE MONTGOMERY WEEKEND AGILITY TRIALS

Once again this year, there was a three-day terriers-only agility trial held at the Kimberton, PA Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Montgomery show weekend. But what a change from previous years! In 2000, there were just two Norwich entered; last year there were 8. This year, 20 Norwich and Norfolk were entered, and 18 actually competed: 11 Norwich and 7 Norfolk. Another big change this year was that NNCTC member Blair Kelly talked the NNCTC Board into sponsoring Friday's agility trial. All of us worked really hard that day. Blair was trial chair; I was worker coordinator. All Norwich/Norfolk owners cheerfully stepped in to help whenever asked, including, incredibly, Judy Carlson Alden, whom we were very sorry to lose just a month later after a battle with cancer.

Blair and I are pleased to report that the day went very well, despite being rainy and cool. Our dogs, being British in origin, seemed to love the rain. My Norwich Darcy wasn't the only one who ran better than on the two previous days of record-breaking heat. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful breed tote bags we received, courtesy of Blair's efforts, and most of us earned one or more wonderful Norwich/Norfolk prizes for qualifying runs during the trial. We were pleased to see NNCTC President Ellen Lucas at the trial. Blair immediately put her to work building courses. Alison and Bill Freehling also came and commented on the comradeship spirit that prevailed. We encourage everyone to come for an hour or two next year. Try it; you'll like it. To top things off, the trial made some money for the club!

One highlight of the trial was a dinner organized by NNCTC members Tony and Mary Jo Sweany. Twenty-five of us got to know something about each other besides what our dogs do in agility. One thing that everyone noticed and often commented on was the total lack of Norwich/Norfolk or any other kind of rivalry. Those of us in agility are used to it. We encourage the rest of you to come to an agility trial. It's something you can't understand until you experience it.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX (carlynricks@earthlink.net)

MANY VARIETIES OF AGILITY

AKC agility titles are pretty easy to understand. They come in beginning, intermediate, advanced, and masters levels—and one super title, the MACH (Master Agility Champion), which goes before the dog's registered name. None of our dogs has yet earned the MACH, but stay tuned. You will probably soon hear of our first MACH.

Unfortunately, life is not quite as simple as we might like it to be. In the case of agility, the AKC is not the only organization to give titles. In fact, there are lots of other organizations that give agility titles. Why? Because owners love running agility courses with their dogs and socializing with other agility competitors. Here's a brief rundown of the possibilities. I'll give details on the first association in this issue and on others in upcoming issues.

* UNITED STATES DOG AGILITY ASSOCIATION (USDAAA) (www.usdaaa.com). The USDAAA titles are AD (Agility Dog, the beginning title), AAD (Advanced Agility Dog, the intermediate title), MAD (Master Agility Dog, the advanced title), and ATCH (Agility Trial Champion, the super title). Competitors generally agree that these titles are slightly (or lots) more difficult to earn than the corresponding AKC titles for several reasons. The times are slightly faster, you can only earn legs toward a title with a perfect score, and at the intermediate and advanced levels, handler and dog must be much more versatile, qualifying in 5 different categories for the MAD. These other games, as they are called, require the handler to work at a distance from their dog for four to five obstacles. Also, the shortest regular jump height is 12". However, just as the AKC has recently added a Preferred category which allows dogs to
jump 4" lower and to take several seconds longer to complete the course, USDA has had a Performance Class for several years with similar requirements.

Since I haven't figured out a way to get USDA results for our dogs, I can only report my own Sand-Castle Darcy's AD, earned nearly a year ago. I'm counting on readers to let me know of other USDA titles that their dogs earn.

* UNITED KENNEL CLUB (UKC) ([www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)). NNTC member Pam Lorenzen and her Norwich Dunbar's Montgomery Find (Tia) seem to be the major Norwich or Norfolk competing in UKC. To date, Tia has earned the first three out of four levels, AG1 (Agility 1), AG11, and U-ACH (Agility Champion). What's more, she's 4/5ths of the way to the top title, the U-ACHX (Agility Champion Excellent). That makes her U-ACH, U-CD Dunbar's Montgomery Find CGC, CDX, AX, AXJ. It takes my breath away just to think about all that achievement.

* CANINE PERFORMANCE EVENTS (CPE) ([http://www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com)). Shirl Hutchins and her Norfolk Chantilly's Aelfwyn NAJ (Aeley) have completed Level 1 Regular. This tiny dog, all 8 inches and 10 pounds of her, has also earned the first title in our next agility association.

* NORTH AMERICAN DOG AGILITY COUNCIL (NADAC) ([www.NADAC.com](http://www.NADAC.com)). Shirl Hutchins and Aeley have earned the first level here, the NAC (Novice Agility Certificate).

* TEACUP DOGS AGILITY ASSOCIATION ([www.dogwoodagility.com](http://www.dogwoodagility.com)). NNTC members Pam Lorenzen and Joan Bakken went to a seminar on this. It sounds interesting.

What is the result of all these different agility organizations? If you want to compete in agility, you can probably find a way to do it.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
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### NORWICH AND NORFOLK AGILITY TITLES—SPRING 2003 REPORT

Wow! That's the only way I can describe the agility scene for our dogs. With each breed earning twice the number of titles in the last six months compared to the previous six months, it is obvious that Norfolk and Norwich owners have not only discovered the fun of agility but are doing very well at playing the game. I wish I could give details on all these titles, but our editor says we can't print a 100-page magazine. If you're interested, join the noragility group at [www.yahoogroups.com](http://www.yahoogroups.com).

I want to make sure everyone knows that the AKC is now allowing dogs to title without jumping quite so high. There's a new class, called Preferred, in each of the three levels (Novice, Open, and Excellent) that allows dogs to jump 4 inches lower than the regular classes, and the time requirement is somewhat relaxed. That's what the "P" means at the end of the initials in an agility title.

Earning the Novice Agility Preferred title were several Norwich, including Jan Sinclair's Sho-Me Ketka's Rolling Rock, CDX NA NAP NJP OJP, who also earned the Novice Jumpers Preferred title and continued with the Open Jumpers Preferred title, and Patti Evans' Ch. Castle-Bar Mystery Date, NAP NJP, who also earned the Novice Jumpers Preferred title. Patti was also competing in the Excellent ring where her Ch. Pair-a-Docs' Peppercorn OA AXJ earned the very difficult to obtain Excellent Jumpers title.
Norfolks are making a strong showing at the Novice level. **Surrey Baltimore Clipper**, NA, owned by **Sandra Healy**, earned the Standard title. **Ch. Kimberley’s Lil Rascal CD OA NAJ**, owned by **Angela Smith**, earned both novice titles and then went on to finish the Open Standard title. **Ch. Flashback Postmark (Stamp) NA NAJ** also earned both Novice titles. He’s owned by **Sassie Joiris**, who handles the dog in agility; her 13-year-old daughter, Celine, handled Stamp for all but two of the points for his recent breed championship. Congratulations on all that skill!

Five Norwich earned Novice titles. **Lauren Love’s Urchins Just Us Follow On (Fagan)**, NAJ, whose beautiful photos you can see in the winter issue of *Just Terriers*, earned the Jumpers title, as did **Suzanne Orban-Stagle** and **Anne Buffington’s Ch. Winsome’s Just a Gigolo, NA NAJ**. **Lea Valentine’s Foxlea’s Pistol Pete, NA** earned the Novice Standard title as did **Marcia Frank’s Pair-a-Docs’ Mint Julep, NA** and **Rainee Johnson’s Ch. Breakaway’s By Starlight, NA**. Earning both novice titles were **Breakaway’s Malarkey, NA NAJ**, owned by **Gail Esstrom**, and **Susan Novotny’s Skyscot’s Trouble Scooter, NA OAJ**, who went on to earn the Open Jumpers title.

At the Open level were Norfolks **Domby’s Oliver Twist, CD OA NAJ SE**, owned by **Peggy Metcalf**, and **Shirl Hutchins’ Chantilly’s Aelfwyn of Berrybrow, CD OA OAJ (AELEY)** who earned both Open titles. Norwich Open titles included Standard titles by **Gayle Holman’s Mischief’s Sea Wolf OA OAJ; Avatar Ernie-Traveller Man, OA NAJ**, owned by **Michael and Margaret Wiley**, who earned the Standard title; and **Carolyn Kavanaugh’s Sandune Caesar Augustus, NA OAJ**, who earned the Jumpers title. Leslie Becker’s Norwich **Skyscot’s Springtime, OA OAJ** earned both Open titles in 6 months.

What a treat to be able to report several titles from the Excellent ring! So far, they’re all Norwich, but that won’t last long. This year’s Norwich NTNC River Bend Trophy winner **Pam Lorenzen** added the Excellent Jumpers title to **Dunbar’s Montgomery Find CDX AX AXJ**. **Susan Novotny**, who trains on the road from her RV and in faraway sites like Del Rio, Texas, finished the Excellent Standard title with **Skyscot’s Oliver Twist and Shout, CDX AX OAJ (Ollie)**. Meanwhile, **Rainee Johnson** is competing with not one but two dogs in the excellent ring. From her own kennel, **Ch. Breakaway’s Grand Slam AX OAJ** finished that Standard title, while **Ch. Breakaway’s Central Perk, OA AXJ** finished the Jumpers title.

Finally, the 2001 Norwich winner of the NTNC Clean Run Trophy (Agility) **Cricket Goodall** finished the big master’s titles with **Outfoxed Wauwinet Wren MX MXJ**. To earn these, Cricket and Wren qualified in both Excellent Standard and Jumpers 10 times with no faults. Not only that, but they did at least four of those on the same day and therefore qualified for the AKC Agility National Competition.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
(carlynnricks@earthlink.net)
"LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL"

‘Life’s a ball . . .’

First Kiss

"Potted" pup

Making Waves

Duet featuring virtuosos Henry and "Nick" Crompton
JOURNEY TO A TITLE

Ed.: Bernice Staton of Kissimmee, Florida and her Norfolk, “Darby” (Reidmar Rob’s Boy CD), were the recipients of the 2001 NNTC River Bend Cup, awarded annually to the NNTC member-owned Norfolk (and Norwich) with the highest Obedience score. Bernice wanted to share the “very personal experience” in Obedience training with other News readers who “might want to do Obedience” with their dogs.—AGF

Darby was my friend from the moment the plane touched down on March 28, 1997 and he stepped jauntily out of his crate. He was 6 months old when he came to me from his breeder, Nat LaMar, who had raised him from birth as a singleton. According to Nat, much of Darby’s neonatal time had been spent tucked into Nat’s bathrobe pocket for warmth and bonding.

Darby apparently never pined for his Brooklyn, NY origins. He grew rapidly and happily into a sturdy and intelligent adolescent, full of confidence and curiosity, loving his life as my new friend in the green, semi-tropical environs of my Florida home.

From the moment I brought Darby home, I felt he had a destiny. I have loved Obedience from the first day I sat beside an Utility ring, so I decided that that was where I wanted to be. When Darby and I began Obedience training, we deliberately started slowly. I knew he was bright, but had no idea what his true potential might be. He was my only dog, so there was no reason to rush the process. Although most Obedience trainers seem to have had only limited experience with the temperament of our breed, I was fortunate to know one I had trained with before and with whom I could communicate well. We began a two-year training program with the goal of going all the way from CD to Utility.

As anyone who has trained for Obedience can tell you, Darby and I encountered some hurdles along the way. There was the time the judge’s purse (which was under the table) was too much for Darby to resist investigating. That found me heeling in the ring all by myself until I realized that my so-called “best friend” had deserted me. In group sits and downs, Darby once left his “sit” and headed straight for a squeaky toy, with which he proceeded to entertain himself and the crowd. Everyone thought these antics were “so cute”—except his owner!

I started Darby in Novice in 2001 and was fortunate to finish his CD title with two placements. You cannot imagine the feeling of competing with this little red Norfolk against all those “Obedience types” like Goldens, Border Collies and Shelties. As I left the ring on one occasion, a steward said to me, “Real women train terriers.” I considered this one of the best compliments I could have ever had. What a wonderful feeling it is to go out there and show the competition that our breed can win if only you are willing to do the work.

Darby received the NNTC River Bend Trophy for being the top Obedience Norfolk for 2001. I would like to thank the NNTC for this estimable honor. My final thought is that there is so much admiration out there for our little dogs that I am happy to have chosen the path less traveled—Obedience.

See you in the Utility ring.

—Bernice Staton, Kissimmee, FL

THE NNTC’S NEW OBIEDIENCE CHAIR

In my first article for The Norwich & Norfolk News, I would like to introduce myself and my family. My name is Pam Lorenzen, my husband is Garen; we have a son, Chad, who is 28 and a daughter, Heather, who is 26. My husband and I live in eastern Iowa where we grain farm and have several horses. I used to be active in both, but now that Chad is older, he has taken my place. This has allowed me more time with my dogs and my dog friends! I belong to the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, The Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club of Greater Chicago, The Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club, Medallion Rottweiler Club, and 4RK9’s Dog Training Club, of which I am President and also Chairperson for our obedience/agility trials in August 2003. Over the years we’ve had a number of different dogs, but
"A RESOUNDING SUCCESS"

Ed.: News readers were introduced to a 4 1/2-year-old Norfolk bitch named "Maddie" in the Spring 2002 issue (pp. 15-17) when NNTC Rescue and Rehoming Chair Sue Ely reported on Maddie's rescue, professional retraining and eventual rehoming with NNTC member Hazel Beeler and her husband Michael Kuric of Newport, VA. Hazel and Michael's letters to Sue, excerpted below, update Maddie's successful "rehabilitation" from a fearful, aggressive (biting people) Norfolk that disliked small children to a "winsome, delightful people dog." —AGF

Dear Sue—

...A lot has happened since I drove to Pennsylvania and brought home a small, chubby dog with big, anxious eyes. Herewith is your long-promised update on Mad Dog Maddie....

Behavior-wise, Maddie is doing very well. She was one of the best students in her obedience class, and her instructor and I encouraged people to approach her as she "stayed" to help her socialization. She has turned out not to be shy of strangers to any degree, and we were even able to introduce her to a small child (her obedience instructor's granddaughter, who's very used to dogs) with no untoward results.... Maddie is not just any dog. She is a Norfolk Terrier, and proper Norfolks are not just unaggressive—they love people. And 4 1/2 years of bad treatment were unable to destroy that underlying desire to be loved by people and able to trust them—From the first day that little dog came into our house, we could see a normal Norfolk Terrier struggling to get out. All that love and sweetness were there all along, just waiting to be given an opportunity to express themselves... It would do your heart good to see how her tail wags almost nonstop, and how people comment on how friendly she is. She is incredibly affectionate—making up for lost time, perhaps?

And Maddie is so well-behaved. She is the most obedient of our three Norfolks. I regularly walk her unleashed, and while she can be a bit reluctant to obey commands, she never ignores them and runs away...even...when on the scent of a rabbit.... When she needs to go out, she asks, and she goes right out and does her necessities. She is just a wonderful little dog!

This is not to say Mad Dog has lost all her touchy spots. She does not like to be picked up, and she grumbles every time; and she has to be muzzled and sedated for toenail cutting and treatment of the recurring ear problem. But afterwards, she inhales her reward and goes back to wagging as if nothing had happened....

We also continue to have inter-dog difficulties... Maddie tends to be jealous of any dog that approaches when she's being petted, and she goes ballistic if another dog goes too near a spot where food might have fallen on the floor... The main reason Maddie gets hoisted these days is not for growling at people, but for attacking one of our other Norfolks...with no provocation. She sometimes gets banished to the bedroom...for a "timeout"...

We have had good success in reducing Maddie's weight to a suitable level... Now, at about 13 lbs., she's...at a good weight for her size: she has a "waist" and you can feel her ribs... The vet diagnosed her as having a knee problem in which the patellas slip out of place, and she sometimes limps or has a leg collapse under her; but, in general, she gets around fine, and it makes us happy to see her bounding through the tall grass, following her nose...

So the rehabilitation of Madison Elizabeth is a resounding success. She has turned out far better than even our best-case scenarios ever imagined. We love her more every day, and look forward to many happy years with her. Hats off to Ruth Rosbach-Chandler, whose
RESCUE AND REHOME

expert training started Maddie on the road to recovery. And to the NNTC Rescue Committee: THANKS! IT WAS WORTH IT.” —Hazel Beeler, Newport, VA

An addenda from Michael Kuric:

“... Thank you, Sue, for sending us such a lovely friend! It took patience, caution and forbearance on the part of everyone concerned, but over time trust has been built, and a winsome, delightful little dog has emerged from that shell of pain and fear. Maddie still has her touchy moments, but they are now few and far between, and 99% of the time she is a sweet-natured, affectionate Norfolk Terrier... She loves our friends when they come to visit (and they love her), and she’s been fine with children...”

“Good grief! Can you believe this drivel?”

TEXAS RESCUE UPDATE

2002 was a very busy year for the Bluebonnet NNTC (formerly HOTNNTC) rescue. We rescued/rehomed 5 dogs: two were possible Norfolk or Norfolk mixes and three were purebreds.

The first “possibly Norfolk mix” showed up in a shelter in Killeen, TX. “Albert” was about 3-4 months old. He was eventually adopted by a wonderful couple in Dallas. They adore him and report that he has been to obedience school and loves to travel with them and also go boating—with his very own life jacket.

The 3 purebreds (2 females and 1 male) came from a breeder for rehoming. After treating some medical problems, spaying/neutering, evaluating temperaments (we learned the females were very shy and also hated other female dogs), and careful screening of applicants, all three found wonderful homes. The 2 females were adopted by single people and the male (a very active boy) found the perfect home with a family with 2 kids. All three homes have sent me updates on how loved and wonderful their new pets are and how thankful they are to have them. I am the one who is so thankful that these special people are willing to give older Norfolks a home with lots of TLC.

Our final rescue was “Ashley”, a 6-month-old possible Norfolk who showed up in a cow pasture near Texarkana, Arkansas. Kim Cassida was working in her garden one day when this adorable little puppy just wandered up. After showing the puppy to several Texarkana KC members, they all agreed the female pup looked a lot like a Norfolk.

Kim contacted Sue Ely, who called me. Kim wanted to keep Ashley for a couple of weeks to be sure no owner was looking for her. She posted notices in the papers, animal shelters and vets’ offices. But the puppy was never claimed. So, I made plans to meet Kim at a dog show in Longview, TX and picked up Ashley there. She was so friendly and a wonderful traveler. We had to treat her for Ehrlichia; she was covered with ticks when Kim first saw her. But otherwise she was healthy, and after spaying and all shots, she was ready for a home. A family from San Antonio with boys 9 and 12 came to see Ashley. It was love at first sight, especially for Ashley and the boys. So after replacing their yard fence with a more secure one, they took Ashley home. They have enrolled her in obedience school and report she is a perfect dog for them.

So all our Norfolk rescues had very happy endings. I want to give special thanks to fellow BNNTC members Patricia Rogers for housing the dogs and helping with medical bills and to Tina Dennis for posting the dogs on her website. A big thank you too to Sue Ely for all her help and support.

—Marleen Greif, Iola, TX
RESULTS OF THE EARTHDOG SURVEY

Here are the results of the earthdog survey sent out with the Fall 2002 News. A total of 29 Norwich and 25 Norfolk surveys were returned. I thank everyone who chose to participate.

Intro to Quarry I: 80% of Norfolk and 59% of Norwich had training in earthdog work. The ages of the dogs were very similar...10 weeks to 9 years. When shown the caged rats, the highest ranked area for Norfolk was barking and pawing with 87%. The Norwich strength was 47% for sniffing. Above-ground tunnel reactions were 57% of Norfolk going right in; Norwich tied, with 41% going partially in and 41% going right in. Both breeds had an increase of interest with additional training...91% for Norfolk and 74% for Norwich.

Intro to Quarry II: The highest scoring reaction to in-ground tunnels was the same...62% of Norfolk and 73% of Norwich exhibited hesitation entering the tunnel. With additional training, 83% of Norfolk and 60% of Norwich had an increased interest.

Competition: 83% of Norfolk and 46% of Norwich have competed in earthdog trials:

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Norfolk working strengths were barking at quarry (22%), quick entrances (18%) and digging (17%). Norwich strengths were barking at quarry (23%), digging (18%), and a tie between quick entrances and biting the bars (14%). Norfolk weaknesses were inconsistent entrances (33%) and backing up to avoid removal (29%). The main Norwich weakness was inconsistent entrances (50%).

Handler/Trainer: 88% of Norfolk and 86% of Norwich owners showed interest in their dogs’ natural instinct to hunt. Excitement over the prospect of hunting was higher for the dogs...46% for Norfolk and 65% for Norwich. 50% of Norfolk owners and 17% of Norwich owners created their own category of “equal interest of both dog and owner”. How interesting. As for owners getting right down with their dogs to get the rats, 68% of Norfolk and 52% of Norwich owners do so. Actually getting dirty was not a problem for the owners. 96% of Norfolk and 93% of Norwich owners do not mind getting dirty.

Preparation for Earthdog: 74% of Norfolk and 96% of Norwich were taken out daily for exercise and stimulation in likable hunting areas, not just to “potty”. 83% of Norfolk and 76% of Norwich owners encourage their dogs to look for game. 91% of Norfolk and 77% of Norwich owners have a hunting vocabulary...“get it”, “hunt it up”, etc...83% of Norfolk and 90% of Norwich owners do not discourage their dogs from digging, barking at game or chasing game.

So...: It would seem that the Norfolk is more likely to be given the opportunity for earthdog training and that they are often more successful in training and actual trials due to their increased level of interest and to their owners’ involvement. Although similar strengths and weaknesses were evident for both breeds in actual working competitions, there seems to be a slight difference in owners’ attitudes. Norfolk owners took more of a partnership role with their dogs, while Norwich owners seemed to let their dogs work more on their own. In the general comments, more Norwich owners mentioned that their dogs were excellent hunters in the field, but that the contrived earthdog tests were not natural and, therefore, their dogs were not successful. Perhaps it is the aspect of partnership or teamwork which ensures success in artificial earth.
Thanks to all of you who took the time and effort to complete and return the surveys. It made very interesting reading! If you have any questions or additional comments, please feel free to contact me. For additional information, the following websites may be of help: www.earthdog.info; http://clubs.akc.org/nntcl; www.norfolkttterrier.org; www.akc.org/dic/events/earthdog.

—Peggy Metcalf, Flurries Norfolk Terriers, Camden NY (nflurries@compuserve.com)

NORFOLK “JIMMY DEAN” MAKES HISTORY!

On February 16, 2003, Ch. Andover Miner Detail CD NA NAJ ME, better known as “Jimmy Dean,” became the first Norfolk Terrier in America to earn a Tracking Dog (TD) title. Bred by Cindy Vogels and owned by NNTC member Laurie Rossi Sherick of Grass Valley, CA, this 12-year-old (!), multi-talented Norfolk earned his TD at the Two Rivers Agility Club of Sacramento Tracking Dog Test. By adding a TD to his already-impressive obedience, agility and earthdog titles, Jimmy Dean also became the first Norfolk to earn the AKC’s new (as of January 1, 2001) Versatility Companion Dog-1 (VCD-1) title. He also holds a Versatility Award from the NNTC and is a breed champion to boot. Quite a guy! . . .

Ed.: Information about the various VCD titles may be found on the AKC website at http://www.akc.org/registration/rules/R02999.cfm?page=10. Thanks to John Sherick for sending the above information to the News. And hats off to both Jimmy Dean and his owner-handler Laurie for achieving these two breed firsts.—AGF

“Wanna play?”
NORWICH TERRIER HEALTH SURVEY: RSVP!!

The Norwich Terrier health survey, commissioned by the NNTC and to be conducted by Dr. Margaret Slater at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, was mailed to a "random" group of Norwich owners in mid-February 2003. In a cover letter accompanying the survey, NNTC Norwich Health Chair George G. Jeitles, Jr., V. M. D., states: "The value of any survey is predicated upon the response rate to the survey. It is very important that you take a few minutes and complete the survey, even if you do not currently own a Norwich, and return it promptly. The future direction of our breed's health research could be decided by the information you provide.

You can be assured that all your answers will remain strictly confidential. Dr. Slater will code all responses and only she will know the responder's name, which is necessary for tracking purposes. . . . The NNTC will only receive summary information. . . . You may contact Dr. Slater by phone 409-845-3286, fax 409-847-8981 or email: mslater@cvm.tamu.edu.

Remember, your participation is very important. Help us help our Norwich."

—George G. Jeitles, Jr., V. M. D.
NNTC Norwich Health Chair

A "KIND" DONATION TO NORWICH HEALTH

Ed.: The Fall 2002 News (p. 5) listed donors to the AKC/CHF Donor Advised Funds for Norwich and Norfolk Terriers during the period from January 2001 through mid-August 2002. After reading the names of Norwich DAF donors, NNTC member and Norwich breeder Dorothea Sanderson wrote to tell me about one donor whose name was not mentioned. American Norwich breeders thank Madame Bonne de Pracomtal of Switzerland for her "in kind" contribution to Norwich health.—AGF

The list of contributors to the AKC/CHF Norwich DAF in the last News reminded me that one very important donor was not named. Her donation was not in money, but in material.

A few years ago while traveling in France, I had the pleasure of visiting Madame Bonne de Pracomtal, who bred both Norwich and Norfolk Terriers under the kennel name, El Tovar. Bonne lived in Marines, France, a lovely little village about fifty miles from Paris. By our next visit, Bonne had located a lovely chalet in Icogne, Switzerland, not far from the French border.

During her years in Norwich, Bonne had designed and produced a Norwich pin that she presented to her friends and to friends of the breed. She decided to send what remained of the pins to me. I shared half with another NNTC member (a valued friend of Madame de Pracomtal), donated a few to the Middle Kingdom (now PANNT) for raffle items, and held the rest for future distribution.

During a health discussion on Carol Sowders' Norwich and Norfolk email list, it occurred to me to offer one of Bonne's pins to anyone who would donate a minimum of $20.00 to the AKC Norwich DAF. Buyers would send their DAF checks to me, I would send their pin by return mail, and then forward all donation checks to the AKC. We raised $480, which, when matched by the AKC, grew to $960! When we visited Switzerland last year, I was able to bring Bonne the documentation that her pins had gone to work for the Norwich breed. She was delighted.

At a recent PANNT fun day, I offered the pins again to anyone who would give me a check for the Norwich DAF fund. This offering of Norwich pins added another $295 to the $480 already collected. Many thanks to a treasured friend of both mine and the breed, Bonne de Pracomtal.

—Dorothea Sanderson, Ebenor Norwich Terriers, Walnut Creek, CA
THE HISTORY OF A MYTH: SCOTTIE CRAMP IN NORWICH TERRIERS

An almost two decades old dialogue became a lively topic once again when a Norwich Terrier appeared to have an epileptic seizure in the ring during the judging of a large entry at the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club of Greater Chicago's 2002 Specialty. Was it Epilepsy or was it Scottie Cramp? Since I have never heard of a Norwich Terrier having been tested positive for Scottie Cramp by a veterinarian, I felt it was time to debunk this "myth" once and for all.

Like many other Norwich breeders, I had long been under the impression that the birthplace of this Scottie Cramp myth was an article written by English breeder Jean Gledhill that appeared in the U. K. Norwich Terrier Club's newsletter during the mid-1980s. When I read the article, however, I was surprised to see that Ms. Gledhill never mentioned Scottie Cramp. Nor did she describe the symptoms of Scottie Cramp.

Obviously more research was required on my part, so I went to the archives of the English weekly, Dog World. There I found my answer in an offhand remark from someone who was just trying to be helpful…. In her August 1984 Dog World column, U. K. breeder Marjorie Bunting (Ragus) wrote:

Jean Gledhill certainly started something with her talk about cramp in Norwich Terriers during the forum at the joint (Norwich/Norfolk) breeds' rally in June. The only member of the panel who knew anything about it was Sheila Monckton with whom Jean had had discussions on the subject. The panel vet, Mark Furber, knew nothing about it although he has been concerned with both the Culwood and the Raguses for the best part of twenty years. Ernie May knew nothing about it although he is married to one of the partnership which still hold the record for the most champions. Gilean White is, of course, only a Norfolk breeder and there was no comment that it has been seen in Norfolk. Ed Keenan, the judge of the day (former husband of American judge, Barbara Keenan) said little, although as he told me afterwards, it rang a bell with him. But, it was not until he was on his way home that he remembered a similar condition has been found in Scotties.

There it was, a simple remark that over the years turned Scottie Cramp into a euphemism for Epilepsy in Norwich Terriers.

Mrs. Bunting went on to write, "What is this cramp, I expect some of you are saying. Apparently at first glance it may appear to be a fit, although the Norwich concerned does not lose either consciousness or control of his bladder. It stands completely rigid, staring into space and then goes off its back legs. . . ."

Jean Gledhill wrote about her report to the Joint Rally in the April 1985 issue of the English Norwich Terrier Club's newsletter:

Several months have elapsed since I first brought up the problem I had seen in a bitch I owned. Polly had her first litter at 2 years old, and 6 months later I saw the first attack. It had been a wet week in a rather wet and miserable Spring and she went stiff in the hind-quarter area. I watched for a few seconds and as she tried to move toward me she was unable to do so. I went to her and looked carefully at her head and eyes, she was conscious and seemed to be pleading with me to do something. I looked carefully along the back to see if there were any abnormalities visible and then I put my hands into the thighs. I now knew what the problem was; the muscles in the thighs were knotted and tight, she was in the middle of a cramp attack. I treated her as I do the pupils at my school (I am a P. E. teacher). I massaged the affected muscles vigorously to get the blood flowing back into them and then brought her back into the warmth. The whole attack lasted about 6 minutes and she was perfectly normal afterwards. Several more attacks occurred during the next few months, some of them more severe than others. She was
frequently sick towards the end of the attack. The attacks began to occur about one in
every 10 days. I talked the problem over with a Veterinary friend, who said that a similar
problem affected horses and that additions of Vit. E and Selenium to the diet were helpful.
Vit. E was no problem as I knew it was not harmful, so I gave her one capsule twice a
day. Selenium was a problem as that could be harmful, so I looked around for a product
that had it added. This I found in the Roberts Laughing Dog Seaweed Meal. With these
additions to her diet the incidence of attacks was cut to one in 10 months. She has had
one attack 11 months after that.

Ms. Gledhill then writes about reporting to the Rally and setting up a system to collate information,
so that perhaps Norwich breeders could interest a vet in doing research on the problem. She goes on to
say, "So far I know of 17 bitches affected and 7 dogs; although I know of others, these are the definites. I
must stress that most of these attacks vary, from intense to very mild, sometimes merely a stiffening of one
thigh muscle. . . ."

It is amazing that in England, an area only slightly larger than the state of Indiana, and from a
period of June 1984 to April 1985, Ms. Gledhill found a total of 24 Norwich (plus her own) all affected
by muscle spasms. There is such a variety of symptoms mentioned that there could have been a variety of
ailments involved, including anything from a slipped patella, to epilepsy, to an as-yet-unknown neurological
disease, to the simple muscle spasm.

However, what Marjorie Bunting described in her column was in fact a form of epileptic seizure,
one that I became familiar with after importing a Norwich male puppy from an English breeder in 1989.
Mrs. Bunting described exactly the symptoms displayed by my import, which began shortly after his second
birthday. After several seizure episodes, Bob and I took the dog to the University of Illinois where he was
diagnosed by the neurologist on staff, Dr. Allan Parker, with idiopathic epilepsy.

We had the Norwich neutered and when the right pet home came along, we placed him. As time
went on the seizures escalated into the grand-mal range. He passed away in August of 2000.

If you are interested in learning more about the myriad types of epilepsy and the latest information
on the disease go to: www.canine-epilepsy.net. This is the site for the University of Missouri, College of
Veterinary Medicine. The U of M is part of a consortium which includes the Universities of Ohio and
Minnesota and The Animal Trust (England). While you are at the site, be sure to read the article by Dr.
Dennis O’Brien on Chinook “Seizures.” It will be worth your time.

What Exactly Is Scottie Cramp?

From Malcolm B. Willis’ book Genetics of the Dog (1989) comes the following description:

Dogs suffering from this kind of condition undergo episodes of muscular
hypertension. At rest or during short exercise periods, the affected dog will behave and
appear normal, but when subjected to strenuous exercise or excitement clinical signs become
apparent. At first these involve an arching of the back in the lumbar region. A stiff-legged
gait then occurs with the hindlegs being overflexed and the dog may skip with one or both
legs flexed against the body. If the dog is still required to be active, there will be a progressive
difficulty with movement, until in severe cases it will become unable to move and stand
still as though carved out of stone. . . .

. . . diagnosis of the disease involves three stages. The dog should have a clinical
history of abnormal gait or seizures during excitement, the typical hyperkinetic episodes
should be induced by injection of amphetamine and they should be promptly ended by
an injection of diazepam or promazine derivatives.

So, if you think your Norwich is suffering from Scottie Cramp, it will be relatively simple for
your veterinarian to make the diagnosis. Epilepsy is a disease of the brain, Scottie Cramp is a disease of the
central nervous system.

—Carol Suggs, Half-A-Bob Norwich Terriers, Freeport, IL
(halfabob@aeroinc.net)
ACUPUNTURE IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

Acupuncture has been used in veterinary medicine by the Chinese for thousands of years, though its use in the western world has increased recently. It has been performed on many species of animals, but it is most commonly done on dogs, cats, horses, cattle and birds.

Acupuncture comes from the Latin *acus*, meaning "needle", and *pungere*, meaning "to pierce". It involves inserting a thin, flexible needle into the skin to balance the body's vital energy, or "chi", as the Chinese call it. The needle is inserted into an acupoint, which lies along invisible channels called meridians. There are 14 different meridians that exist and it is through these meridians that the vital energy, or chi, flows.

Though it is not entirely clear how acupuncture works, it is believed by many in the western world that the stimulation of the acupoints causes release of endorphins and other neurotransmitters, therefore causing pain relief and other positive effects. Many feel acupuncture is beneficial as an adjunct to conventional veterinary medical therapies.

Insertion of the needles into the acupoints surprisingly causes very little pain and most animals do very well with the needles. Most animals relax and some even go to sleep! For those animals that do not tolerate needling, laser puncture can be used. This involves using a laser to stimulate acupoints. It is painless and often takes less time than the needles; therefore its use is popular in veterinary medicine.

Acupuncture is used to treat many ailments and disease conditions of several organ systems. Muscular and skeletal disorders can be treated with acupuncture for the relief of pain. These disorders include arthritis, hip dysplasia, and muscle injuries. For those animals that still have problems despite traditional medical therapies, acupuncture may help to decrease pain, increase patient comfort, and improve the animal's quality of life.

Neurological conditions such as epilepsy and spinal cord disease can be treated with acupuncture. Acupuncture has been used in addition to anticonvulsant medications as a way to control seizures. This can be especially useful when the animal is not tolerating the side effects of the oral medications, or when the medications alone are not controlling the seizures. Spinal cord diseases, such as intervertebral disc disease and degenerative myelopathy, have been treated with acupuncture to decrease pain and to increase blood flow to the affected areas.

Gastrointestinal disorders, which are very common in veterinary medicine, can be treated with acupuncture. Because acupuncture can decrease acid secretion in the stomach, it can be used for stomach ulcer treatment. Acupuncture can alleviate nausea and vomiting associated with motion sickness and chemotherapy drugs.

Other common applications of acupuncture veterinary medicine include treatment of behavioral problems such as anxiety and treatment of respiratory arrest. It may also be helpful in treating a multitude of reproductive, hormonal and dermatological disorders that affect animals.

Few adverse effects occur from acupuncture. They can include breakage of needles, infection at the site of needle insertion, or accidental penetration of the needle into blood vessels, nerves, or other organs or body cavities. These adverse effects are decreased by proper needle inspection, using only sterile needles, insertion of needles by a certified veterinary acupuncturist, and proper patient positioning and restraint.

If one has decided to try acupuncture on their pet as a form of treatment, it is important to choose a veterinarian who is certified in veterinary acupuncture. Certification programs typically involve several months of formal training. Certification can be through the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (I.V.A.S.), the CHI Institute or a few other programs. Before starting acupuncture therapy, it is recommended that a full medical workup of the animal's condition should be performed so an appropriate diagnosis can be made. Keep in mind that several acupuncture treatments may be necessary before seeing the beneficial effects and it is often necessary to use acupuncture in conjunction with conventional therapies for the best results.

—Katherine A. de Jong, D.V.M.

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DNA TESTING AVAILABLE FOR NORFOLK TERRIER ICHTHYOSIS

In 1999 the Morris Animal Foundation provided funding to the Comparative Dermatology Laboratory in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University to study an inherited skin disease of the Norfolk Terrier. This disease was brought to the attention of Dr. Bob Dunstan, director of the Dermatology Lab, by a breeder concerned about a mild skin condition affecting one of her dogs. Dr. Dunstan recognized that this canine disease is very similar to a rare inherited skin disease of people called "epidermolytic hyperkeratosis", often included in a family of diseases characterized by scaly or dry skin known as the "ichthyoses". These diseases are associated with a defect in structural proteins of the skin known as keratins. After three years of research that involved the sequencing of three keratin genes, we discovered that keratin 10, a protein important for the integrity of the outer layers of the skin, is mutated in dogs that have this condition. This disease is inherited in a recessive manner in Norfolk Terriers, meaning that two mutated genes are needed to produce clinical symptoms. If a dog has only one copy of the mutated gene, the dog appears normal but is called a carrier because if it mates with another carrier and the defective gene from the sire and the dam are passed to an offspring, the puppy will have the disease. The disease is present at birth, but the signs are subtle. You may note that the skin of affected puppies is more grey than pink in color. In our experience, as dogs age the skin changes progress but are always mild. Dandruff and darkening of the skin are the main symptoms in adults, signs that can also occur in a number of skin diseases. There may be a greasy texture to the skin or hair but hair loss is not a feature of this condition. You may note the formation of very thin, fragile blisters in areas that are lightly rubbed.

At this time we do not have a good idea how prevalent this altered gene is in the Norfolk Terrier population. The number of affected dogs appears to be low and this suggests the mutation may not be common; however, if a popular sire was a carrier and his offspring were inbred, it is possible that the disease-causing gene could be present in many Norfolk Terrier kennels. In addition, the symptoms of this skin disease are mild and are not very specific; thus some affected dogs may not be recognized. Because we have identified the specific mutation causing this condition, our lab can now perform a simple DNA test to definitively identify Norfolk Terriers that are clear, carriers or are affected with this skin disease. To date, we have diagnosed this disease in seven dogs by examining skin biopsy samples and have subsequently confirmed this diagnosis at the molecular level with the DNA test. We have also confirmed the carrier status of parents of affected dogs and some littermates of affected dogs. All testing will be confidential and our charge will be $85 per dog (payable only by check at this time). If samples from four dogs or more are submitted at the same time from the same kennel and owner, the charge will be discounted to $70 per dog. As with many DNA based tests available currently, we will send you a kit containing a submittal form and several small brushes that are used to swab the inside of the cheek to collect cells for DNA. We will send the results for your dog(s) by either mail or email approximately 2-3 weeks after we receive the cheek swabs. If you are interested in this test or have questions about it, please contact the Comparative Dermatology Lab by email (compderm-NFT@cvm.tamu.edu) or by phone at 979-845-2651.

—Kelly M. Credille, DVM, PhD, DACVP
Comparative Dermatology Laboratory, Texas A&M University

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT HOUSEHOLD PLANTS AND MEDICATIONS

This article is intended to clarify some beliefs and misconceptions about common household plants, medications and materials. It stems from the conversations I have had with my clients during office examinations and from the telephone calls that we receive from concerned pet owners. I am sure that many of you know most of these tidbits, but for those who don't, I hope this helps to ease your mind.

Probably the most common phone call we get is from people who are concerned that their dog ate some chocolate. While it is true that dogs can become ill and possibly even die from ingesting chocolate,
it generally takes a fair amount of certain kinds of chocolate for there to be a real problem. Chocolate is poisonous to animals because it contains theobromine and caffeine. These two substances, when consumed in excess, can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hyperexcitability, an increased heart rate and seizures. However, white chocolate and milk chocolate contain less of these chemicals than do dark and baking chocolate. Therefore, the most concerning chocolate ingestions tend to involve dogs getting into dark chocolate candies or into homemade chocolate batter during the holiday baking seasons. An occasional chocolate chip cookie or part of a milk chocolate candy bar is unlikely to do real harm in most average sized healthy animals. Contact your veterinarian though if you have concerns or are not sure what kind of chocolate or how much chocolate your pet ate. And bear in mind that often the wrappers surrounding the chocolate present more of a problem than the actual chocolate.

Around the holidays we get a lot of questions about poinsettias and other holiday plants. Poinsettia poisoning is greatly overstated. While it is true that a dog or cat who munches on enough of the leaves may suffer from some gastrointestinal distress, it is highly unlikely that anything worse will come from their snack (other than possibly having your living room rug redecorated just before your guests are due to arrive.) Eating your Christmas holly can be more serious. Again, most commonly, self-limiting vomiting and diarrhea occur after eating this plant, but oral irritation and ulcers may develop, as can more severe vomiting and diarrhea resulting in dehydration. Supportive care either at home or, if necessary, at your veterinarian's will usually make everyone feel better quickly. If your pup is Irish at heart and chooses to act on his love, eating shamrock plant material can result in vomiting and diarrhea, and if enough is eaten, kidney damage. This is especially true if your pet has pre-existing kidney disease. Similarly, never allow any feline members of your family to chew on any part of the Easter lily, as even eating one leaf of this plant has caused fatal kidney failure in cats. Some other members of the Lily family are just as toxic, including day lilies, but just to cats. Again, call your veterinarian should you ever have any question about plant ingestion, as we have lists available to us of the various poisonous plants.

Finally, many people, in their attempts to make a painful pet feel comfortable, often give their dog or cat over-the-counter medication. Without consulting a veterinarian first, this is not a good idea. While it is true that most dogs can tolerate reasonable doses of buffered aspirin, the same does not hold true for acetaminophen (Tylenol), ibuprofen and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications. Acetaminophen is metabolized poorly in animals, particularly cats, and its ingestion can lead to liver and respiratory failure very quickly. I cannot emphasize enough that cats especially should never be given acetaminophen. Ibuprofen isn't much better because dogs are very sensitive to its effects on the kidney and gastrointestinal tract. Severe gastrointestinal ulceration and kidney failure have occurred if a dog gets enough ibuprofen, either at one time or slowly over a long period of time. Too much of a good thing can also be bad, so even aspirin can be toxic if too much is given. Again, for those of you with cats, do not give aspirin unless clearly directed to do so by your veterinarian. While dogs and people take hours to metabolize aspirin, cats take days.

I hope this has cleared up some misconceptions about common household plants and substances. If ever in doubt, call your vet as soon as possible after ingestion. If your vet is not available, the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center runs a 24-hour consultation service. Their number is 888-426-4435 and there is a $45 fee for each case. They offer excellent advice and follow through for both you and your veterinarian. Hopefully you'll never need this service, but should your dog or cat ever decide to get sick after eating chocolate while decorating the house with holly, and then try to make himself feel better by popping some ibuprofen, you'll be ready.

—Jennifer J. Clarke, V.M.D.

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"ANIMAL'S EYES HAVE THE POWER TO SPEAK A GREAT LANGUAGE"

“My beady-eyed stare means ‘Rodents Beware!’"

“Life is short. Live it up!”

“Ain’t we sweet?”

“There can only be one queen in my house...”

“How can you say ‘No’ to me?”

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"AND THE WINNER IS"...

For months on end, delegates to The American Kennel Club had been hearing about the creation of a new award to commemorate The Breeder. In an AKC press release, Patti Strand, Chairman of this newly-formed award committee, announced,

This year the AKC has come up with a timely and important idea—an award to celebrate and honor breeders who have made significant contributions to this ideal through dedication to an outstanding breeding program. The award will be presented for the first time at the AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational in Orlando, December 11, 2002... The breeders we admire are lifelong students of dogs who never stop educating themselves about dogs and all facets of dog breeding... They place their dogs responsibly... They follow breed-specific protocols... and put enormous effort into breeding beautiful, sound, healthy, true-to-type dogs... They play an integral part in our sport... serving as mentors and role-models for newcomers. They are the breeders we hold out to the public as exemplifying ideals. These are the breeders for whom AKC conceived the Breeder of the Year Award.

Coming from such a venerable and honorable institution as the AKC, this was mighty powerful stuff. Criteria for the award would have no less than ten elements, and the award committee read like a virtual "Who's Who" of AKC hierarchy. Based on this criteria, the award committee would select one finalist from the seven respective groups: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding. Throughout the summer of 2002, more AKC bulletins kept coming in, but it wasn't until November that delegates learned who the seven finalists were. And what to my wandering eyes did appear? There, in big, bold type, I saw the Terrier Group Winner—Barbara Miller—Norfolk Terriers—Max-Well Kennels. That's right. Our very own Barbara Miller, winner of the first AKC Breeder of the Year for Terriers!

A native New Yorker, Barbara's interest in dogs was allowed to blossom when she was a child, a fact she forever thanks her parents for. As a young girl, she owned first an Irish Setter, later a Collie. As a young woman, she contributed greatly to the ultimate AKC recognition of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. But it was in 1973 that the Norfolk Terrier became her trademark. She has never looked back.

Originally I co-owned my Norfolk with Sue Bobley, who remains one of my dearest friends. I cherish the memories of our early years together in Norfolk. Our first attempt at breeding a litter was a flop, but in 1976, five puppies were scooting around the whelping box. Of the five, two earned championship titles. One of those champions, Ch. Max-Well's Liberty Bell, went on to produce seven champions out of three litters, making her the top brood bitch in the breed at that time. We had only just begun.

I don't really know how many Specialty, Group and Best in Show winners Max-Well has owned or bred. I think, collectively, we have garnered about 115 Bests in Show, over 400 Group Ones, and so on, which for the little dog at the end of the terrier line isn't an easy feat. But does this truly matter? Records are just the 'gravy' for a job well done. And I'll be the first to admit that from the standpoint of wins, none would be possible without the talent and friendship of...
my handler, Susan DePew Kipp, her husband Scott and their two wonderful daughters, Dylan and Devon. They are more than a team; they are part of my family. 

Three of the ten elements that make up AKC’s criteria for consideration are to provide leadership in dog-related community issues; to educate, mentor and guide newcomers in the sport; and to actively participate in AKC events and clubs. Barbara’s services to the NNCTC and The Long Island Kennel Club are numerous and noteworthy, far exceeding such requirements.

There have been many Firsts in Barbara Miller’s dog life. When American prick-ear and drop-ear Norwich separated in 1979, Ch. Max-Well’s O’Henry, owned by Edward Resovsky, became the first American Norfolk champion. Barbara owned the first Norfolk to place in the Westminster Terrier Group (an honor Max-Well has repeated four more times) and owned the first Norfolk bitch to win a Best in Show. Now she is the first recipient of AKC’s Terrier Breeder of the Year.

“A breeding program is like a child”, Barbara once wrote. “You conceive it, give birth to it, protect it, watch it grow, guide it and set up goals. Above all concerns are the happiness and soundness of our Max-Well puppies. Just knowing they are loved and well cared for in their new homes is the greatest satisfaction of all.”

On Saturday evening, January 25, 2003, a group of terrier friends gathered at my house to watch the airing of the AKC Invitational, which would include a segment on the presentation of Breeder of the Year. Despite the frivolity, most of my Norwich were sacked out peacefully around the library until the moment we humans spied a familiar face on the television. Suddenly, every dog looked up as we started to bellow. “Look!” — “Check it out, there’s Barbara!” — “Way to go!” — “Yo, Barbaral” — “You go Girl!”

—Margaretta Wood, NNCTC AKC Delegate, Phoenixville, PA

PHOTOGRAPHING NORFOLK AND NORWICH TERRIERS

Ed.: The beguiling candid photos of Norfolk and Norwich puppies and adults gracing every issue of the News always elicit favorable comments from readers. Below, two talented canine photographers—News subscriber Steven Ambrose and NNCTC member Meg Lockwood—share some tips on how to get that special shot of your little terrier. Beyond photography skills, both Steve and Meg also note the importance of training a dog to obey the “stay” command.—AGF

I began photographing my Norfolk, Dino, even before he came home with me. I admit that some of my best pictures resulted from pure luck. Of course, it didn’t hurt that Dino, like all Norfolk and Norwich, is particularly photogenic. No matter what you do, you’re bound to get some nice shots. However, I’m happy to pass along a few tips I’ve learned.

When...: Good action shots, such as running in the park or chasing a toy at home, can be taken at almost any time of day. For portraits, I recommend trying at the end of the day rather than first thing in the morning or just when you arrive home from work. This is especially true with younger dogs or if you’re trying to photograph more than one dog together. A well-trained “Stay” is also helpful. Sometimes right before I snap the camera, I make a funny noise. I think I get more of a wide-eyed, curious look than I would by simply calling Dino’s name.

Lighting...: Again, at the end of the day, just before the sun sets, is a great time for pictures. The low sun helps to bring out the beautiful tans and rusts of the dog’s coat. Just after sunrise gives the same low sun for lighting, but I’m usually half asleep, and Dino is more interested in having breakfast than in posing! Direct sunlight is fine, but not necessary.... Good lighting can be had outdoors on overcast days, or indoors in a bright room with lots of windows. As you stand to take the picture, be sure the sun is behind you. Though it is true that interesting effects can result from a subject that is “back lit,” colors will appear darker. I think
it's best to avoid using a flash. The flash tends to lighten colors. You can get good pictures with a flash, but often I've noticed that the lighter colors of the coat appear almost white. At night you may have no other option, but I think for that perfect picture natural light during the daytime is best.

**Digital vs. 35mm...** To get a great photo of a Norfolk or Norwich, you have to take a lot of pictures. It is not uncommon for me to take 20 pictures of the same pose and be happy with just one. This is when the digital camera really shines. You can take many shots, see them immediately and then delete the bad ones and start again. It's terrible to get pictures back from the photo shop and think, why didn't I move that ugly newspaper out of the background? With the digital camera you can fix errors like that in the same photo session. If you'd like to email a picture to a friend or use a picture on the web, the digital camera is also advantageous because you can avoid using a scanner and any loss of quality inherent in its use. With a decent color photo printer you can print out just the pictures of your choice with results as good as those from the photo shop. A good 35mm camera can produce pictures of excellent quality. Digital cameras of 4 megapixels of resolution can rival that quality and offer many added conveniences.

**A Picture Is Worth...** You can view pictures of Dino on his website, updated monthly, at [http://www.webwaddle.com/dinosite/](http://www.webwaddle.com/dinosite/). All the pictures prior to the “Bed Portraits” page were taken with a Canon AE-1 35mm camera; all those after were taken with the Canon Powershot G2 digital camera. For excellent reviews and comparisons of digital cameras, see the Digital Camera Resource Page at [http://www.dcresource.com/](http://www.dcresource.com/). Happy Photographing!

—Steven Ambrose, San Francisco, CA

"Dino" on the beach at sunset

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Most of us want to take pictures of our new Norfolk or Norwich puppy or proudly document the accomplishments of our older dogs. Photographing dogs is not too difficult if we take into account some basic hints.

The biggest flaw with most pictures is the background. We see our darling Norfolk or Norwich puppy playing with a toy or a cat and decide we must have a picture. Unfortunately, we are usually in a cluttered room. Objects in the shot such as furniture, windows, feet, blankets, etc., all take the focus away from the cute expression/precious moment we were trying to capture.

Another factor that can affect the quality of the photo is lighting. I like to take many indoor shots with my digital camera. However, what happens when the flash goes off? Our dog's eyes look like aliens; green and red glowing in a cute face. To prevent this, I turn off the on-camera flash. Then, using an “off set” attachment for my flash (a bracket that gets the light away from the lens), I am able to take pictures without the dreaded 'red eye'.

The outdoors is often a good choice for great photos. We have the opportunity to use green grass or bushes as a backdrop, which are quite pleasing to our dogs' black and tan or red coats. Think about the background and then frame the shot with your lens. Then place the pup or dog in the location you desire and shoot away!

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GENERAL INTEREST

Following lunch there was a spontaneous toast to our energetic, talented hostess and then we got down to business—the cutthroat gift exchange. It is a boisterous and lively affair as each member gets to choose a gift from the table or steal someone else's gift. Coveted gifts were hidden when possible, which is strictly against the rules, but there is no lack of whistle blowers in our group. We do our best to enforce compliance. "Hey! Take that out from under your knees! What are you hiding under your jacket? Are you sitting on that dog bed?"

Many new members joined us this year. We had members and guests who drove long distances so as not to miss this rollicking affair—not to mention Jessica’s scrumptious culinary creations. Though this was a people party, three very engaging little Norfolk faces were riveted on the party from the restaurant's beautiful shaded patio. Not once did I see any of them relax their intent vigil, a delightful reminder of our common bond: our unbounded love of our impish, lively and devoted Norfolk and Norwich companions. Do you suppose someone slipped them a treat?

—Donna Briggs, Corte Madera, CA

THE CHESAPEAKE NNTC’S PLANS FOR 2003

August 2002 marked the beginning of the second year of the Chesapeake Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club. At our October meeting, our new Constitution was approved without opposition. During our first year we had several club meetings, held a grooming seminar, a Fun Day that attracted some 80 dogs and their owners, and a luncheon at the NNTC-supported Mattaponi dog show. In December, we had a snowy and exhilarating Earthdog event hosted by Deborah Pritchard at her Virginia home.

As full as our first year was, the second looks as if it will be even better. There are already four big events in the works for 2003. We hope to have our second grooming workshop in March in Columbia, Maryland. On May 17th, we will have our second annual luncheon at the Mattaponi Kennel Club show in Manassas, Virginia, where we will again host the NNCTC supported entry and provide prizes for the regular classes and Sweepstakes. A second Fun Day is scheduled for June 7th, organized by Events Director Donna West. And we are beginning plans for a Conformation Fun Match in August, hosted by Suzanne Orban-Stagle and Ron Readmond at their home on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

Circulation of our newsletter, Ups & Downs, has passed 125, including NNTC members, subscribers, and NNTC officers. After the first four issues, we were joined on the editorial staff by Ami Hooper, who brings with her a talent and creativity that will no doubt give Ups & Downs a national reputation. We are so fortunate to have her on board. Ami, as a Texan, is ineligible to be a NNTC member, but she certainly is a very active subscriber!

Although our membership is restricted to the region of Maryland, Virginia, Washington, DC, Delaware, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, our newsletter goes to subscribers across the country, from New York to California. Anyone interested in subscribing to Ups & Downs (or joining the NNTC) can contact me at pennyroyalnorwich@yahoo.com, and I'll send you further information.

—Robin Siegel, Silver Spring, MD
CNNTC Corresponding Secretary
Editor, Ups & Downs

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A RABIES SCARE

Living in the country in Texas, I always knew the possibility of a rabid animal showing up existed, but I never really thought it would happen to me. In Texas, we are required to give yearly rabies shots (even though we use a 3 year vaccine), and I have always kept my dogs vaccinated.

When I built my home, I installed a doggy door so that the dogs could have access to the fenced yard while I was out. They usually greet me at the back gate, but this day (I had been gone just a couple of hours in the late morning) they were waiting for me inside. When I walked in the door, the odor of skunk greeted me along with my 3 Norfolks and one Airedale. Since my Airedale has a habit of getting a big drink and then "sliming" me with his wet face, I thought nothing of it when he greeted me and just wiped my hands on my jeans. I was more interested in getting the smelly dogs outside and opening some windows to air out the house, so it was a few minutes before I saw the dead skunk in the yard. Since I had been told that a skunk or any nocturnal animal out in the day had a high chance of being rabid, I knew not to touch it. So I used a shovel to pick it up and remove it from the yard. Then I called my vet. She told me to bring in the carcass ASAP so she could preserve the head and send it for rabies testing. I also examined all 4 dogs and, thankfully, found no bite wounds on any of them. I also noted no skunk odor on my 2 oldest Norfolks, so suspected they had remained inside during the kill. Since my Airedale smelled the strongest, I suspected he had made the kill. When my vet examined the dead skunk, she found no bite wounds or signs the dogs had mauled or chewed on it. From the bruising on the skin, she said it appeared a larger dog (the Airedale) had grabbed it by the mid-section and either shook or slung it to kill it. Within 2 days we had the report back; it was positive for rabies. A report is then automatically filed with the Texas Department of Health.

Since my dogs were all vaccinated and none had been bitten, I thought it would just be a matter of filing the report. I quickly learned otherwise! According to guidelines issued by the Texas Department of Health, "Currently vaccinated animals which have been bitten by or otherwise significantly exposed to a rabid animal should be humanely killed. However, if sufficient justification for preserving the animals exists, the animal should be given a booster shot and placed in strict isolation for 45 days." (Animals not current on rabies shots have a 90 day quarantine.) I was told to re-vaccinate all my dogs (except for the youngest Norfolk who had just had his yearly shot a week before) and keep them all quarantined on my property for the 45 days. However, if any of them should start to show signs of aggression (or personality changes), I would have to have them euthanized and tested for rabies.

Even though I was not bitten and never touched the skunk, I did come in contact with my Airedale's wet mouth, which could have been wet with skunk saliva. So even though my chances of being exposed were very slim, it was strongly recommended that I get the rabies shots. Since rabies is fatal and I'm not a gambling person, I decided to have the shots. The human series now consists of 5 shots given in the arm on days 0, 3, 7, 14, and 28, as well as one shot of HRIG (Human Rabies Immune Globulin), which is made from the blood plasmas of well-vaccinated people and is supposed to jump start your immune system. This shot is given in the hip. They recommend the shots be started within 72 hours of exposure, but immediately if you are actually bitten. While some people can have reactions to the shots (rash, fever, muscle aches), I have had no problems so far and I have already had the HRIG and the first 3 shots. These shots cost about $1200 for the entire series.

I have learned a lot from this experience. In Texas, skunks pose the most risk of being rabid, but bats, raccoons, coyotes and foxxes are also in the high-risk group. The incubation period for rabies can be as long as a year. My vet assures me that most animals become sick within 21 days of exposure. So the 45-day quarantine more than covers this time frame. Once an animal shows signs of rabies, they die within 5-6 days. So when a domestic animal bites someone in Texas, that animal is quarantined for 10 days. While the virus is found in a sick animal's saliva, it is not found in other body fluids such as blood, urine, or skunk spray. Finally, I have found that bathing your dog with tomato juice helps to eliminate most of the skunk odor (although there is still a faint odor whenever my Airedale gets wet.) Hopefully, this will be my last experience with rabies, but I am keeping an eye out since the skunk was a half-grown female and could have littermates out there.

—Marleen Greif, Iola, TX
ONE FOR THE AGES: ENG. CH. BIFFIN OF BEAUFIN

Eng. Ch. Biffin of Beaufin

This issue’s “pages from the past” feature pedigrees of America’s first drop and prick ear Norwich champions, birches and dogs. Reprinted from the “Historic Pedigrees” section (p. 150) of the 1967 edition of Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966, three of these four early “family trees” document the influence on both ear types of an English dog named Ch. Biffin of Beaufin. Biffin was the sire of Ch. Merry of Beaufin, America’s first Norwich champion and America’s first drop ear champion bitch. He was also the grandsire of Ch. Rachel, America’s first prick ear champion bitch, and Ch. Colonsay Allkiff, America’s first drop ear champion male.

Who was this 1930’s canine counterpart to the famed Don Juan? Ch. Biffin of Beaufin, bred by the Hon. Mrs. Richard Hoare of London, was whelped on May 31, 1932, the same year The Kennel Club recognized the Norwich Terrier as an official breed. A rich red, harsh-coated dog with dark eyes, heavy bone and “erratic” ear carriage (some sources indicate his ears may have been weighted to make them drop), Biffin was owned by Mrs. Evelyn Mainwaring of Staffordshire. He became England’s first Norwich Terrier champion on November 7, 1935.

While traveling in England in the fall of 1935, well-known American handler and all-around judge Percy Roberts saw and much admired this “outstanding Norwich.” Charged with finding an in-whelp, drop ear Norwich bitch for his friend Henry Bixby of Long Island, NY, Mr. Roberts visited Biffin’s owners and came home instead with two 3-month-old puppies, a dog and a bitch. The
male, Mark of Beaufin, grew to be a rather large fellow with one prick and one drop ear and was never shown. The bitch, Merry of Beaufin, was of correct size, outgoing personality, and had two drop ears of correct carriage. Merry was Best of Breed at Westminster in 1938, earned her championship in 1939, and became the foundation bitch for Henry Bixby's line of "Pinch" drop ears.

Biffin's prick ear granddaughter, Rachel, was bred by Mr. W. E. West of East Farndon near Market Harborough, Leicestershire. Mr. West's Farndon stock, which included England's first prick ear Norwich champion and prepotent sire, Ch. Farndon Red Dog, was descended from Frank (Roughrider) Jones' terriers. Mrs. Robert Winthrop (later Mrs. Theodora A. Randolph), whose original kennel prefix was Grotto, then Halfway, and, lastly, Oakley, brought Rachel to America in 1939. Sired by Red Pepper, Biffin's most influential prick ear son, Rachel earned her championship in 1939 and was Best of Breed at Westminster in 1940.

Biffin's drop ear grandson, the black and tan Colonsay Allkiff, was sired by Biffin's most influential drop ear son, Tiny Tim of Biffin. Tiny Tim was the foundation sire for Miss Marion Sheila Scott Macie's Colonsay drop ears, whose dogs are behind so many of today's English and American Norfolk Terriers. Colonsay Allkiff and his litter sister, Colonsay Allcano, were imported to America by Welsh Terrier breeder Miss Jean Hinkle in 1938. Colonsay Allcano became the foundation bitch for Miss Hinkle's Port Fortune drop ears.

As the second page of "Historic Pedigrees" (p. 148) documents, Ch. Biffin of Beaufin's influence on both ear styles carried on through leading American-bred sires Ch. John Paul Jones of Grotto and Ch. Tuff, CD. A trans-Atlantic salute to this influential English Norwich and Norfolk ancestor!

—Alison Freehling, Versailles, KY

Author's note: Sources for this article's text and photographs include the Norwich Terrier 1974 Pedigree Book and Club Trophy Records (compiled by Joan Redmond Read), Norwich and Norfolk Pedigrees Plus (1978, compiled by Joan Redmond Read), and Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966 (1967 edition).
## Pedigrees

**1930 THE FIRST AMERICAN CHAMPION AND THE FIRST AMERICAN DROP EAR CHAMPION (CH).**
*CH. MERRY OF BEAUFUN—8-26 Aug. 1935.*
Breeder—Mrs. E. Malvering.  
Owner—Mr. H. D. Bixby.  
- **Klein**  
  - Ky  
  - Pol  
  - Mustard  
  - Pen  
- **CH. BEAUFUN OF BEAUFUN**  
  - Gyp  
  - Pepper  
  - Midge  
- **Babbling Binks**  
  - Crumper  
  - Ginos  
  - Pepper  
  - Dinos  
  - Vanity  
  - Whiz  
- **SUSAN**  
  - Nonne  
  - Jack  
  - Nestle  
  - Jack  
  - Nell

**1939 THE FIRST AMERICAN PRICK EAR CHAMPION (CH).**
*CH. SACURI—8-18 May 1939.*
Breeder—Mr. W. E. West.  
Owner—Mrs. A. Randolph.  
- **Ch. Biffin of Desmyn**  
  - Klein  
  - Pol  
  - Pepper  
  - Midge
- **IAP, RED PEPPER**  
  - Neebley Bridge  
  - Horsted Nick  
  - Stamp  
  - Jacklew  
  - Pol
- **Ch. Ferndon Red Dog**  
  - Too Fresh  
  - Trumpington Triune  
  - Hot Stuff  
  - Nestle

**1939 THE FIRST AMERICAN PRICK EAR CHAMPION DOG.**
*CH. APPLE ADZE—8-1939.*
Breeder—Mrs. McLean.  
Owner—Mrs. A. Randolph.  
- **Tabby**  
  - Rufus  
  - Pepper  
  - Binos
- **ARMAN'S SAM BROWN**  
  - Neebley Toffee  
  - Horsted Nick  
  - Horsted Swamp  
  - Jacklew  
  - Pol
- **CH. FERDON Red Dog**  
  - Too Fresh  
  - Trumpington Triune  
  - Hot Stuff  
  - Nestle

**1940 THE FIRST AMERICAN DROP EAR CHAMPION DOG. BLACK & TAN.**
*CH. COLONSAY ALCROM—8-17 June 1940.*
Breeder—Miss M. S. S. Mistletoe.  
Owner—Miss J. Hinkle.  
- **CH. Biffin of Desmyn**  
  - Klein  
  - Ky  
  - Pol  
  - Pepper  
  - Midge
- **TINY TIM OF BIFIN**  
  - Carr  
  - Jack  
  - Pol  
  - Babbling Binks  
  - Tut Tur
- **Little Jane of Biffin**  
  - Susan  
  - Klein  
  - Ky  
  - Pol  
  - Pepper  
  - Midge
- **KLEEMOUNT Jack**  
  - Gyp  
  - Airman's Sam Browne
- **KLEEMOUNT Pip**  
  - Kleinmont Dumpy  
  - Airman's Storm

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THE VINTAGE YEAR — 1943

CH. JOHN PAUL JONES OF GROTON and CH. TUFF C.D. whelped in 1943, proved to be two outstanding and prolific American-bred Stud Dogs. Both had a profound influence on the size and character of their get. While most of today’s prick ear Norwich born North of the Mason-Dixon Line claim John Paul Jones as their forebear, his drop ear contemporary, Ch. Tuff a power at River Bend, perpetuated his type through Bethways, Newry and Castle Point.

CHAMPION JOHN PAUL JONES OF GROTON

CH. JOHN PAUL JONES OF GROTON—D—6 May 1943.
Owner—Mr. A. Blodget. Breeder—Mrs. T. Randolph.

Airman’s Sem Brown

CH. APPLE JACK

Vim

Ch. Victor

ROSA OF GROTON

Ch. Racheel

Tabit

Refus

Nuttall Muck

Nuttall Lunc

Nechley Toffee

Tabbyton Too Fresh

Cinders Jill

Ch. Farnon Red Dog

Vixen

Jill

Vixen

Pepper

Red Pepper

Red Mist

Biffin of Beauf

Nechley Berk

Farnon Red Dog

Jill

CHAMPION TUFF C.D.


Trump of Borted

Rufus

Muffin

Midge

Colonel Berry

Snuff

Tassel of Borted

Sneeze

Witherslack Sport

Tiny Tim of Biffin

LITTLE JANE

Tassel of Borted

Tabbyton Too Fresh

Ch. Biffin of Beauf

Nechley Toffee

Ch. Biffin of Beauf

Nechley Toffee

Biffin of Beauf

Nechley Berk

Farnon Red Dog

Jill

Susan
SO, HOW DOES YOUR NORWICH MOVE?

Which of the following best describes correct Norwich Terrier movement?

A. The legs moving parallel, extending forward, showing great powers of propulsion. Good rear angulation with a true, yet driving movement. The forelegs move freely with feet and elbows the same distance apart, converging slightly with increased pace. Hind legs follow in the track of the forelegs, flexing well at the stifle and hock. The topline remains level.

B. Correct gait is double tracking with reach and drive; the action is unrestrained, free and vigorous.

If you answered “A,” you know your Norwich standard . . . but, can you translate the written word into flesh? “B” is from the Standard of the French Bulldog, but, unfortunately, better describes the overwhelming majority of movement in the Norwich ring today. If you can see the back legs coming at you through the front legs, this is very incorrect Norwich movement and should be penalized by both judges and breeders alike.

Over the last years breeders have done a wonderful job upgrading the quality of Norwich Terriers. No longer do we see a great range of type. Breeders have made them typier and they have made them prettier, but correct movement has been left out of the mix. A Norwich Terrier must present a complete picture in the ring. Does he/she look like a Norwich Terrier (correct type)? Does he/she act like a Norwich, standing its ground, but never quarrelsome (correct temperament)? Does he/she move as a Norwich should (correct movement)? Until breeders can answer “yes” to all three questions, they have fallen short of what should be every breeder’s goal . . . to breed the complete package.

—Carol Suggs, Half-A-Bob Norwich, Freeport, IL

NORFOLK TERRIERS AT HATBORO AND DEVON 2002

Terrier fans from around the world flock to Montgomery the first weekend in October. I chatted with friends from Japan, Wales, England, Switzerland, Sweden and Germany to name but a few countries. There is an excitement about these four shows that can’t be matched by any other show weekend we attend. It’s at these shows, especially Montgomery itself, where all the top terriers converge. It’s here we see the cream of the crop and the youngsters who hopefully will mature into next year’s top terriers.

Weather is always on everyone’s mind. Those traveling from far usually telephone friends in the east to find out what the weatherman is predicting. This year we had heat and humidity for Hatboro 1, cool and drizzles for Hatboro 2, warm weather again for Devon and, on the big day, the most fantastic weather possible. The first three dog shows are open to all breeds, with terriers being predominant in numbers. At Montgomery, it is strictly terrier time. Welshman Andrew Brace and fellow NNTC member Louise Leone were my traveling partners to Pennsylvania. Along the way, we noticed the leaves on the trees were very green. It didn’t feel like autumn, but there was still an excitement between us as we chatted about the coming shows.

Californian Mrs. Judith Daniels, a past president of the American Kennel Club, was the breed judge at Thursday’s Hatboro 1 show. She had an entry of forty-eight Norfolks with nine absences. Winners Dog was awarded to Capricornos One Potato, bred by Catherine Cargo, Gaynor Green and Jim and Marge McTernan and owned by Cargo, the McTernans and Pam Beale. An assistant showed the dog in the 12-18 months class for a four-point major, but handler Larry Cornelius made
it to the final round, earning “Potato” Best of Winners. Ten-year-old Dylan Kipp, who qualified to exhibit at Westminster 2003 in Junior Handling, piloted Max-Well’s Red Devil to the Reserve Winners Dog position. Red Devil is owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. Woodlands Pea in a Pod walked away with a five-point major and the Winners Bitch ribbon, making handler Judi Hartell as happy as could be but not quite as thrilled as breeder/owner Carl Schrader. “Pea” is sired by Woodlands Bear Essentials out of Bancroft’s Hunstanton Light. The Reserve Winners Bitch ribbon went to Madeline At Glendale, bred and owned by Linda Haring and handled by Allison Sunderman. Carl Schrader, along with his wife Faith, did it again as breeders of Ch. Bancroft’s Wild Irish Rose. Handler Jeanne Johnston accepted the Best of Opposite Sex ribbon for “Rose’s” owner, Gail Owens. Ch. Buckeye Deerparker Alexander is Rose’s sire, her dam is Ch. Max-Well’s Wild Flower CDX, NAJ, OA, ME. “Wild Flower,” known as “Rosebud,” has more titles after her name than most! She excels in obedience, agility and as an earthdog. Ch. Yarrow’s Venerie Valor, with co-breeder/co-owner Beth Sweigart at the helm, took home the Best of Breed ribbon. John and Pam Beale are the other co-breeders/co-owners. Ch. Max-Well’s Spring Into Action is Valor’s sire; his dam is Ch. Yarrow’s Lady in Red. Valor is one of the Norfolk at the top of the heap in the point schedule. He’s earned numerous Terrier Group Wins and is a multiple Best in Show dog.

Thursday evening a Norwich and Norfolk breed seminar was held at the NNTC host hotel in Bensalem. Louise Leone introduced me as the Norfolk host and Linda Haring as the Norwich host. The room was filled with Norfolk and Norwich owners, breeders and exhibitors interested in hearing what we had to say about these two wonderful breeds. Unfortunately, not one person in the room planned to apply for an AKC judge’s license. Nonetheless, those in attendance appreciated our efforts. Anne Rogers Clark once told me when doing a seminar to bring the best breed specimen you can. Obviously it is important to have a dog that exemplifies the standard and that is in proper coat and trim.

Friday’s Hatboro 2 show brought cool weather and light rain, so we were all thankful our ring was indoors. Daniel Augustus had an entry of sixty with 19 absences. Heidi and Connery Cole, owners of Copperplate Lord Byron, I’m sure were pleased when their 11-month-old went Winners Dog for a four-point major. Larry Cornelius handled “Byron” for Best of Winners. Michael LaBrie, Fran Sunseri and Robert LaRouech bred “Byron.” He is sired by Ch. The Duke of Copperplate, who in turn is sired by Ch. Nanfan Culver out of Ch. Nanfan Christmas Joy. “Byron’s” dam is Ch. Copperplate Audrey, owned by Robert LaRouech. “Audrey” is sired by Ch. Nanfan Coughdrop. For those new to the breed, Joy Taylor is the Nanfan breeder in England. Ch. The Duke of Copperplate, as many of you know, was the Best in Show winner at Montgomery in 1999. Mr. Augustus pointed to Peter Green and the English import Cracknor Casing the Joint for the Reserve Winners Dog ribbon. Elisabeth Matell is the dog’s breeder. John and Pam Beale and Beth Sweigart are co-owners of “Casing the Joint.” The Winners Bitch ribbon went to breeders/owners Tony Gabrielli, Wayne Palmer and Joan Eckert and their Abbedale’s Betsy Trotwood O’Domby, handled by Jody Paquette. “Betsy” was the judge’s choice for the Best of Opposite award too. At the 2001 Devon show, Betsy’s sire, Ch. Abbedale’s Diamond Jim Brady, owned and bred by Joan Eckert, was Winners Dog. “Betsy’s” dam is Ch. Domby’s Miss Clara Peggory. Elinor Cahn’s Nanfan Compass, piloted by Roxanne Stamm, went Reserve Winners Bitch. “Compass” is an import from the Nanfan kennel in England. Breeders Tony Gabrielli and Wayne Palmer were having a good day as Ch. Domby’s Oliver Twist II took home the Best of Breed ribbon. Jody Paquette handled “Oliver” to perfection for Canadian owners Peter and Linda Dowdle. “Oliver” is a Best in Show winner in Canada and the number one Norfolk Terrier in that country.

The annual NNTC members’ meeting was held at the host hotel. The club provided a lovely buffet table of hors d’oeuvres to snack on prior to the meeting. Outgoing president Ellen Lucas introduced Andrew Kramer, the Norfolk health chair, who spoke about heart difficulties in the breed. Old business brought to an end, Ellen introduced the new NNTC president, Joan Kefeli.
Joan asked members to stay a bit longer as she wanted to tell us how she would handle the presidency. She informed us that anyone wanting to reach her could do so, offering suggestions at any time. I'm sure she has changes she'd like to make as for the various committee chairs. It is her right to do so with the approval of the board. Joan is a strong-willed woman who certainly knows her way around the dog show world. Hopefully under her watch, we will soon have an illustrated standard for both breeds. Considering we live in the computer and digital world, our focus should be towards those illustrations. Obviously the illustrations should be of generic dogs. Good luck Joan!

Harry O'Donoghue from Ireland, who has previously judged at Devon, most recently in 2000 and Norfolk in 1999, once again served as the judge of the day, having an entry of sixty-three Norfolk with twelve absent. The judge's selection for Winners Dog came from the Open Class with Cracknor Casing the Joint, handled by Beth Sweigart, earning a four-point major. Elisabeth Matell, his Swedish-born breeder who resides in England, imported the German dog, Allright Big Game, who is the sire of “Casing the Joint.” The dam is Cracknor Clarion Call. The Reserve Winners Dog ribbon went to Max-Well’s Red Devil, handled by Susan Kipp. Ch. Yarrow’s Venerie Valor was the judge's choice for the Best of Opposite Sex ribbon. The English bitch, Cracknor Cause Celebre, took the Best of Breed ribbon from the classes, as well as the Winners Bitch and Best of Winners ribbons for a five-point major. It takes twenty-five Norfolk bitches in Pennsylvania to earn those five points, quite an accomplishment for this lovely bitch! Mr. O’Donoghue gave Awards of Merit to Ch. Max-Well’s Rainman, owned by Paul Schulz, Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp, and to the Swedish import Ch. Nordach Tiga Gold, owned by Torie Steele and John and Pam Beale.

Anyone who has attended Montgomery knows getting there early is a must if you want good parking. Louise and I arrived on the grounds while it was still dark. We set our chairs next to the Norwich and Norfolk rings and headed for the coffee truck. Along the way it was kisses and hugs to all our old friends. The excitement in the air is generated by those who are Montgomery, such as show chairman Dr. Josephine Duebler, President Walter Goodman and grounds chairman Jim McTernan. Their hard work pays off as this is always a well-organized and well-run show. As soon as the catalog sales were announced, the line for purchasing snake well beyond the hospitality and luncheon tent.

Sweepstakes judge for Norfolk was NNTC member and California breeder (“Mayfair”) Kathleen Eimil. Mr. Kenneth McDermott from New York State judged an entry of 80 Norfolk in the regular classes, with fourteen absent. Mr. McDermott, in my opinion, knows the breeds he judges. There is no guesswork with him. We all thank him for the splendid job he did in our breed. (Ed.: See Mr. McDermott’s critique for Norfolk winners at Montgomery). It was a wonderful day.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

**NORWICH AT HATBORO, HATBORO AND DEVON 2002**

Once the ads are taken out and reservations and entries made, the next big unknown is the weather and, consequently, what to pack. NNTC member Robin Siegel advised: “light show outfit with warm jacket, warm show outfit, raincoat, show shoes, mud shoes, dog fans, dog jackets, sun shades, fleecy beds…all I’m leaving at home are bathing suits and flip flops!” Of course this year with the new NNTC venue at the Holiday Inn Select (which has a pool), bathing suits and flip flops wouldn’t have been out of order either. And while the weather gods failed to smile on Friday’s NNTC-sponsored agility trials, they were out for most of the time during the conformation events.

Thursday’s Hatboro judge, Bert Tormey, had 38 class entries and 27 specials. His pick for Winners Dog, Yarrow’s The Hobbit, came from the Puppy 9-12 months class. “Frodo” (Ch. Sandina Sandman x Ch. Yarrow’s Firefly) was bred and handled by Beth Sweigart and is owned by
Dr. Martin F. Rekow. Reserve went to Jan Celba’s import Jaeva Stand and Deliver (Jaeva The Magician x Tweedsmere Little Polyana), bred by English breeder Martin Phillips and handled by Garry Mason of Glenhafod Norwich on his first visit to Montgomery and to America from Wales. Winners Bitch was Highwood’s Upsalquich Lady (Ch. Highwood’s Parachute Adams x Ch. Highwood’s Shady Lady), bred by Knowlton Reynolds, owned by Heidi Ann Luhman and Knowlton Reynolds, and handled by Beth Swiegart. RWB went to Huntwood’s Let Em Know (Ch. Huntwood’s Braveheart x Ch. Huntwood’s Let’Em Talk), bred by Susie Kipp and owned by Ronald Readman and Suzanne Orban-Stagle. BOB went to Ch. Piccadilly’s Proud Mary (Ch. Piccadilly Call Me Billy Bob x Piccadilly Suzanne Que), bred and owned by George Besbekis. BOW was Yarrow’s The Hobbit and BOS went to Ch. Ariel’s Red Alert (Ch. Ariel Oliver x Ch. Ariel Fleur L’Orange), bred by Fraya Karz, owned by Treva Faires, and handled by Correy B. Krickeberg.

Friday’s Hatboro show saw a slight increase in entries. Judge Marcia Foy was kept busy with 19 class dogs, 25 class bitches, and 24 specials, plus one veteran dog and 3 braces. Judge Foy was kind enough to forward her comments:

I was impressed with the class dogs and bitches in all the classes and I really had some wonderful Specials. My BOB went to the bitch, Ch. Sandina Sweet Potato (Ch. Fairewood Fireworks of Sandina x Ch. Chidley Catherine The Great), bred and owned by Sandina Kennels and handled by Peter Green. BOS to Ch. Huntwood’s First Knight (Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood’s Sweet Dream), bred by Susie Kipp and T. Davis and owned by Paul V. Schultz, Susie Kipp and Edward Carney. Winners Dog was Rubicon’s Simply Southern (Ch. Fairway’s Spy Glass Charlie x Ch. Rubicon’s Southern Charm), bred and owned by Sandra Campbell and Pamela Rubinstein. The WB was Moonshadow Belle of the Ball, who was also BOW. However, her win was cancelled as the wrong bitch had been shown. The Reserve and finally WB was Dunbar’s Reddi to Wear (Ch. Country Boy Fat Albert x Ch. Dunbar’s Reddi for Takeoff), bred and owned by Joan Schurr Kefeli. This just shows how important the Reserve win can be, as this was a 5-point major that the Reserve picked up. My thanks to everyone for bringing their lovely dogs for me to judge. —Marcia Foy

Devon Day dawned clear and bright. Judge Andrew Brace, a visitor from Gwent, Wales, had his choice from 22 class dogs, 31 class bitches, and 26 specials. He too was kind enough to furnish his comments to News readers:

I was honoured, delighted and somewhat surprised when the invitation from Mrs. Alan Robson arrived, asking if I would judge Norwich at Devon 2002. Knowing that Montgomery weekend terrier entries were unusually strong, it was an assignment that excited me, especially as a non-specialist judge of the breed.

There were 97 Norwich entered and the absentee rate was low. The Specials class contained 27 Champions plus the two Winners. That in itself would be more than the entire breed can muster at some of our Championship shows, so it was one of those entries that you could really get your teeth into.

I found the overall quality of the dogs shown to be most impressive. Basic type and shape were good and movement was well above average, given that Norwich have never been renowned for great fronts. Some mouths could have been tidier, and I found a number of dogs (especially in the younger male classes) to be rather long and narrow in foreface, which instantly takes away from that intrinsic Norwich “look.” That apart, I had some excellent dogs and at no time felt I was giving ribbons to unworthy dogs. Indeed, the competition for both Winners Dog and Winners Bitch was tough. It was interesting to discover that both WD and WB came from the Bred-By class and were, as I understand it, owner-handled, which says a lot for the quality in the breed in the USA. The male, a wheaten Fairways Cat N The Hat, appealed greatly for his overall type and shape, his “chunkiness” and his excellent angles both fore and aft. He was in great shape and although he didn’t always project
himself as forcibly as some, he had a very sensible attitude and looked the part. **Winners Bitch** and **BOW, Barkwich Royal Heart**, was a real honey. I loved her from first sight—a black and tan with a beautiful head and expression; her outline never faltered; she was great to go over on the table; and she had a wonderfully outgoing character. Both of these dogs would be big winners in the UK, of that there is no doubt.

When it came to Specials, with 29 dogs milling around in the ring, I figured this was going to take some sorting out, as there were no "rejects" apparent at first glance. I was trying to organize my ring and my head! I made a select group at the top of the line, trying to keep those dogs who tabled well and didn't disappoint on the move pretty much together. I really was spoilt for choice—an old cliché, I know, but in this instance very much the truth. "Discards" were given further go-arounds just to make sure I hadn't missed anything. A front runner from the outset and ultimately my **Best of Breed** was the glorious red bitch **Ch. Sandina Sweet Potato**, brimful of feminine charm, but giving away nothing in type; it was her front action that I remember most as she was so clean coming on, and drove away equally impressively. She was neat-jacketed without looking in any way fluffy or over-coated, and everything about her seemed to fit. She did everything her handler and I asked of her, and looked a real little working terrier with a touch of class. The male who ended up as **Best of Opposite Sex** was **Ch. Huntswoods First Knight**, who took some finding as on the first go-around he wasn’t quite as poised as some; but on the table he handled so well, quite free of exaggeration and a big dog in a small package. He had the type I liked, was decidedly male without being in any way chunky, and on the individual gaiting he began to grow on me. Sometimes it is all too easy to subconsciously dismiss a dog handled by a young child; but the young girl who handled First Knight did an excellent job, very understated in every way. So it came as no great surprise to discover afterwards that she was the daughter of Susan and Scott Kipp—a good pedigree! After endless movement, I finally decided on these two for the Breed and Opposite.

This was one of the most memorable breed assignments I have had in the States and I enjoyed every minute of it. I was a little amused afterwards to be approached by several exhibitors and ringsiders who commented on my "courage" at using owner-handled Bred By dogs for both Winners when there were so many professionals and acquaintances in contention. I was always taught that we are in the middle of the ring to judge the dogs and nothing else, and that was what I endeavoured to do.

My thanks go to all the Norwich exhibitors for bringing so many excellent dogs to me. Several who did not fare too well will have many better days in different competition, and I wish you all success in the future. —Andrew H. Brace

—Leandra (Lee) Little, Weehawken, NJ

*Future champion?*
NNTC President Joan Kefeli (Dunbar) and Norwich breeder George Besbekis (Piccadilly)

L. to r.: Norfolk breeders Betsey Bliss (Sheer Bliss), Carol Falk (Ben Kelev) and Mary Ellen Wigmore

NNTC Norfolk Health Chair Andrew Kramer (Mercator), NNTC Governor Brenda Coleman (standing/Strathcona) and Norfolk breeder Vallie Beckwith (Sandpiper)

(L. to r.): NNTC AKC Delegate Missy Wood (Terrapin) and Honorary NNTC Member Lu Matteson

(L. to r.): Norwich breeders Jean Bryant (Fairway), Helene Gisin of Switzerland (Little Tramont) and Anna Bellenger (Devondale)

(L. to r.): Norfolk breeders Elisabeth Matell (Cracknor, U.K.), Joan Church (Churchwood) and Pam Beale (Venerie)

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NORFOLK TERRIER SWEEPSTAKES
AT THE 2002 MONTGOMERY SPECIALTY

Judge Kathleen Eimil’s Critique

With much anticipation, Sunday, October 6, 2002 had arrived. My assignment was to judge an entry of 35 Norfolks in Sweepstakes at the NNCTC National Specialty. It was a beautiful fall day for Montgomery County KC, and we were on our way at 11 a.m. I will limit my comments to the first and second placements in each class, with an overall impression at the end of the critique.

Dogs

• Puppy, 6-9 months: 1. Capricorns Make Me An Offer at Venerie. A handsome puppy in good condition and showing well. 2. Sheer Bliss Spell O’Ben Kelev. Attractive head. Could have been in better coat.
• Junior Dogs, 12-18 months: 1. Capricorns One Potato. A dog of good size and balance. Attractive head with a small, dark eye and correct ear placement. Strong rear and front and showing in good coat and condition. Well deserving of the first place ribbon and a strong contender for the top prize. 2. Abbedale’s Tristan At Dralion. A handsome, well-balanced black and tan in good condition and moving with drive around the ring. A level topline.

Bitches

• Puppy, 6-9 months: 1. Max-Welle’s Starburst. A very lovely young bitch of correct proportion, level topline, moved well. She was in good coat and was extremely showy for her handler. 2. Ben Kelev’s Gem O’Sheer Bliss. Attractive youngster, showed well.
• Puppy, 9-12 months: 1. Avalon’s Captive Charisma. Moved well and showed confidently for her handler.
• Junior Bitches, 12-18 months: 1. Mercator Plum Pudding. A very attractive bitch of good size and substance. She is well balanced and moved with good reach and drive. Broad skull; correct ear placement; small, dark eye. Strong muzzle with correct proportion to occiput. 2. Jufeld’s Queen Bee. A bitch, very similar in type to #1, who pushed hard for the first ribbon. A lovely head and expression, but she let down and would not show to full advantage.

When the class winners came back in the ring, I thought their owners and breeders should be very proud. They all could have walked away with the top ribbon, but it was up to me to narrow the field.

Best in Sweepstakes went to Copperplate Lord Byron, bred by Michael Labrie, Robert La Roueuch and Fran Sunseri and owned by Heidi and Connery Cole. This young dog never let down and displayed his virtues with confidence and style. He came the closest to matching the Standard, and I will look for him in the ring in the future. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes was Mercator Plum Pudding, bred by Andrew Kramer and owned by Jim and Sue O’Brien. This bitch displayed soundness and type and should pass these traits to future generations. She is a definite asset to a breeding program.

Overall Impressions

I found the quality of the exhibits very high. Mouths for the most part were correct with only a very few displaying some crowded teeth. One or two had a level bite. Movement was very good with strong rears, correct fronts and good reach and drive overall. Temperaments were excellent with no aggression or extreme shyness. Exhibits showed a confidence beyond their age.
The one concern I found on several exhibits was a **light eye**. This spoils the overall expression, giving the dog a menacing look. Another exhibit, while possessing a dark eye, had a fuller eye than is correct. And one had a slightly longer ear, which distracted from an otherwise attractive head.

I wish to thank the NNTC for inviting me to judge and the exhibitors who accepted my decisions with good sportsmanship. This was a wonderful experience and one I will always remember. A thank you too to Sue Ely, who gave me a special club medallion belonging to the late Norfolk breeder Anne Winston (Mt. Paul) right before my judging assignment. I have a feeling that Mrs. Winston was watching Ring 15, where all the Norfolk activity was taking place.

—Kathleen Eimil, Mayfair Norfolk Terriers, San Francisco, CA

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**NORWICH SWEEPS... SORRY, FOLKS!**

Judge Betty Bossio’s Sweeps notes are buried deep in moving boxes, so she was not able to send a critique to the *News*. In lieu of her critique, I can only report that from an entry of 54 Norwich (22-32) in the regular Sweeps classes, **Yarrow’s The Hobbit** (Ch. Sandina Sandman x Ch. Yarrow’s Firefly), winner of the 9-12 months Puppy Dogs class, was **Best in Sweepstakes**. This young male was bred by Beth Sweigart and is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Rekow of Flint Hill, Virginia. **Best of Opposite Sex** went to the 6-9 months Puppy Bitch class winner, **Huntwood’s Let’em Be Redcoat** (Ch. Huntwood’s Braveheart x Huntwood’s Let’em Talk), bred by Susan Kipp and owned by Susan Kipp and Paul Schultz. —AGF

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**NORFOLKS AT THE 2002 MONTGOMERY SPECIALTY**

Judge Kenneth McDermott’s Critique

Without doubt the Montgomery County Kennel Club annual gathering of the Terrier clans is THE greatest dog show in the world! In 1961 I attended my first Montgomery County show and, in the interim years, I have only missed it twice: the year we were married and the year the Pope came to NY and celebrated Mass in Central Park. Through the years I have been privileged to judge at Montgomery on more than fifteen occasions. Every one of those occasions has been a great honor, and this year was no exception. Let me offer my sincere thanks to the members of the Norwich and
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Norfolk Terrier Club for entrusting to me the responsibility of judging Norfolk Terriers at this year's Montgomery show—YOUR National Specialty.

When the judging schedule arrived showing an entry of eighty Norfolks in the regular classes, the excitement of anticipation began. It continued right up until I got to enter the ring on that beautiful October 6th day. As class after class was presented, I continued to work on finding those Norfolks which fit the "template" established and honed in my mind, based on your Standard for the breed and also my years of experience with them. A note of caution: watch heads and also watch overall proportions. The forehead needs to have strength and room for full dentition, and the skulls "lightly" round and with good width between the ears. There is a delicate balance to be maintained here in order to preserve the Norfolk as a useful hunter without becoming either too large or too delicate while preserving its signature expression and outline. Not an easy job, I realize, but one worth the effort for the benefit of continuing this charming breed.

Winners Dog was awarded to the 12-18 months class winner, Capricorns One Potato (Ch. Yarrow's Veneric Valor x Ch. Greenfield's Forever Amber), who was an easy winner due to his excellent breed type and, though still a youngster, exudes all the essentials to become an influential force in the future.

Reserve Winners Dog went to the Bred-by-Exhibitor class winner, Glenelg Teddy Terrific (Ch. Allright American Dream x Ch. Glenelg Grazie SE). Strong in type, in good working condition, and carrying a beautiful jacket, he was a worthy winner here as well.

The Winners Bitch crown fell to the Bred-by-Exhibitor class winner, Glenelg Georgie Girl (Ch. Allright American Dream x Ch. Glenelg Grazie SE), a bitch with all of the quality one would hope to be able to produce. Her breeder (Deborah Pritchard) can be rightfully proud of this fine Miss. She, too, was in excellent coat and strong working condition and is a littermate to my RWD. Reserve Winners Bitch to Sandpiper's Windchase (Ch. Gambit's First Knight At Avalon x Ch. Sandpiper's Windjoy), who was carried to this win by her proper balance and free movement.

The lovely site of the Best of Breed competition, with each of the competitors AND their presenters in their autumnal best, had to have brought looks of admiration from the great number of spectators as it did this grateful judge! As each was presented, evaluated, gated and admired, the excitement inside AND outside the ring grew. Further and closer examination narrowed the field to a select few. In the end, Best of Breed went to the incredibly beautiful bitch, Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (Richell Claret x Hatchwood's Madrigal). Shown in the catalogue as a class entry, she had moved up for this show. Now here was a Norfolk that in every way "filled my eye". She was balanced, in field working condition, with the most incredible coat you can imagine, strong of forehead and with a lovely expression. THEN, to top it all off, she moved to perfection both coming and going. As this was the first time I had ever seen or heard of her, I was most anxious to hear how she had been bred. It came as little surprise to hear that she came from Elisabeth Matell's famous Cracknor Kennels in England, which has produced so many correct Norfolk over the years.

In the Best of Opposite Sex competition there were several males contending, but the honor and award was presented to Ch. Domby's Oliver Twist II (Ch. Abbedale's Ruddle Ridge Penn x Ch. Domby's Sissy Jupe), a visitor from our friends in Ontario, Canada. Here was a dog that was the perfect marriage partner for my BOB. He is a dog with beautiful balance, an unwaveringly perfect topline and very proper head and expression. Every time I came to him, his excellence screamed "TYPE". He would not be denied and neither should he have been.

Best of Winners owing to her extra maturity and excellent condition went to the Winners Bitch, Glenelg Georgie Girl.

Awards of Merit were presented to the following based on their overall outstanding breed excellence. In no particular order they were Ch. Max-Well's Rainman (Ch. Max-Well's Sporting Chance x Ch. Max-Well's Summer Storm), Ch. Mercator Point to Point (Ch. Ruddle Ridge Nelson's Victory x Ch. Glenelg Piacere), Ch. Nordach Tiga Gold (Ch. Jaeva Dutch Gold x Nordach I'm Zara Womble), and the very young WD, Capricorns One Potato (see WD).
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Again my thanks for this unique privilege and also for the thoughtful AND useful gift of the silver letter-opener. It is much appreciated and has already been put into service.

With all best wishes for a great and rewarding future with your charming breed, I am, Sincerely,

—Kenneth M. McDermott, Newburgh, NY

NORWICH AT THE 2002 MONTGOMERY SPECIALTY

Judge Jerry Roszman’s Critique

I would like to thank the NNCTC membership, Officers and Board for inviting me to judge the 2002 Norwich National Specialty at Montgomery County KC on October 6. It was an honor and a real thrill. The day was gorgeous; we were smiled on from above. The ring was spacious, and the strip of macadam through the center made a wonderful stage to show our little dogs. This was a wonderful asset to evaluate movement, balance and proportion, and not to lose the dogs in the tall grass, nor have them distracted and bouncing about in the grass.

I would like to personally thank my stewards on the day, Cindy Vogels and Madison Weeks, both Norwich breeders and judges. They made my day a real joy. I did not have to concern myself with anything but judging the dogs; they handled everything else. Madison kept the classes moving smoothly, and Cindy always had everything at hand as I needed. Thank you both, it was my pleasure.

The entry (136) was awesome and, as a result, I had the numbers and quality in most classes to select those dogs I felt most portrayed the Standard as I view it. Each of my class winners, and often through the placements, was a fine example of Norwich type with strong head type, typical Norwich body, good balance and proportion, strong sure movement, and temperament. The dogs were neat and tidy and, for the most part, very well shown and presented. A few “new” people did themselves proud and showed their charges well.

Having said all that, let me add some comments of concern. I have watched over the last few years a steady loss of correct head type occurring around the country. Norwich are losing the broad, slightly rounded skulls, strong wedge-shaped muzzles, ears set well apart, etc. I had a truly disturbing number of little dogs shown to me devoid of any correct breed type! They had rectangular, flat back skulls and ears coming straight out the top of their skulls. Creative grooming with mousse and fluffing cannot correct this lack of type. Muzzles were long and snipey, as long as the back skull! Coupled with this were rather shallow, tubular bodies lacking bone and substance.

There are several attributes that stand out to make our little dogs Norwich Terriers. Number one for me, they must have a classic head and expression; without this they are just a cute dog. The Standard (please pull yours, you must have one) calls for a broad and slightly rounded (read domed) skull with good width between the ears. Visualize a clock with proper Norwich ears set at 10 and 2; the muzzle is wedge-shaped and strong, its length about one-third less than measurement from occiput to well-defined stop. The jaw is strong, with large teeth and scissors bite. Eyes are small, dark, oval-shaped with black rims; a slightly foxy expression. This is pretty well spelled out in the Standard. I don’t know where these other heads are coming from, but you breeders need to take charge and breed away from this before we lose the primary characteristic of our breed type.

The second attribute that sets the Norwich apart and marks his type is his body, his proportions, size, substance and balance of his parts to a pleasing whole. The Standard calls for a medium-length neck, a moderately short, compact and deep body, with well-sprung ribs and short loins. We
want a good width of chest, a level topline and a medium-docked tail carried erect, base level with topline. We want well laid-back shoulders; short, powerful legs; a broad, strong muscular rear with well-turned stifles; short hock to heel.

Norwich are one of the smallest terriers. Their height should not exceed 10 inches at the withers, with distance from top of withers to ground and from withers to base of tail approximately equal. i.e., a square dog. He is a hardy hunt terrier, expected to kill large granary and barn rats (formidable beasts) and thus requires sturdy bone and substance. He is said to weigh about 12 pounds—go to the grocery and heft a 10 pound sack of flour/sugar to get an idea of the solidify and substance necessary for correct type. These dogs should never be toy-like; they are 100% terrier. Movement and temperament, I am happy to say, seemed to be quite good on the day, which bodes well for the breed.

My Winners Dog, Terrapin Time Will Tell (Ch. Terrapin's Timber Song x Ch. Terrapin Tanganyika) from the BBE class, is a very strong type with good head and expression, strong full mouth, excellent bite. He is an excellent example of correct type, moved well, didn't always use his ears to his advantage, but he took my eye. Reserve Winners Dog, Fairway's Cat N The Hat (Ch. Fairway's Sam I Am Sam x Skyson's Daisy Miss Mayzie), also from the BBE class, won over my Open Dog whom I also liked a lot, but who let down during the class. I might like a little more bone on him, but he is a nice-looking Norwich.

My Winners Bitch/Best of Winners, Ronnell's Miracle N My Pocket (Ch. Chaos Morgan x Ch. Chaos I'm A Little Teapot), an Open bitch, caught my eye as she came in the ring. I knew she was my winner right then. She is a wonderful breed type, great bone and substance, but feminine and an on-her-toes show girl. She is a real beauty!! Reserve Winners Bitch, Redcoat's Dream Date At Huntwood (Ch. Kristil's Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood's Kristil Dreams), from the BBE class, is another truly lovely bitch, so typey and pretty; she will finish quickly.

My Best of Opposite Sex, Ch. Bon-Mark's Hot Nite At Barkwich (Ch. Kristil's Royal Conqueror x Ch. Bon-Mark's Honeymoon Night), was a grand example of breed type. He has a strong, broad skull, correct proportion skull to muzzle and strong full muzzle, correct ear placement and carriage. He was on his toes throughout the "cut" process. He made a wonderful picture each time I looked at him and moved with good reach and drive, covering ground easily—a lovely dog.

My Awards of Merit I kept to acknowledge their look and example: Ch. Rubicon's Charming Lucy (Ch. Fairway's Spyglass Charlie x Ch. Rubicon Southern Charm) is an outstanding bitch who was in my sight all through the cutting process. My Veteran, Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal (Ch. Chidley Willum The Conqueror x Ch. Highwood's Jordan Baker), is a wonderful example of where we have progressed from and need to stay. He is a dog of great balance and proper type, strong correct head, ears and expression; and most impressive, at a "young" 10 years, he has a full mouth of large teeth in a breed often losing them early. Terrific. Ch. Sandina Supersonic (Djock V. D. Meyerings Berg x Ch. Sandina Sally Forth) and Ch. Sandina Sweet Potato (Ch. Fairwood Fireworks of Sandina x Ch. Chidley Catherine The Great) rounded out the AOM Awards.

The day and Best of Breed belonged to a grand little bitch very aptly named Ch. Piccadilly's Proud Mary (Ch. Piccadilly's Call Me Billy Bob x Piccadilly's Suzanne Que). She certainly is; she exudes type, very feminine but carrying adequate bone and substance, a wonderful body outline. She moved with ease and determination, looking all the time as if she truly enjoyed what she was doing. She is quite special and certainly did herself "Proud" on the day!

Congratulations to all on a wonderful Specialty. I want to thank you all for your cooperation, your patience and especially your sportsmanship.

—Jerry L. Roszman, Seaforth's Scotties/Norwich Terriers, San Diego, CA
Norfolk Winners

Best of Breed: Cracknor Cause Celebre,
with judge Ken McDermott, handler Peter Green and
NNTC President Joan Kefeli

Best of Winners/Winners Bitch:
Glenelg Georgie Girl

Winners Dog: Capricorns One Potato

Best of Opposite Sex:
Ch. Domby's Oliver Twist II

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Norwich Winners

*Best of Breed: Ch. Piccadilly's Proud Mary,*
with judge Jerry Roszman and handler Susan Kipp

*Best of Winners/Winners Bitch:*
*Ronnell's Miracle N My Pocket*

*Winners Dog:*
*Terrapin Time Will Tell*  
*Best of Opposite Sex:*
*Ch. Bon-Mark's Hot Nite At Barkwich*

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THE AKC EUKANUBA NATIONAL INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The second annual all-breed invitational dog show was hosted by the American Kennel Club and Eukanuba dog food company December 11, 2002 in Orlando, Florida. The top 25 dogs in each breed and those having won an AKC all-breed Best in Show were eligible for competition. This just isn't any dog show as the prize money offered by the Iams Company and Animal Planet totals $225,000! The breakdown of the prize money is as follows: Best in Show $50,000; Best in Show Breeder $25,000; Group Winners $1,500; Group Breeders $1,500; Group 2 Winners $1,250; Group 3 Winners $1,000; Group 4 Winners $750. Breed Winners walked home with $250, Best of Opposite Winners with $150 and Best Bred-By-Exhibitor in Breed Winners with $250. Not too shabby, right? In addition to the money prizes, the AKC offers a perpetual Loving Cup from the famed Tiffany & Co. for the Best in Show winner. This trophy is on permanent display at the AKC library in New York City. The Best in Show winner goes home with a silver-plated Revere bowl and, of course, the cash.

This year, for the first time, the AKC presented a Breeder of the Year award in each of the seven dog groups. I was totally overwhelmed to be named Terrier Breeder of the Year. It was more than I could have ever imagined. We were each presented with a lovely bronze medallion designed by Dennis Springer, center stage in the big arena, just prior to the Best in Show lineup. AKC Director Walter Goodman was my escort for the presentation. The overall Breeder of the Year winner went to Poodle breeder Wendell Sammet, who has spent practically a lifetime in the fancy. Well deserved, I thought.

Another award presented this year was ACE (Award for Canine Excellence). The recipients came from Law Enforcement, Exemplary Companion Dog, Therapy Dog, Service Dog and Search and Rescue Dog. I'm sure you all remember the Labrador, Roselle, who brought her blind owner, Michael Hingson, down seventy-eight floors on that tragic day of 9/11. Roselle and each of the canine recipients drew loud applause of appreciation from the audience.

Junior Showmanship is also represented at the Invitational under the watchful eye of AKC's Mari-Beth O'Neil. The rules are tough: applicants must maintain a 3.0 average in school, with their transcript sent to AKC. Juniors have to qualify by winning five Open Junior Classes during the time period. I'm proud that 10-year old Dylan Kipp, daughter of my handlers Susan and Scott, qualified for this event. AKC takes a major interest in the youngsters. They are treated to a lunch in a private room and have the opportunity to meet with AKC representatives and other junior handlers. It's an excellent program for the up and coming in the fancy. The judging panel at the Invitational is a who's who of the dog world. Our own breeds were judged by Canadian James Reynolds. Norfolk had an entry of ten with three absent. Best of Breed was awarded to the English import Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, bred by Elisabeth Matell and owned in the U. S. by Elisabeth, Pam and John Beale and Stephanie Ingram. You may recall that "Coco", as she is called, took the breed at the NNTC National Specialty at Montgomery County this past October. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Ch. Max-Well's Rainman, bred by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp and owned in conjunction with Paul Schulz. Rainman is the recipient of the 2002 Pedigree Award as the top Norfolk in the breed. Rainman was also the Bred-By-Exhibitor winner. Awards of Merit were presented to two Domby dogs, Ch. Domby's Reginald Wilfer and Ch. Domby's Oliver Twist II, both bred by Tony Gabrielli and Wayne Palmer. Peter and Linda Dowdle of Ontario, Canada own Oliver and Jim and Sue O'Brian own Wilfer.

In Norwich there were eleven entries; I'm ashamed to say that I don't know if any were absent. I do know that Ch. Ariel's Paladino Del Rojo took the Best of Breed ribbon home. He was bred by Fraya Katz and is owned by Dr. Elizabeth McRae. Best of Opposite Sex and Bred-By-Exhibitor ribbons went to Ch. Ji-Ro's Summer Time Girl, owned and bred by Eileen Rourke. Ch. Sandina Shandy McDuff, bred by Alexander and Giorvina Schwartz and owned by Charles Buffalo, took home one of the Awards of Merit. The other Award of Merit went to Ch. Sho-Me Ketka's Sir Jekyll, owned by Carol Wilson and bred by Carol Sowder and Fran Westfall.

Aside from breed competition, evening awards, Groups and Best in Show (which went to the Kerry, “Mick”), the daytime “Meet the Breeds” was a huge hit. The Black and Tan Coonhounds had a
booth beyond belief. Their club members actually built a shack topped with a stuffed animal raccoon, a rocker on the broken-down front porch, and a bunch of real Coonhounds lounging at the front steps. I couldn't believe the work that went into this setup. The colored Bull Terriers' booth was another that showed members put their all into it. The comical drawings and the vintage clothing worn by members were a sight to behold. Our own Norwich and Norfolk booth had a steady stream of spectators who asked—and had answered—a lot of questions about our breeds. NNTC members Carol Wilson, Heidi Evans, Bernice Staton and Marge McTernan did an excellent job of manning the booth.

The Invitational is a wonderful show and I, for one, look forward to 2003. The show will be moving its venue to Long Beach, California next year. Hope to see you there.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

Editor's Note: An AKC Press Release, dated June 11, 2002 reports the following information about the 2003 AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational Championship (NIC). "The 2003 NIC show will be held at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center in Long Beach, CA on Wednesday, December 3. The AKC National Obedience Invitational and the AKC National Agility Championship will now be held concurrently with the NIC on Wednesday and Thursday, December 3-4, 2003. The AKC's 'decision to bring together all three of its national events will create an unprecedented mega-show... unlike anything we've ever seen in the dog world,' AKC Board Chairman Ron Menaker declared. "Bringing together all of the AKC's most popular national events will assure several action-packed days of intense competition."—AGF

NORFOLK TERRIERS AT WESTMINSTER 2003

February means many things to many people. For those of us in the fancy, it's Westminster, New York City and Madison Square Garden. The cream of the crop in each breed (the top five) is invited to participate in the big two-day event. Entries close immediately after the "opening bell" sounds. Each year those of us participating as spectators or exhibitors arrive in the Big Apple well before the actual show. There's much to do and see, and not all of it is canine related.

My out of town guests Louise Leone (Norfolk) and Jan Celba (Norwich) allowed me to lead the way in what I truly consider my town. New York is a special city offering all sorts of attractions. We started our week with shopping. We also visited the Doyle Gallery to view the fabulous canine art, which was auctioned off the Tuesday of Westminster. The Sunday morning we were at the gallery, the ASPCA and Doyle's hosted an informal gathering of supporters and their dogs. It was charming to see neighborhood people proudly showing their pets off to one another. The Metropolitan Museum of Art was a definite stop, as the Leonardo Di Vinci exhibit is a must. The American Kennel Club also hosted an Open House the Sunday before Westminster. Talk about art! The AKC's walls display some of the world's best canine paintings. Couple the art with the AKC library and one could visit the afternoon away. The William Secord Gallery had a special exhibit to coincide with the Westminster show. This year's exhibit featured the artist Muss-Annult, who served on the AKC Board of Directors during the years 1906-1909. If daytime activities didn't tire you out, there was plenty to do in the evening. The AKC Museum of the Dog benefit is always a joy, beginning with the theatre followed by supper at the famed 21 Club. All of these activities are available to anyone wishing to take part. Naturally there are many private cocktail parties prior to, during, and after Westminster.
Madison Square Garden is filled with people, spectators and exhibitors alike. Dogs with handlers are in a special section with little room to move about. The singleton dog or two is required to be on the bench. Spectators at Westminster can get up close to see the breed of their choice and speak with the dog’s breeder/owner. Vendors are also part of this “crush”, making it at times almost impossible to walk. Who cares? This is still New York and the Garden.

The Norfolk breed was first in the ring at 9:00 am with Mr. Elliot Weiss as the judge. Five were absent out of an entry of twelve. It was an “imported” day as the two Awards of Merit went to males, Ch. Cracknor Casing the Joint, bred by Elisabeth Matell of England and owned by Pam Beale and Stephanie Ingram, and Ch. Nordach Wizard of Oz, owned by Stephanie Ingram and bred by Mrs. A. Rees of Sweden. Breeder Elisabeth Matell attended her first Westminster and glowed watching her homebred bitch, Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (Coco), owned by Matell, Ingram and Beale, take home the Best of Breed ribbon. Best of Opposite went to the Pedigree Award winner, Ch. Max-Well’s Rainman, owned by Paul Schulz, Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. Miller and Kipp are his breeders. Monday evening little “Coco”, shown by Peter Green, did herself proud by making the cut in the Terrier Group judged by Charles Foley. The Group winner for the third straight year was the much-talked-about Kerry Blue English import, Ch. Torum’s Scarf Michael, better known as “Mick”. Mick went on to take the Best in Show award the following evening.

Westminster is our Academy Awards. You should try to attend next year.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

NORWICH AT WESTMINSTER 2003

The crowds gathered as usual on the faux greensward of Madison Square Garden to watch the judging at The Westminster Kennel Club’s annual overcrowded but not-to-be-missed event. Once again entries opened and closed in record time—the Club’s limit of 2500 dogs was reached in less than an hour on December 6th.

The cream of the Norwich Terrier crop was there with entries from all over the country. Judge Elliott B. Weiss made his selection from a field of 12 with just one absentee. This year it was a handlers’ game, however, with not one owner-handler in the ring.

Best of Breed was awarded to the black and tan dog Ch. Windsor’s Mumms The Word, bred by NNTC member Dori Ramon. “Brut” (Ch. Cobblestone’s Huck Finn x Ch. Waiterocks Chase N Cassandra), born on New Year’s day with a birthdate of 01-01-01, was handled by Amy Rutherford and is owned by northern Californians Dori and Phil Ramon, Candice Harper, and Laurie and Peter Loeffler.

Laurie’s comment: “Brut’s win at the Garden this year is the stuff we dream about! Being a part of this young dog’s success has been really exciting. Brut has been a very special dog from the moment he was born, he sparkled from the beginning. We are all still buzzing from the excitement!”

Ch. Rubicon’s Charming Lucy (Ch. Fairway’s Spy Glass Charlie x Ch. Rubicon Southern Charm) was BOS. Lucy was bred by Pamela Rubinstein and Sandra Campbell. She is owned by Tamsin Stearns-Sandin and was handled by C. J. Favre.

Two Awards of Merit were granted this year. They were earned by Ch. Paddington Paget of Hothorpe (Ch. Highwood’s Grizzly Riffle x Paddington Duchess of Devon), a bitch bred and owned by Reggie Higgins Hunt and handled by Beth Sweigart.

Glorvina Schwartz’s Ch. Sandina Supersonic (Djock V D Meyerings Berg x Ch. Sandina Sally Forth), a young grizzle dog handled by Peter Green, was also recognized with an AOM. Congratulations to all the breeders, owners and handlers. The entry was truly superb.

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NNTC SUPPORTED ENTRIES FOR 2003

The NNTC will support the entry of Norfolk and Norwich Terriers at the following all-breed shows in 2003. These shows are all in areas with significant Norfolk and Norwich populations, so let’s have a good turnout in both breeds!

Mattaponi Kennel Club (Virginia)

Date: Saturday, May 17
Location: Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA
Breed & Terrier Group Judge: Mrs. Barbara A. Innes of Ontario, Canada
Sweepstakes Judges: Mr. Lorenzo Mosby (Norfolk), Mrs. Anna Bellenger (Norwich)

N. B.: The Chesapeake NNTC is planning a puppy match and pizza party at 6 pm on Friday, May 16, the evening before the Mattaponi show. The CNNTC will also host a bountiful gourmet luncheon at the show, featuring Southern fried chicken and other low-calorie delights! Y’all come! For more information, contact NNTC member Jean Kessler at Luvwnc@aol.com.

The Great Western Terrier Association of South California (GWTA)

Date: Saturday, June 21
Location: California State University, Long Beach, CA
Breed Judge: Mr. Dan Ericsson (from Sweden)
Terrier Group Judge: Mr. Robert Widden
Sweepstakes (GWTA) Group Judge: Mr. Richard Forkel

N. B.: At the Friday, June 20 GWTA show, the Pacific Area Norwich & Norfolk Terrier (PANNT) club will sponsor prizes for BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, WB and BBE winners (each sex) for both Norfolk and Norwich Terriers. Judges for the Friday GWTA show are Mr. James Reynolds (Breed), Mrs. James Edward Clark (Terrier Group) and Mrs. Frances Sikorski (BBE Group Judge). The Fall 2002 News (p. 57) has more information about the many “perks” planned for the GWTA shows. NNTC member Brenda Coleman is coordinating the GWTA supported entry (strathcona@earthlink.net).

The Beaumont Kennel Club (Texas)

Date: Saturday, July 19
Location: Reliant Park Expo Center, Houston, TX
Breed Judge: Mr. Edd Bivin
Terrier Group Judge:
Ms. Sue Goldberg

N. B.: To help defray costs of this supported entry, the Bluebonnet NNTC (BNNTC) is selling raffle tickets for a Dannyquest bronze lamp in the breed of your choice (see photo). For raffle tickets, contact Ami Hooper, 1806 Richcreek Rd., Austin, TX 78757 (amih@pcinews.com) or go to the BNNTC’s new

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website at www.bnntc.org and click on “What’s New.” Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. The drawing for this lovely lamp will take place at the BNNTC banquet on Saturday evening.

The venue for this 3-show weekend (Houston KC, 7/18, breed judge Michele Billings; Beaumont KC; Galveston KC, 7/20, breed judge Dorothy Nickles) is terrific. The facility is air-conditioned, across the street from several hotels, and next to AstroWorld and numerous other attractions. Book your rooms for these shows NOW since there is a big convention in town that weekend. Onofrio Travel has some rooms blocked. Call them at 1-888-328-0463 right away!

—Judi Hartell, Austin, TX (datadawg@austin.rr.com)
—Claire Johnson (bateastx@aol.com)

LOOKING AHEAD:
THE 2003 NNTC MONTGOMERY SPECIALTY

Location: Montgomery County KC show grounds, Ambler, PA
Date: Sunday, October 5, 2003

Breed Judges:
Norfolk—Mr. Tom Natalini (“Stonehedge” Norfolk Terriers)
Norwich—Mrs. Anne Rogers Clark (“Surrey” Norfolk Terriers)

Sweeps Judges
Norfolk—Ann Dum (“Arroyo” Norfolk Terriers)
Norwich—Fraya Katz (“Ariel” Norwich Terriers)

Rhett & Scarlett Smiddy wish you a Happy 4th of July: “Let freedom ring”
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CH. SANDPIPER'S
RATCATCHER
(Ch. Gambit's First Knight at Avalon x
Ch. Sandpiper's Windjoy)
Breeder: Vallie Beckwith
Owner: Kim Nelson, D.V.M.

"Catcher" finished his championship before his first birthday at Ladies Kennel Club in June 2002. He is an easy-going Norfolk whose newest passion is agility. He was handled with great expertise and love by Lori Pelletier.

CH. SANDPIPER'S
TOMMY BROCK
(Ch. Sandpiper's First Knight at Avalon x Ch. Sandpiper's Windjoy)
Breeder: Vallie Beckwith
Owner: Dave & Paula McGee

"Jack" earned his championship on November 17, 2002 at Chenango Valley KC. A bundle of energy, his favorite person is baby Patricia McGee (age one year), who is his adoring and constant companion—and willing snack giver! Lori Pelletier handled "Jack" expertly to his title.

CH. SANDPIPER'S
WINDCHASE
(Ch. Gambit's First Knight at Avalon x Ch. Sandpiper's Windjoy)
Breeder/Owner: Vallie Beckwith

"Chase" finished with "flying colors," earning her third major and championship on November 30 at Wooster County KC. She was Reserve Winners Bitch at the 2002 NNTC Specialty at Montgomery County KC. She is a very playful, energetic Norfolk whose favorite game is racing our 6-month-old puppy to any mice that might be unaware . . . Chase was expertly handled by Lori Pelletier.
CH. GLENELG TEDDY
TERRIFIC
(Ch. Allright American Dream x
Ch. Glenelg Grazie SE)
Breeder/Owner: Deborah G. Pritchard
Teddy quickly earned his majors in
dogs from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class,
including Winners Dog at the 2002 NNTC
supported entry at Mattaponi KC (VA).
The highlight was his Reserve Winners
Dog win at the 2002 NNTC Montgomery
Specialty.

CH. MERCATOR
POINT TO POINT
(Ch. Ruddle Ridge Nelson’s Victory x
Ch. Glenelg Piacere)
Breeder: Andrew Kramer
Owner: Barbara Morrison
Through the efforts of our handler
Lori Pelletier, “Jasper” became the
#3 Norfolk in America for 2002; but
the proudest moment for “Spur-Spur”
was receiving an Award of Merit at
Montgomery 2002. As our stud at
Beulah, we look forward to line breeding
Jasper with “Luli,” our Beulah foundation
bitch (see her photo below).

CH. GLENELG
LAPIS LAZULI
(Ch. Wonderwood Winning Hand x Ch.
Glenelg Grazie SE)
Breeder: Deborah Pritchard
Owners: Barbara Morrison and
Michael Missiras
“Luli,” handled throughout her career
by Lori Pelletier, took her championship
in August, 2002. A bitch with a “licker
license,” she will be a wonderful mother
for Beulah puppies, including many special
“Jasper” puppies.
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CH. JERUSALEM JOHNNY-CAKE
(Ch. Norweim’s Sir Winston x Ch. Jerusalem Plum Pudding)
Breeder/Owner: Phyllis K. Pullen, M.D.

“Jack” is a very active pup. NNTC member Cricket Goodall is going to try him at agility. I’m much too old to participate, but I like to watch.

CH. DREAMWEAVER THE CAT’S MEOW
(Ch. Kristil’s Ambassador To Ketka x Dreamweaver Witchy Woman)
Breeder/Owner: Al Ferruggiaro

“Kitty” is the apple of my eye. She is feminine, but with good bone and substance. She won most of her points from the Puppy and Bred-By classes and finished in style on Westchester KC weekend.

CH. LITTLE TRAMONT UNRULY REDHEAD
(Ch. Dickens’ John Jasper x Ch. Little Tramont Lollipop)
Breeder: Helene Gisin
Owner: Anna Bellenger

“Lucy” (for Lucille Ball) is named correctly. She’s the most energized dog I’ve ever owned. She was BOW at the NNTC Palm Beach Specialty on one of those days when she didn’t put a paw wrong. Helene, her breeder, was there from Switzerland to see Lucy’s win!

CH. LITTLEFIELD POLLY MY FOLLY
(Ch. Highwood’s Ratfaced MacDougal x Littlefield Mazie Dear)
Breeders: Leandra Little & Steve Weinberger
Owners: Hal Happersett & Leandra Little

Polly finished in style at Westchester KC on September 8, 2002 under judge Sandra Goose Allen for 2 points and BOS. She has the most cheerful personality as well as one of the best fronts in the breed. She is now working on her Canadian championship (just 2 points to go) and is also looking forward to motherhood.
MAX-WELL (NORFOLK). To all those who telephoned or sent notes of congratulations upon my being named Terrier Breeder of the Year by the American Kennel Club... thank you. The day the AKC phoned me, I was having a very busy office moment. At first I didn't believe the caller. Suddenly he sounded quite sincere. I burst into tears. Of course I'm known to cry when happy or sad. I wasn't supposed to tell anyone of my good fortune because AKC hadn't yet announced the awards to the press. Needless to say, I called close family and friends immediately. After congrats from my daughter, she inquired as to what I would wear to the presentation. The awards ceremony took place just prior to Best in Show at the Invitational in Orlando. It was a stellar evening for me because my ninety-one-year-old dad and eighty-seven year old mother were in attendance as well as my daughter and one of my sons. My older son remained home minding the office. His wife, feeling guilty about not being able to attend, went to Burberry and purchased the newest doggy scarf available. I considered the gift a fair trade off. The medallion I received is a sculpture of a pair of hands holding a newborn pup. The honor of winning this award is still overwhelming to me. Time and time again I've said this award belongs in part to my handlers, Susie and Scott Kipp. The devotion they have to the dogs in their care is incredible. I thank all those who made this award possible for me.

From recent litters Max-Well's I've Got a Secret will be co-owned by me and Louise Leone. She's out of Ch. Max-Well's Secret whose sire is Storm. I've Got a Secret is sired by Ch. Max-Well's Red Devil. Another bitch I've kept is Max-Well's Windchill, sired by Storm and out of Ch. Max-Well's Casino. Casino, better known as Casi, is a granddaughter of Wild Card (a full brother to Storm). Susie Kipp is my co-bred/co-owner. Kitty (I've Got a Secret) resides with Louise in Colorado and Chilly is with Susie in Wisconsin. All the other puppies are in excellent homes.

See you at the shows.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

PENNYROYAL (NORWICH). I've had Norwich Terriers since 1973, but as my orientation has always been animal welfare work (I worked at the Montgomery County Humane Society for 5 years), I didn't breed my first litter until 1989. High Pines Crystal produced four lovely puppies and a dynasty of canoeing canines. This little Norwich family has been seen canoeing in many photographs, including National Geographic publications and the Washington Post.

In 1997 I bought a bright, scrappy little puppy for breeding from Leslie Becker. Skyscot's Pennyroyal ("Lizzie") has had two lovely litters and is at this writing the grandmother of 15, with four more grandpuppy litters on the way. Both her sons finished their championships quickly, and both sired litters in 2002. Two of her daughters have produced litters of four puppies, including one boy who is already a champion, and "Violet".

The high point in my breeding career had to be this past June when a puppy I bred and co-own with Anna Bellenger went Best in Match at Montgomery County Kennel Club. At the age of four months, "Violet" (Pennyroyal's No Shrinking Violet) beat the heat at the MCKC match with the aid of a ringside fan and four battery packs, and breezed through four ring appearances with the confidence of a champion.

Breeding puppies—even fine, healthy puppies that are good specimens of their breed—was never an ambition of mine growing up, any more than showing purebred dogs was. I feel—and will probably always feel—like a visitor in the sport. For years my only presence at dog shows was manning the Humane Society donation table! So every victory in the ring, every Christmas photo from one of my wonderful puppy buyers, is an unexpected and valued gift. None of them, however, is of more value than the satisfaction of finding a good home for an unwanted stray; and so every time I sell a puppy, I donate 10% of the sale price to my local animal shelter.

—Robin Siegel, Silver Spring, MD
Rolling Ridge (Norwich). Perhaps you saw the scenes of devastation on TV—falls trees and downed power lines blocking streets; ice-coated, broken branches lying on houses and cars. The major ice storm that struck central Kentucky on February 15-16 paralyzed the city of Lexington and the surrounding counties, leaving thousands of homes without power for days, some for more than a week.

Our house had no heat or lights for 5 1/2 days. After the first two nights, as temperatures inside dipped below 45°F (the lowest setting on our thermostats), Bill and I decided it was time to move to a motel. The only place that had rooms available didn’t take dogs. The only boarding kennel in our area was fully booked and had no heat or lights either.

What to do with our 5 Norwich? Fifteen-year-old Peaches was visibly shivering from the cold even in a fleece sweater. I arranged for her to stay in the only accommodation still available at my vet’s clinic—a crate for a large-sized cat. Despite such cramped quarters, at least the clinic had heat. Our four younger Norwich had no choice but to “tough it out” at home. Luckily, none of the four had been stripped in at least 6 months, so all sported thick, warm coats. My vet assured me they would be fine in 30°-40°F temperatures. As long as they were sheltered from the elements, dogs tolerated cold much better than people did—and also much better than they tolerated heat. Better to lose power in the winter, he said, than air-conditioning during a hot, humid summer.

Despite his assurances, I still worried about leaving the dogs “home alone” at night. I bought each one a sweater, thinking they’d enjoy the added warmth. Invariably when we arrived home about 6:30 am, they all were sweater-less, having managed to wriggle out of such unwanted, anthropomorphic garb while I was away. The unbounded joy with which they greeted us each morning was a welcome antidote to our dreary mood. After a brief foray outside, they chowed down their chicken-and-kibble breakfasts by flashlight.

Bill and I spent most of the day at home, bundled in layers of sweaters, multiple pairs of socks, and wool caps. No amount of clothing sufficed to keep us warm. While we shivered and complained, the dogs coped remarkably well. They slept more than usual and in a curled-up position rather than the customary on-their-backs-with-legs-in-the-air sprawl. They also burrowed into the extra blankets/throws I had put on their beds and in their crates. They couldn’t go outside for long due, initially, to continuing dangers of falling tree limbs and, as temperatures rose, to dangers of chunks of ice from high branches crashing to the ground. Nevertheless, all four Norwich remained jovial and upbeat. All that mattered to them was being with “their people” and having a hearty meal (plus periodic snacks).

I gained even more respect/admiration for our plucky little terriers as a result of our icy ordeal. Dogs really are remarkable, resilient creatures—so much better than people in so many ways. Bill and I would have made lousy pioneers, living without the “creature comforts” of modern America. Our Norwich would have done just fine.

—Alison Freehling, Versailles, KY

TERRAPIN (Norwich). For the first time in several years we had a real winter with a number of snowfalls that had the Terrapins bursting with glee. We even had, thank you Irving Berlin, a White Christmas. My dogs love playing in the snow almost as much as they love playing in water. Unfortunately, we also had a week of extremely cold and bitter weather, which always scares me a little for fear of losing electricity. During that time we kept the fireplaces going at full strength and, in order to avoid cabin fever, I let my Norwich accompany me while I collected more firewood. Some of them are quite particular about just what piece of kindling they prefer!

—Margaretta Wood, Phoenixville, PA
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NORWICH TERRIERS USA 1936-1966. Edited by Constance Stuart Larrabee and Joan Redmond Read. This is a soft-cover reprint (1986) of the original hardback book of the same title. There are many wonderful photos of early Norwich and Norfolk Terriers and breeders, profiles of influential American kennels, and articles on early Specialty and Match shows. The definitive history of Norwich and Norfolks in America during the 30 years following official AKC recognition of the breed(s). Price: $16.50 postpaid to U.S. addresses. Send check, payable to NNTC, to Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

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"The dog is the god of frolic."

The News wishes everyone a safe and sunny summer.