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“To the world you may be one person, but to one person you are the world.”

-Unknown
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**Issue 21 News Deadline**

October 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 October 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 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 large enough. Modern digital cameras and smartphones will all take photos that are large enough to use in the News. Check your camera settings and use the largest file size you can. Then make sure you do not scale the photo down in the sharing process. For example, 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 2 MB or more.

**NTCA Members Only**

New Title Holder Photos (AKC Titles): $20 per photo, which includes a maximum 45-word caption giving the name of the new title holder and of his/her sire and dam as well as the names of the breeders and owners.

**Happy Hunting Ground**

At no charge, the News will include the name, photo, and dates of birth and death for any member-owned dog who has passed away. If you would like to submit a longer piece for publication (limit 1 page), the charge is $25.

**Advertising in the News**

The News will accept content from members limited to 1) kennel advertisements 2) titles awarded by the NTCA; 3) titles, championships, and group placements from the American Kennel Club; 4) ads for foreign titles, foreign championships, and foreign group placements. Ads touting placement must identify the rating system and date.

**Payments**

For all payments, checks must be made out to the Norwich Terrier Club of America. Checks from Canadian and international members must be in U.S. dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank. Payments can also be made via PayPal to terriernorwich@gmail.com (please note what the payment is for).

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Happy summer! We hope that this issue of the News finds you well. 2019 marks the 10th anniversary of the NTCA's founding. With our history in mind, this issue relaunches a feature from the past, Kennel Reports. Thank you to Missy Wood for suggesting and organizing this effort.

Performance Chair and reporter Joan Krantz would love to recognize more participants in Barn Hunt, CGC, Earthdog, Trick Títles, Scent Work, Therapy Dog, Rally, Obedience, as well as Agility. So many more members are involved in performance/companion activities. Please send photos and news on the performance front to Joan at fdkrantz@snet.net

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

Corrections
In Issue 19, the photo accompanying the winner of the stud dog competition at Purina Farms was incorrect. Our sincere apologies to Desi and his owners Suzanne Bennett & Marie Cato.

In March, the Board of Directors met in Louisville during the weekend of the Kentuckiana Cluster at the Kentucky Exposition Center - an amazing location for shows, demonstrated by the exceptional entry of 36 that we had at the NTCA Supported Entry on Saturday, March 16. It was an impressive group of Norwich, not only in the ring for Best of Breed, but in the classes as well. It gave us all an opportunity to see the very nice young dogs and bitches coming up. Due to the generosity of a several members and the hard work of John Francisco we were able to offer trophies not only at the Saturday supported entry, but also in the classes as well. Supported entries were offered in almost every class, not to mention the 5 point majors that went to the winners!

More 5 point majors were awarded at the Northern California Terrier Association show in Sacramento where there was another supported entry on April 11 followed the next day by a Norwich Terrier Club of Northern California Specialty. Majors are often difficult to find, in some areas of the country finding even a few points can be a challenge. Supported entries attract Norwich entries to even small shows. By volunteering to be the coordinator for a supported entry a member can help to draw a larger entry and make it worthwhile for members to enter a show near you. It’s not difficult. If you are not already a member of a specialty or all breed club, contact one near you and ask about doing a supported entry. Once you have the club’s approval fill out our application for a supported entry and submit it to our Corresponding Secretary, Rhonda Krupp. Supported entry applications must be submitted by October 1st of the year preceding the event so the Board of Directors can approve them at their October meeting. The NTCA offers $75 for trophies with an additional $50 if Sweepstakes is included. Additional requirements can be found on the NTCA Supported Entry Application form which is on our website. Once the application is approved the SE Coordinator can purchase trophies. If you have questions, contact our Show Chair, Jim Kinney.

NTCA President
Long Beach, NY

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**NTUAS Study**

Dr. Bryden Stanley and Dr. Grace Lai have made lots of progress analyzing results and finalizing various aspects of the NTUAS Study. All Norwich who participated in the study have been scored and we anticipate that the grading sheets will be distributed to their owners soon. The scoring protocol has been finalized, along with informational materials for owners and veterinarians. We are creating a new page for the NTCA website where these materials will be easy to find.

Twenty-one Norwich are booked in for the follow-up NTUAS Longitudinal Study. Only two more are needed. If your Norwich was part of the original study and you would like to participate, please contact Grace for details and to schedule. Owners will be reimbursed by NTCA for the follow-up exam.

The 2018 NTUAS Owner Survey (online) has closed. Owners please contact Grace for details and to schedule. Owners will be reimbursed by NTCA for the follow-up exam.

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**Puppy Lung Development Study**

Dr. Kurt Williams has been collecting puppies that die from all causes for the study. He has 35 puppies to date. Recently, he told us that he was also interested in examining the placentas of puppies that die from lung development disease. This seemed like an impossible task, but we have succeeded. One of our breeders was able to harvest and ship fresh placentas to Dr. Williams within 24 hours of birth. He prepared the placentas for further study so that in the event one of the puppies died, the body could be shipped to him and matched with the placenta. Eight days post-whelp, one puppy in this litter of four died, and the breeder shipped the body to Dr. Williams. The diagnosis was confirmed to be puppy lung development disease. This may be a break-through in understanding lung disease. Dr. Williams has turned his attention to genetic sequencing of these samples. He will "pause" enrollment of additional puppies until results are known, and then determine next steps. Huge thanks to the breeders who have helped with this important study! We are so fortunate that Dr. Williams picked Norwich to research, and your support makes this study possible.

Dr. Williams may need additional puppies, but not at this time. We will keep you posted.

**2019 NTCA Annual Health Seminar**

**Date:** Thursday, October 3, 6:30 p.m. (mixer starts at 5:30 p.m.)
**Where:** Hilton Garden Inn, Fort Washington (host hotel)
**Speaker:** Dana Clarke, VMD (UPenn)
**Topic:** Emergency Medicine for Breeders and Owners

Dr. Dana Clarke is an assistant professor of Interventional Radiology, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She 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.

**INPP5E GENE MUTATION TEST AVAILABLE**

In September 2018, Finnish researchers published a paper [1] reporting on a point mutation in the INPP5E gene that causes kidney failure and death in Norwich terrier puppies. The INPP5E gene is a simple recessive gene, so two mutated copies of the gene are needed to cause death.

Being new, no commercial lab offers a DNA test for this point mutation in the INPP5E gene. I contacted a genetics lab at North Carolina State University, showed them the paper, and asked them to develop a DNA test for the mutation. Fortunately the paper has all the necessary details, and it was very easy for the lab to develop a cheek swab DNA test for the INPP5E mutation.

I had the dogs in my household tested, and all are clear of this mutation. The lab manager was kind enough to walk me through the steps involved from receiving a cheek swab to reporting results. I now have a much better idea of how such DNA testing is done.

The NC State lab is willing to test other Norwich terriers for the INPP5E mutation at a cost of $48 per test. See their cheek swab request web page: cvm.ncsu.edu/genetics/cheek-swap-request

The lab will send you two cheek swabs per dog, instructions on how to swab, and the address where to return the swabs. After you return the swabs, in approximately a month, the lab will email you a pdf document with the INPP5E status of your Norwich - normal/clear or carrier. Affected dogs die.

Remember that for a simple recessive mutation (such as INPP5E) if you breed:

A clear to a carrier, then on average 25 percent of the puppies will be clear and 50 percent carriers.

A carrier to a carrier, then on average 25 percent of the puppies will be clear, 50 percent carriers, and 25 percent will be affected (in the case of INPP5E, die; note that death may occur before a puppy is born).

Until the NTCA gets OFA to list results of the INPP5E DNA test, I will be happy to list results of the INPP5E DNA test in my pedigree database at: shakspernorwichnet/pedigreed

Just forward me a copy of the pdf report from NC State. The INPP5E DNA test is the fourth health-related DNA test found to be relevant to Norwich terriers, joining the DNA tests for PLL, DM, and ALT.

Two notes:

This is "not" the cause of puppy lung development disease.

I have private information that makes me strongly believe that the INPP5E mutation (puppy cystic renal dysplasia) is in the population of North American Norwich.


- Blair Kelly
Littleton, NC
Shaksp Norwich

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**Health Committee Co-Chairs**

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**Hilary reminding us to brush everyday!**
CARDIOMEGALY IN NORWICH TERRIERS

In other words, it's a pathology... a condition indicative of some other underlying issue like high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, or dilated cardiomyopathy (much in the news of late) which needs to be treated. In fact, large hearts are not unusual in our breed and are not an indication of an underlying disease. Norwich Terriers have many traits in common with certain kinds of semi-dwarf breeds like the Scottish Terrier. Shortened limbs, so characteristic of breed type are a hallmark. The formal multi-syllabic names Brachycephalism, Achondroplasia, and Chondrodysplasia are forms of bone growth disorders which share certain traits (shortened limbs and faces) but not all the body is affected. This means that soft tissues and organs are not necessarily changed in the same proportion. This can cause misunderstandings in a veterinary community un schooled in the particulars of Norwich Terriers. Fast forward to September, 2018. I’d stopped at Michigan State University to have followup scoping done on several of my Norwich as part of the NTCAs NTUAS study headed by Dr. Bryden Stanley, BVMS, MACVC, MVSc, DACVS. While there, I posed this question to Dr. Stanley, “How often do you see Norwich Terriers with cardiomegaly?” Her response was immediate, “They all have large hearts.” In answer to a more recent e-mail inquiry Dr. Stanley added, “Based on all the thoracic radiographs (chest x-rays) that we had in the NTUAS study, the Texas NTUAS study group (headed by Dr. Kelley M. Thieman) are in the process of submitting a paper for publication that shows that NT normally have big hearts.” (Emphasis, LL)

Here are some questions I subsequently put to Dr. Thieman and her answers:

LL: Can you tell me a bit about your ongoing research?
Dr. Thieman: I’ve been working with Dr. Stanley on the Norwich Terrier upper airway study. The upper airway study required thoracic radiographs of each dog. As we enrolled dogs in the study, we noticed that they all seemed to have hearts that looked and measured larger than the reported “normal size” for dogs.

LL: I have had some anecdotal experience with this condition and am thrilled that some attention is being paid to this important issue. Can you tell me when you expect to have the paper ready?
Dr. Thieman: We are currently in the process of submitting the paper. Breed-specific vertebral heart scale for the Norwich terrier

LL: Is cardiomegaly in Norwich Terriers normal?
Dr. Thieman: Good question – the measurement used to determine normal heart size is a comparison of the heart size to the vertebrae of the dog. This is to help account for heart size and dog size… so a large dog should have large vertebrae and a large heart. Many years ago, a study published this normal heart scaling system and said that the normal vertebral heart scale should be 9.7 ± 0.5. We have found that in Norwich terriers, the normal vertebral heart scale value is significantly greater than the previously reported canine reference value.

LL: How many radiographs have you screened to date?
Dr. Thieman: The study we performed includes radiographs of 61 Norwich Terriers.

LL: Please tell me a bit about yourself and how you became interested in this topic.
Dr. Thieman: I’m a small animal surgeon at Texas A&M University. I’ve worked here for 7 years. I have an interest in respiratory diseases. I’ve really enjoyed working with the Norwich Terriers doing this study with Dr. Stanley!

LL: I do feel it is extremely important for the veterinary community to realize that a large heart is normal in a Norwich Terrier. (And perhaps other breeds?) Dr. T. Yes, I agree – it’s also important to base it on other exam findings – if the heart looks big and the dog has a murmur or other clinical signs of heart disease, it’s probably worth doing a cardiac work up.

Here is the abstract Dr. Thieman so kindly furnished to be included in this article:

Breed-specific vertebral heart scale for the Norwich terrier

Objective: To determine whether the normal vertebral heart scale (VHS) values published by Buchanan and Bikoff for lateral radiographs are applicable to the Norwich terrier. Secondary objectives were to determine if clinical signs of respiratory disease, age, gender, weight, body condition score, recumbency or thoracic-depth-to-width ratio had any influence on vertebral heart scale measurement in this breed.

Design: Retrospective study

Animals: Sixty-one client-owned, Norwich terrier dogs with no clinical signs of cardiovascular disease.

Procedures: The electronic medical record systems of two universities were reviewed and Norwich terriers were included in the study if they had orthogonal thoracic radiographs made and no historical or radiographic evidence of cardiopulmonary disease. A vertebral heart scale was calculated for each patient.

Results: The VHS for Norwich terriers without evidence of cardiac disease (10.6 ± 0.6) was found to be significantly greater than the canine reference value of 9.7 ± 0.5 initially established by Buchanan and Bikoff. A significant correlation was found between clinical signs of respiratory disease, sex, age, thoracic-depth-to-width ratio or lateral recumbency and VHS. Norwich terriers with a body condition score ≥ 6 had a significantly higher VHS than those with a BCS < 5.

Conclusions and Clinical Relevance: The vertebral heart scale is a rapid, straightforward and useful tool for objectively evaluating canine heart size. Breed-specific ranges and body condition score need to be considered when critically evaluating VHS.

Thanks so much to Dr. Kelley M. Thieman and to Dr. Bryden Stanley for your invaluable interest and expertise in helping our breed. While too late for many Norwich Terriers which have been needlessly misdiagnosed and treated with diuretics like our Brick or even euthanized (I know of a recent case where cardiomegaly was cited as a complicating factor), it is not too late to copy this article and inform your vet.

As for red boy, he proved to be a fighter. On that cold winter’s day, grasping for straws, I put the radiographs up for perusal on an internet repto-chatlist: Canine Fertility, Reproduction and Neonatal Issues. Two vets came back with the same diagnosis. Puppy had pneumonia and needed to be on an antibiotic, STAT. This was done within the hour and I am pleased and proud to say that Frabjous Mick is alive and well today. He is truly a heart dog! Happy and healthy, loved and cherished by his family and friends.

Special thanks to: Bryden J. Stanley, BVMS, MACVC, MVSc, Diplomate ACVS College of Veterinary Medicine Michigan State University
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- Leandra Little Littlefield Norwich Terriers

CARDIOMEGALY IN NORWICH TERRIERS continued
BERIC BEGINS 2019 WITH TWO NEW LITTERS

The cold and snow of the lake-effect region of northern New York can be challenging if bitch in whelp needs emergency veterinary help. At 6 a.m. on New Year’s Day, Nancy was behind the wheel taking our BERIC Faeonda from our kennel in Mexico, New York to Village Veterinary in Canastota — just under an hour away. This exceptional practice was founded by Kerry Brown in 1975 especially to serve the needs of breeders, with a qualified c-section staff available 24/7/365. A detached placenta sent the bitch into labor five days early, but the care provided by ‘Team-Beris’ resulted in the successful delivery of two males and a bitch.

The post-natal care of whelping bitches requiring sections cannot be underestimated. Our vet’s recovery facility features a state-of-the-art incubator, large enough for the litter to be with the bitch as she comes out of anesthesia. The post-natal care of whelping bitches requiring sections cannot be underestimated. Our vet’s recovery facility features a state-of-the-art incubator, large enough for the litter to be with the bitch as she comes out of anesthesia.

Fast forward 12 days and Nancy and Mark were again on their way to Canastota (at 11:45 on a Saturday night) for the arrival of two males and two females out of our CH BERIC Zoe (Winners Bitch at Devon 2016) and our CH BERIC Dreaming of Foxwood (RWD at Montgomery 2012). Zoe is a Russell daughter who finished her championship with three majors and a group placing from the classes.

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The BERIC line of Norwich Terriers began in 1976 with Chidley Cardinal (from Joan Read) sired by Jericho’s Ringleader (from the UK legacy kennel of Sheila Monckton). These two litters represent the 12th generation of our line — and while our professional schedules keep us from exhibiting as much as we would, we take joy in the fact our dogs are always owner handled.

Cheers,
Nancy Nosiglia & Mark Gustavson
BERIC Norwich Terriers & Saint Bernards

GLENGARIFF KENNEL REPORT

When we acquired our first Norwich, Libby, in February of 2002, I never imagined I’d be writing a kennel report 17 years later!

After losing Libby (Ch Woodland Liberty Belle CGC NAJ 2001-2017), the house was quieter, but we still had 11-year-old Paige (CH Glengariff’s Belthpage Black CGC VN RN AV OAI) and 6-year-old Riley (GCHP Abbescade Life of Riley at Glengariff).

It was time to add to our pack. I was very happy to fly out to California in November to pick up our new addition - a very sweet red girl (GCH Taliesin Double Brass x Verdant’s Talaluh) bred by Cary Trexler and Andrew Chen (Verdant).

We look forward to her happy and healthy future. Our prefix is the name of my grandmother’s village in Cork, Ireland near Bantry Bay. I have visited there several times (the farm is still owned by my cousin). Looking out from the cottage my grandmother grew up in, you are met with an expanse of beautiful shades of green for as far as your eyes can see. When trying to think of a name for our new pup, it took only a few minutes to recall that view and decide the best name for our new puppy would be Glengariff’s Verdant Meadow.

So, here’s hoping Meadow has the luck of the Irish!

Judy Laffey
Long Beach, NY

In my last kennel report, back in 2005, I wrote about a rescue Norwich we had named Well. In my last kennel report back in 2005, I wrote about a rescue Norwich we had named Nick. Well, here I am 14 years later, writing about yet another rescue Norwich. This one we’ve renamed Newbie. When first informed of his plight from Dana Esquibel and Ellen Lucas, I said, “No problem. I’m good at bringing dogs out of their shells.” Little did I (or any of us involved) realize the psychological damage that had been done to this sad little creature, only three years old.

Newbie arrived in Pennsylvania last May in the arms of Ellen Lucas. He appeared sweet, yet he came with a lot of baggage one can only claim at the puppy mill where he’d been born or the auction block where he was to be sold.

At the time, my mother, Patsy, was in hospice care here at home and all the comings and goings were terrifying to him. But, Newbie was curious about “the lady in library” and would sneak in to visit with her, hiding under a chair. Patsy would talk to him, always telling him he was a fine little man.

After my mother died and we were all so sad, Newbie seemed to find himself a bit. He would come out from under that chair to comfort me. He is still terrified of life in general, but we have made some tremendous strides. For instance, he comes into the same room where people and other dogs are; his appetite has increased; he barks at strangers; and most important of all, I have become Mary to his Little Lamb. That may not sound like much to most, but to me, it is an extraordinary accomplishment.

Newbie is indeed “a fine little man.”
Margaretta ‘Missy’ Wood
Terrapin
Phoenixville, PA

Photo credit: Amanda Kozora
What does a top ranking show dog do after he retires?

Desi has become a hard-working therapy dog!

During his AKC Conformation show career, Desi reached the highest pinnacle of success with two Best in Shows, five Reserve Best in Shows, three Best in Specialty Shows and 47 Group Ones. His official name has so many titles: Am Can GCH MBIS MRBIS MBISS Den-Mar’s Wild Card CGC TDT, Registered Therapy Dog and CHIC, and for many months, he was ranked the number one Norwich terrier in America. Besides Desi being an outstanding example of the Norwich breed, many of his admirers appreciated that he looked like he was having fun in the show ring! Desi traveled the dog show circuit for 20 months with his renowned handler Brenda Combs. The life of a show dog that is being campaigned involves frequent travel, training, grooming, and showing: stressful for some dogs, but Desi’s happy temperament contributed to his winning performances.

Back home with his family after retiring from his show career, Desi was not used to the quiet home routine—he always wanted to do something and would run to the door to go! Having done dog therapy work some 30 years ago, I decided to look into therapy dog certification for him. We contacted a local registered therapy dog organization, and went through the initial testing protocols which involved observing Desi’s behavior in the presence of other dogs, several children, and the tester running around him very closely making strange noises and crouching down; then came two official observations of Desi’s behavior in actual patient settings. After I passed a background check and Desi passed his health check at his veterinarian’s clinic, Desi and I became a certified dog therapy team!

Now Desi has a second career and a busy schedule again! Desi the therapy dog creates happy feelings among the clients he meets. We have been going weekly to the local nursing home for over a year, and this woman waits for our visit. Desi loves her, knows right where her room is, and pulls me in there!

At the hospital, this patient’s family said “Please put Desi up on her bed because she loves dogs.” The patient didn’t wake up but put her hand on Desi. He just seems to know what each person needs. He just laid right next to her and didn’t move.

Over the years, Desi has sired more than three dozen puppies, many of them now finished AKC champions. He gets along very well with puppies; here he is relaxing with his puppy Dora.

Desi says “Life is good!”

– Marie Cato
Den-Mar Norwich Terriers
Riverside, California

At the special education class at the elementary school we go to every month, Desi loves the kids, and they love him. Even the teachers love us coming.

At the local library, children in the Read program check in and get their books. Then they sit on a blanket and read to a therapy dog. Look at the attentive look on Desi’s face as he listens to the little boy read to him.

Desi the therapy dog creates happy feelings among the clients he meets.
NEW TITLE HOLDERS

CH Dancy's Rough Cut
(MBIS MBIS GCHP Dancy's Rough Rider CGC TKN x GCH Annie Get Your Gun)
Owner/Breeder: Dwain & Nancy Lentz
"Amber" finished her championship at the Desert Empire Terrier Speciality in January 2019. Amber was shown exclusively in the Bred-By class. Amber loves to do whatever we are doing and enjoys sailing with her Dad – Ted.

CH Littlefield I'm Your Huckleberry
(GCHS Cherber's Double Your Money at Image X Littlefield Continental Divine)
Breeder: Leandra Little
Owner: Pamela Cope
"Huck" completed his AKC CH under Lee Whittier at the Vancouver KC show. While Huck is my 3rd Norwich, he is my 1st show dog. I have learned so much as an owner-handler over the past two years, but could never have navigated the dog show world without the patient help and friendship of Leandra Little, Elaine Jong, and Monti Craig.
Thanks as well to Bill and Taff McFadden who showed Huck to 5-point major under Larry Kereluke at the Olympic KC and to RWD under Geir Flyckt-Pedersen at MCKC. Huck is a cobby, red boy and with a beautiful expressive face and that classic "Littlefield" look.
When not chasing squirrels in the backyard he loves to follow me everywhere I go.

CH Frabjous Fergus by Littlefield
(GCHS Miller's Wonderful Walter of Thistledew X CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso, CGC, THD)
Owner/Breeder: Dr. Denis Johnson and Leandra Little
Fergus completed his long search for a major at the New Brunswick KC at the March Madness Cluster. Thanks to Judge Linda Reece and Roxanne Sutton. He then quickly earned his Grand Championship in two weekends, including a 5-point major at the supported entry at the Garden State All Terrier Show on May 3rd. Fergus went Select in a challenging field of 16 entries. Thank you Judge Jan Ritchie Gladstone for recognizing our young boy.

CHIB CH Littlefield Jersey Boy
(CH Littlefield Ace in the Hole X CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti per Littlefield)
Breeder: Leandra Little
Owners: Maris Purvins & Christine Kline
Frankie earned his GCH title in June 2018 and his GCHB in January 2019 with limited showing. We're very proud of our young boy. A huge thanks to his "team" of Conor Mcfadden and Olivia Hodgkinson. Thank you, Conor and Olivia, for your excellent job of handling, conditioning, and most of all, for loving Frankie!

Kilyka's Wylie Wonder AX AXJ OF TKI
(CH Paradym Yarrow Mark My Words X CH Shorttales Sibyl of Kilyka)
Breeder: Betty McDonnell
Owners: C. Donald Shlimbaum, Lark J. Shlimbaum, & Betty McDonnell
At the March 2, 2019, Dog Agility Club of Long Island Agility Trial, judged by Jeff Boyer, Kilyka's Wylie Wonder earned his Canine Performance Events C-ATCH and Standard Championship. Good boy, Wylie! Wylie's agility partner is Lark Shlimbaum.

GCHG Foxwood Freddie Set Go
(GCH Foxwood Chasing A Dream - CH Foxwood Redfern Glamour Girl)
Breeders: Kathryn Mines & Alexandra Kress
Owners: NTCA Members Richard Giotta & William Sparks
"Freddie" achieved his Gold Championship on December 7, 2018 (Pearl Harbor Day). Handled by Roslyn Mintz-Fosco.

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MACH4 Pinelake’s Happy, Fearless Explorer RE MXJ2 PAD PJ D MXF T2B3 ME EE3 RATN CGC
(CH Pinelake’s Mega Bucks RE MX MXJ - GCHS CH Elysium’s Ciao Bella NAJ NAP)

Breed: Carol S. Clark & Karen Sullivan
Owner: Joan Krantz

“Henry” earned his MACH 4 just two weeks after his sixth birthday. This little man has always loved the game of agility. He runs with focus, so this is a fitting title picture of his serious birthday. This little man has always loved the game of agility. Breeder: Carol S. Clark & Karen Sullivan

NEW TITLE HOLDERS

Before I purchased my first terrier, I asked advice of Annie Rogers Clark who owned, among other breeds, Norfolk Terriers. I was her ring steward and I told her I was considering both Norwich and Norfolk breeds. I asked her which breed might be more easily trained, and she said “Norfolk, no question!” I did not take her advice, but bought my first Norwich soon thereafter. I have not been sorry. Many in the obedience community questioned why I was challenging myself buying a terrier. Over my lifetime I have owned and trained an American Cocker Spaniel, German Shepherds, Border Collie, Dachshund, Newfoundland and Norwich. The only “untrainable” dog I had was the Dachshund. Norwich are every bit as biddable as other breeds. Since 2000, I have owned, bred, trained and shown my Norwich in conformation and performance events.

Yes, Norwich have different challenges from the other breeds I have worked with. Norwich are super alert and always aware of their surroundings, so they can be easily distracted. Also, low to the ground, they are not going to miss any opportunity to check out anything on the ground, ever optimistic that a chalk mark or dust bunny might be a liver morsel. One would expect that a dog with great prey drive would be the best retriever, but all dogs can be taught to retrieve; and they all enjoy the chase when they understand what is expected. Certainly, we witness their natural drive to chase rodents. I try to start my young pups in the game of chase. It is a rare puppy that won’t enjoy the game I play with them.

I begin by finding a quiet place without distractions. I sit on the floor of a narrow room or hallway, holding the pup in my lap. I tease him with a very visible, lightweight poly mesh scrubber that I purchase in the grocery store. This is something I will never let a puppy take away and chew. His infant teeth are needle sharp and this “toy” is very easy to pick up and carry. I start by very short tosses—three to four feet. As the pup tries to run back past me, I can block him and offer a tiny treat for exchange of the toy. I will continue to restrain the pup as I lengthen the toss. I will start naming the chase with “Get It!” As the pup begins to understand the game and its name, I will lengthen the toss to six to eight feet. Always be sure to get the pup’s attention, and always stop him before he is able to run past you. Never chase him and always get him to release with treat exchange and praise of “Good Puppie!” Put the toy away until the next training session.

Whenever the pup starts his new lesson, I always go back to a review of what he had previously learned. He is good to the chase, lengthen your tosses to up to 10 to 12 feet. Then put scrubber away and introduce another small lightweight toy. You will want something that is easy to grab and hold like a small fleece toy. It should not be so large as to block pup’s vision or impede his running. Do not let the pup pass you by and do not play tug-a-war to take it from him. Try to excite him with “Get It!” and “Good Dog!” After every training session put the chase toy away. These toys should be special and always kept separate from regular toys. One very important rule: never throw or retrieve a object with two dogs at the same time. The dominant dog will discourage his pal from retrieving. If I plan to keep my pup for myself, I will continue with a play retrieve. At the same time I will work on basic house manners and I will start leash work and getting a puppy to watch me and to come to me. I will teach sit and down and stay. It is only after I have built this basic relationship will I attempt to train a reliable retrieve.

Before you begin training for a reliable retrieve, purchase a small dumbbell to comfortably fit your dog’s mouth size. There are online catalogs that serve the sport of obedience, and they will help you select the correct size of the end pieces and the length and diameter of the dowel. Training for a reliable retrieve is not initially using the instinct of the prey drive that I have encouraged in my puppy. Teaching is very structured and taken in small learning steps. Your dog should be on lead and he should reliably sit and stay as you walk around him and return to heel position.

With your pup sitting on leash by your side on the floor or on a grooming table, gently open the pup’s mouth and slide the dumbbell in. Hold your dog’s mouth closed for two seconds and then release, treat, and praise. Repeat and repeat again, extending the time the dog holds the bell. Release your dog for play. I would work on extending the hold time until the pup will hold the dumbbell without you holding his muzzle. It may be easier if you step in front of your dog, so that he can look up at you. I will then start to introduce word commands. It doesn’t matter which words you choose, but be consistent. I use “Take” to have my dog open his mouth, and later I will use the same word as my retrieve command. I use “Hold” to make him hold it for extended time (and carry it when moving). You will want your dog to hold the dumbbell without chewing it but hold it firmly enough that you can lightly tap on the ends and he will tighten his grip and not drop it. My third command is “Out” or “Give” to the dog to release the dumbbell to my hands. These short training sessions should be upbeat and well rewarded. Be patient.

When your Norwich will hold his dumbbell while you back away from him, (remember that he is in a sit stay position) go to the end of your six foot leash and then return. Take the dumbbell from his mouth with your release command “out,” and praise and play. Once this is understood and is reliable, go on to the next step. With your dog sitting in front of you holding the dumbbell in his mouth, back continues...
up a step and call him to a front sitting position. Gradually back up as you call, reminding him to "hold" and then sit and then release with "out" or whatever command you have chosen to use. All of the above has to be taught gradually with upbeat attitude. Soon you should be ready for a 20 foot recall with dumbbell in mouth.

Later you can again have a relaxed retrieve of toys, even tug toys that will rev up the excitement. For these games do not use the structured chain of commands (Sit, Wait, Take it, Sit Front, and Out). Allow your dog to shake toy, kill it, and even run circles, but never chase your dog. Never use the training object (dumbbell) for game play and never include it in his collection of play toys.

Soon you will see how motivating retrieving can be. Teach your Norwich to catch, and this can be used to relax your dog in new stressful situations. If you can play catch before going into competition, you can focus your dog on you. You can teach him to alert for a favorite toy in the conformation ring. You can even teach him to take, hold, and carry his Best of Breed Rosette!

We agility handlers know qualifying on an agility run is a small victory along the way to the HUGE victory of earning a MACH. A successful run makes us happy, motivates us to try again, and gives us confidence in our abilities. Success breeds success so our positive mindset can help us focus on what we have accomplished and how to move forward. This winning cycle feels so good every one of those victories deserves a celebration—maybe with a special treat, a smile, a hug or lots of praise.

From July through December, 2018 there were plenty of special moments to celebrate. Sixteen NTCA handlers and eighteen different dogs earned a total of forty-nine titles.

These titles represent each team meeting AKC’s requirements for recognition. The Dwyer family celebrated their dogs and earned some titles at a New Year’s Eve trial, so I asked if they would put together some thoughts on agility, their dogs, and titles.

Kim-Dwyer Mullings contributed:

"We rang in another new year in at the Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club and at the Timonium Oriole Dog Training Agility Trials. There were ups and there were downs. There were handler errors (oh boy, were there handler errors) and there were dogs independently thinking. New surfaces at Salisbury made for very nice running and the crowd at Timonium didn’t appear to overwhelm as many this year. Most importantly we had fun, and good times were had by all." "Bugsy" (Top Drawer’s Dodge Dart Swinger NA OAJ OF) Owned and handled by Kim Dwyer-Mullings

At Salisbury, Bugs earned her Open JWW title with a first place and a perfect score and her first leg in Excellent JWW; taking second place. After several months of teeter issues, she actually earned her first qualifying Open Standard run, taking second place with another perfect score. These were her first perfect scores so they need to be mentioned. She did not fare as well at Timonium.

To keep the weekend from being a total bust, she earned her Farm Dog Certification; we were determined to bring home a ribbon.

"RG" (Top Drawer’s Terra Cotta Warrior AX OAJ OF) Owned and handled by Karen Dwyer

RG had a bit of a rough weekend at Salisbury, only qualifying in one Excellent Fast run; he did at least take first place. Timonium was the hotter spot for him. Earning two qualifying runs in Time 2 Beat, one Masters Standard run and a third place Excellent JWW run. He too earned his Farm Dog Certification.

"Duese" (Top Drawer’s Duesenberg Model Y, AX, AXJ, XF) Owned by Meredith Dwyer and handled by Kathy Gregoireff, Karen Dwyer and Kim Dwyer-Mullings.

We’re all having fun with Duese. At Salisbury, he earned two qualifying runs in Time 2 Beat, one with a first place. He also had first place runs in Excellent Standard and his Excellent JWW title. At Timonium, agility was not on his agenda that weekend but he did bring home his Farm Dog Certification.

What a fun way to celebrate the end of the year! Three teams earned a MASTER AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP (MACH) in this reporting period. And whether it’s a first or twelfth MACH, the crowd explodes in applause and the team does a kind of victory loop around the course. There is typically a celebratory MACH cake or treats for humans and dogs alike. These BIG titles take time and patience. Celebrating is a way of sharing with others on the same journey so we can all cultivate a “success” attitude.

MACH4 "Henry"

On August 25, 2018, Joan Krantz and her "Henry" (MACH4 Pinelake’s Happy, Fearless Explorer RE MXB2 M52 PAD PID MXF T2B3 ME EEJ) earned their MACH4 just two weeks after Henry’s sixth birthday at the facility where we train. "Though we trial there often, he has never earned a MACH among our local agility crowd so it was especially exciting. Lately on every day of agility I choose a mantra. On that day my mantra was “Just do our best.” I love his unpredictability and his back talk barking when we run and I make a handler error. We celebrate every run with plenty of praise, treats and a good long walk where he can chase squirrels and chipmunks."

"MACH "Fiona"

On October 3, 2018, Patty Forcelli and "Fiona" (CH MACH MGM’s Little Miss Sunshine BN RR MXB MJS MFB T2B2 DCAT CGC TKN) earned their first MACH at just three years old. "Fiona is an all-around awesome little dog who happily and competently does whatever is asked of her. Earning her first MACH at Palmyra with continues
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the awesome Noragility group to cheer us on was a special and memorable experience. I am very thankful for this great agility partner. Fiona is doing great. She earned her Versatility Award when she was only two.

MACH “Minnow”

On October 28, 2018, Kathy Gregoireff and “Minnow” (MACH Highwood’s Lady Renegade RE MKS MJX MXF TQX T2BZ2 T2BZ4 RN CGCA TKNI) earned their first MACH. “Minnow’s picture was taken two weeks before I got her. It was the first time ever she got 10 speed points in her jumpers run. She is giving me such a great little girl. She needed 10 points and for the Terrier Club. I am so proud of her. Thank you Nonie Reynders for qualified for the Excellent Versatility Award from the Norwich Scent Work.

“Minnow loves to jump, do tricks, and be a canine good citizen. She can do it all.”

Whenever I ask handlers for comments about their dogs, they inevitably talk about the personality and efforts of their dogs and their pride for having such a great teammate. Celebrate every run, every title, and every success, stay positive and enjoy the moments.

Congratulations and big celebrations for all titleholders.

~ Joan Krantz
Agility News Reporter
Middlebury, CT

MONTGOMERY ALL TERRIER CLUSTER 2018

“Git Along Little Nors, Git Along Westward Ho or Bust!”

Coming up with ideas for last year’s western theme for the Montgomery All Terrier Cluster October 1-4, 2018 was a bit of a challenge but the Norwich with our Norfolk cousins won “Best Overall” for the “village” competition. Led by the Dwyer dogs’ wagon train (designed by Kathy Gregoireff), we took over “the West” with our crates as states of the “Nor” kind and showed the judges that we were ready to dominate and that we did. Our group was among the largest with 25 Norwich and five Norfolk competing in many different venues: Agility (including a veteran’s run on Monday), Obedience, Rally, Barn Hunt, Fast CAT, and Scent Work.

In agility, the judges created some courses that challenged both our handling and the dog’s skills. Over four days, our Norwich ran a total of 186 runs with 64 qualifying runs, which is a lower qualifying rate than some years but of those qualifying runs, we earned 39 placements, which means that our Norwich are among the fastest in the terrier group when they do qualify. Watching them run with such joy and choosing an alternate route just makes us all smile.

On Tuesday, October 2, the NTCA recognized highest scoring Norwich in all classes of Standard.

In Rally, “Birdie” (CH Kilyka’s Rare Bird Alert UD NA NAI RN) owned by Betty McDonnell earned a score of 91 and won third in the class. In the second trial, “Birdie” scored 100 and won the class. “Wren” (CH Kilyka’s Bird In Hand CDX RE NA NAI) co-owned by member Kandy Adams and Betty McDonnell earned a Rally Excellent title.

These athletic little dogs sure added to their list of titles during the four days. “Tansy” (High Pines Tany SX SJX BCAT THDD CGC TKNI), owned by Melanie Bryan, earned her BCAT title. “Jenga”, owned by Rainee Johnson, earned her Agility FAST Excellent title. “Henry”, my own little man, earned his Premium Jumpers Dog title and “Bugsy” (Top Drawer’s Dodge Dart Swinger NA NAI OF) owned by Meredith Dwyer, Karen Dwyer and Kim Mullings earned Agility FAST Open title.

Also on Tuesday, the NTCA recognized “1st High in Trial” in Obedience and Rally. In Obedience, “Phoebe” (CH Kilyka’s Witch Upon a Star CD NA NAI) owned by Betty McDonnell was the highest scoring Norwich in the Regular Class. This finished her Companion Dog Excellent title in three straight trials. Also in Obedience, in the Optional Class, “Jenga” (Breakaway’s Puzzle Piece BN MKS MKF XF CGC) owned by Rainee Johnson earned two legs and won first place in Beginner Novice, then finished her Beginner Novice title in December.

The BIG title of the week was earned by Patty Forrelli and “Fiona” (CH MACH M&M’s Little Miss Sunshine BN RN MBB MJB MFB T2B2 DCAT CGC TKNI). Read more about Fiona in the “New Title” article.

What a great four days playing agility and having the chance to participate in so many companion/performance events with like-minded people and eager little terriers. Thanks to Blair Kelly and Betsy Geerston for coordinating this All Terrier Cluster.

The next year the theme for the MATC is “Witches and Wizards.” Come and join the fun September 30 - October 3, 2019.
**JILL LOWRY AND “ZEE” ATTEND THE OBEDIENCE CLASSIC IN ORLANDO**

The Obedience Classic was held in December in conjunction with the 2018 AKC National Championship and the 2018 AKC Agility Invitational. Jill Lowry and “Zee” were the only Norwich team to attend.

This was Jill’s reaction:

“The Obedience Classic was a chance to show off the sassy style of the Norwich. A confident little dog performing at the required distances is attention getting, especially when performing with a wagging tail. The real treat was watching my Obedience role models in the ring with their own pet dogs. I’ve participated in their seminars, watched their webinars, read their articles, and then got to see their work with my own eyes. I admit to getting goosebumps during the numerous run-offs for the Top 10 placements.

“I always tell people that Obedience trials show only the tip of a training iceberg, and you might need to try to train it yourself to go to a zone” that quieted loudspeakers and the crowds, the barking dogs. When I stood in the waiting area before each run, I told Henry he was THE BEST and when we stepped to the line, I took a deep breath, told him again, and we were off running. Earning four clear runs (my first time in four years) was my goal and getting the Top Norwich Medallion from NTCA was thrilling. I love running with my little man.”

Rainee Johnson

#3 “George” (MACH2 Slightly The Hired Hand MXS2 MJ52 MXP2 MXB8 MJ33 MJP3 MF2 T2B) ranked 44 out of 142 dogs.

George has been to the Invitational for the past 3 years. “This year, for the first time at the Invitational, he was clean in all 4 rounds! This is a big deal for a Norwich that has trouble figuring out where his take off point should be in front of a jump so that he can get over it without dropping a bar. As a result his jumping style is unique to him. He always puts every effort in to clear the bars no matter how far way he is from the jump when he leaves the ground! George is 10 years old now. If this ends up being his last Invitation he went out with 4 great runs and he managed to be clean despite his handler getting temporarily lost in the middle of one of them (Call it a Senior moment!). However that proves that Agility is a team sport as he hung in there with me while I figured it out and still made the time with 6 plus seconds to spare!

For me just getting to the Invitational is the big thing. I love the AKC Invitational; it is always so great to see almost every AKC Breed that there is, participating. It’s the only time and place that you can see this happening at an Agility Event.

And, of course, our fellow Norwich and Norfolk handlers are All for one and one for all!”

Melanie Bryson

“A RECAP AND WORDS ABOUT THE AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL
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Watching so many non-traditional agility dogs participate in this event is the beauty of the AKC Agility Invitational. More than 700 dogs representing over 150 breeds came together from 49 states to celebrate being among the top five dogs in the regular class and one preferred dog in each breed. Being surrounded by good-natured competitors is another reason this event is so special. This year NTCA member, Nonie Reydners, joined our group of Norwich and Norfolk handlers for most of the three days of competition so she could watch “Minnow” (MACH Highwood’s Lady Renegade RE MXS MJ5 MXF T2B2 RATN CGCA TKN) who she bred and owned. Karen Dwyer and Kathy Gregorieff, a first time attendee at the Invitational, ran Minnow.

Five Norwich Terriers and their handlers came together, created together, played together, and supported each other all weekend. As always words from those attending and participating give different perspectives on the experience. In addition to the participants, I asked Nonie to give her impression of the event.

This year, for the first time at the Invitational, she ran at 8” for the first two rounds, added one additional tunnel in the third round, and then added two more tunnels in the final round, making her Fastest Overall. She added four clean runs (her first time in four years) and still ranked in top 25%. She will always be the Savvy Savage Superstar! Rainee and Savvy have been an inspiration to me personally on my agility journey. JK

Ursula Walsh

Joan Krantz and

#1 “Henry” (MACH4 Pinkle’s Happy, Fearless Explorer RE MXB2 MJ82 PAD PID MXF T2B3 ME EE3 RATN CGC) ranked 28 out of 142 dogs.

“This year’s Invitational was better than perfect. When we ran we were in sync as a team and we ran in a zone” that quieted the crowds, the loudspeakers and barking dogs. When I stood in the waiting area before each run, I told Henry he was THE BEST and when we stepped to the line, I took a deep breath, told him again, and we were off running. Earning four clear runs (my first time in four years) was my goal and getting the Top Norwich Medallion from NTCA was thrilling. I love running with my little man.”

Rainee Johnson and

#2 “Savvy” (AGCH MACH12 Breakaway’s In The Know CD BN BN MXC3 PDS MJ44 PJS MXP MJF FTCL MFC TQX T2BS RATN) ranked 35 out of 142 dogs. “Savvy finished with all clean runs at the Invitational. She ran at 8” for the final time. She did great! She’s always my superstar.”

Editorial Note: When I first met Rainee and Savvy in 2011 at Kimberton, I knew I was watching a team that had class and skills. Savvy has always been a very special superstar and has made Norwich Terrier history with all of her athletic accomplishments. Of course, Rainee is large part of the team’s success. Rainee and Savvy attended their first AKC Agility Invitational in 2010 in the 8” class and every year since. They ran in the Invitational finals in 2011 and 2012, which is an honor and achievement in a competitive class. They have taken home the Medallion sponsored by NTCA six times and have received the NTCA Double Q Plus Award since 2010. In 2017, they were the first Norwich Terrier team to earn an Agility Grand Championship. On June 30, 2018 after Savvy’s 11th birthday, Rainee moved her to the Preferred class, which means she jumped 4” for half of 2018 but competed at the Invitational at the 8 inches and still ranked in top 5%. She will always be the Savvy Savage Superstar! Rainee and Savvy have been an inspiration to me personally on my agility journey. JK
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Kathy Gregorieff and

“Minnow” (MACH Highwood’s Lady Renegade RE MXS M5J MXF T2B2 RATH CAGA TKN) ranked 69 out 142 dogs. “Minnow and I had a wonderful time. The Noragility Group is awesome. I really enjoyed the camaraderie. It was my first time to go to the Invitational and everyone was so helpful and encouraging. Great courses, wonderful venue, pizza, banquet, great people and awesome dogs, what’s not to like. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.”

Nonie Reynolds remarks:

“I think the best way to describe my 3 day experience is to say that everyone in the group was outgoing, friendly, and showed affection for each other. I was amazed at the versatility of the Norfolk and Norwich that competed. It was truly a team effort. The slightest mistake at this high level of competition adds faults to their score. The courses are designed to make the competitors think on their feet. “I was able to start understanding some of the mechanics of Agility. What you do if your dog is slower moving. Adjusting to their score. The courses are designed to make the competitors think on their feet.”

“Each exhibitor worked her dog a little differently and used different methods of getting the best performance from her dog. All the Norwich and Norfolk I saw competing were very fit and sound. They were very attached to their owners and wanted to work. There was also a schedule that the dogs kept. Some liked resting between runs, some staying in a pen. Owners in Agility figure out what keeps their dogs content and comfortable. These owners know their dogs and have developed a wonderful working relationship with them.

“But I was able to start understanding some of the mechanics of Agility. What you do if your dog is slower moving. Adjusting your travel over the course during your walk thru to cut corners enables your dog to pick up precious seconds. I found myself interested in other breeds running the same course as we ran. There were definite paths taken by handlers that were better than others. You really need to watch the course to learn. Agility uses a very special way. The dogs love to work and the women that I met have worked hard to have them achieve this level of expertise. They are dedicated to doing the best. Each is judged independently and it is a great accomplishment just to have a qualifying run.

“The best time without faults wins but everyone who makes the qualifying run. It takes trust and patience and time. I have come away from this experience with a feeling of respect for our chis little Red Dogs. They competed so well. The days of competition, the Agility Banquet and our interaction was a definite highlight on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the Royal Canin Event.”

Congratulations! You’re all winners!

~ Joan Krantz
Agility News Reporter
Middlebury, CT

The Rally Champion title (RACH) was established on November 1, 2017. After approximately one year in the titling progression, the title requirements were revised effective February 1, 2019 and the new title requirements were grandfathered back to November 1, 2017. With the requirements changing while the RACH title was in its infancy, the AKC Board of Directors believed it was the right thing to do to backdate the title requirements to the beginning of the titling program. As of February 13, 2019, all dog’s records have been recalculated using the new title requirements. The AKC Board of Directors approved modifications to the requirements to earn the Rally Champion title (RACH). The following changes were approved: (1) earn RACH points from the Advanced B class, (2) amend the Point Schedule to award a greater number of points by score, (3) calculate points toward the RACH title after a dog earns the Rally Excellent (RE) title, and (4) reduce the minimum number of RACH points that must be earned from the Master class. The RACH title requires 20 Triple Q’s and now 150 of the 300 points must be earned from Masters and 150 may be earned from Advanced and Excellent combined.

THOUGH SIX TEAMS QUALIFIED FOR NATIONALS, NONE WENT TO TULSA IN MARCH, 2019

Six Norwich agility teams all met and surpassed the requirements to attend the National AKC Agility Championship to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 15-17, 2019. Though none made the trip this year, they deserve kudos for their commitment to the sport and their consistency in achieving those qualifying runs.

As a competitor, I’ve witnessed many teams that struggle up until the last qualifying day to earn those points and/or double Q’s but our little brown winners stand out from the crowd and show their skills in both speed points and double qualifying runs.

Congratulations to all qualifiers!

~ Joan Krantz
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AKC UPDATES QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE RALLY CHAMPION TITLE (RACH)
FEBRUARY 1, 2019

The new point schedule:

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For both the Regular Class and Preferred Class the qualifying period was December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. In order to qualify for this event the following must be earned within the period:

- Seven Double Qualifying runs including up to three double Q’s, which can be a combination of a Premier Standard and a Premier Jumpers not necessarily, earned on the same day.
- Fifty-five points from T2B3 or T2B2 or T2B1, whichever comes first.
- Fifty-five points earned in the Master and Premier levels.

Requirements for 2020 AKC Agility Nationals will remain the same. The event will be held in the Eastern Time Zone so we may have some participants next year.

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As competitors, it’s our responsibility to know the rules and regulations and keep up with changes. Here are just a few.

At the October 2018 AKC Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved a change to the language in Rules Applying to Dog Shows for the definition of “Immediate Family” which became effective December 1, 2018.

As a result of that change, at the November Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved the same definition of immediate family in the Obedience Regulations, the Rally Regulations, Tracking Regulations and Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test be consistent. (Obedience – Section 11, Rally – Section 11, Tracking – Section 9)

Revisions to the Regulations for Agility Trials
This insert is issued as a supplement to the Regulations for Agility Trials Section 31. Judges’ Responsibilities. Effective December 1, 2018

(Paragraph 7)
No judge may judge a dog at a licensed or member club trial if he or she or any member of his or her family owns or co-owns the dog. The word “family” shall include a spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, siblings, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, and sons-in-law; adopted, half, and step members are also included in family, or a household member of the judge in question, but shall not extend to other blood or legal relationships.

Revisions to the Regulations for Agility Trials and Agility Course Test (ACT)
Effective January 1, 2019
This insert is issued as a supplement to the Regulations for Agility Trials amended to June 1, 2018 Chapter 2 Section 1. Classes (paragraph 2) Special Event Trial. Clubs may apply for two Special Event Trials per year. A Special Event Trial is where the club proposes a unique mix of regular AKC classes and/or non-regular classes or a unique eligibility criterion. A club may not change the other Regulations pertaining to regular classes including the equipment regulations. Special Event Trials must be open to all breeds including All-American dogs except at specialty events open to one breed. Regular classes offered at Special Event Trials count toward titles. A Special Event Trial counts as one of the 12 events per year a club may offer.

Sweepstakes Judge’s Critique
I would like to thank the NTCA for the privilege of judging the 2018 Montgomery Norwich Terrier Sweepstakes. I was lucky enough to examine some lovely dogs.

My Best in Sweeps was a bitch out of the 15-18 month class #46 Camio’s Her Royal Hotness. She was well proportioned with a beautiful topline. The bitch had a foxy expression and a feminine head. She moved through the grass with ease and had a great show dog attitude.

My Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweeps was #77 Verdant’s Levi The Lucky One. This dog was beautifully balanced with a compact body. His movement was effortless with good rear motion and a level topline. His coat was in great condition.

My Best Veteran in Sweeps went to eleven year old #70 GCH Fishback’s Black-eyed Susan. This bitch came into the ring like she owned it. Her movement was fluid and spirited. She had a pleasing head with well set ears and keen expression. She showed with confidence and pure delight like she had never left the show ring after all these years.

– Nichola Conroy
Foxglyn
Newtown, CT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB • BLUE BELL, PA
October 7, 2018

Judge: Mr. Geir Flyckt-Pedersen

BOB/G4: GCH ROSEROCK’S MY EYES ADORED YOU
GCH Skyaycot’s Texas Hold ‘Em - CH Roserock’s Harper Lee

Owner/Breeder: Jane R. Schubart & William J. Schubart

Owner: Peggy Helming & Wheatley Wentzell

OS/BBE: GCH PARADYM LAUGHS OUT LOUD
Fairwood Forever Blue Jeans - CH Paradym Bet On Black

Owner/Breeder: Lynn Marshall & Howard Marshall

Owner: Lisa Sons & Lori Kapusta

Owner/Breeder: Ellen Ford

Owner/Breeder: Kelly Wood

RWB: FOXWOOD’S JUST DANCE
Paradym Once In Four - Pouch Cove’s Hearsay

Owner: Lisa Sons & Lori Kapusta

Owner: Pamela Cope

Owner/Breeder: Lynn Marshall & Howard Marshall

Owner/Breeder: Lisa Sons & Lori Kapusta

RWD: LITTLEFIELD I’M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY
GCHS Cherber’s Double Your Money At Image - Littlefield Continental Divine

Owner: Lisa Sons & Lori Kapusta

Owner: Pamela Cope

Owner/Breeder: Leonard Little

RWB: ASCOT HURRICANE HUGO
Fairwood Long Valley Ferris - Long Valley Ascot Lailah

Owner/Breeder: Jane R. Schubart & William J. Schubart

Owner: Ellen Lucas

Judge’s Critique

An invitation to judge any breed at this so very unique and prestigious show is more than an exciting honour and compliment. I don’t think many people know that my connection with this breed goes back to the early sixties when I was in the process of buying a young dog from Sheila Monckton in England, at that time the leading breeder with the kennel name Jericho.

The photo below is of Mrs Monckton and her husband- and for those of you into pedigrees: She is holding Jericho Bambi in her arms and on the ground are Jericho Bambi II, who made any objection to being “manhandled” by this judge. And regarding temperament, I cannot remember a single dog who made any objection to being “manhandled” by this judge.

Anyway, I have followed the breed ever since and although ending up with a bunch of Norfolks- I have seen after the “split” how the two breeds have developed and evolved in different directions. What to me is very interesting is of course that dogs I had seen and judged previously and placed well, in this company due to the quality of my winners were left out.

I thought she deserved a Fanfare!! Lovely feminine head and expression, well angulated front and aft plus a lovely temperament and attitude. Coat of excellent texture, but would not better, that what I have seen overseas, including the UK. But where apart from this show do you get to judge the breed in a respectable number which I found very enjoyable and interesting.

But to focus on the positives: The overall quality is as good, if not better, that what I have seen overseas, including the UK. But where where from this show do you get to judge the breed in a respectable number which I found very enjoyable and interesting.

For a long time I had my eyes set on the very impressive GCH Paradym Laughs Out Loud who on the day was a little short of coat, but still beautifully presented and handled. And definitely regarding overall quality on par with the two dogs.

I have already expressed that there were at least six dogs of each sex which I with pride could have pride sent to the group ring. There naturally were a number of entries which were of average quality, but my overall impression is that the breed is in good hands.

My Winners Dog Ascot Hurricane Hugo was of lovely type with a good expression, in good coat and moved well, pressed hard by the more mature Littlefield I’M Your Huckleberry.

The eventual Winners Bitch and BOW was an extremely sound and free moving Black & Tan named Pouch Cove Fanfare- and I thought she deserved a Fanfare!! Lovely feminine head and expression, well angulated front and aft plus a lovely temperament and attitude. Coat of excellent texture, but would ideally like more of it. RWB another lovely bitch, Foxwood’s Just Dance, who will only improve with age.

As a final comment on what I think needs attention: I did see a number of large round eyes, too round skulls and snipy forefaces. Bites with rather few exceptions ok, but as in so many terrier breeds these days heavy shoulders and wide fronts an issue which in combination with lacking rear angulation and long hocks does not make a very good picture.

It is interesting that the breed standard calls for a body moderately short, which gives room for a variety of interpretations. Some were really too short which left no room for a correctly placed and angulated shoulder!

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I will not go into details about my winners as we usually do in Europe, but I found the overall entry very pleasing - and although the final battle in the end was between two outstanding males, GCH Roserock’s My Eyes Adored You and GCH Talleisen Oscar Winner, both with risky and optimistic names which they both live up to, beautifully handled and prepared by the most talented ladies you can find. Both pressed hard by the eventual BOS.

At the end My Eyes Adored You seemed totally focused on the task at hand and won the breed. I suspect these dogs have changed places many times and will continue to do so.
HOSPITALITY MONTGOMERY WEEKEND - 2018

On Thursday evening at the Hilton Garden Inn, our host hotel, about 50 members attended the Membership Mixer followed by the Health Seminar where our speaker this year was Dr. Jerold Bell, Professor of Genetics at Tufts University who spoke on “Genetics and Breeding.” Through the generous donation of time and the video production talents of Dina Moore-Tzouris, you may watch a video of Dr. Bell’s presentation on the Norwich Terrier Club website at https://www.norwichterrierclub.org/2018-ntca-health-seminar/.

The NTCA annual awards dinner held Friday, October 5th at our host hotel, was attended by about 60 members and guests. With so many members attending 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. Even with the lower attendance, we still raised about $1600. Sincere thanks go to our generous members and guests.

Ceramic water pitchers with the lovely Meredith Dwyer drawing of the Norwich Earthdog served as our centerpiece. Member Paula Smith’s creative rustic design of moss, stones and fall flowers brought to life by Dina Moore-Tzouris’ artistic eye created a lovely centerpiece for each table. As favors each guest was given a lovely paw print coaster. As Hospitality Chair it was a great relief to know that Sunday morning is always in good hands.

The weather was fair in the morning, but the sun came out later in the day to shine on the show site luncheon hosted by NTCA members Ken Sumner, Booth Pohlmann, and Mit Seiler along with Marshall Lee. Since the entry was small this year – only 67 in regular classes - (due to the National Specialty being held in May in St. Louis, MO) judging was finished around Noon. Booth and Ken made the event so enjoyable that no one wanted to leave, and the traditional “unofficial” after-party hosted by Nancy Nasiglia and Mark Gustavson (Boric Kennel) was moved to the luncheon site so guests could just relax for the rest of the day. I have served as Hospitality Chair for over 6 years, it has been challenging at times but made so much easier by the support of our committee members: Paula Smith, Booth Pohlmann, Joan Graham, Jean Kessler, Bambi Holly, Lisa Sons, Amanda Krozca, Nichola Conroy, Melissa Wells, Christina Anderson and Melissa Smith – and the members who step up to offer assistance at the events. I would also like to thank the many NTCA members who have so generously supported the hospitality effort with donations of funds and auction items. These events could not and would not happen without the support of our membership.

NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY AT EVANSVILLE KENNEL CLUB • LOUISVILLE, KY

March 16, 2019

Breed & Group Judge: Mrs. Jan Ritchie Gladstone

BOB/GR1: GCH ROSEROCK’S MY EYES ADORED YOU
GCH Skyscott’s Texas Hold ‘Em - CH Roserock’s Harper Lee

Owner: Ellen Lucas
Breeder: Ellen Ford

NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY AT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TERRIER ASSOCIATION • SACRAMENTO, CA

April 11, 2019

Breed & Group Judge: Mrs. Diane Fenton

BOB/GR1: GCHP Dancy’s Rough Rider
CGC TKN
CH Cobb’s Hidden Treasure - GCH Dancy’s Storm Warning

Owner/Breeder: Nancy Lentz & Dwain Lentz

SHOWFRONT

MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB • BLUE BELL, PA

October 7, 2018

4-6 Month Puppy Competition
Judge: Lloyd J. Constantine-Amoel

Best Puppy in Group: LITTLEFIELD CAPTAIN’S COURAGEOUS
(CH Littlefield El Capitan x Littlefield Continental Divine)

Owner: Susan Behrens
Breeder: Leandra Little

“Bowie-Elliot” was handled to his win by Pamela Cope in an entry of more than 30 in 15 different Terrier breeds. Born on June 1, 2018, “Bowie-Elliot” had just turned four months old.

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Hospitality Chair is a demanding job and one I could no longer give 100% attention to since becoming NTCA President, but I am happy (and very much relieved) to say the Committee will be left in the good hands of Chris Anderson as Chair and the members mentioned above. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the committee, please contact Chris at c.anderson050@gmail.com.

- Judy Laffey, Hospitality Chair 2018
Glengariff
Long Beach, NY

SHOWFRONT

AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP • ORLANDO, FL

December 16, 2018

Breed Judge: Mr. Bruce Schwartz
Group Judge: Dr. Jerry Klein

BOB/GR1: GCH ROSEROCK’S MY EYES ADORED YOU
GCH Skyscott’s Texas Hold ‘Em - CH Roserock’s Harper Lee

Owner: Ellen Lucas
Breeder: Ellen Ford
The Norwich Terrier Club of Northern CA held its regional specialty on April 12, 2019. We were very pleased with a healthy entry of a total of 27 dogs. It’s always an exciting weekend, and this year we were blessed with perfect weather. We must thank those of you who traveled from such a distance to participate.

A big thank you to the board for making this event such a success. And special thanks to Lynn Marshall for the stunning trophies!

Our afternoon culminated with a delicious catered lunch after showing. It’s always very relaxing to be able to visit and catch up with old and new Norwich friends, especially with all the stress and prep before the show. Thank you Andrew Chen for arranging the lunch and providing the beautiful cake.

On the east coast the coming of spring is not announced by budding trees or birdsong, it is announced with the delivery of the Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland’s premium list. Traditionally held in Timonium, Maryland in mid-April this year’s show fell on Friday, April 19th - Easter weekend. A busy weekend for many, there was still an entry of 14 Norwich Terriers, and 4 Sweeps entries. The Sweeps Judge was NTCA member Patty Warrender and the Breed Judge was former NTCA President Jane Schubart.

Having an indoor show makes the weather a minor concern, however the threatening clouds were worrisome. Pouring rain came sporadically during the day without affecting our entry or the lunch that followed.

Patty Warrender’s choice for Best in Sweeps was lovely black & tan bitch - Country Girl Samantha (GCH Dreamweaver Up the Ante @ Coventry X GCH Country Girl Rubies are Red) owned and bred by Linda McCutcheon, who was also Reserve Winners Bitch and Best Puppy. Patty’s Best of Opposite in Sweeps was a typey red girl, CH Country Girl Kiss Me Lola (GCH Miller’s Wonderful Walter of Thistledew X GCH Country Girl Sassy Lasay) owned by Dina Moore-Tsouris and Linda McCutcheon, bred by Linda McCutcheon. Ch Frabjous Fergus by Littlefield (GCH Miller’s Wonderful Walter of Thistledew X Ch Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso THD CGC) a very nice red dog owned and bred by Denis Johnson and Leandra Little was the Select Dog. Select Bitch was awarded to a lovely black & tan, Ch Country Girl Ten L’z of Rabbit Ridge (GCH Dreamweaver Up the Ante @ Coventry X GCH Country Girl Sassy Lasay) owned by Caroline Galloway and bred by Linda McCutcheon.

When we finished at the breed ring a lunch, hosted by Norwich exhibitors and coordinated by Michaela Clancy, was a nice relaxing time where we were able to catch up and meet a few new ones.

Showring photos are below. Congratulations to all who entered and many thanks to the lovely winners who were selected. Thank you to Jane Schubart for her hard work as the Breed Judge. Our thanks also to Jane and her group of Sweepstakes judges. We are grateful for the lovely winning pairs and the lovely dogs who are not winners.

Please enjoy the photos and the excellent work of some of the world’s best Norwich Terriers of today.

Christine Kiino & Mari Purvins
Windsor, CA
The Garden State All Terrier Club holds its annual Garden Party show every spring on the first Friday in May. This year marked the Club’s 24th anniversary. I can remember the 1996 debut show held at Deer Path Park in Readington, New Jersey. My first homebred Norwich Terrier, Littlefield Mazie Dear was entered and I can still recall seeing the charming woodcut outs of all the terrier breeds lining the drive up to the show site. They were handcrafted by Club member, master carpenter (and private aircraft salesman) Bill Baker. Still in use today they can be seen in the background photos of many a GSATC Winner. To this day I can remember how exciting it was to be at my first Terrier Group show right here in New Jersey. Back then Terrier Group Clubs were rare.

Flash forward to 2019 where a small pack of Norwich fanciers grouped together in loose-knit camaraderie as we prepped our entries for nearby Ring 12. It just felt so familiar and right with friends nearby at all. The Club provides free coffee and Danish to exhibitors and members alike. It’s a welcoming atmosphere.

This year’s Sweepstakes judge Kelly Wood got right down to business at 10:30 a.m. with an entry of 6 (3-3 Judge Wood’s choice for Best in Sweepstakes was: Foxwood’s Shakira’s Ticket to Ride (GCH Foxwood Captain Marvelous-CH Foxwood Ben’s Hello Texas), bred by Terri Wilkinson and Kathy Mines. Ticket is owned by Kathy and won from the 15-18 months Dog class. BOSSW: Littlefield The Captain’s Daughter (CH Littlefield El Capitan-Littlefield Continental Divine) bred by Leandra Little and owned by Carol and Jason Hannon and L. Little. Judge Wood kindly sent these remarks:

“I want to thank the club for asking me to judge a lovely entry of Norwich puppies at the Garden State All Terrier Show. Mercer County Park in New Jersey hosts the show and the grounds are absolutely beautiful, with large rings surrounded by beautiful green space. This morning was a little cool and damp but perfect for Norwich youngsters! Though my entry wasn’t terribly large, I found that there was a great deal of quality and promise in the puppies I examined. They were typical for the breed and I have no doubt that each one of them will easily finish their championship. Overall strengths I saw in the entry were toplines, coats, heads and true with an impressively level topline on the move, and perfect scissors bite. His body showed good depth and width of chest and well sprung rib. He was sturdy and of correct bone. He stood four-square, and moved strongly with level topline. He was perfectly conditioned and ready to show.

BOSSW went to a lovely mature bitch, with pretty head details yet compact and sturdy with good bone. SD was a handsome boy with keen dark eye in a well-balanced head with ears correctly set and well carried. He also displayed correct sturdy construction and level topline on the move, and was well presented. Thank you to the Club and to all exhibitors for the honor of judging a wonderful entry!”

Congratulations to all! Thank you to the judges and a special nod to the angels who supported the lovely prizes: The Norwich Terrier Club of America; Nancy and Janos Fonyo (Redfearn Bartolini and etched-glass Norwich items from Ingrid Jonsson. Moreover the Club will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. Plans are being made to celebrate this milestone in style but unsure as yet if show chair Joan Gordon Murko will be baking complimentary terrier breed cookies as she did back in 1996. Perhaps the judges will wear flowery hats! Perhaps we will all.

— Leandra Little
Littlefield Norwich
Westshawaken
The following items are available through NTCA Notions. Contact Patty Warrender at pwnoridge@gmail.com for more information.

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


Illustrated Guide to the Standard of Norwich Terriers. Copies of the new Illustrated Standard are available for $10, plus $2.50 postage.


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Layla and friend on the dock at Roche Harbor in the San Juan Islands with Olive, Kermit, and Huck.

Photograph: Pam Cope

Maggie, Monty, and Murphy enjoying the Lake

Photograph: Deborah Thomson

“A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles.”
-Tim Cahill

Typical Dutch way to transport your Norwich (Layla and Izzy) in the Netherlands

Photograph: Bea Hekman