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

SENDING DIGITAL PHOTOS TO THE NEWS

Many adorable photos that look great on your monitor are not a high enough resolution to print in the News. A digital photo for the inside of the News should be 300 ppi and approximately 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) by 3 inches. A photo considered for the cover should be even larger—about 3 inches by 4 inches at 300 ppi. Photos taken at resolutions meant for the Web or email (72 or 96 ppi) are suitable for printing only if their dimensions are very large—approximately 10 by 12 inches.

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

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

NEW NNTC WEBSITE ADDRESS

The NNTC has a new-look website, designed by the club’s new webmaster, Ami Hooper, and a new website address. Check it out at www.norwichandnorfolkterrier.org.
NAME THAT CLUB!!

Due to AKC regulations regarding dog club names, the Pacific Area Norwich and Norfolk Terrier club (PANNT), originally called the Middle Kingdom Alliance of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers (MKANNT), has once again changed its name. This organization of west coast Norwich and Norfolk fanciers is now officially called the **Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club of Northern California (NNTCNC)**; the NNTCNC's website is [www.geocities.com/norfolkandnorwich/](http://www.geocities.com/norfolkandnorwich/). The *News* thanks past NNTCNC President Kathleen Eimil for sending this update. —AGF

FROM THE EDITOR

As I write these few lines in late February, our daffodils are about to bloom. Winter has been rather mild in central Virginia, with no major snow or ice storms and with many warm, sunny days perfect for long walks with our four Norwich.

The "Clinic" section of this *News*, as you will see, is particularly "packed," with articles on many different aspects of breed health. "General Interest," in contrast, is decidedly "slim." The *News* aims to have articles of interest to all Norfolk and Norwich fanciers. "Doggy" stories from owners of "just pets" are always welcome.

Thanks to everyone who contributed articles and photos for this issue. My supply of Norwich photos currently outnumbers my Norfolk, so I hope that Norfolk owners will get out their cameras, take some pictures (especially of puppies) and send them to the *News*. A happy spring and summer to all. —AGF

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A NNTC MEMBER?

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

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

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

REVISED NNCT SPONSORSHIP RULES

At a February meeting in New York City prior to Westminster, the NNCT Board approved a change in the club’s long-standing policy regarding sponsorship of new members. Instead of being able to sponsor only two new members a year, a number the Board deemed too restrictive, each NNCT member may now sponsor FOUR prospective members each calendar year.

—Barbara Miller, NNCT President

THE NANCY JOY PATCHAN NORFOLK SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

In April 1997, the NNCT Board approved an annual sportsmanship award established by the Patchan family in honor of late NNCT member and Norfolk breeder Nancy Joy Patchan. The award goes to a Norfolk NNCT member who “consistently conducts him/herself in a sportsman-like manner whether in or out of competition” and “who demonstrates a serious commitment to maintaining and improving the quality and integrity of the Norfolk breed.” Judy Patchan’s health problems precluded her and her committee from selecting a 2004 winner. Judy has asked that NNCT members please call (440-247-5158) or e-mail her (JudyPatchan@aol.com) with nominations for the 2005 award. —AGF

THE 2003 NNCT AWARD WINNERS

Ed.: NNCT Club Prizes and Statistics Chair Blair Kelly announced the following 2003 NNCT Award winners at the October 2004 Montgomery Specialty dinner. This year for the first time in NNCT history, member-owners of eligible Norfolks and Norwich were required to apply for their dogs’ awards. In several cases (all Norfolk), NNCT members did not submit the necessary application forms; thus there are no 2003 winners for those awards. This applying-for-awards policy has now been discontinued. Hereafter, the NNCT conformation, agility, earthdog and obedience statistics chairs will compile the names of winners in each award category. Criteria for NNCT annual awards are posted on the NNCT website. —AGF

Conformation: Bred-by-Exhibitor Awards

The NNCT awards annual trophies to each member-owned Norfolk and Norwich dog and bitch earning all his/her championship points from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class:
The 2003 Partree Trophy (Norfolk Dog)

This trophy is named in honor of early American drop ear breeder Mrs. Josephine Spencer (Partree) who, together with her friend and fellow drop ear fancier Mrs. Katherine Thayer (Maplehurst), was largely responsible for achieving official AKC recognition of the unofficial Norwich breed club in 1947. Mrs. Spencer served as the Norwich Terrier Club’s first President. Mrs. Thayer was the NTC’s first Secretary. (See Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966, pp. 16-17.)

- No winners in 2003.

The 2003 Maplehurst Trophy (Norfolk Bitch)

This trophy is named in honor of early American drop ear breeder Mrs. Katherine Thayer, who bred many influential drop ear (Norfolk) terriers at her Maplehurst Farm in the late 1940’s and 1950’s. Mrs. Thayer was a sister of Sylvia Warren (River Bend). See information under Partree Trophy above.

- Ch. Arroyo’s Cat Ballou, Ann and Ed Dum
- Ch. Jufelt’s Queen Bee, Judith Felton

The 2003 John Paul Jones Trophy (Norwich Dog)

This trophy is named in honor of influential prick 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 member and President (1955-1960), Mr. Alden Blodget, and his wife, Cornelia Otis Skinner. 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, pages 17, 28).

- Ch. Bunratty’s Chimney Sweep, Estelle and Ronald Crawford
- Ch. Dickens’ Woolwich Bagnet, Pat Mason
- Ch. Foxglyn’s This One’s For You, Nichola Conroy
- Ch. Reverie’s Mr. Big Stuff, Ann Carlson

The 2003 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. Bunratty’s Limerick Lace, Estelle and Ronald Crawford
- Ch. Bunratty’s Queen of the Loch, Estelle and Ronald Crawford
- Ch. Reverie’s Barnstable Witchcraft, Ann Carlson
- Ch. Reverie’s Just Believe, Ann Carlson
- Ch. Unique’s Ministry of Magic, Karen Whalen

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The 2003 Clean Run Trophy: Agility

The NNTC Clean Run Trophy, first offered in 2002, goes to the member-owned Norfolk and Norwich with the most clean runs during the year.

- Norfolk: no 2003 winner
- Norwich: Ch. Breakaway’s Central Perk AX AXJ (13 clean runs)

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The 2003 River Bend Trophy: Obedience

The NNTC River Bend Trophy, honoring early Norfolk/Norwich breeder and obedience enthusiast Sylvia Warren (River Bend), is awarded to the member-owned Norfolk and Norwich with the highest obedience score during the year.

- Norfolk: no 2003 winner
- Norwich: Ch. Sandina Sally Forth CDX (33 points), Betty McDonnell

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The 2003 NNTC Versatility Awards

Criteria for earning NNTC Versatility and Versatility Excellent Awards are posted on the NNTC website.

The following member-owned Norfolk and Norwich earned NNTC Versatility Awards in 2003.

- Norfolk: Ch. Pinchbeck Heads-Up Harry CD ME (CGC), Sue Ely
- Norwich: Ch. Top Drawer’s Cholmondeley CD CDX TD (CGC), Meredith Dwyer and Nonie Reynders

The following member-owned Norfolk earned a NNTC Versatility Excellent Award in 2003: Ch. Jaeva Brandy Snap ME NAP NJP (CGC), Linda Federici.

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The Register of Merit Award (ROM)

To qualify for the 2003 ROM award, a member-owned dog must have sired 8 or more conformation champions; a member-owned bitch must have produced 5 or more conformation champions. Two or more progeny must have titles in performance events or therapy (e.g., agility, obedience, earthdog, therapy dog). A ROM winner must also have a title, whether in conformation, performance or therapy. The ROM winner does not need to be alive at the time of his/her award.

- Norwich: Ch. Fairway’s Sam I Am Sam, Jean Bryant

Ed: The News congratulates all the 2003 winners and apologizes for any omissions and/or inadvertent errors in your dog’s names, titles and awards. —AGF
CH. PINCHBECK SAM BROWNE, 
CG, CD, ME, CGC 

NNTC Versatility Excellent Award, 1999 
Working Therapy Dog 
(March 19, 1993 – January 2, 2005) 

Even now I cannot believe Sam is gone. He died, 
suddenly, of cardiac arrest on the morning of January 2. 
Until that moment, there was no indication that he was not 
at the top of his game, the head of the “Pinchbeck” pack. 
He had spent the weeks before Christmas playing “Sammy 
Claus”, wearing his Santa hat and visiting all sorts of places 
where he and I dropped off gifts of homebaked shortbread. 
He even came to the veterinarians’ office and without a 
backward look, disappeared into the building with his tail 
wagging, his hat on sideways, and a big, somewhat toothless 
grin on his face. I had thought he might spook at the doors leading to the surgery area; but he was intent 
upon his mission, pulling on his red and white leash, spreading the holiday spirit. 

That was Sam in his therapy dog mode; he was quite another dog in an earthdog trial or groundhog 
hole. He was all business then, unafraid to go face to face with a cornered woodchuck or to get up close 
and personal with rats in the quarry area of a tunnel. He earned his Master Earthdog title in 1999 in a 
wide variety of competitive earths. I especially remember an afternoon in West Virginia when a friend and 
I went with three Norfolks to check out the local groundhogs in a field adjacent to the test site. We came 
back several hours later with three muddy, tired warriors who had all been toground in a complex sette. 
Each dog had accounted for a quarry deep in its dark corners. Sam qualified both days in that trial. 

Perhaps the hardest thing I ever asked Sam to do was Obedience work. Like most Norfolks, he 
didn’t much like heeling; however, he mastered all the other Novice exercises cheerfully. He even learned 
not to offer the Norfolk ‘hip sit,’ although he was always uncomfortable in the long sit/stay exercise 
because his hind legs would slide out to each side of his obedient bottom! In the last seconds of that 
endless minute, his face would assume a most comical, slightly pained expression! He earned his CD in 
1999, but, needless to say, I did not ask him to attempt Open with its 3 minute sit/stay! 

Titled in 1994, Sam was a true champion in every way. He was never specialed or widely bred, 
but he will soon be eligible for ROM (Register of Merit) status. Everyone who ever met him loved him 
immediately. As devastated as I am at his sudden death, it is some comfort that I have his children and grand- 
children to train, to breed, and most importantly, to reach out towards his great spirit, in memoriam. 

—Sue Ely, “Pinchbeck” Norfolk Terriers, Bernardsville, NJ 

CH. REIDMAR SWEET GEORGIA BROWN, ME, CGC, CG 

NNTC Versatility Award, 1998 
(May 31, 1989-December 20, 2004) 

From the moment I saw the red bitch puppy who would become Sweet Georgia Brown, she was 
mine. I was in Nat LaMar’s Brooklyn garden, asked there to see about hobbling the babies’ back legs. As 
I looked at the litter, my eyes and hands went immediately to Georgia. She lay quietly while I measured 
and wrapped the tape on her back legs; but when I set her on her feet, she gave a little growl, tossed her
head and swaggered off as if she had been walking in hobbles all her life! I took her back for an instant and licked her on the head, marking her as mine. And, thanks to Nat, who let me buy her, she was mine for all fifteen+ of her active, spirited and quite amazing years.

In 1991, Georgia engaged in a brief flirtation with the show ring. She liked it—all except the grooming! Once she finished, she walked around my Brooklyn neighborhood with her head high, every inch a Champion. She produced three litters of healthy pups, but tended to leave the real work of whelping to her human midwives. How well I remember holding her up to let gravity help her, my cheek pressed to hers as I chanted “Georgia, pushhh, pushhh!” She would emit a mere ghost of my noises, a sigh more than a grunt, and her eye would regard me with certainty that I would find another, more dignified way to solve her dilemma! Years later at age 10 and age 12, she returned to the show ring and won the Norfolk Veteran Bitch class at Montgomery. To the end, her bite was perfect, not a tooth missing!

In 1997, I heard about the rapidly growing AKC sport of Earthdog. I loaded Georgia and some other Norfolks into my car and started going to trials. She got one of her JÉ legs that year on a rainswept hillside in Hendersonville, NC. One of the few dogs to qualify that day, she charged through a tunnel so full of water that she generated a bow wave as she went to ground! Two seasons later, in the fall of 1998, she completed the ME—only the second Norfolk bitch to do so. For some years after she earned that title, I would run her in trials, just for fun. She had a curious but typical habit when let loose with her brace mate at the start of a Master run: she would bounce up to the dog, no matter its gender or size, and give one short “Woof!” right in its face as if to say, “I’m here and you’d better watch my dust.” Then she would move on, all business, quartering, scenting, focused entirely on the job at hand. The only time she ever refused to go in a hole and work the rats was in West Virginia. She was the second dog in the brace to work, so she honored the other dog’s frenzied barking with her typical composure until it was her turn. She went into the tunnel with her usual alacrity, but reappeared at the entrance a few seconds later with a strange look on her face. I gave her a second command; she turned obediently and went back into the tunnel! A mystifying silence ensued. The judge finally suggested that I come to the den end of the sette and call her through. I knelt to remove the cover and Georgia was there, not up on the bars as usual, but standing back with her head cocked to one side. Suddenly the reason for her silence was apparent: there were no rats in the quarry area of the tunnel! Whatever her brace mate had been barking at in there, it hadn’t been quarry, and Georgia was not fooled into following suit! Later in the trial she got to run again with another brace mate and with rats this time; as ever, her performance was textbook.

Georgia was not only an earthdog; she was also a water retriever. Every year our local Watershed Association has a country fair where we show folks what sort of sport/work gets pursued in the country. The Foxhounds, Bassets and draft horses come; Border Collies herd everything from sheep to ducks. I bring a bunch of Norfolks to demonstrate terriers’ willingness to keep down the rat population in barns and coops. A crowd favorite is always the various retriever breeds jumping into the pond to bring back dummies thrown from the bank to simulate a duck shoot. One year I took Georgia down there to watch; I was horrified when she slipped her lead and went flying off the bank, head to head with the Labs, to fetch the dummy! From that year on, the cry would go up “Send the little dog!”, and Georgia would take her turn jumping far out into the water, swimming to the canvas lure, grabbing it and making a b-line for the bank. No, she didn’t do a nice Labrador-style retrieve; instead, much to the crowd’s delight, she “killed” the darn thing as soon as her feet touched the shore, whacking it side to side in the reeds to make sure it didn’t get away from her!
In the past few years, Georgia had slowed down. Quite deaf, at least partially blind, and incontinent, she still ran with the Pinchbeck pack, disciplined the young Norfolks who treated her without due respect, and staunchly defended her right to be the first dog through the back door after the morning run. Anyone who challenged that “first” supremacy got a sharp shoulder check and a warning growl. Though I knew she was failing, I couldn’t imagine her not being there, the grand dame in the midst of her children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren, wolfing down her meals and prospecting for crumbs on the kitchen floor. But this morning in the December chill, the pack and I walked without her. In my imagination, she did her usual galloping gambits, head up, eyes flashing. Back at the house, I opened the back door. The pack stood uneasily, eyes averted, lest she materialize and zap them for going in first. There was a moment of silence, and then they and I walked in quietly. The Queen was gone; long live her great spirit.

—Sue Ely, “Pinchbeck” Norfolk Terriers, Bernardsville, NJ

CH. ROLLING RIDGE’S
PERFECT PEACH
(August 18, 1987 – October 15, 2004)

“Peaches” was the last of our “old guard” dogs, those Norwich and Dandie Dinmonts who were born in Maryland in the 1980’s and who subsequently moved with us, first to Connecticut and then to Kentucky. The other members of this canine gang—3 Norwich and 3 Dandies—all bade us “farewell” during our nine years in Kentucky. Peaches continued on to Charlottesville, Virginia, along with a quartet of Norwich females born in Kentucky. When she made her final journey to the Rainbow Bridge last October, she left behind more than 17 years of cherished family memories from each of her/our four different homes. Her passing represents to me the end of the beginning of my years as a Norwich breeder/owner.

Even in declining health, Peaches was ever a trouper, plucky and resilient. A life-long gourmand, she was also, until old age took its toll, a spirited huntress, a playful retriever, an avid dishwasher, a vociferous Barker—a dog who lived each day to its fullest. Thanks to the combined talents of Beth Sweigart and Roxanne Stamm, Peaches was also a breed champion. But the show world was never her cup of tea, and her front (too wide!) was not her forte. She had only one litter—two pet bitches sired by friend and resident stud dog, Ch. R.R. Justa Tad Tuff. She outlived both her daughters, but not her own litter sister, Pippin, who is still doing fairly well as Addie Brooks’ beloved pet in northern Idaho.

As the “last of our first” and, to date, our longest-lived terrier, Peaches will leave indelible “pawprints” on my heart and in our memory bank of special dogs. I will always remember her as Rolling Ridge’s quintessential effervescent Norwich.

—Alison Freehling, Rolling Ridge Norwich
THE 2004 MONTGOMERY AGILITY CLUSTER

For many of us, participation in Montgomery's yearly terrier extravaganza is a given on our calendars, much like major holidays are. The parade of dozens of fine Norwich and Norfolk in the show rings of Hatboro, Devon and finally Montgomery Kennel Club draws as many active participants as eager spectators.

Meanwhile, at the nearby Kimberton site, an incredible, yet silent miracle is taking place. Although many Norwich and Norfolk enthusiasts are not even aware of the event, the Montgomery Agility Cluster is experiencing an explosion in Norwich and Norfolk participation. I believe we witnessed an historical event this year. There were 26 Norwich and Norfolk entered in the trial, making our two breeds the fastest growing agility group among all terriers. Judging from the total number of participants, you would think Norwich and Norfolk were among the most populous of terrier breeds. Someone turned to me as I was preparing for my run and said, "I never knew Norwich Terriers were so popular these days". I had to laugh in spite of my best efforts to stay focused. It was a great feeling to see so many little ambassadors of both our breeds making an inspiring statement of their training abilities. Another historical shift to mention is that this year, Norfolk participants outnumbered Norwich 16 to 10, with most remarkable time scores to further underline Norfolk Terriers' and their trainers' abilities.

If the numbers of Norwich and Norfolk agility entries do not sound impressive enough, their accomplishments would astonish the toughest skeptic:

**Wednesday: 10 Qualifying runs**

Kate (Blair Kelly) with 1st place in Exc B Std
Bianca (Blair Kelly) with 2nd place in Exc B JWW
Stamp (Sassie Joiris) with 3rd place in Exc B JWW
Biskit (Magda Omansky) with 1st place in Novice B Std
Beacon (Peggy Metcalf) with 2nd place in Novice B Std
Sara Beth (handler for Lauren Love) with 1st place in Novice P Std
Fleury (Sheila Foran) with 2nd place in Novice P Std
Beacon (Peggy Metcalf) with 1st place in Novice B JWW
Fleury (Sheila Foran) with 1st place in Novice P JWW
Magic (Magda Omansky) with 2nd place in Novice P JWW

**Thursday: 11 Qualifying runs**

Bianca (Blair Kelly) with 1st place in Exc A Std
Stamp (Sassie Joiris) with 2nd place in Exc B Std
Kate (Blair Kelly) with 3rd place in Exc B Std
Scooter (Susan Novotny) with 4th place in Exc B JWW
Sara Beth (handler for Lauren Love) with 4th place in Open P JWW
Biskit (Magda Omansky) with 2nd place in Novice B Std
Sara Beth (handler for Lauren Love) with 1st place in Novice P Std
Beacon (Peggy Metcalf) with 1st place in Novice B JWW
Oliver (Robin Foley) with 1st place in Novice A JWW
Devlin (handler for Lauren Love) with 1st place in Novice P JWW
Magic (Magda Omansky) with 2nd place in Novice P JWW
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Friday: 6 Qualifying runs

**Stamp** (Sassie Joiris) with 3rd place in Exe B Std
**Tia** (Pam Lorenzen) with 1st place in Novice P Std
**Fleury** (Sheila Foran) with 3rd place in Novice P Std
**Tia** (Pam Lorenzen) with 1st place in Novice P JWW
**Fleury** (Sheila Foran) with 2nd place in Novice P JWW
**Darcy** (Carlynn Ricks) with 3rd place in Novice P JWW

The above accomplishments are even more impressive when you consider that on Wednesday, there were only 7 Norwich and 9 Norfolk Terriers competing. On Thursday, many agility participants were also competing with great success in the first-ever Montgomery Obedience Trial; and by Friday, many participants had already gone to compete or to take their ringside seats at the Hatboro conformation show.

The broad spectrum of skill and speed was a good representation of the sport of agility within our breeds. Agility is truly for everyone. Many terriers made their Montgomery debut this year; many others displayed striking progress from previous years. All competitors were very supportive of each other, and there was an incredible camaraderie between Norwich and Norfolk handlers. As in previous years, all our tents were grouped together to create a “Norville”. Next year we will even have a formal banner for our group!

The traditional “noragility” dinner, organized by our informal online community, was enhanced by the presentation of certificates to handlers whose dogs were recognized by Front and Finish rankings in 2003. Dogs placing first could look forward to a prize mailed to them later.

Congratulations to all the marvelous emissaries of our breeds and their trainers!

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

NORWICH AND NORFOLK AGILITY TITLES:
SUMMER/FALL 2004

*Congratulations to all new title winners!* —Magda Omansky

**Titles earned 06/01/04–11/30/04**

**NA**
- March Wind's Cobbler CD NA SE (Norfolk)—Robin Foley
- Ketka's Biskit NA NJP (Norwich)—Magda Omansky

**NAJ**
- Todmorden Fire Eyes NA NAJ (Norfolk)—Sheila M Weathers
- Ketka's Biskit NA NAJ NJP (Norwich)—Magda Omansky

**NAP**
- Dunbar's Montgomery Find CDX MX NAP AXJ (Norwich)—Pam Lorenzen
- Folklore's Fleur De Lis NAP (Norfolk)—Sheila Foran
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NJP

• Debe's Equal Opportunity CD NAP NJP (Norwich)—Susanne B. Bittner
• Dunbar's Penelope Star CD OA OAJ NJP (Norwich)—Carol S. Clark
• Foxlea's Pistol Pete NA NAJ NJP (Norwich)—Lea R. Valentine
• Ketka's Magic Flute NJP (Norwich)—Magda Omansky

OA

• Tally-Ho-Ho-Ho OA NAJ ME (Norfolk)—Beth Kravetz

OAJ

• Ch. Kimberley's Lil Rascal CD AX NAP OAJ NJP (Norfolk)—Angela G. Smith

OAP

• Ch. Castle-Bar Mystery Date OAP OJP (Norwich)—Patti Evans

MXJ

• Shaksper Bianca Minola AX MXJ (Norwich)—Blair Kelly

NORFOLK AND NORWICH AT THE 2005 AKC AGILITY NATIONALS

My Norfolk Terrier, Stamp, and I made the trek to Tampa, Florida in January to participate in our first AKC National Agility Championship. We had a blast! Although Norfolk and Norwich have participated at the Agility Nationals previously, Blair Kelly told me this was the first time both breeds were represented at the same time. Blair, of course, is the owner of perennial agility star, Kate, who represented Norwich Terriers at this event. As with all events of such magnitude, there were a few glitches, but the AKC worked hard to make the agility nationals special and memorable for all competitors, not just for those few who won the top placements.

Although neither Kate nor Stamp managed to make the finals, they both put in several lovely performances. Kate is wonderfully reliable and turned in one clean run after another. I can’t quite say the same for Stamp, who had terrific speed going, but also had a fair number of runs in which he dropped one bar or missed one weave pole. When he did qualify, his speed was excellent (in the top 20% in a class of 61 dogs), so I have hopes that with a little more seasoning, he’ll do better. Despite the flaws, I was actually thrilled with his performance because his speed clearly demonstrated that these little guys can compete with the best of them.

Norfolk and Norwich are both temperamentally and structurally suited to do well in agility. I look forward to being joined by many others at future Nationals. Although the qualifying requirements for the 2006 AKC Agility Championships have not yet been announced, this year’s requirements, necessitating a solid combination of reliability and speed, were not terribly difficult to achieve. So get out there and train! Let’s show the world how grand our little dogs are.

—Sassie Joiris, NNTC Performance Events Chair
(joiris@ix.netcom.com)
TRUE TRAINERS TRAIN TERRIERS
Recipe for a Successful
All-Terrier Combined Obedience Specialty Trial

Combine: two Norwich owners, NNTC members Carlynn Ricks in San Antonio, Texas and Pam Lorenzen in Olin, Iowa, who have lots of experience competing, but NO experience at all in organizing or running a trial.

Add: one first-time Norwich owner, NNTC member Ami Hooper in Austin, Texas, who has no experience competing, who once chaired a trial organized by someone else, but who can do anything with a computer. Be sure to add: one breed club (the NNTC) willing to gamble on hosting such a trial.

Mix in: 11 terrier breed clubs receptive to the idea of a Terrier Combined Obedience Specialty.

Flavor with: Lots of AKC regulations, written in Greek, but leavened with a couple of very helpful people at the New York and Raleigh offices.

Throw in: lots of people who love performance events to help spread the word, donate ads, solicit donations, find judges, help with details.

Top it all with: Terriers, Terriers, Terriers

Put it together and what do you get? THE BEST OBEDIENCE TRIAL EVER!

Perhaps it should have been a disaster, but Trial Co-chair Pam Lorenzen and I were foolish enough to think it would work. The result was a day unlike any other. This All-Terrier Obedience Trial was held on Thursday, September 30 in conjunction with the Montgomery weekend activities, indoors at Kimberton, the same site as the All-Terrier Agility Trial. Here's what you would have seen and heard at the Trial:

First, the numbers:

- 91 owner-handlers, 107 dogs, 133 entries, including 9 Norfolk and 10 Norwich! These were amazing numbers for a first-time obedience trial. We had hoped for 40 or 50 entries.
- Not one, but two rings in use full time with three wonderful judges: Ed Whitney, Marilou McCluskey, and Frank Washabaugh
- 11 trial chairs supervising 12 terrier breeds: Cairns, Kerry Blues, Irish, Lakelands, Manchester, Mini Bulls, Norfolk, Norwich, Parson Russells, Sealyhams, Staffy Bulls, and Westies.
- 84 t-shirts saying “True Trainers Train Terriers.”

Second, the workers:

- It seemed as if everyone pitched in to help, from Terrier Trial Chairs to three obedience people who don’t even own a terrier, but who worked all day stewarding.
- A couple of enterprising people who brought walkie-talkies so competitors could coordinate between obedience and agility, which was running 100 yards away. I don’t think anyone missed any of their ring times.
- Folks who just stepped in to set up the site, making a 6-hour round trip the day before to do so, who sold t-shirts, stuffed goodie bags, and in general were willing to help wherever help was needed.
Third, the setting:

- Indoors with plenty of room
- Lots of applause – for successes, for almost-successes, and for good efforts, from the large audience seated around the rings.

Fourth, the goodies:

- A goodie bag for every competitor with treats from Nutro and Natural Balance, a refrigerator magnet from the Irish Terrier Club with our theme, notepads and pens from JustTerriers, who also donated all the Norwich and Norfolk 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place prizes. The NNTC donated a cloth goodie bag embroidered by Ami Hooper with a Norfolk or Norwich on it and a "Hide-a-Squirrel" plush puzzle toy inside. The NNTC's new performance chair, Sassie Joiris, made darling little sculptures of their breed for each trial chair.
- Wonderful prizes: Norwich and Norfolk fans went all out with prizes, including the CNNTC's trivet, Meredith Dwyer's prints, training books, jewelry boxes, many other wonderful prizes too numerous to mention, and the Ami Hooper extravaganza. She embroidered hats for every Norwich and Norfolk entered in both obedience and agility. For High in Trial, she embroidered Norwich and Norfolk Terriers onto the fabric of a director's chair with coordinating pillow and dog car blanket. For High Combined, she embroidered Norwich and Norfolk images onto a tote bag containing, all similarly embroidered, a towel, a memo book, and a dog coat. In addition, Natural Balance donated certificates for 35 pounds of free food for High in Trial for each of the 12 breeds, plus a top prize of 6 months of food for High Scoring Dog among all the breeds.

Fifth, the performers:

- We were treated to the full gamut of performances, from brand new competitors in Pre-Novice (the future of the sport) to senior dogs in Veterans. Good work was done by dogs in Novice, Open, and Utility. Lest you imagine that terriers can't do obedience, let me tell you about the Irish Terrier who won High in Trial with a 199 and the Kerry Blue, the Parson Russell, and the Norwich (my own Darcy) who went High Combined, all of whom earned another UDX leg.

Finally, the spirit:

- There was a definite underdog "We're gonna show 'em" mentality. Our publicity flyers said, "Terriers can do obedience. Yes, they can!" and that spirit prevailed. I didn't hear from a single unhappy competitor! When there was a problem, someone pitched in to help solve it. A Parson Russell competitor summed it up: "I had the absolute best time ever. I couldn't stop raving about it to everyone. My dog may not have qualified, but I came away from the trial as happy as ever. The atmosphere and attention to detail couldn't have been better. I had such a wonderful time."

Most of us had never had the opportunity to compete in an obedience specialty against members of our own breed. I have participated in enough obedience trials with my Norwich Darcy to have earned several UDX legs; but until Kimberton, I had only been at one trial where there was another Norwich entered, and I had never competed in the same class against another Norwich. The feeling at this trial of not being alone on this obedience journey and the pride at seeing only terriers competing filled my heart in a way I had never known.
Here's an image I will never forget. At the end of Open B, the dogs do “stays” while the handlers are out-of-sight for three minutes (for “sits”) and five minutes (for “downs”). At all previous trials when I came back to the ring, I've had to wait a long time to see if my Norwich was where I had left him, since he's usually hidden by a Golden or another big dog. This time, the moment the ring came into view, I was pleased to see the black and tan Norwich holding his “sit”. Then I realized that I was looking at the other black and tan Norwich. I never thought I would see two of them succeeding in Open B at the same trial.

This successful obedience trial recipe can be duplicated as many times as a terrier breed club or an obedience club desires. I anticipate that next year’s Montgomery all-terrier trial will have more entries, that at least twice as many breeds will participate, and that the performances will be even better. Come and see. Better yet, plan on entering your terrier, because TERRIERS CAN DO OBEEDIENCE!

Here are the official Norfolk and Norwich results:

- **High in Trial Norfolk** went to Robin Foley and March Wind’s Jenny Wren CD.
- **High in Trial Norwich** went to Betty McDonnell and Ch. Sandina’s Sally Forth CDX.
- **High Combined Norwich** went to Carlynn Ricks with Sand-Castle Darcy UD MX MXJ. [There was no High Combined Norfolk.]

**NORFOLK TERRIERS**

- Novice B –
  1st: **March Wind’s Jenny Wren**, Robin Foley
- Open B –
  1st: **Ch. Tylwyth Just Riley CDX**, Mary Fine
  2nd: **Kilkenny’s Mountain Heather**, Beverly Ann Kerrigan
  3rd: **Chantilly’s Aelfwynofberry Brow CDX AX AXJ**, Shirly Hutchins
- Pre-Novice –
  1st: **Flurries Kate’s Light**, Jean L. de Streel
  2nd: **Folklore’s Fleur de Lis**, Sheila Foran

**NORWICH TERRIERS**

- Novice B –
  1st: **Skyscot’s Trouble Scooter AX AXJ**, Susan Novotny & Scott Laidig
  2nd: **Glendale Rockets Red Glare**, Louise Keller
- Open B –
  1st: **Ch. Sandina’s Sally Forth CDX**, Betty McDonnell
  2nd: **Sand-Castle Darcy UD MX MXJ**, Carlynn Ricks
- Utility B –
  1st: **Sand-Castle Darcy UD MX MXJ**, Carlynn Ricks
- Pre-Novice –
  1st: **Skyscot’s Pennyroyal**, Robin Siegel
- Veterans –
  1st: **Dunbar’s Montgomery Find CDX MX AXJ**, Pam Lorenzen
  2nd: **Ch. Jerusalem Katherina Minola CD MX MXJ**, Blair Kelly

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
(carlynnricks@earthlink.net)
SPRING 2005 OBEDIENCE NEWS

Ed.: The News welcomes back long-time NNTC member, Norfolk breeder and Obedience enthusiast Mary Fine as Obedience reporter and also thanks now-retired NNTC Obedience chair Pam Lorenzen for her many excellent contributions to the News during the past two years. —AGF

Hello to all N&N obedience aficionados! I'm back as the News obedience columnist and will start with my usual plea: if you want to read about your dogs’ accomplishments in full detail, mail or email them to me. If I don't hear from you, all you will see in the column is whatever can be gleaned from the AKC Awards publication unless I happen to be wherever you are showing your dog. Remember that although you must be an NNTC member to receive the Club awards you read about, you do not have to be a member for me to write about your dog.

First, a word about Rally: I don't do Rally and know very little about it. Any Rally participants out there who would like to write something about it for this column, please send it to me and I'll be glad to include it. Pam Lorenzen is obviously well-informed, having written a wonderful Rally article for the last issue of the News; yes, Pam, this is a hint--save us from our ignorance! I do have one comment regarding Rally. On January 1, I attended one of the first obedience trials to offer Rally as an "official" class. All through the day, people were clustered around discussing the new venue. I heard a number of adverse comments about people competing in Rally with their OTCH dogs. What was being said was that "dogs aren't supposed to work with precision—that's not proper in Rally". So, is Rally a venue for encouraging mediocrity? Those of you who have seen my dogs in the ring know that I don’t care much about high scores. I'd rather just let the dogs have fun (and I'm much too impatient to try for the elusive 200). But, would I deliberately "dumb down" a dog? Never!! Comments on this are invited because I did hear a lot of people talking in this vein.

On to obedience news: As I'm sure everyone has heard by now, the first All-Terrier Combined Specialty Obedience Trial, held in Kimberton, PA on September 30 was a huge success. So much for the myth that an all-terrier obedience trial would fail for lack of participation! Probably the biggest N&N success of the day belonged to the Norwich, Sand Castle Darcy UD, AX, AXJ, owned by NNTC member Carlynn Ricks. Darcy was High Combined Norwich for a 5th UDX leg, first place Norwich in Utility B and second place Norwich in Open B. Darcy certainly picked the right place to shine! High Scoring Norwich in Trial went to NNTC member Betty McDonnell's recent UD, Ch. Sandina Sally Forth UD with a 195.5 from the Open B class--perhaps another candidate for a UDX? High Norfolk in Trial from the Novice B class was March Wind's Jenny Wren CD, owned by Robin Foley with a 195.5—a fabulous finish to the CD title for this duo! Earning a first CD leg and first place Norwich in Novice B was Skyssor's Trouble Scooter AX, AXJ, owned by Susan Novotny and Scott Laigid. Also earning a first CD leg with a second place in Novice B was the Norwich, Glendale Rocket's Red Glare, owned by L. Keller. Three Norfolks qualified in Open B: first place went to my Ch. Tywynh Just Riley CDX, second place to Kilkenny's Mountain Heather CDX, owned by Bev Kerrigan, and third place to Chantilly's Aelfwynofberrybrow CDX, AX, AXJ, owned by Shirl Hutchins.

After getting the first CD leg at Kimberton, two of the above-mentioned Norwich, Skyssor's Trouble Scooter and Glendale Rocket's Red Glare, both finished CD's in November.

A noteworthy achievement here in the East: Artisan's Brandy CDX, owned by George and Margo Rzeszutek of CT, now has her first UD leg! I've watched Brandy work and I've never seen her miss more than one small thing in a routine, so I hope legs 2 and 3 will come quickly. If I'm not mistaken, Brandy is the Rzeszutek's first obedience dog: they have done a wonderful job with her. Another Eastern Norfolk, Aberschan Mary Todd CD, owned by Judy Carbaugh, got her first CDX leg in October. At the same show, another Norfolk, Cortailled Cametol of Islay CD, owned by R. Holden, also earned a first CDX leg—pretty spectacular having two Norfolks qualify in Open A in the same class. Still more activity in the East: the Norwich, Yarrow's Mistletoe, owned by B. Seiffert, is on the road to a CD with a first leg at the Cape May trial in October.

I'm starting out with a puppy now going to his first Show and Go's in Novice. He can feel better than any Norfolk I've trained—when he feels like it . . . . Sigh.

That's all the news for now. Please write with your news and comments!

—Mary Fine, “Tywynh” Norfolk Terriers, 66 Ellise Rd., Storrs, CT 06268 (mfine01@snet.net)
SPRING 2005 RESCUE & RENOMING NOTES

After "Coco's" recent showing at Madison Square Garden, I am once again deluged with calls from folks who are "in love with Coco" and absolutely have to have a "Norfolk" (sic) Terrier as soon as possible. Most of these callers have never seen a Norfolk in the flesh and have no idea what it is like to own a small terrier that thinks like a big dog. All they know is that they must have one of these "darling," "perky," "Benjie-faced" little dogs.

Best in Show night at Westminster is a nightmare for all canine rescue people in the seven breeds represented. We huddle in front of our TVs as the tension mounts. We look at the other group winners, hoping one of them will go Best in Show. Why are we not pulling for our own breed? Don't we love our breed more than any other? Hard as it is to admit, we sit there pulling for any breed other than ours to win because we know what the Best in Show spotlight will lead to: a whirlwind of calls at all hours of the day and night, clogged collections of e-mails, and lots of flowery letters written to convince us that theirs is the perfect home. Behind the elegant suspense of Westminster's carpeted rug and hushed box seats, breed rescue people can hear the genetic engines idling, ready to spring into production as soon as the nod is given to the top dog. We know that we will be harvesting the sorry results of the "flavor of the day" breeding for months and years after the night's excitement.

The difference between what people see on TV (be it Westminster, Crufts or Eukanuba) and the realities of responsible ownership of an actual dog is vast. Believe it or not, I talk a lot of callers out of buying Norwich or Norfolk Terriers by giving examples of what can happen when a family buys a dog for the wrong reasons. Any dog looks tractable, clean, perky, loyal, cuddly on TV. And most dog books do little, if anything, to present a realistic picture of what a particular breed was bred to do and, therefore, what traits that dog will present when someone buys it as a pup.

Every time I write these notes, the pace of NNTC Rescue and Rehome has increased. More Norwich and Norfolk breeding is going on; more puppies are being sold. Demand for both breeds, however, has stayed well ahead of the increased supply. Thus, this is not the time to get sloppy in your determination to place your puppies in the right homes—not just in homes which can come up with 'big bucks.' These latter sales, alas, are what keep the rescue effort alive and well. I get calls to rescue/rehome too many Norfolk or Norwich with temperament problems because they have been sold to hapless families with fairyland dreams of a Coco or a Toto. Most of these new owners are afraid to call the breeder. If they have called, they have either not been helped/mentored or have been made to feel responsible for what they did to a "perfect" puppy. So here is a list of things breeders can do to make new Norfolk and Norwich owners more successful:

- Make sure the family knows about terrier traits and instincts before they buy a puppy.
- Suggest that new owners take their puppy to a puppy kindergarten class at a local dog training school; refund $75 of the puppy's purchase price when you receive a copy of the puppy's diploma.
- During the first year, call the new owners at least once a month to check on the puppy's teeth, temperament or other concerns the owners may have. Problems caught early can be resolved much more easily than when the adult dog is up for adoption with a bad behavior record.
- After the first year, call or write once a year to ask how the dog is doing if you don't see him/her at performance events or shows.

Whether or not our breed took top honors this time, there will be more big dog shows and more publicity for Norfolk and Norwich every year. Try not to be seduced by being involved with a "pup du jour" breed, to quote a recent caption in Centurion magazine. Breed for yourself and to better the breed; sell your puppies reasonably and responsibly; and if you need something to read on the pot, take a copy of the NNTC Code of Ethics in with you!

A big "Thank you" to all Norwich and Norfolk breeders who took responsibility for their dogs in trouble and to those who continue to help me in the club's nationwide rescue effort. You are the best!

—Sue Ely, NNTC Rescue & Rehoming Chair, Bernardsville, NJ (ludely@bellatlantic.net)
"BUT WE REALLY LOVE MADDIE"

Ed.: News readers may remember two previous reports about "Maddie," a then 4 1/2-year-old, overweight, people-biting Norfolk, rehomed in February 2002 by NNTC member Hazel Beeler and her husband Michael Kuric. Maddie's story continues to have a happy ending, as Hazel's latest update reveals.—AGF

"Maddie" on her front deck in southwest Virginia

As 2005 begins, it has been three years since I drove to Pennsylvania and brought home a Norfolk bitch with big, anxious eyes. Michael and I both noted that we had never seen a dog with the whites of its eyes so visible. We and our two other Norfolks had to adjust to a dog that would snap in fear at the slightest thing. Often we had no idea what tone of voice or gesture had frightened her, although she was particularly sensitive to voices raised in anger or frustration. Maddie could only be picked up with the greatest caution, and she was so tense that it was like holding a furry log.

We continued the training begun by Ruth Rosbach-Chandler, the professional dog trainer who had first rehabilitated Maddie. A responsive, people-loving Norfolk gradually emerged, a dog with an effusive tail, an impressive vocabulary of adorable sounds, an obedient and eager-to-please dog that always wants to be with her people.... Ruth cautioned us that Maddie might not be trustworthy with children or strangers, but we have not found this to be a problem. She loves visitors and crawls all over them begging for attention; she particularly likes large men! She is also just fine with children as long as the child is old enough to understand and obey the same "Maddie instructions" we give to adults: Don't reach under furniture at her or try to pick her up, but if she comes to you, it is perfectly safe to pet her.

Except for the above-mentioned problems, Maddie is very well-behaved. She successfully completed basic obedience the year she joined our household and tried beginning agility last summer. She runs loose in the yard and can be trusted not to run off—and to "come" when called. .... We take Maddie with us when we go hiking; she is an excellent trail dog who doesn't go chasing off into the woods. All the exercise she gets has taken off her extra pounds.... She now charges all over and leaps energetically onto chairs and laps. We have to make sure our dining chairs are pushed under the table, or F5 (Furtive, Four-legged, Furry Food Filcher) will use them, when we aren't looking, to get up on the table and eat an unauthorized meal.

Maddie still doesn't like to be picked up, but her growls of protest have diminished and she relaxes when tucked under your arm. She does not like to be handled, so grooming and bathing must be done with caution. She has to be muzzled and sedated for burr removal and toenail cutting; but after the ordeal, she comes right up, wagging, for her reward and then goes off about her business as if nothing had happened. Of our three Norfolks, she is the most interactive and people-oriented. We love all our dogs, but we really love Maddie.

—Hazel Beeler, Newport, VA
STARTING OVER

In early November, 2004, I received an e-mail from a woman who had purchased a Norfolk puppy named "Sammy" from me three years ago. The Norfolk owner said that Sammy had bitten one of her 18-month-old twin boys on multiple occasions and asked if I would help her place the dog. She admitted that the twins tormented Sammy, but said she was not able to control either Sammy or her two toddlers.

I am always ready to stand behind my Norfolks and to take them back if their owners' circumstances change. This was one of those cases. There were no small children in this home when I sold Sammy at the age of 12 weeks. The couple owned a Westie and had recently lost another dog to old age. Sammy became another family member.

After talking to the owner about Sammy, I could tell that she deeply loved him. Sammy was now 3 ½ years old, and the twin boys were a big challenge for him. I didn't know the entire situation, but I did know that it is my policy not to sell my Norfolks to families with children under the age of seven. The twins came along after the fact.

I asked Sammy's owner to ship him back to me as soon as possible. It was hard on his owner to let him go, but for her to keep the twins and send me Sammy made more sense than for her to keep Sammy and send me the twins! Sammy arrived on an evening flight. I didn't know what to expect, but when I lifted him in his crate at the airport, I knew he was very overweight.

Sammy weighed 20 pounds! When I quizzed his owner about why he was so heavy, she told me Sammy was always eager to clean up the food the twins threw on the floor while they were eating. I expected Sammy to be a dog that bit, that was dog and people aggressive, not housebroken, and that was also a barker. What I got back, instead, was one of the sweetest Norfolks I have ever met. Sammy was a people dog and loved the attention he received in our home. After he spent his first two nights in a crate, I taught him to climb the steps to our bed. Sammy became one of the bed dogs, sharing the bed with our foundation bitch, Sweetpea, and Mike and me. I groomed him and removed volumes of dry, dead hair. Sammy never growled or snapped while he was being groomed.

To socialize him, Sammy started going to work with me and my favorite companion dog, Pepe. Sammy would bark at the clients and the delivery people, but when I would walk out and put my hand on their shoulder and say, "This is a good person," Sammy's stumpy little tail would start wagging and the person was accepted. Any aggressive barking was met with a strong "No." Sammy's big test was with the Bible study group that meets at my house on Wednesday night. The first Wednesday, Sammy barked and got excited. The next Wednesday, he greeted everyone with tail wagging. His weekly weigh-in now showed him to be 18 lbs. 7 ½ ounces. In two weeks, his only housebreaking mistake was on a hectic Saturday when I was too busy to notice his distress.

After Sammy had been at our house about four weeks, I decided it was time to place him in a carefully chosen home, one with no small children. If he stayed with us much longer, my office staff wouldn't allow me to sell him and Mike and I would also be hopelessly in love with him. Several people with small children applied to take Sammy, but the perfect home came along when the family that had purchased Sammy's littermate wanted him. When he went to their home, he immediately fit in with his new family's two dogs. His litter sister was overjoyed to see him and the alpha mixed-breed terrier was not challenged by Sammy. His new owner was a nurse with adult children and a great husband. She continued Sammy's exercise routine on their two acres of

Sammy's favorite activity
fenced gardens and also enforced his diet. Sammy excelled in digging, but learned quickly where he was allowed to dig. At last report, Sammy's new owner wrote: "He is not only happy, healthy and active, but also very lovable and affectionate. . . . He's lost two pounds (now 16 lbs.) and is doing very well. It's amazing how a dog can be raised by someone else for 3 ½ years and still adapt so well to a new home. He is so trusting and attentive that it's obvious he's had much good care and love in his life. We are benefiting from that."

I always refund any money from the sale of a rehomed dog back to the owner, minus my expenses. Sammy's previous owner was so happy he'd found a good home that she asked me to donate the money to NNTC Rescue. I did that.

Sammy's rehoming is a story of happiness and success. As his breeder, I was able and willing to take Sammy back. This is my lifetime responsibility to my dogs. We spent a great deal of time making Sammy feel comfortable and working on his little behavior problems. We were open and honest with his new owners, and they were excited to get Sammy. I still stick by my requirement not to sell puppies to families with children under the age of seven. Norfolks are great with older children, but not all Norfolks can tolerate being hassled by pre-schoolers.

—Tina Dennis, "Regency" Norfolks, McAllen, Texas
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"VITA'S" DREAM HOME

Ed.: Last fall, NNCTC member and Norfolk breeder Deborah Pritchard ("Glenelg") rehomed a 4-year, 8-month-old bitch named "Vita." Debby wanted to share a letter she received from Vita's new owner "to encourage breeders who don't rehome their dogs to try it."—AGF

Patti Exstein's letter, reprinted below, answers questions that are frequently asked about Norfolk Terrier likes and dislikes, as well as questions (and doubts) about rehoming. Neither "Vita" nor my other Norfolks are raised with children, but all are well socialized by four months of age. My definition of "socialized" means that each pup gets to experience a variety of human smells and touches and environments. They travel in the car, visit stores in the village, etc. Early socialization pays off in self-assured adults.

As a breeder, I try not to have more dogs than I have time to make feel "special." My comfortable number is six. When a dog isn't getting enough attention, its neediness is expressed in different ways (depending on its temperament), and I feel bad. So I rehome some of my older Norfolks. Ch. Glenelg Dolce Vita is a sweet-natured bitch who doesn't need to be "alpha;" nor is she submissive. Vita deserved more attention than I could give her. She was born here, showed, had three litters. When I decided to rehome her, I turned down several possible homes and waited for the right family. I have to feel 100% sure about the match.

Norfolk Terriers are too curious, intelligent and loving to spend their whole lives in the same kennel yard or in crates except to show or be bred. I've had several Norfolks who were "kennel" raised, and they were always so insecure about themselves. It's a good feeling to get this kind of letter about a rehoming, to know that Vita and the other Norfolks who have left here are having a better life than I could give them.

—Debby Pritchard, Middleburg, VA
Hi, Debby:

I just wanted to let you know that all is well with Vita—we adore her! We took her to my parents’ home in Illinois during Christmas break, and she charmed my whole family. My Dad’s not too mobile and sits in a chair a lot. Vita spent lots of time curled up at his feet, keeping him company. He’s not much of a pet person, but said he’d make an exception for her. I was so touched! She also traveled well in her Sherpa bag and was complimented often by fellow passengers.

Adam and Ben are great with Vita. She helps me get them out of bed with good morning licks, and they take her on a walk before school. At bath time, Vita is more anxious to hop in the tub than the boys are! It’s so funny—she whines if we don’t get her in there fast enough. She splashes around, plays with cups and toys, and has a wonderful time....

Ted walks her to our sons’ school every afternoon, meets up with the boys, and they all walk home together. Vita is wise to the fact that the crossing guard passes out little dog biscuits, and she hustles her way up the street in time for a treat. She’s very comfortable around children and wags her tail when kids come up and ask to pet her. Most of the time, she’s already giving them her paw and doing all her cutest moves to get their attention.

At home, she’s my little shadow. When I move an inch, she moves an inch. I just love that! She sits beside me when we watch TV or when I read the paper. She brings joy into our lives every day, and we are so thankful that you allowed us to adopt her into our family.

Take care,

Patti
King of Sprawl "Charlie" Saletnik

Pint-sized pup on pint-sized pillow

"Pray tell; what manner of Norwich art thou?"

Beguiling 5-week-old Norfolk

Mischief makers taking a break
SPRING 2005 EARTHDOG NEWS

Spring is right around the corner, and I am sure we are all anxiously awaiting the sighting of the first robin, the feel of the warm spring sun, and the chance to get out to the first earthdog training and trials of the season.

BIG NEWS!!!!

The first Norwich Terrier to earn a Master Earthdog title is Ch. Bunratty's Tod Moran ME, owned and handled by NNTCNC member Hilary Pease Milana. NNTC Governor Dana Esquibel first introduced Hilary to earthdog trials where, she said, "her dog's instincts became apparent immediately. He is a natural." Many congratulations on a job well done!

"We can't wait for earthdog season to start!"

Congratulations also to the following Norfolk Terriers earning earthdog titles in 2004:

Junior Earthdog

- Brunclik Sany Danja JE, owned by Robin Ormiston
- Ch. Landmark Whistling Dixie CD JE, owned by Arista Newton-Moore
- Holly Beach Mack The Knife JE, owned by Sue Ely
- Flurries Bayside Beacon JE, owned by Peggy Metcalf
- Reidmar Rob's Boy CD JE, owned by Bernice Staton

Master Earthdog

- Ch. Franaro Lucy Pinch ME, owned by Sue Ely
- Ch. Glenelg Grazie ME, owned by Debby Pritchard

New Norfolk and Norwich earthdog titles soon will be posted monthly on the NNTC's new web site at www.norwichandnorfolkterrier.org. If you have a newly-titled earthdog, send his/her photo to Ami Hooper at amij@austin.rr.com or by mail to 1806 Richcreek Rd., Austin, TX 78757-1848.

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Are you interested in attending an earthdog trial as an observer or participant? Earthdog events (AKC and AWTA) are held all across the country. Premiums are available for trials being held in California, Texas, Arizona, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut, with more to come as the season unfolds. Information on these trials can be found in the AKC Events Calendar and on the following websites: www.akc.org, www.norfolkterrier.org, www.dirt-dog.com, and www.earthdog.info/.

—Peggy Metcalf, “Flurries” Norfolk, Camden, NY (nflurries@a-znet.com)
HOLISTIC TREATMENT FOR CANINE EPILEPSY

Epilepsy is a condition of recurring seizures. Seizures are involuntary disturbances of the dog’s nervous system, causing jerks, twitching and other muscular contracting, sometimes with complete loss of consciousness. There are basically two types of seizures: partial and generalized. Partial seizures are minor seizures with symptoms mostly associated with mental activity. The dog usually acts “spacey” and may have only minor jerks of a leg, head or other areas of the body. These seizures last for a short time and do not have long-term side effects. Generalized seizures involve both the cerebral function and the dog’s physical functions. “Grand mal” seizures are major generalized seizures with both mental changes and total body contraction, including possible urinating and defecating. “Petit mal” seizures are less severe generalized seizures and are very brief, lasting only seconds.

Epilepsy is caused by inherited brain disease or by acquired brain disease. Some causes of acquired epilepsy are brain injuries, tumors, abscesses, encephalitis or meningitis; metabolic diseases; and many other internal diseases of the blood, heart, kidney and liver. Holistic veterinarians also believe that acquired epilepsy may be caused by the over-use of vaccines (which can trigger seizures by stressing a dog’s immune system) and by poor diets from food sources cooked at high temperatures (which leads to low levels of proteins and fats, while raising the level of carbohydrates (sugars) from grains in these highly-processed dog foods).

The holistic treatment of epilepsy has many parts and focuses on the whole patient:

- **The first part** of the holistic treatment involves **diet changes**. I believe the best diet for our canine patients is unprocessed, fresh and wholesome food—a diet with moderate to high protein and low carbohydrate. The easiest way to implement this diet is to add fresh medium-rare to rare meats and fresh vegetables to commercial canned dog food. Fresh vegetables contribute high-quality vitamins and minerals as well as fiber to a dog’s diet.

- **The second part** of the holistic treatment is the use of **nutritional supplements** to support the epileptic patient:

  1. **Taurine** (Amino Acid) – This amino acid, found in large quantities in mammalian brains, is useful to enhance neurotransmitters in the brain. Taurine is easily destroyed in high-temperature cooking of meat.

  2. **Pyrodoxine** (Vitamin B6) has been used clinically to reduce seizures in humans.

  3. **Minerals** (Magnesium, Manganese, Zinc and others) – Trace minerals have been used to treat seizures in humans; I recommend a mineral supplement be added to the dog’s diet. There are many good products for dogs on the market.

  4. **DMG** (Dimethylglycine) – In studies of rats and mice, DMG has demonstrated the ability to block induced seizures.

  5. **Liver support** (SAMe, Milk thistle & others) – To aid the body to detoxify toxins and chemicals.

  6. **Antioxidants** (Vit. C, Vit. A, Beta carotene, Selenium, and others) – These products play a major role in reduction of free radicals and are used to improve the general health of the epileptic patient.

- **The third part** of the holistic treatment is the **use of herbal medicine**. In my practice, I use mostly Chinese herbal medicine. In Chinese medicine, seizures are assumed to have their root cause in the **liver**. The liver governs the smooth flow of many substances in the body: The liver stores the body’s blood; at any given mo-
ment of the day or night, about 70-80% of the total blood volume is in the liver. The liver controls the smooth flow of fluids, phlegm (mucous), ingestion (food), blood, as well as muscle and tendons. So according to Chinese medicine, all jerks, twitches and seizures are related to an impaired liver function. This is interesting because in Western medicine, the conventional pharmaceutical drugs used to treat seizures can harm the liver. I believe that epileptic dogs continue to have seizures while on anti-convulsive drugs because of improper liver function. Some herbal formulas I recommend include:

1. **Gastrodia 9**: This formula is used to treat spasms, jerks and seizures. It comes from a traditional Chinese formula (Chen Xiang Tian Ma Tang).

2. **Tian Ma Teng Pian**: This formula is to treat seizures, spasms and hypertension.

3. **Ease 2 and Ease Plus**: These formulas are used to harmonize and improve liver function. I use these formulas between a dog’s seizure periods.

* **Note**: There are many other formulas. Prescribing herbal medicine should be done by a veterinarian trained in Chinese medicine.

**The fourth part** of the treatment for epilepsy is the use of **Homeopathy**. Homeopathy has been used for over 200 years for the treatment of seizures. Some of the homeopathic medicines used for epilepsy include:

1. **Chamomilla** – For the young, restless patient at teething time.
2. **Cina** – For the young patient (puppies) when roundworms are involved.
3. **Ignatia** – When stress or excitability is the cause of a dog’s seizures.
4. **Belladonna** – When a dog’s fever or overheating may lead to seizures.
5. **Lyssin** – When Rabies Vaccine may lead to seizures.
6. **Nux vomica** – When a dog’s anger or irritability may lead to seizures.
7. **Gelsemium** – When there is weakness in a dog’s rear legs or for stress after thunderstorms.

* **Note**: This list can go on and on. I feel this part of the holistic epilepsy treatment should be administered by a professionally trained Veterinary Homeopath.

Another form of Homeopathy that I use is called Homotoxicology. This is the use of combinations of homeopathic medicines which can detoxify and regenerate the body. This is a powerful form of medicine, but which is also gentle and safe. Because there are so many different products of Homotoxicology, I cannot list any specific product to use for epilepsy patients. I recommended finding a veterinarian trained in Homotoxicology.

**The last part** of the holistic treatment for epilepsy is to **reduce factors causing stress** to the dog’s immune system. I recommended reducing the use of vaccines in epileptic patients. I also recommended reducing the use of toxic chemicals around the house and on epileptic dogs. The immune system plays a vital role in keeping symptoms from returning in all chronically ill patients. Stress is the number one cause of illness, whether it is epilepsy or any other type of chronic disease.

I hope this article has given you some other ideas to consider when your animal friend has epilepsy.

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JUST YOU WAIT HENRY HIGGINS

Ed.: "Henry Higgins", a Norwich with seizures and other health problems, has been a patient of holistic veterinarian Dr. Joseph Demers for the past two years. This article by Henry's owner highlights the improvements in her dog's health under Dr. Demers' care. —AGF

It has been two and a half years since I adopted our Norwich, Henry Higgins. His owner, recently widowed and often gone from home, no longer had time for Henry. The little dog spent long hours tethered outside in his backyard.

When I would dog-sit Henry for his owner, it was obvious that the dog had some chronic health issues, including breathing problems, obesity and intestinal distress. I tactfully inquired what his owner fed him. In addition to commercial dog food, he gave Henry bits of hotdog and leftovers from numerous restaurant "doggie bags," a diet which probably explained the terrier's horizontal diarrhea. During Henry's first visit with us, I cooked him chicken and rice and also gave him a bath. A bath was an unaccustomed event for Henry; he rewarded my efforts by having a seizure as I was drying him off. Although I had never owned an epileptic dog, I knew what had occurred. Since Henry and I were forming a special bond, I began to do some research on canine epilepsy. I wanted to see how serious a problem it was before I became even more attached to this little Norwich.

The reading I did implicated commercial dog foods as one of the main culprits responsible for canine seizures. Ingredients, especially in dry kibble, are cooked at high temperatures to preserve them, but the heat destroys certain natural enzymes in the meat.

Chemicals, preservatives and artificial colors in the food can dramatically affect a seizure-prone dog. The epilepsy articles also mentioned other stresses on a dog's liver and immune system such as lawn pesticides, toxins applied directly on the dog's skin to prevent fleas and ticks, and the practice of annual vaccinations. For seizure-prone dogs, it was recommended that vets do vaccine titer tests to determine whether the dog has adequate antibodies to protect against the various diseases.

Each time Henry's owner came to get his dog, Henry was reluctant to leave. I promised Henry that I would try to persuade his owner to let me buy him. "Just you wait Henry Higgins; just you wait," I whispered in the terrier's ear. Henry's behavior finally convinced his owner that the dog wanted to stay with me. When he became ours at three and a half years old, he was averaging five to six seizures a month.
I took Henry to my regular vet to see if there were any physiological problems that would cause the epilepsy. Serum chemistry and blood tests ruled out brain tumor, thyroid or liver disease. But the tests did reveal that Henry’s heartbeat was unusually slow, so my vet suggested he undergo a twenty-four hour heart monitor to be assessed by heart specialists in Gainesville, Florida. Henry’s chest was shaved and a human-sized cassette with sensors was taped tightly around his torso. The monitor showed some prolonged periods of sinus arrest with a heart rate dropping as low as 20 beats a minute. No seizures occurred at those instances, but with this condition (called Heart Block or Sick Sinus Syndrome), the lack of blood flow to the brain can cause seizures. The heart specialist prescribed Theophylline, which speeds up the heart and is also a bronchodilator.

Henry seemed reborn—his energy and enthusiasm doubled. Theophylline seemed to be the perfect drug for two of his problems (labored breathing and slow heart beat), but one of the drug’s possible side effects was seizures! I decided to take Henry to a holistic vet to see if there was an alternative treatment to drug therapy.

Departing from my usual pattern of dog care was a bit unnerving, but my first meeting with Dr. Demers gave me great confidence. In addition to practicing holistic and homeopathic medicine, he was also a DVM. Dr. Demers stressed the importance of diet in treating seizure-prone dogs and suggested some good quality canned foods. Spot’s Stew by Halo Products was high on his list, so I started Henry on that. He said the best nutrition for dogs is raw or rare meats and raw vegetables (minced fine or pureed).

Along with diet changes, Dr. Demers mixed together various liquid herbal medicines to give Henry several times a day. One herbal mix was to detoxify Henry’s system from the damage done during his first three years of life; another was to help clear the congestion in his nose and throat; a third was to help his heart; and the fourth was to help with the seizures. For nutritional supplements, he prescribed liver support pills (SAME), an herb to help his respiratory problems (Pinellia 16), and Vetri-DMG liquid for immune system support.

Henry’s quality diet, weight loss, regular exercise and a calm, loving environment have produced steady improvement in his health. His wheezing and labored breathing have vanished, his energy level has increased and his seizures are much less frequent. Dr. Demers finally suggested it would be wise to take Henry off Theophylline since his heartbeat was very steady.

Henry has been off the drug for over a year. His recent EKG showed no periods of sinus arrest, and the heart beat was steady at normal speed. His seizures are farther apart and only seem to occur during extreme excitement or stress. Dr. Demers compounded something for Henry’s travel anxiety or I use Bach’s Rescue Remedy (a holistic remedy found at health food stores) to calm him.

The yearly titer tests have shown that Henry hasn’t needed any booster shots for the last three years. Since chemical flea products caused seizures in the past, I now give him yeast garlic pills twice a day and rinse him with water and Skin So Soft to control fleas. He tolerates Heart Guard (without the worming agent), but that is the only chemical I give him.

Except for annual check-ups, Henry has not needed to go to the vet for over two years. I periodically have phone consultations with Dr. Demers so he can adjust the composition of the
holistic drops and omit remedies that are no longer necessary. The drops are very easy to give. Ideally they should be put under a dog's tongue, but since Henry is a wiggler, I just mix the drops with a teaspoon of the gravy from his Spot's Stew, and Henry laps it up.

Although Henry was unfortunate to have both Heart Block and Epilepsy (since the usual protocol for seizures—Phenobarbital—would have slowed his heart beat even more), his multiple health problems forced me to look for an alternative remedy for his seizures. Thanks to the holistic treatment plan recommended by Dr. Demers, Henry is now a vigorous, happy six year old.

—Gigi Smithers, Vero Beach, FL
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PUPPY STRANGLES

Ed.: NNTC member Susan DeWitt breeds Norfolk Terriers under the kennel name “Rhapsodale.”

I am writing this article to describe to breeders, owners and veterinarians who have never experienced a puppy with Puppy Strangles what one can expect to see in such a puppy. People who have never seen this condition may assume Puppy Strangles is not treatable and even euthanize the puppy. I first experienced Puppy Strangles in a Cairn Terrier about 20 years ago. Luckily I had a veterinarian who knew what it was and how to treat it. One of the first things he told me was “never, ever force the pustules open.”

Puppy Strangles, also known as Juvenile Pyoderma or Juvenile Cellulitis, commonly occurs in puppies between 4 weeks and 4 months of age. From what little information exists, it is believed to occur in a puppy with an immature immune system. Concurrent bacterial infection is common, although the use of antibiotic therapy alone is mostly ineffective. Most importantly, the disease appears to respond to immunosuppressive therapy, via oral corticosteroids such as prednisone and prednisolone.

The signs and symptoms generally appear as sudden painful swelling of the eyelids, lips, ears and face, around the front of the muzzle and under the chin. On examination the lymph nodes are enlarged, especially around the neck and under the jaw. The eyelids swell and there is visible pus in the eye, but the eye itself is not affected. The lower lid droops with the swelling. The small lumps around the muzzle, under the chin and in the ears sometimes can develop ulcerating and draining, which can extend into the adjacent lymph nodes of the face and upper neck. In my recent case with a Norfolk puppy, the facial and ear lumps did not open up and drain. They stayed very small and fairly hard to the touch. Those in the creases of the lips did open and bleed occasionally when the puppy ate, and also as they dried up.

From speaking with other breeders, it appears that the disease starts suddenly, often, but not always, about three weeks after puppies receive their first vaccinations. In our case, the litter was born
on July 29, 2004 and received their first DHPP vaccines on September 9. One puppy was suddenly affected, while the other two had no signs or symptoms. We called the puppy “Rosebud” because she had a sweet look with her swollen face and eyes. The following describes how we treated Rosebud; we hope it will help people understand the “mechanics” of treatment.

• On September 28: Rosebud presented with her right eye swollen, with pus coming from it. There was no fever. Our veterinarian did a swab of the pus and, thinking it might be a staph or a strep infection, started her on Clavamox drops and Neobacimyx HC eye ointment. Since I had had a Cairn puppy with strangles, I recognized it and told the vet what I thought it was.

• September 30: Rosebud was much worse. She went back to the vet with a fever of 103.7 degrees in the morning; she was somewhat lethargic and cried when we touched her eye. My husband was at the Cairn Terrier Club of America specialty weekend at Montgomery. Everyone he spoke to agreed that Rosebud must start steroids at once. That evening I called the vet and went directly down to the hospital, where we weighed the puppy and started her on prednisone. We had discussed this on the 28th, but the vet had decided to wait to begin the steroid treatment because Rosebud was so young. When he saw that her condition had worsened, he immediately put her on 0.125 mg twice a day. We also had her continue the Clavamox drops at 0.4ml twice a day, along with the eye ointment.

• October 1: We went back to the vet. Rosebud’s fever was 102.0 degrees, which is normal. The vet increased the prednisone to 2.5 mg twice a day. Rosebud could not eat; it was painful for her to open her mouth even a little bit to take the antibiotic drops. She took the prednisone in a little piece of American cheese. That evening she ate some A/D canned food from a small spoon. She now had developed lumps all over her chin and around the muzzle and lips.

• October 2: To the vet again. Rosebud was not eating and was now dehydrated. The vet gave her a bolus of 25 ml of Lactated Ringers Solution subcutaneously in her back. I gave it to her again that evening at home. Based on observation, we felt that the strangles (lymph nodes) went down her throat, making it too painful to swallow.

• October 3: Rosebud seemed better, but still didn’t want to eat. She was more playful for short periods. She barked a bit and chewed a chew hoof a bit. I hand fed her and also gave her 1 1/2 cc. honey for energy and strength. I was still giving her the antibiotic and the eye ointment, but skipped her morning LRS injection. She went outside with her littermates and the adult Norfolks. She was just fine, going up and down the stairs and playing a little. She ate some scrambled eggs with her littermates. I also offered her her regular food soaked in warm water, and she was able to eat it. I put her in the puppy pen with her littermates for a while and no one picked on her. It was the first time she had been alone with them for almost a week. She is very spoiled because she has spent the last week in the kitchen with me most of the time.

• October 4: The vet saw her again and said to continue with the 2.5 mg prednisone twice a day through October 9.

• October 6: Rosebud was rechecked by the other vet, who also said to continue the 2.5 mg. prednisone through the 9th and then to give her 01.25 mg. prednisone twice a day for five days.
• October 16: The vet checked her and said to continue 01.25 mg prednisone twice a day for five more days.

• October 20: The vet checked Rosebud and said to go to 01.25 mg prednisone tablet once a day. He increased the Clavamox to 1.5ml twice a day.

• November 2: I had the vet check Rosebud's ears, which had not been bothering her. They appeared to have dried up lumps from strangles, as well as a yeast problem. I needed to add an earwash called Malaseb and put Quadratroop in her ears. We clipped hair gently off her chin and lips, since food was sticking to the skin. I started to lightly scrub her skin on the chin and around her nose with Gentaspray on a gauze pad. Because the left eye had cleared up, we now only put the NeobacimyxHC in the original bad right eye.

• November 12: We stopped the eye ointment completely. Her ears were clean, though the dried up remains of the lumps were still there. The lumps around her nose and on her chin were also mostly dried up. I continued to clean those areas with the Gent Spray once a day to keep them clean. We stopped the Clavamox drops as well, and Rosebud was deemed ready to go to her new home. Her new owner continued to bring Rosebud to our vet until at least a month after she discontinued the prednisone. Hopefully Rosebud can then get her second and third puppy vaccines with no problems.

Anyone who has information on Puppy Strangles or wants to contact me is very welcome to do so.

—Susan DeWitt, "Rhapsodale" Norfolk Terriers, Norwalk, CT
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Ed.: Susan's account of Rosebud's Puppy Strangles reminded me of a similar experience I had with a Norwich puppy named "Bubbles" in the early 1990's. When she was about 3 months old, Bubbles suddenly developed painful, swollen eyelids and lips, along with small, oozing sores on her muzzle and chin. Having never seen this condition in any previous litter, I had no idea what was wrong. Neither did my "for routine stuff" veterinarian whose practice was only five minutes from our house. "I've never seen anything like this," she remarked, and proceeded to prescribe first ampicillin and then Clavamox in what would be two ineffective courses of antibiotic therapy.

After a week/10 days with no improvement in Bubbles' condition, I finally called my "important stuff" vet, a Puli breeder whose practice was 35 minutes away. As I described Bubbles' symptoms, this vet immediately said, "sounds like Puppy Strangles; she'll need to be on cephalaxin (Keflex) if so. Bring her in this afternoon.

The visit confirmed the diagnosis. Within three days of starting the third antibiotic (cephalexin), Bubbles' sores began to dry up. Over the next week, they slowly disappeared, as did the puffiness in her eyelids and lips. My mood went from high-level anxiety, wondering whether Bubbles would ever recover, to jubilant relief. I thanked my lucky stars that Bubbles had had a fairly mild case of strangles without any fever or loss of appetite. I was also thankful to have a veterinarian who immediately recognized what was wrong (she had had cases of Puppy Strangles in some of her own Puli puppies) and knew how to treat the condition. Above all, I chastised myself for putting my own convenience ahead of Bubbles' welfare by first taking her to my "so-so" neighborhood vet rather than to a top-notch breeder vet who was far more knowledgeable and experienced. Lesson learned: always go the extra mile(s) for your dogs! —AGF
EYE PROBLEMS IN TERRIERS

To understand the various diseases and disorders of the eye, it is necessary to first understand the basic anatomy of the eye. The clear "window" at the front of the eye is the cornea. Behind the cornea is the pigmented iris (brown in most dogs). The iris is muscular, allowing the pupil to dilate and constrict. Between the cornea and the iris is the aqueous humor, a clear, watery fluid. Aqueous humor is produced by the ciliary bodies, which lie on the back side of the iris. The fluid flows forward through the pupil, and drains out at the periphery of the iris, where the iris attaches to the cornea. Behind the iris is the lens, which is held in place by small fibers. The lens is a hard, round structure that focuses the image onto the retina. The retina is found at the back of the eye, and is comprised of the light-sensitive rods and cones. Nerves from the rods and cones course to the center of the retina, where they form the optic disk. From here, the nerves travel to the brain, resulting in vision. The diseases of the eye can be categorized by the structures affected.

**Corneal Diseases**

1. **Corneal Ulceration.** Ulcers are defects of the front layers of the cornea. Typically they are caused by a scratch or other injury, and can be quite painful. An uncomplicated ulcer should heal within 3-5 days with topical antibiotics. Complicated ulcers may require surgery.

2. **Corneal Dystrophy (Norwich).** Whitish or grey deposits in the cornea, generally affecting both eyes, and inherited. The deposits may not cause any problems, but surgery can remove them if necessary.

3. **Keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS).** KCS is also known as Dry Eye, and is a defect of tear production. The decreased tear production leads to corneal ulcers, infections, and pigment deposits. KCS may be caused by an auto-immune attack on the tear glands, drugs (especially sulfa antibiotics), trauma, distemper virus, or nerve disorders. Treatment is with topical medications (artificial tears, antibiotics, and cyclosporine, a drug that can increase tear production).

**Lens Diseases**

1. **Cataracts (Norwich and Norfolk).** A cataract is an opacity inside the lens. Initially they can be quite small, but with time the cataract can encompass the entire lens, causing blindness. Cataracts are suspected to be inherited, but can also be caused by trauma or diabetes. Although dogs adjust well even to complete blindness, treatment of cataracts is recommended to prevent leakage of the lens proteins into the eye, which causes an inflammatory reaction (uveitis; see below). Treatment is surgical, consisting of phacoemulsification (essentially "vacuuming" out the contents of the lens) and insertion of an intraocular lens implant (IOL, an artificial lens).

2. **Lens Luxation (Norwich and Norfolk).** The lens can become partially or completely dislocated due to a defect of the fibers which hold the lens in place. The lens can pop forward through the pupil into the front chamber of the eye. Lens luxation is common in most terrier breeds and is thought to be inherited. Typically both eyes are affected. Without treatment, lens luxation can lead to glaucoma (see below). Treatment involves surgically removing the lens, and inserting an IOL.
For the sake of both Norwich and Norwich owners, then, breeders would be well-advised to find out as much as possible about a dog’s health background before rushing to breed to a show-ring phenom. While breeders understandably strive to produce typey Norwich, good health should always be a higher priority than good looks in choosing stud dogs and broodbitches to carry on the breed. Unfortunately, there is, to date, no genetic test for idiopathic epilepsy. But there are ways for breeders to check a dog’s health background. Long-time American breeders often know about “red flag” Norwich from past generations. Such information should be made available to newer breeders. Foreign imports present a greater challenge, since their pedigrees usually include names of Norwich who are not known here. In recent years, however, Norwich Terrier Club health committees and concerned breeders in Europe and England have compiled lists and pedigrees of documented epileptic and/or epileptic-producing Norwich in their countries. American breeders need to make it their business to obtain this data before using a foreign-born Norwich. If pedigree checks reveal that an import has known epileptics and/or compromised breathers amongst his close relatives, breeders here should “just say ‘No’” to using this Norwich—no matter how dazzling his show record. The AKC standard describes Norwich as hardy hunt terriers. Let’s do our best to keep them that way.

—Alison Freehling, Rolling Ridge Norwich, Charlottesville, VA

NORFOLK MVD STUDY

Although breeders, owners and veterinarians who work with Norfolk Terriers are suspicious that an increased prevalence of mitral valve disease (MVD) exists in this breed, there have been no published studies to characterize MVD in the Norfolk. The goal of this study is to identify the prevalence, progression, pathology and potentially the genetic basis of mitral valve disease in the Norfolk Terrier. These questions will be answered by three specific aims:

Aim 1: Determine the incidence, progression and type of MVD in the Norfolk Terrier by echocardiography (ultrasound exam of the heart).

Aim 2: Determine the type of MVD in the Norfolk Terrier by evaluating histopathology (examination of the heart valves and heart muscle with a microscope) in Norfolk Terriers who have passed away.

Aim 3: Determine if a pattern of inheritance for MVD is identifiable in the Norfolk Terrier.

Participation in the first aim of the study involves enrollment in an echocardiography clinic. Enrollment is open to all Norfolk Terriers and to other purebred and mixed-breed dogs (control population). Participants must fill out a basic questionnaire and have an echocardiographic exam performed on their dog(s). There is no cost to the owner/breeder for these procedures (these procedures usually cost about $300) as the cost is being covered by the AKC CHF grant. This exam is non-painful and involves the pet laying on its side while the veterinary cardiologist uses ultrasound to exam the dog’s heart. Occasionally sedation or shaving of a small patch of hair is required to obtain an adequate exam. We understand that owners/breeders may not wish to have their dog’s hair shaved during the show season; therefore, please feel free to decline complete enrollment in the study if you are concerned about sedation or having your pet’s hair shaved.

Participation in the second aim of the study is for owners who wish to have their pet’s heart evaluated after the dog’s death. Clearly this is a difficult time for any pet owner. Our research group wants to provide this service for owners who feel that the valuable information obtained would help them find closure and that they are also contributing to the understanding of this disease.
Participation in the study’s third aim is required for all participants in aim #1. Participation involves submission of a 3 to 5 generation pedigree for pedigree analysis. The goal is to identify whether MVD in the Norfolk Terrier has a genetic basis and would therefore be able to be passed on from generation to generation. The study does NOT aim to implicate any individual dog as a carrier of this disease; NO dog’s identity will be published. We have designed the study so that all dogs enrolled (and all dogs listed on their pedigrees) are identified numerically by a random labeling system. We hope this addresses any concerns about specific dogs being "labeled" as a result of this study.

We welcome your participation in the study and thank you for your commitment to the Norfolk Terrier. We hope that we will provide you with valuable information for your pet and your breed.

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NEW CONTACT FOR NORFOLK ICHTHYOSIS TESTING

Veterinarians at Texas A & M University who have heretofore done the DNA tests for Norfolk Terrier ichthyosis have all left Texas A & M to work in the private sector. Before she left, Dr. Kelly Credille arranged for the DNA testing to be continued at Michigan State University. Here is the new contact information for Norfolk breeders:

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Thanks to NNTC members Marleen Greif and Toni Harrold for sending this update to the News. —AGF

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Natural ratting instincts—"Lucy" (forefront) and her son wrestling with a toy rat
THE ROLE OF PROGESTERONE IN TIMING REPRODUCTION

Ed.: John Gruss, DVM, has a special interest in canine reproduction. He has promised to write a follow-up article for the Fall News about some of the factors responsible for a bitch's unsuccessful/failed pregnancy. Dr. Gruss' veterinary practice has several Norwich patients, including my four females. —AGF

Because of the availability of progesterone testing and because of its unique relationship to ovulation, progesterone is an ideal hormone to monitor in order to improve breeding efficiency in bitches.

There are a few tests available to veterinarians which measure progesterone levels. Some of these tests are able to be completed in the veterinarian's office. The only advantage of this type of kit is the quick results. These tests sometimes lack accuracy due to several factors, including: temperature of the sample and of the kit; contamination of the sample with red blood cells; the subjectiveness of interpreting the results, such as the color change on a piece of specially treated paper. When there is a lighter shade of color, the progesterone level is higher; when there is no color change, the level is 5ng/ml (nanograms per milliliter).

A more reliable, accurate method is to have your veterinarian send the serum sample to a lab. There are veterinary labs which will have results overnight. A human hospital lab may also be used and will usually have results within a few hours of receiving the sample. Because dog progesterone is similar to human progesterone, the human lab results will be perfectly accurate and reliable. Furthermore, you get a number as the result so there is no problem comparing results.

Now, why do progesterone tests? To answer this question, let's briefly review the ovarian cycle:

- Proestrus—Vaginal discharge begins; the vulva is swollen. Males are attracted to the female, but she will not allow breeding. The ova are growing within the follicle on the ovaries. Estrogen rules! Progesterone starts to rise.
- Estrus—The female allows the male to mate. The ova are ovulated. Estrogen is falling and progesterone is rising rapidly.
- Diestrus—The female is out of heat. Ovulation has occurred. The fertilized ova implant in the uterus and grow into puppies. Progesterone rules for 63 days whether the female is pregnant or not. Diestrus ends with whelping or in 63 days.
- Anestrus—The “quiet” time between heats. The uterus lining rebuilds and recovers from the damaging influence of the progesterone over the last 63 days. Progesterone falls below 2ng/ml and even below 0.5ng/ml and stays low until the next estrus, typically between 6-7 months (4-14 months may be normal).

As you can see, progesterone levels can be used to identify these stages and, if we can measure it accurately, may be used to identify key points in the ovarian cycle.

In proestrus, progesterone rises. This increase continues into estrus and diestrus. When it reaches 5ng/ml, ovulation is imminent. Please remember with these numbers that dogs are all a little different from each other. Some may ovulate a little before, others a little after, 5ng/ml. Usually we start testing after the bitch has been in heat for 3-4 days, especially if she has been bred before and the breeder has an idea about how long she stays in heat. We normally recommend testing every 48 hours. The more frequently you test, the more likely you are to catch the day her progesterone reaches 5ng/ml. When the bitch ovulates at 5ng/ml, she releases immature ova, which take another 48 hours to mature to the stage when they can be fertilized. If breeding occurs the day she reaches 5ng/ml or the day after, semen will already be in the reproductive tract when the ova mature and are capable of being fertilized. Fresh, healthy semen will live 5 to 6 days in the reproductive tract and at least 2 days in the uterus. If we breed again in 48 hours, then we are sure to have viable sperm in the uterus when the egg matures.
and can be fertilized. This is true for natural breeding or AI (artificial insemination) using fresh collected semen. If using fresh chilled semen, which usually lives just 2 days in the uterus, the recommendation is the same. Breed when the bitch reaches 5ng/ml or the next day, and again in 48 hours.

Frozen semen will only be viable for 12 hours after thawing and the sperm cells will not retain much energy. Therefore, the thawed semen is placed directly into the uterus, not into the vagina as is done with fresh or fresh chilled semen. Implanting the thawed semen into the uterus is done by one of two methods, both of which require general anesthesia:

- Surgical implantation requires the uterus to be exposed through an incision made in the abdomen, much like that of a spay. The semen is injected through a needle or catheter, directly into the uterus.

- The other method of implantation, called transcervical insemination, uses an endoscope inserted surgically to identify the opening of the cervix. A specially designed insemination rod is then passed through the cervix and into the uterus. The semen is injected through the rod and deposited in the uterus.

Both these methods eliminate the need for the weakened, thawed sperm cells to travel through the cervix. Because of the dramatically shortened survival time of the thawed semen, these procedures are done 72 hours after the female reaches a level of 5 ng/ml of progesterone.

Progesterone testing can also be useful for determining due dates or planned C-section dates. In proestrus, as progesterone starts to rise and reaches about 2ng/ml, there is a rapid and sudden rise in leutinizing hormone (LH). This LH surge begins the final preparation for ovulation. The whelping date should be 65 days after the LH surge. This is also the best time to plan a C-section. Whelping should start when progesterone drops below 2–2.5ng/ml.

The big points to remember are:

1. Progesterone testing is the most reliable way to predict ovulation and to time breeding.

2. Quantitative tests done at veterinary labs or human hospitals are more reliable than tests done in the veterinarian's office.

3. Start progesterone testing shortly after the bitch comes into heat and repeat the tests every 2-3 days until the progesterone level reaches 5ng/ml.

4. Always continue testing until progesterone reaches 5ng/ml.

5. Always continue testing until progesterone reaches 5ng/ml. (I know I repeated this one; it is important.)

6. If using fresh semen (either natural or AI) or fresh chilled semen, breed the day progesterone reaches 5ng/ml or the day after; then again in 48 hours. This timing is more important with the fresh chilled semen.

7. If using frozen semen, surgically implant the thawed semen or use transcervical insemination 72 hours after progesterone reaches 5ng/ml.

—John Gruss, DVM, Earlysville Animal Hospital, Earlysville, VA (earlyvet@aol.com)

Author's note: Dr. John Gruss received his BS in General Science from Ohio State University in 1972 and a Master's degree in Reproductive Physiology from Ohio State in 1974. He and his wife Kathi, who were married in 1974, both graduated from the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine in 1978. They practiced together in northern Virginia until 1982, when they moved to Earlysville, Virginia and established their own small animal practice. They have two children: Joey, the math wizard, and Tizzy, the artist. Their animal family members include a Toy Poodle named "Fly," 3 cats, 4 goldfish and a horse.
SURVEY ON HYPOLUTEOIDISM IN NORWICH TERRIERS

Recently I lost an entire litter of Norwich puppies born 8 days premature. A sonogram on Saturday had shown that the dam, Magic, had 3 puppies, alive and seemingly fine. Sunday morning, I noticed a green discharge coming from her vulva. I rushed her to the emergency clinic. By the time we got there 20 minutes later, my car seat was soaked with green discharge. Magic had an immediate c-section. Two puppies were dead and already decomposing; a third was alive, but died within 24 hours. The necropsy (by Cornell) did not show any viral or bacterial infection or any fetal abnormalities. The Norwich breeder who owned the stud dog I had used told me about hypoluteoidism (low progesterone levels in the last trimester of a bitch’s pregnancy).

Magic’s progesterone levels were not monitored during her pregnancy, so I do not know if insufficient progesterone was responsible for her losing her puppies. But because of this experience, I decided to conduct research on hypoluteoidism in the breed. I have enlisted the help of a reproduction vet, and I am looking for a geneticist interested in interpreting the patterns found. I would also like to ask fellow Norwich breeders to share with me any experiences they may have had with fetal resorption, spontaneous abortion, premature whelping and stillborn births. All dogs’ names will be coded in alphanumeric codes, both when I share the data with the vets and when I disclose our findings. If you are interested in participating, please ask me for a survey form by e-mail at dignpop@aol.com or by phone at 908-508-0223. The forms will be ready for mailing at the end of May. The more we know, the better our breed can be!

—Magda Omansky, “Dig-n-Pop” Norwich, Murray Hill, NJ

A fetching foursome
Practising my wrestling moves

Cruising the backroads in Mom's bike basket

Sharing a green bean from the garden

Honing my retriever skills

Digging up dirt
SUMMER ON THE CHESAPEAKE:

CNNTC's 2nd Annual Fun Match in Trappe, Maryland

On August 29, 2004, the Chesapeake Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (CNNTC) held a
fabulous fun day at one of the most beautiful outdoor venues imaginable. Located on the water's edge
of Island Creek in Trappe, Maryland, the 150-acre “Goose Cove” farm is the home of CNNTC members Ron
and Suzanne Orban-Stagle Readmond. Interestingly, “Goose Cove” is just a stone's throw from Howell's
Point, the late Gordon and Gwendolyn Massey's estate on the north bank of the Choptank River on
Maryland's Eastern Shore. An avid Norwich breeder, Gordon Massey registered the first Norwich Terrier
with the AKC in 1936—a drop ear named Witherslack Sport.

On this late August day, twenty-six Norwich and fourteen Norfolk Terriers acted very much 'at
home' as they practiced the lure course, played at agility, sniffed the rats at the end of the tunnels, and
paraded around the show ring. Observers at ringside enjoyed a panoramic view of acres of beautifully
mowed grass and decorative greenery lining the water.

The day's main event was a conformation match, which had six puppy and eight adult classes for
each breed. For added entertainment, three 'fun classes' were run after lunch: Junior Handling, Fashion,
and Tricks. The trophy table was crammed with three fabulous challenge trophies, several beautiful class
trophies, great pewter cups for all the 'Winners', large rosettes and bags of goodies for the fun class win-
ers. CNNTC members graciously donated all the trophies. Our match judge, former Norwich breeder
Allen Buckner (“Echodale”), was a true sport throughout the day. He gently examined the puppies and
patiently waited as they attempted to trot a straight line in the plush grassy ring.

The Readmond's graciousness and hospitality went well beyond the call of duty. They hosted a
fabulous lunch for all 65 people present at the match. While the dogs rested in their ex-pens, some
under the shady pines and others in the air-conditioned loft, the exhibitors made their way to the pool
side of the Readmond's beautiful home. Here they were presented with an array of decorative platters
of food—delicious chicken, several scrumptious mixed salads, deviled eggs, ham & rolls, and cookies.
Everybody gathered on the spacious outdoor patio, where the festivities sparkled with the energy and
talk of the exciting morning match.

The talk highlighted the 'Star of the Match', Leandra Little and hubby Steve Weinberger's 3
1/2 month old male puppy, Ruff Tinde, who swept the Norwich classes winning Best Puppy, BOB and,
later, Best in Match. Norfolk star was a fabulous bitch puppy, Glenelg's Clara's Cottage, owned by Debby
Prichard, who took Best Norfolk Puppy and Best of Breed Norfolk.

The CNNTC was lucky to have famous sports photographer, Cappy Jackson, there for the day.
Cappy took several match and 'win' photos, but spent the best part of the day in the fenced garden area
where club members let their pups run for full sequenced action shots. The colorful flowers and textured
greenery provided a great background!

Many thanks go to: Jill and David Harrington, who cheerfully handled the sometimes frantic
registration area, and their Norwich, Bogart, who single-handedly sold $75.00 of raffle tickets (well,
maybe daddy David did take the money); the Dwyer family, who juggled stewarding and showing four
dogs with ease (a special thanks to Kim Dwyer's hubby, Paul Mullings, who was the chief 'man power'
in set up); Connie Allen for her help and patience; Cricket Goodall, who took participants through agility
sessions; Blair Kelly, who juggled his time between agility and dangling live rats in front of the tunnels
for pups to play earthdog; David & Paula Miller for setting up and running their lure course; Meredith
Dwyer for her tracking demonstration; Michaela Clancy, who rescued the lost photographer and spent
hours squeezing toys and calling pups to position them for photos; Melanie Vutuc for her organization
of the photo shoot; Muggsy McBryde for her ringside candid; the Readmond's cheerful staff, who fed,
cleaned up after, and also parked everyone's cars; Robin Siegel, who designed and mailed the premium
list; and last, but not least, judge Allen Buckner, who, always smiling, made the day run like clockwork.
They all made it easy for me to coordinate such a fun and successful event.

—Donna West, “Shoebutton” Norwich Terriers, Timonium, MD
FROM THE SHOW RING TO THE STAGE

My husband and I have been actors with the Milwaukee Repertory Theater for more than thirty years. We are the happy owners of a Dandie Dinmont Terrier, Lloyd (Loughran's Limerick). A few years ago, I wrote Sue Ely, who was so gracious and helpful, asking if she would help us find an adult Norwich as a companion for Lloyd. She put us in touch with Norwich breeders Sandra Stemmler and Ann Carlson, and, soon afterwards, we brought Ch. Barnstable Wich Upon a Star into our family.

I am a volunteer dog trainer at our local Humane Society and I worked with Star (renamed Dolly) at home until she got her CGC and was able to join Lloyd as a Visiting Companion Therapy Dog. She was so perfect doing her tricks, sitting on everyone's lap, and giving many kisses. Not long after, an Italian director came to work at the Milwaukee Rep and wanted a dog in her play. Dolly got the role! The play, called Napoli Millionaria, was about the black market in World War II Italy. I played a black marketeer who carried her money in a little wallet around her dog's neck. Dolly mastered the first principle of good acting: always look at the person who is talking. In one scene, she had to put her feet on the dining table while a huge meal of pasta was being served, but she wasn't allowed to eat any tortellini! She was so disciplined!

I had carried Dolly throughout the play, but she was so well behaved we began to hear that the audience thought she was a PUPPET. So on her last entrance, we decided to have her walk in on a leash. She and I waited off stage and were supposed to make our entrance on a cue light, but Dolly would hear the cue line each night and start on stage. I had to give her a quick hand signal "wait" until the cue light went off, but I was amazed that she knew the cue line. In that entrance, we knocked on the door and, as we entered, everyone turned with anxious faces to see if I had been able to find medicine for a sick child on the black market. I had to say I hadn't, and everyone looked sad as we left. Dolly entered with pep, but then turned sadly and left the stage with a droopy look. What a natural actress!

A few months later, her fame had spread and she and Lloyd were asked to be the "ambassadogs" for a fund-raising walk for Gilda's House, the Gilda Radner Charity that provides services for cancer patients and their families. On a spectacular Milwaukee Saturday in August, 72 degrees and bright blue skies, Dolly impersonated Sparkle, Gilda Radner's terrier, as she stepped off as Grand Marshal of the walk along Lake Michigan. Picture hundreds of dogs trailing along the lake shore led by our two terriers; the walk raised more than $17,000.

The same director, who is also a playwright, will be back at the Rep soon and has written the role of a small dog into her latest play. The dog sits under a tablet during a séance and convinces everyone she is a ghost. Sounds like a perfect role for our Dolly!

—Rose Pickering, Wauwatosa, WI

PAGE Dickey'S "DOGS IN THEIR GARDENS"

A Book To Return To Often

By the end of February, I am so tired of looking at brown grass with the occasional patch of dirty snow, trees with bare limbs, and the remnants of long-dead perennials. I know that if I can just be patient, I will soon be back in my garden. To help me through this last month of winter, I rely on Page Dickey's book, "Dogs In Their Gardens." For those who are passionate about their dogs and their gardens, this little book is chocolate for the eye.
The book has 135 full color photographs and descriptions of 23 gardens from the United States and Europe. Gardens planned by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., to Bunny Williams are enjoyed by both aristocratic purebreds and just plain mutts. Of particular interest to Norwich and Norfolk garden lovers are Norwich brothers Plato and Socrates, pictured in their owner Bill Frederick's 17-acre garden in Delaware. Readers briefly meet Page Dickey's Norfolk puppy, Roux; but my favorite chapter is about Barnsley (who graces the book's cover) at Madoo. Barnsley is an adult Norfolk whose garden domain was created by his owner, Robert Dash.

This book, first published in 2001, is still available at Amazon.com for under $12. At that price, newcomers to our breeds should purchase the book for the photograph on page 53 alone. It is a picture of Barnsley moving towards the reader exactly the way a Norfolk or a Norwich should move, but so rarely does.

Page Dickey has created a portrait of charming canines and their garden kingdoms, enchanting her readers as they follow her down the garden paths. This is a book you will take down from your shelf again and again.

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

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Romance blooms in our garden
PACKING FOR A DOG SHOW? ... 
LEAVE YOUR FLEXI-LEASH AT HOME!!

Now that the outdoor show season is approaching, it's time for the usual warnings: Don't leave your dog in a closed car on a hot day; Do provide your dog with plenty of fresh water and shade; Do have some ice on hand; and DON'T use a flexi-lead at the show site. Why shouldn't you use a flexi-lead at a dog show? Here are some examples of dog owners who wished they'd left their flexi-leashes at home.

Last summer at a dog show here in northern Illinois, a woman was walking her Schipperke on a flexi-lead past an Irish Wolfhound. The Wolfhound's owner had just handed his dog off to a friend and was making his way to the port-a-potty. When he heard the screaming, he rushed back and found the Wolfhound with the Schipperke in his mouth, shaking the little dog as though it were a stuffed toy. After what must have seemed forever, they got the Schipperke out of the Wolfhound's mouth. The vet saw the Skip immediately, but it was too late. He was so badly injured that he had to be put to sleep.

At an early fall show two years ago following BIS judging, people were exercising their dogs before leaving for home. A teenage girl was talking to her friend while her Papillon pranced along on his show lead by her side. Suddenly a Siberian Husky on a flexi-lead grabbed the little dog. Two shakes of the Husky's head and the Pap lay dead at his young owner's feet.

Irish Wolfhounds and Siberian Huskies are not thought of as dog aggressive breeds, but these two dogs answered their natural instinct—the prey instinct. These incidents were terrifying and tragic. Things like this happen so quickly, giving little time to act. When a dog is on the end of a flexi-lead, you have no time to act. For your dog's safety, always carry your Norwich or Norfolk to the ring and back to your set up. You may be paying attention to what you're doing, but that doesn't mean the other guy is.

A Toy Poodle handler was passing by a crowded Kerry Blue ring. She had one Poodle in her arms; another was walking by her side on his show lead. As the handler approached the Kerry ring, she called out, "Attention, Attention. This is not Kerry bait." Everyone laughed, but you can be sure they had their dogs under control. Smart lady. When it comes to your dog's safety, be smart too.

—Carol Suggs, Freeport, IL

MONTGOMERY WEEKEND 2004:
Norfolks at Hatboro, Hatboro and Devon

Serious breeders and exhibitors count the days to the Montgomery weekend as soon as summer nears its end. This year, the Montgomery shows were one week earlier than usual, with the first Hatboro show on Thursday, September 30th held on the grounds of the Middletown Grange Fairgrounds in Wrightstown, PA. Over these many years, the improvement to the site has been a plus, but the parking remains tight. With dog show venues disappearing faster than we can shake a stick at, I guess we shouldn't complain.

Robert Paust, born and raised on Long Island, was the Norfolk judge of the day at the first Hatboro. I originally met him as a teenager when he worked for then handler, Bobby Clyde. He next went to work for Peter Green, where he remained for multiple years. Bobby (Paust) then married and moved to Sweden where he currently lives with his wife and children.

Paust had an entry of forty-nine Norfolks, with eight absent. His selection for Winners Dog/Best of Winners was Max-Well's Dirt Devil for a four-point major. Dirt Devil is bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp, and is co-owned with Larry Schaap. Ch. Max-Well's Red Devil is his sire; Ch. Max-Well's Tropical Storm is his dam. The Reserve Winners Dog ribbon went to another Max-Well, Cool Water. This puppy's sire is Ch. Nanfan Canter, his dam, Ch. Max-Well's Windsong.

Winners Bitch went to Capricorn Bell Book and Candle, handled by Larry Cornelius for owners Catherine Cargo, Marjorie McTernan, R. Smith and Gaynor Green. This bitch looked lovely going around the ring, earning her a four-point major. Her sire is Ch. The Duke of Copperplate, the Best in Show winner at Montgomery in 1999. Ch. Capricorn's Sally Rand is "Candle's" dam. The team of Beth Sweigart and John and Pam Beale bred
and own the Reserve Winners Bitch, Yarrow-Venerie Va-Va-Va Voom. She's sired by Red Cherubim's Summer Star out of Ch. Yarrow's Venerie Vamp. Ch. Max-Well's Venus was the judge's choice for Best of Opposite. Venus was bred and is owned by Barbara Miller and handler Susie Kipp. The Best of Breed ribbon was awarded to the Beth Sweigart - handled Ch. Nordach Tiga Gold. This four-year-old male English import, sired by Ch. Jaeva Dutch Gold out of Nordach I'm Zara Womble, was bred by Mrs. A. Rees and is owned by Torie Steele and Pam and John Beale. Bobby Paust gave Awards of Merit to Ch. Domby's Gabriel Varden, Ch. Yarrow's Venerie Vocalist and Ch. Domby's Lucie Marquete. The Domby breeders are Wayne Palmer and Tony Gabrielli. Vocalist was bred by Beth Sweigart and Pam and John Beale.

The following day, Friday, October 1, we were back at the fairgrounds for the second Hatboro show. It was a lovely day and again our rings were inside a "farm" building. Mr. Robert Widden was the breed judge, with an entry of sixty-nine Norfolks, eight absent. Arroyo's Archangel Gabriel, a lovely black and tan, not only won his Bred-By-Exhibitor class, but took the Winners Dog ribbon home as well for a four-point major. His owner is Julie Gleeson and his breeders are Julie Gleeson and Ann and Ed Dum. His sire is Ch. Arroyo's Desperado, his dam, Ch. Arroyo's Farolito Fire. Reserve Winners Dog went to the English import piloted by Bill McFadden, Kinsridge Free N'Easy, bred by Diane Jenkins and Richard Allen and owned in America by Nan Anderson. His sire is Jaeva Duty Free and his dam, Kinsridge Magic Touch.

In bitches, Mr. Widden selected breeders/owners Art Toth and Isaac Wood's Toothwood's Gale Force for his Winners Bitch/Best of Winners four-point major. Her sire is Max-Well's Sprite, her dam, Ch. Gleneg's Belle of Toothwood. The Reserve Winners Bitch ribbon was awarded to Max-Well's Solar Flair, exhibited by Susan Kipp. Flair is all Max-Well bred: her sire is Hurricane; her dam, Snaffle Bit. Under Mr. Paust on Thursday, Ch Domby's Gabriel Varden won an Award of Merit; at Hatboro 2 under Mr. Widden, the same dog took home the Best of Opposite Sex ribbon. Larry Cornelius, his handler, had this two-year-old dog looking sharp and competitive. Varden's owners are Bobby and Ann Thomas, Wayne Palmer, and Tony Gabrielli. He is all Domby bred: his sire is Lord Chesterfield II; his dam, Rosa Darte. The Best of Breed ribbon was awarded to the Barbara Miller/Susan Kippbred-and-owned Ch. Max-Well's Venus. This two-year-old bitch has been loved since birth by the Kipp's kennel assistant Derek Glas, who taught her early on how to bait for a sponge. To date we can't figure out why she adores a sponge! Only one Award of Merit was given by judge Widden and that went to Ch. Nordach Tiga Gold. Susan Kipp took Venus through her paces to earn a Terrier Group Three under Carole Beattie at day's end.

Saturday brought us to the Devon Show, held on the old horse show grounds in Ludwig's Corner, PA. I've always loved this show, possibly because it makes me remember my days as a young mother when my daughter competed here at horse shows. Time marches on; she still competes; I've gotten a heck of a lot older and the grounds are being surrounded by McMansions. One wonders how much longer these show grounds will be available.

Known for his involvement with Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers, Gary Vlachos was the judge of the day for Norfolks. He had an entry of sixty three with eight absent. From the Bred-By-Exhibitor class, Arroyo's Archangel Gabriel repeated his Winners Dog win from the day before, but took it one step further by also taking home the Best of Winners ribbon. The English import, Jaeva Penny Stamp, with Brenda Combs handling, was the judge's choice for the Reserve WD ribbon. This three-year-old, sired by Merauder Stamp Duty at Jaeva, out of Hot Stuff at Jaeva, was bred by Martin Phillips. Clive and Mary Davies are his owners. In bitches the breeders/owners Beth Sweigart and John and Pam Beale were thrilled as Beth accepted the Winners Bitch ribbon and a four-point major for Yarrow-Venerie Va-Va-Va Voom. It was a nice move up for this bitch as she had taken Reserve on Thursday. Ch. Yarrow's Venerie Vocalist, handled and co-owned by Roxanne Stamm, went Best of Opposite Sex. Pam and John Beale and Beth Sweigart are the co-owners/breeders of this two-year-old dog, The Best of Breed ribbon was awarded to Ch. Max-Well's Venus with Susan Kipp at the end of the lead.

The Montgomery County all-terrier show is the event we all wait for, whether exhibitor or spectator. Spectators come from all over the world. Parking was its usual pain in the neck, but Louise Leone and I arrived very early and luckily were able to get into the VIP lot. At the Norfolk ring, we had people from Hawaii, Japan, England, Sweden, Australia, Norway and Finland. The foreign contingent was quite complimentary as to the quality of our dogs. NNTC trophy chair Sue Lawrence did a splendid job of selecting the trophies this year; some were beautifully etched with Norfolks. Sue asked Pam and Jeff Seifert to mind the trophies. Jeff also served as the communicator between the steward and the spectators, giving us the results after each class as he wrote the winners down on a white chalk board and then toured the ring for all to see. NNTC member Jean Kessler set up a gorgeous hospitality table right near the Norfolk and Norwich rings, laden with cookies, muffins and coffee.
for all to enjoy. Our stewards for the day were John Mandeville and Carol Reisman. John was a Norfolk owner way back when; he served as a member of the AKC staff and has a weekly column in Dog News. Carol was a top Afghan breeder and judged the Hound Group at Westminster a few years ago.

Long-time NNTC member and Norfolk/Norwich breeder Joan Eckert (“Abbedale”) judged Norfolk Sweepsakes. She had an entry of 27 youngsters, with four absent. Joan’s selection for Best of Opposite Sex was Max-Well’s Cool Water, piloted by the very young, but capable Devon Kipp. Best in Sweeps went to the bitch, Max-Well’s Solar Flair.

Breed judge and NNTC member Al Ferruggiaro’s critique of the Norfolk entry at Montgomery appears on page 51 of this News. If I may take this liberty before closing, here are a few personal observations I’d like to make: a conformation dog show is a beauty contest to say the least. Some of the Norfolk entries at Montgomery looked as if their coats had never been brushed, let alone ever had a stripping knife used on them. Two entries were so down on their patterns it’s a wonder their breeders didn’t sell them on limited registrations. If you don’t know how to groom, please ask for help. Also, please ask someone you respect in the breed to evaluate your Norfolk before you enter a show. A dog not suitable for conformation might make a perfect obedience or agility dog. Think about what you’re doing... please.

—Barbara Miller, Max-Well Norfolk Terriers

NORWICH AT THE HATBOROS AND DEVON 2004

In reviewing my notes for our 2004 Montgomery Specialty weekend, names are what immediately stand out—the names of NNTC members who all pitched in to make this four-day event such an outstanding success. To say it was a four-day event, however, does not give recognition to this year’s outstanding agility and obedience trials. So at the outset, let’s say thank you to everyone who contributed in some way. We all owe you a debt of gratitude. Now for the results of the conformation judging:

Hatboro I.
Judge: Mrs. Carole A. Beattie

- **Best of Breed:** Ch. Mardot Sir Winston of Parker (Ch. Whitehart’s Rough Rider x Jerusalem Maystar’s Tallulah). Breeders: Marleen Burford & Francis Bosson, DVM. Owner: Rick Parker
- **BOW/WD:** Rubicon’s Il Pirata (Ch. Sandina Supersonic x Ch.Rubicon’s Southern Charm). Breeders: Pamela Rubinstein & Sandra Campbell. Owner: Pamela Rubinstein
- **WB:** Loxwood Tiger Lily (Ch. Skyscot’s Blackstone x Ch. Dunbar’s One In A Jillion). Breeders: Dennis & Susan Miyasato. Owners: Norman & Lynda Kenney
- **Awards of Merit:**
  - Ch. Pinelakes Megabucks
  - Ch. Huntwood’s First Knight
  - Ch. Foxwood Noble Ninja
  - Ch. Kerka’s Goodwill Ambassador
  - Ch. Birchbay Madame Butterfly

Hatboro II.
Judge: Mrs. Alice M. Watkins

- **Best of Breed:** Ch. Fairway’s Cat in the Hat (Ch. Fairway’s Sam I Am Sam x Skyscot’s Daisy Miss Maisie). Breeder: Jean Bryant. Owners: Jean and Clyde Bryant
- **BOW/WB/BOS:** Belfyre’s Tuff Cookie (Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror x Ch. Skyscot’s Fortune Cookie). Breeders/Owners: Mike & Polly O’Neal

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• WD: Short Tales Sound NFury of Rubicon (Ch. Skyscot’s W C Fields x Ch. Rubicon’s Charming Lucy). Breeders/Owners: Tamsin Sandin & Pamela Rubinstein

• Awards of Merit: Ch. Mardor Sir Winston of Parker
Ch. Foxwood Noble Ninja
Ch. Highwood’s Parachute Adams
Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Assets
Ch. Foxglyn’s This One’s For You

Devon
Judge: Mrs. Karen C. Wilson

• Best of Breed: Ch. Huntwood’s First Knight (Ch. Kristi’s Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood’s Sweet Dream). Breeders: Susan Kipp & Tia Davis. Owners: Paul Schulz and Susan Kipp

• BOW/WB: Belfyre’s Tuff Cookie (See BOW at Hatboro II)

• WD: Rubicon’s II Pirata (See BOW at Hatboro I)

• BOS: Ch. Celt’s Knick Knack Paddywhack (Ch. Foxwood Prince Harry x Ch. Celt’s Magnanimous Gesture). Breeders: Barbara Jones & Cheryl Holmes. Owners: Janice Scott and Kathryn Mines

The Montgomery trophies were wonderful. NNTC trophy chair Sue Lawrence and her team deserve a round of applause. The new Judith Carlson Alden challenge trophy for Best Bred by Exhibitor is impressive (and heavy): a Leslie Hurto sculpture of two Norwich chasing a rabbit mounted on a granite base. Nonie Reyners took it home with Highwood’s Black Caddis Fly, who was also RWB. And while this trophy made its Montgomery debut, we bid adieu to the Devondale challenge bowl for Best of Winners, retired this year by the 9-12 puppy bitch, Devondale’s Mistress Maddalyn, co-owned by Laurie Loeffler and the trophy’s original donor, Anna Bellenger.

Montgomery isn’t only about shining in the conformation and performance rings. It’s also about seeing old friends and kindling new. It’s about change and tradition. So kudos to Montgomery NNTC show chairs Ann Carlson and Ann Dunn and their committee, and a note of thanks to member Lu Matteson who served as the 2004 Montgomery NNTC hospitality chair. The Saturday night Awards Dinner deserves particular mention. Held at Joseph’s Garden Grille in Langhorne, PA, the buffet style repast satisfied every palate. NNTC member Blair Kelly presented the numerous awards. The highlight of this year’s dinner had to be the honorary NNTC membership awarded to Missy Wood for her many contributions to the club over the years. According to Lu, Missy was totally surprised by this special recognition, but truly it is well deserved!

The silent auction was also a hit at the dinner and netted over $1600 for the club. More than twenty NNTC members donated items for this annual fundraiser. The most incredible item was the basket of Norwich goodies donated by Leslie Becker, Ami Hooper, Polly O’Neal, Alison Freehling and Robin Siegel. The basket was filled with beautiful handmade and embroidered items, including an embroidered car blanket and tote bag, a needlepoint eyeglass case, and a day planner with an embroidered Norwich on the cover. NNTC member Dr. Liz McAra took it back to Texas for the high bid of $310.

Lu also mentioned the wonderful Montgomery Specialty breakfast table, organized by NNTC Corresponding Secretary Jean Kessler. The hot coffee was so welcome on Montgomery morning, and the goodies baked by Patricia Mason, Marjorie McMern, Ami Hooper, Robert and Henrietta Lachman and Bambi Holly (among others) were just delicious. NNTC Notions chair Anna Bellenger also did a fantastic job, along with Karen Whalen, who contributed her marketing acumen in purchasing the many wonderful Norfolk and Norwich items that were on sale Thursday and Friday. Thanks, too, to Ways and Means chair Anne Wright for organizing another successful raffle. The burl wood Mastro de Paja inlaid jewelry box was coveted by all, but was taken home by just one lucky winner, Nonie Reyners. Fran Westfall assisted with raffle ticket sales over the weekend. The raffle brought in over $1200.

All in all, Montgomery 2004 featured great dogs, really good weather, and an even better time. Congratulations to all the breeders, exhibitors and winners. Apologies to all whose names I may have overlooked. I’m already looking forward to Montgomery 2005 at the new show site in Blue Bell, PA.

—Leandra (Lee) Little, “Littlefield” Norwich, Weehawken, NJ (llittle@njin.org)
Norwich Sweeps judge Leslie Becker

Norfolk Sweeps judge Joan Eckert

Norfolk breeders (l. to r.) Carol Falk, Wayne Palmer and Betsey Bliss

NNTC Corresponding Secretary
Louise Leone with "Walter"

Norwich agility and obedience gurus
Blair Kelly and Carlynn Ricks

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THE 2004 NNTC MONTGOMERY SWEEPSTAKES
Norfolk and Norwich Results

Norfolk Terriers
Judge: Joan Eckert, “Abbedale” Norfolk and Norwich

• Best in Sweeps: Max-Well’s Solar Flair (Ch. Max-Well’s Hurricane x Ch. Max-Well’s Snaffle Bit) from the 12-18 months Junior Bitches class. Breeders/Owners: Barbara Miller & Susan Kipp

• BOS in Sweeps: Max-Well’s Cool Water (Ch. Nanfan Caper x Ch. Max-Well’s Windsong) from the 6-9 months Puppy Dogs class. Breeders/Owners: Barbara Miller & Susan Kipp

• Best in Veteran Sweeps (7 Years & Over Dogs): Ch. Avalon’s First Step (Ch. Greenfield’s Step To The Rear x Ch. Yarrow’s First Lady). Breeder/Owner: Lori Pelletier

Norwich Terriers
Judge: Leslie Becker, “Skyscot” Norwich

• Best in Sweeps: Huntwood’s Black Robin (Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood’s Let ‘Em Talk) from the 12-18 months Junior Bitches class. Breeder: Susan Kipp. Owner: Penny Hanigan

• BOS in Sweeps: Kilyka’s High Voltage (Ch. Huntwood’s First Knight x Ch. Sandina’s Sally Forth CDX) from the 12-18 months Junior Dogs class. Breeder/Owner: Betty McDonnell

• Best in Veteran Sweeps (7 Years & Over Dogs): Ch. Kristil’s Ambassador To Ketka (Ch. Chidley Willum The Conqueror x Ch. Dunbar’s Royal Kristil). Breeders: Susan Kipp & Debra Oster. Owners: Fran Westfall & Carol Sowders

Best in Sweeps: Max-Well’s Solar Flair
Best in Sweeps: Huntwood’s Black Robin
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NORFOLK AT MONTGOMERY 2004
Judge Al Ferruggiaro’s Critique

I would like to thank the NNTC membership for selecting me to judge Norfolk Terriers at the 2004 Montgomery Specialty. I truly consider it a great honor.

I had a large entry of 80, with 14 absentees. In judging the entry, particularly in the classes, I saw way too many narrow skulls with pinched-in muzzles. With this type of head, the eyes have a tendency to appear bulgy, which ruins the dog’s expression. Throughout the entry (including the Specials), I found a disproportionate number of level bites, a few open bites, and one undershot bite. I was also disappointed at the number of exhibits with a not-quite-dark-enough eye, including one with a nearly yellow eye.

I found a pair of littermates as my Winners Dog/Best of Winners: Fox Hill’s The Piano Man (Ch. All That Jazz of Whitehall x Ch. Fox Hill’s Zoey of Shadra) and Winners Bitch: Fox Hill’s Call Me Madam. Both had good bone and substance; slightly longer than tall; level toplines; high tailsets and hard, weather-resistant coats. Their skulls were wide and their muzzles strong.

My Veteran Dogs class was the most difficult to judge, with three wonderful specimens competing. Looking past the differences in coat length, I found three sound and typey seniors ranging in age from almost 8 to nearly 10 years. I was delighted to find that all three had perfect scissors bites with large, white teeth in perfect alignment. This is a tribute to their breeding as well as to the care given by their owners. I was happy to be able to carry my winning veteran, Ch. Avalon’s First Step (Ch. Greenfield’s Step To The Rear x Ch. Yarrow’s First Lady), to an Award of Merit.

My Best of Breed, Ch. Max-Well’s Venus (Ch. Max-Well’s Red Devil x Ch. Max-Well’s Hailstorm), had it all! She was balanced and well angulated front and rear with a driving gait. Her head and expression were ideal. She was in wonderful condition and was a super show dog.

My Best of Opposite Sex, Ch. Domby’s Gabriel Varden (Ch. Domby’s Lord Chesterfield II x Ch. Domby’s Rosa Dartle), was a stallion of a dog who really covered the ground as he moved. His skull had good width between the ears, which were neatly dropped at the corner of the skull.

—Al Ferruggiaro, “Dreamweaver” Norwich, Burtonsville, MD

NORWICH AT MONTGOMERY 2004
Judge Larry Adams’ Critique

When I peered out my hotel window on Montgomery morning and saw a lovely, sunny day, it was as if God said, “Okay—do it!” It was meaningful that this would be the last Montgomery show held on the Temple University campus at Ambler. I was extremely honored to judge my breed at Montgomery. I want to thank each and every one of my fellow breeders and exhibitors who presented their Norwich to me. I also thank you for the overall lovely condition and the lack of “grooming aids” on your dogs. Your superb sportsmanship and acceptance of my placements were appreciated. In several instances, I was splitting hairs.

There were only two areas where I would suggest some need for improvement in the breed:
(1) Fronts. Fronts are very important to me. Coming from Pembroke Welsh Corgis, I have always felt
Norwich Winners

Best of Breed: Ch. Fairways Cat 'N The Hat
with judge and NNTC member Larry Adams, handler
Amy Rutherford, and NNTC 2nd V.P. Ann Dum

Best of Winners/Winners Bitch:
Devondale's Mistress Maddalyn

Winners Dog:
Rubicon's Il Pirata

Best of Opposite Sex:
Ch. Celt's Knick Knack Paddywhack

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THE 2005 NNTC SPECIALTIES AND SUPPORTED ENTRIES

The new year brings new excitement for the NNTC, with two Specialties and four supported entries to be held in 2005. [Ed.: The first supported entry—Sunday, March 20 at the Louisville (KY) KC show—will be "history" by the time your Spring News arrives, so is not included in the show schedule below.]

2005 NNTC Specialties

- The NNTC Roving National Specialty will be held on **Saturday, July 16** in conjunction with the 4-day River City Cluster of dog shows at the spacious and air-conditioned Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in **San Antonio, Texas**. NNTC member and Norfolk/Norwich breeder Sandra Stemmle (Barnstable) will judge Norfolk and Norwich Sweepstakes. Breed judges will be Sandra Goose Allen (Norfolk) and Michele Billings (Norwich).

  On **Friday, June 15**, the Bluebonnet NNTC (BNNTC) will hold their second annual specialty at this same show venue. NNTC member and Norwich breeder Leslie Becker (Skyscot) will judge Norfolk and Norwich Sweepstakes. Michele Billings will judge Norwich Terriers and Sandra Goose Allen, Norwich Terriers.

  The NNTC and the BNNTC will sponsor awards for both High in Trial Norfolk and Norwich Terriers in obedience and agility. Obedience and agility events will take place at the same indoor venue as the conformation shows. A full docket of activities is planned surrounding the NNTC and BNNTC Specialties. Be sure to make your hotel and motor home reservations early for this Texas-sized get-together. For more information, check the BNNTC website at [www.bnntc.org](http://www.bnntc.org).

- The NNTC National Specialty at Montgomery County KC will be held on **Sunday, October 9** at Montgomery Community College in Blue Bell, PA. Please note that this is a new venue for the Montgomery County KC show. NNTC member and Norfolk/Norwich breeder Lori Pelletier (Avalon) will judge Norfolk Sweepstakes (puppy and veteran). NNTC member and Norwich breeder Anna Bellenger (Devondale) will judge Norwich Sweepstakes (puppy and veteran). The Norfolk breed judge will be NNTC member and Norwich breeder Joan Kefeli (Dunbar). Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine will judge Norwich Terriers.

  The NNTC also has a new MCKC Specialty headquarters this year at the Holiday Inn Fort Washington. The NNTC members’ meeting, hospitality, Notions and the club dinner will all take place at this same site. NNTC President Barbara Miller has negotiated a great room rate of $95 per night. Make your reservations early! The phone number for the Holiday Inn is 215-643-3000. More information about the Montgomery Specialty will be included in future NNTC mailings.

Upcoming 2005 NNTC Supported Entries

The Garden State All-Terrier Club

**Date:** Friday, May 6

**Location:** Mercer County Park, West Windsor, NJ

**Breed judge (Norfolk & Norwich):** Martin Phillips

Martin Phillips of England is the well-known breeder of "Jaeva" Norfolk and Norwich Terriers. Mr. Phillips will also judge the Puppy Group at this show.
Mattaponi Kennel Club

Date: Saturday, May 21
Location: Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, Virginia
Breed judge (Norfolk & Norwich): Sandra Goose Allen
The Chesapeake NNTC will host a bountiful buffet luncheon (indoors) following breed judging at Mattaponi. For more information about the Mattaponi show, contact NNTC member Jean Kessler at luvnors@aol.com.

Morris and Essex

Date: Thursday, October 6
Location: Franklin Township, New Jersey
Breed judges: NNTC member Thomas V. Natalini (Norfolk)
Robert S. Forsyth (Norwich)
This prestigious, historic dog show is held every five years on a beautiful New Jersey country estate. Plan to arrive early for Montgomery weekend to attend this special show.

—Tina Dennis, NNTC Vice-Show Chair (Norwich) (regencynorfolks@aol.com)

THE 2005 AKC INVITATIONAL

The AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational was held in Tampa, Florida on January 15 and 16, 2005. Considering the amount of money to be won at the Invitational, this is not just another dog show. It is also a breeder's showcase, a show to parade before the public the dogs we have bred and are proud of. Those who are fortunate to have their dog or bitch win Best Bred-By-Exhibitor in his/her breed have the opportunity to compete in the Best Bred-By Group. The Invitational is held under AKC rules and the points count in the statistics. AKC Chairman Ron Menaker was the show chair for this event. AKC President Dennis Sprung was the assistant show chair.

The venue offered ample space for the breed rings and the "Meet the Breeds" booths, but I found the grooming area very crowded. As with any show held in a new venue, there were glitches the first day; but AKC swiftly cleared them up so that by the second day, all ran smoothly. Meet the Breeds, a concept borrowed from England's "Discovery Dogs," educates the public about the different dog breeds. Each breed club is given booth space to depict their breed. The booths are judged and awarded winning placements. Parent clubs are asked to have knowledgeable representatives at the booth at all times to answer questions and to allow the public to pet the puppies and/or adult dogs representing the breed. The NNTC was fortunate to have members Marjorie Mcternan, Carol Wilson, Heidi Evans and Bernice Staton at our booth. They are to be applauded. The problem with the NNTC booth as I see it is that no men participate. Whatever happened to "man power?" These poor ladies were responsible for hauling all the materials, the dogs, etc., into the arena and out again at the show's conclusion. There must be men interested in our breeds who reside in Florida. So, hello out there—some man please offer your services to these lovely ladies at next year's Invitational. The AKC provided lunch for all those taking part in the booth. One of the best features of the NNTC booth was member Robert Lachman's power point CD presentation showing our breeds at their best: in the show ring, going to ground, doing agility and obedience work—plus some lovely photos of just our dogs. Good work Robert!! And thanks also to past NNTC president Joan Kefeli for setting it all up for the public to view.
Breeder judge David Powers judged both Norwich and Norfolk Terriers at the Invitational. Mr. Powers, a long-time NNTC member, and his partner, Ed Flesh, breed Norwich under the Temblor prefix. At this point in his judging career, it would be safe to say that David has judged just about all over the world. Last year’s Norfolk Best Bred-By-Exhibitor entry, Ch. Max-Well’s Venus, was this year’s Best of Breed and Best Bred-By-Exhibitor. Venus is bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. Ch. Yarrow’s Venerie Vocalist went Best of Opposite Sex. He is owned by Beth Sweigart, Pam and John Beale and Roxanne Stamm. Under judge Dr. Samuel Draper, Venus placed second in the Best Bred-By-Exhibitor Terrier Group directly behind the smooth, Tux.

In Norwich the Best of Breed winner was Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor, handled by Peter Green for owners Gilbert Kahn and Nonie Reynolds. This dog, bred in England, was Best of Breed at Crufts last March. Best of Opposite was awarded to Ch. Celt’s Knick Knack Paddy-Whack, owned by Janice Scott and Kathryn Mines. Best Bred-By-Exhibitor went to Ch. Pinelake’s Mega Bucks, owned and bred by Carol Clark.

The evening Groups, held in a building a short distance from the main arena, were televised live on Animal Planet each night. Venus made the final cut in the Terrier Group under judge Betty Anne Stenmark. Dylan Kipp, competing in a group of more than 100 Junior Handlers, made the final cut with her Norfolk, Ch. Max-Well’s Caramel Candy.

It was a fun show, and I look forward to next year’s Invitational at the same venue.

—Barbara Miller

NOR FolKS AT WESTMINSTER 2005

Westminster parties begin the Thursday before the actual show. Most are by invitation only, and to secure an invite is a nice way to start one’s week in the Big Apple. The Sosnoff’s Poodle fame hosted a fabulous cocktail party at their Dakota apartment on Friday evening before we were all shuttled by bus to the AKC Museum of the Dog’s theatre party. Saturday evening, Pedigree Award winners attended cocktails and dinner at the American Museum of Natural History. What a treat it was to have this outstanding museum all to ourselves!

For those not invited to private parties, there are still many pre-Westminster events to attend. For a small donation, you can attend “Take the Lead’s” great party at the Plaza hotel. For lovers of dog art, there’s Doyle’s auction, the William Secord Gallery; and, on Sunday, the AKC’s open house. The AKC is worth visiting not only for its fantastic canine art collection, but also for the chance to rub elbows with the AKC staff, President Dennis Sprung and Chairman Ron Menaker.

Monday is always Terrier Day at “The Garden.” For years there has been talk of moving Westminster to another venue, but, crowded or not, nothing matches the excitement of being inside the famed Madison Square Garden. The conformation rings are small; the benching area is crowded beyond belief; the grooming area is filled to capacity with handlers getting dogs ready for the big moment; vendors hawk their goods; buyers are busy spending money. It’s an exciting two days for all of us in the fancy. I wouldn’t think of being anywhere else at this February time of year.

All dogs entered at Westminster are breed champions. The top five champions in each breed are invited to enter first; then there is an open entry system for those not in the top five. Entries close at the show superintendent’s office minutes after they open.

Norfolk judge Mrs. Karen Wilson looked stunning in her soft purple suit, the color of the Westminster Kennel Club. She judged an entry of fourteen, with three absent. The Best of Opposite Sex ribbon went to Ch. Final Lea Big Ticket Item, a male owned by Jayne Dubin and handled by Lori Pelletier. Ch. Mercaror Point To Point is his sire and his dam, Ch. Final Lea Ticket To Ride. The much-desired Best of Breed ribbon went to Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (“Coco”), bred in England by Elisabeth Martell and owned in America by Ms. Matell, Pam Beale and Stephanie Ingram. Handled as usual by Beth Sweigart, Coco went on to sweep the Terrier Group under breeder judge Cindy Vogels on Monday evening. Coco and Beth are now readying themselves for their trip to Crufts, where Coco will be shown. Good luck,
Coco. **Awards of Merit** at Westminster went to **Ch. Max-Well’s Venus** (Ch. Max-Well’s Red Devil x Ch. Max-Well’s Hailstorm), bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp, and to **Ch. Copperplate Lord Byron** (Ch. The Duke of Copperplate x Ch. Copperplate Audrey), bred by Fran Sunseri, Michael Labrie and Robert LaRouech, and owned by Heidi and Connery Cole and Marjorie McTernan.

See you all at Westminster next year.

—Barbara Miller, “Max-Well” Norfolk, Old Brookville, NY

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**“COCO” RETIRES IN STYLE!!**

Coco’s return to her native England was a smashing success, as the 6-year-old Norfolk Terrier bested over 21,000 entries to capture the prestigious Best in Show at Crufts on March 13. Coco (Am./Eng. Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre) was piloted to her Best of Breed, Terrier Group and Best in Show wins at Crufts by Peter Green rather than by her usual handler, Beth Swiegart, who has teamed with Coco during most of the bitch’s dazzling show career in America. The *News* will have more extensive coverage of Crufts 2005 in the Fall issue. —AGF

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**NORWICH AT WESTMINSTER 2005**

It was déjà vu at this year’s Westminster, with **Ch. Huntwood’s First Knight (Connor)** winning **Best of Breed** in Norwich and the Norfolk, **Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (Coco)**, taking both **Best of Breed** and the **Terrier Group** on Monday night, February 14. Judge Karen Wilson, who had given Connor Best of Breed at the 2004 Devon show, was consistent in her choice for the 2005 Westminster Norwich BOB. First Knight (Ch. Kristils Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood’s Sweet Dream) was bred by Susan Kipp and is owned by Susan Kipp and Paul Schulz. At this writing, Connor has 9 Bests in Show and more than 60 Group Firsts.

Judge Wilson’s pick for **Norwich Best of Opposite Sex** was the lovely **Ch. Belfyre’s Tuff Cookie** (Ch. Kristils Royal Conqueror x Ch. Skyscot’s Fortune Cookie), bred and owned by Texans Mike and Polly O’Neal. This win is another feather in “Callie’s” cap, as she was WB/BW at the Great Lakes All Terrier Association show and also at the July 2004 BNNTC Specialty. Last October, she also made her mark at Harboro (WB) and finished at the Devon show (WB/BW).

Two **Awards of Merit** were granted in Norwich at Westminster 2005. One went to **Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Asset** (Ch. Dunbar’s Frequent Flyer x Ch. Dunbar’s True Colors), bred and owned by Joan Kefeli. This is the second straight year that “Cash” has earned a Westminster AOM. The **second AOM** went to **Ch. Romany’s Phoebe of Wit’s End** (Ch. Highwood’s Parachute Adams x Ch. Woodland’s Troika of Highwood). “Phoebe” was bred by Alicia Beth Smilowitz and is co-owned by the breeder and Zarathena Redfield (Wit’s End).

The Norwich Westminster entry was up this year, with 18 entered and 15 actually on hand for the 9 A.M. Monday judging. There were many deserving candidates in the ring. This year’s entry was marked by its geographic diversity, with exhibits coming from California, Florida, Texas, the Midwest and the Northeast. “Rudy” (Ch. Kristils Royal Conqueror) should be applauded as the sire of both the Norwich BOB and the BOS. Not bad!! For those who could not attend the show, the Westminster website (www.westminsterkennelclub.org) inaugurated breed judging highlights in streaming video this year. While the technical quality was not good, it was the next best thing to being there.

—Leandra (Lee) Little, Weehawken, NJ (llittle@njn.org)
CH. ARROYO'S SKITTLES
(Ch. Keefolk's The Saint, JE x Arroyo's Rockie Road)
Breeders/Owners: Ann and Ed Dum
Skittles was Best in Sweepstakes at the NTCC California Specialty in April 2004
under Norfolk breeder-judge Jessica Relinque. She received all her CH. points
from the BBE class. We hope to have a litter from her this spring.

CH. COPPERPLATE HOLIDAY JOY
(Ch. The Duke of Copperplate x Ch. Nanfan Chant)
Breeders: James McTernan and Michael Labrie
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lachman
“Holly” finished, owner-handled, at 9 months old with two Bests of Breed, two BOS
and a Best Puppy in Show. She is elegant and sound with that wonderful Nanfan
head and expression. Thank you, Marjorie and Jim and, especially, Michael.
CH. LITTLEFIELD GRAHAM CRACKER
(Ch. Sandina Supersonic x Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle)
Breeder: Leandra Little
Owners: Richard and Gayle Felton

"Charlie" is a beautiful example of the breed, with a particularly outstanding head. He was Winners Dog at Devon in 2004, but then waited for his litter sister, Keri, to finish before completing his own championship.

CH. DEVONDALE'S MASTER MACLEISH
(Ch. Ronnell Ruff Around the Edges x Ch. Little Tramont’s Licorice)
Breeder/Co-Owner: Anna Bellenger
Owners: Margaret and Larry McBryde

"Archie" finished with a four point major under Judge Peggy Beisel-Mcllwaine. In his show career he won five majors, a Best in Sweeps, Best of Breed, and a second and first place at Montgomery (2003 & 2004). He is a sound and handsome, lovable boy with good bone and a wonderful topline and tailset. Thank you, Anna, for the great experience of showing our first champion!!
MAX-WELL (NORFOLK). Max-Well has had an interesting year. I now co-breed and co-own all my dogs with Susie Kipp. The decision to do this was simple: to protect my dogs should anything happen to me. Another reason has to do with Susie’s daughters. The older one, Dylan, now twelve, shows Norfolks in Junior Handling. The dog she exhibits must be owned by either the Junior or by a family member. Dylan will be representing the United States at the World Show in Buenos Aires this July. She finished the year as the number one Junior in her 10-14 year old division. Her sidekick is a wonderful little Norfolk named Ch. Max-Well’s Caramel Candy. The rule at the Kipp house is simple. If you decide to show in Juniors, you must train your own dog. Dylan trained Ch. Max-Well’s Red Devil a few years ago for Juniors and was quite successful with him. When I sent “Reddy” to Sweden, his new owner marveled at how well behaved he is and how terrific he is with children. Dylan’s younger sister, Devon, will soon turn nine. Under the new AKC rules, she will be eligible to exhibit in Juniors. As a club, the NNCTC should encourage our Juniors to become members and to give Junior Handling a try. Fortunately the AKC under the leadership of MariBeth O’Neill has developed a most promising Junior Handling program. Dylan was proud to make the final cut at the AKC Invitational in January.

Max-Well puppies have gone on to great homes, giving their owners lots of joy. I kept American Idol and sent his sister, American Pie, to my grandchildren in Rhode Island. Pie’s favorite game is pulling the toilet paper from one of the bathrooms down the hallway. There are more pups on the horizon for Max-Well.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

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“I am joy in a wooly coat, come to dance into your life, to make you laugh.”
PUBLICATIONS

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

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

BACK ISSUES OF THE NEWS. Back issues of The Norwich and Norfolk News, from the Fall/Winter 1998 through the Fall 2004 issues, are available from Alison Freehling at a cost of $6 per News, postage included. Please make checks payable to NNTC.

THE NORFOLK TERRIER. By Joan R. Read. Editor Nat R. LaMar. Third Edition 2004. A beautiful 6 x 9 hardback of 370 pages about Norfolk Terriers, with over 300 black-and-white photos and illustrations. The text includes early history of the breed; conformation; traits; health; grooming and much, much more. This is considered the definitive book about the Norfolk Terrier. Price $45.00 (incl. s/h) throughout the U.S. Send check payable to ANTA to Judith Felton, 25 Columbus Rd., Demarest, NJ 07627.

"Please do not disturb!"

"Wake up, all you sleepyheads!"

Enjoy your summer ♡ ♡ ♡ whether lazy or lively!