

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT, submitted by Marilyn Jacobs, Chair

The Bylaws Committee has been inactive since the AKC approved the addition of Associate Members to the NTCA Constitution and Bylaws. However, because I will not be attending the Annual Meeting this year, I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Blair Kelly's motion to award \$1,000 to members who earn a CHIC number on their dog(s) in the previous year.

In his letter, Blair quotes statements from the Internal Revenue Manual and the IRS website to justify his proposal that the award of \$1,000 of Club assets is not private inurement. The statements that he is relying on are summarized from an IRS Ruling about a bowling club that awarded cash prizes to winners of bowling tournaments. And, the reason a nonprofit should avoid "private inurement" is that it can result in the loss of tax-exempt status.

Like many things, the devil is in the details! Anyone who is familiar with the IRS Manual and website knows that you cannot simply rely on such summaries/statements but, instead, must look at the underlying IRS publication, in this case an IRS Revenue Ruling.

In that IRS Revenue Ruling, the IRS writes that the bowling club members pay dues and, if members want to participate in bowling tournaments, those members must also pay entry fees. The IRS is careful to state that the prize money awarded to those members participating in a bowling tournament is paid only from the entry fees, not from the club dues. By awarding prizes that are paid only from the entry fees that are paid only by the members participating in tournaments, the bowling club avoids private inurement. If, however, club assets (the dues) had been distributed as prizes to only those club members participating in the bowling tournament, I believe the IRS would have found inurement and the bowling club risked the possible loss of its tax exemption.

Blair's motion is to use NTCA assets to pay a \$1,000 award to NTCA members who earn CHIC numbers. As discussed above, Blair's reliance on the IRS's bowling club ruling to support his proposition that private inurement would not exist is misplaced. I urge the Membership to vote against this motion.

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August 26, 2019

Mrs. Nicky Conroy
First Vice President, NTCA

Re: Ethics Committee Annual Report for Year 2018-2019

Dear Nicky:

Our Committee, which consists of myself, you and Patty Warrender, had no formal complaints filed, no informal opinions requested and spent no money during the period October 1, 2018 to present.

If any member of the Board requires additional information, please let me know.

Thank you

Very truly yours,

Alyson Greenlaw Cleary
Chair

cc Patty Warrender

NTCA HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Summary of Committee Work October 2018 to August 2019

August 31, 2019

Submitted by: Susan Miller Hall & Jane Schubart, Co-chairs

NTUAS STUDY

The NTUAS Study is nearly complete. The study's primary objective was to describe the clinical presentation and detailed upper airway endoscopy in 150 Norwich Terriers, in stratified age groups. These data were then used to develop a scoring system for severity of NTUAS. Three study investigators have reviewed the videos of the laryngoscopic examinations and scored them. Inter-rater reliability was assessed to determine the degree of agreement in scoring between the study investigators. It is important that the NTUAS scoring system can be used by different veterinarians with the same results. To achieve reliability, the investigators have made adjustments to the scoring system and are scoring the examinations for the third time. This is a time-consuming process for the investigators and has resulted in delays in finishing the study, however, it is a testament to their high quality work. Dr. Stanley aims to provide the final scoring system by end of September.

Dr. Stanley has presented preliminary results to veterinarians around the world. She will deliver the Keynote Lecture for the annual meeting of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, October 16-19 (Las Vegas).

The NTUAS Longitudinal Study was completed in August 2019. Dr. Stanley and her colleagues evaluated 24 dogs total, whose visits were an average of 2.4 years apart. Two dogs were seen 3 times.

In a related study, Dr. Kelley Thieman and Dr. Bryden Stanley, and their colleagues analyzed chest x-rays of 61 Norwich terriers - most were study patients in our NTUAS Study. They used the vertebral heart scale which is a screening tool commonly used by veterinarians help in the diagnostic process to determine heart disease. They found that the vertebral heart scale for Norwich terriers (without evidence of cardiac disease) was 10.6 ± 0.6 which is significantly greater than the canine reference value of 9.7 ± 0.5 on the original scale. This is important for owners because the use of generic reference values in Norwich terriers may result in false diagnoses of cardiomegaly (a progressive disease where the heart is abnormally enlarged, thickened, and/or stiffened, limiting the heart muscle's ability to pump blood). The title of their article is: "Norwich terriers possess a greater vertebral heart scale than the canine reference value," and it will be published in the journal *Veterinary Radiology & Ultrasound*.

We will be creating a new web page, easily accessible from the NTCA website, where all study results and materials will be available to the Norwich community.

PUPPY LUNG DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Kurt Williams DVM PhD (Michigan State University) reports that he is making progress on his Canine Health Foundation Study, *Characterizing Developmental Lung Disease as a Cause of Sudden Death in the Norwich Terrier* (Study # 02507, March 2018 - February 2020). Dr. Williams previously documented microscopic evidence of striking abnormal lung development in puppies of various breeds who died suddenly, suggesting that developmental lung disease is an important and unrecognized cause of early death in young puppies. With the help of breeders of Norwich terriers, Dr. Williams conducted preliminary studies and identified a high incidence of developmental lung disease in Norwich puppies associated with sudden death. This grant award provides an opportunity to correlate the lung pathology and genetics to

sudden death. Findings could lead to the development of preventive measures to reduce the incidence of developmental lung disease in the Norwich terrier as well as other dog breeds. Dr. Williams has examined more than 35 puppies to date, fresh placentas harvested from a c-section delivery matched to a puppy who died from developmental lung disease and healthy siblings. attention to genetic sequencing of these samples. He has "paused" enrollment of additional puppies until results are known, and then determine next steps. He may need additional puppies, but not at this time. We will keep you posted.

2019 ANNUAL HEALTH SEMINAR

Susan Miller Hall attended the 2019 AKC Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference, August 9-11, in St. Louis MO. The seminar was excellent and included lectures on nutrition & disease, autoimmune disease, infectious disease & cancer, and genetics & genetic testing. We will let you know when the slides from the various presentations are available (in about 6 weeks).

2019 NTCA ANNUAL HEALTH SEMINAR

The topic for this year's seminar is emergency medicine for breeders and owners. Our speaker is Dr. Dana Clarke is an Assistant Professor of Interventional Radiology, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Clarke is board certified in emergency/critical care, and has given lectures to kennel clubs on emergency medicine topics. You may recognize her name because she is one of the collaborating veterinarians with Dr. Stanley on the NTUAS Study. Her current focus is on interventional radiology and airway disease. Also, she performed the permanent tracheostomy on the Norwich "Cosmo" whose story is featured in the Fall 2018 edition of The News.

Date: Thursday Oct. 3rd, 6:30 PM

Place: Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Washington

New initiatives for 2019-2020 include:

Breed Health Survey: We are planning to survey the membership and Norwich community in 2020 about general breed health. This will be an online survey.

Genetics of Colors in Norwich Terriers: We are designing a study and plan to work with a veterinary geneticist to understand color in Norwich terriers. The genetic basis for shades of red are of interest in many breeds, and in some breeds related to disease.

September 3, 2019

The Judges Education Committee

We had one breed presentation this year at the Fort Worth Kennel Club Show in Fort Worth Texas in March. The presentation was a Norfolk/Norwich comparison.

For the record: We do not advocate doing comparison seminars anymore as the clubs have divided and we believe each breed should have its own seminar.

The show chair from this club had asked and made arrangements before I was able to inform the person from the club that we really discourage doing comparison seminars now that the breeds have split and our clubs are separate. The original arrangement were made without ever contacting the club judges education chair. The arrangements were in place by the time I was informed of the seminar, so the seminar moved forward.

Jim Covey (Norfolk JE chair) and I made sure the seminar was advertised on the AKC site. The seminar was presented by Club Member Joan Eckert.

Club members from Texas supplied dogs (both Norfolk and Norwich) and the paperwork for prospective judges was completed. Amanda Kozora was a huge help in getting this seminar organized. Joan reported 8-10 judges attended the seminar. I was not given a list of judges that attended.

I have not had any requests for mentors for Montgomery weekend as it stands now. If any prospective judges reach out to me I will be sure to ask for mentors. There have not had any requests from the norfolk club at this time either.

There are no mentor applications from club members as of this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Pelletier
Judges Education Chair

The Report Of The
Judges Selection Committee
(Conformation Specialty)

In accordance with the Chair's Job Description, I have started the process of securing Judges for the 2021 NTCA National Specialty Show in Montgomery County, PA by obtaining a list from AKC of all AKC Judges approved or permitted to judge Norwich Terriers.

I am in the process of editing the list to delete duplications and all Judges who have judged the NTCA Specialty or Sweepstakes in the years 2016 through 2020. Once that is done, the ballot will be prepared and mailed to all NTCA Members with voting instructions. Votes will be tabulated and sent to the Show Chair who will contact the Sweepstakes nominees to verify their desire to judge. Ballots with the top ten Judges (Specialty and Sweepstakes) will then be mailed to all NTCA Members and final results will be tabulated and sent to the Board.

September 14, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
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NTCA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT, submitted by Marilyn Jacobs, Chair

This year, we saw a slight decrease in the number of NTCA Members. The Club had 304 Members at the end of January 2019 (which is when dues must be paid) and 296 Members as of September 2019. The decrease is due primarily to non-renewals.

The September total includes our 3 newest Members, whom this Committee recommended and the Board approved at its 2019 Spring Meeting. Please join me in extending a special welcome to Amy Grace Clark, Amelia Smith and Marianne Holmes!!

Finally, you may recall that, in 2018, the AKC approved an amendment adding Associate Members to the types of memberships in the NTCA Constitution and Bylaws. Anticipating that the NTCA will begin accepting Associate Members, the Membership Committee has prepared drafts of an Associate Membership Application Form and an Associate Membership Sponsorship Form. Those draft Forms have been forwarded to the Board for its consideration.

Meet the Breeds
Chair, Alyson Cleary

AKC Meet the Breeds, New York - February 2019

The weather was cold, the wind was brisk, parking was a problem, but we persevered. The public came en masse, to the point the AKC had to halt entries temporarily as the buildings' reached their maximum capacity! Many, many thanks go to Nicky Conroy and Judy Laffey for their work hauling equipment, setting up and taking down the booth, and for manning the booth all day with their wonderful Norwich ambassadors Breeze, Mr. Finn and new baby Meadow. Thanks also to Denis Johnson who helped at the booth for many hours with Fergus, a new participant, and to Richard Giotta with Hugo. Betty McDonnell joined the fray and helped me with presenting my dogs Beatrice, Ernie and new baby Stella to the public. It definitely takes a village.

AKC Meet the Breeds, Orlando - December 2018

Many thanks to all the NTCA members who helped make our Meet the Breeds weekend in Orlando a success. Melanie Bryson was able to set up the booth and we gathered enough dogs to keep it open all weekend. There was lots of enthusiasm among the public for our dogs, as expected, with kisses given out and belly rubs accepted. It could not have been accomplished without the help of Judy Laffey with Riley, Melanie Bryson with Tansy, Melissa Smith with Lucy, Don & Joan Krantz with Jack, Lee Little with Talli and Billie, Chris Anderson with Henchy, and Lisa Sons with Oscar

Members who came to help without dogs and were able to give many of the members a needed break were Jean Kessler, Elaine Jong, Joan Eckert and Lynn Marshall.

Norwich Terrier Club of America
Nominating Committee report 2019

The following was sent to Rhonda Krupp, Corresponding Secretary, February 28, 2019,
by Lynn Marshall, Nominating Committee Chair,
the Nominating Committee,
Susan Miller Hall
Deb Lang

Ex-Officio Lori Pelletier

We hereby present the slate for 2019:

First Vice President: April Clark
Recording Secretary: Suzanne Bennett
Treasurer: Blair Kelly
Board of Director: Jan Birchall, M.D.
Board of Director: Kenneth B. Sumner, M.D.
Board of Director: Ursula Walsh

Thank you to everyone who submitted content for the Norwich Terrier News this year. We are 100% reliant on your articles, photographs, and other content. A big thank you this year to Joan Krantz and Jill Lowry for keeping up with the performance activities of our Norwich, it is a big job. In the latest issue, Joan asked to hear from members who are participating in new performance venues with their Norwich-trick dog, scent work, flyball, etc. We as editors second that, our dogs can do so much and we want to know more about it. Thank you to Missy Wood for reestablishing the "Kennel Reports" section of the News. It is a great way to let others know about what is going on with you and your breeding program. Kennel Reports can be submitted directly to Missy.

As always, the cost of designing and printing a physical magazine are a challenge. More and more clubs are moving to digital only publications. We pay a non-member to organize the content. If there are any members out there with graphic design experience or the ability to help us put together a simple publication, we would love to hear from you. The reasonably priced Colorado-based printer we have used for the last couple of years let us know that his company can no longer print the News-our run is too small (approximately 310 copies) to be worthwhile. So we are now seeking out a new printer. Non-member subscriptions help underwrite the cost to the NTCA, please consider gifting a subscription to your puppy buyers. We will be adding the ability for subscribers to initiate and renew subscriptions online via the NTCA website in the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kozora
Elaine Jong
Wheatley Wentzell

Notions 2019

Patty Warrender, Chair

2019 Notions activity in the online shop has been sporadic. It would be wonderful if we could expand the online shop presence or focus on a few items at a time with Facebook posts.

Going forward with the planned 2020 calendar should enhance the shop activity. Often calendar customers add other items.

The floor mats have sold well. We will now have two colorways-one darker tone and one lighter and brighter. Come see and buy, they are great!

We have a few newly-designed items coming for the banquet....I hope. I am working on a special item to commemorate our tenth anniversary. Please come shop prior to the banquet.

As always, thanks to each and everyone of you who have generously supported Notions. Without your support, we would not have the proceeds that we do. Hopefully they will grow and I am always looking for new items- easy to ship, non-breakable, and unique to purchase. Another dog club contacted me for our resources as they can't find anything people will buy! Hence my determination to only sell items unavailable anywhere else.

We had fun and fairly good sales at our Supported Entry at Columbia Terrier.

Performance Committee Report
To: NTCA Board of Directors
From: Joan Krantz, Performance Chair.

Since the last report in March, the committee discussed via email giving ringside keepsakes for dogs owned by members for the performance/companion events at Palmyra since it's our 10th Anniversary. Frames with the logo have been purchased and will be distributed to each dog owned by a club member.

Also, as NTCA has done in the past, Wendell August small plates will be awarded on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, to High in Standard for all classes(Regular and Preferred) in agility and High in Trial for Rally and Obedience.

Two members have resigned: April Clark and Melanie Bryson. The committee will discuss adding new members to represent the many performance/companion venues.

The committee is pleased that the BOD approved the proposed Working Terrier Awards and the Double Q Plus Preferred Award in Agility.

The committee will meet on September 30, 2019. Here is the agenda.

Agenda
Performance Committee Meeting
September 30, 2019

Old Business

1. Versatility Chart Review, Additions, Revisions, especially Scent Work
2. Awards for MATC - Tuesday Std all classes in Agility and High in Trial (Obedience/ Rally)

New Business

1. NTCA trial day at MATC 2020
2. Awards at Louisville 2020 for companion/performance events
3. Adding Performance Committee Members
4. Rally Award
5. Changes in AKC Rules and Regulations

Rescue and Rehome Report 2019

As usual I have received over 50 applications for a Norwich Terrier-mostly that needed to be rehomed through our website. I've again had very few Norwich that need to be rehomed and the few that I did get for homing were over 9 years old.

One nine year old's owner could not take care of her anymore and was moving in with her son who did not want the dog as she was not housebroken. Thanks to Cary Trexler of the Northern California Norwich Terrier Club I found a great home for her in California. Phoebe is dearly loved by her new owner, her 12 year old daughter and their Welsh Corgi plus Phoebe is now housebroken. You CAN teach an old dog new tricks! Phoebe also had a badly needed dental done for a reduced price by one of our Northern California Veterinarian members. Thanks to that Veterinarian and all the members who donate to our Rescue/Rehome fund, Phoebe now has a dazzling smile and no more bad breath.

Another Norwich that I became aware of that needed help is elderly and belongs to a woman in Boston who was having surgery on her cervical vertebrae and a hip replacement. She felt she couldn't keep the dog while undergoing the surgeries and rehab and wanted to rehome this older dog that has a serious health problem, but they were under control with medication. Well, thanks to Melanie Bryson who is temporarily living in the Boston area, that dog plus the owner's other Norwich (which she was going to ship back to the breeder in Alaska), are now being fostered by Melanie until the owner gets back on her feet again.

PLEASE, PLEASE, make arrangements for the care of your Norwich and any other animals that you have, if for any reason, you are unable to care for them!!! The unexpected happens, accidents, illness, old age and death catch up with us all too quickly, no matter our age. Designate NOW where and whom you want your Norwich to go for temporary care, or if need be, to a permanent home. Then be sure to tell your family members who those designated people are. Most of the Norwich that I hear about and placed have been left behind by their owners and the owners families don't have a clue about what to do with them and can't find the dogs' registration papers that name the breeder. Don't just assume that your relatives will take care of your beloved dogs. Thanks to all our members, I have been able to find homes for these dogs, many of which are elderly. For the sake and welfare of these delightful little terriers, please make sure you have designated care takers for your dogs now, write down their names, and inform your families of your plans and most importantly, tell them where the information can be found. I would love to be out of a job!

Registry Integrity Committee
2019 Report
Dana Esquibel, Chair

I am happy to report no new dogs have been reported or found to be in the AKC Norwich registry that were not purebred Norwich. NTCA did receive a letter of complaint from an owner of a dog she purchased as a purebred Norwich. However, the dog was not registered with AKC. We continue to monitor auctions and other sources to identify potential fraud. It could very well be the dishonest breeders have moved on to easier ways to scam victims. Still, we all need to be alert and I ask the membership to continue to be watchful and report anything suspect to us.

2019 NTCA Show Calendar for Remaining Dates

October 3 NTCA Designated Specialty - Hatboro Dog Club, Middletown Grange Fairgrounds Wrightstown, PA. Breed Judge: Cindy Meyer. (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

October 4 NTCA Designated Specialty - Hatboro Dog Club, Middletown Grange Fairgrounds Wrightstown, PA. Breed Judge: Mr. William deVilleneuve. (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

October 5 NTCA Designated Specialty - Devon Dog Show Assoc., Devon Horse Show Grounds, Ludwig Corners, PA. Breed Judge: Wood Wornall. (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

October 6 NTCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes - Montgomery County Kennel Club, Blue Bell, PA. Breed Judge: Lydia Coleman Hutchinson. Sweepstakes Judge: Tonnie Willrich (Itsy Bitsy) (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

October 18 LSNTC Supported Entry - Stephenville Kennel Club, Bell County Expo Center, Belton, TX. Breed Judge: David Alexander. (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

October 19 LSNTC Specialty & Sweepstakes - Bell County Kennel Club, Bell County Expo Center, Belton, TX. Breed Judge: John Booth, Sweepstakes Judge: Kenny Sumner (Bayou Ridge) (Show Coordinator Claire Johnson)

October 20 NTCA Supported Entry - Bell County Kennel Club, Bell County Expo Center, Belton, TX. Breed Judge: Pamela Wilson. (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

Note: Please send updates or corrections to James Kinney - Show Chair - james.kinney@comcast.net

Thank you to the over 70 members who donated more than \$3500 to the conformation and performance trophy funds for the year 2019. As 2019 is the NTCA's 10th anniversary year, we have added trophies and rosettes to the Hatboro and Devon specialties, and I tried my best to make the Montgomery rosettes and trophies special. I hope that they are treasured by the winners. I would like to thank Maria Kelley, Jim Kinney, and John Francisco for their assistance. Thanks as well to the supported entry coordinators who are responsible for sourcing and providing the trophies at all the supported entries throughout the year. Fundraising for Montgomery 2020 will begin in January. Maria Kelley is the other member of the trophy committee.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kozora
NTCA Trophy Chair