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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 Spring 2008 *News*, please be sure to meet—or, better yet, to beat—the February 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.—AGF

## 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

In my Spring 2007 “From the Editor,” I asked News readers for their opinions on keeping or dropping the New Title Holders section as one way of dealing with space issues. Of the dozen or so replies I received (not an overwhelming response!), all were strongly in favor of continuing this photo gallery of new conformation and performance events title holders in the News rather than transferring it to the NNTC website. As a fan of tradition, I was happy to have the New Title Holders garner a 100% approval rating.

Since the Spring 2007 issue was mailed, there have been some changes in News staff/assignments. After a brief stint as Norwich showfront reporter, Missy Wood decided to step down. Magda Omansky, heretofore the News agility columnist whose Dig-n-Pop Norwich shine in both conformation and performance, kindly agreed to take over Missy’s beat. Taking Magda’s place as News agility reporter is NNTC Performance Events Chair Sassic Joiris, whose Norfolk “Stamp” is one of the breed’s top agility stars—as well as a breed champion. I thank Missy for her “short but sweet” return to the News and hope she will contribute to future issues whenever possible. Thanks, too, to Magda for agreeing to switch beats and to Sassic for coming on board the News staff. If the NNTC gave Versatility Excellent Awards to club members, both Magda and Sassic would be certain recipients.

Thanks, as usual, to all who contributed articles and photos to this issue. As founding editor Constance Larrabee always noted, “without you, there is no News.” A happy fall and winter to everyone.—AGF

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE
ABOUT THE NNTC WEBSITE

In late July 2007, NNTC member Ami Hooper submitted her resignation as the club’s Webmaster, so please do not send new material, photos, etc., for the NNTC website to Ami in the future. NNTC President Barbara Miller is currently looking for a club member(s) to serve as Webmaster and hopes to have this new person(s) in place in the very near future. The NNTC thanks Ami for the wonderful job she did in designing, setting up, and updating the website (www.norwichandnorfolkterrier.org) for the past three years.—AGF

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Ed.: The NNTC awards ROMs to all member-owned dogs that have sired 8 or more breed champions and to all member-owned bitches that have produced 5 or more breed champions. ROMs awarded to the Norfolk sires and dams listed above cover the years 1936 (when the AKC first recognized Norwich Terriers, drop and pricked ear, as an official breed) to June 14, 2007. NNTC Breed Statistics Chair Andrew Kramer ("Mercator" Norfolk Terriers) compiled this list from a Norfolk pedigree database he has worked on for the past 12 years. Thank you, Andrew, for such dedication to your breed!—AGF

A NOTE REGARDING THE NORWICH TERRIER ROM AWARDS

As you’ll notice, there is a list of Norfolk ROM awardees in this issue of the News, but no coinciding list for Norwich. The reason is simple: in order to derive such a list, there must be sufficient data entered into a pedigree database program. For the past 12 years, I have been entering Norwich pedigrees into such a program and noting if a dog had earned a title. As a result there are now 25,000 Norwich entries in my database, stretching back to 1932. No such database exists for Norwich Terriers at this time. There are people working on entering Norwich pedigrees, but as you can imagine, this is not an overnight process. Although ways exist to combine different Norwich databases into a single one, there must be a Norwich breeder willing to take on that task. I will be glad to lend assistance to whomever steps forward.

Building a pedigree database is only the first step. The next step requires that the list of champions and their parents must be filtered from the overall database entries and exported into an Excel file. From there a statistical program must count the number of champions for each sire and dam, respectively, pare the list down to those meeting the ROM requirement, and sort these by the number of champion offspring. Deriving a list of ROM awardees is not a trivial endeavor. The good news is that I’ve written a program that will do all of the above once the Excel file is created, so updating the Norfolk list can be done in an hour. Once the Norwich pedigree database is created, I can do likewise for that list. If any Norwich breeder (or breeders) is interested in working on a Norwich pedigree database, please let me know.

—Andrew A. Kramer, Ph.D., NNTC Breed Statistics Chair (mercator@ix.netcom.com)

Ed.: Shortly after Andrew Kramer sent the above notice to the News, NNTC President Barbara Miller called to say that Norwich owner Barbara Einspruch of Dallas, Texas had agreed to take on the Norwich pedigree database project. Barbara E. is Secretary of the Bluebonnet NNTC and has recently applied for NNTC membership. She deserves a big "thank you" from NNTC Norwich members for undertaking this major breed project.—AGF
A NOTE FROM NNTC PRESIDENT
BARBARA MILLER CONCERNING
NORWICH ROM AWARDS

At my request, the AKC has agreed to set up a special software program to compile the names of all Norwich Register of Merit winners. The AKC expects to have this information ready by late September 2007. At that time, the NNTC will mail a ROM certificate to each NNTC Norwich ROM owner. The list of NNTC Norwich awardees will be published in the Spring 2008 News.—Barbara Miller

NEW NNTC SHOW CHAIR

Ann Dum (“Arroyo” Norfolk) of Brentwood, CA has recently retired as NNTC Show Chair after 4 1/2 years of distinguished service in that oft-demanding post. Ann deserves a big round of applause and many thanks from all NNTC members for a job well done.

Another NNTC Norfolk member, Linda Myers (“Outback” Norfolk) of Bradenton, FL, has kindly agreed to be the club’s new Show Chair. Linda, with husband Marty, has been involved in the dog world for over 30 years. Their first breed was Shetland Sheepdogs, which they showed in conformation. Linda also judged Sweepstakes at several Sheltie Specialties. The Myers acquired their Norfolk foundation bitch from NNTC members Jim and Marjorie McTernan five years ago. They now own five Norfolk and have finished two—their foundation bitch and one of her daughters. Linda and Marty joined the NNTC four years ago. In addition to the McTernans, they have been mentored by fellow Norfolk breeders and NNTC members Sue and Jim O’Brian. The NNTC welcomes Linda as our new Show Chair and thanks her for volunteering to take on the job.—AGF
Deuce, a black-and-tan Norfolk from the Zebedee kennel, was my mother Anne Beeler's last dog. After my father's death in 1985, she told me that after her present Norfolks passed on, she would not get another dog. Knowing how beneficial it is for older people, especially those who live alone, to have pets, I encouraged her to get another Norfolk puppy. I promised her that if she was ever unable to keep him or if something happened to her, I would provide a home for him and for any other of her dogs that were still living. Anne took her new puppy home in 1992 and named him Deuce because the Norfolk I had then was named Ace. She enjoyed his companionship for nine years before worsening symptoms of Parkinson's disease made it necessary for her to enter a retirement home. Deuce came to live with us in rural southwestern Virginia in 2001.

For a Norfolk Terrier, Deuce was exceptionally laid-back. His favorite activity was sitting on laps. He had an almost telepathic ability to get visitors to pick him up, seeming to exude a message that said, "I belong on your lap." Guests would walk in the door and sit down, and Deuce would be in a lap. Since he didn't jump onto laps, we knew he had been picked up. He would pat someone's foot with his forepaw, and when the person looked down, Deuce would flop onto his back with such abandon that his tags clanked on the floor. Sometimes visitors seemed so enamored of the sweet, cuddly Deuce that we threatened to check their pockets for furry bulges before allowing them to leave.

The re-homed Penny was our only Norfolk when Deuce joined our household. She took to him immediately, cleaned his ears, played tag with him, and patted him on the nose with her paw. It was adorable to watch. Maddie, a Norfolk rescued from an abusive home, came to live with us less than a year after Deuce did. She and Penny turned out not to be a good combination, but Maddie never had issues with Deuce and made concerted efforts to get him to play with her. She was much bigger and bouncier than Deuce, with very serious-sounding play growls. Initially, he was afraid of her. After more than a year, he began to respond to her play bows and effusive wags, and we were happy to see Maddie playing gently with Deuce, who was elderly by that time.

Both Penny and Maddie died young in 2006. Penny of cancer at age 10 and Maddie of mitral valve disease at 8. Deuce outlived them both. He was 14 last fall. We were sad, but not surprised, when his heart began to fail. He survived long enough to enjoy one last social evening with kind visitors who gave him "lap time." Less than a week later, we laid him to rest next to his two friends at the bottom of our hill.

—Hazel Beeler, Newport, VA
AGILITY

NORFOLK VERSUS NORWICH AGILITY TITLES: What, If Anything, Do The Numbers Mean?

In 2006, 19 Norwich and 22 Norfolk Terriers earned a total of 75 agility titles. At first those numbers might not seem striking, but percentage-wise there is something odd. With roughly twice as many Norwich Terriers registered each year as Norfolk, why are the numbers of agility titles about the same for each breed? Conformation titles seem to hold to the same percentages as breed registrations, with 2006 seeing 132 new Norwich Champions and 60 new Norfolk Champions. So what's going on on the agility front? Once I started thinking about it, I decided to check the statistics for other companion and performance events to see if there was any enlightenment there. Earthdog saw 3 Norwich and 11 Norfolk titling, obedience saw 5 Norwich and 7 Norfolk titling. Rally, the new AKC obedience event, saw 17 Norwich and 8 Norfolk titling, the only canine sport in which numbers matched registration statistics.

Over the last few years, I've coached and given agility lessons to several East Coast Norwich and Norfolk owners: 6 Norwich belonging to 4 different owners, and 7 Norfolk belonging to 5 different owners. I have also spent time with quite a few others, not to mention competing in agility with a Norfolk of my own. So when it comes to agility, I feel as if I have a fairly good idea of each breed's strong and weak points. Frankly, given equal soundness and good health, there is no reason why individuals of one breed should excel over the other. I've been pondering the discrepancy for a while now, and I don't have any firm answers. Maybe there aren't any. Considering how relatively small the populations of both breeds are, it's amazing that so many Norfolk and Norwich do compete. So maybe the question of numbers is beside the point. I know several owners of statistically more populous terrier breeds who envy our large numbers in agility competition. Still, I am curious about why there is such a difference between our two breeds.

Another interesting, although not scientifically researched, factoid is that more Norfolk competing in agility belong to breeders or owners who also compete in conformation than is true of Norwich. There are certainly several Norwich breeders/exhibitors who compete in agility, but it seems to happen more often in Norfolk. Could this perhaps point to a different tradition or culture between Norwich and Norfolk fanciers? Are Norwich breeders, on the whole, less likely to consider canine events outside of conformation for their dogs? If this is the case, is it also possible that, because they are less familiar with agility and other canine sports, Norfolk breeders are less likely to encourage their puppy buyers to participate in those sports? My inkling is that this might be the case. There's certainly no compelling reason for Norwich breeders, or any breeders for that matter, to become involved in agility. Agility is not part of either breed's heritage, and considering that both Norfolk and Norfolk are not the most aerodynamic breeds, it's almost counter-intuitive to consider them as serious competitors. And what reason is there to encourage puppy buyers to become involved in dog sports when all they want is a terrific family pet?

While I certainly don't believe that all dog owners should compete in agility, there are a few good reasons why Norwich and Norfolk breeders ought to encourage their puppy owners to take part in agility and other canine performance events. We want our puppies to go to people who will love them and keep them for their entire lives. The more an owner is involved with his/her dog, the more likely that person is to form a bond that won't be easily broken. A dog actively training and competing must also be kept fit, and, unlike a couch potato counterpart, will most likely live a longer and healthier life. Competing in sports is also a strong motivator to make sure a dog is receiving proper health checks. We all know it can be difficult to convince pet owners of the importance of checking hips and patellas, of scooping for ELS in Norwich and dopplerizing for hearts in Norfolk. These tests are costly, and while breeders understand the importance of testing breeding stock, such tests may seem less urgent to a pet owner. It is important for breeders to have health information on EVERY dog they breed, not just the ones kept for show and breeding.
Let's aim for 2008 to be the year that the numbers of Norwich and Norfolk titling in agility correspond to their registration statistics. Both breeds are wonderful, dynamic little dogs who, despite their less than streamlined build, seem to excel at this sport. All of us interested in the future health and soundness of the breeds can only gain from their participation.

—Sassic Joiris, NNTC Performance Chair, New York, NY (joiris@ix.netcom.com)

MEMBER-OWNED NORFOLK AND NORWICH AGILITY TITLES: FIRST HALF OF 2007

Norfolk Terriers:

Agility Excellent, Novice FAST, Agility Jumpers with Weaves
- Pinchbeck Ozymandias RN AX AXJ NF, owned by Linda S. Brennan

Norwich Terriers:

Novice FAST
- Ch. MACH Jerusalem Katherina Minola B CD RN NF, owned by Blair Kelly
- Ch. Mischief’s Sea Wolf RN AX MXJ NF, owned by Gayle M. Holmen & Timothy M. Holmen
- Dig-n-Pop Lucky Lily Ru NA AXJ NF, owned by Susan Novotny & Scott Laidig
- Skyscot’s Trouble Scooter CD RE MX MXJ NR, owned by Susan Novotny & Scott Laidig

Excellent Agility Jumper
- Dig-n-Pop Lucky Lily Ru NA AXJ NF, owned by Susan Novotny & Scott Laidig

Master Agility Excellent
- Ch. Mischief’s Sea Wolf RN AX MXJ NF, owned by Gayle M. Holmen & Timothy M. Holmen

Novice Agility
- Ch. Dig-n-Pop Katest the Greatest NA NAJ, owned by Magda Omansky & Koby Omansky
- Ch. Gaylord’s Vixon of Ipswich NA, owned by Joan C. Bakken
- Dig-n-Pop Lucky Lily Ru NA AXJ NF, owned by Susan Novotny & Scott Laidig

Novice Agility Jumper
- Ch. Gaylord’s Vixon of Ipswich NA NAJ, owned by Joan C. Bakken
- Ch. Littlefield Razz’s Matazz At Dig-n-Pop NAJ, owned by Magda Omansky & Leandra Little
Novice Agility Jumper Preferred

- Camio’s Priceless NJP, owned by Catherine A. Rogers

Open Agility and Open Agility Jumper

- Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD OA NAJ, owned by Ursula Walsh

Congratulations to our new Norfolk and Norwich agility title holders!

—Sassie Joiris, NNTC Performance Chair, New York, NY
(fjoiris@ix.netcom.com)

N.B.: The agility titles listed above are for NNTC member-owned Norfolk and Norwich for the first six months of 2007. Lest News readers wonder why many more Norwich than Norfolk earned titles (which seems to contradict what I said in my agility article about numbers), I should point out that there were 16 other Norfolk agility titles earned in the first half of 2007. None of these Norfolks belonged to NNTC members, however, and thus are not included here.—Sassie Joiris

WHAT IS FAST?

When I noticed the names of several well-known Norwich agility stars earning a Novice FAST title, I asked Sassie why these advanced, multi-titled dogs were competing in Novice. Here is her explanation: “FAST is a new AKC agility class that has only been offered since January 2007. FAST stands for Fifteen And Send Time. The course has 15 obstacles, each with a point value. The dog has a designated amount of time to accumulate points, so the handler has to figure out a course pattern that maximizes the number of points earned. There is a mandatory “Send”, which is a series of three obstacles that the handler has to send the dog to complete at a distance. The dog needs to accumulate a minimum number of points to get a leg. One point is deducted for each second a dog is over time. FAST is a bit of a misnomer. The dog can be fast, but does not have to be all that fast if the handler is good at strategy and can plan a course to accumulate points with as little running from obstacle to obstacle as possible.” Thanks for explaining this latest AKC agility competition, Sassie.—AGF

Time is of the essence!—
“Tazzi” Omansky practising her agility speed training
FALL 2007 OBEDIENCE NEWS

The **Norwich** obedience contingent has been especially active since the Spring *News*, and a **new Utility Dog** has joined the ranks. **Ch. Belvedere's Sister Parrish UD RN**, owned by Joan Jung from Texas, finished her UD in April and appears to be working toward a UDX. Judging from her consistent good scores, success is likely. There must be something in the water in Texas, also home to NNTC member Carlynn Ricks's Sand-Castle Darcy UDX MX MXJ, to date the only UDX Norwich. If my figures are correct, Sister Parrish is the 11th UD Norwich.

Another **Norwich** star in the making has surfaced in the Midwest. **Huntwood's Four on the Floor**, owned by Bridget Carlsen, acquired **both a CD and a CDX** in a very short time and with sky-high scores, including a 199 High in Trial in Novice and possibly a Dog World Award. The Dog World Award is an honor conferred by Dog World magazine for completing an obedience title with 3 consecutive scores of 195 or above and with no failures. Since AKC publications don't list failing performances, I am not able to verify this award without input from the owner as to whether her Norwich's scores were consecutive. But clearly, this is an exceptional dog. This may be a good place to insert a reminder that, lacking your letters, emails, etc., my only source of information is the AKC *Awards* publication.

In other **Norwich** obedience news, **Devondale's Master Myron**, a Novice A Norwich owned by Carolyn Cotter, finished his **CD title** with a first place 193 at Columbia Terrier Club of MD.

On the **Norfolk front**, out in California, NNTC member Laurie Rossi Sherick now has a **CDX** on her Norfolk **Ch. Andover Petite Bonbon CDX RA AX AXJ SE**. I hope there will be a UD in the offing for this multi-talented dog.

Down South, **Black Magic's Mischief**, a **Norfolk** owned by Sandra Rene and NNTC member Linda Dinger, finished a **CDX** in Mississippi. My **Norfolk, Tylwyn Lacy Redfur**, the bitch with a little impulse-control problem, finished her **CDX** in May. She counts among her achievements stopping obedience judging in two rings at the Providence show. While she was (theoretically) heeling, a photographer—fairly far away—squeaked a toy. Without hesitation, Lacy took off, streaking across two rings toward her new best friend with the toy. A brief pause ensued while a helpful steward extracted Lacy from the photographer. Lacy is already doing all the Utility exercises—with her own unique twists: a stop during an exercise to threaten the little dog she saw in the mirror (she doesn't like little dogs and the one in the mirror was certainly little), and a trip out of the ring in the middle of an exercise to visit a child-sized teddy bear in a ringside chair.

To work on Lacy's difficulty with impulse-control, I have been trying out the Rally ring. This does seem to be having an affect by providing an opportunity to work in a ring where it's acceptable to use verbal corrections during a routine. However, while watching other Rally competitors, I have noticed some disturbing things. Too many people are essentially begging their dogs to perform—holding up their hands as if they have treats, etc. This is NOT against the rules in Rally, but I don't think it's particularly helpful to the dog/owner relationship. In wild canids, begging is most often done by puppies to adults. The older animals may give in, but they certainly do not respect the pups. Dogs are genetically hard-wired to respect the pack leader, not the bottom-of-the-totem-pole beggar. Dog trainers would do well to keep this concept in mind.

—Mary D. Fine
NNTC Obedience Chair, Storrs, CT
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Neighborhood watch

Following the leader

Wrestlemania

Desperate housewives!

Lover's leap
A MOST SUCCESSFUL REHOMING

Everyone loves happy endings, so I am going to relate a story with both a happy ending and a happy beginning. I have always loved and owned dogs since childhood. As a teenager I bought a German Shepherd that I showed in breed and also trained in obedience. I put a CD on him when I was in eighth grade. My husband had liked my GSD and so our first dog was a Shepherd. Overly protective, he was not a great family dog and my family was growing. We discovered Newfoundlands, and I began showing, training, and breeding them in 1964. My children are grown and gone, and the Newfoundlands are getting harder to carry to shows and to the veterinarian’s. So I began to look for a smaller breed. After watching terriers at shows, I decided that a Norwich would be the perfect dog for me. As you all know, Norwich puppies are not easy to find. Glorvina Schwartz (“Sandina” Norwich) was successfully showing in my area. I told her that I would even be happy with a retired brood bitch. Glorvina must have thought I would make a good Norwich owner, for when a two-year-old bitch was returned to her, she called me.

Ch. Sandina Sally Forth came to me in 2000. Her first owner, Bob Sharp, had downsized breeds and loved little Sally. He had finished her himself, and she had even won Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps at Montgomery. The Green Team took Sally to the World Show in Mexico, where she finished her World Championship, winning Best of Breed each day and placing in the groups. When Bob’s wife became eligible for a Seeing Eye Dog, all the family’s other hound dogs had to leave. Bob reluctantly, but responsibly, took Sally back to her breeder.

So lucky me, I was offered Sally, and it was love at first sight! Sally moved right in with all our Newfoundlands and took her place as Queen of the Couch. Glorvina took her back for one litter, and from that litter of two came Ch. Sandina Supersonic, who was #1 Norwich in his one year of showing. I repeated the breeding and sold the pick male to a friend who is a Newfoundland breeder in Canada. American and Canadian Ch. Kilyka’s Cut to the Chase was #1 Norwich in Canada for the years 2005 and 2006. Sally was bred a third time, and I kept a boy whom I owner-handled to his championship as well as several obedience and agility titles. “Buz,” a.k.a., Ch. Kilyka’s High Voltage CDX NA, NAJ, VN (Versatile Norwich), was the top-scoring NNTC member-owned Norwich in obedience in 2006. Sally had one more litter, sired by Ch. Fairway’s Cat in the Hat, and two boys easily finished their championships.

And so little Sally, who had to leave her first home and loving owner, found a second home as foundation bitch for Kilyka Norwich. Adding to her AKC Championship and World Championship, she has earned a CD, CDX, UD, NA, NAJ and was awarded her Versatile Norwich title in 2006. Now in 2007 she has earned a NNTC Register of Merit, awarded to bitches that have produced 5 or more breed champions. I will always be grateful that Glorvina Schwartz had faith in me and trusted me with this wonderful girl. It was with Sandina Sally Forth that I found a welcome in the Norwich community.

—Betty McDonnell, “Kilyka” Norwich, Mahwah, NJ (kilykanewf@aol.com)
MY NNTC RESCUE/REHOME WISH LIST

There is an old adage that goes: *if wishes were horses, then beggars would ride.* I spent a lot of time with horses when I was younger, and I am not really keen on going back to them. But, wishes? I still have them; and when it comes to NNTC Rescue and Rehome, I start my Christmas list early and often.

- **Wish #1** is that Norwich and Norfolk breeders would keep in better touch with their puppy/adult dog buyers so that they could trouble-shoot issues that often end up with a Norfolk or a Norwich losing its home. If breeders kept in touch with their “puppy people,” even with just an annual holiday card, they would stay abreast of address changes, deaths, divorces—all of which can drastically change a dog’s situation in a home. Even a form postcard would do: *Dear ————, How is ———— doing? I/we hope you are still enjoying him/her, but if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me/us.* Oh, and please give them your correct return address!

- **Wish #2** is that Norfolk and Norwich breeders make a real effort to be patient and resourceful in solving problems their buyers may have with a puppy. Many buyers are first-time owners, and we have to admit that terriers have certain traits that take getting used to, or, in a perfect scenario, managing! There is nothing to be gained by breeders getting annoyed at what they may regard as stupidity on an owner’s part, being critical and scolding them. Nor is there anything to be gained, if the dog’s problem is health related, by saying you will take the dog back and put it to sleep. A dog’s owner may not have a solution to the health problem, but the very fact that he/she has shared it with you is a clear indication that, for the owner, putting the dog to sleep is not an option. Often when people call NNTC Rescue looking for help with, or to rehome, a dog, they tell me they have already tried to call the breeder and have either been “shouted at” or not called back.

- **Wish #3** is that Norfolk and Norwich breeders have an emergency plan for “storing” a dog of their breeding that comes into NNTC Rescue. As NNTC Rescue Chair, I always call the dog’s original breeder first as a courtesy. Perfect dog homes do not grow on trees, and, if one is not immediately available, the dog needs to go somewhere safe where it can be vetted, evaluated, and, thus, assisted to succeed in a new home. Preferably a dog’s *original breeder* would be responsible for such temporary “storing” before a permanent new home is found. It is difficult enough to rescue, store and place puppy mill Norwich and Norfolks. It is not a good sign when NNTC breeders make little or no effort to care for dogs of theirs needing to be rehomed.

- **Wish #4** is my biggest wish of all. I would like, please, for the NNTC to have 501-(c)(3) status (tax-exempt). More and more often, I am not able to get a Norfolk or a Norwich out of an animal shelter because the Club does not have a 501-(c)(3) listing. There may come a day when one of your Norfolks or Norwich is in a shelter and I will be unable to rescue it in time. If you are as uncomfortable with that possibility as I am, please put Wish #4 on your list, too.

—Sue Ely, NNTC Rescue/Rehome Chair
(pinchbecks9@earthlink.net)

Ed.: When I asked Sue why animal shelters would not release a Norfolk or Norwich to her without the NNTC having a 501-(c)(3) listing, she said she was not sure. She speculated that a 501-(c)(3) listing would allow the shelter to verify that Sue was indeed a legitimate representative of a purebred dog rescue organization, not someone pretending to represent NNTC Rescue who was, in reality, a puppy miller or a “shady character” wanting to abscond with a valuable Norfolk or Norwich. Sue would like to have a better understanding as to how a 501-(c)(3) listing would facilitate her job as NNTC Rescue/Rehome Chair. *Nuts* readers with such knowledge of tax-exempt laws should please contact Sue Ely by e-mail at pinchbecks9@earthlink.net or by snail mail at 78 Middle Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853. Thank you very much for your help with this important NNTC Rescue concern.—AGF
HAPPY HOLIDAY (EARLY!) WOOFs & WAGS FROM:

"Angel" Dum

"Rocky" Ramon Montano

"Digger," "Sunny," & "Archie" McBryde

"Darcy" Ricks

"Snickers" DeWitt & furry friend
FALL 2007 WORKING TERRIERS REPORT

The American Working Terrier Association (AWTA) saw an increased number of Norfolk and Norwich attending their den trials in 2006. The following teams earned AWTA Certificates of Gameness (CG) last year. Congratulations!

Norwich

- FXHNT Pippen SE CG, owned by Joanne Gilden & Hall Happersett

Norfolk

- Ch. Holly Beach Satin Doll CG, owned by Susan Ely
- Droughon Defender CG, owned by Richard & Cheryl Reynolds
- Pinchbeck Periwinkle Blue CG, owned by Kim Hennessy, DVM
- Ch. Murphy Pa Macallum JE CG, owned by Karen Kork-Partington & Jeff Partington
- Ch. Glenelg Grazie ME CG, owned by Deborah Pritchard
- Ch. Glenelg Teddy Terrific JE CG, owned by Deborah Pritchard
- Ch. Black Magic’s Sail Away JEE XXP AXJ CG, owned by Marian Shaw, DVM

Bad weather may slow down an earthdog test, but it will not stop the game and hardy teams from competing. The following Norfolk teams earned their AWTA Certificate of Gameness on a cold, windy, rainy day in April of 2007. What’s a little mud when you and your dog are having fun?

- Flurries Five Finger Island Light CG, owned by Catharine MacMillan
- Ch. Springcove’s Flying Genoa OA OAJ JE CG, owned by Marian Shaw, DVM

AKC titles for 2006 were recently published in the AKC Gazette. Norwich Terriers earned one JE and two SE titles. Norfolk Terriers earned eight JE, three SE and three ME titles. The names of all these 2006 new title holders have already been published in the Fall 2006 (p.22) and Spring 2007 (p. 21) News, so I will not repeat them here.

Congratulations to the following new 2007 AKC title holders!

Norwich

Junior Earthdog

- Beach Pine Sophie of Oakley NA NAJ OAP AJP JE, owned by Ursula Walsh
- Country Girl’s Golden Moondust JE, owned by Ann Whatley & Phil Whatley

Norfolk

Junior Earthdog

- Ch. Domby’s Jacob Marley JE, owned by Janet Lattner & Leonard Lattner

Senior Earthdog

- Pinchbeck Houdini RN NAJ SE, owned by Peggy Chittick
- Zebedee Echoes of Mercy RN SE, owned by Gordon Newton & Lorece Newton-Moore
Master Earthdog

- Ch. Pinchbeck Rainy Night in Georgia ME, owned by Susan Ely

A Question of Protective Bars

In the AKC Earthdog Regulations for Small Terriers and Dachshunds, Chapter 4, Section 1 states, "The dens must have protective bars affixed to the quarry end of the last section to prevent the dogs from damaging the cage." This leaves the question of what material would be best for the protective bars. In my experience at earthdog trials, I have seen bars made of steel rods, aluminum conduit, PVC pipe and wood. The steel is totally unforgiving to a terrier’s teeth; the aluminum and PVC material, although acceptable, does not allow the dog much purchase when biting at them. Wooden dowels are inexpensive, easily replaced, and much more inviting to the dog. Dogs can bite and work the bars in hopes of actually getting through to the rats (but they won’t). In natural earths, dogs would be biting and tearing at roots to flush the quarry, so wooden bars would seem to be the best and most realistic choice for AKC earthdog tests. Many times when awards are given out at trials, the judge will honor good working dogs with the wooden bar they have chewed.

Good luck at the trials. If you haven’t yet tried working your dogs to ground, you really should!

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

A JUNIOR EARTHDOG....AT LAST!!

(As Told by Rogel’s D’Chip de Hollywould UD, RE, JE)

Ed.: NNTC member Jill Petersen’s Spring 2007 News article (pp. 22-23) compared Norfolk and Norwich results in AKC earthdog events and suggested possible reasons for the Norfolk breed’s greater success. Here, through the discerning eyes of her Norwich male “Chip,” Jill recounts the many obstacles encountered in his 6-year quest for a JE title. Chip’s resistance to “working” caged AKC rats, contrasted with his zealous “dispatching” of countless backyard, at large “ratties”, suggests that, for some Norwich at least, natural ratting/hunting is instinctive, whereas AKC earthdog tests are an “acquired taste,” requiring lots of practice and perseverance—and even a bit of prime rib.—AGF

I was born, or more precisely adopted, into an earthdog family. When I was 10 weeks old, I joined my human Mom and Cairn sister, Raisin, in Kenmore, Washington. Raisin was two and a half years old and needed one more leg to finish her Master Earthdog title. Mom’s previous Cairns Holly and Chuck had, respectively, earned a JE and a ME title. Added to that, Mom is an earthdog judge. Although she had never seen another Norwich at an earthdog event before I came along, she had run in Master once with Sue Ely and one of Sue’s Norfolk girls and was quite impressed. Since the AKC categorizes Norwich as an earthdog breed, I knew my fate was sealed. As soon as I was old enough, I would be competing at AKC earthdog trials.
2000 (A Promising Start): I began going to earthdog tests before I was eligible to enter. I was excellent at my assigned tasks: looking irresistible; loving every person, dog and cookie I met; being a good, quiet boy while Mom and Raisin’ hunted. That first year I convinced at least two families I met to add a Norwich to their earthdog homes.

Of course, my working education was not overlooked! From early on, we had above ground tunnels in the backyard. Raisin’ and I would chase each other through short sections or complicated mazes that Mom reconfigured regularly. Long before I was six months old, I could traverse 30 feet, with multiple turns, in under 10 seconds! Although many dogs have a difficult time with the transition to buried tunnels, I was not one of them. I would be ready to enter Junior as soon as I came of age!

Obviously, there was also the rat part of the equation. I met my first rats when I was about 3 months. They were interesting, but they were in a cage. I found I preferred meeting other dogs or people to playing with the rat cage. Everyone said I was young; my interest would increase with age. After all, even Raisin’ didn’t much care about rats until she was over a year old, and look how far she’d come!

When I was just over 7 months, I entered my first real test. My "grandparents" (breeders Elizabeth and Roger Pearson) came from Olympia, Washington to watch me. I was very excited to see them and to show them all I’d learned! Mom released me from the Junior start flag, and I took off like a flash into the tunnel. Oops, I’d also wanted to show my grandparents what a big boy dog I was! So out I ran and found a very nice tree to use just as all big boy dogs use trees! I think they were quite impressed! Then I ran back in the tunnel, right to the rats! Unfortunately I was over time, and I didn’t “work” (barking, digging) once I was there. Still, this was not a bad start for a boy my age. Everybody was pleased.

2001 (Back to Intro): The rest of the 2000 earthdog season went very much like that first test. Mom decided to continue to run me in Junior for the tunnel practice, but that I should move back to Intro for more rat exposure and encouragement. I enjoyed this as much for the opportunity to interact with the judge as with the rats! I still had little inclination to bark or dig at the quarry, but it was great fun seeing how hard people worked to try and get me interested!

2001 was the year a number of other Norwich came out to play! At one earthdog test, we actually had five entered in either Junior or Intro! None of them seemed to care any more about the caged rats than I did. A couple of Norfolk Terriers also started coming to earthdog events in 2001. I don’t believe either of them got a title that year, but they sure acted differently around the rats than we Norwich! If we could have combined my tunnel expertise with their rat work, we would have made an impressive team!

2002 (My First “Smiley Face”): At the start of the 2002 hunting season, I took a new approach to the earthdog test. In an attempt to entertain myself and perhaps engage the rats, I took to licking their cage. One day, the cage had particularly large gaps so that I could reach my tongue all the way through! This was pretty cool! All of a sudden I let out a YIP! Mom was ecstatic! The judge jumped back in surprise! Granted, I didn’t make any other noises for the remaining 45 seconds, but it was a start! I got big hugs and praise when Mom pulled me from the tunnel. It wasn’t until we were walking back to the holding area that she noticed the blood. One of those nasty rats had pierced my tongue! Mom freaked! Luckily, the bleeding stopped before I had to have my tongue stitched.

Perhaps it was that unpleasant experience, a bit of luck, a rather generous judge or, most likely, a combination of all these things, but 2002 was the year I got my first smiley face! Those who have been to an earthdog test probably know about smiley/frowny faces. There is a board where the steward marks off which dogs have run, and often times, which dogs have passed (or failed). A smiley face means you passed. I got my first smiley face in Intro at the end of the 2002 season.

2003 (A New Way to “Work” Caged Rats): After a couple more near rat bites, I decided kissing the rats was probably not the best approach to earthdog tests. I knew I didn’t like rats and I knew they were
in a cage I couldn’t get to, so what to do? It came to me at an early spring test: I’d drown them! It wasn’t easy, but at my next many earthdog tests, I turned around and lifted my leg on those guys! Mission accomplished, I’d then return to Mom.

Not every judge noticed what I was doing, and Mom must not have realized how proficient I was at this task. Midway through the 2003 season, she volunteered to do an earthdog demonstration at our local obedience club. We had tunnels with plexiglass on the sides so members could see the terriers traverse the maze and observe how the different breeds worked the rats. The audience saw the typical hard-working Border Terrier, a very nice-working Westie, a couple of Lakeland Terriers, and probably a Cairn or two. FINALLY it was my turn. In true Chip fashion, I ran through the tunnels as fast as any of those other dogs, but I remained quiet when I got to the rats. Then Mom saw it—the puddle spreading across the linoleum from under the quarry end of the tunnel. Out I came happy as a lark! I did good, huh?! Mom was mortified. Fortunately, nobody else seemed to realize what I had done. Also, fortunately, I was the last dog to run, so the obedience folk went back to their business while Mom picked up the tunnels and quickly exited the building.

That was the start of a low point in Mom’s earthdog enthusiasm. One Saturday in August, we went to a beautiful test on Whidbey Island. The company was great, the food fabulous, Raisin’ did good earthdog stuff—but I continued my unique approach to working the rats. For the first—and only—time in my memory, Mom did not take me back for the test on Sunday. Instead, while she caught up on her gardening, Raisin’ and I romped around the yard having a good ‘ol time. Then I saw it. A big, fat RAT! I decided to show Mom what Norwich were bred for! I grabbed that rat, gave him one big shake, and proudly brought him over to her. Now wouldn’t you think after all the begging and cajoling to “get the rats” at these earthdog tests, she would be thrilled to see my prize? Not so. She yelled at Raisin’ to get inside; then she told me to drop the rat and put me inside too. It wasn’t until she had the “rattie” bagged up and in the trash that she remembered to tell me what a very, very good boy I was and to give me a big cookie! That was more like it! That summer, I killed a few more rats. Raisin’ helped. She would find them in the woodpile and bark at them, while I waited quietly on the other side to grab them on their attempted escape.

2004 (My First Junior Leg!): Catching and killing those ratties did make me look at earthdog tests a bit differently. When I hunted rats in the woodpile, I knew it was best to be quiet and patient because eventually, the rats would bolt and then I could grab them. But I also found that sometimes I had to dig to get closer to where the rats were playing. Too, I was experiencing a much higher degree of frustration looking at those earthdog rats doing nothing or happily eating fruit and granola, obviously safe behind the cage bars. What arrogance! So I finally started to do what AKC considers earthdog work. I’d do a bit of digging and a bit of nipping at the bars. Usually, I would grow weary of this futile effort long before the required 60 seconds had passed. Then one bright and sunny October day back on Whidbey Island, I decided to show everyone. My work was fairly quiet, so mom had no idea how continual it had been (a requirement to pass); but lo and behold as she was removing me from the hole, the judge said I had passed!! Sadly, that
was the last local test of the year. I would have at least 5 months to think about how well I worked those rats—or to forget totally what earthdog tests required.

2005 (A Very Un-earthdog Year): I went the forgetting route. I continued to do awesome hunting and killing of rats in my yard, but when it came to earthdog tests, I just couldn’t seem to pass. Although the work I did was increasingly vigorous, I still couldn’t find a good reason to continue working for 60 seconds when after 30 seconds of very hard work, I had gotten nowhere! Desperate to get my second JE leg, Mom finally started taking a “less natural” approach to my training. She took to bribery! I’d start working, and she’d slip me a treat through the bars. I’d continue working and get another treat. Each time I’d have to work a bit longer to get treats, but it was worth it. Mom pulled out the big guns. Prime rib, filet mignon, New York strip steak would motivate any carnivore to do most anything! But just as my work was getting longer and more intense, I developed one final bad habit. I’d run through the tunnel, make sure the rats were there, then go back out to tell Mom what I found. As soon as we made eye contact (often without me even coming all the way out of the tunnel), I’d turn around, run back to the rats and happily work the full 60 seconds! AKC does not approve of this behavior. Once you get to the rats, you must stay there. That seems kind of silly; after all, they’re in a cage and not going anywhere! But so it was that 2005 ended with me holding at one Junior leg.

2006 (Finally, a JE!!): 2006 started much as 2005 ended. I’d run to the rats, run back to let Mom know what I found, then run back and work nicely. It all seemed so logical—until Mom came up with a new trick. If I ran back to tell her about the rats, she’d pick me up and not let me play anymore that day. That stunk! I’d finally gotten to really enjoy the digging, biting, lunging and even the occasional barking that I’d learned to do! Gradually it occurred to me that I should just let Mom figure out for herself what I’d found. By late spring I started working the rats right after I got there; still I could rarely make it past 15 seconds without reporting in, then going back to finish the job.

July came and we headed to the summer test for our own earthdog club. This is one of my favorites because it’s held at Raisin’s grandparent’s house and we get to stay in their big travel trailer! Saturday I waited while Raisin’ ran Master and my little Norwich sister, Ginger, ran Intro. Finally my turn came and we headed down to the Junior dens. I went right down and got to the rats in eleven seconds. I started to dig—loudly! Then I let out a big huge bark, then another!! I continued for a full 45 seconds!! With 15 seconds to go, I once again left the rats and reported in—not a good thing.

That night we headed back to the dens for an evening rat hunt. They reconfigured the dens the next day, so this was legal. Mom saved a big chunk of her steak from dinner to remind me of my job. It was a good practice. I got a few ounces of prime rib, and Mom got to watch me run to, stay, and work the rats for 90 seconds two or three times! We returned to the trailer exhausted.

As you’ve probably guessed, the next day was the day. I ran directly to the rats, started working immediately, and worked like a demon! At the 60-second mark, I heard great thuds and screaming from above as Mom and the judge did the happy rat dance on top of the dens. Being the Junior Earthdog that I am, I just kept working.

Mom’s Epilogue: Chip’s earthdog career, of course, did not end that day in Kent. He has since been back to both Whidbey Island and Kent to try his luck in Senior. Sadly, his continuing desire to let me know when he’s found the rats has negated the great improvement in his work. However, I may have found a solution... The one time he did get to the rats, stay there, and work for 90 seconds, I finally had the chance to try the recall portion of the SE test. Ninety seconds later, Chip still lay at the bars waiting for the rats to come back. We’ll keep on trying....

—Jill Petersen, Kenmore, WA (dchipster1@yahoo.com)
“LITTLE” VERSUS THE RACCOON: A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF A DANGEROUS KIND

Early, early on July 16th, I let Little and Panzer out the door of our summer cabin on Puget Sound in Washington State. Right away they headed to the bird feeder and picked up a hot scent. They went baying up the hill on the footpath which runs along the cliff near our cabin. I ran after them, barefoot, shouting stupid orders like “Come back here!” and “Stop!” at the top of my lungs. The barking escalated. They had found the critter! Panzer and the raccoon literally tumbled down along the path, landing at my feet in a ball of snarls. I again ordered Panzer to let go of the raccoon. Lo and behold, he did, seemingly deciding that discretion was the better part of valor. Brave Little then jumped in, and the melee started again. After more frenzied fighting, Little and the raccoon tumbled over the cliff!

I ran back into the cabin to get my husband Steve and to slip on sandals. When I ran back out, I could hear Little’s cries! Headless of my own safety, I went over the cliff too! My baby! First step, one sandal disappeared. No matter . . . Hearing my calls to Little and the racket I made descending in the undergrowth, the raccoon also decided that discretion was the better part of valor. It let Little loose and ran off. Little was able to make it back up the cliff to me, emerging from the tangle of Salal, Oregon grape, ivy and brush. I grabbed her and held her close. She looked at me in the half-light, and her face appeared dark. I placed my hand on her muzzle, pulled it away, and realized the dark stuff was blood.

I got on my feet with Little cradled in my arms and struggled most of the way back up the cliff. The cliff face for the last 12 feet or so is an unyielding vertical, albeit covered in vines. I was able to hold Little aloft and then boost her to the ends of my fingers. I told her to “go to Daddy.” Steve coaxed her from the cliff edge. She looked back at me once, then made her way up. It was much harder getting me up! Steve had to pull me with a broom handle as he couldn’t reach me. I struggled and finally made it.

We rushed Little back in to the cabin’s light. I put her in the sink and ran cold water over her face to try and staunch the flow of blood. Steve got on the phone, frantically trying to find an all-night vet. Blood poured off Little’s face as I picked debris from her coat. I stopped briefly to give us both some Rescue Remedy. By this time it was about 5:15 AM.

Fortunately we live less than 18 miles from Everett (the next largest city north of Seattle), where we found round-the-clock veterinary care. The vet took Little in immediately, shaved her face, cleaned up the puncture wounds and gave us antibiotics and pain meds. According to the vet, the deepest wound on Little’s nose probably pierced her nasal cavity. As a dog’s head is very vascular, that deep bite bled for about five hours before stopping. For the next few days, I treated her wounds with warm compresses and topicals. Fortunately, she had had a rabies shot in January. The raccoon was about the same size as Little, so we were fortunate there too. I know they can be very dangerous.

Little doesn’t seem to realize this though, and whenever I open the door, she and Panzer rush out and head straight to the bird feeder, hoping to take on the next varmint. They don’t go out so early in the morning anymore.

—Leandra (Lee) Little, “Littlefield” Norwich, Tulalip, WA (summer) (llittle9@earthlink.net)
“TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME”

We took five “Littlefield” Norwich to a minor league baseball game in July. Once a summer, the Aqua Sox, the minor league team for the Seattle Mariners, have an event called “Bark in the Park.” It had rained earlier in the day, so that cut into the canine crowd. The “Littlefields” all had a great time. While I seem to be nodding off, Keri, Mazie and Panzer look as if they’re really intent on the game.

—Leandra (Lee) Little

CANINE MUSICAL FREESTYLE: A TEAM SPORT FOR DOG AND HANDLER

Ed.: In the Fall 2004 News (pp. 33-34), NNTC member Dave Brobst recounted his wife Joanie’s canine freestyle debut with their Norwich “JT.” Dave noted that there are two canine freestyle organizations in America—the Canine Freestyle Federation (CFF) and the World Canine Freestyle Organization (WCFO)—each with its own ‘type’ of freestyle. Joanie was training and competing with “JT” in the CFF type. NNTC member Joan Graham and her Norwich, “Halle Beary”, as Joan’s article points out, compete in a special WCFO freestyle division called “Handi Dandi.” —AGF

Freestyle is one of the newer canine performance activities which encourages and demonstrates the bond between four-legged and two-legged partners. The World Canine Freestyle Organization (WCFO), officially formed in 1999, has freestyle clubs in the United States, Canada, Netherlands, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and Great Britain. Musical canine freestyle is simply “dancing with your dog”.

The first step on the path to Arthur Murray is obedience training (for the dog 😊). This groundwork is then broadened with the dog learning additional behaviors, which are then combined into a dance routine involving music, timing, and costuming. Freestyle supports all levels of abilities—both dog and handler—to compete and celebrate the human/canine bond. WCFO competition divisions include: Beginner Dog and Handler; Handicapped; Sassy Seniors (dog of 9+ or handler 65+ years); Juniors; Intermediate; Advanced; Pair Routines (two dogs and two handlers); Brace (two dogs and one handler); Team (more than two handlers and two dogs); and Innovation. Heelwork-to-music is another type of freestyle which focuses on maintaining heel position during the routine, while in freestyle the dog can be at any distance or position in relation to the handler.

When first hearing about freestyle, many people say, “But I can’t dance”. Well, neither can I! Nevertheless, “Halle Beary” and I received our Handi Dandi freestyle beginner’s title from the WCFO in May 2007. “Handi Dandi,” you say? That is a WCFO class division specifically designed for competition when either the handler or the dog is handicapped. In our case, both Halie and I have a handicap. I use crutches to walk and, in freestyle competition, I use a medical scooter. Halle’s handicap is that she has me as her handler.
Several of my friends from our local obedience club became enamored with dancing with their dogs during the very early years of freestyle's formation. For several years, I watched as they and their dogs were having such fun. At that time I had Kerry Blue terriers and was concerned that I could not physically handle a dog of that size in a public venue. After the death of my last Kerry, my beloved Benny, in 2005, I decided to downsize my canine companion. I was so fortunate to find Leandra Little, a lovely breeder with lovely Norwich. I was concerned about how I would bond with a small dog after so many years with Kerry Blues. I need not have worried. In the half hour drive home after I picked up Halle, she and I bonded like super glue. With a small dog that I could tote and carry, I was now ready to try freestyle dancing. Halle is full of energy, willing to please, and a real food addict, so she is fun to train.

Learning how to train Halle was an experience in itself! When you use a medical scooter, you can only train with one hand. I quickly discovered that that wasn’t going to work. Now I introduce each new behavior with me seated in a rolling chair. This gives me some mobility while keeping both hands free to lure, click, treat, etc. Once Halle is proficient in that exercise, I start to work with her in my scooter. Halle usually picks up a new behavior in 15 minutes, but it takes much longer for her to do it reliably on verbal command.

The routine for our WCFO beginner’s title was called “The Entertainer.” We performed this for the first time in public at the June 2006 NNCTC Anniversary dinner in Rhode Island. As the theme of the weekend was “A Garden Party,” I found a yellow parasol on eBay (where else?) that had been used as a prop by Julie Andrews in the filming of “Mary Poppins.” At our NNCTC dinner performance, Halle still needed high motivation, a.k.a., FOOD. Following that debut, we progressed to working just with verbal praise, which is not only allowed but encouraged in freestyle competition. We are now working on our Handi Dandi Novice routine. Using our new song, “Halle’s Colors,” in the routine, Halle will do a different dance step on colored foam squares that correspond to the colors as they are sung. Who knows? Maybe you’ll see us some day on “Animal Planet” or “America’s Got Talent.”

Being a part of the canine freestyler family has brought so much joy to Halle and me. Freestylers are so supportive of one another and willing to share their knowledge and creative ideas. My good friend Gay Stahley has been instrumental in helping Halle and me adapt standard training methods to meet our special needs. I couldn’t have done it without her encouragement and support. Our group works with one another through all phases, from helping in the choice of music, behaviors, costuming, to ideas on audience appeal.

Want to have a great time with your dog? Want your dog to have a great time with you? Want to try out your flair for fashion and costume design? Then forget your inhibitions and try canine freestyle. It’s loads of fun! For more information and to watch video clips, visit the WCFO official website at www.worldcaninefreestyle.org.

—Joan Graham, “Saxony” Norwich, Kingston, PA (kerrynor@msn.com)
BARBARA MILLER WINS THE AKC TERRIER BREEDER OF THE YEAR AWARD...AGAIN!

As the Fall issue was going to press, the News learned that NNTC President and long-time Norfolk breeder (Max-Well) Barbara Miller has been honored by the AKC as the Terrier Breeder of the Year—for the second time! The Breeder of the Year Award, established by the AKC in 2002, "celebrates and honors" one breeder from each of the seven groups (Terrier, Sporting, Working, Herding, Hound, Non-Sporting, Toy) "who has made significant contributions...through dedication to an outstanding breeding program." Awardees also "play an integral part in our sport, serving as mentors and role models for newcomers. They are the breeders we hold out to the public as exemplifying ideals." Barbara was the first AKC Terrier Breeder of the Year in 2002 [Ed.: For more on Barbara’s 2002 award, see the Spring 2003 News, pp. 28-29]. Now, just 5 years later, she becomes the only terrier breeder to be so honored again. Congratulations to Barbara for this prestigious recognition.—AGF

P.S. Barbara would like to acknowledge the major role that her co-breeder Susan Kipp has played in the success of the Max-Well breeding program. She wishes that she and Susan could share the Terrier Breeder of the Year Award.

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Happy Halloween from the Land of Oz
NNTC VOTES TO JOIN CHIC

Ed.: The following 3-part article includes a May 21, 2007 report to the NNTC Board from Health & Genetics Chair Carol Falk and subsequent correspondence in July 2007 between Carol and OFA/CHIC administrator Eddie Dziuk concerning NNTC participation in the CHIC program. For additional information about CHIC, see Kathleen Eimil’s article in the Spring 2007 News (pp. 27-28).—AGF

Report to the NNTC Board

It’s very exciting that the NNTC membership has voted to participate in the CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) program. The procedure to enroll is quite simple. A letter from me as NNTC health chair stating the recommended tests for each breed and a follow-up letter from either the NNTC Board or the NNTC President confirming my letter will get us up and running.

There is no cost to the club to participate in the CHIC program. In addition, there is no cost to club members when enrolling their dogs in the program as long as the tests are listed with OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals) or CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation). Ordinarily, health data from other registries would require a small fee, but CHIC has agreed to waive these fees for the first year.

Eddie Dziuk, OFA Chief Operating Officer and CHIC administrator, suggests that we start with no more than 4 tests per breed and add additional screenings when we feel they are necessary or when new tests appropriate for our breeds’ respective health issues become available. The current breed health tests recommended below reflect NNTC members’ responses to Norfolk and Norwich health surveys conducted over the past 15 years. Should the Board decide not to adopt these recommendations, many additional months of much talk and little action could follow.

Most Norwich breeders will agree that epilepsy and breathing issues are the breed’s two most serious health issues. At this time, there is no test for epilepsy nor is one expected in the foreseeable future.

In February 2007, the Board approved NNTC member/Norwich breeder Sue Lawrence to chair a sub-committee to study upper airway problems in the Norwich, with Dr. William E. Schultz as the primary researcher. Erika Werne, the AKC CHF grants administrator, has invited Dr. Schultz to write a CHF approved grant to standardize the way Norwich Terrier breathing problems are evaluated. As of this writing, she has not heard back from Dr. Schultz. If he cannot have his grant proposal in the hands of the CHF grant committee by the beginning of July, Erika has the names of several researchers who might be interested in undertaking this project. No money from the NNTC DAF (Donor Advised Fund) can be released without a peer-reviewed grant proposal. At this time there is approximately $16,000 in the Norwich DAF, which could translate into as much as $32,000 with CHF matching funds.

Following are the recommendations for required tests for each breed. Please be aware that nothing is etched in stone. Tests can be added and, although not recommended, the club could decide to modify its requirements for a CHIC number and remove a requirement.

Norwich:

- OFA hip evaluation
- OFA patella evaluation (knees)
- CERF certificate (eyes)
  (When available, a standardized way to evaluate upper airway issues)

Norfolk:

- OFA heart evaluation (with color flow Doppler ultrasound)
- OFA patella evaluation (knees)
- CERF certificate (eyes)
- Ichthyosis evaluation
OFA hip evaluation for the Norfolk has been omitted for the present because, while important for the soundness of the breed, it is less of a priority, given all the other criteria for which we are testing. Breeders should still be encouraged to know the status of their dog's hips. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Falk
NNTC Health & Genetics Chair

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July 22, 2007 Letter from Carol Falk to Eddie Dzuik

Dear Mr. Dzuik,

This letter is to inform you that the membership of the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club has voted to join the CHIC program and that the NNTC Board has approved the following breed health tests:

Norwich:
OFA Hip or PennHIP evaluation
OFA patellae evaluation
CERF eye examination

We are currently working with CHF to establish a grant to study upper airway problems in the Norwich, but at this time, we have no standardized way to evaluate these problems in the breed.

Norfolk:
OFA Hip or PennHIP evaluation
OFA patellae evaluation
CERF eye examination
OFA Heart examination
(using collar flow Doppler and performed by a boarded cardiologist)

My feeling is that the initial OFA heart evaluation should be done at the age of 2 and then normal dogs should be reexamined every other year until the age of 10. As more information becomes available, I assume that it will not be a problem to change the timing of this requirement.

Kathleen Eimil, a long time NNTC member/Norfolk breeder and a driving force behind health testing, will be our NNTC CHIC coordinator. She is planning to attend the CHF Parent Club event in St. Louis in October 2007, and I am hoping we can chat with you at that time and get this NNTC CHIC program up and running.

Thanks for all your help.

Carol Falk
NNTC Health Chairperson

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July 30, 2007 Letter from Eddie Dzuik to Carol Falk

Carol,

Remaining procedures for the club...none really...you've already identified the required tests, and you've identified Kathleen Emil as the CHIC liaison. All that's left is for the club to roll it out to the members. I will need two pictures, one Norwich and one Norfolk, preferably head shots, decent digital quality, to put on the CHIC breed web pages that will list the health test requirements.

Owner process:

Norwich Terriers (Hips, Patella, Eyes)

- Complete regular CERF exam and register results with CERF through their process. CERF will automatically forward the results to us. For dogs that do not pass, if the owners wish to release that information (they'd need to in order to qualify for CHIC), they can just send a signed request stating that they wish to have the results entered into CHIC, include a copy of the CERF report, and mail to the OFA.
- Complete the regular Patella examination and register the results with the OFA through the normal process. No need to do anything special for CHIC; the data will be shared automatically.
- Complete the regular OFA hip evaluation process and register the results with the OFA. No need to do anything special for CHIC; the data will be shared automatically.
- OR, if using PennHIP as opposed to OFA for Hips, send the PennHIP report along with a signed note stating that dog's owner would like the PennHIP results entered into CHIC. Mail to the OFA. There is a $25 fee for this.

Norfolk Terriers (Hips, Patella, Eyes, Cardiac)

- Complete regular CERF exam and register results with CERF through their process. CERF will automatically forward the results to us. For dogs that do not pass, if the owners wish to release that information (they'd need to in order to qualify for CHIC), they can just send a signed request stating that they wish to have the results entered into CHIC, include a copy of the CERF report, and mail to the OFA.
- Complete the regular Patella examination and register the results with the OFA through the normal process (application attached). No need to do anything special for CHIC; the data will be shared automatically.
- Have a cardiac exam done that complies with the NNTC guidelines (Cardiologist exam, including Echo); register the results with the OFA using the normal OFA registration process. No need to do anything special for CHIC; the results will transfer automatically.
- Complete the regular OFA hip evaluation process and register the results with the OFA. No need to do anything special for CHIC; the data will be shared automatically.
- OR, if using PennHIP as opposed to OFA for Hips, send the PennHIP report along with a signed note stating that dog's owner would like the PennHIP results entered into CHIC. Mail to the OFA. There is a $25 fee for this.

For CERF, as long as the dog has had a CERF exam done, the results will qualify the dog for CHIC, even if the exam is past the one-year current CERF date. The CHIC number indicates that at a given point in time, all the required exams were done. The CHIC site will indicate when the CERF test was done, so older exam results will display as such.

Hope this answers your questions. Let me know if you have others.

Thanks,

Eddie
NORWICH TERRIER UPPER AIRWAY SYNDROME: WHY I BECAME INVOLVED

My Norwich Kaly came into my life when she was 6 months old. We bonded immediately. Kaly would do just about anything for me and follows me wherever I go. Whatever I’m doing, there she is.

Kaly was an energetic pup, always on the move investigating around the house. Outside was much the same; she was always looking for that ever elusive squirrel. As active as she was, she made no unusual noises; didn’t tire easily; wasn’t bothered by heat; and wasn’t what you would consider a ‘barker’ either. The only things Kaly did differently from our other Norwich were that instead of whining, she grunted and she snored, not loudly, but nonetheless she made little noises when asleep. We thought both these traits endearing and something individual to Kaly herself.

Kaly was made for the show ring; she loved it and would ‘strut’ her stuff very proudly whenever she got the chance, in the ring or out. She loved the show world environment, so that what might be considered stressful for other dogs, certainly was not for her.

In October 2002, Kaly and I, along with two of my friends and their dogs, drove from Michigan to Pennsylvania for the Montgomery circuit. It was Thursday, the first day of showing at Hatboro, and everything had been routine—until we were leaving the show site to go back to the hotel, that is. All of a sudden, I heard a strange noise coming from behind me; it was Kaly struggling to breathe! We had just pulled out of the parking lot and made an immediate U-turn to get back in the lot. Once there, we pulled directly up to the AKC tent. I was in a panic, Kaly was turning blue, and there was nothing I could do to help her except to get her to the veterinarian on site. The vet immediately came and gave Kaly a shot. That seemed to help a bit. The vet then advised us to take Kaly to the Emergency Veterinary Hospital as quickly as possible. We went back to the hotel to get directions to the hospital (thankfully it was really close) and set off to have Kaly treated and evaluated.

She seemed better upon arrival and was breathing much easier. She was nonetheless whisked off to the triage/trauma room for evaluation. Several minutes later, a veterinarian came in and told us that Kaly had a collapsing trachea and also some swelling. She would need to be in an oxygen cage for at least 24 hours. They would administer some steroids and a sedative, which hopefully would settle her down, alleviate the swelling, and ease her breathing. I was devastated by the diagnosis, having assumed that she would just be treated and released. With my friends’ support, I left Kaly there with these strangers, but not before I made them promise to call me (on my cell phone) if there were any changes, even good ones.

I couldn’t sleep that night, and first thing the next morning, I called to check on Kaly. I was informed that she was somewhat improved, but that she would need to remain in their care (in the O2 cage) for the rest of the day. Maybe she could come out later that night. This time I talked to a different veterinarian, who said that Kaly still had some swelling, which was “adding insult to injury” because of her elongated soft palate. Wait a minute, the other vet told me she had a collapsing trachea! Do I need to tell you how I felt? My baby was not only out of sight, but in the care of veterinarians I didn’t know, wasn’t sure I trusted, and who didn’t even agree on her diagnosis!

Somehow I made it through the rest of the Montgomery circuit, attending the shows (as a spectator), but always worrying about Kaly. Finally after two days, she was released. She was as ecstatic as I was! We stayed for the “big show” on Sunday and traveled back to Michigan on Monday. By now Kaly was her old self and happy to be traveling (per usual). She seemed fine—no residual noises, no blueenss,
nothing to make one ever think she had had an episode of respiratory distress. Upon the advice of the emergency vet, I bought a harness for Kaly, one that wouldn’t put any pressure on her airways for her potty walks on the way home.

Once back home, I made an appointment with my regular veterinarian for Kaly to be seen and evaluated. My vet found nothing abnormal with Kaly’s respiratory system. She sounded fine on auscultation; she had no heavy breathing, no wet breathing, nothing. More X-rays were taken (I brought the ones done in PA for comparison), but they did not enlighten us any since they too were normal!! Her trachea was of normal proportions and her soft palate was normal as well. Blood panels also came back normal. My veterinarian diagnosed the problem as a possible allergic reaction from an unknown allergen and said that Kaly was otherwise in good health. Since I trusted my vet and felt the appropriate testing had been done, we went back to life as usual.

Kaly was bred in November 2002, a third try that finally took. One week before she was due to whelp, I had X-rays taken to determine the number and size of the puppies. There were two puppies. I was advised to consider a C-section for her, as the puppies would probably be too big for her to free whelp if they went the full 63 days. When she went into labor on the 63rd day, I called to alert the veterinarian and made my way to the office for the C-section. Both puppies were strong and healthy. Thinking back, the only thing I remember being somewhat out of the ordinary was that when Kaly was extubated (the intubation tube removed), there was some blood on the tube, telling me that perhaps the intubation tube should have been a size smaller. (A clue here).

The following spring, Kaly started some “reverse sneezing.” Several breeder friends and my vet all told me it was probably an allergic reaction to the springtime environment and not to worry. It only happened a few times, so I didn’t worry. When it happened again in the fall, I was sure it must be allergies.

In June of 2003, Kaly was bred again. This time, she free whelped, but we lost the last puppy because it took her so long to deliver it that the placenta became separated. With this delivery, Kaly seemed very stressed, in pain, and had a somewhat labored breathing. I attributed the labored breathing to the fact that she was in pain and was having trouble pushing out the last puppy. Kaly doesn’t tolerate pain very well, so it seemed rather natural that her breathing would be labored and stressed.

Again that fall and the following spring, Kaly did some “reverse sneezing.” I still thought it was nothing but allergies. But in the summer, Kaly started to exhibit some labored breathing, mostly when she was stressed (any kind, even happy stress). She also started to become very heat intolerant. Dummy me; I thought that was due to her being black and tan. Most black and tans don’t do well in high temperatures or in the direct sunlight of summer. During the next year, her snoring got much louder and more frequent, as did her intolerance to heat and exercise. I was told she was still fine, but that her trachea was slightly small. My vet had diagnosed this condition during a teeth cleaning when she had a little trouble intubating Kaly. (Another clue that I didn’t pick up on!)

Kaly was bred a last time in March of 2005. As her pregnancy progressed, her breathing became very labored and caused me great concern. After some investigating and a referral from a Bulldog breeder, I found Dr. William Schultz in Okemos, Michigan. Dr. Schultz is a general veterinarian with a special interest in canine reproduction and in the breathing problems of brachycephalic breeds such as Bulldogs, Pugs, etc. I made an appointment for Kaly to go for her pregnancy X-ray and for an evaluation of her breathing issues. Dr. Schultz told me that Kaly had five puppies and would definitely need a C-section because her trachea was narrowed, with a massive amount of scar tissue. She also had Everted Laryngeal Saccules (ELS). He was concerned about getting enough oxygen to the puppies and also about whether or not he could intubate her first. If he could, then he would deliver the puppies pronto. If not, he would have to remove Kaly’s saccules and as much scar tissue as possible, then intubate her and do the C-section.

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Kaly went into labor two days before the scheduled C-section. I called Dr. Schultz’s office and told them we were on our way (one hour drive time). She was taken right in and evaluated as I watched. The news was bad. Dr. Schultz couldn’t intubate her. She had way too much scar tissue and ELS to allow it. So he removed the saccules and as much scar tissue as he could, then intubated her for the C-section/spay. Yes, we decided that spaying was the right thing to do. The puppies were much too tiny. If I hadn’t known better, I would have guessed they were a week or more premature. Because they had been oxygen deprived, they were underdeveloped and didn’t even have any fur yet.

Kaly was put in recovery, the puppies were put in an incubator (after working on them for over an hour), and I was sent off to have lunch. We went to a restaurant close by, but before I could even order, my phone rang! I was told that Kaly had crashed, but that Dr. Schultz had re-intubated her and she was now stable and doing okay. I got another call a few minutes later, asking if there was a veterinarian near my home that had an oxygen cage. If so, I could transport Kaly there so that she would be closer to me while she recuperated for 24 hours or so in the O2 cage. After talking to Dr. Schultz, we decided that I would transport Kaly to Michigan State University Veterinary Hospital’s Intensive Care Unit. It was only two miles away, but that was the longest two miles of my life. Transporting her with the intubation tube still in and hearing her labor to breathe were very unsettling, to say the least.

Kaly was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit, evaluated and determined to need a tracheostomy. This would allow her trachea to rest and hopefully reduce the swelling quickly. She was shaved from under her neck to her business end, and both front legs were also shaved for the IVs. The ‘trach’ (breathing tube) was put in, and I was allowed to go see her. She looked so sad and pitiful that all I could do was stand helplessly and cry.

For the next two weeks, I traveled one hour each way from my house to the veterinary hospital to see Kaly. She wouldn’t eat for the staff, so I had to go to make sure she stayed nourished. Once she got the idea that I would be there everyday, she started to recover, but not as quickly as we would have liked. The swelling was slow to go down, and there was a chance that she would have to have a permanent tracheostomy. I was advised that euthanasia was also an alternative. Is wasn’t for me!! The vets said a permanent breathing tube wouldn’t cause Kaly any pain; it was just a matter of the amount of work needed to keep the tube opening clean and unobstructed. Too much work, are they crazy? This is my Kaly we are talking about here; the one that was always there for me. If necessary, I would do whatever was required for as long as necessary. I told them so. Over the next five days we lost all five puppies. They were just too tiny and under-developed to make it.

Kaly slowly improved, and two and a half weeks later she was released. She had to remain ‘at rest’ in a crate for the next two weeks, and her tracheostomy had to be cleaned twice a day. That was just a matter of keeping the ostomy hole open and clean. We put her in a 2’ x 3’ puppy pen in our bedroom away from all the daily commotion. We called it the ‘recovery room’ or the ‘Princess Pen’. She was more than content to be home, even if it meant she had to stay in the bedroom and have all that special care. When we returned to the hospital two weeks later for a recheck, we received the best news: no permanent tracheostomy!! Kaly was healing nicely and her breathing was less and less labored.
Kaly has now recovered, but she still has some restrictions, of course. She has to be walked in a harness and restrained from certain activities. Even happy stress can cause her problems, not because of her ELS (they are gone now), but because of her narrowed trachea caused by the excess scar tissue. She still loves to ‘lord’ over her domain and mother everything in sight. She is ‘happy as a lark’ just surveying her yard. I am happy that I still have her and that her quality of life is good.

I am telling you all this because I don’t want other Norwich owners and most certainly not their dogs to experience what we did. If Kaly had been diagnosed correctly the first time and had had the saccules removed then, she wouldn’t have built up such massive amounts of scar tissue and wouldn’t have had to go through the traumatic experience of almost losing her life. In my educated opinion, Norwich breeders need to make screening for ELS one of our breed’s routine health tests. Dr. Schultz is developing a protocol just for that purpose. There are two methods of exam: (1) “Scoping” (discussed in my Fall 2006 News article, pp. 24-27)) or (2) Using a tongue depressor. Both methods require that the dog be slightly ‘under’ for exam. If done with a tongue depressor and your veterinarian does not have (or use) an endoscope, the dog will have to be anesthetized again for surgical removal of the saccules, using the endoscope for accuracy. We need to test not only the Norwich that are noisy breathers, but also the ones that aren’t. You might just save a dog’s life!

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A NOTE TO NEWS READERS FROM SUE LAWRENCE

In response to Laura McLain Madsen, DVM’s article, “What Is A Veterinary Specialist,” in the Spring 2007 News (p. 24), I must apologize to all who read my article and misunderstood what I was trying to convey. I am not an eloquent writer and sometimes don’t use quite the right word or phrase. When I stated that “Dr. Schultz specializes in Respiratory and Reproductive Veterinary Medicine,” these were my words, not Dr. Schultz’s. He never said he was a “Respiratory Specialist” or claimed that he was Board Certified. I was referring to the fact that Dr. Schultz has a special interest and experience in canine breathing and reproduction and a great number of his patients fall within these two categories. If I had meant that he was a “Specialist,” I would have stated that in his credentials, i.e., John Doe, DVM, Board Certified in ______. I am sorry for any misconceptions derived from my wording.—Sue Lawrence

EVERTED LARYNGEAL SACCOLES
IN THE NORWICH TERRIER

Laryngeal saccules are soft, translucent-to-opaque tissue masses that lie between the vocal folds and the lateral wall of a dog’s larynx. Their usefulness is little understood. All dogs have the tissue present, but only some breeds seem to have difficulty with the saccules protruding past the vocal folds into the laryngeal opening. Saccul problems are most common in brachycephalic breeds; short nosed, stenotic nares (pinched nose), enlarged tonsils, elongated soft palate and redundant throat tissue. Occasionally tracheal problems (microtrachea or tracheal collapse) may be associated with airway disease. The upper airway obstruction to breathing is thought to be the cause for enlargement and eversion of the laryngeal saccules.
Negative air pressure caused by difficulty breathing creates a vacuum that affects the soft tissues of the sacculles and makes them enlarge to become bulbous masses covering the vocal folds. Everted sacculles were always thought to be a secondary problem of the brachycephalic breeds and were not suspect in the breeds with more normal face and sinus structure. Many of the affected brachycephalic dogs require surgery with stenotic nares opened, tonsils removed, soft palate resection and laryngeal saccullectomy to allow them to breathe better, if not normally.

Norwich Terriers have a normal nose and head structure that should allow for very normal breathing. However, this breed seems to have a very high incidence of everted laryngeal sacculles. The reason for the sacculle problem is unclear, causing breeders to attribute blame to multiple causes. Because Norwich Terriers are not a brachycephalic breed, they do not have the upper airway disease changes that are the usual cause for the everted sacculles. We have examined over 90 Norwich and have been trying to evaluate symptoms with reference to any physical changes in the throats. Three of the dogs examined with enlarged sacculles had been seen in other clinics and had previous tonsillectomy and/or soft palate resection. Four of the dogs examined with enlarged sacculles had a birth defect of the soft palate in which a large part of the soft palate was not developed. Examinations revealed that over 95% of the Norwich present had everted sacculles; this included the dogs with previous airway surgery as well as the dogs with congenital soft palate changes. The high incidence of everted sacculles was not found to be related to elongated soft palate, and enlarged tonsils were only found in 3 of the dogs examined. Long term breathing difficulties may be the reason for the enlarged tonsils. Tracheal examination did not reveal collapsed trachea or microtrachea as a source for the everted sacculles.

Clinical signs of everted sacculles may include all or only some of the following: completely normal breathing with no respiratory symptoms; snoring; noisy breathing at rest; noisy breathing while exercising or walking on leash; coughing; nasal congestion; exercise intolerance; heat intolerance and/or heat stroke on a less than hot day; shortness of breath and sensitivity in throat while on a choke collar. Our most interesting finding was to discover everted sacculles in dogs with complete absence of clinical signs. This underscores that all Norwich should be examined. Surgery is not imperative in a clinically normal throated dog. However, it cannot be assumed that a dog is normal because it has no symptoms.

Examination may be done with masked anesthesia or with I/V anesthesia. The use of Sevoflurane for mask anesthesia and ketamine/valium for I/V anesthesia has proven very safe. The most important factor in examination is that the anesthesia administered needs to be light enough to allow the dog to cough with laryngeal challenge. Several dogs that we examined appeared to have normal sacculles until challenged. The laryngeal area is touched with a probe while the dog is under anesthesia, causing the dog to cough with the result being eversion of the sacculles. When this examination technique is used in a normal dog, the sacculles will not evert, even with multiple induced coughing spasms. The use of an anesthetic like Propophol makes this examination technique very difficult because of the induced laryngeal paralysis. Some veterinarians give a second drug that will induce coughing during the Propophol anesthesia. It is imperative that examination be done properly to avoid an incorrect diagnosis. The examination procedure will not cause future problems and is not harmful to the dog. If the sacculles are not everted at the initial exam and are found to evert with challenge, we must consider that the sacculles are a problem.

Examination is rapid, and the dog is under anesthesia for a very short period. Laryngoscopy is not imperative at examination. Proper lighting and a tongue depressor may be used. Examination includes evaluation of the tonsils, soft palate, nasopharynx, sacculles and trachea. The upper trachea is visible at a sedated oral exam, but a laryngoscope is necessary to properly examine the trachea. Tonsils may be in the small crypts laterally, but will usually evert with any challenge. Large tonsils with obvious damage may need removal. The soft palate should be covering a fraction of the epiglottis, and the caudal border may be just longer than the caudal aspect of the tonsils. Sacculles should not be visible in the area lateral to the
vocal folds, even with challenge. The trachea should be round and have a uniform diameter throughout its length.

If surgery is elected, the use of a laser is strongly recommended for the sacculectomy procedure. Our technique involves removing the visible saccules and then challenging the dog to cough. The cough will cause eversion of more saccule tissue, allowing complete removal of the saccules. If a single pass of the laser is done, most dogs will have recurrence of saccule symptoms because the remaining tissue will evert within 2 to 3 months.

We have had less than 10% of the sacculectomy surgical cases show continued symptoms after surgery. During examination, we are trying to evaluate any abnormal airway changes. One area that seemed significant during examination was the nasopharynx. This is the tissue just dorsal to the larynx. In 12 Norwich we found this tissue to be thickened and edematous, with several dogs having moderate to severe clinical signs of upper airway disease. Only 2 dogs continued to have any airway signs postoperatively. We thought we had found the source for the everted saccules, but several dogs with thickened nasopharynx tissue did not have any clinical signs before or after sacculectomy. This sounds confusing, but because of the lack of consistency in the dogs with thickened nasopharynx tissue, we were not able to identify this as a primary cause for everted saccules.

Treatment of Norwich with post-op symptoms includes the use of diphenhydramine (Benadryl) given at 1 mg/# body weight 3 times daily. Yellow or orange Triaminic, given at 2 to 3 ml 3 times daily, has been used if the Benadryl does not work. Human cortisone nasal spray has also been used with a dropper, giving one drop in each nare 2 to 3 times daily. These medications have been quite safe for long-term usage.

We are recording the video examinations of dogs and include tonsil, soft palate, saccule exam and tracheal exam while the dog is sedated. We have found that it is imperative to challenge the dog to cough to have a proper evaluation of the saccules. It is important to realize that the challenge of the larynx will not harm the dog and that the saccules will only evert if they are affected. The anesthetic may cause relaxation of the throat, allowing everted saccules to appear normal without challenge. It is also important to know that, in a normal throat, the challenge will not cause eversion of saccules. Airway surgery without a complete examination should not be allowed in any Norwich Terrier. Continued monitoring of affected and non-affected dogs will be needed to hopefully determine the cause and give hope to clear this problem from the Norwich breed.

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LYME DISEASE IN DOGS

Ed: Since we first moved to central Virginia four years ago, two of our five Norwich have tested low positive for Lyme disease. To date, neither has shown any symptoms of the disease and, per my vet's current Lyme protocol, neither has been treated with antibiotics or vaccinated against the disease. [I should note that another vet in this same practice automatically prescribes antibiotics for any dog that tests positive for Lyme.] My vet told me that in the past five years, more and more dogs in his practice are testing positive for Lyme. Because
the disease poses a risk to both dogs and humans and seems to be increasingly prevalent in many new areas of the USA. I asked NNTC member and veterinarian Kim Hennessy to write an article about Lyme disease for the News. Thanks, Kim.—AGF

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Definition

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that occurs primarily in dogs and humans. The causative agent, Borrelia burgdorferi, is transmitted by the bite of a tick. The disease in dogs causes joint pain and swelling. Severe, fatal kidney disease (Lyme nephritis) occurs occasionally.

Cause

Lyme disease is transmitted by Ixodes ticks ("deer ticks"), which are tan and smaller than reddish-brown "dog ticks." Immature ticks feed on mice, then adult ticks feed on deer and larger mammals. Studies show that an infected adult or immature tick transmits disease after attaching and feeding on a dog for 36 to 48 hours. Thus, finding a small, flat, non-engorged tick on a dog indicates a very low risk of infection.

Risk Factors

Dogs living in the Northeast are at highest risk, with other cases seen in the upper Midwest and the far West. Any age, breed, or gender dog can become infected. Lyme nephritis is most common in Labrador and Golden Retrievers, however.

Signs

The disease in dogs causes joint pain and swelling, decreased appetite, fever, lethargy and lameness. There may be severe pain or very little at all.

Diagnosis

Current tests cannot diagnosis Lyme disease. Serology is the most common diagnostic method used, but this blood test only indicates exposure and antibody production. Positive test results along with physical signs are combined to produce the diagnosis. A dog will test positive 3 to 5 weeks after infection. After treatment with antibiotics, antibody titers may stay positive for weeks to months. For this reason, serology alone is not an accurate indicator of response to treatment. Traditional laboratory tests for kidney function (creatinine and BUN levels) are used to diagnose the rare complication Lyme nephritis.

Treatment

The antibiotic Doxycycline, given once a day for 30 days, is the standard treatment. An alternative drug, Amoxicillin, has also been successfully used, especially in young puppies, to avoid enamel staining in developing teeth. If oral drugs cannot be tolerated, an IV antibiotic Ceftriaxone may be used.

Prognosis

Whether treated or untreated, most dogs recover well from Lyme disease. The rare but serious complication of Lyme nephritis, however, is always fatal within weeks to months after diagnosis.

Prevention

Of course, avoiding tick exposure and using topical tick repellents such as Frontline®, Advantix® or Preventic Collar® are all essential to prevent Lyme disease. Vaccines have also become available in recent years and are popular in endemic areas. Vaccination is not 100% effective in preventing Lyme disease; clinical studies claim around 80% efficacy. Annual vaccination is recommended.
Author's note:
In the area where I practice (Chester County, PA), between 25 and 50 % of all dogs test positive for Lyme exposure each year. Only about 5 to 10% of these have signs of illness. We generally use the Recombitek® vaccine (made by Merial) annually for all dogs and have seen very few side effects from this vaccine. We see one to two cases a year of the fatal Lyme nephritis, always in Labs or Lab crosses. We do use 30 days of Doxycycline for all dogs that test strongly positive for Lyme. Many residents of Chester County, including myself, have been diagnosed with Lyme disease. I vaccinate all three of my Norfolk Terriers, and also use both Frontline monthly and a Preventic collar. To date, all three dogs have tested negative every year.

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CANINE HEALTH
AND THE GENOME PROJECT

For many years dog breeder communities have maintained and improved their breeds. Focusing on health and wellness in their canine friends ensured popular and desirable dogs. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently funded a $26 million dollar DNA sequencing project. The project completely sequenced a female boxer called Tasha and partially sequenced several other breeds and other canines (German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Bedlington, Beagle, Labrador, English Shepherd, Italian Greyhound, Alaskan Malamute, Portuguese Water Dog, China Gray Wolf, Californian Coyote, Alaska Gray Wolf, Spanish Gray Wolf). This is a landmark for dog health as it should enable us to transfer learnings from the human medical area to dogs by comparing their DNA. The dog genome should also enable us to learn about human health conditions by finding the causal genes for dog health issues in purebred and mixed breed dogs and publishing the information for human medical researchers to use.

The first step in finding genes for health is to understand the dog population. The dogs of America are made up of purebred and mixed breed dogs. All of these dogs may help us to understand health and wellness using an approach pioneered by Elaine Ostrander’s group and other leading scientists in their research into the gene for Collie Eye anomaly. The key to this technique is to line up DNA from different breeds or individuals, all of which have the eye issue, and to find the part of the DNA that they all have. Researchers can now extend this technique by combining purebred and mixed breed dogs with a health problem and finding the DNA they all share. The key to mixed breed dogs helping in these studies is to know which breeds they are mixes of.

The second step in finding genes linked to health and wellness is collecting high quality samples. Our research over the past 7 years has been hugely aided by thousands of purebred and mixed breed dog owners donating samples to allow us to understand the dog. We would like to thank all of these owners and breeders for their help in this work. This map shows our American
show and hospital-based collections, which, when combined with European and Asian collections, takes us to over 25,000 dog samples.

The research completed to date forms the bedrock for our future research. We can analyse purebred and mixed breed dog samples to understand their breed background and look for health and wellness genes. We are currently working on several projects. The results of one of our projects, where 3500 of our samples were shared with NIH and collaborators to locate the gene associated with size in small dogs, was published in the April 2007 issue of the journal, *Science*. We have other papers in preparation moving forwards into health and wellness that should help dog care and, in the long term, human health.

None of this research would have been possible without thousands of owners and breeders helping us to understand dog health. The Norfolk and Norwich Terrier community has strongly supported sample donation. Thank you.

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**PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS ANALYSIS OF NORWICH AND NORFOLK TERRIERS**

The picture above shows all the Norwich and Norfolk Terriers that we have typed so far. Note that the breeds are very distinct from each other and that the Norwich seems to be more genetically diverse (bigger cloud).

—Paul Jones, PhD
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NORFOLK RESULTS AT WESTMINSTER 2007

The British have Crufts and we have Westminster. Crufts can easily top 20,000 canine entries, while Westminster this year had an entry of 2,600. That’s quite a difference, wouldn’t you say? Westminster is open to the top five dogs in each breed. Thereafter, anyone may enter their dogs as long as the entry is a champion. Long gone are the regular classes; Westminster is strictly a show for breed champions with Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, and Award of Merit winners.

The pre-Westminster parties seem to be starting earlier and earlier in the week, with some evenings having as many as two or three. Two private cocktail parties on Thursday evening began the hectic Westminster week for me. Friday evening’s cocktail party was at the famed Dakota apartment building on New York City’s west side. Our host and hostess provided buses for guests to get to the theatre for the Dog Museum’s annual event; this year it was the “Drowsy Chaperone.” Buses transported all in attendance to the 21 Club for a late supper after the theatre. The tickets for the theatre and dinner sell quickly; therefore, purchase yours early next year and be a part of the festivities. Saturday evening, Pedigree held its awards night, with our own Dylan Kipp taking top honors as a Junior Handler. Dylan has represented the United States at the World Show in Buenos Aires and in Poland and will next represent the U. S. Juniors in Mexico City. That’s not too shabby for a Junior Handler who is not yet fifteen. The Pedigree dinner dance at the Museum was gorgeous and costs a ton of money. Sunday night the big party was at the Tavern on the Green. This is a much sought after invitation, but I must admit I begged off as I had had enough partying.

Judging Norfolk on Monday morning at Westminster 2007 was Ronald Irving, the chairman of The Kennel Club in England. Ch. Cause for Celebration won the breed over an entry of nine, with one absent. “Dick’s” breeders are Pamela Beale, Elisabeth Materell and Stephanie Ingram. These three ladies and Beth Sweigart, who exhibited him, are his owners. His sire is Ch. Red Cherubim’s Summer Star and his dam, the one and only “Coco.” Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Ch. Tintagel’s Anticipation, handled by Mary Norton-Augustus. Breeders/owners are Terry Litton, Wanda Lee Litton and Mary Norton-Augustus. Ch. Domby’s Lord Chesterfield II is the sire and the dam, Ch. Domby’s Madame Mantalini. Lori Pelletier piloted the Award of Merit dog, Ch. Final Lea Big Ticket Item, owned and bred by Jayne Dubin. Ch. Mercator Point to Point is the sire and the dam, Ch. Final Lea Ticket to Ride.

An easy place for dinner is Nick and Stef’s, a restaurant actually within the Garden. The steaks are delicious, and should you decide that’s where you’d like to dine next year, please make your reservation in advance. Following dinner, we reentered the Garden for the evening Groups. The Dandie Dinmont won the Terrier Group, which really didn’t surprise any of us. Best in Show went to the English Springer Spaniel who, I think, looked terrific. See you at the Garden in February 2008.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

NORWICH RESULTS AT WESTMINSTER 2007

Bill and I hadn’t been to the Westminster KC show in at least 15 years. We had been told to expect huge crowds, but hearsay didn’t prepare us for just how crowded the breed rings and benching areas would be. By the time we arrived at Madison Square Garden at 8:30 AM Monday February 12, spectators were already standing 6 or 7 rows deep around the Norwich ring. Not sure we’d even be able to see such short-legged dogs if we joined the ringside crush, we headed for a relatively empty section of grandstand seats above Ring 2. There we could at least enjoy an unobstructed aerial view of the ‘downs and backs’ in seated comfort.
Judge W. Ronald Irving, chairman of The Kennel Club (U.K.), drew an entry of nineteen Norwich, but six were absent. The thirteen breed champions (12 males and one female) that trotted into the ring at 9:15 AM represented almost every region of the USA, including the West Coast, the Southwest, the Great Lakes, the mid-Atlantic and New England. Most were shown by professional handlers, but four were handled by their breeders-owners Anna Bellenger, Norma Braun, Alyson Cleary and Joan Kefeli. After examining and moving each Norwich, Mr. Irving awarded Best of Breed to Ch. Snowyridge Don't Fence Me In (Ch. Shonleh Marsh Hawk x Ch. Rogel's Cleopatra), a 3-year-old male bred by Roger Pearson and Roxanne Bortnick, owned by Alexandra Geremia of Santa Barbara, California, and handled by Wood Wornall. Ch. Fozzie's Violets Are Blue (Ch. Sandia's Supersonic x Ch. Fozzie's Brunhilda), an almost 3-year-old bitch bred, owned and handled by Alyson Cleary of Fairfield, Connecticut, was Best of Opposite Sex. The two Award of Merit winners were Ch. Gaylord's Solo Me-Oh (Ch. Titanium Master Chef x Gaylord's Star Crunch), a 5-year-old dog bred by Larry Adams and David Guempel, owned by Marie and Dennis Cato of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and handled by Brenda Combs; and Ch. Havic's Rockin' Roscoe (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Sandina Evanstar), a 21-month-old dog bred by Sheila Ann Rekow, owned by Harriett and Victor Allen of Cantonment, Florida, and handled by Letisha Wubbel.

Much has changed at Westminster during our 15-year absence. Daily General Admission tickets now cost $40 each. Ringside crowds have burgeoned. The benching areas, where we went after the judging, were even more claustrophobic than ringside and were also uncomfortably hot and stuffy. Vendors' booths lined both sides of the breed benching rows, contributing to the 'traffic jams' of shoppers, exhibitors and the general public who had come to meet the breeds and the breeders. While some aspects of the Garden have changed, however, one feature remains the same—the thrill of a Westminster win. Congratulations to the Norwich Best of Breed, whose long trip from California to the Big Apple was gloriously rewarded. Kudos also to the BOS and AOM winners—and to the nine other Norwich champions that represented our breed so well at this prestigious venue.

—Alison Freehling, Charlottesville, VA

**NORWICH AND NORFOLK RESULTS AT CRUFTS 2007**

If you have an opportunity to travel to England, my suggestion is to use your air miles and travel first class on Virgin Air. It's pure luxury. Louise Leone and I did just that on our way to London. We spent two nights at the Athenaeum Hotel in London's Mayfair district and then made our way to Birmingham for the Crufts show.

Saturday, March 10th, was Terrier Day at Crufts, with Norwich entering the ring at 8:30 A.M. England's premier Norwich breeder, Lesley Crawley of Ragus fame, was the judge of the day. Shockingly, Lesley had an entry of only twenty-eight. Some people in England have begun to refer to the Norwich as an endangered breed. How is this possible? I remember the days of kennels such as Jericho when I would visit and see many young quality puppies running around. Not only are Norwich now reduced in numbers, but their quality has also declined. Eileen Needham's Titanium kennel is putting up a good fight to preserve the breed. Titanium Columbus, with an undocked tail, took home the Reserve Dog Challenge Certificate (CC). This dog is nicely balanced and enjoyed his romp around the ring. Betty Bossio handled the American entry, Am. Ch. Birchbay Sir Galahad, to the Dog Challenge Certificate and Best of Breed. This handsome Norwich, beautifully groomed and showing to perfection, was bred and is owned by Janis Birchall, MD, of Wimberley, Texas. Further congrats are due as Betty and Sir Galahad made the shortlist in the Terrier Group. Martin Phillips and his black and tan Jaeva Jingle Bell Rock with Zippor took the Bitch CC (also known as the ticket). Ohio Starcatcher of Glenhafod, owned by Garry Mason
of Wales, went Reserve Bitch CC. In my opinion, the Norwich that won had merit, but some of the other entries left some of us wondering what was happening to the breed in the U.K.

Eighty-eight Norfolk were entered under breeder judge, Rita Mitchell, of the Richell kennel. I believe there were seven absentees. Interestingly, the Norfolk were far more impressive than their Norwich cousins; not just in numbers, but in conditioning as well. Even those with undocked tails, and there were a few, were in presentable coat and showed nicely. Bred and owned by Martin Phillips, Ja eva For Petes Sake took the Dog CC and the Best of Breed. Diane Jenkins’ Krisma Crossfire won the Reserve Dog ticket. Cathy Thompson-Morgan’s Belleville Another Passion, moving smartly, won the Bitch Challenge Certificate. Cathy’s Norfolks are well put together and beautifully trained. A pretty Open Bitch, Foxhouse Firedance, all Kinsridge bred, won the Reserve Bitch CC.

It’s tough for me to get accustomed to the undocked tails which some of the Norwich and Norfolk entries displayed. But we’ll all have to get used to the look because effective April 6, 2007, a new U.K. law prohibits all dogs docked after that date from being shown in Great Britain. Some of the breeders I spoke with feel as if they sat on their hands and did very little to prevent the law from taking effect. Isn’t that what we are doing here in the States? Nothing?! What makes any one of us think a docking ban couldn’t happen on our shores? We all better be aware of what is to come and how to combat it if we expect to preserve the docked tail.

If you haven’t been to Crufts, give it a try. It isn’t my favorite show, but it is one I go to every year because after all . . . it’s Crufts.

—Barbara Miller

NORFOLK RESULTS AT THE 2007 NNTCGC SPECIALTY

Chicago is a terrific city; there’s shopping on Michigan Avenue, fantastic restaurants, worthy museums, walks along the lake and oh so much more. Admittedly this year I did none of these things, as the wintry weather wasn’t conducive nor did I have the time.

The NNTCGC Specialty was held on Saturday, February 24 in conjunction with the first day of the International Kennel Club of Chicago shows. NNTC member Mr. Rich Esquibel judged the Sweepstakes and Kenneth McDermott the regular classes. Rich is President of the Nor Cal NNTC, and he and his wife Dana have successfully bred Norwich under the "tinytowne" prefix for many years. Ten young Norfolk were entered in Sweeps, with two absent. Best in Sweeps was Max-Well’s Cinch Up, a just-under-nine-month-old bitch owned and bred by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp and shown by Dylan Kipp. Cinch is sired by Ch. Max-Well’s Junior Mint and out of Ch. Max-Well’s Snaffle Bit. Litter brother Max-Well’s Tack Up took the ribbon for Best of Opposite in Sweeps.

The Norfolk regular classes had an entry of twenty-one, with four absent. Mr. McDermott’s choice for Winners Dog/Best of Winners was Max-Well’s Viper, bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp and exhibited by Susan in the Bred By Exhibitor class. This young dog is out of Ch. Max-Well’s Venus, winner of twenty-two Bests in Show; his sire is Ch. Max-Well’s Cyclone, winner of thirty-four Bests. Viper has a lot to live up to, but with this being his first show weekend, possibly good things are in his future. From the Open Dogs class, Sir Winklef Trump, bred by Sherri Lish and owned by Cindy Goff, went Reserve Winners Dog. His sire is Ch. Barnstable Trump Soot; his dam, Lynjo’s Kool Kat. Regency’s Alene Amazing Revival took the Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex ribbons for a three point major, thereby completing her championship. Her sire is Ch. Max-Well’s Comet; her dam, Regency’s Revival Fire Fall. Breeder-owner Tina Dennis was unable to attend the show, but was
thrilled to learn of this win via her cell phone call. Breeders-owners Linda and David Dinger, with Linda as handler, took Kashmir’s My Lady The Chase Is On to the Reserve Winners Bitch slot. Ch. Domby’s Rinaldo At Abbedale is the sire, and the dam, Ch. Franaro Kashmir’s Tally-Ho. Ch. Cause For Celebration (“Dick”) took home the Best of Breed ribbon. Beth Sweigart, one of “Dick’s” owners, handled him, while another of his owners, Pam Beale, beamed on the side lines. “Dick’s” sire is Ch. Red Cherubim’s Summer Star; his dam is the well-known Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (Coco), bred in England by Elisabeth Matell. I’m sure that “Dick’s” owners are hoping he will follow in his dam’s paw prints—and what paw prints they are!! Max-Well’s Tack Up was the judge’s choice for Best Puppy. Proudly I tell you that Devon Kipp, handling her Ch. Max-Well’s Caramel Candy, was the Best Junior in Show. I believe Devon completed against fifty-five other juniors.

You should try to attend the 4-show Chicago show weekend at McCormick Place next year. The building is well lit and ventilated, rings are large, and there is plenty of space for exhibitors to set up. Benching was eliminated this year, but order still prevailed as all exhibitors knew which aisle to set up in. Everyone associated with these three kennel clubs (Blackhawk, IKC, and Park Shore) do their best to see to it that exhibitors’ needs are met. Hope to see you there next year.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY

Best of Breed: Ch. Cause for Celebration, pictured with judge Kenneth McDermott, handler/co-owner Beth Sweigart and NNTCGC Trophy Chair John Francisco

NORWICH RESULTS AT THE 2007 NNTCGC SPECIALTY

The Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club of Greater Chicago (NNTCGC) held its 17th annual specialty in conjunction with the Saturday, February 24 International Kennel Club (IKC) show at McCormick Place in downtown Chicago. NNTC member and Nor Cal NNTC President Rich Esquibel of El Sobrante, California judged Norwich Sweepstakes. Rich and his wife Dana Sansing Esquibel have bred Norwich for many years under the “tinytowne” kennel prefix. Siena’s My Heart Belongs To Rudy (Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror x Ch. Siena’s Devil At Heart), an 11-month-old bitch bred and owned by Sofia Scharlock and
Jacqueline McMurray, was Rich’s choice for **Best in Sweepstakes.** The **Best of Opposite Sex** ribbon went to **Abbedale Ring O’ Brodgar** (Ch. Dralion’s Smiles and Chuckles x Ch. Abbedale The Brass Ring), from the 6-9 months Puppy Dogs class. This young male was bred by Bonnie Johnson and Joan Eckert and is owned by Joan with Larry Hottot and Nancy Wise.

Kenneth McDermott judged the **Norwich regular classes**, making the following placements from an entry of 46, with 9 absent:

- **Winners Dog** / **Best of Winners** / **Best Puppy**: **Littlefield Parmesano Reggiano** (Ch. Skyscot’s Cowboy Up x Ch. Littlefield Keri On Regardless). Exhibited in the 9-12 months Puppy Dogs class, 11-month-old “Reggie” was bred by Leandra Little and is owned by Leandra with Meaghan Orcutt and Nico Esposito. Reggie went on to win a **Puppy Group 4** later in the day.

- **Reserve Winners Dog**: **Reverie’s Shining Knight** (Ch. Arcadian Wild Adventure CDX x Ch. Reverie’s Only Make Believe), from the Open Dogs class. Bred by Ann R. and Mary Beth Carlson and owned by Eboni C. Howard.

- **Winners Bitch**: **Fxhnt Flying Spur** (Ch. Yarrow’s Slightly Azure x Ch. Fxhnt Patty by Ratty of Royal Rock), from the 12-18 months Bitches class. Bred by Hal Happersett and owned by Hal with Roxanne Stamm.

- **Reserve Winners Bitch**: **Janoras I’m Sexy Stuff** (Ch. Reverie’s Mr. Big Stuff x Ch. Janoras Obsession), from the 9-12 months Puppy Bitches class. Bred and owned by Norma Braun.

- **Best Bred By Exhibitor**: **Koko-Abeni of Sweetbriar** (Ch. Janoras Ketka’s All Spruced Up x Arcadian Lady of Sweetbriar). Bred and owned by Kim L. Stuart.

- **Best of Opposite Sex**: **Ch. Littlefield Halle Beary of Saxony** (Ch. Skyscot’s Cowboy Up x Ch. Littlefield Razzle Dazzle). Bred by Leandra Little and owned by Leandra with Joan Graham and Gay Stahley. “Halle” is a half sister of the WD/BW.

- **Best of Breed**: **Ch. Havic’s Rockin Roscoe** (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Sandina’s Evanstar). Bred by Sheila Ann Rekow and owned by Harriet B. and Victor Allen.

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*Best of Breed: Ch. Havic’s Rockin Roscoe, pictured with (l. to r.) judge Kenneth McDermott, handler Ernesto Lara, NNTCGC Secretary Jim Kinney and Challenge Trophy presenter Paul Schulz*
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• Awards of Merit:
   ♦ Ch. Janoras Word Play (Ch. Janoras The Word Is Out x Ch. Janoras Simply Irresistible), bred and owned by Norma Braun.
   ♦ Ch. Littlefield Ruff Tuned (Ch. Chestnut Hills Royal Blue x Ch. Littlefield Keri On Regardless), bred by Leandra Little and owned by Leandra with her husband Steve Weinberger.
   ♦ Ch. Snowyridge Don't Fence Me In (Ch. Shonleh Marsh Hawk x Ch. Rogel's Cleopatra), bred by Roger Pearson and Roxanne Bortnick, and owned by Alexandra Geremia. This Norwich was the 2007 Westminster BOB.

Congratulations to all the Norwich winners!

—Alison Freehling

NORFOLK RESULTS AT THE 2007 GREAT WESTERN WEEKEND

If you breed, own or exhibit Norfolk and Norwich Terriers, you certainly are aware of the two most important all-terrier shows in the U. S.: Montgomery in the east and Great Western in the west. Montgomery is the granddaddy of them all, full of vim and vigor. It's a show whose energy is felt weeks before one even sets foot on the show grounds. Great Western, on the other hand, is pure California, laid back and waiting for something to happen. Now don't get me wrong; it happens all the time, especially in sunny Long Beach, California where the shows are held. The George Allen Field at California State University is an ideal venue, with level fields that are beautifully tented. The many specialty-holding breed clubs go out of their way to decorate their rings and tenting areas.

Thursday morning we had a quorum for our NNTC board meeting. A lot was discussed, a lot was accomplished, and we managed to fit lunch into the agenda as well as dog walking. We're hoping for a NNTC Match Show to be held in Bayshore, Long Island in the summer of 2008. The facility is indoors and air-conditioned. You'll be hearing more about this. Board members were excited to learn that both breeds' Illustrated Standards are close to completion. Late on Thursday afternoon, a number of Norfolk and Norwich breeders attended a seminar given by Myra Harris. I've been breeding dogs for over forty years, but still found her seminar informative and worthwhile. You're never too old to learn a new trick or two, especially when it comes to breeding, whelping and saving pups.

The lead-off show Friday was the Long Beach Kennel Club, judged by NNCT member and long-time Norfolk and Norwich breeder (“Yarrow”), Beth Sweigart. Beth selected Max-Well’s Tack Up, sired by Ch. Max-Well’s Junior Mint out of Ch. Max-Well’s Snaffle Bit, for her Reserve Winners Dog. Her Winners Dog/Best of Winners was Max-Well’s Charlie Brown. Both the Reserve and Winners were bred and are owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. Charlie Brown is the result of frozen sperm stored for oh so many years from the famous Eng. and Am. Ch. Jaeva Marty Brown. Charlie’s dam is Ch. Max-Well’s Snaffle Bit. Arriba Just for Kicks, owned by Sandra Stemmler and bred by Judi Hartell, Patsy Wade and M. Muse, took home the Reserve Winners Bitch ribbon. She's sired by Eng. & Am Ch. Jaeva Dutch Gold out of Ch. Bancroft’s Ode To Joy. Breeders/owners Ed and Ann Dum were thrilled when their Bred By Exhibitor bitch, Arroyo’s Biscuit ’N Gravy, was awarded

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the Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex ribbons. She’s sired by Ch. Wisdom’s Gate Let Freedom Ring out of Ch. Arroyo’s Skittles. Both the WD and WB went home with major points, making it a great way to begin the weekend. Freddie Jackson and Larry Rockwell bred the Best of Breed winner, the black and tan Ch. Wintersky’s Blackjack. Freddie co-owns this almost-two-year-old male with Anne Fletcher.

Ed Dum, the NNTC West Coast Hospitality chairman, was in charge of the dinner held at the host hotel. Actually he was in command of hospitality for the entire GWTA weekend and did a great job. The dinner fell short of being delicious, but that was the fault of the Marriott. Ed had the tables looking terrific, and a nice crowd of club members attended. We all owe Ed and wife Ann a big thank you. Jean Kessler and Pat Mason manned the silent auction table. I bid on a book written by the late, well-known English Norfolk breeder Sheila Monckton (“Jericho”), but Pam Seifert outbid me by a penny.

Judge Richard Powell did the Norfolk honors on Saturday at the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills. Richard is a Norfolk owner/breeder (“Flatford”), born in England, who now lives in Pennsylvania. His selection for Winners Dog/Best of Winners was Max-Well’s Mr. Cruise, bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. He’s sired by the import, Eng. & Am Ch. Kinsridge Cruise Control, owned in this country by Miller/Kipp. Ch. Max-Well’s Miss Kitty is his dam; therefore, his call name is “TomKat” (get it)? Reserve Winners Dog went to Max-Well’s Charlie Brown, Friday’s WD. In the Bred By Exhibitor Group judged by Ms. Connie Clark at day’s end, 7-month-old Mr. Cruise (TomKat) happily took home a Group Two. Max-Well’s Cinch Up, a full sister to Tack Up (Friday’s RWD), was Mr. Powell’s choice for Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex. Debbie Pritchard bred the Reserve Winners Bitch, Gleneg Alden, who is owned by Benjamin Graham. This little Norfolk devil gave Debbie a bit of a hard time going around the ring, but finally found her stride. Both the Winners Dog and Bitch earned major points and are now well on their way to their championships. Pam Beale, Elisabeth Matell and Stephanie Ingram co-bred and co-own the Best of Breed winner, Ch. Cause for Celebration (Dickey), sired by Ch. Red Cherubim’s Summer Star and out of the famous Eng. & Am. Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre (CoCo).

Sunday was the NNTC Roving National Specialty at Great Western. Ed and Ann Dum headed up the California committee that saw to it that our Specialty ring looked lovely. Potted flowers were in the corners of the ring. The ring entrance was clever, with columns wrapped in what resembled film and a canopy sign above stating “Hollywood.” Muffins, donuts and coffee were available for breakfast. It’s always nice having our own area of the tent for club gatherings. Members also had the opportunity to prepay for boxed lunches, which were served at tables with “Hollywood” center pieces. Everything was truly lovely.

Texan Claire Johnson judged Norfolk Sweepstakes at the GWTA Specialty. Ann and Ed Dum bred the Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps, Arroyo’s Tater Tot. The Dums own this young dog with Randy and Michelle Welcher. He is sired by Ch. Wisdom’s Gate Let Freedom Ring out of the Dums’ bitch, Ch. Arroyo’s Skittles. The Best in Sweeps ribbon was awarded to his litter sister, Arroyo’s Biscuit ‘N Gravy, bred and owned by the Dums. Nice going for this young team of Norfolk!

NNTC member and Norfolk breeder (“Mercator”) Andrew Kramer judged the regular Norfolk classes at the GWTA Specialty. On behalf of the NNTC, I’d like to thank Andrew for being the judge of the day. His judge’s critique follows. The Great Western weekend was truly a lovely few days with weather that can’t be beat. Give it a try next year. Believe me, you’ll enjoy it.

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

Best of Breed: Ch. Max-Well's Viper,
pictured with Specialty judge Dr. Andrew Kramer, handler
Susan Kipp, and NNTC Show Chair Ann Dum

 Winners Dog/Best of Winners:
 Arroyo's Tater Tot

 Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex:
 Max-Well's Cinch Up

Best in Sweeps: Arroyo's Biscuit 'N Gravy,
pictured with Norfolk Sweeps judge Claire Johnson
and breeder/owner/handler Ann Dum
Norwich Winners

Best of Breed: Ch. Sandina's Summer Storm,
pictured with Specialty judge Mrs. Sally Baugniet, handler
Roxanne Thies, and NNTC President Barbara Miller

Winners Dog/Best of Winners:
Briardales Rough Cut

Winners Bitch:
Nan-Sea's Four Leaf Clover

Best of Opposite Sex:
Ch. Unique's Red Hot Chili Pepper

Best in Sweeps: Zigzag's Gotta Have Gusto,
pictured with judge Jean Bryant and breeder/owner/handler Gail Herstein
SHOWFRONT

NORFOLK TERRIERS AT THE
2007 NNTC ROVING NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Dr. Andrew A. Kramer’s Judge’s Critique

I want to thank the membership of the NNTC for inviting me to judge Norfolk Terriers at the 2007 Roving National Specialty, held in conjunction with the June 24 Great Western Terrier Association show. It was my most enjoyable judging assignment to date. Good dogs, good weather, and good sportsmanship made for a wonderful experience. My only complaint was that Awards of Merit were not being offered; thus I could not formally acknowledge more dogs.

What follows is my critique of the first two placements (if applicable) in each class:

6-9 Months Puppy Dogs: First place was **Max-Well’s Cool Ride**, a quality puppy with an attractive head, good coat, and strong driving movement.

9-12 Months Puppy Dogs: First place was **Brailands Sweet William**, a grizzle Norfolk with a wonderful headpiece, nice shoulder layback, and thick coat. He just needs to body up and then should finish quickly.

12-18 Months Dogs: First place was **Arroyo’s Tater Tot**. This youngster had a gorgeous head and moved beautifully, particularly in rear propulsion. He was of the correct size and proportion. Second place was **Max-Well’s Tack Up**, a red dog with nice drive.

**Bred by Exhibitor Dog:** First place was **Max-Well’s Mr. Cruise**, a 9-month-old puppy that was a bit large for his age, but had the proper proportions. He could have been in better muscle. Great coat along with a pleasing outline.

**Open Dog:** First place was **Max-Well’s Charlie Brown**, a sturdy dog in good condition. Proper shoulder layback, which helped result in a strong front.

**Winners Dog & Best of Winners: Arroyo’s Tater Tot** (Ch. Wisdom Gate’s Let Freedom Ring X Ch. Arroyo’s Skittles).

**Reserve Winners Dog: Max-Well’s Mr. Cruise**

6-9 Months Puppy Bitches: First place was **Arroyo’s Fallen Angel**. Hard coat, pleasing movement, but needs to body up. Second place was **Arroyo’s Gotta Be An Angel**. Good profile; needs to be more confident when showing.

9-12 Months Puppy Bitches: First place was **Arroyo’s Black Dahlia**. This appealing black and tan puppy had well laid back shoulders, along with a pretty head sporting a keen expression. Unfortunately she gave her handler a fit, which is what puppies are apt to do.

12-18 Months Bitches: First place was **Max-Well’s Candycane**. Attractive head and well placed shoulders. Her coat had not come in fully. Second place was **Max-Well’s Cool Cookie**. While she had an impressive coat, her front was not as good as that of her half-sister.

**Bred by Exhibitor Bitch:** This was my hardest class to judge, since both bitches were almost equally competitive. First place was **Max-Well’s Cinch Up**, a cobby bitch with an appealing head, level topline, and hard coat. She sparkled when shown. Second place went to **Arroyo’s Biscuit ‘N Gravy**. This bitch had a lovely expression, beautiful coat, and the best front of all the bitches. She lacked just a little in her rear movement.

**Open Bitches:** First place went to **Glenelg Alden**. This stylish bitch had superb movement, an engaging expression (starting with a dark eye), and a profuse coat. She definitely vied for Winners Bitch. Unfortunately she showed in a rather lackluster manner and could not be awarded a rosette. Second place went to **Arriba Just For Kicks**. She will surely finish and had one of the best rear movements on the day. I would have liked a little less weight on her.

**Winners Bitch & Best of Opposite Sex: Max-Well’s Cinch Up** (Ch. Max-Well’s Junior Mint X Ch. Max-well’s Snaffle Bit).

Best of Breed: Ch. Max-Well’s Viper (Ch. Max-Well’s Cyclone X Ch. Max-Well’s Venus). This son of the 2006 Montgomery BOB winner is an extremely well-made dog. His movement appeared effortless. Good headpiece, hard coat; this dog should go very far.

Stud Dog: Ch. Wisdom’s Gate Let Freedom Ring (Ch. Kintridge Free N’ Easy X Ch. Arroyo’s Farolito Fire). This handsome dog was the sire of five entries, including the WD/BOW and the RWB. He would have received my AOM (if AOMs had been available) and should prove to be a major stud dog.

Brood Bitch: Ch. Arroyo’s Skittle (Ch. Keef’s The Saint X Ch. Arroyo’s Rockie Road). A cute, winsome bitch who is the proud mother of the WD/BOW and the RWB. She will undoubtedly receive a ROM.

Overall assessment: On the positive side, many exhibits had an impressive width of skull with a well-defined stop, proper shoulder layback, and were of correct size. There were more good fronts than in years past. Coats and tail sets were almost universally good. On the negative side, I saw a number of “houndy” ears, light eyes, and poor bites. But overall the state of the breed is good, and every Norfolk breeder there had something to be proud of.

—Dr. Andrew A. Kramer, “Mercator” Norfolk Terriers, Reston, VA (mercator@ix.netcom.com)

NORWICH RESULTS AT THE 2007 GREAT WESTERN WEEKEND

Having heard so much praise for the venue, I could hardly contain my excitement at attending my first Great Western. Both the show grounds and the weather deserve the hype. Sunny and temperate days were a welcome change from the 90 degree heat and humidity I left behind on the East Coast. The grounds of California State University allowed for much elbow room in grooming areas as well as comfortably spaced rings. Interestingly, each breed club is responsible for its own ring decorations, which provides both for creativity and a lack of cohesiveness. Our Norfolk and Norwich ring was appropriately themed with Hollywood-related imagery.

Each day of the 3-show weekend, Norfolk Terriers were judged first, in the late morning, and Norwich in the early afternoon. Friday’s Long Beach KC show, the first of the GWTA cluster, brought much excitement as a number of dogs, particularly some young specials, were seen by many for the first time. There were waves of whispers and comments going around the ring as spectators admired the entry while studying their catalogs. NNCT member and breeder judge Beth Sweigart (“Yarrow”) was very deliberate and took her time making her final selection of Norwich winners. She bestowed the Best of Breed honor on a young dog, Ch. Dunbar’s Desperado of Acadia, bred by Joan Kefeli, owned by Norman and Lynda Kenney, and superbly handled by R.C. Carusi. This extremely cobby, typey red dog promises a career of stardom. Seeing him for the first time was, for me, one of the most exciting moments during the cluster. Best of Opposite Sex went to the Winners Bitch and Best of Winners, Devondale’s Mistress Mulberry, bred by Anna Bellenger and Laurie Loeffler and owned by Anna, who defeated an entry of 5 bitch specials for her BOS.

At the second show, put on by the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, NNCT member and Norfolk breeder (“Mercator”) Dr. Andrew A. Kramer judged Norwich. Excitingly, Best of Breed went to another young and remarkable dog, Ch. Newmiller’s Handsome Hubert, bred by Dr. Elaine Miller and co-owned by Phyllis Newcomer and Elaine Miller. Ch. Unique’s Red Hot Chili Pepper, bred by Karen Whalen and owned by Nancy and Dwain Lentz, was Dr. Kramer’s selection for Best of Opposite Sex.
Sunday, the day of the NNCTC Roving National Specialty at the Great Western Terrier Association show, Norwich Sweepstakes judge Jean Bryant (“Fairway” Norwich) had an entry of 3 puppy dogs (4th absent) and 6 puppy bitches (two additional bitch entries absent). **Best in Sweeps** went to Zigzag's Gotta Have Gusto, a very young black and tan dog bred and owned by Gail and Joan Herstein. He showed much maturity despite his young age. **BOS in Sweeps** went to delightful Dunbar's Pop Tart, bred and owned by Joan Kefeli.

The Specialty breed judging was eagerly anticipated, as seasoned breeder judge (“Pomrish” Norwich) and NNCTC member Sally Baugniet took center stage in the Norwich ring. She selected Ch. Sandina's Summer Storm, bred by Glorvina Schwartz and owned by Judith Metz, as her **Best of Breed.** **BOS** went again to Ch. Unique's Red Hot Chili Pepper. Mrs. Baugniet’s judge's critique and a list of all the Norwich winners during the GWTA cluster follow. Warmest congratulations to all!

—Magda Omansky, Dig-N-Pop Norwich, Murray Hill, NJ (dignpop@aol.com)

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**GREAT WESTERN CLUSTER RESULTS**

**Norwich Terriers**

Long Beach Kennel Club (Judge: Mrs. Beth Sweigart)

**BOB:** Ch. Dunbar's Desperado of Acadia (Ch. Dunbar's Paint the Sky with Stars x Dunbar's Winning Colors II). Breeder: Joan Kefeli. Owners: Norman and Lynda Kenney.

**WB/BOW/BOS:** Devondale’s Mistress Mulberry (Ch. Fairways Cat in the Hat x Ch. Devondale's Mistress Maddalyn). Breeders: Laurie Loeffler and Anna Bellenger. Owner: Anna Bellenger.

**WD:** Gaylord's Smokey Bones (Ch. Fairway's Cat in the Hat x Ch. Barnstable Hella Zinnie). Breeders: Larry Adams, David Guempel and Sandra Stemmler. Owners: Larry Adams and David Guempel.

**RWD:** Zigzag's Gotta Have Gusto (Ch. Windsor's Repeat Offender x Zigzag's Brown Sugar). Breeders/Owners: Joan and Gail Herstein.

**RWB:** Cobblestone's Juniper Berry (Ch. Fairways Cat in the Hat x Ch. Devondale's Mistress Maddalyn). Breeders: Laurie Loeffler and Anna Bellenger. Owners: Larry Adams and David Guempel.

Kennel Club of Beverly Hills (Judge: Dr. Andrew Kramer)

**BOB:** Ch. Newmiller's Handsome Hubert (Ch. Newmiller's Country Day x Ribricliff Miller Seattle Sue). Breeder: Dr. Elaine Miller. Owners: Dr. Phyllis Newcomer and Dr. Elaine Miller.

**BOS:** Ch. Unique's Red Hot Chili Pepper (Ch. Ariel Rojo Del Sol x Arcadian Unique Copper Queen). Breeder: Karen Whalen. Owners: Nancy and Dwain Lenz.


**WB:** Cobblestone's Juniper Berry (Ch. Fairways Cat in the Hat x Ch. Devondale's Mistress Maddalyn). Breeders: Laurie Loeffler and Anna Bellenger. Owners: Larry Adams and David Guempel.

**RWD:** Zigzag's Gotta Have Gusto (Ch. Windsor's Repeat Offender x Zigzag's Brown Sugar). Breeders/Owners: Joan and Gail Herstein.

Great Western Sweepstakes (Judge: Mrs. Jean Bryant)
Best in Sweeps: Zigzags Gotta Have Gusto. Breeders/Owners: Joan and Gail Herstein. Dog
Best of Opposite Sex: Dunbar’s Pop Tart. Breeder/Owner: Joan Schurr Kefeli. Bitch

Great Western Terrier Association (Judge: Mrs. Sally Baugniet)
BOB: Ch. Sandina’s Summer Storm (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Sandina Summer Rose). Breeder: Glorvina Schwartz. Owner: Judith Metz.

WB: Nan-Sea’s Four Leaf Clover (Nan-Sea’s Tail Wind x Nan-Sea’s Brighton). Breeder/Owner: Nancy Henning.

RWD: Abbedale Dibs on Dombnal Torin (Ch. Dralions Smiles and Chuckles x Ch. Abbedale The Brass Ring). Breeders: Joan Eckert and Bonnie Johnson. Owners: Pam Seifert and Joan Eckert.
RWB: Barnstable Bahama Breeze (Ch. Fairway’s Cat in the Hat x Ch. Barnstable Hella Zinnia). Breeders: Larry Adams, David Guempel and Sandra Stemmler. Owner: Sandra Stemmler.

—Compiled by Magda Omansky, Dig-N-Pop Norwich

Born to show
"HOLLYWOOD HAPPIES:" THE 2007 GREAT WESTERN SPECIALTY

NNTC West Coast Hospitality Chair Ed Dum welcomes Norwich & Norfolk Terriers to the GWTA Specialty

Dylan Kipp and a Norfolk buddy

All smiles (l. to r.): Dennis Miyasato, Joan Keefe, Nancy & Dwain Lentz

Norwich fanciers (l. to r.) Gail Herstein & Betty McDonnell sharing a hearty laugh

East Coast trio (l. to r.) Jean Kessler, Anna Bellenger & Pat Mason at the NNTC dinner

NNTC members (l. to r.) Patsy Wade, Larry Adams, Sandra Stemmier & Judi Hartell enjoying "Hollywood"

All photos by Barbara Miller
NORWICH TERRIERS AT THE
2007 NNTC ROVING NATIONAL SPECIALTY:
Sally Baugniet's Judge's Critique

The Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club held its 2007 Roving National Specialty on Sunday, June 24 in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California, Inc. There was a nice entry of forty-seven Norwich in the regular classes.

Eight class dogs were entered. Three were absent; one was moved up to the Best of Breed competition. My Bred-by-Exhibitor dog, **Briardales Rough Cut**, bred by Nancy Smith and Carole Bullwinkle Fourcraut and owned by Jim and Christine Sheppard and Carole Fourcraut, was very typey and sound-moving. He was my **Winners Dog** on this day and went **Best of Winners** for a four point major. **Reserve Winners Dog** came from the 9-12 months puppy dog class. **Abbedale Dibs On Domhnal Torin** is owned by Pam Siefer and Joan Eckert.

Class bitches had an entry of twenty, with four absent. Two bitches in the 12-18 months class were exceptional. **Nan-Sea's Four Leaf Clover**, bred and owned by Nancy Henning, lived up to her name as she was my choice for **Winners Bitch**. **Reserve Winners Bitch** was **Barnstable Bahama Breeze**, owned by Sandra Stemmle. Both were very nice, typey bitches. In the ring on this day, I found my WB to have just a slight edge over my RWB, but I can easily see the reverse order on a different day.

We had two very nice Veterans, one dog and one bitch. Both were wonderful examples of the breed and showed their hearts out, just as if they were peppy youngsters in their prime. **Ch. tinytowne Tailormade Shonleh** was the 12-year-old **Veteran Dog**. The **Veteran Bitch** was 7-year-old **Ch. Winsome's Sticky Wicket**.

In the Best of Breed competition we saw 18 beautiful Champions—14 dogs and 4 bitches—vying for top honors. Also included, of course, were the two Veterans and the WD and WB. One male Special stood out in the crowd on the first go-a-round and also proved his worthiness upon table examination and front and rear movement. He had a “Get out’a my way. Here I come” attitude. That “spirited” attitude and his reach and drive were outstanding. This dog, my **Best of Breed**, was **Ch. Sandina Summer Storm**, bred by Glorvina Schwartz and owned by Judith Metz. **Best of Opposite Sex** was **Ch. Unique's Red Hot Chili Pepper**, bred by Karen Whalen and owned by Nancy and Dwain Lentz.

In general, the Norwich I judged had nice top lines and tail sets. I also found some excellent fronts and rears. The teeth situation seems to be very much improved. I do think breeders could aim to improve the breed's angulation for better reach and drive. I would also like to see more Norwich with that “spirited” attitude. Overall, the breed seems to be doing great and seems to be in good hands. When a breed becomes very popular, it can be ruined quickly. I know Norwich breeders are aware of that.

I wish I could have given some Award of Merit ribbons, for there were some other very nice Norwich deserving of an AOM. I hope the NNTC Board will consider offering AOMs at future GWTA specialties.

It was an honor and a pleasure to be able to judge my breed at the GWTA. The accommodations were terrific and since my judging assignment did not start until 1:00 PM, I was able to watch my “other” breed, Pomeranians, before I judged Norwich. Thank you for the privilege!

—Sally Baugniet, “Pomirish” Norwich, Sturgeon Bay, WI
(srb1@copper.net)
THE 2007 BLUEBONNET NNTC SPECIALTY

The 2007 Bluebonnet NNTC (BNNTC) Specialty weekend started on Wednesday, July 11 at the River City Cluster—five days of dog shows in the wonderful, air-conditioned Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in downtown San Antonio, Texas. This site is within walking distance of your choice of hotels, dining establishments, lots of entertainment, and South Texas shopping.

There were majors in both Norfolk and Norwich Terriers everyday. We don't see many Norfolk majors in Texas, so having one in both dogs and bitches was a treat. The Specialty trophy table was beautiful, with many different Norfolk ceramic tiles and a separate table covered with Norwich tiles. Jan Birchall and her team did a fabulous job displaying the trophies on a beautiful table covered with blue fabric (for Bluebonnet, of course).

NNTC member Joan Eckert ("Abbedale" Norfolk and Norwich) judged Sweepstakes for both breeds at the Saturday, July 14 BNNTC Specialty, held in conjunction with the Bexar County KC show. Joan's choice for Norfolk Best in Sweepstakes was Regency's Again I Say Rejoice from the Junior Bitch class. Regency's Prayer Warrior from the Junior Dog class was Best of Opposite Sex. You can only imagine the thrill for Mike Dennis when his little bitch was awarded her Best in Sweep ribbon. This breeder/owner was in the ring for the first time. You could tell he was a bit nervous, but thrilled to be a winner.

In Norwich, Joan put up Itzy Bitsy Iz Mizbehavin' from the Junior Bitch Class as her Best in Sweepstakes. Izzie was bred by Gerard and Tonnie Willrich and is owned by Kristin Conlan, Peggy Schmidt and Gerard & Tonnie Willrich. Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes was Gaylord's Smokey Bones, bred by Larry Adams, David Guempel and Sandra Stemmle and owned by Larry Adams.

Joan Eckert did a great job, and we so much appreciate her making the trip from Kalamazoo, Michigan to South Texas. Everyone else was in jackets at the cool show site, but Joan was sitting there after judging in a short-sleeve blouse. She said she loved San Antonio, the city, the show, the sites, and the shopping; she just wasn't used to the heat. Her daughter, who accompanied her, was freezing at the show site, like most of us.

Richard L. Bauer judged the Norfolk regular classes at the BNNTC Specialty. Mr. Bauer put up Arriba Chunky River from the Open Dog Class as his Winners Dog. This dog was bred by Judy Harrell, Patsy Wade, and Marsha Wade and is owned by Robert and Kathy Tant. His Reserve Winners Dog was Max-Well's Cool Ride, bred by Barbara Miller and owned by Masayuki Fukuda of California. Regency's Again I Say Rejoice from the Bred by Exhibitor Class was Mr. Bauer's choice for Winners Bitch and Best of Winners. His Reserve Winners Bitch was Max-Well's Candy Cane, bred by Barbara Miller and owned by Barbara Miller and Kathleen Kopack.

Best of Breed went to Ch. Final Lea Big Ticket Item, owned by Jayne Dubin and handled by Lori Pelletier. Later that day, "Mr. Big" went on to a Group 4 under Judge Ed Wild. This was an exciting win for all who stayed to watch the Terrier Group.

Best of Opposite Sex in Norfolk was Ch. Arriba's Just for Kicks. She is a littermate to the Winners Dog and is owned by Sandra

Best of Breed: Ch. Final Lea Big Ticket Item, pictured with judge Richard L. Bauer, handler Lori Pelletier, and BNNTC Show Chair Claire Johnson
Stemmler. This lovely bitch finished her championship on Wednesday and was moved up to the BOB class. The **Award of Merit** was given to **Ch. Regency’s Alleluia Revival**, bred and owned by Katrina (Tina) and Mike Dennis.

**Col. Joe B. Purkhiser** judged the **Norwich regular classes** at the BNNTC Specialty. Col. Purkhiser chose **Norieland Lord Buckley**, bred and owned by Karen and Steve Vaugh, as his **Winners Dog, Reserve Winners Dog**, from the Bred by Exhibitor Class, was **Birchbay’s Prince Charming**, owned by Jan Birchall. Prince Charming was sired by multiple Specialty winner and 2007 Crufts Best of Breed Norwich, Ch. Birchbay Sir Galahad. **Winners Bitch and Best of Winners**, from the Bred by Exhibitor class, was **Birchbay’s Dream Catcher**, again owned by Jan Birchall. The **Reserve Winners Bitch** was **Barnstable Reverie’s Soots** from the 9 to 12 months puppy class, owned and bred by Ann Carlson and Sandra Stemmler.

Col. Purkhiser chose **Ch. Abbedale Brass Tack** as his **Best of Breed**. Bred by Joan Eckert, owned by Paul and Nancy Eddy and Bonnie Johnson, and piloted to this Specialty win by Lori Pelletier, this lovely dog went on to win a **Group 1** under Judge Ed Wild, much to the excitement and thrill of all who watched the Terrier Group to support both our breed winners. Megan Michelsen handled the BOB Norwich in the group for Lori, who chose to stay on her BOB Norfolk.

**Best of Opposite Sex** was **Ch. Itsy Bitsy Mustang Sally**, bred and owned by Toniine and Gerald Willrich. **Awards of Merit** were given to **Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip**, bred by Leslie Becker and owned by a very happy Caroline Dodwell. **Ed.: “Poker Chip” sits atop his Harley-Davidson motorcycle on the front cover of this News** and to **Ch. Baybreeze Bridget V Thunderwood**, a lovely bitch bred by Peggy Schmidt and owned by Peggy Schmidt and Kristin Conlan.

After the excitement of the Specialty and the very thrilling Terrier Group, Norfolk and Norwich fanciers moved to the Casa Rio for the dinner and the auction. The restaurant is conveniently located within walking distance of the show site and was festively decorated in Mexican decor to match the de
cilicious Mexican buffet. The highlight of the evening had to be the live auction. Mike Dennis (coming down off his big Sweepstakes win) was our auctioneer, assisted by his able-bodied helpers, Rita Mueller and Vanna (Linda Boudreaux). The crowd was thoroughly entertained as they bid on a large selection of donated items. Mike, Rita, and Vanna kept the crowd laughing with their comic relief, and made it a lively and fun time for bidders and attendees alike.

The 2007 BNNTC Specialty weekend came to an end on Sunday. With five gorgeous days of dog showing, fun with friends, shopping, dining out, and just enjoying San Antonio, it was a very successful weekend. Thank you so much to all who worked so hard to make this weekend so much fun. It was great to see the Bluebonnet NNTC come together as a team and make our Specialty such a tremendous success. There are too many of you to thank for all your hard work, and I would be sure to forget someone. So, let me just say one big **THANK YOU** to everyone for working and putting it all together.

—Tina Dennis, “Regency” Norfolk Terriers, McAllen, TX (Treasurer, BNNTC)
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CH. ABBEDEALES TANITH AT BRIGTWOOD
(Ch. Abbedales Ruddie Ridge Penn x Abbedales Lionhearted Kelsie)
Breeders: Emily Lynn Hardcastle and Joan Eckert
Owners: Nancy Ann Wise and Joan Eckert
"Tanith" completed her breed championship at the Greater Fredericksburg (VA) shows under the expert handling of Roxanne Stamm. We are proud of our little black and tan girl, who greets everyone along for the ride.

CH. ASCOT VIOLET BOUQUET
(Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell x Jaeva Cloudsecret)
Breeders/Owners: William J. and Jane R. Schubart
At just 14 months of age, "Violet" finished her championship from the Bred by Exhibitor class with a 5-point major at the Old Dominion KC show (VA) under judge Peter Green.

CH. ASCOT TIGER LILY
(Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Yarrow's Love Bug)
Breeders: William J. and Jane R. Schubart
Owner: Sharon L. Jones
"Lily" finished her championship from the 9-12 months puppy class on July 20. Always owner-handled, she won 3 majors, including 5 points and BOS at the Mattaponi KC show (VA) and BOB at the Bryn Mawr KC show (PA) over Specials. From start to finish, Lily completed her Ch. title within two months.
**NEW TITLE HOLDERS**

**CH. FLURRIES MACKINAC POINT**

(Ch. Mercator Park It Here x Ch. Flurries Turn Point Light)

Breeder: Peggy Metcalf

Owners: Peggy Matcalf and Christine Holmes

"Mac" finished from the Bred-By class at the 2007 Garden State All Terrier Show (NJ). He was Best of Opposite Sex Norfolk puppy at the NNTO's 70th Anniversary Match in Rhode Island and also BOS in Norfolk Sweeps at the 2006 Montgomery Specialty. Mac is now enjoying earthdog work.

**AM/CAN CH. AMBLEGREEN NOTTI BISCOTTI**

(Am/Can Ch. Windsor's Repeat Offender x Can Ch. Rowan Mayfair of the Wild Witches)

Breeder/Owner: Heather Tomlins

Our first homebred Champion, "Caper" finished in Canada at 11 months with numerous Puppy in Group wins, including a Best Puppy in Specialty Show. In the US, she finished from Puppy or Bred By, including a 5-point major at the 2006 Specialty in Texas.

**AM/CAN CH. MARALINGA MALIBU OF AMBLEGREEN**

(Am/Can Ch. Maralinga Johnny Be Good x Maralinga Morning Star)

Breeders: Dianne and Ray Ivey

Owners: Heather Tomlins and Dianne and Ray Ivey

Handled and adored by Heather, "Boo" finished in Canada at 10 months with numerous Puppy in Group wins and a number of Group Placements. In the US, she was shown lightly and finished with a 4-point major at the Nisqually KC show.
CH. HUNTWOOD’S KNIGHT
JOY MOORCROFT
(Ch. Huntwood’s First Knight x
Ch. Huntwood’s Jump For Joy)
Breeder: Susan Kipp
Owners: James and Lorrie Kinney
and Susan Kipp
“Joy” started her championship run with a 5-point
major at the February 2007 Blackhawk KC show
(the day before the 2007 NNTCGC Specialty),
beating 26 class Norwich and 9 Specials for Best
of Breed under judge Dr. Robert Smith. Her next
major came at the Louisville KC show in March
under breeder-judge Beth Sweigart. Joy finished
at the Corn Belt KC show (IL) in May under judge
Patricia Trotter.

CH. HUNT’S END
BLACKJACK
(Ch. Terrapin Time Will Tell x
Ch. Hunt’s End Red Weasel)
Breeder: Lindsay Simon
Owners: Ted and Lindsay Simon
“Jack” finished with four majors, including a
major at Bucks County (PA), all from the Bred-
by-Exhibitor class. His first litter has arrived,
and next he will try his hand (paw) at go-lo-
ground. We want to thank Missy Wood and her
Norwich stud dog “Lamont” for producing such
a nice boy for us!

CH. ROSECROFT FAIR LADY
(Ch. Yarrow’s The Faire Mile x
Ch. Rosecroft Once Again)
Breeder: W. Gary Baker
Owners: W. Gary Baker and Lisa Kline
“Blossom” finished her championship taking
Best of Breed two times from the classes. She
was handled by Ernesto Lara.
MAX-WELL (Norfolk). There's been a run on male puppies at Max-Well, both at my house and at Susie Kipp's. One of these pups, Viper, son of Cyclone and Venus, captured Best of Breed at the NNTC Roving National Specialty at Great Western in June under breeder-judge Andrew Kramer. It was a great win for Max-Well, as this was the young dog's first weekend out as a special.

Matti Brown is a grandfather... again. His son, Charlie Brown, sired three male pups out of Raindance. It's all rather interesting, as Matti Brown's sperm was frozen for so many years. One of the pups, Max-Well's March Mayhem, went to Franzi Corman, long-time NNTC member and Norfolk breeder/exhibitor in Sherwood, Oregon. Franzi tells me he's the talk of the town. Another pup went to a family in Arizona that has waited a long time for a Norfolk. The third male went to Doris Judell, who had recently lost the love of her life, her Max-Well Norfolk, Oliver, to cancer at age thirteen.

It's so important that all of us know where our dogs are going once they leave our homes. There are Norfolk Terriers in states such as Oklahoma where "breeders" are obtaining dogs from foreign countries and carelessly breeding them. A Poodle friend of mine called to relate a ridiculous account of a Norfolk sale. Her wealthy friend flew his private plane to a "breeder" in Oklahoma and purchased a six month old puppy for $10,000. I know no further details except that the sale originated on the Internet. One wonders if the pup is a true Norfolk. Please remind any person inquiring about our breeds to purchase from the list of NNTC breeders on our club's website. See you at Montgomery.

—Barbara Miller, Old Brookville, NY
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 Friztown 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.

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“One kind word can warm three winter months.”
Happy fall and winter from the News.