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—Sharman Pepper, graphic designer at Deerhaven Press, printer of the *News*
FROM THE EDITOR...

As the panting Norfolk on this *News* back cover suggests, the summer of 2006 has been “too darn hot” almost everywhere in the USA, as well as in the British Isles and Europe. By the time you receive your Fall *News*, summer’s sizzling heat and humidity will hopefully have given way to the cooler, crisper days of autumn.

As the season changes, so too is there to be a “changing of the Norwich guard” at the *News*. The Fall 2006 issue is Leandra (Lee) Little’s “last hurrah” as Norwich showfront reporter, a position she has filled with distinction for the past six years. It has been a pleasure for me to work with someone as talented and reliable as “Double L.” On behalf of all *News* readers, I thank her for a job well done and wish her all the best in her new “beat” as Norwich breed columnist for the AKC *Gazette*.

Long-time Norwich breeder (Terrapin) Margaretta (Missy) Wood has kindly agreed to take over as Norwich showfront reporter. For most readers, Missy needs no introduction. She has served the *News* in numerous capacities for three decades or more, including 8 years as co-editor and editor (Fall 1988–Fall 1996). She brings to the “job” a wealth of knowledge about the Norwich breed and breed history, as well as about the dog show world in general. The *News* is indeed fortunate to have her on board.

On a sad note, this *News* reports the passing of another “giant” of our breeds with the death of long-time NNTC member and “Nanfan” Norwich breeder Joy Taylor of Worcestershire, England. Joy’s legacy will live on through her many influential Norfolk sires and brood bitches on both sides of the Atlantic.

As always, I thank all those who contributed articles and photos for this issue. Let’s hope Norwich and Norfolk fanciers have a sunny NNTC Montgomery Specialty in October! And, looking beyond Montgomery, the *News* wishes everyone a joyous holiday season. See you next Spring.—AGF

I hope I won’t need my raincoat for Montgomery this year!
IN MEMORIAM

JOHN SANDERSON
(January 25, 1929–October 2, 2005)

Norwich Terriers lost a champion of the breed on October 2, 2005 with the death of John Sanderson of Walnut Creek, California, and Yacolt, Washington. John saw his first Norwich in 1980 at the Northern California Terrier Association (NCTA) show in Sacramento. He fell in love with the breed, but it wasn’t until 1989 that he finally bought one from the late John Thomas. “Tim” was a black and tan, a coat color that was not desirable at the time. John Thomas asked if we would show Tim in conformation or allow him to show Tim. We agreed to allow him to show Tim, but soon it was John Sanderson who was showing our Norwich, and I was doing the grooming.

Tim and John had a wonderful show career. With very limited showing, Tim ended his second year on the Terrier Type top ten Norwich list. This was difficult to do with a black and tan back then. Tim was never campaigned, but he did take a Group 3 in San Leandro after winning Best of Breed under Joan Read. This was the apex of both Tim’s and John’s show careers. Tim died just a week shy of his 17th birthday, a few months after John’s death.

John’s interest in showing Tim led to his involvement with both NCTA and the regional Norwich and Norfolk club, then called the Middle Kingdom Alliance of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers. He was also instrumental in establishing the Bay Area Norwich Terrier Club (BANTC), a Norwich group which grew from the original six members to sixty people in three years. As sometimes happens, trouble within the club made it fall like a house of cards, and it was eventually disbanded.

Perhaps because of his years as an Insurance Casualty Underwriter, John had a wonderful knack of being able to center in on what was wrong and to pull it forth from a jumble of information or data. As a friend wrote, “John’s greatest strength was tenacity. He always kept his eye on the prize.” He was particularly so with money and, in his two terms as NCTA Treasurer, he put the club records on computer, not an easy job for one who was not so computer savvy.

When we moved to Yacolt, Washington in 2004, John concentrated on building a small kennel. It was finished some 8 months before he died. Those who love him will miss him. Those who argued with him will also miss him. He was a formidable adversary. Those who want honesty in a friend have lost a jewel beyond value. As his friend observed, “John would rather be right than President”—and most of the time he was.

—Dorothea Sanderson, “Ebenor” Norwich, Yacolt, WA
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“Tim” (Ch. Firethorne’s Tiny Tim), with owner-handler
John Sanderson, winning Best of Breed under Joan Read (1990)
MONICA JOY TAYLOR
(May 4, 1922–April 17, 2006)

The death of Joy Taylor, three weeks before her 84th birthday, has shaken and saddened the Norfolk Terrier world. She died in Gloucester Hospital in the early hours of Tuesday, April 17 after a few days’ illness. The impact on the breed of Joy and the Nanfan kennel is immense. Her distinctive type was stamped on Norfolks all over the world and set the standard for many of us who were fortunate to start with Nanfan stock. Few have made such a permanent mark on their breed as she has, and her influence didn’t stop there. We her followers (one could probably call us disciples) were given endless help, advice, training and encouragement. But Joy was a hard taskmaster; she didn’t suffer fools gladly and abhorred slacking, carelessness and disorder. She set the highest standards not only for others, but also for herself. Whenever you visited the Nanfan kennel at Standhall Cottage, all the dogs were in perfect trim, even the oldest veteran; the pretty cottage was immaculate and the lawn perfect. This didn’t come without hard work. Joy always got up very early, first looking after the needs of her impressive Aga, a large coal-fired cooker in the kitchen which she treated with reverence as it had helped save the life of many a hand-reared puppy. Then she would let out and feed the dogs, all to the most precise standards. Afterwards perhaps she might sit down to a cup of coffee and a boiled egg in the kitchen, surrounded by her adored Min Pins. Then it was back to work on the dogs again: kennels to be cleaned and left spotless (cutting corners was not Joy’s style), road work, coats to trim. Rolling the coats of a whole kennel of terriers is hard work and very time consuming. In the last few years, she had cut out the road work (walking her dogs briskly on lead to firm them up), but Joy was still up there in the open fronted barn trimming dogs every day. She did not believe in making pets of show dogs, especially not terriers, and couldn’t stand the ‘modern’ way of calling dogs human names and kissing and cuddling them. “That’s why I have my Miniature Pinschers,” she always said, “so I can spoil and pet them”.

Brought up in a time and milieu where good manners, duty and hard work were important, Joy was always the perfect hostess, welcoming, hospitable and generous. She opened her house and kennels to anyone interested in Norfolks and was always ready with help and advice. She never complained, even when tragic accidents and illness struck her family or when in later years she suffered from ill health. Always brave, her own difficulties were brushed aside. What mattered to her was the welfare and happiness of her dogs, her family and her friends. We are many who can tell of the kindness and generosity shown to us, the puppies and stud services given without anything asked for in return.

So many breeders have Joy to thank for their start in the breed or for letting them have influential dogs. I am one of them. Others in England include Bryan and Marilyn Claydon (Brymarden),
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Gilean White (Vicbita), Liz Cartledge (Ryslip), Eileen Needham (Titanium), Dorothy Dorkins (Lowmita), Cherry Howard (Hatchwoods), the late Barbara Ritchie (Crackshill), Diana Blandford (Leddington), Sally Willie (Chalkyfields) and Paul Sinodhinos (Matchem). There are also many in other countries, for example in the U. S., Barbara Miller (Max-Well’s), Jim and Marjorie McTernan (Llywydd), the late Constance Larrabee (King’s Prevention) and the late Anne Winston (Mt Paul); in Sweden, Anna-Lena Munkvall (Easy); the Salminen family (Porrigito and Nanstop) in Finland and Liz Hindley (Jotruha) in Australia. Many, many others have built on Nanfan dogs or dogs of Nanfan breeding, for example, David Salmarsh (Pipridges), Patsy Green (Wharfvalley), Rita Mitchell (Richell), Sylvia Way (Wemcroft), Gloria Morgen (Edburton), Edwina Hart (Timberfalling), the late Rosemary Richardson (Wymbur), Lavinia Woodward (Bluemarking), Frauke Hinsch (Alrigh) in Germany, and Kenneth and Marita Eliasson (Cantab) and Susann Björkfall (Guestling) in Sweden. Mainly through Ch. Nanfan Heckle’s sire, Nanfan Nimble (the grandsire of the present stud dog record holder, Ch. Ragus Whipcord), Nanfan is also behind some of the Ragus, Jaevas and Bellevilles. In fact if you looked back far enough at most Norfolk pedigrees, you would find few without a Nanfan somewhere. Perfect examples are ‘Coco’ (Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre) and ‘Betty’ (Ch. Cracknor Call My Bluff), the UK breed record holder and top winning Norfolk ever, who are 3/5ths and 3/4ths Nanfan respectively.

Joy bred 39 UK champions, many made up when the breed didn’t have as many CCs as in later years, and she won many doubles (both the Dog and the Bitch CC), including Crufts. This number of champions may not sound very impressive to North Americans, but in Joy’s heyday there were only 14 sets of Norfolk CCs available per year. And in Britain all the dogs entered, non-champions and champions alike, compete for the CCs; there is no separate Best of Breed or Champions class.

Joy’s influential stud dog Ch. Nanfan Heckle, sire of 13 UK champions, won the first Norfolk CC and BOB at Crufts in 1965 after separation, a win he repeated in 1966 and 1968. In 1967, it was won by his younger brother, Ch. Nanfan Hayrake. Very often Joy started the show season with two youngsters, a dog and a bitch, and by the end of the year they were both made up. In 1983 her famous ‘Cat’ twins, Catmint and Cat’s Cradle, won the double at least five times at major championship shows. Nanfans won BOB at Crufts 12 times, three times as many as any other Norfolk kennel.

In spite of the many great wins, Joy’s heart was really in the breeding. When she was young and returned home triumphantly with the prize cards her Sealyhams had won, her father used to tear them up and tell her that “prizes are of no importance, it is what you have in your kennel that matters.” That was also Joy’s attitude. She loved rearing puppies and watching them grow. She spent hours studying them, talking to them and grooming them. Her dogs were her life, and she devoted nearly every waking hour to them. She could be quite critical if she felt you or your dog didn’t come up to scratch, and she also had a sharp tongue. Many of us could at times find her a little daunting; we were keen to live up to her standards, however impossible this was. But I am sure that all her hundreds of friends all over the world would say that to know Joy was not only to respect her, but also to love her.

Fiercely pro-docking and pro-hunting, Joy bred her Norfolks with the qualities she felt were needed in a working terrier. She always said that if there was a docking ban, she would give up breeding. Fortunately she did not have to make that decision. She left behind two young docked puppies who will carry on the Nanfan tradition.

Joy Taylor is an impossible act to follow, but it is up to us now to look after her legacy and not squander what she has given us. Our sympathy goes to her two sons, Jonathan and Jamie, her goddaughter Sarah Poland, and her kennel manager for the last 13 years, Mary Baldwin.

—Elisabeth Matell, “Cracknor” Norfolk Terriers, U. K.

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Eileen Needham (Titanium Norfolk and Norwich) was at the wheel as we drove down the country lane leading to the village church in Berrow, England. As we passed Joy Taylor’s Standhall Cottage, the eerie, surreal feeling brought tears to my eyes, which thankfully my sunglasses hid. The pit in my stomach told me this might be the last time I would ever see the cottage, let alone the lady who made Nanfan Norfolk Terriers famous. Monica Joy Taylor died April 17, 2006 after a brief bout of the flu. “It just couldn’t be possible,” I said to the person who called to tell me. “I just saw Joy on March 8th.”

Susie and Scott Kipp, Louise Leone and I had spent March 8th with Joy and the Nanfans. She was pleased to know that a Ch. Nanfan Canter son—Ch. Max-Well’s Cool Water (“Walter”)—would soon be with Geoff Corish. Joy and Geoff had had a close association for years, she as the breeder/owner, Geoff as the handler. I assured her that Geoff would make “Walter” available to any Nanfan bitch Joy owned should she want to breed to him. At day’s end, we hugged after a delightful early dinner at the local pub. As we parted, I mentioned I might return for the Windsor show and I’d see her then. Never did I think I would be returning to England in such a short period of time for Joy’s funeral.

When I first became involved with Norfolk Terriers, I corresponded early on with the famous Joy Taylor. I believe it was about 1978 when, on impulse, I decided to visit England. Joy was an incredible hostess and during my few days visit, our friendship solidified. I hung on her every word as she trimmed her Norfolks, explaining to me why she used a particular stripping knife, or why she used her Mason Pearson brush rather than a brush that might rip the coat, or how she brushed her Norfolks’ teeth. Her kennels were converted stable stalls, unheated, and I marveled how the dogs managed to stay warm. Those Nanfans were tough little terriers, never babied by Joy but certainly loved. She was “hands on” tending to their daily needs. Often the Aga, not an ordinary oven, had one of its drawers filled with a pot of meats roasting for the dogs. Joy became an early mentor, not only to me, but also to many Norfolk breeders in America, the U. K., and other countries. She was a serious taskmaster, and pity the kennel girl who didn’t follow her rules. In all of my years of visits, only Mary Baldwin, the present kennel girl, was able to “put up” with Joy for these past 13 years.

Weather never seemed to bother Joy. Her cottage windows and tops of the Dutch doors were always left open, winter and summer. During my summer stays, while I was washing the doggy bowls that filled the kitchen sink, I would either be batting at huge flies or shoosing out the occasional bird. Standhall Cottage is in a beautiful part of England surrounded by the Malvern Hills, with a climate that is usually cool and sometimes a bit misty. At bedtime, I looked forward to the hot water bottles Joy prepared for us to take to our beds. No, there wasn’t any central heat at Standhall. Joy considered a plug-in heater to be all the heat one needed.

I was fascinated by Joy—her knowledge of Norfolks, her background in the fancy through her father and the Sealyhams, her abundance of energy. Her breeding was a tight line-bred group of Norfolks year after year; it produced Norfolks with proper ear carriage; dark, dense, harsh red coats; and typical terrier temperaments. Take any Norfolk with lots of Nanfan in the pedigree and for sure you’ve got a go-to-ground dog. I marveled at Joy’s hardy little fellows scampering across the
enclosed garden, always looking for rabbits, always properly groomed and conditioned. Throughout the years, the Nafans continued to look fit, enjoying their lives in the hamlet of Berrow.

I never asked Joy for a puppy until I fell madly in love with her Nanfan Sweet Potato (Spud) and Copycat. Just prior to my birthday in 1984, she wrote to ask if I'd like a male puppy. I re-read the letter again and again, as Joy's handwriting left a lot to be desired. Quickly I phoned her and just as quickly Nanfan Crunch arrived. The rest is Norfolk history in the U.S. Each of the Nanfans I've owned, a total of four, has been incorporated in my Max-Well line with great success. Joy was brilliant with puppies and adored raising them. I often wondered how they survived the cold cottage, but somehow the heat lamp did the trick.

She came to visit me often. Once when I returned home from my office, I caught her raking up the apples that had fallen from a tree after a recent hurricane. Joy could never sit still. When I moved to my present home, I caught her in the kennel trimming. If anyone else had done that, I'd have had their head, but not Joy's. She knew exactly what she was doing, and I appreciated knowing she cared enough to help me out. She served on my Long Island Kennel Club judges' panel once and drew an enormous entry in both our breeds. A ribbon from the famous Mrs. Taylor was indeed a victory....

When Eileen and I arrived at the Berrow church, we parked the car and walked toward the assembled group. Mary, Joy's kennel girl, rushed to meet me. After that emotional moment, I recovered and said my 'hellos' to the many friends who had come to pay homage to a great lady. Garry and Annette Mason were there with two of Joy's Norfolks; Marilyn and Bryan Claydon (Brymarden) also had a few more Nanfans. Joy's long-time friends Elisabeth Matell (Cracknor) and Liz Cartledge (Ryslip), her good neighbor Maureen Micklethwaite, Ron and Sally Willie (who have taken many a famous photo of Joy's dogs), Diane Blandford (Leddington), Cherry Howard (Hatchwood), Rita Mitchell (Richell), Ruth Corkhill (Redash Norwich), Margaret Ruffles, Martin Phillips and Andrew Gulick (Jaeva) were among the many others attending Joy's service. At approximately 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 13th, a white Percheron, looking ever so regal with a white plume fastened to the top of his head and natural featherings covering his hooves, pulled an open carriage carrying a wicker casket. The horse proceeded slowly down the lane toward the Berrow church. Joy's sons Jonnie and Jamie, her daughter-in-law Dee Taylor, her goddaughter Sarah Poland, her close friend Elisabeth Matell, and a few others who I assume were family members walked alongside the carriage. It was a sight to behold and took your breath away. We entered the church at noon, first listening to the minister's words and then to a poem written by Joy and read by her son Jonnie. Elisabeth Matell and Sarah Poland each gave a wonderful eulogy. Interment followed the services as the skies turned bright and sunny. Refreshments were served afterwards, allowing us all to mingle and share stories of our friend Joy.

As for myself, I shall remember the breakfasts shared at the Standhall dining table, me eating scrambled eggs, Joy her favorite boiled egg. A Min Pin was always in her lap, being fed bits and pieces of Joy's breakfast. I shall also always remember Joy tending to her Norfolks, feeling as if no one could do the job as well as she. I'll remember her method of filing details about the Nanfans—some in a baby cradle, some in a narrow file box, but none that could be found easily. Usually if you asked her the lineage of any of her dogs, she'd rattle it off in a second. If she forgot, she'd make an excuse for you to find it for yourself in her "filing" system.

How fortunate I've been to know and to love my loyal friend, Joy Taylor. There is no doubt the Norfolk world has lost a treasure, but the legacy she has left will go on forever.

—Barbara Miller, Max-Well Norfolk, Old Brookville, NY
Monica Joy Taylor was known to the dog world as the breeder of Nanfan Norfolk. I had the pleasure of knowing Joy as a friend who would welcome you into her life if you were sincere. That basis of sincerity was how I met Joy. In 1991 she was judging Norfolk Terriers at the NNTC Montgomery Specialty. Weeks prior to the show, there was a ‘buzz’ that Joy would only put up smaller, red Norfolk. Furthermore, she reputedly said that she “would go to jail before putting up a Norfolk with an undocked tail.” I looked forward with much anticipation to seeing this historic breeder judge Norfolk.

As Joy started judging, a steady rain commenced. Without blinking an eye, Joy donned her mack and a brief head covering and continued on without the slightest notice of the weather. Many ringside were surprised when she placed a black and tan male as Winners Dog. For her Best of Breed, Joy chose a beautiful red Norfolk, a male who was not small, but who was very well constructed. Her commitment to the breed was put to the test during the judging of a bitch class with a lone entrant. That lone entrant had an undocked tail. Joy judged the bitch. Then with rain dripping off her, she made her way to the judge’s table and calmly said, “Ribbon Withheld.”

I was sitting five feet away, and those two words made an indelible impression on me of her commitment to our breed. I felt compelled to write Joy a letter of appreciation for judging the dogs according to our breed standard rather than selecting a specific “type.” At that time I was virtually unknown in the UK and never expected an icon of the breed such as Joy to respond with more than a brief “Thank you.” To my delight, I received a lengthy letter in which she expressed her appreciation for my kind remarks and asked that I visit the next time I was in England.

In 1993 I had the opportunity to take Joy up on her invitation. Standhall Cottage was to serve as a warm respite then and on several other trips to the UK. It was there that I got to really know this wonderful woman. We ended up having a number of adventures, such as my posing as a physician when we visited The Burden (that was the hospital’s actual name) to visit her son so she could make sure he wasn’t being over-medicated. Another time, I almost started a fire in Standhall by trying to use my laptop with a U. S. plug. I also enjoyed a number of evening dinners with Joy at the great wooden table that adorned the living area of Standhall. Our conversations rarely included dogs and usually touched on the news of the day. Given our different backgrounds, it was amazing that we most often found ourselves in total agreement.

With Joy’s passing, we have seen the end of our breed’s beginning. Much has been said and will continue to be said about how Nanfan helped shape Norfolk Terriers as we know them today. I was fortunate enough to know not only the breeder, but also a warm and gracious person. Stealing a line from Bogart, I’ll always have Standhall.

—Andrew Kramer, “Mercator” Norfolk, Reston, VA
(mercator@ix.netcom.com)
I met Joy only a few years ago at the Midland Counties Championship Show. In the short period of time that I knew her, I was always amazed at her sheer zest for life. She had more energy than many people half her age. Joy also taught me more about the Norfolk breed in a few years than most people learn in a lifetime. I spent many a summer’s day at Standhall Cottage, trimming Norfolks on the lawn.

During these visits, I came to know another side of Joy—her ‘wicked’ sense of humour. One time she took me to Britsmorton Church to show me the gravestone from which she had taken the name “Nanfan.” The gravestone was a family tomb with a coat of arms depicting a prick-eared wolf and a drop-eared bear. Joy said that the breed was originally just called Norwich Terriers, prick ear and drop ear, so she decided to use Nanfan as her kennel affix.

One lady named Catherine Nanfan who was buried in the tomb had died in New York in 1715. Joy wondered why that woman was in New York so long ago. I told her I would try to find out. I did a search on the Internet and discovered that in 1701/1702, John Nanfan was the governor of New York. He established the first courthouse there and also built a place of worship on Long Island. “Really!,” Joy said. After a few moments, she looked at me with a twinkle in her eye and said, “Well then, there were Nanfans on Long Island long before there were Max-Well’s.” I nearly fell off my chair laughing.

—Garry Mason, “Glenhafod,” Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, Wales

“Dory” Dey loves her creature comforts.
CHOOSING YOUR CANINE AGILITY BUDDY

As the sport of canine agility grows in popularity, the question of how to choose an agility prospect comes up not only in conversations between enthusiasts of the sport, but also with conformation enthusiasts. Recently at various conformation shows, different breeders independently asked me for pointers in selecting a puppy with agility potential amongst their litters.

I am far from being an expert on this subject, but I will share what I have learned from articles written by top agility handlers as well as what I have observed with my own puppies and adults. Simply put, dogs that compete in canine sports, especially agility, need to exemplify physical and mental soundness, accompanied by good health.

For our short-legged terriers, the impact of jumping and descending contact obstacles at top speed calls for a strong front assembly. Weak elbows, wide fronts, or straight shoulders are a huge disadvantage. Similarly, proper rear angulation will aid the dog in powering up contact obstacles. Just like an ideal conformation prospect, the ideal agility dog would have a balanced front and rear, proper angulation and length of bones and, therefore, well-coordinated movement.

The Norwich and Norfolk breed standards both call for fearless temperament. Other wording in the standards worth contemplation is “adaptable and sporting”, “game and hardy”, all coined to describe a dog ready to “bolt a fox and tackle or dispatch other small vermin”. Even though there are no vermin involved in agility, the eagerness to work with what I call “controlled abandon” still applies here. Ideally, agility prospects should not be shy, overly cautious, or sensitive to noise. They will be asked to work in noisy, busy environments. They will be expected to take risks and make fast choices, all requiring a great degree of confidence. They will have to ride teeters down and still not bolt when an occasional loud teeter hits the floor right under their paws.

Most agility handlers also value drive as one of the most important mental attributes of agility prospects. I do know of at least one trainer who believes that drive is overrated and that great agility dogs are made, not born. Still, I would guess that even she would agree that drive is an asset, even if she does not believe it is a requirement. You see drive in a puppy pouncing wildly after a toy and persistently trying to wrestle it out of your grip. That pup would not give up, even if you bang something loud around him or try to pinch his sides lightly. You know the type.

At the beginning of the article, I described an ideal agility prospect as having physical and mental soundness, accompanied by good health. By good health I mean that a Norwich or a Norfolk agility prospect should not have any obvious health problems and should have the best chance of being free of known genetic defects in our breeds. We have surprising numbers of dysplastic dogs in both our breeds. Our small dogs with hip dysplasia can lead a relatively normal life on the couch, but they would not be ideal agility prospects. The same is true of Norwich and Norfolks with luxating patellas. A puppy whose parents were screened for and found to be free of hip dysplasia and luxating elbows/patellas statistically has the best chance of not having those defects. In an ideal world, the Norwich pup’s parents would also have been screened for UAS (Upper Airway Syndrome) and the Norfolk pup’s for MVD (Mitral Valve Disease).

Having painted the picture of an ideal agility prospect, let me add that there is nothing more fun for me than training the Norwich I have, with all their mental quirks and physical imperfections.

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WHY ARE CANINE PERFORMANCE AND COMPANION EVENTS IMPORTANT?

What's the big deal with canine performance? Doesn't it somehow devalue the medallions for breed championships if we give the same prizes for every little title earned? These questions, although often left unstated, do occasionally simmer in the minds of hard-working breeders of conformation dogs. It makes sense that the NNTC, as the parent club, should concern itself first and foremost with the advancement of the two breeds in its care. There are plenty of other clubs out there for people who just want to have fun with their dogs. Let the NNTC concern itself with the welfare of the Norwich and Norfolk breeds.

At first glance this argument makes sense. It is easy to see how earning a conformation championship, an award conferred for meeting the description of the breed set forth in the AKC standard, relates to our purpose. For some, it is less clear how agility and obedience titles add value to our breeding programs.

The American Kennel Club, however, feels differently. Throughout official AKC literature there are references to the importance of performance events. Nowhere is the relevance of performance events to breeders more clearly laid out than in the forward to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows (emphasis mine): “Competition in conformation and performance events can best demonstrate the progress that has been made in breeding for type and quality, and/or for practical use, stamina and obedience”. Although agility, rally and obedience are technically considered ‘companion’ events, I have confirmed with the AKC that ‘performance’ in the above sentence refers to all the non-conformation events. In the case of our breeds, this includes agility, rally, obedience, tracking and earthdog. The AKC grants all titles the same status; the certificate for an agility title is in size, design and quality the same as the certificate for a conformation championship.

As the club charged with the welfare of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers, making sure that the dogs we produce meet the standard as closely as possible is the main goal. Conformation shows can only help us evaluate stock up to a point. OFA, CERF and other health checks are another big step toward keeping our breeds healthy and sound. Still, if we are truly breeding to the standard, then we must concern ourselves with all parts of the standard. Breed judges are not in a position to tell us whether our dogs are ‘perfect demons in the field’; nor can they ascertain with any accuracy whether our dogs are a ‘versatile, agreeable breed’. No matter how expert the judge, the breed ring does not offer an opportunity to check whether a dog is ‘adaptable and sporting’. And how can we ever expect someone who sees a dog stacked, gaited, and free baited to know whether that Norwich or Norfolk is an ‘ideal companion’?

Competition in performance events can check that our breeding programs are meeting all the elements of the standard, not merely those measurable in the breed ring. A dog that excels in agility has shown itself to be reasonably sound and biddable, as well as to have stamina and heart, all qualities we need in a working terrier. Earthdog, of course, is right to the point. Although there is a wide gap between actual hunting and earthdog tests, a dog that fares well in the latter most likely has the skills needed to succeed in the field. Obedience trials, designed to ‘emphasize the usefulness of the purebred dog as a companion to man,’ serve as a wonderful tool for assessing whether our dogs are indeed ‘adaptable and sporting’, ‘ideal companions’.

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It is also true that involvement in performance events is often a novice owner’s first step into the wonderful sport of purebred dogs—and that the more time an owner new to the breed spends in dog activities, the less likely that owner is to give up the dog. Trained dogs out in public reflect well not only on their breed, but also on dogs in general. This is certainly a good thing in today’s not always dog-friendly climate.

Performance events are accessible to some dogs that are not quite up to snuff as conformation candidates. This does not mean, in any way, that performance is less valuable than conformation. Those of us who strive to succeed in performance events, who actively campaign dogs, who qualify for and attend the national championships, look for Norwich and Norfolk that are excellent representatives of their breeds. An off bite or a too short tail won’t affect a dog’s performance potential, but a top contender must be sound in mind and body, an excellent example of breed type. It is no coincidence that three of the four NNTC performance events chairs are also breeders, and that all four of us actively compete in conformation as well as performance events. It is no coincidence that both the Norwich and the Norfolk at the 2005 AKC Agility National Championships were breed champions as well as top performance competitors. Neither we nor our dogs are second-class citizens. Ours dogs are wonderful examples of both breeds, who, through many hours of patient training, have earned titles that demonstrate to everyone—breeder, pet owner, the public at large—the true talents of the terriers we love.

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“This is my Halloween ‘trick for treat.’”
FALL 2006 OBEDIENCE NEWS

This will be a short column because the two biggest recent milestones - our first-ever Norwich UDX (!!), Sand-Castle Darcy UDX, MX, MXJ, owned by NNTC member Carlynn Hicks of Texas, and a new Norwich UD, Rogel's D'Chip De Hollywood UD, RA, owned by NNTC member Jill Petersen of Washington state, will be covered in separate articles.

Other than the above-mentioned Norwich stars, almost all the news concerns CD titles. The only exception is a CDX leg earned by Ch. Bunratty's Earl Arlie O'Todd CD, a California Norwich owned by NNTC members Maureen Glancy and Estelle and Ronald Crawford.

NNTC member Ursula Walsh, a newcomer to obedience from North Carolina, finished a CD title on her Norwich, Yarrow's MGB Beach Pine Harry, with two second place wins in the Novice A class. In Kentucky, Abedale's Miss Maggie, a Norwich owned by Gerry Haywood, also completed a CD title.

On the East coast, a possible future Norwich superstar earned a new CD with high scores. Ch. Kilyka's High Voltage NA, NAJ, owned by NNTC member Betty McDonnell of New Jersey, already has one High in Trial award to his credit from the Garden State All Terrier Club. This dog is a homebred whose dam, Betty's first Norwich, Ch. Sandina Sally Forth UD, NA, NAJ, has been featured in past columns. Perhaps this is a new obedience dynasty in the making!

Norfolks were also making news in the Novice ring. NNTC member Sue Ely of New Jersey is working on another CD, and now has a first leg on Ch. Dove Hill Bisy Backson Browne. Black Magic's Mischief, owned by Sandra Rene and Linda Dinger, and Ch. Franaro Kashmir's Tally-Ho NA, NAJ, owned by NNTC members Linda and David Dinger of Tennessee, both finished CD titles.

Connecticut has two new Norfolk CD's. Ch. Folklore's Free Spirit OA, OAJ, owned by Sheila Foran, completed his CD in March. Last but (I hope) not least, my young Norfolk, Tylwyth Lacy Redfur, became a CD on April 1 and, in the process, became my eighth consecutive generation of obedience-titled Norfolks from her line. We won't discuss her first appearance in Open A, which included her lying down with the dumbbell several feet away from me and then, still lying down, flipping the dumbbell onto my shoe. No, she didn't pass and no, I can't explain how she accomplished that interesting maneuver.

At this writing, the all-terrier obedience trial, held Montgomery County weekend at Kimberton, PA, still seems to be a question mark. If the trial materializes, I hope to see you there!

Send me your obedience news; it's easy with email — no stamp required!

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“CHIP” PETERSEN, UTILITY DOG

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January, 2006: Rogel's D'Chip de Hollywood UD... It's official! Chip got his obedience “diploma” from AKC last week, making him the eleventh Norwich Terrier to earn the Utility Dog title. It's been a fun ride that in some regards was almost anti-climatic—not that I'm complaining!!! But after spending three or more “leg-less” years in Utility A with Chip's older “sister”, Raisin (a Cairn Terrier), to have Chip pull off the title in about 4 months—and just 8 months after completing his CDX—well, it almost felt too easy! That is until I look back on all the hours we've spent working together to reach this goal....
Chip is truly a special boy. As corny as it sounds, when I look in his eyes, I swear I can see the love in his heart and his pure joy in life itself. His energy level remains that of a 6-month-old puppy, and his attitude of "never a stranger, always a friend" has offered pleasure, as well as its own challenges, along the way! His partnership is a gift I hope I never forget as a true high point in my life. Few have been as lucky as I.

Chip & I met when he was 8 weeks old. I had lost two very special Cairns in less than a 6-month period. I tried to be optimistic, thinking now was a chance for Raisin' and me to travel and to enjoy her "competition time" without having to deal with multiple dogs in a hotel or trying to find dog-sitters to watch the home-crew while we were gone. However, Raisin's depression over being an only dog made me rethink this very quickly. I had a number of friends helping me through this difficult time. Among them was Barbara, who mentioned a litter of Norwich I might want to visit. As resistant as I felt, I didn't think only dog status was going to work for Raisin'. So down to Olympia, Washington I went with Barbara and Raisin's breeder, Joyce. The only available puppy was a male, the "big boy" of the litter. Barbara, Joyce, and Elizabeth Pearson (Chippy's breeder) spent over an hour with me while I played with the puppy and quickly realized this was one special dog! Though the bond was immediate, my resistance to trying to "replace" Holly & Chuck kept me from instantly saying yes.

It was at least three days (!) before I called Elizabeth & said I thought her puppy and I were meant to be together. The rest, as they say, is history! Two weeks later another friend and I drove back to Olympia to pick up Chip and to bring him back to his "forever" home. Ironically it took Raisin' some time to accept the new puppy, but as far as I was concerned, he was here to stay!

Our obedience quest started soon after Chip joined the household. He & Raisin' had class on the same night. I would come home totally exhausted. Chip's attention span started at about 5 seconds and by year one had increased to 15 seconds—on a GOOD night! When he was "with" me, he was great! But when he was "gone", there was nothing I could do to bring him back. The story has remained the same throughout our time together. His attention span has certainly increased, but the terrier in him can take over at any time—and distraction can take him where no obedience dog is meant to go. But we keep at it. The good news is that Chip loves to make me happy. He has a great work ethic. He is a born performer/entertainer and, above all, he loves his cookies! These characteristics all contributed to our eventual success and certainly to our fun along the way.

Heeling is one of his favorite games. He will crank his head to a 90-degree angle, smile up at me, and march the goose-step by my side. Anything requiring running is also appreciated. Fortunately that encompasses many of the remaining exercises—the recall, all retrieves (except the metal article, which is very tough for him because of sensitive teeth), and directed jumping. Strange as it sounds, his all-time FAVORITE exercise is the stand. It started in Novice. Chip would sit by my side with his tail wagging, waiting for the hand signal on the stand for exam. As I raised my hand over his head, he would LEAP into the air and plant himself in a perfect show stack by my side, his tail wagging as fast as the little stub could go! Aside from the obvious entertainment value (Chip loves to hear the audience—and judge's—reaction to his unique style), I found it was a great stress reliever for him. As social as he is, staying still for a judge to go over him is really tough. The leap seemed to give him something else to think about. And he was always so proud that I think it motivated him to stay planted while the judge did the short exam. The leap-stand followed us to Utility and the signal exercise. It is a
little rougher to execute while in motion. When all conditions are right, he can land in perfect heel position. Other times he may end up a little to the side, in front or behind, so it may cost us a point or two. But it is so "Chip", I can't bear to take it away from him. We have, however, opted for a more traditional approach to the moving stand!

That brings us to where we are today. Chip just turned six, so we hopefully have a number of years of obedience fun yet to go. We'll keep showing and enjoying each other and just see where it takes us. A UDX might be tough. You may have noticed in the list of favorite exercises, the only ones that did NOT show up were stays! Chip sees nothing natural about staying in one place for an extended period of time. It is NOT fun! But he tries, and we will keep working. We also love earthdog, and Chip has one leg to go to earn his Junior Earthdog title. Tracking is another passion, but one we have way too little time to enjoy. I would love to get into freestyle and think that's an activity where he could truly excel. Mostly I know being a couch potato is not Chip's style, so we will keep busy doing something. And whatever it is, I know it will be fun with Chippy by my side!!

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WHAT IS A UTILITY DOG (UD)?

Ed.: Since many News readers may not know what is required for a dog to earn the Utility Dog obedience title, I asked Chip's owner, NNTC member Jill Petersen, to explain the requirements. Congratulations to both Chip and Jill on achieving this advanced obedience title.—AGF

AKC obedience is designed to demonstrate the usefulness of a dog as a companion to people. It is a sport where the dog and handler are judged on how closely they meet the judge's mental picture of the perfect performance for a series of specified exercises. But mostly it is an opportunity for people and their dogs to spend "quality" time together, enjoy each other, and have fun!

There are three levels of obedience in AKC: Novice, Open and Utility. The advanced classes introduce increasingly difficult exercises, though the foundation is often laid with exercises from an earlier class. Titles are awarded at each level and must be earned before a dog/handler team can move up to the next level. To complete a title, the team must earn a qualifying score (also called a "leg") under three different judges. A qualifying score requires that, in accordance with the AKC guidelines and in the judge's opinion, the dog and handler have performed the primary part of each exercise satisfactorily and that they have had an overall performance worthy of passing the class. In Novice, the title of Companion Dog (CD) is awarded. Open leads to a title of Companion Dog Excellent (CDX), and Utility to the title of Utility Dog or UD!

In the Utility class, there are five exercises, though two of these are actually judged as two distinct parts. First is the signal exercise. Here the handler is required to remain silent, using only hand signals to direct the dog to perform, first, a fairly complex heeling pattern, then to stand and stay, and then, from a distance of 30-40 feet, to lay down, then to sit. Finally the handler calls the dog to front, and signals the dog to "finish", or end up in heel position! That's just ONE exercise! There are four more to go!

Scent discrimination is the second exercise. Here, at the handler's command, the dog must go out and search a group of nine articles, then recognize and retrieve the article that was touched by his handler. This is a two-part exercise because the dog must retrieve both a metal and a leather article. Next is the directed retrieve. For this exercise, the handler is positioned in the middle of the ring, and three white gloves are placed across the backside of the ring. At the judge's command, the handler turns to the designated glove, "points" to it, and asks the dog to retrieve. If you've made it this far, you're over halfway there!!
The next exercise is the moving stand. The dog and handler will begin heeling, then, at the judge's direction, the handler commands the dog to stay while in motion. The dog must lock up while the handler continues to walk 10-12 feet away. The judge will then conduct a thorough exam of the dog, similar to what you would see in the conformation ring. After the exam is completed, the handler calls the dog to heel position. Now we're ready for the last exercise.

Directed jumping is the second of the two-part exercises. The handler and dog are centered on one side of the ring. At the judge's direction, the handler sends the dog to the opposite side of the ring and tells him to sit. A solid jump is on one side between the handler and the dog, a bar jump on the other. The judge will tell the handler to send his/her dog over one or the other of these jumps. The dog must jump the specified jump and return to the handler, ready to do it one more time! The handler then sends the dog out a second time, and the judge will ask them to have the dog jump the other jump. Again the dog jumps and returns to the handler. Made it this far?? Well then perhaps you have earned a "leg" toward your utility title!! But remember, you must do this THREE times!

Getting this far in obedience is loads of fun, but not without its challenges. Only about 10-12% of the dogs that earn a Companion Dog title will ever earn their UD. AKC statistics show that, all-breed, slightly over 20,000 dogs earned a CD between 2001 and 2004. Of those dogs, around 2,500 went on to complete their UD titles. In the Norwich/Norfolk world between 2002 and 2005, 14 Norwich and 11 Norfolk earned their Novice (CD) titles, 4 Norwich and 6 Norfolk earned CDX titles and one of each breed completed a UD!! The UD is a special title that takes a lot of time, love and a very special dog!

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A FIRST-EVER NORWICH UDX!
The Story of a Small Dog on a Long Journey to a Big Title

This is the story of an unsuspecting Norwich owner who had never trained a dog, but was so captivated by her little dog's attitude (and love of food!) that she kept on training and competing. She hopes you'll want to try it yourself.

Having spent the fall of 1995 searching for that elusive creature, a Norwich puppy, and the spring of 1996 awaiting its birth and arrival, I found myself on June 1—the first day of a school teacher's summer vacation—with a four-month-old male Norwich on my hands. The first day I had Darcy, I left him in the care of his godmother for an hour while I went off to puppy-school orientation. Who could have known then where that class would lead?

As it turned out, I had enrolled in a jerk-and-correct school where, in my ignorance, I remained for nearly two years and where, despite tears and frustrations, Darcy earned a CGC and the Novice obedience title, Companion Dog (CD). We began to work in an Open class toward the intermediate title, Companion Dog Excellent (CDX), but Darcy was shutting down. In the meantime, we had also started an agility class. Darcy easily earned his first agility title within 3 months. I asked myself why he worked so willingly in agility, but looked like a slug in the obedience ring. Duh! We were training with food rewards in agility!

So two weeks before our first Open obedience competition, I started to use food rewards instead of corrections; Darcy earned two Open legs that weekend. (Two legs mean two successes. It takes three legs for a title.) I was happy to lose a few points whenever Darcy showed too much spirit in the ring; his spirit came out as barking. There would be no more harsh corrections for Darcy. Thank goodness I have what trainers call a "hard" dog. That doesn't mean that Darcy is hard to train. It means that his feelings don't get hurt easily, and he forgave me all those corrections.

For the next few years, Darcy and I alternated between obedience and agility, sometimes concentrating more on one and then the other. He earned the CDX, then the intermediate agility title, while
I dared to dream of the advanced obedience title, Utility Dog (UD). As often happens, I connected with a knowledgeable classmate, working toward a UD with a Rough Collie, who guided our training. For more than a year on Fridays after work, while friends went to TGIF somewhere, we went to a training facility that agreed to rent us space. I also received a lot of encouragement and tips from longtime NNTC obedience guru, Mary Fine. The work paid off! Darcy earned his UD, the tenth Norwich UD title ever, at age three-and-a-half. The day he earned his last leg was and remains the best day of my life. UD’s are rare. The AKC awarded about 650 of them in 2003 (the last year for which I could find statistics), and half of those went to three or four breeds — you know the ones!

Having achieved what I thought was Darcy’s obedience summit, I decided to concentrate on his work as a therapy dog with the Delta Society and to play agility. For several years we had a great time finishing the Master’s titles in AKC’s two agility classes.

When Darcy was five-and-a-half, I explained to him that he and I would retire from competition and spend several days a week in a nursing home, a hospice, and in the hospital where Darcy would use his obedience skills working with therapists in rehabilitation. After a year or so of quiet evenings, however, Darcy got tired of sitting around with no chance to earn extra treats. My old obedience friend was in the same position with his dog, so we decided to give the big obedience title, Utility Dog Excellent (UDX), a try. The UDX is a test of consistency. To earn this title, a dog must successfully do all eight Open exercises and all five Utility exercises correctly on the same day — at ten different trials! In our breeds, only Mary Fine’s Norfolk, Tylwyth Just Felicity (Lissy), has ever done it. To get back in shape, I asked another trainer friend if she could help me teach Darcy to heel, his weakest skill.

By age 6, Darcy was healing fairly well, so I decided we were ready to return to the obedience ring. Darcy earned four legs over the course of a year of moderate competition, but we had quite a few failures based on a single mistake, and it was a different mistake at every trial. Then came Kimberton 2004, where NNTC member Pam Lorenzen and I organized the inaugural All-Terrier Obedience Trial. Contrary to my expectations, Darcy earned a leg there and had a great time. We were halfway to the UDX. Nevertheless, with too many failures behind us, I decided that half of a UDX was probably all we were going to achieve. Then along came the 2005 Kimberton obedience trial. How could I not enter? Again Darcy earned a leg and had the crowds laughing at his enthusiasm in the ring, expressed as short little barks.

Now that we were more than halfway to the UDX, I felt compelled to try to finish. I decided to compete only near home and only one day a weekend in order not to destroy Darcy’s enthusiasm. So the legs came slowly. Finally, four years after we began the journey toward the big title and shortly after Darcy’s tenth birthday, he finished leg #10—in a conformation Group ring that I cleaned by hand after Best in Show! That was a great day for Darcy and me and a great day for Norwich, because, with the breed’s first UDX, we had pushed the limit on what seemed possible for our little terriers.

NNTC Performance Chair Sassie Joiris and I have been saying for years that our Nors are great dogs to train. Smart, energetic, food-motivated, independent—what more could a trainer want? I end this story as I always do. You have a smart little dog on your hands. You will both have a great time if you allow him to show you how smart he is.

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MERRY MATES

Tweedledum and Tweedledee

"Friends are the best presents."

"Race you to the middle!"

"Do you see what we see?"

Scrub-a-dub-dub
RESCUE/REHOME NOTES

This report begins with two accounts of successful rehomings of purebred Norfolk bitches. The later stories about “Malla” and “Teddy,” however, reveal disturbing and even mysterious elements indicative of deeper troubles for our breeds: the Internet, the European import market, under-the-radar uses and abuses of imported dogs, mixed breedings and falsification of records by puppy-mill breeders.

The happy tales of purebred Norfolk rehomings begin with Audrey Mullin, who had, until recently, a bitch from me named Pinchbeck Midnight Train. When “Middie” died at age 14, Audrey, who had just lost her beloved husband, was devastated. Doubly bereft, she could barely write the email telling me of Middie’s last hours. After conferring with Audrey’s daughter, Kyle, I vowed to find Audrey another Norfolk as quickly as possible. I’ve said before that the good Lord provides, and again ‘twas so. I remembered a very special Norfolk bitch in New England whose owner had been looking for just the right home. I put my knowledge of Audrey and her house side by side with my notes on this bitch. The fit was perfect. In just a few weeks, I was once again getting cheery emails from Audrey about her new friend and their growing bond.

The other successful purebred rehoming was, in fact, the second rehoming for the bitch concerned. “Hazel” had been removed from a bad situation once, and now she needed still another home. It is always difficult, especially for older dogs, to accept a new home, and even more difficult if they are bounced more than once. But Hazel got lucky. With the help of a NNTC member, I found Anne Ross, who had previously rescued a dog in Hazel’s same earlier situation. Anne was willing to take this 8-year-old Norfolk, even though the bitch had some pretty extensive medical problems. For the most part, these health problems have now been solved, and Hazel is reported to be doing very well in the Colorado mountains with Anne’s son, John. “She climbed a 14,000 foot mountain with him...did very well to the tree line, then he carried her. But she ran all the way down! She seems to love being a mountain dog. And next winter she will be a Steamboat Springs ski dog.” Hazel’s story is a great ending to a series of troubled beginnings.

Malla and Teddy are two “mystery dogs” whose rescues send ominous ripples through the world of purebred Norfolks and Norwich. Wendy Collins found Malla on a website advertising many different dog breeds. When Wendy and her husband adopted Malla, she was being fostered by a rescue volunteer from Life4Pets, who had found the little bitch at an animal shelter in southern Kentucky. According to Wendy, the rescue volunteer suspected that Malla had come from a “nearby puppy mill that was cranking out all sorts of small breed dogs.” She had been dumped at the shelter after a botched c-section ended her reproductive potential. It is probable that Malla’s pups were sold as purebred Norfolks, and efforts are now underway to prosecute the pet store where they were sold for fraud.

Wendy writes that Malla was in sorry shape when she was...
rescued from the shelter. Her “eyes were crusted over with green mucus”, the result of an untreated, genetic eye disorder called KCS (keratoconjunctivitis sicca), a condition where the tear ducts cannot produce tears. Without the liquid (tears) to wash it away, the mucus just accumulates. KCS has compromised the vision in Malla’s left eye and will require “treatment with salve twice a day for the rest of her life”. Malla also has heartworms and has been treated for that with “two inoculations of arsenic to kill the worms”. Wendy notes that “this treatment is almost as deadly as the disease itself. Malla must be kept as quiet as possible for the next 3 or 4 months during the course of treatment. If she got overly excited and her heartbeat was elevated, it’s possible a piece of worm could break off, travel through the bloodstream and cause an embolism—instant death.”

“Malla is definitely not a purebred Norfolk”, writes Wendy. Although “her coat and her face are Norfolk-like, she is very tiny, like a Yorkie, and her legs are longer in proportion to her body, like a Border Terrier.” For the most part, “she is a good, sweet-natured girl. She’s shy in new situations, but warms up to people very quickly. Given the ugly start she had in life, we’re thrilled at how well she’s doing.”

Teddy is another mystery dog, a “Norwichy” male sold for $2500 to his original owners as a purebred Norwich. His story with NNTC Rescue begins with an email from Cayla Houston, President of Great Lakes Border Collie Rescue. Cayla, who was fostering Teddy after his original owners could no longer keep him, has, predictably, decided to keep him. What makes Teddy a mystery is the muddle of his papers. He appears to have had two different breeders and two different sires, which suggests that this could be yet another case of a stolen pedigree. Teddy was never individually registered with the AKC, and Cayla has wisely decided not to register him herself. Teddy’s appearance also makes him a bit of a mystery. His head is that of the Cairns with docked tails that we have seen in the past. However, Teddy is a black and tan, a color not seen in Cairns. Kudos to NNTC members/Norwich breeders Carol Suggs and Magda Omansky, who have put in hours of time and attention to this problem of fraudulent representation of docked Cairns and mixed breeds as Norwich Terriers.

The fraud in purebred dogs advertised on the Internet is an increasing concern of mine and should be on everyone’s radar if we are going to keep purebred dogs pure. Of course, none of this has affected the happy landings of both these mixed-breed dogs, Malla and Teddy. I will let Cayla’s words sum it up: “I enrolled us in obedience because it was a good opportunity for him to sharpen his skills. . . . This little guy landed in my lap . . . he needed a home, and now he has one.” Amen!

—Sue Ely, NNTC Rescue/Rehome Chair
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FALL 2006 EARTHDOG NEWS AND NEW TITLES

Have you ever read the official Norfolk and Norwich breed standards, stating the history/origin/purpose of our terriers? If so, you will note the many references to the hunting dog: “game and hardy,” “one of the smallest working terriers,” “natural, weather-resistant coat,” “a perfect demon in the field,” “fit working condition is a prime consideration,” “a hardy hunt terrier”—the list goes on and on. Norfolk and Norwich owners are the guardians of two very special breeds developed to do a specific task. Sadly, too few seem to have the opportunity to experience their heritage. Many Norfolk and Norwich finish their breed championships and then disappear. What is being done with them? I think it would be interesting and fun to research the stats for Norfolk and Norwich with titles at both ends. I may be pleasantly surprised to find there are more breed champions with other titles than I think. I’ll let you know. What could be better than an excellent example of the breed that has also proven his/her ability to work in the field?

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Congratulations to the following Earthdog teams on completing their new titles:

Norwich
Senior Earthdog
• Lazy Lightning SE, owned by Jennifer Burt

Norfolk
Junior Earthdog
• Ch. Glenelg Teddy Terrific JE, owned by Deborah Pritchard
• Martone Bear With Me Henry JE, owned by Mary Jo & Tony Sweany and Jennifer Murdoch
• Ch. Martone Precious Silver JE, owned by Mary Jo & Tony Sweany

Senior Earthdog
• Ch. Allright Bubbles SE, owned by Robin Ormiston
• Pinchbeck Rainy Night In Georgia SE, owned by Susan Ely

Master Earthdog
• Ch. Holly Beach Mack The Knife, owned by Susan Ely

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Susan Ely, breeder of Pinchbeck Norfolk Terriers, just earned a SEVENTH Master Earthdog title! Ch. Pinchbeck Sweet Georgia Brown CGC CG ME, Ch. Pinchbeck Sam Browne CGC CG CD ME, Pinchbeck Pollyanna CGC CG CDX ME, Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song CGC CG ME, Ch. Franaro Lucy Pinch CGC CG ME, Ch. Pinchbeck Heads Up Harry CGC CG CD ME, and Ch. Holly Beach Mack The Knife CG ME are Sue’s seven ME title holders. Six of her ME Norfolks are related to Ch. Pinchbeck Sweet Georgia Brown CGC CG ME, the second Norfolk bitch to earn the ME title.
Sue's goal is to breed Norfolks that are correct to do the job they were bred to do—dispatching vermin. Natural hunting is a very important part of her dogs' training. Her dogs help to keep the groundhog population in check on the tree farms, nurseries and horse farms in her area. Sue also successfully presents her Pinchbeck dogs in the breed and the obedience rings, illustrating the marvelous versatility of her Norfolk Terriers.

Several offspring of Sue's Master Earthdog Norfolks have also earned breed championships, earthdog, obedience, rally and agility titles and will continue to do so because of the enthusiasm Sue emanates and the commitment she has made to the Norfolk breed. Long may the Pinchbeck line live!

—Peggy Metcalf

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UPPER AIRWAY SYNDROME IN THE NORWICH TERRIER

Because Norwich owners are seeing more and more of our beloved terriers with breathing concerns, the NNTC has formed a new Health & Genetics Sub-Committee for Research on Upper Airway Syndrome in the Norwich Terrier. We are very lucky to have on our committee Dr. William Schultz, DVM, a specialist in Respiratory and Reproductive Veterinary Medicine, as well as NNTC member and Norwich owner Chris Zink, DVM, PhD, and Veterinary Sports Trainer. Other members of the committee are Sue Lawrence (Chair), Sandra Bails, Joan Eckert and Ami Hooper. Our research encompasses all the Upper Airway maladies, but is most focused on Everted Laryngeal Saccules.

What is Upper Airway Syndrome (UAS) in the Norwich Terrier?

UAS covers ALL the abnormalities that exist within the upper airway:

- Elongated Soft Palates
- Too Short Soft Palates
- Narrow / Missaped Tracheas
- Collapsing Tracheas
- Stenotic Nares (nasal passages that are too small)
- Swollen Tonsils, and now:
  - Everted Laryngeal Saccules.

These upper airway disorders can appear singularly or in combination with one or two others. All compromise the airway and the dog’s ability to breathe normally.

We’ve all heard dogs that are ‘noisy breathers.’ You’ve probably experienced them at conformation shows or agility trials—dogs that sounded rather raspy or moist in their breathing when exerted or excited. If the cause was not the “usual” Norwich respiratory problems, i.e., elongated soft palate, stenotic (narrow) or collapsing trachea, then it was most likely shrugged off as “just one of those noisy breathers”. It wasn’t until recently we discovered another breathing malady within our breed, the Everted Laryngeal Saccules (ELS). These saccules are nothing new to veterinary medicine. They are very common in the brachycephalic (short-nosed) breeds like Pugs, Bulldogs, Boxers, Shih Tzus, English and French Bulldogs, Pekingese, and Boston Terriers—any of the ‘smushed face’ breeds. Now, however, we are seeing this condition rather prevalently in the Norwich.

What are ELS and why should we be concerned?

All dogs have saccules located within the vocal folds of the larynx; these saccules help the vocal folds resonate sound. Normally these saccules are inverted and harmless, but when everted (protruding into the airway), they become of great concern. When challenged (touched), everted saccules expand and balloon out into the airway. Dr. Schultz has found the ELS to be of two varieties: fluid-filled and tissue-filled. “Most of the saccules,” he states, “are very soft and are filled with fluid. They are not a blister, but more like what we term a cellulitis. The individual cells are bloated with fluid, causing the puffy appearance. We have noticed some saccules that are firm and are much more solid tissue than the soft type. These firm saccules may be different due to scar tissue formation from chronic inflammation. Of the two, the fluid filled seems to be the worst type, as it expands to a size that can cause the airway to be almost completely blocked.”

In and of themselves, ELS were always thought to be a non-life-threatening condition, but coupled with any one of the other upper airway maladies, the situation becomes emergent and
The dogs’ airways in both these photos are abnormal, showing fluid-filled everted laryngeal saccules. The saccules in the photo at left are severely obstructing the dog’s ability to breathe; the saccules in the photo at right are less constrictive, with a larger opening for air to pass through.

likely even fatal. Now Dr. Schultz is seeing cases where Norwich have no other symptoms and yet their airways are compromised to the point of almost asphyxiating the animal. Each time the dog has a ‘breathing’ episode, scar tissue can build. The longer this is left untreated, the more scar tissue that accumulates in and around the airway, sometimes to the point that even with removal of these saccules, the airway is still compromised. In such cases, the dog’s environment must be fairly well monitored. Owners must watch for heat intolerance; limit their dog’s excitement, both good and bad; and keep the dog at a good weight level.

How do we know if the dog has this problem? What do we look for?

As mentioned earlier, the dog’s breathing sounds raspy or rather moist. It’s a hard sound to describe, but once heard, you’ll never forget it. However, Dr. Schultz has found several Norwich whose breathing appeared “normal” in every way, dogs who are “silent breathers,” but who also have ELS. So we can’t just go on what we hear. We need to have the dogs physically examined to determine if they have an airway that is or that could be compromised with these everted saccules.

How do we check for ELS?

To accurately examine the upper airway, the dog should be put under anesthesia and should be examined with a laryngoscope. In doing so, the vocal folds can be examined closely for the saccules; if necessary, the total of the upper airway can also be examined. The vet can also take a pictorial record of the saccules and surgery. The exam is done with the dog anesthetized (lightly). An endoscope is inserted and the saccules viewed. Once the vet has determined the type of saccules present, the saccules are then challenged (touched) to see how they react and how large they expand. If surgery is necessary, the dog is then put deeper under anesthesia and the saccules are removed with a laser. This type of surgical removal is quicker and safer, with less swelling and little blood loss. It also allows for a much faster recovery time. Laser surgery carries minimal risk factors for the dog compared to other types of respiratory surgery. I have observed several of these surgeries, and it literally takes longer to anesthetize the dog than for the laser removal of the saccules. Even dogs with severe upper respiratory symptoms can tolerate this surgery well. NOTE: Trying to check for these saccules while the dog is deeply anesthetized for other types of surgery such as spay/neuter or teeth cleaning will not allow for a proper exam to be done. The saccules will not respond if the dog is too deeply anesthetized.

Is ELS genetic? And what does it take to prove it?

As we know, everything is genetic, but for genetic proof, it helps to have lines that are not affected and to breed to affected lines. In this way, it is possible to determine if the gene is dominant or recessive. Genetic testing has become much easier in the past few years, but it is still very costly and takes quite a bit of time. Many genetic tests are available for a multitude of diseases. Most of these tests are breed specific, e.g., the test for PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy) in Irish Setters will not work for
PRA in Toy Poodles. We know that other upper airway problems are genetic. But we are seeing so many Norwich with ELS, if we omit them all from our breeding programs, the breed may become extinct.

There was a recent study done in Berne, Switzerland where 200 Norwich were examined and graded by degree of involvement. These are the points that were looked at and graded, i.e., points were given to: Ventricile mucous membrane (saccules); Length of the soft palate; Thickness of the soft palate; Form of the trachea; Form of the cartilage; Stability of the cartilage; Placement of the cartilage; Oropharynx edema; Roof of the pharynx; Cricoid mucous membrane edema. All the given points were added and then graded from A1 (the best) to E2 (the worst):

**POINT KEY:**

- **A1** 0-5 - **A2** 6-10 - **B1** 11-15 - **B2** 16-20 - **C1** 21-25 - **C2** 26-30 - **D1**
- 31-35 - **D2** 36-40 - **E1** 41-45 - **E2** 45 and up.
- **A** = free; **B** = suspect; **C** = minor grade; **D** = medium grade; **E** = high grade.

Here are the results of the 81 Norwich and 11 Norfolks, all Swiss-owned, that were examined:

**NORWICH:** A1-0; A2-3; B1-5; B2-5; C1-15; C2-13; D1-14; D2-11; E1-9; E2-6

**NORFOLKS:** A1-1; A2-10

Dr. Schultz is now recording (video taping) all dogs in his practice (regardless of breed) that need to be anesthetized. So far, he has examined 54 Norwich and 4 Norfolks. **Fifty two of the 54 Norwich had everted laryngeal saccules and needed surgical removal.** Two of the 4 Norfolks had ELS, but theirs were very minor compared to the Norwich and surgery wasn't necessary. Of the 54 Norwich examined, **none** had any other Upper Airway abnormalities, only the Everted Laryngeal Saccules. This phenomenon is something new. In veterinary schools, vets are taught that these saccules are secondary to another Airway Disease.

**We would like to see ALL Norwich owners participate and help in this committee's research.**

Here's what we would like from you:

If your dog(s) are showing signs of upper airway restriction, i.e., raspy breathing; congestion (either nasal or throat); moist or just plain noisy breathing; snoring when at rest; exercise intolerance; heat intolerance; change in bark, please have them checked, preferably by 'scoping', and send us the results. This is the information we need:

- Dog's name & age
- Dog's Pedigree (preferably 4 or 5 generations, if possible)
- Dog's Medical History, including:
  1. At what age did the problem(s) arise?
  2. Is your dog a 'barker'?
  3. What were the symptoms your dog experienced:
     e. Change in bark?
  4. When was it diagnosed (age)?
  5. By whom was it diagnosed:
     a. General Veterinarian? b. Specialist?
  6. What kind of exam was done? Were pictures taken?
  7. If not diagnosed by a specialist, were you referred to a Canine Respiratory Specialist?
  8. What was the treatment:
  9. Did this treatment resolve the problem?
 10. How is your dog doing now?
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Additional Information Requested:

Are you and your dog active in Performance Events? These can be either official events such as Agility, Earthdog, Tracking or just regular outings with fast and/or long walking or jogging. If so, please answer the following:

- List in order, the top three forms of performance events in which you participate.
- Indoors with air conditioning, when your dog is retrieving or doing other sorts of active play, how long does it take before his tongue is curled up & widened at the end?
- Have your dog’s breathing difficulties affected your training/competition in any way? Has it altered your dog’s fitness program?
- On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the LEAST, how heat tolerant do you think your dog is compared to other breeds of dogs? Do you think coat color has any influence on heat intolerance?
- If your dog has had surgery: What type of surgery(ies) were done? To what extent did this affect his training and performance under the above categories?

Please let me assure you that ALL information will be kept confidential. All dogs will be given a number. The dog and its information will then be referred to by that number, NOT by the dog’s or the owner’s name!

If you wish to contact Dr. Schultz, he can be reached at 2770 Bennett Rd., Okemos, MI 48864; phone: 517-337-4800. Please direct your dog’s pedigree/medical history information to Sue Lawrence; Research Chair UAS in the Norwich Terrier, 21140 Van Buren St., Southfield, MI 48033-5976; phone: 248-356-8250. Thanks for your participation in this important study.

—Sue Lawrence, “BluWater” Terriers, Southfield, MI

Author’s Postscript: I have recently received confirmation from Dr. William Schultz that he will be giving a seminar on Upper Respiratory Diseases on February 24, 2007 during the NNTCGC Specialty weekend in Chicago. I hope many Norwich owners will plan to attend!—Sue Lawrence

UPDATE ON NORFOLK MVD STUDY

In the year 2000, after becoming frustrated with the lack of progress in establishing funding for MVD (mitral valve disease) research in the Norfolk Terrier, Nat LaMar and I sent a survey to large numbers of Norfolk owners in the United States, Canada, and several other foreign countries. Using the NNTC and ANTA mailing lists, we solicited money and information from concerned owners in hopes of establishing a fund with the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) to study MVD in our small terriers. The response was overwhelming and within a short period of time, we established a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) called “Friends of the Norfolk Terrier” with the CHF.

In addition to raising more than $20,000, it became increasingly evident from Norfolk owners’ responses that MVD was a big problem in our breed. In all, 138 breeders/owners responded to our survey, reporting on 502 dogs. Ninety one dogs had been diagnosed with heart murmurs; 52 of these were deceased; 46 of the affected dogs had died of heart failure.

It took me several years, but I finally located Sunshine Lahmers, DVM, PhD, and veterinary cardiologist resident at Washington State University (WSU). She presented a grant, approved by the CHF,
to study MVD in the Norfolk Terrier. With the invaluable help of breeders Deborah Pritchard (Glenelg) and Kathleen Eimil (Mayfair) and veterinary cardiologists Luis Braz-Ruivo DVM, ACVIM and Richard Kienle DVM, ACVIM, we were up and running. Preliminary ultrasound results from the first part of the study are alarming. Because the study will most likely be published within the next year in a peer reviewed veterinary journal, I am not able to share all the facts and figures at this time. However, more than 60% of the Norfolk Terriers studied showed evidence of mitral regurgitation (leaky mitral valve)!

The following are Dr. Lahmer's conclusions from the first phase of her MVD research:

"The results of this study indicate that the Norfolk Terrier is affected by endocardiosis (degeneration) of the mitral valve. There appears to be a wide distribution of ages affected with two peak time periods, which would suggest the possibility of an early onset form of endocardiosis in the Norfolk. The analysis of a control group of dogs (non-Norphols) is pending to determine if and to what degree the amount of MVD in the Norfolk exceeds what is seen in the general dog population. The data also reveals that only approximately half of the affected Norfolks will have physical exam abnormalities to indicate the presence of mitral valve endocardiosis, thereby suggesting that echocardiography will be necessary as a screening tool to identify the early stages of this disease."

Since the majority of Norfolks in this study only exhibited a mild form of MVD, "the most significant question raised is how Norfolk Terriers with mitral valve endocardiosis progress. Is it a slowly progressive disease only reaching clinical significance (i.e., becoming symptomatic) in geriatric patients or are Norfolks affected in a manner similar to the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, characterized by an early onset and rapid progression? Follow-up echocardiography on the dogs in this study and pedigree analysis of entire families would be necessary to answer these questions and to provide further information about the inheritance pattern of this disease."

It is my hope that Dr. Lahmers will be able to continue her research under AKC Grant #0357. The money is available, and we need to pursue necropsy evaluation of affected hearts (none were submitted) and extensive pedigree analysis. According to Dr. Lahmers, initial pedigree evaluation shows that males and females are equally affected and that affected dogs have been seen in each generation, thereby suggesting that MVD is not a sex-linked trait and that a dominant inheritance pattern may be more likely.

We have learned one very important fact from research already completed. Auscultation (listening to the heart with a stethoscope) is not a sufficient screening method for the Norfolk Terrier. Breeding stock should have an echocardiogram in order to be certified free from MVD. Although at the present time, OFA will issue a heart clearance to a Norfolk based solely on auscultation, this can no longer be the recommendation of the NNTC. According to Dr. Lahmers, Norfolks to be used for breeding who have "normal physical exam findings should be examined by echocardiography to identify 'silent' mitral valve disease."

We are hopeful that the CHF will extend the grant for MVD research for at least another year. As mentioned above, the second phase of the study would involve necropsy evaluation of dogs' hearts affected by MVD as well as extensive analysis of Norfolk family pedigrees. Funding for phase two is available from our "Friends of Norfolk Terrier" DAF. Dr. Lahmers has indicated her interest in continuing the study, and I hope that the two veterinary cardiologists—Dr. Luis Braz-Ruivo and Dr. Richard Kienle—will also stay on board. There will be a brief hiatus in the project, however, as Dr. Lahmers will be on leave from WSU from October 2006 until June 2007. Happily, she and her husband are expecting their first child this fall. Along with maternal responsibilities, she also needs time to study for her board cardiology exams. We will be back in touch with NNTC and ANTA members in the near future about submitting pedigrees and their deceased dogs' hearts in an effort to increase our understanding of this killer disease.

—Carol Falk, NNTC Health & Genetics Chairman, Co-Founder "Friends of Norfolk Terriers" DAF (benkelev@aol.com)
"DUVAL’S" VALIANT STRUGGLE WITH MITRAL VALVE DISEASE

The disease that killed our dear Norfolk Terrier, Duval, crept up quickly and, until the end, quietly. You may have seen Duval’s photographs in several issues of the *News*—swimming, wearing a hat, on backyard patrol, with his Norwich “brother”, Joey. You would never have guessed that he was dying from mitral valve disease.

The diagnosis was made during the course of Duval’s routine annual checkup at age 7. The vet simply stated, “Duval has a heart murmur, about a 2 on a scale of 1 to 6.” He then suggested an echocardiogram, that is, a pictorial representation of the heart using ultrasound techniques, to get a better understanding of Duval’s condition. The echocardiogram revealed a very mild left atrium dilation and a small to moderate mitral valve regorge. The mitral valve leaflets were thick and irregular, but no masses or effusions were noted. The aortic and pulmonic outflows were within normal limits, as were the left ventricle diameter, wall thickness and contractility. No cardiac medications were recommended at that time; Duval should just be rechecked in one year.

Relieved, we resumed our regular activities. Duval loved his morning walk to the bay, exploring his escape-proof backyard, and playing with Joey. Both dogs also went to work with me everyday, greeting the staff, collecting a dog biscuit or two along the way, and then snoozing in their crates with a break at home for lunchtime. Summer weekends were spent at the beach where Duval became a proficient kayaking companion.

The year went by quickly and, before we knew it, it was time for Duval’s 8-year-old annual checkup. This time the vet heard a more significant heart murmur, 3 or 4 on a scale of 1 to 6. The echocardiogram now showed a moderate left atrium dilation and mild left ventricle dilation. A large mitral valve regorge and a moderate tricuspid valve regorge were also identified. Again, no masses or effusions were noted; the left ventricle wall thickness and contractility and the aortic and pulmonic outflows were within normal limits. The vet recommended that Duval start on Enalapril and that his heart condition be closely monitored. He explained that the Enalapril would lower Duval’s blood pressure and his heart would not have to work so hard.

Again, we resumed our regular activities. Duval, Joey and I walked a mile or two every morning, went to work, played in the backyard and spent another summer at the beach. We continued with the Enalapril.

A few weeks before his 9th birthday, Duval began to cough or wheeze a bit. He also started choking on his meals. It seemed as if he was just eating too fast and the food was getting stuck in his throat, causing him to vomit. Sitting on the floor with him and feeding him small amounts slowly over a period of several minutes helped. His cough or wheeze was infrequent, but would not go away.

One evening about two weeks before his 9th birthday, Duval suddenly had a hard time catching his breath. We had company over the evening it started, and I remember holding Duval, trying to soothe him, the entire time they were there. The next morning we went to the vet. I will never forget the alarmed look on the vet’s face when he listened to Duval’s heart. “This is serious,” he said. The heart murmur was up to about 5. Duval was whisked away for a chest x-ray. A few minutes later, several questions were answered.

Duval’s heart had been working so hard to keep up with the valve regurgitation that it had become severely enlarged, filling his whole chest cavity and compressing his trachea. Instead of sloping gently, his esophagus was smashed up against his ribs, causing the difficulty in swallowing. The cough was from fluid in his lungs. That had also caused the breathing difficulty the night before. In short, Duval was suffering congestive heart failure.

The vet considered, but decided against, an injection to keep Duval’s heart beating. Instead, he prescribed Lasix, a brand name of furosemide, in pill form. Lasix is a diuretic that decreases the
amount of fluid in the body by increasing the amount of salt and water lost in urine. The purpose was to get fluid out of Duval's lungs.

Echocardiogram number three, performed a few days later, showed moderate to severe left atrium dilation and moderate left ventricle dilation, as well as a large mitral valve regurge and a moderate tricuspid valve regurge. The aortic valve leaflets were thickened and irregular. The aortic and pulmonic outflows were still within normal limits, and no masses or effusions were noted.

The Lasix gave Duval relief. His cough abated and he was breathing without difficulty. The recommendation was to check him again in six to nine months.

For a while, things were again pretty normal. The dogs and I walked and played, although I could see in Duval's eyes that he just did not feel well. A couple of weeks later, during the morning walk with Joey and me, Duval stopped and sat down. I carried him home and called the vet. This time he recommended that Duval be examined by a vet specializing in cardiology.

We saw the veterinary cardiologist a few days later. His general assessment of Duval was that he was bright, alert, responsive and hydrated, and eating and drinking well. However, he recommended another echocardiogram, advising that his equipment was better and would give us a more accurate picture of Duval's heart, thus resulting in better treatment. I went home and discussed it with my husband; we decided to go for it.

Echocardiogram number four was performed about five days later. This time the report stated "There is marked left atrium dilation, moderate left ventricle dilation and mild right atrium and right ventricle dilation." Contractibility was found to be adequate, but less than optimal. The mitral valve was moderately thickened and prolapsed into the left atrium. The tricuspid valve was also moderately thickened.

The final assessment was severe chronic valvular disease. The best treatment would be a valve transplant, but that was unrealistic. Instead, the cardiologist recommended that Duval continue on the Enalapril and Lasix and that Digoxin be added. He explained that with heart disease, medications are not changed or replaced, they are added. Digoxin helps the heart beat more strongly and regularly, and is used to treat congestive heart failure. In discussing the practical aspects of all this, the vet cardiologist said he thought Duval had a year or two to live. I was instructed to bring him back in a week for a check of the Digoxin level.

I had a business commitment that night. When I left, Duval was sitting on the sofa with my husband and Joey; he seemed pretty normal. When I got home a couple of hours later, Duval was a completely different dog. My husband reported that he was having great difficulty catching his breath. I called the vet cardiologist's office and was advised to bring him back in. Duval slept on our bed that night. When he was sleeping, he was very quiet, so quiet that a couple of times during the night, I reached out to check if he was breathing.

Early the next morning there was not much change. Duval just could not catch his breath. I gave him all his medications, including the Digoxin, and put him in the back yard while Joey and I went for a walk. When we got back, Joey ran over to Duval to play. Duval would have none of it and crawled under the deck. Luckily, he was in a spot where I could reach him. I carried him into the house and made him comfortable on the floor while I got ready to go to the vet. It was only about 15 minutes later that his poor heart gave up its valiant struggle.

Did the Digoxin accelerate Duval's death? Perhaps he was allergic to it or it adversely affected his heart. If so, it was a blessing, because Duval could not go on with such serious heart problems. The next few weeks after his death were remarkable. Our mail was full of sympathy cards from Duval's many friends. Others called; some sent flowers. I hope that veterinary research will find a way to eliminate the scourge of mitral valve disease from Norfolk Terriers and other affected breeds.

—Judy Rand, White Plains, NY
EARLY SPAY-NEUTER CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE CANINE ATHLETE
One Veterinarian’s Opinion

Ed.: News readers involved in canine performance events most likely recognize the name Chris Zink; for others, a brief profile follows. Chris, a NNTCC member and owner of “a ball-of-fire” Norwich bitch, “Vespa,” has several titles at the end of her name, including DVM and PhD (in Pathology). A leading authority on the dog as an athlete, she is an award-winning author whose books include Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete; Dog Health and Nutrition for Dummies; and (co-author), Jumping from A to Z: Teach Your Dog to Soar. Chris has put more than 60 titles—obedience, agility, retrieving, tracking and conformation—on dogs from three different groups. She is a consultant on canine sports medicine and gives seminars worldwide on the subject. As to how she ended up with a Norwich, Chris explains:

“After 10 years of traveling to present seminars all over North America, I decided that I needed a travel dog. I looked first at Papillons, but breeders kept telling me I would have to keep my Papillon separate from my big dogs (a Golden Retriever and a Border Collie) in my house. I didn’t want to live that way, so I started considering other breeds that could fit under an airplane seat. I knew Norwich agility fancier Blair Kelly, and when I asked him to tell me about Norwich, he offered to lend me his younger bitch, Bianca. I spent 10 days with Bianca and was sold on getting a Norwich in the first 10 minutes. So I called Bianca’s breeder, Dr. Phyllis Pullen, who lived near me in Maryland. She had just had a litter of puppies, one of which became my little girl, Jerusalem’s Road Less Traveled OA, OAJ (‘Vespa’).”

—AGF

Those of us with responsibility for the health of canine athletes need to continually read and evaluate new scientific studies to ensure that we are taking the most appropriate care of our performance dogs. This article provides evidence through a number of recent studies to suggest that veterinarians and owners working with canine athletes should revisit the standard protocol in which all dogs that are not intended for breeding are spayed and neutered at or before 6 months of age.

Orthopedic Considerations

A study by Salmeri et al in 1991 found that bitches spayed at 7 weeks grew significantly taller than those spayed at 7 months, who were taller than those not spayed (or presumably spayed after the growth plates had closed). A study of 1444 Golden Retrievers performed in 1998 and 1999 also found bitches and dogs spayed and neutered at less than a year of age were significantly taller than those spayed or neutered at more than a year of age. The sex hormones, by communicating with a number of other growth-related hormones, promote the closure of the growth plates at puberty, so the bones of dogs or bitches neutered or spayed before puberty continue to grow. Dogs that have been spayed or neutered well before puberty can frequently be identified by their longer limbs, lighter bone structure, narrow chests and narrow skulls. This abnormal growth frequently results in significant alterations in body proportions and particularly the lengths (and therefore weights) of certain bones relative to others. For example, if the femur has achieved its genetically determined normal length at
8 months when a dog gets spayed or neutered, but the tibia, which normally stops growing at 12 to 14 months of age continues to grow, then an abnormal angle may develop at the stifle. In addition, with the extra growth, the lower leg below the stifle likely becomes heavier (because it is longer), and may cause increased stresses on the cranial cruciate ligament. In addition, sex hormones are critical for achieving peak bone density. These structural and physiological alterations may be the reason why at least one recent study showed that spayed and neutered dogs had a higher incidence of CCL rupture. Another recent study showed that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months had a significantly higher incidence of hip dysplasia than those spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age, although it should be noted that in this study there were no standard criteria for the diagnosis of hip dysplasia. Nonetheless, breeders of purebred dogs should be cognizant of these studies and should consider whether or not pups they bred were spayed or neutered when considering breeding decisions.

Cancer Considerations

A retrospective study of cardiac tumors in dogs showed that there was a 5 times greater risk of hemangiosarcoma, one of the three most common cancers in dogs, in spayed bitches than intact bitches and a 2.4 times greater risk of hemangiosarcoma in neutered dogs as compared to intact males. A study of 3218 dogs demonstrated that dogs that were neutered before a year of age had a significantly increased chance of developing bone cancer. A separate study showed that neutered dogs had a two-fold higher risk of developing bone cancer. Despite the common belief that neutering dogs helps prevent prostate cancer, at least one study suggests that neutering provides no benefit.

There certainly is evidence of a slightly increased risk of mammary cancer in female dogs after one heat cycle, and for increased risk with each subsequent heat. While about 30% of mammary cancers are malignant, as in humans, when caught and surgically removed early the prognosis is very good. Luckily, canine athletes are handled frequently and generally receive prompt veterinary care.

Behavioral Considerations

The study that identified a higher incidence of cranial cruciate ligament rupture in spayed or neutered dogs also identified an increased incidence of sexual behaviors in males and females that were neutered early. Further, the study that identified a higher incidence of hip dysplasia in dogs neutered or spayed before 5 1/2 months also showed that early age gonadectomy was associated with an increased incidence of noise phobias and undesirable sexual behaviors. A recent report of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation reported significantly more behavioral problems in spayed and neutered bitches and dogs. The most commonly observed behavioral problem in spayed females was fearful behavior and the most common problem in males was aggression.

Other Health Considerations

A number of studies have shown that there is an increase in the incidence of female urinary incontinence in dogs spayed early, although this finding has not been universal. Certainly there is evidence that ovarian hormones are critical for maintenance of genitral tissue structure and contractility. Neutering also has been associated with an increased likelihood of urethral sphincter incontinence in males. This problem is an inconvenience, and not usually life-threatening, but nonetheless one that requires the dog to be medicated for life.

A health survey of several thousand Golden Retrievers showed that spayed or neutered dogs were more likely to develop hypothyroidism. This study is consistent with the results of another study in which neutering and spaying was determined to be the most significant gender-associated risk factor for development of hypothyroidism. Infectious diseases were more common in dogs that were spayed or neutered at 24 weeks or less as opposed to those undergoing gonadectomy at more than 24 weeks. Finally, the AKC-CHF report demonstrated a higher incidence of adverse reactions to vaccines in neutered dogs as compared
to intact. I have gathered these studies to show that our practice of routinely spaying or neutering every dog at or before the age of 6 months is not a black-and-white issue. Clearly more studies need to be done to evaluate the effects of prepubertal spaying and neutering, particularly in canine athletes.

Currently, I have significant concerns with spaying or neutering canine athletes before puberty. But of course, there is the pet overpopulation problem. How can we prevent the production of unwanted dogs while still leaving the gonads to produce the hormones that are so important to canine growth and development? One answer would be to perform vasectomies in males and tubal ligation in females, to be followed after maturity by ovariectomy in females to prevent mammary cancer and pyometra. One possible disadvantage is that vasectomy does not prevent some unwanted behaviors associated with males such as marking and humping. On the other hand, females and neutered males frequently participate in these behaviors too. Really, training is the best solution for these issues. Another possible disadvantage is finding a veterinarian who is experienced in performing these procedures. Nonetheless, some do, and if the procedures were in greater demand, more veterinarians would learn them.

I believe it is important that we assess each situation individually. For canine athletes, I currently recommend that dogs and bitches be spayed or neutered after 14 months of age.

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Author's note: While this article stresses the effects of prepubertal spaying and neutering on the canine athlete, if waiting to spay or neuter is healthier for canine athletes, then perhaps that is also true for conformation dogs and couch potatoes. When placing puppies, each breeder should assess a puppy's new home and decide whether to advise their puppy buyers to wait. If there is any possibility of an accidental breeding, tubal ligation in females and vasectomy in males, followed by spaying/neutering after maturity, are options which allow hormones to work their magic in producing normal growth. I strongly advise that bitches who are not going to be bred be spayed after 14 months to reduce the risk of mammary cancer and to remove the possibility for pyometra.—CZ

TOXIN ALERT: XYLITOL

Xylitol is a relatively new artificial sweetener. It is available as a sugar substitute, and can also be found in products for human consumption such as chewing gum, mints and pudding. In humans, xylitol is safe, but in dogs it can cause acute liver failure and/or hypoglycemia (low blood sugar). In humans, xylitol has no effect on insulin, but in dogs, it causes a massive release of insulin in the body. The insulin drives the blood sugar down, causing seizures, coma, and death. Liver failure is characterized by severe jaundice, vomiting, coagulation abnormalities, and death.

The toxic dose to cause hypoglycemia is approximately 0.2 grams per kilogram of body weight; the toxic dose to cause liver failure is approximately 1.5 grams per kilogram. Xylitol chewing gum contains 1-2 grams per piece, sugar substitute contains 190 grams per cup, and sugar-free chocolate pudding contains 7 grams per 6 oz. container. For a 13-lb Norwich or Norfolk Terrier (6 kilograms), this figures out to potential toxic doses of one piece of chewing gum, 1/4 tsp. of sugar substitute, or 1 oz. of pudding to cause hypoglycemia. The doses to cause liver failure would be 5 pieces of gum, 1 tbsp. of sugar substitute, or one 6 oz. pudding.

Xylitol is also found in canine water additives for freshening breath. At proper dilutions, the xylitol content is very low, but toxicity could theoretically be seen with improper dilution.

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A NOTE ABOUT THE BARF DIET

As someone who has fed her Norwich a BARF diet for about five years with excellent results, I read with interest the articles by Laura McLain Madsen, DVM and Norfolk breeder Lini Federici in the Spring 2006 News. I found Dr. Madsen’s statistics on the presence of bacteria contamination in raw meats interesting. As a result, I will make doubly sure that I continue to buy organic meat and to be very careful about handling the raw meat. I totally agree with her argument about spreading antibiotic resistance by feeding meat containing antibiotics. Dr. Madsen makes an excellent case for all meat eaters to make sure the meat they eat doesn't contain antibiotics, not only to prevent antibiotic-resistant E. coli, but also to prevent many other antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

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"I'm a big help on laundry day."

"If three's a crowd, what's four?"

"Is there any way outta here?"

"Is this our new babysitter?"

"How long do I have to wear this goofy-looking elf cap?"
PEDIGREE FRAUD IN THE NORWICH BREED

Not so long ago (less than 10 years) in America, you could not find a puppy mill selling Norwich Terriers. Norwich fanciers might have bickered about principles (or the lack thereof) employed by some breeders, but we could be pretty sure that every Norwich sold with AKC registration papers was bred by hobby breeders. There also was no question about that Norwich being purebred.

Those days are over. Just in the last few months, AKC has revoked registration papers from hundreds of dogs originally registered as Norwich Terriers, but later proven to have either completely fraudulent papers or to have Cairn Terriers in their recent ancestry. In each case, the reason for the initial investigation was an apparent lack of breed type: a visually obvious mutt or terrier mix being sold as a purebred Norwich. Like a house of cards, with each proven fraudulent pedigree, others fell too: litter mates and progeny, always abundant in number, so uncharacteristic of litter sizes in Norwich. The original cases involved duped owners who wanted to find out why their new prized pup was so different from other Norwich they had encountered, no matter how painful the answer was.

If those few cases, in a domino effect, resulted in hundreds of revoked registrations, how many other owners of Norwich imposters never bothered to find out why their dogs looked different? How many others quit the search for answers, with the excuse that it did not matter what breed their “Norwich” really was? How many were too embarrassed about being cheated that, even knowing the truth, they decided not to tell the AKC, the NNCT, or anyone within the breed? How many have Norwich-like mixed breeds that they never even suspect are only part Norwich? I know there are more of them than we ever thought possible, way more than a lot of us want to know.

I decided to write about this painful subject for three reasons. First, I want to sound the umpteenth alarm for those who still have not woken up to this new reality and to offer some ideas about what Norwich owners can and should do to protect our dogs, to educate the public, and to investigate numerous fake pedigrees. Second, I want to present the facts as objectively as I can so that we can move on from finger pointing to creating a more united and concerned Norwich fancy. Lastly, I want to thank a true breed hero, a truth seeker who acted and made a difference while the rest of us were just saying our “too bads” while browsing puppy ads over a morning cup of coffee and then proceeding with our day.

I know that what I’m going to say may not be well received by all. The number one reason for the business of selling mixed breeds or Cairn Terriers as Norwich is the mighty buck. The prices for Norwich pups in America are high, to put it mildly, and breeders need to be aware of the consequences. Many prospective owners have to deal with the price shock in their first conversation with a breeder, and many breeders are less than understanding. Very few take the time to talk to the person looking for a Norwich once the person says the price is much more than he/she expected or once the person does not seem like a good home for a pup. Yet, talking to prospective Norwich buyers is precisely the time for breeders to make a difference by cutting down on the market for Norwich mixes sold as purebreds. When callers do not sound like ideal candidates or are totally new to dogs, please, please, please take the time to warn them about pedigree fraud. Warn them against buying puppies over the Internet. Tell them to get a legitimate Cairn for half the money of the Cairns or Cairn mixes sold as Norwich. Of course, breeders should also sound the same alarm to persons who seem to be ideal Norwich buyers. I am always bewildered at the number of prospective Norwich owners who have no idea about pedigree fraud and who have never been cautioned against fake Norwich sold over the Internet, no matter how many breeders they have spoken to already. By not warning buyers about such fraud, we are allowing it to flourish. So, if you want to join the fight to protect our breed from the influx of mixes, please educate those looking for pups.

If you want to help clean up the registry, please help with the pedigree research. Before I explain what that entails, I should offer a brief history of how we got into this mess in the first place. It all started with one entrepreneur farmer who decided to add dog breeding to his pig husbandry. Unable
to pass the scrutiny of American Norwich breeders and already experienced in acquiring breeding stock of six other dog breeds, he turned to European breeders. He was able to buy a few purebred Norwich to add to his already flourishing puppy mill. Within months, he had a partner and a couple of associate followers. Within three years, he had sold enough dogs to establish puppy mills with Norwich all over the country.

I personally wrote letters to two of the European breeders whose pups were sold to these American Norwich-for-profit outfits to warn them that their dogs had fallen into the wrong hands. Both ignored my warning and sold other dogs to the same puppy mill. One well-known breeder with years of experience shipped three dogs at once. I have no idea what they were thinking, if they were thinking at all. The lesson we all need to learn from this terrible story is to be ultra-cautious when selling unaltered dogs and bitches. When there is a speck of doubt, expect the worst. Better safe than sorry. If you do not neuter and spay the dogs you place, make sure you know the person you are selling to very well.

As you can imagine, these entrepreneurs quickly realized that Norwich reproductive problems and small litter sizes were going to cut into their imagined profits. So they started crossing Norwich with other terriers, mostly Cairn. They learned that they could submit European papers for dogs that did not belong to those dogs. Many European breed clubs, especially from Eastern Europe, do not have good record keeping and often do not even respond to inquiries. It was easy then for “Norwich business entrepreneurs” to change information on dogs’ papers and make up their own European pups, using actual kennel names from Europe and followed by whatever name they gave their mixed-breed pups.

Recently “Norwich entrepreneurs” stopped even bothering with Norwich and instead sold docked Cairns or Cairn mixes without a drop of Norwich blood as purebred Norwich. A lot of U.S. breeders saw this happening, but we did not know how to stop it. That’s when NNCTC member and long-time Norwich breeder (Half-A-Bob) Carol Suggs rolled up her sleeves. Carol single-handedly was able to crack numerous fraudulent pedigrees that we knew could not be legitimate, but we did not know how to prove that. Carol had a sixth sense for where to look and what to question. The following story best illustrates her uncanny skill for deciphering pedigree fraud. There was a pedigree where all the dogs were legitimate Norwich. It took considerable work to establish that, a point at which many people working on cracking illegitimate pedigrees give up, myself included. This is when Carol thought of researching all the dogs’ birth dates. Mind you, this requires hours of work, mostly searching the Internet, as there is no way to contact some European breeders to ask questions. Carol eventually realized that a particular dog listed in the pedigree was born only 3 weeks after the birth of his reputed sire. Bingo—a fraudulent pedigree! In other cases, Carol found show photos of some of the dogs listed in the supposed Norwich pedigree—Cairn Terrier photos, that is.

Thanks to Carol Suggs, hundreds of illegitimate pedigrees have been purged from the AKC registry. I cannot think of a more important contribution one person could make to the Norwich breed. Carol was able to bring us hope that, with enough effort, we might be able to say one day that if a dog is an AKC-registered Norwich Terrier, it indeed is one. We are not there yet, probably nowhere close, but Carol has shown us how to do it. I would pay a lot to see puppy mill operators’ faces when they open AKC letters revoking the registrations of their litters.

Pedigree research takes a lot of time, but when the stakes are so high, when our stud books have been compromised, Norwich breeders should all chip in. Such work involves acquiring pedigrees of dogs that are obviously not purebred Norwich, most of them advertised on Internet puppy retail pages. It takes courage to talk to people advertising questionable looking Norwich. Then it takes time to confirm one by one if such and such a dog exists, if it was indeed bred to such and such a bitch, and when. One-by-one research is a lot of work, but it must be done before we drown in an influx of mutts.

As for finger pointing, let’s save our energies for cleaning up the mess. And breeders, please remember to alert all prospective Norwich owners to the problem of fraudulent Norwich!

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THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND IN RHODE ISLAND

The NNTC celebrated our breeds’ 70th year of AKC recognition with a weekend of festivities at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island June 2-4, 2006. I had no shame in soliciting members for $200 donations to cover some of the expenses. These contributions allowed the Friday evening clambake and other events to be offered free to club members. I put in another call to good friend and long-time NNTC member Gilbert Kahn, who has the most glorious home in Newport, RI. Gilbert generously offered to sponsor the transportation from the hotel to historic Newport, as well as a private guided tour through the Breakers mansion. I also solicited members for photos for a montage video I was putting together of our last 70 years. Some of you sent photos, most didn’t. Thank goodness for all the photos I’ve taken these past 30 years. Missy Wood and Sue Ely must be thanked for sending me the early photos, which were originally the property of Constance Larrabee and Anne Winston. The video is a treasure trove of our club, the people and the dogs.

Huge thanks must go to Hospitality Chair Jean Kessler for her dedication to this event. It was up to Jean to gather all reservations, be in constant contact with the hotel, and oh so much more. She’s a gem. Pat Mason, our club’s Recording Secretary, is Jean’s right arm. Trophy Chair Sue Lawrence sent most of the trophies to Carol Falk, who lives about an hour from the show site. Notions Chair Karen Whalen mailed items to me and to Carol. The commemorative Norwich and Norfolk pins and tote bags Karen had made for the 70th Anniversary are available on the NNTC website.

The staff at the Crowne Plaza couldn’t have been nicer. This hotel has hosted at least twenty national specialties, and the staff has the routine down pat. Betsey Bliss had arranged for our tenting and permits, as she lives nearby. Betsey had to attend her Airedale club’s specialty, so she couldn’t be at our event. Still we owe her a thank you for helping out. Marjorie McTernan ordered a second tent on Friday morning, since rain was certainly in the weekend forecast.

On Friday afternoon, Susie Kipp gave a grooming demonstration under one of the tents for the fifty-plus assembled people. She worked with three dogs in various stages of coat, going from one to the other explaining trimming techniques. She proved to be a darn good teacher. Friday evening we gathered for cocktails, followed by a sumptuous clambake buffet. This was set up in a sky lighted room, offering a feel of the outdoors without the rain. NNTC Board members in attendance were introduced, as were previous past presidents of our club. Members came to the event from as near as Connecticut and Massachusetts and as far as Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Oregon and California. It was a wonderful turnout of people, renewing old friendships and making new ones. We were in Rhode Island for this celebration to honor our club and the breeds we adore, the Norfolk and Norwich. The spirit of the group was astounding.

The weekend worked because there was something for everyone. NNTC Show Chair Ann Dum had arranged for early breed judging at the NNTC supported entries at Ladies KC on Saturday and at Framingham KC on Sunday. The shows had majors in both Norwich and Norfolk. Saturday morning, we headed in two different directions; some went to the point show, while others went to Newport. When we arrived at the Breakers, the Vanderbilts certainly knew how to enjoy the Gilded Age in this magnificent mansion with the Atlantic Ocean as their backyard.

We all met back at the host hotel for lunch. The show at Ladies was delayed a half hour, so we elected to do the same for our Match Show. While we were at other morning activities, Robert Lachman and Joe Franchi (the Match Show Chairman) were busy setting up the show rings. Robert put forth
tremendous effort this weekend, helping out in many situations. Joe had our Match catalog, designed by Judi Hartell, printed in color with beautiful artwork by Anna Bellenger. Henrietta Lachman was busy selling notions, while Joan Church and Joe Franchi took post-entries.

NNTC member and AKC judge Gale Young judged the Norwich Match. From the 3-6 Months Puppy Dog class, Gale selected FXHNT Time and Again, bred and owned by Hal Happertett, as Best Norwich Puppy. This little one's sire is Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell out of Ch. Littlefield FXHNT Polly My Folly. Best of Opposite Sex, from the 3-6 Months Puppy Bitch class, was Camio's Educated Guess, sired by Ch. Glendale's Guess Again out of Camio's Tempest of Glendale. Catherine Rogers is her breeder/owner. We didn't have a Best Adult Norwich entry.

NNTC member Frauke Hinsch, DVM from Germany, breeder/owner of "Alright" Norfolks, judged the Norfolk Match. Her selection for Best Norfolk Puppy was Max-Well's Katrina, handled by Devon Kipp, from the 9-12 Months Puppy Bitch class. Katrina was bred by Barbara Miller and Stephen Badano and is owned by Miller and Susan Kipp. Katrina's sire is Ch. Max-Well's Hurricane and her dam, Max-Well's It's a Breeze, Flurries Mackinac Point, sired by Ch. Mercator Park It Here out of Ch. Flurries Turn Point Light, was the Best of Opposite Sex Norfolk Puppy. He was bred by Peggy Metcalf and is co-owned by Peggy with Christine Holmes. The Best Norfolk Adult, a bitch, was a post-entry, so her name was not printed in the Match catalogue. I don't have any information about her, so please forgive me. [Ed.: If this Norfolk's owner would like her bitch's identity revealed in the Spring 2007 News, please send me the pertinent information by February 1.—AGF]

The objective of the Match was to enjoy ourselves, not to be sitting on pins and needles worrying who would win. That objective was achieved. The day was plagued by rain, but we didn't seem to care. Member Lini Federici's aunt, Mia DiBenedetto, is associated with the local NBC channel in Rhode Island. Lini phoned months before our event to ask if we would allow TV. How exciting it was to have NBC video our show and present it on the local evening news. In a heavy downpour, Magda Ormansky was still eager to have club members participate in the Agility. Magda and her husband, Michael, brought their equipment, set it up at the site, and encouraged us to give Agility a try. Sue Ely set up the go-to-ground, at which she is a master. We also had on site a canine massage therapist at the ready to show owners the value of massage. It was quite an afternoon.

The dinner Saturday evening was superlative, with Jean Kessler's center pieces gracing the tables. The center pieces, in either a Norwich or a Norfolk, were made of wire topiary, with a wreath of flowers surrounding the topiary. Jean put a lot of effort into making the tables look gorgeous. She deserves a round of applause. Joan Graham and her Norwich brought the house down as they performed their dance act. The little dog danced alongside and did jumps around Joan's scooter. Congrats to them. Robert Lachman provided us with his DVD and set up the video montage. It played throughout dinner, bringing laughs and tears. The video is about an hour and a half long and is certainly a history of our club, the dogs and the people. Robert Lachman and Joe Franchi will be burning the DVD, which will be available at Montgomery.

Sunday morning we got together for a delicious buffet breakfast. The weather was still miserable as some headed to the Framingham KC show and others to our show site for the remainder of the events. Sue Ely had the hat at the ready and willing Norwich and Norfolk to give it a sniff in its cage. Some of these little devils took to the go-to-ground quickly, making their owners proud. We thank Sue for her patience in the wet weather. Under the show tent, we continued with Junior Handling and a Parade of Champions. It was a wet weekend, but certainly a successful one. I can't thank everyone enough who chipped in and worked to make this celebration an outstanding Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club event.

—Barbara Miller, NNTC President
TAILS: THE FUTURE OF DOCKING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

A general animal protection bill currently going through our Parliament includes a clause to abolish tail docking for cosmetic purposes. At the moment, there is a proviso that some working dogs may be exempt, but these dogs could not be shown at venues where the public paid an entrance fee. This bill is still in discussion at the committee stage, but will return for further debate in the autumn of 2006. It looks increasingly certain that tail docking will be banned later in the year, despite massive protests from various lobby groups, especially The Council For Docked Breeds and The Kennel Club. If this legislation passes, no Norfolk or Norwich Terrier in this country will be allowed to be docked.

In Norwich Terriers, Ruth Corkhill has not docked her dogs for many years. In Norfolks, Gilean White and Sue Cooper are breeders who have also abstained from docking. There are two full-length-tailed Norfolks imported from abroad—Jiffy The Sky’s The Limit and Allright Smart Sir Byron—who have become champions here. These two dogs have splendid upright tail carriage. Their happily wagging tails definitely add to their character and do not detract from their outline.

Last year I judged Norfolks in Sweden and was won over by some of the undocked tails. However, there were some with horrors I just could not ignore and which totally distracted from the dog’s overall picture. Some looked odd, with the tip of the tail touching their shoulders; others carried their tails up, then drooping over to one side, which was not very attractive. Long tails will be a huge problem in the UK, as breeders here have been striving for shortness of back with the tail on top. If undocked, this could well result in a Spitz-type tail, or a tail curling over in a circle like a Pug. When I first came into the breed in 1972, Joy Taylor told me tails should be carried at about ‘five past one,’ but most now are held erect and some tend to be gay.

We have had optional docking in our Great Britain breed standard since 1985. I remember the discussion in the Norfolk Terrier Club committee as we came up with the optional docking clause: “Tail of moderate length to give a general balance to the dog, thick at the root and tapering towards the tip, as straight as possible, carried jauntily, but not excessively gay.” I think I actually suggested the word “jauntily.” I recently contacted Frauke Hinsic (Allright Norfolk in Germany) on the subject of tails. She told me that “judges in Germany were instructed to judge the long tail only up to the point where it used to be docked,” but she found that carriage alone is not a criterion for a good-looking tail. “Some dogs,” she said, “look okay with a tail going round similar to a Spitz tail; others look hopeless. Some tails carried erect are okay; others, especially if long and thin, look even worse than a squirrel tail. Short and thick is probably more important than the way it is carried. These long and thin tails look quite bad on most dogs, no matter how they are carried.”

“Unfortunately”, she continued, “most Norfolks do not have the desired tail that looks like a Cairn’s, for example; the majority have more of a Spitz type.” She said “she has learned to live with them (undocked tails), and thinks they look okay on an otherwise excellent dog if the tail is set high and is not lying with the tip forward straight on the dog’s back. High set is important; low set ones, carried whichever way, look bad. If a Norfolk carries its tail behind the body like a Dachshund, that Norfolk looks like a very long dog, fox-like, and not very attractive.” She warned that “not many puppies will have what you consider a good tail; the majority will not! Tails usually look perfect up to six or seven weeks and then they go over the back overnight! Good luck!” she added.

So now breeders will have an extra problem. Added to mating a bitch on the right day, getting her in whelp, having live pups preferably born without a Caesarean, having the pups survive and thrive, correct ear carriage, good mouths, etc., we now will have to worry about what the tail will do!

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“BUZZY” HELPS IN A SILENT WORLD

A small Norfolk Terrier named Buzzy, jauntily walking in his orange Service Dog vest, elicits stares of surprise as he accompanies his hearing-impaired owner. As a Hearing Alert Dog, Buzzy can make a big difference in a silent world. His job is to alert his owner to sounds the owner may miss and which may signify a dangerous situation. This can be life-saving to a hearing-impaired person. Buzzy is also an important factor in the concept of inclusion. Inclusion allows a disabled person to feel part of, and included in, the community around him. Studies have shown that people make more of an effort to relate to, or interact with, someone with a disability when a Service Dog is present. With an impish personality, Buzzy functions as an icebreaker in social situations and provides friendship and unconditional love for his owner.

When I was growing up, I was a Guide Dog puppy-raiser as part of my 4H projects and learned first-hand about the limitless value of Service Dogs for people with disabilities. Years later I became interested in Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) as a way of helping my older daughter, Nancy, who is autistic. When Nancy was younger, she would not speak to and did not like being hugged or touched by people. However, she would speak to our dogs, lay her head on theirs, and stroke them. As a result of involving my dogs in AAT, I became an evaluator (I temperament-tested animals for their suitability to participate in AAT) and, later, an instructor for the Delta Society. I founded an organization that provides AAT for children with disabilities in schools and hospitals in Los Angeles.

In 1998 I wanted to begin working with Service Dogs. I took a course given by Martha Hoffman on how to select and train Hearing Alert Dogs. In 1999, after continued training with Martha, I trained a class of Hearing Alert Dogs and their owners, who would work with hearing-impaired children in hospitals and in schools. When healthcare professionals and teachers utilize dogs as tools in their work, the children are more motivated to work towards recovery and/or towards learning the new skills needed to adapt to the outside world. I also wanted to introduce the children we visited to Hearing Alert Dogs and to other types of Assistance Dogs for another reason. A disabled child can apply for his/her own Service Dog at eighteen years of age. Many of these children are afraid of dogs, so one of my goals was to have them overcome this fear. Less than 20% of people who would benefit from having a Service Dog, including Guide Dogs, apply for one because of their fear of animals.

The primary qualities a dog needs to be successful as a Hearing Alert Dog are sensitivity to sounds, and alertness and enthusiasm carried to an extreme—the perfect description of a Norfolk Terrier. Buzzy is highly reactive to sounds and tenaciously curious and driven to find out where the sounds are coming from. As a good candidate for hearing alert work (soundwork), he will run to the sound to investigate without any fearfulness or caution. In the ideal world, a dog that is highly reactive to sounds but not to other senses, such as moving objects, has the greatest potential to be a Hearing Alert Dog. Many owners want dogs that are not difficult to train and that behave. An overly reactive dog, such as Buzzy, may have very little ability to inhibit his responses to stimuli. This causes the dog to appear to be “acting before he thinks”—another perfect description of a Norfolk Terrier. Dogs who
exhibit this type of behavior are generally returned to the breeder or given to a shelter. Fortunately, many Hearing Alert training programs select reactive shelter dogs for soundwork training.

As a Hearing Alert Dog, Buzzy needs to fill three important roles, each requiring certain temperament traits. At home, he is my close, interactive companion. In public, he must be well socialized and relaxed in many different situations. All Service Dogs must be seen as safe members of the community in order to perform their job and to educate the general public about their worth. And in his sound-alerting role, Buzzy is a closely tuned-in safety link to the auditory world. Hearing Alert Dogs come in all sizes and shapes. They can be purebred or mixed-breed; they can come from a breeder or an animal shelter. Both males and females can be selected, but spaying or neutering is required for all licensed Service Dogs before final credentials are given. Dogs of any size can be trained, but since these dogs accompany their owners at all times, small to medium dogs are preferred.

Hearing Alert Dogs are trained with a classical method called operant conditioning, always rewarding with a treat and praise. Tasks are broken down in steps and then put together. The first step is to teach a “touch” command using a clicker. I teach the dog to touch my hand; then a timer is introduced. This is the easiest piece of equipment to use as it is portable and the beep can be easily regulated. To teach the one-way alert (the dog runs to the beeping timer), I wait for the dog to walk around a room uninterested in me. When the timer goes off, I step backward, wiggle the timer and lure the dog with an exposed treat in my other hand. The objective is for the dog to feel that the sound caused the treat to appear. The timer is turned off immediately after the dog gets the treat. Once the dog is reliably coming to the timer for a treat, I put the timer on a low table or chair and encourage the dog to run towards the sound, always making sure there is a treat next to the timer. At this point I add the word “yes” to reinforce the desired behavior.

Once the dog is reliable, I progress to the two-way alert. The next step requires the dog to come to me and take me or “show me” the timer. This step requires a partner. The partner sets the timer and places the treat next to it. Immediately after the dog goes to the timer and gets the treat, he is called to me, the disabled person, with a “touch” command. I then ask the dog to “show me” where the sound is. In some cases the dog will need to be called over to the timer. Amazingly, with a dog reactive to sounds, it usually takes very little time for the dog to make the connection to lead you to the sound. The dog can either run back and forth or jump at you and then run towards the sound. At this point, the treat is withheld from the object and given after the dog takes the owner to the sound. Sessions are usually ten beeps, with five repeat exercises. Once the dog knows this routine, it is very easy to transfer the soundwork to other objects. Common sounds that most Hearing Alert Dogs learn to recognize for their owners are the alarm clock, the timer, the doorbell, the telephone, a baby crying, a smoke alarm, or someone calling the owner’s name. Hearing Alert Dogs can also be taught to lead someone to their owner with the command, “Find Mom”, for example. When asked to find anyone in our family at home, Buzzy will do so, no matter who asks him. He can discriminate between our three names—my two daughters, Nancy and Lisa, and Mom.

“Hearing alert work is complex and these dogs are at a disadvantage as compared to other trained Service Dogs. While other Service Dogs respond to commands from their owners, Hearing Alert Dogs initiate cues for their human partners. Also, since the owner will probably not hear the sounds that cue their dog, the dog must have the initiative to act on his own. In addition, these sounds may occur randomly, day or night, while the human partner can be involved in some other activity. Both the owner and the dog may be asleep when the sounds happen (such as the smoke alarm). Therefore, the Hearing Alert Dog must be able to generalize his responses to constantly varying situations. He will never be able to alert if he can only perform a rigid behavior sequence byrote.” Training a Hearing Alert Dog is different from training other types of Service Dogs in another important way. Other types of Service Dogs are trained with praise only. Hearing Alert Dogs are continually given rewards, such as treats, for correct behavior and to prevent them from becoming habituated to sounds. As a very intelligent and creative dog, Buzzy had no trouble “making up his
own jobs” from the time he was a young puppy. He was easily able to translate this ability to act on his own initiative and to generalize between sounds when learning soundwork. He quickly learned to come to a sound and then to come and alert me. Training a dog to alert his owner to different sounds usually takes four to six months after the dog has completed an obedience course and has become well socialized with a wide range of situations including crowds, traffic, new places, car rides, etc. Buzzy learned to reliably alert me to the telephone, the doorbell, the timer and the smoke alarm in four months.

To be certified as a Hearing Alert Dog, Buzzy needed to pass three areas of testing: alerting to sounds, being well-behaved in public (public access test), and basic obedience commands. He also had to show that he was not aggressive to other dogs or to people. Some states require the dog to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen Test. For the first test, Buzzy alerted me quickly and correctly to the sounds and received a perfect pass. Buzzy and I were taken to a restaurant for his public access test. Since service dogs are allowed complete public access when wearing their vests and identification, they must be non-intrusive and cause no disturbances. He had to stay quietly while we had dinner (usually the time required for the test is an hour). When we left the restaurant, several diners chuckled at my cute little Norfolk, saying, “We didn’t even know a dog was under the table.” Again, Buzzy received a perfect pass. It took two tries for Buzzy to pass the obedience portion of the test. Although I have trained Buzzy in obedience since he was ten weeks old, including taking him to obedience class, he decided to show the independent part of his personality that day. Sit, come and settle were fine, but when asked to lie down, he looked at me quizically and began walking around at the end of his leash. When asked to heel, he decided he had never heard that word before. Since the person who tested us knows me, she agreed to give Buzzy a passing score on the two parts of the test and to retest him on obedience when she returned in early June. I am happy to say he passed the obedience test and is now fully certified as a Hearing Alert Dog.

Non-reactive dogs are usually easy to train in obedience, but this does not translate into good potential for hearing alert training. The dog is slow to react, uninterested in the sounds and not stimulus driven. As a personal example, the first dog I tried to train as a Hearing Alert Dog was my Keeshond, Onee. Unfortunately, she was totally uninterested in sounds, was too relaxed and did not have a driven personality. She flunked the entire evaluation that is given to see potential for soundwork (she actually got a zero out of 100 points) and became Martha’s example of a dog with no future as a Hearing Alert Dog. Buzzy was at the opposite end of the scale. I spent many hours when Buzzy was a young puppy getting him to “watch me.” This turned out to be very helpful when I began his hearing alert training. By the time he was a year old, I was able to get him to focus by starting each training session with attention work and obedience work and then doing soundwork training.

In closing, let me say that I thought I was ready for the challenge of owning and training a Norfolk. I can see you all smiling when I admit that I was not completely prepared for this little bundle of intelligence, excitement, happiness, and stubbornness. Each step in the training process was, and continues to be, one of negotiation, a new and sometimes humbling experience for me. When I traveled to Colorado to pick up my ten-week-old Norfolk puppy, his breeders told me, “It won’t take long for this dog to become boss of the household.” How right they were. Buzzy always has his own agenda. Fortunately, in many cases, it coincides with mine.

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1 For purposes of this article I shall use “him” to represent male and female dogs. “Hearing-impaired” refers to persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

2 The SPCA initiated one of the first and foremost Hearing Alert Dog Training Programs in July, 1978 under the auspices of Martha Hoffman. The program utilizes mainly shelter dogs.

“ASSISTED LIVING,” NORWICH-STYLE

Few owners are privileged to have their “dog children” live to be 16 years, 3 months old, but my Norwich, Daisy, has defied all odds. Approximately 112 years old in human years, Daisy’s appearance, health and agility belie her age. She does have serious cataracts and is almost totally deaf. She does not utter a sound, except a soft snore when she’s asleep—which is most of the day and night.

Nevertheless, for her age, Daisy is truly a wonder dog. She goes up and down four steps at least four times a day to get back to my bedroom or in reverse to go from there to the pantry where she gets fed. Her diet consists only of Hill’s Prescription Diet Canine I/D, a soft, canned food. She takes no medications and has a hearty appetite. In her younger years, Daisy had seizures and was on medication for that. About three years ago, she was diagnosed with Cushing’s disease and was treated with pills for this condition. Miraculously, she no longer has symptoms of either affliction. She is not arthritic and can walk for twenty minutes, stopping only to eat any wayward bugs. Her bathroom habits are even more remarkable. She is the title holder of the record “24 Hours Without Going Out”! She wins this honor frequently, although her usual habit is “Twice A Day” outings at 6 AM and then again at 7 PM. The only assistance she needs is help getting up a four-step little platform to my bed. Once there, she curls up in a little ball and NEVER moves until her Chocolate Labrador friend, Chutney, wakes us both up at dawn. She has four little soft beds in all the rooms I frequent and finds her way to whichever one she chooses. My office one near my computer is for early morning, the pantry one for after breakfast, the one under the dining table for most of the day, and the last bed is in the library where I sit in the evening.

The closest Daisy comes to pretending she is a young dog again is in the evening when Chutney and I head to the bedroom. At that moment she does a real bunny-like dash ahead of us from the front hall, past my office, down the steps to the living room, through my dressing room to the bathroom. It is here that she gets her two little cookies before we go to bed. I have had Norwich for a long time, and my family had them years ago when they were known as Jones Terriers—but there has never been nor will there ever be another Daisy Rogan.

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“WITHOUT A TRACE”:
The Story of a Norwich Named Buster

Ed.: This sad tale of Buster’s disappearance during a “routine” daily walk illustrates the risks of allowing Norwich and Norfolk Terriers to be off leash beyond the confines of a well-fenced yard, even when accompanied by their owners. Normally sedentary “couch potatoes” will instinctively dash away in pursuit of squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, cats, etc. Some, like Buster, may disappear without a trace. Others may race across the road and be killed by a passing car. For their own safety, small hunt terriers should be “buckled up” before setting off on a “walkie.”—AGF

Buster, a Norwich, had been lost for three days when his owners called me. What had begun as a daily off-leash walk down the wooded driveway of the farm to get the mail and the newspaper had gone awry when Buster did not rejoin his master and the other Norwich on the walk back to the house. Certain that he had only taken a slight detour through the alluring culverts and tree stumps which line the road, Buster’s family was not initially alarmed. However, when Buster was still missing a day later, they became very concerned. Fearing the worst, they scoured both sides of the main
road which runs past the end of the drive; they called to all points of the compass around the house; they went out with the other dog to look in the holes and gullies they knew were Buster’s favorites. There was no sign of him. To add to their despair, the family remembered that only two days before the walk, they had bought Buster a new collar, but had not yet transferred his ID tags onto it. If he had been picked up along the road, he had no identification; if he was caught in a hole, it would be by his strong, new collar.

Buster’s owners called me because I hunt groundhogs on this farm. I know the land well, and I have several Norfolks who will scout holes, drainpipes, hedgerows, and haystacks when asked to do so. I went up immediately, taking Ch. Pinchbeck Heads-Up Harry, ME, CD, the dog I consider my best tracking dog. First we gave Harry a sniff of Buster’s old collar, and then I asked him to “Go look for Buster.” We walked slowly down the farm road with Harry threading his way through every culvert and wiggling into every hollow tree trunk and hole that he found. Occasionally, there seemed to be some scent, but the trails were old ones, no matter how widely Harry cast. When we got to the road, I went across, with Harry at heel, to the pig pond. There we literally crawled under the multi-flora rose thorns to see if there were any tracks in the shoreline mud. There were hundreds of geese in the water, flapping and honking. I figured maybe Buster had gone into the shallow water to chase them; but there were no footprints except those of a fox who seemed to have had that very idea.

For the next three days, morning and evening, we hunted the farm. Harry went into an abandoned cottage, an old pigsty, a junk pile, and a swamp. He spent many minutes under a giant blue tarp searching a welter of old hay bales. Each time he came out, the look on his face said “NO.” He went into more holes, into big hedgerows of multi-flora and bull briars where he tracked through such thick cover I could barely see him. We even contacted two dog communicators who thought they knew where Buster was and who gave us directions that sent us out in a circle about 10 miles around the farm. The evenings were frosty and the moon was full. It was mating season for the coyotes, and we were afraid they might have gotten him—or soon would. This was hard work for everyone. None of us could sleep at night with the thought of Buster, out there.

By the third day, the communicators said Buster’s signal was weak; he could neither walk nor bark, they said. Harry went on searching; the communicators said they were now communicating with him in an effort to send him in the right direction. That evening, as it got too dark to go on, we gave up the hunt. The full moon was rising, and we had converged on a tight thicket of multi-flora and briars into which Harry had wiggled, but to no avail. He was depressed and tired, full of thorns and ticks. He leaned against me in the car going home, and, if he could have wept, I think he would have. I did.

This story is not just about a lost dog or about the tracking dog sent to find him. It is, first and foremost, about how easy it is to lose an unleashed dog on a walk, even a familiar walk. Harry has done a lot of off-leash training, both in the context of hunting and obedience. He is, by nature, very task-oriented, and, as the only dog out hunting for Buster, he had all of my attention. He never looked at a rabbit or a deer while he was searching the big farm fields, though we saw many. Still, like Buster’s owners, I was taking a chance. Even when a terrier has learned he/she must stay with you, you still risk losing your dog, especially near a road where there is motion and noise, and in the woods where wildlife abounds. Norwich and Norfolk, not known for their innate obedience, can dart or slip away in a heartbeat, led astray by a good smell, a foolish squirrel, or a startled deer. We will never know what happened to Buster, but we should learn from his disappearance. It was painful, even for Harry and me.

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WESTMINSTER 2006: Norfolk Results

For canine aficionados, Madison Square Garden on 8th Avenue between West 30th and 34th Streets is the place to be during the second week of February. This February, the snow started to fall in New York City the Saturday evening before Monday's Westminster. It snowed and snowed! By the time it stopped, the Big Apple was covered with almost 2-1/2 feet of white blanket. I thought the blizzard would surely hamper the NNTC Board meeting scheduled for my apartment on Sunday. How wrong I was. All but four Board members showed up for the brunch meeting. It was a worthwhile session, and I'm thankful to be able to work with a group that realizes the importance of our as-often-as-possible Board meetings.

Monday is traditionally Terrier day at the Garden. Fortunately, the sanitation department removed most of the snow from city streets during the night, making it possible to get a cab Monday morning. The doormen and porters at the Penn and Southgate hotels across the street from Madison Square Garden were busy shoveling snow from curbsides so that exhibitors could negotiate the crossing.

Dr. H. Scott Kellogg, a veterinarian from Greenville, SC, was the judge for many terrier breeds, including Norfolks. He had an entry of 13 Norfolks with three absent. Ch. Domby's Gabriel Varden, bred by NNTC members Tony Gabrielli and Wayne Palmer and handled by Larry Cornelius, moved smartly in the ring and took home the Best of Opposite Sex ribbon. His sire is Ch. Domby's Lord Chesterfield II out of Ch. Domby's Rosa Darle. Roxanne Stamm-Theis handled Ch. Yarrow Venerie Vocalist to an Award of Merit. Ch. Max-Well's Venus, with Susan Kipp handling, accepted an Award of Merit as well. Taking top honors (Best of Breed) was the well-known Norfolk bitch Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre ("Coco"), piloted by Beth Sweigart. This little all-English-bred show girl was sired by Richell Claret out of Hatchwood's Madrigal. She was bred by Elisabeth Matell and is co-owned by Elisabeth with Pam Beale, Beth Sweigart and Stephanie Ingram. Peggy Beisel-Mcllwaine judged the Terrier Group Monday evening, awarding Coco a Group Two.

If you are serious about the sport of dogs, there are some shows you should attend. Westminster is one of them. Yes, it's crowded and you can barely move "backstage." Still, you get to see the cream of the crop of dogs in our country. Try to make it next year.

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

NORWICH AT WESTMINSTER 2006

The big news at this year's Westminster was the record snowfall that hit New York City and environs the Saturday-Sunday before the show. The blizzard dumped more than two feet of snow on hapless residents and kept at least two of the twelve Norwich entered from coming due to cancelled flights. Ch. Norbest Take a Chance at Ji-Ros was stranded in Seattle along with his handler Linda Wells and owners Mary McIntosh and Jill Rourke. Ch. Rosecreek Blackberry Summer was similarly disappointed at the airline check-in counter in Kentucky. Dogs weren't the only ones unable to attend due to the snow. Jean Bryant missed seeing Amy Rutherford handle her boy, Ch. Fairways Cat in the Hat (Ch. Fairway's Sam I Am Sam x SkyScot's Daisy Miss Mayzie) to an Award of Merit when her flight from California was cancelled.

Nevertheless, the crowds of spectators didn't look diminished. As usual, Madison Square Garden was jammed to the rafters. When Norwich judge Dr. H. Scott Kellogg turned his eye to the entry at 2 PM, he found seven dogs and two bitches who had made it despite the weather. For Best of Breed, he chose Ch. Reverie's Mr. Big Stuff (Ch. Kristil's Ambassador to Kerka x Ch. Tomar's Wild Rose at Reverie), handled by Doug Carlson. Bred and owned by NNTC member Ann Carlson (no relation), Mister will continue his show career until after the December 2006 AKC/Eukanuba Invitational in Long Beach, CA. He is assured of the invitation because of his BIS at the Cen-Tex KC show in Waco last November.

Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Ch. Arcadian Prairie Blazing Star (Ch. Kerka's Admiral x Ch. Arcadian Dbl Down on Twelve), bred by Kathleen Wherley and James Atwood and owned by Emily Attwood. First Award of Merit was given to Ch. Foxglyn's This One's for You (Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal x Gaylord's Saralee), bred and owned by NNTC members Niki Conroy and Jeri Lynn McClure and handled by NNTC member Lori Pelletier.
To see the judging for yourself and to enjoy some of the excitement, go to the Westminster Kennel Club website at www.westminsterkennelclub.org and follow the prompts. Congratulations to all who participated and especially to the winners.

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THE 2006 NNTC AND NNTCGC CHICAGO SPECIALTIES:

Norfolk Results

“Chicago, Chicago, it’s a wonderful town”—and the 4-show Chicago weekend, with Friday's Blackhawk KC show, the Saturday/Sunday International KC of Chicago (IKC) shows and Monday's Park Shore KC show, is well worth attending. All four shows are extremely well run and held in light-filled arenas adjacent to the Hyatt Hotel. Travel to and from Chicago's O'Hare airport is also relatively simple.

The NNTC held its 2006 Roving National Specialty at the Saturday, February 25 IKC show in conjunction with the host club, the NNTCGC. NNTCGC President Suzanne Readmond paid attention to all the details, assigning club members James and Lorrie Kinney to see to it that there were gorgeous flowers in the Norfolk and Norwich ring.

NNTC Governor Gale Young judged Norfolk Sweepstakes, awarding Best of Opposite to Aberschan Becky Thatcher (Ch. Nordach Tiga Gold x Aberschan Dark and Stormy), a bitch owned by James Zabawa and Karen Mannmano. Zabawa and James Covey bred this youngster, and Karen handled her. Best in Sweeps went to Avalon's What's It All About (Ch. Birkenshaw Windchaser x Ch. Blk Magic's Wht Sands), bred by Lori Pelletier and Lorraine Comi, and owned and handled by Lori.

Norfolk regular classes were judged by Dr. Harry Smith, Jr. Yarrow Venerie Vindicator (Ch. Cause For Celebration x Ch. Yarrow Venerie Vogue), bred and owned by Beth Sweigart and Pam and John Beale, was Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best Puppy in Breed. The Reserve Winners Dog ribbon went to the Sweeps Winner, Avalon's What's It All About. Max-Well's Best Bet (Ch. Max-Well's Hurricane x Ch. Max-Well's Casino), bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp, was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex. The Reserve Winners Bitch ribbon went to Yarrow Venerie Velvet, a black and tan full sister to “Vindicator.” Vindicator’s/Velvet’s sire, Ch. Cause For Celebration (Ch. Red Cherubim's Summer Star x Eng. & Am. Ch. Crackenol Cause Celebre), bred and owned by Pam Beale, Elisabeth Matell and Stephanie Ingram, was Best of Breed.

Sunday’s IKC show was the venue for the NNTCGC’s 16th annual Specialty, with NNTC member Lorenzo Mosby judging Norfolk Sweepstakes and Dave Hansen judging the regular classes. Lorenzo selected Avalon’s What’s It All About as his Best in Sweeps and Benkelev’s Chocolate Chip, bred, owned and handled by NNTC Health/Genetics Chair Carol Falk, as BOS in Sweeps.

In the regular classes, Yarrow Venerie Vindicator once again took home the ribbons for Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best Puppy in Breed. Abbendale’s Ben the Brit O’Domaly (Ch. Dombry’s Lord Chesterfield II x Abbendale’s Betsy Trotwood O’Domaly), bred and owned by NNTC members Joan Eckert, Tony Gabrielli and Wayne Palmer, was Reserve Winners Dog. Yarrow Venerie Velvet was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex. Ivy Hill’s Liberty Union Forever (Ch. Max-Well’s Weatherman x Ivy Hill’s Finest and Bravest), bred and owned by Rosemary Bourne, was Reserve Winners Bitch. The Best of Breed ribbon was awarded to Ch. Max-Well’s Cool Water (Ch. Nanfan Canter x Ch. Max-Well’s Windsong II), bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. Later that day under Terrier Group judge Lou Auslander, “Walter” won a Group 3, the only Norfolk of the weekend to take home a Terrier Group placement. Judge Hansen gave Awards of Merit to Ch. Final Lea Big Ticket Item and Ch. Cause For Celebration. Avalon’s What’s It All About was Best Bred-By-Exhibitor. Yarrow Venerie Vindicator went on from his Best Puppy in Breed to win a Puppy Group One later in the day.

All in all, Chicago is a great show weekend and one we should all support.

—Barbara Miller, “Max-Well” Norfolk, Old Brookville, NY
CHICAGO 2006:
Norwich Results at the NNTC Roving National Specialty and the NNTCGC Specialty

The Norwich entry at this year's International Kennel Club of Chicago (IKC) shows was quite competitive, with 56 entered at the Saturday, February 25 NNTC Roving National Specialty and 54 at the 16th annual NNTCGC Specialty the following day. Entrants came from all over the country to vie for national recognition (and the beautiful trophies), but the majority of hopefuls hailed from the Midwest. The shows are held at McCormick Place North, the spacious convention center on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive. This heavily publicized event attracts thousands, and it seemed the most crowded aisle was 7A where the Norwich and Norfolk were benched. The public loves our breeds, and it was fun to meet and greet the adoring fans. For a bit of welcome respite, the NNTCGC and Just Terriers magazine (published by NNTCGC President Suzanne Readmond) hosted a hospitality suite at the adjacent Hyatt Hotel throughout the weekend. There, weary fanciers could get away from the crowd, have a bite to eat, catch up with old friends and parse the judging results, which were as follows:

**NNTC Roving National Specialty**
Sweepstakes Judge: Gale Young

- Best in Sweeps: Ketka's Walk Like a Man (Ch. Ter-Haven Bold As Brass x Ketka Snap Crackle Pop). Breeder/Owner: Carol Sowders.

**Norwich Regular Classes**
Judge: Dr. Harry Smith, Jr.

- BOB: Ch. Yarrow's Slightly Azure (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Yarrow's Edel Weiss). Breeders: Beth Sweigart & Jamie T. Lahy. Owner: Beth Sweigart
- WB: Top Drawer's Darlington (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Top Drawer's Intimidator). Breeder: Kimberley Dwyer Mullings. Owners: Lisa and John Sons
- AOM: Ch. Pinelakes Mega Bucks (Ch. Dunbar's Frozen Assets x Ch. Dunbar's Good Luck Charm). Breeder/Owner: Carol S. Clark
NNTCGC Specialty
Sweepstakes Judge: Lorenzo Mosby

- **Best in Sweeps: Elysium’s Finest Kind** (Ch. Pinelakes Mega Bucks x Ch. Dunbar’s Dauntless Debutante). Breeders: Karen & Bruce Sullivan, DVM. Owners: Karen Sullivan, Elsie and John Franciso
- **Best of Opposite Sex: Fishback Prom Queen** (Ch. Dunbar’s Frozen Assets x Kinsridge High Time). Breeder/Owner: Susan Miller Hall

Norwich Regular Classes
Judge: Mrs. Dawn Hansen

- **BOB: Ch Huntwood’s First Knight** (Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror x Ch. Huntwood’s Sweet Dream). Breeders: Susan Kipp & Tia Davis. Owners: Paul Schulz and Susan Kipp
- **BOS: Sharbo Rubicon Rhiannon** (see BOS, NNTC Roving Specialty)
- **BOW/WD/Best Puppy in Breed: Dunbar’s Paint the Sky with Star-K** (Ch. Dunbar’s Paint the Town Red x Ch. Dunbar’s Cash Advance). Breeder: Joan Kefeli. Owners: Breeder and Richard & Linda Stark
- **WB: Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony** (see BOS in Sweeps, NNTC Roving Specialty)
- **AOM: Ch. Reverie’s Mr. Big Stuff** (Ch. Kristil’s Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. ToMar’s Wild Rose at Reverie). Breeder/Owner: Ann Carlson
- **AOM: Ch. Birchbay Sir Galahad** (Ch. Kristil’s Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. Baybreeze Great Expectations). Breeders: Dr. Jan Birchall & Peggy Schmidt. Owner: Dr. Jan Birchall
- **AOM: Ch. Dunbar’s Autumn Colors** (Ch. Dunbar’s Frequent Flyer x Ch. Dunbar’s True Colors). Breeder: Joan Kefeli. Owner: Mrs. Marilyn Jacobs.
- **AOM: Ch. Pinelake’s Mega Bucks** (see AOM, NNTC Roving Specialty)

Congratulations to all the Norwich winners/breeders/owners—and compliments to the NNTCGC for hosting such a terrific event. The 2007 NNTCGC Specialty will be held on Saturday, February 24 and the supported entry on Sunday, February 25.

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SO, WHERE’S THE CHICAGO SPECIALTY JUDGE’S CRITIQUE?

You may be looking for the judge’s critique from the February 2006 NNTC Roving Specialty in Chicago. Well, the NNTC did not hire the Norwich and Norfolk breed judge for this Specialty. Dr. Harry Smith, Jr., was hired by the International Kennel Club of Chicago (IKC). I asked the IKC to include a provision for a written critique in Dr. Smith’s contract. When I contacted Dr. Smith after the Specialty, however, he indicated that his contract did not mention a written critique of the Norwich and Norfolk he judged. When the NNTC does not hire a judge, we cannot require him/her to submit a critique. So, unfortunately, we do not have a judge’s critique for the 2006 Chicago Specialty.

—Ann Dum, NNTC Show Chair
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Norfolk Winners

**Best of Breed: Ch. Cause For Celebration**, pictured with NNTC Specialty judge Dr. Harry Smith, co-owner/handler Beth Sweigart, and NNTC Show Chair Ann Dum

**Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Best Puppy in Breed:**
Yarrow Venerie Vindicator

**Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex:**
Max-Well's Best Bet

**Best in Sweeps: Avalon's What's It All About,** pictured with Sweeps judge Gale Young, co-bred/owner Lori Pelleletier, and NNTC Show Chair Ann Dum

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Norwich Winners

Best of Breed: Ch. Yarrow's Slightly Azure, pictured with NNTC Specialty judge Dr. Harry Smith, co-breed/owner Beth Sweigart, and NNTC Show Chair Ann Dum

Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Best Puppy in Breed and Puppy Group 2: Max-Well’s Vincent Vangough Huntwd.

Winners Bitch: Top Drawer’s Darlington

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Sharbo Rubicon Rhiannon

Best in Sweeps: Ketka’s Walk Like A Man, pictured with Sweeps judge Gale Young, breeder/owner Carol Sowders, and NNTC Show Chair Ann Dum

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CRUFTS 2006:
Norfolk & Norwich Results

Crufts is billed as “The World's Greatest Dog Show.” It certainly is the biggest, with the largest entry of any dog show in the world. This year there were close to 24,000 dogs entered! The show is held in Birmingham, England at the National Exhibition Center, a complex encompassing five huge buildings with another as its center. It's probably the most crowded of any dog show venue. People come from all over the world to attend; this year there were close to 120,000. The number of vendors is also mind-boggling—about 400 in 2006!

Friday, March 10 was Terrier day, with Norfolks scheduled for early morning. English Norfolk/Norwich breeder (“Squirreldene”) Roger Thomas of the Isle of Man had the honor of judging an entry of 83, with 12 absent. He awarded the Reserve Dog CC (Challenge Certificate) to Ch. Jaevs Gold Auric, bred and owned by Martin Phillips. Co-owner Andrew Gullick is this dog's regular handler. The Dog CC went to the Diane Jenkins' homebred Ch. Kinsholme Cruise Control (“Milo”). Richard Allen, known for his Wire Fox Terriers, is the co-bred of the Reserve Bitch CC awarded to Ch. Jaevs Maid To Order, bred by Martin Phillips. Mr. Thomas handed the Bitch CC to Ch. Belleville Another Smart, bred by Cathy Thompson-Morgan. Cathy's Norfolks are beautifully presented and expertly handled by Cathy. The face-off between Another Smart and Cruise Control for Best of Breed was a nail biter, won in the end by Cruise Control. He later won a Terrier Group Four under judge Mrs. Judith Averis. Susie Kipp and I were overjoyed at Milo's success as he will be joining the Max-Well team here in the USA to be exhibited and used at stud in our breeding program.

We kept our ringside seats for the Norwich judging. H. T. Lehtinen of Finland had an entry of 34, with 6 absent. Schancho Red Planet from the Open class was awarded the Reserve Dog CC. Ragus Up N Adam, a black and tan from the Puppy class, wasted no time claiming the Dog CC. This younger, days from his first birthday, stole the show in Norwich with his breeder-owner Lesley Crawley handling. Lesley's Ragus Ladybird won the Reserve Bitch CC, and another of Lesley's Norwich, Ragus Yours Truly, took home the Bitch CC. Cathy Thompson-Morgan had to jump in and handle the Ragus bitch in the Best of Breed competition so that Lesley could handle her Ragus puppy dog. Both were beautifully presented; in the end, the judge handed the BOB ribbon to the puppy dog, Adam.

Crufts is a super show, but tiring. My suggestion is to wear comfortable shoes, carry nothing heavy, and spend more than one day at the event. If you go just to see Norfolk/Norwich judging, that's all you'll see in one day because the classes have large entries. It pays to spend at least another day so that you can watch other breeds. Go to Crufts...at least once in your life. You'll enjoy it.

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

COME TO "JOLLYE OLDE ENGLANDE" IN SEPTEMBER 2007 TO CELEBRATE OUR BREEDS’ 75TH ANNIVERSARY!!

The year 2007 marks the 75th Anniversary of The Kennel Club’s recognition of the Norwich Terrier Prick Ear and Drop Ear in Great Britain. To commemorate this historic occasion, the Norwich Terrier Club (NTC) and the Norfolk Terrier Club of Great Britain (NTCB) are each holding a championship show and are hosting a joint celebration dinner, all at a picturesque country house hotel near Coventry, England. The News thanks NTC President Ruth Corkhill, NTCGB President Cherry Howard and brochure designer Elisabeth Matell for giving permission to reprint the following information from the 75th Anniversary brochure. Additional details about this special weekend, including the entire brochure, entry forms and the Dinner Booking Form, can be found on each club’s website: www.norwichterrierclub.co.uk and www.norfolkterrierclub.co.uk. This sounds like a wonderful occasion to see lots of Norwich and Norfolk as well as to meet breeders/owners/fanciers from the U.K. and other countries. Make plans now to attend!--AGF
Welcome to the Norwich Terrier Club and the Norfolk Terrier Club of Great Britain 75th anniversary weekend

September 22 - 23, 2007
at the Royal Court Hotel, Berkshire, near Coventry, Warwickshire

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the recognition by The Kennel Club of the Norwich Terrier Prick Ear and Drop Ear in 1932

Happy 75th Anniversary (in 2007) to U.K. Norfolk and Norwich Terriers!

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION for exhibitors from outside Britain

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- All dogs entering Britain without going into quarantine MUST have a valid Pet Passport and can enter the country only at certain ports and airports.

  Information

  DEFRA website: www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/quarantine
  email: pets.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk
  PETS helpline tel: +44 (0)870 241 1710
  PETS helpline fax: +44 (0)20 7904 6206

  Get all the necessary vaccinations and bloodtests done in time—no dog can enter Britain until 6 months after the rabies bloodtest.

  - Before you can enter your dogs at a UK show you must apply to The Kennel Club for an ATC (Authority To Compete) number for each dog—look on the KC website www.the-kennel-club.org.uk, go to ‘Registration Forms’ and download ‘Form14’ and follow the instructions. You can also call The Kennel Club for help on +44 (0)870 606 6750.

  - When choosing which class to compete in, remember that any certificates or points which count towards a champion title mean that the dog can compete only in Puppy (if under 12 months), Junior (under 18 months), Limit (if not a champion), Open or Veteran (if over 7 years old). Champions over 18 months and under 7 years can compete only in the open class.

  - Bring a cage and a trimming table.

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(See News page 54 for judging, hotel and dinner information.)
PROGRAMME:
Saturday September 22, 2007:
The Norfolk Terrier Club of Great Britain championship show
Judge David Saltmarsh, JP, breeder of the Pipridges Norfolks including champions. Chairman of the Norfolk Terrier Club for several years. First awarded CCs in Norfolk Terriers in 1987 and judged the breed at Crufts 1995. Was born with a Drop Eared Norwich Terrier in the family in early 1940s and has followed the breed ever since.

Celebration Dinner
Held in the Britannia Suite at the Royal Court Hotel. Vegetarian option available but has to be ordered when booking. After the dinner: ‘Get to know Liz and David better’ – an interview with the two judges, as well as light hearted competitions with prizes.

Sunday September 23, 2007:
The Norwich Terrier Club championship show
Judge Liz Cartledge, international all rounder judge, judged the terrier group at Crufts in 1997 and BIS in 1999. Breeder of Ryslip champions in several breeds including Norwich Terriers. First awarded CCs in Norwich Terriers in 1981.

- Schedules with entry forms can be downloaded from respective club’s website
Norwich Terrier: www.norwichterrierclub.co.uk  Norfolk Terrier: www.norfolkterrierclub.co.uk
Also available from Beverley Watkins (Norwich show) tel 01708 473897,
email beverleywatkinsntc@hotmail.co.uk and John Mackison (Norfolk show) tel 01666 841197,
email jmackison.wecdor@btinternet.com

ENTRIES FOR BOTH SHOWS CLOSE FRIDAY AUGUST 10, 2007
No dogs under the age of 6 months will be allowed.

- Both shows offer a memento to each exhibitor, generous prize money, luxury rosettes and high class prizes. The catalogue for each show will contain a three generation pedigree of every dog entered.
- There will be ample opportunities for shopping at the stands, including the two club stands, with Norfolk and Norwich Terrier prints, models and other high quality merchandise.

The Royal Court Hotel
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THE Royal Court Hotel is a 211-bedroom property with the setting of a country house in 11 acres of landscaped gardens and parkland, approximately 3 miles from Coventry city centre. The original manor house, built in 1894 by the car manufacturer William Hillman, has been added to over the past century to become the largest hotel in Coventry.

The Carvery Restaurant is popular with locals and visitors alike, and the adjacent Balmoral Bar offers a cozy environment overlooking the grounds. The Leisure Club is equipped with an 18 metre indoor swimming pool, sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, hair & beauty salon, and large multi purpose gym.

The Royal Court is ideally located in the centre of the country, easy to travel to with major road and rail connections on the doorstep and Birmingham International Airport just 10 miles away. The Birmingham NEC, Warwick Castle and Stratford-on-Avon are also within easy reach.

The hotel is dog friendly and several dog clubs hold their special events there. It is the responsibility of each guest with dogs to make sure that no dog mess, hair, dog food or any other traces are left behind in rooms or gardens.

The two shows will be held in the spacious Britannia Suite with large rings, ample seating for all spectators and space for cages and grooming tables, as well as several stands, including the two club stands.

ROOM PRICES – especially for the anniversary weekend: £85.00 double room, £70.00 single room, including breakfast but not dinner. When booking quote ‘Norfolk and Norwich Terrier Club Special Event September 22-23, 2007’ to get the special discounted rate.

All hotel bookings are made individually, not through the clubs

CELEBRATION DINNER – Saturday September 22, price £27.00 per person if booked and prepaid by March 22, 2007, £30.00 if booked and/or paid after that date. When booking state if vegetarian meal required.

All dinner bookings are made through the secretary of respective club, not with the hotel

Visitors may want to take the opportunity to explore the area around Coventry and Birmingham, visit the historic Warwick Castle or Shakespeare’s Stratford-on-Avon or go shopping in Birmingham’s modern city centre.

See www.visitcoventry.co.uk or www.birminghamuk.com or other tourist websites.
THE THIRD ANNUAL BNNTC SPECIALTY

The Bluebonnet Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (BNNTC) held its third annual Specialty Saturday, July 29, 2006 in conjunction with the Austin Kennel Club during the five-day River City Cluster in San Antonio. The trophy table was adorned with gorgeous cobalt blue glass, engraved with the BNNTC logo, to match our first Specialty’s Bluebonnet pottery. So, if you were lucky to win this year and in 2004, you will have matching trophies (a set, so to speak).

All in all, it was a great weekend for those who attended. I heard many positive comments about the air-conditioned show site at the convention center in downtown San Antonio and the 5 days of shows at this same venue. The convention center is located within easy walking distance of food and entertainment. Throw in South Texas hospitality, and you’ll have a great vacation as well as fun dog shows. There were 5 point majors in Norwich every day, with an entry of 36 (3 absent) at the Specialty. Ten Norwichals (one absent) were entered at the Specialty, with a major in dogs resulting when the class dog beat the specials for Best of Breed. Unfortunately, due to hot weather and shipping complications, a class bitch from California could not get to Texas, so the major in Norfolk bitches at the Specialty did not hold.

Norfolk Results:

John David Hughes judged Sweepstakes, awarding Best in Sweeps to Regency’s Alleluia Revival, bred and owned by Katrina (Tina) Dennis, and Best of Opposite to Bigwig’s Big Buzz, bred by Kenneth Slump and Deane Hall and owned by Stewart and Linda Orr from Georgia. Stewart also shows his puppy in Junior Showmanship and is a delightful young man. He earned the money to purchase his first Norfolk and is enjoying competing in both conformation and junior showmanship.

Kenneth Kauffman judged the Norfolk regular classes. He placed DDV Springcove’s High Tide, bred by Marian Shaw and Magrite Norton and owned by T&S Flick and Jacalyn Willson, as Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed for a major win over the specials—a deserving win for a very nice looking and moving dog in gorgeous coat. Reserve Winners Dog was Veneric’s Regatta Dr. Who, bred and owned by Pam and Eddie Dziuk, Pam Beale and Roxanne Thies. Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex was Arriba Just for Kicks, bred by Judi Hartell, Patsy Wade and Marsha Muse, and owned by Sandra Stemmler. Reserve Winners Bitch was Regency’s Alleluia Revival. The Veteran Bitch, Rockwood in the Brink of Time, bred by Patricia Kay Rogers and owned by Laurie Bacha and Alan Vitale, also received an Award of Merit.

Photo credit: Luis F. Sosa

Best of Breed: DDV Springcove’s High Tide, with judge Ken Kauffman and handler Judi Hartell
Norwich Results:

Norwich judging was so very exciting to watch this year. There were 12 entries in **Sweepstakes**, judged by **John David Hughes. Best in Sweepstakes** went to **Skycot’s Man in Command**, bred by Leslie Becker and owned by Donna Moore. The **Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes** was **Norialand Doing the Maralinga**, bred and owned by Ray and Dianne Ivey and co-owned by Steve and Karen Vaughn.

Kenneth Kauffman, who, we discovered, has a flair for the dramatic, judged the Norwich regular classes. His **Winners Dog and Best of Winners** was **Wild West Buckshot**, bred and owned by Betty Bossio and Megan Mickelsen. **Reserve Winners Dog** was **The Islands Barry of Jomen**, bred by Carol Wilson and Leslie Becker and owned by Jomen Takayoshi. **Winners Bitch** came all the way from western Canada to take her 5-point major! **Amblegreen Notti Biscotti** was bred and is owned by Heather Tomlins. **Reserve Winners Bitch** was **Itsy Bitsy Calendar Girl**, bred and owned by Tonnie and Gerard Willrich. You may remember that Tonnie and Gerard bred the Winners Bitch at the 2005 NNTC Roving Specialty in San Antonio. This year’s RWB is a littermate and is just starting her quest for her championship. Her two littermates are already champions—not bad for a first litter.

**Norialand Veteran Dog, Ch. Sho-Me Ketka’s Sir Jekyll**, was bred by Fran Westfall and is owned by Carol Wilson. The **Veteran Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex** was **Ch. Baybreeze Bridgit V Thunderwood**, bred and owned by Peggy Schmidt and co-owned by Kristin Conlan, both of Corpus Christi.

There were seven specials entered and only one absentee. What an exciting finale to watch as judge Kauffman carefully sorted through his ring, then turned and dramatically gave **Ch. Birchbay Sir Galahad** the **Best of Breed** win. The audience went wild, myself included. "Gallie" is bred and owned by Janis Birchall, and was beautifully groomed and piloted to his win by Betty Bossio. **Awards of Merit** went to **Ch. Reverie’s Mr. Big Stuff**, owned by Ann Carlson, and to **Ch. Norialand’s Fully Loaded**, bred and owned by Karen and Steve Vaughn.

The celebration dinner was held at Rosario’s, a great Mexican restaurant, at 7:30 PM Saturday to allow enough time for our Specialty BOB winners to show in the **Terrier Group**. "Gallie" took a **Group 3** (he won a Group Two at the Friday show). Specialty judge Ken Kauffman attended the dinner and gave an overall critique of the Norfolks and Norwich. He was generally pleased with the quality, but said that some of the entries could lose a few pounds. There were lots of wonderful door prizes, the food was delicious, margaritas and Mexican beer flowed, and the auction was both fun and very successful. For those who came from far and wide, thank you for coming. For those who couldn’t get here this year, you missed a great Specialty and “Y’all come back now” next year, “ya hear!”

—Tina Dennis, BNNTC Treasurer, “Regency” Norfolk Terriers, McAllen, TX (Regencynorfolks@aol.com)
FROM THE NNTC SHOW CHAIR....

Thanks to all who attended the NNTC supported entries at Great Western Terrier Association in Long Beach, CA in June. The NNTC supported entries were “on,” then “off” (they were not published in the premium list), then at the last minute, they were “on” again. Despite the confusion, we ended up with great entries in both Norfolk and Norwich.

The 2006 NNTC National Specialty
will be held in conjunction
with the
Montgomery County KC Show
Blue Bell, Pennsylvania
Sunday, October 8

In Norfolk, NNTC member Lorenzo Mosby (“Antics” Norwich and Norfolk) will judge Sweepstakes and Joe Franchi (“Franaro” Norfolk) will judge the breed.

In Norwich, NNTC member Carol Jordan (“Norweim” Norwich) will judge Sweepstakes and Desmond Murphy will judge the breed.

Looking ahead to 2007:

The NNTC will support the entry of both breeds at the June 22 Great Western Terrier Association (GWTA) show in Long Beach, CA. The NNTC Roving National Specialty will be held at the June 23 GWTA show. NNTC member Joan Church (“Churchwood” Norfolk) will judge Norfolk Sweepstakes; NNTC member Dr. Andrew Kramer (“Mercator” Norfolk) will judge the Norfolk regular classes. Norwich Sweepstakes will be judged by NNTC member Jean Bryant (“Fairway” Norwich). NNTC member Sally Baugniet (“Pomirish” Norwich) will judge the Norwich breed.

The NNTC National Specialty will once again be held in conjunction with the Montgomery County KC show on Sunday, October 7. NNTC member Marjorie McTernan (“Llywydd” Norfolk) will judge Norfolk Sweepstakes; Norman Patton will judge the Norfolk regular classes. In Norwich, NNTC member Margaretta Wood (“Terrapin” Norwich) will judge Sweeps and Barbara Pessina (“Moonshadow” Norwich) will judge the breed.

—Ann Dum, NNTC Show Chair, Brentwood, CA
(nrltkterrier@yahoo.com)
CH. SHO-ME KETKA'S THE MACALLAN
(Ch. Kristil's Ambassador to Ketka x Ch. Sho-Me Ketka's Fortune Teller)
Breeders: Fran Westfall and Carol Sowders
Owners: James and Lorrie Kinney
"Mac" finished big, taking a 3-point major at Skokie Valley under Marcia Feld, a 4-point major at Park Shore under Ric Chashoudian, and a 5-point major (for his championship) at the Detroit Kennel Club under Annemarie Moore in March 2006.

CH. WINSOME’S MASTERPLAN AT JUSTUS
(Ch. Devondale’s Master Merryandrew x Ch. Justus Kayla Beawinsome)
Breeders: Suzanne Orban-Stagle and Anne Buffington
Owners: Lorine and Richard Byrne
"Mick" is our first and only Norwich. We picked him up at Anne Buffington’s when he was 6 months old. He 'championed' in Idaho at 14 months and loves to show. He also loves to play with our Wirehaired Pointing Griffons and thinks of himself as a big bird dog. Many thanks to Anne and Buff for placing "Mick" in our lives.

CH. LITTLEFIELD RUFF TUNED
(Ch. Chestnut Hills Royal Blue x Ch. Littlefield Keri On Regardless)
Breeder/Owner: Leandra Little
Co-owner: Steve Weinberger
"Panzer" started his winning ways as a 3-month-old, going Best Puppy at the Chesapeake NNTC Match. A year later, making his show debut at All Terrier Club of Western Washington, he was Best of Winners for 5 points. In May 2006, he was BOW/BOS and BBBE at the NNTC supported entry at Garden State All Terrier Club. He completed his championship at the June 2006 NNTC supported entries in Framingham, MA during the Platinum Anniversary weekend, going BOB both days. Panzer finished from Bred-By with 4 majors.
NEW TITLE HOLDERS: CONFORMATION

CH. LITTLEFIELD RAZZ'S MATAZZ AT DIGNPOP
(Ch. Skyscot's Cowboy Up x Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle)
Breeder: Leandra (Lee) Little
Owners: Magda Omansky and Lee Little
"Tazzi" started and finished her quest for championship points at NNTC Specialties, going RWB at the 2006 Roving Specialty in Chicago and then WB at the NNTC supported entry at Springfield (MA) KC during the 70th anniversary weekend (RI). Tazzi exemplifies Norwich type, expressive head, harsh coat, great angles, and movement. Since she is a Dig-n-Pop Norwich, she is going to add performance titles to her name in due time.

CH. HOLLY BEACH MACK THE KNIFE CG ME
(Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song ME x Holly Beach Little Bird)
Breeder: Leonie Gately
Owner: Susan M. Ely
"Mack" looks like an old-fashioned Norfolk. He has a beautiful bite and good bone, which he is passing on to his get. He was either first or last in his class at every show he entered, and finished in November 2005 under long-time Norfolk fancier Jack Simm. Mack also recently completed his Master Earthdog title.

CH. ARROYO'S PANSY
(Ch. Keefolk's The Saint JE x Ch. Arroyo's Vaquita)
Breeders/Owners:
Ann and Ed Dum
Pansy finished her championship with 5 majors. She was breeder/owner handled to her title. Pansy is expecting her first litter in August.
CH. DIG-N-POP KATEST THE GREATEST NAJ
(Ch. Littlefield Good Golly It's Wally x Ketka's Magic Flute NAJ NJP CGC)
Breeder/Owner: Magda Omansky
"Katest" is living up to her name of being "the greatest." Less than a year after finishing her breed championship, she has earned her Novice Agility, her first performance title, and is working on more. Kate's wonderful conformation helps her to be a fast agility dog. She is also CERF and OFA certified and will be scoped prior to breeding—a beautiful bitch in and out.

CH. FRANARO KASHMIR'S TALLY-HO CD NA NAJ CGC
(Ch. Pinchbeck Old Sweet Song ME x Ch. Franaro Fair Warning)
Breeders: Joe Franchi and Fred Bizzaro
Owners: Linda and David Dinger
"Tally" got her CD in two shows with 4th place, and her NA, NAJ in two weekends (8 first place, 1 second place with seven 100's and two 95's). She is loved, trained and handled for all her titles by her owner, Linda. After timeout for motherhood, Tally will be back.

ROGEL'S D'CHIP DE HOLLYWOULD UD, RA, JE
(Ch. The Entertainer x Ariel Terra Nova)
Breeder: Elizabeth C. Pearson
Owner: Jill C. Petersen
"Chip" and I were surrounded by friends and supporters when he finished his Junior Earthdog title July 9, 2006. It was an awesome day!! Thanks to judges Sil Sanders and Jean Dieden, who were as happy as I to see Chip (finally!) put it all together!!
PINCHBECK (NORFOLK). The loss of Sadie (Ch. Holly Beach Satin Doll) due to mushroom poisoning set a sad tone for our arrival at this old stone farmhouse on the side of Schooley Mountain, but we regained our stride with the birth, just a month later, of two bitch puppies by Ch. Heads-Up Harry x Ch. Rugby’s Picnic at Pinchbeck, JE. Luna and Topsy were so cute and so lively that it was difficult to stay sad. They kept the kitchen humming with life all winter long. Now Luna is out in Seattle with Lorece Newton-Moore, doing everything I would ever want her to do: 4H, conformation, earthdog, and obedience. Her litter sister is pretty much doing the same here with me.

Meanwhile, Ch. Holly Beach Mack the Knife, Sadie’s full brother, finished his breed championship and his Master Earthdog title. I have been doing a fair amount of groundhog hunting with him this summer, and he is a very formidable hole dog. His collection of “honorable scars” has grown, and he has proven himself both courageous and reliable on hard quarry such as raccoons and groundhogs. The other summer star in our sky is Ch. Dove Hill Bisy Backson Browne, who made her debut in the obedience ring and only needs one more leg to earn her CD. She even finished in the ribbons once with a 196 at New Brunswick! Her son, Pinchbeck Ozymandias, just a little over a year old, is already competing in rally and agility. His owner, Linda Brennan, will most likely have him out in obedience soon as well.

Everyone else has a project. Pinchbeck Rainy Night in Georgia recently completed his Senior Earthdog title and needs only one major to complete his championship. I don’t mix go-to-ground with the show ring; it is too hard on the dog’s coat! My dream would be to take him to Seattle to visit Luna and to compete in the Puget Sound Earthdog Club’s fall trial on Whidby Island. Pandora and Lucy come hunting with me at least once a week or so; Nora is practicing her recalls so she can add the SE to her JE! Harry has proven himself a good search and rescue dog... even when all he is searching for is my portable phone! And Pinchbeck Rags to Riches (“Cash”), Lucy’s last son, is practicing self-control, of which, at just over a year, he has very little. His dash and fire come in handy, though, when we hunt at the Sussex County Fairgrounds and there is a groundhog under a shed. He is fearless and can cram himself into the 4” space under anything to fight whatever is under there. He is also getting the hang of earthdog and should have a JE by summer’s end.

Last, but never least, I am discussing puppies this fall and winter with Bisy and Nora. I am getting hungry for the patter of tiny feet! Happy trails and holes to you all.

—Susan M. Ely, 78 Middle Valley Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853

“Little” and “Gracie” wish everyone a happy holiday season.
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 2005 issues, are available from Alison Freehling at a cost of $6 per News, postage included. The Spring 2004 and Spring 2005 issues are sold out. 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.

“Sure has; I’m ready for some serious winter!”

“This summer’s been ‘too dam HOT!’”

“For everything there is a season:”
Here’s to a sunny and cool Montgomery weekend!