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Scouting the woodpile for vermin



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Playing "finders, keepers" during apple season

Fall fun, terrier style

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Norwich—(left to right): Ch Castlehill tinytowne Knockout (Katie) & future Ch. tinytowne PT Cruiser, owned by Dana & Rich Esquibel (CA). See pages 25-26 for the sad story of Cruiser's mysterious death.
- Back: These whimsical holiday cards are the creation of *News* subscriber and PANNT member Donna Briggs, who currently shares her home with three Norwich Terriers in Corte Madera, CA.

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A California beach boy bids summer "adieu"

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—Sharman Pepper, graphic designer at Deerhaven Press, printer of the *News*

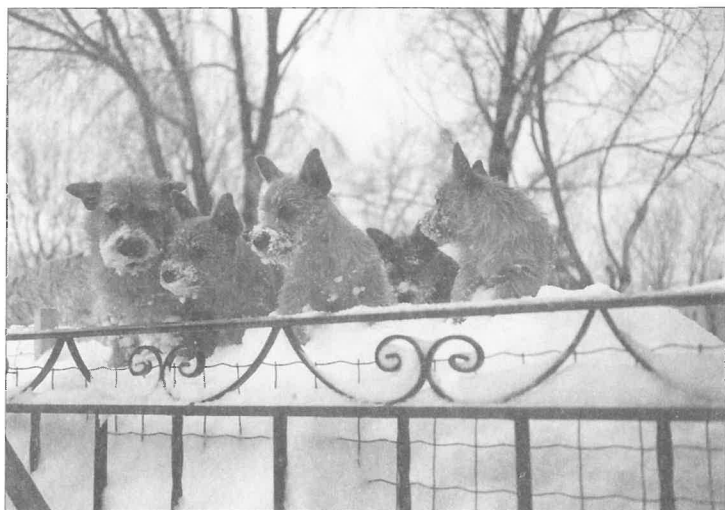


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Winter fun for more than one: a crowd of snowy "Piccadillys"

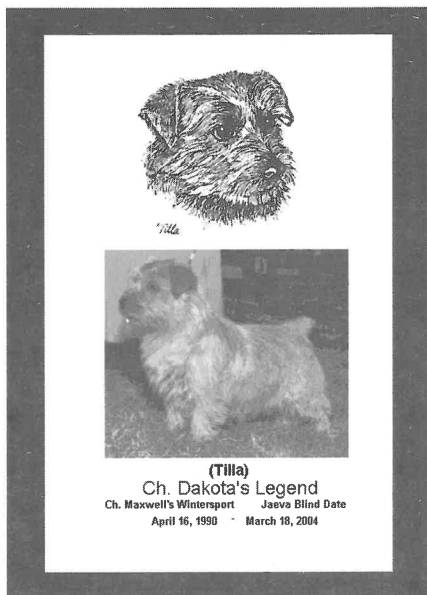
FROM THE EDITOR...

As I pen this brief "letter," the Charlottesville area is in the throes of yet another torrential rainstorm, with thunder rumbling over the mountains and Bonny, our thunder-phobic Norwich, trembling at my feet. This summer has been decidedly soggy and sultry, and I look forward to the fall.

Thanks to all who spent some of their "lazy days of summer" writing articles and taking photos in time for the month-earlier-than-usual Fall *News* deadline. This issue will hopefully arrive before Montgomery weekend, with its first all-terrier Obedience Trial on September 30 and the NNTC National Specialty on October 3. The *News* wishes all Norfolk and Norwich performance and conformation enthusiasts good luck, great weather and a convivial get-together with friends old and new. And may your holiday season to come be one of peace and good cheer.—AGF

CH. DAKOTA'S LEGEND

(April 16, 1990-March 18, 2004)



I bred, owned and showed "Tilla" to her championship, mostly from the Bred-By class. She was my beloved companion for almost 14 years, my last Norfolk, and is deeply missed.

—Barbara Parker
Copiague Harbor, NY

CH. DOMBY'S ALICE RAINBIRD

A Celebration of Her Life

Ch. Dobby's Alice Rainbird came into my life in May 1994. She was just six years old, had completed a successful show career, and had produced an outstanding Norfolk, Ch. Dobby's Clara Peggoty, a top producer (9) for Tony Gabrielli and Wayne Palmer's Dobby kennel near Cleveland, Ohio. When I met her, Alice was staying at Joan Eckert's kennel (Abbedale) in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was to be bred one last time and, hopefully, would produce more champions.

I had recently lost a Scottish Terrier to bladder cancer and was grief stricken. Joan had groomed and boarded my Scottie and knew how devastated I was over her death. She asked if I would be interested in taking a look at a Norfolk and possibly taking her home on a "trial basis."

I said I would take a look. Sitting on Joan's living room floor and having this vivacious Norfolk Terrier with the most beautiful brown eyes climbing all over me was more than I could resist. So Alice came home with me, joining my cat, and settling down very quickly to become "top dog."

Alice's goal in her new life was to be my companion and to be with me 24/7; she succeeded. She was happiest sitting on my lap, lying by my feet or sleeping on the foot of my bed. She was bred for the last time in 1994, and gave birth to two puppies on Christmas Eve. I thought her work was finished, but there was much more to Alice.

The Humane Society in Kalamazoo had a pet therapy program, and I decided that Alice should be a part of it. She easily passed their criteria and, for over two years, was a much-loved therapy dog for residents at the Upjohn Nursing Home in Kalamazoo.

When Alice, my cat and I moved to South Haven, Michigan four years ago, I joined the local A1-Van Humane Society. That organization did not have a pet therapy program. I remembered the wonderful difference Alice had made in the lives of so many nursing home residents, so I asked if she could visit the nursing home in South Haven. Alice became the first pet therapy dog in South Haven and

developed a huge following at the nursing home here. The residents would gather in the hallways, the Activity Room, and around the nurses' station awaiting her arrival on Friday mornings. Their arms would reach out to her and they would call her name, wanting to hold her and to give her treats.

Alice visited the nursing home for three years before her death. Her visits were featured in articles in the South Haven Tribune as well as in the A1-Van Humane Society's and the nursing home's newsletters.

Alice died in April 2004 at age 16; she was mourned by many. Her death was noted at the South Haven City Council meeting. Contributions were sent to various animal organizations in her name. Plants, flowers, and over 50 sympathy cards were sent to me. Alice's funeral was officiated by Father Andrew Gross, and her service was attended by many friends and neighbors. She was buried in my courtyard. Her wonderful spirit and her courage will live with me forever.

—Margaret Reusch, South Haven, MI



Photo credit: Margaret Reusch

"Alice" on her deck looking out at Lake Michigan

CH. LITTLEFIELD GOOD GOLLY IT'S WALLY (WALLY)

(October 19, 2000-June 24, 2004)

Wally and his owner, Warren Lieberman, left this life together suddenly and tragically in a car accident on June 24th. Warren, 56, was the beloved husband of Linda Hirsch and adored father of Jacob Lieberman. Warren was a creative, gentle spirit, as well as a gifted photographer, artist, teacher and acclaimed advertising director. His love for his family, including little Wally, was unbounded.

Wally, bred by NNTC member Leandra Little, was the Hirsch-Lieberman family's first dog and was a member of the family in every respect. At home in the city, the country and the show ring, Wally had an outgoing personality that charmed everyone he met. He also had a remarkable intelligence; he could understand an amazing range of words, could tell left from right, and occasionally would take it upon himself to go and visit favorite friends, both human and canine, who lived in his

upper west side New York City abode. He considered the entire 6-floor art deco building his territory and all the inhabitants, his subjects.

Wally finished his Championship before his second birthday in August 2002. Two months later, he served as the Norwich example at the NNTC-sponsored breed seminar at Montgomery. In April 2004, he was a demo dog at the AKC Judges' Institute for Terrier Breeds in New Jersey. In May he was featured in a full page ad in *Just Terriers* in honor of his famous sire, Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal. But the highlight of that "merry month of May" had to be the arrival of his first litter—four puppies whelped by NNTC member Magda Omansky's bitch, Ketka's Magic Flute. These puppies will carry on Wally's legacy of type, hard red coat, beautiful bite, fantastic rear angulation, and, most importantly, his perfect health and incredible IQ.



Photo credit: Warren Lieberman

"Wally"



Photo credit: Magda Omansky

"Wally" will live on in his 4 Dig-n-Pop puppies
(left to right): Kate, Lilly Ru, Woody and Smidge

No one knows what caused the accident. Warren's car drifted across the median on the New Jersey Palisades Parkway and was struck on the passenger side by a northbound car. There were no skid marks to indicate that Warren had been aware of what was happening. They found little Wally still on the seat beside Warren, where he no doubt had been riding snuggled against his master's side.

Warren and Wally were Champions in every respect. They will be missed forever by all who were privileged to know them.

—Leandra Little, "Littlefield"
Norwich, Weehawken, NJ

CH. REIDMAR MERCATOR

(August 15, 1988–October 24, 2003)

Ch. Reidmar Mercator passed away due to lymphatic cancer last October at age 15. Mercator, bred by Nat LaMar, was by Ch. Heathjul Christmas Robin out of Ch. Chidley Charm. He was my first dog ever and proved a devoted friend.

My quest for a dog back in 1988 brought me in touch with Joan Read (Chidley) while she was preparing the galley proofs for her book on Norfolk Terriers. She was raising a litter of two males bred by a man in New York named LaMar. Both puppies were adorable, but I was adamant that I wanted

the larger of the two. A few weeks later at the ANTA match I finally met Nat, whose mentorship and friendship have since proven invaluable. Nat wanted to name the dog Prince Valiant. At the time I was an antique map collector and wanted the puppy's name to be Mercator after the great 16th century cartographer and father of the atlas, whose real surname was Kremer (also spelled Kramer in some sources!).

Mercator and I became inseparable. We would regularly go for walks in Princeton Battlefield Park. He was kind of wild as a puppy, which prompted Joan Read to suggest that I read a book on puppy raising. With some disciplining shortly thereafter, Mercator became quite obedient.

Then it was time for his show career. Since I had moved to Maryland, it was suggested that I employ the services of a handler named Richard Powell. Richard, like Nat, has been a mentor and close friend and is yet another important influence in my doggy life that I met due to Mercator. It was also because of Mercator that I met Lydia Hutchinson, who became my mentor in Cairn Terriers.

Under Richard's handling Mercator finished rather quickly and then commenced his career as a Special. I had hoped he would make the Top 10. However, Mercator surpassed all of my expectations. He won over 40 Best of Breeds, including the NNTC supported entry at Bucks County K.C. in 1991, and was the #5 Norfolk in the country in 1991 and 1992. Along the way he defeated a National Specialty Best of Breed winner and a Best in Show winner on more than one occasion.

Mercator wasn't perfect. He was long in back, a bit out at the elbows, and lacked sufficient leg furnishings. If one wanted to fault judge, then Mercator might be overlooked. As a total package, Mercator was impressive. From his beautiful head, wonderful shoulders, ample brisket, nice bend of stifle, etc., emerged what one judge called "a very nice Norfolk".

Mercator's stud career was puzzling. For reasons that still escape me, no finished bitch was ever sent to him. In fact, of the five bitches he bred, only one had earned any championship points. But Mercator proved that it is possible to turn brass into gold by siring six champions to date. I got to keep one of his daughters, Ch. Glenelg Piacere, "Pia", bred by Debby Pritchard. Pia has produced five champions of her own to date. Mercator's descendants include some of the top Norfolk in the country during the past nine years. His stud career isn't finished yet as there is a modest amount of his frozen semen to be used on the nice finished bitch that eluded him while alive.

Mercator was a fabulous companion. I would frequently take him on walks in the park or as a passenger in the front of my car. He was a very low maintenance dog. Mercator loved everyone he met and they loved him back. I've lost count of the number of dog walkers, vet assistants, and friends who claimed Mercator as their favorite of all my dogs. He was also a master escape artist. When he was four months old, he dug a hole under my fence and took off. At age nine he scaled a wrought iron fence. Fiercely independent yet devoted, I could count on coming home and seeing his head pop up at the window as soon as I got out of the car.

Although Mercator is gone now, his legacy lives on in his descendants, my kennel affix, and future offspring. And when I come home from work each day and see Pia's head pop up at the window, I know he is still with me.



Photo courtesy of Andrew Kramer

"Mercator"

—Andrew Kramer, "Mercator" Norfolk Terriers, Reston, VA

INTRODUCING THE *NEWS*' NEW AGILITY REPORTER

The *News*' expert agility reporter, Carlynn Ricks, gave me a call last winter to ask if I would take over coverage of agility for the *News*. Carlynn's Norwich, Darcy, had earned a well-deserved retirement from the agility ring. This inspiring handler-dog team is now working toward a permanent place in Norwich obedience history. In light of their noble quest to earn the highest obedience title ever bestowed upon a Norwich, I agreed to fill Carlynn's shoes as agility reporter. Please bear with me as I familiarize myself with this new responsibility.

As my first assignment, I have the toughest task—writing an introduction about myself. Here is my attempt to do it fast and to keep it balanced. I got my first, very own dog at the age of five. By the time I was a teenager, I had learned a painful lesson that Pekingese do not make the best hiking buddies. My Peke was much more attached to my Mom and her pack of dogs that lounged around all day than it was to me and my nomad disposition. My next dog, a Dachshund, was a true introduction to the world of dog sports. He was a terrier in a hound body. I was hooked on dog training.

Twists and turns of fate took me half way around the world, but as soon as I found my permanent home here in the USA, I looked for ways to get back to dog training. While waiting for a better situation to have my own dog, I worked as a volunteer for a couple of canine rescue groups and local shelters. Soon I became the “expert on potty troubles and growlies”, i.e., housebreaking and aggression issues. I fostered more than 25 dogs with varying success and finally welcomed home my very first Norwich Terrier. Biskit was befittingly a behavioral mess, overly shy and ultra-sensitive. I chose agility training as a means to build his self-esteem.

After months of hysterical resistance to anything new and, therefore, scary, Biskit started to relax and finally developed confidence from mastering new skills. He budded into an incredibly rewarding agility partner. My second Norwich, Magic, is also on her way to earning some agility titles. She recently took time off to whelp four wonderful pups, and will make her comeback at the 2004 Montgomery Agility Trial. Magic's litter, my first, is a result of years of preparation. I am currently busy conditioning the pups for an active life not only in the conformation ring, but also in performance events. They have been primed for high drive, stress recovery and strong confidence since the day they were born. I have very high hopes for the pup Kate, who will be staying with me and hopefully appearing many times in listings of new titles earned. Wish us luck!

—Magda Omansky, “Dig-n-Pop” Norwich Terrier.
Murray Hill, NJ (dignpop@aol.com)



Photo submitted by Peggy Metcalf

A natural beauty

NORWICH AND NORFOLK AGILITY TITLES: FALL 2004 REPORT

Our agility terriers were very busy earning new titles in the beginning of 2004. Congratulations to all the new title winners.

Titles earned 12/01/03 – 04/30/04

NA

- Capricorns Whatvr Lola Wants **NA NAJ** (Norfolk)-Nona Albarano and Catherine L. Cargo
- Tally-Ho-Ho-Ho **NA NAJ ME** (Norfolk)-Beth Kravetz
- Ch. Merrychase Bowtie Buzzer **NA NAJ** (Norfolk)-Rita Sharp
- Small Steps Li'l Ms Sunshine **NAJ** (Norwich)-Penelope Kesckes

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- Ch. Merrychase Bowtie Buzzer **NA NAJ** (Norfolk)-Rita Sharp
- Small Steps Li'l Ms Sunshine **NAJ** (Norwich)-Penelope Kesckes
- Ch. Rugby's Sam's Breydon **NAJ** (Norfolk)-Linda-Maria Federici

NAP

- Debe's Equal Opportunity **CD NAP** (Norwich)-Susanne B. Bittner
- Small Steps Busta Ray of Sun **NAP NJP** (Norwich)-Susanne B. Bittner
- Ch. Jaeva Brandy Snap **NAP NJP ME** (Norfolk)-Linda-Maria Federici

NJP

- Ch. Jaeva Brandy Snap **NAP NJP ME** (Norfolk)-Linda-Maria Federici

OA

- Skyscot's Trouble Scooter **OA OAJ** (Norwich)-Susan Novotny and Scott Laidig

OAJ

- Avatar Ernie-Traveller Man **OA OAJ** (Norwich)-Michael F. Wiley and Margaret B. Wiley
- Ch. Belvedere Oliver Twist **NA OAJ** (Norwich)-Sally J. Little
- Pair-A-Docs' Mint Julep **NA OAJ** (Norwich)-Marcia G. Frank

OJP

- Ch. Black Magics Sail Away **NAP OJP** (Norfolk)-Marian A. Shaw and Douglas Dobbins

AX

- Avatar Ernie-Traveller Man **OA OAJ** (Norwich)-Michael F. Wiley and Margaret B. Wiley

AXJ

- Shakspr Bianca Minola **OA AXJ** (Norwich)-Blair Kelly
- Skyscot's Trouble Scooter **OA OAJ** (Norwich)-Susan Novotny and Scott Laidig

AJP

- Sho-Me Ketka's Rolling Rock **CDX NA OAP** (Norwich)-Jan Sinclair

—Magda Omansky, "Dig-n-pop" Norwich
Murray Hill, NJ (dignpop@aol.com)

MOVING INTO RALLY O

As of January 1, 2005, Rally Obedience becomes the newest titling venue in AKC. Until then you may find Rally being offered as a non-regular class at obedience trials throughout the country. Early indications show that Rally O is going to be very popular. I would like to give those who are not familiar with Rally Obedience a brief look at how it works.

The name Rally Obedience was adopted for this dog obedience competition because of the use of directional signs to guide the handler throughout the performance in a manner somewhat similar to what is used in Rally Car Racing. A ring of at least 40' x 50' is required. When arranged in the ring, the signs are numbered sequentially to indicate the course that the handler must take during the performance. Handlers are given a 15 minute walk-through prior to the start of judging. Dog and handler move at a brisk pace from sign to sign and perform the exercises indicated by the sign at each location. The dog must be under control within a 2 foot area at the handler's left side. Perfect heel position is not required. Other than the handler being given permission to start the performance, the judge gives no further directions.

Many Rally exercises are the same as those used in traditional Obedience, or parts of more complex exercises. For example, the Rally exercise with "Halt" on the exercise sign is performed exactly the same as when a judge asks the handler to "Halt" during the heeling exercises of traditional Obedience. Other exercises, such as the HALT-Walk Around and HALT Down-Walk Around, are essentially the same, or at least require the same skills as performing the return to the dog in the Group Sit and Down exercises in traditional Obedience. In both of these Rally and traditional Obedience exercises, the handler must place the dog on a stay command, then step away and walk completely around the dog back to the heel position. The dog must remain in the sit or down position in the same way as required in the Group Sit and Down exercises in traditional Obedience. There are, however, some Rally exercises that are not found in traditional Obedience. For example, two forms of an about-turn are used in Rally, About Turn-Right and About "U" Turn (left about-turn). Only the first of these is used in traditional Obedience. The second one is considered to be of the novice level in difficulty. Another big difference between regular Obedience and Rally is that in Rally, verbal encouragement and praise are encouraged. No more "silent treatment"!

I would like to go into more detail about different aspects of Rally O, but will try and hit the highlights for now. Classes are divided into 3 different levels. **Rally Novice A and B**, in which 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) are used with no more than 5 stationary exercises per class, is the first level. Stationary exercises are any signs indicating a "Halt" or no forward motion. All exercises are performed on lead. **Rally Advanced A and B**, the second level, must have between 12-17 stations with no more than 7 stationary exercises, with one of the stations being a jump. A broad jump, high jump or bar jump can be used. There are only 3 jump heights. Dogs under 15 inches at the withers jump 8 inches; dogs 15 inches and under 20 inches jump 12 inches; and dogs 20 inches and over jump 16 inches. All the exercises in this class are done off leash. **The Rally Excellent** class also consists of A and B classes and, as in Rally Advanced, are performed off leash. Between 15 and 20 stations must be used with no more than 7 stationary exercises. Two jumps are required in this class. Unlike the Rally Novice and Advanced classes, handlers are not allowed to pat their legs or clap their hands to encourage the dog. Verbal encouragement, multiple commands, and/or inaudible signals using one or both hands are allowed; the handler's arms do not have to be kept in any particular position at any time during the exercises. As in Novice and Advanced classes, handlers may not touch their dog or make any physical corrections. There is also an Honor Exercise used in this class. Before each class the judge will designate either the sit or the down for the Honor Exercise, as well as the placement in the ring, and will also designate where the handler will stand during the exercise—either next to or facing the dog. The Honor Exercise must not be in the path of the dog and handler team that follows.

After completing the Rally Excellent title, qualifying scores may be accumulated from the Advanced B class and the Excellent B class to earn the **Rally Advanced Excellent** title. To earn the RAE title, a dog must 'Q' 10 times in both the Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B class at the same trial. Multiple RAE titles may be earned and would be indicated by the number of times the dog has met the RAE requirements, i.e., RAE2, RAE3, etc. A minimum score of 70 points out of a possible 100 is necessary to qualify, and there are no ½ point deductions. Runs are timed, but times come into play only if a tie needs to be broken. After earning 3 legs under at least 2 different judges, a Rally title may be added after the dog's name.

As I said, I have only hit the high points of Rally. If you would like to learn more, the entire regulations and guidelines may be found on the AKC website, www.akc.org. The Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) offers Rally Obedience and The United Kennel Club (UKC) also has plans in the works to add Rally Obedience sometime in the future.

Here are some of the frequently asked questions that have shown up on the AKC website in 2004 about Rally O:

What is Rally? Rally is a new dog sport that is sweeping the nation. It was created to promote a positive relationship between the dog and its owner. Animation and enthusiasm throughout the performance are encouraged. Emphasis is on fun and excitement for the dog and handler, and the spectator, by providing a more "natural" approach to the performance. Each team is judged on the execution of a single, continuous performance of the numbered exercises on a course, uninterrupted by orders from the judge. Many of the exercises are derived from "doodles" people use when training for Obedience. Perfect heel position is not required, but you must maintain a loose leash at all times. Harsh verbal or leash corrections are not tolerated.

Can you talk to your dog during the exercises? Yes! You can talk to your dog, use praise and body language throughout the performance.

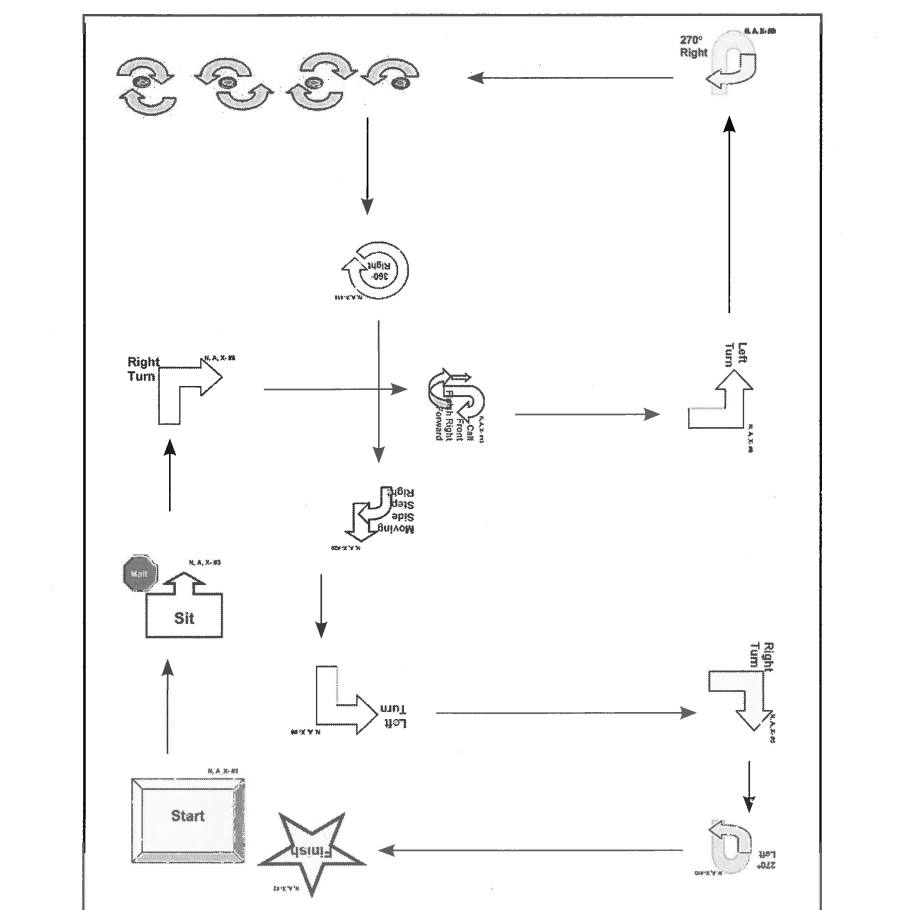
Who can do Rally? Anybody! Rally was designed with the average pet dog owner in mind, as a way to introduce them into the world of dog sports and for people to just have fun with their dogs. Whether you've just completed your CGC or are looking for something else to do, or you want to hone up on your obedience skills, Rally has something to offer you and your companion.

Will this help my dog to compete in regular Obedience? Rally is a wonderful sport for dogs and handlers who experience "ring stress" or, for whatever reasons, would not be successful in traditional obedience. The Novice level is all on leash, you are allowed to use multiple hand and verbal cues, and you can talk to and encourage your dog throughout the performance. This makes it a great place to work through both of your ring nerves and to have some success in the ring.

Can beginners do Rally? Absolutely! Rally makes a great entry-level class for both obedience and agility. But don't be fooled! Rally can still be a challenge. You must work closely as a team as you negotiate the courses, heeling from sign to sign and performing one of the many different exercises. Some are quite complicated (there are 50 different exercises to choose from).

On the next page is a sample course that might be seen in the Rally Novice ring. So, what do you think? Is this something you and your dog might enjoy doing together? Keep your eye out for Rally Obedience being offered as a non-regular class until December 31, 2004, at various Obedience Trials throughout the country. Come January 1, 2005, Rally Obedience will become a regular AKC titling class and will provide another means for you and your dog to work and play together as a team and, in the process, earn more titles!

Sample Rally 0 Course



Club: _____ Class: _____

Club: _____ Class: _____

I have only two new **obedience titles** to pass along this time. Norfolk **Ch. Landmark Whistling Dixie** CD earned his **CD** on April 4, 2004. He is owned by Arista Newton-Moore. **Ch Bunratty's Earl Arlie O'Todd** CD, a Norwich, earned his **CD** title on March 21, 2004. Maureen Clancy and Ronald and Estelle Crawford are the proud owners. Congratulations are also in order for Carlynn Ricks and her Norwich **Darcy**, who now have 4 of the 10 legs needed for a UDX title!! Congratulations to dogs and owners alike. Each one complements the other and makes their achievements possible. I'm hoping that the Terrier Combined Obedience Specialty Trial that takes place on September 30, 2004 at Kimberton, Pennsylvania will produce many new obedience legs and titles. Hope to see you there!

—Pam Lorenzen, NNTC Obedience Chair (star@netins.net)

RESCUE, REHOME AND REALITY: FOOD FOR THOUGHT OR "WHAT'S UP?"

Well, surely the surf is up somewhere in California, and gas and dairy prices are both up in the East; but, from my point of view, what's really up is the price of Norwich and Norfolk Terrier puppies... up, and up, and UP!! In the calls and emails I get from folks in search of a puppy or a dog, I have been told that prices of \$3,000 or \$5,000 are not uncommon, from breeders, Internet dealers, and from pet stores! **If there is any one thing encouraging the up and coming puppy millers to raise a cash crop of these dogs, wouldn't it be those prices?**

Reports of both Norfolk and Norwich Terriers who need to be rescued continue to be unnervingly numerous both on the rescue phone line and via the Internet. As seen in poor quality photos, many of the dogs are either mixed breeds or are of very inferior quality. They are poor in health and unreliable of temperament, shelter staff tell me. Many (but not all) of them come from the people we all talk about who are buying dogs abroad (Cairns which have been docked, Norwich and Norfolks from European kennels not exactly at the top of the heap) and who are then selling them as "breeding pairs" with pie-in-the-sky promises of the masses of money ready to be made with every litter. **Where, do you suppose, is that pie-in-the-sky impression coming from if not from the high prices already being asked by established, and not established, breeders right here in the good old USA?**

One of the things I am told quite frequently when I have occasion to talk to breeders is that his/her puppies are expensive because of "all the show champions, BOB's and BIS's behind each one of them." The usually unspoken corollary to that is, of course, the name of the kennel. Now, come on, get serious! Does anyone really think that is what a pet buyer cares about? Does anyone really think that champions producing puppies sold as pets (and they all do produce pets!) guarantee or enhance a puppy's health or personality simply by being champions? Since when does careening around a show ring at the end of a tight Resco provide a reliable temperament test? Many of the best show and performance dogs are the best because they have what, in a home situation, would be high voltage personalities. Is that what a pet puppy buyer wants? **Why, then, is the number of conformation champions in a pedigree the stated rationale for why the prices of such puppies are so high?**

In what seems a weak but just defense, I tell buyers who call Rescue looking for a less expensive answer to their desire to own a Norwich or Norfolk, that the various health and genetic tests are expensive, as are the numerous Caesarian whelpings in both breeds. Yet, how many breeders *are* x-raying their dogs for hips, testing hearts, or doing CERF clearances on their dogs' eyes? It would seem that because no one has to present **those** certifications before entering a show, health tests are not being proffered as the reason for high puppy costs. A logical conclusion, then, is that showing and handling costs, as well breeders' desire for fame in the fancy, are driving the upward spiral of prices. Pet buyers are paying for the Champions and little, if any, substantive research or concern for the things that really matter to such buyers is being offered in return for all that money. **Since showing, for breeders, is both elective and self-serving, how is it possible to charge those expenses to people who simply want a healthy, sound and well-adjusted puppy for a pet?**

One can well wonder when or if the upward spiral in Norwich and Norfolk prices is going to stop. How much is enough? Is the report of what some other breeder gets for pups just irresistible? Perhaps the inflation will stop only when the fad is over, if ever. Everyone likes to breed and own a Champion, a Master Earthdog, a Utility Champion, a Master Agility Champion, a Tracking Dog.... It is not only fun, but a real source of pride for any owner. When we go to breed those dogs and bitches, however, we have an obligation to respect the breeds, to produce reasonably priced pups which have the right characteristics for family life, not BOB's or BIS's, but clear eyes, sound bodies and happy temperaments. At more reasonable rates, we can sell them to the right families, not just to those who can afford the big price tags. I see what goes through rescue. Don't blame the puppy mills or the storefront shysters. As Pogo once said, "We have met the enemy, and he is us."

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THE AMERICAN WORKING TERRIER ASSOCIATION



The American Kennel Club is not the only organization that recognizes and awards the qualities of the working terrier. The American Working Terrier Association (AWTA), founded in 1971 by Patricia Adams Lent, is gathering new members who are interested in working/hunting their terriers in the field. The AWTA was founded to encourage and promote the breeding, hunting and ownership of terriers who had correct size, conformation and temperament to actually hunt in the field. Dachshunds were accepted in 1972.

The main objectives of the AWTA are: (1) to encourage and preserve the natural instinct of earth terriers to enter an underground earth and to react in a positive manner when facing quarry; (2) to encourage and preserve the natural hunting abilities of all terriers in above-ground sport.

The AWTA recognizes the following earth breeds (dogs of the correct size and character to enter a nine-inch artificial earth) for competition in den trials: Australian, Bedlington, Border, Cairn, Cesky, Dandie Dinmont, Fell, Glen of Imaal, Jack Russell, Jagd, Lakeland, Norfolk, Norwich, Patterdale, Scottish, Sealyham, Skye, Smooth Fox, Welsh, West Highland White, Wire Fox and Dachshunds. Any terrier-cross, dachshund-cross, Fiest, or terrier breed not mentioned above that is of suitable size to fit in a nine-inch artificial earth is also allowed to enter in den trials. For hunting (both in natural earths and above ground) and for above-ground hunting tests, the AWTA recognizes the above mentioned breeds and miscellaneous terriers, as well as terrier group breeds of the national all-breed kennel clubs (AKC, UKC, CKC, KC, FCI) and their crosses.

The AWTA issues Certificates of Gameness (CG) to dogs that qualify in the Open Division, Hunting Certificates (HC) to dogs used regularly for hunting, and Working Certificates (WC) to dogs qualifying with work in a natural den. Patricia Lent's thoughts in developing these trials were to provide an educational experience for owners and to give the terriers a chance to use their natural instincts. Check out the AWTA website (www.dirt-dog.com/awta/index.shtml) and learn more about this exciting and educational organization.

By the way, The Norwich Terrier Club (now the NNTC) was the primary supporter of the AWTA when this organization was founded. Hmm...how interesting.

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AT LAST THE AKC IS TALKING FORM AND FUNCTION IN GO-TO-GROUND TERRIERS!!

"Form and function are serious things in the terrier world. A dog who is not right in the show ring may not win a ribbon, but a working dog who is not right may not come back at all."

Jo Ann Frier-Murza

To the great delight of some dog breeders and the consternation of others, the AKC has begun to take a close look at the connection between form and function in dogs of all breeds. Anyone who has been around purebred dogs for more than 10 years can see how the standards of many breeds have been reinterpreted, sometimes quite drastically, over time to conform to what was being rewarded in the show ring. Almost every big winner has his/her effect on the breed it represents: big eyes,

long ears, short backs, accentuated angles of leg and the like come in and out of favor according to what is out there in the BOB and BIS ranks. These days, there is a positive feeding frenzy over the breed that wins Westminster; and the replays of the Eukanuba Invitational and other dog shows are frequent enough to send everyone to the phone looking for one of those, you know, "Norfolk Terriers just like Coco!" As a working terrier owner who also shows her dogs, I am thrilled that the AKC has begun to take a look at how a dog's conformation affects its ability to do what it was originally bred to do.

This past spring, the AKC held an Advanced Institute on the terrier breeds in East Windsor, New Jersey. For the smaller breeds, the seminar featured a day in the field watching dogs with both breed Championships and earthdog titles go to ground and work prey (in this case, caged rats). On an afternoon which cleared to blue sky, briefly, between showers, about 50 experienced conformation judges emerged from vans at Crosswicks Earthdog Center in Bordentown, NJ. They were greeted by Jo Ann Frier-Murza, who owns the farm and who knows more about the art of training terriers to hunt than almost anyone. To set the mood, she had an English tape of an hilarious hunt in England where a fairly large group of terriers was cleaning out the rats from a pig farm.

The event began with a field demonstration of the various levels of AKC Earthdog tests: Master, Senior, and Junior. Several dogs were run in each of those levels, while Karla Diethorn, the AKC Earthdog Rep and herself an accomplished handler of working terriers and dachshunds, explained the requirements of each test. It was nice to hear some of the judges complimenting the Master dogs, who run with a brace mate they frequently have never met until the test, for working so well off lead, quartering, and hunting in partnership with their handlers. The judges were also fully impressed by the successful recalls from the quarry area in the Senior test; and they were treated to and took photographs of some very determined Junior dogs working the rats in their tunnel area.

Because an earthdog's real work is done out of sight, the next demonstration took place above ground in a regulation tunnel with plexiglass sides so that judges could watch each dog negotiate the turns and reach the quarry. Lesson after lesson was brought home about how these working dogs must have the correct size and conformation to fold themselves up (in the case of some breeds) in order to drive their bodies into and through the tunnel. They need correct fronts and rears, properly shaped feet, harsh coats, and fearless temperaments to get through tight spaces and face a quarry. To demonstrate compressibility, Jo Ann Frier-Murza offered the challenge of a 6" section of plastic pipe at the entry to the regulation 9" tunnel. Two dogs, a Lakeland and a Norfolk, managed to propel themselves through this tight space to get to the rats. As Mari-Beth O'Neill, the AKC organizer of the Advanced Institute said, such "live demonstration work provides the opportunity for individuals to see a breed's function and how it relates to the breed's standard." In a perfect world, such new knowledge would begin to affect conformation judging, broaden the criteria for excellence, and bring many of the working terrier breeds closer to their original shape and size.

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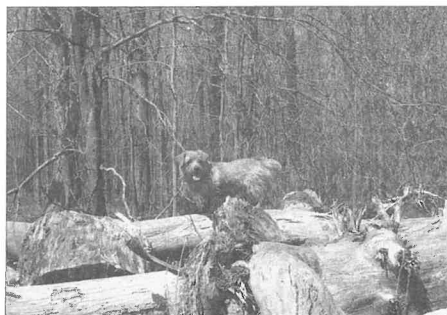


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"River" on critter patrol

THE VACCINE CONTROVERSY

What's All the Fuss About?

Recently there has been a lot of talk in the media and on the Internet about whether we are over-vaccinating our pets (giving vaccines too frequently, and including too many infectious agents in the vaccine schedule). The veterinary community has been debating this issue for the last five or ten years, but so far has been unable to solve the dilemma. Various issues in this controversy include:

1. The duration of immunity against many of the diseases for which vaccines are available is probably longer than the one-year duration listed on the manufacturer's label. Some experts believe the duration of immunity after the initial puppy series and the one-year-old booster may even be life-long (just like the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine of children). Many of the veterinary schools in the United States have switched from annual to every-three-year vaccination schedules.
2. There are very few scientific studies documenting the duration of immunity. Studies have looked at parvo and distemper antibody titers several years after vaccination, but the titers do not necessarily correlate with protective immunity after exposure to the live virus.
3. It has been suggested that over-vaccination may cause increased incidence of immune-mediated diseases, including the frequently fatal autoimmune hemolytic anemia (AIHA).
4. Because the vaccine manufacturers recommend yearly boosters, veterinarians may be reluctant to give vaccines less frequently, for fear that they will be faced with malpractice if the animal develops the infectious disease.
5. Veterinarians may also be reluctant to give vaccines less frequently for fear that pet owners will not bring their animals for an annual physical exam if inoculations are not going to be given.

How Do Vaccines Work?

Vaccines contain a modified or killed disease-causing agent (virus or bacteria) that stimulates the immune system to make specific antibodies. If the animal then encounters the natural virus or bacteria, the immune system "remembers" the agent and launches a protective immune response, preventing infection and illness. Some vaccines include a live virus which has been altered to be less pathogenic (producing minimal or no symptoms of infection); others include a killed virus; others are recombinant, meaning they contain only certain key proteins from the virus or bacteria. Technically, vaccines against bacteria are called bacterins, and in general have shorter durations of immunity than vaccines against viruses.

What Vaccines are Available?

The American Veterinary Medical Association has designated various canine and feline vaccines as "core" or "non-core." Core vaccines are recommended for all animals because they protect against common, potentially fatal diseases. Non-core vaccines are only recommended for animals at risk of infection; most of the non-core diseases are not severe or are only prevalent in certain areas of the country.

Core Vaccines: Recommended for all dogs:

- **Rabies virus.** Rabies causes a 100% fatal neurologic disease in dogs, cats, people, and other mammals. Usually dogs acquire rabies from wild animals, particularly bats, skunks, and foxes. It is common in some states (especially Texas) and rare in other states, but because of the significant public health risk, rabies vaccination is legally required in all states. Most states mandate an initial one-year vaccine, followed by three-year boosters.
- **Parvovirus.** Parvo is a potentially fatal virus that infects the intestinal lining cells and the infection-fighting white blood cells. It causes vomiting, bloody diarrhea, severe dehydration, and immunosuppression. The virus is extremely persistent in the environment, surviving for

months or years on the ground or in the home. Fortunately, currently available parvo vaccines are very effective, and most likely have a duration of immunity of several years.

- **Distemper virus.** Distemper is rare in communities where most dogs are vaccinated, but is seen occasionally. Distemper causes neurologic, respiratory and gastrointestinal symptoms and may be fatal.
- **Hepatitis (adenovirus-1).** Hepatitis is very rare these days, thanks to decades of vaccination. It causes liver failure and may be fatal. Hepatitis is caused by canine adenovirus-1, but vaccines contain the closely related adenovirus-2, which causes a cross-protective immune response with reduced vaccine side effects.

Parvo, distemper and hepatitis are typically combined in multi-valent vaccines. For example, the "DHPP" (or "DA₂PP," or "four-in-one") vaccine includes distemper, hepatitis (adenovirus-2), parvo and parainfluenza.

Non-Core Vaccines: Only recommended for certain dogs.

- **Bordetella (Kennel Cough) (*Bordetella bronchiseptica*).** Everyone involved in training or showing dogs knows the annoyance of kennel cough. It is generally not a severe disease, but makes dogs feel crummy and is highly contagious. Vaccination is recommended for dogs who go to dog shows, boarding, grooming, day care, etc. The duration of immunity is less than one year, and may be recommended as often as every three to six months for dogs at high risk of infection. Bordetella vaccines are available as both intranasal and injectable products. This is another subject of debate, but it is thought that the intranasal route provides better protection against kennel cough, while the injectable route provides better protection against chronic bronchitis.
- **Parainfluenza virus.** Parainfluenza is an upper respiratory virus that may contribute to kennel cough. This vaccine is usually included in the parvo-distemper-hepatitis combination vaccine, but may not be necessary. It is also usually included in the intranasal Bordetella vaccine.
- **Leptospirosis (*Leptospira*).** "Lepto" is a group of bacteria that includes several pathogenic members that can cause fatal kidney and/or liver failure. Lepto is common in certain areas of the country (East Coast, Midwest) but is rarely seen in other areas. The vaccine is only moderately effective, and has a higher rate of side effects. The typical "Lepto" component in the "DHLPP" ("five-in-one") combination only protects against certain strains (*Leptospira canicola* and *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*), but there is a separate vaccine made by Fort Dodge that protects against other pathogenic strains (*L. grippityphosa* and *L. pomona*). There are other pathogenic strains (*L. bratislava* and *L. hardjo*) for which no vaccine exists.
- **Coronavirus.** Coronavirus can cause vomiting and diarrhea in puppies. After about 8-10 weeks of age, puppies develop a natural resistance to the virus, so vaccination is not necessary in older pups or adult dogs.
- **Lyme (*Borrelia burgdorferi*).** Lyme disease is caused by the *Borrelia* bacteria, which is transmitted by deer ticks and can cause arthritis and fever. The vaccine is only moderately effective, and has a higher rate of side effects. Vaccination is only recommended for dogs who live in areas with high rates of Lyme disease (New England, Midwest) or who have exposure to deer ticks.
- **Giardia (*Giardia lamblia*).** Giardia is a protozoan that causes diarrhea. This is another disease that is only seen in certain areas of the country. Vaccination is only recommended for dogs who have exposure to Giardia (such as drinking from mountain streams).

What's New in Vaccines?

There are a few interesting recent developments in vaccines for dogs. Fort Dodge has a new parvo-distemper-hepatitis vaccine that is labeled for a three-year duration of immunity. Merial has a parvo-distemper-hepatitis vaccine that uses recombinant technology; the vaccine contains only certain proteins of the viruses that have been genetically introduced into a canarypox vector (canarypox is a virus of birds that is not pathogenic in

certain lines within a breed may be more sensitive to vaccinations. Small breeds, especially closely bred small dogs, seem at greater risk of vaccine reactions than large breeds and outcrossed dogs. An offspring of an uncle-niece mating, little P.C. fit the "risky" profile. My other six Norwich, with similar genes, do also.

As for life-style and locale, transmission of leptospirosis among dogs most often results from their ingesting water or food contaminated by the urine of infected wild and domestic animals. Dogs (*L. canicola*), rats (*L. icterohemorrhagiae*), voles (*L. grippotyphosa*), cows and pigs (*L. pomona*) are the known primary reservoir hosts. My Norwich spend their days in a fenced yard adjacent to the house or atop sofas and dog beds in the family room and kitchen. They take on-leash walks, but do not run free or drink from ponds or streams. Their kibble is stored in a rodent-proof container in the mudroom. The risk of such "couch potatoes" being exposed to leptospirosis in the natural environment thus seems minimal. Moreover, this area of Kentucky does not have a high incidence of the disease. In 17 years of practice here, my vet has not seen a single case in dogs.

For my line of Norwich, then, my vet and I have decided on a vaccination program without lepto. What seems most appropriate for my Bluegrass terriers may not be best for other dogs in other regions. I urge all Norwich and Norfolk owners to discuss the benefits versus risks of lepto vaccinations with your vet - prior to inoculation! Also, please delete the word "routine" from your veterinary vocabulary. Whether the subject is vaccinations, tail-docking, or spaying, these common medical procedures all have the potential for serious complications and, in extreme cases like P.C.'s, the loss of a beloved companion.

Author's note:

July 5, 2004 marked the 10th anniversary of "PC's" death, a most traumatic incident that forever altered my canine vaccination protocol. I hope *News* readers will forgive my selecting one of my own articles for this issue's 'pages from the past.' Since the summer of 1995, many new Norfolk and Norwich owners have become *News* subscribers and/or NNTC members. So, as an adjunct to Dr. Laura Madsen's excellent article on canine vaccine controversy, reprinting my true-life account of one Norwich puppy's fatal vaccine reaction seemed timely.—AGF



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A hairy "PC" about 2 weeks before his fatal vaccination

NNTC DONATION TO THE AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION

On April 14, 2004, the NNTC contributed a total of \$2,000 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation. \$1,000 went to the NNTC Donor Advised Fund for Norfolk Terriers and \$1,000 to the NNTC Donor Advised Fund for Norwich Terriers.

—Marjorie McTernan, NNTC Treasurer

LIVER SHUNTS

My puppy was the "runt" of the litter, and at eight weeks old he is so very tiny. After meals he is disoriented and wobbly. What could be wrong?

Liver shunt, properly called portosystemic shunt (PSS).

What is it?

A portosystemic shunt is an abnormal blood vessel route that allows blood from the intestines to bypass the liver and enter the heart directly. The intestines contain toxins and ammonia, by-products of digested protein and bacterial activity. Normally these toxins travel to the liver via portal veins, filter through the liver and are cleansed before entering the caudal vena cava, a large vein that goes to the heart.

In a dog with PSS, a "bypass" exists, either around (extrahepatic) or straight through (intrahepatic) the liver. Thus toxins enter the body's circulation and problems occur.

How did he get it?

PSS is congenital (present from birth) in 80% of cases. In terriers, Maltese and other small breeds, PSS is thought to be inherited genetically. It occurs equally in males and females. PSS can be secondary, or acquired, in 20% of cases, usually older dogs. In these dogs, liver diseases such as cirrhosis lead to new vein bypasses, often multiple.

Development of shunts is caused by hereditary factors in many breeds. Yorkshire terriers are the breed most commonly affected with single congenital shunts. In fact, the risk of a Yorkie having a congenital shunt is 36 times greater than all other breeds combined. The method by which the genes are transmitted, however, is still unknown.

Based on current pedigree and breeding studies, we know the trait is not sex-linked, simple dominant, or simple recessive. It can skip generations. It is possible that the trait involves multiple genes, or may have variable expressivity (not all dogs with the gene have a shunt, or may have varying degrees of liver disease). Fifty percent of male dogs with congenital PSS are also cryptorchid (testicle not dropped down). With congenital PSS, most dogs develop symptoms within 6 months of age.

What are the symptoms?

Dogs with PSS are usually small and thin, and may have problems with poor appetite, vomiting and diarrhea, fever, and drug and anesthesia intolerance. Problems begin soon after starting to eat solid food. The most common signs are neurological—"hepatic encephalopathy."

Hepatic encephalopathy refers to brain problems caused by ammonia and toxins in the blood stream. Behavior changes, lack of coordination, lethargy, seizures or coma may occur, especially after eating a protein-rich meal.

Bladder stones containing ammonia urate may be present, causing urinary tract infections. Interestingly, ammonia urate stones do not show up on X-rays because they are radiolucent, but they do show up on ultrasound.

Other symptoms may include ascites (fluid build-up in the abdomen, which may create a pot-bellied appearance) and bleeding problems because the liver's production of clotting factors may decrease.

How is PSS diagnosed?

Blood tests can show elevated levels of ammonia and bile acids. There may be slow clotting times and tiny red blood cells. X-rays may show a small liver size and large kidneys. Ultrasound may show the actual liver shunt and may show bladder stones.

Rectal portal scintigraphy is a non-invasive test where a radioactive substance is given by enema, and blood vessels can be seen with a special gamma camera.

In many cases, general anesthesia and abdominal surgery are necessary to definitely diagnose the shunt. A dye may be injected and X-rays taken (porto renography).

What is the treatment?

If only one shunt is found, surgical repair is the treatment of choice. Dogs with surgically repairable PSS are managed medically for several weeks until stabilized, then an experienced surgeon will close off the shunt with suture or the newer "ameroid ring" constrictor. Use of the ameroid ring allows a gradual closing of the shunt over 2 to 5 weeks, decreasing the risk of complications. Seventy to 80 percent of surgical cases do well, and can live 8 years or more.

However, surgery can lead to life-threatening complications—clots, seizures, blindness, and portal hypertension (blood backing up throughout the liver and abdominal organs). With suture closure (instant), 14 to 21 percent of surgical cases die soon after surgery. Seven to 10 percent have seizures post-op, 40 to 41 percent have reoccurrence of clinical signs after surgery, and 7 percent develop new multiple liver shunts post-op. The complications usually occur within 96 hours. For severe post-op complications, surgical removal of the constrictor or suture may be needed.

After surgery, a protein restricted diet and lactulose are given for 4 to 6 weeks, then gradually stopped. Eighty-five percent of dogs treated with ameroid constrictors are clinically normal within 3 months of surgery. The 15 percent with complications do very poorly, often with severe neurological problems and very short lives.

Are there non-surgical treatments?

For dogs with more than one bypass, or older dogs with acquired PSS, surgical repair is not possible. Treatment involves controlling hepatic encephalopathy, controlling ascites, seizures and bleeding problems. The two-year survival rate for these dogs is only 50 percent. One third of dogs do well with medical treatment, many living to 7 years or older. Over 50 percent of dogs on medical management alone are euthanized, usually within 10 months of diagnosis, because of uncontrollable neurological signs, and in some cases, progressive cirrhosis and portal hypertension.

In dogs with hepatic encephalopathy, small amounts of high quality protein are fed in frequent small meals throughout the day. Diets often contain rice, cottage cheese, oil, vitamins C, B complex, K1, E, and zinc. Meat and eggs are poorly tolerated. Only 2 grams of protein per kilogram body weight should be given per day. Dietary protein is restricted to reduce substrates for ammonia formation by bacteria in the colon. A prepared diet such as Hills L/D or K/D can be used.

Lactulose is the main oral medication used to treat PSS. This substance decreases gastrointestinal ammonia absorption, draws toxins out of the intestines, acidifies colon contents, and promotes faster elimination of soft stools. In addition, enemas are sometimes used to evacuate the colon and to prevent toxin absorption.

Antibiotics are used to fight urinary tract infection and to reduce intestinal bacteria which produce ammonia. Cephalixin, Flagyl, and neomycin may all be useful.

Actigall (ursodeoxycholic acid) reduces liver inflammation and injury, reduces bile acid level, and may also calm the immune system. This is a drug of increased interest lately for PSS.

Additional remedies include: Psyllium, 1 to 3 teaspoons per day, which can be added to the food to decrease ammonia production; Milk Thistle (Silymarin), a natural remedy for liver disease used for its anti-oxidant properties; and Denosyl (SAME), which helps detoxify liver cells and prevents liver injury.

Because gastric ulcers are common with PSS, stomach protectants such as Famotidine and Sucralfate may be used. Salt restriction and the diuretic Spironolactone are used if ascites is present. Any seizures are treated with phenobarbital.

In conclusion, PSS is an extremely serious condition, most commonly found in terriers, and is thought to be inherited. Some unlucky cases cannot be helped with medicine or surgery. A few can be successfully managed with diet and medicine, and many can be successfully treated with surgery.

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“SOPHIE’S” BOUT WITH A LIVER SHUNT

The nightmare began last October on the morning our five-year-old Norwich, Sophie, followed my husband into the bathroom, turned around and ran for the front door, urinating all the way. Worried about this unusual behavior, I made an appointment for Sophie to see our veterinarian that afternoon. Later in the morning, Sophie emptied her bladder, squatting for such a long time that I was able to collect a urine sample for the vet. While he examined Sophie and questioned me about her recent behavior, I remembered that the week before she'd had an isolated incidence of urinary incontinence. The vet found red blood cells in Sophie's urine, which was indicative of an infection. He was also concerned about the unusual dilution of the sample and decided to run a blood chemistry. He found that her SGOT, a liver enzyme, was quite elevated. He prescribed an antibiotic for the infection, and told me to bring her back in two weeks to recheck her blood chemistry.

After a few days on antibiotics, Sophie began doing activities the absence of which my husband and I had barely noticed. For example, when we returned home, instead of lying under the dining room table, she would race to greet us at the door, following up with a joyful dance and a circular run around the living room. We had not noticed the decrease in her energy and alertness because her behavior had changed slowly over a period of months. We now know that her energy level increased because the antibiotic treating her infection was also decreasing the amount of ammonia-producing bacteria in her gut. The liver breaks down ammonia; fewer bacteria meant less work for her liver and more energy for her.

Sophie and I had been doing Agility for the past year and I had joined an agility website for Norwich and Norfolk Terriers. I mentioned Sophie's urinary tract infection (UTI) and oddly elevated SGOT levels on the website. One of the members emailed that I should thoroughly check this out as it might be indicative of some type of congenital liver shunt or another congenital liver disease called microvascular dysplasia in which there are many microscopic shunt vessels spread throughout the liver. Until receiving that email, I'd never heard of either disease.

Two weeks later, the vet rechecked her blood chemistry. Sophie's SGOT was still quite elevated. He told me he wanted to do a Bile Acids Test to determine if there was definite liver damage, as the SGOT elevation is non-specific by itself. This test is fairly simple: the dog fasts from ten o'clock the night before, blood is drawn in the morning for fasting bile acid levels, and then the dog is fed. Two hours later, blood for bile acid levels is drawn again. In the normally functioning digestive tract, the gall bladder stores bile acids and empties them into the intestine when the stimulus of food passing into the small intestine occurs. After the bile acids do their part in digesting the meal, they are reabsorbed from the small intestine and sent via the portal vein from the intestine directly back to the liver for storage. Two hours after a meal, there should be zero to very small amounts of bile acids circulating in the blood, as the liver would have recaptured them. Sophie's fasting and post bile acids were seven times higher than normal, which meant her liver was not functioning well.

My vet told me he had had one other small dog in his practice with this problem, but that dog was much younger and sicker than Sophie.* Most dogs with Portal Systemic Shunts (PSS) are diagnosed at an average age of eight months and first present with seizures from the build up of toxins in the brain. Both puppies and adult dogs with PSS tend to be smaller than average, but older dogs are far more likely to present with non-specific signs such as UTIs, lethargy, loss of appetite and skin problems—all of which Sophie had been showing recently. The vet told me she might have PSS, an extra blood vessel coming from her intestine and bypassing her liver.... With PSS, toxins normally broken down in the liver are instead released directly into a dog's general circulation. If Sophie had such a shunt, she was born with it (a congenital condition), but had been able to compensate for it until now. This would be a life-threatening situation as the toxins were now destroying her liver. He suggested I take her to a specialty clinic for a Doppler Ultrasound where an experienced radiologist would be able to determine whether she had a shunt and if it was operable. The Doppler Ultrasound would be expensive and the surgery even more so,

if she had a single, operable shunt. If not operable, Sophie could be put on a low protein diet and medication that might prolong her life, but not by very much.

I went home and thought about it. I'd had a Lab die of liver disease at the age of eight; it was not pleasant. PSS is rare, but there was plenty of helpful information about it on the Internet. A website devoted to canine PSS was especially informative, and I learned about the research being done on Yorkshire Terriers with PSS at the University of Tennessee.**

At first, I was tempted not to do further testing and just to treat Sophie with diet and medication. I had learned that the surgery was both expensive and extensive. The idea of it scared me. On the other hand, if she had a single shunt, surgery would be her only chance to live a normal life. I took her to the specialty clinic and had the Doppler Ultrasound done. A single shunt was seen, which had a branch leading to her pancreas. The internist was not sanguine about this and recommended exploratory surgery. Sophie was now on a very low protein diet and doing quite well. I was again in a quandary about what to do. The operation to close the shunt is major surgery with its accompanying risk and pain, not to mention that the damaged liver is not very tolerant of anesthesia. The shunt vessel is closed with an ameroid constrictor, which absorbs fluid from the tissue and gradually tightens around the vessel, shutting it off over a period of weeks. This prevents the blood that was flowing through the shunt from rushing back into the liver and causing a sudden increase in pressure within the liver, a condition which could result in seizures and death.

I sent Sophie's history along with her Bile Acids and Ultrasound results to Dr. Karen Tobias, the surgeon who heads up the PSS research team at the University of Tennessee. My vet called her to discuss Sophie's case. Dr. Tobias recommended the surgery, as Sophie's test results and clinical state were such that she believed Sophie had a single shunt that would be operable with a good outcome.

In December, I went to the specialty hospital to meet and talk with the surgeon. He convinced me that surgery was the right thing for Sophie, so I left her there to be operated on the next day. My husband and I decided not to go see her until it was time to bring her home; a visit would be too hard on all of us. Sophie would be in the canine equivalent of ICU for at least two to three days post op, with a CVP line and an IV line administering anti-seizure and pain medications.

Sophie's surgeon called after the operation to tell us that there was indeed a single shunt and that he had successfully put the constrictor in place. What a relief! Her liver was small and typical of a shunt dog, but he saw nothing to indicate that she had any liver damage that would not return to normal once the constrictor totally closed the shunt. He'd done a liver biopsy while she was under anesthesia. We would have to wait for those results to be sure that her liver would successfully repair itself. On the morning of the second post op day, he told me to come get Sophie. She was moping around in the hospital and would most likely do better at home. My husband and I picked her up late that afternoon.

I should have known that Sophie would be feeling very poorly after all that surgery, but I was not prepared for how pathetic she was. For three days she rarely moved, gave us sad looks, and ate next to nothing. When she walked, she was humped up and in pain, but went out like the good little dog she is to answer nature's call. Then on her third day at home she started walking almost normally. She progressed quickly after that, and it was hard to keep her quiet. The surgeon had told us (but not Sophie) no squirrel chasing, no jumping off the bed or running for three weeks after surgery. In the meantime, the biopsy results came back with good news—given time, her liver should completely regenerate.

Three months later, Sophie's post-surgical bile acid test results were normal! My vet was as elated as we were! Now she is back in Agility. At her first AKC Trial in May, only five months after her surgery, she earned the first leg of her Novice JWW title! More important to her, she has returned to her favorite activity—squirrel chasing. She has yet to catch her first squirrel, but not for lack of trying!

* Not many vets are aware of PSS as it is so rare in the general dog population.

** Single external liver shunts are inherited in humans and certain breeds of dogs—Yorkshires and Cairns, among some other small breeds. The Yorkshire Terrier Club of America and the AKC/CHF are funding a study of PSS at the University of Tennessee, research that has found that Yorkies have had a tenfold increase in the incidence of PSS in the last ten years. The exact mode of genetic transmission is still unknown, but it is not a simple

dominant or recessive gene. Transmission may be polygenic, which will make it very hard to eliminate. While PSS occurs in only a very small number of dogs, the fact that it has increased significantly in Yorkies over the past ten years is of concern to the Yorkshire Terrier Club. PSS should also be of concern to Norfolk and Norwich breeders as this congenital condition is present in both breeds. Researchers are working to find a genetic marker for the disease, but until they do, affected dogs, their parents and their littermates should not be bred.

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Author's note:

This article was read for medical accuracy by my veterinarian.

MYSTERIOUS LIVER DISEASE TAKES CRUISER'S LIFE: Was His Dog Food The Culprit?

On December 8, 2003, I bid a tearful farewell to our 3-year-old Norwich male, Ch. tinytowne's PT Cruiser. Cruiser was his usual active self that morning, eating his breakfast with a good appetite and playing race-track around the house with his buddy, Mini Cooper. When I went out the kitchen door to go upstairs, Cruiser bolted through it and up the stairs. When I got to the top of the stairs, he was looking rather sheepish, as Norwich often do when they know they've been naughty. I told him it was "ok" and that he could stay upstairs with me. He was excited and raced around a bit.

An hour or so later, I decided to take all the dogs for a walk and went downstairs to get Cruiser's lead and collar. When I returned, he was at the top of the stairs with his head hanging down. He had such a serious "hangdog" look that I checked his gums. They had absolutely no color. We rushed to my regular vet. She determined him to be critical and referred me to a veterinary specialist whose practice, she said, was better equipped to treat Cruiser. She called ahead and they said they could take Cruiser right away. When I arrived there, they did X-rays, ultrasound and blood work, but could find nothing conclusive. They thought they saw some fluid in the stomach region, so suspected he might have a perforation. Emergency surgery was the only hope. The surgery found Cruiser's liver to be in such poor condition that there was no chance for recovery. I had no choice but to let Cruiser go.

The necropsy report was inconclusive. The results were less reliable because, without consulting me first, the vet had put Cruiser's body in the freezer. When I said I wanted a necropsy, he initially sent just a portion of Cruiser's liver to the lab. This report showed a seriously congested liver, but raised further questions by suggesting that the liver disease might be secondary to something else such as heart disease. A second, full necropsy revealed Cruiser's heart and other organs to be normal and gave no explanation for his congested liver. The only assurance the vet did give me was that Cruiser's liver disease was not congenital or anything to worry about genetically.

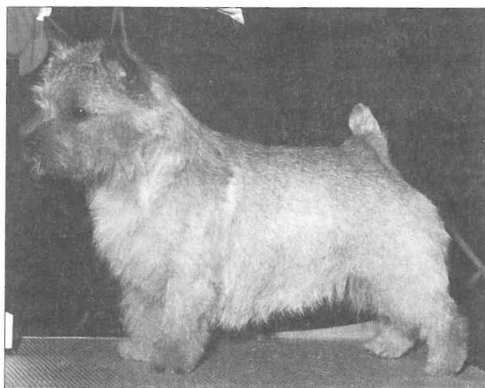


Photo credit: Tom Bruni

Ch. tinytowne's PT Cruiser

There was one thing that the necropsy report could neither rule out nor confirm as the cause of Cruiser's liver disease. Like all my other Norwich, Cruiser had been on a brand of dog food (Go! Natural) that had been recalled at the end of October 2003 after it was discovered that batches manufactured at a plant in Texas contained toxic levels of copper, zinc and other minerals. This kibble also contained an ant insecticide, but at much lower levels. Many dogs died from eating this food, including quite a few in my area of northern California.

Cruiser was on this dog food twice a day. My other Norwich ate raw food once a day and Go! Natural for their second meal. Cruiser's diet differed because when we learned he was sterile about a year or so ago, I placed him with my close friend, Vivian, who lives nearby. Vivian wasn't comfortable feeding a raw food diet, so gave Cruiser what we thought was a good quality dog food. Another difference in my dogs' and Cruiser's food could have been the "lot" it came from, since apparently only certain "lots" of Go! Natural contained tainted ingredients. Thankfully, because Vivian was in the hospital recovering from back surgery, Cruiser was living with me at the time of his death. I managed a Humane Society for seven years and am a lot stronger emotionally than my friend—although dealing with an experience like Cruiser's death certainly wasn't easy!

On November 2, just two days after the dog food was recalled, I had blood work done on all my Norwich, including Cruiser. All the test results were normal, indicating that Cruiser's liver values in early November were within normal range. On December 8, just 5 weeks later, he was dead, his liver so seriously congested that euthanasia was the only option. Since he had not eaten the recalled dog food during the 5 weeks prior to his death, the food may not have been responsible—but it could not be ruled out. All the dogs that became sick or that died from eating this kibble had serious liver problems. Some owners had multiple dogs on the food, but not all of them became ill.

The real cause of Cruiser's death will never be known. We miss him a lot and treasure our memories of this happy little Norwich. To make Cruiser's death even more traumatic for me, the veterinary specialist forgot to tell the lab that I wanted a private cremation. So when I went to pick up Cruiser's ashes, they had nothing to give me. Needless to say, I will never go back to that veterinarian again.

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INFECTION CONTROL IN THE WHELPING ROOM: IT COULD SAVE A PUPPY'S LIFE

Infection control is an often overlooked aspect of the whelping process. Books on whelping tell us to keep the whelping area clean, but they do not expand on how bacteria are spread or on what breeders can do to decrease the spread of bacteria to newborn puppies. For the first three to four weeks after birth, puppies are extremely vulnerable to infection. The literature states that as many as thirty percent of puppies die within the first few weeks. This is a high percentage and one that breeders should not accept as the norm. Instead, armed with an understanding of bacteria and how it is spread, we can bring the high rate of infection down and save some puppies that otherwise might die.

I would like to share my ideas and experience coming from a background as a registered nurse and for a time as an infection control nurse in a major teaching hospital in San Francisco. When I first started working in infectious disease, I attended a conference where a memorable presentation was made on the spread of infection. The highlights are as follows. In 1847, Ignac Semmelweis, a young assistant to a professor of obstetrics at the Vienna General Hospital, made a startling discovery. The hospital had two obstetrical departments, with

each delivering over three thousand babies a year. In Division I, all deliveries were done by obstetricians and medical students; in Division II, all babies were delivered by midwives and midwifery students. In Division I, an average of 600-800 mothers died each year from childbed fever; in Division II, the average was 60 deaths per year. Semmelweis observed frequent hand washing among the midwives. In contrast, the obstetricians and medical students were performing rounds throughout the hospital and coming from autopsies with little to no hand washing. Semmelweis concluded that infection was being transmitted directly from the doctors' hands to the new mothers in the delivery area. He instituted a hand washing procedure using chlorine bleach for Division I. After a full year of hand washing, Division I had a death rate of 1.2% and Division II, 1.3%. It is clear from this experience that simple hand washing can dramatically reduce the spread of infection. Hand washing is the cornerstone of infection control in hospitals today.

To establish a good infection control system in your whelping room, it is helpful to understand some basic scientific theories. Bacteria and viruses are everywhere in our environment. They are microscopic and cannot be seen with the human eye. Some bacteria are not harmful, but others are pathogenic and capable of causing illness and death. These microorganisms require a means of transport in order to invade a human or a canine through the mouth, nose, eyes or breaks in the skin. For the newborn puppy, this mode of transport frequently originates from the hands and shoes of persons involved in whelping and raising a new litter—as well as from the dam. I would like to present some ideas that may help lower the risk of infection in puppies. The purpose of these recommendations is: (1) to demonstrate how to provide a clean whelping environment; (2) to understand how bacteria can come in contact with young puppies by being aware of how bacteria are spread; (3) to increase puppy survival by applying the principles of infection control.

The Whelping Room

About a week before puppies are due, I begin a thorough cleaning routine. My puppies are whelped in our spare bedroom. The rugs in this room are either shampooed if not done within the last few months, or thoroughly vacuumed. Other furniture in the room is cleaned and dusted as well. A painters' tarp is placed under and around the whelping box to protect the rug. I do not use newspapers because they are not clean enough. Instead, I use freshly laundered towels and absorbent paper pads (also called involuntary pads) used in hospitals and place these on top of the tarp. My whelping box, made of a strong corrugated plastic, is cleaned with a bleach solution. The bottom half of a Vari Kennel-type dog crate works just as well. I place an x-pen around the whelping box that has also been cleaned with bleach. The whelping box is cleaned and pads and towels are replaced at least daily, more often if necessary. I continue using the towels and pads for the first three to four weeks after whelping. If hospital nurseries provide the cleanest environment for human babies, shouldn't we try for as clean conditions as possible for our pups? I know some will say that puppies were born in barns and in the fields, but how many did not survive? Do not forget the high mortality rate of mothers and newborns in third world countries, much of which is due to lack of cleanliness.

Keeping the puppies warm the first three to four weeks is also essential, whether by heating pad, heat lamp or other means. Puppies lack the ability to produce heat and are dependent for warmth on the dam and the environment. A chilled puppy can fail very fast.

Providing a peaceful and calm environment for the new mother and pups is beneficial as well.

The Dam

Before my bitch is bred, I start working her coat to make it shorter. Within a week of whelping, I trim the area around the nipples and around her rear end. When her temperature drops before whelping, I give her a bath using a cleansing shampoo.

Whelping

At delivery time, I thoroughly wash my hands using an antibacterial soap. I place a pair of slippers in the whelping room and do not wear street shoes when entering the whelping room. You can well imagine the dirt and bacteria on the soles of shoes. For the first three to four weeks, anyone entering the whelping room must remove their shoes and wash their hands.

I use iodine or Betadine to swab the umbilicus of the whelp after it has been cut. The umbilical area of the pup could be a pathway for bacteria to infect the pup.

After whelping, everything in the whelping box is cleaned and changed.

Visitors to see the puppies are kept to a minimum the first few weeks. My husband and I handle them several times a day and socialization comes later. Hand washing is always done before handling the puppies. I never allow visitors who are coming from a dog show to see my young puppies; this is yet another way to introduce infection in the whelping room.

Care of the Dam

For the first three to four weeks, every time the dam goes out to relieve herself and before she is placed back with her pups, she is carefully cleaned. I keep a supply of baby wipes in the bathroom and use one to clean her nipple area. Because she has a lot of milk, the dam brushes the ground when squatting to urinate. Think of a baby bottle falling on the ground or in the dirt; would it then be offered to a human baby without wiping it clean or even changing the bottle?

Next I clean the bitch's vaginal area because she frequently has a discharge after whelping. The discharge is a good medium for bacteria to grow.

It is not unusual for the dam to have diarrhea post whelping, so she should also be wiped clean in the rectal area. Feces contain bacteria. Paws are also wiped clean. If the dam had a c-section, the suture line area should likewise be kept clean.

There are breeders who may think these recommendations for cleanliness are excessive and who may not have followed any of the suggestions. They may also have had live, healthy litters. However, one day a puppy may suddenly fade and die. Fading puppy is thought to be related to infection. Could anything have been done to save it? Vigilant infection control may be the answer. In eighteen years of breeding Norfolk Terriers, I have lost a puppy on three separate occasions. Two puppies by the same dam were weak from birth and were below normal birth weights. The third died within eighteen hours of whelping from an undetermined cause.

If following some easy guidelines could save the life of just one puppy—or an entire litter—it would be worth the extra work and time the breeder invested in maintaining a clean whelping room environment.

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Stats used in the second paragraph are from: *Hospital Infections*. Third Edition, edited by John V. Bennett, MD; Philip S. Brachman, MD; Jay P Sanford, MD.

OMERTA: THE BREEDERS' CODE OF SILENCE

Ed.: Long-time Norfolk and Norwich breeder and NNTC member Joan Eckert sent an article from the Internet in April asking that I reprint it in the News. The article, entitled “Omerta: The Breeders’ Code of Silence”, was originally published in the April 2004 issue of The Canine Chronicle. The author, Sierra Milton, has bred German Shorthaired Pointers since 1978 and has been involved in the dog world in the USA and Canada for nearly four decades, primarily in showing and in obedience trials. The original article is, unfortunately, too long to reprint in the News, but hopefully the passages excerpted below will highlight the author’s principal themes.—AGF

What do most modern-day breeders and the Mafia have in common? What a strange question, you may say. It is, sadly though, a very real commonality. The answer is simply what Padgett, a well-known geneticist, refers to as the “Code of Silence” for breeders and perhaps more commonly discussed as “omerta”

for the Costa Nostra. Both are deadly silences. It's easy to understand the reasons for the conspiracy of silence when it refers to criminals, but what reasons can a breeder possibly have for maintaining "omerta"?

The reason most often given for not sharing genetic information is the fear of being made the object of a "witch hunt." It lies much deeper though. It begins with ownership and the human need to see what one owns as being the best.... Admitting that what one owns or has bred may have faults is difficult for most people. Also at fault is the huge financial and emotional investment that breeders have in their dogs. Discovering that there may be defects in the sires and dams that breeders have so much of themselves invested in becomes frightening and causes many to refuse to even contemplate that their dogs may possess defective genes. Egos and fear of being labeled "poor breeders" are ultimately the reasons for breeders maintaining this detrimental code of silence.

Simplistically, breeders cannot see defective genes and what they don't see must not exist. Therefore using that logic, all the untested dogs must be as beautifully healthy inside as they are structurally beautiful outside. If only that logic were true! Unfortunately, far more emphasis is placed upon structural and superficial beauty simply because it is something that is easily seen, acknowledged and obtained. It's also something without any "unnecessary" financial investments. One doesn't need to pay for x-rays or blood tests or specialists' knowledge in order to evaluate how a dog conforms to a physical standard....

Now the truly criminal act occurs. These breeders are quite often very successful in the show ring; their dogs are thought to be the best – after all, they have ribbons and placings and titles to prove how worthy their dogs are! Because of their show ring success, they are seen as breed authorities, people that newcomers to the breed trust for knowledge and information. And the information these newcomers get is that there are no genetic problems to be concerned with, no need to do that "expensive testing when the dogs are all healthy." Even more disastrous to the breed's future is that these breeders' attitudes begin to prevail. The newcomers see the success of these breeders' dogs and buy them (even though few, if any, have had even the most rudimentary testing for structural faults, poor health or defective genes). The newcomers then have a financial and emotional investment to protect which begins to spread this attitude, with predictable results....

As more and more newcomers join a breed and inexperienced breeders and exhibitors all jump on the bandwagon of showing, owning and practicing the art of breeding, they turn to the breeders who are winning, equating winning with superior quality dogs. The breeders are, therefore, more determined to have nothing bad revealed about any of their dogs, further establishing in their minds the perfection of the dogs they breed and further increasing the financial and emotional investment that they have in perpetuating this theory. Winning in the show ring has nothing to do with genetic health. Indeed, a number of the winning dogs are carriers of genetic disorders at the least and, in some instances, are known to have genetic health disorders. While a genetic disorder itself, depending upon type and severity, should never preclude the dog from the genetic pool, it is absolutely mandatory that people be aware of any area of concern in order to breed intelligently. At the very least, the dogs that the dog is bred to must be tested and their backgrounds looked at carefully to limit the possibility of affecting more dogs or making more dogs carriers of the disorder. Yet, because the winners don't want to be labelled as "poor breeders" and lose the accolade of being the best (as well as the possible financial loss in not being able to sell puppies or stud fees at as high a price), the "Code of Silence" becomes even more firmly embraced.... Prettiness and beauty don't improve a breed; genetic health and the ability to live a pain-free, healthy life far surpass beauty, but are more difficult to obtain....

The cost of genetic testing is not high when one looks at the effects that refusing to test may have on the breed.... If a breeder cannot provide proof in the form of veterinarian-issued certificates or reports that genetic testing has been done, the buyer should be aware that they purchase at their own risk! Caveat emptor! Breeders may claim that their dogs have never limped or that there is no need to do any testing because the breed is healthy. Some may even claim that their veterinarians have said that genetic testing was unnecessary. Those stances are irresponsible. Once again, genes are not visible and carriers of defective genes may themselves appear healthy to the naked eye. It is only with testing that we really know whether our dogs are affected or not and only then with honest evaluation of pedigrees having tested or affected dogs that the potentiality for carriers is realized.

What can we do to break the deadly Code of Silence? The majority of, if not all, breed clubs have a code of ethics that requires members to breed healthy dogs. One of the places to start is with the clubs. Instead of being social institutions or “good ole boy” clubs, these breed organizations could begin upholding the very real goal of protecting the future of the breed by demanding and requiring that genetic testing be undertaken prior to breeding....

We can break the silence by commending those with the courage and determination to talk about problems, share successes and knowledge instead of ostracizing them. Omerta fails if every puppy buyer and stud dog user demands that proof of genetic testing is shown. The Code of Silence fails when we realize that it is not enough to breed winning dogs or to command the highest price for puppies or to have a stud dog that is used fifty, sixty, a hundred times; we must take back the passion with which we all first embraced our breeds and passionately work with determination toward a future where the numbers of genetic disorders are reduced each year.... It's hard work and takes great courage to develop a breeding program using scientific methods and tests, but the hope of a better future should drive us all to that very commitment. The key is being able to work together without fear of whispers or silence. Omerta, the code of silence, can be broken if more of us decide that we are not going to tolerate the quiet any longer.

—Sierra Milton

CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION APPROVES NORFOLK MVD GRANT PROPOSAL!

It has been a long, sometimes rocky road, but I am delighted to report that the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has approved a grant proposal from Dr. Sunshine Lahmers of Washington State University veterinary school to study mitral valve disease in the Norfolk Terrier. I had contacted Dr. Lahmers last summer (2003) and talked with her at length about the type of study Norfolk owners were looking for. In late May, 2004, AKC CHF Grants Director Erika Werne notified Dr. Lahmers that her MVD grant proposal had been approved for funding in the amount of \$12,960 for the first year of the study. Our “Friends of Norfolk Terrier Donor Advised Fund” has a current balance of about \$20,000. Half of the \$12,960 MVD funding will come from this fund; the CHF will match the other half. Following is a summary of Dr. Lahmer's proposed research:

“Although breeders, owners and veterinarians who work with Norfolk Terriers are suspicious that an early onset form of mitral valve disease exists in this breed, there have been no published studies to characterize mitral valve disease in the Norfolk. The goal of the proposed study is to investigate the incidence, pattern of inheritance, progression, pathology and potentially the genetic basis of mitral valve disease in the Norfolk Terrier. This information will benefit the breeder, veterinarian and pet owner by providing the information necessary to make informed medical and breeding decisions. In addition, this study proposes the development of a canine cardiac gene array. This array has the potential to increase our understanding about a variety of cardiac disorders by providing a screening tool for expression of a subset of cardiac genes.”

Dr. Lahmers has 3 specific aims for the first year of the study:

1. Determine the incidence, progression and type of mitral valve disease in the Norfolk Terrier by echocardiography.
2. Determine the histopathology of mitral valve disease in the Norfolk Terrier.
3. Determine if a pattern of inheritance for mitral valve disease is identifiable in the Norfolk Terrier.

Aim 3 will require extensive pedigree analysis. Dr. Lahmers' random labeling system, which will allow her to maintain anonymity of all enrolled dogs (and their ancestors), should allay the fears of anyone concerned about specific dogs being "labeled."

If things move along as planned for the first year of the study, Aim 4 will be attacked during the second year:

4. Look for gene defects in 10 candidate genes in Norfolk Terriers with mitral valve disease by PCR and by development of a canine cardiac gene microarray.

On July 7, 2004, I received the following email from Dr. Lahmers about the MVD grant:

"Thanks for the support; we are very excited about the grant. In the next 3 weeks, I will finalize the paperwork for the grant, participating veterinarians and clients. Reading through the details of the grant, it appears that funds cannot be used for travel, so I may have to utilize cardiologists at other sites. Dr. Braz-Ruivo has already agreed, and I'd like to include him since he's done the original work. However, we will need to limit it to 3 or 4 other locations, and I will review all the exams for consistency... I thought Baltimore, San Francisco and hoped Boston, and now we may consider Florida as the fourth site. Do you think these will be good locations for high turnout for a cardio clinic?..."

I shall try to keep Norfolk owners updated on Dr. Lahmers' progress. I am hopeful that our Norfolk community will provide her with whatever help and information she may need.

—Carol Falk, "Ben Kelev" Norfolk Terriers
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UPDATES ON THE PURINA PARENT CLUB PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

At the October 2003 members' meeting, the NNTC voted to join the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP). [Ed.: For information on how this program works, see the Spring 2004 News, p. 3] The NNTC PPCPP chairman, Lu Matteson, received a letter and a check from Purina in March 2004, informing her that the NNTC had earned \$500 in 2003 for its participation in the program. Under the Purina formula, half of that amount went automatically to the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) for use in the NNTC's Donor Advised Fund. Since the NNTC is a two-breed club, the CHF allocated \$125 to **each** of our breeds. The NNTC has not yet chosen a health project for either Norfolks or Norwich, but when this occurs, the AKC will match the \$125 CHF allocation for each breed.

The other \$250 earned from PPCPP participation went to the NNTC to be used for "education, training or rescue efforts." At the April 7, 2004 meeting in Sacramento, the NNTC Board voted to allocate the \$250 to members education.

A May 20, 2004 update from Purina reported that "as of 4/30/04, the NNTC has 34 members declared for the PPCPP. From January 1, 2004 through April 30, 2004, 7 members have submitted their weight circles resulting in a total of \$167 accumulated for the 2004 Program." If you feed **Purina** dog food and are interested in joining the program, please write (407 Grenoble Drive, Sellersville, PA 18960) or call (215-257-4153) Lu Matteson for more information. Lu has recently renewed the NNTC's participation in the PPCPP through the year 2006.

—Lu Matteson/AGF

EARLY HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE NEWS



Photo credit: Barbara Pierce

"I've been nice 'n naughty this year."



Photo credit: Helene Gisin

"I hope Santa brings me a real dog bed."



Photo submitted by Paula Smiddy

"Ho! Ho! Ho!"

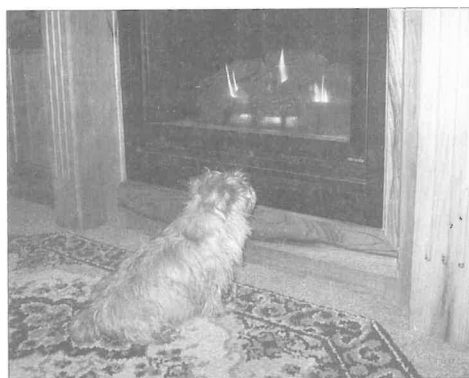


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"There's no place like home for the holidays."



Photo submitted by Barbara Miller

*"Happiness is two warm Norfolk puppies"—
Gina Badamo with a pair of young Max-Wells*

OUR FIRST CANINE FREESTYLE SHOW

Canine Freestyle is a choreographed performance with music, illustrating the training and relationship between handler and dog. It is a new AKC canine sport which focuses on teamwork, with the handler and dog moving to the beat of the music and strengthening the bond between dog and handler. We call Freestyle "obedience to music," but it is more than just that; this seems to be a good way to describe it to people who have never seen a team work. Freestyle does have its roots from obedience since the dog needs to be able to perform several obedience commands. On or off lead work, heeling on either side of the handler, having the dog move away from you, heeling in circles, heeling in spirals, etc., are just a few of the moves that a team may perform together, all to the beat of music.

There are really two 'types' of Freestyle: one is the Canine Freestyle Federation (CFF) and the other is the World Canine Freestyle Organization (WCFO). The CFF focuses on the dog and the dog's movements with the handler as a team, showing the dog to its best advantage. The WCFO shows greater focus on handler costuming and movement along with a variety of movements from the dog.

We are training our 12-year-old Norwich, Fairfield JT (JT), in the CFF type of Freestyle. Joanie has been working with JT at CFF Level II (off-lead) for about 6 months. They both really like going to 'study,' but going to the actual show is very nerve wracking. Getting ready for a show is somewhat hard. You have to choose music that the team likes and then come up with a routine that includes all the required moves that flow with the music. This seems to be hard for us.

Our first show was a couple of weeks ago in Rockville, VA. Joanie and I volunteered to help with putting on the show, so we left JT at home. I was to pick her up at lunch time. Joanie was the 'greeter' and I was the timer for the morning events. Both jobs kept our minds off our Freestyle performance, which was to occur in the afternoon. We were last because we were the last to turn in the application form; we could not decide if we should or even wanted to participate. At lunch I drove back to the house to retrieve JT and returned with a very excited Norwich. We were the only Norwich in the show (surprise, surprise!) and a friend of ours gave a 'Highest Scoring Norwich' trophy. Since we were the only Norwich, this trophy was a "piece of cake," provided we actually performed. Joanie and I were worried that JT would embarrass us by running out of the ring, sniffing a lot, barking a lot, fouling the ring, etc.; all the same concerns we had when JT was in the obedience ring.

Well, Joanie did perform with JT and the team did us proud! They did not receive a CFF title, but they had fun and that is what it is all about. We did receive the 'Highest Scoring Norwich' in the show trophy, a really nice, small handpainted Norwich pin.

—Dave, Joanie and "JT" Brobst, Glen Allen, VA

More About the Canine Freestyle Federation

CFF is an AKC-recognized organization open to all dogs, purebred and mixed. There are four levels of competition, as well as matching titles with a score of 65 or higher: CFF I, CFF II, CFF III, and CFF IV.

Levels I and II have the same requirements, but Level I is on-lead and Level II is off-lead:

- Right and/or left side heelwork
- Frontwork
- Pace changes
- Turns and/or pivots
- Circles, serpentines or spirals
- Music time is 1.30 to 2.30 minutes

Level III (Off-lead)

Right and left side heelwork
Frontwork
Pace changes
Turns and/or pivots
Circles, serpentines or spirals
Backing
Lateral work right and/or left
Music time is 2.00 to 3.00 minutes

Level IV (Off-lead)

Right and left side heelwork
Frontwork
Paces (slow, normal, fast)
Turns and pivots
Circles, serpentines or spirals
Backing
Lateral work right and left
Distance work
Music time is 2.30 to 3.45 minutes

There are also Veterans, Duet (two handlers with single dog), Team (three or more handler/dog teams), and Brace (one handler with two dogs).

For additional information see:

<http://www.canine-freestyle.org/> or <http://www.worldcaninefreestyle.org/>

Ed.: For many years, Dave and Joanie Brobst have compiled and printed the NNTC mailing labels, including those for the News. They are truly one of our club's "unsung heroes."—AGF

REMEMBERING DOGS

"Of energies and hopes that cannot die..."

Until I owned land, and the house and garden which went with it, I never thought of having a permanent memorial to my dogs. I don't know where we buried my first dog, a Cocker Spaniel named Pinky. Other dogs of my past were probably buried where I was at the time, mourned for sure, but then forgotten except in the pages of photos albums hauled out on snowbound nights to remember the good old days. But, after my mother died, I was walking through her gardens one day and came upon a little shady patch of grass deep in the laurel wood. Set in that patch of grass were four flagstones with inscriptions: names of dogs going back to my grandfather's Pekingese. Much to the dismay of the movers, who were carting everything in my mother's house to New Jersey, I asked them to include these four stones in the load. A year later, when I built a patio off my kitchen windows, I had the masons include those stones amongst the new ones. Not long afterwards, I took one stone out and had it engraved with the names of my first Norfolks, starting with Mt. Paul Hades in 1962.

Since then, the patio has had a lot of memories carved into its stones; puppies who died young; a likely bitch who was killed on the road at 2 years; a bitch I placed; her mother, who died whelping her; a dog I rescued; my son's first Labrador. There is a wonderful Irish tombstone cutter in a nearby town who loves to do the work, even though he and I both agree that the rough, grey flagstones look a bit incongruous next to the polished marble monoliths he installs weekly in the cemetery across the street. Yet he says these small rememberings often provide a light moment for sad families who come to order a grave stone for a loved one and cannot help but smile at the names and the inscriptions: **"Pandora, Grandmother of Pinchbecks"** or **"Willy, He loved everyone."** At the top of the patio stairs, as if in introduction to all the stones, is the quote in the title of this article, found in my father's high school yearbook, chosen by him and later by me to



Photo credit: Sue Ely

Remembering four of my early Norfolk

sum up the passion with which he, and every terrier I have ever owned, faced life every day.

This month, I have the sad task of adding another engraved stone to the terrace—a stone in memory of Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song, ME, aka "Ollie". My daughter and I had to put him to sleep at a mere 8 years old when he was diagnosed with cancer. Ollie's stone will be near his grandmother's, just where his own get will trot across it on their way to the thickets and stone piles in the yard. It will also be near the brick wall where he used to lie, watching the field for the slightest movement which might promise a racing charge and a good bark! We have chosen the place carefully, and the inscription will read: **"Ollie, An Old Sweet Song we knew by heart."**

This way of missing and remembering dogs, of marking the passage of time, and of celebrating all the fun we had together seems worth sharing in case it might work for someone else reading this. On a summer evening, the stones are warm to my bare feet, and my toes

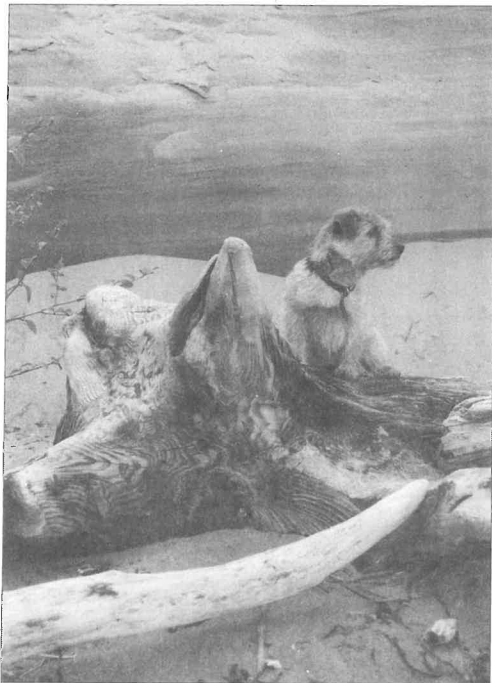


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"Ollie" at the beach in Washington state—Spring 2001

can feel the letters. **"Poppet, almost a spaniel, Found on the road; died on the road"** and **"Pfui, a brave Pekingese."** Each dog is summoned by such remembrances, and I am happy to live with them, as ever, underfoot.

—Sue Ely, Pinchbeck Norfolks, Bernardville, NJ

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER!

Please don't shoot the messenger (me), just shoot down all the anti-dog legislation confronting the fancy at present. I vividly recall returning from a trip to England in about 1988 with information concerning tail docking. No one listened. I photocopied articles pertaining to the subject and brought them to NNTC meetings. No one read them. If you look back in history, many groups of people never believed they would or could be overtaken by other peoples just because their opinions were different. Jews thought that as they were being led from their homes by the Nazis. Serbs thought that as they fought with the Bosnians. The women of Afghanistan thought that as they were being executed for having an affair outside the marriage. I could go on and on, but you get my point. We cannot, should not and will not hide our heads in the sand because the animal activists want to dictate our life and that of the dogs we breed.

Those who have traveled in Europe know that many countries there have anti-dog legislation beyond belief. Germany, for one, has dog control laws banning entire breeds rather than the individual dog culprit. Foreign breeders have found a way to sell their dogs to Americans via the Internet. Many of these foreign breeders are not allowed to dock tails. Our AKC breed standards call for a docked tail, and a docked tail in the show ring is what it should be. Personally I'd like an undocked tail in the show ring to be a disqualification. Should someone want to purchase a dog with a long tail, that's fine, but not for show. Animal activists are zealots. Anytime a zealot takes over, there is no stopping them. In Europe they started with tails, moved on to dangerous dogs, and are now controlling the number of litters a breeder may have. What next?

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which I regard as the ring leader of animal activists, mean business. This organization worked its tentacles into the Ohio legislature. Ohio now deems every Pit Bull a dangerous dog, even if a particular Pit Bull is as sweet as pie. It is my understanding that in the county of Kalamazoo, Michigan, where esteemed NNTC member Joan Eckert resides, there is only one township left where a person may own more than three dogs. Our *News* Editor, Alison Freehling, told me she and husband Bill encountered just such laws when they were house hunting in the early 1990's.

Imagine owning multiple dogs and having your local government pass a law requiring you to spay or neuter unless you purchase a breeder's license. The City of Los Angeles did just that, collecting \$100 per dog yearly for each unaltered canine. To make matters really worse, the breeder is allowed only one litter per year. I've also read that a breeder must submit the names and addresses of all puppy buyers to the City's Animal Services Department. Non-compliance results in a \$500 fine. Talk about big brother watching over you. Some of you might have encountered difficulty obtaining household insurance because you own a dog. Don't give up the dog; give up the insurance company!

The California Legislature recently proposed a statewide ban against breed-specific dogs. This proposal also includes a provision against ear cropping. At least fifteen AKC breeds will be affected should this bill pass. Show giving clubs in California won't be allowed to accept entries from breeds with cropped ears. Furthermore, as I understand it, California residents won't even be able to own a dog with cropped ears if this bill passes. The fine will be extremely heavy. I find it frightening to think our democratic country might not be so democratic.

Here on Long Island, many of us support the Long Island Coalition. The Coalition hosts a Match Show every year to raise money for their various "fights" against anti-dog legislation. Look into your own community...be aware...be concerned. Doing a little research, I unearthed an organization called The National Breed Club's Alliance (NBCA), established in 1991. The primary focus of this organization was to protect breeds that are docked/cropped. This group initially did a great job, but as things seemed to quiet down, the member clubs stopped taking an active interest. That was a shame. Further investigation on my part showed that the NNTC never belonged to the NBCA. It is imperative that we belong. Our breeds need someone out there fighting for our right to dock tails. The NBCA is back at its post again working in conjunction with the AKC's legislative department to stop laws that will prevent the fancy from enjoying what we enjoy... our dogs.

Remember, if you bury your head in the sand, you might get bitten in the behind!

—Barbara Miller, Max-Well Norfolks, Old Brookville, NY

TAIL DOCKING, EAR CROPPING AND DEVOCALIZATION

Ed.: This information, reprinted from page 2 of the March 2004 Dog Watch, the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine newsletter, seems to confirm the growing sentiment against "cosmetic" dog surgeries in America. The News would welcome comments both "pro" and "con" the tail docking issue from NNTC members and News subscribers.—AGF

With an increasing number of veterinarians refusing to perform cosmetic surgeries such as tail docking and ear cropping on pups, as well as owner-convenience procedures such as devocalization of barking dogs, one professional society has gone so far as to issue animal-welfare position statements.

Positions recommended by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) are not legally binding on members of the organization. But they do give veterinarians more reason to say "No" when pet owners request controversial procedures. A recently clarified AAHA position now opposes both the cropping of ears and the docking of tails when done solely for cosmetic reasons. Besides encouraging veterinarians to counsel and educate pet owners that the procedures should not be performed unless medically necessary, AAHA also wants the procedures to be eliminated from breed standards.

AAHA also advocates a position that previously was articulated by the American Veterinary Medical Association: that canine devocalization only be performed as a final alternative after all behavior-modification efforts to correct excessive barking have failed.

Details on these and other AAHA positions ...can be found by visiting the organization's Web site: www.aahanet.org.

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WHICH DOG BREED ARE YOU?

Have you ever wondered what breed you would be if you were a dog? Well, now you can find out by going to www.gone2thedogs.com/game.html, and answering ten easy questions about yourself. At the conclusion of the quiz, your canine counterpart will be revealed, along with a color photo of the breed and a brief description of its origin, purpose and temperament. I was a Portuguese Water Dog, a Working Dog originally bred to assist Portuguese fishermen by "herding schools of fish" into nets, "carrying messages between boats," etc. Since I am definitely *not* a "swimmer and diver of exceptional ability and stamina," it must be our mutually "profuse curly/wavy hair," "substantial bone" and "self-willed" temperament that matched me with this breed.

Thanks to NNTC member Ami Hooper for sending me this fun canine quiz. I hope *News* readers will enjoy it as much as I did. I wonder if anyone will be a Norfolk or a Norwich?—AGF



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My secret hideaway

like a million! For the shopper, there are so many vendors that it takes two days to visit them all. But the best inducement is the warmth of the host club whose members see to it that everyone has a good time—a perfect counterpoint to the chilly winds that sweep off nearby Lake Michigan.

Norwich Sweepstakes on Saturday were judged by respected breeder Anna Bellenger (Devondale). From a field of 5 dogs and 8 bitches, Anna chose two littermates from the 6-9 months puppy bitch and puppy dog classes for her “Bests.” **Best in Sweeps** went to the puppy bitch, **Huntwood’s Black Robin** (Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood’s Let Em Talk), bred by Susan Kipp and owned by Penny Hanigan. **BOS in Sweeps** went to **Huntwood Rob Royal**, owned by Sofia Scharlock and Susan Kipp. Judge Bellenger kindly supplied the following comments: “There were a lot of very nice Norwich. The stand-out boy was in the 6-9 months class—Huntwood Rob Royal. He went like a pro, had plenty of bone, dark eye, wonderful coat. But, to me, it was the little black and tan girl, also out of the 6-9 months class, Huntwood’s Black Robin, who owned the ring that day. During picture taking, these puppies’ owners wished to have a photo taken together—I’d put up littermates!”

Norwich regular classes began at 10:25 AM. Trophies and prizes were offered for BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, RWD, WB, RWB, Best Puppy, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor and for First Place in every class, both regular and non-regular. The incredible trophy table also held three Challenge Trophies. Kudos to John Francisco, NNTCGC Trophy Chair, who told me, “I start looking for next year’s trophies as soon as the show is over.” **Judge Walter Goodman** chose his winners from a field of 10-18 (5-0)-1 as follows:

- **WD/BW to Huntwood Rob Royal**, the Sweeps BOS winner. Handled by co-owner/breeder Susan Kipp, Robbie earned his first major—a 5 pointer!—at this specialty show—not bad!
- **RWD to Foxwood Noble Ninja** (Terrapin Time Will Tell x Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice), from the 12-18 months class. Kathryn Mines is his breeder and co-owner, along with Stephanie Forte and Lyla Rudgers. Noble Ninja was handled by Karan Aurelius.
- **WB/BOS to Piccadilly’s Barbie Doll** (Ch. Huntwood’s Braveheart x Piccadilly’s Hello Dolly), bred and owned by George Besbekis and handled by Susan Kipp. Barbie Doll finished her Championship with this win and was subsequently moved up for Sunday’s judging.
- **RWB to Huntwood’s Black Robin**, the Best in Sweeps winner.
- **Veteran Dog to Ch. The Jones Boy of Kitnor** (Ch. Highwood’s Ratfaced MacDougal x Ms. Sophie of Kitnor), bred by Katherine Ann Vaughn, owned by Dr. Glenn C. and Jean Kessler and handled by Lorenzo Mosby.
- **BOB to Ch. Huntwood’s First Knight** (Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood’s Sweet Dream), bred by Susan Kipp and Tia Davis, owned by Paul Schulz, Susan Kipp and Edward Carney, and handled by Susan Kipp. “Connor” (First Knight) went on to earn a **Group 2** under judge Mrs. Anna J. Wanner later that day.
- **Awards of Merit** were meted out to **Ch. Long Valley Wink Foster** (Fairewood Long Valley Foster x Long Valley Didi Rock), bred by Georgie R. Crompton and owned by Mrs. Georgia Crompton and Bryn Awel; Beth Sweigart, Agent. **Ch. The Jones Boy of Kitnor** earned the second AOM.
- **Best Puppy** went to **Huntwood Rob Royal**;
- **Best Bred-By** went to **Barkwich Heartbreaker** (Ch. Piccadilly’s Hey Bob A Rebob x Ch. Barkwich Fairheart at Avalon), bred, owned and handled by Jacqueline L. McMurray.

After Saturday’s judging, Norwich and Norfolk fanciers were invited to the bountiful repast at the NNTCGC Hospitality Suite, high up on the 32nd floor of the adjacent Hyatt Regency Hotel, with a stunning view of icy Lake Michigan. The hors d’oeuvres were sumptuous, the libations copi-

ous and the NNTCGC meeting lively! Everyone there was encouraged to purchase additional raffle tickets for the lovely Danny Quest Design lamp, featuring a Norwich and a Norfolk playing with a frog at the base. The hospitality suite is really one of the most attractive features of the weekend. Members and guests are invited to relax after a day of showing and enjoy each other's company. Much appreciation goes to NNTCGC member Lauren Love for organizing this festive get-together.

Sunday morning at the **NNTCGC supported entry, Norwich Sweeps** judge Mr. Michael Sosne welcomed 5 dogs and 8 bitches into the ring. His choice for **Best in Sweeps** was **Abbedale Rettadini** (Ch. Sho-Me Ketka Invinceable x Ch. Abbedale Oscarretta), bred by Victor and Corrine Sattler and Joan Eckert and owned by Joan Eckert. Joan showed Rettadini to her win from the 9-12 months puppy bitch class. Mr. Sosne's choice for **BOS in Sweeps** again went to the darling black and tan puppy, **Huntwood Rob Royal**.

Former Norwich breeder Mr. Stephen Hurt judged the **regular classes** and made the following choices:

- **WD: Huntwood Rob Royal** for his second 5-point major of the weekend, from the puppy dog 6-9 months class!! He also repeated his Saturday win as **Best Puppy**. I asked Sophia Scharlock how she felt afterwards and she declared, "Cloud 9 is a great place to be!"
- **RWD: Yarrow's The Faire Mile** (Ch. Sandina Sandman x Ch. Yarrow's Edelweiss), bred, owned and handled by Beth Sweigart from the puppy dog 9-12 months class.
- **WB/BW/BOS: Littlefield Keri On Regardless** (Ch. Sandina Supersonic x Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle), bred, owned and handled from the Bred-By class by Leandra Little. This 5-point major put "Keri" over the top for her championship. She was Sweeps BOS at last year's NNTCGC Specialty, so it was nice to have her finish where she'd started out.
- **RWB: Abbedale Rettadini** (See Sunday's Best in Sweeps winner).
- **BOB: Ch. Long Valley Wink Foster** (See AOM at the Saturday Specialty).

Congratulations to everyone and a heartfelt thank you to the NNTCGC members who work so hard each year to make this such a memorable event. It's not one that Hazel Young of Canton, Ohio will soon forget. She took home the lovely Danny Quest lamp. More than \$500 was earned in this year's raffle. The 2005 raffle prize will be a painting by noted canine artist Mary Beacon. Some may remember the charming Mary Beacon painting of a Norwich and Norfolk that was raffled in 2003. John Francisco tells me he already has next year's trophies lined up, so put the dates Friday, February 25th through Monday, February 28th, 2005 on your calendar. The NNTCGC specialty and supported entry shows will be on Saturday and Sunday. The International Kennel Club of Chicago will introduce an Owner/Handler Best in Show competition next year, so start making plans.

—Leandra Little, Littlefield Norwich, Weehawken, NJ

Norfolk Winners



**Best of Breed and Terrier Group 2:
Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, with breed judge
Walter Goodman and handler Beth Sweigart**



**Winners Bitch and Best of Winners:
Max-Well's Miss independent**



**Winners Dog and BOS:
Max-Well's Eastwind Clyde**



**Best in Sweeps: Abbedale The Fire Within, with
Sweeps judge Anna Bellenger and co-owner Joan Eckert**

THE FEBRUARY 2004 NNTCGC SPECIALTY

Norwich Winners



Best of Breed:
Ch. Huntwood's First Knight, with judge Walter Goodman and handler Susan Kipp



Winners Dog and Best of Winners:
Huntwood's Rob Royal



Winners Bitch and BOS:
Piccadilly's Barbie Doll



Best in Sweeps: *Huntwood's Black Robin, with Sweepstakes judge Anna Bellenger and owner Penny Hanigan*

CRUFTS 2004: NORFOLK AND NORWICH RESULTS

I've been a visitor to Crufts for more years than I care to admit, but I still get a charge from the excitement this show generates. Crufts refers to itself as the "ultimate canine event." It certainly is the largest, with this year's entry topping 21,000 dogs of breeds all recognized by The Kennel Club (England). The four day event takes place at the National Exhibition Center in Birmingham. The Hilton Metropole is walking distance from the NEC and popular with many Crufts regulars. The Crowne Plaza and the Holiday Inn Express are a short taxi ride away. I prefer the Hyatt Regency in Birmingham, but I must warn it is an expensive taxi ride to and from the NEC. There are also bed and breakfast places to hang your hat while visiting Crufts.

Louise Leone and I met at Heathrow airport. I flew on British Airways and she flew on United. The terminals are miles from one another. One could also fly into Birmingham, which I suggest, but Louise's airline didn't have a direct flight. The Birmingham airport is small and friendly; Heathrow is huge. Driving to Birmingham, we paid a pre-arranged visit to my dear friend Joy Taylor of Nanfan fame. There must be something in the Nanfan air that gives these Norfolks their luscious red color. Our visit was brief, but it was good to see Joy as she wasn't attending Crufts.

The NEC is huge, so bring comfortable shoes. The best way to explain the vastness of this venue is to imagine Madison Square Garden (New York) minus the seats or one of the McCormick Place buildings (Chicago) multiplied by five. The five NEC halls are all connected, allowing at least four hundred vendors to display their goods. Dog food vendors such as Pedigree and Iams construct two-story areas where they offer spectators advice about and samples of dog food, as well as coffee and tea on their second floors. The many stalls display items ranging from antique canine figures and dog art both in oil and print, to a variety of herbs and other canine-related items. You may even purchase outer clothing for yourself. It is all mind boggling, but does add to the excitement of the show. The first two days, Thursday and Friday, walking the venue is much easier than on the weekend when huge crowds of spectators descend on the NEC.

Showing dogs in England is more laid back than in America. I'd say we're more Hollywood both in our own attire and in dog presentation and conditioning. Our country has many professional handlers; in the United Kingdom, most exhibiting is done by the owner/breeder. For the most part English Norfolk and Norwich exhibitors are more casual about the trim on their dogs than we are. It doesn't mean one country is right and the other wrong; it just means there are differences. Interestingly, those dogs that have a good trim seem to rise to the top at the end of the day. So no matter what side of the Atlantic you are on, conditioning, handling, and a worthy specimen are what it takes to win the top ribbons.

In **Norfolks**, Mrs. Dorothy Dorkins, a well-known breeder, had an entry of seventy-eight with eight absent. England has eased up on long-time quarantine regulations, thereby allowing for entries from around the world. Many American dogs of other breeds were exhibited at Crufts. Taking the **Reserve Bitch** "ticket" (Challenge Certificate) with her natural tail was **Cantab Cut the Mustard for Cracknor**. The show catalog lists Elisabeth Matell as her owner, but I know this bitch lives in Sweden as she is the top Norfolk Terrier in that country. Her sire is the Norwegian/Swedish champion Peppermint Adorabel Avalanche. Her dam is the Swedish and English champion Cracknor Courtesycut. **Ch. Belleville Sweet Nothings**, known as "Lola," handled by breeder-owner Cathy Thompson-Morgan, won the **Bitch CC**. She is a beautiful red bitch sired by Ch. Belleville Smart Alec and out of Ch. Belleville Sweet Cracker. In 2003 "Lola," was the number one Norfolk in the U. K., having gone Best of Breed at Crufts and also Best Puppy at the National Terrier show that year. Cathy is to be congratulated for achieving much during her years as a breeder. "Belleville" was the top breeding kennel from 1994 through 1999 and again from 2001 through 2003. The **Dog Reserve** ticket was awarded to the black and tan Swedish/Danish **Ch. Jiffy's the Sky's the Limit**, handled and owned by Martin Phillips and co-owned with Andrew Gullick. Bred by Miss H. Ericsson, he is sired by International/Nordic champion Porrigito Claypot and out of Swedish/Danish champion Jiffy Whiz Kid. "Claypot," a Best in Show Winner, is well known in the breed, having been top Norfolk in Sweden in '96, '97 and '98. The **Dog CC** was awarded to **Rouletta Russet Leaf**. His sire is the German dog imported to England, Ch. Allright Magic Trapper, and out of Rouletta Crispin Leaf. He is owned and bred by Mr. & Mrs. T. Chambers. To top the day

off for Cathy Thompson-Morgan, her **Ch. Belleville Sweet Nothings** went **Best of Breed**, repeating her last year's performance at Crufts. Cathy had a heck of a day, as her bitch puppy, **Belleville Expression**, went **Best Puppy** and "Lola" then went on to take a Terrier Group Two under international judge Ronnie Irving. Ronnie, who is chairman of The Kennel Club (U. K.), came over for the 2004 Westminster KC show and went to Doyle's art auction while visiting New York. Congrats to Cathy and all her Belleville winners.

A number of Americans attended Crufts from within our breeds. NNTC members Beth Sweigart (minus Coco), Betty Bossio, Kathy Mines, Fraya Katz and Liz McRae all were enjoying themselves. Judging **Norwich** with an entry of thirty eight (four absent) was the well-known Swedish breeder-judge, Mrs. Nene Runsten (Airescot). A four-year-old male, **Ch. Ariel's Paladino del Rojo**, bred by Fraya Katz, exhibited by Betty Bossio and owned by Liz and Pat McRae of Boerne, Texas took home the **Reserve Dog CC**, the first American Norwich ever to do so. Ch. Ariel del Sol is his sire and the dam, Miller's Golddigger. In the same Open class, breeder/owner Kathy Mines showed her black and tan, Ch. Foxwood Ninja Warrior. The **Dog CC** went to **Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor**, owned and bred by Miss S. Freeman and Miss Hazel Lamb. The well-known Ch. Ragus Name Your Poison is the sire and Deansleigh Gale Honey the dam. Lesley Crawley (Ragus) showed the dog for the owners. The **Bitch Reserve CC** was awarded to **Ragus Devotion**, a black and tan owned by Cathy Thompson-Morgan and bred by Lesley Crawley. Beth Sweigart's Ch. Yarrow's Sandstorm, imported to the U. K., is the sire and the dam, Ragus Fascination. The **Bitch CC** went to **Ch. Ragus Truly Unruly**, owned, bred and exhibited by Lesley Crawley. This lovely bitch is a half sister to the Reserve Bitch on her sire's side and out of Ragus Sweet Deceit. **Interceptor**, known as "Jenson," went on to take **Best of Breed**. He is a lovely red dog, and I couldn't understand why he didn't make the final cut in the Terrier Group. He has fabulous show attitude and is good coming and going.

The question I'm always asked after returning from Crufts is... Which of our breeds is better in the U. K? As on both sides of the Atlantic, there are good and bad in both Norfolk and Norwich. To my way of thinking, however, there was no doubt that, this year, Norfolk are in better shape than the Norwich. Putting aside the top winners in both breeds, I'd say that U. K. Norwich breeders should concentrate on fronts and rears. Some Norwich were so wide in front you could see their elbows as they walked away from the judge. Now that takes some doing. In some cases, rears were much too close. Possibly on both sides of the pond, we should be thinking about which dogs deserve to become breed champions. In America, it is easier to earn a championship since we employ handlers and have many more shows in which to exhibit our dogs. Common sense tells me that exhibits with dips in their topline, wide fronts, close rears, high hocks, or too small or too big in stature do not make for good examples of a Norfolk or a Norwich.

In other breeds, a Bichon from America won the Group with Michael Coad, a U. K. handler, at the end of the lead. The top Chinese Crested in the U. S., who won the national under U. K. judge Andrew Brace, lost the breed under the same judge at Crufts. Peter Green lost with his Wire, Emma, to fellow U. S. handler Woody Wornall and his Wire. I can't help but wonder how the number one dog in America, Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (Coco), would have done in her home country had she been entered in this show. As I said at the beginning, Crufts is a super show at a terrific venue; you should give it a try. Hope to see you there next year.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY



Photo submitted by Liz McRae

Left to right: Judge Nene Runsten of Sweden with NNTC members Betty Bossio, Liz McRae (with "Milo") and Fraya Katz following Norwich judging at Crufts March 7, 2004

NORWICH WINS BEST IN SHOW AT U.K.'S NATIONAL TERRIER!

Ch. Ragus Truly Unruly, a Norwich bitch bred, owned and handled by Lesley Crawley, was Best in Show at National Terrier on April 3, 2004. The British counterpart to Montgomery County KC, England's prestigious National Terrier show is held each year on the first Saturday in April at Bingley Hall, County Showground, Stafford. This year's entry totaled 1,723 dogs. The Best in Show judge was Mr. Earnest Sharpe, a veteran terrier man and former professional handler.

Congratulations to Truly Unruly (a great name for a Norwich!) and Lesley Crawley on this exciting win; and thanks to U. K. Norwich breeder (Redash) and Norwich Terrier Club President Ruth Corkhill for sending this report to the *News*.—AGF

NORFOLK RESULTS AT THE APRIL 2004 NNTC ROVING SPECIALTY

The New York winter was so dank and bleak that just thinking about the Northern California Terrier Association weekend in April made me smile. I flew to San Francisco, made my way to the car rental via the air train, popped into my car and headed towards Sacramento in traffic that made New York City's look mild. My only saving grace was the car radio. It had hundreds of stations and I was finally able to listen to country music. New York City has no country music stations.

The NNTC Roving Specialty was held April 8, 2004 on the grounds of the Cal Expo Fairgrounds. Show co-chair Ann Dum is to be congratulated for tending to the arrangements for the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club. About three years ago, the then Middle Kingdom Alliance, now known as the Pacific Area Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (PANNT), asked to host this Specialty for the national club. Ann arranged for all our non-doggy events to be at the Red Lion Inn, including our guest rooms. Husband Ed took over hospitality arrangements. The evening cocktail party was superb. Ed had the hotel prepare delicious hors d'oeuvres that filled the buffet table. Many in attendance didn't bother having dinner as we were stuffed. The club dinner the following evening was equally wonderful, with every table seated to capacity. At the dinner, Norwich and Norfolk items were sold, raising money for the club.

Our breeds were judged indoors both days, Thursday for the Specialty and Friday for the supported entry. It was a spacious building allowing new and old Norfolk fanciers to meet and greet each other. Norwich were set up in the same building, which allowed for further mingling with our cousins. A big plus for the NNTC was that our breed judges for both the Specialty and the supported entry were paid for by the Northern California Terrier Association as they were both on the NCTA's judges' list. The NCTA also paid for the Sweepstakes judges both days. The NCTA took it one step further and offered their club medallion for the Best of Breed winner the day of the Specialty. Again Ann Dum is to be thanked for seeing to it that all these little goodies were part of the package plan.

NNTC member Jessica Relinque was our **Norfolk Sweeps** judge. Jessica breeds Norfolk under the Wonderwood banner and has been doing so for more years than I'm sure she wants to admit. With an entry of eleven, one absent, Jessica selected Ann and Ed Dum's **Arroyo's Skittles** as her **Best in Sweepstakes**. This little-over-a-year-old red bitch is sired by Ch. Keefolk's The Saint JE out of Arroyo's Rockie Road. The Dums are the proud breeders. **Wintersky's Radar at Max-Well**, bred by Freddie

Jackson and owned in conjunction with Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp, was the choice for **Best of Opposite in Sweeps**. This seven-month old was in the ring for the first time, shown by young Dylan Kipp. His sire is Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone out of Ch. Wintersky's Cricket. Both his sire and dam are National Specialty breed winners.

In the **Norfolk regular classes** Mr. Richard Powell, who breeds both Norfolk and Welsh Terriers, was the judge of the day. Mr. Powell is originally from England, and first worked for a top California handler when he arrived on our shores a zillion years ago. He now lives in Pennsylvania with his family, has given up his professional handling status, just exhibits his own dogs, and has become a well-known AKC judge. He had an entry of twenty-five with three absent. **Radar**, the Sweeps Best of Opposite, was Mr. Powell's selection for **Reserve Winners Dog**. The **Winners Dog/Best of Opposite** ribbons, for a five point major, were awarded to **Zara Here Comes the Son**, handled by Amy Rutherford for owners Franzi Corman and Rhonda Maggilini. He is a lovely black and tan and looked quite nice going around the ring. Nilda Dorini is his breeder, with Wintersky's Toast of the Town his sire and Landmark Lady Be Good his dam.

In bitches the eleven-month-old **Max-Well's Torrent** took home the five point major and the **Winners Bitch/Best of Winners** ribbons for breeder/owner Barbara Miller and co-owner Susan Kipp. She is sired by Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone out of Ch. Max-Well's Weather Watch. Torrie was shown by Susan. Debbie Pritchard, owner, and Joanne Hart bred the **Reserve Winners Bitch, Glenelg Clara's Cottage**, sired by Ch. Glenelg Barrister out of Ch. Mercator Tess Trueheart.

The **Best of Breed** ribbon went to **Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre**, the Westminster KC Terrier Group winner. This red bitch import is always exhibited by Beth Sweigart for owners Stephanie Ingram, Pam Beale and her U. K. breeder, Elisabeth Matell. "CoCo" went home with the **Best in Group** ribbon later in the day under judge Miss Dorothy Macdonald. This being a Group show, a win like this is considered **Best in Show**. The **Award of Merit** went to **Ch. Max-Well's Venus**, bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. Susan is always her handler. Venus, a twenty-month-old red bitch, is sired by Ch. Max-Well's Red Devil, now residing and being exhibited in Sweden, and out of Ch. Max-Well's Hailstorm.

At Friday's supported entry, Mr. Richard Urquhart had the honor of judging **Norfolk Sweeps**. He had an entry of eleven with two absent. Dylan Kipp piloted **Max-Well's Torrent** to the **Best in Sweepstakes** slot for owners Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. The black and tan, **Arroyo's Archangel Gabriel**, owned by Julia Gleeson, was the judge's choice for **Best of Opposite in Sweeps**. He was bred by Gleeson and Ann and Ed Dum. His sire is Ch. Arroyo's Desperado; his dam, Ch. Arroyo's Farolito Fire.

Miss Dorothy Macdonald from Carmel Valley, California judged the **Norfolk regular classes**. The entry was twenty-six with three absent. Miss Macdonald followed Mr. Powell's example, awarding the same **dogs Winners and Reserve**. The five point major went to **Zara Here Comes the Son** and the **Reserve to Wintersky's Radar at Max-Well**. In bitches the **Reserve** went to the Sweeps winner, **Max-Well's Torrent**, and the **Winners Bitch** for a five-point major to **Trafalgar's English Miss**. Terry Dodds and Kathleen Eimil bred the **Winners Bitch**; Eimil is the sole owner. Amy Rutherford is the regular handler. Ch. Mayfair Winter Baron is the sire and she's out of Ch. Jaeva Bitter Apple, an import. **Zara Here Comes the Son** took home the **Best of Winners** ribbon, while the **Best of Opposite Sex** was awarded to **Ch. Sugarpine Wonderwood Jeffrey**, bred and owned by Jessica Relinque and Laurie Rossi Sherick. Ch. Mayfair's Rock N' Roll is the sire of this nicely-made Norfolk and his dam is Ch. Wonderwood Sugarpine Tuffy. Miss Macdonald gave the **Best of Breed** ribbon to the bitch, **Ch. Max-Well's Venus**. The **Award of Merit** went to the bitch handled by Dylan Kipp, **Ch. Max-Well's Caramel Candy**, sired by Ch. Max-Well's Weatherman out of Ch. Max-Well's Candy. Between these two days, the **Best Puppy** was awarded to **Max-Well's Torrent** and the **Best Bred By Exhibitor** to **Sugarpine Just Like Barney**. Barney was bred and is owned by Laurie Rossie Sherick. Ch. Sugarpine Wonderwood Jeffrey is his sire and the dam is Ch. Sugarpine's Mrs. M. Migeon.

Most of us stayed on for the following two days of dog shows. The weather was perfect, so why not? If I may take the liberty of bragging a bit... Dylan Kipp just turned twelve this past May. She has excellent hands on a dog for a young girl. Dylan is totally immersed in the AKC Junior program. In order to attend certain AKC shows, her school grades must be submitted to MariBeth O'Neil, who heads up the AKC's Junior division. Dylan is not permitted to accept any money from anyone, including her parents, for whom she shows dogs. Dylan did very well at these shows, going Best Junior on Saturday—not an easy achievement, as she topped at least 45 youngsters. I'm mentioning this because it's kids like Dylan who are the future of the breed. Dylan has to train her own dog in order to enter Junior Competition, showing great determination and concentration. So if you have a youngster at home showing an interest in handling, certainly encourage it.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

SACRAMENTO MEMENTOS

April 8 and 9, 2004: Norwich Results

I am pleased to report that those of use who attended the first NNTC Specialty in Sacramento, California back in 1989 look as youthful today as we did 15 years ago. Now would I lie?

I am also pleased to report that returning to the Northern California Terrier Association venue was déjà vu. The weather was just like before—dry as a bone, warm by day, cool at night. The air was the same as last time—fresh and full of the scent of citrus. Then there was the hospitality we have come to expect from our “western” friends of Norwich and Norfolk. To prove a point, on Thursday night the Pacific Area Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (PANNT) hosted a most delightful poolside cocktail party at our very attractive headquarters. And our California show chair didn't stop there. Ann Dum and her band of busy and hardworking bees provided us with a Friday evening club dinner that was a most happy affair. Another plus was Ann's arranging for us to have our very own show building at the Cal-Expo. Bright, light and airy with enough room to roller blade, Norwich and Norfolk fanciers were just one big happy family.

Thursday, April 8 was our national specialty, which began with **Sweepstakes**. Norwich breeder (“Temblor”) and longtime friend Ed Flesh of Sylmar, CA had the honour of judging 25 puppies and young adults and 6 Veterans. From the little baby class of 6-9 months puppy dogs came the **Sweeps winner, PhaerErin Bentley of Winsome** (Ch. Shonleh Marsh Hawk x Ch. Winsome's Lexus of Shonleh), bred by Suzanne Orban-Stagle, Sharon Curry and Anne Buffington and owned by Dr. John S. Fitzpatrick and Lance H. McGinness. Standing in the **Best of Opposite** spot was **Devondale's Mistress Matilda II** (Ch. Ronnell Ruff Around The Edges x Ch. Little Tramont Unruly Redhead), bred and owned by Anna Bellenger and co-owned with Anne Buffington. Jumping from juveniles to elder statesmen, Mr. Flesh found his **Best in Veteran Sweeps** in the 9 years and over class of dogs, **Ch. tinytowne Tailormade Shonleh** (Ch. Fairways Sam I Am Sam x Ch. Shonleh Homemade Tea Biscuit), bred and owned by Dana Esquibel and co-owned with Sharon Curry and J. McGuinn. **Best of Opposite in Veteran Sweeps** went to 8-year-old **Ji-Ro's Jenny Jump Up**, bred by Eileen Rourke and owned by Monti Craig. Congratulations to ALL.

Following compliments and photographs, we settled back to watch the **Norwich regular classes**. Our easygoing Englishman and longtime Norfolk breeder Richard Powell of Bainbridge, PA did the honours by presiding over his entry of 85 Norwich (14-40-(16-5)-10). **Winners Dog/Best**

of **Winners**, from the Open Class, was **Rattletrap Pacifica Norbert** (Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal x Norkel Lady Grace of Twin Oaks), bred by Chris Applegate-Hofer and owned by Hilary Paty. **Reserve Winners Dog**, from the 12-18 months class, was **Norbest Take A Chance At Ji-Ro's** (Ch. Norbest's Frankly A Rascal x Ch. Del Rincon Kichi of Norbest), bred and owned by Mary McIntosh and co-owned with Eileen Rourke. **Winners Bitch**, from the Open Class, went all the way to **Best of Opposite Sex** and finished as well, so it was quite a day for **tinytowne's All In A Tizzy** (Ch. Devondale's Master Merry Andrew x Ch. Castlehills tinytowne Knockout), who is bred and owned by Dana and Rich Esquibel, co-bred by Robert Hill and co-owned with Carolyn Hudson. **Reserve Winners Bitch**, from the Bred-By class, was **Dar-Lu Red All About It** (Ch. Barnstable Duncan Donut x Ch. Winsome's Love That Red), bred and owned by Michele Luther and Patricia VanSkyhawk. A strong class of **Veterans Dogs** was won by **Ch. The Jones Boy of Kitnor** (Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal x Ms. Sophie of Kitnor), bred by Kitty Vaughan and owned by Dr. Glenn and Jean Kessler.

In 1989, Specialty judge Joan Read ("Chidley") awarded Best of Breed to the Veteran Dog, Ch. Thrumpton's Lord Brady, so it seemed somewhat fitting that 15 years later, one of Lord Brady's great-great-grandsons would also stand in the **Best of Breed** spot. The cobby little black and tan, **Ch. Huntwood's First Knight** (Ch. Kristil's Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood's First Dream), is breeder/owner handled by Susan Kipp, co-bred by Tia Davis and co-owned with Paul Schulz. "Conner" is winning the hearts of many as he garners many wins around the country. **Awards of Merit** were granted to **Ch. Windsor's Mumms The Word**, **Ch. Dunbar's Frozen Assets**, **Ch. Mardot Sir Winston of Parker** and **Ch. The Jones Boy of Kitnor**. While this ended the specialty, after an evening of entertainment, we would soon be back for Friday's NNTC supported entry.

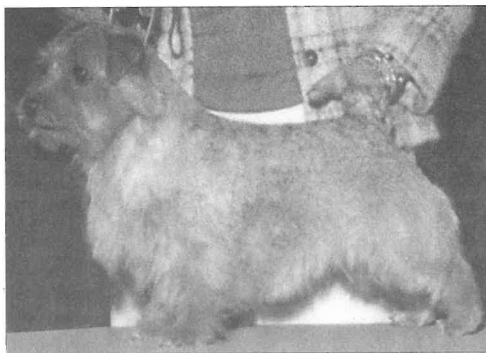
Friday, April 9 dawned clear and fresh with **Norwich Sweepstakes** at 9 A. M. Richard Urquhart of Vacaville, CA enjoyed the task of judging 24 youngsters. His choice for **Best in Sweeps** went to breeder/owner Carol Sowders' **Ketka's Goodwill Ambassador** (Ch. Kristil's Ambassador To Ketka x Ketka Snap, Crackle, Pop). This cheery 13-month-old later went on to earn a Group 2 in the Sweeps Group and a Group 1 in the Bred-By-Exhibitor Group, truly spreading his "goodwill" around. For **Best of Opposite**, Mr. Urquhart selected Thursday's Reserve Winners Bitch, **Dar-Lu Red All About It**.

Our judge for Friday's **regular classes** was Dorothy Macdonald of Carmel Valley, CA, who had her work cut out for her with an entry of 84 (14-41-(16-5)-8). **Winners Dog/Best of Winners** was a repeat from Thursday's specialty, **Rattletrap Pacifica Norbert**; **Reserve Winners Dog** likewise went to specialty reserve **Norbest Take A Chance At Ji-Ro's**. We had new faces in bitches. **Winners Bitch** and ultimately **Best of Opposite Sex** went to the Open Bitch, **Astro Shonleh Custom Maid** (Ch. tinyowne Tailormade Shonleh x Ch. Montclaire's Touchstone), bred and owned by PANNT member Billie O'Neill and co-owned with Sharon Curry. This was a great day for Billie O'Neill as she also bred and owned the **Reserve Winners Bitch**, **Astro Moon Goddess**, a litter sister to Custom Maid. Well done! I'm sure these two bitch winners were proud of their sire, **Ch. tinytowne Tailormade Shonleh**, when he won the **Veteran Dogs** class. Once again, we watched **Ch. Huntwood's First Knight** grab the purple and gold for **Best of Breed**, and he later capped off his day by taking a Group 2! Way to go "Conner!" Two more repeats for **Awards of Merit** went to **Ch. Windsor's Mumms The Word** and **Ch. Dunbar's Frozen Assets**. The other two AOM's were bestowed on **Ch. Unique's The Spin Doctor** and **Ch. Fairway's Rosey Robin Ross**. All and all, it was two wonderful days of showing and of meeting friends, new and old.

So much goes into the making of a successful Specialty, so to all the unsung heroes we say, "Thank you." After such a well-planned and orchestrated weekend as this, it's easy to understand why California's Governor Schwarzenegger is often heard to say "I'LL BE BACK."

—Missy Wood, "Terrapin" Norwich Terriers, Phoenixville, PA

Norfolk Winners



Booth Photography

**Best of Breed and Best in Group:
Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre**



Callea Photo

**Winners Bitch/Best of Winners:
Max-Well's Torrent**



Callea Photo

**Winners Dog/BOS: Zara Here Comes
The Son, with judge Richard W. Powell and
handler Amy Rutherford**



Cook Photography

**Best in Sweepstakes: Arroyo's Skittles,
with Norfolk Sweeps judge Jessica Relinque
and co-owner Ann Dum**

Norwich Winners



Callea Photo

Best of Breed: Ch. Huntwood's First Knight, with judge Richard W. Powell and co-breeder/co-owner/handler Susan Kipp



Cook Photography

Winners Dog and Best of Winners: Rattletrap Pacifica Norbert



Photo credit: Dana Esquibel

Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex: tinytowne All In A Tizzy



Photo credit: Tom Bruni

Best in Sweepstakes: PhaerErin Bentley of Winsome, with Norwich Sweeps judge Ed Flesh and co-owner Dr. John S. Fitzpatrick



Photo credit: Dana Esquibel

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes: Ch. tinytowne's Tailormade Shonleh

THE APRIL 8, 2004 NNTC ROVING SPECIALTY:

Judge Richard W. Powell's Critique

Thank you so much for inviting me to judge your specialty show. I was thrilled by the size of the Norwich entry (85). With an entry of 26, Norfolks were not so well represented, but the quality of the winners was exceptional. I would like to say that I was very touched by the sportsmanship of the Norwich and Norfolk folk. At the end of every class there was a show of applause, which I really appreciated. Thank you to NNTC President Joan Kefeli, Barbara Miller, Jessica Relinque and to Ann Dum for inviting me to the dinner. I had a lovely time and I came away thinking how kind and friendly everyone was.

As mentioned earlier, I thought the **Norfolk winners** were outstanding. **WD** and **BOS** went to **Zara Here Comes The Son**, a black and tan who looked really good. He was in great coat and condition and was very sound and showy. **RWD** went to a lovely red puppy, **Wintersky's Radar at Maxwell**. I can't wait to see him all grown up. **RWB** went to the baby puppy **Glenelg Clara's Cottage**, a beautifully made red who was really enjoying her day. **WB** and **BOW** went to **Max-Well's Torrent**, the **Award of Merit** went to **Ch. Max-Well's Venus**, and **BOB** went to **Eng. and Am. Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre**. I mention these three bitches together because they are so alike. Cause Celebre was presented absolutely flawlessly; she was hair perfect and showed her heart out. Venus is beautiful and was showing for all she was worth too, but she was not in such perfect condition. In my opinion, she was a pound overweight and lacked ruff today. Torrent is exquisite too. These three red bitches are just about as good as you can find anywhere and, with animals of this caliber, the breed should have a wonderful future.

The **Norwich** entry was a lot of fun to judge, but an entry of this size must have its disappointments. There was a dog I just loved who wouldn't walk and a bitch I thought was drop dead gorgeous until I opened her mouth! What worried me most was that a lot of the Norwich bitches were too fine and also snippy, giving the impression that they would be unable to kill a rat.

Having said that, there was also a lot of quality in the entry. **WD** and **BOW** was won by the Open dog, **Rattletrap Pacifica Norbert**, a very handsome, well-balanced black and tan. He had ample bone and substance for his size, and was in great coat and condition. The **RWD**, **Norbest Take A Chance At Ji-Ro's**, was impressive especially in his type and side movement. Today he was not in his best coat, which cost him; nevertheless, he was a worthy reserve. I look forward to seeing this dog in a new jacket. In bitches, **tinytowne's All In A Tizzy** was victorious. She was a most charming red with a devilish, but at the same time, sweet expression. Apart from being a little short in ruff today, she was in great condition and hard to fault. She started by being very naughty, and I asked her young handler just to stand up and let her "do it" on her own. **Tizzy** did this very well, so well in fact that she beat the champion bitches for **BOS**. I think she will have a brilliant future. The **RWB**, **Dar-Lu Red All About It**, from the Bred-By class, gave a great show.

The **Veteran Dogs** were wonderful; in fact the winner of that class, **Ch. The Jones Boy of Kitnor**, won an **Award of Merit**. But why have four ribbons for this class? It is sad to grade Veterans 2, 3, 4 and even sadder to ask the entry that was 5th to leave without a ribbon. I think awarding just a first place ribbon for the Veterans classes would be nice. The **Best of Breed** class was very impressive and Awards of Merit were given to some beautiful dogs. [Ed.: See Missy Wood's Specialty report for these four AOMs.] The winner of the breed was **Ch. Huntwood's First Knight**, a very charismatic black and tan whom I couldn't take my eyes off as soon as he came into the ring. He was that wonderful blend of Size, Substance and Quality, making him just right, either standing or moving. He is also very showy and this all makes it really easy to point to him. He looks like a real stallion; I bet he leaves his mark on the breed.

Thank you again for a most enjoyable experience. The judge's gift, a lovely alarm clock, will be a lasting reminder.

—Richard W. Powell, "Flatford" Norfolk Terriers, Bainbridge, PA

CALIFORNIA HERE WE ARE: N & N FANCIERS AT THE NNTC ROVING SPECIALTY



Left to right: Ann Dum (NNTC 2nd VP) and Laurie Loeffler ("Cobblestone" Norwich)



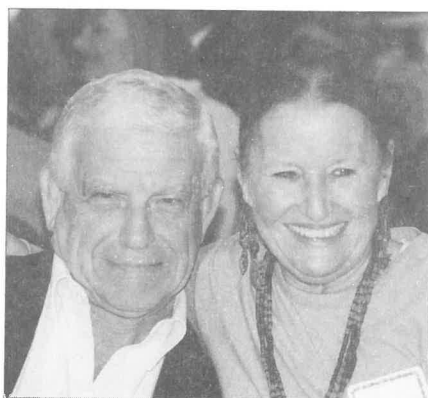
NNTC member and Norfolk breeder ("Glenelg") Deborah Pritchard



Left to right: Shirley O'Neill, Billie O'Neill, James Latuscha and incoming NNTC Governor Dana Sansing Esquibel



NNTC member and Norwich breeder ("Castle-Bar") Barbara Pierce



Incoming NNTC Governor David Powers and NNTC AKC Delegate Missy Wood

Photos by Barbara Miller

CARRY ME BACK TO OLD VIRGINIA:

The Mattaponi Kennel Club Supported Entry (May 15, 2004)

For the fourth year in a row, the NNTC held an “eastern” supported entry at the Prince William County Fairgrounds in the historic town of Manassas, Virginia. What makes this get-together such fun is the overwhelming southern hospitality showered on us by members of the Chesapeake Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club. When those folks announce “Luncheon Is Served”, they ain’t just whistling Dixie! There was enough food for General Robert E. Lee’s entire army at the second Battle of Manassas! The atmosphere at the show and luncheon went along with the weather—WARM.

Sweepstakes judge was Gwynne McNamara, a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier breeder from Roswell, GA. Our judge for the regular classes was none other than John (Jack) Simm from Millersville, PA. Jack is no stranger to our breeds, in fact the name Jack Simm is synonymous with Norwich and Norfolk. Beginning with **Norfolk**, judge Simm awarded **Winners Dog to Mercator Paddington Bear** (Ch. Arroyo’s Desperado x Ch. Glenelg Piacere), bred by Andrew Kramer and owned by Christine Miller. **Reserve Winners Dog** was **Capricorn’s Wild About Harry** (Ch. The Duke of Copperplate x Ch. Capricorn Sally Rand), bred and owned by Catherine Cargo, Marjorie and Jim McTernan and Gaynor Green, co-owned with Regina Swygert-Smith. In Norfolk bitches, **Winners Bitch** claimed **Best of Breed/Best of Winners** from the Open class. **Kilwinning Biscuit** is by Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne, CD ME out of Lochlan And Tigger Too, bred by William G. Carter, Jr., and owned by Enid and Katherine Wright. **Reserve Winners Bitch** came from the 6-9 Puppy class, **Glenelg Clara’s Cottage** (Ch. Glenelg Barrister x Ch. Mercator Tess Trueheart), bred and owned by Deborah Pritchard, co-bred with Joanne Hart. “Clara” was also the Norfolk Sweeps winner, but alas, she was the only entry.

Norwich, on the other hand, brought seven puppies and young adults for the **Sweepstakes**. Junior Dog **Devondale Master MacLeish** (Ch. Ronnell Ruff Around The Edges x Ch. Little Tramont Licorice) was **Best in Sweeps**. He is bred and owned by Anna Bellenger and co-owned with John McBryde. **Best of Opposite** came from the baby 6-9 months class, calling herself **Dickens’ Miss Emma Micawber** (Ch. Ronnell Ruff Around The Edges x Ch. Dickens’ Miss Twinkleton), bred and owned by Patricia Mason.

For the **Norwich regular classes** Mr. Simm found his **Winners Dog** in the Bred-by-Exhibitor class, **Terrapin Time Will Tell**. Bred and owned by Margaretta Wood and Nathaniel LaMar, this dog is by Ch. Terrapin Timber’s Song out of Ch. Terrapin Tanganyika. **Reserve Winners Dog** went to the aforementioned Sweeps winner, **Devondale Master MacLeish**. **Winners Bitch** came from the Open class, **Fxhnt Patty by Ratty Of Royal Rock** (Ch. Highwood’s Ratfaced MacDougal x Royal Rock Lady In Red), bred by Verna Allen and Leslie Canavan and owned by Hal Happersett. “Patty” went on to **Best of Winners**. **Reserve Winners Bitch** went to the aforementioned Best Opposite in Sweeps, **Dickens’ Miss Emma Micawber**. **Best of Breed** was bestowed on **Pennyroyal’s No Shrinking Violet** (Ch. Devondale’s Master Milestone x Pennyroyal Genuine Article), bred and owned by Robin Siegel and co-owned with Anna Bellenger. **Best of Opposite** was the **Winners Dog**, **Terrapin Time Will Tell**.

We appreciate a few comments from our judge, Jack Simm:

It is always nice to be asked to judge breeds that one has been involved with, both showing and breeding. With so many more breeders throughout the country, it makes for an interesting assignment.

There could have been more Norfolk, but I did find my Best of Breed, Kilwinning Biscuit, to be a nice bitch. The Norwich were better in numbers, which makes you work harder. I found the overall entry quite acceptable. My Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and Best of Breed could win anywhere and were good breed examples. I appreciated the exhibitors usual good sportsmanship and hospitality.

—Margaretta Wood, “Terrapin” Norwich Terriers, Phoenixville, PA

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS: The First BNNTC Specialty

The Bluebonnet Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (BNNTC) held its inaugural specialty on Saturday, July 10, 2004 at the Austin KC show in San Antonio. Part of the prestigious River City Dog Show Cluster, the Austin KC show served us well as we made our debut in our club's plans to have an annual regional specialty.

The site of the River City Cluster, the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, is an outstanding venue for a dog show in every way. There are excellent accommodations for loading, unloading, and parking. The facility is huge, the rings are large, and it is air-conditioned so well that a sweater or a light jacket is welcome. There was a large set-up area for the exhibitors. Club members have the opportunity to buy grooming space, and a block of these grooming spaces was set aside for Norwich and Norfolk Terrier exhibitors. During show hours, the BNNTC also sponsored a "Meet the Breeds" booth as well as a Dog Show Tour.

The BNNTC had a silent auction at the set-up area, which was a lot of fun for those who participated and was also quite profitable for our fledgling club. An especially popular item was a festive basket of 100 lottery tickets, which was won by Peggy Schmidt, Baybreez Norwich.

There were several out-of-town exhibitors at the Specialty. Since San Antonio is indeed the ultimate tourist city, these folks had a lot of fun exploring the historic downtown and the River Walk and eating great food at a variety of outstanding restaurants. San Antonio is noted for having the finest "Tex-Mex" food in the country. For those with RV's, River City provided a shuttle that ran every 15 minutes for dogs and owners to travel to a very nice RV area. In addition, there is a wonderful trolley system in San Antonio. You can ride to your heart's content for 50 cents per round trip. This adds to the fun and ease of shopping and sight-seeing.

On Friday night, the club hosted a canine reproduction seminar. Reproduction specialist Dr. James Bell from Castroville, TX, was on hand to field our many questions regarding reproduction. Saturday night was our club dinner at Rosario's, a wonderful restaurant specializing in Mexican food. For those who didn't want to walk, there was a shuttle van to transport people from the show site to the restaurant and back. There was quite a spirited live auction following the dinner. It was great fun for all and profitable for the club as well.

There were major entries in both breeds. Results of the judging follow:

Norfolk Terriers

Sweepstakes

Claudia J. Seaberg judged an entry of 5 bitches and awarded **Best in Sweeps** to **Regency's Jerusalem Dream** (Ch. Allright American Dream x Ch. Regency New Jerusalem), bred and owned by Mike and Tina Dennis, from the 12-18 months class.

Regular Classes

Maxine V. Beam judged an entry of 8 Norfolks with the following results:

- **Winners Dog and Best of Winners (4 pts.): Kamet Rocket of Whitehall** (Ch. Rightly So Sinful Reflection x Mandolin of Whitehall), bred by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean and owned by Kay and Marlin Thrasher
- **Winners Bitch (4 pts.): Bigwig's Nutmeg** (Ch. Capricorn's One Potato x Ch. Jufelt's Busy Bee at Bigwig), bred and owned by Kenneth Slump, from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class

- **RWB: Avalon's Sand Rat** (Ch. Sandpiper's Ratcatcher x Ch. Blk. Magic's Wht. Sands of Avalon), bred by Lori Pelletier and Lorraine Comi and owned by Lori Pelletier
- **Best of Breed: Ch. Jaeva Dutch Gold** (Eng. Ch. Richell Claret x Ch. Jaeva Dutch Lace), bred by Martin Phillips and owned by Carl Schrader, Martin Phillips and Andrew Gullick
- **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Regency's Revival Fire Fall** (Ch. Arroyo's Desperado x Ch. Regency's Glory Alleluia), bred and owned by Mike and Tina Dennis

Norwich Terriers

Sweepstakes

From an entry of six (2 dogs and 4 bitches), judge Claudia J. Seaberg awarded **Best in Sweeps** to **Belfyre's Tuff Cookie** (Ch. Kristil's Royal Conqueror x Ch. Skyscot's Fortune Cookie), a bitch bred and owned by Mike and Polly O'Neal. **Best of Opposite in Sweeps** went to **Norieland's Fully Loaded** (Maralinga Mahogany x Ch. Norieland's BeBe Beatrice), a dog bred and owned by Karen and Steve Vaughn.

Regular Classes

Judge Peggy A. Hogg judged an entry of 28 (3 absent) with the following results:

- **Winners Dog (2 points): The Island's Danny Dunbar**, bred by Carol Wilson and Leslie Becker and owned by Carol Wilson, from the 6-9 months puppy dogs class
- **Reserve Winners Dog: Norieland's Fully Loaded**, bred and owned by Karen and Steve Vaughn, from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class
- **Winners Bitch (5-pts.) and Best of Winners: Belfyre's Tuff Cookie** (also Best in Sweepstakes), bred and owned by Mike and Polly O'Neal, from the Open Bitches class
- **Reserve Winners Bitch: Belfyre's Sugar Cookie** (Ch. Kristil's Royal Conqueror x Ch. Skyscot's Fortune Cookie), bred and owned by Mike and Polly O'Neal, from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class
- **Veteran Dog: Ch. Derrymoor's Friar**, bred by Ann L. Frye and owned by Gwen Warkentin
- **Veteran Bitch: Ch. Skyscot's Bella Donna**, owned and bred by Leslie Becker
- **Best of Breed** (from an entry of 10 specials): **Ch. Skyscot's Petal Pusher** (Ch. Baybreez Blacken Dekker x Skyscot's Indian Summer), a bitch bred and co-owned by Leslie Becker and owned by Mike and Polly O'Neal
- **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Gaylord's Solo Me-Oh** (Ch. Titanium Master Chef x Gaylord's Star Crunch), bred by Larry Adams and owned by Dennis and Marie Cato



Photo credit: Arni Hooper

Leslie Becker getting "Bella Donna" ready for the Veteran Bitch class

Those attending our club's first Specialty enjoyed the wonderful Texas hospitality, and seemed quite enthusiastic about returning to the same venue in July 2005 when the BNNTC will host the NNTC Roving National Specialty in addition to the second annual BNNTC Regional Specialty.

—Leslie Becker, "Skyscot" Norwich Terriers
New Braunfels, TX

CH. TYLWYTH KELSYP OF ELBOW ROCK CDX

(Ch. Tylwyth Just Riley CDX x

Mo's Binky's First Flight)

Breeder: Linda Minisce

Owner: Mary D. Fine

"Kelsy" finished her championship with the help of her friend, Lori Pelletier. She continues to train for the elusive UD title when not distracted by her favorite pursuit of toad hunting.



CH. FLURRIES TURN POINT LIGHT

(Ch. Pinchbeck Heads-Up Harry CD ME x

Flurries Ida Lewis Rock)

Breeder/Owner: Peggy Metcalf

"Pivot" is my fourth homebred champion. With her enthusiastic attitude, she will now move on to obedience, agility and earthdog work. Motherhood is also in her near future.

CH. ARROYO'S VAQUERTIA

(Ch. Rightly So Sinful Reflection x Ch. Arroyo's Chili Pequeno)

Breeders/Owners: Ed & Ann Dum

"Ivy" got her first major at just 6 months old. She earned two more majors at the Northern California Terrier Association shows.



CH. ARROYO'S CAT BALLOU

(Ch. Keefolk's The Saint JE x Ch. Arroyo's Farolito Fire)

Breeders: Ann & Ed Dum & Julie Gleeson

Owners: Ann & Ed Dum

"Kat" won all her points from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class, finishing with three majors.

**CH. LITTLEFIELD
KERI ON REGARDLESS**

(Ch. Sandina Supersonic x Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle)
Breeder/Owner: Leandra Little

"Keri" finished in a big way with a 5-point major from the Bred-By class at the IKC of Chicago under judge Stephen Hurt. She also went BOW and BOS at this February 22, 2004 NNTCGC supported entry. Not content to rest on her laurels, Keri then got together with Int. & Am. Ch. Chestnut Hills Royal Blue. The result: 4 puppies, free whelped in May. We now look forward to starting agility and to going to the AKC Invitational in January.

**CH. tinytowne's ALL IN A TIZZY**

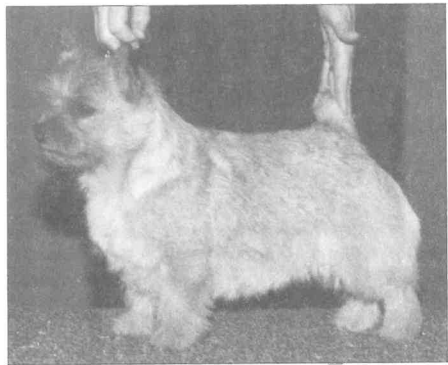
(Ch. Devondale's Master Merry Andrew x Ch. Castlehill's tinytowne Knockout)
Breeders: Rich & Dana Esquibel & Roberta Hill
Owners: Rich & Dana Esquibel & Carolyn Hudson

"Tizzy" finished in style, going WB/BOS at the April 8, 2004 NNTC Specialty at the Northern California Terrier Association show. A few days later at Sacramento KC, she went Best of Breed, defeating several top-five-rated Norwich. I am still awaiting an earthdog title on a tinytowne dog. Could it be Tizzy? We shall see.

CH. tinytowne's MINI COOPER

(Ch. Devondale's Master Merry Andrew x Ch. Castlehill's tinytowne Knockout)
Breeders: Rich & Dana Esquibel & Roberta Hill
Owners: Rich & Dana Esquibel

"Mini" finished with 3 majors from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class, the first bitch we have finished from Bred-By. She has a special personality and look that we hope she will pass on to her puppies.

**CH. ASTRO SHONLEH
CUSTOM MAID**

(Ch. tinytowne Tailormade Shonleh x Ch. Montclair's Touchstone)
Breeder: Billie O'Neill
Owners: Sharon Curry & Billie O'Neill

Owner handled by Sharon Curry, "Maddy" was WB and BOS at the April 9, 2004 NNTC supported entry at the Northern California Terrier Association show. She also earned a Best of Breed over top-winning Specials en route to her championship. Maddy is a littermate of the current #3 Norwich, Ch. Astro's Briardale Major Decision.

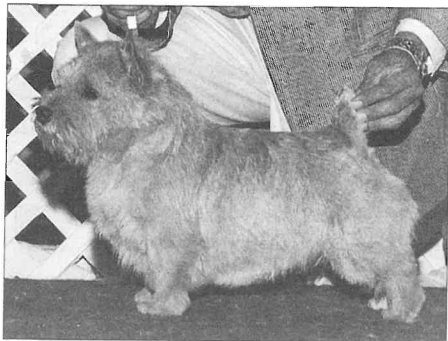
CH. NORWEIM'S SIR HEDGEWYCK

(Fairewood Long Valley Foster x

Norweim's Windsprite)

Breeder/Owner: Carol A. Jordan

"Hedgie" finished quickly with 4 majors. He is a cobby little guy with a macho attitude, a nice broad head, dark eye, full dentition and a good topline. He was groomed and shown with perfection by the "Green Team."



CH. NORWEIM'S GOLD DUST

(Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell x Ch. Norweim's Genuine Gold)

Breeder/Owner: Carol A. Jordan

"Duster" finished quickly with 3 majors. She has a very outgoing personality, keen expression, dark eye, perfect mouth, great coat, good topline and tailset. She loved every minute of showing.

CH. NORWEIM'S DIGGING FOR GOLD

(Terrapin Tour of Duty x Ch. Norweim's Genuine Gold)

Breeder: Carol A. Jordan

Owner: Denise Faulkner

"Duncan" is a very special boy. He is my first Norwich Terrier and my first champion. He has a wonderful coat, great bone, excellent bite, and a beautiful head. Thank you, Carol, for letting this sweet boy bring such love and happiness to my family!



CH. GLENELG TATTERSALL

(Ch. Allright American Dream x Ch. Glenelg Grazie SE)

Breeder: Deborah G. Pritchard

Owners: Deborah G. Pritchard & Kirsten Pollin

"Tattersall" is the sixth champion for his dam, Grazie. With his hard, wiry coat, good shoulders and lovely head, he finished from BBE with extra points from a third major and going BOB over a Special.

MAX-WELL (NORFOLK). What else would a Norfolk named American Doll do but have her puppies on Memorial Day? "Dolly" easily delivered four healthy babies, two of each sex which made me happy as the sire, Ch. Max-Well's Eastwind (Clyde), now resides out of the country. The game plan is to keep a boy and a girl here at Max-Well. Names were easy to find: American Dream, American Idol, American Pie and American Flag. As I write this, the pups are eight weeks old and full of themselves. It always amazes me how quickly these little devils grow both in mind and in body. When I observe a litter, I look not only for the one or two who appeal to my eye as the epitome of the standard, but also for the one who is outgoing, a bit bossy, first to get into "trouble." This puppy is the one who probably will make it in the show ring. From that moment on, I concentrate on training, playing and watching teeth. For me there is no reason to breed a litter unless I'm planning to hold onto a puppy for the ring.

The best part of being a breeder is the letters I receive from children singing the praises of their Norfolk. I can never understand why some breeders refuse to sell a pup to homes with children. Responsible parents bring up responsible children.

My daughter and son-in-law acquired one of my Norfolk over fifteen years ago. "Pip" (Max-Well's Witchcraft) earned her championship before she was two years old. At that point she was spayed, and her coat never saw a stripping knife again. I guess that's what happens when your daughter is into horses and finding a dog groomer is a bit difficult. "Pip" developed bladder stones when she was about ten years old. She was put on a special diet and the stones were removed. At eleven she developed a heart murmur that stayed much the same until she was put to sleep this past July due to old age. She never had a litter, but that didn't matter because "Pip" was loved by my two granddaughters, my son-in-law and my daughter. The love and care they bestowed on her was enormous. I'm sure another Norfolk puppy will soon be residing with them in Rhode Island.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

PINCHBECK (NORFOLK). It's high, humid summer in New Jersey, and only the hardiest of the Pinchbeck hunting dogs are out in the yard on varmint control in the midday sun! We have been hunting every Thursday morning since April, and the young dogs' level of experience is growing by leaps and bounds. They are learning to stay with the action and not go off on their own; they are learning to be tied at a bolthole and watch it; and, most important of all, they are learning that mini Dachshunds are not prey!! Going into a deeply dug hole after a groundhog is not every dog's "thing". Harry, for instance, is fabulous in tight quarters under or behind a shed, or in a brush pile. Sadie, on the other hand, slides out of sight in the earth where only her locator collar gives me a clue as to where she is. Sam, at 11 years young, is good at all the above, though I worry about him a bit as he is missing quite a few teeth!

Earthdog trials have started up again; Holly Beach Mack The Knife just earned his Junior Earthdog title, days before his second birthday on the 4th of July. Ch. Franaro Lucy Pinch should have her Master Earthdog title by the fall. She has pulled herself back into good shape after her winter litter and is busy training her young son, George, in the field as well. Three other young bitches are working on their titles, but have yet to put the whole performance together and qualify. Rugby's Picnic at Pinchbeck ("Nora"), back from the show ring with only a major left unaccounted for, is going to begin working in the Senior tunnel as soon as we have the dreaded recall back in working order! [Ed.: "Nora" is the sporty black and tan on the front cover of this News.]

How nice to have an obedience trial this fall in conjunction with Montgomery! I have a hip which is falling apart, but I hope to show up with a Norfolk at the other end of the lead, barring surgery/recovery time. It is wonderful to read about all the Norfolk and Norwich in performance events these days. Keep up the good work; it is the only true test of our terriers!

—Sue Ely, Bernardsville, NY

BREEDER UPDATES

TERRAPIN (NORWICH). Summer here has been leisurely and, temperature-wise, quite decent. Still, summer weather always reminds one of the possibility of heatstroke in dogs. Heatstroke is the inability to lower a fever brought on by excessive heat (and humidity). Signs are dramatic and include a rectal temperature of over 106°, extreme panting, fast pulse, weakness, a staring expression, and collapse. The high body temperature must be lowered rapidly to avoid brain damage or death. To this end a cold water bath/shower should be given immediately and ice should be applied to your dog's head and inner thighs. If the body temperature hasn't dropped to around 103° within ten minutes, a cold water enema may be necessary, keeping in mind that thereafter improvement cannot be measured by rectal temperature. Great fluid loss occurs during heatstroke, so keep giving your dog ice cubes or small amounts of water regardless of symptom improvement. If you have been successful with your home treatment, the vet will need to check your dog for brain or organ damage; if not successful, it will be necessary to replace lost water and to treat for shock. Cold water baths or enemas will continue and perhaps the use of oxygen. Common sense is the best prevention against heatstroke, but accidents can happen so be prepared to act and to act fast.

—Margaretta Wood, Phoenixville, PA



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Avoiding heatstroke—the Terrapin way



Photo credit: Richard Schiller

Montgomery's almost here; hope to see you there . . .

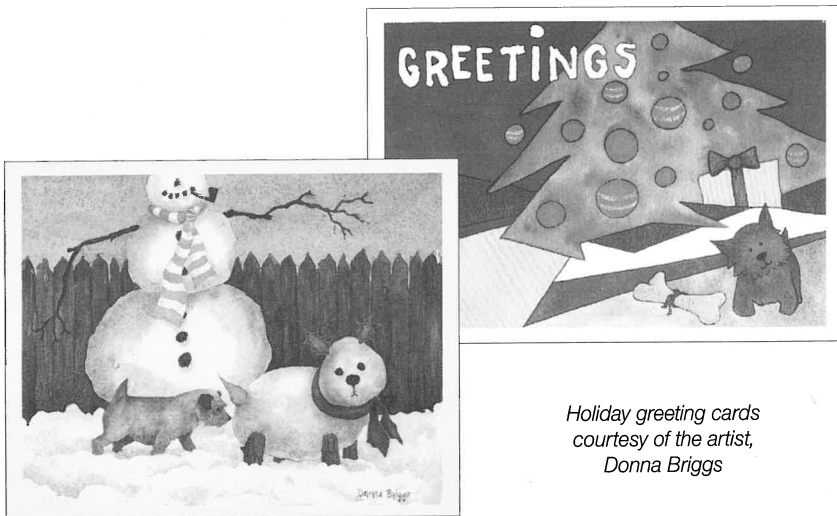
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CELEBRATE PEDIGREES: THE 2000 NORWICH TERRIER PEDIGREE BOOK. Compiled by long-time Norwich breeder, Carol Jordan, this loose-leaf book includes over 200 pages of 4-generation Norwich pedigrees, each with a photo of the particular dog or bitch. To obtain 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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