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**FROM THE EDITOR**

"Good-byes"—the "farewell forever" kind without an accompanying "see you soon again"—are never easy. After 46 years, it is hard to believe that *The Norwich & Norfolk News* is saying that kind of "good-bye," that the Fall 2008 issue is the 'tail end' of a two-breed publication founded in May 1962 by the late Constance Larrabee. When NNTC division becomes official on January 1, 2009, Board members of each new club will decide on the format of their respective breed newsletters. There has been some talk of replacing the traditional hard copy *News* with an every-other-month-or-so online newsletter to save printing and postage costs. As a lover of history/tradition and the printed word, I hope this will not be a consequence of NNTC division. Bound, hard copy *News* issues are, in my view, a far more permanent, tangible and convenient/portable record of breed history than cyberspace editions. Since joining the NNTC in 1983, I have kept every issue of the *News*. Thanks to the generosity of two distinguished former *News* editors, the late Constance Larrabee and the late Hope Levy, who gave me their extra pre-1983 issues, I am lucky to have a complete set of *News*, all stored in one easily-accessible place. Looking back at old copies is like taking an educational walk through almost half a century of the Norwich and Norfolk breeds in America—a treasure trove of articles and photos of [N]NTC Matches and Specialties, a handy reference for articles on breed health, etc. So I would find it doubly sad to say "good-bye" to the current *News* and "hello" to online newsletters.

The "In Memoriam" section of this final issue brings news of another, far more wrenching "good-bye," this one to long-time NNTC member Kathleen Einim. For the past 25 years, Kathleen has been one of America's most respected and well-liked Norfolk breeders ("Mayfair"). As a "dog person," Kathleen's greatest passion was Norfolk/Norwich breed health and health testing. She left us so suddenly and much too soon, and will be greatly missed by her many friends in both breeds.

During the dozen years that I have been co-editing or editing the *News*, the editor's job has always struck me as rather inconsequential. As founding editor Constance Larrabee remarked in the inaugural issue, without the articles and photos contributed by *News* readers, "there would be no News." There are far too many of you—both NNTC members and *News* subscribers—to thank individually for the support you have given the *News* during my tenure as editor. So instead of thanking individuals, I would like to say a big,
collective "THANKS," first and foremost to the News "regulars" who have been so conscientious in writing the show, agility, obedience, rescue/rehoming and working terrier reports for each issue. Another special thanks to the NNTC health chairs, Norwich and Norfolk breeders, and others who have enhanced our understanding of significant breed health problems with their contributions to the "Clinic" section. Kudos also to the talented photographers who have shared their beguiling Norwich and Norfolk photos with the News. Since this is the final issue, I will confess that choosing and captioning the candid photos has been my favorite part of being editor.

Finally, I would be remiss not to include on my "thank you" list the indispensable "behind the scenes" News support team: the talented (and patient) graphic designers at Deerhaven Press in Versailles, KY, as well as the persons at Deerhaven who stuff the News envelopes and mail the issues twice a year; NNTC member Dave Brobst, who was keeping track of News subscriptions and doing the News mailing labels long before I became editor; and NNTC member Ann Carlson, who several years ago took over the difficult task (formerly the responsibility of the News editor) of compiling the names of NNTC breeders and stud dogs for the annual NNTC Breeders Directory. Thanks to the hard work and talents of so many authors, photographers, and "technical" staff, my job as News editor has been fun, as well as a valuable new learning experience with each issue.

As the News—and the NNTC—become part of our breeds' past in America, the words of one of my favorite American poets, Emily Dickinson, come to mind. "The past is not a package one can lay away." Although new breed clubs will soon go their separate ways, the historic bonds uniting Norwich and Norfolk Terriers and the valued friendships between Norwich and Norfolk breeders and owners will carry on. Good luck to the new clubs—and a nostalgic "adieu" to the News.—AGF

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**A NOTE TO NEWS SUBSCRIBERS**

Those of you whose News subscriptions expire with the Fall 2008 issue may wonder why there is no yellow subscription renewal envelope tucked inside this News. If you read my "From the Editor," you will know why. With NNTC division set for January 1, 2009, The Norwich & Norfolk News will no longer exist. Decisions regarding future newsletters for each breed club are pending and will, hopefully, be finalized by the respective new Boards early in 2009. The current NNTC News subscription chair, Dave Brobst, will hold on to the list of 2008 and 2009 subscribers, and you will all be notified as to available options once the format, price, etc., of future breed newsletters have been determined. For subscribers who have already paid for the two 2009 News issues, the current NNTC Board will decide what to do about your $15 payment at the October 2008 Montgomery meeting. So with everything "up in the air," I'm afraid that my only advice to current News subscribers is to "stay tuned" for future information about a Norwich and a Norfolk breed newsletter. Thank you for subscribing to the The Norwich & Norfolk News.—Alison Freehling
PHOTOS NEEDED FOR NNTC ‘MEET THE BREEDS’ BOOTH

I would like to have more photos of Norfolk and Norwich Terriers to use in the NNTC “Meet the Breeds” booth at the 2008 AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational. I would especially appreciate any photos you could send me of significant dogs in both breeds’ history through the decades in America, e.g., dogs that have produced multiple breed champions; dogs that were the first to win a Group, a Best in Show; dogs that were the first of their breed to earn a Tracking, obedience, earthdog or agility title, etc. I hope to put up a photographic exhibit in the booth with a pictorial timeline of the two breeds, showing how Norfolk and Norwich began in our country and the journey each breed has taken through the decades. Your photos and information about the Norfolk or Norwich pictured would be much appreciated. Thanks.—Pam Seifert, NNTC “Meet the Breeds” Coordinator, San Marino, CA, (pjs91108@yahoo.com; phone: 626-282-5257)

P.S. Before her untimely death on August 8, 2008, NNTC CHIC liaison Kathleen Emil had requested that anyone putting together a Norfolk and Norwich “Meet the Breeds” booth offer the public a printed flyer listing the NNTC CHIC requirements for each breed. To obtain a PDF to use in your booth, email Pam Seifert, and she will be happy to send you a copy of the NNTC CHIC flyer.

SLATES OF OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS FOR THE NEW NORFOLK AND NORWICH TERRIER CLUBS

Below are the slates of Officers and Governors put forth by the respective Nominating Committees for each new breed club. Andrew Kramer (“Mercator” Norfolk) chaired the Norfolk Nominating Committee. Carol Suggs (“Half-A-Bob” Norwich) chaired the Norwich. You will note that for each of these inaugural slates, half the Officers and half the Governors have only one-year terms. This will allow each club to nominate future Board members in the odd-year, even-year format. Board members serving one-year terms will be eligible to run for a two-year term in 2009.

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THE 2007 NNTC ANNUAL TROPHY
AND AWARD WINNERS

Ed.: Each year the NNTC awards conformation and performance events trophies to member-owned Norfolk and Norwich. The following winners for 2007 will be announced at the October 2008 NNTC Montgomery Specialty dinner. Since there will be no Spring 2009 Norwich & Norfolk News, winners of the 2007 NNTC awards are published in this final issue of the two-breed News.—AGF

Bred-by-Exhibitor Awards

These conformation awards are presented to each member-owned Norfolk and Norwich dog and bitch earning all his/her championship points from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class.

The 2007 Partree Trophy (Norfolk Dog)

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

• Ch. Cracknor Yv King Coal, owned by Pam Beale and Beth Sweigart (and Elisabeth Matell)
• Ch. Flurries Mackinac Point SE, owned by Peggy Metcalf
• Ch. Huntsman Woodland Camper, owned by Robyn Snyder
• Ch. Max-Well’s Viper, owned by Susan Kipp and Barbara Miller
• Ch. Venerie’s Regatta Dr. Who, owned by Pam Beale (and Pam & Eddie Dziuk, Roxanne Thies)
The 2007 Maplehurst Trophy (Norfolk Bitch)

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

- Ch. Arroyo’s Biscuit N Gravy, owned by Ann & Ed Dun
- Ch. Jufelt’s Darling Dutches, owned by Judith Felton
- Ch. Kashmir’s My Lady The Chase Is On, owned by Linda & David Dinger
- Ch. Martone Amethyst At Locklan, owned by Mary Jo & Tony Sweany

The 2007 John Paul Jones Trophy (Norwich Dog)

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

- Ch. Belfyre’s Kid from Barkwich, owned by Polly O’Neal
- Ch. Biggy-Shorty Of Sweetbriar, owned by Kim Stuart
- Ch. Bunratty’s Winter Hawk, owned by Estelle & Ron Crawford
- Ch. Hunt’s End Blackjack, owned by Lindsay Simon
- Ch. Sirrah’s New Bordeaux Vine, owned by Sharon Curry
- Ch. Warwick Devondale’s Philanderer, owned by Anna Bellenger

The 2007 High Rising Trophy (Norwich Bitch)

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

- Ch. Ascot Violet Bouquet, owned by Jane & William Schubart
- Ch. Baybreez Embraceable You, owned by Peggy Schmidt
- Ch. Bunratty’s Ring Of Fire, owned by Estelle & Ron Crawford
- Ch. Foxwood High Voltage, owned by Alexandra Kress and Kathryn Mines
- Ch. Jmac’s Do You Believe In Magic, owned by Julia McDaniel
- Ch. Koko-Abeni Of Sweetbriar, owned by Kim Stuart
- Ch. Santana So N So, owned by Carole & Daniel Cason
- Ch. Top Drawer’s Mercury Zephyr, owned by Kimberly Dwyer Mullings

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Agility

The 2007 Clean Run Trophy

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

- Norfolk: Ch. Pinchbeck Ozymandias CD RN AX AXJ OF, owned by Linda Brennan
- Norwich: Ch. Gaylord's Vixon Of Ipswich OA AXJ, owned by Joan C. Bakken
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Obedience

The 2007 River Bend Trophy

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

• Norfolk: Ch. Andover Petite Bonbon CDX RA AX AXJ SE (with 14 points); owned by Laurie Rossi Sherick
• Norwich: Fairfield Zilly RE (with 9 points); owned by Joanie Brobst

For the 2007 winners of NNTC club medals for Obedience and Rally titles, see Mary Fine's Obedience report on page 15 of this News.

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Versatility

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

The 2007 NNTC Versatility Awards

Norfolk

• Pinchbeck Houdini NAJ ME RN, owned by Peggy Chittick

Norwich

• Ch. Gaylord's Vixon Of Ipswich OA AXJ, owned by Joan C. Bakken

The 2007 NNTC Versatility Excellent Award

Norfolk

No Norfolk winner

Norwich

• Rogel's D'Chip de Hollywood UD JE RE, owned by Jill Petersen

The News congratulates all the 2007 winners and apologizes for any omissions and/or inadvertent errors in your dogs' names, titles and awards.—AGF
KATHLEEN EIMIL
(April 4, 1940-August 8, 2008)

While much of the world was enjoying watching the opening ceremonies of the Olympics in Beijing, those of us who loved Kathleen Eimil were mourning her shocking and unexpected passing. Kathleen died suddenly on Friday, August 8th of an apparent post-operative embolism.

Kathleen's compassionate, generous nature and quiet strength are qualities she drew on during her lifelong career as a nurse, many of those years spent caring for AIDS patients. Those same qualities made her a great breeder, caring in equal parts for the dogs she produced and the puppy buyers she nurtured.

While most Norfolk and Norwich fanciers may not remember a time before Kathleen was in dogs, I remember well the day that she and her husband George visited the Golden Gate KC show at the Cow Palace in Daly City, California looking for their very first dog. It was Sunday, February 6, 1983, and Kathleen had already decided that she had her heart set on a Norfolk Terrier. I tried to warn her away from a terrier as a first dog, but Kathleen's mind was made up. As many have come to know, once Kathleen made up her mind, there was little point in arguing. A month or so later, she went home with one of my puppies.

Not long after, Kathleen called to tell me that her big bruiser of an adolescent Norfolk had reduced her naugahyde-covered kitchen chairs to their splintered frames. I took a deep breath and said that I supposed she wanted to return the puppy. Peals of Kathleen's hearty, musical laughter came through the phone line. "Are you kidding me? I HATED those chairs!" And so began Kathleen's 25-year love affair with the Norfolk Terrier.

Kathleen found her feet in the sport of purebred dogs early on. She had that elusive and rare gift that all great breeders have—the ability to look beyond pedigree and phenotype and trust your gut instinct. Early in her career as a breeder, she played one of those hunches successfully to produce the great sibling Specialty winners "Barney" (Ch. Mayfair Rock 'N Roll) and "Bebe" (Ch. Mayfair Jitterbug). Kathleen had a great eye for a dog and a clear vision of where she thought the breed should be headed. Her qualities as a breeder, coupled with her sense of fairness and her always-dignified demeanor, made Kathleen a popular and sought-after judge. She recently enjoyed a trip to San Antonio, Texas, to judge Norfolk and Norwich Sweeps at the July 12, 2008, Bluebonnet Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club Specialty. I was looking forward to enjoying the changing autumn leaves with Kathleen when she came east this October to judge ANTA's fall Match.

Kathleen's involvement with both the regional and the national NNTC began shortly after she got her first Norfolk and lasted the rest of her life. In the early 1980s, a group of California Norfolk and Norwich
enthusiasts met at Kathleen’s San Francisco home to form what would become the Middle Kingdom Alliance of Norfolk and Norwich Terriers. The rest is history, as MKANNT morphed into PANNT (Pacific Alliance of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers) and finally into the current AKC-recognized Northern California Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club. Kathleen was there every step of the way, serving wherever and whenever she was needed, including multiple terms as President.

Always eager to make new friends and to learn everything she could about the Norfolk Terrier, Kathleen began traveling to NNCT Specialties and supported entries around the country. The Montgomery County NNCT National Specialty became something of an annual pilgrimage for her. As she became known in ever-increasing Norfolk and Norwich circles, Kathleen was sought after to contribute her skills to the NNCT. For many years, her talents were in great demand in a variety of capacities, including Show Chair and, most recently, as the club’s CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) liaison. Kathleen was slated to serve as Second Vice President of the soon-to-be Norfolk Terrier Club.

With all the contributions she made to the NNCT on both local and national levels, I know that Kathleen believed her greatest contribution was her passionate involvement in canine health issues. In that arena and in her position as NNCT CHIC liaison, all her talents amalgamated to produce a tangible force for good in our breeds. Her dedication to breed health and health testing may be Kathleen’s greatest legacy to the dog world. To those of us who knew and loved her, however, Kathleen’s greatest gift was the gift of true friendship—fiercely loyal and deeply caring. She was the kind of person we all aspire to be.

Kathleen is survived by George, her wonderful husband of thirty-six years, who supported her in all her endeavors.

—Jessica James, “Wonderwood” Norfolk Terriers, Atherton, CA & Montauk, NY (wonderwoodnorfolk@yahoo.com)

Ed: In the photo above, Kathleen is holding then 6-week-old Mayfair Tobias, who, sadly, would be the last puppy she bred. “Toby” was Best in Norfolk Sweepstakes at the April 2008 NCNNCT Specialty, and Kathleen was planning to bring him to the NNCT Montgomery Specialty in October. —AGF

A Tribute to Kathleen Eimil from NNCT Health & Genetics Chair Carol Falk

Kathleen was my dear friend, a fellow club member, a great traveling companion, but most of all she was my rock. She was the driving force behind much of what has been accomplished in Norfolk health. Kathleen was passionate about the NNCT joining CHIC, the Canine Health Information Center, and worked tirelessly to see that her dream became a reality. We traveled together to St. Louis last October to attend the Canine Health Foundation’s parent club partnership program. Kathleen was thrilled to have participated in this event and spent time talking with Eddie Dziuk, the OFA/CHIC coordinator, to make sure she understood all of what CHIC had to offer.

I know there will be funds and memorials set up to acknowledge Kathleen’s many contributions to her dog clubs and to Norfolk health. Most of us will be happy to make a donation in her memory. However, the legacy Kathleen would most like to leave is that each of us care enough about our dogs and about the people to whom we sell our puppies to see that all our breeding stock receive CHIC numbers. Kathleen can never be replaced; her passing robs us of a dedicated, compassionate, hardworking Norfolk lover at a time when her special talents are really needed. However, we can honor her memory by acting on what she cared about and believed in so passionately. For the love of Kathleen and for the love of our Norfolks, please CHIC your dogs. —Carol Falk

Always-cheery Kathleen at the 2003 northern CA clubs Fun Day
Once in a while, a special dog enters your life. Ch. Belfyre’s Tuff Cookie ("Kallie") was one of those. Kallie was one of 4 puppies out of our Ch. Skyscot’s Fortune Cookie ("Cookie") and Jackie McMurray’s Ch. Kristil’s Royal Conqueror ("Rudy"). When she was still in the whelping box, she just had that something that attracted you to her.

I wasn’t sure I would be able to show her because she never put her tail up when we walked around the neighborhood. She was never scared; she just wouldn’t walk with her tail up. I took her to a dog show that had a fun match. Again, walking around the area, she wouldn’t put her tail up so I was not very encouraged. However, when she went in the ring, she looked around, put that tail up and said, "okay, everyone just move over." She went on to win the terrier group that day and never looked back. That was the start of her winning show career, which included BOS at Westminster and at Montgomery, multiple groups, and national ranking.

Kallie was so much fun to show because she was confident and acted as if the show was held just for her. At one show, after the individual move, the judge leaned over and made scary sounds to her. Kallie looked up at him as if to say, "are you crazy or what?", squatted, relieved herself, and then looked straight at him. She went "woof, woof, woof," turned her butt to him, and marched off with head held high.

While we had a wonderful time in the ring, Kallie was also a delight at home. She loved keeping the yard free of squirrels. She and one of the other dogs teamed up to catch a squirrel. It was amazing to watch them work together as if they had a plan. They came so close on many occasions!

Kallie left us very peacefully after giving birth to 5 babies. She had done such a good job, but she just couldn’t stay around to finish raising her puppies. Thankfully, “Shiloh”, a Shih Tzu, stepped in to take over for Kallie. The 3 girls and 1 boy are thriving because of her.

Our hearts are empty. Kallie’s pups will help to fill the void, but there will always be a place that can never be filled because Kallie was just Special.

—Polly & Mike O’Neal, “Belfyre” Norwich, Abilene, Texas
“STORM”
(December 12, 1992-May 28, 2008)

Question: What is a Perfect Storm? Answer: Ch. Max-Well’s Weatherman. On December 12, 1992 a litter of three girls and a boy were born, sired by Ch. Nanfan Culver and out of Ch. Max-Well’s Whizard of Oz. The boy, the smallest of the litter, grew to be a giant both in my eyes and in the eyes of his handler Susie Kipp. From the moment those eyes opened at fourteen days, he had the “look.” By the time he was up on his feet, I was in love. He crawled into my heart and never left, even today as I write this. At eight weeks the outline of his body took real shape and as I watched him running around, I was taken with his demeanor. His attitude was that of a winner. This little guy carried himself as if he knew he was destined for the show ring. His head was everything I ever wanted in a Norfolk—a perfect set of ears falling to the outer corner of his eyes, dark rims circling those dark eyes, a well-rounded skull, a wide enough muzzle to allow for a great set of teeth. I wasn’t just smitten; I was totally taken by this little guy. I began to call him “Manny.”

One morning my friend Matt Stander came to the house to chat and have a cup of coffee. “Manny” was running around the kitchen floor. Whenever I used that name, Matt cringed. “What kind of name is Manny?” he asked. The name made sense to me since the puppy’s registered name was Weatherman. Right then and there Matt changed his name to “Storm,” saying that if this pup were as good as I believed he was, Storm would be a more appropriate name for a show winner. So “Storm” he became.

In the spring of 1993, I took Storm to the Westbury Kennel Club Match Show. In those years, Match show entries were much higher than they are today. I cannot remember who judged that Match, but I do know that my friends required me to make them a lobster dinner as my reward for Storm winning the Match. Storm also won Best in Sweeps at the 1993 NNTCGC Specialty, with Dan Kiedrowski of Terrier Type judging.

This was the beginning of a great career for Storm. Andrew Green awarded him Best in Match at the October 1993 ANTA Match, one week after he won Best in Sweeps under judge Anna Bellenger at Montgomery. Storm earned his championship at the Philadelphia KC show under Walter Goodman on December 4, 1993, eight days short of his first birthday. He was beginning to make a name for himself, winning Bests of Breed and being pulled in Groups with Susie Kipp as his handler. Storm and Susie hit it off well, and he earned his first group placement just after his second birthday. Thereafter, group wins and placements were the usual, along with a first Best in Show, a double header, under Frank Sabella and Al Krause. Judge David Merriam awarded Storm Best of Breed at Westminster in 1996. That evening, under judge Ken McDermott, Storm earned a Terrier Group 4 ribbon. He repeated his Westminster breed win the following year under Norfolk breeder-judge Barbara Fournier and earned another Group placement—a Terrier Group 3—under judge Lydia Hutchinson. At the end of his show career, Storm’s Bests in Show totaled 23.

As a sire, Storm has left an incredible legacy, with twenty-nine champions to his credit. He proved himself an impressive sire not only with respect to numbers of champions, but also with regard to the quality of his offspring. His son, Ch. Max-Well’s Cyclone, captured a Terrier Group 2 at Westminster in 2001 behind the top-winning dog of the year (the Kerry Blue, “Mick”) under Sandra Goose Allen. At the 2008
Westminster show, under judge Betty Anne Stenmark, Cyclone’s son and Storm’s grandson, Ch. Max-Well’s Viper, earned a Terrier Group 3.

Storm’s greatest asset, I believe, was his temperament. Susie never had a bad day showing him. He was willing to do whatever was asked of him. He was even-tempered and never looked for an argument. When he traveled with the Kipps, he always stayed in the hotel room with them. He never lifted his leg or caused any damage. Susie would have him as her driving companion when she ran errands around town. When he retired from the show ring, Storm came home to live with me. It was a sad day for Susie, who claimed I stole her dog. There was a definite bond between the two.

At my house, he had the first kennel run. His favorite spot was the right angle of the run, where he would sit watching me through the kitchen windows while I had my coffee and toast. I did everything I could to keep him healthy. He had good, home-cooked food, salmon oil, vitamins. As natural a diet as possible was my motto for him as it is for all my dogs.

When he was 15 years of age, Storm developed a tumor on his lip. An operation was out of the question as the recovery is painful and I wouldn’t put him through that kind of trauma. Maybe it was foolish of me, but daily I would say, “Not today Storm, not today.” His coat remained red; his eyes were bright; his hearing was gone. As the carcinoma grew, it began to interfere with his trachea. I knew the time had come. Storm was just a few days short of 15 ½ years when my veterinarian came to my home to put him to sleep. May 28, 2008 is a day I’ll never forget. Storm now sleeps in my woods with other Norfolk who have left their mark on our doggy world.

As the 2007 AKC Breeder of the Year, I was entitled to commission a painting of one of my Max-Well Norfolks. The decision was an easy one for me. Storm would be the one to hang in a place of honor at the AKC headquarters in New York. Susie and I will always be grateful that he walked into our lives.

Thank you, Ch. Max-Well’s Weatherman, for being the Perfect Storm.

—Barbara Miller

“GRAZIE” (CH. GLENELG GRAZIE ME, CGC, CG)  
(March 21, 1995-May 4, 2008)

It has been a joy and a privilege to have my Norfolk Grazie in my life. She had it all: attitude, conformation, temperament. She performed each new task and every new adventure with panache. Grazie loved travel, the show ring, earthdog events, therapy work and, of course, all people. Her temperament was never “fiery” (like some of her beautiful daughters). A queenly self-possession made her so easy to work with. Always standing her ground, Grazie would send “the look” (translation: “get a life”) to other dogs rather than be drawn into an altercation.

Grazie free-whelped 14 puppies. Eight are breed champions; two have earthdog titles. She left me when her brave heart gave out one Sunday evening on my bed.

Grazie was a very good dog.

—Deborah Pritchard, “Glenelg” Norfolk, Middleburg, VA
AGILITY

MY TRIP TO TOPS:

A Memoir by “Harry” the Norwich

Preface by NNTC member and TOPS co-chair, Carlynn Ricks: All of us involved with organizing the first (but definitely not the last) Terriers Only Performance Summit (TOPS) judged it a huge success. We had lots of entries, very few complaints, and we made money! A big thanks to those who donated prizes: the NNTC, the Bluebonnet NNTC, ANTA, Kate MacMillan and Peggy Metcalf. We had 40 Obedience entries, 84 Rally entries, 131 Agility entries, and about 50 Earthdog entries. These canine competitors represented 22 different terrier breeds from 18 states. There were three Norwich and two Norfolk entered in various events, and all of them did well. One of the Norwich, NNTC member Ursula Walsh’s “Harry” from Pinehurst, North Carolina, recounts his TOPS adventures in the following story. One final note: It’s not just Rocky Mountain National Park that’s not particularly dog-friendly. In general, dogs are never allowed on trails in any of our national parks. When people plan vacations with their dogs, they should keep that in mind.—CR

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Mom decided that it would be fun for us to go to the first-ever Terriers Only Performance Summit held in Greeley, Colorado on May 16-19, 2008. I am up for almost anything, so it was fine with me! Being stuffed into a Sherpa Bag, carried through the airport and through airport security, and then shoved under a plane seat was a whole new experience, but I got through it with (pardon the pun) flying colors! Just the same when we arrived in Denver, I was very happy to get out of that bag!

We arrived a day early, and mom decided that we should see some REAL mountains. So off we went the next morning to Rocky Mountain National Park. On the way she stopped to take pictures of some bighorn sheep that were in the road. She was pretty excited about seeing those silly old sheep. I would have been, too, but she wouldn’t let me out of the car to check ‘em out!

Rocky Mountain National Park is not exactly friendly to us dogs. Dogs are only allowed to walk on the road, never on the trails, and dogs are not to be left in the car either. So what’s a dog and his person supposed to do? Well, we followed the tourist rule that says, “Get out of the car, get a picture to prove you were there and then get back in the car and drive to the next spot.” Part of the highest road was covered with snow and was not plowed, but we did get to over 10,000 feet above sea level. That was plenty high for me! It was hard to tell which of us was huffing and puffing more when we walked uphill from the parking areas to see beautiful postcard views and take pictures. I was happy to get down to the valley floor and back to Greeley, which is only 4500 feet above sea level! I am definitely a flatlander terrier!

On Friday, May 16, the first day of TOPS, we were ready for some agility action. I am always up for that! Luckily mom and I were on the same page for both our runs, although I did have to take over once or twice when she bobbed a bit. I pulled it off and we double Q’d. Mom gets very excited about that for some reason! It turns out that that was our best agility day all weekend. On Saturday morning, mom miscued me about a jump before the chute, so I ran around it; but we did well in our Jumpers run.
On Sunday, we had a serious miscommunication in our Standard run after the teeter (my least favorite obstacle). I told her right there what I thought about that! Mom said it’s a good thing most people don’t understand Norwich Terrier talk because Agility is a family sport—no cussing allowed!

We entered Rally on all three days. I am sorry to say that on Friday we were a sorry sight in the Rally ring. I had to investigate every light spot on the dark mats, and then I had to skitter out of mom’s way because she practically stepped on me at least twice! For me, the best part of that day in Rally was that I got to meet two other Norwich: “Darcy,” the first-ever UDX Norwich, who belongs to Carlynn Ricks, and “Chip,” also an Obedience star, who belongs to NNCTC member Jill Petersen of Washington state. Chip did well in Advanced Rally on all three days and got his title. Darcy scored well in Excellent Rally on Friday and earned his title, and in Open B Obedience on Sunday. I also had to admire his very fast Excellent Preferred Agility run on Sunday in Standard! On Saturday I met “Gracie,” one of the cutest little black and tan Norfolks I have ever seen. Gracie belongs to NNCTC member Peggy Chitrick, who used to live in Pennsylvania, but who now lives in Colorado. I overheard mom saying that “Gracie” won the TOPS’ TOP Norwich Terrier Trophy on Sunday. TOP in breed was figured by counting up the points won in all venues on all days. I also heard that Gracie’s Norfolk buddy, “Houdini,” really did well in his Master Earthdog test on Monday morning!

Apparently Mom learned something more about Rally after our Friday disaster, as we managed to get 4th place in Advanced B on Saturday afternoon. Then on Sunday afternoon, we tied for 1st place in that class with a score of 98. Mom managed to step right on a very interesting hole in the mat just before we got there, so I couldn’t investigate it. She’s getting clever in her old age! The Irish Terrier that we tied with went through his paces faster than I did, so he got the Big Blue and I came in 2nd. Mom gets excited about these colored ribbons, so I do too, especially if they are accompanied by a treat or two!

After our classes on Saturday, many of us dogs got to go outside on the lawn and practice going through earthdog tunnels. I roared through the tunnel just fine, but caged rats don’t do anything—except clean their toenails and sigh and yawn. So I’m not much more interested in them than they are in me. I prefer my rats out and running! On Saturday night after the TOPS Dinner, there was a Terrier Tricks Contest. Mom and I did a skit, complete with props, about my trip from the east coast to TOPS. I had to leap over the Appalachians, wind through the Eastern Forest, swim across the Mighty Mississippi, hop through the Prairie Grass, jump over the Front Range of the Rockies into Denver and go to sleep at my motel in Greeley. Everyone loved it, but the trick that won the contest was Darcy’s. He said his prayers and went to bed. Other terriers entertained the after-dinner crowd by breaking balloons, playing dead, pulling tissues out of a pocket to give to a sneezing owner and (as a terrier, I blush to say this), drinking out of a baby bottle!

I did win the TOPS’ TOP Norwich Terrier Trophy, which was an engraved silver tray donated by the NNCTC. We brought it home with us, along with a lot of good memories and many beautiful ribbons and prizes—from a stuffed rat to my favorite treats (dried chicken skins). I was glad to be back home and in my own bed on Monday! I had a great time at TOPS, but there are no squirrels like home squirrels—they are the BEST!

—“Harry” Walsh, Pinehurst, NC

About the Author: Harry, aka, Yarrow’s MGB Beach Pine Harry, CD, RN, NF, MX, MXJ, TDIAV, CGC lives with his best friend and mentor, “Sophie” the Norwich, as well as his “mom” and handler Ursula Walsh and her husband, Bill Walsh. Despite his disinterest in caged rats, Harry has earned one leg toward his Junior Earthdog title and is hoping to get his second leg soon. He and Sophie regularly visit folks at the local nursing home and are read to by the third graders at the Aberdeen Elementary School.
2007 NNCTC OBEDIENCE/RALLY CLUB MEDAL WINNERS

Obedience

Norwich and Norfolk participation in obedience dropped in 2007 as more dogs gravitated to rally and agility. Nine Norwich and 5 Norfolks made qualifying scores. Ten titles were earned: 3 CD's, 5 CDX's, and 2 UD's. Norfolks earned 3 CDX's; the other titles—3 CD's, 2 CDX's and the 2 UD's—went to Norwich. No tracking titles were earned by either breed. The 3 Norfolk CDX's all went to member-owned dogs. In Norwich, only 1 title, a CDX, went to a member-owned dog.

NNTC Club Medals: Norwich Obedience

A Club Medal for a CDX title goes to:
• *Skyscot's Trouble Scooter* CD, RE, MX, MXJ, NF, owned by Susan Novotny (and Scott Laidig)

NNTC Club Medals: Norfolk Obedience

Club Medals for CDX titles go to:
• Ch. *Andover Petite Bonbon* CD, RA, AX, AXJ, SE, owned by Laurie Rossi Sherick
• Black Magic's Mischief CD, owned by Linda Dinger (and Sandra Rene)
• Tylwyth Lacy Redfur CD, RE, owned by Mary D. Fine

Rally-O

As was the case in 2006, I do not have any information about qualifying scores, just titles earned. In 2007, Norwich and Norfolks earned a total of 26 Rally Novice titles, 5 Rally Advanced titles, and 3 Rally Excellent titles. Of those titles, 18 RN's, 3 RA's, and 2 RE's went to Norwich. Eight RN's, 3 RA's and 1 RE went to Norfolks. Norwich members accounted for 12 RN's, 3 RA's, and 2 RE's; Norfolk members had 6 RN's, 2 RA's, and 1 RE.

NNTC Club Medals: Norwich Rally

Club Medals for Rally Excellent go to:
• *Fairfield Zilly* RE, owned by Joanie Brobst
• Ch. *Top Drawer's She's a Keeper* CD, RE, NA, NAJ, owned by Meredith Dwyer and Nonie Reyners

Club Medals for Rally Advanced go to:
• Ch. *Bunratty's Earl Arlie O'Todd* CD, RA, owned by Maureen Glancy and Estelle Crawford
• *Fairfield Zilly* RE, owned by Joanie Brobst
• Ch. *Corymor's Too Cool For Words* RA, owned by Phil and Ann Whatley

Club Medals for Rally Novice go to:
• Ch. *Bunratty's Earl Arlie O'Todd* CD, RA, owned by Maureen Glancy and Estelle Crawford
• *Fairfield Zilly* RE, owned by Joanie Brobst
• *Abbedale's Miss Maggie* CD, RN, owned by Gerry Haywood
• Ch. Dunbar's Goodluck Charm RN, NA, NAJ, owned by Carol Clark
• Ch. Pine Lake's Mega Bucks RN, owned by Carol Clark
• Ch. Top Drawer's Intimidator CD, RN, owned by Kimberly Dwyer Mullings and Meredith Dwyer
• Rogel's in the Zone RN, NAP, NJP, owned by Margaret Johnson
• Ch. Watermark Truffle RN, owned by Dorothea George
• Sand-Castle Darcy UDX, RN, MX, MXJ, OAP, OJP, owned by Carlynn Ricks
• Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD, RN, AX, AXJ, owned by Ursula Walsh
• Top Drawer's Time Square RN, owned by Meredith Dwyer
• Beach Pine Sophie of Oakley RN, owned by Ursula Walsh

**NTTC Club Medals: Norfolk Rally**

A Club Medal for Rally Excellent goes to:
• **Tylwyth Lacy Redfur CDX, RE**, owned by Mary D. Fine

Club Medals for Rally Advanced go to:
• Ch. Andover Petite Bonbon CDX, RA, AX, AXJ, SE, owned by Laurie Rossi Sherick
• **Tylwyth Lacy Redfur CDX, RE**, owned by Mary D. Fine

Club Medals for Rally Novice go to:
• Pinchbeck Karuna Moon RN, owned by Loree Newton-Moore (and L. Nonog)
• MACH Ch. Flashback Postmark RN, JE, owned by Sassie Joiris
• **Tylwyth Lacy Redfur CDX, RE**, owned by Mary D. Fine
• Ch. Franaro Kashmir's Tally-Ho CD, RN, owned by Linda and David Dinger
• Black Magic's Mischief CD, RN, owned by Linda Dinger (and Sandra Rene)
• Chantilly's Aelfwynofberrybrow CDX, RN, owned by Shirl Hutchins

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

*“Oh boy, it's almost time for Halloween treats.”*
FALL 2008 OBEDIENCE NEWS

There’s a new Norfolk Tracking Dog (TD) title holder!! I won’t give many details since I believe this accomplishment is being written up in a separate article (Ed.: See “A Title With A Tale”, p. 25). The talented dog is Ch. Pinchbeck Heads-up Harry CD TD ME, bred, owned and trained by NNTC performance guru Sue Ely. I think, although I can’t verify it, that Harry is one of the only Norfolks ever to earn a TD (I recall one in the past, but can’t remember the dog’s name). There have been a number of Norwich TD’s, trained by tracking enthusiasts Olive Hobbs and the late Pam (Anne) Riker.

Topping the Norwich news is a new Utility Dog. Ch. Kilyka’s High Voltage UD NA NAJ, bred, owned and trained by NNTC member Betty McDonnell, finished his UD in April at the Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland. “Buzz” won a first place ribbon with each of his three legs from the Utility A class. This is Betty’s second UD Norwich and her first homebred. Now she has a Norwich mother/son pair, both “titled at both ends”.

There are still more Norwich highlights: the “wonder dog” of the Midwest, Huntwoods Four on the Floor UD, owned by Bridget Carlson, is now more than halfway to the coveted Obedience Trial Championship (OTCH). According to what is recorded on the AKC website as of mid-July, this dog has 64 of the required 100 points needed for the OTCH title, as well as 6 of the necessary 10 legs towards his UDX title. OTCH points are earned by placing in the Utility B or Open B classes after the UD title has been completed. The number of points available depends upon the number of dogs defeated. To date, no Norwich or Norfolk has ever earned the OTCH title.

In Texas, Ch. Belvedere’s Sister Parrish UD RN, owned by Joan Jung, needs only two more legs to become a UDX. UDX legs are acquired by qualifying in both Utility and Open B at the same show. For this title, neither scores nor the number of dogs defeated matter. While accumulating her eight UDX legs, “Frizzle” has also piled up 31 OTCH points. I do not know if Joan intends to continue the OTCH quest after Frizzle finishes her UDX.

When trying for an OTCH, it is not necessary to compete in both Open B and Utility B at the same show. However, a dog must earn at least one first place in each class while accumulating the 100 points. Other points may be earned with second place wins (and I think now, also third place wins—sorry, I’m fuzzy on the details).

We have one new Norwich CD. Fairfield Zilly RE, owned by NNTC member Joanie Brobst, finished the title in January. NNTC member Jill Petersen’s younger Norwich, Rogel’s I’m Ginger Hollywood, now has two CD legs and will doubtless finish the title soon.

Norfolk accomplishments, other than the aforementioned Harry’s TD, have not shown up on my radar screen lately. Don’t forget to report anything you’d like to see written up. Failing that, you’ll be forced to read more chapters or “How to Cause Gray Hair”, ghost-written by me. The actual author is my Tylwyth Lacy Redfur CDX RE, the dog-hating Norfolk who once again had to be bribed away from threatening a mirror during a Utility run-through (having encountered in the mirror a small dog growling at her). She is also working on a song, tentatively titled “I heard a dog toy and my brain took wing.”

News flash—my July AKC Awards has just informed me that Ch. Pinchbeck Ozymandias RN AX AXJ OF, a Norfolk owned by NNTC member Linda Brennan, finished his CD with a second place win from the Novice B class. This high-scoring dog, already multi-titled in Agility, should have a bright future in Obedience.

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

Everything's come up Norwich: "Kilyka's" master gardeners

Photo credit: Betty McDonnell

Dad's my hero: "Java" and her dad "Ernie" Herstein

Photo credit: Gail Herstein

Someone to watch over me: "Essay" (puppy) and his mentor "Pepe" Dennis

Photo credit: Trel Dennis

Little Sis, Big Sis: 8-week-old "Hailey" and her half-sister "Eva" Faulkner

Photo credit: Denise Faulkner

Like mother, like daughter: "Windy" Herstein and her daughter " Haley"

Photo credit: Gail Herstein

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"TUDOR'S" TALE:
A Norwich Love Story

Preface by NNTC member Joan Eckert ("Abbedale" Norwich and Norfolk):

In October 2007, it was brought to some NNTC members' attention that there was a breeding pair of Norwich Terriers being sold for $5,000 by a puppy mill in Oklahoma. From the website photos, the bitch was obviously a purebred Cairn Terrier, being passed off as a purebred Norwich and being used for breeding. Against the advice of many fellow Norwich fanciers, six of us decided to put up the money to buy the pair. The sellers came down to a price of $4,000 for the two.

When the dogs arrived at my house, I had my vet examine them and discovered that they both had ID chips. I checked the bitch's number with 'Home Again' and was told that her chip had been sold to the Hunt Corporation. I called them and learned the chip had been implanted in a Cairn puppy bitch. I had the bitch spayed and treated for heartworm. I then sold her to a pet home for $700, a sum which covered my vet expenses for the two dogs. The little male was a purebred Norwich. I had him neutered in January 2008, but I had a hard time finding anyone who wanted a not-housebroken, 3-year-old kennel dog—until I met Diane McCormack, the saint. She was willing to give this sweet little guy a chance. Thank goodness, his story has a happy ending, as Diane recounts below.—JE

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Having mourned the loss of my loving and loyal 20-year-old Puli, "Arlo" (he died in 1988) for many years, I bought a house with a fenced-in yard in 2003 so that I could get a new dog. Due to lots of problems with both the house and my health, it wasn't until February of 2008 that I went to the Detroit American Kennel Club show to see if I was ready to make another 20-year commitment. It was here I met Joan Eckert (to be referred to as St. Joan of the Full Heart in my family forever after). She told me about a Norwich Terrier male she had that she had rescued from a puppy mill. Due to our schedules, it took about a month of phone calls before we could arrange a meeting. During that month, I told my children that I thought fostering a dog was maybe a better option for this stage in my life. My son, wise for his 32 years, made me promise not to get more than one dog to foster because he could not imagine my ever deeming adopters worthy of "my" dogs. I grudgingly agreed that maybe he was right.

I'll never forget seeing "Tudor" ("Toot Toot" by birth and registration; my 60-year-old ears play tricks on me) for the first time. Joan had bathed and groomed him. He was a beautiful red mop who did everything in his power to keep Joan between him and me. He covered the entire time. The sad, haunted look in his eyes made my heart ache. On the car ride from Joan's home in Kalamazoo to my place in Grosse Pointe, MI, his heart pounded and his body was stiff and unyielding.

During the first week with me, Tudor slowly revealed that he had a tail, then a bark, then that he could retrieve a thrown tennis ball. Also during that first week, he marked every new area in my house and kept his distance from me. He did not venture up or down stairs; he waited at the foot or head until I
reappeared. He was always just past arms’ reach, but he did spend less and less time in his crate. By the end of the first week, we began to establish a routine.

Bonding took off in the second week. Now he was like a shadow and very playful. He was more bouncy and happy to see me when I returned from work. He was reticent with people, but liked dogs his size (a Dachshund and a Brussels Griffon). He was not getting the fact that he was to urinate outside only. When I was not paying attention to him, he chewed on everything. Like having a newborn baby, Tudor and I awakened two or three times a night to go outside. My neighbors must have thought I was nuts for applauding every time he raised his leg outside.

As the weeks rolled by, my life with Tudor has held many adventures: visits to the manicure salon, the bank, the pet stores; eight weeks of AKC training; rides in the car (he still doesn’t like it, but will tolerate it); an airplane ride to visit my son and daughter-in-law and their Brussels Griffon, “Bowie,” in the Hamptons; visits to friends’ and family homes (where I can never take my eyes off him because he will urinate); playing with friends’ and neighbors’ dogs; two to three walks a day, where Tudor enjoys the scents of other dogs and the occasional encounter with a friendly person and pup. He is a cuddler during the day and will sit on my lap to be petted. He is not yet trustworthy when it comes to urinating in my bedroom, so I still have to deal with that challenge. Nevertheless, I can’t remember a summer that has been such fun and so rewarding. Tudor’s eyes are twinkling, and he knows that there is more fun ahead for us both. Shhhhhhh, don’t tell my son, but I have been toying with the idea of the two of us fostering one or two pups as soon as Tudor, my forever dog, is truly housebroken.

—Diane McCormack, Grosse Pointe, MI

“DUDLEY”:
A RESCUE STORY WITH A HAPPY ENDING

The story of Dudley, a 10-year-old, neutered Norwich Terrier, begins last February in Virginia Beach, VA, when he was attacked and nearly killed by his family’s other dog, a large and powerful Shiloh Shepherd. In her first email to me, one of Dudley’s owners described him as “a very friendly and outgoing” dog who “doesn’t know a stranger.” Since the family had decided they could not risk trying to keep Dudley and the Shiloh Shepherd in the same house in case of a future attack, I made the usual inquiries about his breeder. I found out that he was from the tail end of early Norwich breeder Mrs. A. C. Randolph’s “Oakley” kennel in Upperville, VA. Since neither Mrs. Randolph nor her kennel manager is still alive, those dogs had ended up with Sheila Embry in Virginia. As Dudley’s breeder, Sheila was willing to help me find him a new home, even though we both knew how difficult it is to place such an elderly dog.

Enter NNTC member Alison Freehling, whom I had also called about this dog since she lives in Virginia. Alison in turn called Felicia Rogan, a friend and fellow Norwich lover in Charlottesville, to ask if she would like to adopt Dudley. Felicia declined, but asked her veterinarian’s wife, Carolyn Betts, if she’d be willing to take Dudley. Carolyn, who has rehomed many different breeds of dogs over the years, said “yes.” After several
e-mails were exchanged with Dudley's family, Carolyn drove to Virginia Beach to bring Dudley home to Charlottesville. Now safe from big dogs who want to make a meal of him, Dudley has charmed his way into his new owners' hearts, as Carolyn Betts confirms in the following July 23 update.—Sue Ely, NNTC Rescue & Rehoming Chair

A Note from Dudley's New Owner

My husband and I had never had a Norwich before, but Dudley became a part of our family immediately. He's an absolute sweetheart and has such a cute manner. If you don't give him attention when he wants it, he gives you very serious "head butts" until he's satisfied with the amount of petting he's gotten.

Dudley is the only dog we have that regularly sleeps on our bed, and we couldn't love him more if we had raised him from a pup. I told my husband that it is a little embarrassing to adopt someone else's dog to have one with perfect manners, as Dudley does.

I do think that what his previous family did was incredibly selfless. I know they loved him (how could you not?), yet they gave him a good home for his own protection. As his other Mom said, "Dudley is a sure thing; our Shepherd has issues that would make it difficult to place him." Dudley has truly been the very best gift we've ever been given!

—Carolyn Betts, Charlottesville, VA

THE ART OF PASSING DOGS ON

I have found it so very frustrating over the years when I hear negative comments from other Norfolk and Norwich owners that passing dogs on (aka, rehoming) is a cold, insensitive act. Those who criticize this practice imply that you must not love the dog enough to keep it, even if keeping it is not in the best interest of the dog. To me, not loving the dog enough to find it a better home is the insensitive act.

"Nettie," one of my Norfolk brood bitches, is a case in point. Nettie was never a team player. She did produce a couple of promising puppies, but she was demanding and pushy around my other dogs. So, I placed her with a couple who live on a lovely lake in the summer and who winter in Florida, where Nettie boats, fishes, and has her own family to boss around and cater to her every whim. Is this not better for her than staying with me for the rest of her life, competing with other dogs for attention, treats and room on a couch, if she was lucky enough to be in the house? I think rehoming Nettie is an act of compassion and responsibility!

Then there is my Norwich male "Baxter", a finished champion with a very sweet and soft disposition. Baxter always took a back seat to all my other dogs as he just didn't exert himself. He now lives with a secretary who works at a school. He goes to work with her every day, and the school kids come to visit him and take him for walks and treats. In the summer, he is the hit of a local campground. Would he have a better life with me, living in a kennel so that he would be safe from my other male dogs? I think not!

"Alice," another of my retired Norfolk brood bitches, went to a wonderful home on Lake Michigan. Her new owner made 6-year-old Alice a certified therapy dog and took her to nursing homes for the rest of her sixteen years. Alice loved these visits and gave great joy and comfort to many elderly patients. Had she
stayed with me, she would have spent the rest of her life just lying around on a cushion and would have missed this wonderful opportunity. Would that have been better? I think not!

Yes, it is hard sometimes for me to pass on a Norfolk or a Norwich that I am fond of, but giving those dogs a quality of life that I can’t give them is a gift they deserve and one that I believe I have a responsibility to give them. No breeder, good or bad, can give a dozen or more dogs a lifestyle comparable to that of a pet in a single or two-dog home. So why do some breeders condemn those who find lovely pet homes for their retired Norfolk or Norwich and ‘Pass Them On’?

—Joan Eckert, "Abbedale" Norfolk & Norwich Terriers, Kalamazoo, MI (joaneckert@sbcglobal.com)

NOTES FROM RESCUE AND REHOMING:

Can Norfolk and Norwich Terriers Ever Be Two Breeds?

With a subtitle like the above, surely I am taking a wry look backward to when Norwich P.E. came in the same litter as Norwich D.E.; but I also intend this, my last NNTC Rescue & Rehoming piece, to be a seriously cautionary look at the future of our breeds. I am writing about a rescue which I did not do, but one which has caught my rapt attention in the past month.

Judy e-mailed me in late May to say that she had rescued a Norfolk bitch who had snapped at a child. She wanted to learn more about the Norfolk breed so that she would know how to groom her bitch. In that first email, Judy mentioned that the bitch, Penelope, had pricked ears. When I observed that Penelope might not be a Norfolk, Judy responded that Penelope had AKC papers registering her as a purebred Norfolk Terrier. I immediately asked Judy for those AKC papers, as I always want to notify the breeder when a dog comes into rescue and changes homes.

When I received all the dogs’ names and numbers, there were no recognizable kennel prefixes in Penelope’s pedigree and no breeder’s name on the AKC papers. From the dogs’ names, I guessed European origins, so I turned to NNTC member Magda Omansky for help [Ed.: Magda grew up in Poland and is familiar with many European kennel names.]. Magda discovered that the dogs did come from several countries in Europe, but that Penelope’s breeder was a man in Montana, who also breeds Border Terriers. All the dogs in Penelope’s pedigree were from Europe. None of them were champions, but they all had AKC numbers. I went to the Montana breeder’s website and saw lots of Norfolk puppies pictured, selling for $2,100.

Along with the information, Judy also sent me a photograph of Penelope, which I include with this report. I was shocked at first; then I was angry, mostly at the AKC for making this sort of thing possible. I am happy that Penelope has a good home and is getting both the training and the care she deserves. I am happy that Judy contacted me and now has a copy of Joan Read’s Norfolk Terrier book. But, as the
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NNTC tumbles away into two breed clubs, I shudder to think that we will have been divided and conquered. I also shudder to think what we will be rescuing in the next 10 years if we are not vigilant, if we don't pin Penelope's photo on our fridges. Don't let our breeds/our breed, the Norwich Terrier P.E. and D.E., call them what you like, be the AKC's next victim in the world of purebred dogs.

—Sue Ely, NNTC Rescue & Rehoming Chair, Long Valley, NJ
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P.S. I was tempred to turn this article into a Jeremiad about the destruction the AKC is wreaking on the world of purebred dogs, but I have tried not to do so. I will say, however, that the American Kennel Club is offering registration to increasingly suspect dogs in all breeds. These AKC registrations are causing irreparable harm to many breeds, and they are designed just to make money. If we, as one or two clubs, are not vigilant about what shows up in the humble halls of rescue (not to mention in the show ring), we will be back to where we started in no time flat.

GETTING A DOG FOR THE DOG

One of the most common reasons folks call me looking for a rescued Norfolk or Norwich is that they want their resident dog to have a companion. Because they feel guilty about those long hours their only dog spends alone in the house while they are at work, they have decided to find a friend for the dog, hoping to assuage their guilt.

Those of us with multiple-dog households know that owning more than one dog can cause more problems than pleasures, but it is truly amazing how many folks do not realize this. They have never considered that when the owners are home, two dogs may compete for food, space, and attention. Likewise, it doesn't seem to have occurred to owners that their resident dog might regard the newcomer not as a pal but as an intruder into what has been that dog's sole kingdom. They tell me that their dog loves to visit with other dogs in the dog park and welcomes play-dates both at home and away. When I remind them how glad they are when a neighbor's kid goes home after a day spent playing at their house and they are finally alone and in control of their environment, they begin to see that there could be problems.

Then we discuss the dogs' "alone hours." They eventually understand that, in all but a rare case, they would have to crate "Fido" and his new friend to avoid trouble in the owners' absence. I try to explain that two (or more) dogs, left alone and uncrated, will not sit together and do the Times crossword puzzle, or play Scrabble, or discuss the recent political scene. More than once, at this point in my response, I have been hung up on with a muffled expletive, here deleted. If the caller stays on the line, I try to sketch out the possibilities of the two dogs' day. The best case scenario is that they will lie in their preferred corners of the house and sleep; but the nightmare scenarios are legion, so I only suggest a few: an argument over a favorite toy or a chew stick found in the sofa cushions or a morsel of toast that fell on the kitchen floor at breakfast; competition for a sunny spot on the rug; a sudden thunderstorm that sets nerves jangling and anxieties skyrocketing; the doorbell ringing....

We have all read those horrific and sobering stories in dog publications about owners/breeders coming home to find an injured or a dead dog as a result of an altercation that took place during an owner's quick trip to the corner store, let alone a day at work. As part of our duty to educate future dog owners, we need to remember that it is never wise to buy a dog for a dog, even when both dogs come from our own stock, and especially when they come from rescue.

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FALL 2008 WORKING TERRIERS REPORT

What lies beyond the Master Earthdog title for go-to-ground enthusiasts? Below is a letter from John McNabney, National Earthdog Test Secretary for the Scottish Terrier Club of America, discussing the possibility of an advanced AKC earthdog title. What do you think? If you have any comments or concerns, please contact either Sue Ely (pinchbecks9@earthlink.net) or me (nflurries@a-znet.com).—Peggy Metcalf

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"At the moment, after a short-legged terrier or dachshund earns the AKC Master Earthdog title, there are no further earthdog titles to keep them involved in earthdog work. This means that our most accomplished earthdogs drop out of the sport. Most other AKC venues offer advanced titles that allow the further participation with recognition for work well done. The Scottish Terrier Club of America has created a title for Scotties participating in their performance awards program, giving earthdog work equal footing with the other venues. Called Earthdog Excellent (EdX), this title can be earned by earning both Senior and Master legs at the same test (Double Q) at 5 events or by earning 10 Senior and 10 Master legs at 20 events. Further qualifying can earn multiples of this title (i.e., EdX2, EdX3, etc.). The rational behind the 5 Double Qs is that it is a logical progression of 2 legs for JE, 3 legs for SE and 4 legs for ME.

After some reluctance, the AKC has indicated that they would consider such an advanced title of earthdog work if the parent clubs involved in this event could agree on a criterion and submit a request. This request would go through the AKC Delegates’ Committee for Herding, Earthdog and Coursing to the AKC Board after review by the AKC staff.

The purpose of this letter is to determine if your club would consider supporting an advanced title in earthdog and, if so, what criterion would you consider appropriate for such a title. If the criterion would require a different test than those already included in the Regulations for Earthdog Tests (JE, SE and ME), then the request would have to go through an Earthdog Advisory Committee, which would have to be formed and include this request in its agenda. This process could take years as there are no plans at the moment to form such an advisory committee.

If your club could support a title involving some combination of existing test legs, please let me know as soon as possible. If there is enough response in time for the September Delegates’ meeting, this topic will be on the agenda of the Delegates’ HEC Committee. If time constraints limit the response, then the topic will be on the agenda for the December meeting.”—John McNabney

2008 AKC Earthdog Titles

The following Norfolk Terriers have earned AKC earthdog titles in 2008. To date, no Norwich Terrier has earned a new earthdog title this year.

Junior Earthdog (JE)

• Ch. Flurries Mackinac Point JE, owned by Peggy Metcalf & Christine Holmes
• Ch. M-N-M’s One-N-Only At Highlands JE, owned by Jeff Partington & Karen Kotke-Partington
• Owl Hollow Bodacious Ride JE, owned by Emily Grantham, Lori Watson & Deborah Sutton

Senior Earthdog (SE)

• Ch. Flurries Mackinac Point SE, owned by Peggy Metcalf & Christine Holmes
• Ch. Black Magics Sail Away AXP AJP SE, owned by Marian Shaw, DVM & Douglas Dobbin

Master Earthdog (ME)

• Zebedee Echoes of Mercy RN ME, owned by Gordon Moore & Loreece Newton-Moore

Congratulations to all who have worked so hard with their terriers to keep the hunting instincts alive and well in our two great breeds…the Norfolk and the Norwich Terrier. Best wishes in the future.

—Peggy Metcalf, “Flurries” Norfolk, Camden, NY
A TITLE WITH A TALE

Two years ago, in early spring, I took Ch. Pinchebeck Heads-Up Harry to a TDI workshop hosted by a local tracking club. Though he was pronounced promising by the trainers, I didn’t pursue tracking in the months that followed. I couldn’t find anyone to work with me on the training, and it was arduous to lay my own tracks, age them, and then get Harry out to run them. A year later, I took Harry to the same workshop, more determined than ever to succeed. I had figured out some good practice fields near my house and had gotten into a routine of getting up really early, laying the day’s track, going to Dunkin’ Donuts for my coffee, and then running Harry. I was very disciplined about making maps each time, recording the measurements of each track, and doing my very best to walk in a straight line, which is not easy with my artificial hips! I also got in touch with an experienced tracker, who had run the second workshop and who lives about an hour south of me. I would go down and work with her once or twice a month throughout the late summer and early fall. She pronounced Harry ready to take a certification test, which he had to pass to enter a trial. He and I went to our first such test on a hot, dry and windy September afternoon. Harry did not pass, but he did certify in late November. Funnily enough, it was in the same hayfield where he had failed to certify earlier in the fall. We started going to tracking trials in late March. The weather at the first two trials was windy, cold and wet. Harry worked hard, but he simply could not sort out either of the tracks we drew. Finally, at Lackawanna Kennel Club’s trial on 27 April, 2008, Harry earned his Tracking Dog (TD) title. Tracking has been one of the most challenging and exciting of the many competition events I have done with my Norfolks!

The training required for Harry to earn his TD title was not only immensely satisfying; it has also proved useful in several real-life searches. Some of you may remember my story in the Fall 2006 News (pp. 44-45) about Harry spending several days trying to find (unsuccessfully) a Norwich named “Buster,” who had dashed away and disappeared during an off-leash walk with his owner. Early this spring, NNTC member Lini Federici called me on a Friday afternoon to say that her Norfolk birch, “Broady”, had gone into a hole while walking in a park in Moorestown, NJ. Lini walks her Norfolks off-leash every day in this park, and Broady had been in this hole before. Lini was concerned because she did not hear any barking from the hole, yet her other Norfolk, “River”, was standing at the hole’s entrance, making clear that this was where her mother was. I offered to come down with Harry right then, but Lini said she had someone helping her to look for Broady. She also said she was going to dig a bit and then leave food and a crate by the hole. She was sure Broady would reappear as soon as she was finished with her excursion underground.

I called Lini at 5AM the next morning. Broady had not shown up, and there was still no barking from the hole. I felt that I should get down there as fast as possible. I took Harry and another dog, Ch. Holly Beach Mack the Knife, ME, who, though bigger than Harry, has proven himself underground on many occasions. I asked Lini to bring Broady’s crate pad to the park. When we got there at about 9:30AM, I simply asked Mack to “check out” the holes in this rather large settle. I knew Mack would look for the groundhog. I was sure, given her scent from the crate pad, that Harry would look for Broady. Both dogs went to ground, often in the same hole; and we began digging.

From the start, Harry, who is not hole-aggressive, began grumbling at Mack, wartering some of the holes they were digging. He had an edge to his search that was noticeable. At about noon, after a lot of digging from all directions, I took Harry down to a nearby stream so that he could get wet and cool off. As we came up the bank back to the settle, he b-lined for a hole Lini had dug the evening before, right where Broady had been lost. Harry vanished into the hole, and then began to drag out sticks and dirt. Having cleared his path, he went in to where I could not reach to touch him. He was about 4 feet from the surface at the top of the mound, and about 5 feet into the tunnel. I told the people who had been digging with us all day to dig down on a slant to see if we could access the tunnel where Harry was. When we broke through (carefully), we could see Harry’s side. He backed up just enough to look out and up at me, and then he went back up the tunnel. I got the men with the shovels to dig just over where I suspected Harry to be, and I said, “She’s there.”

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And she was, though not alive. Clearly, Broady had died of a heart attack as there were no signs of stress, combat, or asphyxiation. She had gone into a hole because her instinct led her to do so, and she had lived her last moments doing what she loved best and was bred to do: go to ground. Even though he had not yet gotten his TD when he found Broady, Harry’s training, coupled with his natural aptitude and intelligence, had once again enabled him to help find something. Getting the TD title was a thrill, but finding Broady was heart's ease for all of us.

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NORWICH AND NORFOLK TERRIER TRACKING DOG TITLES: 1977-2008

The opening paragraph of Mary Fine’s obedience report, congratulating Sue Ely and her Norfolk “Harry” on his new Tracking Dog (TD) title, refers to a second, not-named Norfolk and a “number of Norwich TD’s” who earned this AKC performance title prior to 2008. Curious as to these dogs’ identities, I looked through old issues of the News to unearth the names of past member-owned Norwich and Norfolk TD’s, along with the names of their owner-trainers and the year their TD (and in one case, TDX) titles were earned.

The late NNTC member and Norwich breeder (“Neversink”) Anne Jackson Riker (“Pam”) of New Jersey was the club’s pioneer tracking guru. Ch. Grasmere Scotch Mist CDX TD, a Norwich bitch bred by the late Ann Connolly and owned and trained by Pam, became the first Norwich or Norfolk Terrier to earn a TD. “Misty” was the inaugural recipient of the [N]NTC’s newly-created Tracking Award (for TD titles) in 1977. Two of Misty’s offspring, littermates Ch. Neversink Esmeralda CD TD and her brother Ch. Neversink Big Red CD TD, bred, owned and trained by Pam Riker, also earned TD titles and the club’s Tracking Award in 1978 and 1980, respectively. Following Pam Riker’s untimely death in April 1981 (at only 50 years of age), the NNTC named the club’s Tracking Award the Neversink Trophy in her memory. (See the Fall/Winter 1999 News, pp. 16-17, for a profile of Anne Jackson Riker written by her sister Audrey.)

The fourth Norwich Terrier to earn a TD was Chidley Peregrin Took TD (“Pippin”), a bitch bred by the late Ann Connolly and owned and trained by NNTC member Olive Hobbs of Ohio. Pippin earned her TD title in 1982. The following year, she also earned a TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent), a title established by the AKC in 1980 as a more advanced tracking test. Pippin was only the second terrier to earn a TDX title (the first was a Soft-Coated Wheaten) and, to date, is the only Norwich or Norfolk TDX. In the fall of 1998, fifteen years after this historic TDX, then 77-year-old Olive Hobbs put a TD title on another of her Norwich, Abbedale’s Bilbo Baggins TD, a male bred by Joan Eckert. (See the Fall/Winter 1999 News, pp. 17-19, for Olive Hobbs’ informative article, “Tips On Tracking.”)

“Bilbo Baggins” was the first recipient of the NNTC Neversink Trophy since 1986, a 12-year hiatus! The 1986 Neversink award winner was Lil Abner’s Billy Bear CDX TD, a Norwich male owned and trained by NNTC member Meredith Dwyer of Maryland. “Billy Bear” passed his AKC TD test in March 1986, just 5 months shy of his 12th birthday. In November 2000, Meredith also put a TD title on her homebred Ch. Top Drawer’s Cholmondley CGC CD TD, a Norwich male co-owned with NNTC member Nonie Reynolds. (See the Spring 2001 News, p. 59, for Cholmondley’s TD title photo.) To date then, seven Norwich Terriers—3 females and 4 males—have earned TD’s, and one of these female TD title holders also earned a TDX.
While Norwich Terriers monopolized NNTC tracking awards from 1977 to 2000, the club's most recent TD recipients have been Norfolk Terriers. The first Norfolk to earn a TD was Ch. Andover's Minor Detail CD NA NAJ ME TD ("Jimmy Dean"), a male bred by Cindy Vogels and owned and trained by NNTC member Laurie Rossi Sherick of northern California. Jimmy Dean was 12 years old when he passed his TD test in February 2003. (See the Spring 2003 News, p. 20). Sue Ely's "Harry," who earned his TD in April 2008, is the second Norfolk male—and only the second Norfolk in breed history—to hold a Tracking Dog title. To date, no Norfolk female has earned a TD title; come on, ladies!

Congratulations to the nine Norwich and Norfolk TD title holders and to their five owner-trainers (all women) for achieving this difficult AKC performance title.

—Alison Freehling

Sue Ely is ALL SMILES about "Harry's" new TD title!

Squirrel tracking (if only I could go-to-tree!)
"Bliadhna mhath ur" (that's Scottish Gaelic for "Happy New Year," in case you didn't know).

Maybe Rudolph will let us drive the sleigh on Christmas eve.

"Too much of a good thing can be wonderful."

I'm auditioning to be Frosty the snowman.

I'm joining Weight Watchers for the holidays.
THE THREE MVDS

MVD#1

Mitral valve disease, better known in the fancy as MVD, has been acknowledged as a heart problem affecting Norfolk Terriers for quite some time. Several years ago, Sunshine Lahmers DVM and a board-certified cardiologist at Washington State University, conducted a study funded by a grant from the Canine Health Foundation’s “Friends of Norfolk Terrier” Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Although Dr. Lahmers’s study was cut short by motherhood and a leave of absence, she was able to conclude the following from the initial phase of the MVD research: “The results of this study indicate that the Norfolk Terrier is affected by endocardiosis of the mitral valve. There appears to be a wide distribution of ages affected with two peak time periods, which would suggest the possibility of an early onset form of endocardiosis in the Norfolk. The data also reveals that only approximately half of affected dogs will have physical exam abnormalities to indicate the presence of mitral valve endocardiosis, thus suggesting that echocardiography will be necessary as a screening tool to identify the early stages of the disease.” Because of these findings, the NNTC Board recommended that for a Norfolk to receive a CHIC number from the Canine Health Information Center, all OFA Heart clearances be done by a board-certified cardiologist and that an ultrasound using color flow Doppler be performed.

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

Although Dr. Lahmers will be unable to continue with the study, she has agreed to help Dr. Allison Heaney, an associate of hers at Washington State who is also a board-certified veterinary cardiologist, write a grant to continue the project. Hopefully this new study will answer some of the questions raised by Dr. Lahmers, and will try to isolate the gene or genes responsible for MVD. Dr. Heaney, who is also a new mother, hopes to have a grant submitted to CHF by the end of the summer. Once approved, funds from the “Friends” DAF will be made available.

In the meantime, I contacted Dr. John Macgregor, a veterinary cardiologist in Massachusetts, to do a small cardiac screening clinic for Norfolk breeders in the area. When I explained to Dr. Macgregor what we hoped to accomplish in the near future, he expressed great interest and is eager to work with Dr. Heaney. We did cardiac ultrasounds on 18 Norfolks and also drew blood for DNA analysis. The blood was sent to Dr. Heaney, and DNA has been successfully extracted from these samples. In addition, pedigrees of all these Norfolks will be made available to Dr. Heaney. Although a grant for the MVD study has not been officially approved, we have a good beginning as we are dealing with families of dogs and will have access to additional family members. Many thanks to Dr. Macgregor for the hours he has spent developing a profile for each dog and in making sure that Dr. Heaney receives all the results.

MVD #2

Microvascular dysplasia (MVD) and Portosystemic Vascular Anomalies (PSVA or liver shunt) are related disorders causing malformation of the liver’s circulation of blood. According to research veterinarian Dr. Sharon Center of Cornell University, MVD and PSVA are congenital abnormalities consistent with an ancient genetic mutation in small dogs. This trait causes high serum bile acid (SBA) values and has
a prevalence ranging from 30% to 80% in various breeds. Many small breeds are affected, and Dr. Center has now expanded her research to study nine dog breeds, including both Norfolk and Norwich Terriers.

As the principal investigator for this CHF-funded study, Dr. Center hopes to identify a genetic marker for MVD/PSVA that will lead to the development of a genetic test. She believes the gene (or genes) responsible for this condition is an autosomal dominant but with an incomplete penetrant mode of transmission. Because of the incomplete penetrant factor, success in identifying affected dogs based on SBA has been limited.

Most dogs with SBA in the MVD range do not show any clinical signs; they are not sick and do not require medication or special diets. For this reason, many of us have been unknowingly breeding dogs that have SBA in the MVD range. Occasionally, we produce a Norfolk or a Norwich with a liver shunt, a dog that requires expensive surgery to survive. Some shunts are impossible to correct surgically; these dogs do not have a good prognosis. As breeders, what do we do? We know that dogs with normal bile acids have produced pups in the MVD range; but we also know that dogs in the MVD range can have offspring with normal bile acids. Don't do anything “rash,” says Dr. Center.

I believe that this problem is and has been in our gene pool for many years. I also believe that spaying or neutering dogs with MVD is not the answer. According to Dr. Center, we just do not know enough yet to start culling dogs with high serum bile acids. Thus we come to my third MVD.

**MVD#3**

*MVD or Making Vital Decisions* is what breeders must do in assessing their breeding stock. If you thought that health testing would make breeding decisions easier, think again. Based on test results, you must now weigh health concerns and decide if certain dogs and bitches should remain in your breeding program. Do you eliminate the noisy breather, or the littermate of an epileptic dog? What about a dog whose hips are graded mildly dysplastic or one whose knees slip just a bit? As breeders, we must be honest with ourselves, honest with fellow breeders, and honest with puppy buyers. Talk to one another, health test all your breeding stock, and encourage your puppy buyers to report any health issues that arise in their Norfolk or Norwich. Making these often-difficult decisions is what being a breeder is all about.

—Carol Falk, NNTC Health & Genetics Chair, Peabody, MA (Benkelev@aol.com)

**THE ANATOMY OF UPPER AIRWAY SYNDROME**

Since the publication of my translation of the Swiss studies on Upper Airway Syndrome (UAS), I have received numerous calls and e-mails from owners of Norwich Terriers with breathing difficulties. The most common questions are where to go to have the Norwich properly diagnosed, and what a dog's specific symptoms indicate. The answer is two-fold. You are best served by having your dog examined under anesthesia, with a probing endoscope, by a veterinary respiratory specialist who has experience with our breed. You should also learn as much as you can about UAS beforehand, so that you can participate with the veterinary specialist in deciding about the best course of action for your dog. It is as much about
choosing the best specialist as it is about understanding the syndrome well, and making informed decisions together. Time and time again, I hear from distressed Norwich owners who wish they had been more outspoken in insisting that their dog have laser rather than scalpel surgery. Thus, the goal of this article is to help Norwich owners understand the anatomy of UAS. I am presenting here the information I have compiled from talking to more than twenty specialists who have diagnosed various degrees of UAS in Norwich across the country, and who have performed corrective surgeries. The information also includes conversations I have had with owners of affected dogs. Hopefully, we can learn from this collective experience and make fewer mistakes in the future.

I will start by outlining what Upper Airway Syndrome is. As the name indicates, there is a chronic airway obstruction in some place or, typically, in more than one place—hence the syndrome part of the name (a cluster of clinically recognizable features). The term “syndrome” comes from Greek and literally means “run together.” It indicates that the presence of one feature is linked to another. UAS is not a static problem, but rather a condition that can worsen in time, as one anatomic abnormality causes deformation elsewhere. I find the dynamic nature of the condition crucial to understanding UAS, but regretfully, this is the most ignored fact of the UAS. Diagnosing a dog as “mildly affected” at the age of two, for example, does not mean that he will stay that way for life. His condition will most likely worsen in time, although it could improve as well, for example, by bringing the dog’s weight down. Air can meet obstruction anywhere as it journeys towards the lungs; once it does, it creates air friction further down on its way to the lungs, causing more damage. So, please think of UAS as a chronic condition. No matter how successful a particular corrective surgery might be, it is never a permanent fix.

Dogs’ lungs expand and suck in the air. Like all mammals, dogs breathe through the process of pulling the air in, not pumping it, as amphibians do. Have you ever seen a bottom of a frog’s mouth bubbling in and out? The floor of its mouth is acting like a pump, pushing air into the lungs. Mammals expand their chest and lungs and thus create a negative pressure. Air rushes in to fill the vacuum created by that expansion of the thoracic (chest) cavity to equalize the pressure between the lungs and the outside air. What that means is a very high air pressure going down the respiratory tract. A good way to visualize the difference between pulling and pushing the air into the lungs is your own experience with drinking straws. If you blow into a straw you will not affect it as much as when you suck in the air. You can collapse a straw with a good pull.

Nasal Cavity

As air rushes through the nose at high pressure, it might already meet some resistance. The nostrils are never pinched in our breed, but the posterior nasal passages are sometimes too narrow and, therefore, afford less passage than needed. The condition is referred to as stenotic posterior nares. That nasal constriction creates higher air pressure going down the respiratory tract and can cause problems in the laryngeal area. Dogs with narrowed posterior nasal passages are not good candidates for surgery. Many specialists do not even bother diagnosing stenotic nares in Norwich Terriers because the condition is not correctable. It is, however, helpful to know if the dog has stenotic nares because the condition has implications in developing other aspects of UAS. For example, it is helpful in predicting whether surgery to remove everted laryngeal saccula needs a follow-up in a couple of years, as saccula will most likely evert again as a result of air pressure stemming from stenotic posterior nares. The most precise method of diagnosing stenotic nares is rhinomanometry (described in detail in my Spring 2008 News article on UAS). Rhinomanometry is not easily available, so it helps to know what to look for as a symptom of stenotic posterior nares. A dog that is often breathing through the mouth is most likely compensating for having stenotic nares. When not running, barking or exercising, is your dog’s mouth often slightly open? Look through some casual photographs of your dog lying around, resting, and sitting. Photos tend to show objectively any patterns.
Oral Cavity

Within a dog’s mouth, there could be deformities as well. The most common deformity in Norwich Terriers is an elongated soft palate. If you were to run your tongue along the roof of your mouth, starting from the upper teeth and moving it as far back as you can, you would feel that the roof of your mouth turns to a soft area towards the throat. That part of the anatomy is called a soft palate. If the flap of skin in that anatomic part of the mouth is too long, it will partially obstruct breathing. The longer the flap is, the more obstruction. Interestingly, a too-short soft palate is not a good thing either. That too may cause air turbulence.

The most recognizable symptoms of an elongated soft palate are “sloppy” drinking of water, grass stuck in the dog’s nose, and panting with a “k” sound. “Sloppy” drinking, especially gagging when drinking, is easy to relate to an extra flap of flesh at the back of the dog’s mouth. Getting grass stuck in the dog’s nose might appear to have a less obvious connection, but it is one of the most common symptoms of an elongated soft palate. Grass gets into the dog’s nose not from being sniffed in, but from being chewed on. Then, instead of being swallowed, the grass gets trapped behind that extra flap of flesh and, from there, is sucked up the nose. If your Norwich has recurrent episodes of grass stuck up his nose, consider having his palate checked for possible excessive elongation. Panting with what I call a hard “k” sound (as in “Kate”) is another sign of an elongated soft palate. Make the hard “k” sound over and over again. Does it sound like your dog panting? If yes, chances are that his soft palate is hitting the tongue when panting because it’s elongated.

At the very end of the oral cavity there is an ingenious piece of flesh and cartilage responsible for closing the air passage when we swallow so that food does not get into the lungs. This is called the epiglottis. That little flap may be malformed too, but epiglottis malformation is much less common in the breed than an elongated soft palate. I know of only three Norwich Terriers diagnosed with that condition. Again, gagging when eating or drinking can be a symptom of epiglottis malformation, especially when followed by coughing.

Larynx

Stenotic nares, elongated soft palate, or both these respiratory abnormalities, cause an ongoing stress on the walls of a dog’s larynx, in effect sucking the walls inward. The first part of the larynx that would take the brunt of such chronic high air turbulence and sucking in of the laryngeal walls are the laryngeal sacs. These little pockets of thin membrane lining the larynx are located just above the vocal cords. Their role is thought to be increasing the resonance of the vocal cords. In other words, they are the acoustical concert hall for our dogs’ barking and whining. Chronic airway obstruction everts (pulls inward) these little membrane sacs. Instead of being little pockets by the vocal cords, they are now little “inside-out pockets,” pulled into the glottis and further clogging the already compromised airway. Everted laryngeal sacules not only result from chronic airway obstruction; they also aggravate the problem.

Further damage, which higher turbulent air pressure can cause, is inflamed tonsils. Everted laryngeal sacs, often accompanied by enlarged tonsils, are considered the first stage of laryngeal collapse. In more severe cases, the remaining parts of compromised laryngeal walls, which are constantly exposed to pulling of air, can be pulled much further inward. Remember that collapsed straw? This process is called laryngeal collapse, as the dog’s laryngeal walls collapse inward towards the air passage. Increased vibrations in the airway result in swelling and irritation of the laryngeal membranes, further worsening the situation.

When we talk of “heavy breathers” we refer to those Norwich that have obstruction somewhere in their larynx. More often than not, the obstruction comes from everted laryngeal sacs. Dogs that breathe noisily, that do not tolerate heat well and have exercise intolerance, simply have trouble breathing. In more severe cases, the oxygen deprivation might be so severe that a dog can go into respiratory distress and cyanosis, a life-threatening condition characterized by a blue tinge to the dog’s gums and tongue indicative of serious oxygen deprivation (deoxygenating of hemoglobin).
Trachea

The most severe and sad possibility within UAS is tracheal collapse, but luckily this condition is also the least common manifestation of UAS in our breed. The trachea (windpipe) is a tube composed of tracheal membrane connecting a number of cartilage rings. Contrary to common belief, the cartilage rings are not full circles. Their form is that of a C shape, with the open end of the C facing towards the dog’s spine. The trachea in affected dogs may be hypoplastic (underdeveloped) and may present still another obstacle in breathing. Needless to say, a narrow (stenotic) trachea would only contribute to overall respiratory resistance and the breathing problems already mentioned. Unfortunately, a dog may be born with a normal trachea and have it collapse as a result of chronic air turbulence stemming from upper airway abnormalities. Referred to as acquired tracheal collapse to distinguish it from a congenital condition (present at birth), this is the most common form of tracheal collapse in our breed. A characteristic symptom of tracheal collapse is a “honking” barking sound. More severe collapse is accompanied by chronic coughing, a wheezing sound on inhale and soft “honking” on exhale, and heat and exercise intolerance.

Treatment

Dogs suffering from any number of UAS problems show noisy respiratory effort (especially during exercise or stress) and heat intolerance. They may snort, snore, or gag while eating or drinking; pant noisily; wheeze; reverse-sneeze. The sound of their barking is often affected, especially when either an epiglottis or laryngeal sacculs are involved because of their proximity to vocal cords. The dog’s chest may “rattle” or his breathing may sound “wet.” These are only symptoms, but the real danger lies in the possibility of hypoxia (shortage of oxygen) and even death from suffocation.

There are a number of anatomic respiratory malformations that can result in UAS, some more dangerous than others. Regardless of the severity, UAS means oxygen deprivation and is a serious condition. Corrective surgery is very successful in many cases, if done by a skilled specialist and preferably with laser. Since the corrective surgeries deal with excess soft tissue, laser is the instrument of choice because it leaves less scarring and less post-surgical inflammation.

Surgery is not the only option. In many cases when the degree of UAS is mild, it can be managed with much less invasive means. The single most important thing Norwich owners can do to alleviate UAS symptoms is to keep their dogs’ weight down. Excessive weight in a dog affected with UAS is an inexcusable negligence on the owner’s part. I have witnessed dogs that could not exercise in warm weather become quiet breathers, eager to run and romp around, after losing just a few pounds. Let us remember that our terriers are supposed to weigh between 10 and 12 lbs. Before investing in an expensive and invasive endoscopy, please invest in a scale to weigh your dog and help him become a properly-sized Norwich, not exceeding 12 lbs.

Along with weight loss, management of UAS is another important part of minimizing the problem. Dogs with respiratory problems should not be allowed to bark excessively and they should not exercise in hot weather. With this common-sense approach of keeping a dog in good shape, relaxed, and exercised away from the worst heat of the day, the condition may be manageable in many cases. When it is not, seeking a skilled specialist and thoroughly examining the dog’s entire respiratory tract via endoscopy would give you the fullest picture of the degree of UAS affliction at that particular time in the dog’s life. For dogs that have already undergone corrective surgery, it is important to watch out for any signs of the condition worsening. And lastly, talking to other Norwich owners and sharing our collective knowledge is the only way we can become more knowledgeable about all aspects of UAS.

—Magda Omansky, “Dig-N-Pop” Norwich, Murray Hill, NJ (dignpop@aol.com)
"MURPHY’S" MYSTERIOUS MALADY

As we all know, ticks can spread deadly disease to our pets, including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Anaplasma, and Ehrlichia. Although dogs usually survive these diseases with early diagnosis and treatment, the diseases aren’t always easy to diagnose.

In April 2008, Murphy, a 10-month-old neutered Norfolk Terrier, developed a lameness that worsened with exercise. His physical exam was normal except for pain on manipulation of his knees, hips, and lumbar muscles. X-rays of his hips, knees, and spine were completely normal. Murphy was a puppy who lived life to the max, chasing squirrels around his yard and jumping and playing all the time. I thought he had been too active and had muscle soreness as a result. He was rested for the next two weeks and given a daily dose of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication. The lameness resolved when he was given his medication, but returned right away if he didn’t get his medication.

Three weeks after his first evaluation, Murphy was definitely ill. He had an elevated temperature (102.9); he was dehydrated and dull; his eyes were bloodshot; his appetite was off; and he had loose stool with mucous in it. He was still uncomfortable in his lumbar spine. Despite all these visible problems, Murphy’s bloodwork, urinalysis and fecal tests were normal. He was also negative for Lyme disease, Anaplasma, and Ehrlichia using the snap test. I started him on the antibiotic Amoxicillin, fluids, and a bland diet with fiber for the intestinal upset. He improved daily and was almost back to normal after 14 days of the antibiotic. I certainly was worried about tick-borne diseases, but all his tick tests were negative. I didn’t have a diagnosis for either his muscle soreness or his intestinal upset, but he responded well to therapy so I hoped he would continue to improve and be his boisterous and happy puppy self soon.

However, within a few days of finishing his antibiotics, Murphy was sore and ill and not eating again. He was in greater pain and also much lamer than he had been in the past. His temperature was very elevated (103.7), and he was dull, dehydrated and had red eyes. Again, many of his lab tests, including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, toxoplasmosis, and repeats of the Lyme, Anaplasma, and Ehrlichia snap tests, were all normal. He had more X-rays and an ultrasound that were also normal. But now Murphy was anemic and his blood protein, albumin, was low. Even with the recurring negative tests for tick-borne diseases, I started him on Doxycycline and Amoxicillin, two antibiotics known to work well for these diseases, as well as fluids and supportive care. Within 72 hours, he was feeling better again. Later in the week, he went to see Dr. Paige Langdon, an internal medicine specialist at the Veterinary Referral & Critical Care hospital in Manakin-Sabot, VA, for further evaluation. His temperature and eyes were normal by then, but he still had joint discomfort. Dr. Langdon submitted more lab tests, including more tests for the diseases spread by ticks. This time, Murphy was positive for Lyme disease using the antibody test.

Murphy continued antibiotics for another eight weeks. By the time he finished his medications, he was back to normal in every way. His illness shows us that the diseases spread by ticks can make dogs very sick and can be hard to diagnose. It also highlights the controversy in veterinary medicine about Lyme disease in dogs. Lyme is a disease thought to cause fever, lameness, joint pain, and generalized feeling ill. However, researchers have never been able to reproduce these symptoms in laboratory dogs, so veterinarians are not sure that dogs really get Lyme disease. We can say that Murphy had a disease likely spread by ticks, had a positive Lyme antibody test and responded to antibiotics. We don’t really know if he had Lyme disease.

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"PODCASTS": A NEW LEARNING TOOL

In March 2008, the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the Canine Health Foundation (CHF) released a new education tool, the podcast. "A podcast is a series of digital-media files which are distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds for playback on portable media players and the computers."1 The term podcast derives from iPod and broadcast.

The AKC/CHF podcast series, known as Genome Barks, features lectures by leading scientists and researchers who have spoken at the Breeders Symposiums held around the country. The Breeders Symposium, which is open to all breeders, highlights canine health issues and the research being done through the CHF.

The first two podcasts were released in March 2008. The first features Dr. Mathew Ellinwood speaking on developing the tools necessary for responsible breeders. The second podcast is an interview with research veterinarian Dr. Sharon Center of Cornell University. Dr Center discusses liver shunt, other liver abnormalities and her current liver shunt research project, funded in part by the CHF and by contributions. Dr Center's research on liver disorders should be of particular interest to Norwich and Norfolk breeders and owners because of the various liver disorders found in both breeds. Norwich and Norfolk Terriers are included among the nine small breed dogs in her research, and many NNTC members have been working with Dr. Center, collecting blood samples from their dogs and sending these samples to Cornell. In June 2008 at their meeting in Long Beach, CA, the NNTC Board approved a $7,000 donation to Dr. Center's research project as requested by NNTC Health Chair, Carol Falk.

The third podcast, released in June 2008, features Dr. Lin Kauffman speaking on reproduction. Dr. Kauffman discusses several concerns breeders have and the advancing science in canine reproduction. The fourth podcast released in July 2008, features Dr. Sarah Stone speaking on cataracts and cataract surgery. Also discussed is the research Dr. Stone is involved in and the progress being made in this field. The fifth podcast, also released in July 2008, features Eddie Dzuik, Chief Operating Officer of the OFA, speaking on the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) program and the collection of DNA for future testing.

New podcasts are released every two weeks. They provide an easy way for breeders and owners to become more informed on current canine health-related topics. You can access podcasts from both these websites: (1) www.AKC.org/breeders/ and (2) www.akcchf.org (click on "podcasts"). Podcasts will also be available on Apple's iTunes and at www.akcchf.libsyn.com.

—Kathleen Einil, NNTC CHIC Liaison

1"Wikipedia The Free Encyclopedia"

Editor's note: Kathleen Einil sent me her article on "Podcasts" just a week before her sudden death. Despite our living on different coasts (California and Virginia) and having different breeds, Kathleen and I have been good friends for many years. We shared a lot of laughs and light-hearted chats together, as well as more serious conversations about Norfolk and Norwich health. During my years as News editor, Kathleen has been one of the most frequent and conscientious contributors, writing many well-researched and informative breed health articles and sending fetching photos of her adored "Mayfair" Norfolk Terriers.

Kathleen's passing was a terrible shock to me and to the entire Norfolk and Norwich community. It is a particularly huge loss to the Norfolk breed in America and to the soon-to-be Norfolk Terrier Club, where Kathleen was to serve as Second Vice President on the inaugural Board. She was also scheduled to judge the ANTA Match this fall and was looking forward to that assignment.

On behalf of The Norwich & Norfolk News, I would like to extend deepest sympathies to George Einil, Kathleen's husband of 36 years, and to the four little Norfolk currently residing at "Mayfair." They most likely are wondering where their beloved "mom" has gone and, like the rest of us, will miss her very much.—Alison Freehling
TITER TESTING: FAQ

Ed.: When Bill and I moved to Charlottesville 5 years ago, my veterinarian suggested a new-to-me vaccination protocol involving titer tests for all our adult Norwich once they reached 10 years of age. Prior to turning 10, our adult Norwich have a DHPP vaccination every 3 years. Once they reach "double digits," in lieu of another 3-year booster, my vet draws blood for titer tests to determine if revaccination is necessary. To date, all our seniors have had sufficient distemper and parvo antibodies to protect them from these viruses. Given my continued qualms about canine vaccinations after our puppy’s fatal "lepto reaction" in 1994, titer testing is, for me, a welcome alternative to additional DHPP shots. In the following article, NNTC Norwich Health & Genetics Vice-Chair Laura Madsen, DVM, provides more information about titer testing. Thanks, Laura.—AGF

Most News readers are probably aware of the ongoing discussion among veterinarians over the last decade about canine vaccination protocols. Are we over-vaccinating our pets? In addition to vaccine reactions, vaccines have been blamed for numerous disorders, from hypothyroidism to autoimmune hemolytic anemia. Research suggests that the duration of immunity induced by vaccination is longer than one year, although the exact duration is unknown. Some veterinary clinics now recommend vaccination of adult animals every three years rather than annually. Other clinics recommend titer testing.

What is a titer? When a vaccine is administered, it induces formation of antibodies by the dog’s immune system. A booster vaccination will prompt the formation of additional antibodies. Memory cells are also established, which can rapidly produce antibodies in the future if the dog is exposed to the infectious disease. The level of circulating antibodies can be measured in the blood serum; the level is called a titer.

What does titer testing involve? Titters are measured by diluting the serum and testing to see if there are sufficient antibodies to inactivate the virus. The serum is diluted repeatedly, and the titer is reported as the final dilution that inactivates virus. Dilutions are 1:2, 1:4, 1:8, 1:16, 1:32, 1:64, and so on. A dog with a titer of 1:32 has a higher antibody count than a dog with a titer of 1:4.

What does the titer tell my vet? Different labs have different techniques for measuring antibody titters, and not all labs have done research to define a "protective" versus "non-protective" titer. The antibody titer only tells us about circulating antibodies; it does not tell us about the presence of memory cells. Thus a "protective" titer is a level of antibodies which would protect a dog who had only antibodies, i.e., an unvaccinated puppy with maternal antibodies from colostrum. A previously vaccinated adult dog could be protected even with a "non-protective" titer because of memory cells and other components of the immune system.

Who does titer testing? Titters are measured in the serum by a reference laboratory. Your veterinarian can submit a blood sample from your dog. Cornell has a respected veterinary lab which can measure titters against distemper, parvovirus, coronavirus, Lyme disease, and adenovirus (hepatitis).1 Rabies titters can be performed at Kansas State, but are not legally recognized as a substitute for vaccination.

How expensive are titters? Cost will vary by veterinarian and laboratory, but titer testing is generally considerably more expensive than vaccination.

In summary, the results of titer testing are not definitive. A dog with a "non-protective" titer may be immune to infection, while a dog with a "protective" titer may be susceptible to infection. Checking titters may be a good idea for senior dogs, for dogs who have previously experienced a serious vaccine reaction, and for dogs with immune-mediated disease. Vaccination should always be performed in puppies, with a booster at one year of age. After one year of age, you and your vet may decide to run titters in lieu of vaccination or to vaccinate less frequently (e.g., every three to five years).

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1www.diaglab.vet.cornell.edu/service
HEALTH TESTING:

MY CHANGE OF HEART ABOUT NORFOLK HEARTS (ETC.)

I have been breeding Norfolk Terriers for over 30 years. In the early days, Norfolk (and Norwich) breeders didn’t give canine health testing a thought. It’s not that early breeders didn’t care about their dogs’ health. Genetic testing was simply not available.

Long before I became president of the club, NNTC Health Chair and Norfolk breeder Carol Falk (“Ben Kelev”) was suggesting that Norfolk breeders test their dogs’ hearts. Admittedly, I felt at first that since my Norfolks all lived nice, long lives, why should I test their hearts? After all, my veterinarian listened carefully with his stethoscope and found from puppyhood to adulthood that all was well.

In 2001, Carol and fellow NNTC Norfolk member Nat LaMar established the “Friends of Norfolk Terrier” Donor Advised Fund (DAF) at the AKC Canine Health Foundation to raise money for research on Mitral Valve Disease (MVD). I donated, but I still didn’t believe the breed had a heart problem. Even today, I don’t think that MVD is rampant in Norfolk Terriers, but my attitude toward testing is different. A regular veterinarian may listen to a dog’s heart with a stethoscope, but he can only hear just so much. If the veterinarian is not a Board-certified cardiologist (and it takes a specialist to hear a heart murmur properly), don’t fool yourself or your breeding program. The only way to know if a Norfolk has a healthy heart is for a Board-certified cardiologist to examine the heart using color flow Doppler ultrasound.

Why test you may ask? Testing will keep a breeding program out of trouble as well as give the breeder status as one who cares about the breed. If testing reveals that a Norfolk has a severe heart problem, that dog wouldn’t be bred. On the other hand, a Norfolk with a slight heart murmur might be bred to one with a very healthy heart. All MVD starts with a heart murmur. The question the breeder should ask himself is, “Did this dog produce a Norfolk with a documented case of heart disease?” Why would any of us call ourselves breeders and not want to know how to keep our line free of heart disease? Yes, it is scary taking our beloved, possibly top Norfolk to the cardiologist; we all want perfect results. When the cardiologist reads the ultrasound in our presence and declares our dog free of a problem, a weight is lifted from our shoulders. For the most part, Norfolk breeders in America are moving in the direction of testing their dogs’ hearts. Your Norfolk’s cardiologist will advise you as to what age he feels your dog should be tested.

The NNTC Board recently approved three required health tests for Norfolk Terriers—hearts, patellae, and eyes—as part of our club’s participation in CHIC. Little by little, I’m testing my Norfolk in all three of these areas. I started with my stud dogs and moved on to the bitches. Patella testing is easy; your regular vet can perform the task. My co-breeder Susan Kipp is fortunate to have a veterinary ophthalmologist come to her kennel to test the dogs’ eyes. A few years ago we must have tested at least twenty Norfolk. The bill was hefty, but the results were worth it. With eyes, there are degrees of what will and what will not be accepted by the CERF registry. I still find the terminology overwhelming, but it has made me more aware. Some puppies are born with simple eye “problems” that will cause no problems in a breeding program. Other problems such as severe cataracts that cause blindness mean the Norfolk should be removed from a breeding program immediately. Do you, as a breeder, know if your Norfolk has a problem that could be passed on to a litter of puppies? I got a rude awakening when Anna Lena Munkvall tested a Norfolk male of mine that she was showing in Sweden and found out that his eyes wouldn’t pass as being clear. In Sweden, she couldn’t breed the dog. After his outstanding show career, he came back to the states and we tested him again. The test results were the same, so we neutered and rehomed him. I quickly informed breeders who had used the dog at stud. To date, none of his offspring have had or presently have eye problems. I also neutered this dog’s sire, Ch. Nanfan Canter, because I didn’t want anyone to claim it was a Nanfan fault. I used Canter often in my breeding program and happily no eye problem has arisen. Still, I wanted the equation to come to a halt and didn’t want anyone to assume it was a Nanfan problem. You know how breeders can be.
Liver shunts are another breed health problem that Carol Falk and other Norfolk breeders have recently begun testing for in conjunction with Dr. Sharon Center’s liver shunt research project at Cornell University vet school. This study requires that blood samples be taken from participating dogs and sent to Dr. Center.

Today’s breeders have come a long way, and we are lucky to have genetic tests available that will enable us to plan our breeding program in an intelligent manner. Testing assures the people who purchase Norfolk puppies that we are concerned with breeding healthy dogs. Health tests are expensive—and so are our puppies. Don’t we owe it to ourselves and to the public to establish a healthy breeding line? Health problems are out there. To claim that they do not exist is ridiculous and is certainly a disservice to the Norfolk breed.

—Barbara Miller, “Max-Well” Norfolk Terriers

Seasonal Chatter

“We wish that summer could always be here.”

“We are serious? I’m SO ready for Fall!”

“Winter’s my favorite season—perfect for long naps.”

“We computer geeks don’t much care which season it is.”
CH. AVENUE’S SEVENTH SUMMIT
(Ch. Ariel Junior Kinsman x Castle Hill Fifth Avenue)
Breeders: Steven Douglas and Ken Deutsch
Owners: Jeff and Tara Beeh
“Denali” finished her championship with two four-point majors on the competitive Scottsdale circuit. She will be bred this winter, and we anticipate she will continue the success of her free-whelping line of bitches.

CH. AVENUE’S TWO MINUTE WARNING
(Ch. Long Valley Peter The Great x Ch. Avenue’s Where The Boys Are)
Breeders/Owners: Steven Douglas and Ken Deutsch
“Eli” finished his championship exclusively from the Bred-By class at 13 months of age including two four-point majors and a five-point major (BOB over Specials). On the same day he finished, Eli was awarded a Group 1 in the Bred-By-Exhibitor group on the Great Western Terrier Specialty weekend.

CH. COBBLESTONE’S JUNIPER BERRY
(Ch. Fairway’s Cat In The Hat x Ch. Devondale’s Mistress Maddalyn)
Breeder: Laurie Loeffler
Owners: Larry Adams and David Guempel
“Tinker” finished with a five-point, a four-point and a three-point major. She is the fourth one to finish from her litter.
CH. GAYLORD’S SMOKY BONES

(Ch. Fairway’s Cat In The Hat x Ch. Barnstable Hello Zinnia)
Breeders: Larry Adams, David Guempel and Sandra Stemmler
Owner: Larry Adams and David Guempel

“Smokey” is one of three from his litter to finish (all pictured on this page). He was Best
in Sweeps at the 2007 NNTC Montgomery
Specialty under breeder-judge Missy Wood
(“Terrapin”) and Best of Opposite Sex in
Sweeps at the 2007 BNNTC Specialty under
breeder-judge Joan Eckert (“Abbedale”).

CH. GAYLORD’S GALATOIRE

(Ch. Fairway’s Cat In The Hat x Ch. Barnstable Hello Zinnia)
Breeders: Larry Adams, David Guempel and Sandra Stemmler
Owner: Larry Adams and David Guempel

“Dewey” is a very loving fellow and is spoiled rotten. We are thrilled with what his sire
“Chip” has contributed to this litter. Dewey’s AKC name, Galatoire, is one of our favorite
restaurants in New Orleans.

CH. BARNSTABLE BAHAMA BREEZE

(Ch. Fairway’s Cat In The Hat x Ch. Barnstable Hello Zinnia)
Breeders: Larry Adams, David Guempel and Sandra Stemmler
Owner: Sandra Stemmler

“Bryn,” the sister of “Smoky” and “Dewey,” is the third breed champion from this litter. She
finished with two four-point majors and two
three-point majors, and also has multiple Bests
of Breed and Group placements.
CH. MARTONE AMETHYST AT LOCKLAN
(Ch. Rightly So Bear With Me, NA NAJ TT x Ch. Martone Precious Saphire)

Breeders/Owners: Mary Jo and Tony Sweany

"Amy" completed her championship from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class, shown by Mary Sweany. She was a joy to handle, so happy and full of energy and always up for a challenge.

CH. MARTONE EDEN'S SOLID AS A ROCK
(Ch. Rightly So Bear With Me, NA NAJ TT x Ch. Martone Precious Saphire)

Breeders/Owners: Mary Jo and Tony Sweany

"Rock" completed his title in five weekends, handled by Roxanne Stamm. He is very energetic, but also loves to be cuddled. He is now working on his earthdog title. He is a joy to watch in action.

Editor's note: Breeder/co-owner Robyn Snyder wrote to ask that the text for her New Title Holder, Ch. Huntsman Woodland Camper (p. 36 of the Spring 2008 News), be corrected to read that “Camper” was #11 Norfolk in breed for 2007, not #7. The News regrets the inadvertent error.—AGF
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CH. PLEASANTHYME MY CUPPA TEA
(Ch. Yarrow's Slightly Azure x Ch. Sandina Evenstar)
Breeder: Sheila A. Rekow
Owner: Carol A. Jordan

"Teasel," finished her championship with majors at the May 2, 2008 NNTC supported entry at the Garden State All Terrier show in NJ and at the May 17, 2008 NNTC supported entry at Mattaponi KC in VA. She was shown by Sharon Jones.

CH. TINYTOWNE'S TESS TRUEHEART
(Ch. Devondale's Master Merryandrew x Ch. Castlehill tinytowne Knockout)
Breeders: Rich and Dana Esquivel
Co-owners: Jean and Glenn Kessler and Rich and Dana Esquivel

"Trudy," our California girl, finished easily from the Bred-by-Exhibitor class, shown by Rich and Dana Esquivel. In addition to being a feminine, attractive and sound bitch, Trudy is CHIC registered and UAS scoped clear. She is now ready to pursue other interests and adventures.
SHOWFRONT

NORFOLK RESULTS AT WESTMINSTER 2008

New York City is overrun with dogs, exhibitors, breeders and owners for Westminster. We are all there for the festivities and, of course, for America's most outstanding dog show. I headed into the Big Apple with my apartment guests Louise Leone and Kathy Kopack on Thursday, February 7 for a cocktail party at the private club, Doubles, hosted by Karen LeFrak. It was a great way to begin the long weekend. Afterwards, a few of us gathered for dinner at the Four Seasons, which was a wonderful treat as I haven't been there in at least twenty years. Friday we headed to the department stores, with lunch at Bergdorf Goodman. That evening, a cast of a few hundred attended the Sosnoff's cocktail party at the Dakota, followed by a bus ride to the theatre for this year's AKC Museum of the Dog benefit show, Xanadu. Following the theatre, we were bused to the 21 Club for a late night supper. I suggest you all get tickets next year to this fabulous fund raiser; you'll have a great time. Saturday evening Pedigree held its dinner in the whale room of the Museum of Natural History. This party is always spectacular as the setting adds to the festivities. By Sunday evening, exhaustion set in and I opted not to attend Iris Love's party at the Tavern on the Green.

Monday, February 11th, was Terrier Day at Madison Square Garden, the venue for the Westminster Kennel Club show. This year's show was dedicated to the memory of Chet Collier, past president of Westminster KC and show chair of this prestigious event. Westminster is by invitation to the top five champions in each breed; thereafter, champions within the breed are allowed to enter. Mr. Jay Richardson was the judge of the day for Norfolk Terriers. He had an entry of twelve, with three absentees. Dylan Kipp piloted Ch. Max-Well's Viper, sired by Ch. Max-Well's Cyclone out of the bitch Ch. Max-Well's Venus, to Best of Breed. Dylan's mother, Susan Kipp, piloted Viper's dam, Ch. Max-Well's Venus (Ch. Max-Well's Red Devil x Ch. Max-Well's Hailstorm) to Best of Opposite Sex. Both Viper and Venus are owned and bred by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. Awards of Merit went to Ch. Final Lea Big Ticket Item (Ch. Mercator Point To Point x Ch. Final Lea Ticket To Ride), a male bred and owned by Jayne Dubin and shown by Lori Pelletier, and to Ch. Wisdom's Gate Let Freedom Ring (Ch. Kinsridge Free 'N Easy x Ch. Arroyo's Farolito Fire), a male bred and owned by Julie Gleeson and exhibited by Michael Lynch.

The evening groups are always a treat at Westminster as the rings look like a show of this magnitude should...all dressed up. The judges wear evening clothes, the lighting is perfect, the dogs and their handlers look every bit the part of the breed winners they are. Terrier Group judge Betty-Anne Stenmark awarded Viper, again handled by Dylan Kipp, a Group 3. It was a wonderful experience and great handling by Dylan, who is only fifteen but one of our country's top junior handlers. She made the final cut in the Junior Handlers competition on Tuesday evening and looked terrific going around the big ring with her Doberman.

It should be noted that Viper is the third generation of Max-Well Norfolk Terriers to achieve a group placement at Westminster. Both Viper's sire, Cyclone, and his grandsire, Weatherman, placed in the group at Westminster. The fact that Dylan was Viper's handler at Westminster 2008 just proves that generations go forward not only with the Norfolk, but also with the handlers. It is a pleasure knowing that Susie Kipp is now my partner and that her daughters, Dylan and Devon, represent the next generation of handlers. If you have an opportunity to mentor a junior handler, do so. It is rewarding to see a young person take total interest in the sport of purebred dogs. See you at Westminster in 2009.

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

THE NEWS' NORWICH SHOWFRONT REPORTER
BEHIND THE SCENES AT WESTMINSTER AND
MATTAPONI

Westminster 2008

What do you get when you combine a city that never sleeps with the country's most famous sporting arena and add the most beautiful dogs in America? Westminster, of course! Second only to the Kentucky Derby as the oldest annual sporting event in America, the Westminster Kennel Club show is famous not only for the length of its continuous run, but also for its prestige and its glamour. Even if you are not into dog shows, you must have seen it on television; and, admit it, you loved it.

Absorbing its magic in person is always unforgettable and charged with energy. This year I had a chance to re-discover Westminster, even after attending it for years. Thanks to my assignment as NNCT News’ “showfront reporter,” I was given the privilege of using the media room and having access to resources gathered for reporters. I learned that Westminster pre-dates the invention of the light bulb and the automobile. It is older than the Brooklyn Bridge and the Washington Monument. You can bet that such statistics gave me a renewed appreciation of the event.

There is the obvious: the best dogs in the country competing in one place. Then there is also the sheer enormity of the event: over 2,500 champions entered in the show, over 160 breeds and varieties. Add to that the best handlers and the most famous breeders and judges. It is purely fantastic.

In this age of instant access to information, the live feed from the breed judging allowed Internet viewers to know the breed winners just minutes after those sitting ringside learned the judge's verdict. Norwich judge Peter Green chose Ch. Briardale's Lion King (Ch. tinytowne's Hardy Boy x Briardale Merci Me), bred by Carole Foucrault and Sharon Walters, and owned by Lowell and Connie Jennings with Carole Foucrault, as Best of Breed. The long trip to New York from California was an undeniably cherished one for “Lion King’s” team. Best of Opposite Sex went to Ch. Camio's Educated Guess (Ch. Glendale Guess Again x Camio's Tempest of Glendale), bred and owned by Catherine Rogers. Judge Green gave Awards of Merit to Ch. Highwood's Cascapedia Lady (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Dreamweaver's Pohoqualine), bred by Knowlton Reynolds and owned by Vivian and Roderick Stotler; and to Ch. Win Dancers Mighty Maxx (Ch. Janoras Word Play x Ch. Win Dancers River of Dreams), bred by Robin Newton and owned by Arnold and Jane Goldie.

Whether you have a dog entered or you come as a spectator, Westminster will have you sitting on the edge of your seat. The energy of the place is something to be experienced, even as you fight the crowds and suffer with less than ideal ventilation of the building. I urge you to come at least once. I promise you will have an unforgettable experience.

The 2008 NNCT Supported Entry
at Mattaponi KC

You might wonder what the point is in describing a dog show event that happened months ago. The Norfolk and Norwich winners at the 2008 Mattaponi supported entry were known in May and are old news by now. Dog fanciers who follow show news know the results only days after each show. Those not involved with dog shows do not really follow winners' names. Yet, there is something special to be written about the NNCT supported entry at Mattaponi. What makes this event so special for Norfolk and Norwich aficionados is the luncheon. Yes, the luncheon.

NNCT member Sharon Jones enjoying the Mattaponi show with Norwich (l. to r) “Teazel” (WB) and "Lily" (BOS)
SHOWFRONT

Every year, hostess extraordinaire Jean Kessler, along with other Chesapeake Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (CNNTC) members, puts on an extravaganza. Having spent the night before this year’s show at Jean’s house, I had a rare peak into what goes into the preparation of this thoroughly enjoyable event. Dozens upon dozens of silverware sets get rolled into crisp white linen napkins. Flowers get arranged into little vases. Little salt and pepper shakers, all bearing some doggy theme, get packed along with china plates, white linens, creamers, sugar bowls, etc. Many CNNTC members bring a dish for the buffet luncheon, and they go all out. There was an amazing array of delicious foods and desserts.

After the Norfolk and Norwich breed judging, the show ring fence is put away and the luncheon tables are set where terriers had just been strutting their stuff. Exhibitors and spectators alike have a chance to sit down, slow down, and catch up on each others’ news. I am thoroughly smitten with Southern hospitality as evidenced at the Mattaponi KC show, and I highly recommend attending the event.

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

Editor’s note: Just for the record, here are the Norfolk and Norwich winners at this year’s Mattaponi supported entry. Norfolk breeder-judge Richard Powell (“Flatford” Norfolk) judged both breeds.

Norfolk Results

(Entry of 4, with 2 absent: 0-1-1-0)

Only two Norfolk Terriers were exhibited: Glenelg Let’s Dance (Ch. Capricorns One Potato x Glenelg Katie Did It), a Bred-by-Exhibitor class bitch bred by Nancy Wise, Larry Hottot and Deborah Pritchard, and co-owned by Nancy Wise and Larry Hottot; and a male special, the Best of Breed winner, Ch. Huntsman Woodland Camper (Ch. Sandpiper’s Tommy Brock x Fieldstream Red Hot Summer), bred by Robyn Snyder and co-owned by Robyn with Anita Iseman.

Norwich Results

(Entry of 21, with 5 absent: 3-11-1-1)

Winners Dog & Best of Winners: Ragus Rebel Lord (Queslade Rebel Red x Ragus Ladybird), bred by Lesley Crawley (England) and owned by Frank Rogers.

Winners Bitch: Pleasanthyme My Cuppa Tea (Ch. Yarrow’s Slightly Azure x Ch. Sandina Evenstar), bred by Sheila Ann Reckow and owned by Carol Jordan.

Best of Breed & Terrier Group 3: Ch. Sandina Sorcerer (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Sandina Sleeping Beauty), bred by Michael Whelan and owned by Katie Knapp.

Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Ascot Tiger Lily (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Ch. Yarrow’s Love Bug), bred by Jane and William Schubart and owned by Sharon Jones.

THE 2008 CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL SHOWS:

Norfolk and Norwich Results at the NNTCGC Specialty and the NNTC Supported Entry

The International Kennel Club of Chicago (IKC) shows are hot on the heels of Westminster. If you think Madison Square Garden is large, then think again. McCormick Center, the venue for the IKC shows, covers acres of land.

The Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club of Greater Chicago (NNTCGC) held its 18th annual Specialty on Saturday, February 23 in conjunction with the first IKC show. Long-time NNRC member Carol Suggs (Half-A-Bob Norwich), one of the founders of the NNTCGC, was the Sweepstakes judge

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for both breeds. For her Norfolk Best in Sweeps, Carol selected the bitch, Max-Well's Vanilla Wafer (Ch. Max-Well's Viper x Ch. Kilwinning Cream), bred by Alison Sunderman and owned by Susan Kipp. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps went to Max-Well's Cool Cruise (Ch. Kinsridge Cruise Control x Ch. Max-Well's Cool Mist), bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. In Norwich Sweeps, judge Suggs awarded Best in Sweeps to that nice little mover, Abbedale's Top Brass At Taliesin (Ch. Abbedale's Brass Tacks x Ch. Abbedale's Rettadini), an 8-month-old male bred by long-time Norwich aficionado Joan Eckert and co-owned by Joan with Lisa Sons. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps went to Fishback's Black Eyed Susan (Ch. Dunbar's Frozen Assets x Kinsridge High Time), bred and owned by Susan Miller Hall.

Mr. Edd Bivin judged the Norfolk and Norwich regular classes at the NNTCGC Specialty. The Norfolk entry was thirteen, with five absent. Max-Well's Cool Cruise (see Sweeps BOS) was Winners Dog. Max-Well's Vanilla Wafer (see Best in Sweeps) went home with lots of ribbons: Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, and Best Puppy! "Trisket," as she is called, beat the Norfolk bitch special, thereby earning a 3-point major. Ch. Cause for Celebration (Ch. Red Cherubim's Summer Star x Ch. Cracknor Cause Celebre, aka "Coco"), bred and owned by Elisabeth Matell, Stephanie Ingram and Pam Beale, was Best of Breed.

Thirty Norwich were entered at the NNTCGC Specialty, with three absent. Judge Bivin selected Abbedale's Top Brass At Taliesin (see Best in Sweeps) as his Winners Dog. Elysium's Ciao Bella (Ch. Reverie's Mr. Big Stuff x Ch. Dunbar's Dauntless Debutante), bred by Karen Sullivan and co-owned by Karen with Carol Clark, took home the Winners Bitch and Best of Winners ribbons. Ch. Camio's Educated Guess (Ch. Glendale's Guess Again x Tempest of Glendale), bred and owned by Catherine Rogers, was Best of Opposite Sex. Ch. Sandina Sorcerer (Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor x Sandina Sleeping Beauty), bred by Michael Whelan and owned by Katie Knapp, was Best of Breed.

The NNTC supported the entry at the second IKC show on Sunday, February 24, with Joan Anselm judging both Norfolk and Norwich Sweeps. Max-Well's Red Velvet (Ch. Kinsridge Cruise Control x Ch. Max-Well's Venus), bred and owned by Barbara Miler and Susan Kipp, took home the Norfolk Best
in Sweeps ribbon, with Max-Well’s Cool Cruise again going Best of Opposite Sex. Best in Norwich Sweeps went to Elysium’s Ciao Bella, with Abbedale’s Top Brass At Taliesin taking Best of Opposite Sex. It should be noted that Sweeps entries in both breeds were not strong in numbers at either Saturday’s Specialty or Sunday’s supported entry. This is something we should work to improve.

Frank Sabella judged the regular classes in both breeds at the NNTC supported entry. He awarded Max-Well’s Cool Cruise the Norfolk Winners Dog ribbon. Max-Well’s Red Velvet was Winners Bitch and went on to claim both the Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex ribbons for a 3-point major. Ch. Max-Well’s Viper (Ch. Max-Well’s Cyclone x Ch. Max-Well’s Venus), bred and owned by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp, was Best of Breed.

In Norwich, judge Sabella selected Huntwood’s Theodorus Van Gogh (Ch. Bedlam’s Daredevil x Ch. Max-Well’s Vanna Van Gogh), bred by Susan Kipp and Barbara Miller and co-owned by Susan with Paul Schulz and James Cline, as his Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Fxhunt Flying Spur (Ch. Yarrow’s Slightly Azure x Fxhunt Patty by Ratty of Royal Rock), bred by Hal Happerson and co-owned by Hal with Roxanne Stamm, was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex. Ch. Sandina Sorcerer was once again Best of Breed.

Norfolk and Norwich are to be congratulated for putting their best paws forward for another successful Chicago weekend. These are fabulous, well-run dog shows, and I encourage one and all to attend next year. Hope to see you there.

—Barbara Miller

CRUFTS 2008

With over 22,000 entries, Crufts is the largest dog show in the world. I’m addicted to Crufts, so as soon as I took a breather from the Chicago International shows, I was repacking and heading to England.

My dog show buddy Louise Leone and I arrived at Heathrow early Monday morning, March 3, cleared customs and headed for the hotel. That evening we had theater tickets for Jersey Boys. The British production, which had just opened, was terrific and we were happy to see it received splendid reviews. London is costly, very costly; therefore, we spent just two nights. We hit the usual department stores like Fortnum and Mason and Harrods, but our purchases were limited.

On Wednesday the driver whom we always engage in England picked us up and we headed to Birmingham. A stop in Broadway is always a must because this charming Cotswold village is so typical of the area. We did a bit of shopping, had a marvelous English lunch, and headed on to our hotel in Birmingham. If you decide to go to Crufts, certainly take advantage of the English countryside by driving on back roads from Heathrow so that you can enjoy such sights as sheep and cows in the meadows and the tiny but gorgeous English villages.

Thursday afternoon, we stopped by the National Exposition Center, the venue for the Crufts dog show. Should you decide to go to Crufts, make certain you wear comfortable walking shoes as the venue is huge, with dog breeds exhibited in four halls. The USA publication Dog News sponsored the Overseas Lounge at the NEC for this show. Liz Cartledge, a member of The Kennel Club and of Crufts, was at her usual place welcoming those of us from overseas. Liz is no stranger to Norfolk as her first was Nanfan Wedding Present, given to her by the late Joy Taylor. After visiting the Overseas Lounge, we browsed some of the more than 400 booths—or stalls as the British refer to them. Everything is sold at Crufts, from Wellies (rubber boots) to raincoats to doggy supplies to art work to antiques to tons of dog statues and much more. Crufts offers spectators not only a dog show, but also agility, dancing dogs, Discover Dogs (Meet the Breeds) and anything else you can imagine.
Sunday, March 9 was Terrier Day. Norfolks entered the ring at 8:30 A.M. under judge Mr. J. B. Baxter, a Norfolk breeder. Three Challenge Certificates (CCs) under three different judges are required to earn the title of Champion in England. Champions and class dogs are entered in the same class competing for the CC. The judge awards both a dog (male) CC (DCC) and a female (bitch) CC (BCC) and then selects the Best of Breed from the two CC winners.

We arrived at the NEC early, secured seats at ringside, and took off to see some old friends in both breeds. Unlike Westminster, the benches at Crufts is uncluttered, with grooming tables comfortably set up alongside folding chairs for the exhibitor. I've yet to find an exhibitor who doesn't bring his/her own lunch and sweets to be passed around to friends. Everyone in the benches area appears to be having a good time.

Mr. Baxter had an entry of seventy-eight Norfolks, with eighteen absent. He awarded the Reserve Dog CC to Moortop Hot Roll, with the DCC going to Ch. Belleville Rumor Nothing, bred and owned by Cathy Thompson-Morgan. Rumor Nothing has done quite well at the shows and moves nicely around the ring. Cathy's dogs are always presented perfectly and also show well. The Reserve Bitch CC, Ch. Belleville Sweetheart, is properly named. Another Cathy Thompson-Morgan owned and bred Norfolk, this bitch moves out with great stride and reach, never losing her top line. Jaeva Fallen Angel, bred by Martin Phillips of the famed Jaeva kennels and co-owned by Martin with Mrs. B. and K. Tate, took home the Bitch CC. Mr. Baxter selected the DCC, Ch. Belleville Rumor Nothing, as his Best of Breed, a wonderful win for Cathy.

Dandie Dinmonts entered the ring as soon as Norfolk judging concluded. The judge took her sweet time, not seeming to care that Norwich would be the last breed in the ring on the day. UK dog show rules are a bit different than our own; if judging isn't concluded in a breed and that breed winner doesn't make it to the Group, oh well.

Norwich judge Geoff Corish jumped into the ring the very second Dandies were finished. He was brilliant going over his entry of forty-nine, with seven absent. The black and tan, Ragus Ovation, bred by Lesley Crawley and co-owned by Lesley with Mr. & Mrs. Jones, was the judge's choice for the Reserve DCC. The DCC was awarded to another of Lesley Crawley's, Ch. Ragus Rings True. Swedish breeder Renee Sporre-Willes bred the Reserve BCC, Sw. Ch. Cobby's Dressed to Kill, handled by Lesley Crawley. Ragus Forever Yours, yet another of Lesley Crawley's, won the BCC. Mr. Corish raced the clock, but did so efficiently. He awarded his placements by sending the Norwich around the ring, looking for good movement rather than having the dogs stand at attention and selecting the "statue" dog. In quick time, Lesley and her Best of Breed, Ragus Rings True, made it to the Terrier Group ring. The Norwich looked better this year than last, but I think the time has come for breeders to begin thinking about breathing problems. Many Norwich displayed signs of snorting as they circled the ring.

If you've never been to Crufts give it a try. It can be a bit overwhelming, but the experience is worth it. As I said, I'm addicted and will return next year. I hope to see you there.

—Barbara Miller

THE 2008 NCNNTC SPECIALTY

On Friday, April 11, 2008, a delightful breezy and sunny spring day, the Nor Cal Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club (NCNNTC) held its second AKC Specialty Show, Sweepstakes and luncheon at the Cal Exposition Center in Sacramento in conjunction with the Northern California Terrier Association. Participants were greeted in the grooming area with early morning coffee and munchies to start their day.

The NCNNTC was very pleased with the increased turnout of Norfolk participants at this year's Specialty. At our club's August 2007 Specialty at the Mensa Kennel Club show, there were only 2 Norfolk entries. This year there were 15 Norfolk entries (5 class dogs, 6 class bitches, 3 dog specials and 1 bitch special). The Norwich entry was thirty (8 class dogs, 12 class bitches, 6 dog specials, 2 bitch specials, and 2 veterans).
The NCNNTC selected Sally George as our Norfolk and Norwich Sweepstakes judge. From the 7 Norfolk (2 dogs and 5 bitches) competing in Sweeps, the judge selected almost-one-year-old Mayfair Tobias, a male bred and owned by Kathleen Eimil, as Best in Sweeps. Capturing Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes was Arroyo's Fallen Angel, bred and owned by Ann & Ed Dum.

Delighting the Norwich crowd, Amblegreen's Malibu Barbie won the Norwich Sweepstakes. Malibu Barbie was bred by Heather Tomlins and Dianne & Ray Ivey and is owned by Heather & Geoff Tomlins. The Tomlins traveled all the way from Surrey, British Columbia to attend the NCNNTC Specialty. Sally George awarded Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes to tinytowne's Ruff & Tuff, bred and owned by Rich & Dana Esquibel. Almost-ten-year-old Bunratty's Lady in Red, bred by Estelle and Ron Crawford and owned by Debra & Richard Harris, won Best in Veteran Sweepstakes with her engaging personality and presentation in the ring.

Moving to the Specialty regular classes, NNTC member Joe Franchi ("Franaro" Norfolk) judged both the Norfolk and Norwich breeds. In Norfolk, judge Franchi awarded Winners Dog and Best of Winners (a 4-point major) to Arroyo's Johnny Jump Up, bred by Ann & Ed Dum and owned by Janine Bognuda. Arroyo's Fallen Angel was Winners Bitch (a 3-point major) as well as Best Bred by Exhibitor and Best of Opposite Sex. Winning Best of Breed was Ch. Wintersky's Black Jack, bred by Freddie Jackson and owned by Anne Fletcher. Mr. Franchi gave an Award of Merit to Ch. Arroyo's Tater Tot, bred by Ann & Ed Dum and co-owned by the Dums with Randy & Michelle Welcher.

In Norwich, judge Franchi selected Rangel Benchmark Captain Moonlight, bred by Gabriel Rangel and owned by Deborah Billingsley, as his Winners Dog (a 3-point major). Amblegreen's Malibu Barbie was Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex for a 4-point major. Ch. Briardale's Lion King, bred by Carole Fournalt & Sharon Walters and co-owned by Carole Fournalt with Lowell & Connie Jennings, was Best of Breed. Judge Franchi gave Awards of Merit to Ch. Abedale Dibs on Dhonnal Torin, bred by Joan Eckert & B. Johnson and owned by Pam Seifert & Joan Eckert, and to Lasata's The Son in Your Eyes, bred by James Latuscha and co-owned by the breeder with Clay & Barbara Cowan. Watterock's Betwitched, bred and owned by Candice Harper, won Best Bred by Exhibitor. Bunratty's Lady in Red was Best Veteran.

Following the Sweepstakes and Specialty judging, 45 Norfolk and Norwich fanciers gathered at the Cal Exposition's Turf Club for a sit-down luncheon of Italian cuisine planned by NCNNTC Recording Secretary Marion Hovet. The room and tables were beautifully decorated by NCNNTC Officer Dori Ramon. Brenda DeShields, our Notions Chairwoman, presented a wonderful table of notions and a table of items for the Silent Auction.

Congratulations to the NCNNTC Show Committee, which was led by Dana Esquibel and Julie Gleeson. With his sophisticated eye for details, James Latuscha presented fabulous trophies for the show.
participants. Both Julie and James did a wonderful job of creating a beautiful trophy presentation. Thanks also go to Sue Altmeyer, Laurie Loeffler and Siobhan O’Hara, who all contributed energy and time to the morning’s coffee and munchies presentation. Our club would also like to thank Soni Jaeger from Oregon, who supported our Specialty with her cute Norfolks and who was a huge help at our luncheon.

The NCNNTC looks forward to presenting its third Specialty at the Thursday, April 9, 2009 Northern California Terrier Association show at Cal Expo in Sacramento. The NNTC will be having its Roving National Specialty at the same venue on Friday, April 10. Please join us in 2009 as we once again have a wonderful time.

—Siobhan O’Hara, NCNNTC Treasurer and “Norwagger” Editor (sio1957@yahoo.com)

GARDEN PARTY:
The NNTC Supported Entry at Garden State All Terrier Club

The NNTC supported the entry of Norfolk and Norwich Terriers at the Garden State All Terrier Club at Mercer County Park in West Windsor, New Jersey on May 2, 2008. Garden State is held the Friday before the Bucks County and Trenton shows, starting off a very important east coast weekend. These last few years, NNTC members Henrietta and Robert Lachman have hosted a luncheon for the benefit of all Norfolk and Norwich exhibitors and friends. It’s become quite a do! The Lachmans pitch the pop-up tent and soon the food appears. Hal Haperset arrived with his van and quickly swung into action, setting the long tables with glass wine glasses, gorgeous china plates, food and, of course, wine. Missy Wood brought her pasta dish, I supplied tea sandwiches and a fruit bowl, and Henrietta made delicious cole slaw minus the mayo. Hal also provided an antique three-tiered dessert stand that was filled with delicious brownies and cookies from the bakery owned by the Lachman’s son. The cupcakes and breed-shaped cookies were beautifully presented with the club’s initials, NNTC, iced on top of each. It was a congenial group munching away, with everyone pleased to be outdoors and enjoying each other’s company. Even though we will shortly be two clubs, I would hope this tradition continues.

Shortly after lunch, the Norfolk, with an entry of eighteen (two absent), entered the ring under the judge Mrs. Janie Bousek. Oddly the only entry in class dogs was Debby Pritchard’s Bred By Exhibitor, Glenelg Podge Low (Ch. Capricorn’s One Potato x Glenelg Clara’s Cottage). This almost-year-old male was the judge’s choice for Best Bred By and went on to the Group of the same name later in the day. From the Open Bitch class, Mrs. Bousek selected Max-Well’s Candy Lane, piloted by Lori Pelletier for owners Susan and Jack DeWitt, for her Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite and a three-point major. The breeders are Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp. This little bitch is sired by Ch. Max-Well’s Junior Mint out of Ch. Max-Well’s American Doll. The Reserve WB ribbon was awarded to Shelly’s Little Dash of Spice, owned and bred by Michelle James and shown by Alison Sunderland. Shelly’s Simply Incredible is the sire and the dam, Souyens Spicing It Up. The Best of Breed ribbon was awarded to Ch. Cause for Celebration, who recently earned his English Championship at the WELKS show in England. He is out of “CoCo” and is sired by Ch. Red Chervibim’s Summer Star.
Norwich Terriers, under judge Ms. Linda More, had an entry of twenty-nine with four absent. From the Bred-By-Exhibitor class, Alicia Smilowitz’s Romany’s Admiral Lord Nelson went Winners Dog/Best of Winners. He is sired by WWW.Red Bully De Von Rittersee and out of the bitch Ch. Woodland’s Wild Indigo. The four Norwich class dogs entered made for a three-point major. The Reserve WD ribbon went to Yarrow’s Starburst Pleasanthyme, bred by Sheila Ann Rekow and owned by Beth Sweigart. Ch. Yarrow’s Slightly Azure is the sire and the dam, Ch. Sandina’s Evenstar. His litter sister, Pleasanthyme My Cuppa Tea, owned by Carol Jordan and handled by Sharon Jones, also had a great day, taking home the Winners Bitch ribbon for a three-point major. Ch. Ascot Tiger Lily, bred by William and Jane Schubart and owned by Sharon Jones, was Best of Opposite Sex. Her sire is the English import, Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor; her dam, Ch. Yarrow’s Love Bug. Looking absolutely gorgeous in my opinion, Ch. Sandina Sorcerer, bred by Michael Whelan, owned by Katie Knapp and piloted by Andrew Green, won the Best of Breed ribbon. Sorcerer is sired by Ch. Deansleigh Interceptor. Sandina Sleeping Beauty is his dam.

I don’t know if anyone has noticed, but terrier entries are down this year at many shows. Possibly it has something to do with hand stripping… I’m not sure. But wherever there is an all-terrier show, I believe we should support the entry. Now that doesn’t mean the national club should be the supporter; support can come from the regional clubs too. It’s definitely fun getting together and sharing thoughts. In the months ahead, I hope to see you at a dog show, especially one just for terriers.

—Barbara Miller

NNTC members (l. to r) Lee Little, Vailie Beckwith, Henrietta Lachman, Hal Happersett, and Debby Pritchard enjoying the supported entry at Garden State

THE BLUEBONNET NORWICH AND NORFOLK TERRIER CLUB SPECIALTY
(JULY 12, 2008)

Another successful Bluebonnet Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (BNNTC) Specialty weekend has come and gone. Five days of dog shows at the wonderful River City Cluster in San Antonio drew to a close on Sunday, July 13, 2008. This may be the last of the combined Specialties for the Bluebonnet Club with the pending division of the national NNCTC scheduled for January 1, 2009.

The Specialty trophies were again phenomenal with a stone statue for both Bests of Breed, wonderful carved stone tiles for each of the classes, pin brushes with engraving of the respective breeds, and silver jewelry. These trophies left us all drooling. BNNTC Trophy Chair Jan Birchall did it up right for the finale. Thank you, Jan.
The Norfolk entry was down this year, with just four class dogs and bitches and four specials competing. What we lacked in entry, we made up for in good sportsmanship and fantastic competition. The class entry traded off the points all weekend, and the specials competed to see who could rack up the most Bests of Breed. Those not getting BOB on the day made sure to congratulate the winner with true respect and good sportsmanship.

Our wonderful Sweepstakes judge was Kathleen Eimil, a well-known Norfolk breeder from San Francisco, breeding and showing under the Mayfair prefix. Kathleen is always pleasant and always fun, and we enjoyed her presence on Saturday and Sunday. On Specialty day, Kathleen gave Regency’s Hosana the Best in Norfolk Sweepstakes award. “Annie”, from the 12 to 18 months class, is bred and owned by Tina Dennis.

In the Norfolk regular classes, judge Gloria Lewis gave Simerdown’s Kanis Cowboy, bred and owned by Linda Vaughn and Kathleen Brewer, Winners Dog and Best of Winners. Arroyo’s Kamet Delta Force, bred by Ann and Ed Dum and owned by Kay and Marlin Thrasier, was Reserve Winners Dog. Starmttz Miss Liberty of Abeddon, bred and owned by James and Kelly Sternberg DVM, was Winners Bitch and Regency’s Hosana was Reserve Winners Bitch. Best of Breed was a lovely little bitch, Ch. Max-Well’s Candy Cane, bred by Barbara Miller and Susan Kipp and owned by the breeders with a very happy and wonderful Kathleen Kopack from Arizona. Best of Opposite Sex was Ch. Arriba Chunky River, bred by Judi Hartell, Patsy Wade and Marsha Muse, and owned by Robert and Kathy Tant.

Kathleen Eimil also judged Norwich Sweepstakes. She picked Rockstar Narlo Chauncy, bred by Gwen Warkentin and owned by Nancy Pizzamiglio, as her Best of Opposite Sex. From the 12- to 18 months Bitch class, Itsy Bitsy Stuck In the Middle, bred by Tonnie and Gerard Willrich and Claire Johnson, walked away with Best in Sweepstakes.

Mr. Jon R. Cole judged the Norwich Specialty. A very pleasant and ever-smiling judge, he made showing a pleasure for everyone. Wildtrout Great Scott, bred by Barbara Einspruch and Joan and Anthony Jung and owned by Joan and Anthony Jung, was Winners Dog. Reserve Winners Dog was Rockstar Narlo Chauncy. There were 10 class bitches vying for the Winners Bitch award. Wildwest Hold Your Horses, bred by Betty Bossio and Megan Michelsen and owned by the breeders with Peggy Schmidt, took the major and went on to get Best of Winners. Reserve Winners Bitch was Chalkhill Pistols and Pearls, bred and owned by Carolyn Taylor and Richard Greathouse. Ch. Baybreez Bridgit V Thunderwood touched all of our hearts as she danced her way to a win in the Veterans Bitch Class. She was bred by Peggy Schmidt and is owned by the breeder and Kristin Conlan.

There were eleven Norwich specials entered and competing for BOB. Judge Cole carefully divided the classes and sorted through the BOB competition. His Best of Breed was Ch. Skyscot’s Poker Chip, bred by Leslie Becker and owned by Caroline Dodwell and beautifully presented by Brenda Combs. Poker Chip took an Award of Merit at our 2007 Specialty as a “move up” from the puppy class. This year, he thrilled us all by getting a Terrier Group 1 on Specialty day under judge Wendy
Paquette. That group win went well with Poker Chip's Group 4 from Mr. Luis Silva and Sunday's Group 1 from Michelle Billings. Best of Opposite Sex went to Ch. Itsy Bitsy Iz Mizbehavin, bred by Tonnie and Gerard Willrich and co-owned by the breeders with Kristin Conlan and Peggy Schmidt.

Judge Cole gave two Awards of Merit. First Award of Merit went to Ch. Birchbay Dream, bred, owned and handled by Janis L. Birchall. Second Award of Merit went to Ch. Itsy Bitsy Bobbie McGee, bred by Tonnie and Gerard Willrich and owned by Sandra Stemmler.

The camaraderie continued way into the night with another successful dinner and auction at the Casa Rio. With a fabulous Mexican dinner under our belts and more than a few Margaritas flowing through the crowd, the bidding was fun and lively. Our auctioneers again were Mike Dennis, assisted by Vanna (Linda Boudreau, our Hospitality Chair) and Rita Mueller. They kept the crowd laughing and the wallets and checkbooks open. Also in attendance at our dinner were Specialty judges Jon Cole and Gloria Lewis, Sweepstakes judge Kathleen Eimil, as well as NNTC member and Norfolk breeder-judge Andrew Kramer. Andrew judged both Norfolk and Norwich on different days during the weekend and was seen ringside mentoring judges applying for our breeds. Each judge gave a brief summary of what they saw in the Norfolk and Norwich breed ring, what they liked, our strengths, and what they felt could be improved. All in all, they were all very complimentary of the dogs they judged.

Thanks to all who made this another successful Bluebonnet Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club Specialty. It took a lot of hands to make it all work, and there has to be a tremendous degree of satisfaction for a job well done. For those who missed it this year, you were missed. We hope to see you next year when we have the first Specialty for the Bluebonnet Norfolk Terrier Club and the Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club.

—Tina Dennis, “Regency” Norfolk Terriers, McAllen, TX
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THE 2009 NNTC ROVING NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Plans to hold a NNTC Roving National Specialty in conjunction with the Friday, April 10, 2009 Northern California Terrier Association (NCTA) show at Cal Expo in Sacramento were finalized prior to NNTC members’ vote to divide the club. NNTC member Franz Corman (“Landmark” Norwich) will judge Norfolk Sweepstakes. Neil Hamilton (“Sundowner” Norwich) will judge Norwich Sweeps. Mr. James G. Reynolds will judge the Norfolk breed. The Norwich breed judge will be NNTC/NCNNTC member Rich Esquibel (“tinytowne” Norwich).

The Northern California NNTC (NCNNTC) will hold its third annual specialty on Thursday, April 9 at the same Cal Expo venue. NNTC member Sandra Stemmler (“Barnstable” Norwich & Norfolk) will judge both Norfolk and Norwich Sweeps. Well-known Cairn breeder Lydia Coleman Hutchinson will judge both the Norfolk and Norwich regular classes.

For both the April 9th NCNNTC Specialty and the April 10th NNTC Roving National Specialty, grooming, Notions, morning hospitality and the show rings will be in the White Tent. There will be a luncheon in the White Tent for the NCNNTC Specialty on April 9 and a dinner on April 10 in the nearby Turf Club building (crated dogs are welcome) following Best in Show judging.

Ed.: The above information is from NNTC Show Chair Linda Myers’ recent letter to the NNTC membership. As the News was going to press, Linda e-mailed to report that the NNTC Board at its June 2008 meeting approved a NNTC supported entry on April 17, 2009 in conjunction with the Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland. As of this writing, Norfolk and Norwich breed judges are not yet known. Please contact NNTC member Al Ferruggiaro (alf198@yahoo.com) for further information about this show.
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 post-paid to U.S. addresses. Send check, payable to NNTC, to Alison Freehling, 2730 Hunt Country Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

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

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

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