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**AUGUST 1, 2007**

...is the deadline for sending articles and photos for the Fall 2007 *News*. Articles may be sent by (1) **snail mail**: Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901; (2) **fax**: 434-244-2674; or, **preferably**, (3) **online** to nntcnews@hotmail.com. Articles sent online may come either as **imbedded e-mails** or as **attachments in Microsoft Word**. Please note that my computer often refuses to open articles sent in other formats.

**When sending photos**, please send either **original 35 mm photos** in color or black and white (copies of photos do not reproduce well) or **digital photos** that meet criteria suitable for printing in the *News* (see instructions below).

To assure timely publication of the Fall 2007 *News*, please be sure to meet—or, better yet, to beat—the August 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.—AGF

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**SENDING DIGITAL PHOTOS TO THE NEWS**

We need to remind our readers again that even in this digital world, we prefer to work with good 8 x 10 prints of photos destined for the Showfront and New Title Holder sections of the *News*. Because we crop Showfront and New Title Holder photos so drastically to focus on the dog, they present special problems and we are not able to do justice to the subjects in many of the show photos we receive digitally. If you cannot send the original of a show photo, please call 800-961-0015 and ask for Sharman.

We welcome digital photos for all other sections of the *News*. They should be at least 900 pixels wide (or tall, if the orientation is portrait). 1200 pixels at the longest dimension is even better. Please note that, depending on your computer monitor’s resolution, a picture of this size may appear HUGE on your screen. Don’t worry about this (and please don’t resize the photo); it will be just right to print in the *News*. As a general rule, you won’t have a problem as long as you use a camera of at least 3 megapixels AND set it to shoot at its highest resolution. Save your file as a JPG or TIF, and happy shooting!

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

As you might imagine in a twice-yearly publication covering two terrier breeds, space (shortage thereof) can be a major problem. The proliferation of AKC performance events in recent years requires coverage of burgeoning Norfolk and Norwich participation. Rescue/rehome has become a growing concern for both our breeds. The very different health problems affecting today's Norfolk and Norwich Terriers require separate treatment in the Clinic section. I could go on and on, but suffice it to say that I am always bothered when I have to postpone articles or delete a page of candid photos from a current News because they just won't fit.

One possible solution to this "battle of the bulge" that I have pondered and have chatted about with NNTC President Barbara Miller recently concerns the New Title Holders section of the News. With more and more Norfolks and Norwich earning conformation and performance titles, New Title Holders photos often take up considerable numbers of pages. Perhaps the time has come for this photo gallery to be transferred to the NNTC website, with its unlimited space capacity, and to use these additional News pages for other purposes (book reviews, international Norfolk and Norwich news, profiles of NNTC members, etc.). As a lover of tradition, I have mixed feelings about dropping New Title Holders from the News. I know, too, that owners of newly-titled Norfolks and Norwich enjoy having their dogs' accomplishments published in a hard copy format. So this notion of dropping New Title Holders is just a thought and, if pursued, would be a decision requiring NNTC Board approval. What do News readers think? I welcome your comments, pro and con, on this subject (nnncnews@hotmail.com).

As always, I thank all those who contributed articles and photos for this issue. The News wishes everyone a happy spring and summer. See you in September.—AGF

A NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of the NNTC Board and the entire NNTC membership, I would like to thank Margareta (Missy) Wood for her 19 years of service as our club's AKC Delegate. Shortly after Missy's resignation last October, the Board approved NNTC Treasurer and Norfolk breeder Marjorie McTernan as the club's new AKC Delegate to serve the remainder of Missy's term.

I would also like to thank David Powers and Fran Westfall, whose terms as Board Governors ended after the 2006 Montgomery meeting, for their service to the club and to welcome new Board members/Governors Magda Omansky (Dig-n-Pop Norwich) and Deborah Pritchard (Glenelg Norfolk).

—Barbara Miller, NNTC President

NNTC WEBSITE UPDATE

The address of the NNTC website remains the same (www.norwichandnorfolkt- rier.org), but, as of November 2006, the email address for NNTC webmaster Ami Hooper has changed to amiji@grandecom.net.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A NNTC MEMBER?

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

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

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

THE 2005 NNTC AWARD WINNERS

Ed.: Each year the NNTC awards an array of conformation and performance event trophies to member-owned Norfolk and Norwich. The following winners for 2005 were announced at the October 2006 NNTC Montgomery Specialty dinner. Thanks to Andrew Kramer (Conformation statistics), Mary Fine (Obedience statistics) and Sassie Joiner (Performance Events Chair) for sending this information to the News.—AGF

Conformation:
Bred-by-Exhibitor Awards

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

The 2005 Partree Trophy (Norfolk Dog)

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

- Ch. Martone Eden’s Treasure Box, Mary Jo and Tony Ray Sweaney
- Ch. Max-Well’s Junior Mint, Louise Leone

The 2005 Maplehurst Trophy (Norfolk Bitch)

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

- Ch. Chantilly’s Miss Independence, Sue O’Brien
- Ch. Glenelg Clara’s Cottage, Deborah G. Pritchard
- Ch. Martone Precious Emerald, Mary Jo and Tony Ray Sweaney
- Ch. Max-Well’s Jade, Susan Kipp and Barbara Miller
- Ch. Tenterra Dancing Heart, Nan Anderson

The 2005 John Paul Jones Trophy (Norwich Dog)

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

- Ch. Bedlam’s Daredevil, Mary and Wesley Jones
- Ch. Bunnatty’s Sir Harrysson, Estelle and Ron Crawford
- Ch. Foxwood Single Edition, Kathryn Mines
- Ch. tinytowne’s Hardy Boy, Rich and Dana Esquibel
- Ch. tinytowne’s Stutz Bearcat, Rich and Dana Esquibel

The 2005 High Rising Trophy (Norwich Bitch)

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

- Ch. Bluwater Mystic Morrighan, Sue Lawrence
- Ch. Huntwood’s First Lady, Susan Kipp
- Ch. Jmac’s Wycket Wich O The West, Julia McDaniel
- Ch. tinytowne’s Tempest In A Teapot, Rich and Dana Esquibel
- Ch. Wild West Chaps My Hide, Betty Bossio

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Agility

The 2005 Clean Run Trophy

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

- **Norfolk:** Domby’s Oliver Twist CD MX MXJ ME, Peggy Metcalf
- **Norwich:** Skyscot’s Trouble Scooter CD RA MX MXJ, Susan Novotny and Scott Laidig

**Obedience**

The 2005 River Bend Trophy

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

- **Norfolk:** Ch. Flurries Admiraltyhead Light CD (with 12 points), Judith Goedecke
- **Norwich:** There was a tie for the Norwich River Bend Cup, with both dogs having 13 points: Rogel’s D' Chip De Hollywood CDX, owned by Jill Petersen; and Top Drawer’s Full Monty CD, owned by Karen Dwyer

**NNTC Medals for 2005 Obedience Titles go to:**

- **CDX (Companion Dog Excellent):** Rogel’s D’Chip De Hollywood CDX (Norwich), owned by Jill Petersen; Ch. Flurries Admiraltyhead Light CDX (Norfolk), owned by Judith Goedecke
- **CD (Companion Dog):** Ch. Arcadian Wild Adventure CD (Norwich), owned by Ann R. Carlson; Ch. Top Drawer’s She’s A Keeper CD (Norwich), owned by Meredith Dwyer and Knowlton Reynders; Top Drawer’s Full Monty CD (Norwich), owned by Karen Dwyer.

**The 2005 NNTC Versatility Awards**

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

The following member-owned Norwich earned NNTC Versatility Awards in 2005:

- **Norwich:** Ch. Mischief’s Sea Wolf RN AXJ AX PJ1, Gayle Holmen
  Ch. Sandina Sally Forth UD NA NAJ, Betty McDonnell
  Skyscot’s Trouble Shooter CD RA MX MXJ, Susan Novotny and Scott Laidig

**The 2005 NNTC Versatility Excellent Award**

- **Norfolk:** Domby’s Oliver Twist CD MX MXJ ME, Peggy Metcalf
No member-owned Norfolk or Norwich earned a Tracking title (Neversink Trophy) in 2005.

The Register of Merit Award (ROM)

At its February 12, 2006 meeting in New York City, the NN~TC Board reaffirmed the requirements for the club's Register of Merit award. All member-owned dogs that have sired 8 or more breed champions and all member-owned bitches that have produced 5 or more breed champions are eligible for the ROM. Previous requirements that two or more progeny of a ROM candidate have performance or therapy titles (e.g., agility, obedience, earthdog, therapy dog) are no longer part of the ROM award. The names of eligible Norfolk and Norwich sires and dams are currently being compiled by NN~TC Conformation Statistics Chair Andrew Kramer (and others) and will be published in the Fall 2007 News.—AGF

The News congratulates all the 2005 winners and apologizes for any omissions and/or inadvertent errors in your dogs' names, titles and awards.—AGF

Cock-eyed optimists "Milo" and "Maggie" Smith
Anne Rogers Clark, long one of the dog world's most revered "leading ladies", died on December 20, 2006 at the age of 77 after a lengthy battle with colon cancer. Mrs. Clark's many accomplishments as a professional handler, an all-breed AKC judge, a Westminster TV commentator, a prolific author of dog books/articles, and, with her late husband James Edward Clark, a leading breeder of Miniature and Standard Poodles and English Cocker Spaniels, have been well documented in the numerous tributes following her death. She was the first female professional handler to win Best in Show at Westminster (1956), a feat she accomplished three times. She is the only person ever to have judged Best in Show (1978) and all seven Groups at the Garden, and was scheduled to judge the Terrier Group at Westminster 2007.

These many tributes to "Annie," as she was affectionately known, made almost no mention of Mrs. Clark as a breeder of "Surrey" Norfolk Terriers, and, unfortunately, my attempts to find a Norfolk fancier to write about the "Surrey" line for the News met with little success. Perhaps this is because, as Annie's friend and fellow Norfolk breeder Gaynor Green ("Greenfield") noted, the heyday of the Surrey breeding program was the late 1970s and early/mid-1980s before Mrs. Clark became such a busy AKC judge, TV commentator, etc. According to Gaynor, Annie continued to breed Norfolks after the mid-1980s, but less frequently.

Mrs. Clark obtained her first Norfolk in 1977 from her friend and Eastern Shore, Maryland neighbor, Constance Stuart Larrabee, breeder of the well-known "King's Prevention" Norwich and Norfolk Terriers. Constance had imported a drop-ear bitch named Nanfan Corricle from Joy Taylor of England. This lovely bitch immediately caught Mrs. Clark's discerning eye, and she asked Constance if she could someday have a bitch puppy from Corricle. As luck would have it, Corricle, bred to Ch. Wendover Torrent, produced two healthy red female puppies in May 1977. One of these, King's Prevention Ahoy, went to live with the Clarks at their "Sealark" farm in Centreville, Maryland, and became the foundation bitch for the Surrey line. Ahoy, affectionately called "Midget" by the Clarks, won the Norwich Terrier Club (NTC) match show at 5 months of age under judge Jack Simm and later earned her championship by going Best of Winners at the NTC Specialty.

King's Prevention Ahoy was equally successful as a brood bitch. Bred in 1980 to King's Prevention Jolly Roger, the Clark's resident black and tan Norfolk stud, she produced in this litter the 1982 NNTC National Specialty Best of Breed bitch, Ch. Surrey Sailor's Delight, and the male, Ch. Surrey Sink or Swim, one of the all-time most influential American-bred Norfolk sires. Some of "Sink or Swims"' best-known offspring include Ch. Greenfield's The Hustler and Ch. Rightly So Original Sin, both Best in Show winners. Other prominent Surrey Norfolks include Ch. Surrey Port, who was a National Specialty winner, Best of Breed at the 1984 AKC Centennial show, and the first American-bred Best in Show Norfolk; and Ch. Surrey Sta'Board, Best of Breed three times at Westminster.
IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Clark was not a NNTC member, but she judged both our breeds at several national specialties, the two most recent being the 1988 Montgomery Specialty (Norfolks) and the 2003 Montgomery Specialty (Norwich). From a News editor's perspective, she was a pleasure to work with on both occasions. Her judge's critiques always arrived months ahead of the deadline (an editor's fondest dream!) and were always chock full of insightful comments on the dogs. Whenever I had a few suggestions (offered with a profound sense of "Who am I?") she graciously and promptly made the revisions. Gaynor Green told me what a helpful person Annie was to her and to other breeders, acting as a mentor and offering good advice. That someone at the pinnacle of the dog world would take the time to mentor others speaks volumes about Mrs. Clark's down-to-earth personality and her commitment to the breed. To quote from the Board of Governors, officers and members of the Westminster KC, "The contributions and accomplishments of Mrs. Clark to the sport of purebred dogs as a breeder, owner, handler, judge and mentor were incompareable." Donations in her memory may be sent to Take The Lead, P.O. Box 6353, Watertown, NY 13601.

—Alison Freehling

P.S. As a Norwich Terrier owner who had just started breeding in 1982, my knowledge of Surrey Norfolk Terriers is decidedly limited. Most of the above information came from a phone conversation with Gaynor Green, the Westminster KC tribute to Mrs. Clark, and the first edition of Joan Read's The Norfolk Terrier, pages 91-94 and 313-316. If anyone reading this "In Memoriam" would like to write more about Mrs. Clark and her Surrey Norfolks, I would be happy to publish the information in the Fall 2007 News.—AGF

Ed.: I would like to thank Leslie Newing, publications editor of the Poodle Club of America, for sending the lovely photo of Annie with her Norfolk and Poodle to the News.—AGF

WAYNE PALMER
(1944-2006)

Wayne Palmer, who was born and grew up in Galt, Ontario, began skating competitively at 10 years of age. He became successful at ice dancing in Canadian National Figure Skating competitions in the 1960s. He placed 12th in ice dance competition at the 1966 World Championships in Davos, Switzerland.

In 1968, Wayne moved from Toronto to Buffalo, N.Y., to take his first full-time teaching job with the Buffalo Skating Club. While in Buffalo, he met Tony Gabrielli, an art-gallery owner and teacher who became his life partner for 38 years.

Wayne and Tony began breeding Norfolk Terriers in 1984 while living in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. They acquired their first Norfolk, a bitch puppy named Poole's Ides Beach Blanket Bingo, from Greg Signor. Their first stud dog was an adult black and tan named Elve Black Shadow ("Rags"), imported from England by Norfolk breeder Judith Felton. Rags became the first black and tan male Norfolk to earn his breed championship in the USA. Their kennel name “Domby” is derived from one of Charles Dickens' least-known novels, Dombey And Son (the "e" was dropped for space reasons). All the Domby Norfolks are named after Dickens' characters.

Wayne and Tony moved to Russell Township in Ohio 12 years ago to expand their dog-breeding program. In 1998, Wayne became a governor on the board of the American Norfolk Terrier Association (ANTA). He continued to serve on the ANTA board until the time of his death and, along with Tony, hosted ANTA's first Midwest match at their Cricket Hill Farm.

The Domby Norfolks are stamped in breed type and temperament and have always lived as beloved pets. Wayne dedicated himself to developing his skills and expertise as a show groomer and as an owner/
handler in the ring. As a result of his many years in competitive skating, Wayne enjoyed the spirit of competition and excelled in showing his Domby dogs. He always looked like a natural and remained a gentleman in and out of the ring.

Wayne’s crowning glory in Norfolks in Canada was when he brought Ch. Domby’s Rosa Dartle to the National Norfolk Specialty in Kitchener in 2000. He got Best of Breed and then went on to win Group 1 under the highly respected judge, Sandra Goose Allen. The best-known Domby Norfolk, Am./ Can. Ch. Domby’s Gabriel Varden, co-owned by Wayne and Tony with Bobby and Ann Thomas, became a champion at just nine months of age. At the 2003 Montgomery weekend, then 16-month-old “Gabe” was Best of Opposite Sex to “Coco” at all four shows. The #1 Norfolk male in both 2004 and 2005, “Gabe” garnered multiple Group wins and a Best in Show during his show career.

Wayne and Tony together have been extremely influential in championing the Norfolk breed, sharing knowledge and welcoming newcomers. Wayne will be missed. He lives on in the Domby progeny and in the memory of those who were lucky enough to have known him.

Anyone wishing to make donations in Wayne’s name may send them to the Canine Health Foundation Friends of Norfolk Terriers-DAF, c/o Carol Falk, 13 Moulton Rd. Peabody MA 01960.

—Linda Dowdle, Tony Gabrielli and Ann Thomas

Ed.: Linda Dowdle, editor of Norfolk Natter (Canada), kindly gave the News permission to reprint those parts of Wayne Palmer’s “In Memoriam” that she wrote and published in the Fall 2006 issue. Tony Gabrielli provided additional information about Wayne and their Domby breeding program. Ann Thomas contributed the information about her beloved Domby Norfolk, “Gabe.” I thank all of them for their help.—AGF

Glued to the tube
CH. MAX-WELL’S MY THYME

My Thyme, born on April 15, 1991, was sired by Ch. Hugo’s Prancer whose sire and dam were both English and both going back to Nanfan. Her dam, Ch. Max-Well’s Winter Thyme, also had Nanfan on her sire’s side. For my breeding program, My Thyme was a match made in heaven.

At the time my handler Susie DePew (now Kipp) had a client looking for a good bitch. My Thyme was compact with a good bite, excellent tail set and a perfect set of legs. For a while, I co-owned her with Susie’s client, who named the little bitch “Rowdy.” Rowdy was bred four times. She had four litters with a total of nine puppies, all males. Of her nine offspring, three became breed champions, including Ch. Max-Well’s Cyclone. Cyclone, sired by Ch. Max-Well’s Weatherman, went on to win a Terrier Group Two at Westminster, a Group placement at Montgomery, the Pedigree Award, 34 Bests in Show, numerous NNCTC Specialties, etc.

Rowdy’s co-owner turned over her AKC papers to me after her third litter. That was a fabulous day, as I now had Rowdy to myself. Ch. Max-Well’s My Thyme lived to be 15 years, 5 months. She was a bitch with a lot of energy, always willing to please. She never refused food and, at the end, she never complained. I felt privileged to have her solely in my name as I lost her dam at a young age from an allergic reaction to a heart wormer. Toward the end of her life, Rowdy developed a hacking cough. I immediately thought the problem had to be her heart. Veterinary tests, however, showed old age bronchitis. We went back to the vet when the medication Rowdy was given proved ineffective. Rowdy was retested. I insisted she also have an ultrasound, since I was still convinced it was a heart problem. The tests again showed old age bronchitis. I still insisted it had to be her heart. The ultrasound again showed a strong heart with old age bronchitis. At one point my vet was so annoyed with me that he took all the test results and spread them out on a table, circling “bronchitis.”

Rowdy continued to be a chow hound, but her hacking cough persisted despite more medications. I would awaken at night not knowing what to do to relieve her of this cough. As a last resort, I offered her a variety of children’s liquid cough medications, all of which she promptly spat back at me. Two weeks prior to her final day, I groomed her ever so gently and gave her a bath. It was then I noticed that her little body was swollen, as if she had a football inside her. During her four-plus months of coughing, she had never been swollen. We went back to the vet. This time the vet called for an ultrasound. This ultrasound showed one side of one lung thinning. Rowdy’s trachea also exhibited signs of change, but was not yet collapsed, and she had a small growth on her spleen. The vet determined that Rowdy had about six to eight weeks before the growth became a full-blown tumor. Since she was too old for surgery, I told my vet that the day Rowdy gave up her food would be the day I put her to sleep. That day came on Thursday, September 21, 2006. I drove to the vet with Rowdy and two young puppies. The pups were examined, given their shots, and placed back in their crate. I stayed with Rowdy while the vet took care of her final moments. Yes, I cried and cried as I patted her body and kissed her head.

As I drove home, I thought of the two pups in the crate and their connection to Rowdy. The link was a strong one with aunts, uncles, grandparents and great grandparents all connected to the frisky little devils in the back of my car. “Life goes on,” I thought, as I buried my precious little Ch. Max-Well’s My Thyme in the woods on my property alongside her ancestors.

—Barbara Miller, Max-Well Norfolk, Old Brookville, NY
NNTC Rescue/Rehome Chair
Sue Ely called us just after New Year’s in 2002. “I have a hard-to-place Norfolk that needs a home. You are the only people who can handle her. If you won’t take her, I’ll have to put her to sleep.” How did we get a reputation as people who can handle difficult dogs? With two Norfolks in the household already, we really were not looking for another. And a dog that bites?? It required some serious convincing to get us to agree, and we did so with trepidation. Maddie was 4½ years old, and had been rescued from a household where she’d been mistreated. So traumatized that no one could get near her without being bitten, she had spent a month with a professional trainer. I drove to Pennsylvania to pick her up at Ruth Rosbach-Chandler’s and to learn the proper way to discipline her for the still-occurring snarls and snaps. Maddie had progressed remarkably under Ruth, who declared her “a credit to her breed”. “You can tell when you look into those eyes,” said Ruth, “that she wants so much for everything to be all right.”

Maddie bit Michael within two weeks of my bringing her home (thus earning the nickname “Mad Dog”), and she bit me soon after that. But by then, we already knew that under all the fear and defensive-ness, there was a genuine Norfolk Terrier crying to get out. Courageously, each time she lost control and snapped, she’d come back to the offended person, submissively, head down, to apologize. Maddie really was a dog who wanted to be a good dog and to please people. She quickly became our most beloved dog, the dog that sat on my chair and patted my hand with her paw, the terrible toe-nibbler that greeted us in the morning as we shuffled into the kitchen, the flagrant food filcher that climbed onto tables to steal leftovers, the little coyote that sang an ascending yodel when we got home from work, the people lover who greeted guests with her adorable vocabulary of conversational sounds and crawled onto their laps, the rodent chaser who obsesses on mice that got into the birdseed container, the hiker who walked mountain trails with us, the friend who sat on the deck with us in the evenings to watch the sun go down. Maddie wanted to be where we were; she considered it her duty to help hang up the laundry, walk down the driveway to get the newspaper, cruise around the yard perimeter to change bags on the Japanese-beetle traps, and supervise work in the garden. She remained touchy all her life, but the happiness she brought us outweighed the risk of a bite. “There was so much love trapped inside what Ruth called “that snapping, snarling mess”, and we were honored to be its recipients.

Except for her fear issues, Maddie was a very well-behaved dog. She came when called even when chasing deer or rabbits. (How many terriers will do that?) She passed her basic obedience course with flying colors the spring after she joined our household, and a couple of years later she tried agility. She wasn’t intimidated by the agility obstacles, but she navigated them in an extremely desultory fashion. Our friends loved her and often asked about her.

Maddie’s heart failed suddenly. Within days, she went from vigorous to lethargic. Medical treatment gave her a brief respite. She loved visitors and rallied long enough to make the rounds at a Saturday potluck dinner, wagging her tail at everyone and pesterling them for attention. Then when we got out our
guitars, she lay down in the center of the room as she always had. It was a fitting finale for a life that ended far too soon. Three days later she was dead. We'll always treasure the memories of Maddie's sweet nature, her big eyes that seemed to look right into your soul, and her soft, soft ears. I wrote a song for her, but I don't know if I'll ever be able to play it all the way through without breaking down in tears:

From an evil place she was taken
To the hands of strangers she was thrown
With her anxious dark eyes, all forsaken
We welcomed her into our home

With the mem'ry of her hurt still singing
We worked so hard to overcome her fear
We'd come home at night to hear her singing
We'd turn around to see her lying near

She ran before us as we walked the mountain
She sat beside us at the close of day
Her love was like a flowing fountain
To delight us as we went our way

One day we got the news her heart was failing
It was the ending of her too-short life
May she run forever, as the day's unveiling,
In a land that has no pain or strife
In a land that has no pain or strife

—Hazel Beeler, Newport, VA

"PENNY"
(May 2, 1995-April 15, 2006)

Penny, a re-homed former show dog, joined our household in the summer of 1998. She must have spent the first three years of her life in pens and crates, because we quickly discovered that she was neither socialized nor housebroken. Housebreaking went pretty well, but proper discipline took a bit longer. Penny was a Norfolk with an excess of attitude. She barely squeaked through obedience, usually breaking her "stays" to try to pounce on a Toy Poodle in her class. Happily she got along well with our 12-year-old Norfolk, Ace, and always deferred to her even when Ace was declining from kidney failure.

Penny was a good lap snuggler and very appealing and playful. It took some time for her to stay home reliably when let loose. She tended to go tearing off into the woods and not come back when called. We could hear her nearby yips as she chased rabbits and squirrels. Penny mellowed with age; at some point, we realized that she was staying close to home and was coming back when called.
In 2001, our household took in Deuce, a 9-year-old neutered Norfolk male that my mother had to give up when she entered a retirement home. Penny romped sweetly with him, cleaned his ears, and patted his nose with her paw. Her relationship with our rescue Norfolk, Maddie, who came to live with us in 2002, was less cordial. Over the next two years, her behavior towards Maddie became increasingly aggressive, culminating in fights and injuries (to Penny) requiring veterinary treatment. We agonized over what to do since Maddie was not re-homable and who would want Penny, an 8-year-old with behavior problems? Ultimately, we dealt with the situation by keeping them apart at all times, a bit of a logistical nightmare in our small house.

When Penny was diagnosed with bladder cancer last year, we were glad we had not re-homed her. We had had her for five years, and despite her aggressiveness toward Maddie, we loved her. With palliative treatment, Penny lived another seven months in the home where she had spent most of her life. She was the same energetic ball of attitude right up to the end, when the cancer spread to her brain. We laid her to rest next to her predecessors.

—Hazel Beeler, Newport, VA

"ROGER" AND "LACCI"

There are no words that can completely let News' readers know how devastated we are by the loss of our only pets, our Norwich Terriers, Roger and Lacci, who both passed away within a week of each other. Lacci died unexpectedly on September 14th from a heart attack following laryngeal surgery. Roger died on September 20th from hip cancer.

Roger came to our home a little over 10 years ago. We still remember the eager anticipation we had in bringing him home that Monday after Father's Day in 1996. He was the first pet we had had as a puppy. Lacci came to us just 3 years ago. Every day these two little Norwich made us laugh. They loved to romp through fields or just lie down in sunbeams. The lessons they taught us were many: unconditional love, the "proper" way to eat ice-cream, how to chase chipmunks, just to name a few. They brought us tremendous joy and their short lives touched many. We cannot say enough about our love of the breed.

Now that they are gone, there is such a deafening silence in our home and in our lives. We loved them both deeply and miss them terribly. They both left us far too soon.

To quote Irving Townsend:

We who choose to surround ourselves with lives even more temporary than our own live within a fragile circle, easily and often breached. Unable to accept the awful gaps, we still would live no other way. We cherish memory as the only certain immortality, never fully understanding the necessary plan.

P.S. Give your Norwich or Norfolk an extra hug tonight.

—Edward Babiarz and Timothy Greusel, Sinking Spring, PA
NORFOLK AND NORWICH AGILITY: 2006 IN REVIEW

2006 was another year marked by a steady growth in the popularity of agility for both our breeds. The Montgomery County Agility Cluster was a good measuring stick for this trend. The combined entry of Norfolk and Norwich Terriers ranked third among all terrier breeds. The AKC Invitational in Long Beach, CA also had multiple representatives, with three Norfolk and five Norwich Terriers competing.

The AKC introduced some changes to agility rules in 2006, with shorter course times and a general focus on increased difficulty. Agility participants have experienced more challenging courses and increased competition in the 8 inch height class, where Norfolk and Norwich Terriers compete. Revised rules for height divisions added many longer-legged dogs to the 8 inch class. It is also a common perception among agility fanciers that today’s Novice courses look a lot like the Open courses of a few years ago, and that the Open courses now demand skills previously required only in Excellent classes. Excellent courses, in turn, are demanding much more from the top agility competitors.

Despite the increased difficulty, both Norfolk and Norwich Terriers increased the number of agility titles won and pushed new frontiers in 2006. The two breeds together won 75 titles, 31 of which were earned by NNTC member-owned dogs too numerous to mention here. Norfolk Terriers celebrated two outstanding achievements in 2006. The unstoppable “Wizard” (MACH2 Triune Tartan Gandolf Greybeard JE), owned and handled by Joan Meyer, earned the breed’s first MACH2 title. Francoise (Sassie) and Celine Joiris’ Stamp (Ch. MACH Flashback Postmark JE), handled by Sassie, earned the breed’s second MACH (Master Agility Champion) and, in so doing, became the first Norfolk Terrier to be both an agility and a conformation champion.

Along with the triumphs, 2006 also brought sadness to Norfolk and Norwich agility fanciers with the premature death of one of the “noragility” world’s top Norfolk stars. Peggy Metcalf’s “Ollie” (Domby’s Oliver Twist CD MX MXJ ME), invited to the AKC Invitational in Long Beach, was not able to compete due to a medical emergency. Just a few weeks later, on December 19, Ollie lost his battle with MVD. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. When I think of sweet Ollie, I am reminded of the importance of promoting health tests in our breeding programs and supporting canine health studies.

I wish you all a fantastic 2007. Clean Runs to all.

—Magda Omansky, Dig-n-Pop Norwich Terriers
(dignpop@aol.com)

THE 2006 AKC AGILITY NATIONAL INVITATIONAL

No one ever expects getting to the AKC Agility National Invitational to be easy, but this year was even more difficult than anticipated. Among the Norwich and Norfolk competitors, one spent several extra hours in the air circling the airport where she was to connect to another flight; one braved the weather in her RV; and two more had to complete a nine-hour drive in 7 ½ hours to stay ahead of the storms. Eventually, though, the five Norwich and four Norfolk attending the event did converge on the Long Beach, CA, convention center. After everyone had checked in and had set up the crates and chairs together, the humans headed out for a convivial “NorAgility” dinner at a local pizzeria, with a few non-Nor-owning friends tagging along.
In a startling turn of events before the start of competition, Peggy Metcalf’s Norfolk, Ollie, had to be rushed to an emergency veterinary clinic and, sadly, was not able to compete. This left eight dogs—three Norfolk and five Norwich—in attendance out of the ten invitees (the top five agility dogs in each breed are invited to the AKC Nationals).

Rounds one and two took place on Saturday, December 2. Norwich and Norfolk competitors were easy to spot with their matching Noragility T-shirts (now available at www.cafepress.com/noragility). Sunday brought rounds three and four, followed by the moment of truth when the highest-scoring Norfolk and Norwich were calculated. Top Norfolk honors went to Joan Meyer’s Wizard. Gail Exstrom’s Malarkey was top Norwich. To add to the excitement, Wizard qualified for the finals to be held that evening. Those of us who were not leaving until the next day watched Wizard and Joan compete. Even though Wizard did not earn a placement, having a representative of our breed in the finals made the intense event even more engaging.

After three active days, it was time to unpin numbers, pack up the crates, and say our good-byes. Seeing agility’s best in each breed was inspiring, and Norwich and Norfolk were certainly well represented. Now the race is on to see who will earn those coveted ten spots in 2007.

—Celine Joiris, New York, NY

"It’s lucky this cat’s been declawed!"
OBEDIENCE

SPRING 2007 OBEDIENCE NEWS

The “supposed to be all-terrier but wasn’t” Kimberton obedience trial, held in conjunction with Montgomery County weekend, was nevertheless great fun. Owing to many missteps and mix-ups by the host club of the 2006 trial, no premium lists were sent out, judges weren’t known until just before entries closed, and, somehow, the event became an all-breed rather than an all-terrier trial (although the Rally trial remained restricted to terriers only). Since there was no premium list, many Norwich and Norfolk exhibitors (as well as other terrier people) were unaware that the obedience trial was even being held. This uncertainty limited the entries.

This year for the first time, a Team class was offered, and we were able to round up a team of two Norwich and two Norfolks. Team class is a non-regular class (not leading to any title, just for fun) consisting of teams of four dogs which need not be of the same breed. One at a time, teams do the Novice obedience routine in a line of four dogs and handlers – sort of like a drill team. Everything is done just as in Novice until the Recall exercise. For the Recall, all four dogs and handlers line up; then, simultaneously, the handlers leave the dogs. One by one, each dog is called and downed in the center of the ring. When all four dogs are lying in a line in the center of the ring, the judge gives the command to call the dogs, and all the dogs return to their handlers at the same time. Long Sits and Downs are done just as in Novice.

There were three teams: one with three Smooth Fox Terriers and one Parson Russell, another with three Parson Russells and one Smooth Fox Terrier, and our team of NNTC members Carlynn Ricks with Norwich Sand-Castle Darcy UDX MX MXJ, Susan Novotny with Norwich Skyскор's Trouble Scooter CD RA MX MXJ, Mary Fine with Norwich Ch. Tylwyth Just Riley CDX, and Sannie Joiris with Norwich Ch. MACH Flashback Postmark JE.

The Parson Russell / Smooth Fox Terrier team which won the class was, I think, local and had clearly had extensive practice time. Our Norwich and Norfolk team, which came from probably the widest geographical range, had a whole 30 minutes to practice. We placed a creditable second. Because of the late hour of the Team competition, there unfortunately weren’t many people left in the building to watch it. This was unavoidable because AKC rules dictate that non-regular classes must be held after the regular classes.

In the regular class competition, due to the limited Norwich and Norfolk entry, only one Norwich and one Norfolk qualified. **High-scoring Norwich was NNCTC member Betty McDonnell’s male, Ch. Kilyka’s High Voltage CD NA NAJ, with a 193 and a second place in Open A for a CDX leg. High-scoring Norfolk was my Ch. Tylwyth Just Riley CDX, brought out of retirement after a two-year absence from the ring. He managed to refrain from waving at the audience long enough to score 180 in Open B.**

Not long after the Kimberton trial, Betty McDonnell's above-mentioned Norwich completed his CDX with excellent scores. By now he is probably well on his way to being ready to compete in Utility. Two other Norwich have first CD legs: Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice, owned by NNTC member Kathryn Mines in Novice B, and Devondale's Master Myron, owned by C. Cotter, with a second place in Novice A.

Several Norfolks have also been active. Black Magic's Mischief, owned by Sandra Rene and NNTC member Linda Dinger, has a first CDX leg and a first place ribbon in Open A. NNCTC member Sue Ely has yet another dog with “titles at both ends”, having finished a **CD on Ch. Dove Hill Bisy Backson Browne** after a break for Bisy to raise a litter of puppies.
My young Norfolk, Tylwyth Lacy Redfur CD, finally achieved a first CDX leg. Lacy continues to succumb to her inclination to act as if there is no handler in the ring with her. She also has an apparently insurmountable urge to investigate all the jump hardware, frequently needing to check every screw on the jumps. After each dismal performance, she is almost always perfect on the out of sight sits and downs, thus forcing me to reward her. See my hair turn gray!

A few notes, first to Rally aficionados: I’m sure the News would love to have someone active in Rally write about these events. Anyone interested? Secondly, several people told me they were sorry to have missed the Kimberton obedience trial, but they weren’t aware that it was being held. Although Norwich and Norfolk numbers in obedience are small, we have a very good network and in these days of email, information is just a mouse click away. Those of you who read the News have access to our phone numbers and email addresses, so please feel free to ask for information. Regarding the Kimberton trial, I made numerous calls to the AKC and to the show superintendent and was able to obtain the correct information, although far too late for it to be included in our NNTC mailings. I will happily provide prompt answers to any questions. And finally, once again my perennial plea: please send news of your dogs’ obedience exploits! Then I can write about your problems instead of just mine!

—Mary D. Fine, NNTC Obedience Chair, Storrs, CT
(mfine01@snet.net)

"I ordered my bone super-sized."
SPRING 2007 RESCUE AND REHOMING NOTES

The NNTC Rescue and Rehoming program has been in operation long enough to be experiencing the loss of some of its first beneficiaries. This News documents Domby's Oliver Twist's many triumphs in performance events. Rehomed to NNTC member Peggy Metcalf, "Ollie" came a long way from a Norfolk who ran mindlessly up and down the back of a sofa barking at anything he saw moving in his suburban back yard! He was a dog who needed jobs to do that would absorb his remarkable drive. Nor should we forget the Norfolk bitch, "Maddie," rehomed to NNTC member Hazel Beeler and her husband Michael Kuric. Maddie earned an obedience certificate, but still left her teeth marks on the hearts and hands which loved her. Lastly, there is "Jared," a Norfolk male who showed up one day in a Katonah, NY stable and became James Donaher's beloved friend. Jared died, according to James, "the way he lived, with his eyes wide open and his feet in running position." All these dogs are sorely missed, and they are tributes to the alchemy of success that occurs when the right dog lands in the right home.

The popularity of our two breeds is a continuing concern. Recently there has been an epidemic of Norwich in rescue all over the country. Yes, some of them have been Cairns or simply prick-eared terrier crosses; but many have been Norwich-y enough to be a concern. It may be time for breeders to remind themselves to follow up on pups sold and to tighten up on limited registrations and buyer education. A contract is a good thing for starters, but it goes in a file and is forgotten in a heartbeat. I know how tempting it is to leave the door open in case a pup turns out to be terrific. Still, it is better to keep that pup a little longer and make sure than to soft-pedal neutering/spaying, thereby inferring to a buyer that the Norfolk or Norwich puppy might some day be a dog/bitch you would like to breed. There is an issue of Dog Fancy coming soon with an article about Norwich, so be ready!

Please be reminded, too, that I tell most folks who write wanting a rescue dog that they must go out and meet Norfolk and Norwich owners and breeders in their part of the USA. It is to you that I turn when there is a dog needing a new home, especially if that dog's breeder is no longer active. If someone comes up to you at a dog show and says they are interested in one of our breeds, please take a few minutes to talk with that person. Should I contact you about a dog that needs help, it is great to have a bead on a likely home or two. Also, a lot of people who contact me have only read about Norfolk and Norwich Terriers, and what some of the dog books say about our breeds is pretty inaccurate. You can correct some misconceptions and perhaps even guide these folks to a more appropriate breed.

As always, thanks a million to all of you who help, who follow up, who go and take a look, or who mentor homes. I depend on you for the successes of Maddie, Jared, Ollie, and all the other rescued and rehomed dogs we welcome into the protection of the NNTC.

—Sue Ely, NNTC Rescue and Rehome Chair, Long Valley, NJ
(pinchbecks9@earthlink.net)
Pigging out (3-day-old Norwich)

Tiny pup in tiny box (2-week-old Norfolk)

"Black beauty" (3-week-old Norwich)

Squirrel alert! (7-week-old Norfolks)

Taking time to smell the flowers (9-week-old Norwich)
SPRING 2007 EARTHDOG NEWS

According to AKC stats, the number of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers entering and qualifying in Earthdog trials is on the rise. Now that is good news!

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

Norwich
Junior Earthdog
- Rogel's D'Chip De Hollywood UD RA JE, owned by Jill Petersen
- Fxhnt Pippin SE, owned by Joanne Gilden & Hal Happersett

Norfolk
Junior Earthdog
- Ch. Avalon's Captive Charisma NA OAJ JE, owned by Lori Pelletier
- Ch. Black Magic's Sail Away AXP AJP JE, owned by Marian Shaw
- Ch. Spring Cove's Flying Genoa OA OAJ JE, owned by Marian Shaw
- Ch. Todmorden My Firebuggn Brody RN JE, owned by Shirl Hutchins
- Glenelg Sundance Sully: JE, owned by Jill Davidson

Senior Earthdog
- Ch. Boxcar's Murphy Pa Macallam SE, owned by Karen Kotke-Partington & Jeff Partington

Master Earthdog
- Ch. Sugarpine's Mrs. M Migeon ME, owned by Laurie Rossi-Sherick
- Flurries Bayside Beacon OA OAJ ME, owned by Peggy Metcalf

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A Tribute To My Norfolk, “Ollie”
(April 18, 1996-December 19, 2006)

The Norfolk “Curse” has struck again. After a valiant fight against MVD, my beloved 10-year-old Norfolk male, “Ollie,” was put to sleep in mid-December. He was diagnosed with MVD when he was seven and was put on Enalapril. By November of last year, he began to slow down a bit and so was put on Lasix. Even with increased dosages, his health began to decline rapidly. On December 19, 2006, I decided to have him put to sleep as we both knew it was his time to go.

I have had many dogs in my life, but never one like Ollie. He was as dear to me as my own child. He was my best friend and my constant companion.
We spent eight short years in an extremely successful working partnership and showed the world what a naughty little rescue dog could do if he was given a chance and a challenge. Domby’s Oliver Twist CD CGC CG ME MX MXJ will live in my heart forever.

—Peggy Metcalf, “Flurries” Norfolk Terriers
(nflurries@a-znet.com)

Ed.: As you will note on page 6 of this News, super-performance dog Ollie was the Norfolk winner of the 2005 NNTC Clean Run (Agility) Trophy. He also earned a 2005 NNTC Versatility Excellent Award for his multiple obedience, working terrier, earthdog and agility titles. Congratulations to Ollie and Peggy, a truly “winning team.”—AGF

COMPARING THE NORFOLK AND THE NORWICH AS WORKING TERRIERS

It is hard to dispute that Norfolk Terriers have been far more successful in AKC earthdog events than their Norwich counterparts. A review of the numbers reveals just how much more successful. In the four-year span between 2002 and 2006, Norfolk Terriers earned 15 Junior, 6 Senior and 5 Master Earthdog titles. During that same period, Norwich earned 5 Junior, 2 Senior and only 1 Master Earthdog title. The disparity between the number of annual AKC registrations for each of these breeds broadens the earthdog gap. Consider an average annual number of Norfolk registrations at 347 and an average annual Norwich registration of 690. (These numbers are based on AKC registrations between 2004 and 2006). Since all earthdog title-holders must start with the Junior test, we can compare the number of Junior Earthdog titles over that four-year period with the approximate number of registrations for each breed. This comparison indicates that one of every 92 Norfolks registered will earn an earthdog title. Norwich lag far behind, with only one earthdog title for every 552 dogs registered! Of course, there are many variables that can influence these numbers. First and foremost, if you don’t play, you can’t earn a title! Still, the trend is obvious. Now the question is, “Why?” The following comments represent my point of view ONLY, based on my experiences as an earthdog judge and a Norwich owner.

As a starting point, let’s look at the design of the AKC earthdog test and what it attempts to evaluate. According to chapter 4, section 7 of the regulations, the primary purpose of the Earthdog is to pursue quarry to ground, hold the quarry, and alert the hunter where to dig, or to bolt the quarry. In an attempt to model a hunting situation, liners are buried to simulate the approach to the quarry and caged rats are stashed at the end of the tunnel to represent the quarry. But like the imitation line/s/tunnels, the rats are really just “place holders” for what would typically be found in a den with a 9” x 9” entry. In a natural environment, this might be the den of a badger, woodchuck, fox, or other larger quarry that the dog would not (necessarily) be expected to kill, but rather to hold or bolt, as described in the earthdog regulations. Rats are a cost effective, safe substitute for the bigger game, but in reality, they are still rats! Now look at the Norwich standard. It says the Norwich is a descendant of ratting companions, eager to dispatch small vermin. Dispatch, i.e., kill. There is no mention in the Norwich standard of going to ground, holding or bolting quarry. Here is a test where we are sending our “rat killers” down a tunnel and asking them to bark, dig, and bite at their natural prey. From their perspective, it does seem a little counterintuitive. If you watch a cat (or a Norwich!) out hunting mice or rats, the most successful hunters are those that are quiet and patient and are then able to spring on their prey as the rodents run by!
Of course, the Norfolk heritage is very similar to that of the Norwich. Both breeds were originally bred to hunt rats. But whatever led to the drop ear in the Norfolk also seems to have introduced some temperament and instinctual differences. The Norfolk standard includes “earthedog” vocabulary, stating that this is a breed that can go to ground, both a fox and tackle or dispatch other small vermin. That part of the Norfolk standard could almost be copied and pasted into the AKC earthdog regulations! I am not in any way discounting the Norfolk’s ability to hunt and kill the smaller vermin. I am just pointing out that Norfolks now have this additional responsibility to go to ground!

As an earthdog judge as well as a member of a very active earthdog club that holds multiple open practices and tests throughout the year, I have seen a fair number of Norwich come and go and a few Norfolks. I recall only one Norwich that really “turned on” the first time he saw a cage of rats. The others, given a choice, would remain in the area of the cage, assuming a rather nonchalant attitude, keeping an unobtrusive eye on the rats. It seemed to me that these Norwich were setting a scene to surprise and “dispatch” the rat if it happened to run by them. In contrast, the Norfolks I have observed, even as very young puppies, were much more inclined to bite at the cage and badger the rats—in true earthdog fashion!

Does any of this mean that I think Norwich have forgotten what they were bred for or that they are less game than the Norfolk? Absolutely not! I would put my Norwich male, Chip, up against most any competition in a rat hunting and killing contest! Ironically, the first time Chip killed a rat was a Sunday afternoon when we happened to be home only because we had not done so well in the Saturday earthdog test! Since then, Chip has proudly brought me more rats than I care to remember. He and my Cairn, Raisin’, work beautifully as a team. Raisin’ will find a rat in the wood pile and bark and badger it while Chip waits quietly at the other end. Multiple times Chip has come out the victor when the rat tried to escape the noisy Cairn and ran right into Chip’s path! Raisin’s reaction is priceless; her expression seems to say, “I just had a rat over here—where’d you get that one?!” Raisin’ is an AKC Master Earthdog, yet she has never caught a rat. Does that mean Chip is gamer or that he has truer Terrier instinct?

The way I see it, both dogs are doing what they were bred to do. Norfolk Terriers, like Cairns, have been bred with the intent to go to ground. If this earthdog instinct was emphasized in the breeding of the Norwich, it was seemingly to a lesser degree. The AKC earthdog test is a Go to Ground test; hence Norfolk Terriers are more likely to be successful than the Norwich. Give both breeds a rat hunting/killing test, and I think the numbers would be quite different!

As for AKC earthdog events, I will continue to go with both my Cairn AND my Norwich, and I would encourage Norwich and Norfolk owners to give it a try! It is great fun! Despite what I say here, some Norwich will be naturals. At some point in the earthdog game, all dogs—even Norwich naturals and Norfolks—will require training to understand how we want them to play. With a little extra time and effort, even the Norwich and Norfolk who don’t initially “get it” can catch on and learn to play by AKC rules. And how rewarding that is! Probably my proudest earthdog moment was when Chip got his JE title! It wasn’t easy, but we both had loads of fun with each other and with the earthdog friends we made along the way. I will continue with him, and maybe someday we will get a Senior title. And if we’re still young enough, we’d then try for the Master! Meanwhile, my petite Norwich girl brought me her first rat just this weekend! That’s Terrier instinct! Makes a mommy proud!!

—Jill Petersen, Kenmore, WA
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WHAT IS A VETERINARY SPECIALIST?

The article “Upper Airway Syndrome in the Norwich Terrier” in the Fall 2006 News referred to William Schultz, DVM, as a “specialist in Respiratory and Reproductive Veterinary Medicine.” I realized that there is some confusion about the qualifications of veterinarians and veterinary specialists, and I would like to try to clarify things.

The majority of veterinarians in the United States are not specialists. Veterinary degrees from American colleges/universities are either a DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) or a VMD (Veterinary Medical Doctor). Some vets have also completed a one-year internship after graduation.

A veterinarian may only be called a specialist if he/she is board-certified by a veterinary specialty board. Becoming board-certified generally requires completion of a residency program (typically three years), publishing peer-reviewed scientific articles, and passing an examination. Examples of specialty boards include:

- American College of Veterinary Surgeons
- American Veterinary Dental College
- American College of Veterinary Nutrition
- American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists
- American College of Veterinary Dermatology

The American Board of Veterinary Practitioners is another specialty board. This board is a bit different in that specialists focus on a species (e.g., canine, feline, equine) rather than a discipline (e.g., dermatology, surgery). ABVP certification involves submitting case reports and passing an examination.

As mentioned above, a veterinarian may not call himself/herself a specialist unless he/she is board-certified. A non-boarded vet with a particular interest or experience in a discipline may advertise “interest in cardiology” or “practice limited to orthopedic surgery.” Further confusing the issue, vets may advertise membership in various professional societies. For example, I am a member of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society. Membership means I have an interest in emergency medicine, but I may not call myself a specialist because I am not certified by the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

In the case of respiratory problems (the News article was about everted laryngeal saccules), the relevant specialist would be either a member of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons or the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

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BREATHING EASIER

On Sunday, June 25, 2006, the first fingerlings of light were making their way over the New York City skyline as we pulled out of our driveway to begin the long trip to Okemos, Michigan, 689 miles ahead. Three Norwich Terrier girls were tucked into the car along with their paperwork, all ready for our appointment with William E. Schultz, DVM, at his state-of-the-art clinic. Dr. Schultz has taken a special interest in Everted Laryngeal Saccules in Norwich Terriers and is working closely with the NNTC in studying this. To date, he has probably scoped and removed more ELS in Norwich than any other veterinarian.
My oldest Norwich, Mazie, born in 1995, always was a very noisy breather, often seeming to struggle to get her breath, snoring heavily when asleep. Razzi, almost 7, sometimes panted, but her breathing had never been a cause for concern. Keri, the youngest Norwich, was, and is, asymptomatic. I thought it would be good to find out just where these three bitches all stood, both for my own awareness as a breeder and to contribute to the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club UAS research project.

Our first Norwich, a rescue, had had a terrible breathing problem. If he was overheated, overexerted or overexcited, his tongue would become a ghastly shade of gray as he struggled to breathe. It was terrifying. This was back in 1993, and the only thing I had to go on was a heartbreaking story in the News about the loss of “Jacques,” a Norwich put to sleep at just 10-1/2 years old, “after many years of struggle with a breathing problem.”

Thoughts like these added clarity to my mission. In the 14 years since 1993, have we as breeders made advancements in coping with Norwich breathing issues? Now, perhaps, the time is at hand. Promptly at 8 AM Monday morning, we arrived for our scheduled appointment with Dr. Schultz.

Since Mazie and Razzi are older, Dr. Schultz wanted full blood panels done on them before operating. This was done at our vet’s in New Jersey before we left for Michigan. Dr. Schultz then lightly anesthetized the girls, each in turn, and examined them with a laryngoscope. He was kind enough to let me stay in the OR as an observer, so I was able to see quite vividly via his state-of-the-art video otoscope the degree to which each Norwich was affected.

The procedure is straightforward. Dr. Schultz first “challenges” the laryngeal saccules, lightly touches them in a gag reflex test. If they appear and expand, he can tell the degree to which his patient is affected. Keri had small, tissue-filled saccules. After administering additional anesthesia (sevoflurane), Dr. Schultz was able to excise those in less than 4 minutes. Razzi’s saccules were much larger and fluid filled. They were still fairly dense, but they completely occluded her vocal folds. Dr. Schultz was able to remove her laryngeal saccule tissue with his laser in under 7 minutes.

Mazie had huge saccules, as well as a very mild elongated soft palate. I was shocked to see the visual proof of the respiratory problems she had been coping with for most of her life. Within a quarter of an hour, Dr. Schultz’s laser had vaporized the tissue.

Afterwards, the three Norwich were all placed on antibiotics to ward off infection. Since there is a risk of post-op swelling with respiratory surgery, steroids are a post-op must. Recovery is short. My dogs’ barks were all affected (somewhat akin to laryngitis), but their voices returned within a few weeks. They all had ice cream for dinner that night.

In retrospect, Keri probably didn’t need the surgery as she was/is totally asymptomatic. She doesn’t overheat; she can walk around a lake in summer heat and go for a long hike up to a mountain lake. Still, seeing the proof of her health was reassuring. Razzi had to return in September to have more tissue removed. The saccules may have multiple layers. Mazie is vastly improved. She still snores a bit, but her struggle for breath is a memory, and I feel the procedure has added years to her life.
Pre-op superchem/CBC profiles/heartworm-lyme-erlichia tests totaled $334.42. Dr. Schultz’s fees came to just over a thousand dollars for the three. The total cost was $1,403.17. The benefit to Razzi and Mazie? Priceless.

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Author’s note: This article was adapted from my February 2007 Norwich Terrier breed column in the AKC Gazette.—LL

CANINE VACCINATIONS:

New Recommendations for Small Dogs

Small animal veterinarians’ concern about vaccine protocols has led to the formation of the AAHA Canine Task Force and stimulated many research projects. An article in the October 1, 2005 JAVMA reported the results of a study involving 1,226,159 dogs vaccinated at 360 veterinary hospitals. The study found that rates for vaccine-associated adverse events (vaccine reactions) are low in the overall dog population, but that there is a higher risk for adverse reactions in small dogs weighing less than 22 pounds, as well as in neutered dogs and adult dogs (compared to puppies). Owners of small dogs and their veterinarians can lower this risk by giving just one vaccination during an office visit. The study found that for dogs under 22 pounds, the risk of an adverse vaccine reaction increases 27% for each additional vaccine administered in the same office visit. This new protocol thus indicates that small dogs like Norwich and Norfolk Terriers should NOT have a rabies shot at the same time as their DHPP vaccination. The Leptospirosis vaccine is responsible for the most severe reactions, particularly in small dogs, so, if possible, avoid giving Norfolk and Norwich Terriers that vaccine.

New Rabies Vaccine Research Project

Jean Dodds, DVM, a research veterinarian and the founder of Hemopet, a non-profit dog blood bank in California, has been instrumental in starting the Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust to fund a rabies vaccine research project at the University of Wisconsin College of Veterinary Medicine. To quote from Dr. Dodds:

The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust will determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccine. The goal is to extend the required interval for rabies boosters to 5 and then to 7 years. This project depends primarily upon grassroots gifts for funding the costs of conducting the requisite vaccine trials. Our contributions to date have come mostly from kennel clubs and private individuals. The Challenge Fund is a federally registered 501(c) (3) charitable organization [Fed. EIN # 84-6390682]. Our costs to begin the first year of the study are $177,000; to date we have raised $56,600. This vaccine trial cannot begin without funding for the first year. The Rabies Challenge Fund needs to raise a total of $1.5 million to complete the 5 and 7 year challenge studies, the adjuvant study, and to establish the vaccine adverse reaction reporting system. With your help, this can be accomplished.

This vaccine research project to address the duration of immunity actually conveyed by rabies vaccine will be performed by Dr. Ronald Schultz, Chairman of Pathobiology at
the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. The second phase of the project will finance a study of the adjuvants used in veterinary vaccines, and establish a federal adverse reaction reporting system for rabies and other vaccines. The University of Wisconsin will donate all of the necessary overhead costs for these studies, which normally amount to 48% of the direct research. Furthermore, Dr. Schultz, the Principal Investigator, has volunteered his time in conducting the research. My staff at Hemopet are donating their efforts as well. The only monies used from the pre-grant funds were IRS fees associated with applying for non-profit status. All other monies donated to The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust will go directly to funding these studies.

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If you would like to donate to this vaccine research project, please send a check, payable to The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust, to: c/o Hemopet, 11330 Markon Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92841. To donate by credit card, please call Hemopet in California at 714-891-2022.

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CHIC AND THE NNTC

Both the time and the opportunity have come for Norfolk and Norwich breeders to get serious about health testing. A NNTC mailing sent out in January asked our members to approve the club's joining an organization called the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC).

CHIC was formed in 2001 and operates jointly with the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals). CHIC’s stated mission is “to provide a source of health information for owners, breeders and scientists that will assist in breeding healthy dogs”. CHIC maintains an open registry of health information and test results on participating breeds. This information is available to the public on the CHIC website at www.caninehealthinfo.org. More than one third of national dog breed clubs have already joined the CHIC program.

In response to growing awareness among breeders of the benefits that health testing can provide, NNTC President Barbara Miller invited CHIC representative Lee Arnold to speak to club members last October during the Montgomery Specialty weekend. Mr. Arnold explained the importance of the NNTC joining forces with CHIC, since it is the national breed clubs that advise CHIC about breed-specific health concerns. For example, based on their breed’s health issues, participating Norfolk Terriers might be required to undergo the following testing:

1. An annual CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation) exam
2. A cardiac examination by a board-certified cardiologist using echocardiogram with Doppler
3. Ichthysis screening to identify carriers of an inherited skin disorder

A CHIC number is issued to dogs who have completed the required tests and who have permanent identification such as a microchip or a tattoo. An additional requirement is to make all test results
available to the general public. PASSING THE TESTS IS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A CHIC NUMBER; NOR DOES CHIC RECOMMEND WHETHER OR NOT A DOG SHOULD BE USED FOR BREEDING. That decision is up to breeders.

Responsible Norfolk and Norwich breeders want to know as much as possible about health problems that affect our breeds. The kind of open registry that CHIC offers is a tool that will help breeders make better-informed decisions about how to breed healthier dogs. I urge all members to vote for NNTC inclusion in CHIC’s registry program for the future welfare of our breeds.

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**MVD IN NORFOLK TERRIERS: KEEP YOUR CARDIOLOGIST UP TO DATE!**

Articles in the Fall 2003 and the Fall 2006 *News* reported the most current information regarding Mitral Valve Disease (MVD) in Norfolk Terriers. Between Dr. Braz-Ruivo’s report on results of MVD screenings at the 2002 Montgomery clinic (Fall 2003 *News*, pp. 22-23) and Carol Falk’s report on results of the first phase of Dr. Sunshine Lahmers’ MVD research (Fall 2006 *News*, pp. 27-28), Norfolk breeders have gained valuable information about how MVD manifests itself in Norfolk Terriers and about the screening tools needed for accurate diagnosis. It is thus frustrating to hear that a majority of veterinary cardiologists in this country are not up to date on the latest findings about MVD in our breed.

Many Norfolk breeders from all parts of the country have had the same experience: A breeder takes his/her Norfolk to a recommended cardiologist at considerable time and expense. The cardiologist tells the breeder that an EKG/Doppler is not necessary because, based on auscultation (listening to the dog’s heart with a stethoscope), the Norfolk does not have a heart murmur. The cardiologist then signs the OFA form stating that the dog has no evidence of any heart disease. This is a meaningless form for Norfolk Terriers in light of what we have learned! To detect evidence of MVD, a Norfolk must have an echocardiogram and color flow Doppler.

I suggest that Norfolk breeders make copies of the data in the pertinent *News* articles and take those copies with them to the cardiologist. When the *News* had new information about canine vaccinations and anaphylactic reactions in puppies several years ago, I supplied my vet with copies and became pro-active about which vaccines my puppies received long before it became the accepted practice of most veterinarians to eliminate the lepto and corona vaccines.

There is still much we do not know about the variable rate of MVD progression in Norfolk Terriers. If I want to breed a good bitch that has been diagnosed with mild changes (prolapse) of the mitral valve, I would want to find a suitable male whose heart has been cleared by an EKG. Today my choices are limited because too few of the good Norfolk stud dogs have been Dopplered. Also, if I had a good bitch with an EKG clearance and I thought the best male for her was a dog with minor mitral valve issues, I would still go for that breeding. My Ch. Glenelg Little Lulu JE was found to have minor leakage of her mitral valve at age 2½. I spayed and rehomed her, which was a hard decision as she was an outstanding bitch. Five years later, she had another EKG, which showed no further changes to her heart! I wish I hadn’t let her go. Certainly not all Norfolk breeders would agree with me, but that’s how I feel at this time. Perhaps with additional research on MVD, I’ll change my opinion again. I relate this experience to make the point that it is not necessarily the end of a line if a breeder discovers a health defect in his/her breeding stock.

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CAUSES OF LOW BLOOD PROTEIN (ALBUMIN) IN DOGS

Ed.: Since 1994, all our Norwich have gotten a DHPP vaccination every 3 years instead of annually. In lieu of an annual vaccination, each dog has an annual check-up. In addition to the “Wellness” exam (checking hearts, eyes, ears, teeth, fecal, etc.), those Norwich over 7 years of age have a “Super Geriatric Profile”, which includes a complete blood test, extensive chemistry profile, thyroid test, heartworm/ehrlichia/Lyme test, and a urinalysis. Last spring (2006) when my veterinarian called with these geriatric test results, he reported that everything else looked great, but that both “Dixie’s” and “Brownie’s” albumin levels were one point below normal. Normal albumin levels, Dr. Gruss explained, ranged from 2.7 to 3.4; Dixie’s and Brownie’s were each 2.6.

During my 20-something years as a Norwich owner and breeder, none of my dogs had ever had this problem, and I wondered why Dr. Gruss sounded so concerned about a one-point-below-normal albumin level. To be honest, until that time, I associated albumin primarily with egg whites (Hey, I was a history major!), and knew nothing about its relationship to canine health. Dr. Gruss said that low albumin was a condition he always “flagged” when analyzing blood test results because it was linked to many underlying canine diseases, especially involving the liver and kidneys. He wanted to re-check both bitches in three weeks to see if their albumin levels had dropped any lower.

My ignorance about low albumin and Dr. Gruss’ obvious concern inevitably led to my asking him to write about this health problem for the News. I thank him for taking the time to do so, and I am happy to report that Dixie’s and Brownie’s albumin levels were 2.8 and 2.9 on their next blood work and have remained within normal range since that time.—AGF

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Albumin and globulin are the two main proteins found in serum (the liquid part of blood). Both types of protein carry substances through the blood stream. In addition, albumin proteins help keep fluid from leaking out of tiny blood vessels called capillaries. Albumin also helps with growth and tissue repair. Globulins are an essential part of antibodies, which are important to the immune system. These proteins are made mostly in the liver, using building blocks from digestion and absorption. This article will focus on canine diseases that cause decreases in serum albumin.

There are three causes of low serum albumin: (1) Decreased intake of building blocks (malnutrition/starvation); (2) Decreased synthesis (liver disease); and (3) Excessive loss due to kidney disease (protein losing nephropathy), intestinal disease (protein losing enteropathy), and severe burns.

Lack of food needs to be severe and long standing to cause a drop in serum albumin in an otherwise healthy dog. In a dog with underlying disease, the problems associated with low albumin may happen much sooner. Therefore, when a dog presents with a history of not eating, it is important to find the cause of the decreased appetite quickly.

Liver disease can interfere with the production of albumin. Typically, a dog’s liver disease is severe and involves the entire liver before there is enough damage to cause a drop in serum albumin. Localized liver disease doesn’t cause low serum albumin even if it is severe. Also, liver tissue not affected by disease can increase the rate of albumin production by two fold in the face of albumin loss if the required nutrients are provided.

The third cause of low albumin is loss of blood protein due to intestinal disease, kidney disease, or severely damaged tissue, including hemorrhage or severe burns. Protein losing enteropathy (disease of the intestine causing protein loss) produces low albumin in two ways: lack of absorption of required nutrients and leakage of proteins already absorbed back into the gut. The causes include inflammatory conditions or
erosion affecting normal function of the gut, or acquired or congenital abnormalities in intestinal lymphatic or vascular function. The normal lining of the intestine forms a semi-permeable barrier that controls the movement of fluid and restricts that of larger molecules, including proteins, no matter what side of the intestine they are on. Cells lining the intestine have very large openings so that large amounts of proteins, including both albumin and globulin, can be lost. The resultant low protein is characteristic of protein losing enteropathies. This helps differentiate them from kidney disease, which is usually characterized by low albumin alone. When protein losing enteropathy is caused by inflammation, there are often associated clinical signs of gastrointestinal disease, such as vomiting, loss of appetite, or diarrhea that suggests an underlying problem in the gastrointestinal tract. However, it is important to emphasize that failure to exhibit diarrhea or other characteristic signs of gastrointestinal disease does not eliminate the possibility of protein losing enteropathy.

Damage to the kidney can also cause loss of protein into the urine. This condition can be due to primary kidney disease or to certain metabolic diseases such as diabetes mellitus, thyroid disease, adrenal disease, and certain immune diseases. Protein losing nephropathy involves damage to the kidney's filtering mechanism, which normally allows unwanted toxins and by-products to pass through into the urine and retains larger molecules such as albumin. With damage to this mechanism, albumin is able to pass through the membrane and is lost into the urine. These filtering mechanisms are called glomerulonephritis, and inflammation of them is called glomerulonephritis.

Clinical signs of low albumin often depend on the organ system involved. Loss of appetite, weight loss, and fluid accumulation in the abdomen or chest, as well as swollen limbs, are more generalized symptoms caused by severe low albumin regardless of cause. Vomiting and diarrhea may indicate GI disease, while increased water drinking and producing large volumes of dilute urine could indicate kidney disease. Diagnosis is based on history, physical exam, blood tests, fecal exams, and urinalysis. Abdominal ultrasound, endoscopy, intestinal biopsies, and other specific tests are often useful to identify the cause of the low albumin.

In severe, life-threatening cases, treatment may include blood transfusion, plasma infusion, or special fluids given to help keep the animal alive until the cause can be identified and treated. Anti-inflammatory and immunosuppressive drugs and special diets are often used to treat protein losing enteropathies. Cardiac drugs which affect blood flow to the kidneys, anti-clotting drugs such as aspirin, and special diets are used to treat protein losing nephropathies.

These diseases are all very serious and potentially life threatening. However, if the cause can be identified, these health problems can be managed and the dog can have a good quality of life.

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RHAPSODALE WHISTLIN’ DIXIE:
A Too-Short Life and a Baffling Death

Our little Norfolk, “Dixie,” was a happy, wonderful girl who loved everyone. She was always a house dog with our other Norfolks, as well as with our Cairns. We only showed Dixie a couple of times, but she won a three-point major. Her beautiful, expressive eyes enchanted everyone she met.

Dixie was bred three times. News readers may remember my article on puppy strangles in the Spring 2005 issue; that puppy was one of Dixie’s kids. Dixie resorbed her second litter, so we knew that if we bred her again, we would need to keep an eye on her progesterone levels. She had a litter of one born
in May 2006. This singleton male, “Rocky”, whose photo was on the front cover of the Fall 2006 News, would not have happened without several progesterone injections, as Dixie’s progesterone level started to drop toward the end of her pregnancy.

The Monday before my husband and I were to leave for Montgomery County weekend, Dixie didn’t look right. She had a slightly elevated temperature, so I took her to the vet. She was found to be a bit dehydrated, so we rehydrated her and went home. When she was wobbly the next morning, I took her back to the vet. Their testing showed Lyme (no symptoms) and Addison’s (no symptoms). I left Dixie at the vet’s, where she was put on IV and was started on treatment for the Lyme and the Addison’s. She did not respond to either. By the next day, Wednesday, her counts were dropping in spite of the medications added to her IV. Her right eyelid had swollen, and she was losing protein and albumin. The vet couldn’t discover why she was getting sicker. I visited her for a long time that afternoon and took her outside because she wouldn’t urinate for the vet. She peed and peed and peed from all the IV fluids, and gave me all kinds of kisses. On Thursday morning, my husband and I stopped in to see her before driving to Montgomery County. She was worse, but I could not stay home because my husband Jack is the show chairman of the Cairn Terrier Club of America Sweepstakes, and he needed my help at the show.

When we arrived at the hotel, I immediately called the vet. They told me that Dixie was in critical condition and that they wanted to transfer her to the Emergency and Referral Hospital (ERC) in our town. I had no choice but to do that. They had no idea why she was getting worse and worse, and said that Dixie desperately needed a transfusion of packed red cells, since nothing was helping her anemia.

We spoke many, many times over the next two days. Dixie’s health problems were multiplying as time went by. She had developed a heart murmur from the anemia, her blood pressure was rising, and nothing would bring it down from its dangerously high level—220 mmHg. She had hypoalbuminuria, but they could not give her any more fluids than they already were giving.

By Sunday she was in end-stage renal failure and was vomiting intermittently throughout the day. Her heart murmur was now III/IV and her blood pressure was up to 290. The vet said through his tears that he felt she was in a lot of pain. I called the vet on my cell phone as soon as we got to Montgomery County. He asked for permission to humanely euthanize Dixie. I called our house sitter and asked her to go to the ERC to hold Dixie as they euthanized her. She did. I cannot remember much more about that day because of the tears.

On our way back to Connecticut on Monday, the house sitter called to ask when I wanted to come to see Dixie. I went after leaving Jack and the dogs at home. Dixie looked so peaceful wrapped in a blanket with just her beautiful head showing. I had my last cry with everyone there as I held Dixie in my arms.

Even after a complete autopsy, we do not know why this little Norfolk, who would have been five years old on December 24, 2006, had such a catastrophic end to her short life. Neither the pathologist, nor our vet, nor the four other pathologists to whom our vet sent the results could give us answers. They guessed that somehow she developed an intestinal infection which caused no symptoms, but which caused the multiplying problems, starting with the kidneys and progressing through her body.

I pray that no one ever has to go through what we went through with our little, young girl. It has been the most heartbreaking experience I have endured in my 35 years of breeding dogs.

God bless Dixie . . .

—Susan DeWitt, “Rhapsodale” Norfolk, Norwalk, CT
Man overboard!

Time for my swimming lesson

Critter ridder

Flower child

Peaceful co-existence
TAIL DOCKING BANNED IN GREAT BRITAIN

As Norfolk Terrier Club of Great Britain President Cherry Howard predicted in her Fall 2006 News article (p.40), Parliament in November 2006 approved legislation banning tail docking in the U. K. According to provisions of The Animal Welfare Act 2006, the ban will take effect on April 6, 2007. Dogs from the U. K. and other countries with tails docked prior to that date will still be able to show in Great Britain. No dog docked after the April 6 date will be able to be shown in the U. K., regardless of the dog's country of origin. Further details about the tail docking ban are available on the website of The Council of Docked Breeds, a non-profit organization based in the U. K., at www.cdb.org. I thank U. K. Norfolk breeder Roger Thomas ("Squirreldene") for this brief update.—AGF

FOOD IS NOT LOVE!!

Do not equate food with love. Big mistake. We learned that the hard way.

Zip, our almost 5-year-old Norfolk male, weighed 22 pounds in October 2006 when we took him to our first ANTA event. It was an eye-opening experience. Zip had been the biggest puppy in his litter. As an adult, he is longer than the standard and has a bigger ribcage than most Norfolk Terriers. Still, we realized that something was wrong, and the other Norfolk owners who cared about the breed proceeded to tell us that.

So when we got home, the first thing that Dan and I did was to take Zip to the Head of Cardiology at the U of Penn Vet Hospital here in Philly. We had an echocardiogram done to check for mitral valve disease. Thankfully, Zip's heart was in perfect shape. Next we searched for a legitimate Norfolk handler. Thanks to Sue Ely, we met her Norfolk handler, George Wright, who took Zip down to his undercoat for the first time. Boy did he look handsome! The next step was to start Zip on a diet. To cut to the chase, it is now January 2007, three months after the ANTA Fall Event, and Zip weighs 18 pounds. His pronounced slender waistline is looking great.

How did we do it? First of all, we now give Zip only three treats a day—one after his breakfast, one after his dinner and one after his evening walk. We had been giving him biscuit treats throughout the day to let him know how much we loved him. That's the booby prize! Instead of biscuits, Zip gets cut-up carrots after breakfast and cut-up carrots and apples after dinner. We use a dicer called an Alligator purchased at Williams-Sonoma to cut up the carrots and apples into very small pieces. Smaller pieces mean the consumption process takes longer. Zip still gets a biscuit after his evening walk, but now we give him low-calorie ones. We primarily alternate between Science Diet Light medium-sized treats, which contain real chicken, or freeze-dried liver treats from Gimborn (which we call Liver Snaps), which are a great source of protein. I usually put the biscuit treat in a rubber ball with holes in it. Getting the biscuit out becomes a game for Zip and takes him longer to enjoy the treat.

Along with fewer and less caloric treats, we also switched Zip to Purina Pro Plan Weight Maintenance Chicken & Rice. We give him 1/4 cup twice a day instead of the 1/3 cup twice daily of his previous higher-calorie kibble. Since Zip tends to inhale his food, we add a splash of hot water so he takes longer to consume the kibble. The Pro Plan Weight Maintenance dry food contains real chicken. Real protein is important for dogs because, as with humans, eating real protein fills you up faster. I credit Lori Pelletier with the choice of Purina Pro Plan; she swears by it. Zip loves it.
How else do we vary Zip’s diet?

1. On occasion, I will cut up a single slice of Healthy Choice chicken breast or turkey breast and add it to his breakfast.

2. Whenever I make a healthy garden or fruit salad for myself, Zip loves a cut-up radish or the end of a cucumber and, on a rare occasion, half a strawberry. He hates red peppers and green beans!!

3. A great treat when I leave the house is to toss a handful of regular Cheerios on the floor. Zip loves this. I must thank Bob and Elyane Hill of MA for this clever and healthy idea.

4. Zip also enjoys chipped ice with a teaspoon of fat-free vanilla yogurt, a snack that is also good for his stomach.

5. Whenever we need to give Zip any kind of pill, we give it to him with a fingertip of fat-free cream cheese.

Variety is the spice of life for dogs as well as for human beings. It is just a matter of finding a wide variety of healthy treats and a nutritious kibble high in real protein for your dog. Show him you love him by putting his health first!

Exercise is also very important—for dogs as well as for people. Living in Philadelphia with the city’s many parks, I try to run Zip the length of one of the Independence Mall parks or the Jefferson Rose Garden once a day. It’s good for both of us. Walking Zip in the city, however, can be fraught with the perils of urban living; food left lying about by careless pedestrians who do not care where they discard their trash. Sometimes I have to wrestle a piece of KFC chicken out of Zip’s mouth. At other times, I’ll relent and let him claim his prize of a piece of pizza crust. Dogs crave carbs just like we do.

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Ed.: After reading Frank’s article, I e-mailed Sue Ely to ask whether 18 pounds (which I thought still sounded decidedly hefty for most Norfolk or Norwich) seemed a healthy weight for Zip. Here is Sue’s reply: “Zip is a big Norfolk and while his weight is still high, it is…a lot better than it was. He could probably still lose a pound or two, but compared to the 4 or 5 pounds he has lost, that is not much. The build of a dog does affect its weights, and for some [Norfolk or Norwich], Zip’s current weight would still be in Chubbysville. A lot of pet owners are loving their dogs to death, and they don’t listen to a word the breeder or other Norfolk owners say. Frank took instructions well.”—AGF

“THE NATURE OF ANIMAL HEALING”:
A BOOK REVIEW

I recently read a book titled The Nature of Animal Healing by Martin Goldstein, DVM. His introductory sentence, “If animals could talk, here’s what they’d say,” is itself a heck of a sentence. As owners and breeders, have you ever wondered what your Norfolk and Norwich are thinking?

Dr. Goldstein is a graduate of Cornell University Veterinary School and is also certified by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. Every year he attends the American Holistic
Veterinary Medical Society's conference. Early in his veterinarian practice, he decided an holistic treatment of dogs and cats was the method he preferred. His book focuses heavily on proper nutrition, vaccinations and vitamins.

Dr. Goldstein discusses food, both commercial and homemade, in considerable detail. No stone is left unturned when he describes the contents of commercial kibble and canned foods. He discusses four categories of ingredients in all commercial dog foods: water, chicken by-products, soybean meal and wheat flour (these are lumped together) and, lastly, meat. He concludes that water makes up most of the liquid in the can, almost 82%. As for chicken/poultry by-products, his investigation has found that some of the chicken parts used are not fit for dogs, let alone human consumption. Wheat flour, or what he calls "the tail of the mill," is what is swept up from the floor of the mill. As for meat, it seems that no dog food company labels what type of meat is in the can; therefore, the can could contain skeletal muscle, esophagus, fat and skin. Ugh, not for my dogs! Not only does the good doctor point out how dog food is made; he also points in the direction of many well-known brands. If you've been a believer in brand-name commercial dog foods, this chapter is an eye opener. I was quite comfortable, even proud of myself, when he discussed home-made preparations. According to Dr. Goldstein, my little Norfolks are eating quite well.

Another important chapter is labeled, "The Dubious Legacy of Vaccines." His comment, "I think that vaccines, justly credited as the tamers of disease epidemics, are nevertheless the leading killers of dogs and cats." He does not claim he can prove that vaccines are killers, but he does state that he sees a connection between illness, even death, and vaccines. As he does with the pet food manufacturers, he turns his attention to the pharmaceutical companies. The discussion of vaccines is intense. Dr. Goldstein believes that some vaccines, such as Lyme and Bordetella, are worthless. He does administer Distemper and Parvovirus, as well as Rabies since it is the law in most states. He never inoculates dogs with combination vaccines, i.e., one vaccine combined with another. I found this chapter to be chilling, only because it made so much sense. His discussion of canine vaccinations requires your thorough reading to determine the vaccine protocol you want to follow. For my Norfolks, I eliminated the six week inoculation for the first time and waited until the puppies were 8 weeks old. It's probably going to be "goodbye" corona, bordetella and lepto for my dogs too. Puppies do need their initial inoculations and a booster, but thereafter?? I've been speaking with my vet these last few years concerning this subject. My vet has cut back from yearly vaccinations to every two to three years, but still we have much to discuss.

The chapter on nutritional supplements is also interesting and informative. Dr. Goldstein firmly feels that natural supplements are far better than synthetic. He believes that Vitamin C is a great source to keep cells strong. He recommends vitamin E to help connective tissues and muscles such as the heart. As soon as puppies are weaned, he suggests putting them on chewable multivitamins. This chapter is a bit more technical than previous chapters and requires the reader's concentration.

I could go on and on singing the virtues of this book, but I now leave that to you. Most book dealers at dog shows carry the book, as does Amazon. Read it and let me know what you think.

---Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY
Norfolk breeder ("Mercator") Andrew Kramer

Norwich breeders ("Ascot") Jayson and Jane Schubart

"California girls" (l. to r)
Anne Pletcher, Freddie Jackson, Kathleen Emil and Jessica James

Norwich breeder ("Dig-N-Pop") and NNTC Governor Magda Omansky

U.K. breeders (l. to r) Lesley Crawley ("Ragus"), Jill Stevenson ("Brickin") and Ruth Corkhill ("Redash")

All photos by Barbara Miller
SHOWFRONT

NORFOLK RESULTS AT THE 2006 HATBOROS AND DEVON;
NORFOLK SWEETS AT MONTGOMERY

Montgomery is a 4-show weekend filled with meetings, dinners, clinics and, of course, the shows themselves. The enthusiasm in the air is something all terrier fanciers feel. Weather is always iffy, so we pack for everything but snow.

The Hatboro shows are held at fairgrounds in Wrightstown, PA. On Thursday, Norfolk exhibitors were blessed to have long-time U.K. breeder-judge Mrs. Lesley Crawley ("Ragus") judge an entry of 47 with seven absent. Her choice for Reserve Winners Dog, from the Bred by Exhibitor class, was Rightly So Formal Attire, bred and owned by Fritz Rumpf; Toni Harrold and Carole Walsh. Mrs. Crawley honored the English import, Kinsridge Cruise Control ("Milo"), with the Winners Dog ribbon. Bred in the U.K. by Diane Jenkins and Richard Allen, Milo was imported to America by Barbara Miller four months prior to his Montgomery debut. Aberschan Becky Thatcher from the Open Bitches class, bred by James Zabawa and James Covey and owned by James Zabawa and Karen Mammano, was Reserve Winners Bitch. Fourteen-month-old Max-Well's Red Ruby, bred by Dylan and Susan Kipp and Barbara Miller, was Winners Bitch. Ruby's older sister, Ch. Max-Well's Jade, was Best of Opposite Sex. From the classes, Kinsridge Cruise Control took Best of Winners and also Best of Breed. At day's end, Milo went on to capture a Terrier Group Three under David McIntyre.

The NNTC hosted a “mixer” on Thursday evening. We all owe our club’s east coast hospitality chair Jean Kessler a big hug for being the “hostess with the mostest.” Lee Arnold, representing the AKC Canine Health Foundation, spoke about the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) program. This is an important program that I hope NNTC members will vote to join. Our second speaker was NNTC member/Norwich breeder Carol Suggs, who displayed posters of “Norwich” that aren’t. Carol has worked with breeders around the world and with the AKC to rid the AKC Norwich registry of Cairn/Cairn “mixed” terriers with docked tails misrepresented as purebred Norwich. Her work has been incredible, and we all owe her a debt of gratitude. The NNTC Board presented “The Presidential Award” to Carol at the club’s 2006 Montgomery dinner for her efforts to safeguard the Norwich breed.

NNTC member/Norwich breeder Nonie Reynders (“Highwood”) judged Norfolk at the Friday Hatboro show in place of Mrs. Nancy Fingerhut. There was an entry of 48, with 7 absent. Fortunately, we exhibited indoors because the weather was wet and chilly. Kinsridge Cruise Control again took home the Winners Dog and Best of Winners ribbons, with Wisdom’s Gate Let Freedom Ring, bred and owned by Julie Gleeson, going Reserve. Interestingly, this typey little male is sired by Ch. Kinsridge Free N Easy, who is also Milo’s sire. In bitches, Mayfair Maggie May, bred and owned by Kathleen Eimil, was Winners Bitch, with Max-Well’s Ruby Red going Reserve. Ch. Max-Well’s Jade repeated her Thursday win as Best of Opposite Sex. Ch. Yarrow’s Venerie Vindicator, bred by Beth Sweigart and Pam and John Beale and owned by Pam Beale and Roxanne Thies, went Best of Breed.

The NNTC held its annual members’ meeting on Friday evening prior to the club dinner. Thanks to Jean Kessler, the dinner tables looked lovely. The silent auction took place during dinner. Jim Kinney, with help from Lorrie Kinney and Ami Hooper, ran the live auction.

Photo credit: Barbara Miller

NNTC member Carol Suggs (Half-A-Bob Norwich)
The weather at Saturday’s Devon show was pure miserable: wet and cold. Robert Clyde judged an entry of 50 Norfolk, with ten absent. Venerie’s Regatta Dr. Who, from the Bred by Exhibitor class, was RWD. He was bred and is owned by Roxanne Thies, Pam Beale, and Eddie and Pam Dziuk. Kinsridge Cruise Control did it again, earning his third 4-point major of the weekend as WD and BOW. Me O Mi Rightly So Hot Flash, from the Bred by Exhibitor class, was RWB. She was bred and is owned by Fritz Rumpf, Toni Harrold and Carole and Mike Walsh. The 9-month-old puppy bitch, Regency’s Alleluia Revival, bred and owned by Tina Dennis, took both the WB and BOS ribbons home. Kinsridge Cruise Control was Best of Breed.

The Montgomery County KC show venue looked fabulous on a sunny and warm Sunday morning. Jean Kessler and her team outdid themselves at the NNTC hospitality tent and table. Muffins, cakes and coffee were set up buffet style, allowing us to choose whatever we wanted. Thanks to all who contributed financially to our club’s hospitality and to NNTC members such as Pat Mason and Robert and Henrietta Lachman who helped Jean throughout the weekend. You deserve a huge round of applause.

NNTC member Lorenzo Mosby judged Norfolk Sweepsakes, awarding the Best of Opposite ribbon to Flurries Mackinac Point, a young male from the 12-18 Months Junior Dog class bred by Peggy Metcalf and co-owned by Peggy with Christine Holmes. Quinsea’s Starina of Ben Kelev, bred by Mary Ellen Wigmore and co-owned by Mary Ellen with Carol Falk, was Best in Sweepsakes. Mary Ellen did a fine job escorting her lovely bitch around the ring in the 6-9 Months Puppy Bitches class.

![Image of best in sweeps: Quinsea’s Starina of Ben Kelev](Photo credit: Barbara Miller)

Best in Sweeps: Quinsea's Starina of Ben Kelev, pictured with co-owner Mary Ellen Wigmore and NNTC Sweeps breeder-judge Lorenzo Mosby

I could go on and on, but I know our Specialty judge, NNTC member/Norfolk breeder Joe Franchi (Franaro), has much to say regarding the Norfolk entry at Montgomery.

—Barbara Miller, Max-Well Norfolk Terriers
NORFOLKS AT THE 2006
NNTC MONTGOMERY SPECIALTY
Judge Joe Franchi’s Critique

What a thrill it was to be invited to judge Norfolk Terriers at the NNTC National Specialty at Montgomery County. I shall always remember the occasion. Nationals represent probably the best display of the present and future paths of any breed. A national specialty provides the opportunity to assess the current state of a breed through the adult stock, and to examine what the future holds in puppies. We should always look to the future, adhering steadfastly to the breed standard. If we are to produce consistent Group and Best in Show winners, then we must challenge ourselves and be resolute in our convictions. At 6:30 AM on October 8, 2006, I jumped out of bed eager and ready for the day ahead. This was to be the most important assignment of my judging career. The forecast called for sunny weather with temperatures rising into the 70’s. What could be better!

Before considering specific dogs, I would like to share some thoughts regarding the Norfolk entry as a whole. The overall state of our breed is good. Toplines and tail sets, along with rears, generally ranged from good to excellent. Fronts, however, need some improvement. Excessive length of both ears and bodies worries the eye, as they are inconsistent with the standard and are far better left to Dachshunds. Some mouths were off, and this was unfortunate as a proper bite is essential in a working terrier. I have one further suggestion: I recommend Matches and handling classes, rather than a national show, for young pups. The former are far less expensive than bringing a neophyte to a national specialty for training. An entry cannot be considered for placement if the judge is not even able to go over the dog properly.

As I started to work my way through the Dog classes, I recorded my thoughts on all the class winners. My Winners Dog, Brickin Cut and Run, came from the Open class. Bred by English breeder Jill R. Stevenson and owned by Toni Harrold, he was piloted to his win by Fritz Rumpf. A really well-put-together dog of correct size and balance, his topline is firm and his movement correct. My Reserve Winners Dog was Llywydd Excalibur, bred by Catherine Cargo and Marjorie McTernan, and owned by Ann and Bobby Thomas and Marjorie McTernan. Presented by Larry Cornelius, this nice young dog has a good front, strong head and easy movement. All the class winners in Dogs showed promise, and their breeders are to be commended.

The Bitch classes were truly competitive. Each class winner was a good representative of the breed. Outlines, heads and movement were all correct. My Winners Bitch, from the 12- to 18 Months class, was Gleneig Alden, bred by Deborah Pritchard and owned by Benjamin Graham. This “belle of the ball” was expertly handled by Robyn Snyder. In addition to her correct conformation and movement, her neverlet-down attitude gave her the winning edge. Reserve Winners Bitch, Max-Well’s Red Ruby, bred and owned by Susan and Dylan Kipp, came from the 12- to 18- Months class. This bitch, while correct in conformation, lacked the fireball attitude of the Winners Bitch.

The Veterans classes were a great pleasure to judge. Best Veteran Dog, Ch. Avalon’s First Step, was bred and is owned by Lori Pelletier. This seasoned trooper looked great, showed beautifully and was truly a compliment to his owner/handler. Best Veteran Bitch was Ch. Max-Well’s Walk On By, bred by Barbara Miller and owned by Barbara Miller and James and Marjorie McTernan. “Wicket,” as she is called, was one of the hits of the day. Handled by Larry Cornelius, she flew around the ring like a youngster and looked every bit the part of her former glory.

Best of Breed was truly a privilege to judge. Some really outstanding contenders graced the ring to vie for this honor. My Best of Breed winner was Ch. Max-Well’s Venus, bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. This bitch was the consummate showgirl from the moment she set foot in the ring. Outstanding in all aspects of the breed, the little love goddess showed her heart out and in the end would not be denied. Best of Opposite Sex was the handsome Ch. Venerie Vindicator, bred by Pam and John

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Beale and Beth Sweigart and owned by Pam Beale and Roxanne Thies. This is a striking dog with a really masculine head and proper eye and ear placement. He displays excellence of movement and is correct in both front and rear. My **Best of Winners** was Winners Bitch **Glenelg Alden**, who once again kept pace with her competition in both looks and attitude.

The **Awards of Merit**, all well deserved, went to **Ch. Max-Well’s Walk On By; Ch. Copperplate Holiday Joy**, bred by James McTernan and Michael Labrie and owned by Henrietta and Robert Lachman; **Ch. Final Lea Big Ticket Item**, bred and owned by Jane Dubin; and to **Ch. Avalon’s First Step**. My heartiest congratulations to all.

In closing, I extend sincerest thanks to those who entered the show as well as to the NNTC membership for giving me this wonderful judging opportunity.

—Joe Franchi, “Franaro” Norfolk Terriers

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**NORWICH RESULTS AT THE 2006 HATBOROS AND DEVON**

**Hatboro 1 (Thursday, October 5)**

**Judge:** Mr. Joseph F. Joly, III


- **Winners Bitch: Devondale’s Mistress Mulberry** (Ch. Fairway’s Cat In The Hat x Ch. Devondale’s Mistress Maddalyn). Breeder/Owner: Anna Bellenger.


- **Best of Breed: Ch. Yarrow’s Slightly Azure** (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Yarrow’s Edelweiss). Breeder: Beth Sweigart. Owner: Anne Power.

- **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary At Saxony** (Ch. Skyescot’s Cowboy Up x Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle). Breeder: Leandra Little. Owner: Joan Graham, Leandra Little and Gay Stahley.

**Hatboro 2 (Friday, October 6)**

**Judge:** Mrs. Lesley Crawley (“Ragus,” U. K.)

- **Winners Dog/Best of Winners/Best of Breed: Havic’s Rockin Roscoe** (See WD/BW, Hatboro 1).

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• **Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex: Norweim’s Burnished Gold** (Ch. Norweim’s Sir Hedgewyck x Ch. Norweim’s Gold Dust). Breeder/Owner: Carol Jordan.


Devon (Saturday, October 7)

Judge: Mrs. Cindy Vogels ("Andover" Norfolk)

• **Winners Dog: Skyscot’s Man In Command** (Shorttales’ Man About Town x Skyscot’s Summer Shower). Breeder: Leslie Becker. Owner: Donna Moore.

• **Reserve Winners Dog: Cobby’s Hidden Treasure** (See RWD, Hatboro 2).

• **Winners Bitch/Best of Winners: Itsy Bitsy Calendar Girl** (See RWB, Hatboro 2).

• **Reserve Winners Bitch: Camio’s Educated Guess** (Ch. Glendale Guess Again x Camio’s Tempest of Glendale). Breeder/Owner: Catherine Rogers.

• **Best of Breed: Ch. Birchbay Sir Galahad** (Ch. Kristil’s Ambassador To Ketka x Ch. Baybreez Great Expectations). Breeder: Janis Birchall, MD and Peggy Schmidt. Owner: Janis Birchall, MD.

• **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary At Saxony** (See BOS, Hatboro 1).

*Ed.: Complete Norwich (and Norfolk) judging results at the 2006 Hatboro, Devon and Montgomery County shows are available online at www.rasdogsshows.com (Hatboro) and at www.infodogs.com (Devon and Montgomery) for a 6-month period after the show dates.—AGF

Norwich Sweeps at Montgomery 2006

*Ed.: The following report, with minor modifications, is part of Missey Wood’s longer article on Norwich at Montgomery originally published in Dog News and reprinted with their kind permission.—AGF

If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again. When Montgomery debuted last year at their new show venue, the naysayers had a field day. Never mind record-breaking rains of two days prior, this new site was never going to make it! What a difference a day makes! With picture-perfect weather in our favor and many, many kinks ironed out, the grounds of Montgomery County Community College were spectacular, thanks in large part to NNTC member and Montgomery County KC Grounds Chair Jim McTernan.

Sweepstakes started bright and early for judge Carol Jordan, who had her hands full as she made selections from a sizeable entry of 50 puppies and veterans. Despite her many decades in the breed (Norweim), Carol claimed she was nervous about her assignment, but you wouldn’t have known it. Carol looked cool as a cucumber and, I might add, happy as a clam to be presiding over a ring of quality Norwich.
Ultimately, **Best in Sweeps** went to a dog from the 12-18 months class, **Cobblestone's Gooseberry** (Ch. Fairways Cat In The Hat x Ch. Devondale's Mistress Maddalyn), bred and co-owned by Laurie Loeffler, co-bred by Anna Bellenger, and co-owned with Susan Altmeyer. **Best of Opposite** came from the 6-9 months bitch class, the black-and-tan **Foxwood High Voltage** (Ch. Foxwood Noble Ninja x Ch. Foxwood Live Wire of Redfern), bred and co-owned by Kathy Mines, co-bred by Alexander Kress and co-owned with Stephanie Forte and Rebecca Williams. Kathy Mines scored another win as **Best Veteran in Sweeps** with her ever-showy black-and-tan **Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice** (Ch. Skyscot's WC Fields x Ch. Foxwood Foxfire), bred, owned and adored by Kathy Mines.

![Image of Cobblestone's Gooseberry with owner and handler.](image)

**Best in Sweeps: Cobblestone's Gooseberry, pictured with NNTC Sweeps breeder-judge Carol Jordan and co-owner Laurie Loeffler**

Into the ring for our regular classes came our judge, Desmond ("Desi") Murphy, looking comfortable and confident. And why not? Mr. Murphy’s connection to and affection for the Norwich Terrier go back to the 1960s when he bred Norwich under the “Deswin” prefix, starting his line with his beloved companion/brood bitch Whinlatter Cleo. His impressive entry of 130 had to bring back memories . . . and we look forward to reading Mr. Murphy’s critique.

—Margaretta (Missy) Wood, “Terrapin” Norwich, Phoenixville, PA
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NORWICH AT THE 2006 NNTC MONTGOMERY SPECIALTY

Judge Desmond Murphy's Critique

Having bred Norwich dating back to 1963 and with an intense interest in the breed ever since, judging them at Montgomery was truly memorable. The nearly-perfect weather added to the dogs looking their best.

When Havi's Rockin' Roscoe entered the ring in the 12 to 18 Months dog class, he caught my eye immediately. Upon further examination, I knew he would have a shot to go Winners Dog. He has a very pleasing head and expression. His front and rear movement is very good and his side movement is extremely pleasing. Cobby's Hidden Treasure was the Reserve Winners Dog from the Open class. He is overall a very nice type. He possesses a lovely outline with four good legs. His eye color is a tad lighter than ideal and kept him from going Winners.

Camio's Educated Guess came from the 9 to 12 Months puppy bitches class to capture Winners Bitch. She is truly a beautiful example of what a Norwich should be. She has a very pleasing expression, is sound in all directions, and has a wonderful attitude. Birchbay Dream Catcher from the Bred By Exhibitor class was Reserve Winners Bitch. She also has all the components needed to be a top bitch and pressed the 9 to 12 bitch very hard for Winners. It could have gone either way, but at the last minute, the puppy was a little smoother on the go-around. They both are exceptionally high quality bitches.

When close to forty Norwich champions entered the ring, I knew right away it would take a superior animal to get even one of the four Awards of Merit. I wish I could have had several more Awards to recognize more top contenders. My Best of Breed, Ch. Sandina Summer Storm, had to be close to perfection to top this wonderful array of Norwich. It was the first time I had judged him, and what a delight it was. He has all the parts it takes to be a superior Norwich. His eye, combined with correct head proportions, make for a very pleasing expression. His wonderful angles front and rear enable him to move so beautifully in all directions. The icing on the cake is that he has lovely bone and substance and is the correct size. He certainly will enjoy many more top wins. Best of Winners went to the Winners Dog, and I was pleased that he was very similar in type to my Best of Breed.

Best of Opposite Sex went to a very lovely bitch, Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony. When she entered the ring, I suspected she would be one of the contenders for the top award. The more I judged, the more she delighted me. Halle Beary is pleasing in all areas needed to make a top Norwich bitch.

Ch. Dunbar's Man About Town was a first Award of Merit. This is another young dog with a great future ahead of him. He has a pleasing expression, four good legs, and was in superior condition. My second Award of Merit went to Ch. Birchbay Sir Galahad, a wonderful-moving dog with super rear end drive. What a great show dog he is. His handler is to be congratulated on his presentation. You will never see a Norwich trimmed any better. The third Award of Merit went to Ch. Foxwood Princess Beatrice from the Veterans Bitch class. This nine-year-old still has a lovely make and shape, and she moved extremely well. The fourth Award of Merit went to Ch. Reverie's Mr. Big Stuff. He is nicely balanced overall, and his type is pleasing. There were many more top specimens that didn't receive an Award of Merit. The Specials class took a great deal of concentration to whittle it down to the six top winners.

I was extremely pleased with the breed's overall quality. Movement has improved over the last few years. I was surprised to find so many Norwich with correct angles front and rear. Heads were generally quite good. The breed's overall balance and proportions are in pretty good shape. Mouths are the area that breeders need to improve. Too many Norwich had tiny teeth that weren't correctly aligned. Cramped teeth were causing some bites not to close properly. Hopefully breeders who have improved on so many other areas can improve on these mouth problems.

I would like to thank all the exhibitors, handlers and especially the breeders for making my judging assignment so enjoyable. It was an experience I will treasure for many years to come.

—Desmond Murphy
Norfolk Winners

Best of Breed: Ch. Max-Well's Venus,
pictured with NNTC Specialty breeder-judge Joe Franchi, handler/
co-owner Susan Kipp, and NNTC President/co-owner Barbara Miller

Best of Winners/Winners Bitch:
Gieneig Alden

Winners Dog:
Brickin Cut and Run (U. K. import)

Best of Opposite Sex:
Ch. Venerie Vindicator

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Norwich Winners

Best of Breed: Ch. Sandina Summer Storm, pictured with NNTC Specialty judge Desmond Murphy, handler Roxanne Thies, and NNTC President Barbara Miller

Best of Winners/Winners Dog:
Havic’s Rockin Roscoe

Winners Bitch:
Camio’s Educated Guess

Best of Opposite Sex:
Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary at Saxony

All photos by Ashbey Photography
THE 2006 AKC/EUKANUBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

The two-day AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show, formally called the Invitational, was held the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd, 2006 at the Long Beach (CA) Convention Center. This all-breed show is by invitation only and offers enormous cash prizes—such as $50,000 for Best in Show. Both the AKC and Eukanuba offer trophies in the breeds and groups.

The AKC Canine Health Foundation held their dinner and live auction on Friday evening. Dinner was delicious, with both fish and beef and an array of perfectly done vegetables. I bid on the four Kentucky Derby tickets, thinking it would make a lovely gift for my friend and NTTC member Sue Bobley, who has race horses, but my ‘chinzy’ bid didn’t hold much weight. The tickets went to a very generous couple for $17,500.

Thanks must go to NTTC members Ed Flesh and Pam Seifert for helping out at the club’s “Meet the Breeds” booth. Pam has offered to chair this project in the future. I’ve given her carte blanche to select her committee in hopes that creativity wins out and future booths will feature our breeds as the darling little devils they are. Knowing Pam, she’ll get it coordinated.

Our breeds were exhibited on Sunday. Karen Wilson judged Norfolk and Michael Buckley judged Norwich. Mrs. Wilson, who had an entry of six Norfolk with two absent, gave the Best of Breed ribbon to the Beth Sveigart-handled, Ch. Cause for Celebration. Pam Beale, Elisabeth Matell and Stephanie Ingram bred and own this dog. He’s sired by Ch. Red Cherubim’s Summer Star and out of Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (Coco). Best of Opposite and Best Bred by Exhibitor were awarded to Ch. Max-Well’s Venus, who went on to win the Best Bred By Exhibitor Terrier Group under judge Cindy Vogels. Ch. Max-Well’s Red Devil sired Venus and her dam is Ch. Max-Well’s Hailstorm.

The Norwich entry numbered seventeen, and I honestly do not know if any were absent. The entry was impressive as the champions gaited beautifully around Mr. Buckley’s ring. The Best of Breed winner was none other than the 2006 NTTC Montgomery Specialty breed winner, Ch. Sandina Summer Storm, handled by Roxanne Thies. He was bred by Glorvina Schwartz and is owned by Judith Metz. Ch. Sandina Summer Rose is his dam and his sire is Eng. and Am. Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor, a breed winner at Crufts a few years ago. The Best of Opposite ribbon was awarded to Ch. Dunbar’s Autumn Colors, bred by Joan Kefeli and owned by Marilyn Jacobs. This bitch was sired by Ch. Dunbar’s Frequent Flyer out of Ch. Dunbar’s True Colors. The Best Bred by Exhibitor was awarded to Ch. Briardale’s Lion King, owned by Carole Foucrait and Lowell and Constance Jennings. “Leo” was bred by Carol Foucrait and Sharon Walters. Briardale’s Merci Me is his dam and Ch. tinytowne’s Hardy Boy is his sire. Ch. Birchbay Sir Galahad, Ch. Fairways Cat in the Hat and Ch. Dunbar’s Man About Town took home the Awards of Merit.

This is a great show venue and, even if you are not an exhibitor, you should plan to attend the Long Beach weekend next year.

—Barbara Miller

COME CELEBRATE OUR BREEDS’ 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Royal Court Hotel near Coventry, Warwickshire, England is the place to be on Saturday, September 22 and Sunday, September 23 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of The Kennel Club’s recognition of prick and drop ear Norwich Terriers in Great Britain. The U. K. Norwich Terrier Club (NTC) and the Norfolk Terrier Club of Great Britain (NTCBG) will each hold a championship show (the NTCGB show is on Saturday; the NTC show is on Sunday) and will also host a joint celebration dinner (Saturday), all at the host hotel. Further details about this gala weekend, including the entire 75th Anniversary brochure, entry forms for the shows, the dinner reservation form, and requirements for non-U. K. dogs to enter Great Britain, can be found on each club’s website (www.norwichterrierclub.co.uk and www.norfolktTerrierclub.co.uk) and in the Fall 2006 News (pp. 52-54). Make plans now to attend our breeds’ 75th birthday festivities in their native land.—AGF
THE 2007 NNTC SHOW CALENDAR

NNTC Supported Entries

The NNTC will support the Norfolk and Norwich entry at the following shows in 2007:

- March 16: Louisville Kennel Club (KY). Beth Sweigart ("Yarrow" Norfolk & Norwich) will judge both breeds.
- June 22: Long Beach Kennel Club (CA). Breed judge(s): TBA
- June 23: Kennel Club of Beverly Hills (Long Beach, CA). Breed judge(s): TBA

 NNTC Specialty Shows

The NNTC Roving National Specialty will be held on Sunday, June 24 in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association show in Long Beach, CA. Please note that, due to a change in format for the entire Long Beach show weekend, June 24 is a new show date for the NNTC GWTA Specialty. The GWTA will now hold only one show in June, so please disregard the GWTA supported entry and Specialty dates published in the Fall 2006 News (p. 57). BNNTC member Claire Johnson will judge Norfolk Sweepstakes and NNTC member Andrew Kramer ("Mercator" Norfolk) will judge the breed. In Norwich, NNTC member Jean Bryant ("Fairway" Norwich) will judge Sweeps and NNTC member Sally Baugniet ("Pomirish" Norwich) will judge the breed. West Coast members have been working hard to raise money for the GWTA Specialty. Each exhibitor will receive a welcome bag. Danish, fruit, coffee and juices will be available to exhibitors at the show venue on Specialty morning, and soft drinks will be available throughout the day. We also hope to raise enough money to provide lunch for all Specialty exhibitors. The NNCTC Specialty headquarters will be at the Marriott Hotel Long Beach. Rooms have been blocked off for the NNTC. There will be a Hospitality suite at the hotel on Thursday, June 21 and the NNTC Specialty dinner on Friday, June 22.

The NNCTC National Specialty will once again be held in conjunction with the Montgomery County KC on the grounds of Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA on Sunday, October 7. NNTC member Marjorie McTernan ("Llywydd" Norfolk) will judge Norfolk Sweepstakes and Norman Patton will judge the regular classes. NNTC member Margareta Wood ("Terrapin" Norwich) will judge Norwich Sweeps, with breeder-judge Barbara Pessina ("Moonshadow" Norwich) doing the breed.

NNTC members will receive additional information about both the GWTA and Montgomery Specialties in future club mailings.

—Ann Dum, NNTC Show Chair, Brentwood, CA  
(nrlkterrier@yahoo.com)
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CH. TINYTOWNE’S HARDY BOY
(Ch. Fairway’s Spyglass Charlie x Ch. Shonleh Homemade Tea Biscuit JE)
Breeders: Dana and Rich Esquibel
Owners: Breeders and Peter and Marnell Trendell
Sold as a pet, we took a good look at “Windum” at 5 years of age and decided he was worthy of a championship. We finished him from the Bred-By class, and he went on to sire National Specialty Winner, Ch. Briardale’s Lion King. Windum is now working on an Earthdog title.

CH. TINYTOWNE’S TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT
(Ch. Norbest Take A Chance at Ji-Ro’s x Ch. tinytowne’s Mini Cooper)
Breeders/Owners: Dana and Rich Esquibel
“Fiona” finished at 11 months with 4 majors, including WB and AOM at Hatboro 2005.
She completed her title with a major, going BW/BOS under English judge, Geoff Corish.
Always shown in Bred-By, she is the first champion of her young sire.

CH. TINYTOWNE’S STUTZ BEARCAT
(Ch. Devondale’s Master Merry Andrew x Ch. Castlehill tinytowne Knockout)
Breeders: Dana and Rich Esquibel
Owners: Breeders and Chet and Nancy Winton
“Bearon” finished his championship at 11 months from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class. He was RWD at Hatboro 2005. He is a handsome red dog with lots of personality! We look forward to seeing how he matures.
CH. MAYFAIR
LADY GRACE
(Ch. The Duke of Copperplate x Ch. Trafalgar’s English Miss)
Breeder: Kathleen Eimil
Owners: Sarah Stone, Thomas McGowen and Kathleen Eimil
“Gracie” completed her championship at the June 2006 supported entry at Great Western Terrier Association, going WB, BOW and BOS. She enjoys living with her family and fellow Norfolk, Alex, and chasing the squirrels who dare to stray onto her property.

CH. MAYFAIR
LADY WINIFRED
(Ch. The Duke of Copperplate x Ch. Trafalgar’s English Miss)
Breeder: Kathleen Eimil
Owners: Gayle Newgren and Kathleen Eimil
Not to be outdone by litter sister Gracie, “Winnie” also won a major during the June 2006 Great Western Terrier Association weekend. Winnie enjoys long walks and bike rides in a basket constructed especially for her and attached to her owner’s bicycle.

CH. ARROYO’S
THE IRON MAN
(Ch. The Duke of Copperplate x Ch. Arroyo’s Jewel of the Nile)
Breeders: Jim and Chris Betts and Ann and Ed Dum
Owners: Jim and Chris Betts
“Rocky” is our first homebred champion. Owner-handled, he finished with all points but one going Best of Winners in tough California competition. Thanks to Ed and Ann Dum and Julie Gleeson, who helped and encouraged us along the way.
CH. COUNTRY GIRL
ALL THAT JAZZ
(Ch. Dunbar's Frozen Assets x
Ch. Dreamweaver's Country Girl)
Breeder: Linda McCutcheon
Owners: Judith D'Amico and
Carolyn Rook
"Roxie" completed her championship in
September 2006 with a 3 point major at
Worcester County KC (MA) under Peggy Beisel-
McIlwaine and a 5 point major at Kanadasaga
KC under Mildred Bryant. Although Roxie is our
first Norwich, she has quickly assumed the role
of 'queen' in the Briarcote Westie household.
Thank you, Linda, for sharing this lovely, typey
girl with us.

CH. LITTLE BY
LITTLEFIELD
(Ch. Chestnut Hills Royal Blue x
Ch. Littlefield Keri on Regardless)
Breeder/Owner: Leandra Little
"Little" earned her second major to finish at
the Lima KC show under judge Edd Bivin.
She was shown to perfection by Karan
Aurelius. Little is the darling of my heart,
but is also an accomplished huntress. We
look forward to earthdog and perhaps a
litter of puppies in 2007.

CH. LITTLEFIELD HALLE
BEARY AT SAXONY
(Ch. Skyscot's Cowboy Up x
Ch. Littlefield's Razzle Dazzle)
Breeder: Leandra Little
Owners: Joan Graham,
Leandra Little and Gay Stahley
"Halle" finished at the Garden State All Terrier
show in May 2006. Since then, she has earned
both a CGC and TDI (Therapy Dog International)
title, as well as her first qualifying score (leg) in
freestyle. Halle and I (Joan Graham) compete
in the freestyle Handi Dandi class for competi-
tors—dog or handler—who are handicapped. We
compete in this class because I need to use a
medical scooter.
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CH. GLENELG AS TIME GOES BY
(Ch. Glenelg Barrister x Glenelg Peaches and Cream)
Breeders: Deborah G. Pritchard and Linda Crump
Owner: Deborah G. Pritchard
"Lisa" finished her breed championship with 3 majors from Bred by Exhibitor. She is now exploring the earthdog world.

CH. KINGMONT CHAOS OF DUBLIN
(Kingmont's Blustar Snickers x Kingmont’s Spice Girl)
Breeders: Dan and Barbara Burroughs
Owners: Paul and Martha Jo Lanier
"Dublin" finished his championship with a major under Robert Paust at National Capital KC from the puppy class. His first major was at Roanoke KC under Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine. Dublin was owner handled. He totally enjoys dog shows, letting everyone know he's there.

CH. BOXCAR'S MURPHY PA MACALLAM SE
(Ch. Arroyo's Desperado x Ch. Outlands Ruby Red Slipper)
Breeder: Kaurie Jones
Owners: Karen Kotke-Partington and Jeff Partington
New Title earned: Senior Earthdog
November 4, 2006 couldn't have been any better: great weather, a beautiful wooded site and Murphy nailing his Senior Earthdog Title. I don't know who has the most fun, Jeff and I, or Murphy. Our thanks to Mary Lou Wilde and our fellow cheering earthdoggers! Next Year: Master Earthdog!!
CH. KILYKA’S BONFIRE
(Ch. Fairway’s Cat in the Hat x Ch. Sandina Sally Forth UD NA NAJ)
Breeder: Betty McDonnell
Owners: Betty McDonnell and Mark and Brenda McKeel
“Finnie” was the first champion sired by “Chip.” Finnie’s first show was Montgomery 2005, where he won his sweepstakes class. He finished his championship with four majors, handled beautifully by Margery Good. Finnie shares his life with a very special little girl and two Newfoundlands.

CH. KILYKA’S HOP ON POP
(Ch. Fairway’s Cat in the Hat x Ch. Sandina Sally Forth UD NA NAJ)
Breeder: Betty McDonnell
Owners: Betty McDonnell and John Gerber
“Rocky’s” championship qualified his dam for a Register of Merit (5 champion offspring). He was out of the first litter sired by “Chip” and the last litter produced by “Sally.” Rocky lives with 5 children and 3 Newfoundlands, and he rules the roost!

CH. KILYKA’S HIGH VOLTAGE CDX NA NAJ
(Ch. Huntwood’s First Knight x Ch. Sandina Sally Forth UD NA NAJ)
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Betty McDonnell
New Title earned: CDX
“Buzz” enjoys obedience as much as he loved agility and the show ring. He earned both his CD and his CDX in 2006. He won High in Trial at the Garden State All-Terrier show and was High Scoring Norwich at the 2006 Montgomery weekend Kimberton trial. He is now training for Utility.
MAX-WELL (NORFOLK). 2006 was a busy year for Susie Kipp (the other half of Max-Well) and me. In March we visited Joy Taylor and spent a great day at Standhall Cottage. I treasure that visit, as Joy passed away in April. What would so many of us Norfolk breeders have done without a Nanfan in our dogs’ pedigrees? Ch. Nanfan Canter, our last Nanfan, was neutered and has moved in with two great guys who previously had another of my rehomed Norfolks.

As I write this, Ch. Max-Well’s Cool Water is preparing to cross the Atlantic into the capable hands of Geoff Corish, one of England’s top handlers. We wish them success in the show ring. Susie and I will be heading in that direction to see for ourselves how the two do. Ch. Max-Well’s Comet recently made his way to a successful show dog home in Japan. Both Comet and Cool Water have produced lovely puppies for Max-Well.

Susie piloted Ch. Max-Well’s Venus to the Best Bred by Exhibitor in the Terrier Group at the AKC Invitational this past December. It was a thrill. By the time you read this, Venus will have had a litter of puppies. She was bred to our English dog, Eng. & Am. Ch. Kinsridge Cruise Control. In a previous breeding to another bitch, he sired three male puppies for us, and it’s tough trying to pinpoint the best in the litter.

Please be aware of any anti-dog legislation you hear about in your area and send all such information to NNTC’s AKC Legislative Liaisons Carol Suggs or Ann Taylor. See you at the NNTC Roving National Specialty at Great Western in June.

—Barbara Miller
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: $20 postpaid to U.S. addresses. Send check, payable to NNTC, to Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

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

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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, etc., and is the definitive book about the Norfolk Terrier. Price $45.00 (incl. s/h) to U.S. addresses. Send check payable to ANTA to Judith Felton, 25 Columbus Rd., Demarest, NJ 07627.

Spring fling

Spring break

Spring has sprung!