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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 email (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!
A MESSAGE FROM NNTC PRESIDENT JOAN KEFELI

I would like to thank the outgoing Board members for their years of dedicated work to the NNTC and to welcome the new Board members. We have accomplished much this year and the May 16 Board meeting in Manassas, Virginia was very productive and beneficial to our club. We were saddened that Board member Ramona Adams resigned from her position due to increased responsibilities at home. She will remain as the Members Chairperson. Fran Westfall of Michigan will replace Ramona on the Board and will fill her position for the term ending October 2004. We welcome Fran to the Board and thank her for her willingness to serve the club.

The NNTC needs two members to serve as "Meet the Breeds" representatives at the AKC Invitational Show in Long Beach, California, December 3, 2003. It is a very nice Public Relations opportunity to present our breeds to the public and to represent the NNTC. Carol Wilson and Heidi Evans served as chairpersons of this annual event in Florida for the past two years. Will you volunteer? Carol Wilson will gladly inform you of the details for our showcase and will set you on course. Experience is not a requirement; a friendly smile and a caring heart are all it takes to represent our breeds. Phone me of your willingness to do this job immediately, please, as time is essential.

The club had a raffle this year, with a Norfolk or Norwich doorknocker going to the lucky winner. Anne Wright, the NNTC financial chairperson, spearheaded this successful project, which was previously approved by the Board. The funds gained will be seed money for the future production of NNTC educational materials. These will include breed-illustrated standards, pamphlets for new puppy buyers, and a brochure about meeting the breeds. You may expect to receive a notice from Anne about an additional fund raiser in 2004 for these specific projects to benefit our breeds and to assist all our members. Will you assist and financially support this project? I expect you will.

This is a reminder to support our roving National Specialty at the Northern California Terrier Association in Sacramento, California on April 8, 2004. It would be a good representation of our club and breeds to support the catalog with ads, and trophy donations are always appreciated. See you there.

The Chairperson of Norwich Health and Genetics, Dr. George G. Jeitles, V.M.D., has the completed statistics results from the survey from randomly selected 390 owners. There were 278 participants, and the end result is a 64.36% overall response rate. Congratulations, as this is the highest percentage of returns by a National Breed Club. For your information, a total of 1075 dogs were involved in the survey. You will be receiving a copy of the survey and the health factors that affect our Norwich Terriers. Dr. Jeitles will attend the AKC Canine Health Foundation meeting in St. Louis and will make additional reports to you in the News.

The Board approved in 2002 a fund of $1500.00 for a Norfolk health survey, and I assure you this will get done. Education and knowledge are the tools for a successful breeder, and it should be an ongoing process and partnership between the National Club and you. So if you are asked to participate in a health survey, please do so. This is an opportunity for each and every member to make a commitment to better the Norfolk and Norwich in general and your dogs in particular.

—Joan Schurr Kefeli, NNTC President
GOINGS AND COMINGS ON THE NNTC BOARD

The 2003 Montgomery Specialty weekend will witness a major "changing of the guard" on the NNTC Board. Retiring are long-time Board members Sue Ely (First Vice President) and Trish Forrest (Treasurer), who have served in a variety of Board positions during the past decade. Also finishing up their terms are Past President Ellen Lucas, an ex-officio member of the 2003 Board, Recording Secretary Robyn Snyder, and Governors Brenda Coleman, Al Ferruggiaro and Alison Freehling. Governor Ramona Adams, Class of 2004, resigned from the Board in April.

Taking the places of these departing Officers and Governors are Joe Franchi, First Vice President; Marjorie McTernan, Treasurer; Pat Mason, Recording Secretary; and Governors Toni Harrold, Robert Lachman and Gail Young. These six new Board members were nominated by the 2003 Nominating Committee, chaired by Deborah Pritchard. The other new Board member, Governor Fran Westfall, was elected by a majority vote of the 2003 Board to serve Ramona Adams' remaining year. The NNTC thanks both outgoing and incoming Board members for their service to the club.

A NOT-SO-NEW NNTC NORFOLK
HEALTH/GENETICS CHAIR

Following the Spring 2003 resignation of Dr. Andrew Kramer, PhD, as Norfolk Health/Genetics Chair, the Board approved Norfolk owner Dr. Kim Hennessy, DVM, of Honey Brook, PA as Andrew's successor. A 1981 graduate of the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Hennessy practices small animal medicine in the Philadelphia area. She has already served as Norwich assistant Health/Genetics Chair (1999-2000) and, along with Dr. Kramer, as Norfolk Health/Genetics Co-chair (2002). Kim has also written articles on canine dentistry and bladder stones for past issues of the News. The NNTC thanks Dr. Andrew Kramer for his service to the club and Dr. Kim Hennessy for agreeing to fill this important committee chair.

NNTC SHOW CHAIRS FOR 2004:
The Anns Have It

The NNTC Board has approved two Anns to serve as NNTC show chairs for 2004. Ann Dum ("Arroyo" Norfolk) of Brentwood, California will be NORWICH show chair and Ann Carlson ("Reverie" Norwich) of Manly, Iowa will be NORFOLK show chair. Ann Dum and Barbara Miller have served, respectively, as Norfolk and Norwich show chairs for 2003. The NNTC thanks Barbara, who is retiring after the 2003 MCKC Specialty, for a job well done.
AKC DELEGATE’S REPORT

At their August meeting, the Board of the American Kennel Club discussed the concept of a Breeder’s Department at AKC. The department would create, maintain and deliver information and educational resource materials on canine husbandry and responsible breeding practices. It would be a resource for specialized or commonly misunderstood issues related to breeding: collecting and maintaining information; and, in some cases, recommending the funding of selected studies. It would also develop hallmarks or criteria for recognizing responsible breeders and create a delivery system for this information that would enable the general public to recognize a responsible breeder. Materials would be prepared for print and internet distribution, for media, and for presentation at seminars.

Once the department is operational, it should create a “help line” for AKC dog owners for issues related to raising and training puppies. This help line would also serve as a way to introduce information of any kind about AKC activities and participation opportunities. I will keep you posted as to its progress.

—Margaretta Wood, NNTC AKC Delegate

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

The return address on this News’ mailing label is misleading. I am using the same News’ printer and mailing service as when we lived in Kentucky, but Bill and I and our 5 Norwich have been happily ensconced in Charlottesville, Virginia since April 30. Doing the News long distance has caused some extra hassles, extra mailings/faxes and, especially, extra worries about photos going astray. These “extras” are worth it, for me, to continue working with talented people accustomed to (and tolerant of!) my computer shortcomings. So if this Fall News arrives a bit later than usual, the long-distance “extras” are mostly to blame.

Thanks to all who sent articles and photos for this issue. This is the first News I can recall where all the new title holders are the same breed—not a prick ear to be found! Happy holidays to you and your jolly terriers. —AGF
IN MEMORIAM

PEGGY E. CONE
(July 4, 1927 – July 15, 2003)

I first met Peggy Cone in June 1999 when my daughter, Bethany, and I drove to Berryville, Virginia to pick up our Norwich Terrier puppy, Rhett. We had spoken to Peggy on many occasions while trying to find a puppy for our family. When we drove up to her beautiful estate and saw all her wonderful little dogs, our hearts were pounding at the first sight of a “real” Norwich, not just one we had seen on TV. Peggy, after talking with us so often, had already decided which of her puppies best suited our family. She put Rhett in Bethany’s hands, and he immediately started to lick her face. Peggy knew that his personality would be a perfect fit for us. How right she was. She always wanted to be sure her puppies were perfectly suited to their new families.

Peggy acquired her first Norwich Terrier from the late Mrs. Theo Randolph of Oakley in Upperville, Virginia in the early 1950’s. She started breeding them under the kennel prefix, Fairfield, and from then on had 5 to 7 Norwich at a time. They were always home-raised, and whelped in her bedroom. She felt strongly that they be house dogs, not kennel dogs, and was very particular about where she placed her puppies.

After we brought Rhett home, he became sick. I talked with Peggy and told her that Rhett wasn’t feeling well. After a visit to our vet, we discovered he had Parvo. Since her puppies had never left her home, Peggy was shocked that this had happened. All her puppies were infected too, and one of them died. Peggy told me to do whatever it took to get Rhett well. She also held another puppy for us in case we wanted to bring Rhett back. After two weeks of hospital stays, Rhett pulled through and, of course, we wouldn’t swap him for anything. Peggy paid a tremendous vet bill for us and also for another puppy in North Carolina. What a wonderful, caring breeder she was to do this. When we decided to get a second Norwich, we called Peggy and she immediately put us on top of her list. Because of her caring manner and her love for her dogs, Peggy made many lifelong friends through her Norwich. I am glad I was one of them.

Peggy was a member of the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club for many years. She also was a founding member of the Clarke County Humane Foundation and provided the county with a new animal shelter. What a wonderful legacy to pass on to her daughters, Robin and Walker. They have kept their mother’s Norwich and plan to continue breeding.

We offer condolences to Peggy’s family, and thank her for her many years of making the Norwich Terrier the special breed it is today.

—Paula and Bethany Smiddy, Knoxville, TN

Ed.: The Smiddy’s Norwich “Rhett,” bred by Peggy Cone, is the dapper fellow on the back cover of this News. —AGF

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IN MEMORIAM

DORIS WEAR

Mrs. Doris Wear, one of the dog world’s long-time leading ladies, passed away at Enterprise Farm, her lovely estate on Maryland’s Eastern Shore, on February 8, 2003 at the age of 92. A sporting, elegant lady from Philadelphia’s Main Line, Mrs. Wear and her late husband, William Potter Wear, were best known for their top-winning and prepotent “Stoney Meadows” Whippets, as well as Smooth Fox Terriers.

In the early 1970’s, after acquiring a prick-eared Norwich bitch named Shawnee’s Sunshine Biscuit from fellow Montgomery County KC member Annette Griffitts (“Shawnee”), Mrs. Wear also began a small-scale Norwich breeding program. Bred to Ch. Grange Currant Bun, one of Helen Glass’ (“Grange” Norwich) stud dogs, Biscuit produced Stoney Meadows Devon, a male puppy who was Best in Match at the 1975 Norwich Terrier Club Match Show. Mrs. Wear obtained another Norwich bitch, King’s Prevention Daisy, in the late 1970’s and bred her to English import, Ch. Thrumpton’s Lord Timberson. This mating produced Ch. Stoney Meadows Ford Fiesta, a bitch who was Best of Breed from the classes at the 1981 Westminster KC show under breeder-judge Betty Fell.

Other notable Stoney Meadows Norwich during the 1980’s and 1990’s included littermates Ch. Stoney Meadows Ben Franklin (Best of Winners at the 1984 NNCT Bucks County (PA) Specialty) and Ch. Stoney Meadows Betsy Ross, sired by Ch. Royal Rock Don of Chidley. Betsy was the dam of littermates Ch. Stoney Meadows Arnold (Winners Dog at the 1987 NNCT Huntingdon Valley [PA] Specialty) and Ch. Stoney Meadows Tory, sired by English import Ch. Thrumpton’s Lord Mothkin. Bred back to her uncle, Ben Franklin, Tory produced Ch. Stoney Meadows Abigail Adams, Winners Bitch at the 1991 NNCT Huntingdon Valley Specialty. Tory was also the dam of Ch. Stoney Meadows N’ Erin J’ Madison, a “Willum the Conquerer” son, who was Winners Dog at the 1994 NNCT Montgomery Specialty. Mrs. Wear’s long-time kennel manager, Patricia (Pat) Whiteside, was the co-breeder and co-owner of most of these later Stoney Meadows Norwich. With advice from Stoney Meadows’ Norwich handler Margery Good, Pat planned the breedings which produced so many winning Norwich... quite a record for a kennel known primarily for Whippets and Smooths!

Ed.: Some of the material for Mrs. Wear’s “In Memoriam” is from obituary notices in Dog News and other canine publications. The information about Stoney Meadows Norwich comes from NNCT member Margaretta (Missy) Wood (Terrapin Norwich), whose knowledge of the Norwich breed in America is truly encyclopedic. Thank you, Missy! —AGF

CH. SWANEE’S GINGERBREAD MAN, sire of CH. GRANGE CURRANT BUN, bred by MRS. S. POWELL GRIFFITTS. He was shown to his title by owner, MRS. W. POTTER WEAR.
CH. MAYFAIR’S ROCK ’N’ ROLL
(August 1, 1989 – April 26, 2003)

“Barney” winning the Terrier Group at Wine Country KC (1993)

It is always difficult to write about the loss of a beloved pet, especially if that pet held a special place in your heart. “Barney” (Ch. Mayfair’s Rock ‘n’ Roll), born August 1, 1989, was such a pet. One of three in my very first Norfolk litter, it was clear as a young pup that Barney could develop into a handsome adult. He finished with ease from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class in 1991, and during his first weeks out with my handler as a new special, he was earning group placements. During his show career, he earned many group placements and multiple group wins. Of all his wins, the one I treasure most was his Best of Breed at the 1991 NNTC Montgomery County Specialty under English judge Mrs. Joy Taylor, the highly respected Nanfan Norfolk breeder. That was a special day and one I will never forget. In 1991, Barney was the number one nationally ranked Norfolk Terrier and the Pedigree winner for the year.

Barney was a handsome dog with excellent conformation. He also had what I treasure in a breeding program—an outstanding temperament. He was never quarrelsome or aggressive with other dogs, but stood his ground with determination and dignity. He passed on his good qualities to his offspring, siring many champions and group placers. Many breeders used him at stud and loved what he added to their breeding programs.

In his latter years, he lived the good life with 2 younger female Norfolks and the love both my husband and I had for him. In March of this year he developed serious gastrointestinal upsets. He was treated by specialists and made a brief recovery before becoming ill once more. I knew (I guess deep down you always do) the time I dreaded most had arrived. My husband and I took Barney to our veterinarian and he was put to rest in my arms.

I have so many happy memories of Barney and am fortunate to be able to see so many of his kids and grandkids, many of whom bear a striking resemblance to him. He is also missed by our many neighbors, who have asked about him and who miss seeing him on our walks. I am grateful to have had Barney in my life for almost 14 years. He will always hold a special place in my heart, a place reserved for him alone.

—Kathleen Eimil, Mayfair Norfolk Terriers, San Francisco, CA
"Winnie" and her litter sister “Bounce” came to live with Bill and me in Brooklyn, CT at 3 ½ months old. A high-school classmate in Baltimore had bred her Norwich bitch to a Rolling Ridge male and was looking for homes for the two puppies. At the time, we had only one female of breeding age. So I jumped at the chance to acquire these young Norwich, who were nieces of our resident stud dog, “Tad.”

Bounce gradually wore out her welcome. After destroying several zippers on Bill’s jackets, ripping the arms and seat of his favorite leather chair, and picking fights with some of our older Norwich, she graduated to a single-dog home near Hartford. Winnie, by comparison, was a model of decorum—affectionate, mild-mannered, congenial with all our dogs. Fortunately for us, she proved to be a super broodbitch, raising 9 healthy puppies in 3 litters (the first in Connecticut, the others in Kentucky) during the years 1994 to 1997. Without Winnie, whose registered name, appropriately, was “Second Wind,” we would have no Rolling Ridge females to carry on.

In the spring of 1998, six months after her last litter, Winnie left the hustle-bustle of our multi-dog home to live with a very special, dog-doting couple in Louisville. Judy and Robert Thomas already had one of Winnie’s daughters (April Fool) from her first litter and were delighted to adopt Winnie as a friend for them and for April. For the next 5 years, Winnie reigned as Queen Bee in the Thomas’ home, letting April know in an amiable, but no-nonsense manner, that “Mother knows best.”

A few days after returning from a family trip to California this summer, Winnie suddenly became very ill. Her whole body tilted leftward and her hind legs were very weak. The vet held out hope that she might recover, but sadly, this was not to be. After she was put to rest, the vet told Judy and Robert that she most likely had a brain tumor.

Winnie lives on in the special place she will always occupy in the Thomas’ heart and, here at Rolling Ridge, in the living legacy of her three daughters and one granddaughter. Bill and I feel lucky to have shared our home with Winnie for the first half of her life. I would like to thank Judy and Robert Thomas for giving her such a wonderful home for the second half of her too-short life.

—Alison Freehling, Charlottesville, VA
SEDECREM’S GUS D’BEAR

(October 23, 1993-May 5, 2003)

On May 5, 2003, “Gus” lost his long and valiant fight against chronic, progressive liver disease from heavy metal storage in his liver. Since the age of 3 1/2 years, he had baffled veterinary experts at Tufts and Cornell as well as his loving family veterinarian.

Gus was the son of Ch. Titanium Grenadier and Sedecrem’s Karla Koala, a Ch. Buckeye Bradley daughter. He was not a Champion, as his “underbite” and “fly ears” kept his little feet from entering the show ring. However, he was the embodiment of what a Norfolk Terrier should be . . . the perfect mix of Spunk, ATTITUDE, Sweetness, Love and Humor. He was our introduction to the wonderful world of Norfolk Terriers; and we have been fortunate to add 3 more Norfolk boys—Jack, Ben and Luke—to our family during the last 9 years. Gus was a unique cross between dominant male and doting mother. One growl from Gus would stop any delinquent behavior by the others. He would then immediately go to clean their ears to let them know he still loved them.

Gus was an ambassador of good will. He never met a person or dog he didn’t love, and made all humans and canines feel that they were the most special beings in the world. He was the ultimate lap dog and often couldn’t wait for you to be fully seated to jump on board! Gus was one of the remaining “smiling” Norfolks, and sang a sweet full scale every time his favorite people entered the house. Anytime I picked him up, he would caress my face with his little paws as he smothered me with kisses.

Gus was fearless, happy and gay. He was also bossy beyond measure and ran our house with stunning efficiency. He is irreplaceable and we shall miss him always.

—Marabeth Berg, Roxbury, CT

PS. It has been 3 months since we lost Gus, and we still miss him like crazy; but we have just brightened our lives with Gus’s great nephew, Todmorden My Willum D’Bear. I believe that Norfolk puppies have a way of mending broken hearts...
AGILITY

Standard title. Blair reports that Bianca may be faster than Kate, since he has to run the inside of the course instead of the outside. Or maybe Blair is just getting older?! Down south in the Louisiana heat, Marcia Frank has decided to run Norwich Ch. Davishall Scarlet Grace NA NJP OAJ (Scarlet) in the Preferred classes where she earned her Novice Jumpers Preferred title. Her Pair-A-Docs' Mint Julep NA NAJ (Jewel) earned the Novice Jumpers title. Both Norwich Ch. Dunbar's Good Luck Charm NA NAJ, owned by Carol Clark, and Lauren Love's Urchin's Just Us Follow On NA OAJ JE (Fagan) conquered teeters and A-frames to earn the Novice Agility title. Fagan then went on to earn the Open Jumpers title with a first place, running faster than those long-legged short Poodles and Papillons.

Other Open titles include Sassie Joriis' star of stage and screen, Norfolk Ch. Flashback Postmark NA OAJ JE (Stamp). Have you seen him under the table in the Cream of Wheat commercial? He earned the Open Jumpers title, as did Norwich Breakaway's Malarky NA OAJ, owned by Gail Ertstrom. Carol Clark has earned another title on another Norwich, the Open Standard title on Dunbar's Penelope Star CD OA OAJ. That's a lot of work! Patti Evans' Norwich, Ch. Castle-Bar Mystery Date OJP NAP (Kirby), earned the Open Jumpers Preferred title, and Jan Sinclair's Norwich Sho-Me Ketka's Rolling Rock CDX OAP OAJ earned the Open Preferred title.

If you thought this list would be short at the Advanced Level, you would be mistaken. We now have several more Norfolk titles in the Advanced classes. Shirl Hutchins' Chantilly's Elfwynoberry Brow CD OA AXJ (Aelay) earned the difficult (because of the speed required) Excellent Jumpers title, and Angela Smith, in addition to the earlier-mentioned Novice titles with a younger dog, earned the Excellent Agility title with Ch. Kimberley's Lil Rascal CD AX NAJ. I believe these are both the second Norfolk to earn their respective titles. Another hard worker, Patti Evans, has added the Excellent Standard title to Ch Pair-a-Docs' Peppercorn AX AXJ (Hazel). Raine Johnson, DVM has found time to finish the Excellent Agility title on her owner-bred and trained Norwich, Ch. Breakaway's Central Perk AX AXJ (Chandler), and the Excellent Jumpers title on her third Norwich Ch. Breakaway's Grand Slam AX AXJ (Martti). Talk about hard work! I'll bet Rainee's in good shape. Gayle Holmen's Norwich Mischief's Sea Wolf AX AXJ (Wolf) now also sports the Excellent Agility title. Good work to all!

Finally, the Norwich/Norfolk world may soon have its first MACH or Master Agility Champion. The MACH, which goes in front of the dog's name, is the Nobel Prize of agility. Earning it requires 20 Double Qs, (Double Qualifying runs), which means successfully completing both the Excellent Standard and Excellent Jumpers courses on the same day with no faults twenty times (on twenty different days), and running a total of 750 seconds below course time. Most of us would agree that the time requirement is the hardest part, since many of us qualify with mere tenths of a second to spare. There are 2 Norwich and 1 Norfolk headed toward a MACH. As of August 1, Blair Kelly's Norwich, Ch. Jerusalem Katherine Minola B MX MXJ CD (Kate), had 15 Double Q's and 434 points. Blair would probably be making faster progress toward the MACH, but he spends many weekends judging agility, where he begs Norwich/Norfolk competitors to find him out of the ring and let him play with their dogs, since he doesn't bring his Norwich with him when he judges. With similar speed issues, Cricket Goodall's Norwich, Outfoxed Wauwinet Wren MX MXJ (Wren), had 5 Double Q's and 109 points in 2002. Then Cricket injured her knee and had to have surgery, so agility is on hold for a while. We wish her a complete recovery. On the other hand, Joan Meyer's Norfolk Triune Tartan Gandolf Greybeard MX MXJ (Wizard) had 195 points and just one Double Q in 2002. For those of you who haven't been there, the shouts that go up when someone earns a MACH beat those at a Super Bowl win, because everyone cheers. We can hardly wait.

Have you noticed how many of these Norfolk and Norwich have obedience titles (CD or CDX)? Once training gets in your blood, you look for more skills to teach your dog, which is to say, more ways to have fun with and communicate with your dog. Be sure to send me details of legs and titles. (carlynnricks@earthlink.net) For those of you unaware of the noragility list, we encourage you to join us. Go to noragility@yahoogroups.com and sign up. Put your dog in your lap while you're online.

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
2002 OBEDIENCE RANKINGS
AND 2003 OBEDIENCE TITLES

In this report on 2002 obedience rankings, I'm going to recognize those dogs and their owners reported in Front and Finish the Dog Trainers News, (using the First and Foremost Rating System) as the top Norwich and Norfolk in obedience for 2002. The ratings published in 2003 are based upon the AKC’s records for the year 2002. The First and Foremost Rating System ranks dogs who earn qualifying scores of 170 points or more. Points are awarded based on the dog's total score for the calendar year according to the following table of qualifying scores:

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Obedience is divided into three main classes: Novice, Open and Utility; those three classes are subdivided into ‘A’ and ‘B’ classes. Very simply put, ‘A’ classes are for dogs who have not obtained the title at that specific level. ‘B’ classes are for those who have obtained the title but continue to show at that level. The rankings listed here are from the ‘A’ classes only.

**Novice A**

Norfolk Terrier
Reidmar Rob's Boy
March Wind's Cobbler
Ch. Kimberley's Lil Rascal
Domby's Oliver Twist SE

Norwich Terrier
Skyscot's Tanda

Owner: Bernice Staton
Points: 12

Owner: Robin Foley
Points: 12

Owner: Angela Smith
Points: 11

Owner: Peggy Metcalf
Points: 6

**Open A**

Norfolk Terrier
Hevans Emma Rose CD
Tywyth Kelsy Of Elbow Rock CD

Norwich Terrier
Ch. Top Drawer's Cholmondley CD TD

Owner: Judith Goedecke
Points: 8

Owner: Mary Fine
Points: 5

Owner: Meredith Dwyer
Points: 8

**Utility A**

There were no Norfolk or Norwich listed in Utility A for 2002.

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I also have many new 2003 obedience titles to report! Tywyth Original Cindy, a Norfolk owned and shown by NNTC member Mary Fine, got her third CD leg and her Companion Dog title at the Town and Country DTC (NJ) on June 21. According to Mary, her little Norfolk was only 7 ½ months old and is Mary's seventh consecutive generation of obedience titled Norfolk.
Then on August 16, Cindy earned her first CDX leg. At the rate they're going, Cindy will have her CDX in no time!

Over the weekend of May 24-25, a two-year-old Norfolk, Newton, owned by Lorece Newton-Moore, and handled at least partly by Lorece's youngest daughter, earned his U-CD. U-CD exercises are similar to those of AKC except for the recall (where the dog is recalled over the high jump, with a steward standing at each side of the jump) and the long down, which is replaced by the dog doing what is called "honing" in the ring while another dog does his heeling exercises. I'm not sure if there are any other Norfolk with UKC obedience titles; I do know there is at least one Norwich with her U-CD title. If there are other Norfolk or Norwich with UKC obedience titles, please email and let me know so I can publish those titles too. Although not obedience related, Lorece also reported that Newton is the first Norfolk to earn a UKC Weight Pull title. Wouldn't that be neat to see a little Norfolk or Norwich pulling?

Getting back to obedience, on January 12, Norfolk Hevans Emma Rose CD, owned by NNCTC member Judith Goedecke, earned her CDX title. Norwich, Ch. Sandina Sally Forth CD, owned by Betty McDonnell also earned her CDX on January 18.

A Norfolk, Artisan's Wee Haggis, owned by Gail Marovich, earned his CD on March 29. Norwich, Ch. Jerusalem Chutney added a CD title on March 16. He is proudly owned by NNCTC member Phyllis Pullen M.D.

With April came more than just showers. According to AKC records, two Norfolk and two Norwich added CD titles to their list of accomplishments. The first Norfolk, Ch. Andover Petite Bonbon NA SE, owned by NNCTC member Laurie Rossi Sherick, added the CD title on April 13. On April 11, Flatford Loving Grace, a Norfolk owned by Peggy Chittick, added the CD title. Not to be outdone, Norwich Loxwood Ecstasy now has a CD after her name. She is owned by Dennis and Susan Miyasato and earned that third leg on April 27. Another Norwich, Top Drawer's Intimidator, owned by NNCTC members Kimberly Dwyer Mullings and Meredith Dwyer put the CD behind their dog's name on April 18.

Moving along to May, we have a Norfolk, Kilkenny's Mountain Heather CD, earning her CDX title with a 1st, a 2nd, and a 4th place placement. Her breeder, NNCTC member Cathie Heimbach, writes that "Heather is a master of the obedience ring and a great ambassador for the breed. Her charming appearance and wonderful personality win new fans for Normorks at each of her outings."

Congratulations to all the new title winners. I hope each and every one goes on to bigger and better things. Remember to email me with any of your obedience news!

—Pam Lorenzen, Olin, IA
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Long Valley Norwich
during the Winter of 2002/2003

Follow the leader
Snowed in!
"Winkin', Blinkin' and Nod" (Norwich)

"Morgan" and "Max" Niemann chawing their chews

"Henry" Smithers and his leonine guardian angel, "Linus"

Big Sister, Little Sister: "April" and "Bonny" Freehling

Forty winks: "Dino" Ambrose and pal
RESCUE AND REHOMING:
Why are the breeds getting away from us?
What can every breeder and owner do?

When I began this article, I was very angry; but as I worked on it, I came to recognize that my anger is a secondary reaction (as most anger is) to fear. I am afraid we are losing control of our breeds, and it is important to identify the reasons why and to close the barn doors before the theft is complete. The Internet has changed many things drastically, for better and for worse. What has happened to the world of purebred dogs is one of the biggest casualties, and it is high time we breeders sat up and paid attention to how we can more carefully protect our breeds. Not a week goes by that I don’t either read or receive notices of Norwich Terriers in Internet photo ads, in magazines (most recently the August issue of Dog Fancy), in mid-western dog auctions. One Internet advertiser, about whom I reported to the Board last October, is still selling Norwich puppies, “gorgeous little dolls from top Russian bloodlines.” If that isn’t bad enough, I am getting 100% more calls about Norfolk and Norwich mixes in pounds and shelters across America. While some of these waifs do not bear enough characteristics of either breed to make a case for the heritage or for the rescue, others do. Some of them, including the most recent Norfolk rescue on Long Island, are, in fact, purebred, albeit poor specimens. Every day my email has at least ten of these frightening little stories to unwind and decide upon. In past columns, I have tended to accentuate the positive, to tell you charming stories, often with photos, about this dog or that who has been found and saved, or rehomed from an unsatisfactory situation. I was all ready to do the same in this column. There have been some great rescues, and I wanted to share them with you. But the “feel good” stories will have to wait because what lies behind them are the problems, and a happy ending does not make the problem that caused it go away.

First, however, I want to thank all those loving and energetic NNTC members, and a few folks who are not members, for their invaluable help in the rescues of this past year. I will not name names as it is inevitable that someone will be left out. You know who you are, and my deepest thanks to each and every one of you.

And now, in service of anger and fear, here is a list of things I do not believe all Norwich and Norfolk breeders are doing. If you are doing them, then “good on you,” as the Aussies say. If you are not, or not always doing them, sit up and pay attention because you are the “they” I mean:

— They (NNTC members) are not making sure that every puppy buyer gets a complimentary copy of the News.

Most new owners I talk to have no idea that there is such a publication or how to subscribe. How many of you didn’t know that every new owner is entitled to such a welcome? What better way is there to begin immediate education in the history, prowess, and great concerns of our breeds?

— They are not being as clear as possible about the need to spay or neuter puppies by either withholding registrations until a vet’s certificate has been produced, or giving a limited registration from the get-go.

I have spoken or exchanged emails with many would-be buyers who are waiting to hear from this or that breeder about whether a puppy is available, and who are definitely (by their own admission) planning to breed at least one litter so their
friends can have one too. Breeders, that should be in the very first conversation you have with a buyer; clearly it is not in way too many cases.

— They are not asking enough questions of potential buyers, nor are they questioning owners of bitches who come to their studs for breeding as to what the plans for the litter are, and how they can help with evaluation and placement of the pups.

There are more and more random litters/puppies with the names of well-known dogs in the pedigree being advertised both on the Internet and in dog magazines. Most of them are listed as show quality. Why is show quality stock being sold in public places?

— They are not following up on the pets they sell to make sure that the home is 100% successful, the dog is happy, and neutering has, indeed, taken place.

Communication being as fragile as it is, all breeders should make at least an annual call to an owner to make sure that all is well, as well as several calls in the first year of ownership. Some owners are great at staying in touch, but others get in a bit of trouble and are afraid of admitting it to the breeder; thus it becomes the breeder’s obligation to do the checking in and to fine-tune the relationship of dog and owner.

All of us know, whether we will admit it or not, that a lot of ego creeps into the breeding and showing of dogs. In the world of Norwich and Norfolks, ego is having two major effects: (1) it is delaying the neutering of puppies sold as pets; (2) it is driving puppy prices up to staggering heights and resulting in breeding simply for financial gain. Ego is why many breeders are reluctant to say a puppy is pet quality; ego keeps breeders thinking a puppy may turn into Cinderella or Prince Charming at a year and thus delays insistence on neutering; and ego is what makes a breeder gratified by the high prices received for all puppies, pet or show quality. It is impossible to price for a good home, a responsible owner, a happy dog. Just because someone can pay the price does not mean they will do well by the dog. The people advertising in the newspapers, the magazines, and on the Internet are breeding Norwich and Norfolk because they did not get a clear message from an established breeder that a puppy which is not physically and temperamentally sound must not be bred. What they got instead was the message that breeding Norwich and Norfolk is a real-money-maker, regardless of the quality of the puppies. Thus inferior stock is being reproduced and sold based on the model provided by breeders who have lost sight of the basic ethics behind breeding: breed for the best, not for personal gain and fame, and be vigilant that only the best go on to the next generation.

About a year ago, there was a photo on the front page of a local newspaper featuring a little girl carrying her “Norfolk-mix”!! Do you think that the price paid for one side of that puppy’s parentage determines the worth of the breeder who allowed that to happen? There needs to be a shift in focus away from motives of personal gain to the ethical tenets of good breeding, away from the size of the purse demanded to the quality of the home offered. The rescues, crossbreds, and Internet ads are powerful arguments for a renewed intention, on every breeder’s part, to go back to being a careful keeper of our breeds before it is too late.

—Susan M. Ely, NNTC Rescue and Rehome Chair ludely@bellatlantic.net
NEW NORFOLK AND NORWICH EARTHDOG TITLES

Some new earthdog venues have been added to the list of trials since last season. Hopefully the availability of these new trials will encourage more people to get out and give their terriers a chance to use their natural instincts.

The following titles earned by Norwich and Norfolk Terriers were published from September 2002 to August 2003:

Norwich titles

Junior Earthdog:
- Urchin’s Just Us Follow On, Lauren Love

Senior Earthdog:
- Ch. Bunratty’s Tod Moran JE, Hilary Pease

Norfolk titles

Junior Earthdog:
- Ch. Flashback Postmark, Francoise and Celine Joiris
- Rugby’s Picnic at Pinchbeck, Sue Ely

Senior Earthdog:
- March Wind’s Cobbler JE, Robin Foley
- Tally Ho-Ho-Ho JE, Beth Kravetz
- Ch. Franaro Lucy Pinch JE, Sue Ely

Master Earthdog:
- Tally Ho-Ho-Ho JE, Beth Kravetz

Congratulations to these dogs and their owners on a job well done!

There are changes in the wind . . .

Sue Ely, the NNTC’s delegate to the AKC Earthdog Advisory Committee, has helped develop the proposed changes in the AKC earthdog regulations for 2003. There are 13 proposals, each to be voted on separately. As she has been in on the discussions from the beginning, Sue believes that the changes are positive and that they will help to strengthen the earthdog program. Please contact her and she will send you a copy of the proposals. Sue suggests that you read the proposals very carefully and send any comments to her by November 5, 2003. Copies will also be available Montgomery weekend, and Sue will be glad to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the suggested changes.

—Peggy Metcalf, Flurries Norfolk Terriers, Camden, NY

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SEARCH PARTY

NNTC member Lini Federici took this priceless go-to-ground photo while out groundhog hunting in July with Sue Ely and Richard Reynolds. Lini’s Norfolk “Broady” (Ch. Jaeva Brandy Snap, ME, CGC) is in the left hole determining if the groundhog is there. Richard’s Norfolk “Reynard Land Rover” is checking out the right tunnel. Patiently awaiting her turn is another of Lini’s dogs, “River” (Ch. Rugby’s Sam’s Breydon). Lini reports that the Norfolks “did not find a groundhog that day, but had some great exercise and gained very valuable hunting experience.”

—Lini Federici, Rugby Norfolk, Moorestown, NJ 
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“River” waits his turn to worry the quarry . . .
or “Three’s a crowd” . . .
or “It went thatta way” . . . .

Pleased to meet you . . .

Photo credit: Lini Federici
“NEW SUNNY ADDRESS FOR THE AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION”

A May 15 press release from AKC/CHF Executive Director D.D. DiLalla announced the relocation of the 7-year-old, non-profit organization from Aurora, Ohio to the AKC building in Raleigh, North Carolina as of June 30, 2003. "DiLalla will be relocating to Raleigh, along with Grants Director Erika Werne, Executive Assistant Elizabeth Frenz, and Executive Assistant Betty Moore. Staff who will not relocate include former Executive Vice President Deborah Lynch, Development Specialist Kate Tomaro, Development Coordinator Martha Meyer and General Office Assistant Mary Howard. Staff not relocating will no longer be with the AKC/CHF. The consolidation of offices and reduction in staff are deliberately designed to reduce expenses to enable the funding of four to eight more research proposals on an annual basis." As of June 20, 2003, the new mailing address will be: AKC Canine Health Foundation, P. O. Box 37941, Raleigh, NC 27627-7941. Phone: 919-334-4010; fax: 919-334-4011; email: akccchf@aol.com. For more information about the work of the CHF and how to donate, call the toll-free number 888-682-9696 or visit the website: www.akcch.org.

UPDATE ON NORFOLK DNA ICHTHYOSIS TESTING

This spring, the Comparative Dermatology Laboratory in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University began offering a DNA based test for a heritable scaly skin condition ("ichthyosis") in Norfolk Terriers. We have found that this disease is 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. Our first scientific paper about this disorder has just been accepted for publication by the Journal of Comparative Pathology and a second article is currently underway.

This disease is inherited in a recessive manner in Norfolk Terriers, meaning that an individual must have two copies of the mutated gene to produce clinical symptoms. If a dog has only one copy of the mutated gene, the dog appears normal but is called a carrier. If a carrier mates with another carrier and the defective gene from the sire and the dam is passed to an offspring, the puppy will have the disease. The symptoms of this disease are not life-threatening but they are bothersome, with darkening of the skin all over the body, a mild “cobblestone” thickening of the skin and moderate dandruff. Most affected dogs also have a very "doggy" odor.

Since we began offering this assay, we have tested 107 unaffected dogs. We found that 69 were genetically clear for this disease and 38 were identified as carriers. We would like to point out that these numbers are substantially higher than within the Norfolk Terrier population at large because we have been testing dogs with relatives that have the disease. These numbers do indicate, however, that the gene is quite common in the breed. For this reason, we are continuing to offer this assay and recommend it for every dog in a breeding program. We would like to thank all of those in the Norfolk Terrier community who have participated in this project.

All testing will be confidential and our charge is $85 per dog (payable only by check at this time). If samples from four or more dogs are submitted at the same time from the same kennel and owner, the charge is discounted to $70 per dog. At your request, 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. Results for your dog(s) will be sent 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 Credille, Jacob Minor, Kristin Foulk and Robert Dunstan
College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University
USING GENETICS IN YOUR BREEDING PROGRAM

Ichthyosis is an inherited skin disease that has been positively diagnosed in Norfolk Terriers. Although not a life-threatening condition, it is an inconvenience both to the breeder, who has produced a pup with an incurable although controllable disorder, and to the owner, who must contend with a smelly, flakey-skin canine. Only the dog seems unconcerned with his plight. He is not itchy, could care less about the way he smells, and is not bothered by the grey pile of dandruff he leaves behind on the couch or bed.

I produced an ichthyosis puppy in my first Norfolk litter. It took 2 years to positively diagnose the condition; I suspect many mildly affected dogs are never diagnosed. Sylvia, my foundation bitch, never produced another affected pup; but as I learned more about ichthyosis and its mode of inheritance, I realized that if I were to double on Sylvia, other affected pups were a possibility. Nevertheless, I took a chance. About 8 years later, I bred a Sylvia son to a Sylvia granddaughter and produced my second affected puppy.

I was aware that Dr. Robert Dunstan and his staff were close to identifying the ichthyosis gene and to developing a test to identify clear, carrier and affected individuals. Because I had supported this research by supplying skin biopsies and blood samples from many of my dogs, I was given the opportunity to test a bitch I was planning to breed before the test was generally available. I was delighted to learn that this maiden bitch did not carry the gene for ichthyosis; thus I was free to breed her to any dog without fear of producing an affected pup. I bred her to a dog from my line that I knew to be a carrier.

Lily produced a litter of three—2 girls and a boy. I was very pleased with the puppies and decided not to choose the bitch I was keeping based on whether or not she carried the ichthyosis gene. I have since had her tested and she does indeed carry the gene. Therefore, when I breed this Norfolk bitch, I must be certain that she is bred to a dog tested clear of the affected gene.

Testing for ichthyosis is easy. Dr. Kelly Credille of Texas A & M has included information in this News on how to obtain cheek swabs. As in gathering DNA material for AKC DNA identification, one simply rubs the swabs between the dog's cheek and gum, repackages the swabs in their little sleeve, and sends them via U. S. mail to the Comparative Dermatology Lab at Texas A & M.

Now that a definitive test is available, there is no reason for a Norfolk bitch to ever again produce ichthyosis. How prevalent is the gene in the general Norfolk population? Only time will tell; however, I believe it is out there more than we might think. Why take a chance? I encourage all Norfolk breeders to test their breeding stock. We are now extremely fortunate to be able to say that ichthyosis is no big deal! Be a responsible breeder: use available genetic research and testing in your breeding program.

—Carol Falk, Ben Kelev Norfolk Terriers, Peabody, MA

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RESULTS OF NORFOLK MITRAL VALVE DISEASE SCREENINGS AT THE 2002 MCKC CLINIC

During the 2002 Montgomery weekend, the NNTC sponsored a clinic to screen Norfolk Terriers for evidence of Mitral Valve Disease (MVD). Dr. Luis Braz-Ruivo, DVM, DVSc, Diplomate ACVIM, examined twenty Norfolks by auscultation (stethoscope) and echocardiogram (cardiac ultrasound). This study was prompted by the findings of a clinic Dr. Braz-Ruivo had held at his Beltway Veterinary Cardiology in Glenn Dale, Maryland in December 2001. For those not familiar with MVD, please refer to Kathleen Eimil's article in the Winter 1998 News.
CLINIC (BREED HEALTH)

Dr. Braz-Ruivo's Report
(August 17, 2003)

Motivated by an unusual case of silent mitral valve disease (MVD), I evaluated 40 Norfolk Terriers on two separate occasions (December 2001 and October 2002). Of these 40 dogs, 17 were intact males, 4 were castrated males, 14 were intact females, and 5 were spayed females. Their mean age was 4.99 years, with a range between 1.02 and 11.28 years. The mean body weight was 13.32 lbs., with a range between 9 and 17.2 lbs. Mean heart rate on auscultation was 124 beats per minute, with a range between 100 and 160 beats per minute.

On auscultation, 7 out of 40 dogs were found to have a heart murmur. The murmur characteristics and location were suggestive of MVD. The youngest dog with a heart murmur was 5.08 years; the oldest dog with a heart murmur was 9.94 years. The mean age of dogs without a murmur was 4.49 years, with a range between 1.02 and 11.28 years.

An evaluation by 2-D imaging echocardiography (echocardiogram) and color flow Doppler study was performed. All dogs with a heart murmur were found to have at least a moderate amount of mitral valve regurgitation. This was the cause for the heart murmur in this group of 7 dogs; no other cause was found on echocardiogram. Echocardiography detected a total of 27 dogs with some degree of mitral valve regurgitation. Of these 27, 7 were the dogs with a murmur, leaving 20 dogs without a heart murmur but with echocardiographic evidence of MVD. Of these 20 dogs, we had 12 females and 8 males.

If we remove the 7 dogs with a heart murmur, we had 33 dogs without a heart murmur, of which 20 had some evidence of mitral regurgitation. The degree of MR varied from trivial to moderate in dogs without a murmur. In other words, 60.6% of dogs without a heart murmur have mitral valve regurgitation on echocardiogram. If we lump together dogs with a murmur and dogs without a murmur, the echocardiogram revealed 67.5% of the dogs as having variable degrees of mitral valve disease.

The main conclusion of this pilot study is that the incidence of silent mitral valve disease in Norfolk Terriers is high. The number of female dogs with silent mitral valve disease appears to be higher than in male dogs (12 females versus 8 males). These findings reflect a serious limitation on the screening of mitral valve disease in this breed using auscultation alone. Another point to consider is that the average age of the dogs with a murmur is beyond their optimal age for breeding. The mean age of dogs with echocardiographic evidence of MVD but no evidence of a heart murmur was 5.11 years. At this age many dogs have been used several times in breeding programs. We should consider this data with caution and curiosity. We do not know the genetics of mitral valve disease in Norfolk Terriers. We also do not know the cause for the disease, probably genetic as in other breeds. We also do not know the rate of progression of the mitral valve disease. In some dogs (not Norfolks), MVD can persist for several years without substantial progression of cardiac enlargement or development of heart failure. Further epidemiologic studies are needed to evaluate the natural progression of the disease and to draw conclusions in order to make sound breeding recommendations. For now all we know is that up to 60% of Norfolk Terriers have silent mitral valve regurgitation, and that auscultation alone will not be able to screen dogs with silent disease. We don't know what degree of MVD is acceptable, if any; we don't know at what stage we should cull an affected dog (very early versus mild to moderate disease). There are too many unanswered questions that require the collection of data over several years to try to make a serious effort on what will be the appropriate recommendations.

—Dr. Braz-Ruivo, DVM, DVS, Diplomate ACVIM (Cardiology)

Dr. Braz-Ruivo cautions breeders of Norfolk Terriers not to overinterpret these results. He recommends discussing with the NNCTC a long-term study "to look into this in detail to try to get the best answers possible," and adds that this will take time and effort from all involved.

—Deborah Pritchard, Glenelg Norfolk Terriers, Middleburg, VA
“FRIENDS OF NORFOLK HEALTH”
DONOR ADVISED FUND UPDATE

I have been in contact with the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) many times over the summer. There have been some recent organizational changes within the CHF and, in June, its offices were moved from Ohio to Raleigh, North Carolina. The CHF still has had no success in finding a researcher interested in studying MVD in Norfolk Terriers. Meanwhile, over the past 2 years, our Norfolk DAF has continued to grow, and as of September 1, 2003, we have $19,827.

Because the Norfolk MVD project was moving more slowly than I had hoped, and because I have many veterinary contacts, I decided to undertake my own search. I am excited to report that I believe I have found the right person for our study. She is a cardiology resident at a major university veterinary school and is also studying for her PhD. We discussed the exciting new work being done with mitral valve replacement in dogs, but agreed that the thrust of our Norfolk MVD study should be to understand how this disease is inherited in order to reduce its incidence in our breed. She has indicated her willingness to submit a pre-grant proposal to the CHF, since no funds can be released without CHF approval.

Former NNTC Norfolk health chair Andrew Kramer, who has a PhD in genetics, also has hundreds of Norfolk pedigrees logged into his computer. Andrew is willing to help with this MVD study, as, initially, much emphasis will need to be placed on pedigree analysis.

Many NNTC and ANTA members responded not only to our “Friends of Norfolk Health” MVD survey, but also to our request for funds. Hopefully, we will be contacting all of you in the not-too-distant future. Your continued input will be vital to the success of this undertaking. Although this is a long-term project, I believe together, we can make a difference.

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LEPTOSPIROSIS: AN OLD DISEASE, A NEW WORRY

Many dog owners are familiar with the word leptospirosis as one of the diseases prevented by the “puppy shots” or annual DHLPP vaccination (distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, parvo). But few know much about the disease itself. Until now, it wasn’t considered to be as prevalent or as important as the others, even by veterinarians. “Lepto” was even deliberately left out of the combination shot by some breeders and veterinarians because it was known to be the most common cause of an allergic vaccine reaction. An occasional dog will have a swollen face, hives, vomiting, or, rarely, a fatal anaphylactic reaction immediately following vaccination. Now, however, dog owners and veterinarians are taking a new look at leptospirosis.

What is Leptospirosis? “Lepto” is a bacterial disease that can infect dogs, wild and farm animals, and humans. Found in almost all areas of the world, it can cause sickness and even death in animals and people. Raccoons, voles, skunks, opossums, cattle, pigs, and rats are the main sources of Lepto infection. Transmission normally results from contaminated urine penetrating the body through skin abrasions, mucous membranes, or sexual contact. The most common source of infection is contaminated water.

Who is at risk? All dogs are susceptible to the disease, although those that spend a great deal of time outdoors are at highest risk. Outbreaks of Lepto infections occur after periods of heavy rains,
usually in summer or fall. Standing water, rivers, streams, ponds, and puddles are excellent reservoirs for the bacteria to survive. In warm, wet climates, bacteria can survive for several months.

Leptospirosis is a zoonotic disease, that is, animals can give it to humans. The biggest source of the organism is infected urine from rodents, which contaminates soil and water. In addition, rat bites and contaminated meat can transmit Lepto.

How great is the risk? Until about 5 years ago, leptospirosis was thought to be rare in western countries. Vaccines protecting against canine leptospirosis have been used for many years. The strains L. canicola and L. icterohaemorrhagiae (lepto strains are known as “serovars”) are usually found in the common DHLPP shot. Despite the lepto vaccine, a recent study from U. S. and Canadian veterinary schools showed that the prevalence of Lepto in dogs actually increased between 1983 and 1998. In some areas of the U. S., Lepto is now the most common cause of canine acute renal failure. Recent research in lower Michigan showed that 37% of healthy dogs had titers indicating they had been exposed to natural infection with Lepto.

What are the Symptoms? Clinical signs vary with the strain (serovar) involved and the type of animal infected. In humans, lung hemorrhage, jaundice, and kidney problems are most common. Dogs typically have kidney or liver failure. Other symptoms also seen in dogs include glucose in the urine, fever, weight loss, vomiting, or bloody diarrhea. The period between infection and shedding of organisms to others is 3 to 20 days, but can continue for months.

Diagnosis. Any dog with unexplained liver or kidney disease should be tested for the organism. A microscopic agglutination test (MAT) is used to determine if antibodies to Lepto are present in the blood. A positive blood test indicates an infection, but an initial negative blood test is not sufficient to rule out Lepto. Results can be negative for the first 7 to 10 days of acute illness. If clinical signs are suspicious, follow-up blood work may be needed. Abdominal ultrasound may also be helpful.

Treatment. Two weeks of ampicillin or amoxicillin, plus doxycycline and IV fluids is the standard treatment. Survival rates are about 80% if treatment is started early. Most deaths are due to renal failure. If a dog survives the initial phase, chronic renal failure can remain, leading eventually to premature death.

The New Worry. In an increasing number of cases in dogs, other serovars (L. grippotyphosa, L. pomona, and others) seem to be causing the disease. There are regional differences with regard to which serovars are most common. New vaccines have become available this year which protect against the newly important serovars, as well as the old (Duramune ® LCI-GP, and Duramune ® LGP, Ft. Dodge).

Prevention. There is a lack of published data regarding length of immunity provided by Lepto vaccines, but it is probably advisable to give the newer vaccines containing all 4 main serovars yearly. Lepto vaccines are able to protect against clinical disease, but they may not prevent the carrier state. A carrier dog may still be able to shed organisms that could spread to other animals or to humans. At my veterinary clinic, we have decided to use the new vaccines for all dogs, unless they have previously had a reaction to Lepto vaccines. Interestingly, we have had no vaccine reactions with the new vaccine so far (normally we see 2 or 3 reactions a year). All dogs with unexplained kidney disease, and possibly liver disease, should be handled as if they had leptospirosis until proven otherwise. Wear gloves when handling urine and bedding and wash hands frequently. Ask your veterinarian for advice regarding vaccinating your dogs.

—Kim Hennessy, DVM, NNTC Norfolk Health Chair, Honey Brook, PA jhenness@bellatlantic.net
SMALL MIRACLES

I call them the miracle babies . . . my vets call them a miracle. I am writing this recount of events so other breeders will know that even very young puppies with pneumonia can be saved. It takes a very creative and aggressive medical staff, unending strength and the belief in survival from the breeder, and a caring support group to pull it off, but we did it. What a blessing these puppies are now.

My Norwich bitch had a routine c-section and the babies, 2 girls and one boy, came around in good time. I have, for years, used plasma on my newborns for about four days after birth to boost their immunity, and I followed this procedure with this litter. All was well until the tenth evening when one girl began crying and seemed to be slightly dehydrated. I took her into my vet on call and it was decided there was nothing to do for her. So I took her home with fluids and began tubing her. She lived through the night, but was failing. My regular vet called in the late morning the next day and suggested we start her on antibiotics. It was then that I found her dead in the whelping box. We posted her immediately and only through this action did we discover that the problem was Klebsiella, the pneumonia-causing bacteria. With no idea where they contacted this bacteria, I took both remaining babies and their mom to my vet’s hospital, put the puppies in the incubator with oxygen, and began an aggressive antibiotic program: Baytril and Amikacin injections, fluids, and tube feeding. I spent 2 ½ days and nights with the puppies at my vet’s office administering the above program with the help of the hospital staff. It was an around-the-clock thing, and the only encouraging part was that the babies remained strong enough to move around. They could only tolerate being out of the incubator for 3-5 minutes at a time and were unable to nurse from mom.

By the middle of the second day, my vets had created a plan to move the babies home with an oxygen-concentrating machine rented from a local medical supply company. Needing to have a sealed container to put them in with the oxygen, my husband sealed a #200 dog crate, ran the oxygen tube into the crate and a heating unit in the bottom. We also connected a small home humidifier into the crate to add moisture for only a few minutes 3 times a day. One remaining problem was how to transport the babies 40 miles without oxygen since they were still only comfortable out of the oxygen for a few minutes. Again my vets put their heads together and decided to put the babies into a crate, put the crate in a very large and heavy plastic bag, fill the bag with oxygen and seal it. This worked great. The babies breathed comfortably all the way home.

We continued the feeding and medication schedule outlined below for 10 days. There were good days and not-so-good days. In a phone conversation with one of my vets about a new turn for one of the babies, he said, “They are really double-timing you, aren’t they?” It seemed one puppy would show some improvement while the other took a turn with something new and scary. When they both began having more good days than bad ones and began stressing at feeding or injection time, we discontinued the injections and went to oral Cephalexin. A few days later, we finally began to see some improvement. The puppies’ eyes were open and they were able to breath on their own for longer periods of time. They even began nursing. It was too soon for us to begin to breathe easy, but we were encouraged. We continued to use the oxygen for a total of three weeks, allowing the puppies to spend more and more time with mom and less and less in the oxygen crate until, at least, they could do 24 hours at a time on their own. By now they were eating cereal with goat’s milk and vitamins
along with the Probiacin they had been getting since the trouble began. We felt comfortable returning
the oxygen machine only after they were on their own for a week. It was a day to celebrate!

During one of my sleepless nights at the vet’s office, I tried to think of any possible way my
little Norwich could have come in contact with this nasty bacteria. I decided to check the plasma.
One of my vets has an extensive background in research and academics and ran a culture of the
plasma from the tube I had been using. It grew with amazing speed. We will never know if the plasma
contaminated the babies or the babies contaminated the plasma, but either scenario is pretty scary.

The photo of my two miracle babies was taken at 3 months; they are now 5 months. My
vets have checked them and have found no remaining problems from their ordeal. I see them as
very normal young’uns with very normal habits and stamina. They run and play and sleep with no
breathing problems; they are actually much quieter breathers than some other litters I have seen.
They are happy puppies and love to be with people. I consider this amazing since they were either
poked or prodded through their first few weeks of life.

I hope this information will help others faced with such a serious neonatal problem. I am
happy to pass on any other knowledge I gained through this experience, although I in no way consider
myself an expert. I was only following the instructions of my very capable vets and could not have
done this without their relentless efforts to save my babies.

Puppies’ Daily Schedule and Medication Protocol
- Tube feeding: 3cc every two hours around the clock
- Amikacin injection: 2.5ml three times daily
- Baytril injection: .2cc twice daily
- Additional fluids, water + Pedialite: 10cc daily spread out through the day (Amikacin’s
downside is possible damage to the kidneys so fluids were vital)
- Probiacin according to directions on tube each day
- Physical therapy 3 times a day—holding the puppy on its back with head downward
  and rubbing chest and belly. This helps to break up the congestion in the lungs.
- Humidifier for 5 minutes or until the moisture is flowing into the crate: three times daily
- A couple of hours of restless sleep for breeder spread out through the day and night . . .

The good news—we all survived and love each other lots!!
—Monti Craig, Image Norwich Terriers, Grants Pass, OR
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NORWICH HEALTH SURVEY: AN UPDATE

Norwich Health Chair George G. Jeitles, Jr., VMD, has recently received the
results of the NNNTC-funded Norwich health survey conducted by Dr. Margaret Slater
of the Texas A & M University College of Veterinary Medicine. Prior to making this
information available, Dr. Jeitles has asked the NNNTC Board to decide how best to
distribute the survey results. —AGF
Portrait of a lady: "Maddie" Beeler

"Bottoms up!" "Rhett" Smiddy's greeting pose

Siesta time: "Decker" Shlimbaum

The littlest angel

Little red terrier in a little red wagon
NOTHING BUT FLUFF

Two weeks ago, a note arrived from Ellen Pierce telling me that their beloved 16 3/4-year-old Rolling Ridge’s Just E. Nuff (Justin) had gone to doggy heaven. Old age had taken its toll on this once-so-merry Norwich and “life was no longer any fun for him.” It was time to let him go.

During my 20-some years as a Norwich breeder, I have received many such notes from persons who purchased Rolling Ridge puppies or adults. The news that one of our “puppies” has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge always saddens me. A dog’s life is so short, even for these relatively long-lived little terriers.

The Pierce’s note was particularly poignant, though, because Justin was a particularly memorable puppy—our first and, to date, our only true “fluffie.” Several of our homebred Norwich have had outer coats softer than the breed’s hard, wiry standard. As I learned from experience, stripping these softish outer coats is more difficult for the groomer and more uncomfortable for the dog. Justin, however, never grew any hard coat. His profuse, single coat could not be stripped. To prevent matting and to keep his skin healthy, the Pierses had him clipped about every 2 or 3 months.

When Justin, a singleton, was born in the fall of 1986, Bill and I were relatively new Norwich breeders. Puppies from our three or four previous litters had had their share of conformation faults, but all had sported the breed’s characteristic double coat. Since I had never seen a fluffie or even heard of another breeder having one, I attributed Justin’s dark color during his first weeks to his having more black puppy hairs than usual. “Maybe he’ll have a nice, thick coat like his parents,” I remember thinking. Both his dam and his sire were breed champions, typify with rich-red coats.

Wishful thinking! At ten weeks, Justin still had no sign of any hard hair. His soft coat was growing thicker and longer. It was almost black, with a wooly texture. Suspecting that something was wrong, I called long-time Norwich and Norfolk breeder, Joan Read (Chidley). “Sounds like you might have a fluffie,” Joan said. “Send me his picture.” When Justin’s photo arrived, Joan confirmed that he was indeed a “fluffie” or “hairy bear,” a Norwich that would never have a harsh outer coat. Fluffies show up periodically in both Norwich and Norfolk litters, she explained. It’s a simple recessive gene, so the sire and the dam must both be carriers.

The news of Justin’s “hairy bear-dom” was a big disappointment. Except for his coat, he was such a typey little Norwich with an irresistible personality—a self-confident, happy-go-lucky Prince Charming. He was also extremely smart and quick to learn. My heart told me to keep him as a perfect family companion. My head reminded me that all our dogs were housepets, so we shouldn’t have too many. After a short tug-of-war, my head prevailed.

I had no trouble finding Justin a wonderful home. He was very appealing—an adobrable “teddy bear” who loved people and got along well with other dogs. The Pierses came to meet him and, a few hours later, drove him home to Annapolis, where he spent a long and happy life as a spoiled only dog. For the next 17 years, Christmas cards brought news of what a wonderful dog he was, so amiable and well-behaved. Once I even got a note from friends of the Pierce’s, asking if I had any more Norwich “just like Justin.”
Owners wanting a Norwich with characteristic Norwich looks would not be happy with a fluffie. Nor would hairy bears be suitable for persons wanting to do earthdog, tracking or other out-in-the-mud-and-brambles working terrier activities. For those just wanting a family companion with a Norwich personality, however, fluffy coats present no drawbacks. These coats require regular brushing and clipping, no different than the grooming regimen adopted by many owners of normal-coated Norwich pets.

Knowing how delighted the Pierces were with Justin, I was always puzzled by other breeders’ reactions when I mentioned we had bred a fluffie. Most breeders had heard tell of fluffies in other breeders’ litters, but they’d never had one themselves. The subject seemed almost taboo, as if breeding a fluffie was a big-time “no-no.” Since the genes on both sides of Justin’s family tree were decidedly mainstream in American Norwich at the time, it seemed odd that Justin was one of a kind. As a breeder, I was disappointed, but not embarrassed, by his incorrect coat. I was actually glad to learn that his dam carried this recessive gene so I could plan her future breedings with this in mind. A fluffy offspring is the only way to discover that both a hard-coated sire and a hard-coated dam carry this recessive trait. Furthermore, to my way of thinking, a fluffy coat is a cosmetic problem, far less serious than breeding a Norwich with seizures or respiratory disorders or an overly-aggressive temperament. So while I do not intend to launch a line of hairy bears here in Charlottesville, if another Justin were to turn up, I would regard him/her as an occasional occurrence in the breed—and hope that our second fluffie would bring as much joy to his/her owners as our first.

—Alison Freehling, Charlottesville, VA
PUPPY PASTIMES

As a Norwich puppy greets you, that angelic smile upon her face,
Peer a little further...that devil won't be hard to trace.

Step beyond the threshold and come inside the door.
The evidence of puppy-hood is scattered on the floor.

Be careful where you place your feet because of all the toys.
Some are chewy, some have rope, and others just make noise.

We give the puppies lots of bones to work those little jaws;
It might protect the other things they find they like to gnaw.

It doesn't always work to have those toys around for Grover,
Eventually he'll find something else to mangle those teeth over.

The carpet is unraveling from playing tug of war.
Look closer now, yes you'll see that there is even more.

The couch is duct-taped on the cushion Nipper chose to chew.
No sense in buying different furniture...it won't stay nice and new.

Does a beaver live here? See the gouges made with flair
On the cross braces of that set of matching dining chairs.

The buffet no longer glistens with polished legs of wood.
The hall tree corner--empty now where for years it always stood.

You'd think at least the paper would be safe upon the wall,
Until the day I found it shredded on the floor in the front hall.

Speaking of walls--what's that?--could it really be a hole?
Did you think I had a puppy? I think I have a mole!

Kitchen cupboards, corners rounded from teeth needing to bite.
The wicker basket takes only moments to terrier-ize one night.

The kitchen chairs have been discarded and never been replaced.
Why bother? Now we'll just have to eat standing face to face.

Toilet paper--what fun!--to drag from room to room.
Which means a follow-up cleaning with dustpan and with broom.

We can't leave laundry on the floor unless they're only rags,
Those towels will be the first to go, starting with the tags.

My husband's favorite dress shirt, you know...the one that he just bought.
Now missing all the buttons from the damage Kenzie wrought.

When you come to get your puppy, I know it's hard to understand
The challenge that awaits you if you want to keep the upper hand.

A Norwich is not a kennel dog, don't keep him locked inside a cell.
But for his sake and that of your possessions...you've got to watch him well!

Try to puppy-proof your house completely any way you can.
To minimize the damage, you've got to have a plan.

If you must leave puppy unattended, until this urge abates,
The wisest thing that I can tell you is to put her in her crate.

The owner of a Norwich puppy stocks up on bitter apple spray.
It may help for now and remember, your puppy will grow up some day!

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GENERAL INTEREST

THE ODD COUPLE

There are six members of our family: my wife, Kristi, and I; our 3 Norwich, Zing (5 years), Desmond (3 years) and Norah (4 months); and the old lady of the family, Elly (full name: Ellyphant). Elly is a 9-year-old, 140-pound Neapolitan Mastiff and, with arthritis in her hips and elbows, is a little slow moving these days. She loves to lie in front of the fireplace or in the sun, soaking up the heat. Norah is the newest member of the family and is much more playful than our other Norwich. As Zing and Desmond tire of playing, they jump up on the couch. That leaves Elly to suffer the attacks of a Norwich puppy.

On one of the first warm, sunny days of spring (we live in Seattle, so those days can be rare), the dogs wanted to play in the yard. Elly chose to lie on the deck in the sun. Norah decided to join her and, as terriers do, pestered Elly until Elly let her lie down between her legs. I snapped about 20 pictures of the two of them lying in the sun. The photo on the right below best characterized these dogs’ relationship: the inquisitive and playful Norah, the wise and soulful Elly.

—Keith Brown, Seattle, WA

“Friendship is a sheltering tree.”
Norwich “Norah” and her BIG friend “Ellyphant” (a Neapolitan Mastiff)

BOOK REVIEW: DOG-PERFECT

Author Sarah Hodgson resides in Golden Bridge, New York, where she is the owner of Cooperative Canine. She is involved with a number of dog training clubs and is the co-author of her first book, You and Your Puppy, published in 1995. Her second book, Dog-Perfect, is user friendly, as it is a guide to the well-behaved dog. The author writes in an easy manner, sometimes poking fun at dog owners, but always getting her points across. Hodgson claims there is no such thing as perfect, but her book suggests that owners and dogs are capable of moving closer to that goal of perfection rather than further away.

The premise of the book is, “You and your dog really do want the same thing. You both want to get along with one another and be happy.” Most often our dogs really don’t know what we are asking of them. As the author states, “they don’t know our language.” Hodgson claims we must learn how to understand our dogs. Personally, I’ve told new Norfolk owners to treat their puppy like a year-old child. The author feels the same way. She also asks the new owner to think of himself as a dog. We all know that if we have more than one dog in the household, there is a leadership principle between them. As the owner, we, not the dog, must assume the position of leadership. Clearly we’re
told dogs craving attention don’t care how they get it, being good or naughty. “If an action gets a reaction, they’ll repeat it.”

Ms. Hodgon helps the reader to understand communication between the owner and the dog. Human body language, our tone of voice, and staying centered are suggestions she makes to the owner. Tone, she claims, is 75% of dog training. Those who yell at dogs when they bark get nowhere and actually make matters worse. According to the author, lowering our voices and using happy tones work to our best advantage. I’ve followed that suggestion, and I must say my dogs in their kennel run calm down more quickly. The author also offers advice on bringing a dog into a home where there are children. The advantage of this book, especially for a new owner, is that she gives so much useful information—such as the different types of dog collars and their uses. If one collar doesn’t work, she suggests another. The book also includes suggestions as to gating off areas of the home, basic obedience training, good games, bad games and much more.

Dog-Perfect is definitely a good read. I’m going to purchase a number of copies to give my puppy buyers when they come to get their Norfolk. At just about $10.00 per book, I feel this would be a nice gesture and possibly alleviate some of their anxiety in bringing up the baby pup. Give it a read.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

Ed.: If other News readers have a favorite dog-related book they would like to recommend, please send me a short review of its content and I’ll include the information in the Spring 2004 News.—AGF

CLICK AND TREAT: SHAPING BEHAVIOR IN YOUR DOG

Do you ever find yourself wondering what to do with a rainy afternoon, or the half hour until the plumber comes? You could begin to clicker train your dog! While there are several good books published on how to do this kind of training, here are some easy starting exercises to whet your and your dog’s appetites for some mutual fun that will make your dog abandon his comfy cushion for the canine stage—even if that stage is only the living room carpet!

First of all, you need to buy a clicker, which you can find at any dog supply store. A clicker is a small plastic box, one inch by three quarters of an inch, with a metal spring in it that clicks when you press it. If you insist on something more aesthetic, go to the local toy store and buy what I think is called a “clicker”—a small metal creature (frog, bug) with a spring on its bottom which, when pressed, snaps and makes a clicking sound. Armed with your clicker, go and rustle up some yummy, small treats for Fido: cat treats, bits of string cheese, shreds of chicken, etc. (You should do all this before the dog has eaten his regular meal!!) Put the treats in a dish and take the dog and the dish into the living room, or any other room, where you and s/he can sit on the floor. Put the treats within your reach, on a table top.

Lesson one

Sit on the floor with the dog in front of you; put one hand out, palm up, (hold the clicker in the other hand) and, probably because s/he has seen the treats in the dish, Fido will sniff your hand. Immediately click the clicker once, and give the dog a treat with the hand that holds the clicker. (I use my right hand for the clicker and the treats.) Repeat this, holding your hand, palm up, to the dog, in a different place, and when the dog sniffs your hand, again click and treat. Lots of praise is also recommended! Do several of these, each time varying the position of your hand (high, low, etc.) Hand, dog sniffs, click, treat. Then, begin to say the word “touch” as you put your hand out. If the dog gets so jazzed up that s/he is sort of pretending to sniff your hand and then darting for the treat, raise the bar and don’t click and treat until the dog actually touches your hand.
Lesson two

Review the procedure you followed in Lesson One a couple of times. Then introduce another object—a plastic top for an open can, a coaster, a potholder, a toy. Put it on the carpet in front of you and say “Touch.” If the dog seems not to understand, just stay still and stare at the thing you have introduced for a minute or so (rarely do you have to wait that long!). If absolutely necessary, flick it with your index finger so it moves a bit and recaptures his attention. At first, click and treat the dog even if he makes the weakest of contacts with the item; then move it to a new spot and repeat the command. Wait for better and better contact each time. At this point, the dog will either understand the sequence of touch and treat, or you will have to go back to using your hand a bit longer.

From here on, the game/training is what you make of it. When you are out walking, you can hold your hand out and say “Touch,” teaching the dog to jump up and touch your hand. Some dogs can learn to jump quite high. You can also teach a lot of simple tricks to your dog using the click and treat method. One really fun thing to do is play the “box game.” To play this game, you place a box on the carpet as the “touch” target. Then keep raising the bar on the dog; that is, first all he has to do to get a click is touch it, then he has to paw it, or put his head in it, or mouth it... a really food-driven dog can try some pretty creative behaviors to earn a treat, so wait him/her out to see what will happen! Just remember to click and treat any increment of behavior toward what you might want, thus enabling the dog to shape the trick by doing all the things he can think of to earn a reward. Remember also, teach the behavior first, then give it a name/command. Congratulations! You have just introduced yourself and your dog to the concept of clicker training—a great way to reinforce desirable behaviors of all sorts!

—Sue Ely, Bernardsville, NJ
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NORFOLK SUPER-PATRIOTS!

In this whimsical photo, Pinchbeck Pollyanna proudly carries the American flag, while her half sister, Ch. Dove Hill Bisy Backson Browne, dies for her country. This patriotic pose is just one of many tricks Sue Ely has taught her Norfolks using the “Click and Treat” Method.—AGF

Proud to be Americans
GENERAL INTEREST

A FESTIVAL SPIRIT FILLS CNNTC'S SECOND YEAR

The Chesapeake Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (CNNTC) marked its second anniversary on August 17, 2003 with a conformation and fun match of such lavish proportions that it is difficult to remember our club has had several other wonderful events this year. Fortunately, Lee Little (Littlefield Norwich), who judged our first conformation match the evening before the May 17 Mattaponi KC show, has described in her News article all the events the CNNTC held that weekend.

Following close by, June 2003 brought our second annual Fun Match, the favorite production of our amazing Show Chair, Donna West (Shoebutton Norwich). The theme this year was Hawaiian, so the costume class had more than its share of little hula girls and surfers, and the decor was strictly tiki at the grass-skirted rings. Pat Mason (Dickens Norwich) judged an entry of over 60 dogs. She agonized over dozens of adorable dogs and their equally adorable owners, all of whom competed fiercely for such coveted titles as Prettiest Eyes, Most Studly Dog, and Best Kiss. The Pedigree Parade allowed many canine families to strut their stuff. Cricket Goodall (Outfoxed Norwich) dedicated her day to the agility course she heroically transports to so many of our events. Almost everyone tried the obstacles at least once. CNNTC President Hal Happersett once again gave up showing his dogs to emcee the event and keep things moving smoothly all day. Special thanks also to Joan Dance for co-chairing, Connie Allen for all her hard work at the entry booth, and Meredith Dwyer for setting up her beautiful artwork for everyone to see. The day was a huge success and carried over the tremendous enthusiasm from last year's event.

But the best was yet to come. The CNNTC's first combined conformation and fun match was held on a warm Sunday in August at the riverfront estate of members Suzanne Orban-Stagle and Ron Readmond (JustUs Norwich) on Maryland's Eastern Shore. As much a festival as a match, the day featured agility, tracking, lure-coursing, and a grooming workshop, in addition to the conformation match and four popular fun classes.

The Readmonds' home is a handsome stone contemporary on over 150 acres that include woods, fields, and rolling lawns. The grounds were surpassed only by the Readmond's preparations. There was plenty of room for the nearly 100 participants and spectators to park, pick a shady spot, and spread out their tents, lawn chairs, and ex-pens. There were buckets of iced drinks, bottled water in coolers for the dogs, and two "chalet-style" portable johns. The Readmonds had even cleaned out their giant air-conditioned RV garage for our use. Early on it began to fill up with grooming tables, folding chairs, and pens of peppy puppies.

AKC judge and NNTC member Nonie Reynders (Highwood Norwich) judged all the classes, and her husband Rink served as chief steward. The classes attracted an entry of 59 dogs, nearly evenly divided between Norwich and Norfolks—a feat achieved largely through the efforts of Debbie Pritchard (Gleneagl Norfolk), who led the campaign to muster up the Norfolks. By the week before the event, there were enough dogs entered in the conformation classes to split them between both breed and sex. Fortunately I had obtained plenty of prizes and trophies for all the winners!

During the lunch break, pre-ordered gourmet box lunches were distributed and picnickers dispersed across the beautiful grounds. At 1 p.m., I apologetically gathered CNNTC members for a brief club meeting in Suzanne and Ron's family room. We settled pending business with dispatch, and returned to our dogs and the beautiful afternoon.

Having completed the conformation classes in the morning, the afternoon featured four fun classes: Veterans, Pedigree Parade, Blue Ribbon Tailwaggers (a parts class), and the Grand Fashion Show. Every winner received not only a ribbon, but a certificate suitable for framing. A high point for me was when Rink and Nonie sent me scurrying back to my van to collect all the
leftover ribbons from the morning; Nonie didn't want to award anything lower than second place in the fun classes!

All afternoon and into the evening, attendees wandered between agility coaching with Cricket Goodall, lure coursing with David Miller, and tracking with Meredith Dwyer. As a parting gift to those who stayed for the full day, Suzanne and her family and staff had prepared a sumptuous crab cake and fried chicken dinner, with roast beef sandwiches, southern-style potato salad, corn on the cob, and an array of salads. There was even an evening dip in the indoor pool for those who could still move their legs. The Show Committee (Suzanne, Donna, Suzanne's daughter Melanie Vracas, Jill Harrington, and myself) and our many helpers, including Connie Allen, will tell you that it was a huge amount of work producing this great event, but well worth all the trouble. Will we be back next year? Count on it!

Congratulations to the day's many winners, but particularly to Anna Bellenger (Devondale Norwich) of Unionville, PA, and Pennyroyal's No Shrinking Violet who won Best Adult, Best of Breed Norwich, and Best in Match. Other conformation winners were Donna West's Shoebutton's Osbert Unger who was Best Puppy and Best Norwich Puppy, Debbie Pritchard's Glenelg in the Garden, Best Norfolk and Best Norfolk Adult, and Denise Ford's (Prestwick Norfolk) "Charlotte," Best Norfolk Puppy.

—Robin Siegel, Pennyroyal Norwich, Silver Spring, MD
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CANINE ACCIDENTS

I’ve heard that most accidents occur in or around the home. This must be true, because I’ve certainly had my fair share. I’ve slipped on black ice twice, breaking a finger and then a knee. I’ve slipped in the kennel, pulling my leg out of the hip joint. What about our Norfolk and Norwich? The accidents they have at home for the most part occur when we are nearby. Webster’s dictionary describes the word accident as “an unexpected and undesirable event, especially one resulting in damage, injury or death, etc.” As with our own accidents, once we’ve had an accident involving our dogs, we try to make certain it never happens again.

Years ago a young kennel assistant, now a handler, was bathing a six-month-old puppy, one of our breed. The telephone rang. He carefully put the lead on the pup and attached it to the spout of the tub. He was gone from the area about two minutes. During his absence, the pup jumped from the tub and strangled. A lesson was learned. Remove the pup from the tub and either carry it to the phone, put it in a crate or place a cordless phone in an available pant’s pocket.

With each new puppy inquiry, I discuss proper fencing. Nothing beats a true doggy run with a solid bottom such as cement or patio blocks. One of my puppy people assured me the puppy couldn’t get out of their back lawn area as stone walls protected the entire circumference. This puppy did get out. He managed to put his head and then shoulders between the gate and the stone wall. A number of days later, he was found along the side of a road, dead. Obviously before they were able to purchase another puppy from me, a dog run was built. Recently, during a phone inquiry for a puppy, I found out the person’s former Norfolk had died at a young age. The dog was outside in the fenced backyard while the owner was in the house, something she did all the time, never having a problem. Did the dog escape or was it stolen? We talked about a proper dog run as close to the back door of the house as possible so that the owner was able to see the dog from inside the house.

Many of you, I’m sure, heard about the Norwich left on a table at a dog show while the handler was in a ring. Upon the handler’s return, the dog was dead, having jumped from the table with the grooming noose still on its neck. It takes but a minute to remove a dog from a table and put it in a crate while you are busy doing something else.

My up and coming AKC Gazette Norfolk column concerns canine accidents, often resulting in death, from wild animals. While I was lead breaking a young puppy on my back lawn a few years ago, the puppy was almost attacked by a hawk. If I had been a tall person, I could have grabbed the bird by its talons. Had that pup not been on a lead, it would have been dinner for the hawk. Hawks like wide-open areas to get a great view of their prey. I now lead break puppies on my driveway, which is totally covered by a canopy of trees. Many wild animals are invading suburban areas. Or is it the other way around? Housing developments have taken over the wild animals’ habitat. The animals seem to be fighting back. Coyotes have become brazen and in some suburban areas cruise the streets and backyards looking for their dinner. I know of a Norfolk, in its yard, that was carried off by a coyote. If your area has coyotes, it would be wise to build a covered dog run. Bears are no longer just staking out the forest areas. They too have been sighted in suburban areas not far from their mountainous roots. Suburbia has actually moved to their area, not the other way around. A friend living at the edge of the Berkshires lost her Jack Russell to a bear while she was tending her grandson in his baby carriage.

As owners of our beloved dogs, we cannot become too complacent about their care. It is up to us to protect them. Accidents happen, but let’s try to avoid them by learning from our own and others’ mistakes.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY
Protect Our Breeds

By
Constance Stuart Larrabee

As Norwich and Norfolk terriers spread their winning ways across the U.S.A. perhaps the classic phrase “Protect our Breeds” is timely.

Let us remember the original purpose for which they were bred. They were owned and bred in the early days almost exclusively along the Eastern Seaboard by Masters of Fox Hounds, and sporting gentlemen who expected their “Jones” terriers (as they were first named) to be fearless and sound with great stamina and powers of propulsion. From the thirties through the sixties a small group of dedicated breeders aimed to preserve these characteristics breeding true to type small terriers with harsh coats, good substance and excellent conformation.

Breeders Beware! The spotlight on Norwich and Norfolk has guaranteed a surge in popularity. Be not dazzled by demand. In any breed pressure and demand are danger signals. There are no short cuts to breeding better dogs. We have an obligation to the public. Our responsibility is to perpetuate healthy stock. Many prospective owners have a true and natural eye for a good specimen and appreciate quality. They are willing to wait. Soaring costs stress the fact that we must be selective to survive. Dogs mean dollars today. Breeders, full understanding and careful interpretation of the two Standards are imperative if our two breeds are to remain sound and vigorous.

Mediocrity is the kiss of death. Moderation should be the aim in long range breeding programs. Avoid exaggerated trends. Dominant virtues in outstanding specimens always outweigh their faults. In time by scrutinizing pedigrees faults are usually eliminated. Bodies should be moderately short encouraging free movement. Weight should be in proportion to the individual dog’s structure and balance. Snipey muzzles with missing teeth, or the correct number crowded in an effort to escape their narrow jaws, hardly represent the wedge-shaped muzzles called for in our Standards. Do not sacrifice bone. Norfolk ears (never flying) should be small and neatly dropped with a break just about at the skull line. Norwich prick ears enhancing their slightly foxy expression should be of medium size, set well apart and alert. Our Terriers working origin surely ensures that the tail be medium docked. How sad to see a whole litter ruined by tails clipped right off. It happens.

You win some— you lose some. No breeder escapes occasional caesareans, slip ties or artificial inseminations. Natural studs and easy whoelpers are the backbone of a successful line. Strive to perpetuate normal and natural reproductive patterns. A uniform litter is a lovely sight. Like begets like. Type, temperament and soundness must always take priority.

Do not let your integrity as a breeder falter. “Make them sound, then make them pretty.” Breed true and our breeds will prosper.

Grooming is controversial. The Standard calls for natural weather-resistant coats which seldom need stripping. It also states “While these dogs should be shown with as natural a coat as possible, a minimum of tidying is permissible.” In these broken coated Terriers, natural does not mean unkempt feathery ears—fuzzy heads—blown coats—untidy tails or shaggy paws! Competition demands carefully groomed dogs in top condition and a credit to our breed. It takes time and preparation but it is worth the effort. There is seldom a show that does not produce at least one Norwich shaped like a Westie. The Standard correctly penalizes heavy shaping.

For almost a century many dogs and many people have contributed to the two breeds’ development and type is well established. Early breeders interpreted and bred what Norwich and Norfolk should be. Today, breeders, judges and owners must work together to maintain in and out of the ring terriers that, if required, could do the job for which they were originally bred.
OOPS!

Correction to the Spring 2003 News Report on the AKC Eukanuba Show

The News editor apologizes to NNTC member and Norwich breeder (JMac's) Julie McDaniel of Covington, WA for misidentifying the kennel prefix and owner's name of the Norwich Best of Opposite Sex and Bred-by-Exhibitor winner at the 2002 AKC Eukanuba National Invitational Championship. Instead of Ji-Ro's Summer Time Girl, bred and owned by Eileen Rourke, the bitch's correct name is JMac's Summer Time Girl, co-bred by Julie McDaniel and Eileen Rourke and owned solely by Julie. Julie wrote that "This win was very special to me since Summer is my first breeding and I have handled her in every show." Congratulations to Summer and Julie, and apologies for my goof.—AGF

THE 2003 NNTCGC SPECIALTY: NORFOLK RESULTS

Chicago is a terrific city with top restaurants, wonderful museums, great hotels and, for those of us who love to shop, Michigan Avenue. Fellow NNTC member Louise Leone and I met at the airport on February 19 and made our way to the Hyatt at McCormick Place, the hotel connected to the dog show venue. The Hyatt doesn't allow dogs, but don't let that scare you away as the security at McCormick Place is good. Handlers exhibiting multiple canines leave their dogs there overnight. I've never heard of a mishap. Exhibitors can enter the show site in the evening to exercise their dogs as long as they are out of the building by 10:00 p.m.

After Louise and I checked into the hotel, we grabbed a cab and headed for Michigan Avenue to spend a pleasant afternoon shopping. The next morning, Thursday, February 20, we attended the first of the four shows, Park Shore KC, followed by the Blackhawk KC show on Friday. One evening, we attended the AKC Canine Health Foundation dinner. The food was far from memorable, but we all should support CHF.

The International Kennel Club of Chicago shows are a two-day event with President Lou Auslander at the helm. This year's Saturday show was dedicated to the memory of NNTC member Alexander (Sandy) Schwartz, Jr., who passed away in January 2003. Mr. Auslander's committee members kept everything working smoothly. If there were any glitches, exhibitors were not aware. McCormick Place is a super indoor venue. I cannot understand why more Norfolk and Norwich fanciers do not attend. The NNTCGC goes out of its way to offer hospitality and a short meeting to which all Norfolk and Norwich exhibitors, members or not, are invited. Give it a try next year. I'm sure you'll enjoy yourself.

NNTC member and Norwich breeder (Sho-Me) Fran Westfall judged the Sweepstakes for the 13th annual NNTCGC Specialty on February 22. As always the trophies offered in Sweeps and regular classes were outstanding. Fran had an entry of seven Norfolk with two absent. Best in Sweeps went to Domby's Gabriel Varden, bred by Tony Gabrielli and Wayne Palmer and co-owned by Tony and Wayne with Bobby and Ann Thomas. Just under nine months of age, this young male, sired by Ch. Domby's Lord Chesterfield II out of Ch. Domby Rosa Dartle, looked good as he moved around the ring. Taking home the ribbon and the beautiful handpainted ice bucket was the icing on the cake. Susie Kipp and I own the six-month-old bitch, Max-Well's Venus, who was Best of Opposite in Sweeps. She is sired by Ch. Max-Well's Red Devil out of Ch. Max-Well's Hailstorm. Her handler, Dylan Kipp, accepted the handpainted salt and pepper shakers on behalf of her parents for their new home.

Regular classes were judged by Sandra Goose Allen, who judged Norfolk at the NNTC Montgomery KC Specialty a number of years ago. There was an entry of sixteen with three absent. The Winners Dog ribbon was awarded to the puppy Max-Well's Devil's Creek, bred and owned by myself and Susan Kipp and exhibited by Susan. His sire is Ch. Max-Well's Red Devil out of Ch. Max-Well's Spring Heat. Owners/breeders Tony Gabrielli and Wayne Palmer were proud to win the Winners Bitch/Best of Winners ribbons for their 10-month-old Domby's Nettie Ashford. Jody Paquette beautifully handled
this bitch for a five point major. Ch. Domby’s Reginald Wilfur is her sire and Ch. Domby’s Sissy Jupe her dam. “Nettie” had the honor of going Best Norfolk Puppy as well. RWD went to Domby’s Gabriel Varden, the Sweeps winner. In bitches, Reserve was awarded to Max-Well’s Venus, the Best of Opposite in Sweeps. Victor Sattler (owner) and Corinne Folger bred the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor, Wildgoose Kalamazo Kismet. She is sired by Ch. Abbadea’s Buckeroo out of Cortailled Storm Warning. The Best of Opposite Sex ribbon was awarded to the 2002 Pedigree winner, Ch. Max-Well’s Rainman, owned by Paul Schulz, myself and Susan Kipp. “Rainman” is sired by Ch. Max-Well’s Sporting Chance; his dam is Ch. Max-Well’s Summer Storm. A lovely handpainted wooden plate marked “Rainman’s” retirement, as this was his final show. The Best of Breed winner, Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, went home with the ribbon and a handpainted wooden tray to mark her accomplishment. Swedish-born English resident Elisabeth Matell bred this lovely 5-year-old imported bitch and co-owns her with Pam Beale and Stephanie Ingram. Her sire is the very rich Richell Claret out of Hatchwoods Madrigal. Those who attended Montgomery 2002 will remember “Coco” going Group 4. The Award of Merit went to Ch. Max-Well’s Caramel Candy, bred and owned by Susan Kipp, Barbara Miller, and 7-year-old Devon Kipp. Devon is very proud of her little bitch and usually handles her, as she did on this day.

The NNTCGC supported the entry at IKC’s Sunday show. Long-time NNTC member and AKC delegate Missy Wood judged an entry of eight in Sweeps with three absent. The young bitch, Max-Well’s Venus, handled by Dylan Kipp, was Best in Sweeps. Since Dylan had earlier handled Max-Well’s Red Devil to a win in his Sweeps class, Leslie Boyes showed “DC” to Best of Opposite in Sweeps.

Dr. Lee Anthony Reasin judged an entry of 17 Norfolk in the regular classes, with three absent. Susan Kipp exhibited Max-Well’s Devil’s Creek to Winners Dog/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex and Best Puppy, earning a five point major. The Winners Bitch ribbon was awarded to Max-Well’s American Doll, bred and owned by Barbara Miller, co-owned with Susan Kipp. This five point major added another champion to the Max-Well Norfolks. “Dolly” is sired by Ch. Nanfan Canter out of Ch. Max-Well’s Weather Watch. Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre took home the Best of Breed ribbon. Beth Sweigart led “Coco” through her passes at all four shows and did an excellent job. This lovely red bitch moved well and did everything asked of her. Beth was pleased as punch that “Coco” took home the Best in Show ribbons at Blackhawk KC on Friday and at the International on Saturday. “Coco” became the second Norfolk bitch import to go Best at the International. My English import, Ch. Clockwise of Jebra, was the first Norfolk bitch to earn a Best at an all-breed show, the International, in 1988. It took another fifteen years, but was every bit worth the wait as those of us ringside cheered for “Coco.” I for one would be proud to be her owner.

As I’m a member of the NNTCGC, I’d like to invite you to attend these outstanding shows next year. See you there.

—Barbara Miller, Max-Well Norfolk
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2003 NNTCGC SPECIALTY: NORWICH RESULTS

The NNTCGC’s 13th annual specialty was held Saturday, February 22 in conjunction with the International Kennel Club of Chicago’s benched show at McCormick Place on the shores of Lake Michigan. The windy city lived up to its name Saturday night as gale force winds rattled the teeth of hardy dog walkers. But the weekend’s chilly weather was more than made up for by the warm reception given Norwich and Norfolk exhibitors by NNTCGC members. New York Times’ “dog writer” Walter Fletcher once told me that “dog people are hardy folks” and so we Norwich owners proved to be, braving Chicago’s winter chill to make majors every day of the 4-day cluster. The Norwich entry at the NNTCGC Specialty was 48 (14-20-10-4), with 19 in Sweeps (9 dogs, 10 bitches). Sunday’s NNTCGC supported entry drew 39 Norwich (14-17-4-4), with 15 in Sweeps (8 dogs, 7 bitches). Crowds of people jammed McCormick Place not only for these IKC shows but also for an auto show and a motorcycle swap meet. You can imagine the spectrum of spectators who overapped all three events. But McCormick Place is not the Garden—there is enough room. Our benching area followed the “Philadelphia style” format, which allows grooming at the benches and makes it more comfortable for exhibitors. Staying at the show all day was not a hardship, but rather an opportunity to meet the public and hobknob with fellow fanciers.

Saturday’s NNTCGC Specialty Norwich Results

Sweepstakes
Judge: Fran Westfall (Sho-Me Norwich)
Best in Sweeps: Foxglyn’s This One’s For You (Ch. Highwood’s Ratfaced MacDougall x Gaylord’s Saralee). Breeders-Owners: Nichola Conroy & Jeri McClure.

Regular Classes
Judge: Sandra Goose Allen
Best of Breed: Ch. Rubicon’s Charming Lucy (Ch. Fairway’s Spyglass Charlie x Ch. Rubicon’s Southern Charm). Breeder: Pamela Rubinstein. Owner: Tamsin Stearns-Sandin.
Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Sandina Supersonic (Djock VD Meyerings Berg x Ch. Sandina Sally Forth). Breeder-Owner: Glorvina Schwartz.
Best Bred-By Exhibitor: Huntwood’s Royal Dreams (Ch. Huntwood’s Braveheart x Ch. Huntwood’s Sweet Dreams). Breeders: Susan Kipp & Tia Davis. Owner: Susan Kipp.
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Awards of Merit

Ch. Piccadilly's Proud Mary (Ch. Piccadilly's Call Me Billy Bob x Piccadilly's Suzanne Que). Breeder-Owner: George Besbekis.

Bedlam's Do You Feel Lucky Tonight (Ch. Barkwich Royalheir of Huntwood x Ch. Solaire's Just In Time). Breeders-Owners: Mary & Wes Jones.

John and Elsie Francisco and their Norwich “Hershey” (unofficial NNTCGC raffle chairman) and NNTC President Joan Keefi served as the NNTCGC trophy raffle committee. They did a fantastic job. The trophies were wonderful. They included a handpainted wooden ice bucket for Best in Sweeps, handpainted salt and pepper shakers for BOS in Sweeps, and an incredible array of handpainted wooden items for the regular classes. There were also three incredible Challenge Trophies for the regular classes, including a Denis Springer bronze study of Ch. Half A Bob's Mousetrap, offered by Ron and Suzanne Readmond for Best Bred-by-Exhibitor in memory of Bob Suggs.

The two raffle prizes were also great. One was an original oil painting of both a Norfolk and a Norwich Terrier by Mary Beacon of Tumbleweed Studio. The second was an oil or a pastel portrait by artist Diane Orange of the winner's own dog. The two raffle winners, I am happy to report, were Leandra Little and the estate of Judith Carlson Alden. Judy had purchased her tickets at the 2002 NNTC Montgomery dinner just a month before her death. I couldn't help but cry when John Francisco pulled Judy's winning ticket from his pocket. I like to think her spirit had a hand in influencing the selection of the raffle winners. Thinking of other spirits in attendance at the NNTCGC Specialty, Saturday's show was dedicated to the memory of NNTC member and Norwich breeder Alexander (Sandy) Schwartz. The catalog included a lovely photo of Sandy holding his Norwich Ch. Fairewood Frolic (Rocky) in his arms. It was fitting that Best in Show on Saturday went to one of our breeds, the superb Norfolk Terrier bitch, Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, owned by Pamela Beale, Stephanie Ingram and Elisabeth Matell, and handled by Beth Sweigart.

After the judging, exhibitors and trophy donors were invited to the NNTCGC’s beautiful Hospitality Room at the Hyatt Regency McCormick hotel. The suite on the 25th floor had a spectacular corner view of icy Lake Michigan. The open bar and copious, delicious food really made everyone feel welcome and determined to return. We all left with recent copies of Just Terriers, new friends, and warm feelings.

Sunday's NNTCGC Supported Entry: Norwich Results

Sweepstakes
Judge: Margaretta (Missy) Wood (Terrapin Norwich)

Best in Sweeps: Red Stewart v Darscharia (see RWD, NNTCGC Specialty)


Regular Classes
Judge: Dr. Lee Anthony Reasin


Reserve WB: Glenhafod Kansas (Titanium Coeur DeLion x Glenhafod Georgia). Breeders: Mr. T. G. & Mrs. A. G. Mason (Wales). Owners: Steve & Jan Celba.


Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Piccadilly’s Proud Mary (see Award of Merit, NNTCGC Specialty).

Best Puppy: Red Stewart v Darscharia (See RWD/Best Puppy, NNTCGC Specialty).

Congratulations to all the winners and a very large thank you to the NNTCG for two wonderful, wonderful shows. See you next year!

—Leandra Little, Weehawken, NJ
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Best in Sweeps (NNTCGC Specialty): Foxglyn’s This One’s For You

Best of Breed (NNTCGC Specialty): Ch. Rubicon’s Charming Lucy

CRUFTS 2003: NORFOLK AND NORWICH RESULTS

“To go or not to go” was the question I kicked around for weeks. With war with Iraq looming, I wasn’t too keen on crossing the big pond just for a dog show. Traveling companion Louise Leone backed out. Some I spoke to were also canceling their trips, while others were going to Crufts no matter what. I thought about it. After all, I did have my hotel reservations and my plane ticket. Oh, what the heck! I went.

My friend Jan Celba, fairly new to the Norwich world, left a few days earlier to visit a kennel in Wales. Jan and I were roommates throughout our trip. Once I registered at the Hyatt hotel in Birmingham, I went directly to the show grounds at the National Exposition Center, even though I actually wanted to go to sleep. The best thing to do when crossing the pond is to get into the mode of that country’s timetable.

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Seeing and chatting with my British friends are always enjoyable. I checked into the Overseas Visitors lounge to see if I knew anyone and bumped into a few Americans. Crufts is huge, taking up many "halls" at the NEC. This is a four-day event with 20,000 dogs entered. Challenge Certificates (CC) are offered in all breeds. A CC is awarded to a dog much the same as a major would be awarded in our country. In Great Britain, a class dog must win three CC's to earn the title of champion. This is not easy to do. Unlike our own system, in England, champions compete against class dogs.

Crufts is loaded with vendors selling anything from doggy products to clothes for your family. This year there were well over 100 vendors. The major dog food companies build two-level concession booths where they offer information and give away products and refreshments for the spectators/exhibitors. The show rings are enormous. As for the lighting, in my opinion, it isn't too terrific. In defense of the NEC, I would have to say that lighting isn't good in most convention centers because of the height of the ceilings.

In Norfolk there were, if I'm correct, 77 entered with 10 absentees. Miss Elisabeth Matell, breeder of America's newest Norfolk import, Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, was the judge of the day. Elisabeth had just returned from our own Westminster show, where her Cause Celebre won the breed. She was showing off an American purchase, as her feet were encased in cowboy boots. Whereas American exhibitors are far more Hollywood in their presentation, the British are more laid back. We groom our dogs to a tighter jacket; the British generally do not. At our Westminster, we dress for the occasion; the British prefer the comfort of very casual clothes. Despite differences in presentation, what truly matters is that the cream, the dogs themselves, should rise to the top.

When it comes to reaching the top, Cathy Thompson-Morgan always has her finger in the pie. Crufts seems to be her show, as she won again in 2003, but with a different Norfolk male. Last year her Ch. Belleville Smart Alec was the breed winner; this year the lovely Ch. Belleville Magic Flute took home the Dog Challenge Certificate and the Best of Breed ribbon. He is sired by the German import (to England), Ch. Allright Magic Trapper, bred by long-time breeder Frauke Hinsch, out of Cathy's lovely bitch Ch. Pirouette At Belleville. Cathy had her dog nicely trimmed and, from where I sat, he looked good going and coming. Belleville did it in bitches too as Cathy's Sweet Nothings took the Bitch CC, piloted by Lesley Crawley. If I'm not mistaken, this is a first CC for Sweet Nothings. My catalog notes for this bitch just say "beautiful." Last year's Crufts breed winner, Smart Alec, is the sire and Ch. Belleville Sweet Cracker the dam. Except for one year (2001), Belleville has been the top Norfolk kennel since 1994. Cathy is to be congratulated for always presenting her dogs in perfect condition, looking every bit the part of a show dog.

In Norwich Terriers, Mrs. Ann Burdon passed judgment over an entry of thirty-five with six absentees. Ch. Ragus the Inquisition, sired by Nightshade Rouletta out of Ch. Kinsridge Temptation, was Mrs. Burdon's choice for the Dog Challenge Certificate. Owner-handler Lesley Crawley, known for her grooming and handling skills, did an excellent job of presentation. The Inquisition also went home with the Best of Breed ribbon. He is low on leg with a good hindquarter. This is a real show dog eager to be in the ring to perform for his handler, the judge and spectators. Another male I thought quite lovely was the Reserve Dog, Deansleigh Interceptor, Cathy Thompson-Morgan his handler. He too had an excellent hindquarter and stepped out smartly. To say he filled my eye is an understatement. Ch. Glenhafod Texas, a beautiful-headed bitch, took the Bitch CC, with breeder-owner Gary Mason of Wales at the end of the lead. Her sire is Glenhafod Indiana out of Wemakaro The Golden Girl of Glenhafod. Gary visited our Montgomery this past October, and I found him to be full of fun and quite knowledgeable about dogs.

I thought the Norfolk at Crufts 2003 were of better quality than the Norwich. Except for the top winners and possibly one or two other exhibits, Norwich breeders should concern themselves with improving fronts, which, for the most part, I found too wide. Of course, this is only one American's point of view. Crufts is always fun and should be visited by anyone serious about the breeds.
For me, no trip to England would be complete without a visit to Joy Taylor. As usual, her Nanfan Norfolks were in perfect condition. And, as usual, the one I would have gone home with just wasn’t available.

Jan and I spent our final days in London, with me doing most of the shopping. I was on a search for shoes sorely needed for functions here at home. Having not bought shoes due to my foot problem for the last few years, believe me the search was just that. Shoes were found, thanks to Jan’s help. Please don’t tell her, but I found the perfect pair at a local shop when I returned home. In any event, London was fun. Again folks, make the trip to Crufts next year. I promise you’ll enjoy every minute of your stay in England.

—Barbara Miller

THE U.K. NATIONAL TERRIER CENTENARY SHOW

The National Terrier Club (NTC) held its Centenary Championship show on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at the Bingley Hall, County Showground, Stafford. The Bingley Hall is the permanent home of the Staffordshire Agricultural Society, and the NTC has held its Championship show at this venue since 1975.

The NTC was granted its name by the Kennel Club in 1903 and held its first show on the grounds of the Ranelagh Club at Barnes on June 20, 1903. On this occasion, 8 sets of Challenge Certificates were on offer. Today 24 terrier breeds have CC’s on offer. British terrier enthusiasts regard this show as the most important event of the year, being the only single group Championship show scheduling all the terrier breeds. There has been much friendly rivalry with America’s Montgomery County Kennel Club over the years, and an exchange of Best in Show rosettes became a feature of each show some years ago.

NTC exhibitors and members were presented with quality centenary mementos at this year’s show. With an entry of over 1800 terriers, the Bingley Hall was bursting at the seams when judging commenced at 9 a.m. Norfolk and Norwich Terriers were judged by Fereith Somerfield (Oudenarde), and with 58 Norfolks and 29 Norwich entered, a good ringside audience awaited her deliberations.

Cathy Thompson-Morgan had a most successful day with her homebred Norfolk, Belleville Sweet Nothings (Ch. Belleville Smart Alec x Ch. Belleville Sweet Cracker). At just under 12 months of age, Sweet Nothings took the Junior bitch class, the Bitch CC and then Best of Breed and Best Puppy. Not content with these wins, she later went on to take the Best Puppy in Show award under Mrs. Liz Cartledge. The Dog CC went to 15-month-old Jaeva Party Politics (Ch. Jaeva Mr. Chips x Rosara Voulezvous at Jaeva), bred by Martin Phillips and owned by Phillips, Gullick and Tates.

Lesley Crawley’s homebred Norwich, Ch. Ragus the Inquisition (Nightshade Rouletta x Darscharia x Ch. Kinsridge Temptation), took the Dog CC and Best of Breed and then went on to take Reserve Best in Show under Mrs. Cartledge. The Bitch CC winner was Mr. and Mrs. Gray’s homebred 14-month-old Sygar Amorotti (Ch. Elve Stormwizard x Sygar Siesta). The awards were completed when Mrs. J. Stevenson’s homebred 10-month-old Brickin Storming Norman (Ch. Ragus Name Your Poison x Ragus Storm Dance at Brickin) took the Best Puppy rosette.

It was a most enjoyable and historic day for all involved, and when we consider that our two breeds took the overall Reserve Best in Show and Best Puppy in Show awards at this the premier terrier show in the British Isles, the centenary year will be one to remember for many who were lucky to be present.

—Roger Thomas (Squirreldeine), Ramsey, Isle of Man
THE NNTC SUPPORTED ENTRY AT MATTAPONI KC
Norfolk & Norwich Results

For the third straight year, the NNTC supported the entry at the Mattaponi KC show in Manassas, Virginia on Saturday, May 17th. The Chesapeake NNTC (CNNTC) pulled out all the stops to make the weekend memorable, kicking off with a puppy fun match and pizza party on Friday night. Luckily the CNNTC was again able to score a building at the Prince William County Fairgrounds show site because the weather held true to form with cool temperatures and drizzly skies. Fanciers and four-legged contestants alike were comfortably ensconced for grooming, the march and the Saturday luncheon in our own, spacious building. For the second year, the CNNTC provided trophies for the Norwich and Norfolk Sweepstakes winners, and this year also offered prizes for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex and Best of Winners. The prizes were beautiful china items with Meredith Dwyer-designed Norwich or Norfolk emblems with the CNNTC logo. Also attracting entrants were cash prizes for Sweeps winners, rosettes offered by Mattaponi Kennel Club, and engraved silver-plated trophies provided by the NNTC.

The fun match got off to a late start due to traffic and weather conspiring to delay judge Lee Little. The CNNTC served the pizza and soda and everyone stayed on to give their puppies a chance to compete, albeit at 8 p.m. rather than 6:30. Six dogs and seven bitches made up the Norwich entry. There was just one Norfolk entry. Best Puppy and Best in Match went to Barbara Burrough's Kingmont Runway Rachel from the 6-9 months class.

Saturday's events began with Norfolk sweeps at 9:00 a.m. Norwich Sweepstakes judge Anna Bellenger stepped in to fill Lorenzo Mosby's shoes in his absence. With just three entrants, Anna's duties were quickly accomplished. Norfolk Best in Sweeps and Best Puppy in Sweeps went to Mercator Paddington Bear from the 9-12 Puppy Dogs class. Bear, bred by Andrew Kramer, is owned by Christine Miller of Ashburn, Virginia. Bos in Sweeps went to the Junior 12-18 months bitch, Avalon's Captive Charisma, bred and owned by Lori Pelletier.

Ten Norfolk (3-5-2-0) were entered in the regular classes. Canadian judge Barbara A. Innes selected Mercator Paddington Bear (Ch. Arroyo's Desperado x Ch. Glenelg Piacere) for Winners Dog. Reserve WD went to Glenelg Tattersall (Ch. Allright American Dream x Ch. Glenelg Grazie SE) from the Bred-By class. Tattersall was bred by Deborah Pritchard and is co-owned by Kirsten Pollin and Deborah Pritchard.

In bitches, judge Innes' eye was caught by the Open bitch, Redford Daisy Buchanan (Maxwell's Sprite x Ch. Dakota's Fiddle Dee Dee) who went WB, BOW and BOS. Daisy, handled by Lori Pelletier, was bred by and is owned by Joan Rawlins and Sal Garofalo. RWB went to Avalon's Captive Charisma (Ch. Avalon's Prince of Thieves x Ch. Sandpiper's Calypso). BOB went to new Champion Final Lea Big Ticket Item, owned and bred by Jayne Dubin. Sired by Ch. Mercator Point To Point (dam—Ch. Final Lea Ticket to Ride), this young dog had finished just the weekend before at Bucks County Kennel Club and made his Mattaponi win at first blush—just 9 and 1/2 months old, a tribute to Lori Pelletier's handling and conditioning.

In Norwich sweeps, judge Bellenger had her choice among 5 dogs and 7 bitches. From this field she selected Al Ferruggiaro's Junior Dog, Dreamweaver Holy Smoke, as first in his class and BOSSW. From the 6-9 months Puppy Bitch class, Billbrown's Special Delivery, bred and owned by Regina and Michael Swygert-Smith, was Best in Sweeps.

At 10:30 a.m. Barbara Innes again stepped into the ring to judge 11 dogs and 16 bitches in the Norwich regular classes, 5-point majors for each. Winners Dog and Best of Winners from the Bred-by class was Helen Ruth Beetow's Whitehart's Where I Come From (Ch. Sho-Me Ketka's Peacekeeper x Ch. Moonshadow Whitehart's Zodiac) to finish his championship. RWD, Ronnell
Ruff Around The Edges (Ch. Barnstable Harold Angel x Ronnell's Miracle N My Pocket), bred by Sue R. Weaver and Sandra H. Stemmler, is owned by Lois Kay and Sue Weaver. He was handled by Bear Bartszsch.

WB and ultimately BOS went to Highwood's Upsalquich Lady, handled by Lori Pelletier from the Open Class. Lady (Ch. Highwood's Parachute Adams x Ch. Highwood's Shady Lady), is owned by Heidi Luhman and her breeder, Knowlton Reynders. According to Lori, Lady needed a major to finish and this was a great way to do it. RWB, also from the Open class, went to Noridge's High Hope (Ch. Highwood's Parachute Adams x Ch. Wemakaro's Blueberry Pie), bred and owned by Patricia Warrender and handled by Robyn Snyder.

Wrapping up the judging, Joan Kefeli's Ch. Dunbar's Frozen Assets (Ch. Dunbar's Frequent Flyer x Ch. Dunbar's True Colors) garnered BOB. Joan proudly handled "Cash" to his win.

After judging, more than 80 spectators and exhibitors repaired to the club building for the lovely luncheon offered by the Chesapeake NNTC. Batter-fried chicken topped the menu, but the feast included a plethora of side dishes (including crab salad) made by the culinarily gifted members. Dessert was also copious and delightful including home-made chocolate Norwich cookies. Put simply, the food was fabulous and was served on real china with linen tablecloths and napkins. Special thanks go out to CNNTC President Hal Happersett and members Connie Allen, Jean Kessler and Barbara Burroughs for coordinating the repast.

With appetites satisfied, the happy crowd returned to the adjacent fairgrounds building to watch the Terrier Group and cheer on our breeds. Ch. Dunbar's Frozen Assets didn't disappoint, earning a Group 4.

Meanwhile the rain continued, but so did the fun because at show's end, everyone was invited to Robin Siegel's beautiful Silver Spring, Maryland home for cocktails and delectables. The menu was out of this world with items like wild mushroom tart with Gruyere, chicken-porcini and brie in puff pastry, lemon marinated scallops wrapped with pancetta and desserts that included: chocolate truffle tart with fresh raspberries, brownies, blondies, lemon and shortbread bars. Spirits were further brightened with spirits dispensed by the accommodating bartender. In all, the Chesapeake version of southern hospitality at a dog show sets a standard that will be hard to match.

—Leandra Little, Weehawken, NJ
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Norwich and Norfolk fanciers at the Mattaponi gourmet luncheon
THE NNTC SUPPORTED ENTRY AT GREAT WESTERN

The Great Western Terrier Association (GWTA) shows were held on the wonderful show site of California State University at Long Beach on Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21. The Pacific Area Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (PANNT) provided trophies and refreshments for exhibitors at the Friday show. The NNTC held a supported entry at the Saturday show, where club members Brenda Coleman and Susan Lawrence also hosted a delicious buffet lunch in our breeds’ tenting area, with a sumptuous array of homemade salads, sandwiches and, for dessert, two cakes decorated with a Norwich/Norfolk logo.

The show grounds were magnificent. Manicured, dark bluegrass contrasted with the white tenting. Norwich and Norfolk exhibitors were provided with their own tent and power source just a few steps from the ring. A marine layer hovered over the grounds, keeping temperatures comfortable for both dogs and people. The GWTA President personally thanked our group for the supported entry and encouraged exhibitors to contact him should they need assistance. On Sunday, the Beverly Hills KC had an all-breed show at the same venue, so Norwich and Norfolk exhibitors could still enjoy the tenting location they had for the previous two days. The big news of the weekend was that one of our breeds, the sparkling Norfolk bitch import, Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, won the coveted Best in Specialty at both GWTA shows and Best in Show at all-breed Beverly Hills KC as well. “Coco,” bred by English breeder Elisabeth Matell (Cracknor), is co-owned by Pamela Beale, Stephanie Ingram and Elisabeth Matell.

Friday’s GWTA results under judge James Reynolds were as follows: From a Norwich entry of 20 (4 absent), Ch. Ariel Paladino Del Rojo, owned by Elizabeth McRae, M.D., was Best of Breed. Best of Opposite Sex went to the Winners Bitch and Best Bred-by-Exhibitor (Sweepstakes) winner, Reverie’s Just Believe, owned by Ann and Mary Beth Carlson. Reserve WB was Del Rincon Chitsa, owned by Margueritte Shoemaker. Winners Dog and Best of Winners was Astro Briardais Major Decision, owned by Carole Bullwinkle-Foucart. Reserve WD was Briardais Toast of the Town, owned by Cathy Branco.

Norfolk winners from an entry of 14 (no absentees) were Best of Breed to Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre. Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best Bred-by-Exhibitor (Sweepstakes) went to Keefolk’s Raider of the Lost Bark, owned by Linda Ball and Ed and Ann Dum. Reserve WD was Keefolk’s Wild Bill, owned by Linda Ball. Arroyo’s Jewel of the Nile, owned by Chris and Jim Betts and Ed and Ann Dum, was Winners Bitch; while Arroyo’s Vaquerita, owned by the Dums, was Reserve WB. Best of Opposite Sex went to the Swedish import, Ch. Tordach Tiga Gold, owned by Torie Steel and John and Pam Beale.

Saturday’s NNTC supported entry results include the Terrier Puppy Sweepstakes. From an entry of four Norfolk, judge Mrs. Peggy Brown gave Best in Sweeps to the 12-18 months bitch, Arroyo’s Jewel of the Nile. Keefolk’s Wild Bill went BOS in Sweeps. From an entry of nine Norwich, Reverie’s Just Believe was Best in Sweeps, with BOS going to Del Rincon Keeley, owned by Margueritte Shoemaker and Anne Buffington.

Regular class judging for Saturday’s NNTC supported entry was performed by Mr. Dan Ericsson. In passing judgment on an entry of 13 Norfolk, he presented Winners Dog and Best of Winners to Keefolk’s Wild Bill, with Reserve WD going to Wintersky Notorious, owned by Skyler Riebling. Arroyo’s Jewel of the Nile was Winners Bitch, with RWB going to Arroyo’s Vaquerita. Ch. Nodach Tiga Gold was again Best of Opposite Sex, and Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre again Best of Breed.

The Norwich entry was 20. Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex went to Del Rincon Chitsa. Tinytowne’s All In a Tizzy, owned by Dana and Rich Esquibel and Carolyn Hudson, was RWB. Winners Dog, Debe’s Captain Morgan from the 12-18 months class, is owned by Suzee Bidegain. Reserve WD was Nan-Sea’s Tail Wind, owned by Nancy Henning. Ch. Ariel Paladino Del Rojo was again Best of Breed.

I hope all of this year’s GWTA exhibitors will schedule the 2004 GWTA “affair” to return and try again. Rumor is that next year’s show weekend will be even larger.

—Susan Lawrence, Corymor Norwich, Los Angeles, CA
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NNTC SUPPORTED ENTRY AT BEAUMONT KC (TEXAS)

The Bluebonnet Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (BNNTC) hosted the NNTC supported entry in conjunction with the Beaumont Kennel Club on Saturday, July 19, 2003 in Houston, Texas. Norwich and Norfolk fanciers enjoyed the camaraderie of a combined grooming space for the weekend. The Reliant Center cluster is a huge venue, and everyone enjoyed being together for the weekend. Old friends caught up with each other, and new friends were made. New dogs made their debut and top winning dogs were present to grace the entry of 11 Norfolk and 21 Norwich Terriers. Out-of-state entries came from Colorado, Illinois, Georgia, Connecticut, Alabama, Kentucky, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Kansas and Iowa. The BNNTC Ways and Means committee provided for a very successful silent auction at the show site, as well as a live auction at the banquet and a raffle. The raffle item was a bronze Dannyquest lamp in the breed of your choice, donated by BNNTC member Claire Johnson. Between the auctions and raffle, the club made a significant amount of money toward our first BNNTC specialty.

The banquet was one of the best I’ve ever attended. We gathered at Buca de Beppo, a family-style Italian restaurant that prepared our meal fresh when we arrived. They served appetizers, salad, 4 or 5 main courses, several vegetables and several desserts. The food was delicious! Member Polly O’Neal served as auctioneer for the live auction items and did a great job. Everyone had a wonderful time!


Norwich Terriers had a judge change, with Karen Wilson replacing Edd Bivin. Best of Breed went to Ch. Ariel Paladino Del Rojo, owned by Elizabeth McRae, M.D., and handled by Betty Bossio. “Milo” was Best of Breed all three days in Houston. Winners Dog was Foxglyn’s This One’s For You, owned Nichola S. Conroy and Jeri L. McClure. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners was Skyscot’s Sera Bella, owned by Jan Jaworth and Leslie Becker, and handled by Klayton A. Harris. Ch. Skyscot’s Summer Shower, owned by Penny Pearson and Leslie Becker, and handled by Patsy Wade, P. H. A., was Best of Opposite Sex.

Thanks to everyone who supported this event. We hope you’ll be back to join us at our first BNNTC Specialty (pending AKC approval) in San Antonio the weekend of the 4-show River City Cluster July 8-11, 2004. The Specialty will be held in conjunction with the Austin KC show on Saturday, July 10. Claudia Seaberg will judge Norfolk and Norwich Sweepstakes, Peggy Hogg will judge the regular classes in both breeds, and Anne Rogers Clark will judge the Terrier Group. Hospitality plans include a cruise down San Antonio’s famous riverwalk, a combined Norfolk and Norwich grooming area, and many other fun activities. The show venue is large and air-conditioned, and hotels are just across the street. Make plans to be part of the BNNTC’s first AKC specialty next July. Details will be included in future News issues.

—Judi Hartell, P.H.A., Austin, TX Datadawg@austin.rr.com

THE 2004 AND 2005 NNTC ROVING SPECIALTIES

Mark your calendars for the 2004 and the 2005 NNTC roving National Specialties. Both roving Specialties will be held in conjunction with all-breed shows as well as 4-day show circuits. They will be a great opportunity for Norwich and Norfolk fanciers to pick up hard-to-find majors.

The NNTC will have its 2004 roving National Specialty in conjunction with the Northern California Terrier Association (NCTA) show in Sacramento on Thursday, April 8. The following day’s show (April 9) will be a NNTC supported entry. NCTA has both a Bred-By Group and a Best
Puppy in Group. Norfolk Breeder ("Flatford") Richard Powell will judge both breeds at the NNTC NCTA Specialty. NNTC member and Norwich breeder ("Temblor") Ed Flesh will judge Norwich Sweeps; NNTC member and Norfolk breeder ("Wonderwood") Jessica Relinque will judge Norfolk Sweeps. Dorothy MacDonald will judge both breeds at the April 9 NNTC supported entry. The Pacific Area Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (PANNT) will offer trophies at the Sacramento KC show on either April 10 or April 11. PANNT will also host a hospitality suite on April 8.

Looking ahead to 2005, the NNTC will hold a roving National Specialty in San Antonio, Texas at the Saturday, July 15 Austin KC show, part of the 4-show River City Cluster. NNTC member and Norwich/Norfolk breeder Sandra Stemmler will be the Sweeps judge for both breeds. In the regular classes, Sandra Goose Allen will judge Norfolk and Michelle Billings, Norwich Terriers. The Bluebonnet NNTC (BNNTC) will have its Specialty (pending AKC approval) at the Friday, July 14 Bexar City KC. BNNTC member and Norfolk/Norfolk breeder Leslie Becker will judge both breeds in Sweeps, while Michelle Billings will judge Norfolk and Sandra Goose Allen, Norwich, in the regular classes.

Let’s all support these events. The local NNTC clubs—PANNT and BNNTC—are working hard to put these Specialties and supported entries together. We will have more information about hotels, airports and other activities for you soon.

—Ann Dum (Norfolk) & Barbara Miller (Norwich) 2003 NNTC Show Chairs

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Judges for the 2004, 2005 and 2006

**NNTC Montgomery Specialties**

**2004**

Norfolk: **Al Ferruggiaro** (Dreamweaver Norwich)—Breed  
**Joan Eckert** (Abbadale Norfolk & Norwich)—Sweeps (puppy & veteran)

Norwich: **Larry Adams** (Gaylord Norwich)—Breed  
**Leslie Becker** (Skyscot Norwich & Norfolk)—Sweeps (puppy & veteran)

**2005**

Norfolk: **Joan Kefeli** (Dunbar Norwich)—Breed  
**Lori Pelletier** (Avalon Norfolk & Norwich)—Sweeps (puppy & veteran)

Norwich: **Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine**—Breed  
**Anna Bellenger** (Devondale Norwich)—Sweeps (puppy & veteran)

**2006**

Norfolk: **Joe Franchi** (Franaro Norfolk)—Breed  
**Lorenzo Mosby** (Antics Norwich & Norfolk)—Sweeps (puppy & veteran)

Norwich: **Desmond Murphy**—Breed  
**Carol Jordan** (Norweim Norwich)—Sweeps (puppy & veteran)

—Ann Dum & Barbara Miller, 2003 NNTC Show Chairs
CH. KILKENNY FINDERS KEEPERs
(Ch. Flurries Cross Rip Light x Kilkenny Marlee Magee)
Breeder/Owner: Cathie Heimbach

Our first foray into the show ring resulted in our first homebred champion. "Keeper," a spunky, handsome, red dog earned his championship on June 28, 2003 at Hockamock KC. He was handled with the utmost skill and patience by Lori Pelletier. Keeper is an intrepid swimmer, water retriever, and constant source of love and affection.

CH. ARROYO’S JEWEL OF THE NILE
(Ch. Keefolk’s The Saint JE x Ch. Arroyo’s Farlito Fire)
Breeders: Ann & Ed Dum & Julie Gleeson
Owners: Ann & Ed Dum & Jim Betts

"Phoebe" received all of her championship points from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class. She picked up two majors at the 2003 Great Western Terrier Association shows to complete her championship.
CH. REDFORD DAISY BUCHANAN
(Max-Well Sprite x Ch. Dakota Fiddle Dee Dee)
Breeders/Owners: Joan Rawlins & Sal Garofalo

Truly an enchantress, like her namesake, Daisy (aka Meghan) garnered a Group I at the 2003 prestigious Greenwich (CT) KC show. With beauty and charisma, she easily won her championship with limited showing. Her dam is also a Group winner. Daisy is superbly presented by Lori Pelletier.

CH. JUFELT’S APRIL FOOL
(Ch. Jufelt’s Black Gwillum x Ch. Sandpiper’s Calypso)
Breeder/Owner: Judith Felton

*April* finished with a flourish at Long Island KC last year. She’s a very busy and inquisitive little girl.
CH. JUFELT’S BUSY BEE AT BIGWIG
(Ch. Avalon’s First Step x Ch. Sandpiper’s Calypso)
Breeder: Judith Felton  Owner: Kenneth Slump

“Bebe” is shown finishing with her third major at Colorado KC in February 2003. She is a playful and clever Norfolk who may return to the ring in obedience competition one day. Bebe is always owner-handled.

CH. JUFELT’S QUEEN BEE
(Ch. Avalon’s First Step x Ch. Sandpiper’s Calypso)
Breeder/Owner: Judith Felton

“Queenie” was shown to her championship from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class. She is one of three champion girls out of the same litter!

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CH. GLENELG BARRISTER
(Ch. Wonderwood's Winning Hand x Ch. Glenelg Grazie SE)
Breeder: Deborah Pritchard  Owner: Kim Sutton
"Baer" is a handsome dog with the bone and substance we all look for.

CH. GLENELG GEORGIE GIRL
(Ch. Allright American Dream x Ch. Glenelg Grazie SE)
Breeder/Owner: Deborah G. Pritchard

With majors in Baltimore, Connecticut and Virginia in hand (paw), Georgie went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the 2002 NNTC Montgomery Specialty from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class. For a breeder, it doesn't get any better than that!
MAX-WELL (NORFOLK). Whew! A ton of puppies. Is that good or bad? I believe it's bad if those bitches were bred just to produce puppies for sale. I don't think it's bad if those bitches were bred to produce puppies to be kept at Max-Well. Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone sired ten pups this past spring. Handler and now co-bred, Susan Kipp, took two puppies from separate litters home with her to Wisconsin. Shortly thereafter I took another puppy to Susie, as I was going to dog shows in Wisconsin. I've kept one puppy at home for me to work with. So, out of these ten puppies, I've kept four, a male and three females. Each of these pups will be a continuation of my showing and breeding program. Should one of the little girls turn out to be a suitable show dog, she will move on to a show home out of the country—but not until she earns her championship in the U.S. The remaining six puppies went to fabulous homes.

For those of you who don't have a copy of Terrier Type's recent special issue on Norfolk and Norwich, I suggest you get in touch with the publisher/editor and purchase one. You should also inquire about the previous Norfolk/Norwich issue published in 1990. Both of these special issues give a history and statistical account of our breeds up to the present. They are written in an interesting and informative manner.

See you at the shows.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

PINCHBECK (NORFOLK). The Pinchbeck gang has not been idle this year. Ch. Pinchbeck Heads-up Harry finished his CD; Dove Hill Bisy Backson Browne, a Sam Browne daughter, took her Championship, ably shown by George Wright; Rugby's Picnic at Pinchbeck (aka Nora), a Sam Browne granddaughter, got her Certificate of Gameness from AWTA and her JCh title from the AKC; and, finally, after nearly two years of arguing with the dreaded recall, Ch. Framaro Lucy Pinch, another Sam Browne granddaughter, earned her SE and has at last gone on to work in the master tunnel.

Ch. Reidmar Sweet Georgia Brown turned a glorious 14 in May. She still rules the Pinchbeck roost, though her concern is more with when the next meal is going to be served than with who goes in the back door ahead of her! Every morning when I let her out, she gallops happily down toward the fence to see what windfalls the night has left out on the lawn or in the field. She cannot see very well, but her memory serves to guide her neatly around all the familiar landmarks. She is training the young bitches in manners, and her teeth are still all there and quite accurate!

In lieu of a summer vacation, I have been groundhog hunting with the dogs at least once a week since May or so. The "pack" of nine has killed two in the yard, both times when I was dressed to go out somewhere! The young entry (Bisy, Sadie, and young Mack the Knife, who is just a year old) are showing good instincts, field manners, and courage in the hole. Sadie frequently goes out of sight in the dirt, and has been credited with assisting in several tight encounters with prey. When she is home in the yard, she is rarely in sight, and always comes back in with dirt on her feet and nose. I will enter Nora when she has completed showing—no point in scars before that is over!

Harry has started tracking work, which he loves. I retired him from Obedience because he had a strong distaste for retrieving. I have been able to train him to indicate the glove in tracking, even though he will not pick it up and bring it to me. I am thrilled with his versatility. Sam and Pollyanna are still much in demand for their cheery, therapeutic visits to a local rehabilitation center. Sam has a wonderful fishing hat that he wears in the summer; both of them have learned to sneeze on command, much to the delight of the patients and nurses in the hospital! Polly is still working along at the UD. I taught her a bunch of tricks last winter to give her some tension breakers, because she is so earnest and desirous to please. They seem to come in handy when we train, and the trick she does with her half-sister Bisy (see photo, p. 34) brings down the house whenever they are asked to do it.

Puppies one of these days, we hope, but right now we are having too much fun.

—Sue Ely, Bernardsville, NJ
ROLLING RIDGE (NORWICH). On the last day of April, we piled our 5 Norwich into two large and one medium-sized Vari-Kennels in the back of our station wagon and began the 7-hour drive from Versailles, KY to Charlottesville, VA. I was dreading the trip, imagining the dogs getting car sick as we wound through the mountains of West Virginia. Instead they all behaved like angels, sleeping most of the way and staying calm even when we encountered a series of severe thunderstorms.

The dogs have also adjusted easily to their new home. Even old Peaches, who celebrated her “Sweet 16” birthday on August 18, manages to negotiate the backyard steps and deck despite impaired eyesight and mild arthritis. Walks around the neighborhood lake and along trails in nearby woods are more of an adventure here than in Kentucky. White-tail deer abound, squirrels scamper about gathering acorns, rabbits dart in and out of bushes. If they weren’t on leash, all four younger Norwich would take off in frenzied pursuit and most likely would get lost in the forest. These daily outings are a constant reminder of a Norwich’s natural hunting instincts—and of the need for a securely fenced yard or chaperoned, on-lead exercise for our small hunt terriers.

—Alison Freehling, Charlottesville, VA

TERRAPIN (NORWICH). Sometimes we girls just have a way of working things out. In late May, “Coretta” had her five pups with no problem. Several days later her niece “Fuzzy” had her two pups, with a problem. Fuzzy developed a low grade infection which required separating her from her babies. Before I could even begin to start fretting and fuming Coretta yelled out from her nursery, “Forget your belly-aching. Bring ’em on in here.” So I did, and this little 9-pounder proceeded to feed, clean and tend to seven little hellions without ever batting an eye. She had a system to marvel at and a schedule you could set your watch by. But Coretta is no fool, and she wasn’t about to let her extra efforts go unrewarded. Once the gang was weaned, she hotfoot it out of the whelping box to regain her girlish figure, leaving all the grunt work to Fuzzy. Let Fuzzy deal with those razor sharp teeth. Let Fuzzy eat up the dregs of their mushy food. Let Fuzzy have to work the night shift. Eventually, as life began to settle in, the two mothers joined forces and together they now push their strollers around the terrace and discuss the wonders of motherhood.

It’s times like these that make you question why we ever call them bitches!!

—Margaretta Wood, Phoenixville, PA
MONTGOMERY 2003: A SNEAK PREVIEW

Ed.: The rough copy of the Fall News had a page without any articles or photos, so I decided to fill in the blanks with a short report on the Best of Breed results at the NNTC Montgomery Specialty. —AGF

“Cause to Celebrate!”

Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, the English Norfolk bitch import, gave breeder Elisabeth Matell, co-owners Pam Beale, Stephanie Ingram and Elisabeth Matell, and handler Beth Sweigart cause to celebrate with her historic Best in Show at Montgomery 2003. In 1999, Ch. The Duke of Copperplate became the first Norfolk Terrier to go BIS at Montgomery. “Coco” is the first Norfolk bitch to win this coveted rosette. It was also Beth Sweigart’s first Montgomery Best. “Coco” and Beth also captured BIS at the three all-breed shows (Hatboro 1 and 2, and Devon) leading up to Montgomery. Hats off to this winning team of ladies!

It was also “ladies first” in Norwich at Montgomery as Ch. Ronnell’s Miracle N My Pocket won Best of Breed for breeders-owners Sue Weaver and Sandra Stemmler and co-owner Ronald Smith. For the record, two Norwich males—Ch. Thrumpton’s Lord Brady (1980) and Ch. Chidley Willum the Conqueror (1992 and 1993)—and one Norwich bitch, Ch. Farewood Frolic (1997), have gone BIS at Montgomery.

The Spring 2004 News will have full coverage of the 2003 NNTC Montgomery Specialty weekend.

—Alison Freehling

Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (“Coco”)
PUBLICATIONS

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.

CELEBRATE PEDIGREES: THE 2000 NORWICH TERRIER PEDIGREE BOOK. Compiled by long-time Norwich breeder, Carol Jordan, this loose-leaf book includes over 200 pages of 4-generation Norwich pedigrees, each with a photo of the particular dog or bitch. To obtain your copy of this invaluable Norwich reference, send a $40 check (which includes postage), payable to Carol Jordan, at 604 Old Fritztown Road, Reading, PA 19607-1016.

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(To learn how, read "Click and Treat" on pages 33-34.)