Monty romps with his grandpuppies in the Tuscan sunshine.

“Summertime is always the best of what might be.”
-Charles Bowden
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Thanks for your cooperation.
From the Editors…

Planning is well underway for the Norwich Terrier Club of America-Norfolk Terrier Club Combined National Specialty, taking place at Purina Farms (Gray Summit, MO) April 30-May 7, 2018. There will be something for everyone (and every dog)...conformation, agility, obedience, and earthdog, social events including a potluck supper, combined banquet, and evening out at the AKC Museum of the Dog, plus health clinics, CGC testing, and judges education for both breeds.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn in nearby Eureka (10 miles from Purina Farms). You will also have the option of renting an RV that is dropped off and set up at Purina, and then picked up upon your departure. All information about the week can be found on the NTCA website at http://www.norwichterrierclub.org/saint-louis-2018. Keep your eye on this page in the coming months. The show superintendent will be Onofrio.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Please consider lending your time and a hand! Contact Denise Faulkner at denwich@sbcglobal.net if you are able to help out during the week. This week will be a true celebration of everything our dogs can do, and everything we can do with our dogs. Hope to meet you in St. Louis!

- Amanda Kozora
  Austin, TX

We would like to remind everyone that we are now accepting advertisements for the News. Advertising in the News is a great way to show fanciers across the globe your breeding program and dog’s achievements in the performance and show rings. Additionally, issues of the News are important pieces of history to document our breed. We’ve continued to evolve the formatting and size of the News. We hope you enjoy it, and we look forward to seeing you at Montgomery!

Sincerely,

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2018 NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF AMERICA – NORFOLK TERRIER CLUB COMBINED NATIONAL SPECIALTY WEEK
PURINA FARMS, GRAY SUMMIT, MO

Sunday, April 29
RV Move-In and NTCA hotel block begins

Monday, April 30
Back-to-Back Barnhunt Tests, CERF Clinic, Building Move-In

Tuesday, May 1
Back-to-Back CAT Tests, Barnhunt Intro and Practice, Barnhunt Test, Obedience and Rally Practice, Performance Foundation Class, Tailgate Happy Hour and Potluck Supper in the RV Lot

Wednesday, May 2
Earthdog Intro and Practice, Obedience, Rally & CGC, CAT Test Performance Foundation Class, Agility Intro

Thursday, May 3
Earthdog Intro and Practice, Norwich & Norfolk Judges Education, Welcome Luncheon

Friday, May 4
Rolla KC (NTC National Specialty; NTCA Supported Entry), an evening at the AKC Museum of the Dog hosted by Sandra Stemmler

Saturday, May 5
Spirit Of The Heartland (NTCA National Specialty; NTC Supported Entry), Health Clinic, Combined Banquet at Holiday Inn Six Flags

Sunday, May 6
Jefferson County KC (Norwich Terrier Club of Greater Chicago Supported Entry; The Bluebonnet Norfolk Terrier Club Supported Entry), Back-to-Back Earthdog Tests

Monday, May 7
Norfolk and Norwich Agility Trial, Building & RV Lot Move-Out

2017 SHOW CALENDAR
NTCA AND REGIONAL NORWICH TERRIER CLUBS

Oct 5 NTCA Designated Specialty – Hatboro Dog Club, Middletown Grange Fair Grounds, Wrightstown, PA (Show Coordinator Jim Kinney). Breed Judge: Sharon Candace Way

Oct 6 NTCA Designated Specialty – Hatboro Dog Club, Middletown Grange Fair Grounds, Wrightstown, PA (Show Coordinator Jim Kinney). Breed Judge: Ed E. Bivin

Oct 7 NTCA Designated Specialty – Devon Dog Show Assoc. Devon Horse Show Grounds, Ludwig Corners, PA (Show Coordinator Jim Kinney). Breed Judge: Melinda Lyon

Oct 8 NTCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes – Montgomery County Kennel Club, Blue Bell, PA (Show Chair Jim Kinney). Breed Judge: Beth Sweigart; Sweepstakes Judge: Magda Chiarella

Dec 7 NTCA Supported Entry – North Texas Terrier Club, Dallas Market Hall, Dallas, TX (Show Chair Rhonda Krupps). Breed Judge: Dr. John A. Reeve-Newton

I live Millerton, New York, a town in a very rural part of the Hudson Valley; our home is situated in a quiet valley filled with alfalfa fields, Black Angus and Red Devon cattle, and plenty of wildlife. We currently have three dogs, Diesel, the Norwich, Grace, the Border Terrier, and Conan, the mix rescue from Thailand, and two miniature donkeys. From late August to early June, I attend The Hotchkiss School, a boarding school in Lakeville, Connecticut, only fifteen minutes away from my house. In the summer I babysit, and work as a grooming and handling assistant for Stacy and Evan Threlfall. Aside from dog showing, my hobbies include horseback riding, fishing, shooting, swimming, reading, yoga, and flying with my dad. While at Hotchkiss, I am a member of the Hotchkiss Dance Company for the winter sports season, I work on the school farm in the fall, and I have played water polo and been a member of the sailing team in the spring.

Did you grow up with dogs? What breeds? How and when did you encounter Norwich Terriers?

Both of my parents are dog people, so even before I came into the world, they had established themselves as proud Rhodesian Ridgeback owners. Originally, they just wanted healthy, strong family dogs, but when they purchased their third Ridgeback, who was exceptionally beautiful, they decided to hire a professional handler to show him. Joy Barbieri then became our handler and close family friend. She finished three of our Ridgebacks. When I was six, Joy let me show a few of her pups in casual local shows, I fully enjoyed the experience, but at the time I was consumed with showing my pony, Caesar, and focusing on all of my equestrian endeavors.

In 2009, when I was nine years old, I decided that I no longer wanted to ride as intensely as I had been riding, but rather “be on the ground”, as I put it, with a dog. I knew I wanted to show a smaller breed than the Ridgebacks, so my parents told me to research sturdy breeds that could withstand life with our dogs. At school, I would spend hours in the library reading AKC books about each breed’s standard, temperament, grooming requirements, and history. I finally found the Norwich. My mom then went to the club website, found Lori Pelletier’s contact information, and gave her a call. We then arranged a meeting with Lori and Nicky Conroy while I was at Westminster for my tenth birthday. Diesel was my tenth birthday present.

How did you become involved with showing your Norwich? What do you like about showing? Who mentored you? Do you show other breeds?

I spent the whole first half of 2010 training Diesel with private teachers. When I was six, I was her sole trainer, groomer, and handler. However, when I began working for the Threlfalls, Lori Pelletier’s contact information, and gave her a call. We then arranged a meeting with Lori and Nicky Conroy while I was at Westminster for my tenth birthday. Diesel was my tenth birthday present.

What has your Juniors experience been like? What Juniors accomplishments are you most proud of?

My Juniors experience has been the most rewarding experience of my life. Since I began when I was so young, I was able to fully embrace the process of learning, growth, and progression from being a novice to a very experienced handler. Juniors has given me a great deal of confidence, poise, and grace.

I would say that I have had great success as a Junior Handler, but some of my greatest accomplishments have been through qualifications. I have qualified for Eukanuba each year since I was eleven years old, and made multiple cuts up until Finals each time I have gone. I also qualified for Westminster in 2012 and 2015. During the second time, when I turned 16, I was able to make every cut up until Finals. What makes me proud about the Westminster qualifications is that I have very limited time to show while being a Hotchkiss student. I have Saturday classes, and even then most of my Sundays are consumed by work, meetings, and events, so showing is essentially limited to summer break. In the summer, given the tremendous travel opportunities at my school, and my aspirations, I have been accepted to a travel program each year, which takes up three weeks of my break. Earning seven Best Junior titles in just two to three months is not the easiest task.

Are there differences in how you present your dogs in the breed ring versus the Juniors ring?

Definitely. I show much differently in the Juniors ring than I do in the breed ring, especially when I show my Norwich, Diesel. In Juniors, most judges are looking for a handler that is truly working. Only some judges are actually aware of the nuances of showing different breeds and how they should and should not be presented. For example, you will almost never see handlers in the Norwich breed ring get down on their knees to stack a dog. However, in Juniors, if you just stood and baited your dog, it might seem as though you were letting the dog do all of the work. Another difference is eye contact. In the breed ring, I rarely look up at the judge on a down and back, or while I gait a dog around the ring. The reason is simple. I want all the attention to be focused on the dog, not me. I should just be a body on the other end of the dog’s lead. In Juniors, though, you want the judge to see that you are alert, attentive, and paying attention to where you are in relation to them. Looking up at the judge intermittently to make eye contact shows confidence and direction.

How did you learn to groom your dog? What is your biggest grooming challenge? Do you have any grooming tips or secrets to share?

What I love about showing is that, no matter what, it makes me happy. Win or lose, I love being with my dogs, I love the adrenaline rush I get when a judge walks down the line of dogs, I love the process of grooming and feeling accomplished after examining the finished product, and I love the experience of competing with them. I think it is the best feeling in the world, it makes me happy. Win or lose, I love being with my dogs, I love the adrenaline rush I get when a judge walks down the line of dogs, I love the process of grooming and feeling accomplished after examining the finished product, and I love the experience of competing with them. What makes me proud about the Westminster qualifications is that I have very limited time to show while being a Hotchkiss student. I have Saturday classes, and even then most of my Sundays are consumed by work, meetings, and events, so showing is essentially limited to summer break. In the summer, given the tremendous travel opportunities at my school, and my aspirations, I have been accepted to a travel program each year, which takes up three weeks of my break. Earning seven Best Junior titles in just two to three months is not the easiest task.

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Lori Pelletier and Nicky Conroy were both extremely influential in my grooming education. When I first began showing, they taught me how to strip Diesel’s coat evenly, so as to avoid

Meet Amelia Smith continued
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holes. I made quite a few mistakes, but they were always patient, and right there to guide me. I just kept practicing. My biggest challenge is keeping the coat around Diesel’s neck at a manageable length.

I’d say the grooming tip I have to share is, if you are unsure of whether to keep stripping the coat, looking for longer, lighter hairs and even brush the coat in the opposite direction that it’s supposed to lie, then pull whatever remains standing up. I always use a pumice stone to strip the coat; I prefer it over a stripping knife. Another suggestion is to groom frequently. I try to work on Diesel’s coat once a week to strive towards a thick, rolled coat.

Do you plan to continue showing your dogs after Juniors?

Absolutely. However, my time becomes more and more limited as I advance through my years at Hotchkiss, and begin college in the fall of 2018, so I will have even less time for and less access to shows. Although this saddens me, I know that dog showing will always be there for me, and I have to be grateful for the nine years I have spent in the Juniors ring and in the breed ring doing what I am most passionate about. I hope to continue working for the Threlfalls on breaks and in the realm of animal medicine that I can integrate with business and management.

What would you like to do after high school?

I will be attending school at a college or university in the fall of 2018, and my intended major is molecular and cellular biology or neurobiology with either an additional major or minor in business. After college I hope to work towards specialization in small animal radiation oncology or sport horse orthopedics. What I know for sure is that I want to pursue a career in some profession where I can work with animals, as well as explore the field of veterinary science.

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Are you involved in any companion events? What other titles have you put on your dogs?

Yes. I have trained Diesel, my Norwich, in obedience so that he could become a therapy dog. Diesel received his Canine Good Citizen title in April of 2013. In September, when we returned to the Javits Center for “Meet the Breeds”, Diesel completed another test and received his Advanced Canine Good Citizen title, becoming the first Norwich Terrier in the USA to have a CGCA title.

Meet Amy Grace Clark – Lessons from a Terrier

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Training notoriously stubborn terriers to stand still with their feet in show position is about as hard as training a cat to swim. However, Daisy was a natural and caught on quickly. When she was four months old, we entered a puppy match where she would be competing with all different breeds of dogs. I remember gaiting her around the show ring to the examination table, which the top of my head barely cleared. Clearly a crowd favorite, Daisy won Best Puppy in Match. I had never been so proud in my life, I picked up my growling cat, brought home Amy Grace with Daisy on the day she was brought home – Amy Grace Clark

Indianapolis, IN

My mom and I began travelling to shows all over the midwest; I would sleepily pile into our car, and we would leave at 5 a.m. Once at the show, Mom would groom Daisy, while I tried to find donuts and coffee for breakfast. Daisy grew more and more competitive, earning me the title of Best Junior Handler numerous times. She and I were a seamless team, we shared a bond like no other. We went on to be recognized at our breed’s national show, winning many top awards. Perhaps our biggest achievement was participating in the Westminster Kennel Club Show in New York City. It was in New York City that my mom and I adopted the term “I am me because my little dog knows me,” a quote by Gertrude Stein.

However, Daisy’s losses were just as influential to me as her triumphs. It was through these losses that I learned humility and sportsmanship. At first, my heart shattered every time a judge would place Daisy last. I thought everyone saw the same beauty and elegance in her that I did. However, my faith in Daisy never faltered. I realized that win or lose, showing her was an award in itself. After this epiphany, I learned to view competition in a different light; every competitor believed in their dog just as much as I believed in mine. This lesson helped me put each loss into perspective and see that each of my opponents deserved to prosper. In fact, many of these so called adversaries became close friends of mine.

Now, I constantly draw on the experiences I had while showing Daisy. I learned to be outgoing, hardworking and ambitious. These experiences helped me discover my love for not only working with animals, but also my passion for their wellbeing. In the future, I hope to expand upon my knowledge of animal behavior, as well as explore the field of veterinary science.

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Indianapolis, IN

Amy Grace with Daisy on the day she was brought home

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Norwich with Purpose

It really brightens my husband’s day when one of his buddies pops into his room when he’s having a long stay as he continues to battle Stage 4 cancer. It’s been an 11-year battle and introducing the dogs into his therapy has made a significant difference for the better. Our Norwich have contributed greatly to his care.

Both dogs love going to the hospital and don’t bat an eye at long days there. They prance down the hall just like they were being shown. Both warm up to all the nurses and have no fear of the portable x-ray machine or other device a nurse or technician may wheel into the room. And the nurses almost toss a coin to see who gets to take the dog on duty outside when nature calls. It is to our benefit that we live in a small rural town with a small rural hospital. All the doctors and staff know our dogs by name.

I might add that the ESA (Emotional Support Animal) should not be confused with a true “Service” (an animal that may sense the onset of a seizure or insulin shock) or Therapy animal who is trained to visit with many people in many settings. The ESA is solely for the support of the owner. Of late, it is said that this registry is being abused by people who have no medical need, but just want the benefits of being allowed to have their pet in the hospital with them, fly free or have access to facilities they normally couldn’t get into. We hope the program is not abused as we have received the bonafide benefits. That’s not my worry nor cause to stop. I just see the positive change in Glenn when either dog runs into his hospital room to greet him, no matter how badly he has felt.

-Susan Moore
Stephenville, TX

Otto is Ready for His Close-up

If you have been to a big box home improvement store lately, you probably have noticed a large display in the flooring department featuring a very cute Norwich terrier. That Norwich is CH Highwoods Sir Lamorak Of Redfearn at Bon-Clyde OA NAJ (CH WWW. Red Bully De Vom Rittersee - Highwoods Lady Interceptor), “Otto” is six years old and owned by Bonnie Buchanan and bred by NTCA members Nancy and Janos Fonyo. The nationwide print campaign and ad (viewable on YouTube) are for STAINMASTER® PetProtect Flooring™. I was lucky enough to talk to Bonnie and learn more about Otto and what goes into creating a commercial featuring a dog.

Bonnie and Otto live in Sanford, NC; Bonnie owns a training center called Bon-Clyde Learning Center, which offers classes in agility, obedience and canine acting, among other disciplines. When Bonnie got Otto she wanted “a Norwich who could do everything.” When he was a puppy, she focused on socializing Otto thoroughly, introducing him to all sorts of people and situations. He earned his conformation championship quickly, with Bonnie handling him most of the way. Then they moved on to mastering skills that are useful in many venues-sits, downs, and stays plus touches with his paws and feet and going to a mark. Bonnie uses a verbal marker ("yes") plus treats; Otto was a quick learner.

Otto started off doing still photography, working with furniture companies in nearby High Point, NC. He was hired by STAINMASTER® first for a print campaign, and they loved him so much that they asked Bonnie and Otto to travel to Atlanta for a TV commercial shoot. Filming took two full days, shooting at different home locations. Otto’s co-star in the commercial was a young actor named Gabriel. Otto had to run from room to room, from inside to outside, on and off furniture, down stairs, all with Gabriel close behind, all while wearing a cape! Bonnie was just off camera, giving Otto commands and rewards.

Like most Norwich, Otto has won over the hearts of everyone he meets, casting directors and co-stars alike. On set, his tail “never stops wagging.” The commercial has definitely captured the fun-loving nature of a Norwich terrier, their love for children and their interest in adventures (and Cheetos...an improvisation on Otto’s part!). What a thrill to see such a wonderful example of the breed in such a high-profile campaign! Congratulations to Otto, his owner and breeders on his success. We can’t wait to see what is next for him!

-Amanda Kozora
Austin, TX

Digger, An Emotional Support Animal at work

It’s Texie’s shift, she does well and the needs a nap. After all, she’s 10 years older than Digger
Please introduce yourself and your kennel name.

Anna Bellenger – Devondale. Devondale Hall was the name of my grandfather’s home in New Castle, Delaware. A wonderful old brick building with a captains walk and stained glass windows. After Pearl Harbor our government wanted and got the farm for an airbase – so I named my kennel Devondale – it would rise again!

What led to your decision to get your first Norwich? What was the year? Who did you get it from and how did it happen?

I joined the local kennel club (Wilmington) looking for a small terrier (Border, Norfolk, or Norwich). I decided on the Norwich because of the up ears, also as a small child had seen Helen Glass’ (Grange) dogs in her car when picking up her son after school. A member of the Wilmington Kennel Club said to call “Connie” Larrabee (NEVER call Constance “Connie”) for a dog. In 1982, I went down to King’s Prevention for an interview. Constance said she had a long waiting list for a red show girl – that’s what I thought I wanted! But, by afternoon’s end she found out I painted, and I found out she was just about to start showing her photographs. We bonded! She had one female puppy, too young to show me, but if I came back in two months and co-owned her, she would be mine. Happy days!

What person influenced you the most in this breed? Who was your mentor? What were the most important things they taught you about Norwich?

Constance taught me how to groom (I was much too slow for her), to show…using tinfoil with liver wrapped inside, then taking away the bait and just the sound of the foil hidden in a pocket.

Who taught you to evaluate your litters? What insight helped you know what to look for in your puppies? Do you groom your own Norwich? If so who taught you? Would you be willing to share a favorite grooming tip?

I’ve always had a good feel of which pups to run on (Constance always said “Don’t give up a good rear for a pretty face”), maybe it’s the artist’s eye. Melissa Sue had 6 over 4 teeth, so for years I’ve always had a good feel of which pups to run on (Constance you be willing to share a favorite grooming tip?

What is your favorite dog show? Why?

Montgomery! Always liked the Specialties, where the judge put up the best dog. Not like some of the small shows where the judge would put up a friend or favorite handler.

What was your most memorable NNTC/NTCA Specialty?

Montgomery 2004, the year I watched CH Fairway’s Cat In The Hat (a Devondale’s Master Miles grand-son) go BOB and Devondale’s Mistress Maddalyn, from the puppy class, shown by co-owner Laurie Loeffler, get BOW.

What event in your history with the breed was the most significant?

Winning the breed over an entry of 19 at the 1997 Westminster with CH Chestnut Hills Royal Blue (later International CH, by CH Devondale’s Master Milestone)

Which Norwich, not owned or bred by you, do you consider a favorite or most influential? Which one do you think had the most influence on the breed?

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What can be done to assure the future wellbeing of the breed?

All the health tests.

What changes have you seen in the breed over the years, both positive and negative? What can be done to assure the future wellbeing of the breed?

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Are you taking great care of your Norwich Terrier? Take a one-question quiz to find out: “Can you span your dog’s waist with your hands, the old-fashioned terrier man’s style?” If the answer is “yes” then indeed, you are taking great care of your dog. Congratulations! If the answer is “no” — fat chance. Fat, fat, greasy chance!

I have small hands (ladies glove size S or XS), and if I can span my hands across every Norwich in my care, then you can’t use having small hands as an excuse...and please stop convincing yourself that your terrier is exceptionally big. He is overweight and you aren’t taking good care of him. Too harsh? Let’s see.

Excess body fat in dogs is considered the number one preventable health risk. The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP) put the estimate of obesity in dogs at 58% of the pet dog population in the USA as of 2014. Let’s call it what it is—a form of animal abuse. The canine body is ill-equipped to store excess fat, which contributes to a shortened life span and multitude of diseases, from orthopedic like cruciate ligament injuries, to breathing problems, heart and liver diseases, diabetes, chronic inflammation and a host of other serious problems. Fat dogs are more likely to develop cancer, damage their joints, develop hormone imbalances, and just plain have a hard time being a dog and enjoying physical activities. If your dog is fat, you have diminished his quality of life, shortened his lifespan, and probably made his life miserable.

Oh, he doesn’t seem miserable to you? Are you truly paying attention, especially at meal times? You see, obese dogs live in a hell of constant hunger. I know it sounds impossible, but we are talking about dogs who are eating something all day long. The body is communicating with the brain, “there’s food, eat more!” In a normal, healthy dog, the message is: “I’m full. I don’t need more food.” Obese dogs have a diminished capacity to absorb nutrients due to a chronic low-level of inflammation (resulting from being overweight), so their body is responding with cravings. Let’s talk about cytokines. They are substances secreted by cells in the body to communicate with other cells, and thus serve as chemical messengers throughout the body. I counted 8 scholarly articles published between 2012 and 2016 on the subject of understanding obesity and its impact on the canine body. All those studies showed an increase in pro-inflammatory cytokine messaging and hunger messaging.

Is there any good news? Yes, being a lousy fat dog owner is reversible. Remember this pun: dog pounds spell misery.

FOUR EASY ADJUSTMENTS TO REVERSE YOUR LOUSY FAT DOG’S OWNER STATUS

1. Measure your dog’s food.

An average high quality kibble (grain-free type that yields a little over 400 calories per cup) for a Norwich Terrier should be fed in the amount of ¼ cup for a meal, fed twice daily, meaning roughly 100-120 calories per meal. If after you measure out ¼ cup of kibble into your dog’s bowl and you think it looks ridiculously like “not enough”, then transfer the measured-out food into a smaller bowl. It’s enough! If you really, really have a hard time adjusting to being a responsible owner, sprinkle some cut-up carrots, string beans or blueberries on top of the kibble. Sprinkle, do not heap.

2. Measure out ANY treats or chews.

ANYTHING that goes into your dog’s mouth needs to be measured. Limit treats and chews to 10% of the total calories for the day. If you want to train your dog and need more treats than that use the regular meal allowance during training (meaning that your dog will not get it at meal time but during training, not in addition to a meal).

3. Increase physical and mental activities for your dog.

If your dog is a couch potato don’t throw him out of the house — take him on a treadmill for an hour. Increase exercise gradually and do not forget about your dog’s needs for mental stimulation. Brain activities burn a lot of fuel. Take a new route during your routine walk, play fetch or tug, or if your dog is not interested in toys play a game of chasing each kibble at meal time. My dogs adore puzzle games. I have several and rotate between them, sometimes putting the game away for a few weeks to challenge their puzzle solving memory. Make each day interesting. Have your Norwich join you on some errands, like a trip to the bank, a hardware store, a garden center.

4. Incorporate chewing into your dog’s routine.

Several recent studies in mice showed amazing stress-reducing and immune-regulatory properties of chewing. They have proven that mastication (chewing) is a stress-coping behavior with far-reaching consequences for health. Can you imagine that chewing even ameliorates chronic mild stress-induced bone loss? Well, it does. As for keeping the immune system humming just right, and the hunger signals at a proper level, chewing is your dog’s best friend. Check out the no-hide variety of dog chews, or any assortment of natural pet chews like roasted or dried meaty bones, ears or bully sticks. Personally I use raw bones in conjunction with dried chews, but please read about raw bone safety measures before starting to use raw bones for the first time.

I promise you that your dog will have more energy, joie de vivre, and improved health when you keep him at an optimum weight. If you have a long way to go (if the dog needs to lose more than 20% of its body weight), consult your veterinarian about the best initial strategy for decreasing calorie intake. Your terrier will thank you with visibly increased happiness and energy...and you get to call yourself a great dog owner. You’ll deserve that honor.
At the Invitational, the definition of “success” shifts from meaning “the accomplishment of a purpose” to meaning, “making memories with our dogs and Norwich friends.” After stepping to the line and running the course, we celebrate with treats and praise whether or not we had a qualifying run just because that is what we always do to let our little brown dogs know they are THE BEST. Though we are all competitive and interested in times and standings, the Invitational is REALLY more about the thrill of being at the coolest dog event of the year with the super, supportive friends. As a team we showed the agility world that the NORWICH TERRIER TEAM ROCKS that world. And with our specially made lucky pennies from Jill Lowry, we all ran the best we could. Here are some of the competitors’ reflections.

REGULAR
#1 – Raine Johnson with “Savvy” (MACH10 Breakaway’s In The Know BN RN MX3 Buch3 MJS3 FTC1 MFC TQX T2B4 PAD RATN)

Savvy and I made our annual trip to Florida this December. The warm weather was welcome as we came after visiting friends in Michigan and single digit temperatures. The trial was great fun this year, the East coasters providing extra chairs and hospitality for the jet setters was greatly appreciated. This year for me was especially relaxing and fun, with no pressure to do anything but celebrate our friends, our breeds and our passion for the game of agility. Our group was great fun this year, the get together with many of you at Joan and Don’s condo was enjoyable, the pennies were a great fun this year, the get together with many of them was great fun this year, the get together with many of you at Joan and Don’s condo was enjoyable, the pennies were a great memento from Jill. Savvy’s is still on her harness and it means “the accomplishment of a purpose” to meaning, “making memories with our dogs and Norwich friends.”

#2 – Joan Krantz with “Henry” (MACH2 Pinelake’s Happy, Fearless Explorer RA MXX MXS MJG XF T2B2 ME EE3 CGC)

Henry and I looked forward to our second trip to the Invitational. When my husband asked, “how many times will you go?” I replied, “As many times as I qualify.” So we packed up the car and headed south for our second trip. Though we all qualify as individuals, once we’re in our crate area, I feel we are a team. With our kind of team spirit, (recognized and commented on by those around us in the stands), I wouldn’t miss the chance. In New England, there are so few Norwich that compete in agility that this event is especially fun. Henry ran really well except for knocking the first bar on the first run which was entirely my fault. Raine remarked, “His jumping seemed disorganized at the start.” He was disorganized because I was nervous. He is such a super athlete with so much heart and drive; I can’t help but give him a kiss at the end of every run. Like Savvy, Henry wears his lucky penny from Jill Lowry to every trial and he’ll wear it again in 2017 if we get that invitation in the mail.

#3 – Vanessa Andrews with “Ace” (MACH2 Flying Ace Of The Skies MXX MJGC OF T2B2)

Ace ran fast and happy on his second trip to the invitational. We were connected as a team, had five great runs and only one fault the entire weekend (due, of course, to handler error). While I am so proud of my little man and our performance, what makes me smile most are the memories shared with my fellow Norwich/Norfolk friends. We crated together, shared advice on running the courses and cheered each other on from the stands. And, when Ace came down hard on a bar, everyone rushed to make sure he was ok (he was). I couldn’t have asked for a more perfect weekend - except, maybe keeping that one bar from dropping!

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

#4 – Melanie Bryson with “Dinah Molly” (MACH3 Arcadian-Dynamite Red Beryl MX2 M2G2 THDA RATN CGC)

This Invitational was tough for both Melanie and Molly. She traveled to Orlando earlier in the week with Dinah Molly, Ruby and Tansey so they could participate as models for the Judges’ Education Seminar and the AKC Judges’ Education Photo shoot; they also planned to work the Meet the Breed booth. However, on the first day of competition, Ruby became ill and needed to be rushed to the emergency room. So with her heart racing with worry about Ruby who was enroute to the emergency room, Melanie held it together and ran Dinah Molly. As soon as Melanie ran with Molly, she left. And she just kept saying, “Don’t worry about me. Just run your dogs.” Always thinking about others, she was incredibly strong and resilient that weekend. Ruby recovered and knowing she was in good hand, Melanie ran Dinah Molly the next day and brought Tansey over to Meet the Breed. When we were packing up and many of us couldn’t take the freebies we received, Melanie packed them all up to bring to a dog shelter in Florida.

PREFERRED
#1 – Jill Lowry with “Mack” (MACH2 PACH Kelevan’s Mccracken CD BN RN MXS M2G MP2 MP2 OF)

While all four runs were clean last weekend, he seemed to be “parading” more than competing! Rounds 3&4 were over course time. These were Mack’s last runs in competition, in fact we have already informally celebrated his retirement at our last trial here at home. Our cake said, “Life is short, Play with your dog!” As my first agility dog, he and I have taken many seminars from a wide variety of instructors, competed in three AKC Invitationals and one USDA National as part of Performance Versatility Pair in five events, and enjoyed weekly classes and training sessions since he was six months old. He’s exceeded my dreams in terms of titles and events, but most importantly, he brought me together with my Norwich friends with whom I truly feel like I belong. Each time I arrive at the MATC or the AKC Invitational, I feel like I’m coming home. I have so many amazing memories of Mack in my “mental highlight reel” made even more special by the support of our friends.
The AKC is continually examining the regulations and making changes that they deem necessary. These are two of the changes recently published in the Regulations for Agility Trials.

Revisions to the Regulations for Agility Trials Effective January 2, 2018

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Chapter 3 Obstacle Specifications and Performance Requirements

Section 3. Obstacles

4. Pause Table. The top of the Pause Table is a 36-inch square, plus or minus (+/-) 2 inches, with a non-slip surface. The vertical edge of the top of the table top must be 3 inches or greater in height and it is required that the table edge and table top be of a color in contrast to the running surface and ring gating. The table top must be light in color, no dark color(s) are allowed. The height of the table (within 1 inch) is 8 inches for dogs in the 8-inch jump height; 12 inches for dogs in the 12-inch jump height; 16 inches for dogs in the 16-inch jump height; and 20 inches for dogs in the 20-inch and 24-inch jump height.

Preferred Class Requirement: The Pause Table shall be set at 8 inches for the 4 and 8 inch jump height, 12 inches for the 12-inch jump height, and 16 inches for the 16-inch jump height and 20 inches for the 20-inch division.

Performance: The dog shall pause on the table for five consecutive seconds. The judge’s count shall start once all four (4) paws have touched the table (and the dog remains on the table top). Neither a sit nor a down position shall be required.

Full booklet of Regulations for Agility Trials can be found at https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/REAGIL.pdf

– Joan Krantz, Agility News Reporter

Middlebury, CT

Revisions to the Regulations for Agility Trials Effective May 1, 2017

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GALS AND DOGS HIT THE ROAD

2017 NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Perry, Georgia • March 24-26, 2017

Of the seven teams that qualified for the 2017 National Agility Championship only two teams actually competed. Just a few days before the competition, Blair Kelly withdrew from the trial because it was confirmed that “Mandy” (MACH Shakesper Amanda Seyfried RN MXB MJS CGC) was pregnant and the west coast qualifiers decided not to come.

So “Henry” (MACH2 Pinelake’s Happy Fearless Explorer RA MXS MJG XF T2B2 ME EES CGC) and I left Connecticut in the wee hours of the morning to pick up Vanessa Andrews and “Ace” (MACH3 Flying Ace Of The Skies MXG MJC OF T2B3) in Maryland and continue our drive to Perry, GA.

The fairgrounds in Georgia were teeming with energy as more than 1000 dogs and their handlers navigated the between the six agility rings in three different arenas. The majority of those dogs competing were Border Collies, Shetland Sheepdogs, and Papillons; however, believing, “what will be, will be,” we paraded our little brown dogs with pride and confidence. Competition in the 8” class of 135 dogs included 47 Papillons and 27 Corgis, and various other breeds. So between the flying pops and the bullet corgis, we knew there was no chance to “win” the class but each of our little guys was already a winner so we stopped to the line with that in mind. What our Norwich may lack in speed and stride, they have in cuteness, heart, and feistiness.

Ace and Henry ran full out and at the end of the weekend, Ace took home four qualifying ribbons and was 31 in the final standings after knocking a bar in the final run. My heart melted watching Henry run happy and healthy after his recent injury. That small setback has forever changed the whole agility experience. And I agree, “Small things start us in new ways of thinking” (V.S. Naipaul, A Bend in the River)

Vanessa and I both agree this was a once in a lifetime experience. Sharing the ride, the stall space between ours runs with Norfolk friends and dog cousins, and the most spectacular house for rest and relaxation at the end of each day, Henry and Ace became lifetime buddies and Vanessa and I were reminded how these adventures are the “times of our lives.”

– Joan Krantz, Agility News Reporter

Middlebury, CT

Diggin’ fast and deep in the dirt is what I really love!

What perfect little brown dogs!

Guarding their resting domain with a little extra help from Beanie, the lab. Left to right: Ace, Poppy, Beanie, Hattie and Henry.
AGILITY: WHAT’S IT REALLY ALL ABOUT?

In a word: Happiness. Yes, I’d say that for me over the years, playing/training with my dogs in agility meant leaving behind every worry, every responsibility, every “grown up” bone in my body to live in the moment. Yes, sometimes putting on that happy face has been more difficult and sometimes I just abandon the idea of playing/training because these Norwich know when you’re insincere; and at other times, I can’t put on my fast enough and get out the door. Judging by the number of titles these past six months, I’d say there’s been a lot of happiness in the air.

Of the seventy-one titles, more than half were in the Novice and Open classes where young and/or less experienced dogs compete. So when all seventeen handlers and twenty-seven dogs earned these seventy-one titles over the past six months, I’d say there’s been a lot of happiness in the air.

From November through April, there were 22 Novice titles, 14 Open titles, 6 Excellent titles, 21 titles in the Master category and 1 in the Premier category. From November through April, there were 22 Novice titles, 14 Open titles, 6 Excellent titles, 21 titles in the Master category and 1 in the Premier category. There were five “big” titles: two Preferred Excellent Agility (PAX) titles and three Master Agility Champion (MACH) titles.

On February 12, 2017, I was lucky enough to see Vanessa Andrews and “Ace” (MACH3 Flying Ace Of The Skies MXG MJF OF T2B3) earn their Master Agility Champion (MACH3) at Delaware Valley Keeshond Club trial in Pennsylvania among many friends. Ace ran great all weekend earning multiple double qualifying runs. She loves “this little man with the heart of gold.”

On February 25, 2017, Raine Johnson DVM and “Savvy” (MACH10 Breakaway’s In The Know BN RN MXS3 PAD MJG3 PJD FTC1 MFC TQX T2B4 RATN) earned their Master Agility Champion 10 (MACH10). So many firsts for this amazing dog. First Norwich to get a MACH10, first Norwich to be invited seven times to the Invitational, and first Norwich to earn the new Premier Standard title and Premier Jumpers title, which she also earned on February 25, 2017. Savvy is the #1 lifetime high points agility Norwich. When they run together they are the picture of pure happiness and confidence. They are the dream team!

On March 30, 2017, Melanie Bryson and “Ruby” (Reverie’s Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX THDX CGC) earned their Preferred Agility Excellent title (PAX). Melanie said, “Ruby is a steady girl and often earns those elusive double qualifying runs.”

On April 2, 2017, Deb Lang and “Carter” (GCH CH Kaleidoscope Claybrook Carter AX OA J PAX MXP4 MXPB MJP3 MJPB CGC) earned their Preferred Agility Excellent title (PAX). Earning three double qualifying runs (QQ), Carter ran happy and has found a new speed—fast. Deb said, “This was Carter’s first trial back after a long medical lay off. He performed better than ever—like he never left. One of the fastest Jumpers with Weaves we’ve ever had.” Both Melanie and Deb were at the Greater Monroe Kennel Club Agility Trial with Ursula Walsh and other friends cheering them on.

On April 30, 2017, Patty Fornelli and “Magic” (CH MACH4 Shonleh He’s A Magic Man RA MXS2 MJG2 FTC1 MFC)
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

AM & CAN CH Littlefield Gonfalon at Wichunt
(GCHS Cherber’s Double Your Money at Image X Littlefield Continental Divine)
Breeder: Leandra Little
Owner: Sandra Keller
“Banner” finished both his American and Canadian Championships respectively in just two weekends. He earned two back-to-back 5-point majors at the Western Washington Summer Cluster his second weekend out in the US, finishing in grand style. Banner was handled to his two speedy championships by his loving owner, Sandy Keller.

CH Kilyka’s Witch Upon A Star NA NAJ
(CH Kilyka’s High Voltage UD NA NAJ VN x CH Kilyka’s Rare Bird Alert CDX NA NAJ)
Breeder/Owner: Betty McDonnell
Phoebe finished her championship November 6, 2016 shown exclusively in the BBE classes. She finished her Novice Agility title at the All-Terrier cluster in Palmyra. Phoebe placed first at two trials and second in a large class in Palmyra.

CH M&M’s Little Miss Sunshine AX AXJ OF T2B
(GCHG Michan’s Mick Like A Rolling Stone x CH Michan’s Grace Kelly)
Owner: Patty Fornelli & Lynn Marshall
Breeder: Donna Moore
Fiona has completed her Novice, Open and Excellent Agility Titles as well as Novice Fast, Open Fast and T2B at just 2 years old. Thank you Lynn Marshall for this smart and talented little girl . . . she is amazing!

CH Michan’s Bianca Paints It Black
(INT CH GCHG CH Michan’s Mick Like A Rolling Stone x GCH CH Michan’s Veronica The Red Lady)
Breeder/Owners: Lynn and Howard Marshall
BiBi earned her Championship October 23rd, 2016, in Pleasanton, CA., handled by Amy Rutherford. BiBi has also been spending much of her time training in agility with Fide. She enjoys her weekly classes and daily practices that it takes to become a good agility dog! She is a delightful personality, and great companion.

AGILITY: WHAT’S IT REALLY ALL ABOUT? continued

Not everyone would agree with me that “happiness” is the motivating factor to train in agility, but I do think that most would agree that without a happy dog, agility is not really that much fun. With their own kind of “eager anticipation”, our dogs wait on the start line, sometimes serious, sometimes silly and when we say, “Let’s go” our dogs aren’t thinking about titles, they’re thinking about running, playing with us, and getting treats at the end. Happy ending to the run!

– Joan Krantz, Agility News Reporter
Middlebury, CT

Photo captions (pages 20-21):
1 - 3. All dogs owned and loved by Meredith Dwyer, Karen Dwyer and Kim Dwyer Mullings. “We just keep earning more titles; no stopping us now.” Photo credit: Kim Dwyer Mullings
4. Fiona owned by Patty Fornelli. “Look Mom, I can fly over this bar with greatest of ease.” Photo credit: Patty Fornelli
6. Zee owned by Jill Lowry. “Where…catch me if you can.”
10. Vanessa Andrew and Ace. “Nothing better than happy team smiles.” Photo credit: Joan Krantz
11. Carter owned by Deb Lang. “And away I go….. fast, fastest, fastest and happy.” Photo credit: Deb Lang
12. Magic owned by Patty Fornelli. Happiness is holding a heart dog! Photo credit: Norm Fleming

TQX J E), earned their MACH 4. Patty said, “This special little dog has been the “magic” in my life for nine years. He is my “heart dog.” Of course, titles make us happy but our dogs keep us happy. I remember watching Sammy run with gleeful abandon in the woods the week before he died. I remember Cricket running over bars on the ground like she was the queen of agility even after she was retired from agility. Their titles didn’t matter then but their happy faces still make me smile.
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CH Michan's Rolling Stones' Jagger
(INT CH GCHG CH Michan's Mick Like A Rolling Stone x GCH CH Michan's Veronica The Red Lady)
Breeders: Lynn and Howard Marshall
Owners: Shirley Van Camp and Lynn Marshall
Jagger came out to the show ring in the middle of November, 2016, winning points toward his Championship. The holidays arrived and he had to take a break. The second week in January, 2017, he came back and finished the job! Handled to his Championship by Roxanne Sutton. Good work Jagger!

GCH CH Michan's Jerry Plays With Fire
(INT CH GCHG CH Michan's Mick Like A Rolling Stone x GCH CH Michan's Veronica The Red Lady)
Breeders/Owners: Lynn and Howard Marshall
Jerry was awarded her Championship, starting with a 4 point major, and succeeded with the addition of three 5 point majors, finishing 6/19/2016. November 12, 2016. She was awarded her Grand Championship 11/12/2016. Jerry expects to achieve Bronze very soon!
We owe thanks and gratitude to Estelle Crawford, Bunrattys Norwich Terriers, for giving the gift of life to Jerry at whelp. Estelle was present and helped with the free whelp of the litter. Jerry came out lifeless and not breathing, and with Estelle’s experience, Jerry took a breath. Jerry is now the life of the party. Jerry is handled by Amy Rutherford

GCHB CH Lasata's Champagne In The Rain
(INT CH GCHG CH Michan's Mick Like A Rolling Stone x GCH CH Lasata's Chick-A-Dee)
Breeder: James Latuscha and Dorothy Prohaska
Owner: Lynn Marshall
Buddie had quite a ride in the show ring in 2016! Guided by her handler, Amy Rutherford, Buddie achieved her Championship May 30th, 2016. And soon after, was awarded her Grand Championship June 14th, 2016. She achieved her GCH Bronze level Nov 20th, 2016. And maintained her status as #1 Norwich Terrier Bitch in Breed (Canine Chronicle Statistics) for 2016. Good job, Buddie! So proud of her!

Kilyka’s Wylie Wonder AX AXJ NF
(CH Paradym Yarrow Mark My Words x CH Shorttales Sibyl of Kilyka)
Breeder: Betty McDonnell
Owners: Lark J. Shlimbaum, C. Donald Shlimbaum, and Betty McDonnell
Wylie has had a good start to 2017, earning his AX in January and his AXJ in April. Wylie was introduced to FAST at the October 2016 All Terrier Agility Cluster and earned his NF in March. Good boy Wylie! It’s a thrill to run with you!

GCH CH Michan’s Jerry Plays With Fire

2016 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
December 18, 2016
Breed Judge: Frank Kane
Terrier Group Judge: Geir Flyckt-Pedersen

BOB/G1 GCHS Taliesin Twice As Nice
Breeder: Lisa and John Sons & Joan Eckert
Owner: Lisa Sons & Jeff and Kim Sime

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB: HOW SWEET IT IS!
February 13-14, 2017

The WKC returned to the Piers for its 141st annual show. The show has grown to include a “Meet & Compete” weekend beforehand, featuring AKC’s Meet the Breeds and the Masters Agility Championship. Westminster is the most high-profile and public venue for the sport of purebred dogs in the United States, and “going to the Garden” remains a pilgrimage for fanciers.

Norwich competed on Valentine’s Day, and it certainly was a very sweet lineup of dogs for judge Mr. Bruce Schwartz of California to examine. The entry that day was 13 Best of Breed dogs and 2 Best of Breed bitches. Many of us who could not be there in person were lucky enough to be able to watch in real time via WKC’s livestream or through the kind ringside spectators that “went live” on Facebook. A sincere thank you from those of us not at the Piers!

Best of Breed went to GCHS TALIESIN TWICE AS NICE, “Tanner,” the 2016 MCKC BIS winner. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to CH ASCOT BONNIE BLUE ME AWAY. The Select dog and bitch were GCH DEN-MAR’S WILD CARD and GCH MICHAN’S JERRY PLAYS WITH FIRE. Two Awards of Merit were given, one to GCH ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN FAMILY TIES and one to his sire, GCHB ABBEDALE LIFE OF RILEY AT GLENGARIFF.

Later that evening, Tanner went on to win the terrier group under esteemed terrier judge Kenneth McDermott. What a thrilling evening for all of us with Norwich, watching at home and in person.

Our sincere congratulations to Tanner’s breeders and owners, Lisa and John Sons & Joan Eckert, as well as his handler, Susan DePew.

– Amanda Kozora
Austin, TX
FORT WORTH KC/NTCA SUPPORT ENTRY
March 25, 2017

Breed Judge: Sue Goldberg
Group Judge: Betty-Anne Stenmark

BOB/G3 GCH DEN-MAR’S WILD CARD
Breeder: Marie Cato.
Owner: Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett

SACRAMENTO KC/NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY & SWEEPS
April 15, 2017

Judge: Ken J. Murray

BOB GCH MICHAN’S MICK LIKE A ROLLING STONE
Breeder: Emiko Kim & Lynn Marshall

Judge: Laurie Loeffler

BSW LITTLEFIELD HAT TRIX
Breeder/Owner: Leandra Little

NORCAL TERRIER ASSOCIATION/LSNTC SUPPORTED ENTRY
April 13, 2017

Judge: Linda L. Wells

BOB GCH MICHAN’S MICK LIKE A ROLLING STONE
Breeder: Emiko Kim & Lynn Marshall

COLUMBIA TERRIER ASSOCIATION/NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY & SWEEPS
April 21, 2017

Judge: Peggy J. Haas

BOB GCHB COUNTRY BOY LOOKS GOOD LIKE WINSTON SHOULD
Breeder: Linda McCutcheon
Owner: James DeMason

Judge: Linda L. Reece

BSW FOOZLE’S BREAK DANCER AT FOXGLYN
Breeder/Owner: Alyson Greenlaw Cleary.

NORCAL TERRIER ASSOCIATION/NTCNC REGIONAL SPECIALTY & SWEEPS
April 14, 2017

Judge: Dr. Jerry Klein

BOB GCHG DANCY’S ROUGH RIDER
Breeder/Owner: Nancy & Dwain Lentz

Judge: Sharon Curry

BSW AMBLEGREEN DARK MATTER
Breeder/Owner: Heather Tomlins

BVSW CH LITTLEFIELD RUFF TUNED
Breeder: Leandra Little
Owner: Leandra Little & Steven Weinberger.

Fancy (Newfoundland) & Wren in the Memorial Day parade

Photo credit: Kandy Adams

When Are We Leaving?

Photo credit: Alyson Cleary
This year’s “Garden Party,” the 22nd in the club’s history, was literally awash in beautiful Norwich. Awaah indeed, as we experienced 2.2 inches of rain accompanied by a constant wind. No one was spared, inside the tents or out. Judges decided to use the ring area somehow protected by the tent overhang, but by the time the Norwich went in, that area was a quagmire. However, in the breed spirit, all participants ignored the weather and the show went on!

Sweepstakes Judge Nancy Nosiglia, a long-time breeder, came down from Egypt, NY to judge the sweepstakes. Her comments reflect the “nature” of the day: “The entry was small but, a very nice quality with two males and one female. My best in sweeps, Foxwoods Toy Soldier, was a well-balanced clean moving male with a lovely head and correct coat. Best of opposite was an equally pleasing bitch, Frabjous E.T. – Elizabeth Taylor by Litlefield. The weather broke just long enough for the youngsters to have a quick trip around the ring without drowning. A lovely luncheon was provided, and it was a most enjoyable time!”

Judge Kathi Brown reflected on her experience this way. “It was an honor and pleasure to judge the NTCA Supported Entry of Norwich Terriers at this year’s Garden State All Terrier Club. For more years than many of today’s exhibitors are aware, I have watched and deeply appreciated your breed. When I started observing the Norwich they were shown as one breed with the Norfolk. Certainly, this year’s entry and exhibitors have progressed since my early memories.”

“Norwich coats and grooming as well as the talents of the handlers and exhibitors have changed. I have recollections of a number of very loving and devoted owners entering the ring for a lovely stroll and, in a few cases, roll around the ring. Today they have evolved into the wonderful spirited and stocky, prick-eared breed with the good bone and substance necessary to its terrier function. For many years, I exhibited my Scotts side by side on the Temple grounds at MCKC. I hopefully bring my decades of viewing and appreciation to judging your breed with great respect. While seeking the structure necessary for function described both in the history and standard.”

“For my final move the reach of the forelegs was evident. With the quality of the entry on this day I am seeing better rear movement and appropriate short hock to heel length and angulation which is a substantial improvement in the breed.”

Any comments on the Norwich Terrier Club of America supported entry at last week’s Garden State Terrier Association would not be complete without a nod to the weather. Predictions for a difficult day were not misplaced. Fortunately, there was ample tenting and grooming was directly adjacent to the ring. Not so fortunate was the amount of precipitation and wind. The show has long been heralded as a terrier “Garden Party” but on this day only hardworking, dedicated terriers and their owners/breeders and handlers were participants at the party. Prior to our midday judging, other terriers had beaten a clear if somewhat muddy path under the tenting. As terrier breeder, groomer and exhibitor I was very deliberate in providing shelter and protection to our best ability for those wonderful terrier coats.”

“The Norwich Terriers, their owners and handlers are a determined group with only two of the entered dogs absent. Humans were well covered with appropriate rain gear; Norwich were all covered in their double jackets of weather-resistant hard, harsh hair. The appropriate hardy Norwich were alert and outgoing on this day with any number of spunky dogs standing four-square and full of terrier attitude.”

Judges continued

Thanks to Trophy Chair Leandra Little for the beautiful awards. Finally, thanks to all the hardy exhibitors, contributors and volunteers without whom the show could not have gone on. As incoming president of Garden State, I will employ all my Irish luck to try and make next year’s weather cooperate. Hope to see you all next year at a genuine “Garden Party.”

- Dr. Denis Johnson
GREAT LAKES ALL TERRIER ASSOCIATION/NTCGC SPECIALTY & SWEEPS  
June 17, 2017

Judge: Marjorie Underwood

BOB GCH CH DEN-MAR’S WILD CARD
Breeder: Marie Cato
Owner: Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett

BSW FISHBACK BOXCAR WILLIE
Breeder: Susan Miller Hall & Fran Westfall
Owner: Susan Miller Hall

GREAT WESTERN TERRIER ASSOCIATION/NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY  
June 24, 2017

Judge: Lee Whittier

BOB CH GOLDRUSH’S ANTICIPATION
Breeder/Owner: Diane Anderson

GREAT LAKES ALL TERRIER ASSOCIATION/NTCGC SPECIALTY & SWEEPS  
June 18, 2017

Judge: Judith Laffey

BOB GCH CH DEN-MAR’S WILD CARD
Breeder: Marie Cato
Owner: Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett

LITTLE FORT KC OF WAUKEGAN/LSNTC SUPPORTED ENTRY  
June 18, 2017

Judge: Peter Green

BOB GCH DEN-MAR’S WILD CARD
Breeder: Marie Cato
Owner: Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett

GREAT WESTERN TERRIER ASSOCIATION/NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY & SWEEPS  
June 25, 2017

Judge: Connie H. Clark

BOB CH MICHAEL’S ROLLING STONE’S JAGGER
Breeder: Lynn & Howard Marshall
Owner: Shirley VanCamp & Lynn Marshall

NORTH TEXAS TERRIER CLUB/LSNTC SPECIALTY & SWEEPS  
July 6, 2017

Judge: Margo E. Klingler

BOB CH BELFYRE BLACK GOLD
Breeder/Owner: Polly O’Neal

TRINITY VALLEY KENNEL CLUB/LSNTC SUPPORTED ENTRY  
July 8, 2017

Judge: Philip Freilich

BOB/G4 GCH ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN FAMILY TIES
Breeder: Amanda Kozora & Tonnie Willrich
Owner: Tonnie Willrich, Amanda Kozora & Gerard Willrich.

ALL TERRIER CLUB OF WESTERN WA/NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY  
July 7, 2017

Judge: Clark Pennypacker

BOB CH BELFYRE BLACK GOLD
Breeder: Nancy Wilde.
Owner: Patricia & Roland Stuebner

Norwich Terriers USA 1936-1966. Edited by Constance Stuart Larrabee and Joan Redmond Read, this is a paperback reprint (1986) of the original hardback book of the same title. The book includes many wonderful photos of early Norwich and Norfolk Terriers and breeders, profiles of influential American kennels, and articles on early Specialty and Match shows. It is the definitive history of Norwich and Norfolk Terriers in America during the 30 years after official AKC recognition of the breed(s). Price: $20 postpaid to USA addresses; $25 to non-USA addresses. Please send a check, payable to NTCA, to Alison Freehling, 1208 Washington Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

New edition of Marjorie Bunting’s The Norwich Terrier: Not available from NTCA Notions at this time.

Illustrated Guide to the Standard of Norwich Terriers. Copies of the new Illustrated Standard are available for $10, plus $2.50 postage, from NTCA Notions at http://norwichterrierclub.org/category/ntca-store or by contacting Notions Chair Patty Warrender at pwwarrender@gmail.com.

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or at rest . . .

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