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September 1, 2013 is the deadline for submitting all articles and photos for the Fall 2013 *News*. **Articles** may be **snail mailed** to Alison Freehling at her **sort-of-new address: 1208 Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA 22401**. If possible, however, I would much rather have your articles come online to **nntcnews@hotmail.com**, either as embedded e-mails or, preferably, as attachments in Microsoft Word. My computer often will not open articles sent in other formats. If you have questions about *News*' submissions, please feel free to call me at my **home phone number: 540-373-4268**.

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To assure timely publication of the Fall 2013 *News*, please be sure to meet—or better yet to beat—the September 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

—Alison Freehling

Sending Digital Photos to the News

Even in this digital world, we prefer to work with good 8 x 10 prints of photos destined for the Showfront and New Title Holder sections of the *News*. Because we crop Showfront and New Title Holder photos drastically to focus on the dog, they present special problems. If you cannot send the original of a show photo, please call 859-873-0550 and ask for Sharman.

We welcome digital photos for all other sections of the *News*. They should be approximately 900 pixels wide (or tall, if the orientation is portrait). 1200 pixels at the longest dimension is even better, especially if you hope to have your photo considered for the front or back cover. Please note that, depending on your computer monitor's resolution, a picture of this size may appear HUGE on your screen. Don't worry about this (and please don't resize the photo); it will be just right to print in the *News*.

As a general rule, your photos will be fine if you take them with a modern digital camera (less than 5 years old) AND set the camera to shoot at a high resolution. (**Note:** *In the last year cameras on smart phones have improved dramatically, and a photo taken with a new phone might be usable, providing you do not compress the image to a smaller file size to make it easier to text or email. Please do not submit photos taken from, or sized for, websites.*) Save your file as a JPG or TIF and happy shooting!

—Sharman Pepper, Deerhaven Press, printer of the *News*

From the Editor...

Mother Nature has been on a tear all across the USA for many months, with tornados, blizzards, and especially Super Storm Sandy causing death and destruction in its path. NTCA member **Judy Laffey** has written a gripping account of her ordeal during Sandy, as water surged into the lower level of her house on Long Island. Thankfully, Judy, her mother, and her two Norwich were not injured and her house not irreparably damaged.

The *News* welcomes a new agility reporter, NTCA member **Joan Krantz** of Middlebury, CT, whose profile is on page 20 of this issue. I also thank long-time, now-retired reporter **Susan Novotny**, who did such a good job covering agility for both the NNTC and the *NTCA News* for many years.

After a one-year hiatus in St. Louis, the NTCA National Specialty returns to its usual Montgomery County KC venue in October 2013—but with a new NTCA Specialty headquarters. NTCA members have already received information about the new hotel. Additional details regarding Specialty weekend will be sent in future mailings.

As always, I thank everyone who sent articles and photos for this *News*. A happy Spring and Summer to all.

—Alison Freehling

A Note from NTCA President Jean Kessler

Greetings, Fellow NTCA Members:

How delightful to be looking back on winter and forward to all the fun and camaraderie to come in the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2013. Plans are underway for our Montgomery National Specialty as well as NTCA supported entries across the country. We were represented at “Meet the Breeds” in both New York and Florida in late 2012. Our NTCA Diamond Jubilee Yearbook was distributed in January 2013. The NTCA purchased an oximeter for use by the Health Committee. NTCA Health Chair Magda Chiarella will represent the club at the August 2013 AKC CHF Health Conference in St. Louis. The Board of Directors will meet during the April 2013 Columbia Terrier weekend in Timonium, Maryland. Our Illustrated Standard is on schedule for distribution in October.

Please do check our ever-changing and expanding website at www.norwichterrierclub.org for new articles, schedules of upcoming events and pertinent information concerning our club.

As ever, ideas and suggestions for NTCA are most welcome.

—Jean Kessler, “Luvnors” Norwich, Nokesville, VA
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Report from the NTCA AKC Delegate

The annual meeting of the AKC Delegates took place on March 12, 2013 in Newark, NJ. Four Delegates were elected to the Board, Class of 2017: Alan Kalter, Carl Ashbey, Lee Arnold and Harvey Wooding. Alan Kalter was re-elected Chairman of the Board and Dr. William Newman was elected Vice Chairman.

Delegates unanimously passed an amendment to the AKC Charter and By-Laws redefining the Objects of the AKC. This will now read: “The objects of the Club shall be to advance canine health and well-being; to maintain and publish an official stud book; to adopt and enforce uniform rules regulating and governing purebred dog events; to regulate the conduct of persons interested in

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breeding, registering, selling, purchasing, exhibiting and running purebred dogs; to prevent, detect, and punish frauds in connection therewith; to protect the interests of its members; to publish an official kennel gazette; and generally to do everything to advance the study, breeding, exhibiting, running and maintenance of purebred dogs.” With stated support of canine health, this amendment added an object which the AKC has in effect espoused for decades.

AKC has had to make up for falling registrations (the mainstay of its operations) with alternative strategies for income as well as by cutting back on expenses. The AKC has introduced new programs, new events and new outreach using a social media marketing program. To fight the animal rights movement, the AKC must provide a positive image, along with the expertise, experiences and emotion of how to enjoy and care for dogs. I urge you to read the AKC 2012 Annual Report at [http://images.akc.org/pdf/2012 annual report.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/2012%20annual%20report.pdf). It is all-inclusive and very informative.

Delegates are urged to attend the numerous committee meetings held the day before the annual meeting. Unfortunately, scheduling is such that one cannot attend each meeting, as many overlap. There is a choice of morning and afternoon options. Since I am a Delegate for a parent breed club, I always go to that meeting, which means I miss out on others held during the same time slot. Many ideas for changes in By-Laws and for new programs originate in these committee meetings. I wish I could attend more. As most of you are aware, the AKC has a Breeder of Merit Program. Soon there will be a Club of Merit Program, giving each parent club a standard to improve. The NTCA already exceeds the criteria in most areas to meet these standards.

For the first time, the National Obedience Championship and the National Agility Championship will be held together with the National Rally Competition. They are scheduled for March 15-17, 2013 in Tulsa, OK. In the future, these championships will not be held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational. The December competition will be known as the Obedience Classic and those who qualify by scores in the different levels (Novice, Open and Utility) will be eligible to compete.

—Betty McDonnell, NTCA AKC Delegate, Mahwah, NJ
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Photo credit: Brennie Brackett

"We're smiling 'cause it's Spring"...
("Harley," left, & "Daphne" Brackett)

Hot Off the Press: The NTCA Diamond Jubilee Yearbook

The **NTCA Diamond Jubilee Yearbook** is a must for Norwich Terrier lovers. Within its covers are 121 pages filled with superb photographs of recent breed champions, pedigrees, and several articles of historical interest. This book is a very helpful tool for people new to the breed to know what they want their Norwich to look like. The photos convey the diversity of types and colors within the breed, yet all being conformation champions. The Yearbook is a wonderful way to enjoy our fabulous breed and to follow the success of various Norwich owners in the show ring. The Yearbook costs \$35.00, plus \$5.00 postage, for NTCA members and \$40.00, plus \$5 postage, for non-members. Please contact NTCA Notions Chair Patty Warrender at pwnoridge@gmail.com to order your copy.

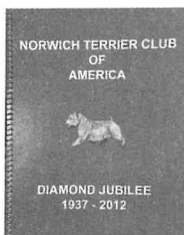


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*The NTCA Diamond
Jubilee Yearbook*

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Photo credit: Lee Little

We Norwich need to watch our weight! (“Augie” Shelton)

Littlefield Little's Night Music ("Ollie")

(January 17, 2011-December 7, 2012)



Photo submitted by Leandra Little

"Ollie" Little

It is never easy to come to terms with accidental death. Especially when it strikes one so beloved as our darling Norwich female "Ollie". Over the summer, our absentee neighbors in our island community in Florida had installed a new pool deck and had not re-fenced their pool once the work was done. Instead their contractor had run an orange mesh construction fence along our property line. The pool area was completely open on three sides. Without telling us, this same contractor had actually removed a portion of our fence which ran from the corner of our house and connected to their old pool fence, leaving instead more orange mesh.

Events began to unfold the evening of December 6th, a few days after I'd arrived in Florida. My husband Steve and I had just returned from a Christmas concert, and it was very dark when I stepped outside with the dogs to let them run about. Something attracted their attention in the neighbor's yard. They gave full cry and headed in that direction. I ran over to the property line and heard something struggling in the pool, but I could not see as there were no lights. The dogs were rushing about and barking at the pool's edge. Thinking it was a wild animal, I ran into the house to alert Steve and to tell him to bring a flashlight. I grabbed a broom, thinking I could help whatever creature was in the water and guide it to the side.

When we got over to the pool moments later, all was quiet. Steve noticed something floating under the pool cover. Imagine our horror when we pulled back the cover to find in the beam of the flashlight that it was Ollie who had fallen in. She was floating there unconscious, a sight forever seared into my memory. I pulled her out and immediately began CPR. I was able to bring her back to start her breathing again. We rushed to the emergency vet, and the struggle for her life began. It was a battle we lost the next day. After two cardiac arrests, we decided to stop the suffering. She had simply aspirated too much water.

It is a mistake to trust that dogs know instinctively how to swim. In fact, not unlike children, it takes just a few minutes for them to drown, especially when panicked. While there are no accurate statistics, according to my veterinarian, D.E. Huber DVM, drowning is the number one cause of accidental death of pets in Florida. Dr. Huber has been in practice for over forty years, and this is his observation. Unhappily as more pools are built, certainly the toll will rise.

There are pet grief support groups which help cope with such a sudden loss. Perhaps the best advice I can give, however, would be one of prevention where possible. Still, accidents do happen. This was not a case of inattention; it was a tragic set of circumstances exacerbated by the township's lax enforcement of pool safety codes. So vigilance is key, but sadly even the most conscientious, loving guardian can lose a cherished companion.

Ollie was half way to her championship and had 4 points in Canada as well. She was the only daughter my Ch. Little by Littlefield ROM ever produced (of 8 puppies total). Ollie's sire was GCH Ittsy Bitsy Troubadour. She was co-owned by Sandy Keller of Chilliwack, B.C., who shares our sadness.

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Ollie had the loveliest dark eyes and the most engaging temperament. She was sweet, but not shy, never quarrelsome; all who knew her loved her. She was just short of her second birthday. I know it is a cliché to say she was a special dog, but she really was. She was not only beautiful, but also smart and kind, not a word used very often to describe a Norwich Terrier nor any dog for that matter. She loved to play with any handy toy, but preferably with an amiable companion. When we brought a young Norwich bitch "Pinzi" back from Italy, Ollie welcomed her immediately by giving her a play bow and inviting her to romp. She made Pinzi feel as if she were one of the pack. There was only good in that little Ollie soul; no guile, no jealousy.

Ollie knew a few tricks; she would do "touch" and "wash your face." She loved children and made friends both human and canine wherever she went. What she loved the best though was to be with me. And that is what I loved the best too...to have her there. I so miss that little presence, the heartbeat who made my life complete.

Thank you to all who have sent messages of condolence and commemorative items. Ollie will have a brick at the Purina Events Center, thanks to Amanda Kozora, Tonnies and Jerry Willrich, Christine Kiino and Maris Purvins, and Dianne and Al Just. She will have a portrait, thanks to Elaine Long, Karen Whalen and Chris Larson. I also have an Ollie Always in My Heart charm from my friend Lyn Freeman. Thank you to Christine Kiino and Maris Purvins for the flowers sent on Ollie's birthday too. This all means so much.

I came across a couplet from an Irish headstone recently which is especially apropos:

*"Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory
no one can steal."*

Ollie, you will live forever in our hearts.

—Lee Little & Steve Weinberger, "Littlefield" Norwich
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Littlefield Maggie of Chidley

(July 23, 1996-December 6, 2012)

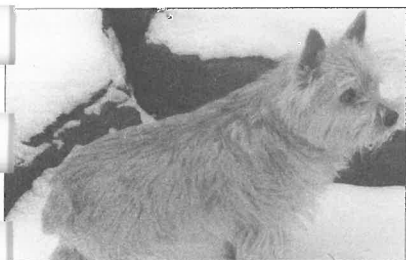


Photo submitted by Leandra Little

"Maggie" Lane

"Maggie" was from my second Norwich litter, a repeat breeding of my first. Her parents were Chidley Oh Dear, whom I'd gotten from Mrs. Joan Read, and Ch. Skyscot's Steeplejack, a beautiful "Don" son. Early on we took Maggie to a match show, where she pretty much told us that life before an audience was not her chosen destiny. She was beautiful and had a very loving, sweet nature much like her dam. Thus, she was perfectly suited to lead a life of contentment as the cherished companion of the Lane family: Clint, Shelly, Whitney and Taylor. Whitney is in medical school now; Taylor, almost done with college. Maggie was their childhood companion, ever happy to share a secret, go for a romp or demand a treat. It was wonderful that they could all be together for one last Thanksgiving so that Maggie was able to say her last goodbyes. She'd fulfilled her destiny.

Placing a Norwich like Maggie with a family like the Lanes makes all the facets of being a breeder worth the effort. How I love receiving the annual Christmas cards, photos, updates and occasional visits. How I love the dear friends I've made. Shelly Lane has kindly consented to write a few words about “Maggie Lane”:

For over 16 years Maggie was our family treasure. Both a New York city girl and a New Jersey country girl, she charmed everyone she met. In the city, she greeted strangers and dogs alike with a wagging tail, eager bark and plea for a back rub. She could be spotted darting down the sidewalk to after-school pick up where she was sure to find a willing crowd awaiting her. In the country, her days were filled exploring the yard and woods, and her dreams were filled with catching chipmunks or squirrels, and outrunning any deer she could find.

Never one to like being alone, she was always in the middle of the action, pleading to be included in every outing, excitedly announcing the arrival of anyone at the door, and barking to be allowed up on the bed to sleep. She understood us and we understood her as she tilted her head back and forth following our conversations. She is sorely missed, but will always be remembered as the happy, sweet and dear member of our family who always made us smile. —Shelly Lane

—Leandra Little, “Littlefield” Norwich, Weehawken, NJ
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Sand-Castle Darcy UDX MX MXJ RAE AXP AJP and Therapy Dog

(January 31, 1996 – February 5, 2013)

Darcy, my first Norwich Terrier, came to me on June 1, 1996, the result of fifty letters I sent to every AKC-registered Norwich Terrier breeder in the country, and the only “yes” I received in response. He left me just after his seventeenth birthday. The first week I had him, we started puppy classes. I realized I had a terrier (!) on my hands and that I should do something to make sure we did well together.

That was the beginning of a long journey. We went from never having heard of dog titles to earning many, including the RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) when Darcy was fourteen. Darcy is still the only Norwich ever invited to both the AKC National Obedience and the AKC National Agility Invitational and the only Norwich ever to earn Excellent-level titles in both obedience and agility. More importantly, he worked from age four, when he had calmed down enough for it, to age fourteen as a therapy dog, both visiting patients, and, his forte, working with therapist to treat patients in rehab gyms. Between times, he loved hiking and backpacking and carried his own pack, in which we put first aid supplies, five to ten miles. In life, he took me more miles and more places than I could ever have imagined. There will never be another Darcy.



“Darcy” Ricks

Photo submitted by Carlynn Ricks

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
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Super Storm Sandy: Lessons Learned

There is much I once took for granted, e.g., running water, electric power, communication systems, and especially a sense of security about my home environment and my ability to protect my dogs. After Super Storm Sandy in October 2012, however, I will never again underestimate the power of Mother Nature or take for granted the things I depend on for security and comfort.

A barrier island off the south shore of Long Island, Long Beach, NY has been my home town since 1992. It is a beach community where the bay is across the street from our house and the ocean about a quarter of a mile to the south. Shortly before the storm, friends and fellow NTCA members called asking about my plans for the storm that was heading my way. I told them I wasn't worried, that I thought weather reporters exaggerated storms to keep people tuned in and on the edge of their seats.

In 2012 Hurricane Irene was hyped as a major threat to my area. It ended up being nothing more than a windy rain storm with no damage to our home or neighborhood.

As the date of the expected "storm of the century" approached, my husband left for a long planned golf trip to Florida. He was expected home on Monday, October 29th. My mother, who lives in the ground floor apartment of our house, was adamant about not leaving her home. She had been hospitalized several times in 2012 and had only recently returned home. Even though there was a mandatory evacuation, I did not argue with her as I thought the threat was minor. My neighbors prepared for the storm, but no one evacuated.

The Saturday before the storm, John called to say all flights from Florida were cancelled. I was on my own. With the help of a neighbor, I filled 100 sandbags at the beach and placed them around the driveway—the most vulnerable spot for flooding (our garage is under the house and several feet below grade). I'm fairly organized at home, but I did not prepare a "Go-bag" for either myself, Mom, or the dogs. I had food, water, and lanterns, and I moved the cars to higher ground. I picked up groceries and, as an afterthought, stopped to get dog food and bottled water "just in case." My mother has a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel who is a bit high strung and not as obedient as I would like. I asked a friend to take "Logan" for a few days.

My two Norwich, "Libby" (11) and "Paige" (6), did not appear to be affected by the weather as the storm approached. The day of the storm, Monday, October 29, high tide was not expected until 8:26 PM, but by 6:00 PM, water was already in my street and breaching the sandbags around my driveway. The wind had picked up, and I was getting very concerned. It was too late to evacuate. The dogs were in the living room with my mother when I went out the front door to check



Photo credit: Judy Laffey

"Libby" (stretched out) and "Paige" (curled up) trying to keep warm by the fireplace during Super Storm Sandy when their house had no heat

on the pumps. Suddenly the wind pulled the storm door from my hand. The door slammed against the house. Libby became upset by the noise and wind and tried to run out. I stopped her, but she started yelping. I couldn't see exactly what was wrong, but as I tried to pick her up I saw that her nail was caught between the door jam and the molding. As the wind picked up and the door again slammed against the house, Libby pulled and cried. I prayed that she hadn't torn her nail; I gently moved her toe and released it. She was stressed, but otherwise fine. I put both dogs in crates to avoid further mishaps. After seeing that the driveway was flooded, I stood in the garage watching water seep through both sides of the door. I called John. As we spoke, there was a loud screeching noise and the door buckled inward. I watched in horror as water rushed into the garage. I quickly hung up and ran the five steps up to my mother's apartment. We all moved upstairs to the main level of the house. I wasn't able to get a call to or from my husband for over 36 hours.

The water was flooding the garage and lower rooms very quickly. There was a brief period where I could get into my mother's apartment for her medications and oxygen tank. Once upstairs and settled in my living room, all we could do was listen as the water rearranged the furniture and appliances in the lower levels of the house. We still had power at that time, but without warning, we heard a small explosion. It was that sound and the accompanying acrid smell that literally made my blood turn to ice. All I could think of was fire. I placed both dogs in a small Vari-Kennel and grabbed a coat for my mother. But what was I going to do? My neighbor's house was 15 yards away and two feet of fast-rising water surrounded my home. Within a few moments (that seemed like a lifetime), I made the decision that if there was a fire, I would leave the dogs outside on the front porch and try to get my mother to our neighbor's house. As I was thinking this, all power in the house and surrounding area went out. I peered into the lower levels. The water was quite high, but I did not smell smoke or see any light. A short time later my neighbor and his son made their way through chest high water to check on us. They were able to see more of the lower level and assured me that there was nothing to worry about—except the water. (Several weeks later when the electrical panel was replaced we discovered that there had been a small fire. The rapidly rising water had extinguished the flames and averted a real tragedy.)

Mom went to bed and I put the dogs in their night crates. They were exceptional. With all the wind and noise and what must have been strange smells of ocean water, they did as I asked, went into their crates, and just stayed calm.

I watched the water. Every half hour it was a few inches closer to my front door. I could see that Mom's apartment was already flooded. High tide was at 8:26 PM; by 9:00 PM, the water started to recede, but the wind and rain continued throughout the night.

Coming out of the house the morning after the storm was a shock. Some trees were down, debris was scattered in the yards, the smell was awful, and the quiet was deafening. Houses were intact, but many were still flooded. I tried taking the dogs for their morning walk, but soon realized there was too much debris. Both dogs were distressed by the change in their environment. A dead fish and crab trap on the front lawn, dead birds in the roadway, and puddles of ocean water challenged their senses. Without power or water, I cleaned up the small fenced area of the yard as well as I could and let the dogs out there instead of walks. We have a gas stove and gas fireplace, so we could cook and keep the house fairly warm. There was no communication with family until the second day after the storm; even then it was intermittent.

John drove home from Florida and arrived Wednesday. The recovery has been a challenge. Although much remains to be done, we get closer to normal each day. No one was injured and

things can be repaired or replaced. There was a great lesson learned from our experience with Sandy. If officials say to evacuate, I will evacuate. I will never put my family or my dogs in jeopardy again. It is so much easier to say, "I should have stayed at home, nothing happened," than it is to say, "I should have left when they told me to!"

Directions on how to get ready for an emergency evacuation are fairly basic. In addition to having bottled water, prepare a Go-bag for yourself filled with medications, change of clothes, important phone numbers and papers (including pictures of your dogs and microchip information in case they are lost). A Go-bag for your dogs would include any medications, a list of veterinarians and phone numbers, food, bowls, leashes, and plastic bags. Keeping hand-written lists of phone numbers is critical. Cell phone batteries die quickly when there is no power. Have enough crates available to transport your dogs. Animals react differently to stress. Having your dog crate-trained is a huge benefit when trying to maintain order in a chaotic situation. Use Ziploc bags when possible; they protect against water damage and take less space than plastic containers.

The outpouring of concern and offers of help from the Norwich community have been heartwarming and sincerely appreciated. I will never forget my experience with Super Storm Sandy. It was both frightening and enlightening. We found out very quickly what was really important: the safety of loved ones, food, water, and shelter. The experience has given me a much greater understanding of loss, of fear, and of the level of intense tragedy that so many people experience in this world. I take a lot less for granted now and am truly grateful for the simplest things in life.

—Judy Laffey, "Glengariff" Norwich, Long Beach, NY
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American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Becomes An Official AKC Title

New York, NY – In celebration of dogs with good manners at home and in the community, beginning January 1, 2013, passing the AKC's Canine Good Citizen® test can be recognized as an official American Kennel Club® title for all dogs.

Since the program began in 1989, the CGC® has been considered an "award." Dogs that passed the 10-step test received a certificate, but CGC was not listed on the dog's title record. Now as a result of frequent requests from dog owners and instructors, owners of dogs registered or listed with AKC will be able to use the CGC suffix after the dog's name and include Canine Good Citizen on their dog's official title record.

"We're pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the thousands of dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test each year by offering CGC as a title," said Mary Burch, PhD, director of AKC's Canine Good Citizen program. "The CGC program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with and many owners have expressed the desire to officially add this 'badge of honor' to the end of their dog's official AKC name. We hope that CGC is the first of many titles these dogs earn."

For dogs that pass the test on or after January 1, 2013, owners will be able to choose from two options on the CGC test form: CGC as a title or CGC certificate only.

- **CGC as a title:** CGC will be listed on the dog's official AKC title record. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC (via an AKC registration number, PAL listing, or AKC Canine Partners listing). Owners will receive the CGC certificate and may use the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.
- **CGC certificate only:** CGC will not appear on the dog's official AKC title record.

Owners whose dogs earned the CGC award from January 1, 2001 onward may convert the award into a title by filling out and submitting a form.

AKC began accepting CGC title applications on Monday, December 17, 2012. The processing of all CGC title applications will begin Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

To compete or earn any AKC titles, including the new CGC title, dogs must have an AKC number: an AKC registration number, a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number or an AKC Canine PartnersSM number.

The Canine Good Citizen program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events and also serves to enhance the bond between owner and dog, making dogs a pleasure with which to live.

—AKC Press Release
December 19, 2012

We Always Knew Dogs Were Great Therapists!

We have all experienced the incredible therapy powers of our dogs. The AKC is now recognizing that officially with the Therapy Dog (THD) title. You can get the details about this title at <http://www.akc.org/akctherapydog/apply.cfm>. Basically, your dog must work with a registered organization. This is fairly easy to do, even if your organization is not yet listed with the AKC. Your dog must do at least 50 therapy visits. Oh, and you must send \$20 with the application. Several NTCA members' Norwich have earned the THD. Congratulations to **Melanie Bryson**, who has two therapy dogs, **Arcadian-Dynamite Red Beryl MX MXB MXJ MJB THD** ("Molly") and **Reverie's Dream A Little Dream AX OAJ THD** ("Ruby"); and to **Paula Smiddy** and **Ch. Fairfield Frankly My Dear THD** ("Rhett"). Thanks to both these Norwich owners for sharing their dogs with others. The power of these dogs to create smiles is amazing!



Photo credit: Paula Smiddy

14-year-old "Rhett" Smiddy, THD

—Carlynn Ricks, San Antonio, TX
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Spring 2013 NTCA Rescue Report

Several Norwich and Norwich mixes have been advertised on old and new puppy mill sites such as Petfinder.com, PuppyFind.com, Nextdaypets.com, Puppytrader.com, MyPetFind.com, Puplistings.com, PuppiesAndDogsForSale.com, E-Bay, etc. WOW!! I try to answer EVERY call or mail, but it takes a village and the NTCA community is that village. I thank everyone who lets me know and assists me with these little warm hearts.

Right around Montgomery 2012, NTCA member Patty Warrender told me about two older Norwich brothers who needed a new home and who also needed to stay together. With huge help from NTCA members Linda and Peter Dowdle of Ontario, Canada, we were able to

acquire and place "Freddie" and "Rufus" in a matter of days. They are now with an older gentleman who had recently lost his dog and, not long before that, his wife. It is the perfect placement: the Norwich gave the man a reason to live and the dogs have a wonderful home. The following note from the man's daughter confirms the loving relationship between her father and his new little Norwich:

Hi, Joan:

I don't know if you remember me, but you were kind enough to find two great little Norwich Terrier brothers for my Dad and me. Dad had had to put his old dog down only three weeks before Christmas. He was so heartbroken that he told me he didn't want another dog. So I had the Norwich boys with me for nine weeks before I told him. They got along great with my Aussies, and we were all sad to see them go. Freddie and Rufus are great dogs and have worked out beautifully. My Dad is totally in love with them. They have given him a whole new outlook on life, which is what we were hoping for after my Mom's death earlier this year.

Thank you so much for your work with Norwich rescue and for what you have done for us. My Dad is interested in making a donation to your rescue, and I was wondering how I would go about doing that. —Marianne Holmes

I have a little Norwich male with me now who was sold by a NTCA member when he didn't work out in the ring. His new owners couldn't get him to stop submissive wetting, so, after agonizing for months, they finally turned to me to rehome their Norwich. He is the nicest dog. There is nothing wrong with him; he just needed leadership.

Again, thank you to all who are concerned with the leftovers of the world and to all who pick up and carry the load with me.

—Joan Eckert, NTCA Rescue Chair, Kalamazoo, MI
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Photo submitted by Joan Eckert

"Freddie" and "Rufus" enjoying the good life with Marianne Holmes and her father

Canine Periodontal Disease: A Silent Villain

What if I told you that a majority of *News* readers have Norwich Terriers living with chronic discomfort and often with sustained pain day and night? Your dog might be suffering quietly, and you might not even know about it. I am talking about periodontal disease. Can you imagine what kind of pain would be associated with an infection so severe that it causes bone to crumble under the gum line? You would think that such suffering would not be invisible to a concerned owner, but often it is.

If the above statement seems far-fetched, consider the following statistics. According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, 85% of all adult pets have gingivitis and periodontal disease, with the numbers even higher for small breed dogs.

Dental problems were the #1 health concern reported in the online Norwich Terrier Health Priorities Survey, hosted by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, concluded in May 2012. Periodontal disease was reported in typed-in notes as the leading dental concern, costly to owners and painful to dogs. Every necropsy performed on a Norwich Terrier, where gums have been inspected and noted on the report, revealed periodontal disease, with many dogs having substantial bone loss under the gum line. NTCA member Dr. Chris Zink has reported identical findings when examining Norwich participating in the NTCA "Legacy of Love" Program. I believe that periodontal disease in Norwich Terriers is an under-reported and often-missed problem. Our stoic terriers do not reveal discomfort when it is a chronic condition. They learn to live with pain.

Despite its name, dental disease does not merely affect the teeth and mouth. Periodontal disease impacts the dog's entire body, with dangerous consequences for health, longevity and well-being. It is a serious medical problem. Untreated, it can lead directly to a number of complications, including tooth loss, sinus infection, infection of the heart, lungs or kidneys, cancer, sepsis (blood infection), arthritis and spinal diseases.

What is periodontal disease and how does it work?

Stage One: Gingivitis

According to the American Animal Health Association, periodontal disease is one of the most common problems seen in veterinary practice. It occurs in two forms. The first is gingivitis, a reversible inflammation of the gums. The second is periodontitis, an inflammation of the deeper structures supporting the teeth.

Gingivitis develops when bacteria build up between the teeth and gums, leading to irritation, inflammation and bleeding. Healthy gums fit tightly around the teeth. In a dog with gingivitis, rough dental calculus builds up along the gum line. The gum is forced away from the teeth. This creates small pockets that trap food and bacteria. In time, the gums become infected.

Dental calculus (also called tartar) is composed of calcium salts, food particles, bacteria, and other organic material. It is yellow-brown and soft when first deposited. At the soft stage it is called plaque. The plaque quickly hardens into calculus. You notice it first on upper premolars and molars.

This buildup of calculus on the teeth is the primary cause of gum inflammation. A characteristic sign of gingivitis is bad breath. The gums appear red and swollen, and may bleed when touched.

Stage Two: Periodontitis

Periodontitis develops as a continuation of gingivitis. The teeth are held in their bony sockets by a substance called cementum and a connective tissue called the periodontal membrane. As the gum infection attacks the cementum and periodontal membrane, the roots become infected, the teeth begin to loosen, and eventually they detach. This is a painful process. A root abscess can rupture into the sinus or nasal cavity, further producing a nasal and eye discharge, sometimes with visible swelling below the eye. Periodontitis leads to further complications, as bacterial infection spreads slowly through the body. Studies have shown that dogs with severe periodontal disease have microscopic damage in their kidneys, heart muscle and liver.

Treatment

Norwich owners must address any oral issues as soon as they see them. Ideally, all teeth should be x-rayed to determine the extent of the disease. The teeth should be professionally cleaned, scaled, and polished to remove all plaque and calculus. Many veterinarians now use ultrasonic dental units similar to the ones used on people. The dog should be heavily sedated or given a general anesthetic. The cleaning should be followed with a regular regimen of home oral care.

Some facilities offer dental procedures or “teeth cleanings” without anesthesia. Because true correction of periodontal disease cannot occur without anesthesia, these procedures should be considered cosmetic, not medical. Do not confuse anesthesia-free teeth cleaning with true periodontal treatments and dental work. So-called “anesthesia-free dental scaling” is not recommended by The American Veterinary Dental College (AVDC), the clinical specialist organization for veterinary dentists.

Prevention

Unfortunately, there are no “one hit” wonders. Vaccination for periodontitis showed up on the market, but was quickly recalled. There are no substitutes for regular dental care.

My veterinarian recommends daily tooth cleaning with enzymatic toothpaste formulated for dogs, dabbed on a piece of cloth. I wrap the cloth around my index finger and gently “brush” each dog’s mouth for about a minute. You can also use a soft baby toothbrush or a toothbrush made for dogs. The most important thing is to stick to a daily dental care regime. Plaque is soft for only a few days before hardening into calculus. Daily brushing allows you to remove the soft plaque before it becomes calculus, which then can no longer be removed by brushing alone.

The pet industry has flooded the market with dental chews. Most of them have not been evaluated in any independent studies; those that were have not lived up to their marketing promises. They have not helped in preventing hardening of plaque. What many of the dental chews do offer are undesirable extra calories and allergy-inducing wheat, gluten, soy, corn, saturated or trans-fat, added sugar, salt, animal byproducts (gelatin, animal glycerin), chemical preservatives, artificial flavors and colors. The main danger of dental chews, however, is having dog owners think that by giving dental chews to their dogs, they have done their part in caring for their dogs’ teeth. Dental chews can never be a substitute for a regular dental hygiene program. Brushing your Norwich’s teeth is the single most important health preventative measure you can do for him, along with regular wellness exams by a veterinarian.

Normal teeth in pets are shiny white all the way to the line of the gum. Any deposits or buildup of a dark yellow or brown calculus on the teeth, especially near the gum line, indicate a problem. The gums should appear a healthy pink color and there should be a clear delineation between gums and teeth. At any sign of trouble, schedule a veterinary visit. Professional dental cleanings are expensive, but necessary. Some dogs are predisposed to producing more plaque. There is no way around periodontal disease prevention other than good home care and regular veterinary dental cleanings.

What the NTCA is doing to help prevent canine periodontal disease?

Canine periodontal disease has been studied for decades, but there are still many things we do not know about it. Why are small dogs more predisposed to it? Why are neutered/spayed dogs more predisposed as well? Is there any correlation between diet and periodontal disease? Do enzymes and supplements work in preventing periodontitis?

The NTCA is proud to be a sponsor of a new study aimed at answering some of those questions, namely identifying bacteria involved in periodontitis. The study will be conducted at the University of Glasgow (Scotland) by Dr. Marcello Pasquale Riggio, PhD. The NTCA has donated \$5,000 from the Norwich Terrier Donor Advised Fund towards this study. Here is the research abstract:

“Our knowledge of the causes of gum disease in dogs is poor, even though this is one of the most common diseases of dogs and causes severe pain and tooth loss. However, it is widely thought that certain bacteria may cause the disease, as is the case in the human form.

Most of the research carried out so far into the causes of gum disease in dogs has focused on growing specific bacteria from clinical samples. However, since many types of bacteria in the mouth cannot be grown in the laboratory, we have an incomplete understanding of the bacteria linked to health and disease of the mouth. To overcome this problem, we shall use the most modern, cutting edge laboratory technology available (known as 'high-throughput sequencing') to provide an in-depth understanding of the types of bacteria that cause gum disease in some dogs but not others. This method detects the DNA of bacteria rather than live bacteria and allows bacteria to be identified and quantitated without the need to grow them from clinical samples. The biggest advantage of this method is that, as well as detecting known types of bacteria, we can also identify bacteria that cannot be grown in the laboratory as well as new types which have not been discovered previously and which may help to cause the disease. This study will give us the most up to date knowledge on gum disease in dogs and will help in the development of vaccines and improved treatment methods for this disease."

The NTCA is taking the health of our dogs very seriously. With this new study, we will be helping to address the periodontal concern identified through the recent breed health survey. The NTCA website also offers information on dental care under "health". Together, we will make sure our dogs' mouths are as healthy as they can be. Please mentor new Norwich Terrier owners about canine dental hygiene; remind the breed veterans too.

A different kind of dog treat

As much as you love your Norwich Terrier and show that love with affection, treats and belly rubs, it is daily teeth brushing that shows the depth of your commitment to your dog. Most Norwich Terriers, even with diligent daily brushing, still produce calculus like crazy. For most of our dogs, professional dental cleanings are a must from time to time, and we need to schedule them as often as needed (for some Norwich, even more than once a year).

For my part, the expense of dental cleaning is one of the factors I consider when deciding whether or not to add another dog to our Dig-n-Pop pack. The day I hesitate to bring a Norwich to the vet for dental cleaning because of the expense for multiple dogs is the day I know I have too many dogs. Dental cleaning is not an option. It is a medical necessity when periodontal disease rears its ugly head.

Here's to pearly whites on all Norwich Terriers!

—Magda Chiarella, NTCA Health Chair, Murray Hill, NJ (dignpop.norwich@gmail.com)

"Parker": Living Well with a Tracheostomy

"Parker" was born in 1999, one of a litter of 5 Norwich puppies. He was the biggest boy in the litter and was our pick of the males. The litter was free whelped and strong; all the puppies gained normally and seemed to be healthy. When the puppies were about 6 or 7 weeks old, they appeared to have a respiratory infection. They all sounded moist and a bit congested, but recovered after a week or so. After this event, however, we started to notice that Parker's airway had changed. He remained congested and had some respiratory difficulty. Knowing the problems with upper airways in the Norwich breed, we kept a close eye on him.

As he grew, his problem worsened, so we took him to a veterinary internist and had him scoped. He was diagnosed as having laryngeal paralysis at that point in time and was only 6 months old. I discussed the options with the internist and with several board-certified surgeons. We decided to move forward with surgery. It was determined that a laryngeal tie-back was the best option for him, so that was done along with removing his everted sacculles at 8 months of age. When the surgery was done, it was noted that his larynx was very rigid. This was not the typical upper airway syndrome seen in Norwich Terriers; it was total paralysis of his larynx. We discussed the possibility of viral neuritis, i.e., nerve damage from a viral

infection, but this is only speculation. The cause of Parker's respiratory problems will never be known. He was the only puppy affected in the litter. His sister does have some upper airway issues, but not laryngeal paralysis. I know of two other littermates that are fine. Parker's dam just passed away at 15 1/2 years old; she had a normal airway.

After his surgery, Parker was a new dog. He could breathe well and could run and play like a normal puppy. Parker did well for several months. Yes, there can be issues with laryngeal tie-backs such as aspiration pneumonia, but Parker did great. About 3 months after his surgery, however, he was back to having respiratory difficulty. His tie-back had failed; we were back at square one. As long as he was kept calm and not allowed to overheat, he did okay, but he was at risk for a respiratory emergency. We went back to the surgeon for another surgery. Another tie-back was attempted, but his larynx was so rigid that the tie-back wouldn't hold. He also had scar tissue from his previous surgery and had an extremely limited airway. We woke him up from surgery and watched him very carefully.

Our next step was to go to the UC Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital to talk with their surgery staff and ICU. Because they had the capability to do surgery with an operating microscope and a fully staffed ICU, it was determined that we would have Parker's surgery done there. They removed scar tissue and attempted to give him a larger airway. A temporary tracheostomy was done to allow the throat to heal for 5 days and then the tube was removed. Unfortunately, he couldn't move enough air through his throat, so a permanent tracheostomy was performed. We took him home to heal. He had 24-hour care for the following week. We put booties on his feet so he couldn't scratch his neck and kept him lightly tranquilized to keep him calm. We were sent home with just basic instructions of not to let him swim and to keep the hair trimmed around his stoma. That was it. Oh yes, we were also told that the average lifespan of a dog with a tracheostomy is 1.5 years...

So another chapter began for Parker. He could breathe with ease! His tracheostomy was done when he was only 1 1/2 years old. He is now 13 1/2 years old. Most of the information we found for how to care for Parker came from the human side of medicine. We used to "steam" him by placing him in a crate with a plastic bag around it and used a humidifier to moisten the air. Now he gets a saline nebulizer a few times a day. This allows the moist air to get deeper in his lungs. We use sterile saline and drip it down his airway multiple times a day to help him move some of the mucus from his lungs. Until the past 2 years, he has done very well, with few problems related to his "blow hole." As he has aged, the tissue in his trachea near the stoma has changed and the stoma has gotten smaller. He's had a few episodes of "clogging" and has nearly passed out a few times. Very scary! He has had pneumonia a couple of times in the past 2 years, but has recovered nicely. He also has allergies, so he has a hypoallergenic diet and occasional medications for that.

Parker is the king of his castle. He has a manicured backyard of grass and a deck so that he is not in a lot of dust and dirt. He rules from the back of the couch. When we have puppies or new dogs, they all are interested in the "blow hole" and the "air-barking" dog. He's had a great life and continues on as an old guy. He has done far better than I expected. His owner, Carol, has done a great job caring for him. She knows him well so she picks up on any problems right away and never hesitates to call or bring him in. Luckily, Carol works at home and when she travels, I stay at the house or stop in and check on Parker if her husband is taking care of him. Carol also has access to four veterinarians 24 hours a day, just a call away. Parker has had a good support team! We decided when he was a puppy to give him the best chance for the best life he could have, and so we did! We never expected that he would do this well. Parker, the "blow hole boogie boy," has taught us much and has had a great life!



Photo submitted by Rainee Johnson

"Parker" has had a great life

—Rainee Johnson DVM, Shingle Springs, CA (rbjvdoc@sbcglobal.net)

An Update on Primary Lens Luxation

Primary lens luxation (PLL) is a hereditary eye disease that leads to painful glaucoma and blindness. Currently the PLL DNA test is the only known DNA test for this health problem in Norwich Terriers. The mode of inheritance for PLL is a simple recessive, meaning that two copies of the PLL allele are necessary for the disease to develop, one inherited from the sire and one from the dam. A dog can carry just one copy and be unaffected, but is a PLL-carrier. If a dog does not carry any copies of the PLL allele, then the dog is PLL-clear. (For those familiar with the DNA "fluffy" test, the mode of inheritance is the same.)

At the end of February 2013, the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) website listed 73 Norwich that have been tested with the PLL DNA test. OFA policy is that if the test result is normal, then the dog is listed; if the test result is abnormal, then OFA only lists the dog if the owner agrees. So, other than the one Norwich listed, we do not know how many Norwich have been tested and found to have PLL. There are currently 9 Norwich listed as PLL-carriers. The OFA does issue numbered certificates for Norwich who are either clear or carriers. Since two numbers are missing from the OFA website (NT-PLL32 and NT-PLL65), we know that, to date, 11 Norwich have been found who are carriers. Sadly, the owners of NT-PLL32 and NT-PLL65 have thus far failed to publicly identify their dogs. So we do not know whether these two dogs are closely or distantly related to the PLL-abnormal (affected and carriers) Norwich already found. At the end of 2012, based upon the reports it has received, the OFA listed Norwich Terriers as the fifth most likely breed to have abnormal PLL results. This is one time when being in the top 5 is NOT a good thing!

The NTCA Health Committee lists the PLL-DNA test as an optionally recommended breed health test. I personally believe that all Norwich breeding stock should be tested. The test is inexpensive (\$65) compared to the price of a Norwich puppy. If both parents are PLL-clear, then all puppies are necessarily PLL-clear and do not need to be tested. They are PLL-clear "by descent."

The PLL DNA test is a cheek swab test available from the OFA web site (www.offa.org; look under "OFA/MU DNA Tests" on the left). I have modified my Norwich pedigree database (<http://shakspornorwich.net/pedigreedb/>) to list the PLL status, including clear "by descent," of Norwich in the database.

—Blair Kelly, "Shakspers" Norwich (blair.kelly@att.net)

Norwich Terrier CHIC Statistics for 2012

Norwich breeders/owners have added 67 new CHIC dogs to the database. This was not nearly as much of an increase in participation as the previous two years, which averaged 100 new dogs per year. The three tests a Norwich Terrier needs to qualify for a CHIC # are CERF (Canine Eye Registration Foundation), OFA Hips and OFA Patella.

There have been 794 OFA Hip evaluations from January 1974 through December 2012, an increase of 101 evaluations since 2011. Of those, 86.4% were normal and 13.2% were abnormal. 7.1% of those tested were "Excellent," with the majority falling into the "Good" category. The Norwich Terrier is ranked #75 in a ranking of 168 breeds having at least 100 evaluations since January 1974. The English Bulldog is #1, with 72% of those dogs dysplastic; #168 is the Italian Greyhound, with no dogs dysplastic.

There were 644 OFA Patella evaluations from January 1974 through December 2012, an increase of 117 evaluations over the past year. Of those, 95.3% were normal and 4.7% abnormal. The Norwich is ranked #34 in a ranking of 108 breeds having at least 50 evaluations since January 1974. The #1 breed is the Pomeranian with 41.2% of the dogs affected, while the Staffordshire Bull Terrier at #108 has no dogs affected.

I found a total of 572 CERF entries for Norwich Terriers on the OFA website. This is a huge increase of 224 since 2011's 303 entries!

Norwich breeders / owners are continuing to test not only for the three CHIC tests, but also for Cardiac (210 evaluations, 100% normal), Elbow (109 evaluations, 98.2% normal), and Primary Lens Luxation (63 Evaluations, 84.1% normal). I believe this is a positive indication that Norwich breeders / owners are serious about health testing.

—Dana Esquibel, NTCA CHIC Liaison, El Sobrante, CA (tinytowne@comcast.net)

Our Agility Story: A Profile of the News' New Agility Reporter, Joan Krantz

In September 2003, my husband Don and I purchased our first Norwich Terrier, **"Sammy"** (Classic's Candy Man AXP MJP NFP CGC), with absolutely no thoughts of getting involved in agility. In October 2005, we got our second Norwich, **"Cricket"** (Elysium's Summersong at Pinelake MX MXB MXJ MJB NF CGC), again with no intention of competing in agility. However by 2007, we were hooked on the sport, so when we got our third Norwich, **"Henry"** (Pinelake's Happy, Fearless Explorer), there was no question that we wanted a puppy with the structure and drive to join in the agility fun.

What started for us as a way to play in a dog "playground" environment evolved into a journey with our first agility dogs. Since both Don and I are first-time handlers, we had much to learn about developing a working relationship with our

dogs and about handling in the ring in order to optimize our dogs' skills, abilities and attitudes. We worked to earn the trust of our Norwich so that they would be willing to play and work with us. In addition to the family hikes, vacations, and backyard play, Don and I spent hours working on focus and impulse control, building the dogs' confidence, and learning how to communicate with a consistent set of verbal, visual, and motion cues.

We each have our own style of running our Norwich. Don trains Sammy, while I trained Cricket and will train Henry; but if anyone asks us what method we use, we'd say the "eclectic method." We know the big names in the sport and have watched videos and even attended some workshops with well-known agility trainers, but our systems of handling blend what works best for our dogs, regardless of what other handlers might propose we do.

In 2008, after many foundation classes, obstacle performance classes, and private lessons, we felt ready to compete with Sammy and Cricket. Though many dogs begin competing as early as 15 months, Sammy was already five and Cricket was three. In the competitive agility world of accumulating Q's for titles, we were late bloomers, but determined to do our best despite nervousness about being "on stage."

We first began competing in Canine Performance Events (CPE) because of the short, fun agility games. Cricket advanced through their five levels quickly and received her C-ATCH in April of 2011. Sammy's agility career hit a roadblock in 2010 when he developed a phobia for the A frame and then the teeter. However, Don's persistence paid off because Sammy got his C-ATCH in September 2012. To my knowledge, Sammy and Cricket are the only two Norwich Terriers to achieve a C-ATCH so we feel pretty special.

We also entered United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA) as well as North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC) trials. Each venue has its advantages and challenges and because we just wanted to have fun, sometimes we entered trials simply because they were geographically close. Qualifying scores and titles were not the reason we found venues to run. We liked the camaraderie, the competitive atmosphere, and being with our dogs.



Joan and her agility buddy "Cricket"

Photo submitted by Joan Krantz

In May 2011, we ventured into the world of AKC agility competition so that we could attend the Montgomery All-Terrier Agility trial in Kimberton. We had only seen three other Norwich Terriers compete, and we wanted to watch these driven, happy, unpredictable dogs run. In our first six months of competing in AKC, both Sammy and Cricket earned AKC Novice and Open titles; by October 2012, they were in Excellent B, now called Masters. Cricket had accomplished so much in that time that she was invited to the 2012 Eukanuba Agility Invitational in Orlando, Florida. To be among the top five agility Norwich Terriers in the country was an honor that I really didn't expect. Cricket ran three out of four clean runs and earned a qualifying ribbon in Time 2 Beat.

We had a memorable time in Florida, but by late January 2013, just a few weeks after that competition, Cricket just didn't seem right. I had an x-ray done of her back and hips to see if there was something physically wrong that would explain her more frequent "stutter" jumping and resistance to extend her back legs. Dr. Berzon, an orthopedic specialist in West Hartford, CT, found that she had an old lesion at L1 L2 that was affecting her mobility. He recommended no more agility.

Needless to say, I was sad, but I was also relieved that I had found out what her issue was. I decided to get a second opinion, so I contacted NTCA member Chris Zink DVM at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore to request a consultation. Dr. Zink gave us some hope for Cricket's agility future. Cricket is currently on a progressive strength/conditioning program that will eventually include some jump retraining. She'll also continue the underwater treadmill and the laser and acupuncture treatments. We'll see what happens in the next few months. Cricket is just three Double Q's and 299 points shy of her MACH, so maybe she will earn that title after all! Meanwhile, she'll continue to do her pet therapy work, and I may try Rally as our new adventure.

Don and I have encountered some detours on our agility journey, but overriding any disappointment or discouragement has been the joy of watching Cricket and Sammy smile as they fly over a jump, dig in to do the weaves, or race back to get special treats when the run is over. As his training continues, Sammy is a little more biddable and forgiving of handler mistakes, and it almost seems as if he can read the numbers. I called Cricket my Velcro dog because she followed my feet and when I miscued her, she barked at me as if to say, "Hey, lady, you gave me a wrong signal." Little dogs with big attitudes and big hearts, they've taught us so much about humility, patience, and never taking ourselves too, too seriously because when we're out in the ring as a team, the unexpected can happen at any moment.

We think our new puppy "Henry" is on his way to becoming an agility superstar—but, then again, all Norwich Terriers are superstars, aren't they?

—Joan Krantz, Middlebury, CT
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The 2012 Kimberton All-Terrier Agility Trial

Neither rain, nor mud, nor dread of heat can stop Norwich Terriers from running agility. Kimberton 2012 was testament to that truth. Despite the muddy pathways to the rings and the muddy, slippery courses, NCTA owners and dogs faced the challenge with their usual aplomb, humor, and finely-tuned handling skills.

Carlynn Ricks, trial chairperson for the NTCA supported agility trial on Thursday, October 4, rallied the troops to volunteer in and around the ring. Joan Krantz donated Q cookies for all dogs qualifying on Thursday, and Judy Laffey donated beautiful ribbons with inset medallions for high scoring Norwich in each class on Thursday. This year's NTCA supported agility trial had 23

Norwich competing at all levels, but the vast majority were in the excellent classes. NTCA members handled fifteen of these twenty-three Norwich, and many earned Q's and new titles.

Many NTCA members came to watch the teams throughout the week, but there was a particularly noticeable presence on Thursday. These included NTCA President Jean Kessler, *News* editor Alison Freehling and her husband Bill, incoming Board member Susan Miller Hall and her daughter, as well as Cheri McAlister, Donna West, Bonnie Carpenter and Fran Westfall. They all watched competitors run throughout the day and talked to handlers about the skills and training for agility.

Individual Q's for club members were difficult to track, but there were at least 49 remarkable qualifying runs in less than perfect conditions; and not all dogs ran all four days. New titles were earned by three teams: Blair Kelly's **"Bianca" (Shaksper Bianca Minola)** earned **Novice Jumpers Preferred** and went home with three blue ribbons at age 11. Blair's **"Paige" (Shaksper Paige Morgan)** earned her **Novice Jumpers** title in three days and took home first, second, and third place ribbons. Don Krantz and **"Sammy" (Classic's Candy Man AXP MJP NP)** earned **Master Jumpers Preferred**. Rainee Johnson and **"Savvy" (MACH 3 Breakaway's In The Know RN MXG MJG MXF MFG T2B TQX)** earned **Triple Q Excellent**, which means **"Savvy"** and Rainee have earned triple qualifying scores at the Excellent level on ten different days.

In addition to the above titles, Heidi Evans with **"Roy" (Dignpop Fair and Square NAJ)** took first place in Novice FAST; Joan Krantz and **"Cricket" (Elysium's Summersong at Pinelake MJB, MXB, NP)** earned one QQ (a double Q means qualifying in two events on the same day); Patty Fornelli and **"Magic" (Ch. Shonleh He's a Magic Man RA MX MSJ MJB XF)** took a fourth place in Excellent Standard on Wednesday out of about 60 dogs. Blair Kelly also ran **"Princess" (Shaksper Princess Arabella)** in Novice B jumpers; Judy Laffey ran **"Paige" (Ch. Glengariff's Bethpage Black)** in Excellent Standard and Excellent Jumpers; Betty McDonnell and **"Hazel" (Ch. Kilkya's Witch Hazel)** took second place in Novice Jumpers on Tuesday.

Carlynn Ricks and her new Norwich **"Hemi" (OTCH Huntwood's Four On The Floor UDX MX MXJ NF)** made their first trip to Kimberton and earned at least eight MACH points. Cathy Rogers and **"Glinda" (Ch. Camio's Educated Enchantress)** entered all four days in both Novice Standard and Jumpers and earned her first Standard Q. Yvonne Vertlieb and **"Dean" (Scalawag's Foxwood Moonstruck)** made their first appearance at Kimberton in Novice classes. Ursula Walsh with **"Harry" (MACH 3 Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MXG2 MJC2 XF ME)** earned one QQQ, one QQ and placed third in FAST. Ursula's **"George" (Slightly The Hired Hand)** placed 4th in FAST. Chris Zink and **"Vespa" (Jerusalem Road Less Traveled CD RA MX MXB MXJ MJS OF)** ran well after having to take time off due to an injury.

To make Thursday, October 4 truly special, Judy Laffey donated beautiful rosettes with a Norwich medallion for the day's high scoring Norwich. In Excellent B, Rainee Johnson and **"Savvy"**; in Excellent B Preferred, Don Krantz and **"Sammy"**; and in Novice B, Heidi Evans and **"Roy"** all earned ribbons that day.

Yes, the sun came out on Friday for some fun, final runs. Agility is all about communication, teaming, and having a great relationship with your dog partner. That was definitely clear at Kimberton for all Norwich teams. Q or no Q, handlers and their Norwich enjoyed a very special time together and a bond that cannot be broken but can be strengthened by participating in the sport. They all danced the agility dance with some pretty fancy handling moves. Congratulations to all!

The profits from this NTCA sponsored agility trial (a little more than \$1089) were donated to the AKC Canine Health Fund, specifically for the Norwich Donor Advised Fund. We're planning to host another day next October and contribute more to the health fund.

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Norwich Terriers at the 2012 AKC Agility Invitational

Norwich Terriers made a great showing at the AKC Agility Invitational, held in conjunction with the Eukanuba show in Orlando, Florida on December 15-16, 2012.

NTCA member Rainee Johnson and **"Savvy"** (MACH 3 Breakaway's In The Know RN MXG MJG MXF MFG T2B TQX) ran clean for all four runs and, for the second time in three years, qualified to run in the eight inch class of the final round. In that round, Savvy finished 11th out of twelve in the eight inch class. She was going so fast she couldn't collect to make the turn into the tunnel after the dogwalk and took an off course so very close to the end. She lost some time there, but still was a winner in the Norwich Terrier world.

NTCA member Ursula Walsh and **"Harry"** (MACH 3 Yarrow's Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MXG2 MJC2 XF ME) ran for the fifth time at the Invitational!

Jill Lowry and **"Mack"** (MACH Keleven's Mccracken BN RN MXB MJB) and NTCA member Joan Krantz and **"Cricket"** (Elysium's Summersong at Pinelake MJB, MXB, NP), both first-time competitors at the Invitational, made memories never to be forgotten. All four teams ran the Time To Beat warm up run on Friday to get used to the surface before the weekend runs. They shared strategies and suggestions all weekend and, even more importantly, they supported each other ringside. Congratulations to all!

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"Savvy" did the breed proud at the 2012 Agility Invitational

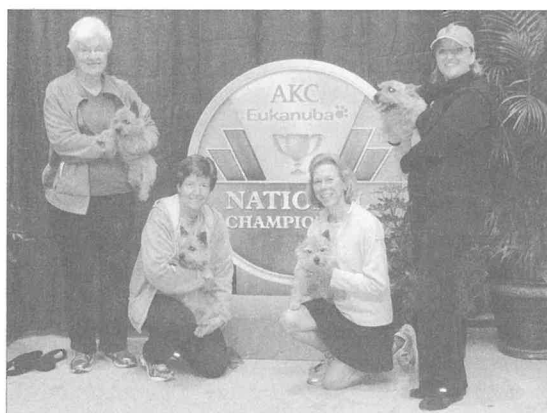


Photo submitted by Joan Krantz

*Norwich competitors at the 2012 Agility Invitational
(l. to r.): Ursula Walsh & "Harry," Rainee Johnson & "Savvy,"
Joan Krantz & "Cricket," Jill Lowry & "Mack"*

NTCA Members' Norwich Agility Titles: August 2012 through January 2013

The second half of 2012 certainly was a successful time for many NCTA handlers and their agility companions. There were 50 new titles earned by 28 dogs and 19 handlers. These numbers alone show that more and more Norwich are competing in agility and racking up the titles.

Adding to their long list of titles, **Rainee Johnson** and "**Savvy**" (MACH3 Breakaway's In The Know RN MXG MJG MXF MFB TQX T2B) earned a **Master Agility Champion 3 (MACH 3)** and **Triple Q Excellent (TQX)**, which means earning 10 triple qualifying scores from Master Standard, Master Jumpers, and Master FAST on the same day. **Savvy is the first Norwich to achieve a TQX**—very impressive! In addition to her wins with Savvy, Rainee's dogs, "**Elton**" (Ch. Den-Mar's Breakaway Rocketman) earned his **Novice Agility** title and "**Cece**" (Ch. Breakaway's Shenanigans NAJ) earned her **Novice Jumpers** titles.

Patty's Fornelli's Norwich earned many titles during these past six months. "**Kizzy**" (Norstar Clever Kismet NA NAJ) earned both her **Novice Agility (NA)** and **Novice Jumper With Weaves (NAJ)**. "**Tru**" (Norstar Tru Destiny RN NAP NJ) was a superstar during these past six months as well, earning his **Novice Agility Preferred (NAP)**, **Novice Jumpers Preferred (NJP)**, **Open Agility Preferred (GAP)**, **Open Jumpers Preferred (OJP)**, and his **Excellent Jumpers Preferred (AJP)**! Patty's most experienced agility dog, "**Magic**" (Ch. Shonleh He's a Magic Man), earned his **Master Jumper Bronze (MJB)** title. Bravo! Patty has much to brag about.

Many other NTCA-owned dogs earned their Novice and Novice Preferred titles. This means there is a group of up and coming agility champions to watch for in the future. **Heidi Evans** and "**Roy**" (Dignpop Fair and Square) earned both **Novice Agility** and **Novice Jumpers**. "**Wylie**" (Kilyka's Wylie Wonder), co-owned by **Betty McDonnell**, earned his **Novice Agility** and **Novice Agility Jumpers**. **Blair Kelly's "Paige"** and **Deb Lang-Stephenson's Ch. Kaleidoscope Claybrook Carter** earned **Novice Agility** titles. **Leslie Becker's "Alice"** (Ch. Skyscot's All In) and **Yvonne Vertlieb's "Dean"** (Scalawag's Foxwood Moonstruck) each earned **Novice Jumper** titles.

Novice Preferred dogs also earned many titles, jumping at a lower height but on the same courses as Regular. **Carol Clark's "Cassie"** (Ch. Shoebutton's Peggy Cass) earned her **Novice Agility Preferred** and **Novice Jumpers Preferred** as did **Betty McDonnell's "Hazel"** (Ch. Kilyka's Witch Hazel). Both these Norwich are breed champions enjoying agility as much as the show ring.

Though he is not a novice agility dog, **Jill Lowry's "Mack"** (Keleven's Mccracken BN RN MXB MJB NF) earned his title in **Novice FAST**, a game of strategy, skill, accuracy, speed, timing and distance handling.

In Open and Excellent A, **Melanie Bryson's "Ruby"** (Reverie's Dream A Little Dream AX AXJ THD CGC) earned her **Agility Excellent (AX)**, her **Excellent Agility Jumpers (AXJ)**, as well as her **Master Agility Excellent (MX)**, while Melanie's "**Molly**" (Arcadian-Dynamite Red Beryl MX MXS MXJ MJB THD) earned her **Master Agility Silver (MXS)** title.

Those earning titles in the Master category (previously called Excellent B) were **Carlynn Rick's "Hemi"** (OTCH Huntwood's Four On The Floor UDX MX MXJ MJB NF), who earned the **Master Agility Excellent** title, and **Don Krantz's "Sammy"** (Classic's Candy Man AXP MJP NFP), who earned his **Master Excellent Jumper Preferred (MJP)** title.

Now that the AKC has established new agility titles for dogs beyond the 10 legs needed for Master level, many NTCA Norwich have added to their list of titles. **Master Agility Bronze (MXB)** titles were earned by **Ursula Walsh's "George"** (Slightly The Hired Hand MX MXJ MJB OF) and **Joan Krantz's "Cricket"** (Elysium's Summersong At Pinelake MX MXJ MJB NF). **Joan's "Cricket," Carlynn's "Hemi," Ursula's "George," Patty Fornelli's "Magic" and Blair Kelly's**

“Olivia” (Jerusalem Olivia Lenox MX MXJ MJB NF) also earned their **Master Jumpers Bronze (MJB)** titles.

Achieving the Silver, Gold and Century titles is not for the faint of heart or spirit. Many hours of training and trialing go into these titles. **Chris Zink’s “Vespa”** (Jerusalem Road Less Travelled CD RA MX MXB MXJ MJS OF), **Susan’s Novotny’s “Lily Ru”** (Dignpop Lily Ru AX MXJ MJS OF) and **Melanie Bryson’s “Molly”** all earned **Master Agility Silver**, while **Ursula Walsh’s “Harry”** (MACH3 Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MXS2 MJC2 XF ME) achieved his **Master Agility Gold 2** and his **Master Jumper Century 2**. **“Harry”** has proved to be a long distance runner in his ability to run clean for 50, 75, 100-plus runs in both Standard and Jumpers.

The new AKC titles of Bronze, Silver, Gold and Century were inaugurated in July 2012. Some NCTA members and their dogs were granted these titles because they had accumulated enough legs prior to that time. Here is a list of some of the Norwich granted these new titles. This list may not be completely accurate, but it’s what was available at the time of printing this issue of the *News*:

Blair Kelly’s:

- **“Kate”** (Ch. MACH Jerusalem Katerina Minola) CD RN **MXB2** JMG OAP MJP3 MJPB NF NFP
- **“Bianca”** (Shakspers Bianca Minola) RX MX **MXB** MXJ MJS NAP NJP NF NFP
- **“Olivia”** (Jerusalem Olivia Lenox) MX MSJ **MJB** NF

Susan’s Novotny’s:

- **“Scooter”** (MACH Skycor’s Trouble Scooter) CDX RE **MJB**
- **“Lily Ru”** (DignPop’s Lucky Lily Ru) AX **MJS**

Ursula Walsh’s:

- **“Harry”** (MACH 3 Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry) CD RE **MXG2 MJC2** XF ME

Chris Zink’s:

- **“Vespa”** (Jerusalem Road Less Travelled) CD RA MX **MXB** MXJ MJB MJS OF

Achieving all these titles whether Novice, Open, Excellent, Master at its many levels, or getting a PAX, MACH, or PACH shows that these NTCA handlers are committed to keeping their Norwich companions happy, healthy and working. Congratulations! Run fast, run clean, and keep running—and good luck on many more titles in 2013!

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Soaring to new heights (“Wylie” Shlimbaum)

AKC Offers New Agility Titles, Effective July 1, 2012

Norwich agility competitors would all like to get multiple MACH's during our dogs' careers, but for many of us that reality is as elusive as the double qualifying scores we need to achieve a MACH. To recognize the achievements with our agility dogs, AKC now awards Lifetime Achievement Standard, Jumpers with Weaves, and FAST titles as well as FAST Century Titles and Triple Q Excellent Titles. These new titles will be awarded in both Regular and Preferred divisions. The higher title will supercede previous Lifetime Achievement awards in all AKC records. Many Norwich competitors now have a growing list of titles after their names.

The Lifetime Achievement Standard titles and requirements are:

- **Master Bronze Agility Title = MXB.** Requires twenty-five Master Agility Standard class qualifying scores of 100.
- **Master Silver Agility Title = MXS.** Requires the MXB title plus twenty-five additional Master Agility Standard class qualifying scores of 100.
- **Master Gold Agility Title = MXG.** Requires the MXS title plus twenty-five additional Master Agility Standard class qualifying scores of 100.
- **Master Century Agility Title = MXC.** Requires the MXG title plus twenty-five additional Master Agility Standard class qualifying scores of 100.

The Lifetime Achievement Jumpers With Weaves titles and requirements are:

- **Master Bronze Jumpers Title = MJB.** Requires twenty-five Master Jumpers With Weaves class qualifying scores of 100.
- **Master Silver Jumpers Title = MJS.** Requires the MJB title plus twenty-five additional Master Jumpers With Weaves class qualifying scores of 100.
- **Master Gold Jumpers Title = MJG.** Requires the MJS title plus twenty-five additional Master Jumpers With Weaves class qualifying scores of 100.
- **Master Century Jumpers Title = MJC.** Requires the MJG title plus twenty-five additional Master Jumpers With Weaves class qualifying scores of 100.

The Lifetime Achievement FAST titles and requirements are:

- **Master Bronze FAST Title = MFB.** Requires twenty-five Master FAST class qualifying scores of 60 points or greater.
- **Master Silver FAST Title = MFS.** Requires the MFB title plus twenty-five additional Master FAST class qualifying scores of 60 points or greater.
- **Master Gold FAST Title = MFG.** Requires the MFS title plus twenty-five additional Master FAST class qualifying scores of 60 points or greater.
- **Master Century FAST Title = MFC.** Requires the MFG title plus twenty-five additional Master FAST class qualifying scores of 60 points or greater.
- **FAST Century Title 1 = FTC1.** Requires the MXF title plus one-hundred (100) additional Master FAST class qualifying scores of 60 points or greater. The FTC title initials will be followed by a numeric designation indicating the quantity of times the dog has met the requirements of the FTC title as defined above (e.g., 200 Master FAST Class qualifying scores of 60 points or greater = FTC2).

Triple Q Excellent = TQX. Requires the XF title. In order to acquire the Triple Q Excellent Title, a dog must receive 10 triple qualifying scores from the Master Agility Standard class, the Master Jumpers With Weaves class and the Master FAST class on the same day.

The Lifetime Achievement Standard *Preferred* titles and requirements are the same as the Regular Class. Titles for a dog running in the Preferred class will contain a “P.”

[Information taken from Appendix B of the *Regulations for Agility Trials*, Chapter 2, Section 3 and Chapter 8, Section 6]

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The AKC National Agility Championship: Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 15-17, 2013

Congratulations to the four Norwich Terriers and their
owner-handlers who qualified for the National Agility Championship
held March 15-17 in Tulsa, Oklahoma!

Patty Fornelli and “**Magic**” (Ch. Shonleh He’s a Magic Man RA MX MSJ MJB XF), Rainee Johnson and “**Savvy**” (MACH3 Breakaway’s In The Know RN MXG MJG MXF MFB TQX T2B), Jill Lowry and “**Mack**” (MACH Keleven’s Mccracken CD BN RN MXB MJB NF), and Ursula Walsh and “**Harry**” (MACH4 Yarrow’s Mgb Beach Pine Harry CD RE MXS2 MJC2 XF ME) all earned 6 QQ’s and 400 MACH points during the qualifying period. Only Rainee and Savvy actually attended the competition. Savvy ran well, holding her own against national agility competitors and finishing 59th out of 143 in the 8” class.

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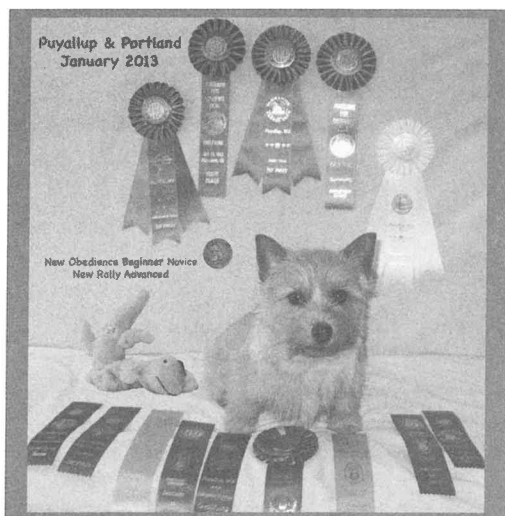
Changes in the Qualifying Requirements For the 2014 AKC National Agility Championship

To qualify for the 2014 AKC National Agility Championship, both Regular and Preferred dogs must earn 4 double Q’s and 20 qualifying legs in Master Standard and/or Master Jumpers with Weaves (the double Q’s will count as part of the 20 legs) and 500 MACH points or 500 PACH points during the qualifying period December 1, 2012 through and including November 30, 2013. Preferred dogs may run either Preferred or Regular from December 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 and still be eligible for the event.

Norwich in Rally and Obedience

Two NTCA members named Jill are responsible for most of the Norwich rally and obedience titles reported in this *News*. **Jill Lowry** and **MACH Keleven's Mccracken CD BN RN MXB MJB NF ("Mack")**, from Kentucky, finished the **Rally Novice** title at the October 2012 Kimberton trial. Jill and "Mack" also started the **Companion Dog** title there, and finished that a few months later. "Mack" gave us a fine performance in both rings at Kimberton. Congrats to Jill Lowry for her hard work.

In the Pacific Northwest, **Jill Petersen** has been working hard with **Amblegreen Notti Marietta BN RA ("Etta")**. They finished the **Beginner Novice** obedience title in mid-January, and then, a week later, finished **Rally Advanced**. "Etta" earned these titles with 5 first places! Even better, Jill says, "She has a great attitude, and she is tons of fun to show."



"I did good!" 'Etta' Petersen with her collection of obedience/rally rosettes

Meanwhile, those California girls just keep doing wonderful things with their Norwich. **Patty Fornelli** is starting a new dog, **Norstar Tru Destiny RN NAP OJP (Tru)**. In addition to working in agility, Tru earned a **Rally Novice** title, a wonderful way to get your dog to pay attention to YOU instead of to all those other wonderful distractions that abound in and out of every ring. **Rainee Johnson** and **MACH2 Breakaway's In The Know RN MXG MJG MXF MFB T2B (Savvy)** are working in another arena. In addition to careening around the agility ring at MACH3(!) speed, Savvy can be quite calm and civilized, as she proved in 3 appearances in the rally ring, earning a **Rally Novice** title.

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The New/Old Barn Hunt

Do you want to have more fun with your Norwich? Then you should try Barn Hunting, which is now an official titling sport for you and your terrier. For years there have been informal, fun barn hunts held all over the country. In these events, dogs negotiate through bales of hay to find and mark prey (rats) in PVC tubes hidden in and under the hay. Now there is an official group called the Barn Hunt Association (BHA), which will be holding its first titling event in Columbia, Missouri this April 13th and 14th.

This sport is based on skills that itinerant “rat catchers” used in traveling the countryside with their small-to-medium-sized dogs to rid farms of vermin. Our small, easily transportable terriers were probably originally used for this kind of work as well as for going to ground after larger prey. The present-day Barn Hunt Trial tests dogs for the skills needed to find and dispatch rats and can be held inside or outside—not necessarily in a barn. Today the rats are safely contained in PVC tubes and remain unharmed. Dogs used by the itinerant rat catchers were not necessarily the traditional go-to-ground breeds, and neither are today’s Barn Hunt participants.

Any breed of dog can play, but the dog must be registered for a small fee with the Barn Hunt Association. Furthermore, the dog must love to hunt, be able to fit through an 18 inch covered opening between hay bales, and also be agile enough to climb up a hay bale in search of rats. The rats in PVC tubes are hidden under piles of hay, along with empty tubes and tubes filled with rat-scented bedding. You and your dog must be able to distinguish between tubes with live rats and the ones that don’t have rats in them. This requires the handler to know his dog, so he can affirm that the dog is marking a tube with rats inside and not just showing what, hopefully, is only a passing interest in a tube of scented bedding!

Passing the test, as well as placement, is determined by time as well as accuracy. The courses increase in complexity and in numbers of tubes as the dog gains titles and progresses through the different levels. There are four levels of tests. They start with RAT1, a non-titling Intro/Instinct course consisting of a simple straight chute with a tunneling element through hay bales and one climbing element which the dog must negotiate. The dog has 4 minutes from the release to find and mark the tube with rats in it. There will be two other tubes hidden on the course—one empty and one with scent inside. The Titling courses increase in complexity through RAT Novice, Open, and Master. In Master Tests, the dog has 4 minutes to negotiate a course that will include extra obstacles as well as hay bales. Both dog and handler must be able to distinguish among 10 tubes—some only scented and at least one to five with live rats inside.

Hopefully many Norwich and their owners will try this new titling sport. I have only participated in one fun barn hunt, and it was quite interesting. I found that I did not know my Master Earth Dog Norwich as well as I thought I did. It was a real challenge for me to distinguish his marks of tubes with live rats as opposed to the scented tubes without rats in them. Hopefully as this new game catches on, our NTCA Versatility Awards will include either an Earth Dog Title or a Barn Hunt Title. I have heard that the AKC may be adding Barn Hunt to their performance titles—for a small fee, of course.

For more information on upcoming official Barn Hunts go to: <http://barnhunt.com/>. There is also a Yahoo Group you can join which has lots of information about the new organization at: pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/barnhunt/.

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Etta's JE Title

NTCA member **Jill Petersen** of Kenmore, Washington, has put a **Canadian Junior Earthdog** title on her young Norwich **Amblegreen Notti Marietta BN RA**, aka "**Etta**." Despite the wet weather and the mud, "Etta" and Jill earned the Canadian JE at an earthdog test in British Columbia this past September. Congratulations!

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Photo submitted by Denise Faulkner

"Leo" Faulkner approaching an earthdog tunnel

Ch. Dancy's Rough Rider

(Ch. Cobby's Hidden Treasure
x GCH Dancy's Storm Warning)

Breeders/Owners:

Nancy & Dwain Lentz

"Ted" started his show career by winning Best in Sweeps at Desert Empire Terrier Club. On that same weekend in Palm Springs (CA), he also won a Bred-By Group 2, a Puppy Group 4, and two 4-point majors. Ted finished his championship in 6 shows, with 4 majors and two reserves to majors, at just 7 months of age.



Ch. Dancy's Annie Get Your Gun

(Ch. Dunbar's Desperado of Acadia
x GCH Dancy's Hot Commodity)

Breeders/Owners:

Nancy & Dwain Lentz

"Annie" finished her title with back to back 5 point majors in Portland. Annie also won 2 majors in Palm Springs. Annie was Best in Sweeps at Northern California Terrier Association under Laurie Loeffler at 7 months. Annie earned all of her points from the Bred-By class, finishing at 17 months.

Ch. Dancy's Calamity Jane

(Ch. Dunbar's Desperado of Acadia
x GCH Dancy's Hot Commodity)

Breeders/Owners:

Nancy & Dwain Lentz

"Jane" started her show career by going Best of Breed over Specials her first weekend out at 6 months of age. She went on to win Best of Opposite in Sweeps at the 2012 NTCA National Specialty in St. Louis under breeder-judge Joan Eckert. Jane finished her championship in Tucson, AZ at 14 months, earning all her points from the Bred-By class.





Ch. White Diamonds Unique Sun of Dungeness

(GCH Littlefield Dignpop Dashiell of Dungeness x
Ch. Unique's Star Spangled Banner)

Breeders/Owners: Christopher Larson & Karen Whalen

"Sunny" finished at 13 months by winning 5-point, 3-point and 4-point majors at the Covered Bridge Cluster in Albany, Oregon in February 2013. Not to be outdone by his litter sister "Nicki," he finished in two weekends and won a Terrier Puppy Group 1 at the Whidbey Island KC in November 2012.



Ch. White Diamonds Uniquely Dungeness

(GCH Littlefield Dignpop Dashiell of Dungeness x
Ch. Unique's Star Spangled Banner)

Breeders/Owners: Christopher Larson & Karen Whalen

"Nicki" finished in February 2013 by going Best of Winners with a 5-point major at the Linn County KC show. She loves to show, winning Best Bred By Terrier Group 1 at the Tacoma KC show in January. Nicki lives in Pasco, Washington with her co-breeder/co-owner/handler Christopher Larson.

The 2012 Montgomery Weekend

Once again Norwich owners gathered together for the love of our breed in the misty October Pennsylvania meadows. This year's Montgomery County KC show was a NTCA supported entry, not a National Specialty. Regardless, it is hard to miss the best terrier show in the country and the entries, while lower than those at the June 2012 NTCA National Specialty in St. Louis, were still quite high. There were 29 Norwich entered in Sweeps and 97 in the regular classes at the MCKC show. Since I had the honor of judging Sweepstakes at Montgomery this year, I don't have general observations about the overall entry or the show sites. But most readers will have been to the Hatboro Kennel Club's Wrightstown, PA venue, no doubt having gotten lost at least once on the way there over the years. Now for posterity, here are the results of the MCKC weekend conformation shows:

Hatboro I

Thursday, October 4th

Judge: Dr. Andrew Kramer

- **Winners Dog** (Open Class): **Dreamweaver Rockets' Red Glare** (Ch. Rosecroft Once More X Dreamweaver Santa's Vixen). Breeder/Owner: Alfred J. Ferruggiaro. Agent: Margery Good.
- **Reserve Winners Dog** (Puppy 6-9): **Bronwyn He's A Heartbreaker** (Cog-Wheel's Alladin-Sane X Ch. Bronwyn Cadbury's Amazin' Raisin). Breeder: Minna-Liisa Koltes, Bob Busby & Prue Richardson. Owner: Minna-Liisa Koltes. Agent: Roxanne Sutton.
- **Winners Bitch/ Best of Winners** (12-18 months): **Watermark Cecelia** (Ch. Yellowrose High Pines Exclusive X Ch. Watermark Candy Cane). Breeder/Owner: Phyllis Giroux DVM. Agent: Roxanne Sutton.
- **Reserve Winners Bitch** (Open): **Capability's Happy Talk** (GCH Waiterock Jack Falstaff X Ch. Itsy Bitsy Run Around Sue). Breeder/Co-Owner: Claire Johnson. Co-breeder: Brenda Newcomb. Co-Owner: Antonio Donato DVM. Agent: Wood Wornall.
- **BOB/Group 4: GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold'em** (GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip X Skyscot's Pen Pal). Breeder: Leslie Becker. Owner: Sharon Esposito MD. Agent: Brenda Lee Combs.
- **BOS: Ch. Kilyka's Witch Hazel** (GCH Dignpop Dash of Panache X Ch. Kilyka's Early Bird CDX, NA, NAJ). Breeder/Owner/Handler: Betty McDonnell.
- **AOM/Select Dog: GCH Fly'n High's Rocket Man** (Ch. Rosecroft Once More X Ch. Ascot Tiger Lily). Breeder/Owner/Handler: Sharon Jones
- **AOM/Select Bitch: Ch. Foxwood's Diamond in the Ruff** (Ch. Dunbar's Kensington Square X Ch. Foxwood Loose Connection). Breeder/Owner/Handler: Kathryn A. Mines.
- **3rd AOM: GCH Apollo** (Ch. Briardale's King of the Road X Ch. Briardales No Nonsense Nina). Breeders/Owners: Chee Wai Chen & Cary J. Trexler. Co-owned by Carole Bullwinkle Foucrault. Agent: Amy Rutherford.
- **4th AOM: Ch. Highwood's Whirling Dun** (Ch. WWW.Redbully De Vom Rittersee X Highwood's Pheasant Tail). Breeder: Knowlton Reynders. Owners: Janos & Nancy Fonyo. Agent: Andrew Green.

Hatboro II: NTCA Supported Entry without Sweepstakes

Friday, October 5th

Judge: Rosalind Kramer

- **Winners Dog/Best of Winners** (12-18 mos.): **Taliesin Double Brass** (Ch. Ter-Haven Bold As Brass X GCH Abbedale Take Two At Taliesin). Breeders: Lisa & John Sons and Joan Eckert. Owners: Annette Bone & Lisa Sons. "Bentley" was handled by Andrew Gullick.
- **RWD** (Open): **Jaeva Could It Be Magic** (Nepomuk Von Den Zwei Eichen At Saltarello X Jaeva Nut Meg). Breeder: Martin Phillips. Owners: Jane R. & William J. Schubart. Agent: Roxanne Sutton.
- **Winners Bitch/BOS** (Open): **Ascot Red Poppy** (Ch. Dunbar's Kensington Square X Ch. Foxwood's Loose Connection). Breeders/Owners: Jane R. & William J. Schubart.
- **RWB** (Open): **Capability's Happy Talk** (See Hatboro I RWB).
- **BOB: GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold'Em** (See Hatboro I BOB).
- **AOM/Select Dog: Ch. Highwood's Whirling Dun.** (See Hatboro I).
- **Select Bitch: GCH Pinelake's Fairy Tail** (Ch. Pinelake's Mega Bucks X Ch. Shoebutton's Peggy Cass). Breeder: Carol S. Clark. Owners: Kelly & David Foos.
- **2nd AOM: GCH. Scalawag The Sheriff At Stetlands** (Beric's Morgan Kelliwick X Scalawag's Law & Order). Breeder: Yvonne Vertlieb. Owner: Teri Nyari.
- **3rd AOM: Ch. Jaeva Kaos.** (Rouletta Havin A Good Thyme X Jaeva Shooting Star). Breeder: Martin Phillips. Owners: Wallace W. Lumpkin & Karl N. Marshall Esq. Agent: Roxanne Sutton.
- **4th AOM: GCH Ascot Sanspur At Yarrow** (Ch. Sandina Sandman X Yarrow Pleasanthyme Belle Star). Breeders: Jane R. & William J. Schubart. Owners: Lynn & Howard Marshall & Pam Beale. Agent: Bill McFadden.

Devon

Saturday, October 6th

Judge: Kerry Lee

- **Winners Dog/Best of Winners** (Puppy Dog): **Bronwyn He's A Heartbreaker** (See RWD Hatboro I).
- **RWD** (Bred-By): **Dunbar's Heir Apparent** (GCH Yarrow Venerie Old King Cold X Ch. Dunbar's Runaway Bride). Breeder/Owner/Handler: Joan Schurr Kefeli.
- **Winners Bitch** (12-18 months): **Rexroth Best Bette At Paradym** (GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip X Ch. Foozle's Steel Magnolia). Breeder: Lesley Walter. Owner: Kelly Wood.
- **RWB** (Open): **Capability's Happy Talk** (See RWB Hatboro I & II).
- **BOB: GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em** (See BOB Hatboro I & II).
- **BOS: GCH Beric's Taecini** (Ch. Oakwood's Gummi Bear at Scalawag X Ch. Beric's Boadicea). Breeders/Owners: Nancy Nosiglia & Mark Gustavson.
- **Select Dog: Ch. Highwood's Whirling Dun** (See Select Dog Hatboro I & II).
- **Select Bitch: Ch. Janora's Glitter Baby** (Ch. Janora's The Word Is Out X Ch. Janora's Obsession). Breeder/Owner: Norma Braun.

Montgomery County KC: NTCA Supported Entry with Sweepstakes

Sunday, October 7th

Sweepstakes

Judge: Leandra Little ("Littlefield" Norwich)

[Judge's note: Thanks very much to the NTCA membership for choosing me to judge the MCKC Sweepstakes in 2012. It will always be a treasured memory. The entries were really lovely. I only saw one iffy bite and a few who did not care to move very well in the wet grass. Oh well...I've been there. Thanks too to the club for the judge's gift of the lovely engraved wooden box with the Norwich Terrier motif and my kennel name engraved on the cover. That is a very tangible and treasured keepsake. —Leandra Little]

- **Best in Sweepstakes** (Junior 15 and under 18 months Bitches): **Rexroth Best Bette at Paradym** (See WB Devon).
- **Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes** (Junior 15 and under 18 months Dogs): **Beric's Dreaming of Foxwood** (GCH Foxwood Chasing A Dream X GCH Beric's Taecini). Breeders: Nancy Nosiglia & Mark Gustavson. Owners: Nancy Nosiglia & Kathryn Mines.



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Best in Sweepstakes:
Rexroth Best Bette At Paradym
(GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x Ch. Foozle's Sweet Magnolia), pictured with Sweeps judge Leandra (Lee) Little, owner Kelly Wood, and NTCA President Jean Kessler

- **Best Veteran in Sweepstakes:** **GCH Romany's Admiral Lord Nelson** (Ch. WWW. Red Bully vom Rittersee - Ch. Woodlands Wild Indigo). Breeder/Owner: Alicia Smilowitz.
- **Best of Opposite Sex to Best Veteran in Sweepstakes:** **Ch. Foxwood Mousekateer** (Ch. Highwood's Ratfaced MacDougal X Ch. Foxwood's Princess Beatrice). Breeder/Owner: Kathryn Mines.

Regular Classes

Judge: Larry Adams ("Gaylord" Norwich)

- **Winners Dog** (Puppy 6-9 months): **Bronwyn He's A Heartbreaker** (See WD Hatboro I & Devon).
- **Reserve Winners Dog** (Bred-By): **Beric's Dreaming of Foxwood** (See BOS in Sweeps MCKC)

- **Winners Bitch/Best of Winners** (15-18 months class): **Rexroth Best Bette at Paradym** (See WB Devon & Best in Sweeps MCKC)
- **Reserve Winners Bitch** (Open): **Capability's Happy Talk** (RWB Hatboro I, II and Devon)
- **BOB: GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em.** Congratulations to Leslie Becker (Breeder), Sharon Esposito MD (owner) and Brenda Lee Combs (handler) for "Decker's" clean sweep at all 4 shows.
- **BOS: Ch. Kilyka's Witch Hazel** (See BOS Hatboro I)
- **Select Dog: GCH Fly'n High's Rocket Man** (See Select Dog Hatboro I)
- **Select Bitch: Ch. Foozle's Cote De Beaune** (Moonshadow's Marauder X Ch. Foozle's Violets Are Blue). Breeder/Owner: Alyson Greenlaw Cleary.
- **Brace/Group 4: Ch. Kilyka's Early Bird CDX NA NAJ** (Ch. Littlefield's Custom Tailored for Culpepper X Kilyka's Shabby Chic) Bred, owned and handled by Betty McDonnell. Co-bred by Karen Hansen.
- **Ch. Kilyka's Witch Hazel** (Ch. Dignipop Dash of Panache X Ch. Kilyka's Early Bird CDX NA NAJ) (See BOS Hatboro I and Montgomery)

Kudos to all who volunteered in any way; it is SO appreciated. Congratulations to all who entered and showed. Thank goodness the rain held off until the very end of Sweeps. Then, when the gray skies made good on their promise, despite dire predictions, the dampness didn't last long. Finally, an enormous THANK YOU to outgoing Show Chair John Francisco, who steadfastly held that post since club division in 2009. NTCA members owe John a huge debt of gratitude for an outstanding job!

—Leandra (Lee) Little, "Littlefield" Norwich
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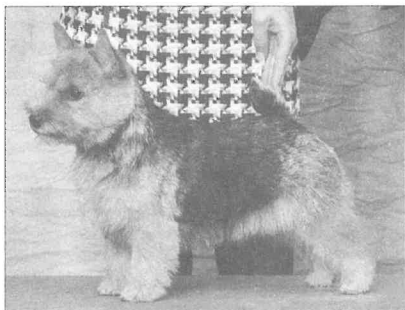


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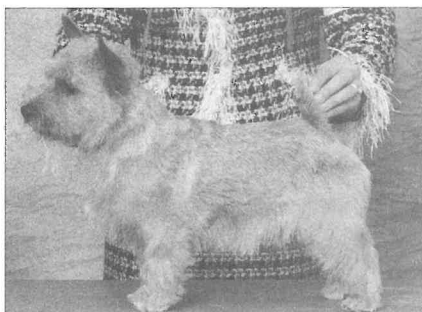
"How do I stack up?" ("Phoebe" Seifert)



Best of Breed: GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em
(GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x Skyscot's Pen Pal), pictured with judge Larry Adams, handler Brenda Combs and NTCA President Jean Kessler



Best of Winners/Winners Bitch: Rexroth Best Bette at Paradym
(GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x Ch. Foozle's Sweet Magnolia),
from the 15-18 months Bitches class



Winners Dog: Bronwyn He's A Heartbreaker
(Cog-Wheel's Alladin-Sane x Ch. Bronwyn Cadbury's Amazin' Raisin), from the
6-9 months Puppy Dogs class



**Best of Opposite Sex:
Ch. Kilyka's Witch Hazel**
(Ch. Dignpop Dash of Panache x
Ch. Kilyka's Early Bird CDX NA NAJ)

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Beyond the Show Rings: A Brief Recap of MCKC Weekend Events

[Excerpts from NTCA President Jean Kessler's November 12, 2012 Letter to the NTCA Membership]

Dear NTCA Members,

Montgomery Weekend 2012 is in the record books, but the memories of NTCA members and the great times we shared live on. Thanks to all who came to participate in a variety of events, educational and social activities.

A health clinic with Dr. Jones, a local Pennsylvania veterinarian, was conducted by NTCA Health Committee members late Thursday afternoon preceding the NTCA mixer. After the delicious pasta bar, members enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation by Lori Pelletier, NTCA Judges' Education Chair. ... Friday evening, members gathered for dinner in the hotel dining room, where quite a bit of enthusiasm was generated for the Notions offerings of Patty Warrender and the silent and live auctions organized by Judy Laffey and Lisa Sons. Candice Harper served as auctioneer for the live auction items and kept bidding at a lively pace. Thanks to all who donated items for this fund raiser and to all who purchased. Thanks also to Hospitality Committee members Donna West, who made name tags for the events, and Joan Graham, who helped Donna with door check-in. Appreciation also to Jeff Seifert, who set up our public address system, helping speakers to be heard clearly at events.

Our 2012 NTCA calendars, produced by Ways and Means Chair Tonnie Willrich and her committee, were also for sale. Thanks to the committee for a lovely calendar and to all who sent beautiful Norwich pictures.

Our annual members' meeting was held on Saturday evening. John Jacobs served as Parliamentarian. The motion concerning the requiring of PLL testing, mailed to the membership by Blair Kelly prior to the meeting, was defeated. Jane Schubart, Illustrated Standard Committee Chair, gave a progress report and estimated that the finished product will be presented to members by June 2013. ... John Francisco was thanked for his work as Show Chair and his replacement, Marget Johnson, was introduced. Out-going Board members Magda Chiarella and Alison Freehling were thanked for their service to NTCA and their replacements, Susan Miller Hall and Patty Warrender, were recognized. ... Our only new club member in attendance, Nan Diefendorf, was welcomed and presented with a NTCA pin.

On Sunday, members were welcomed to our MCKC ringside hospitality table, hosted by Bambi Holly and Jean Kessler.

As ever, I'm open to any and all suggestions for improving NTCA and for the betterment of our breed. —JK

The Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club 2012 Specialty

The Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club (LSNTC) held its 2012 Specialty in Dallas on December 8 in conjunction with the Trinity Valley Kennel Club Show. After years of having the show in San Antonio in the summer, the LSNTC decided to try different locations within its region. The Christmas season made the show especially festive. The decorating committee, headed by Robin Hoch, used an English Christmas theme. Robin commissioned a group of art

students to design and create a double decker English bus complete with Norwich Terriers looking out the windows. Christmas lights, garland, and a Christmas tree completed the scene. The Christmas tree was decorated with Norwich cookies handmade and decorated by Polly O'Neal. The scene was very popular with all the exhibitors and won a Reserve Best in Show ribbon!

The Trinity Valley Kennel Club was most hospitable, allowing us to have a prominent Club grooming area and supplying the ribbons for the Specialty. Steve Vaughn set up the grooming area for the Club and Kristin Conlan prepared hospitality bags for all the Norwich exhibitors. The Specialty was well attended and attracted many out-of-state exhibitors.

Mr. Robert Stein judged the Specialty. After examining the dogs, Mr. Stein chose **Rockstar Dancing Flame** (Ch. Derrymoor's Friar x Castlebar Rockstar Saranade), bred and owned by Gwen Warkentin, as his **Winners Dog and Best of Winners**. Gwen did an outstanding job exhibiting her own dog.

Roserock's Atticus Finch (Ch. Skyscot's Midnight Cowboy x Ch. Dunbar's Bell of the Ball), bred and owned by Ellen Ford, was awarded **Reserve Winners Dog**. **Winners Bitch** was awarded to **Itsy Bitsy Cross My Heart** (GCH Itsy Bitsy Troubadour x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Rock Around the Clock), bred and owned by Tonnies and Gerard Willrich and expertly shown by Betty Bossio. **Reserve Winners Bitch** went to **Arcadian Prairie Stargazer** (Ch. Reverie's Royal Legacy x Ch. Arcadian Prairie Blazing Star), bred and owned by Kathleen Wherley.

Mr. Stein moved on to choose his **Best of Breed**, **GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold'em** (GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x Skyscot's Pen Pal), artfully exhibited by Brenda Combs, bred by Leslie Becker, and owned by Sharon Esposito MD. **Select Dog** was **GCH M & M's Macho Man** (Ch. Skyscot's Man in Command x Ch. Norieland Gypsy Rose Lee), bred and owned by Donna Moore. Mr. Stein chose **GCH Itsy Bitsy Pocket Change** (Ch. Reverie's Royal Legacy x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Ruby Tuesday), bred by Tonnies and Gerard Willrich, owned by Maria Kelley, and expertly exhibited by Judi Hartell, as his **Best of Opposite Sex**. **Select Bitch** was **Ch. Norieland Andrea Gail** (Ch. Skyscot's Man in Command x Ch. Norieland Sexy Sadie), bred by Steve and Karen Vaughn, owned by the Vaughns and Kate Zimmer, and beautifully shown by Kate Zimmer.

After a long day of showing, we all relaxed and celebrated at nearby Dunston's Steak House. A menu with several choices was offered. We shared a delicious meal and held a silent and live auction. Once again the LSNTC celebrated our Norwich Terriers with a successful Specialty weekend.

The LSNTC's 2013 Specialty will be held on Saturday, July 20 with the Beaumont Kennel Club in conjunction with the Houston Reliant Shows. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.



Robin Hoch, chair of LSNTC Specialty decorations, in front of the delightful Norwich Terrier bus

Photo submitted by Tonnies Willrich

—Tonnies Willrich, "Itsy Bitsy" Norwich, La Grange, TX
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NTCA Supported Entry: Richland County Kennel Club

December 15, 2012, Cleveland, Ohio

Breed Judge: Mr. Gary L. Doerge – Entry: 5-6 (1-2)

- **BOB: GCH Camio's Educated Exemplar** (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Ch. Camio's Educated Guess NJP). Breeder/Owner: Catherine Rogers
- **BOS: Ch. Rexroth Best Bette At Paradym** (GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x Ch. Foozle's Steel Magnolia). Breeder: Lesley Walter; Owner: Kelly A. Wood
- **BOW/WD: Fishback Flap Jax** (GCH Fishback Biskit x Dunbar's Pancake). Breeder: Susan Miller Hall. Owners: Susan Miller Hall & Lisa Bright
- **RWD: Dunbar's Heir Apparent** (GCH Yarrow Venerie Old King Cold x Ch. Dunbar's Runaway Bride). Breeder/Owner: Joan Schurr-Kefeli
- **WB: Sherwood's Eat My Words** (Ch. Paradym Yarrow Mark My Words x Sherwood's Touch Of Magic). Breeder/Owner: Jennifer Prawel Tirone
- **RWB: Camio's Educated in Vegas** (GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x Ch. Camio's Educated Guess NJP). Breeder/Owner: Catherine Rogers
- **Select Bitch: GCH Pinelake's Fairy Tail** (Ch. Pinelake's Mega Bucks x Ch. Shoebutton's Peggy Cass). Breeder: Carol S. Clark. Owners: Kelly Foos & David Foos

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Norwich fanciers at Richland County show (l.to r.): Kelly Wood, Jennifer Prawel Tirone, Norma Braun, Joan Kefeli, Kelly Foos, Mary Aggers, Melissa Wells, April Clark, Amy Grace Clark, Susan Miller Hall, Carol Clark, Erin Cottrill, Elsie Francisco, Cathy Rogers

Norwich Conformation Results at the 2012 AKC Eukanuba

Orlando, Florida was once again the site of the AKC Eukanuba National Championship dog show, held December 15 & 16, 2012. The "Meet the Breeds" area was set up a bit differently than the previous year. It occupied part of the main exhibition hall between the conformation rings and the agility rings. This location proved to be more user friendly for the visitors.

There was lots of help setting up and manning the NTCA breed booth. Mickey and Minnie Mouse walking their Norwich adorned the booth with the help of club members Melanie Bryson, Lee Little, Betty McDonnell, Donna West, Candice Harper, Joan Krantz, Ursula Walsh, and Heidi Evans—plus some of our own Norwich. The booth stayed busy, with both prospective new owners as well as current owners stopping by to meet the Norwich. Meet the Breeds, combined with watching the top five Norwich run agility on Saturday, provided a fun time for visitors.

On Sunday December 16, NTCA Board member and Norwich breeder ("Dreamweaver") Mr. Alfred J Ferruggiaro judged the Norwich conformation with the following results:

- **Best of Breed: GCH Waiterock Jack Falstaff.** Breeder-Owner: Candice Harper
- **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Michan's Penny Black.** Breeders: Lynn Marshall and Emiko Kim; Owners: Sharon Curry and Michele Fain
- **Select Dog: GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em.** Breeder: Leslie M. Becker; Owner: Sharon Esposito MD
- **Select Bitch: Ascot Red Poppy.** Breeders: Jane R. and William J. Schubart & Kathryn Mines; Owners: William J. and Jane R. Schubart
- **Best Bred-By in Breed: GCH M & M's Macho Man.** Breeder-Owner: Donna K. Moore

Awards of Excellence

- **1st: Ch. Bronwyn He's A Heartbreaker.** Breeder: Minna-Lisa Koltes, Bob Busby & Prue Richardson; Owner: Minna-Lisa Koltes
- **2nd: Ch. Scalawag The Sheriff at Stetland.** Breeder: Yvonne Vertlieb; Owner: Teri Nyari
- **3rd: GCH Ascot Sanspur At Yarrow.** Breeders: William J. & Jane R. Schubart; Owners: Lynn and Howard Marshall & Pam Beale.

Congratulations to all!



NTCA members (l. to r.) Donna West, Melanie Bryson, Heidi Evans, Betty McDonnell & Lee Little at the 2012 Eukanuba "Meet the Breeds" booth

Photo submitted by Heidi Evans

—Heidi Evans, Sarasota, FL
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Norwich Terriers at Westminster 2013

February is an iffy month to say the least. As I listened to the babbling of the television weather forecasters prior to this year's Westminster, it sounded as if a lot of snow would fall on the Big Apple the weekend prior to the show. The snow came and delivered three feet to the Boston area; two feet fell in areas of Connecticut and eighteen inches at my house on Long Island. The eastern portion of the Long Island Expressway, a major highway into New York City, was shut down for snow removal. The Mayor of New York City asked residents to stay home and those using public transportation to leave the city to do so as quickly as possible. Snow removal in the city is quick, and the city's subway system helps to rid the sidewalks of snow due to the underground heat. The city looked gorgeous covered in a blanket of white, but crossing corners was a bit tough. Thank goodness for boots....

Monday morning, I and two out-of-town friends made our way to Piers 92/94, the new venue for Westminster breed judging. Originally, I didn't believe that Westminster should use the Piers. After all, there isn't any decent parking and no hotels nearby. The Piers are on the complete west side of the city along the Hudson River. In their heyday, the piers were active with cruise ships. Today, the Piers are used in many other ways. When we arrived, the sight of the purple and gold banner stretched across Pier 94 announcing the Westminster dog show was wonderful to behold.

Westminster has some tweaking to do to make the new show venue a bit better, e.g., additional seating ringside, a better food court, and freight elevators that both work. I understand these items are already in the works. Benching was wonderful; there was plenty of room for the dog crates and for the exhibitor/handler to groom. There was no dungeon feeling here, as the windows stretch across the perimeters of each Pier. Nothing beats natural light. Westminster arranged for shuttle buses to transport canines and people from the hotels near Madison Square Garden (the Affinia, the Renna and the New Yorker) to the Piers and back to the hotels. For the first time in many years, class dogs/bitches were allowed to compete. Flipping through the catalog, I didn't see many exhibitors taking advantage of this; possibly next year we'll see an increase in class competition. Only the Best Breed winners were allowed in Madison Square Garden for the Group judging each evening.

Nineteen Norwich were entered on Tuesday under judge Gary Vlachos, who used to breed and exhibit Soft-Coated Wheaten Terriers. From the three class entries (all bitches), Mr. Vlachos selected **Pouch Cove's Almost An Heir** (GCH Yarrow Venerie Old King Cole x Fentondale's Good Witch) as **Winners Bitch** and, later, **Best of Opposite Sex**. She was bred by Peggy Helming, is owned by Peggy and David Helming, and was exhibited by Andrew Green. The Helmings are well known in the canine world for their Newfoundlands, having won Best in Show at Westminster in 2004. **Select Bitch** was awarded to **Ch. Ascot Red Poppy**, bred and owned by Jane and William Schubart and co-bred with Kathryn Mines. This lovely bitch was sired by Ch. Dunbar's Kensington Square out of Ch. Foxwoods Loose Connection. The number one Norwich Terrier, **GCH Skycot's Texas Hold 'Em**, bred by Leslie Becker and owned by Dr. Sharon Esposito, captured the blue ribbon for **Best of Breed**. This little black and tan, expertly handled by Brenda Combs, is a heartrob. His sire, GCH Skycot's Poker Chip, was a big Norwich winner who placed in the Terrier Group both at Westminster and at Montgomery a few years ago. Good breeding on Leslie Becker's part! Skycot's Pen Pal is the dam. I was particularly impressed with "Hold 'Em's" hind quarters, from which he obviously gets his drive as he cruises the ring, and his nice, level top line. **Select Dog** was awarded to **GCH Highwood's Whirling Dun** (Ch. WWW Redbully De Vom Rittersee x Highwood's Pheasant Tail), bred by Knowlton Reynders, owned by Janos and Nancy Fonjo, and exhibited by Andrew Green.

Nice going to all the Norwich exhibitors. I hope to see everyone at Westminster 2014.

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

The 2013 Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago Specialty

The Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago held its 23rd Annual Specialty on Saturday, February 23 in conjunction with the International Kennel Club of Chicago at the McCormick Place North, Chicago, IL. A NTCGC Supported Entry was held at the same venue on Sunday, February 24.

The Chicago weather raised its ugly head on Thursday night, with high winds and 3-5 inches of snow, depending on which part of the city you were in. City crews were out plowing early Friday morning and, except for a few drifts, streets were in fairly good shape. By Saturday morning (Specialty Day), all streets were in good shape. NTCGC members Susan Miller Hall, April Clark, & Amy Grace Clark arrived early with coffee and donuts for everyone. Joan Eckert, Lisa Sons, Judy Laffey, and Bonnie Johnson provided pasta salad, sandwiches, and dessert for lunch.

NTCA Treasurer Candice Harper ("**Waiterock**" **Norwich**) judged **Sweepstakes**. Four puppy dogs (one absent) and 4 puppy bitches (all present) were entered. From the 9-12 months puppy dog class, Candice selected **Sho-me Fishback Friday** (GCH Fishback Biskit x Miller's Sho-Me Polished Amber), bred and co-owned by Susan Miller Hall & Fran Westfall, as **Best in Sweepstakes**. From the 9-12 months puppy bitches class, **Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes** went to **Millbrook's Storm Warning At Foxglyn** (Ch. Dunbar's Desperado Of Arcadia x Ch Fozzle's Dark & Stormy At Millbrook), bred by Lori Pelletier & Paul & Nancy Eddy and co-owned by Nichola Conroy & Lori Pelletier.

Breed was judged by **Peggy Haas**, who was filling in for the absent Dorothy M. Macdonald. Nine dogs were entered, with 2 absent (5points); eight bitches were entered, with 2 absent (4 points). The judge selected the following winners:

- **Winners Dog;** (Bred by Exhibitor class): **Sho-Me Fishback Friday** (see Best in Sweepstakes)
- **Reserve Winners Dog;** (Amateur Owner Handler class): **Foursquare Wilderness Explorer** (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Wynward Foursquare Run The Hoops), bred and co-owned by Jeri Hoppe and Elizabeth Fujikawa.
- **Winners Bitch/Best of Winners** (9-12 months class): **Millbrook's Storm Warning At Foxglyn** (see BOS Sweepstakes)
- **Reserve Winners Bitch** (Open class): **Abbedale's Daphne Bedford** (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Abbedale's Raffaella), bred by Joan Eckert, owned by Mary Henebry.
- **Best of Breed: GCH Highwoods Whirling Dun** (Ch. WWW Redbully De Vom Rittersee x Highwoods Pheasant Tail), bred by Knowlton Reynders, owned by Janos & Nancy Fonyo.
- **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Watermark Cecelia** (Ch. Yellowstone High Pines Exclusive x Ch. Watermark Candy Cane), bred and owned by Phyllis Giroux, DVM.
- **Select Dog: GCH Camio's Educated Exemplar** (Ch. Abbedale's Brass Tacks x Ch. Camio's Educated Guess NAJP), bred and owned by Catherine A. Rogers.
- **Select Bitch: GCH Pinelake's Fairy Tail** (Ch. Pinelake's Mega Bucks x Ch. Shoburton's Peggy Cass), bred by Carol Clark, owned by Kelly & David Foos.
- **Award of Merit;** (Veterans class): **Ch. Abbedale's Brass Tacks** (Ch. Ter-Haven Bold as Brass x Abbedale the Goode Case), bred and owned by Joan Eckert. Dog.
- **Award of Merit: GCH Itsy Bitsy Tanglewood Ranger** (Ch. Wildwest Buckshot x Ch. Itsy Bitsy Ruby Tuesday), bred by Tonnie & Gerard Willrich, owned by Kristine & Anastasia Cwik. Dog.
- **Best Bred by Exhibitor: Sho-Me Fishback Friday** (see Best in Sweepstakes).
- **Best Amateur Owner Handler/Group 2: Foursquare Wilderness Explorer** (see RWD).
- **Best Puppy/ Group 1: Millbrook's Storm Warning At Foxglyn** (see BOS Sweepstakes).

NTCGC Supported Entry/Sweepstakes

Sunday February 24, 2013

Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Donna Cambron

- **Best in Sweepstakes: Camio's Educated In Vegas** (GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x Ch. Camio's Educated Guess NJP), bred and owned by Catherine Rogers.
- **Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes: Sho-Me Fishback Friday** (GCH Fishback Biskit x Miller's Sho-Me Polished Amber), bred and co-owned by Susan Miller Hall & Fran Westfall.

Breed Judge : Mr. Michael Dougherty

- **Winners Dog** (6-9 month class): **Taleisin Twice As Nice** (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x GCH Abbedale Take Two at Taliesin), bred by Lisa & John Sons and Joan Eckert, co-owned by Lisa Sons and Joan Eckert.
- **Reserve Winners Dog** (Open class): **Wild Devils Kevin Costner** (Virgil Von Den Zwei Eichen x Wild Devils Christina Aquileria), bred and owned by Jens Ruck.
- **Winners Bitch/Best of Winners** (9-12 month class): **Millbrook's Storm Warning At Foxglyn** (Ch. Dunbar's Desperado Of Arcadia x Ch. Fozzle's Dark & Stormy At Millbrook), bred by Lori Pelletier & Paul & Nancy Eddy, co-owned by Nichola Conroy & Lori Pelletier.
- **Reserve Winners Bitch** (Open class): **Abbedale's Daphne Bedford** (Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks x Abbedale's Raffaella), bred by Joan Eckert, owned by Mary Henebry.
- **Best of Breed: GCH Highwoods Whirling Dun** (Ch. WWW Redbully De Vom Rittersee x Highwoods Pheasant Tail), bred by Knowlton Reynders, owned by Janos & Nancy Fonyo.
- **Best of Opposite Sex: Ch. Watermark Cecelia** (Ch. Yellowstone High Pines Exclusive x Ch. Watermark Candy Cane), bred and owned by Phyllis Giroux , DVM.
- **Select Dog** (Veteran Dog): **Ch. Abbedale Brass Tacks** (Ch. Ter-Haven Bold as Brass x Abbedale the Goode Case), bred and owned by Joan Eckert.
- **Best Amateur Owner Handler: Camio's Educated In Vegas** (see Best in Sweepstakes)

—John Francisco, Norwalk, OH (jfrancjo@neo.rr.com)

NTCA Supported Entry: Sun Country Terrier Club

February 28, 2013, Scottsdale, Arizona

Breed Judge: Mr. Richard W. Powell Entry: 2-5 (5-1)

- **Winners Dog: Amblegreen Rikard's Red** (Ch. Dralions Smiles and Chuckles x Ch. Amblegreen Malibu Barbie). Breeders: Heather & Geoff Tomlins; Owners: Heather Tomlins & Sandy Keller. Handler: Karen Whalen
- **Winners Bitch/ Best of Winners: Michan's Veronica The Red Lady** (GCH Ascot Sandspur at Yarrow x GCH Shonleh Winsome's Lotus). Breeders-Owners: Howard & Lynn Marshall. Handler: Taffy McFadden
- **Best Bred-By: Unique's Head Turner** (Ch. Unique's Rojo Del Sol x Wynward's One in a Million). Breeder: Karen Whalen. Owners: Karen Whalen & Chris Larson. Handler: Karen Whalen
- **Best of Breed: Ch. Dancy's Annie Get Your Gun** (Ch. Dunbar's Desperado of Acadia x GCH Dancy's Hot Commodity). Breeders-Owners: Nancy & Dwain Lentz. Handler: Dwain Lentz
- **Best of Opposite Sex: GCH Michan's Mick Like A Rolling Stone** (GCH Fly'n High's Sonic Boom x Ch. Migar Shonleh's Cha Cha Lola). Breeders: Emiko Kim and Lynn Marshall. Owners: Lynn & Howard Marshal. Handler: Bill McFadden
- **Select Dog: Ch. Dancy's Rough Rider** (Ch. Cobby's Hidden Treasure x GCH Dancy's Storm Warning). Breeders-Owners: Nancy & Dwain Lentz. Handler: Nancy Lentz

—Nancy Lentz, "Dancy" Norwich, Tempe, AZ (lentz@horizonaire.com)

2013 Show Calendar: NTCA & Regional Norwich Terrier Clubs

- Feb. 23 **Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago (NTCGC). *Specialty & Sweepstakes. International Kennel Club***, McCormick Place North, Chicago, IL. (Benched)
Breed Judge: Miss Dorothy M. Macdonald; Sweepstakes Judge: Candice Harper (Puppy Sweeps only)
- Feb. 24 **NTCGC. *Supported Entry/Sweepstakes. International Kennel Club***, McCormick Place North, Chicago, IL. (Benched)
Breed Judge: Mr. Michael J. Dougherty; Sweepstakes Judge: Donna Cambron (Puppy Sweeps only)
- Feb. 28 **NTCA. *Supported Entry/Sweepstakes. Sun Country Terrier Club***, Westworld, Scottsdale, AZ
Breed Judge: Mr. Richard Powell; Sweepstakes Judge: Leslie Boyes
- April 11 **NTCA. *Supported Entry. Northern California Terrier Association***, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA
Breed Judge: Ms. Ann M. Barlow
- April 12 **Norwich Terrier Club of Northern California. *Specialty & Sweepstakes. Northern California Terrier Association***, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA
Breed Judge: Mrs. Judy Webb; Sweepstakes Judge: Dr. Robert Myall
- April 19 **NTCA. *Supported Entry & Sweepstakes. Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, Inc.***, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD
Breed Judge: Ms. Christine Erickson; Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Louise Leone
- May 3 **NTCA. *Supported Entry/Sweepstakes: Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.***, Mercer County Park West Windsor Twp, NJ
Breed Judge: Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Anna Bellenger
- May 18 **NTCA. *Supported Entry/Sweepstakes. Mattaponi Kennel Club***, Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA
Breed Judge: Mr. Terry Stacy; Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Jane Schubart
- June 15 **NTCGC. *Supported Entry. Great Lakes All Terrier Association***, Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL
Breed Judge: Mr. Alfred J. Ferruggiaro
- July 13 **NTCA. *Supported Entry. Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.***, Freeman Arena at AT&T Center, San Antonio, TX
Breed Judge: Mrs. Lenora M. Riddle
- July 20 **Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club (LSNTC). *Specialty/Sweepstakes. Beaumont Kennel Club***, Reliant Center, Houston, TX
Breed Judge: Virginia Lyne ; Sweepstakes Judge: James Kinney
- Aug. 25 **NTCA. *Supported Entry/Sweepstakes. Sammamish Kennel Club***, King County Marymoor Park, Redmond, WA
Breed Judge: Mr. David Harris; Sweepstakes Judge: TBA
- Oct. 4 **NTCA. *Supported Entry. Hatboro Dog Club***, Middletown Grange Fairgrounds, Wrightstown, PA
Breed Judge: TBA
- Oct. 6 **NTCA. *National Specialty/Sweepstakes. Montgomery County Kennel Club***, Blue Bell, PA
Breed Judge: Mrs. Lydia Coleman Hutchinson; Sweepstakes: Mrs. Betty McDonnell
- Dec. 7 **LSNTC. *Supported Entry. Trinity Valley Kennel Club***, Dallas Market Hall, Dallas, TX
Breed Judge: TBA
- Dec. 14 **NTCA. *Supported Entry. Richland County Kennel Club***, Expo Center, Cleveland, OH
Breed Judge: TBA

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*All aboard the puppy choo-choo
(l. to r.: 5-day-old Pippa, Sydney & Salem)*



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Leaps for rats (Great catch!)



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