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"Bette" Wood and a favorite toy.

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"Happiness is a warm puppy."
-Charles M. Schulz



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FROM THE EDITORS...

Welcome to the latest issue of the **Norwich Terrier News!** Although the four snowstorms hit the northeast in the month of March, spring is surely on its way. This issue features full coverage of MCKC 2017 - conformation, performance events and hospitality. We are also looking forward to the upcoming NTCA/NTC combined national specialty, taking place at Purina Farms, April 30-May 7. It is going to be a week packed full of exciting events for our Norwich and ourselves.

As always, we welcome your candid photos, new titles, advertisements, story ideas and articles. The AKC has recently introduced new titling programs like trick dog and scent work

that Norwich are participating in. We would love to hear from you if you and your Norwich are involved.

Thank you so much for your continuing support. See you in Saint Louis!

Sincerely,

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NTUAS UPDATE

Characterization of Upper Airway Syndrome in Norwich Terriers
CHF Grant 2232–MOU, Grant Period: 11/1/2015 to 12/31/2017

The overall goal of the Norwich Terrier Upper Airway Syndrome (NTUAS) Study is to improve the quality of life of Norwich terriers through the alleviation of NTUAS. The first step is to clearly characterize the condition by performing in-depth evaluations on many Norwich terriers of all ages. Dr. Bryden Stanley (Michigan State University) and veterinarians at collaborating veterinary schools (University of California Davis, Texas A&M University, and University of Pennsylvania) completed the clinical evaluations of Norwich terriers in October. In addition to the 155 Norwich terriers, they also examined 20 brachycephalic dogs and 20 mesaticephalic dogs (under separate funding) to act as controls.

Since then, Dr. Stanley has had several conferences with the co-investigators individually about developing the scoring system details of the anatomical sites. They reached consensus so that dogs will be graded by the same standards. Next, the “standardized” definitions with examples will be distributed to the collaborating schools and the veterinarians will independently score 10 cases. The results of these 10 cases will be compared, and any fine-tuning of the definitions will be undertaken before the standardized definitions are finalized. This is an important step to ensure that all the investigators are consistently and accurately classifying dogs using the jointly-developed standard definitions. When this step is complete, all of the participating Norwich will be graded and validated (owners will be given the results of their dogs). Additionally, the CT results of the dogs

that underwent head and neck CT, along with the brachycephalic and mesaticephalic groups, are currently being analyzed by the Co-PI, Dr. Nathan Nelson. The pedigrees have been anonymized and compiled into a spreadsheet to look for a possible mode of inheritance. All DNA has been extracted and maintained at -80 degrees for future genetic studies.

New questions have emerged from the study results. For example, we would like to know whether or not UAS is progressive. Do Norwich terriers diagnosed early get worse over time? To answer this, a longitudinal (follow-up) study is underway. Dr. Stanley is re-evaluating some of the youngest dogs in the original study. Other study next steps to be completed in 2018 include developing educational materials about UAS in Norwich terriers for veterinarians and owners.

-Jane Schubart
Harrisburg, PA



UPDATE ON RESEARCH INTO ABNORMAL LUNG DEVELOPMENT
AS A CAUSE OF DEATH IN NORWICH TERRIER PUPPIES

Today, we had a teleconference with Dr. Williams. The following is a summary update of his study. Susan Miller Hall and Jane Schubart – February 22, 2018

Summary



As was previously reported to NTCA members, Dr. Kurt Williams in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University has documented abnormal lung development

as being associated with many cases of unexplained deaths early in life in Norwich Terrier puppies. As members of the NTCA understand, unexplained deaths are not uncommon early in life in our puppies. Recently Dr. Williams received funding for a 2 year grant through the AKC’s Canine Health Foundation to continue and expand this important research project. The research will focus on better characterizing the nature of the structural abnormalities in the lungs of affected puppies. For example, Dr. Williams will add an inflation histology study to the protocol.

In prior work examining about 30 dogs, Dr. Williams found developmental lung disease in other breeds. So far, Dr. Williams has examined 19 Norwich Terrier puppies and all had developmental lung disease. Interestingly, Dr. Bryden Stanley examined the larynx of each Norwich Terrier puppy submitted to Dr. Williams, and on gross exam they all had normal anatomy of the larynx. Thus, at this stage there appears no relation to upper airway syndrome.

The outcomes of this important research are expected to lead to a better understanding of how this disease develops and identify genetic marker(s) such that breeders may eventually be able to screen for and eliminate the problem from the breed. Members of the NTCA are encouraged to consider contributing deceased puppies to Dr. Williams to be included in the research project. He needs 20 more puppies.

What are the criteria for the study?

- Norwich Terrier puppies up to one month of age at the time of death
- Male or female
- Puppies up to one month of age with known, non-lung related, causes of death will be considered for inclusion in the research to serve as control animals. So, for example, if you have puppy euthanized due to a severe congenital malformation (e.g., cleft palate, hydrocephalus), contact Dr. Williams.

Another important goal of the CHF study is to pursue a potential genetic basis for the disease in the breed. If submitted puppies are documented to have evidence of developmental lung disease, blood samples from the dam, sire and normal siblings will be requested for study of their genetics. Dr. Fyfe (also at MSU) is a geneticist collaborating with Dr. Williams. DNA from the livers of deceased puppies has already been extracted.

How can I participate?

Contact Dr. Kurt Williams via email (will1273@cvm.msu.edu) with ‘Norwich Terrier Study’ in the subject line of the email. Shipping instructions will be provided once it has been determined that the puppy is a candidate to be included in the study. There are some limited grant funds to help with shipping costs. Please do not let shipping cost be a deterrent.



Photo credit: Christine Klino

Frankie on the busy bee



Photo credit: Carlynn Ricks

Journey on a journey

REMEMBERING ROSIE



Rosie crossed the Rainbow Bridge on February 3, exactly one year from the day she was rescued. Loved and cared for by new owner, Sally, her last year was likely her best.

Rosie was a typical loving Norwich and, like most NTCA rescue and rehome cases, she was elderly and her owner had died. Unwanted by surviving family members, Rosie was dropped off at a “kill shelter” in Baton Rouge. At age 11, she was overweight and

her hair thinning in spots. The shelter veterinarian documented severe periodontal disease and possible endocrine disorder and wrote, “not a strong adoption candidate.”

It was Friday afternoon when Deb Childs, Rescue Chair, received an email from the shelter manager. Rosie was scheduled to be

ethanized on Monday. Because she was microchipped, Deb was able to contact her breeder, but the breeder refused to take her back. Deb orchestrated Rosie's rescue. The clock was ticking as Rosie waited in an unheated shelter of more than 300 dogs – her days numbered less than three. Deb reached out to NTCA members in the area. Booth Pohlman retrieved Rosie from the shelter and provided foster care while Deb made phone calls to find a new home. Most people who apply for a rescue don't want a dog older than age 7 or one with health issues. But in the pile of applications, there was one special lady whose elder Norwich had recently passed away. Sally drove nine hours from Texas to get Rosie.

Rosie had severe periodontal disease and had a dental cleaning and extractions. She totally adjusted to her new home, but despite the exemplary veterinary care provided by Texas A&M, she finally succumbed to other health issues, including UAS and liver disease. Rescue Norwich are special dogs for special owners. Thank you, Sally!

Ursula Walsh is our new Rescue Chair. Please let Ursula know if you are interested in helping in any way. As in Rosie's situation, sometimes a rapid response is needed. There are many ways to help.

-Jane Schubart
Harrisburg, PA

NTCA WEBSITE WINS AWARD



NTCA's website (norwichterrierclub.org) won the “Best Blogsite or Website” category in the 2018 Dog Writers Association of America contest. Jane Schubart and Mary Mang attended the DWAA awards banquet at The New Yorker Hotel in New York City on February 10, 2018 and accepted the award.

Congratulations to the website team: Jane Schubart, Amanda Kozora, Paula Smith, Elaine Jong, Barbara Einspruch, Deb Lang, and Susan Miller Hall, and all its contributors!



SHAKSPER BIANCA MINOLA

May 2, 2001 – August 15, 2017

The puppy a breeder keeps from their first litter is always special, and it was no different for Bianca and me. I earned my first conformation points as a handler with Bianca, earning a three-point major out of bred-by (the judge commented that I was a "terrible [conformation] handler" ... sadly, still true).

We did not continue with conformation, as in 2003, I learned that Bianca had von Willebrand's Disease (vWD). I will forever be thankful to Dr. Chris Zink for suggesting that Bianca be tested for vWD. For those not familiar with vWD, it is a blood clotting disorder in both humans and canines. At one time, according to a 1991 Norwich pedigree book that I have, it was considered one of the top health problems in Norwich (being described as a blood disorder). I was furious when I learned that Norwich breeders knew that blood disorder meant vWD, that there was a blood test for vWD, and, most alarmingly, breeders were not using the test. This sparked my passionate advocacy that breeders should health test their breeding stock. (Some have told me that the blood vWD test is unreliable. But in my experience, having tested Bianca repeatedly to verify the diagnosis, the test gives consistent results.)

None of the commercially available vWD DNA tests gave any results on Bianca. (I repeated the vWD DNA tests in 2011, and again got no results.) This means Norwich must have a different mutation causing vWD than is tested for by the available commercial DNA tests. In 2016, I had Bianca's DNA sequenced - all 2.8 billion DNA base pairs. This is now on a hard drive sitting on my desk. I hope to use it to find the mutation that caused her vWD. If anyone has a Norwich with longer than normal blood clotting times, please contact me as I continue to be interested in this health problem.

Bianca was spayed, and as her mother was also spayed, I had to start over with new breeding stock. Bianca and I dabbled in obedience, rally and earthdog. But agility is my primary activity with my Norwich. Bianca earned her Master Standard and Master Jumpers titles. Bianca was on her way to becoming the second MACH Norwich (after her mother), when an iliopsoas muscle pull stopped her agility career. At the time, she had 17 double-Qs and an equivalent number of speed points.

After her mother died in 2013, Bianca became the senior dog in my household, putting up with puppies as they came and went. In 2015, Bianca was scoped by Dr. Stanley. As Bianca never snored nor had any other airway sounds, I thought that Bianca would be one of the few to be free of NTUAS. But no, Bianca had everted sacculles blocking her airway (which were removed). Lack of airway sounds is not a reliable indicator that a Norwich does not have NTUAS. Scoping is currently the only reliable method.

Bianca's last year was marred by failing kidneys. I got good at giving sub-q fluids, and used the time as I held her in my lap to think over our many shared memories. Bianca's ashes now rest next to her mother's.

- Blair Kelly
Shaksper Norwich



Good-bye winter!

Photo credit: Nancy Fonyo



Tanner and the deer

Photo credit: Lisa Sons

NORWICH AMBASSADOR AWARD 2017

The Norwich Ambassador Award is awarded annually and aims to recognize the Norwich Terrier and its contribution to society and to our lives. It also promotes the purebred dog in a positive manner to the public. This year's deserving recipient of the Norwich Ambassador Award in the educational category is "Jam Jam"- MACH CH Slightly and Yarrow Jam MXB MJS XF T2B2 THDD, owned and bred by Beth Sweigart and Jamie Lahy.



Jam-Jam is a licensed Therapy Dog under Therapy Dogs International (TDI) and has been since 2012 when he first started visiting. Jam-Jam was the first Norwich Terrier to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD) and Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX) titles in the history of the breed in the United States. These titles are based on the number of therapy visits that have been completed. To earn the THDX title, the dog must have completed 200 visits; to earn the THDD title the dog must have completed 400 visits.

Jam-Jam, with Jamie as his handler, has completed over 600 therapy dog visits for Fairfax County (VA) libraries. Local children come to the library, pick out books of their choosing, and sit and read the story aloud to Jam Jam. By visiting libraries that service several Title IX schools, Jam-Jam provides a valuable service to local school children by encouraging them to visit the library and to practice their reading skills. During the school year Jam-Jam visits the library once a week, with visits more frequent during the summer months.

In addition to his therapy work, Jam-Jam is a conformation champion and a Master Agility Champion (MACH). He also holds numerous titles in other venues such as NADAC and USDAA and C-WAGS where he competes in agility and rally.

Thanks to teams like Jam-Jam and Jamie for providing a unique service to children by encouraging them to read and to love it. Reading is the framework on which all additional learning is built and is an invaluable tool in life.

Thanks to Jam-Jam and Jamie's dedication for making Jam-Jam a model Norwich Ambassador.

–Joan Graham
Larksville, PA



All snuggled in

Photo credit: Wheatley Wentzell



Mom, she's biting me!

LEPTOSPIROSIS—VACCINATION OR NOT?

When approaching the topic of leptospirosis infections in Norwich terriers and considering whether the benefits of giving leptospirosis vaccine outweigh the risks, one must be aware that leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that is ubiquitous in nature and has been recognized for centuries as a cause of serious illness in humans dwelling in urban and rural areas all over the world.

Leptospirosis is caused by a species of bacteria called *Leptospira* which infects both animals and humans, and can be transmitted by livestock, pets and wildlife to humans and other animals. Many wildlife species, especially rodents, serve as reservoirs of infection, meaning that they can sustain chronic infection without apparent clinical disease. Reservoir hosts contaminate the environment with infected urine, contributing to indirect transmission of leptospirosis when susceptible incidental hosts such dogs and humans come in contact with contaminated areas. *Leptospira* bacteria can persist outdoors under moist and moderately warm temperature conditions, thus transmission occurs year round in tropical and subtropical climates. In temperate zones, the incidence of infection rises during the warmer months especially after periods of heavy rainfall and flooding. The bacteria can survive only briefly in dry soil or at temperatures <10°C or >34°C (<50°F or >93°F).

Norwich At Risk

Our affectionate Norwich companions who stick close by their humans inside the house often become little demons outdoors! Exhibiting curiosity, boldness, and prey drive as they race around enthusiastically exploring and sampling the terrain, their natural behavior places them at risk of acquiring leptospirosis. Sniffing, licking, and sometimes even trying to ingest interesting new finds, ranging from vegetation, water puddles, and discarded scraps of food, to poop from other critters—the "leave it" command seemingly falls on deaf ears when our little terriers are investigating an irresistible scent. Thus exploring the great outdoors is the general risk factor for both urban and rural dogs--from the sidewalks of the cities to suburban backyards, and from dog parks to farm and ranch settings.

Dogs become infected when mucous membranes lining the nose, mouth, eyes, etc. or injured skin (abrasion, laceration, or any break in the skin) come in contact with urine from an infected animal. Infection can also occur when dogs drink from contaminated ground water, or go swimming in contaminated streams or ponds. Leptospirosis can be transmitted sexually, as well as through the placenta, through bite wounds, or by ingestion of infected tissue, food, or other contaminated objects.

Leptospirosis has been long-recognized as an occupational disease of farmers, ranchers, dairy workers, slaughterhouse workers, veterinarians and animal workers, miners, sewer workers, plumbers and electricians, and other workers who may be exposed to infected materials, soil and dust contaminated by urine from infected animals (especially rats) as they do their work. In the past two decades, human leptospirosis cases have been associated with the increasing popularity of global adventure travel and eco-tourism. Leptospirosis has been recognized as a disease of

returned travelers especially among those returning from outdoor adventures in tropical climates: two well-known examples are an outbreak that occurred among participants immersed in contaminated water during in an Ironman competition in Borneo, and an ongoing disease outbreak among hikers on Maui. Records of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that approximately 100 to 200 cases of human leptospirosis are reported per year, with half of those cases occurring in Hawaii; it is likely that cases are far underreported. Of the reported cases, the data suggest that approximately one third of reported human cases are associated with contact with infected dogs, and another third originate from presumed contact with rats (occupational or recreational).

Symptoms Of Disease

After exposure to *Leptospira* bacteria, a variable incubation period of 4 to 20 days ensues as the bacteria circulate in the blood and multiply in the tissues. Acutely infected dogs may develop mild or subclinical infections which inadvertently contribute to household transmission of leptospirosis to humans and other domestic animals because the infection is not recognized but infected dogs shed the bacteria in their urine. Early signs and symptoms of leptospirosis may include depression, lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, changes in urinary frequency, fever, red eyes, and tenderness in muscles and joints. Similar symptoms may occur in humans, but cats rarely show clinical signs of infection. In some dogs, the early stages of infection may be mistaken for a urinary tract infection, meningitis, or hepatitis. In others, acute infections may rapidly progress to a serious life-threatening multi-systemic illness commonly involving the liver and kidneys, and other internal organs as well, leading to death in approximately 20 percent of cases. Thus, if a dog manifests signs and symptoms compatible with leptospirosis at a time when environmental transmission is plausible, caretakers should seek prompt veterinary care for the sick animal, and use gloves and disinfectant to clean up potentially contaminated household areas.

Although less severe cases of leptospirosis can be successfully treated with antibiotics and supportive measures, the diagnosis of canine leptospirosis often is not made during the early stages of infection as mentioned above. Liver and kidney failure as well as other complications can develop. Antibiotic treatment (doxycycline) is usually initiated while waiting for confirmatory diagnostic tests to be returned. In animals, a suspected clinical diagnosis of leptospirosis is confirmed by testing serum for the presence of anti-leptospiral antibodies by MAT (microscopic agglutination test); a 4-fold rise in antibody titer in a pair of serum samples collected 7-10 days apart is usually accepted as evidence of acute infection. If the dog has previously received a vaccine against leptospirosis, interpretation of the results of serologic testing is more complex, often requiring expert interpretation. Laboratory diagnosis of leptospirosis can also involve other tests on serum, urine, blood and tissue samples (e.g. ELISA, PCR, immunohistochemistry, culture) performed by special regional or national laboratories.

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LEPTOSPIROSIS—VACCINATION OR NOT? *continued*

Classification Of Leptospira

Formerly, the aerobic, gram-negative spirochete bacteria known as Leptospira were divided into two groups: pathogenic Leptospira were classified as members of L. interrogans and the saprophytic Leptospira were classified as L. biflexa. Globally, over 250 different strains of pathogenic Leptospira called serovars have been identified based on characteristics surface antigens; the antigenically-related serovars are further grouped into serogroups. More recently, genomic information is being used to reorganize the genus Leptospira into seven species, and some of the common leptospiral pathogens of domestic animals have been given new names. However, although the revised nomenclature is increasingly being used in the scientific literature, the older serovar/ serogroup classification system remains useful in public health and clinical considerations of Leptospirosis: different serovars are adapted to different wild or domestic animal reservoir hosts, and immunity to leptospires is serogroup specific.

Leptospirosis Vaccine And Changing Epidemiology

As there are no commercially available vaccines against human leptospirosis at this time, prevention of infection in humans consists entirely of prevention to risk of exposure. Several animal vaccines have been developed worldwide, and are formulated to be protective against pathogenic serogroups identified as the predominant cause of disease in a particular geographic region. An older Leptospira killed bacteria vaccine formulated against two common strains of canine leptospirosis (canicola and icterohaemorrhagiae) was often administered at the same time as the essential or core vaccinations (distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, parainfluenza) to young puppies. The old leptospiral vaccine was blamed for the severe adverse reactions seen in some dogs following vaccination; small breed dogs seemed to be particularly reactive. After years of widespread vaccination of dogs with the older vaccine against canicola and icterohaemorrhagiae serovars, prevalence of canine serovars shifted, and now clinical disease caused by serovars grippotyphosa, Pomona, and Bratislava is being increasingly diagnosed. Serovar canicola is still identified in unvaccinated stray dogs and serovar icterohaemorrhagiae is identified in unvaccinated dogs with exposure to rats.

General measures to prevent leptospirosis in our dogs include reducing rodent populations, minimizing dogs' exposure to wild or farm animals and their habitats, and minimizing contact with other environments that are potentially contaminated with urine from infected rats and dogs, including urban sidewalks, heavily utilized dog parks, and even fenced-in suburban backyards that are subject to late night intrusions by rats, raccoons, skunks, etc. sometimes unnoticed by the homeowner. Backyard chickens may attract leptospirosis-carrying rats. In Illinois and Indiana more than 50 percent of the raccoon population is estimated to carry the disease. In one Oregon study approximately 15 percent of the rats tested were infected and it's estimated that the percentage is higher in certain neighborhoods causing a resurgence of canine

leptospirosis over the past decade. Small breed dogs, dogs that live in urban areas and unvaccinated dogs are the new face of canine leptospirosis: the majority of currently diagnosed cases have no known risk factor. It's challenging to envision effective protective measures based on risk avoidance with regard to our energetic Norwich terriers—originally bred to serve as ratters in the barnyard!

Decision-Making With Regard To Leptospirosis Vaccine

When environmental controls and limited access to high risk areas are impractical or beyond our control, vaccination against canine leptospirosis may serve as a valuable health intervention. In 2013, a new vaccine against leptospirosis was developed and marketed for canine use, Nobivac® Lepto4 (Intervet/Merck Animal Health). The vaccine is recommended for the vaccination of healthy dogs as an aid in the prevention of disease and mortality caused by Leptospira canicola, L. icterohaemorrhagiae, L. pomona, and L. grippotyphosa, and may offer some cross protection against other serovars. Nobivac® Lepto4 vaccine is a purified killed bacterial vaccine, and is administered subcutaneously as a single dose (1 mL) at 8 weeks of age or older, with a booster dose 2 to 4 weeks later according to manufacturer information. The vaccine protects against clinical disease, and prevents bacterial colonization of the kidneys with subsequent shedding of bacteria into the urine. Annual revaccination with one dose is recommended if the dog's owner and veterinarian agree that the dog continues to have significant risk of exposure to leptospirosis.

The decision whether or not to give leptospirosis vaccine to your dog ultimately boils down to the dog's lifestyle, where you live, and the dog's underlying health. Similar to the rabies vaccine, there is a lot of concern about vaccine safety, and the occurrence of severe adverse reactions after receipt of the vaccine. Norwich owners should discuss these issues with their dog's veterinarian. A cautious approach would be to limit outdoor activities for young puppies, and to administer the leptospirosis vaccine at 12 to 16 weeks of age or older after the core puppy vaccines and the required rabies vaccine has been received. The leptospirosis vaccine should be administered separately from and not in combination with other vaccines with an interval of 3-4 weeks separating vaccine doses. Despite our concerns, with the changing demographics of dogs at risk for leptospirosis, the availability of safer vaccines, and the zoonotic (animal to human transmission) potential for the disease, we may decide that the benefits of leptospirosis vaccine outweigh the potential risks. Bark bark bark!

— Elaine Jong
Dungeness Norwich Terriers
Port Townsend, WA

Ed note: In 2017, the NTCA conducted a survey of members about their individual practices and experiences concerning leptospirosis and the vaccine. Results of this survey can be found at <https://www.norwichterrierclub.org/ntca-member-lepto-survey/>

CH Frabjous E.T. Elizabeth Taylor by Littlefield

(GCH Ji-Ros Hotspur - Call Me Nigel CGC x CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso THD CGC))

Breeders: Dr. Denis Johnson and Leandra Little
Owner: Dr. Denis Johnson

“E.T.” completed her championship in grand style at the Penn Treaty Kennel Club show with a 5-point major under terrier judge Mr. Kenneth Kauffman from the BBE class. She followed the next day with her first GCH points and another 5-point major under judge Mr. John Constantine-Amodei at the Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Show. She is now relaxing at home with her siblings half-way to her GCH. Groomed and Owner-Handled by her Daddy.



CH Littlefield Gonfalon at Wichunt

(CH Cherber's Double Your Money at Image x Littlefield Continental Divine)

Breeder: Leandra Little
Owner: Sandy Keller

At the tender age of one year and six days, “Banner” finished with back-to-back 5-point majors after only two weekends of showing in the United States. He completed his Canadian Championship just a week earlier and just as quickly! Banner was bred by Leandra Little and is owned, loved and shown by Sandy Keller.

CH Littlefield Jersey Boy

(CH Littlefield's Ace in the Hole NJP x CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield)

Breeder: Leandra Little
Owners: Christine Kiino and Maris Purvins

“Frankie” finished his championship at the Montgomery show, going Reserve WD with a 3-point major. Thanks to Conor McFadden. Frankie loves to play and is quite athletic!



CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso CGC THD

(CH Littlefield Pieces Of Eight x CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield)

Breeder: Leandra Little
Owner: Dr. Denis Johnson

“Tess” completed her requirements and was awarded her AKC Therapy Dog certification in December 2017. She has spent her time visiting patients at nursing homes and schoolchildren on the Autism spectrum, helping with one-on-one canine desensitvity training, and her favorite, participating in Children Read To Pets. We are so proud of her patience, tolerance, and remarkable disposition, all of which have made her the wonderful therapy dog she is.

MACH3 Pinelake’s Happy, Fearless Explorer RA MXG MJC MXF T2B3 ME EE3 CGC

(CH Pinelake’s Mega Bucks RE MX MXJ x CH GCH Elysium’s Ciao Bella NAJ)

Breeder: Carol S. Clark and Karen Sullivan

Owner: Joan S. Krantz

“Henry” earned his MACH3 in August 2017, just a week before he turned five. Even when he’s having fun and doing what he loves, he’s so serious and focused. I consider myself lucky to have this little man as part of our family.



MACH4 Arcadian-Dynamite Red Beryl MXG3 MJC2 THDX RATO CGC TKN

(Arcadian Enchanted Talisman x Ch. Arcadian Empress Matilda)

Breeder: Kathleen Wherley

Owner/Handler: Melanie Bryson

Call Name: Dinah Molly

New Title: Master Agility Champion 4 (MACH4)

“Dinah Molly” earned her Master Agility Champion 4 (MACH4) in Concord, NC on November 18, 2017. She is the 4th Norwich to earn the MACH4. Dinah Molly loves agility, and always give me her best. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful agility partner.

PACH Reverie’s Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP5 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX THDX CGC TKN

(CH Bedlam’s Daredevil x CH Reverie’s Believe In Dreams)

Breeders: Ann R. Carlson and Mary Beth Carlson

Owner/Handler: Melanie Bryson

“Ruby” earned her Preferred Agility Champion (PACH) at the annual Montgomery All-Terrier Trial in Palmyra, PA on October 5, 2017. In true terrier style, Ruby runs on her own terms when all conditions are to her high standards. She can’t get her diva paws dirty! Ruby has taught me to never give up, and that patience is truly the greatest virtue. I am blessed to have such an intelligent and talented agility partner.



BIG NEWS IN AKC OBEDIENCE AND RALLY

November 1, 2017 brought sweeping changes to the sport of Rally with the addition of 33 new signs, a second on-lead class called Intermediate, a Rally Master class leading to a prefix title championship, the RACH (pronounced ROCK). The RACH requires the Rally Master title, 20 triple Q’s (Master, Excellent B, and Advanced B in the same trial) and an accumulation of 300 points in Master and Excellent B. The fastest route to RACH requires perfect scores at 30 trials. Join us Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Purina Farms to cheer for the Norwich competing in Rally Master at our national specialty. It’s sure to make you proud.

Obedience handlers are working hard to train new skills for May 1, 2018. The AKC has changed the way group Stay exercise is performed in Novice; it will now be performed on-lead. The group Stay exercise in Open, currently performed with the handler out-of-sight of the dog, has been replaced with a command discrimination exercise. Handlers will leave their dog in either a sit, a stand or a down, leave the dog and walk 15 feet, change the dog’s position as directed by the judge, then walk a total of 30 feet from the dog, and command the dog to change to a third position. Open competitors will also have a Sit- or Down-Stay for one minute, return to the dog, change the dog’s position, leave them on a stay to get the leash and return to the dog.

Several Norwich Terriers have earned new titles in Rally and Obedience since the last report.

**Breakaway Bon Temps Roulez
CDX PCDX RAE AXP AJP CGC TKP - Ms. Jill E Lowry**



Four-year-old Zee completed her Open B and Preferred Open obedience titles. The independent spirit of the female terrier helps with the jumping and retrieving of the Open classes, as well as the out-of-sight group Stay exercise. The last time Zee qualified, Jill returned to find other dogs in the line had laid down while the handlers were out-of-sight. Zee didn’t give in to peer pressure!

MACH10 Breakaway’s In The Know CD BN RN MXS3 PAD MJG3 PJD FTC1 MFC TQX T2B4 RATN - Rainee Johnson, DVM



Savvy earned her Novice obedience title. Rainee started Savvy at the 2016 Montgomery All-Terrier Cluster in novice obedience, and she got her first leg there. Spring 2017, she competed in the Northern California Terrier Association’s Obedience Trial where they earned the final 2 legs. She scored a 195.5 the second day, which earned her High-In-Trial honors along with her Companion Dog title. Savvy is our breed’s most accomplished agility champion,

and Rainee says of her, “She certainly surprises me in her ability to do well no matter what it is that I ask of her!”

CH Kilyka’s Witch Upon A Star CD NA NAJ - Betty McDonnell



Three-year-old Phoebe won High-in-Trial at the 2017 NTCA National Specialty Trial in Palmyra, PA, the week preceding the Montgomery County show. She scored higher than any other dog in the regular classes at the all terrier trial

earning her second leg of the CD title. She completed her title the following week.

Phoebe is Betty’s sixth generation of champion Norwich that are also agility and obedience titled. Betty says, “She is by far the most athletic Norwich I have ever owned. She loves everything we do together and will lie in wait by my obedience duffel bag for hours waiting to be called to work or play. Always wanting to be ahead of the game, Phoebe did well out front of me in the breed ring and in agility. But in obedience, forging is a deduction from perfection and that is where she loses points. Smart as a whip, stationery exercises are particularly difficult for a little dog aware of all surrounding noises and activities. Sitting still is just so difficult! Phoebe wants the world to think that she is a Very Brave Norwich. Underneath the bravado is an affectionate, cuddly little dog.”

CH M&M’s Little Miss Sunshine BN AX MXJ XF T2B BCAT CGC TKN - Patty Fornelli & Lynn Marshall



Fiona completed her Beginner Novice obedience title at 2017 Palmyra and was named Norwich High-in-Trial in Obedience. Patty says, “She is such a smart, happy and willing partner in everything we do, I am truly lucky to have her in my life!” and she’s “not even 3 years old yet.”

BIG NEWS IN AKC OBEDIENCE AND RALLY *continued*

Dignpop Star Of Hollywould RN
- Jill C Petersen & Magda Chiarella



At just 11 months old, Wally spent the 2017 Thanksgiving weekend debuting in Rally. He went 3 for 3, finishing his Rally Novice title with two first placements, and one perfect score of 100. The class in which he didn't place, he, himself, earned a perfect score, but his handler, Jill Peterson, did a station incorrectly costing the team 10 points. Naturally, Wally still gave Jill lots of hugs and

kisses. Jill says, "Wally is one special Norwich, and we are looking forward to many years of fun ahead!"

Small Step's Olive BN RN RATO - Penelope Hunt

Olive and Penelope also completed their Rally Novice title in October.

- Jill Lowry
Simpsonville, KY

NORVILLE WIN "BEST BREED SPIRIT" AT THE ALL TERRIER AGILITY CLUSTER



Cirque Du Norleil takes over and wins "Best Breed Spirit"



Just waiting for the fun to begin.

From October 2-5, 2017, the facility "In the Net" in Palmyra, PA wasn't just our agility venue for four days; it was home to many versions of "Under the Big Top." Breeds participating in the trial could participate in the competition with the circus theme for their

breed's crating space. The Border Terriers won "Best Overall" and the Schnauzers won "Best Use of Theme." Norwich and our Norfolk cousins invited Cirque du Norleil to Norville and we won "Best Breed Spirit."

Since we wanted to be true to our breeds' playfulness, we took the Cirque du Norleil approach and inhabited our circus with

28 "clowns" and "animals" handled by 23 humans. We had a ticket booth, we had a neighborhood of circus tents, we had the ringmasters' estates, we had our train of animal cages, and we had our own Feature Attraction: "Superstar Savvy." She is not only the first Norwich Terrier to earn AKC's Grand Agility Championship title but the very first in the entire terrier group and was recognized and applauded by the terrier agility community at the trial. Like our little terriers, we are fun-loving so we were eager to create a circus theme village that showcased our dogs' energy and love of adventure.



Ok, enough pictures...we're here to have fun!

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NORVILLE WIN "BEST BREED SPIRIT" AT THE ALL TERRIER AGILITY CLUSTER *continued*

Norville wouldn't be complete without a village green so our group efforts managed to set up small circus scenes where the figures all had dog faces. Call us crazy dog people but our efforts helped us win "Best Breed Spirit" and our pack of dogs performed happily for four days.

Breed Spirit sure filled the agility ring too as more than the usual number of Norwich earned titles. Cathy Rogers and "Glinda" (CH Camio's Educated Enchantress OA NAJ) earned their Open Agility title. Blair Kelly and "Mandy" (MACH2 Shakesper Amanda Seyfried RN MXS MJS CGC) earned their Master Silver Agility title. Susan Miller Hall and "Willy" (Birchbay For the Girls NAJ) earned their Novice Agility Jumper title. Karen Dwyer Mullings and "RG" (Top Drawer's Terra Cotta Warrior OA OAJ OF) earned their Open Agility Jumper title. Kim Dwyer Mullings and "Bugsy" (Top Drawer's Dodge Dart Swinger OA OAJ NF) earned their Agility FAST Novice title.

On the last day of the trial, Melanie Bryson earned new titles with each of her dogs. "Tansy" (High Pines Tansy OA OAJ ACT1 THDN CGC TKN) earned her Open Agility title and her Excellent Agility Jumper title. "Molly" (MACH4 Arcadian-Dynamite Red Beryl MXG3 MJC2 THDX RATO CGC TKN) earned her Master Gold Agility 3 title. And needing just a few speed points to earn their Preferred Agility Champion title (PACH) were Melanie and "Ruby" (PACH Reverie's Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MSJ MSP4 MXPB MJPS PAX THDX CGC TKN).

All our little dogs were impressive performers. They must have known the circus came to town and were just waiting entertain.

NTCA also recognized star performers for the highest scoring Norwich in Standard Agility Classes on Tuesday. April Clark, performance chair and fellow competitor presented trophies. Winners were as follows:

- Premier Standard- Raine Johnson and "Savvy" AGCH MACH11 Breakaway's In The Know CD BN RN MXG3 PDS MJG3 PJS FTC1 MFC TQX T2B5 RATN
- Master Standard- Vanessa Andrews and "Ace" MACH3 Flying Ace Of the Skies MXG MJB2 OF T2B3
- Master Preferred Standard- Melanie Bryson and "Ruby" PACH Reverie's Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX THDX CGC TKN
- Excellent Standard- Karen Dwyer and "Duese" Top Drawer's Duesenberg Model Y
- Excellent Standard Preferred - April Clark and "Punch" CH GCH Fishback Hard Tap NA NAJ OAP OJP NF
- Open Standard - Cathy Rogers and "Glinda" CH Camio's Educated Enchantress OA NAJ
- Novice Standard- Susan Miller Hall and "Willy" Birchbay For The Girls at Fishback NAJ

Another special highlight this year was a run for retired/veteran agility dogs. More than 50 terriers and their handlers had a chance to play the agility game with an audience cheering them on. It was very emotional to watch all the dogs, but especially emotional to watch my first agility dog, "Cricket", Elysium's Summersong at Pinelake MX MXB MXJ MJB NF THDA CGC, run so happily in a trial setting.

Don't miss out on next year's All Terrier Agility Cluster, October 2-5, 2018. There will be another veteran/retired dog event which I'm sure will attract more dogs. The theme is "western" and as always we will have our spectacular little dogs that are always ready to "giddy up and go."



Glinda shows off her NTCA award for High in Open Standard



Ruby with her NTCA award for High in Masters Preferred Standard



The circus is over; the silly clowns all in a row.



Taking a break between circus acts- handlers managing and showing off their perfect performers.

ORLANDO – AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL DECEMBER 2017
FOUR FUN-FILLED DAYS WITH FRIENDS

This year approximately 700 dogs representing nearly 260 breeds participated in the AKC Agility Invitational held in Orlando, Florida December 15-17, 2017. Our five top Norwich from the Regular class and one Norwich from the Preferred class were invited after AKC calculated Double Q's x 10 plus MACH/ PACH points. These six competitive dogs spend hours of training and many weekends at agility trials to earn the honor of being invited to this National event. I think it's fair to speak for all of us that this is a gala event —our special Norwich team shirt, the time of year, the warm weather, the formal and informal gatherings, the festive, comfortable crating area, the laughs, the catching up, the support for each other, the special leashes that Rainee brought for each of us... the list could go on and on. All of that in four busy days that we all look forward to for an event unlike any other. This year's top Norwich were among 140 eight-inch dogs that competed in four runs during the course of two days.

REGULAR



Photo credit: Rainee Johnson

The Six Time Medallion Winner Savvy says, "Red is a perfect color for this holiday season. Thanks."

#1--Rainee Johnson with "Savvy" (AGCH MACH11 Breakaway's In The Know CD BN RN MXG3 PDS MJG3 PJS FTC1 MFC TQX T2B5 RATN) competed for the eighth time at the Invitational and earned the Club Medallion for the sixth time. "The best thing I had fun! I went into it with a goal of four clean runs, kept my head on straight and succeeded. I also had a great time watching several of my friends from California run in the finals! No Stress, I have the bestest little partner (who reads numbers) at my side."

#2--Joan Krantz and "Henry" (MACH3 Pinelake's Happy, Fearless Explorer RA MXG MJC MXF T2B2 ME EE3 CGC) competed for the third time. "The best thing about this year's Invitational was stepping to the line with my happy, healthy little man and spending time with friends who share my passion for the breed and for agility."

#3--Vanessa Andrews with "Ace" (MACH3 Flying Ace Of the Skies MXG MJB2 OF T2B3) competed for the third time. "The best things about the Invitational are the camaraderie and the awesome dogs of all shapes and sizes."

#4--Ursula Walsh and "George" (MACH2 Slightly The Hired Hand MXS2 MJB2 MXF T2B) competed for the fourth time. "The best things about the Invitational are getting invited and a Great Party."

#5--Melanie Bryson and "Dinah Molly" (MACH4 Arcadian-Dynamite Red Beryl MXG3 MJC2 THDX RATO CGC TKN) competed for the fourth time. "The best thing about the Invitational is our camaraderie and of course, that includes our dogs."



Photo credit: Marian Shaw

Ruby and Dinah Molly enjoy watching the Finals at the Invitational

What truly amazed me was how focused our dogs became as soon as they entered the agility ring. Crowds cheering in the stands, the loudspeaker, or any other potential distraction didn't faze them. Every team looked totally connected and mentally ready with their pre-run routines. It was as if the agility ring became our own private playground with the judge acting as a moving but unobtrusive obstacle while we ran.

Though no teams made it into the finals, we all savored the moments our dogs achieved clean runs when we thought they might not. I thought Henry might refuse the teeter; he didn't but he did decide to take an extra obstacle, so three clean runs. Vanessa thought Ace might not get his contacts, but he dropped a bar; three clean runs. Ursula was worried that George might drop a bar and George being George, in Ursula's words, "the equal opportunity bar knocker, did drop two bars in the same run; three clean runs. Melanie thought making time might be the issue but Dinah Molly had three clean runs and just one with time faults. Ruby's only faults were time faults; otherwise all four of her runs were clean.

Rainee with Savvy was the only team to have four clean runs and so they took home the NTCA medallion for the sixth time; they are simply unsurpassable.

By the end of Sunday's runs, the only thing that truly mattered was that our dogs were happy and we were proud. Congratulations to all! You're the BEST!

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#1--Melanie Bryson and "Ruby" (PACH Reverie's Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX THDX CGC TKN) competed for the first time. Having Ruby and Molly compete together at the same Invitational was certainly a memorable event.

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TITLES MEAN MORE THAN GOOD TRAINING
TITLES MEAN TWO-WAY TRUST



Photo credit: Stewart Event Images

Posey has her "eyes on the prize"; treats at the end.

Trainers these days keep telling us as agility handlers "watch your dog", "keep your connection with your dog", "see your dog's eyes," "show your dog the path." Yes, those all help. But another critical component of achieving those titles is building a relationship/bond where communication is two way, whether through motion, eye contact, or your words/ his barking. Some dogs are insecure with equipment; some don't or won't keep a start line stay, some dart off to visit ring crew, and others simply "shut down." If we really "listen" to our dogs and watch how they react to our handling in the agility ring, we can better understand what they are trying to communicate to us. When mutual communication breaks down, we train differently; we take time off, we play more, we let them heal. If we show them we care about what they're telling us, they trust us to be good handlers and then happy, clean runs will lead to titles.

From May to December, fifteen of our members earned 63 new titles with 20 dogs. There were eight Novice titles, fifteen Open titles, six Excellent titles, twenty-nine Master titles, two Premier titles, five Champion titles and one Grand Agility Champion title.



Photo credit: Phyllis Ensley

George telling Ursula, "See clearing those three bars is a snap!"

The Champion dogs must earn 20 double qualifying scores and 750 points for each MACH and PACH. For some earning those double qualifying scores is a long, frustrating process; for others accumulating enough points seems to take forever. So when teams earn these Champion titles, they're celebrating a very individual journey. And when a team earns an Agility Grand Champion title, that 23team deserves a standing ovation for fulfilling this list of requirements:

Master Standard & Master Jumper with Weaves – 100 qualifying scores from each class

- Master Fast – 75 qualifying scores
- Time 2 Beat – 75 qualifying scores
- Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50 qualifying scores from each class

MACH 11

June 11, 2017—Rainee Johnson and "Savvy" (MACH11 Breakaway's In The Know CD BN RN MXG3 PAD MJG3 PJD FTC1 MFC TQX T2B4 RATN) earned MACH11. It was a hot day in June when this Superstar was truly "hot." Savvy has more MACH's than she is in years. She also earned her Premier Agility Dog Silver, Time to Beat 5, Premier Jumper Dog Silver, and Master Century Jumper 3 titles.

MACH3

August 5, 2017 – Joan Krantz and "Henry" (MACH3 Pinelake's Happy, Fearless Explorer RA MXG MJC MXF T2B3 ME EE3 CGC) earned their MACH3. I wish I could clone this dog. He may not be perfect, but he's perfect for me. Henry also earned his Master Center Jumper, Master Excellent FAST, and his Time2Beat3 titles.



Photo credit: Joan Krantz

Hmm, maybe I need a swim after earning that title.

PACH

October 5, 2017 –Melanie Bryson and "Ruby" (PACH Reverie's Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX THDX CGC TKN) earned their PACH at the All Terrier Cluster. Getting that first championship at the All Terrier trial among so many Norwich friends was exciting for all. In November Ruby earned her Master Silver Agility, her Master Agility Excellent Preferred5 and her Master Jumper Preferred 6 titles.

AGCH – See Special Article*

August 27, 2017—Rainee Johnson and "Savvy" (AGCH MACH11 Breakaway's In The Know CD BN RN MXG3 PDS MJG3 PJS FTC1 MFC TQX T2B5 RATN) earned the highest AKC agility title AGILITY GRAND CHAMPION. See special article.*

MACH4

November 17, 2017—Melanie Bryson and "Molly" (MACH4 Arcadian-Dynamite Red Beryl MXG3 MJC2 THDX RATO CGC TKN) Melanie said, The MACH4 was dedicated to her breeder, the late Kathleen Wherley. Molly is the 4th



Photo credit: Melanie Bryson

Dinah Molly and Ruby share stories about running those Championship runs!

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TITLES MEAN MORE THAN GOOD TRAINING
TITLES MEAN TWO-WAY TRUST *continued*

Norwich to ever achieve a MACH4. She also earned her Master Gold Agility3 title at Palmyra in October, another impressive achievement.

MACH2



Photo credit: Terri Kieffer

Mandy looking pretty proud after earning her MACH2.

December 10, 2017—Blair Kelly and “Mandy” (MACH2 Shakesper Amanda Seyfried RN MXS MJS CGC) earned their MACH2 at the Oriole Dog Training Club's agility trial in Westminster, Maryland. Blair shared: “On Friday,

Mandy came close, but I accidentally pulled her out of a tunnel. On Saturday, I could do nothing right and we NQed on all of our runs. Today was tall to small, so it was at the very end of the day that we got that 40th double-Q. Speed points are not a problem for Mandy. I was a member of Oriole for fifteen years before I moved to North Carolina, so it was particularly nice to MACH at their trial. And they give lovely MACH ribbons!” Mandy also earned her Master Silver Agility title.

In the end our trainers are right.... Keeping our eyes on the best prize of all, our little dogs, and trusting each other in and out of the agility ring make earning those titles a journey worth taking.

Congratulations to all on earning new titles. Keep training, keep trusting!

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Photo credit: Melanie Bryson

Melanie Bryson's three title winning dogs- Dinah Molly, Ruby and Tansy patiently waiting for Santa to bring treats for a great 2017.

NORWICH TERRIER, “SAVVY,” MAKES NORWICH TERRIER AND AKC HISTORY

“If you’re a champion, you have to have it in your heart.” – Chris Evert



Photo credit: Lynn Marshall

The champions have plenty to smile about- First in the Terrier Group to get AKC's Agility Grand Champion title.

On August 27, 2017—Rainee Johnson and “Savvy” (AGCH MACH11 Breakaway's In The Know CD BN RN MXG3 PDS MJG3 PJS FTC1 MFC TQX T2B5 RATN) made history. They earned the highest AKC agility title and became the first NORWICH to earn an AGILITY GRAND CHAMPION. They also earned their Time to Beat 5 title and their Premier Agility Jumpers

Dog Silver title on the same day, two titles they needed toward their Agility Grand Champion. This title recognizes the hard work, the bond, the fun and love of agility both Rainee and Savvy have.

Even more impressive is the fact that Savvy is the FIRST in the entire Terrier Group to have earned this Grand Champion title. There just aren’t enough adjectives to describe this one of kind dog, Her athleticism, her attitude, her knowing when to be obstacle focused and when to be handler focused are all reasons we call her Superstar Savvy. All of who Savvy is has been nurtured by Rainee, so I thought I’d ask Rainee a few questions to discover her agility magic.

1. *When, why and how did you get involved in agility?*
I started training and showing in AKC and NADAC agility in 1998. I taught obedience at the local all breed kennel club and met a new member that had done agility in San Diego. There happened to be some classes locally and we started going to them. I liked tracking and obedience, so agility fit right in with my interests.

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NORWICH TERRIER, “SAVVY,” MAKES NORWICH TERRIER AND AKC HISTORY *continued*

2. *What have you done to keep Savvy mentally and physically ready for agility?*
Since she was young she's always loved "doing", so keeping her mentally fit has easy, as she is always willing to play any game, especially agility. I think adding the premier type handling brought up her level of training later in her career and made it more fun for both of us. Physically I have "cross trained" with her, hiking and being active outside as much as possible, plus using some balance and strengthening exercises. When the weather is bad, we pull out the treadmill and use that. I monitor her diet carefully and pay attention to her weight. I also think that taking time off is great for her. She always comes back with a bang!

3. *What setbacks, if any, did you have during your agility career?*
Savvy has had two major medical events in her life, the first time she tried to wipe herself out by climbing up, over and through things to get a massive overdose of nsais. She ended up needing a blood transfusion to survive that. It took her a month to get her built back up from that event. Secondly, she developed IBD and almost died at 5 from loss of protein. She recovered slowly and was on medication for 6 months following that event. As for me, I have a constant battle with my back and neck, but I figure if I stop it will be forever and I refuse to give up my favorite sport.

4. *What are a few of the best agility memories with Savvy?*
So many great memories! Standing on the start line at the

Invitationals in the finals, holding her and thinking to myself 'I'm not even nervous as I have the best partner with me on this run'. Almost NQ'ing in my T2B run the day I got my AGCH, as she fires off towards the wrong end of the tunnel because of my horrible handling decision and actually having her stop and turn away just inches from the entry...looking at me in amazement and coming over to the correct entrance.As one of my friends in California says, Savvy reads the numbers!

5. *As the first Norwich Terrier Grand Champion team, what advice would you give to handlers, new and experienced?*
I've always tried to stay calm and handle the best I know how. I look out at a course and say to myself, there isn't anything stupid my dog or I can do out there that hasn't been done before, so do your best and it'll be ok. Foundation, foundation, foundation. Train the dog you have, each is different. Then use your skills, have a plan and know it well, adjust if the wheels fall off. Hold up your end of the deal, don't let the dog down and make it fun! It's not a crisis, it is agility, it is a game we play with our best buddies, our dogs.

Thanks for your heartfelt words... and HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to match that HUGE ribbon.

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REVISIONS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR AGILITY TRIALS

Agility - Change in Eligibility for Premier Class

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to amend Chapter 11, Section 2, of the Agility Regulations to allow all dogs to be eligible to enter the Agility Premier classes. Prior to this change, Premier classes were limited to dogs eligible to compete at the Master level.

This change to the Agility Regulations will become effective June 1, 2018.

Chapter 11. Premier Class

Section 2. Eligibility. The Premier class has a single class level. Dogs eligible to enter Novice, Open, Excellent or Master level classes may enter the Premier class.

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QUALIFIERS FOR THE AKC NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPION COMPETITION

Another AKC National Agility event,the AKC National Agility Championship will take place in Reno, Nevada on March 23-25, 2018. To qualify for this event a dog must have earned seven double Q's and 550 MACH or PACH points between December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2017.

While the majority of the 2600 dogs that qualified are built more for agility that our short- legged terriers, ,many breeds are represented because but what ours lack leg length, they have in cuteness and pluck.

Like last year, we have quite a list of qualifiers:

- Blair Kelly and “Mandy” (MACH2 Shakesper Amanda Seyfried RN MXS MJS CGC)
- Joan Krantz and “Henry” (MACH3 Pinelake's Happy, Fearless Explorer RA MXG MJC MXF T2B3 ME EE3 CGC)
- Vanessa Andrews and “Ace” (MACH3 Flying Ace Of the Skies MXG MJB2 OF T2B3)

- Rainee Johnson and “Savvy” (AGCH MACH11 Breakaway's In The Know CD BN RN MXG3 PDS MJG3 PJS FTC1 MFC TQX T2B5 RATN)
- Ursula Walsh and “George” (MACH2 Slightly The Hired Hand MXS2 MJB2 MXF T2B)
- Melanie Bryson and “Ruby” (PACH Reverie's Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP4 MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX THDX CGC TKN)

This year, the only team attending the Nationals will be Rainee Johnson and Savvy. For them the distance to travel is doable. Superstar Savvy has qualified seven times and she and Rainee and will be competing for their fourth time this March.

Best of luck to a super team! We'll all be cheering you on from afar!



High Five!

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2018 NTCA AND REGIONAL NORWICH TERRIER CLUBS SHOW CALENDAR

April 12 NTCA Supported Entry – Northern California Terrier Association. Sacramento Expo Center, Sacramento, CA. Breed Judge: Ms. Lee Whittier (SE Coordinator Carole Foucrault)

April 13 NTCNC Regional Specialty – Northern California Terrier Association. Sacramento Expo Center, Sacramento, CA. Breed Judge: Mr. Alfred Ferruggiario (SE Coordinator Carole Foucrault)

April 20 NTCA Supported Entry & Sweepstakes – Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland. MD State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD. Breed Judge: J. Clifford Schultz, Sweepstakes Judge: Mr. Joseph R. Vernuccio (SE Coordinator Al Ferruggiario)

May 4 NTCA Supported Entry – Rolla Missouri Kennel Club. Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Breed Judge: Vicki L. Abbott. (Show Chair James Kinney)

May 5 NTCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes – Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club. Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Breed Judge: Edd Bivin, Sweepstakes Judge: Georgia Crompton (Show Chair James Kinney)

May 6 NTCGC Supported Entry – Jefferson County Kennel Club Of Missouri. Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Breed Judge: Barbara Dempsey Alderman (Show Chair James Kinney)

May 20 NTCA Supported Entry – Long Island Kennel Club. Oyster Bay, NY. Breed Judge: Ann Ingram (SE Coordinator Judy Laffey)

June 16 NTCGC Regional Specialty – Great Lakes All Terrier Association. Lake County Fairgrounds, Grayslake, IL. Breed Judge: Mr. William F. Potter II (Show Chair Lorrie Kinney)

July 5 LSNTC Specialty – North Texas Terrier Club. Dallas Market Hall, Dallas, TX. Breed Judge: Joseph Pendon (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

July 6 NTCA Supported Entry – All Terrier Club Of Western Washington. WA State Fair Events Center, 110 9th Ave. SW, Puyallup, WA. Breed Judge: Virginia Latham Smith (SE Coordinator Lynne Davis)

July 14 NTCA Supported Entry – Kennel Club of Greater Victoria. Joe & Harry Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, TX. Breed Judge: James E. Frederiksen (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

Oct 4 NTCA Designated Specialty – Hatboro Dog Club. Middletown Grange Fairgrounds Wrightstown, PA. Breed Judge: Linda L. Reece (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

Oct 5 NTCA Designated Specialty – Hatboro Dog Club. Middletown Grange Fairgrounds Wrightstown, PA. Breed Judge: Darryl Vice (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

Oct 6 NTCA Designated Specialty – Devon Dog Show Assoc. Devon Horse Show Grounds, Ludwig Corners, PA. Breed Judge: TBD (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

Oct 7 NTCA Designated Specialty & Sweepstakes – Montgomery County Kennel Club. Blue Bell, PA. Breed Judge: Geir Flyckt-Pedersen; Sweepstakes Judge: Nicky Conroy (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

Dec 7 NTCA Supported Entry – North Texas Terrier Club. Dallas Market Hall, Dallas, TX. Breed Judge: TBD (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

MONTGOMERY WEEK 2017

2017 saw the return of Hatboro to its traditional site in Wrightstown, PA for two days of judging under esteemed judges Mr. Desmond Murphy (Hatboro I) and Mr. Edd Bivin (Hatboro II). The Best of Breed winner on Thursday, **GCHS Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Family Ties** was Best of Opposite Sex on Friday; our Best of Breed winner on Friday, **CH Paradym Laughs out Loud**, took Best of Opposite Sex the day before.

On Saturday we moved to Ludwigs Corner and the Devon Dog Show Association. Unexpectedly for Devon, the weather was quite pleasant and because of our late ring time, the grass was dry and matted down. Under the sunny sky, Judge Melinda Lyon awarded Best of Breed to **GCHG Abbedale Life of Riley at Glengariff** and Best of Opposite Sex to **GCHS Janoras Twinkle Twinkle Little Star**.

The weather took a turn for the rainy and windy on Sunday for the Norwich Terrier Club of America's 9th National Specialty show at the Montgomery County Kennel Club. Sweepstakes judge Magda Chiarella (Dig N' Pop) kept the puppies under the tent and found her Best in Sweepstakes, **Dralion's Amblegreen Mavi Gold** and her Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes **Frabjous Fergus** by **Littlefield** in this eager group.

The rain and wind continued in fits and starts as the class and breed judging began. Our judge Ms. Elizabeth “Beth” Sweigart

(Yarrow) was able to use the full ring and awarded Winners Dog to **Ragus Devils Double**, out of the Open class. Reserve went to the black and tan **Littlefield Jersey Boy**, who finished his championship with that placement. The bitches moved into the ring next. Out of a highly competitive group, the Winners Bitch came out of BBE and was awarded to **Country Girl Kiss Me Lola**, with reserve to the black and tan Open bitch **Pouch Cove Veritas It's Me**.

After a break for lunch, the specials moved in. For her Best of Breed, and BBE in Breed, Ms. Sweigart chose **CH Paradym Laughs Out Loud**, a lovely red bitch shown by her owner/breeder Kelly Wood. “Lucy” was the first bitch to win the national specialty since 2003. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to the compact black and tan **GCHS Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Family Ties**.

Full results, photos and the National Specialty judges' critiques follow.

The Norwich Terrier Club of America's 10th National Specialty will take place at Purina Farms on Saturday, May 5. It will be judged by Mr. Edd Bivin, with sweepstakes judged by Georgia R. Crompton (Long Valley). See you in Saint Louis!

-Amanda Kozora
Austin, TX

HATBORO DOG CLUB (I) - NTCA DESIGNATED SPECIALTY

October 5, 2017

Judge: Mr. Desmond J. Murphy



BOS: CH PARADYM LAUGHS OUT LOUD
Owner/Breeder: Kelly A. Wood

SB: CH KILYKA'S WITCH UPON A STAR NAJ
Owner/Breeder: Betty McDonnell

SD: GCHG DEN-MAR'S WILD CARD
Owner: Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett
Breeder: Marie Cato

BOB: GCHS ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN FAMILY TIES
Owners: Tonnie & Gerard Willrich and Amanda Kozora
Breeders: Tonnie Willrich and Amanda Kozora

WD/BOW: WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE
Owner/Breeder: Nancy Wilde

WB: WILDEFOX'S ANTE UP
Owner/Breeder: Nancy Wilde

RWD: LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY
Owner: Christine Kiino & Maris Purvins
Breeder: Leandra Little

RWB: AMBLEGREEN DARK MATTER
Owner: Linda Dowdle & Heather Tomlins
Breeder: Heather Tomlins

HATBORO DOG CLUB (II) - NTCA DESIGNATED SPECIALTY

October 6, 2017

Judge: Mr. Edd E. Bivin



SB: GCHS JANORAS TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR
Owner: Beverly Small
Breeder: Norma Braun

SD: GCHG ABBEDALE LIFE OF RILEY AT GLENARIFF
Owner: Judy & John Laffey
Breeder: Joan Eckert

BOB: CH PARADYM LAUGHS OUT LOUD
Owner/Breeder: Kelly A. Wood

BOS: GCHS ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN FAMILY TIES
Owners: Tonnie & Gerard Willrich and Amanda Kozora
Breeders: Tonnie Willrich and Amanda Kozora

WD/BOW: WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE
Owner/Breeder: Nancy Wilde

WB: CAMIO'S NIGHT WITCH
Owner/Breeder: Catherine Rogers

RWD: RAGUS DEVILS DOUBLE
Owner: Linda & Peter Dowdle and Kelly Wood
Breeder: Lesley Crawley

RWB: ALTA CARYA PRALINKA
Owner: Thomas & Barbara Vraviss
Breeder: Joanna Chmielecka & Marcelina Niewiadomska

DEVON DOG SHOW ASSOCIATION - NTCA DESIGNATED SPECIALTY

October 7, 2017

Judge: Ms. Melinda L. Lyon



SB: CH PARADYM LAUGHS OUT LOUD
Owner/Breeder: Kelly Wood

SD: GCH LLANERCHFENS HENCHARD OF CASTORBRIDGE
Owner/Breeder: Christina Anderson & Anna Bellenger

BOB: GCHG ABBEDALE LIFE OF RILEY AT GLENGARIFF
Owner: Judy & John Laffey
Breeder: Joan Eckert

BOS: GCHS JANORAS TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR
Owner: Beverly Small
Breeder: Norma Braun

WD/BOW: WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE
Owner/Breeder: Nancy Wilde

WB: PARADYM DRALION LILY TOMLINS
Owner: Linda Dowdle & Kelly Wood & Heather Tomlins
Breeder: Kelly Wood

RWD: WILDEFOX TEXAS HOLD 'EM AT SAGENHAFT
Owner: Patricia & Roland Stuebner
Breeder: Nancy A Wilde

RWB: BERIC ZOE
Owner: Nancy Nosiglia
Breeder: Nancy Nosiglia & Kathryn Mines

MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB - NTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

October 8, 2017

Sweepstakes Judge: Mrs. Magda Chiarella



BSW: DRALION'S AMBLEGREEN MAVI GOLD
Owners: Heather Tomlins & Linda & Peter Dowdle
Breeders: Linda & Peter Dowdle

BOSSW: FRABJOUS FERGUS BY LITTLEFIELD
Owners/Breeders: Dr. Denis Johnson & Leandra Little

Judge: Ms. Elizabeth "Beth" Sweigart



BOB/BBE in Breed: CH PARADYM LAUGHS OUT LOUD
Owner/Breeder: Kelly Wood

BOS: GCHS ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN FAMILY TIES
Owners: Tonnie & Gerard Willrich & Amanda Kozora
Breeders: Amanda Kozora & Tonnie Willrich



SEL: GCHG DEN-MAR'S WILD CARD
Owners: Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett
Breeder: Marie Cato

MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB - NTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY *continued*

October 8, 2017



SEL: GCHB MA-YA GEORGY GIRL
Owners/Breeders:
Yasuko & Mark Harr



AOM: GCH NORIDGE HOT LIPS HOULLIHAN
Owner/Breeder:
Patricia Warrender



AOM: GCHS COUNTRY BOY LOOKS GOOD LIKE WINSTON SHOULD
Owner: James DeMason
Breeder:
Linda McCutcheon.



AOM: GCH MICHAN'S ROLLING STONE'S JAGGER
Owners: Shirley Van Camp & Lynn Marshall
Breeder: Lynn Marshall



WD: RAGUS DEVILS DOUBLE
Owners: Linda & Peter Dowdle & Kelly Wood
Breeder: Lesley Crawley



RWD: LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY
Owners: Christine Kiino & Maris Purvins
Breeder: Leandra Little



WB/BBE: COUNTRY GIRL KISS ME LOLA
Owner/Breeder:
Linda McCutcheon

RWB: POUCH COVE VERITAS IT'S ME

Owners/Breeders: Peggy Helming & Wheatley Wentzell



Veteran, 7-10 Years Dogs: CH FOXGLYN'S PUT YOUR PEDAL TO THE MEDAL

Owners: Amelia Smith & Paula Smith
Breeders: Nichola S Conroy & Jeri L McClure



Veteran, 10 Years & Over Bitches: CH NORIDGE'S MARINE BRASS
Owner/Breeder: Patricia Warrender

Brood Bitch: GCH LAPRELE CHEROKEE PRINCESS

Owner: Nancy A Wilde
Breeder: Edna Grabow

MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB - JUDGE'S CRITIQUE

October 8, 2017

First, I would like to thank the members and the board of the Norwich Terrier Club of America for inviting me to judge our National Specialty held in conjunction with Montgomery County Kennel Club. It is always an honor to be invited to judge at your club's national, even more so when that event is held at Montgomery County Kennel Club, where terrier fanciers come from all over the world to see the dogs exhibited at the specialties.

The overall quality of the dogs I judged was quite good. I have seen great improvement in dentition since the last time I judged, with very few missing teeth and hardly any malocclusions. The condition in which the dogs were presented was a very high-quality; most were in very good coat and good weight. In general, I would say the one item that needs work is length of back. There were some dogs that were just too long in the loin.

I was very impressed with my final lineup. I thought they were all lovely dogs. My best-of-breed was a bitch that was everything I would want a Norwich to be. Owned and bred by Kelly Wood, CH PARADYM LAUGHS OUT LOUD presented a lovely outline in tiptop condition. She had a lovely feminine head and expression, a beautiful dark eye, neat well-placed ears, good neck and shoulder, a strong short back and a well-set tail. She moved beautifully with a great foot fall and very true coming and going. She has short hocks that propelled her forward with great drive. All this quality added to the fact that she was a tremendous show dog -- she literally owned the ring. Best of opposite sex, GCH ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN FAMILY TIES, was a lovely black and tan dog of good make and shape. He had a lovely head with a good expression and a nice short back and a well set tail. He moved well. He was not as well made through the shoulder as the bitch, but nonetheless a lovely dog. He was what I want to Norwich to be -- a lot of dog in a small package.

My class placements were as follows:

6-9 months dogs: A class of three promising puppies, first was awarded to number 17, DANCY'S LOCH CU ROUGH 'N READY. A well-made dog with a nice head and a good dark eye, he had wonderful front legs and shoulder placement, adequate coat, very sound movement. Second was to number 55, FRABJOUS FERGUS BY LITTLEFIELD. Another one of lovely make in shape, he had a good coat and lovely dark eye and expression, but not quite as good in front as first place.

9-12 months dogs: First was awarded to number 15, LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY, a lovely black and tan puppy with a great coat in wonderful condition, good expression with lovely dark eyes. He moved well with confidence, and he would go on to reserve winners dog

12-15 months dogs: First to number 63, WILDEFOX TEXAS HOLD 'EM AT SAGENHAFT, a well-made black and tan who carried himself well and moved soundly. He has a nice dark eye and good expression. Would have liked him a bit shorter coupled.

15-18 months dogs: First to number 19, LITTLEFIELD I'M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY, a nice red dog with a good outline he moved well and carried a good coat. Second was number 81, ITSY BITSY'S DAY OFF. A nice outline with good harsh coat, short coupled, on the day he did not negotiate the grass well.

Bred by Exhibitor dogs: First to number 71, WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE. Very nice black and tan, good outline, short coupled, very nice head and expression, moved well with strong hindquarters. Second to number 25, FISHBACK BOXCAR WILLY. Nice red dog with good coat and good expression. He moved well, not quite as short coupled as number one.

Open dogs: First to number 37, RAGUS DEVILS DOUBLE, very nice red dog presented in very good coat and condition. Had a good head and expression, nice short back, well sprung ribs, well set tail which he carried a bit too gaily. He went on to be winners dog and best of winners. Second was to number 45, a young dog of great promise, LITTLEFIELD EL CAPITAN, well-made nice short coupled body, very good head and expression. He moved well and should make up to a lovely adult.

6-9 months bitches: First to number 12, DRALION'S AMBLEGREEN MAVI GOLD, a lovely red puppy with a nice short back, level topline and a good head and expression. She moved well and carried herself well around the ring on strong hind quarters. Second to number 42, ELYSIUM'S FREE SPIRIT AT PINELAKE, a promising black and tan bitch with a good head and expression and a good top line and well set tail, she moves well, very close to number one.

9-12 months bitches: First to number 20, JANORAS ONCE UPON A TIME, a promising black and tan puppy with a very good outline, she has a great coat, could do with a bit more leg but she moved well and was very sound coming and going. Second was number 26, ALTA CARYA PRALINKA, nice black and tan bitch with a very nice head and expression, moved well around the ring and coming and going.

12-15 months bitches: First to number 82, WILDEFOX'S ANTE UP. Nice, short backed black and tan bitch with a good head and expression, solid top line and good angulation, she moved well and carried herself well around the ring. Second to number 68, FLY' N HIGH STARBURST SENSATION, presented a nice outline with a good top line and strong rear, she did not manage the grass well.

15-18 months bitches: First to number 36, DRALION'S MIRROR IMAGE, good outline, nice substance, good expression, carried herself well on the move. Second to number 72, BERIC AELFEDAE, nice outline, good head and expression, was a bit fine.

Bred by Exhibitor bitches: First to number 74, COUNTRY GIRL KISS ME LOLA, very promising young bitch of a good outline, well made with good legs and feet, good head and expression, solid top line, presented in good condition, moved well. Was to be my winners bitch. Second to number 44, LITTLEFIELD HAT TRIX, a short-coupled, well-made bitch, could use a bit more substance, she did not move as well as number one on the day.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB - JUDGE’S CRITIQUE *continued*

October 8, 2017

Open bitches: First to number 54, POUCH COVE VERITAS IT’S ME, very well-made and typy black and tan bitch with a good head and expression, a lovely dark eye, nice shoulder placement, a good top line, nice short back and good tail set, she moved well in this class. Second to number 96, another nice black and tan bitch, PARADYM DRALION LILY TOMLINS, well-made with a good topline good head and expression, could have used a bit more substance.

Veteran dogs: Two lovely old gentleman, and it's always hard to make a decision here. Number 43 was first, CH FOXGLYN’S PUT YOUR PEDAL TO THE MEDAL, who won on his strength of the topline.

Veteran bitch: First 8 CH NORIDGE’S MARINE BRASS, lovely bitch with a bright kind expression who moved well for her years.

I want to again thank everyone for inviting me and for providing me with such lovely dogs to judge.

– Beth Sweigart
Bowmansville, PA

MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB -SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE’S CRITIQUE

October 8, 2017

I would like to extend my most sincere appreciation being granted the honor to judge Norwich Terrier Sweepstakes at the 2017 National Specialty. I was delighted by the invitation, and truly excited to have a hands-on experience with the future and retired stars of the breed. The actual experience exceeded my expectations of savoring the excellence.

In true to form style of early October in Pennsylvania; the day started with rain. I made the decision to judge the puppies in the sheltered portion of the ring, and it made for an intimate experience. If there was any room for doubt that this was sweepstakes at a national specialty, the quality of the exhibits left none. I love this breed with all my heart, and will melt at the sight of any Norwich, but this was truly a parade of excellence. I was struck by two observations: we have truly corrected the rear angles and topline but the fronts need our attention. The common thread among the puppies was type, great rears and topline, nice heads and predominantly good coats. With one exception all topline were level. All puppies stacked to show a typey silhouette. Again with a tiny exception, all eyes were dark and expressive, muzzles strong, teeth with a scissor bite, a couple missing incisors. Not one puppy exhibited fear. The drag on the breed was the fronts. On their own, each puppy’s faults in the front assembly were not outrageous. However, when you look at the state of the breed as exemplified by this youngest generation, as a breeder, I am heeding the warning. I saw wide fronts, bull fronts, turned feet, short upper arms. While the side movement by and large was good, the coming and going underscored the deficiencies. Again, there was not one terrible front, but the composite picture is a warning for the breed.

My Best of Sweeps puppy, DRALION’S AMBLEGREEN MAVI GOLD, caught my eye the second she entered the ring, stacked herself like a pro and commanded my attention with impeccable balance. It was my largest class, bitches 6 to 9 months, and the strongest. The class exemplified the best in our future. Both stacking and moving, the puppies in this class were exquisite. There was a substantial size difference for a small age group, and the only dog with a weak topline, but even with those concerns it was a gorgeous class. Against that backdrop I sincerely congratulate the breeders and co-owners Linda and Peter Dowdle and the owner/handler Heather Tomlins.

My Best of Opposite to Best in Sweeps also went to a very young puppy, barely over 6 months. FRABJOUS FERGUS BY LITTLEFIELD was well-balanced, typey, moved well and had personality to match. Kudos to breeder/owners Dr.Dennis Johnson and Leandra Little. As with bitches, male dogs could use better fronts, but on the whole the male puppy dogs were sound and typey.

I was saddened to learn that there was no entry in veteran classes.

Thank you again to the members of the NTCA for your vote of confidence and honoring me with this assignment. Thank you to everyone who brought their beautiful puppy to my ring, and a big shout out to my wonderful ring stewards!

– Magda Chiarella
Murray Hill, NJ

HOSPITALITY MONTGOMERY WEEKEND - 2017

Why is it that the weather in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania is so unpredictable? Even with our sophisticated weather tracking sites we still must prepare for a variety of climates. Do we wear tweeds or linen? This year Montgomery called for linen – almost tropical humidity but without the high heat. The rest of the weekend was fairly good weather, and even Devon avoided any threat of cancellation.

On Thursday evening at the Hilton Garden Inn, our host hotel, about 50 members attended our Membership Mixer followed by the Health Seminar where our speaker this year was Dr. Bryden Stanley of Michigan State University. Dr. Stanley gave a presentation updating members on the progress of the NTUAS study. Through the generous donation of time and the video production talents of Dina Moore Tzouris and her husband Willie, you may watch a video of Dr. Stanley’s presentation on the Norwich Terrier Club website at <https://www.norwichterrierclub.org/ntca-annual-health-seminar-2017/>.

The NTCA annual awards dinner held Friday, October 6, at our host hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, was attended by over 85 members and guests. With many members planning to attend the 2018 Specialty in St. Louis, MO our attendance was slightly lower and auctions less lively; but, many did donate so that others could enjoy the auctions. We raised over \$3,000! Sincere thanks go to our generous members and guests.

The lovely Meredith Dwyer drawings of four Norwich were used to decorate the small ceramic water bowls used as centerpieces. As favors each guest was given a coffee mug emblazoned with the newly enhanced NTCA logo. This year our “New Title Winners 2017” slideshow was produced by NTCA member Dina Moore Tzouris. Each image was met with enthusiastic cheers recognizing the accomplishments of these wonderful little dogs.



Jean Kessler at her always amazing ringside hospitality table

image of a Norwich Terrier. The image brought high praise from many passersby and even more when Jean explained that it had been done by her 15-year-old granddaughter, Chloe Kessler – a very talented young lady! Jean does all the cooking and food preparation for the hospitality table, but depends on her team members – Pat Mason and Bambi Holly to help with setting up and re-stocking the table. This year they were assisted by Bambi’s daughter Ann Holly. Many thanks to these generous and dependable ladies! Many might take it for granted that there will be a ringside table at Montgomery each year, but without Jean Kessler’s dedication to this annual feature many would be very

disappointed. As Hospitality Chair it is a great relief to know that Sunday morning is always in good hands.

NTCA members Ken Sumner, Booth Pohlmann and Mit Seiler along with Marshall Lee planned to host a luncheon at the show grounds again, but the threat of a hurricane in their home county in Louisiana required a change in travel plans which prevented them from organizing the lunch. So bad weather – even when not in Pennsylvania – unfortunately effects the events of Montgomery weekend. Thank you, gentlemen, for your good intentions!

Although not an “official” NTCA hospitality event the MCKC after party under the grooming tent is becoming a tradition. Hosted by Nancy Nosiglia and Mark Gustavson, many found time to stop by to relax, have a bite to eat, and go over the weekend events in a casual setting. As we Norwich enthusiasts lingered in this convivial setting before going over to watch BIS, many other exhibitors rushed to pack up and simply leave the show site. Norwich know how to have fun till the very end!



Happy hosts of the MCKC After Party - Nancy Nosiglia and Mark Gustavson

I would like to acknowledge committee members who joined in the effort this year and gave so much to make the weekend a success: Paula Smith, Amelia Smith, Ken Sumner, Booth Pohlmann, Joan Graham, Jean Kessler, Bambi Holly, Lisa Sons, Amanda Kozora, Nichola Conroy, Melissa Wells, Dina Moore-Tzouris, and Melissa Smith. Special thanks as well to all those who just jumped in to lend a hand!! I would also like to thank the many NTCA members who so generously donated funds to the hospitality effort and auction items. These events could not happen without the support of our membership.

Vivian Stotler, a long-time member of the NTCA Hospitality Committee passed away on January 2, 2018. Vivian loved her Norwich and was always willing to lend a hand to help our club. She will be missed; may she rest in peace.

We have two major hospitality events in 2018 – our National Specialty in St. Louis in May and a designated specialty and sweepstakes at Montgomery in October. We are always looking for helping hands, so if you are interested in joining the hospitality effort, please let me know.



Canine cupcakes donated by Missy Wood

– Judy Laffey,
Hospitality Chair

NORTH TEXAS TERRIER CLUB – NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY

December 7, 2017

Judge: Dr. John A Reeve-Newson



BOB/G3: GCHG DEN-MAR'S WILD CARD
Breeder: Marie Cato
Owner: Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

February 13, 2018

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

Fittingly, this year the second day of the 142nd annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show fell on Mardi Gras, February 13, 2018. The traditional purple and gold colors of the WKC, plus the famous green carpet of the rings mirrored the traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold, and green symbolizing justice, power, and faith.

The good times did roll, we had lovely (for February) weather and a nice entry of 1 class bitch, 8 best of breed dogs, and two best of breed bitches. The judge for the day was Norwich breeder Mrs. Betty McDonnell (Kilyka).



BOB: GCHB Llanerch Fens Henchard of Castorbridge

After putting the dogs through their paces, the Best of Breed went to the red dog **GCHB Llanerch Fens Henchard of Castorbridge** (Ilanerchfens Farfrae Of Casterridge x CH Devondale's Martha Dandridge), owned and bred by Christina Anderson & Anna

Bellenger and handled by Margery Good. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to the Open class bitch **Dreamweaver Miss Liberty at Fly'N High** (GCH Fly'N High's Rocket Booster x Dreamweaver Penny Ante), who was shown by her owner Sharon Jones and bred by Alfred Ferruggiaro.

The Select Dog was **GCHG Den-Mar's Wild Card** (GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em x CH Den-Mar's It Is What It Izzy), owned by Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett, bred by Marie Cato, and handled by Brenda Combs. Select Bitch went to **GCH Small Step's Casting Pearl Before Swine RATO** (GCH Whiteheart James Of Tyn-R-Bethlyn x Small Step's Olive BN RA RATO), who was shown by her breeder/owner Penelope Hunt.

Awards of Merit to two black and tan dogs: **CH Beric Where's Waldo** (CH Beric's Dreaming Of Foxwood x CH Beric's Scalawag Moon Over Foxwood), bred by Nancy Nosiglia & Kathryn A Mines and shown by his owner Carol Jeffery and **GCHS Country Boy Looks Good Like Winston Should** (GCH Fentondale Rudy Rooster's Rabbit Ridge x CH Country Girl Bon Bon), owned by James DeMason, bred by Linda McCutcheon, and handled by Rachel Wieder.

A giant cheer went up for "Henchie" as he entered the terrier group ring that night. He did the Norwich community proud on the biggest night of the year for purebred dogs!

- Amanda Kozora
Austin, TX

Itsy Bitsy Norwich Terriers



GCHS Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Family Ties
(GCHG Abbedale Life of Riley at Glengariff x
CH Itsy Bitsy Still in the Family)
MCKC BOS 2017



GCH Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Family Ties
(GCHG Abbedale Life of Riley at Glengariff x
CH Itsy Bitsy Still in the Family)
MCKC AOM 2016



CH Itsy Bitsy Still in the Family
(GCH Itsy Bitsy Troubadour x CH Itsy Bitsy Mustang Sally)
MCKC WB 2011



GCH Itsy Bitsy Troubadour
(GCH Skyscot's Poker Chip x CH Itsy Bitsy Iz Mizbehavin')
MCKC BOB 2010

Tonnie and Jerry Willrich
La Grange, TX donkeys@lildonk.com



Many thanks to Judge Melinda Lyon.

GCHG Abbedale Life of Riley at Glengariff

CHIC#104548

Owned by Judy & John Laffey/Bred by Joan Eckert

Handled by Jessy & Roxanne Sutton

2017 it was a very good year!

#1 Norwich Terrier-Breed

#2 Norwich Terrier-All Breed

#1 Norwich Terrier Grand Champion

Best of Breed Devon KC Specialty Show

Reserve Best In Show LIKC Show

Award of Merit Westminster KC

Multiple Group 1 Placements



With gratitude to Riley's breeder, Joan Eckert, for sending this boy to us, and for her dedication to the health of our breed.

And sincere appreciation to Jessy and Roxanne Sutton, an extraordinary team! Their exceptional handling and care of Riley was apparent at every step.

Thank you.



Many thanks to Judge Bruce Schwartz.

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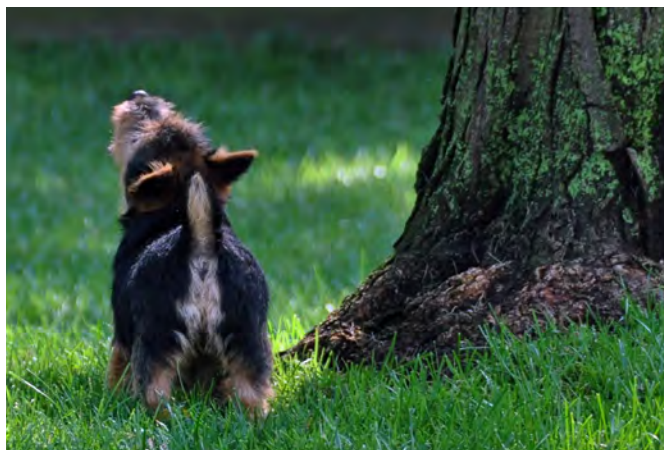


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Checking for squirrels

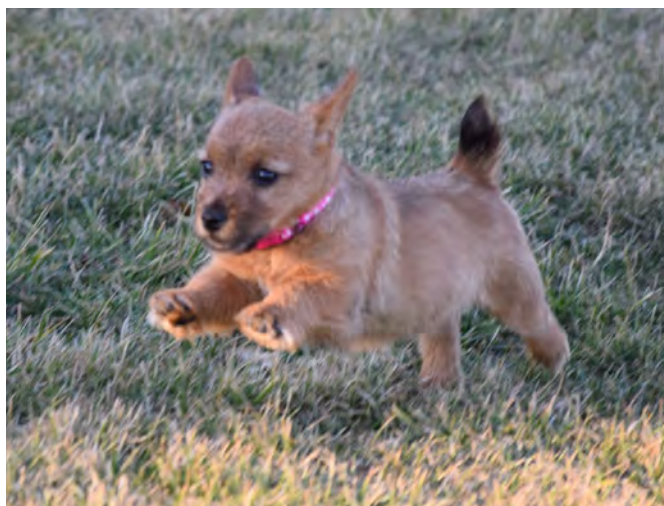


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