“This sturdy descendent of ratting companions, eager to dispatch small vermin alone or in a pack…”

- Official Standard for the Norwich Terrier
NTCA ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Issue 20 News Deadline
March 1, 2019 is the deadline for submitting all articles and photos for the next News. Articles may be sent to the editors at norwichterriernews@gmail.com. To assure timely publication of the next News, please be sure to meet, or better yet, beat, the March 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sending Digital Photos to the News
Digital photos are appropriate for all sections of the News except the Showfront and New Title Holder sections. Because we crop the Showfront and New Title Holder photos so drastically to focus on the dog, they present special challenges. Please email the high resolution photo or contact the editors to snail mail your photo. Digital photos for any section of the News need to be print quality and that means photos taken and/or saved to share online are not acceptable. When emailing a photo from an iPhone, you hit ‘Send’ and then are asked to choose a file size - small, medium, large or actual size. For the News, choose actual size. As general rule, any file less than 1 MB (Which equals 1,000 KB) is probably too small to print, and pictures that will be cropped need to be no 2 MB or more.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2018

In our Constitution and By-Laws there is a list of objectives for our club, and for almost every objective there is a committee or liaison person. The work of our club is done by committee with guidance and assistance from the Board of Directors. The Board handles the day-to-day administration of club business, but the real hands-on work is done by the volunteers who chair and serve on those committees. I suggest members visit our website and review the committee and liaison list, not only to become educated about the way the NTCA works, but to also see where one might offer assistance.

As we do every year, we will be having supported entries across the country – see our show calendar either in The Norwich News or on our website for specific dates and locations. Generally, local members coordinate hospitality at these events. I’ve attended supported entries in many states and the luncheons are, without fail, pleasant displays of cordial camaraderie with delicious potluck menus. It is at these informal events where we can enjoy ringside discussions and take the time to get to know one another. But, they do not happen by themselves. Members step up to organize and provide food. If you see a supported entry near you and would like to help, contact the supported entry coordinator to offer assistance.

We see many of our volunteers at public events like conformation shows or trials, or we become aware of them when we send in ad submission or a breeder directory form, but there are many volunteers who work behind the scenes and are rarely seen. Dana Esquibel and the Registry Integrity Committee are always monitoring registry records to maintain the integrity of AKC registrations. Lori Pellerin has been our Judges Education Chair for many years, arranging seminars to educate judges on the standards of our breed, and coordinating ringside mentors; Carol Suggs reviews AKC legislative notices to alert members in specific areas when there is a proposed state or local legislation that might be of interest to them. There are many others who spend countless hours doing the work of our club, without them we would not be able to exist. We owe them all our gratitude and I hope that when we do come in contact with a member who is volunteering that you thank them for their service to the NTCA.

Judy Laffey
NTCA President
Long Beach, NY

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FROM THE EDITORS...

We hope this note finds you well, staying warm, and surrounded by your loved ones and Norwich as the year winds down. 2018 was a busy one, full of activities at Purina Farms, Palmyra, Montgomery, Orlando, and beyond. 2019 will mark the 10th anniversary of the NTCA and is sure to be an exciting year. As always, we appreciate your support and welcome your articles and photos. Thank you to all our contributors and editors, the News is a true team effort. See you in 2019!

Sincerely,
Elaine Jong, MD, Amanda Koosra & Wheatley Wentzell

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Losing a puppy is heartbreaking, and you may not feel like boxing up a puppy and paying expensive overnight charges. Dr. Williams is easy to contact, replies quickly to email and SHIPPING IS NOW FREE to us because his study will pay shipping charges.

Just refrigerate the body (do not freeze) and contact Dr. Williams right away via email: will1273@dcpah.msu.edu and include “Norwich Terrier Lung Study” in the subject line of the email.

We are so fortunate that he chose Norwich Terriers – now, let’s make every effort to help him. If you know a breeder who is expecting a litter, remind him or her about the study. We need to keep this on our radar screens.

Norwich are not the only breed affected. In fact, Kurt would like NORWICH TERRIER PUPPES, TOO. In the other breeds examined, he has 2 Norfolk and both are affected.

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO HELP CHF has committed $116,076 to this study. This is a large investment for a study specific to one breed. Let’s show our appreciation and donate so that future studies can be funded. Donations can be made directly to AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION and are generally tax-deductible (consult your tax advisor) or donate directly to the NTCA HEALTH FUND.

If you are donating directly to CHF, you can use this link: http://www.akcchf.org/research/research-portfolio/02507.html

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Co-Chair, Health Committee
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AKC JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The AKC recently announced the recipients of the 2018 Junior Scholarships and two junior members of the NTCA were honored. Congratulations to Amy Grace Clark and Amelia Smith! Amy Grace is currently a freshman at Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN) and is a freshman at Georgetown University. Both young women were featured in Norwich Terrier News Issue 17. The press release is below.

- Amanda Kozora
Austin, TX

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES 2018 JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world’s largest dog registry and leading industry authority and advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce that 23 exceptional students from 16 states have been awarded the American Kennel Club (AKC®) Junior Scholarship for 2018. The scholarships are offered to high school, college and graduate school students, and range from $500 - $2,000.

“These young men and women are dedicated not only to the sport of purebred dogs, but to their academics as well” said Mari-Beth O’Neill, VP Sport Services. “It gives us great pleasure to reward these students with our AKC Junior Scholarships. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors in their studies and involvement with dogs and The American Kennel Club.”

Applicants are evaluated based on academic performance and involvement in AKC events. They are required to submit documentation that they are members of a club and have volunteered to work, as well as an essay on how the applicant has been involved with providing education about purebred dogs within their school and/or community.

This years’ recipients are a diverse representation of the canine sport. They have accomplished a great deal in the dog world and participate in many sports, including conformation, agility, hunt tests, obedience, and more. These young men and women plan to continue in the sport, as well as judge and continue their families’ breeding programs.

March 16: AKC Supported Entry & Sweepstakes – Evansville Kennel Club, Louisville, KY (SE Coordinator John Francisco) Breed Judge: Jan Ritchie Gladstone
April 11: AKC Supported Entry – Northern California Terrier Association, Sacramento Expo Center, Sacramento, CA (SE Coordinator Carole Fournault) Breed Judge: Diane Fenton
April 12: NTCA Specialty & Sweepstakes – Northern California Terrier Association, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA Breed Judge: Sally George; Sweepstakes Judge: TBD
April 19: AKC Supported Entry & Sweepstakes – Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, Inc. Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD (SE Coordinator Al Ferruggiora) Breed Judge: Jane Schubart (Ascot); Sweepstakes Judge: Kenny Sumner (Bayou Ridge)
May 3: AKC Supported Entry & Sweepstakes – Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc. Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp., NJ (SE Coordinator Lee Little) Breed Judge: Jan Ritchie Gladstone; Sweepstakes Judge: Kelly Wood (Paradigm)
May 19: AKC Supported Entry and Sweepstakes – Long Island Kennel Club, Oyster Bay, NY (SE Coordinator Judy Laffey) Breed Judge: TBD; Sweepstakes Judges: Lisa Sons (Talesin)
June 5: AKC Supported Entry – All Terrier Club of Western Washington, Puyallup, WA (SE Coordinator Lynne Davis) Breed Judge: TBD

Note: Please send updates or corrections to James Kinney – Show Chair – james.kinney@comcast.net
HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

RIP our darling girl. Little had been declining this past year, a victim of old dog dementia. While her aspect was undiminished, she’d get stuck in corners and odd spots, seemed to have sundowner syndrome—a nocturnal wanderer; forgot her former fastidious house-training habits and was more and more unsteady on her feet. Worst of all, she didn’t seem to recognize us anymore. Sigh. Her leave-taking though was peaceful. Steve found her “asleep” on the kitchen floor when he returned home from the movies early in the evening on June 4. Sadly, I was away tending to other demands up north. My chief regret, not being there to hold her in my arms one last time.

The consolation—so many cherished memories with Little: our annual cross-country pilgrimages (she was a wonderful traveler), her love for water—she’d wade right in whether lake, stream, Pouget Sound or Sarasota Bay; the time she tangled with the raccoon in the wee hours of the morning while we were sleeping. She was game and “the boss.” She slept on the bed right between our pillows. That was her spot. She owned me and was my special girl—always at my side, under my desk or in my lap. She also especially loved Steve and her other mother, Bridget Smith who cared for her and her three newborn puppies in late 2009 while I was recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident.

She had a nice show career handled in part by Karan Aurelius who loved her too. Karan would take Little out with her Border Terriers to go hunting. Little finished with a three-point major under legendary Judge Edd Embry Bivin at the Lima (Ohio) KC Show in 2000. The AKC used her win photo (along with others) for years as a backdrop at their dog show booth. After passing all her health tests and getting her CHIC certification, she retired to the whelping box. She had 8 puppies in her life; five were shown and became champions thus she earned her Register of Merit title.

She was gay, loving and fearless and lives on in our hearts; through some of the stories shared in the pages of earlier issues of the NTCA News; and through her descendants, the latest...three great-grandpuppies born June 1.

What does it mean to be boundlessly loved by a dog? I know.

Leandra A Little
Littlefield Norwich

During the fall of 2016 at one of our favorite venues, in the Net at Palmyra, PA as part of the All-Terrier trial, my next-to-reliable agility guy, Carter, (GCH CH Kaleidoscope Claybrook Carter AX OAJ MXS MXS MXS MXS PXG CCI) suddenly began bailing on the teeter at the fulcrum or refusing the obstacle completely. Initially, I chalked it up to the idiosyncrasies of various teeters; their different weights and balance points can unnerve many dogs.

Though at this point in his career, Carter was a seasoned Masters level competitor who had not previously flinched at tester differences. It was uncharacteristic and curious.

We’ve generally had a habit of trialing only one weekend a month. Coming from the horse world, I remember the words of a wise equestrian trainer I’d known, “They only have so many shots in their repertoire; they can’t jump in them during their lifetime.” To that end, I rested him for at least six weeks after Palmyra before trying again. He was better but it was clear he was thinking about the teeter as he crossed it. For the next 11 months or so, his performance ranged from spotty to exemplary. He seemed to have established a pattern of performing well the first day then becoming less reliable on the subsequent days.

Then, during the fall of 2017, he began popping out of the weaves at various points. Surprising to say the least, as this is a dog who had learned the obstacle by weaving for his breakfast, bit by bit. He loves the weaves. In addition, he still was intermittently faulting on the teeter. Something clearly was amiss.

He showed no signs of lameness at home or during other activities. He was always excited to go to trials. At this point, I thought it was my fault; I was making inadvertent handling errors or we had not practiced enough. Had he lost his touch at being so steady because he was rusty? Maybe. So, we scheduled strategically spaced training sessions with emphasis on the problem obstacles. Training only occasionally surfaced the same obstacle faults we saw in trials. When they did, they were easy to repeat with reinforcement for the correct behavior. In hindsight, there was a reason for this.

More on that later.

During a four-day trial at our other favorite venue in North Carolina later that same year, our first run of the event was successful but not particularly smooth. The subsequent runs went from bad to worse. I pulled him the next day when he came off the dog walk briefly carrying one of his hind legs. I was now convinced he was injured, even though he still showed no lameness or obvious pain response off the agility field. I conferred with our fellow Norwich competitors at the trial, one of whom had to retire a nearly-MACH Norwich due to injury. I left the trial site feeling very low. Was this the end of Carter’s agility career? If I had to throw in the towel, so it be, but I was going to have a well-informed opinion before I did.

As many of you already know, we are lucky to have Dr. Chris Zink as a member of the Norwich community. As the owner of two performance Norwich, Vespa and Helix, she not only knows the breed’s specific quirks but is also a pioneer in the field of veterinary sports medicine. I reached out to her for advice. She related to me that small dogs’ sport injuries are particularly hard to diagnose: that Norwich are especially stoic and remarkably able to mask pain and hide injury. Many of the diagnostic tools useful for larger dogs aren’t helpful with small dogs. After our conversation and a couple of less than fruitful interim visits to regular veterinary practitioners, I made the decision to fly with Carter to Baltimore to see Dr. Zink.

During the first week of January 2018, Southwest Airlines delivered us from Raleigh to Baltimore where we then went to the clinic where Dr. Zink practices in Annapolis Junction. As a precursor to our visit, we filled out an extensive history form which included our previous performance achievements and our future goals. Treatment plans are tailored with those things in mind. Of course, my goal was to finish Carter’s agility trial championship title. With her wise hands and wealth of knowledge, Dr. Zink found the issue by palpation; he had strained his iliofascia muscles/tendons, both under the lumbar transverse processes and at the intersection on the lesser trochanter. In layman’s terms, Carter had injured both groin muscles. According to Dr. Sherman Carapp, DVM, 68% of hind limb muscular injuries involve iliofascia. Not surprisingly, significant strength and stretching is required of these muscles for both the weaves and the teeter.

Dr. Zink’s discharge instructions specified Carter’s therapy was to be intense, ongoing and frequent. The trick was finding a provider near my home with the specific training and certification Dr. Zink recommended. She consulted her list of providers from all over the country. As it turns out, an excellent one was less than 10 miles from my house. Dr. Jen Shults at the Quartet Veterinary Specialty Hospital. Carter started treatment immediately thereafter with visits averaging two days a week for approximately six weeks.

Carter’s clinical rehabilitation plan was four-pronged: first “needling” the injury sites, laser therapy, water treadmill work and gym exercises. In addition, he had home exercises to perform each day along with supportive dietary supplements.

Until Carter’s treatment, I was not familiar with the concept of needling. According to Dr. Shults, who learned the technique from an MD, veterinary rehabilitation medicine “borrowed” the technique from human rehabilitation medicine. Animals are sedated while the veterinarian locates each trigger point (a site of soft tissue pain response), inserts an acupuncture-like needle deeply into that site. According to theory, the needle sparks an inflammatory reaction, ‘waking up’ healing cells, calling to visit the injury site to begin their work. When done correctly and effectively, studies have shown this technique yields significantly shorter healing times.

BREED HEALTH

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Carter weaving at Palmyra

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Carter weaving eye protection goggles for his bi-weekly laser treatments
**SUBTLE SIGNS — AN AGILITY PUZZLE continued**

After participating in no trials or other activity outside of supervised rehab for 12 weeks, Carter was cleared to try a brief agility practice session mid-March. So far, so good. While continuing water treadmill sessions and home exercises, we entered our first post-injury trial the end of March. No teeter sessions. No weave issues. He was back!

We have continued to participate in agility trials on a limited basis since that time. Carter continues water treadmill treatment averaging twice a month and has periodic reevaluations by Dr. Shults.

In hindsight, it now seems evident why Carter would do well for the first run of a trial then poorly for the remainder. With rest, the discomfort would subside, then flair up with use. He repeated this pattern many times while he was injured. It also explains why he could do well in practice; he’d had at least a couple of weeks of rest between sessions.

I encourage everyone to read Dr. Zink’s eye-opening article, “Detecting Subtle Injuries, https://www.norwichterrierclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Detecting-Subtle-Injuries_2.pdf”. Briefly, its message explains that behaviors that may seem to be stubbornness, training issues or distraction mistakes during agility trials may very well be subtle injuries.

— Deb Lang
Kaleidoscope Norwich Raleigh, NC

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**COSMO’S JOURNEY OF HOPE continued**

Cosmo came to our home in 2010, a beautiful puppy, full of life and fun. Right away, on his first day home, we noticed he made really funny breathing sounds at home to Dr. Clarke, it became evident that Cosmo was in extreme distress, and it was vital that we act quickly. We worked with our veterinary team to stabilize Cosmo and raced to the University of Pennsylvania, hoping he could stay strong enough for surgery the next morning. The recommended option for Cosmo was a permanent tracheostomy to allow him to breathe.

After the surgery, Cosmo was easily breathing through his new trach! The recovery staff sent us a picture 60 minutes after he was in recovery. He was alert, breathing on his own, and had a bright pink tongue! The poor guy had never been able to breathe as well as he did with his trach.

By age six, his allergies and snoring had become year round, and he had increasing respiratory problems such as stridor, labored breathing, and an increased respiratory rate. We took him to his regular veterinarian who gave us a higher dose of steroids, but by the next day he was not eating anymore and was unable to run or even walk because of his respiratory distress. We then took him to the emergency veterinary clinic, where he was treated with sedatives, IV fluids, and steroids. His condition was not improving, and he had to be transferred to another veterinary clinic to be seen by an internist and have a CT scan and a soft scope of his upper airway. He was diagnosed with a congenital defect in his larynx. The treatment included antibiotics, steroids, and oxygen via a nasal cannula that was sutured to his nostril and cheek to stay in place. After 10 days at the clinic, Cosmo was feeling a little better, but his overall condition was not improving much.

We were given the option to either have him put down or to have him undergo extensive surgery to try and repair the laryngeal defect. In order to buy ourselves some time to think it over, we brought Cosmo home with the oxygen tube in place. He continued to decline and we went back to the emergency hospital. Inside an oxygen tent and on IV fluids, he was barely hanging on. We were starting to be advised to put Cosmo down; an unthinkable thought.

Cosmo had been in the emergency hospital this time for over 10 days. I searched day and night for anything to save him. Late one night, after being told again that we should just put him down, I found the Norwich Terrier Club of America (NTCA) website and started reading about Norwich Terrier Upper Airway Syndrome. I immediately emailed the NTCA describing Cosmo’s symptoms and asked for any help or information. Within 10 minutes I received a call from Susan Miller Hall, or as she’s known to us, “Cosmo’s angel”. I quickly explained Cosmo’s history and current symptoms. I stayed by the phone as Susan contacted Dr. Grace Lai who is a researcher at Michigan State University. Within minutes Dr. Lai called me back and provided details to the emergency hospital that Cosmo was in.

The next day Dr. Bryden Stanley, the lead veterinarian of the Norwich Terrier Upper Airway Study (NTUAS), and Dr. Lai arranged for Cosmo to be seen by one of the study collaborators at University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Dana Clarke. After his appointment with Dr. Clarke, we were told that Cosmo’s airway was collapsing and he ultimately would need some type of surgical intervention for survival. We returned home with hope and relief from knowing that Cosmo was finally being evaluated by a veterinarian familiar with respiratory issues in the breed and was a NTUAS study collaborator. After sending audios of Cosmo’s breathing sounds at home to Dr. Clarke, it became evident that Cosmo was in extreme distress, and it was vital that we act quickly. We worked with our veterinary team to stabilize Cosmo and raced to the University of Pennsylvania, hoping he could stay strong enough for surgery the next morning. The recommended option for Cosmo was a permanent tracheostomy to allow him to breathe.

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Cosmo has healed so well and his care is so much easier than I could have imagined. He runs around the house, plays with the other dogs, and is doing just great! He sleeps in the bedroom with us, where we have an air purifier with humidifiers running. We weaned him off the steroids. The biggest challenge is to keep him out of long grass, water, and to prevent anything from going into his lungs through the tracheostomy. Cosmo was never much of an “outside dog,” so this has hardly impacted his life in a negative sense. He is just as happy as ever, or maybe even happier.

— Anita Cane
Cosmo’s Owner

NOTE: Although Cosmo’s condition was extreme and exacerbated by time, his journey reminds us that even the most extreme cases are not hopeless if a correct diagnosis and appropriate clinical interventions are received. Dr. Stanley and her dedicated team are leading the way in developing new protocols for specialty airway management. This is so important because it is apparent that some breeders and veterinarians are unaware and uninformed about the Norwich Terrier Upper Airway Syndrome in this time. The NTCA is committed to furthering support for veterinary research and education, as well as breeder and owner education on NTUAS as part of our overall mission.

— Susan Miller Hall
Co-chair Health Committee Indianapolis, IN
**BREED HEALTH**

**MY DOG MEDICAL BAG**

In my Dog Medical Bag, I carry several over-the-counter and prescription drugs along with a pill splitter and a pill crusher so I can deal with unexpected health issues in my dogs away from home. In addition, I include first aid supplies such as rubber gloves, assorted syringes of various sizes, a red rubber catheter for irrigation, a hemostat or tweezers, sterile gauze pads, rolled gauze bandages, bandage scissors, rectal thermometer and lubricant, small cuticle scissors, long cotton tipped swabs, flashlight, and individually wrapped isopropyl alcohol antiseptic wipes. The items are listed in groups pertaining to their use in different body systems. Several of the items require a prescription. I would suggest that you run this entire list by your veterinarian, and carry an emergency kit in case of an urgent condition.

**EYES**

If you notice a red or runny eye, with no purulent discharge, the diagnosis of corneal abrasions and other eye injuries usually requires eye exam by a vet using a topical eye anesthetic, fluorescein dye, ultraviolet light and a magnifying lens. Be sure to consult a vet if a presumed simple eye infection worsens or does not improve within a day or two after starting treatment.

1. **Triple Antibiotic Ophthalmic Ointment**, contains Neomycin, Polymyxin B Sulfate, and Bacitracin (prescription required). Gently pull the lower lid away from the eyeball, and squeeze a small “ribbon” of ointment into the resulting pocket, again trying not to touch the tip to the eye. The ointment is usually applied up to 3 times a day while awake. Check with a vet as soon as possible.

2. **Tobramycin Ophthalmic Solution**, is an antibiotic solution that is easier to apply than an ointment (prescription required). Usually a drop is applied to the affected eye 3–4 times a day while awake. Check with a vet as soon as possible.

**EARS**

If the dog is shaking his head or scratching at his ears, check for any foreign body, insect bite or discharge. You may want to smell the ear for any foul odor. If that all checks out negative, I would suggest irrigating the ear with: Triton Ultra + Keto Flush, a cleansing antibiotic solution. Flood the ear canal, lightly massage, stand back and let the dog shake the excess out. Then wipe out the external ear with a clean gauze pad or paper towel.

**WOUND CARE**

The following first aid measures can be taken if your dog is acutely injured and has a skin wound:

1. Stop any bleeding by covering the wound with sterile gauze pads or a clean towel, and apply direct pressure until the bleeding stops.

2. Check the wound and carefully remove any superficial foreign objects. Cleanse the area with clean warm water, sterile saline or **Wound Wash Saline Spray**. Try to clean away from the wound, not taking any discharge back into the wound. Cleansing and a thin layer of topical antibiotic ointment or wound care spray may be all that is needed for an abrasion.

3. **Vetrecyn VF** contains Neomycin, Polymyxin B Sulfate, and Bacitracin (prescription required). For persistent irrigation; it comes in single dose vials.

For persistent irrigation, I usually carry Hill’s I/D canned food, to switch to that and sprinkle with Fortil coral powder or some probiotic, and hope for the best.

For persistent diarrhea that does not respond to diet or probiotics, I try 1/8 teaspoon of Tylosin (Tylosin) powder (prescription required), an antibiotic related to erythromycin, that is used for treatment of diarrhea and non-specific colitis in dogs.

For persistent vomiting and vomiting due to motion sickness, I carry Benadryl (prescription required) or any unknown substance, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control at 1-888-423-4733 immediately. Tell them the relevant history and all the information you have about what might have been ingested. You may be instructed to get your dog to the nearest veterinary clinic as soon as possible.

**DIARRHEA AND OTHER GASTROINTESTINAL ISSUES**

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Panacur (Fenbendazole), or Metronidazole (Flagyl) (prescription required) will work if you suspect an infection with Giardia, a common microscopic protozoan parasite that causes persistent watery diarrhea and foul-smelling intestinal gas. Panacur is available without prescription, and although the course of treatment is longer, may help with symptoms until you get to your vet.

If by chance your dog swallows something dangerous, like a medication off a hotel floor, rat poison, anything with Xylitol (e.g., sugarless chewing gum), or any unknown substance, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control at 1-888-423-4733 immediately. Tell them the relevant history and all the information you have about what might have been ingested. You may be instructed to get your dog to the nearest veterinary clinic as soon as possible.

**SUSPECTED BACTERIAL INFECTIONS**

I carry three antibiotics with me. I know that antibiotics ordinarily should not be administered without first checking blood tests and cultures as a precautionary measure, but if based on your scenario, Poison Control advises you to first Induce vomiting in your dog and you have a bottle of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide and a 10-mL plastic syringe on hand, you will save a lot of time. Spread newspaper on the ground outdoors, or a towel on the floor of the bathroom, measure out the recommended dose of hydrogen peroxide based on your dog’s weight (usually 0.5 to 1.0 mL per pound), add it to water (usually 0.5 to 1.0 mL per pound), and administer that dose into your dog’s mouth. Vomiting should result after 5 minutes. If your dog does not vomit within 5 minutes, the dose may be repeated one more time if advised by the Poison Control vet.

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in the environment that he or she has come into contact with. Anaphylaxis is a life-threatening emergency, and the best chance for survival depends on emergency medical treatment being administered by your veterinarian or emergency vet as soon as the condition is suspected or recognized. In dogs, gastrointestinal symptoms such as sudden diarrhea, defecation, and urination may precede swelling of the face, hives, and difficulty breathing due to swelling of the lungs and air passages.

If your dog has experienced an episode of anaphylaxis in the past or has a medical condition that may make him or her more predisposed to such an allergic reaction, be sure to discuss this topic with your regular vet before planning for a trip away from home.

For more common symptoms of mild allergies such as itching and sneezing, consider adding the following items to your Dog Medical Bag:

1. Benedrly (diphenhydramine) tablets (25 mg). This is a common over-the-counter antihistamine tablet that counteracts acute allergic symptoms. The usual dose for our dog breed is one-half tablet.

2. 1% Topical Cortisone cream. This is a common over-the-counter item that is useful to lessen skin itching and irritation from insect bites and other skin irritants.

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Planning for the combined Norwich Terrier Club of America-Norfolk Terrier Club specialty week at Purina Farms began years in advance. Putting all the pieces together: conformation, performance, trophies, hospitality, and accommodations took a big team effort across both breeds. There were opportunities to try new sports with your dogs, as well as opportunities to try new ways of being at the dog show (hello RV rental!). The weather gods smiled upon us as it was a lovely week for travelling and being with our dogs. It was a unique opportunity to reconnect with old friends from both breeds and take advantage of all that the Purina Farms site has to offer. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and worked to making the 2018 specialty week such a success!

- Amanda Kozora
Austin, TX

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**2018 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS & CRITIQUE**

Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club
Judge: Ms Georgia Crompton
Saturday, May 5, 2018

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**BSS: CAMIO’S CHARRIED OAK**
GCHS Cherber's Double Your Money at Image - Wynward's One Classy Chick at Camio

Owner: Catherine Rogers
Breeder: Catherine Rogers & Elizabeth Fujikawa

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**BOSS: SUMMER WIND OF IMAGE**
GCHG CH Den-Mar's Wild Card - CH Diamond In the Ruff of Image

Owner: Cheryl Berens
Breeder: Monti Craig

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**BVS: GCH DOUBLE SQUEEZE OF IMAGE**
GCH Reverie's Mr Cool Stuff - CH Ready Or Not Of Image

Owner: Cheryl Berens
Breeder: Monti Craig

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I was very pleased to see all of the dogs show so well and looking very comfortable being there. They all were well prepared and shown beautifully. It made it a real pleasure.

I was quite pleased with their coats and most of the movement. The size was quite uniform which was nice to see. Most had adequate bone with a few being light of bone and toyish. All of the dogs were quite uniform with short backs with a good tail set.

Of concern were bites. Many level bites which is alarming. As a breeder one must be very aware that the standard calls for a scissor bite. No handler or hair can change the bite and bad bites breed on. Heads and expression were average.

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My best of opposite sex was a very nice red bitch that presented herself beautifully. Very feminine with a good coat, nice expression and size.

Again thank you for having me judge the sweepstakes. It is always a pleasure to see happy Norwhites and owners.

Sincerely,
Georgia Crompton

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**ROLLA MISSOURI KENNEL CLUB**
Friday, May 4, 2018

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**BOB/G1/RBIS: CH TALIESIN OSCAR WINNER**
GCH Den-Mar’s Wild Card - CH Taliessin Two Times A Lady

Owner: Lisa M. Sons
Breeder: Lisa Sons & Joan Eckert

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**BOS: GCH PARADYM LAUGHS OUT LOUD**
Fairwood Forever Blue Jeans - CH Paradyom Bet On Black

Owner/Breeder: Kelly Wood

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**WD/BOW: TALIESIN ELEMENTARY MY DEAR WATSON**
CH Abbedale’s Over The Top - CH Taliessin Two Times A Lady

Owner: Jeff & Kim Sime & Lisa Sons
Breeder: Lisa Sons & Joan Eckert

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**RWD: WILDEFOX TEXAS HOLD ‘EM AT SAGENHAFT**
GCH Skyscot’s Poker Chip - GCH Laprele Cherokee Princess

Owner: Patricia & Roland Stuebner
Breeder: Nancy A Wilde

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**WB: VERDANT’S DREAMIN’ OF THE IVY LEAGUE**
GCH Apollo - GCH Den-Mar’s Wild Card - CH Diamond In The Ruff Of Image

Owner/Breeder: Chee Wai Chen & Cary Jay Trexler

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**Sel Dog: GCHP DANCY’S ROUGH RIDER**
CH Cobb’s Hidden Treasure - GCH Dancy’s Storm Warning

Owner/Breeder: Nancy & Dwain Lentz

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**Sel Bitch: CH CAMIO’S BELIEVE IT OR NOT AT HALF A BOB**
Half A Bob’s American Hero - CH Camio’s Educated Enchantress NA NAJO OA OAJ

Owner/Breeder: Cathy Rogers

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2018 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RESULTS

Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Edd Embry Bivin
Saturday, May 5, 2018

BOB/G4: GCH PARADYM LAUGHS OUT LOUD
Fairewood Forever Blue Jeans - CH Paradym Bet On Black
Owner/Breeder: Kelly Wood

BOS/BOH: GCH BELFYRE BLACK GOLD
GCH Birchbay’s Wild Side at Belfyre - CH Belfyre’s Dora the X Plorer
Owner/Breeder: Polly O’Neal

SEL BITCH: CH SO BB’S HARPER VALLEY PTA
So Bb’s Bubba Ho-Tep - CH So Bb’s Dazzling Show-Stopper
Owner/Breeder: Michelle Leech

SEL DOG: GCHG CAMIO’S EDUCATED EXEMPLAR
CH Abbedale Brass Tacks - CH Camio’s Educated Guess NAPT
Owner/Breeder: Catherine A Rogers

BOS: GCH BELFYRE BLACK GOLD
GCH Birchbay’s Wild Side at Belfyre - CH Belfyre’s Dora the X Plorer
Owner/Breeder: Polly O’Neal

AOM: GCH WILDFOX’S ACE UP MY SLEEVE
GCH Skyscot’s Poker Chip - GCH Laprele Cherokee Princess
Owner/Breeder: Nancy A Wilde

AOM: CH BAYOU RIDGE BOGUE FALAYA
GCH Thunderwood’s First Robin of Spring - CH Bayou Ridge Honey Badger
Owner/Breeder: Kenneth Sumner MD & William Booth Polhmann

AOM: CH DENWICH STOLE MY HEART
CH Denwich The Lion-Hearted ME EE RATO - CH Kilyka’s Moonlight Serenade
Owner/Breeder: Denise Faulkner, Liz Pruitt & Diane Gaines

AOM: CH DEN-MAR’S KICK THE DUST UP
GCH CH Den-Mar’s Wild Card - Ch Moondance The Sky’s The Limit At Den-Mar
Owner: Suzanne Bennett & Marie Cato
Breeder: Marie Cato

RWB: HILLCREST’S SISTER STELLA
GCH Camio’s Educated Exemplar - CH Pinelake’s Spring Blossom
Owner/Breeder: Erin Cottrill

WD/BOW: WILDFOX TEXAS HOLD ‘EM AT SAGENHAFT
GCH Skyscot’s Poker Chip - GCH Laprele
Cherokee Princess
Owner: Patricia & Roland Stuebner
Breeder: Nancy A Wilde

RWD: VERDANT’S LEVI THE LUCKY ONE
GCH Apollo - Verdant’s Fergie The Fashionista.
Owner/Breeder: Chee Wai Chen & Cary Jay Trexler

WB: VERDANT’S DREAMIN’ OF THE IVY LEAGUE
GCH Apollo - GCH Den-Mar Chloeat The Sky’s The Limit At Den-Mar
Owner/Breeder: Chee Wai Chen & Cary Jay Trexler

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2018 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RESULTS continued

Spirit of the Heartland Kennel Club
Judge: Mr. Edd Embry Bivin
Saturday, May 5, 2018

Stud Dog: GCHG CH DEN-MAR’S WILD CARD
GCHG Skyscott’s Texas Hold ‘Em - CH Den-Mar’s It Is What It Izzy
Owner: Suzanne Bennett & Marie Cato
Breeder: Marie Cato

Brace: FISHBACK CAT BIRD
CH Fishback’s Commodore Perry - CH Fishback Running With Scissors
Owner/Breeder: Susan Miller Hall & April Clark

CH FISHBACK FLOWERBOMB
CH Ascot Sand Dollar - Fishback Daisy Cutter.
Owner/Breeder: April Clark, Amy Clark & Susan Miller-Hall

Brood Bitch: GCH CH LAPRELE CHEROKEE PRINCESS
CH Sierra’s Apache Scout - CH This Magic Moment
Owner: Nancy A Wilde Breeder: Edna Grabow

2018 NATIONAL SPECIALTY RESULTS continued

Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri
Judge: Mrs. Barbara Dempsey Alderman
Sunday, May 6, 2018

BOB/G1: CH TALIESIN OSCAR WINNER
GCH Den-Mar’s Wild Card - CH Taliesin Two Times A Lady
Owner/Breeder: Susan Miller Hall & April Clark

BOB/BOS: CH VERDANT’S DREAMIN’ OF THE IVY LEAGUE
GCH Apollo - GCH Den-Mar Chloepatra At Verdant
Owner/Breeder: Chee Wai Chen & Cary Jay Trexler

SEL DOG: GCH COCA COLA COWBOY OF IMAGE
GCH Camio’s Educated Exemplar - CH On The Edge Of Image
Owner/Breeder: Monti Craig

SEL BITCH/BOH: CH CAMIO’S BELIEVE IT OR NOT AT HALF A BOB
Half A Bob’s American Hero - CH Camio’s Educated
Owner/Breeder: Catherine Alstop & Eileen Marie Wise

BOB/G1: CH TALIESIN OSCAR WINNER
GCH Den-Mar’s Wild Card - CH Taliesin Two Times A Lady
Owner/Breeder: Susan Miller Hall & April Clark

BOB/BOS: CH VERDANT’S DREAMIN’ OF THE IVY LEAGUE
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Half A Bob’s American Hero - CH Camio’s Educated
Owner/Breeder: Catherine Alstop & Eileen Marie Wise

Enchantress NA NAJ OA OAJ
Owner/Breeder: Cathy Rogers

WD/BOW: ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN FAMILY LEGACY
GCHB Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Family Ties - GCH Itsy Bitsy Red Hot Legacy
Owner: Tonnie & Gerard Willrich and Amanda Kozora
Breeder: Tonnie & Gerard Willrich

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RWB: CAMIO’S THE WIZARD OF AHHHHS
GCH Birchbay’s Wild Side At Belfyre - GCH Camio’s Defying Gravity
Owner: Catherine A Rogers & Eileen Marie Wise
Breeder: Catherine Rogers

WB: SUMMER WIND OF IMAGE
GCHG Den-Mar’s Wild Card - CH Diamond In the Ruff
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"Please don’t take my sunshine away."
Though I usually write about agility, I decided to give a recap of
all the fun performance events offered at Purina for our Norwich Terriers and our cousins the Norfolk Terriers during our combined specialty, April 30-May 1, 2017. Both clubs met at Purina and Joe Stabile, the host club, had so many course changes but thanks to the most fantastic judge, Mary Mulier’s nestest courses, Tim Guthaus’s incredible course building and members of the NTCA and Norfolk NTC, building each new course was efficient and kept the trial moving.
On Monday One of the forty-four runs in Trial Two there were forty-eight runs. Eleven NTCA members (two Norfolk were absent) and three NTCA members ran a total of seventeen dogs. Of the ninety-two runs, there were thirty-six qualifying runs. Of course, qualifying runs are what we all strive for but at an event like this it was just exciting to see only little brown dogs jumping four or eight inches.
Raine Johnson brought all the trial secretary lists and sheets and I was asked to work as “secretaries for the day.” Yes, we saved the club some money, but I missed out on watching many of the runs trying to keep up with recording the information. For the next time, I will donate funds to pay for a trial secretary.
Happily, four Norwich earned new titles:
• Agility Excellent Preferred “Punch” (GCH CH Fishback Breakaway’s In The Know CDX MXJ MXJX MXJXX MXJXX XX) owned by April Clark.
• Open Agility Jumpers with Weaves “Wilby” (BirchBay For The Girls At Fishback NA OAJ) owned by Susan Miller Hall.
• Master Excellent Jumpers “Posey 2” (CH Yarrow Venerie Flower Power At Beach Pine MXJX OF) owned by Ursula Wash.
• Master Agility Champion 12- Savvy” (AGCH MACH12 Breakaway’s In The Know CB RN MX3 PDS MX3 PJS FTJC1 MFC TZX T2S5 RAI) owned by Raine Johnson.

On Wednesday Rally and Obedience, hosted by the Norwich Terrier Club, drew four Norfolk participants and one Norwich participant, Jill Lowry, Jill Peterson and Carlynn Ricks all participated in both Rally and Obedience. Henry and I only participated in Rally Excellent A, and he actually earned two legs toward his RE title but we really need to work on our side by side partnership to make us look as smooth and natural as Jill Lowry, Jill Peterson and Carlynn, Annette Haile and the Norwich handler, entered Mr. Darcy and earned his Rally Novice title. In my opinion, both Rally and Obedience are difficult but at least I can talk in Rally, which helps keep Henry and me connected and somewhat focused. Now I need to practice the signs and my footwork more.
Jill Lowry’s reflections with a few of my words added: “Purina seems like such a long time ago!” Betty McDonnell couldn’t have hired two better judges for Obedience and Rally. Jim Communale judged a very long day of all-breed Obedience, and still had a smile on his face at the end. Charlotte Meinzer set a friendly and constructive tone for Rally exhibitors, and had fine nested courses, and even gave a few training tips along the way. Both were incredibly polite to all exhibitors. If you area training club would like to hold a Rally seminar, Ms. Meinzer is an excellent clinician. Zee was High Scoring Norwich Triple Q, and won the Norfolk trophies for Advanced B Excellent B and Masters.
New Obedience rules went into effect May 1st, so our trial on May 2nd was the first time Jill Peterson and I had shown the new Open exercises. Both our Norwich performed the new Command Discrimination exercise and the new Stay exercise very well. Carlynn Ricks’ young journey handled himself beautifully in the Obedience ring with perfect attention; he also earned a score of 100 for another leg of Advanced Rally. Jill’s Wally was the High Scoring Norwich in Obedience. Wally also earned his Advanced Rally title that day. A special word of thanks to the trophy donors – they were terrific! – and we can’t stress strongly enough how much Betty and I appreciated every moment of effort volunteered for these trials. Hope participants enjoyed the Performance Fundamentals seminar – I know I did!
Also on Wednesday, NTCA with the help of April Clark arranged for Canine Good Citizen testing. Ruby and Magda Chiarella passed to achieve the title Advanced Canine Good Citizen. Annette Haile also passed to achieve a title of Canine Good Citizen with Hobbes, her young Norfolk terrier.
Friday and Saturday, many of us who primarily do performance, watched the Norwich shown in conformation. I knew I learned a great deal about length of leg, length of back, tail set, angulation, the rear, the gait and show ring “personality” by asking questions and by listening to the crowds sitting around the ring.
On Sunday, the earthdog arena was abuzz with anticipation of seeing how our terriers would do the test situation at Purina. Thanks to the Norfolk Club for hosting the event and a special thanks to Denise Faulkner for taking care of many of the details before and during the event. Her work in having everything arranged helped to make the day run smoothly.
So many of us earthdog handlers couldn’t wait to see the famous Purina dens. Overall, there were twenty-two Norfolk, ten Norwich and seventeen other eligible dogs entered. That’s a great turn out. In Test #1 there were 52 starters and 11 qualifiers; in Test #2, there were 46 starters and 12 qualifiers. At least one new title was earned.
Norfolk terrier, Hobbes, owned by Annette Haile earned his Junior Earthdog title.
Thanks to the judges Shirl Hutchins, Karen Kotke-Partington and Marian Shaw, all NTCC members, as well to NTCA club member, Denise Faulkner, who stepped in to judge when the one judge needed a break.
Being at Purina with two other Norfolk earthdog people would probably be once in a lifetime experience. Denise Faulkner, Jill Petersen, and I are all working on Endurance Earthdog titles and had hoped that we would be braced with another Norwich for the Master walk up; however, with random draws, the odds were against us and we didn’t get to be brace mates. However, talking about our dogs’ hunting styles, listening to the family metronomic barking at the rats made, and sharing stories of successes and failures for a made fun.
Leo (CH Denwick The Lion-Hearted ME EE RATO) owned by Denise Faulkner just earned his Endurance Earthdog title in October of 2017 and at Purina earned a leg toward his EE2 at all during Test 3. Etta owned by Jill Petersen also passed all four tests and earned two legs toward her EE4. Henry didn’t earn any legs toward his EE4. He hasn’t passed both Senior and Master during the same test since October 2016 but I won’t give up; instead I’ll take a break.
On Monday, the NTCA hosted two agility trials in one day with only Norfolk and Norwich. What a treat and delight. Yes, there were many course changes but thanks to the most fantastic judge, Mary Mulier’s nestest courses, Tim Guthaus’s incredible course building and members of the NTCA and Norfolk NTC, building each new course was efficient and kept the trial moving. In Trial One there was a total of four runs in Trial Two there were forty-eight runs. Eleven NTCA members (two Norfolk were absent) and three NTCA members ran a total of seventeen dogs. Of the ninety-two runs, there were thirty-six qualifying runs. Of course, qualifying runs are what we all strive for but at an event like this it was just exciting to see only little brown dogs jumping four or eight inches.
Raine Johnson brought all the trial secretary lists and sheets and I was asked to work as “secretaries for the day.” Yes, we saved the club some money, but I missed out on watching many of the runs trying to keep up with recording the information. For the next time, I will donate funds to pay for a trial secretary.
Happily, four Norwich earned new titles:
• Agility Excellent Preferred “Punch” (GCH CH Fishback Hard Tap NAJ AXJ OFC GCX) owned by April Clark.
• Open Agility Jumpers with Weaves “Wilby” (BirchBay For The Girls At Fishback NA OAJ) owned by Susan Miller Hall.
• Master Excellent Jumpers “Posey 2” (CH Yarrow Venerie Flower Power At Beach Pine MXJX OF) owned by Ursula Wash.
• Master Agility Champion 12- Savvy” (AGCH MACH12 Breakaway’s In The Know CB RN MX3 PDS MX3 PJS FTJC1 MFC TZX T2S5 RAI) owned by Raine Johnson.

** A perfect place for Savvy to earn her last MACH since at almost 11-year-old Raine planned to move her to preferred
in June.
At the end of a long day… just smiles and hugs for our dogs. “Let it snow,” says Savvy. “I’ve packed away a special kind of ‘dog joy’ that makes our lives richer.”

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“A special thanks to those NTCA members who donated trophies for the event; the wooden engraved plates and special rosettes made the event even more memorable.”

High in Trial—Savvy and Rainee Johnson, DVM
Novice Standard - Journey and Carlynn Ricks
Master Standard - Savvy and Rainee Johnson DVM
Preferred Masters Standard - Carter and Deb Lang
Open Jumpers - Willy and Susan Miller Hall
Premier Jumpers - Henry and Joan Krantz
Preferred Excellent Jumpers - Punch and April Clark

And so after Agility, we left the Purina Performance Playground to pack up and go our separate ways. One thing I’m certain…we all packed away a special kind of “dog joy” that makes our lives richer. Because of the dog’s joyfulness, our own is increased. It is no small gift. It is not the least reason why we should honor as love the dog of our own life, and the dog down the street, and all the dogs not yet born. What would the world be like without music or river or the green and tender grass? What would this world be like without dogs?

—Mary Oliver
Agility News Reporter
Middlebury, CT

Over the mountains and through the snow to Nationals they go. Rainee Johnson, DVM and Savvy bravely less than perfect weather conditions to attend the National Agility Championship in Reno, Nevada on March 23-25, 2018.

Of the 2,849 dogs representing 130 breeds that were eligible, 917 dogs competed after meeting the qualifying requirements of 550 speed points and 7 double qualifying runs from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017. Seven Norwich Terriers qualified, but only Rainee and “Savvy” (AGCH MACH12 Breakaway’s In The Know CD BN RN MXC3 PDS MJB4 PIS FTC1 MFC TQX T285 RATN) and non-member Gail Holloway with Zeeta attended.

NATIONAL AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
March 2018

Not having been there to enjoy the fun, I’m not certain what breeds were among the fastest but according to the statistics Rainee and “Savvy” faced some stiff competition against Corgis, Papillons, and Miniature Poodles in the eight-inch class. After three rounds over two days, Savvy came in 24th out of 79 eight-inch dogs. Congratulations to this very special Norwich athlete!

The National Agility Championship event will take place March 15-17, 2019 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

During this reporting period from January, 2018 to June, 2018, there were four Rally titles and three Obedience titles earned by NTCA members: Betty McDonnell, Jill Lowry, Jill Petersen and Carlynn Ricks.

Thanks to Carlynn Ricks, Jill Lowry, and Jill Petersen for their words of wisdom about sports I’m still learning about.

From Carlynn Ricks:
“Rally and obedience are wonderful competition venues for a Norwich. Our Norwich are smart, agile, confident, and energetic, and they love food, the prefect combination for training a dog. Once you get their attention, you’re on your way.

“Rally is the right ring for a Norwich because it’s often a tight course that requires maneuvering in small spaces. I once got the same score as a standard poodle owner but got a higher placement because my time was faster. The poodle owner couldn’t believe that this little runt of a dog could move faster than her much larger dog. I explained that it was because my dog could do moves like the 180-degree counterclockwise turn more easily than her dog, for instance.

“Because you can talk to your dog as much as you want during a rally course, it’s not too hard to keep his attention. Except, of course, ‘there is that nice person with the clipboard in the ring who looks like she wants to say hi to me.’ Or ‘Oh, look, a food bowl with a toy or treats in it. It looks like fun.’ These are your chances to show your dog how much fun it is to play with you and how much tastier your treats are. In short, it’s a great way to bond with your dog. When you can convince your dog to pay attention to you rather than a distraction and to perform a particular skill, you’re on your way to a lifelong relationship.

MACH bar signed by Norwich and Norfolk friends. Very special indeed.”

Very special agility ribbons, exhibitor gifts, trophies arranged by agility exhibitor, Noralee Perkins.
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**NORWICH IN RALLY AND OBEDIENCE continued**

"It's true that for Rally, my experience is that it's even more true for Obedience since in both cases, you're allowed only a single command without penalty for each skill. That means that as you're heeling off lead in the ring, if another dog walks by outside the ring, your dog has to remember that he is working with you since there is no leash and verbally reminding him will cost you lots of points. It's a wonderful feeling when he decides the answer is you."

"In addition to building the bond between you, obedience offers the opportunity for your dog to learn complex skills and for you to see him thinking in action. At the intermediate level, having left your leash with the steward as you entered the ring, you ask your dog to go away from you to do fairly simple tasks, like fetching a dumbbell or taking a jump. At the advanced level, your dog must perform complex tasks away from you, some of them in response to hand signals with no vocal command allowed. At this point you really are stretching your dog's brain to do skills originally designed for field dogs.

"Somewhere along this road, as you work together in training, you will simply look at your dog, who looks at you, thinks for a minute, "Somewhere along this road, as you work together in training, you may learn skills designed for field dogs.

"The time shared working and having fun learning together is a far bigger reward than any ribbon you might achieve! The bond between you will grow 'til your heart is full."

From Jill Lowry about Zee, the first Norwich terrier to earn a Rally title and even earned a perfect score in Rally!

"I'm proud of it. Now onto our Rally Championship."

"Looking proud for earning another leg of Rally at an event in Texas."

"Bon Temps Roullez CDX PCDX RM RAE AXP AJP CGG TKP) qualified for the Open Class. Only 64 dogs will be allowed only a single command without penalty for each skill."

**OBEDIENCE BRAGS AND KUDOS!**

**Utility Class Eligibility**

- **a.** Must have earned a minimum of the UD title (at any time).
- **b.** A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores from the Utility class (A and/or B), during the qualifying period.
- **c.** The qualifying scores earned to achieve the UD title may be used for the three (3) Q's required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
- **d.** Or one (1) High Scoring Dog in Regular Classes (HSDRC) award may be substituted for the three (3) Q's required, if the HSDRC award was earned during the qualifying period and from the relevant class.

"Phoebe" (CH Kilyka's Rare Bird Alert UD NA NAJ) were eligible to enter Utility Novice Class Eligibility

- **a.** Must have earned a CD title (at any time).
- **b.** A dog must earn three (3) qualifying scores in the Novice class (A and/or B), during the qualifying period.
- **c.** The qualifying scores earned to achieve the CD title may be used for the three (3) Q's required if they were earned during the qualifying period.
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Betty McDonnell and Birdie (CH Kilyka's Witch Upon a Star CD NA NAJ) were eligible to enter Novice class C:

- **a.** Must have earned a CD title (at any time).
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**Open Class Eligibility**

- **a.** Must have earned a CDX title (at any time).
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AKC Agility by Invitation Only

This year AKC’s 2018 Agility Invitational will take place in Orlando, Florida December 15 & December 16, 2018 at the Orange County Convention Center. Simply stated these Norwich represent the top performers competing in AKC agility. Their rank is based on the number of Double Q’s X10 plus MACH (Master Agility Championship) points or MACH (Preferred Agility Championship) points that they earned during the qualifying period from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Regular Class

#1 “Mandy” (MACH 2 Shaksper Amanda Seyfried RN MSG of this special event. Fourth time at the Invitational. As always we are excited to be part MXC MJB2 MXF T2B3 ME EE3 MJG CGC)

#2 “Fiona” (CH M&M’s Little Miss Sunshine BN MX MXB MXJ MBF T2B2 DCAT CGC TKN) run by Kathy Gregorieff and co-owned by Karen Dwyer. This will be Mandy’s first Invitational experience and I guarantee Kathy will find the support and camaraderie to be outstanding. She will want to be invited again.

Preferred Class

#1 “Magic” (CH MACH4 PACH Shonleh He’s a Magic Man RA MXS2 MUG2 MXP3 MXPB MJPX PAX FTC1 MBF T2B2 TQX MFP JE CA BCAT CGC TKN) run by Patty Fornelli will run Fiona for the first time at the Invitational though he was also invited in 2016 and 2017 but chose not to come. Mandy really makes Blair run too!

#7 “Minnow” (Highwood’s Lady Renegade RE MX MXB MXJ MBF T2B2 RATN CGCA TKN) run by Kathy Gregorieff and co-owned by Karen Dwyer. This will be Minnow’s first Invitational experience and I guarantee Kathy will find the support and camaraderie to be outstanding. She will want to be invited again.

PAX2

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Savvy says, “What another picture? I just ran my best. What’s the big deal?”

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From January to June there were fewer Championship titles but overall, there was plenty of action in the ring; eighteen members ran twenty-five dogs. There were five Novice titles, four Open titles, ten Excellent titles, seventeen Master titles and fifteen Preferred titles. The Preferred Agility Excellent title (PAX), one Preferred Agility Excellent2 (PAX2) title, one Preferred Agility Champion (PACH) and one Master Agility Champion 12 (MACH12) title for a total of fifty-four titles.

When we run small, run fast, run clean, and smile! Good Luck to all the teams! More on their performance in the next edition.

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April 12
NTCA Supported Entry – Northern California Terrier Association

Judge: Ms. Lee Whittier

BOB: GCH ROSEROCK’S MY EYES ADORED YOU
GCH Skyscot’s Texas Hold ‘Em - CH Roserock’s Harper Lee
Owner: Ellen Lucas
Breeder: Ellen Ford

April 13
NTCNCC Regional Specialty & Sweepstakes – Northern California Terrier Association

Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Lisa Sons
BSW: VERDANT’S DARLING LAYLA
GCHG Apollo - Verdant’s Fergie The Fashionista.
Owner/Breeder: Chee Wai Chen & Cary Jay Trexler
BVSW: CH BRIARDALES LION KING
CH Tinytowne’s Hardy Boy - Briardale Merci Me
Owner: Lowell & Connie Jennings & Carole Foucrault
Breeder: Carole Foucrault & Sharon Walters

Judge: Mr. Alfred J. Ferruggiaro
BOB: GCH ROSEROCK’S MY EYES ADORED YOU
GCH Skyscot’s Texas Hold ‘Em - CH Roserock’s Harper Lee
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April 20
NTCA Supported Entry & Sweepstakes – Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland

Sweepstakes Judge: Mr. Joseph R. Vernuccio
BSW: COUNTRY BOY GREAT SCOTT
CH Country Boy Tiny Tebow - GCH Country Girl Beewitched.
Owner/Breeder: Linda McCutcheon

July 5
LSNTC Specialty - North Texas Terrier Club

Judge: Mr. Joseph Pendon

BOB: CH TALIESIN OSCAR WINNER
GCH Den-Mar’s Wild Card - CH Taliesin Two Times A Lady
Owner: Lisa M. Sons
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Santa’s Helpers: Monty, Murphy and Maggie.
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