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March 1, 2013 is the deadline for submitting all articles and photos for the Spring 2013 News. Articles may be snail mailed to Alison Freehling at her new address: 1208 Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. If possible, however, I would much rather have your articles come online to nntcnews@hotmail.com, either as embedded e-mails or, preferably, as attachments in Microsoft Word. My computer often will not open articles sent in other formats. If you have questions about News' submissions, please feel free to call me at my new home phone number: 540-373-4268.

When sending photos for the News, please snail mail original 35 mm photos (in color or black and white) or e-mail digital photos that meet criteria suitable for printing in the News. Please see the instructions about digital photos below.

To assure timely publication of the Spring 2013 News, please be sure to meet—or better yet to beat—the March 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

—Alison Freehling

Sending Digital Photos to the News

Even in this digital world, we prefer to work with good 8 x 10 prints of photos destined for the Showfront and New Title Holder sections of the News. Because we crop Showfront and New Title Holders photos drastically to focus on the dog, they present special problems. If you cannot send the original of a show photo, please call 859-873-0550 and ask for Sharman.

We welcome digital photos for all other sections of the News. They should be approximately 900 pixels wide (or tall, if the orientation is portrait). 1200 pixels at the longest dimension is even better, especially if you hope to have your photo considered for the front or back cover. Please note that, depending on your computer monitor's resolution, a picture of this size may appear HUGE on your screen. Don't worry about this (and please don't resize the photo); it will be just right to print in the News.

As a general rule, your photos will be fine if you take them with a modern digital camera (less than 5 years old) AND set the camera to shoot at a high resolution. (Note: In the last year cameras on smart phones have improved dramatically, and a photo taken with a new phone might be usable, providing you do not compress the image to a smaller file size to make it easier to text or email. Please do not submit photos take from, or sized for, websites.) Save your file as a JPG or TIF; and happy shooting!

—Sharman Pepper, Deerhaven Press, printer of the News
“Hello” from Fredericksburg, a small city in north central Virginia where Bill and I and our two Norwich “Charlotte” (14 3/4 years) and “Choklat” (7 years) moved in early June. After several weeks of unpacking boxes, arranging furniture, hanging pictures, etc., we are now pretty well settled in our old (1896) house in the city’s historic district. Living in an urban environment has been quite an adjustment for our dogs, especially for Choklat, who heretofore has been a true “country bumpkin.” He was not accustomed to seeing cars or other dogs on his rural walks or to hearing “scary” city noises like garbage trucks and police sirens. After two months of twice-daily, on-lead walks around our neighborhood, he would still love to chase the cars and take on the big dogs, but he is gradually getting used to the urban hub-bub. Our house has a fairly spacious, fenced backyard for dogs (and grandkids), so everyone has room to run. Fortunately, neither of our Norwich is a barker, so that has not been a problem.

The past few months have also been a busy time for the NTCA. The club held its independent National Specialty in St. Louis on June 15, part of a 3-show weekend at the new, state-of-the-art Purina Events Center in Gray Summit, Missouri. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend due to the expected mid-June arrival of a new grandson (who, of course, was 10 days late). From all accounts, the St. Louis weekend was a resounding success, with the Purina facility receiving rave reviews as a venue for such a gathering of Norwich and Norwich fanciers. Leandra Little’s Specialty News report provides full details of the shows and the social events. Everyone involved in putting together this multi-faceted event, especially hostess Sandra Stemmler, host Larry Adams and NTCA Show Chair John Francisco, deserves a huge “thanks” for all the time and hard work they devoted to our club’s 2012 National Specialty.

During the recent Montgomery weekend, the NTCA welcomed two new Directors—Susan Miller Hall and Patty Warrender—to the Board and a new Show Chair, Marget Johnson. Marget kindly agreed to take over this important and demanding committee chair following the well-deserved retirement of John Francisco. John had been NTCA Show Chair since the club’s inception in 2009 and did a bang-up job. Kudos! Profiles of Susan, Patty and Marget can be found in the NTCA Announcements section of this News.

As always, many thanks to those NTCA members and News subscribers who sent articles and photos for the Fall 2012 issue. My supply of candid photos always needs replenishing, so please send pictures of your charming Norwich puppies and adults. A happy fall and winter season to all.

—Alison Freehling

A Note from NTCA President Jean Kessler

Dear Norwich Friends:

In considering what to write for the News, a quote came to mind that seems to apply to our club right now: “the only constant is change.” Our club is going through many changes. Some are good for the membership; some will benefit our breed. Changing the time and place of our National Specialty was a great idea. Many who aren’t able to travel to Pennsylvania in October were able to attend that weekend of June shows in St. Louis. Everyone had a really good time with the dogs and meeting up with old and new friends. Our hosts, Sandra Stemmler and Larry Adams, made us all feel most welcome and special.
Another significant change will be how club members select judges for our National Specialties. The new AKC process allows for parent breed club members to be involved in selecting qualifiers not on the current AKC approved list.

In my two years as NTCA President, I’ve seen more attention focused on the health of our breed. Many breeders are becoming more diligent about testing and health issues. This can only help us to have better and healthier dogs. If we all are open and receptive to suggestions and opportunities for improvement, we’ll bring about change for the good of our Norwich Terriers.

—Jean Kessler, Nokesville, V/ (luvnors@aol.com)

Report from the NTCA AKC Delegate

Good news/bad news: First, the bad news. The AKC Board of Directors denied the NTCA request to replace the AKC Impure Breeding Committee with the Mars Purebred Wisdom Panel DNA test to insure the integrity of Norwich pedigrees. The story of our request and AKC’s response is detailed in NTCA Registry Integrity Committee member Dana Esquibel’s report on pages 13-14 of this New.

More positive AKC news is the many innovations offered to the dog-owning public to increase registration and participation. Those possibly affecting Norwich owners are detailed below:

- The AKC is working with all parent breed clubs to provide new text and photographs for an updated edition of the AKC Complete Dog Book to be available in August, 2014. Second Vice President Jane Schubart will head up this project for the NTCA, assisted by News editor Alison Freehling.

- Reports for the first six months of the year show that AKC revenues from events and registration fees have increased. Any of you who have registered a litter or an individual dog must have noted the fee increases, said to be the first in many years. The AKC is now charging a $10.00 fee for each co-owner on registrations.

- The new Family Dog Program will award the suffix CGC to dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test. The accomplishment of passing the test will be officially recorded by AKC. There will be a $12.00 fee in addition to the $8.00 now charged for certificates. Owners whose dogs have passed the CGC test since January 1, 2001, may apply to have the title added to their dogs’ record.

- Juniors: AKC sees the participation of juniors and young exhibitors as the future of our sport. Parent clubs and all-breed clubs are encouraged to welcome juniors as participants. They are encouraging clubs to invite youngsters to dog events as an introduction to the world of purebred dogs. Clubs are encouraged to give recognition to junior members for participation in conformation as well as performance events. A recent change offers participation in Juniors’ Master Class for those juniors who have already earned 10 wins in the Junior Open classes.

- Obedience news is the development of optional titling classes: Pre-Novice, Pre-Open, and pre-Utility. There are no prerequisites to enter these classes. The big differences are the elimination of group stays and the lowering of jump heights. As reported earlier, the
AKC granted the NTCA's request that obedience jump heights be lowered from the height
of the dog down to three fourths the height of the dog. Since then the AKC Obedience
Department has put a moratorium on further requests for lowering jump heights.

For years there has been discussion on changing the procedure for judging approval. The
new process, effective March 2012, is more streamlined and flexible with the goal that merit and
ability advance and lack of merit and ability do not. Time will tell if this new goal is realized. May
the best dog always win!

—Betty McDonnell, "Kilyka" Norwich, Mahwah, NJ
(kilykanewf@aol.com)

New Members of the NTCA Board

Ed.: NTCA Trophy Chair Susan Miller Hall and NTCA Notions Chair Patty Warrender have joined
the NTCA Board as Directors, replacing Directors Alison Freehling and Magda Chiarella (formerly
Omansky), who have both retired after serving two 2-year terms. Below are brief "doggy" profiles, with
photos, of the club's new Board members. —AGF

Susan Miller Hall

I have been a life-long resident of Indiana
and a life-long dog lover. After having two sons,
my parents agreed that this completed the perfect
family and that they would forego having more
kids. My mother, though, yearned for a dark-
haired daughter, so my father presented her with
an eight-week-old black cocker spaniel bitch. She
was given my mom's favorite girl name, "Susan,"
aka "Susie," and by all accounts, she was a perfect
companion. So, a year later when I happened
on the scene, the name Susan was deemed good
enough for me.

Susie and I were inseparable. Over the years, many dogs and cats and horses followed Susie,
enough family pets to necessitate our move to the country. I was introduced to Norwich in 1998 after
watching Westminster. I began stalking breeders in the Midwest in an attempt to acquire one. I got a
male from Joan Eckert in 1998 and named him "Frank" after my father. My husband died in 2003;
his last anniversary gift to me was a Norwich Terrier female named "Cricket" (my mother's nickname).
Cricket became my foundation bitch. It was a long time coming full circle, but one little dog, Susie,
ltered my way of living, and Frankie and Cricket remain top dogs of the order.

On a professional note, I have a nursing degree from Indiana University. I was an ICU nurse
for 10 years—a handy background for breeding Norwich. When I left nursing practice, I went to
Purdue University and got a degree in Landscape Architecture. Now I breed and show Norwich and
now my lawn.

—Susan Miller Hall, "Fishback" Norwich, Indianapolis, IN
(smillerhall@sbcglobal.net)
Patty Warrender

As a very young girl, I wanted a “Jones” terrier, and Norwich were called back then. “Spicy” came into my life from Col. Dick Kirkpatrick, one of Virginia’s early prick ear breeders, and the breed captured my heart forever. For decades, one Norwich bitch at a time was my best friend. My Norwich would accompany me on pony rides through the Virginia countryside and, later, on hikes in Colorado. Norwich always seemed healthy, easy to breed and to whelp—rugged, lovable, funny little dogs.

About twenty years ago, I found myself without a Norwich. At that point, I decided to try and buy a top brood bitch prospect. Not surprisingly, I found that almost impossible. However, I have a determined character, and finally found a bitch puppy in England that seemed to fill the bill.

People who saw “Thistle” in my shop told me she must be shown. They even brought judges to evaluate this unshaven puppy. That led to then-NNTC member and handler Robyn Snyder being brought to see Thistle.

Thistle’s show career began after extensive grooming. This focused my goal to breed Norwich that represented the best qualities of the breed: good health, soundness and wonderful dispositions, in addition to excellent conformation. Over the past decade, I have developed a love affair with raising happy, healthy puppies that have had lots of socialization, training and experience with the outside world to prepare them to delight their new owners. It is a pleasure to know how much joy my puppies will bring to another person or family, the same joy that they have given me during my 14-16 week of raising them. Mating plans, pedigree study, whelping have all added to my love of the breed. I am very fortunate to have an ideal place to raise and keep dogs.

As a Board member, I hope to serve the NTCA in a way that reflects my love of the Norwich breed and my long experience as a Norwich owner, with particular focus on breeding responsibly.

—Patty Warrender, “Noridge” Norwich, Middleburg, VA
(pwnoridge@gmail.com)

A Brief Profile of New NTCA Show Chair Marget Johnson

I began showing dogs over 40 years ago with German Shepherd Dogs and Rottweilers, but didn’t get seriously involved with breeding and exhibiting until the mid-1980s with Newfoundlands. In the last 25 years, my husband Bill Matlock and I have been fortunate to breed a few good dogs and very successfully show some excellent Newfs. During that time I became quite active in our Newfoundland parent club and in a few all-breed clubs, and worked on or chaired a variety of specialty show committees.

When we retired to Maine, we decided to gradually downsize both our kennel and the size of our dogs, since my days of lifting 150+ lb. dogs onto grooming tables and into bath tubs are long past! In searching for a small breed, I turned to good friends and fellow Newfoundland enthusiasts
Betty McDonnell and Peggy Helming for advice on living with Norwich Terriers. Their Norwich are so remarkably cute and clever, so I knew the breed would be a great addition to our now smaller . . . and older . . . lifestyle. Our first Norwich, Ch. Abbedale Mel B., acquired from Joan Eckert with the help of Betty McDonnell, joined us in May 2009. The past three years of living with our now three Norwich has been a great and delightful learning experience.

Albeit a newcomer to the Norwich breed and to the NTCA, I am looking forward to maintaining the Norwich Specialty traditions and the superior show experience provided by recently-retired NTCA show chair John Francisco and his group of dedicated enthusiasts who have worked each year on the National. I am hoping, with your help, we can also introduce some great new “traditions” into the NTCA Specialty show experience. I hope you will share your thoughts and suggestions with me, and, most importantly, continue to volunteer your time and talent to making Norwich Specialty shows the premier showcase for our wonderful breed. Please call me at 207-667-5101 or write margetjohnsonmatlock@gmail.com with your great ideas!

—Marget Johnson, Surry, ME

Club Trophy and Award Winners For 2011

Ed.: The NTCA is continuing the NNTC tradition of awarding a variety of conformation and performance trophies to member-owned Norwich each year. The following winners for 2011 were announced at the June 15, 2012 NTCA National Specialty awards banquet in St. Louis. —AGF

Conformation: Bred-by-Exhibitor Awards

The NTCA awards annual trophies to each member-owned Norwich dog and bitch earning all his/her championship points from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class.

The 2011 John Paul Jones Trophy (Norwich Dog)

This trophy is named in honor of influential pricked ear sire, Ch. John Paul Jones of Groton (JPJ). Bred by Mrs. John C. Winthrop (later Mrs. A. C. Randolph) in 1943, JPJ was owned by Norwich Terrier Club President (1955-1960) Mr. Alden Blodget and his wife, Cornelia Otis Skinner.
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Blind in one eye from a hunting accident, JPJ won Best of Breed at Westminster in 1946 and was the first post-World War II American-bred Norwich champion. He lived to the ripe, old age of 18. (See Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966, pp. 17, 28).

- Ch. Den-Mar’s Shoot For The Moon (Marie Cato)
- Ch. Briardales Tommy Tucker (Carole Foucrault)
- Ch. Fly ‘N High’s Rocket Man (Sharon L. Jones)

The 2011 High Rising Trophy (Norwich Bitch)

This trophy is named in honor of early American prick ear breeders, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dickson Green, whose many homebred Norwich champions included the influential Ch. High Rising Hardy Perennial, twice Best of Breed at early Norwich Terrier Club Specialties. (See Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966, pp. 64-65).

- Ch. Reverie’s Caramel Delight (Ann S. Carlson)
- Ch. tinytowne’s Hot Rod Hottie (Rich & Dana Esquibel)
- Ch. Dunbar’s Brides Dowry (Joan S. Kefeli)
- Ch. Kilyka’s Witch Hazel (Betty McDonnell)
- Ch. Norieland Some Like It Hot (Karen & Steve Vaughn)
- Ch. Norieland Queen For A Day (Karen & Steve Vaughn)

The 2011 Double Q Plus Award: Agility

The NTCA Double Q Plus Award goes to the member-owned Norwich earning the most agility points for the year, based on AKC point calculations (number of Double Q’s x 10 + speed points). Double Q= two qualifying runs at the same agility competition.

- Breakaway’s In The Know MX MXJ XF (Rainee Johnson, DVM)

Top 5 Agility Norwich (after the Double Plus Q award winner)

These 5 Norwich are in descending order of finish, i.e., the top dog earned the most agility points after the Double Q Plus award winner, etc.

- MACH3 Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE XF SE (Ursula Walsh)
- Slightly The Hired Hand AX MXJ OF (Ursula Walsh)
- Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD AX MXJ (Chris Zink)
- Arcadian Dynamite Red Beryl MX MXJ (Melanie Bryson)
- Dignpop Lucky Lily Ru AX MXJ OF (Susan Novotny)

The 2011 River Bend Award: Obedience

The River Bend Trophy, a long-time NNTC and now NTCA annual award, is named in honor of Norwich/Norfolk breeder and obedience enthusiast Sylvia Warren (River Bend) and goes to the member-owned Norwich with the highest obedience score in AKC competition during the
year. No Norwich with a UD (Utility Dog) or UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) title is eligible to win the River Bend Trophy. For the point scale used to determine the highest obedience score, see page 26 of the Spring 2011 News. —AGF

- Ch. Kilyka's Early Bird CDX NA NAJ (Betty McDonnell)

Top 3 Obedience Norwich (after the River Bend winner)

- Fairfield Zilly CDX RAE (Joanie & Dave Brobst)
- Ch. Gaylord's Vixon of Ipswich RN MX MXJ (Joan C. Bakken)

2011 Versatility Awards

Requirements for the NTCA Versatility and Versatility Excellent Awards are posted on the club's website at http://norwichterrierclub.org. —AGF

- Rogel's In The Zone RN OA AXJ NAP NJP JE (Margaret Johnson)
- Ch. Shonleh He's A Magic Man RA AX AXJ OF (Patty Fornelli)

Many thanks to NTCA Show Chair John Francisco and NTCA Performance Chair Carlynn Ricks for compiling the list of 2011 NTCA annual award winners. The News congratulates all NTCA members whose Norwich won conformation and performance awards and apologizes for any omissions and/or inadvertent errors in your dogs' names, titles and awards. —AGF

Beach volleyball, anyone? (12-week-old "Vegas" Rogers)
Ch. Littlefield Lovenote for Becky (7/23/1996-6/25/2012)

Affectionately called “Sugar” by owners David Willner and Carol Gamm and their now-grown children Adam and Becky, this sweet red Norwich was Littlefield’s first breed champion. Carol kindly consented to write a few words in memoriam:

“On June 25th, we lost our wonderful girl. Sugar was just a few weeks short of her 16th birthday, and her death has devastated her human and canine family. Sugar was a show champion, a great-great grandmother of champions, and a valiant cancer survivor. Sugar would have been insulted to be considered a “pet.” She considered herself an equal member of the family and ran the household “clock.” Sugar would jump off the bed when she thought it was time for the morning walk. She would come upstairs and bug me when she thought it was time for dinner and a walk. She also let me know when she thought it was a good time to go out for the last time at night. She had her own ideas about when things should be done. She had her own routine. Our consolation is that she lived a long and happy life, and that she has left us with so many wonderful descendants.”

As Sugar’s breeder, that is my consolation too. Sugar was one of two bitches from my second litter. (Her littermate, Maggie, still survives.) Her dam was Joan Read’s Chidley Oh Dear. Her sire was Ch. Skyscot’s Steeplejack, a Don son. She was one of my “learner” dogs. Before her first show appearance, I appeared weekly at Carol and Dave’s home in Upper Montclair, NJ to groom. They were such good sports and so was Sugar.

I didn’t know I was taking off too much coat, so she appeared in her underwear at her first Montgomery in 1997. In spite of my best efforts, she won her class. She was also Winners Bitch at the match show held in conjunction with Montgomery at George and Anna Bellenger’s home in Unionville, PA. I was absolutely thrilled. Anna snapped a photo of Sugar and used it in her wonderful linocut “Confrontation—the raw-hide bone.” Darling Sugar is in the lower right hand corner, just as she appeared at the match show. I will always treasure my issue of that artwork, and indeed I have Sugar’s photo from the match show inset in the mat.

Sugar had wonderful movement, fantastic dentition and an absolutely beautiful square hind set. She was healthy and sweet-tempered. She was smart and figured out early on what conformation shows were about. She had the show gene and would enter the ring like a star performing for the judge and the crowd. She passed these attributes on to her descendants, including her granddaughter, Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony, who, at age 7 ½ years, did so well at the
recent NTCA St. Louis Specialty. She passed these good genes on to her great-grandsons too: GCH Littlefield Dignpop Dashiell of Dungeness, GCH Dignpop Dash of Panache and Swiss/German Ch. Littlefield Saxony Montgomery Dream. But Sugar also had her own moment in the limelight. She finished at the Hatboro KC show on 10/2/1998, going BOS from the classes. We moved her up for Devon, and she was again BOS.

We only bred Sugar once—after all, she was a beloved family member. She had a litter of two boys and a girl on her own birthday, July 23, in 1999. Through Sugar I have my dear friends Carol and Dave, who still have Sugar's son Littlefield Adam's Braveheart. There is also Ch. Littlefield Just Wild About Harry. Both boys are spry at age 13, as is their sister, Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle, who stayed with me. [Ed. See below for the sad news of "Harry's" sudden passing.] Ch. Littlefield Lovenote for Becky laid the foundation for Littlefield. I have her great-great granddaughters here: Littlefield Little's Night Music and Panzanella degli Acquisti per Littlefield who, along with Halle, most closely resembles Sugar.

She will live on.

—Lee Little, "Littlefield" Norwich, Weehawken, NJ
(llittle9@earthlink.net)

Ch. Littlefield Just Wild About Harry

(7/23/99-8/15/12)

I got some sad news yesterday. One of my puppy owners e-mailed me that her Ch. Littlefield Just Wild About Harry (Ch. Sandina Sabotage x Ch. Littlefield Lovenote for Becky) had unexpectedly passed away in his sleep overnight. His owners found him in his favorite spot in the morning. Harry had just turned 13. He was being treated for an unidentified bacterial infection, but had otherwise always been very healthy. He was a "Sugar" son and achieved his conformation Championship in 2001 before his second birthday.

Of course, we thought he would live to a ripe old age like his dam. He was the sweetest tempered boy and the beloved companion of his owners Carol and Patrick Peace. He is terribly missed.

—Leandra Little, "Littlefield" Norwich, Weehawken, NJ
(llittle9@earthlink.net)

Littlefield Good Time Charlie

(4/23/98-8/17/12)

A few days after writing Harry's obit, I received another e-mail from Carol Peace with the incredible news that she and her husband Pat had lost their other "Littlefield" Norwich, 14-year-old Charlie” (Ch. Teutonia's Viktor x Littlefield Mazie Dear). Carol reported that, just two days after his life-long friend Harry's death,

"Charlie had experienced sudden distress. My husband and I took him to the emergency animal hospital, where x-rays and a CAT scan revealed a tumor on his aorta. The vet said there was nothing they could do for him and that he had only a very short period of time to live. Our regular vet confirmed the cancer diagnosis, adding that Charlie's condition would most likely get very bad and that he would suffer. We had him put to sleep that morning. My husband and I are in disbelief that we lost Harry and Charlie within a few days of each other. Charlie was our first Norwich Terrier. He was the smartest and cutest little dog we ever had. He used to prop himself up in the corner of the sofa and watch TV with
us. Everyone who met Charlie loved him. Harry was our second Norwich and our breed Champion. We were very proud of his accomplishment. Harry was a mellow boy who was always fine with whatever was going on. Charlie and Harry were known to everyone as 'The Peace Boys.'

— Carol Peace, Bloomfield, NJ (carol.peace@adp.com)

Best friends “Harry” (l.) and “Charlie” Peace in their holiday bandannas

My heartfelt condolences to the Peaces on the loss of their cherished companions.

— Leandra Little

Wemakaro’s Blueberry Pie
(April 22, 1996-August 9, 2012)

The Spring of 1996 found us in England to pick up our “special” Norwich puppy after an extensive search for an exceptional bitch. Many people tried to discourage me from hoping to find such a puppy, but I was determined. Of course, a 10-week-old puppy is impossible to assess totally but we were very lucky. “Thistle” turned out to be that exceptional Norwich in every way and in every phase of her long life.

Many people urged me to show her. That led to my life as I know it now. Thistle became a wonderful, free-whelping brood bitch, passing on her loving, enthusiastic disposition to all the generations to follow. Hopefully we can keep her line going. My life now is filled with the joy of raising puppies without having to leave home to “work.” I continue to get much more from these little rascals than they get from me, but I try to have the puppies we sell go to exceptional families.

Thistle touched so many people throughout her life. Even in her senior years, she maintained her dignity and grace despite the ravages of age. Now in death, she continues to contribute to the welfare of the breed through the NTCA’s “Legacy of Love” Program where I took her body after she was put to sleep.

I would be remiss not to mention some of Thistle’s mentors. The first was Andrew Kramer followed by Debbie Pritchard, Robyn Snyder, and many others. Thistle taught me much more than I taught her, and her loss is a daily sadness. But I cherish her wonderful memories, knowing full well that she really was that “special” dog that comes along so rarely.

— Patty Warrender, “Noridge” Norwich, Middleburg, V.
(pwnoridge@gmail.com)

*Ed.: See the profile of Patty Warrender on page 6 of this News for a photo of “Thistle.”*
AKC Rejects NTCA Registry Integrity Committee’s Request

The integrity of the Norwich Terrier Registry is at risk, and the NTCA Registry Integrity Committee (RIC), chaired by long-time Norwich breeder Carol Suggs (“Half-A-Bob”), continues to work toward removing non-purebred Norwich from our registry. As fast as the RIC can get impure dogs removed, however, the AKC registers more. The AKC will not remove many dogs the RIC knows are not purebred because the current method AKC uses to evaluate suspect dogs is the Impure Breeding Committee. This committee is composed of four AKC employees who look at photos and give an opinion. AKC only removes dogs that are obviously not purebred because of their color. How does the RIC know these suspect dogs are not purebred? Three reasons: 1. The dog's physical characteristics, including color; 2. A suspicious pedigree; 3. The use of the Mars Wisdom Panel DNA Test. However, at this time, the AKC will not recognize the use of the Mars Wisdom Panel DNA Test by Parent Clubs.

Carol Suggs decided the only way to make headway in this revolving door of mixed dogs entering the Norwich Registry was to get the AKC to accept the science of the Mars Wisdom Panel DNA Test. She organized Norwich breeders, along with a few Cairn, Norfolk, and mixed breeds that came into the RIC’s possession, to contribute these dogs’ DNA to Mars to confirm the reliability of the test for purebred Norwich. After testing close to 100 dogs, it was found to be an accurate test for determining Norwich Terriers.

And then it happened...........

The AKC and owners of Low Uric Acid Dalmatians wanted them accepted into the Dalmatian Registry. To that end, AKC Health and Welfare Advisory Panel commissioned Mars Veterinary to use the Mars Wisdom Panel Test on 27 of the LUA Dalmatians. The test proved that these dogs were purebred Dalmatians.

This action set a precedent. Carol went into high gear to put together a request to the AKC to allow the NTCA to be granted the same privilege that AKC gave itself, i.e., use of the Mars Wisdom Panel Purebred DNA Test to identify impure dogs in relationship to the AKC Registry. Carol compiled a packet of information for each AKC Director and asked that our club's request be put on the Agenda at the next AKC Board meeting. Dr. Angela Hughes of Mars wrote a letter establishing the validity of the test. The Cairn Terrier Club of America sent a letter to the AKC Board of Directors, stating that club's support of the NTCA request. The Cairn Club letter stated:

“The Board of Governors of the Cairn Terrier Club of America has been made aware of the problem concerning registering dogs as Norwich Terriers that have been proven to be of impure bloodlines. Some of these dogs are purebred Cairn Terriers (whose tails have been docked) and some are part Cairn and part Norwich....At its March 23rd meeting in Fort Worth TX, the Board of Governors of the Cairn Terrier Club of America voted unanimously to support the efforts of the Norwich Terrier Club to require A.K.C. to
use scientifically proven methods (specifically the Mars Wisdom Panel Purebred Test) to rid the A.K.C. registry of dogs registered as Norwich Terriers which, in fact, are not purebred dogs. To continue to allow impure dogs to be registered violates the mission of the American Kennel Club."

In June 2012, the AKC turned over the NTCA's request to their Health and Welfare Advisory Panel for review. In July, Carol Suggs received a reply from AKC Corresponding Secretary, James Crowley. Her request for the use of the Mars Wisdom Panel Purebred DNA Test was unanimously rejected. The AKC letter stated:

"The Board considered a request from the Norwich Terrier Club of America to use the Mars Wisdom Panel* Purebred certification test to replace the procedure currently used by AKC to evaluate impure breeding complaints. The AKC obtains litter records, individual breeding records and photographic evidence of the dog, its sire and dam as well as littermates. In some cases, AKC has individuals knowledgeable in the breed physically examine the dogs. The AKC Board discussed the request at length and unanimously agreed to maintain the current procedures. Any AKC policy or procedure must be applicable to all registrable breeds, both domestically bred and imported. Both Mars and the AKC Advisory Panel communicated that the test is fallible. In fact the only conclusive parentage test would involve the evaluation of the DNA of the sire and dam as well as the get. Given that the Mars Wisdom Panel* test is not something that can be relied upon with complete consistency for judgments and it could even identify a purebred dog as impure, which would not be fair, AKC would not use it as the final determinant in these cases. The AKC Impure Breeding Committee will therefore continue to handle these cases as it has in the past. In 2011 it investigated sixteen complaints across all breeds, which resulted in cancellation of AKC Registration for dogs in eleven cases. Following a motion by Dr. Newman, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, it was VOTED (unanimously) to deny the request of the Norwich Terrier Club of America."

Although Carol feels this is a major set-back, she plans to move forward and to work toward other goals to eliminate the loopholes in the way AKC places non-purebred dogs in the Norwich Registry.

—Dana Esquibel, NTCA RIC member, El Sobrante, CA (tinytowne@comcast.net)
R.E.A.D.: Have You Read About It?

My Norwich bitch “Halle Beary” and I were introduced to the R.E.A.D. program a year ago. It is a job that Halle just loves and looks forward to each week. It started with us going to the local library once a month and now has grown to include weekly school visits, including summer school and spotlight appearances such as Dr. Seuss week.

What is R.E.A.D.?

The initials stand for Reading Education Assistance Dog, a children’s literacy support program headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is a program of the Intermountain Therapy Animals that began as a local program in 1999. Its success is reflected in its growth to now include over 2,000 R.E.A.D. teams in the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Italy.

What is the mission of R.E.A.D.?

Its mission is to improve children’s reading skills by having kids read to a dog that is part of a R.E.A.D. team. The focus audience is K-Grade 2.

What is a registered R.E.A.D. team?

A R.E.A.D. team consists of a registered therapy dog, who must pass tests for health, safety, skills and temperament, and his/her human companion, who also undergoes training directed at personal reading and teaching skills and interactive skills with his/her dog.

How does R.E.A.D. work?

R.E.A.D. is based on the very basic concept that kids love dogs. Reading to a dog is fun for the child and, by extension, reading itself becomes fun. The reading sessions are held one on one with the child—one R.E.A.D. team of dog and handler to one child. It has been found that reading to a dog is less intimidating to a child than reading to a person or to a group and removes peer pressure. Children often experience an improvement in their self-esteem and confidence that extends to other aspects of their lives. Children look forward to reading with the dogs; it is not viewed as a remedial program by either the child or his peers. Often children with reading challenges are envied by their peers because they are reading to the dogs.

When Halle and I began our R.E.A.D. experience, I was sure that Halle would love it, but I wasn’t sure if I would interact with the kids as well as I do with dogs. No need to worry. I always introduce myself and Halle before each session with a new reader. Always without fail at the end of the reading session, it’s “Good-bye, Halle.” They are completely enthralled with her. I’m just along to hold the other end of the leash, so to speak. Halle does most of the ‘talking’ with the kids. Halle
tells the child how good he or she has read that page, how much Halle has enjoyed that book, how smart the child was to be able to read such a hard word, etc. And Halle asks questions: What does that word mean? I don't know it, do you? Of course, Halle conveys her messages through me, but it is definitely Halle, not me, who is interacting with the child.

I love sharing some of Halle's breakthrough moments with 'her kids.' Our very first R.E.A.D session was during Dr. Seuss week with the first graders at our local school. Each child had about 5 minutes to read a page to Halle from a Dr. Seuss book. As we continued and I asked for the next volunteer reader, one little girl came over to read to Halle just like the other children. After school was over, her teacher told me that that little girl had never before read aloud to anyone during the entire school year. I never would have guessed that. She was right there reading her book to Halle just like everyone before and after her. During another moment, a young reader was pointing at each word as she read. Halle asked if the little girl needed to use her finger as Halle couldn't see the words. Immediately the finger went away, and it never returned for the rest of the school year. One time at the library, a child picked out a pop-up book to read. She stood facing Halle with the pop-up book in front of her so that she was reading upside down just so Halle could see the pictures and follow along.

The R.E.A.D program is versatile. You can do as much or as little as you wish. The school programs require more of a time commitment since these programs recommend meeting with the child for fifteen minutes once a week, but the library programs can be as little as an hour once a month. It's best to limit the time that your dog is working to an hour, which means Halle and I see four children once a week at each school session. If sessions last longer than 15 minutes, the child can become bored. Longer than one hour, the dog may become restless or exhausted. Somehow the dogs realize that they are working, and it can become a strain for them if the sessions are too long. You will see your dog becoming fidgety, inattentive to the children, etc. It's amazing how much energy these dogs put into these sessions. Halle knows what 'school' means and cries and whines and fusses all the way to school. On the way home, she sleeps so soundly that she doesn't even rouse if I need to stop for gas.

Overall, Halle and I just love the R.E.A.D program. Halle loves the attention and the kids. The kids love Halle, and I love seeing the children advance in their reading skills, confidence and self-esteem. It's a win-win-win for all three of us. If you are interested in more information about the program, visit the R.E.A.D website (www.therapyanimals.org/READ.html) or contact Halle at kerrynor@msn.com.

—Joan Graham, “Saxony” Norwich, Larksville, PA (kerrynor@msn.com)

Purina Pro Club Membership

Ed.: Earlier this year, the NTCA Board voted to continue the club's participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP). NTCA Recording Secretary Tammy Sandin, whose Norwich dir. on Purina products, has been a Purina Pro Club (PPC) member since 2004. Below she explains what that program involves and how you can benefit our breed by becoming a member. —AGF

To be eligible for PPC membership, a person must reside in the USA, care for five or more dogs, and/or breed one litter of puppies a year. Members cut out "weight circles" found on the bag of qualifying Purina products and send the circles to the PPC, designating a national parent breed
club (the NTCA) as the beneficiary. PPC keeps track of the points earned by members and donates 10% of the points' total value. For example, for every $100 of qualifying Purina weight circles, PPC donates $10. Until recently, 50% of that sum went to the national parent breed club and 50% to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Norwich Donor Advised Fund to support approved Norwich health research. A few months ago, the NTCA Board of Directors approved a motion to donate the club's portion of the PPC funds to the breed's AKC/CHF Donor Advised Fund.

As a PPC member, I enjoy receiving Today's Breeder Magazine, which includes information on successful breeding programs, articles on health, awards, training, and the history of different breeds. I also get an update newsletter focusing on current canine scientific developments. Sometimes these are specifically for the terrier breeds. The current magazine features an article on an international conference sponsored by Purina where 200 geneticists discussed advances related to cancer, immunology, neurology, etc. The first Norwich I purchased suffers from epilepsy, and I was interested to read that an epilepsy locus has been identified on chromosome 37 in Belgian Shepherds.

A PPC member's points, accumulated from submitting the weight circles, can be used for goods and services. Breeders can also order Puppy Starter Kits for their new puppy owners. You can easily sign up and manage your account at www.purinaproclub.com. If you feed Purina Pro Plan products and you haven't signed up for PPC membership yet, please check it out. If you are a member, please remember to tell PPC to credit Norwich and send in those weight circles to add a few dollars to our AKC/CHF "Donor Advised Fund."

—Tammy Sandin, “Shorttales” Norwich, Atlanta, GA (thesandins@mindspring.com)

A "Weighty" Tale

My nickname is “Miss Piggy.”

“Miss Piggy” using the chute.

As you can see in this photo, I was a very OBESE puppy, so obese that I was nicknamed "Miss Piggy." My dam had lots of milk and I was the only puppy who could nurse—so I got it all. My two littermates were injured during the c-section and had to be tube-fed. I was so overweight that my breeders Rich and Dana Esquibel built a chute to help me walk. They also did little physical therapy exercises with my legs several times a day to help strengthen them. Luckily I wasn't at all obese when I grew up. I only weighed 11 pounds as an adult. Don't let your Norwich get too fat!

Sincerely,
The former “Miss Piggy”
(with help from Dana Esquibel & AGF)
Report from NTCA Rescue Chair Joan Eckert

I feel fortunate to report that there has been very little activity in the Rescue department of our club. Due to the NTCA members' policy of Norwich breeders being responsible for their own little dogs, we have had very little to answer to. I still have many concerned folks write to tell me about a puppy or an adult dog on different Internet sites like Petfinders, Nextday Pets, etc., but all such dogs that I have inquired about have been mixes, several not even looking like any kind of terrier at all. I do appreciate the cooperation I get from NTCA members who will help out with ID. Even the few we have helped are not a financial burden on the club, as these members handle the problem themselves and have not charged the club. So if and when the time comes that we have a real emergency, our rescue monies will be in place ready to answer the call. Case in point, NTCA member Nancy Wise recently stepped in to help pick up and place a Norwich when I received a call from a desperate owner who wanted to turn her Norwich puppy over to rescue. Nancy has written about this successful rescue/rehoming below. Thanks to Nancy and to the other wonderful club members who have served the NTCA Rescue Committee by helping these wonderful little dogs find the good loving homes they deserve.

—Joan Eckert, NTCA Rescue Chair, Kalamazoo, MI
(joaneckert@sbcglobal.net)

"Reese" Finds A Loving New Home

This is not a story of tremendous heroics. Rather it is a story of how good things happen when established NTCA Rescue guidelines work successfully. Following the policy set forth by the Norwich Terrier Club of America, Rescue Chair Joan Eckert e-mailed and asked me to contact a young woman in my geographic area who wished to surrender a 5-month-old Norwich female she had purchased on the Internet. The young woman had a myriad of reasons for placing "Reese," but it was obvious she was out of options and we needed to respond immediately. The puppy seller/breeder would not return the woman's calls and e-mails, so the woman has gone to Plan B and had found our club's Rescue Chair on the Internet. Thank goodness for NTCA Rescue and Joan Eckert since, if help was not forthcoming, Reese's owner told me her next step would have been to relinquish her puppy to the large metropolitan shelter in our immediate area.

I arranged immediate pick up. The woman appeared to be relieved with our arrangements, calling me twice before my arrival to confirm that I was coming to pick up the puppy. I admit I was nervous that the rescue would not happen as the woman sounded frantic and upset, but thankfully, she was waiting for me as arranged. She lived in a high rise apartment building and was waiting for me outside, accompanied by her building superintendent. Apparently she had failed to check the most important rule of the building, which was "no pets." The superintendent was adamant to ascertain that I was not a decoy who would take the puppy and then return her to the owner at another time.
Reese’s transfer went well; the young woman was sad, but very relieved. She asked if I thought she was terrible for giving Reese up. I told her that, on the contrary, I thought she was very brave. The puppy was in excellent condition and had obviously been well socialized. I called Joan Eckert and with her excellent guidance and suggestions, I found Reese a home in my area with a Mom and her young son. The Mom works in a dog-friendly business where she can take the puppy to work every day. Her son Eric, when explaining how Reese came to live with him, put it best when he said he was so happy there were people out there who love dogs so much that they would share Reese with him. I certainly concur, and applaud the NTCA Rescue policy that encourages all members to take part in helping our Norwich Terriers.

—Nancy Wise, Herndon, VA (jedthrice@cox.net)
BREED HEALTH

What's New On The Norwich Health Front?

Norwich Terrier Health Priorities

In May 2012, NTCA Health Committee concluded an online Norwich Terrier Health Priorities Survey, hosted by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. The survey results summary can be viewed online at www.offa.org. Those who attended the Health Seminar during the mid-June NTCA National Specialty in St. Louis had a chance to hear the results and to ask questions during a presentation by Ed Dziuk from the OFA. In-depth analysis of the data and cross-referencing various data points will be available to researchers. Thank you to all participants!

There were 521 Norwich Terriers surveyed. Our health priorities for the breed are reproductive problems, upper respiratory disease, and dental problems. Out of the surveyed population of female Norwich Terriers, over 20% were reported to have difficulties whelping litters. This number becomes alarming when cross-referenced to only intact females in the survey. Over 100% of intact females surveyed experienced difficulties whelping puppies. How is a number over 100% possible? Some spayed females had litters prior to being spayed, driving the numbers upwards of 100%. In other words, there were more females reporting difficulties whelping than numbers of females reported as intact. I am frankly at a loss for words regarding these startling numbers. The NTCA Health Committee will consider Norwich Terrier female reproductive disorders its highest priority.

Upper respiratory disorders stood at about 15% of the surveyed breed population. In the absence of a universal testing protocol for UAS, we have to consider the statistics as reflecting dog-diagnosed with UAS after suffering symptoms affecting their everyday life.

Dental problems affected 13% of the surveyed dog population, a higher number than an average for other breeds. This is another area of concern we will pursue learning more about.

Seizure disorder showed a slightly lower statistical occurrence than in the previous Norwich health survey from over 5 years ago. The number dropped from 10% to slightly over 6%. The average number of dogs affected with seizure disorders for all canines of all breeds, including mixes breeds, is accepted as 10%. Therefore, our breed numbers for the American population of Norwich Terriers are below that average.

NIH Study of Brachycephaly Genetics

As you all know, Dr. Jeff Schoenebeck has been working to identify genes related to brachycephaly, and ultimately to Upper Airway Syndrome, in our breed. His work is marked with steady progress. Dr. Schoenebeck has recently published the results of genetic mapping of cranial shape of dog discovered so far (PLOS Genetics August 2012 issue). The article announces "the discovery of a compelling candidate for causality at the CFA32 QTL: a derived missense mutation in BMP3 that is nearly fixed among small, brachycephalic dog breeds. This discovery is an important step in sifting through genetic material implicated in UAS. We will be announcing further updates of this study within the next couple of months.

UAS Informational Brochure

The NTCA Health Committee is gathering information to be published as a brochure about Upper Airway Syndrome in Norwich Terriers. We are pursuing articles written by specialists on all aspects of the upper respiratory disorders in our breed, from prevention through diagnostic and corrective surgeries to the newest experimental treatments. If you can help us get in touch with specialists willing to participate in this project, please contact me at dignpop.norwich@gmail.com
NTCA Health Chair

Although I had expressed a wish to resign as NTCA Health Committee chair in the spring of 2013, I have agreed to stay on in the position. Two industrious members of the health committee stepped forward offering to share much of the work. Thank you Joan Graham and Pam Seifert! We hope to conclude the many long-term tasks we have started since the inception of NTCA, for which the continuum of work is advantageous. The health committee also has some new and exciting projects brewing. We will be making more announcements in membership mailings.

—Magda Omansky Chiarella, NTCA Health Chair, Murray Hill, NJ

Norwich Terrier Trachea Disorders

(And Information About A New OFA Tracheal Hypoplasia Database)

“Upper Airway Syndrome” (UAS) has regrettably become an all too familiar phrase to those involved with our enchanting breed. We have come a long way from discussions on whether the syndrome affects Norwich Terriers. Today we do not doubt that UAS is the breed’s main health concern, and the NTCA has been working assiduously to find a test and a cure. We should never stop learning all we can and seizing every chance to map the best breeding paths away from the disease. A new database provides a new tool for tackling one aspect of Upper Airway Syndrome.

The syndrome, as this very word indicates, is a pattern composed of many small pieces. This article is devoted to the trachea—the windpipe connecting the lungs with the throat. Imagine a tube made up of small c-shaped rings with an open end of the “C” at the spine. A healthy trachea is large enough to support a continuous exchange of air between the lungs and the external environment, and is shaped in a way that allows unobstructed air flow while preventing any pollutants from entering the lungs. Tracheal environment includes a constant presence of mucosa, which trap foreign particles that can be brought up back to the larynx.

The three most common tracheal abnormalities in other breeds affect the size of the trachea, its shape, and the rigidity of its rings. There could also be a mucus production disorder. In other words, there are a number of ways for trachea not to function properly. The size abnormality usually means that the windpipe is too narrow. The shape problems involve any deviation from normal “C” in ring shape. The weakened rigidity of rings undermines the structural strength of the tube.

The most serious condition is tracheal collapse, when the rings collapse and air cannot flow properly, or at all. So which of the three tracheal abnormalities listed above (size, shape, strength of rings) are most commonly responsible for tracheal collapse in Norwich Terriers? None of the above! The most common reason for tracheal collapse in our breed is the presence of UAS in other parts of the dog’s respiratory system. Years of labored breathing put a tremendous strain on the rings of the windpipe, sometimes leading to their collapse. Tracheal collapse is the most commonly reported tracheal problem in Norwich Terriers, yet it is frequently not related to size, shape or strength of the tracheal rings. Most Norwich are born with tracheas of normal size, shape and strength.

However, it is possible for a Norwich to be born with a trachea that is misshaped or too small. It is just not nearly as common as a trachea collapsing later in life under the strain of high air pressure coming from another respiratory abnormality.
The shape abnormality is any deviation from the "C" shape. How sadly befitting that when our little charmers have misshapen trachea, the trachea resembles a heart shape. "Heart-shaped trachea" is exactly how researchers at the University of Berne (Switzerland) termed the tracheal shape malformation in the Norwich breed. It leads to labored breathing and difficulty in managing tracheal mucosa movement. The dog may cough and gag.

Less commonly, but not a red herring in the breed, the dog might be born with a trachea that is too narrow for the dog's body. Even if it does not collapse, the narrow tube will not allow enough air flow. The dog will struggle to take each noisy breath. When the trachea is too narrow, it is referred to as **hypoplastic**.

Hypoplastic trachea is typically found in brachycephalic breeds (Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, Pugs). Last year, the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals launched a pilot database program for tracheal hypoplasia in Bulldog-type breeds. OFA has agreed to open the database for Norwich Terriers as well. The application forms do not list our breed, but once sent in, they will be accepted.

The aim of the database is to keep track of dogs affected with a congenital condition of being born with trachea too narrow for the size of the body. I am very happy to announce that the OFA tracheal hypoplasia database is a new tool we can start using immediately. At the same time, I worry that it can be easily misinterpreted by the users.

The database will keep track of one very small aspect of UAS and the least common tracheal abnormality in the Norwich Terrier. A dog that has been certified to have a normal size trachea can still be very severely affected with UAS, including a possibility of a tracheal collapse. Please remember that OFA certification for tracheal hypoplasia will only tell you that the dog's trachea has the proper size. It will not tell you whether the trachea has the proper shape or how rigid the rings are. And it will certainly not tell you anything about other aspects of UAS involving the larynx and nasopharynx that may ultimately lead to tracheal collapse. The database is a useful tool and a welcome addition to our other health tests, but please keep the OFA result in perspective. Consider the result in the broad context of UAS. The database can serve as a great tool to eliminate tracheal hypoplasia. It will not address other aspects of tracheal problems.

**Test description (wording by the OFA):**

With tracheal hypoplasia the trachea has a decreased luminal diameter resulting in breathing difficulties. The condition is common in Bulldog and non-Bulldog brachycephalic breeds.

The radiographic evaluation is performed on a lateral view of the cervical and thoracic trachea obtained with the patient awake and at peak inspiration. The evaluation consists of a subjective evaluation of tracheal size and uniformity by a board certified veterinary radiologist, and an objective evaluation based on the ratio (TLR) of the tracheal lumen diameter at the thoracic inlet to the width of the proximal third rib.

For certification, dogs must be at least 12 months of age at the time of radiography, must have a normal subjective evaluation of the tracheal size and uniformity, and must have a TLR greater than or equal to 2.0. Indeterminate cases are reported as equivocal. Abnormal cases are reported as hypoplastic.

To obtain the application and for more information go to www.offa.org

—Magda Omansky Chiarella, NTCA Health Chair, Murray Hill, N
   (dignpop.norwich@gmail.com)
BREED HEALTH

Support the NTCA Legacy of Love Program!

When my Norwich “Blossom” (Ascot Apple Blossom) free-whelped three puppies this past Spring, I knew that one of the pups, a tiny girl, wasn’t likely to survive. She died quietly a few hours later. When the other two reached 3 weeks of age, I breathed a huge sigh of relief, packed up the tube feeding supplies, oxygen tank, and the rest of my emergency equipment. Why 3 weeks? I once lost a pup to canine herpes virus at 3 weeks of age, but had never lost one any older than that. Over time I have become more accepting of death in Norwich neonates, although I still fight for each one. By 3 weeks, Blossom’s puppies could maintain their body temperature, and their immune systems, while immature, were developing. I was already thinking about names! We were “out of the woods,” or so I thought.

Then, at exactly 5 weeks, the red puppy boy died! He had been just fine the night before, but early the next morning he was wheezing and within an hour, he was gasping and limp in my hand. Gone. Why? These two puppies had thrived from their first breath. They were the healthiest, most vigorous pups I’ve ever had. I had to know. I put the little body in the refrigerator and called NTCA member Chris Zink’s laboratory at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The puppy was then shipped via Federal Express overnight service in a styrofoam-lined box with an ice-pack.

Chris and her colleagues performed a complete necropsy. They were very thorough. It took about a month for the puppy’s tissues to be processed, sectioned and examined. They even looked at bones, which take time to decalciify. All at no charge! This is the NTCA Legacy of Love, a program that is conducting research to understand upper airway syndrome (UAS) and specifically the larynx in the Norwich breed.

In the case of Blossom’s puppy, the results were a comfort. No structural defects (heart, airway, etc.) were found. There was significant lung damage, but all other organs were normal. Chris concluded that the most likely cause of death was that the puppy vomited and aspirated acidic stomach contents. A second possibility was an acute, overwhelming bacterial infection of such fast onset that other organs escaped damage. Because the remaining puppy was fine, this second possibility seemed less likely.

Instructions for sending a deceased Norwich to Chris Zink’s laboratory are as follows. First, you will need to contact Dr. Zink’s administrator Zipprobah Gilchrist at 443-287-2953. She will send you a form to fill out that describes the history of your dog’s veterinary problems. You may drive your dog’s body to the location below between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM or ship it double-bagged in plastic with abundant ice packs overnight via Federal Express to:

Chris Zink, DVM, PhD or Bruce Baldwin
Department of Molecular and Comparative Pathobiology Loading Dock
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
733 N. Broadway, BRB 819, Baltimore, MD 21205-2196
Ph: 410-955-9770 FAX: 410-955-9823

You may also request that your dog’s remains be cremated and the ashes returned to you, which the Legacy of Love program can arrange thanks to the generosity of a local veterinary clinic. The dog’s owner is responsible for the cost of cremation ($80).

I’m sharing my experience with the NTCA’s Legacy of Love to encourage other Norwich owners to support the program. The service that Chris provides can be of personal benefit, as it was for me, but more importantly, the Legacy of Love study can help us understand (and eliminate) UAS and other health disorders from the breed.

—Jane Schubart, “Ascot” Norwich, Harrisburg, PA
(ascot.js@gmail.com)
Denizen of the couch

Cooling off after a play date at the beach

"Crashing" on the hotel bed after a long day of dog shows

Tight squeeze indoors

Tight squeeze outdoors
AGILITY

New NTCA Agility Titles

In the first half of 2012, many NTCA members and their Norwich earned those difficult advanced AKC agility titles. Hopefully I've accounted for everyone in this report.

Rainee Johnson, DVM and her incredible “Savvy” (Breakaway’s in the Know) needed no extra “luck of the Irish” on a soggy St. Patrick’s Day to earn a Master Agility Championship 2 (MACH2). Huge congratulations to Rainee, as Savvy only gets faster and more precise! Savvy also earned the new Time 2 Beat title this Spring to add to her Master Excellent Fast title!

Other club members had an exceptional springtime trialing! Margaret Johnson’s “Flint” (Rogel’s In the Zone) added both a Master Agility Excellent plus a Master Agility Jumper to his long list of titles. Very impressive! Melanie Bryson’s Reverie’s Dream A Little Dream earned her Novice Agility Jumper title in February, and just a few months later, her Open Agility and Open Agility Jumper titles. Joan Krantz’s “Cricket” (Elysium’s Summersong At Pinelake), Carol Clark’s Ch. Pinelake’s Mega Bucks, and Ursula Walsh’s “George” (Slightly The Hired Hand) all earned Master Agility Excellent titles; and Patty Fornelli’s “Magic” (Ch. Shonleh He’s A Magic Man) earned the Master Excellent Jumper. Master level titles require 10 successful runs at the highest Excellent level.

Two NTCA members earned Excellent titles in the Standard Agility rings. Carlynn Ricks and “Hemi” (OTCH Huntwood’s Four on the Floor) proved they are truly a team by earning the Agility Excellent title, and Joan Krantz and “Sammy” (Classic’s Candy Man) earned the Agility Excellent Preferred title.

In addition to Reverie’s Dream A Little Dream’s new Open Agility titles noted above, Judy Laffey’s “Page” (Ch. Glengariff’s Bethpage Black) earned her Open Agility title in late April. And lastly, one of the first new agility titles earned by a club member in 2012 was the Agility FAST Novice Preferred title earned by Blair Kelly’s “Bianca” (Shaksper Bianca Minola), age 11, proving that she can take direction even when Blair is at a distance!

The new titles reported above, nearly all advanced and difficult to attain, are an indication of the skill and experience of many of the competing Norwich agility teams. Huge congratulations to all!
AGILITY

Upcoming AKC Agility Invitational

The AKC Agility Invitational will be held **December 15-16, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.** The top five agility teams of each AKC breed, competing at the highest level, are invited to this prestigious event. This year among the invitees are NTCA members Rainee Johnson with “Savvy” (MACH2 Breakaway’s In The Know MXS MJG MXF MFB T2B), Joan Krantz with “Cricket” (Elysium’s Summersong At Pinelake MX MXJ NF), and Ursula Walsh with “Harry” (MACH3 Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MXS2 MJG2 XF ME). Three incredible Norwich and three incredible handlers! Best of luck to all of you!

—Susan Novotny, Worthington, OH (tinyterriers@gmail.com)

Author’s note: We offer most sincere condolences to Ursula Walsh and her family on the passing of Ursula’s husband Bill Walsh this past June. Bill was a friend to many in the Noragility group. A dependable volunteer worker, he was always at trials with a friendly smile, a helpful hand and encouraging words. He will be missed by all Norwich and Norfolk agility enthusiasts. —SN

Ed.: “Cricket” and “Sammy” Krantz, mentioned above, are the very snowy Norwich on the back cover of this News. 😊 —AGF

Born to run, trained to weave . . .
New Norwich Obedience and Rally Titles

Judging by the list of AKC titles I've received, more Norwich owners seem to be gaining interest in both obedience and rally. I am pleased to let you know about four new obedience titles (including a UD!) and ten new rally titles.

NTCA member Betty McDonnell ("Kilyka" Norwich) has done it again. She finished the UD (Utility Dog, the advanced obedience title) with "Sibyl" (Ch. Shorttales Sibyl Of Kilyka UD NA NAJ) in June. We got to see Sibyl's very impressive Open B performance at the St. Louis Specialty, where she and the other two Norwich qualifiers received Meredith Dwyer notecards, generously donated by NTCA obedience supporter Ellen Van Ladingham. Betty will tell you that a little bit of work every day goes a long way, and she's certainly proof of that.

Also strutting his stuff and receiving a pack of notecards in St. Louis was NTCA member Pam Lorenzen's "Brodie" (Ch. Abbedale's The Brass Stops Here CD), who was very impressive in Novice B, having finished the CD (Companion Dog) in April. Brodie was also Norwich High in Trial at St. Louis, receiving a cushy crate pad. Up in Alaska, NTCA member Debbie Ross and her daughter Zoe got around to enough trials so that "Meena" (Yvaine's Lil Bit Xtra CD BN RE) finished her CD in April.

It used to be that obedience started with the CD. Now you can start with an increasingly popular introductory class, Beginner Novice. That's how Judy and Ed Ungar started with Sarum's I Fly Solo BN RN, earning the BN in June after they started with the Rally Novice title in January.

Speaking of Rally, Norwich are present in the rally rings in increasing numbers. NTCA member Brennie Brackett with Castle-Bar Niles Of Stonehaven RA started in a big way, earning the Rally Novice (RN) title in January and the Rally Advanced (RA) in April. The difference between the two classes is, among other things, a leash! That first step into the ring without a leash is truly a leap of faith with your Norwich. Brennie showed us her little dog in St. Louis, while running back and forth between rally (where "Niles" earned a pack of those wonderful notecards) and conformation rings. NTCA members Joanie and David Brobst have gone a long way with Dignpop Digby BN RE MX AXJ NF, finishing the Advanced and Excellent (RE) titles in two weekends in May. It takes three ring successes to finish a performance title, so that's pretty impressive. Also earning the RN were NTCA member Jill Petersen with her new dog "Etta" (Amblegreen Notti Marietta), NTCA member Judy Laffey with her agility dog "Page" (Ch. Glenbariff's Bethpage Black RN AX OAJ NJP), Ch. Foxwood Redfern Chasing The Melody RN, owned by Lauren C. Simpson & Kathryn A. Mines, Jill Lowry's agility dog "Mack" (Keleven's Mcracken RN MX MXJ), and Tim Croft with Mardot Crackerjack Tanner Boy RN.

Congratulations to all these Norwich owners and their dogs. We know how hard you've worked and about the great relationship you now have with your dog. Bravo!

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair, San Antonio, TX (carlynnricks@earthlink.net)

“Gian” on a woodsy walk
These Teams Can Do It All

It is always a joy for me to relate the story of a NTCA Versatility Award. There seem to be two paths to the Versatile Norwich (VN), a club award for member-owned Norwich which requires titles in at least three events. One is the deliberate path, with the VN as a set goal. The other is a case of success leading to success, with the owner-handler surprised to end up with the VN. This time, I share two stories with you. The first is about Margaret Johnson, who planned a multi-faceted performance career for her Norwich “Flint.” The second story is about Patty Fornelli, who seems to have been surprised by how well her Norwich “Magic’s” experiences all went.

Margaret Johnson had had other breeds in the past and had worked with them in obedience and herding. In 2001, she decided she wanted a small, intelligent dog. After much research and then seeing Jill Petersen in the obedience ring with “Chip,” she knew she wanted a Norwich. It took a couple of years, but she finally came home from Elizabeth and Roger Pearson’s Rogel’s kennel with 12-week-old “Flint” (now Rogel’s In the Zone BN RA MX AXJ NAP NJP JE).

Margaret started him immediately in obedience and also built tunnels for him to play earth-dog. Working on several events at the same time would be her pattern with Flint. They started on agility, earning beginning and intermediate titles, and on Rally, earning the RN. Then her trainer, Kathy Lang, suggested trying the new obedience class Beginner Novice. “So with our current skills and some practice,” Flint earned his first leg. A month later, he earned a first place with 199 the first day and a second place the following day.

Earthdog? “One of our happiest times together was July 2011, when Flint finally earned his Junior Earthdog (JE) title. He had a five-year gap between the two legs. Norwich Terriers are very intelligent and do not forget easily. Before Flint earned his first leg, he was interrupted during practice by a wasp nest.” After the first leg, Flint took a long time to forget the wasps. As of this writing, Flint has one leg toward the Senior Earthdog. [Ed. For more on Flint’s earthdog adventures, see the Fall 2011 News, pp. 30-31.]

Margaret had been working on agility all along, but by the winter of 2011-2012, she got really serious. Flint finished the Agility Excellent title (AX), then the Master Agility (MX) and Master Agility Jumpers (MXJ) titles, both of which require ten perfect runs. Margaret and Flint are now well on their way in their quest for the Master Agility Championship (MACH).

How does Margaret feel about this? I could feel her enthusiasm coming through her emails. “This little red dog has exceeded my expectations. We will continue to compete as long as Flint is happy doing so. Norwich are the happiest when they know they have made us happy. Unconditional love and respect is what they know how to do the best. The rest is frosting on the cake.”

Patty Fornelli’s Norwich “Magic” (Ch. Shonleh He’s A Magic Man RA AX AXJ OF) is her “first everything” dog. Magic was from Patty’s first litter, her first conformation championship, her first performance dog. Now he’s her first Versatility dog. [For more about Magic, see the Spring 2012 News, pp. 31-32.]

Patty reports, “It was a rocky road at the beginning. At 6 months, poor Magic, on lead, was attacked as I was taking him out of the car by a 6-year-old female Pitt Bull (in season) who was running off leash. The attack made him very wary of big dogs, and he became dog aggressive. The second time he went after a Presa Canario in my agility class, we had to take a step back and work in obedience for a year before we could go back to agility. (Hence the Rally titles) We had to work in the adjacent ring during obedience class for several weeks because of Newfies in our class. We worked very hard to help him conquer his fears and aggression. You have no idea how many hours I spent with him just to perfect his recall and to be comfortable with him off leash.”
Patty thought she had solved the big problem, but then encountered a new one. When Magic finally got started in agility, he was really struggling physically, having problems getting all the way around a course without stopping. Patty took him to Lynelle Johnson, a respiratory veterinarian at UC Davis, in April last year. She had him scoped and found he had an elongated soft palate. Dr. Johnson did an amazing job to correct the problem. Magic is a different dog today, able to cover a 150-yard agility course in a minute or so. After that, the agility titles came quickly, and are still coming.

Congratulations to both these amazing Norwich and their handlers. For more information on the NTCA Versatility Awards, go to http://norwichterrierclub.org/?s=versatility+award. If you think your dog qualifies, write to me.

—Carlynn Ricks, Performance Chair
(carlynnricks@earthlink.net)

Flying and Dancing with Norwich

The AKC has decided to recognize the North American Flyball Association's titles at the championship level. NTCA members Ann and Phil Whatley's Norwich “Dusty” (Country Girl's Golden Moondust JE FDCH) earned his FDCH (Flyball Dog Champion) and is on his way to a FDCh-S (Flyball Dog Champion Silver), probably this year. We think he's the only Norwich running flyball, but if there are others, I'd love to know about them.

The Whatley's other Norwich, 11-year-old “Sparky” (Ch. Corymor's Too Cool For Words CD RE VN), is not just sitting on the sidelines. He's been dancing! For the last ten years, the Huntsville (Alabama) Obedience Training Club's (HOTC) has held a Dog Fair in September. This year they are anticipating close to 4000 people will attend. The Dog Fair includes every canine event or topic you can think of—rescue, games, CGC testing, performance event demonstrations, etc. It also includes prizes for kids who scoop up poop, to get them used to doing it. As one of five ambassadors for the games, Sparky will have his own billboard. (See photo.) He'll be dancing three times on the day of the fair, once for the opening ceremony to Yankee Doodle, once in a freestyle routine honoring the roaring 20's to Maple Leaf Rag, and finally during the closing ceremony. It will be a strenuous day for an 11-year-old, but as Ann Whatley tells me, "He loves it."

The Whatley's Norwich certainly earn their food!

—Carlynn Ricks, NTCA Performance Chair, San Antonio, TX
(carlynnricks@earthlink.net)

Dog Fair
Monte Sano State Park
Sat Sept 29th
www.DogFair.org

"Sparky" the billboard star
"Harry" Earns His Master Earthdog Title!

Author's note: This past April, at the Carolina Terrier Club's two-day earthdog trial, my Norwich "Harry" earned the 4th and final leg of his AKC Master Earthdog (ME) title. Before describing that event, here's a brief summary of what's required for the ME title.

Requirements for the AKC Master Earthdog Title

There are four levels of achievement in AKC Earthdog. The first level is Junior Earthdog (JE). To earn a JE title, a dog must have two qualifying runs. He can then move on to Senior Earthdog (SE), which is often the most difficult of the tests because a recall is required. The dog must qualify 3 times before receiving his SE title. The third and, until recently, the highest AKC Earthdog title, is that of Master Earthdog (ME). In this test, the dog is paired with another dog in a brace; the two dogs are required to hunt off lead over a prescribed area before getting to the Master den entrance. The brace mates are determined by a draw. Any aggression between brace mates is an automatic NQ and a dismissal; in some cases, the aggressor may be expelled for life from Earthdog tests.

Before the dogs get to the Master den area, there is an unscented and unused den that each dog must check and indicate it is empty by moving on. The first dog to arrive at the Master den area will be the first to enter the tunnel after marking the rats. Marking the prey consists of any or all of the following—barking, digging, scratching. The rats are caged just inside the den entrance, which is blocked by a set of wooden dowels that prevent the dogs from getting to the rats. Once the second dog marks the rats, the rats are picked up and moved to the end of the tunnel. The second dog is staked out near the den entrance where he must wait for the first dog to enter the tunnel, get to the rats, mark them for the prescribed amount of time, and be picked up by his handler. The honor dog must not make enough noise to interfere with the dog working in the tunnel. The Master tunnel is complicated, with several turns, a false den that is scented, a constriction (narrowing) in the tunnel, and a roller that is similar to an obstruction of some kind that the dog must climb over before he gets to the rats. There is a second exit/entrance before the dog gets to the rats at the end of the tunnel. The handler is allowed one command at the beginning of the test and may give a second command later, but that is all. When finished, the first dog is staked out and the second dog enters the den to do his thing. If either dog fails to perform properly at any of the 6 requirements (the hunt up; checking the unused den; marking the rats at the tunnel entrance; getting to the rats within the time allowed; continuously scratching, digging and/or barking at the rats until picked up by his handler; and staying reasonably quiet during the honor), he fails the entire test. The dog must have 4 qualifying runs to earn the ME title.

AKC added a fourth Earthdog title in March 2010, the Endurance Earthdog title or EE, which requires the dog to qualify in both the Senior and Master levels at the same event. The dog must do this five times in order to earn the EE title. Thus far only one Norwich, Fxhnt "Pippin," co-owned by NTCA member Hal Happersett and Pippin's handler Joanne Gilden, has achieved an EE—and he has done it twice! Pippin is an awesome Earthdog!

"Harry's" Final ME Test

On the first day of the Carolina Terrier Club earthdog event, Harry was in a brace with a Border Terrier male. The Border was very experienced, but he ranged all over the field where the Hunt Up took place, barely stopping to scout any likely places for varmints. Harry took a fancy to the Border and followed him everywhere, only occasionally getting down to hunting. Not a good sign... He did manage to check out the false den, so he made it through that part of the ME test. The longer-legged Border beat Harry to the Master den, but he diddled around the top and managed to check
out the entire den area without ever marking the place just inside the tunnel entrance where the rats were caged. Sad to say that my mighty Harry, after one or two sniffs at the den entrance, did the same thing. Once the rats were removed from the tunnel entrance and placed at the end of the underground maze that makes up the Master den, both dogs gave stellar performances. But alas, no Mark, no Q. . . .

The next day, knowing that this was Harry's last chance for the next 6 months to obtain that elusive 4th ME leg, I took Harry off the lead at the start of the Hunt Up with some trepidation. This time, his brace mate was a female. Harry definitely believes that if you are not near the one you love, love the one you're near. But I needn't have worried! Today he performed and worked all aspects of the ME test as if he had written the book on earthdog. His mark at the den entrance was beautiful, announcing to the world by barking and digging, "Here they are! Let me at 'em!" I had one moment of concern when he stuck his head out of the second den entrance on his way to the rats, but even then it was obvious that he was just checking to be sure no rats had gone out that exit. He went back into the den and went directly to the rats, barking and digging until the judge said I could pick him up. If Harry didn't write the book on earthdog, he must have stayed up late the night before this ME test reading it cover to cover. Harry is now one of only a handful of Norwich Terriers to earn the title Master Earthdog.

—Ursula Walsh, "Beach Pine" Norwich, Pinehurst, NC (ursthenuurse@nc.rr.com)

"Maggie": The First Norwich to Earn an AKC Coursing Ability Title

While attending the Chattanooga Kennel Club show in October, 2011, I noticed that a lure course had been set up and that several breeds of dogs were running. My Norwich "Maggie" loves to run and has a strong prey drive, so I decided to take her to the site. When I inquired about running my dog, I was told it was an AKC Lure Coursing event sponsored by the Greyhound Association of North Georgia. The registrar asked if Maggie was a registered AKC dog and said that she could look up her registration number. She also said if Maggie ran and qualified, it would be one leg toward a Coursing Ability Title (CA). All this was new to me.

In Coursing Ability, small dogs run 300 yards with many twists and turns; larger breeds run 600 yards. Each dog is allowed 90 seconds on the course, and their attention must be on the lure (2 unscented white plastic bags) at all times. No stopping to smell the roses. . . . The wire that carries the lure is controlled electronically and goes around a series of pulleys set at different angles. Completion of the course in the given time is considered a leg and is recorded for submission to AKC. The job of the handler, who is normally the owner, is to hold the dog in ready position in a given spot until the mechanical operator says "Tally Ho"; then you release the dog. The handler waits in the same position to catch the dog at the finish line. Some dogs won't stop at the finish and will just keep running. A
newbie to the sport sometimes will stand at the start not knowing what to do. Other dogs will start to run, but will leave the course and go running out into the open field. Owners will have to go out to catch the dog and this can take several minutes. The field judge informs you if your dog has qualified and hands you a green qualifying ribbon. It takes 5 qualifying runs to earn a CA Title, 10 qualifying runs for a Coursing Ability Advanced Title (CAA), and 25 qualifying runs for a Coursing Ability Excellent Title (CAX).

Knowing my Norwich and her prey drive, I filled out the application, paid the fee and waited. Maggie gets very excited seeing other dogs run. Her turn finally came and was over very quickly—45 seconds. Maggie qualified for one leg on her first run and qualified again in the afternoon with a slightly slower time. She now had two legs toward a CA. In November, we went to Marietta, Georgia, to another AKC trial and she qualified very easily in two runs. She qualified at one more run in Calhoun, Georgia, in December and completed the necessary qualifications for the CA Title. Maggie thinks this is a great sport!!

When AKC published the Coursing Ability Titles for 2011, according to breed, Maggie was the only Norwich to earn this title. Atta go Mags!! She is now Abbedale’s Miss Maggie, CGC, CD, RAE, CA

I wanted to share Maggie’s and my experience with Lure Coursing with News readers. If your Norwich has a strong prey drive and loves to run, this venue is for you.

—Gerry Haywood, Chattanooga, TN (gg1ky@aol.com)

Author’s/Editor’s note: When I asked if Maggie had had experience with lure coursing prior to her first AKC event, owner Gerry Haywood told me that Maggie had “run a lure course for fun when I lived in Kentucky and belonged to the Bluegrass Working Terrier Association. At one of the club’s fun days, I asked how to introduce Maggie to this activity. The chairperson told me to take Maggie out to the field and let her watch a few dogs run. If she had a prey drive, it would kick in. After letting her watch for a few minutes, Maggie’s prey drive did kick in. It was all I could do to hold her as she wanted to run so badly. She instinctively knew the chase was on!”

Interestingly, Maggie’s prey drive did not kick in when Gerry tried her in earthdog. Gerry told me that Maggie was “not willing to go into that dark tunnel. The judge let her come around the back and work the rats. She was great at that.” Maggie’s attitude would seem to confirm former News’ Working Terrier reporter Jili Petersen’s view that Norwich are instinctively above-ground ratters, not go-to-ground hunt terriers. —AGF
Ch. Littlefield Cobber Kain
(Ch. Cobby's Hidden Treasure x Ch. Little by Littlefield)
Breeder: Leandra Little
Owners: Kris & Carl Molesworth and Leandra Little
"Cobber" finished going BOW to majors at the Spokane KC shows in May 2012. He was handled to his championship by Leandra Little and Chris Larson. Cobber is a sweet boy with a beautiful head and good substance. He lives with his loving co-owners near Mt. Vernon, WA and is named after a WWII flying ace.

Am. & Can. Champion
Littlefield Just Let It Ride
(Ch. Itsy Bitsy Troubadour x Ch. Little by Littlefield)
Breeder: Leandra Little
Owners: Dianne & Al Just
"Harley" finished at the NTCA supported entry at Sammamish KC in August, going BOB over 3 specials for a 5-point major. He was owner-handled to both his American and Canadian titles. Harley is his dam's fifth champion offspring, thus earning "Little" her ROM.

Swiss, German, German Club
Champion Littlefield Saxony's Montgomery Dream
(Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony RN)
Breeders: Joan Graham, Leandra Little & Gay Stahley
Owners: Barbara Wytttenbach, Leandra Little & Joan Graham
"Monty" is a triple breed champion (Swiss, German, and German Club). He finished in the shortest time possible. More importantly, he passed all the stringent Swiss health and temperament tests. He lives with his proud owner, NTCA member Barbara Wytttenbach, in Schmitten, Switzerland.
Oops! Corrections to the Spring 2012 News

Correction to the Spring 2012 News’ Eukanuba Report

Ch. Beric’s Taecini, Best of Opposite Sex winner at the December 2011 AKC/ Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, FL, is owned by NTCA members Nancy Nosiglia and Mark Gustavson of Mexico, NY, not by Beth Blankenship as reported in the Spring 2012 News (p. 43).

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Correction to the 2012 NTCA Show Calendar

The Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club will hold it Specialty & Sweepstakes on December 8, 2012 in conjunction with the Trinity Valley KC show at the Dallas Market Hall in Dallas, Texas. The Sweepstakes judge will be NTCA member Betty McDonnell (“Kilyka” Norwich), NOT Heather Tomlins, as was reported in the Spring 2012 News (p. 48). The breed judge will be Mr. Robert Stein of Chapel Hill, NC.

The News regrets these inadvertent errors. —AGF

Norwich Terrier Club of Northern California
Specialty & Sweepstakes

(Northern California Terrier Assoc., Expo Center, Sacramento, CA, April 13, 2012)

Cal Expo in Sacramento, CA was the place to be on April 13, 2012 for the Norwich Terrier Club of Northern California’s Specialty & Sweepstakes event. Participants came from northern and southern California as well as from Arizona, Oregon and Canada to be a part of this auspicious day.

This was an opportunity to spend time with our amazing little dogs, catch up with old friends and make new ones in an atmosphere filled with excitement and anticipation. It didn’t matter whether you were a seasoned veteran or a relative newcomer; everyone was enthusiastic and happy to be there.

NTCNC Show Chair Carole Foucrault and NTCNC President Candice Harper arranged for a spacious grooming area where all the Norwich Terrier handlers and owners gathered to enjoy coffee, tea and pastries as they put the “finishing touches” on their little masterpieces. The Club also hung our “Meet the Breed” sign, inviting everyone to chat with exhibitors and interact with our remarkable little terriers. This venue offered the perfect opportunity to share information about our distinctive, feisty and always charming breed.

Then it was “Showtime”! The ring was surrounded by spectators, owners and handlers, all waiting to see the twenty four energetic, spirited and lovely Norwich Terriers being shown in the ring. The dogs, attended by their owners and/or handlers, seemed just as anxious to participate and spend their moment in the spotlight.

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, the first event on the agenda, was judged by NTCNC/ NTCA member-breeder Laurie Loeffler ("Cobblestone" Norwich), who obviously enjoyed every minute of her assignment! Laurie is a veteran owner, breeder and handler whose Norwich Terriers have participated in conformation for many years.
Sweeps results are as follows:

**Best in Sweepstakes: Dancy's Annie Get Your Gun**  
(Ch. Dunbar's Desperado of Acadia x GCH Dancy's Hot Commodity)  
Breeders/Owners: Nancy and Dwain Lentz, Tempe, AZ

**Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes: Dreamweaver's Four on the Floor**  
(GCH Fly'N High's Sonic Boom x Dreamweaver Drama Queen)  
Breeder: Alfred J. Ferruggiaro  
Owners: Dana & Richard Esquibel, El Sobrante, CA

**Best in Veteran Sweepstakes: Ch. Briardales Lion King**  
(Ch. tinytowne's Hardy Boy x Briardale Mercy Me)  
Breeders: Carole Foucrault and Sharon Walters  
Owners: Lowell & Connie Jennings & Carole Foucrault, Hollister, CA

Regular Classes followed Sweeps, with another charming veteran of the show ring, Mrs. Connie Clark, as judge. Mrs. Clark's winners are listed here below:

**Winners Dog/Best of Winners/Best Bred By Exhibitor:** Pocket Change of Image  
(Ch. Dralions Smiles and Chuckles x Ch. tinytowne Tallulah At Image)  
Breeder/Owner: Monti Craig, Grants Pass, OR

**Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex:** Lasata's Chick-A-Dee  
(Ch. Shonleh Robin x Ch. Lasata's Licensed To Thrill)  
Breeder/Owner: James Latuscha, Clearlake, CA

**Best of Breed:** GCH Waiterock Jack Falstaff  
(Ch. Barnstable Stuffed Shirt x Waiterock Copabana)  
Breeder/Owner: Candice Harper, Lafayette, CA  
Handler: Jenny Wornall

**Select Dog:** GCH Ascot Sanspur At Yarrow  
(Ch. Sandina Sandman x Yarrow Pleasanthyme Belle Star)  
Breeder: William J. Schubart & Jane R. Schubart  
Owners: Lynn Marshall & Howard Marshall & Pam Beale, Portola Valley, CA  
Handler: Bill McFadden

But it wasn't over yet! Candice Harper hosted a sumptuous luncheon buffet attended by over twenty five of the Norwich handlers and owners. Members of the Norfolk Club of Northern California joined us for the feast. Everyone was able to relax and enjoy a leisurely lunch discussing our favorite subject...Norwich Terriers, of course! Thanks to all the NTCNC members who worked so hard to make this a memorable event.

—Patty Fornelli, Roseville, CA  
(norwichmagic@surewest.net)

**Better Than Crab Cakes!**

**The 2012 NTCA Supported Entry At Columbia Terrier**

The Norwich Terrier Club of America again hosted a most successful supported entry at the Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland show on Friday April 20, 2012 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland. We were honored to have two Norwich breeder-judges adjudicate our breed.
Long-time breeder and exhibitor Missy Wood ("Terrapin") judged six youngsters in Sweepstakes. She commented, “I’ve been attending Columbia Terrier for more years than I care to remember, which is why I was pleased to be asked to judge Norwich Sweepstakes at its 2012 show. Columbia Terrier Association is a Maryland treat—better than crab cakes!!!!—made up of solid terrier people. I thoroughly enjoyed my Sweeps entries, and in the regular classes I was delighted to see that owner-handlers continue to dominate the ring.”

For **Best in Sweepstakes**, Missy selected the Junior Bitch, **Foxwood Diamond In the Ruff**, bred by Kathy Mines and co-owned by Kathy with Jane and Jason Schubart. **Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps** went to **Moonshadow New York State of Mind**, a 9-month-old pup bred by Barb Pessina and owned by Rhonda-Lynn DiMatteo.

Our regular classes judge was Ms. Lee Steeves (“Regalridge”) of Nova Scotia, Canada. Ms. Steeves drew a great Norwich entry of 33, with only three absent. From the Open Class, she found her **Winners Dog** (a 5-point major), the English import **Jaeva Kaos**, bred by Martin Phillips and owned by Wallace Lumpkin and Karl Marshall. **Reserve Winners Dog** went to **Foxglyn’s Put Your Pedal to the Medal**, bred by Nichola Conroy and Jeri McClure and owned by Amelia and Paula Smith.

For **Winners Bitch** and another 5-point major, Ms. Steeves pointed to **High Pines Ginger** from the Open Class. Bred and owned by Anne and Susan Sikorski, ‘Ginger’ went on to be **Best of Winners. Reserve Winners Bitch** went to **Moonshadow’s Miss Millie at Ragstone**, also from the Open Class. She was bred by Barbe Pessina and is owned by Colleen and Robert Singleton.

**Best of Breed** went to **Ch. Abbedale’s Punchinello**, a male bred by Joan Eckert and Linda Dowdle and owned by Joan. Columbia Terrier has been a good show for “Punch,” as he won the Sweepstakes and Winners Dog there at the 2011 NTCA supported entry. **Best of Opposite Sex** went to 16-month-old **Ch. Coventry’s Bless This Broken Road**, bred by Dale Martins and owned by Dale and her husband Timothy. **Selects** were awarded to the bitch, **Country Girl Bon Bon**, bred and owned by Linda McCutcheon, and the **dog**, **GCH Fly’n High’s Rocket Man**, breeder-owner Sharon Jones. Ms. Steeve’s **Best Puppy** was **Ni Rivers Good Time Charlie**, bred by Glori Manley and owned by Barbara Burroughs.

Here are judge Steeves’ comments: “As a former breeder of Norwich, it was a pleasure to judge the Norwich supported entry at Columbia Terrier. As expected, the quality was deep and the showmanship of our great breed extraordinary. Gone are the days when there was only a 50/50 expectation that the Norwich would walk in the show ring. Generally, bites have improved considerably over the past few years and dentition was not an issue on this day. Expression has been maintained as has good bone in most exhibits. In some younger Norwich, there was a tendency to weaker rear than might be expected, a situation not in evidence in the Specials. My Best of Breed dog is an excellent example of the breed, well put together, moving freely with a good shoulder and strong rear, beautifully trimmed and presented with a pleasing head and expression. The Best of Opposite-bitch is sound and feminine—a pleasing picture. The Best of Winners bitch is a mature female, well presented and showing with alacrity. Winners Dog is a solid fellow who showed to his potential.”

Following the Norwich competition, NTCA Notions Chair Patty Warrender manned the club’s notions table and sold over $800 in merchandise. NTCA member Michaela Clancy hosted a lovely luncheon which was enjoyed by NTCA club members, exhibitors, and guests.

For those who have not attended Columbia Terrier, please add this all-terrier show and the three large Cherry Blossom all-breed shows to your 2013 show calendar. In addition to conformation, Columbia Terrier offers an all-terrier Obedience Trial and Rally. The Columbia Terrier show venue is an exhibitor’s dream, held indoors in a spacious, well-lit, temperature-controlled building.
There is plenty of grooming space and unlimited nearby paved parking for cars and RVs. Loading and unloading are a snap. Entry fees are kept low and entry fee breaks are given for Puppy Classes and Sweepstakes. Admission, electricity, and grooming space are all free. There is easy access to the interstate, restaurants, motels and shopping. We even have vendors selling terrier-theme items! Come enjoy the Maryland treats—Columbia Terrier and crab cakes—while putting titles on your Norwich!

—Al Ferrugiaro, “Dreamweaver” Norwich, Burtonsville, MD (alferrug@gmail.com)

The NTCA Supported Entry At Garden State
(Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp., NJ, May 4, 2012)

The Garden Party

What better place to have a garden party than at the Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc., show in the Garden State of New Jersey during the merry month of May? Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of the Norfolk Terrier Club, this social get together of Norwich and Norfolk fanciers has become a tradition we all look forward to. Always well organized by Henrietta and Robert Lachman, Hal Happerset and Linda Alston, this year’s theme was the Kentucky Derby, and if you haven’t sampled Linda Alston’s fried chicken, you haven’t lived!

Norwich were first on so they had a chance for all the fixings. NTCA member Fraya Katz traveled down from Hollis, New Hampshire to judge the Sweepstakes of 9 (3-6), awarding Best In Sweeps to the dog Dreamweaver Rocket’s Red Glare (Ch. Rosecroft Once More x Dreamweaver’s Santa Vixen), bred and owned by Al Ferrugiaro. Best of Opposite in Sweeps went to Itsy Bitsy Still in the Family (GCH. Itsy Bitsy Troubadour x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Mustang Sally), bred by Tonne Willrich and owned by Amanda Koroza and Tonne Willrich.

Our judge for the regular classes had a little farther to travel, try Vantaa, Finland! Hans Lehtinen had a lovely entry of 39 (9-22-2-0) from which to make his choices. Winners Dog went to Highwoods Whirling Dun (Ch. WWW. Redbilly De Von Rittersee x Highwoods Pheasant Tail), bred by Knowlton Reyners and owned by Janos and Nancy Fonyo. Reserve Winners Dog was Rugas Amber Antics (Brickin Ready to Rumble at Ragus x Ragus Forever Amber), bred by Lesley Crawley (U.K.) and owned by Frank L. Rogers. Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex went to Didio’s Nanstop at Bronwyn (Nanstop Polkagris x Ch. Porrigito Fazerina), bred by B. Busby, owned by Minna Liisa Költes and Nan Salminen. Reserve Winners Bitch was Foxwood’s Diamond in the Ruff, sired by Ch. Dunbar’s Kensington Square out of Ch. Foxwood Loose Connection, bred by Kathryn Mines and Jane & Jayson Schubart, and owned by Kathryn Mines. She later went on win Best Bred-by-Exhibitor. It was a good day for Kathy Mines as she also captured the Best of Breed win with her GCH. Foxwood Chasing a Dream (Ch. Foxwood Wildgoose Chase x Ch. Foxwood Dazzling Aria O’Redfern), bred by Kathy and co-owned with Alexandra Kress. Judge Lehtinen also made choices for Select Dog and Bitch. Select Dog was awarded the GCH. Fly’n High’s Rocket Man (Ch. Rosecroft Once More x Ch. Ascot Tiger Lily), bred and owned by Sharon Jones; Select Bitch was Ch. Coventry’s Bless This Broken Road.
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(GCH. Flyin High’s Sonic Boom x Ch. Coventry’s Duramax Diesel) bred by Dale Rodgers and owned by Dale and Timothy Martins. Congratulations to ALL.

If you’ve never attended Garden State All Terrier, put it on your calendar for next year. Whether supported or not, the entries are always great and the hospitality is even better!

—Missy Wood, “Terrapin” Norwich, Phoenixville, PA
(panlynn@verizon.net)

The May 19, 2012 NTCA Supported Entry at Mattaponi KC

The NNTC and now the NTCA has held a supported entry at Mattaponi KC in Manassas Virginia for the past 10 years or so. My husband Bill and I always look forward to this event and have tried to attend as many times as possible since we moved to Virginia in 2003. The show venue at the Prince William County Fairgrounds is easily accessible, with ample space for parking, concessions, grooming indoor and outdoor conformation, Rally and Obedience rings. For as long as we’ve been going, Norwich have been judged in the “Show Barn,” a covered, but open-sided white wooden building used to exhibit farm animals at the county fair. There are bleacher seats on both sides of the conformation ring, allowing spectators to sit and watch the judging without having to bring their own chairs.

Sweepstakes began this year at 11 AM, with NTCA member-breeder (“Noridge”) and Notion chair Patty Warrender of Middleburg, VA presiding over an entry of three (2-1). Patty awarded Best in Sweeps to Jaeva Could It Be Magic (Nepomuk Von Den Zwei Elchen At Saltarello x Jaeva Nut Meg), an English import bred by Martin Phillips and owned by Jane & Jayson Schubart. BOS in Sweeps went to Coventry’s Hemi Take The Challenge (Ch. Coventry’s Seamus O’Clancy x Ch. Coventry’s Durama Diesel), bred and owned by Dale & Timothy Martins.

Mr. Joseph Gregory judged the regular classes, with an entry of 5-7-5-1. From the Ope Dog class, Mr. Gregory selected Kingmont Chaos of Balmoral (Ch. Kingmont’s Bluestar Snicker x Ch. Kingmont’s Madeline), bred by Barbara Burroughs and owned by Martha Jo & Paul Lanier, as Winners Dog (a 3-point major). RWD, from the 6-9 months puppy dog class, went to Kingmont’s Chaos Bobby Mcgee (Kingmont Chaos of Balmoral x Kingmont Runway Rachel), bred by Barbara Burroughs and co-owned by the breeder with Martha Jo & Paul Lanier. Winners Bitch and Best of Winners (a 4-point major), from the 9-12 months puppy bitches class, was Coventry’s Hemi Take The Challenge [See BOS in Sweeps]. RWB, from the Open class, went to Slightly Too Sexy (Ch. Norweim’s Sir Hedgedwyck x Ch. Yarrow’s Slightly Sprightly), bred by Jamie Lahy & Beth Sweigart and owned by Jamie Lahy. GCH Fly’n High’s Rocket Man (Ch. Rosecroft Once More x Ch. Ascot Tige Lily), bred and owned by Sharon Jones, captured Best of Breed and, later that day, a Terrier Group 3. Ch. Coventry’s Bless This Broken Road (GCH Fly’n High’s Sonic Boom x Ch. Coventry’s Durama Diesel), bred and owned by Dale & Timothy Martins, was Best of Opposite Sex. Select Dog was CGF Foxwood Chasing A Dream (Ch. Foxwood Wildgoose Chase x Ch. Foxwood Dazzling Aria O’Redfern), bred and owned by Kathryn Mines & Alexandra Kress.

Following the conformation judging, NTCA President and Mattaponi KC member Jean Kessle orchestrated a bountiful “pot luck” buffet luncheon, a perennial highlight of the Mattaponi supported entry. As always, southern fried chicken was the star attraction, complemented by a delicious assortment of side dishes and desserts. Norwich fanciers sat at long, cloth-covered tables set up near the ring and enjoyed both camaraderie and food in a casual, congenial setting. Special thanks to Jean and her many “worker bees” for contributing their time and culinary talents to the luncheon. Come join us a Mattaponi in May 2013.

—Alison Freehling, Fredericksburg, VA

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Met We in St. Louis:
The June 15-17, 2012 NTCA National Specialty Weekend

AKC rules stipulate that a parent club can hold as many conformation events as they want in a given year. A club may call them a Roving Specialty, an Independent National Specialty or a Regional Specialty, but only one of these conformation events may be designated the official National Specialty. The June 15 event in St. Louis was the NTCA's official 2012 National Specialty. This breaks a continuous Montgomery County Kennel Club chain of NNTC/NTCA National Specialties going back to 1991. Each year's Montgomery catalog lists the BOB winners at the front of the breed section and indicates the National Specialty years with an asterisk. The 2012 Montgomery catalog will not have an asterisk because it all happened in St. Louis.

The three days of the St. Louis weekend unfolded in a beautiful, organized, seamless way that was enjoyed by all regardless of ribbons. This is because the NTCA's National Specialty was an event with many, many hands and hearts behind the scenes. The Specialty was so much more than breed points and beautiful Norwich exhibits on display for a few moments in the ring. It was about the selfless giving of time and interest by the organizers and those who pitched in to make it all happen. You might say it's the fellowship of the ring. First and foremost, our collective gratitude goes to Sandra Stemmler, Larry Adams and John Francisco. Without this trio, there would be nothing to relate here. According to Sandra, "We truly did it all and sometimes the fewer people the easier it is! L & J did all of the logistics and the paper work. I mostly did the trophies and other odds and ends. No decisions were made without the approval of our little 'committee'; I conferred with John almost daily toward the end and Larry almost nightly!"

Thursday, June 14th

Events began Thursday with a health seminar, a grooming demonstration and a Fun Match. After I had driven all day, it was such an antidote to pull into the park-like grounds of the Purina Events Center, wend around to the loading area in back, and empty the car's contents into the lovely, air-conditioned space. Hospitality Committee member Joan Graham dispensed name tags and signed in attendees with a welcoming smile. The hospitality table was another especially nice ingredient added to the welcome package. Larry Adams and his partner David Guempel conjured up the weary travelers' buffet. Sandra Stemmler relates, "It was a smashing success and a great way to kick off the weekend. What could be better than watching the match/grooming seminar than with wine in one hand and a 'munchie' in the other?" Amen to that and thank you to David and Larry.

Terrier breeder-handler and NTCA member Judi Hartell, P.H.A., held a very popular grooming seminar, which she titled Fine Tuning Your Norwich Terrier for Conformation. "The premise of the workshop was that attendees understood the basics of stripping and coat work, but needed guidance with finish work and problem areas."

There were approximately 60 in attendance, including those who audited and those who were working participants. After noting where the group's interests were, we gathered around to hear Judi's presentation. She used simple, but highly effective illustrations to show how thoughtful grooming could be used to visually enhance the dog's attributes and play down his faults. A handout was also available. After the presentation, we returned to our dogs to put what we had just learned into practice. Judi continued to wind through the group, offering advice and suggestions. My only complaint was that it was quite difficult to hear Judi as she spoke. A large group had gathered, the puppy match was also going on, and exhibitors were actively unloading into the Purina Farms grooming space.
It was a hard choice not to attend the grooming seminar, but those with puppies didn’t want to miss the Fun Match judged by NTCA member Patsy Wade, P.H.A. From a field of about 15 beautiful puppies, the darling winners were both owned by NTCA member Robin Hoch. Best Puppy in Match was Moondance William’s One and Only, aka “Peaches,” from the 4-6 months puppy bitch class. Best of Opposite Sex went to Peaches’ littermate “Osage.” Their dam is GCH Moondance First Landing (“Sky”) and their sire is GCH Den-Mar’s I Hung the Moon. It is not known if Robin had some moonshine after the Match, but she certainly had good reason to celebrate and to dance around under the moon—even though it was nowhere near full.

The NTCA Independent National Specialty: June 15

Events on Friday began bright and early. Those arriving for the 8:00 AM Sweepstakes could help but admire the breathtaking trophy table—or rather trophy “tables” since there were five 6-foot tables to hold all the Specialty trophies and rosettes.

With an entry of 12 -24 (5 absent), Sweeps judge Joan Eckert (“Abbedale” Norwich) was happy to have the assignment—“spoil for choice,” as they say. Her pick for Best in Sweeps was Doubl Decker’s Son of A Gun (GCH Skyscot’s Texas Hold ‘Em x Ch. Norieland Lena Horne), bred by Bra and L. Dean Altic and owned by Sharon Esposito MD. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps went to Dancy’s Calamity Jane (Ch. Dunbar’s Desperado of Acadia x GCH Dancy’s Hot Commodity), bred and owned by Nancy and Dwain Lentz.

Regrettably the Best in Sweeps winner was subsequently disqualified because he was not shown by either his owner, his breeder, or an immediate family member of the owner or breeder as stipulated in NTCA Sweepstakes rules.

Results for the Specialty regular classes are covered by Judge Eileen Needham's (“Titanium Norwich, U.K.”) critique and need not be repeated here.

After the judging, everyone repaired back to the host hotel, the Holiday Inn at Six Flags. Larry Adams selected the hotel; its most salient features, along with its proximity to the Purina Events Centre, were handy parking right outside the door and plenty of grassy area to walk the dogs.

There were 160 club members and guests at the NTCA Awards banquet on Friday evening. The tables were festive, with charming and unique party favors: a little “box” with handles; a purple and gold BOB ribbon with the date/place and “Norwich Rock” printed on it, along with a cut-out of Norwich Terrier. Auction Chair Judy Laffey noted that “The silent auction went very well. There were over 25 items, plus 3 that were in the live auction. The total revenue from both auctions was a little over $2600 (approximately $500 from the live auction).” Judy added that the auction couldn’t have been done without the efforts of her team, which included Lisa Sons, Paula Smiddy and Caroline Dodwell. Judy also prepared the NTCA Award Certificates and was busy sorting out those along with John Francisci and NTCA Trophy Chair Susan Millar Hall. Jim Kinney stepped up as auctioneer for the live auction.

Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago Specialty and Sweepstakes
(Saturday, June 16)

The NTCCGC pulled out all the stops to continue the fun on Saturday with their club Regional Specialty. Once again the trophies were lovely. NTCCGC members Jim and Lorrie Kinne arrived early to set up the display.

Sweepstakes, judged by well-known terrier handler Larry Cornelius, again commenced at 8 AM. There were 11 puppy dogs entered, with 1 absentee, and 26 puppy bitches, with 3 absent. Best in Sweeps was awarded to Camio’s Educated Exemplar (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Camio. Educated Guess NJP), bred and owned by Catherine Rogers. “Eddie” won from the 12-15 months
class. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps was earned by Pouch Cove’s Which Witch is Witch (love that name) from the 15-18 months class. “Salem” was Best in Sweepstakes at Montgomery 2011 so these are two very nice wins for her.

Breed Judge Mr. Stephen F. Hurt, a long-time Norwich fancier and former breeder “Hareston”), had an entry of 112: 24-29 (22-14), Vet (2-1). His picks were:

Winners Dog/Best of Winners (12-15 months class): Double Decker’s Son Of A Gun (see NTCA Specialty Best in Sweeps).

Reserve Winners Dog (9-12 months class): Jaeva Could It Be Magic (Nepomuk Von Den Zwei Eichen at Saltarello-Jaeva NutMeg), bred by Martin Phillipps (U.K.) and owned by Jane and William Schubart.

Winners Bitch (9-12 months class): Beric’s The Cumbric Witch (GCH Foxwood Chasing A Dream x Ch. Beric’s Taecini), bred and owned by Nancy Noglia and Mark Gustavson.

RWB (Bred-By): Janora’s Simply A Flirt (GCH Janora’s Ace of Spades x Ch. Janora’s Simply The One), bred and owned by Norma Braun.

BOB/G1 from a truly lovely field of 38 specials: GCH Skyscot’s Texas Hold ‘Em (GCH Skyscot’s Poker Chip x Skyscot’s Pen Pal), bred by Leslie Becker, owned by Sharon Esposito MD, and handled by Brenda Lee Combs.

BOS: Ch. Pinelakes Fairy Tail (Ch. Pinelakes Mega Bucks x Ch. Shoebutton’s Peggy Cass), bred by Carol Clark; owned by Kelly and David Foos.

Select Dog/AOM: GCH Foxwood Chasing A Dream (Ch. Foxwood Wildgoose Chase x Ch. Foxwood Dazzling Area O’Redfern), bred and owned by Kathryn Mines and Alexandra Kress.

Select Bitch/AOM: Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony (Ch. Skyscot’s Cowboy Up x Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle), bred by Leandra Little; co-owned by Joan Graham and Gay Stahley.

AOM: GCH Apollo (Ch. Briardales King of the Road x Ch. Briardales No Nonsense Nina), bred and owned by Carole Bullwinke Foucault, Chee Wai Chen and Cary Jay Trexler.

AOM: GCH Itsy Bitsy Rocky Mountain High (Ch. Skyscot’s Cowboy Up x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Ruby Tuesday), bred and owned by Tonnie and Gerard Willrich.

After judging everyone followed directions to The AKC Museum of the Dog in West St. Louis for the “barbecue” buffet dinner. Fortunately for the NTCA, club member Sandra Stemmler is on the Museum’s Board and reserved the Museum as soon as the NTCA approved the Specialty venue and date at Purina Farms. The Museum’s Director, Barbara McNabb, treated all who were interested to a tour of the Museum’s permanent art collection. It is the largest in the world devoted to all things dog. We also enjoyed the current exhibit, The Art of Stephen Huneck. The 14,000 square-foot Museum was a highlight of the weekend, particularly for foreign visitors.

Larry Adams planned and organized the delicious barbecue. Members and guests listened to a presentation by NTCA members Ellen Lucas and Dana Esquivel on the current and ongoing risk to our breed’s integrity. Ellen’s “Lucky,” an AKC registered “fauxwix,” was featured as exhibit “A.” Ellen purchased Lucky at a puppy mill auction in Missouri; his Mars Wisdom panel result indicated that he was a Norwich-Jorkie mix. The talk was illustrated with shocking photos of counterfeit Norwich, which Ellen and Dana had obtained from a variety of sources. Attendees were also given large “Norwich Police” pins to bring home to emphasize the point that we are all custodians of the breed and must be vigilant.

Sandra Stemmler was our benefactor for this “private” party. She also donated the party favors: a key fob with a charming embroidered Norwich Terrier. There were also delicious Norwich Terrier shaped cookies. Mine did not survive the night.
NTCA Supported Entry in Conjunction with the Rolla, MO KC
(Sunday, June 17)

Judge Mr. Merle Taylor had an entry of 84: 17-40 (9-8). Breed judging began early or Sunday at 8 AM perhaps to accommodate those who had to make their get-away by the afternoon. Mr. Taylor selected the following Norwich as his winners:

WD/BOW (Bred-By): Camio's Educated Exemplar (see NTCGC Best in Sweeps)
RWD (Bred-By): Norieland Aces and Eights (GCH Skyscot’s Poker Chip x Ch. Norieland Sexy Sadie), bred and owned by Karen and Steve Vaughn; co-owned by Rhonda Krupp.
WB (Bred-By): Janora’s Simply a Flirt (see NTCGC RWB).
RWB (Bred-By): Norieland Dealer’s Choice (GCH Skyscot’s Poker Chip x Ch. Norieland Sexy Sadie), bred and owned by Karen and Steve Vaughn.

BOB/G1: GCH Skyscot’s Texas Hold’Em (see NTCA/NTCGC Specialties BOB)
BOS: Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony (see NTCGC Select Bitch/AOM)
Select Dog: GCH Wairterock Jack Falstaff (Ch. Barnstable Stuffed Shirt x Ch. Waiterock’s Copacabana), bred and owned by Candice Harper.

Select Bitch: Ch. Norieland Queen for a Day (Ch. Norieland Harry Houdini x Ch. Norieland Rambling Rose), bred and owned by Karen and Steve Vaughn.

The 2012 NTCA National Specialty was a memorable occasion enjoyed by all who attended. Since it's fun to see the event through a different lens, NTCA member Barbara Wyntenbacl of Switzerland kindly contributed a few observations from the European perspective:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the St. Louis specialty! Such a great show site... and the hotel was perfect as well, especially for those with dogs. I think the overall quality of the Norwich presented is better than in continental Europe. The type may be slightly different, also due to the fact that U.S. Norwich are shown in much shorter coat. But especially the movement of the U.S. Norwich is better than what we usually see in Europe.

There is more of everything at the U.S. National Specialty compared to a Specialty in Europe: more entries, more space for everyone... and A LOT MORE grooming! In many European countries that kind of grooming at a show is prohibited; as a matter of fact, anything beyond combing is prohibited in some countries. Coloring of any kind is a definite NO GO; a dog that is found to have been colored would probably be disqualified. And I just can't imagine what would happen in Germany or Switzerland if we were seen putting a dog on stilts or using a hair dryer or even a grooming arm! What I like better about shows in continental Europe is the fact that professional handlers are a very rare species. The vast majority of dogs are always owner-handled."

Thanks to all who gave their time and talents to the NTCA National Specialty. Perhaps hostess Sandra Stemmler should be given the last word: "Personal observations? I think we threw a hell of a party!"

Thanks Sandra, you are so right.

—Leandra Little, “Littlefield” Norwich, Weehawken, N
(llittle9@earthlink.net)
The June 15, 2012 NTCA National Specialty: Judge Eileen Needham’s Critique

Firstly, I thank the Norwich Terrier Club of America sincerely for inviting me to judge the 2012 National Specialty in St. Louis. I was most honoured to accept, and greatly appreciated the wonderfully satisfying day you gave me with the marvelous entry. I cannot tell you just how much I enjoyed going over your lovely dogs.

Perhaps, as in my account on the evening following the Specialty, I should mention what I look for in a Norwich Terrier when judging. To me, there are five essential considerations, and it is the combination of all five being present in a Norwich which produces, for me, the best Norwich of the day:

Type: This means the dog must display all the aspects described in the AKC Breed Standard—excluding ‘character’. A typy Norwich looks and behaves like a Norwich and no other breed. It must shout at me ‘I am a Norwich Terrier’, then look around and say ‘Who is going to be second today?’ Today, all my Top Winners did just that.

Balance: The basic proportions of head, body and leg length must be correct as per the Standard with no glaring faults or exaggerations in any section—no matter how attractive these faults might be. It is as well to bear in mind that faults are not always ugly, but if it is not in the Standard, it is incorrect. The whole dog must please the eye and it must look ‘right’ for the breed.

Style: This is not easy to define, but it is a combination of balance and the way the individual Norwich projects itself. It should have personality and showmanship, be alert, but non-aggressive. It should have an air of pride about itself and look as though it would do the job it was meant to do historically—catch rats and other small vermin.

Soundness: When all the parts fit together correctly—the layback of shoulder and the angle and length of upper arm creating the correct length of neck and a front movement which has plenty of forward reach.

The hind quarters should reflect the front angulation with a good bend of stifle and low hocks. The dog should be able to place itself when standing in a position, ready to move off when required with plenty of forward reach and drive from the rear.

Condition: This is just general well-being, with the dog appearing bright, lively and alert to everything going on around it.

The Norwich should carry the right amount of flesh without being fat (or thin)—all topped with shining, healthy jacket of correct texture. Most of the dogs I judged showed good condition.

All those points above considered, it is then the judge’s job to find the Norwich Terriers which most nearly fulfil those points. No dog is perfect. No dog is completely devoid of faults. It is the degree one has to be aware of. However, I feel judges should assess dogs in a positive way. Fault-judging is not the way to go for me. Breeders, on the other hand, have the much more difficult task of producing all those points in their stock.

The Bred-By-Exhibitor Dog Class was quite a difficult group of six to judge, strong in some areas and not others. For me, reconciling those qualities with areas which did not quite reach the Breed Standard was not easy. However, my winner and ultimately the Reserve Winners Dog was the best overall here, a balanced black and tan, of pleasing size, good sound construction, pleasing head proportions and qualities, good mouth, alert, and moved well.

In the Open Dog Class, where, again, there were dogs of differing types and varying amounts of quality, I found my Winners Dog, sired by the same dog as the RWD I noted later in the Specialty
catalogue. The WD was very good overall, another black and tan, mature, good body proportions a' through, good angulation front and rear, shown in correct harsh jacket, moved and showed extremel well. He was eventually Best of Winners.

In the very young Bitch Classes, many were not quite mature enough yet and needed time to get everything together, but I did find four very promising bitches amongst the winners in the later classes. The Winners Bitch and Reserve Winners Bitch both came from the Bred-By Exhibitor Class, the largest class of the day with twelve present. It was a very interesting class to judge with a good deal of quality on show. WB really stood out for me, completely filling my eye, even in such good company. She appealed greatly for type construction, soundness and balance, all which fitted the Breed Standard, and she also possessed that elusive quality—style. RWB only fell a touch short of the winner.

It was such a pleasure to judge Best of Breed. To see such an assembly of quality Norwich dogs and bitches was breathtaking for me. I so enjoyed going over so many good males, with twelve making the cut, but there has to be an eventual winner. In this case it was GCH Skyscots' Texas Hold 'Em. How proud of him his breeder, his owner and his handler must be! Even with so many really beautiful dogs in the ring, my eye just kept going back to him. He simply had to take BOB. He had all the qualities I was looking for—especially 'style' which he had in spades. He was all-Norwich!

Not so many bitches were exhibited, but eight of the fourteen made the cut, and my Best of Opposite Sex was the beautiful Winners Bitch.

Thank you for bringing your lovely dogs. I have never seen so many Norwich in a ring at one time. I will never forget that.

—Eileen Needham, “Titanium” Norwich, Cambridgeshire, England
(eileen_needham@ymail.com)

Ed.: Below are the 2012 NTCA National Specialty winners:

**Winners Dog/Best of Winners: Thunderwood’s First Robin of Spring** (GCH Skyscots’ Poker Chip x Ch. Itsy Bisy Iz Mizziebehavin’). Breeders: Kristin Conlan & Peggy Schmidt. Owners: Tonnie Willrich & Kristin Conlan


**Winners Bitch/ Best of Opposite Sex/Best BBE: FXHNT Keeping Up Appearances** (Ch. Havics’s Rockin Roscoe x Ch. FXHNT Flying Spur). Breeders/Owners: Hal Happersett & Roxanne Sutton

**Reserve Winners Bitch: High Pines Nutmeg** (Ch. Rugus King of Swing at Saltarello x Ch. High Pines Clove). Breeders/Owners: Susan & Anne Sikorski

**Best of Breed: GCH Skyscots’ Texas Hold ‘Em** (GCH Skyscots’ Poker Chip x Skyscots’ Pen Pal). Breeder: Leslie Becker. Owner: Sharon Esposito, M.D.

**Select Dog: Ch. Rugus King of Swing at Salterro** (Nepomuk Von Den Zwei Eichen at Salterro x Crazy Rhythm at Rugus). Breeder: Lesley Crawley (U.K.). Owners: Susan & Anne Sikorski

**Select Bitch: GCH Fishback’s Black-Eyed Susan** (Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Assets x Kinsridge High Time). Breeder: Susan Miller Hall. Owners: Breeder and Amy Grace Clark & April Clark

**AOM: GCH Scalawag The Sheriff At Stetlands** (Beric’s Morgan Kelliwic x Scalawags Law & Order). Breeder: Yvonne Vertlieb. Owner: Teri Nyari


**AOM: Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary At Saxony RN** (Ch. Skyscots’ Cowboy Up x Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle). Breeder: Leandra Little. Owners: Joan Graham & Gay Staley

**AOM: GCH Dunbar’s Here Comes The Bride** (Ch. Dunbar’s Desperado of Arcadia x Ch. Dunbar’s Million Dollar Baby). Breeder-Owner: Joan Schurr Kefeli

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Best of Breed: GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em  
(Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip x Skyscot's Pen Pal), pictured with NTCA Specialty judge Eileen Needham, handler Brenda Combs, Purina Area Manager Annie Balotti, and NTCA President Jean Kessler

Best of Winners/Winner Dog: Thunderwood's First Robin of Spring  
(GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Iz Mizbehavin'), pictured with NTCA Specialty judge Eileen Needham, handler Betty Bossio, and NTCA President Jean Kessler

Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex/Best Bred-By Exhibitor: FXHNT Keeping Up Appearances  
(Ch. Havic's Rockin Roscoe x Ch. FXHNT Patty By Ratty Of Royal Rock), pictured with NTCA Specialty judge Eileen Needham, co-breeder/co-owner Roxanne Sutton, NTCA President Jean Kessler and Purina Area Manager Annie Balotti

BOS in Sweeps: Dancy's Calamity Jane  
(Ch. Dunbar's Desperado of Acadia x GCH Dancy's Hot Commodity), pictured with NTCA Specialty Sweeps judge Joan Eckert, co-breeder/co-owner Dwain Lentz, and NTCA President Jean Kessler

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The NTCA Supported Entry in San Antonio, Texas

The Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club (LSNRTC) held its first NTCA supported entry in San Antonio on Saturday, July 14, 2012 in conjunction with the Comal County Kennel Club Show. The supported entry was well attended with three class dogs, eight class bitches, and five competing in Best of Breed.

Ms. Melinda L. Lyons of Louisville, Kentucky was the judge. Ms. Lyons carefully studied and patiently went over every dog. She awarded Winners Bitch to Loch Cu Jurisprudence (Ch. Fishback Sticky Wicket x Loch Cu Judge Judy), bred by Betsy K. Bly, owned by Betsy K. Bly & L.E. Rockwell, and shown by Susie Olivera. The NTCA provided trophies for Best of Winners (embroidered grooming towel), Best of Opposite Sex (embroidered apron), and Best of Breed (embroidered throw). Ms. Lyons chose Norieland Aces And Eights (Ch. Skyscot's Poker Chip x Ch. Norieland Sexy Sadie), bred by Karen and Steve Vaughn, owned by the Vaughns with Rhonda Krupp, and shown by Steve Vaughn, as Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Ch. Itsy Bitsy Pocket Change (Ch. Reverie’s Royal Legacy x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Ruby Tuesday), bred by Tonnie and Gerard Willrich, owned by Maria Kelley, and shown by Betty M. Bossio. The final award, Best of Breed, went to Ch. Thunderwood’s First Robin Of Spring (Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Iz Mitzbehavin), bred by Kristin Conlan and Peggy Schmidt, owned by Tonnie Willrich and Kristin Conlan, and shown by Betty M. Bossio.

The LSNRTC wishes to thank all the participants for showing their Norwich at the 2012 NTCA supported entry in San Antonio. Make plans to attend this show in July 2013.

—Tonnie Willrich, “Itsy Bitsy” Norwich, La Grange, TX
(donkeys@lildonk.com)

The NTCA Supported Entry at Sammamish Kennel Club

(Redmond, Washington, August 26, 2012)

“Sammamish” may be hard to pronounce, but most folks know “Redmond,” the home of Microsoft. Redmond is located just east of Seattle on the shores of Lake Sammamish, hence the Sammamish Kennel Club’s name. Each August the club holds its all-breed summer show in conjunction with the All Terrier Club of Western Washington’s back-to-back Group shows. These three shows attract a strong turnout. Sammamish had an entry of 1,308 with supported entries in 13 breeds. This year, however, many of the major regional handlers were not in evidence because of show conflicts in California. Still the ATCWW entry of 225 terriers was respectable. To compare, the 2012 Garden State All Terrier Club’s stand-alone Group show in New Jersey had an entry of 380.

California conflicts didn’t seem to affect the Norwich turnout. While not many puppies were entered in Sweepstakes (just 2-1), breed judge Linda Wells’ entry of 15 (4-8-3-0) with no absentees was comparable to last year’s entry of 18 with 4 absentees. It is still very difficult to find Norwich majors in the Pacific Northwest, particularly in bitches. It takes 4 dogs and 9 bitches for a 3-point major in Division 8 (Oregon and Washington).

Results of the NTCA Sammamish Supported Entry are as follows:

Sweepstakes

(Judge: Heather Tomlins, “Amblegreen” Norwich, British Columbia, Canada)

BISS (from the 15-18 months class): Sea of Flames (Ch. Havic’s Doddy Rocky x Lady of Fire), bred and owned by Felipe Lara.
BOSS (from the 9-12 months class): **Full Throttle’s All Dolled Up**! (Ch. Larele Zippity Do Da x Ch. Fabulous@ Full Throttle). Breeder/Owners: Darcy and Gracie Bartholomay.

**Regular Classes:**

**WD/BOW/BOB:** **Littlefield Just Let It Ride** (GCH Itsy Bitsy Troubadour x Ch. Little by Littlefield), bred by Leandra Little and owned by Dianne and Al Just.

**WB/BOS:** **Full Throttle’s All Dolled Up**! (See BOSS above)

**Select Dog:** **Ch. Littlefield’s Ace in the Hole**, a full brother to Just Let It Ride, owned by Christine Kiino and Maris Purvins.

**RWD:** **Michael J’s Thriller** (Artistry in Rhythm II x Maryeve Dancing Queen), bred by Mary Lou Loftus & Dee Hanna and owned by Jan Schreiber.

**RWB:** **Maralinga Gucci Girl** (Ch. Maralinga Tucker of Norieland x Maralinga Maggie May), bred and owned by Ray and Dianne Ivey.

The BOB was a five-point major for "Harley" (Just Let It Ride), who finished his American Championship from the classes over three Specials dogs at the Sammamish Supported Entry. A nice way to finish!

Results for the three shows are online at www.brayevents.com. Thank you to NTCA member Lynne Davis for arranging the Supported Entry and Sweeps, to NTC Show Chair John Francisco for making the supported entry application process so clear, and to NTCA Trophy Chair Susan Miller Hall for the beautiful trophies. The NTCA offered a microfleece throw with an embroidered Norwich and club logo for BOB; a towel with an embroidered Norwich for BOS; an apron with logo for WD; a picture frame for WB; a towel for BISS and a tool bag with painted Norwich for BOSS. The Sammamish KC also offered a pewter medallion for BOB, as well as rosettes for Supported Entry winners.

These are truly lovely shows held on the cricket field at Marymoor Park with Mt. Rainier as the backdrop. The terrain in the rings could be a bit better, but the weather is usually beautiful at this time of year. The Clubs are welcoming and all seemed to flow smoothly. It's worth planning a trip to the Pacific NW in late August!

—Leandra Little, “Littlefield” Norwich, Tulalip, WA
(llittle9@earthlink.net)
Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966. Edited by Constance Stuart Larrabee and Joan Redmond Read, this is a paperback reprint (1986) of the original hardback book of the same title. The book includes many wonderful photos of early Norwich and Norfolk Terriers and breeders, profiles of influential American kennels, and articles on early Specialty and Match shows. It is the definitive history of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers in America during the 30 years after official AKC recognition of the breed(s). Price: $20 postpaid to USA addresses; $25 to non-USA addresses. Please send a check, payable to NTCA, to Alison Freehling, 1208 Washington Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

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