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April 1, 2020 is the deadline for submitting all articles and photos for the next News. Articles may be sent to the editors at norwichterriernews@gmail.com.

When sending photos for the News, please email high-resolution digital photos 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 April 1 deadline. Thanks for your cooperation.

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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 send original photos to Amanda Kozora, 5616 S. 1st Street, Unit 6, Austin, TX 78745 or contact the editors to discuss 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

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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.

Ads must be sent in a print-ready format like PDF. If you have any questions, contact the Editors at norwichterriernews@gmail.com

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FROM THE EDITORS...

Dear Norwich Terrier News Readers,

As the year winds to a close, we hope that this issue finds you well and surrounded by your friends, family, and Norwich. 2019 was another busy year for our dogs and the NTCA. We celebrated our 10th anniversary as a club during the Montgomery week-thank you to everyone who made it such a success! It takes months of planning and hard work from so many unsung volunteers to put on the various events. Please enjoy the coverage in this issue of the performance events at Palmyra and the conformation events at and around Montgomery. 2020 will be just as exciting-it's time to plan your outfits and hats for Morris & Essex!

A brief request to anyone who will be taking and submitting photographs of your Norwich that include people-if photos are taken in a location where someone has a reasonable expectation of privacy (i.e. a hospital room), please ask the subject to fill out the simple photo release that we have created and submit it with the photos. That form will be hosted on the NTCA website and is also available by request.

Wishing you happy holidays and a healthy, prosperous, puppy-filled new year!

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

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2019

I can recall talking with Patty Warrender back in 2015 about the benefits of adding an Associate Membership level to our Constitution and Bylaws. Even before that time, many members thought it important to broaden our membership base and welcome those new to our breed. The process of amending our Constitution & Bylaws to allow Associate Membership took some time, starting in May 2018 when sixty-five member signatures were collected to petition the Board of Directors to amend the CBL to allow Associate Membership. In July, a ballot was mailed to members and by August 2018 the amendment passed. The process of getting AKC approval, producing applications and forms specific to the new membership status, and establishing the dues amount took a bit more time, but we are now accepting applications. The Application, Sponsor Form, and instructions can be found on our website and Patty Warrender who has been a supporter of this idea for many years has graciously agreed to serve as Membership Chair and is ready to accept applications.

Our CBL was amended to welcome new Norwich owners to the NTCA as Associate Members for several reasons. While active participation in the sport of dogs has declined, there are still many homes with a Norwich Terrier where owners are keen to learn about, support, and protect this wonderful breed. Associate Members will have access to helpful information including our breed standard, sound breeding practices, and our most recent protocols in diagnosis and treatment for major health issues impacting our breed. Welcoming Associate Members also gives us an opportunity to mentor newcomers and possibly encourage some to participate in conformation, companion, and/or performance events. It will also hopefully broaden our cadre of willing and supportive volunteers.

Like regular membership, the new amendment allows membership to a person who is eighteen years of age and older, residing in the United States or its possessions or territories, and presently owns a purebred AKC registered Norwich Terrier. The main difference in requirements is the length of ownership of a Norwich and length of time a sponsor must know an applicant. Where regular Membership requires that a Norwich be owned and living in the household for 2 years, Associate Membership requires that an Associate Member own an AKC registered Norwich at the time of application with no time restriction. The other difference in the requirements is with sponsorship. Two sponsors are still required, but instead of each of the two sponsors having to be personally well acquainted with the applicant for twenty-four months, each sponsor for Associate Member must be acquainted with the applicant for at least six months. An Associate Member will be eligible for annual NTCA trophies and awards, have access to the Members Only section of the website, and receive or have access to NTCA notices (except ballots), newsletters, and the NTCA membership directory.

With less demanding qualifications comes some limitations of benefits. Associate Members are not entitled to vote (or make motions), hold office or serve as a Committee Chair (but may serve as a committee member), may not sponsor prospective members, serve on the Nominating Committee, advertise in the Directory of NTCA Breeders, advertise in the NTCA Stud Dog Listing, and do not count in the determination of a quorum. At a later date when requirements are met, Associate Members may apply to be full Individual Members or Dual Members, as applicable, by following the application and approval process described in our Constitution and Bylaws.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – NOVEMBER 2019 continued

This new membership level offers some of our less active Individual or Dual Members the opportunity to change their membership level and take advantage of the lower dues payment of \$30. The new level will give those members the opportunity to remain connected while lowering their dues payment and freeing them from the obligation of attending membership meetings and voting on issues regarding events and subjects in which they no longer participate. Simply mark the box for Associate Membership on your dues renewal form and send in your \$30 dues payment.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Marilyn Jacobs and to the members of the Membership Committee – Patty Warrender, Nicky Conroy, Maris Purvins, and Jennifer DeMason. As Chair of our Bylaws Committee, Marilyn steered us through the process of amending

the CBL, she also took on the time-consuming task of serving as our Membership Committee chair as we developed the procedure and policies necessary to implement the new level of membership. The Membership Committee produced the application, sponsor forms, and instructions required to process our first Associate Members. Many thanks to all involved.

As we wind down from Montgomery and prepare for Thanksgiving, I would like to wish each of our members a happy holiday season and a peaceful and healthy new year.

– Judy Laffey  
NTCA President  
Long Beach, NY

2020 SHOW CALENDAR  
NTCA AND REGIONAL CLUB CONFORMATION SHOWS

**March 13: LSNTC Supported Entry** – Kentuckiana Dog Show Cluster, Louisville Kennel Club, Louisville, KY. Breed Judge: Bergit Coady-Kabel (SE Coordinator Amanda Kozora)

**March 14: NTCA Supported Entry & Sweepstakes** – Kentuckiana Dog Show Cluster, Evansville Kennel Club, Louisville, KY. Breed Judge: Polly Smith, Sweepstakes: Judge James Kinney (Moorcroft) (SE Coordinator John Francisco)

**April 9: NTCA Supported Entry** – Northern California Terrier Association, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA. Breed Judge: Bergit Coady-Kabel (SE Coordinator Andrew Chen))

**April 10: NTCNC Specialty & Sweepstakes** – Northern California Terrier Association, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA. Breed Judge: Bruce Schwartz, Sweepstakes Judge: Candace Harper (Waiterock) (SE Coordinator Andrew Chen)

**April 17: NTCA Supported Entry & Sweepstakes** – Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, Inc. Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD. Breed Judge: Lisa Sons, Sweepstakes Judge: Lotus Tutton (Fairewood) (SE Coordinator Al Ferruggiaro)

**May 1: NTCA Supported Entry & Sweepstakes** – Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc. Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp, NJ. Breed Judge: Richard Powell, Sweepstakes Judge: Lt. Col. Victor Sattler (Wildgoose) (SE Coordinator Lee Little)

**May 17: NTCA Supported Entry** – Long Island Kennel Club, Oyster Bay, NY. Breed Judge: TBD (SE Coordinator Judy Laffey)

**July 10: LSNTC Supported Entry** – Bexar County Kennel Club, San Antonio, TX. Breed Judge: TBD (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

**July 11: LSNTC Specialty & Sweepstakes** – Kennel Club of Greater Victoria, San Antonio, TX. Breed Judge: TBD, Sweepstakes Judge: Leslie Becker (Skyscot). (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

**July 12: NTCA Supported Entry** – Bexar County Kennel Club, San Antonio, TX. Breed Judge: TBD. (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

**September 30: NTCA Designated Specialty** – Hatboro Dog Club, Middletown Grange Fairgrounds Wrightstown, PA. Breed Judge: TBD. (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**October 1: NTCA Designated Specialty** – Morris and Essex Kennel Club, Colonial Park, Somerset, NJ. Breed Judge: James Reynolds, Sweepstakes Judge: Kenny Sumner (Bayou Ridge). (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**October 2: NTCA Designated Specialty** – Hatboro Dog Club, Middletown Grange Fairgrounds Wrightstown, PA. Breed Judge: TBD. (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**October 3: NTCA Designated Specialty** – Devon Dog Show Assoc, Devon Horse Show Grounds, Ludwig Corners, PA. Breed Judge: TBD. (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**October 4: NTCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes** – Montgomery County Kennel Club, Blue Bell, PA. Breed Judge: Larry Adams; Sweepstakes Judge: Kelly Wood (Paradym) (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

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

2019 AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



Margaretta (Missy) Wood is the NTCA recipient of the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for 2019. Missy has been involved in the sport of dogs for most of her life. It is in her genes so to speak, as her father was once President of the Montgomery County Kennel Club and her mother was a well- respected breeder of Sealyhams and Dandie Dinmonts.

Missy chose the Norwich Terrier as her breed and became very active in the

Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club. She has made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs and shown outstanding sportsmanship by her involvement in conformation and breeding under the prefix Terrapin, and by her extensive work as a volunteer in our national parent club (both the NNTC and the NTCA).

Missy currently serves the Norwich Terrier Club of America as Historian and as a member of our Website Committee. Since the 1970s, she has worked in many more positions. She was the NNTC Gazette columnist, Editor of the Norwich & Norfolk News, Show Chair, Trophy Chair, AKC Delegate, Governor and 2nd Vice President of NNTC Board, and author of many reports and articles in a variety of club publications.

Missy is a valuable resource and always willing to lend a hand with grace and humor.

THE NORWICH AMBASSADOR AWARD

The Norwich Ambassador Award was established to recognize the contribution of the Norwich terrier to society and our lives. Most Norwich have jobs outside of the show ring. These Norwich have a special place in our hearts and in our community. By recognizing these Norwich and their dedicated human companions, we encourage Norwich to be ambassadors of their breed and of their species to the public.

GCHG Den-Mar’s Wild Card CGC TKN – “Desi”  
Owner: Marie Cato



After a successful conformation career including multiple Best in Shows and ranking as #1 Norwich All Breed in 2017, Desi and Marie spend their time going to a nursing home, several schools, and a community hospital. Desi is certified by the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. For well over a year, they have volunteered at the Villa Health Care Center assisting staff in making the facility a better place for residents by uplifting their spirits. Desi and Marie also volunteer at Ramona



High School and Victoria Elementary school. Desi’s visits have helped to decrease anxiety, fear, and stress among the students he meets with. Kathleen Sarmiento, Counselor Program Director of Ramona High School found the sites visited by Desi and Marie have benefited significantly with the love and support they bring to students.

CH Castle-Bar Niles of Stonehaven RAE THDA CGC – “Niles”  
Owner: Brennie Brackett



As the elevator doors slip silently open, we are met by a group of elderly women, several caregivers, and an activity director who reads aloud from a book on dogs. Our arrival immediately changes the energy in the room as the women’s bowed heads and sleepy faces suddenly brim with bright smiles at the appearance of “their” therapy dog Niles.

We’ve made more than 100 visits since he was certified as a Therapy Dog by the Marin Humane Society in December 2017, and I am astonished that Niles seems to sense why he is there and quickly seeks out those who seem particularly needy. He welcomes them with a frantically wagging tail, twinkling eyes and gleeful energy. The residents of this assisted living facility look forward to our weekly visits and for an hour of their day seem to put their circumstances behind them. They may walk with a cane, be constrained to a wheelchair, be hard of hearing, or unable to speak but during this visit Niles is their unconditional friend doling out a limitless supply of love and affection.

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THE NORWICH AMBASSADOR AWARD continued



As volunteers of the Share Program we never imagined it would have such an impact on our lives. We have visited assisted living facilities, hospitals, summer camps, and participated in the Share A Book program in local schools and libraries. He helps young students build their reading confidence by providing an unending supply of affection, while never judging or criticizing. He sits or lies next to the child who points

with a small finger at the words as the pages turn. Niles may nod off briefly all the while being stroked by a small hand. What could be a nicer way to spend his day than to provide support and companionship to those in need. This is a journey which handler and dog will treasure forever, bonding closer as a team with each visit to someone in need.

“BUYER BEWARE” IS ALIVE AND WELL

I have good news and bad news regarding the AKC Norwich Terrier Registry and fraud and scams using the promise of a Norwich Terrier.

The good news: fraud using the AKC Registry to make the con artist’s deceit seem legitimate appears to have stopped. I say this reluctantly, as we must remain vigilant and keep a watchful eye. It could reappear at any time, or may still be there — just in places where it is harder for us to find.

The bad news: fraud and scams using the promise of a Norwich Terrier continues, just without including an actual registration with AKC. Two recent incidents of fraud have come to the attention of NTCA. Both in the form of “complaints” with the hope that NTCA could do something about it.



The first victims actually bought the puppy through an ad posted on Next Day Pets with the promise of a purebred “100% Norwich Terrier”. Being Norwich owners previously, they recognized their puppy as a mixed breed as he matured. They never received the promised “papers”, even though they paid in full. He resembles dogs obtained previously from commercial breeders who claimed they were purebred Norwich. A Mars DNA test revealed they were 50% Norwich and 50% Cairn Terrier.

The second scam was complex and brazen. The Buyer connected with a seller using the kennel name ‘Desert Shadows’ after seeing Norwich puppies for sale on her website and also on her Facebook page. The con included a “Nanny” to deliver the puppy at the airport, an independent contractor that Desert Shadows claimed she used for puppy deliveries. The Nanny was also supposed to deliver the AKC papers and other documentation, including shot record and health checks, to the buyers. The Nanny did not have the documentation, claiming he forgot it. What was so shockingly brazen was that not only did the puppy presented at the airport

not resemble a Norwich, and not resemble the photos identified as the puppy on the Desert Shadow’s website, but it wasn’t even a puppy. To the Buyer it looked more like an unhealthy adult dog. More was revealed as the conversation continued at the airport — the Nanny was not an independent contractor at all but the Seller’s husband. Having caught these scammers red-handed, the Buyers were able to get their deposit refunded with the threat of having them arrested.

There are red flags of and methods of manipulation used by scammers to gain the trust of their marks. Below is a list to note.

Red Flags and Methods of Manipulation

1. Sellers are often located in Missouri.
2. Sellers seem exceptionally nice, warm and friendly in an attempt to gain the trust of the buyer. Conversations often include references to family and church.
3. The selling price is lower than that of legitimate AKC Norwich puppies.
4. Sellers want large deposits and/or full payment up front and cash payment made by bank transfer.
5. Papers and other documentation are promised but never delivered. Excuses are continually made along the way.
6. Websites typically include colorful descriptions of farms and rolling hills, with children and grandchildren involved in the hand-raising of the puppies in the home.
7. Websites can include AKC and OFA banners and links to create the illusion that the puppies are from AKC-registered parents who have been health tested.
8. The sire and dam are often stated to be imported or have foreign pedigrees in an attempt to impress the buyer with a unique dog, in addition to being more difficult to verify the pedigree.

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“BUYER BEWARE” IS ALIVE AND WELL continued

9. Ads and websites include photos sometimes copied from a genuine Norwich breeder’s website or other readily available online sites, including AKC.
10. Sellers can use the AKC Marketplace to advertise their puppies, a method to create the illusion of credibility. To use this site the sire and dam listed must be AKC registered. However, that does not guarantee a purebred puppy.



This is a puppy photo posted on Next Day Pets representing a Norwich puppy

11. Other marketing methods include Next Day Pets, Puppy Find, websites, and Facebook pages. These sites have no requirement for dam and sire to be AKC-registered.

Another reality that helps the scammers is the shortage of NTCA members advertising their puppies for sale on the AKC Marketplace. Currently, there is only one

member listed out of 16 listings. I acknowledge that there are a few listings by responsible breeders who are not NTCA members. However, many of the listings are breeders who fit in the category of what I would consider risky.

Unfortunately, just being an NTCA member doesn’t guarantee the breeder is responsible and honest. I continue to find NTCA members misrepresenting themselves by proudly advertising their Breeder of Merit status, when in fact the dam and/or sire have little or no health testing. Both sire and dam should have a CHIC designation in order to meet the standard of the Breeder of Merit designation and comply with the NTCA Code of Ethics.

Under the NTCA COE SEC. III Requirements, the following are grounds for disciplinary action:

10. Engaging in false or misleading advertising or any other misrepresentation of their Norwich Terrier(s) or any other Norwich Terrier(s) or the Club.

You Can Help

Members can help keep the public from being victims of scammers by offering them guidance that will lead them to responsible breeders. Besides the red flag warnings, here are recommended questions for puppy buyers to ask prospective breeders.

Suggestions and Questions to Ask:

1. Ask to see the AKC registration papers of both the sire and dam that will include the AKC registration names and numbers, owners and breeders. Provide the AKC website information where they can look up the sire and dam by either name or number. This will reveal immediately if the dogs are AKC registered. It takes effort, but saves time in the long run.
2. Educate the potential puppy buyer about the Breeder of Merit designation, health testing and CHIC requirements. Give them the OFA website to check the health testing done on the sire and dam. Again, it takes effort but will reveal the ethics and honesty of the breeder.
3. Ask if the breeder is a member of a Norwich Club, either regional or national, and what dog activities they are involved in besides breeding.
4. Ask for the physical address where the breeder is located. Tell them you would like to visit their location or have a friend go see the puppies and dam in person.
5. Ask what other breeds they have. Having more than one breed doesn’t necessarily mean a bad breeder. However, a closer look can reveal a commercial puppy business for profit and not a dedication to the breed.
6. Offer to help vet any breeder they are considering.

Although Norwich AKC Registry fraud may be a thing of the past, as guardians of our breed we are still needed to provide education and oversight to ensure the public is aware of the dangers of scams and unethical breeders.

Buyer Beware.

-Dana Esquibel  
NTCA Registry Integrity Committee Chair  
Florence, OR

GWEN WARKENTIN  
ROCKSTAR NORWICH TERRIERS  
1942-2019



The Norwich Terrier community lost a wonderful member this summer when Gwen Warkentin passed away after a long battle with cancer. I had known Gwen and her husband Bob since the mid-90’s. She was always to be counted on for a pleasant smile and a kind word for your dog at the dog show. Gwen loved the Norwich Terriers and bred and showed several to their championships. I had the pleasure of visiting Gwen and Bob in their home in Houston a couple years ago when she had their last litter of puppies. She was so proud of her brood bitch and the beautiful puppies she produced. She will be fondly remembered as a champion of our breed.

-Kenneth Sumner  
Madisonville, LA



Viggo and Rocco



Henry finds a quiet spot



ALL NORWICH DO NOT HAVE CARDIOMEGALY

A commentary on the article: “CARDIOMEGALY IN NORWICH TERRIERS”by Leandra Little, The Norwich Terrier News, Spring/ Summer 2019 (Issue 20).

When we say that someone is big-hearted, it’s generally a compliment meant to praise their kindness or concern for others. But in medical circles, saying someone is big-hearted could have an entirely different meaning. A condition called cardiomegaly can be a sign of other sometimes very serious cardiac concerns. Cardiomegaly is usually a manifestation of another pathologic process, for example a heart murmur due to valvular disease, hypertension, or a congenital disorder.

In 1995, Buchanan and Bücheler introduced the vertebral heart scale (VHS). This is a rapid, straightforward measurement that can be performed by any practitioner and requires only a lateral radiograph. The VHS has proven to be a useful tool for objectively determining cardiomegaly in dogs. An incidental finding in the Norwich Terrier Upper Airway Syndrome (NTUAS) study revealed a cardiac silhouette greater than normally accepted by the criteria outlined by Buchanan and Bücheler. Enlarged hearts in otherwise healthy dogs without evidence of a disease process, which might contribute to cardiomegaly, is not without precedent. Breed discrepancies were first established in 2001, when multiple breeds were determined to be significantly higher than the reference range established by Buchanan and Bücheler. Details of findings in Norwich terriers were recently published by Dr. Kelley M. Thieman Mankin, one of the investigators of the NTUAS study, and co-authors who stated: “The findings from our study support the necessity for breed-specific reference ranges, as use of generic reference may result in false diagnosis of cardiomegaly.”<sup>1</sup>

“Establishment of an accurate vertebral heart scale reference range for Norwich terriers will prove valuable in the clinical setting in helping practitioners reach accurate diagnosis and aid in the prevention of a misdiagnosis of cardiomegaly, which may result in inappropriate management of upper airway disease.” <sup>1</sup>

Dr. Thieman further explained in private correspondence, “If the vet made the VHS measurements and it fits within the parameters for a Norwich terrier, and the dog is murmur free and has no clinical signs associated with heart disease, we might assume that the dog is normal. We would say that it has a normal VHS for its breed. That’s not to say that its heart IS normal. Just like for any dog or human, there is only so much we can say from radiographs. So if there is concern about the heart, it should see a cardiologist and get an echo (ultrasound of the heart).”

In conclusion, **cardiomegaly is an abnormal enlargement of the heart**, not to be confused with a natural occurring vertebral heart scale measurement outside of the previously established reference range, or a normal functioning **big** heart.

<sup>1</sup> Taylor CJ, Simon BT, Stanley BJ, Lai GP, Thieman Mankin KM. Norwich terriers possess a greater vertebral heart scale than the canine reference value. Vet Radiol Ultrasound. 2019;1-6. <https://doi.org/10.1111/vru.12813>

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Health Committee Co-Chairs



Harry and Iliao

Photo Credit: David Michaud

SCIENCE BRINGS NEW CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPAY AND NEUTER

Spay and neuter surgeries have become cultural norms for dogs not intended for breeding in the US. These serious procedures are thought of by American pet owners as routine, and benign. This is not how Europeans consider these organ-removal surgeries. Actually, most dogs in Europe are left intact. In Sweden, fewer than 7 out of 100 dogs have been neutered or spayed. This dramatic difference between American and European dogs allowed for some very interesting comparisons – for example the data indicates that Swedish dogs live longer lives than American dogs. European dogs have also lower percentages of cancer diagnosis and cancer deaths. Can the removal of the reproductive organs explain those differences? Unfortunately for our American dog population – yes.

In the last few years there has been an explosion of research into the long-term health effects of removing reproductive organs. Studies of orthopedic issues linked to early neutering have been widely distributed in the dog community. NTCA member Dr. Chris Zink has been warning against early neutering for years now. The majority of dog breeders know by now that neutering or spay surgeries should not happen before the puppy’s growth plates have had a chance to close. We educate our puppy owners, make provisions for the minimum age of neutering in our contracts, write articles, and circulate research. I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news - we are finding out that orthopedic issues are the tip of the iceberg. The time has come to pause and consider some even more troubling studies, going into the heart of the difference in the lifespan and cancer rates between intact animals and those with their reproductive organs removed.

The answer lies in the fact that reproductive organs perform many regulatory functions in the body, and are involved in much more than procreating. By removing reproductive organs, we stop those organs from producing hormones. A dog’s body is suddenly left hormonally unbalanced. Recent studies (Zwida 2016) give us an insight why spay/neuter surgeries increase the risks of several cancers: mast cell tumor, prostate cancer, bone cancers, cancerous heart tumor, spleen cancer, bladder cancer, and lymphoma. It has to do with an unbalanced endocrine system. Spayed and neutered dogs have 30 times the normal levels of luteinizing hormone (LH), and unfortunately those extremely high levels stimulate some cells to divide out of control and become cancerous. You might have heard that certain types of breast cancer in people are estrogen sensitive. Well, in a similar manner, many forms of cancer are LH sensitive.

The mechanism by which LH gets to be 30 times the normal levels in spayed/neutered dogs has to do with the hypothalamus scanning the body for estrogen and testosterone, and not finding it in an animal without sex organs. When that happens, the hypothalamus is overproducing a hormone called Gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH), which in turn, is “instructing” the pituitary to produce LH. The role of LH is to tell the ovaries

to make more estrogen or to tell the testes to make more testosterone. When those organs are not there, and the levels of estrogen and testosterone are never rising, the poor pituitary is continuing to dump LH into the bloodstream. The feedback loop within the endocrine system is complex and more processes are affected by removing estrogen and testosterone from circulation, but the LH loop is the first to be clearly linked to several cancers. We can be sure that more studies will follow to highlight additional processes disrupted by “altering” the dog.

When it comes to the decision to remove “sex” organs, owners of female dogs weigh the risks of mammary tumors and pyometra (infection of the uterus). Until now, we thought of those risks as outweighing any negative effects of spay. However, there is updated information for us to take into account. There is new evidence that the likelihood of developing pyometra or mammary tumors are breed specific. Pyometra is a very serious condition, and removing uterus prevents it. When the female dog goes through a heat cycle and does not get pregnant the lining of the uterus is “burned” by progesterone - predisposing it to infection. The risk increases with age, as more and more heat cycles without pregnancy “burn” the uterine lining. This is why spaying those females that we do not intend to get pregnant prevents pyo. However, the risks of pyometra are dramatically different between breeds and the Norwich terrier happens to be a breed with a low risk. A very large Swedish study (Jitpean 2012) looked at 260,000 female dogs and collected data about developing pyometra by 10 years old. While a Bernese Mountain Dog had 68% chance to develop the disease by the age of ten, the Norwich terrier’s risk by that age was seven times less – around 10%. When it came to the risk of developing mammary tumors by the age of ten, the same study put Norwich terrier’s risk close to 0%. When making a decision to spay a female Norwich terrier, you might be pressed by your vet to do it prior to her first heat cycle to avoid the risk of mammary tumors (based on previous studies in Beagles). If that happens, bring the Swedish study to your vet’s attention. It is new data and truly revelatory. One-size-fits all approach to spaying young to avoid mammary tumors is not in the best interest of our dogs, especially when you consider that the age of neuter/ spay plays a considerable role in adverse long-term effects.

Other research to consider is a link between early neuter/spay and cruciate ligament tear (Duerr 2007), “spay” incontinence (Sturgeon 2014), higher rates of hypothyroidism in “altered” dogs (Sundburg 2016), increased obesity risks (Zwida 2016) and adverse reactions to vaccines (Moore 2005). Neutered animals are 27%-38% more likely to have adverse reactions to vaccines, with small dogs pushing the upper percentage range. Even when it comes to behavioral issues, the new research is dispelling myths that neutering and spaying decrease behavioral problems. Fear biting and dog aggression have actually been proven to increase in neutered individuals, as did noise phobia and fearfulness (Farhoody 2018). Male to male aggression and leg lifting are



## SCIENCE BRINGS NEW CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPAY AND NEUTER continued

helped with neutering, but most of other perceived behavioral benefits have been disproven.

I believe it is time to stop the approach that spay and neuter are benign and routine procedures. They have a place, but knowing the risks should give us pause to consider each decision on a case-by-case basis. Age is very important. Breed plays a role. Neuter and spay are surgeries with life-long implications.

If after you have weighed the risks and benefits of neuter/spay surgery and you decided to do it, please wait till your dog is 18 months of age and consider ovary-sparing spay for females. For already altered dogs that suffer from any of the negative side effects (obesity, incontinence, fearfulness, cancer diagnosis) you

might want to look into hormone replacement therapies. And another very important mitigating factor is keeping your neutered animal lean and active.

For those of us who are turning away from routine spay and neutering of our Norwich terriers and are either waiting till our dogs are older or keeping them intact for life – we are not weird, we are just catching up to what has worked for Europeans for ages.

-Magda Chiarella  
Dig 'N'Pop Norwich  
Murray Hill, NJ



Photo Credit: Lynn Marshall

Mick and Jerry on Pat's Day



Photo Credit: Henrique Penha

Roni relaxes on the couch



Photo Credit: Christine Kiino

Frankie turns 3!



Photo Credit: Ursula Walsh

Baby, it's cold out!

## CALIFORNIA NORWICH &amp; NORFOLK TERRIER FALL FUN DAY



Norwich and Norfolk gathered on September 29, 2019 in Vacaville, CA for the annual Friends of Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Fall Fun Day. Dogs were happily entertained with a lure course (designed by Ron Crawford) while humans enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch.

A unique assortment of collectibles and prizes were available in an early Halloween themed raffle and silent auction.



A big thank you to the event organizers Sharon Curry, Robin Ormiston, Brenda DeShields and hosts Curt and Robin Ormiston.

-Emily Hsi  
San Francisco, CA



## PACK THE CAR, HEAD NORTH AND SHOW YOUR DOG!

So, you've spent hours and hours preparing your dog to show, and now you've earned your well-deserved AKC championship, so what's next? Maybe an intense Specials campaign is too huge a commitment of time and/or finances, but you've had such a good experience bonding with your Norwich and you and the dog enjoy it so you don't want the fun to end! Or, perhaps you have a young dog, who still might not be quite ready for "Prime Time" in the USA due to immaturity and inexperience, and want an opportunity to grow and learn. Why not consider a trip or two north of the border to Canada to work on adding a CKC conformation title to the front of your dog's name?

Canada is pretty diverse in its landscape. You will see sandy shores and beaches and a quieter way of life in the Maritimes, beautiful forests and lakes in Ontario, massive fields of seemingly endless farmlands in the prairies and impressive mountains on the west coast. Sprinkled throughout are bustling cities, such as Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver and countless small towns. For a large number of you, the physical distance to shows in Canada is closer than you might think. The majority of our shows nationwide are held closer to our southern borders. Mapquest would be your friend here. To find out where shows are located, an excellent resource is canuckdogs.com. From here you can research shows by

province and date, look up judging panels, closing dates and prize offerings. As an added bonus, this same site also tallies top dog points so you can follow the success of your fellow competitors.

The physical crossing over the border is not terribly restrictive or challenging. You must possess a passport to travel, and if driving over the border, you are not likely to be asked for any paperwork for your dog. This is a recent change in protocol. Up until recently the USA required an up-to-date rabies certificate to cross the border. This is no longer a requirement. That said, I do recommend you have your dog's health records handy in your glove box to show if asked. The actual interview process to cross the border usually takes a minute or two (there is a very small possibility you could be asked for further inspection). No fruits or vegetables are allowed to cross the border with you and technically you shouldn't be transporting an opened bag of dog food, particularly if the food contains beef. A small amount for use while on the trip is unlikely to be a problem, just don't mention it.

The shows themselves are considerably smaller in Canada than the majority of the shows in the USA. A typical shows has 300-500 entries. Some shows are small enough (less than 200 dogs per show) that the clubs will hold two shows in one day, so two





## PACK THE CAR, HEAD NORTH AND SHOW YOUR DOG! continued

chances at points daily. But, don't think that the smaller numbers will make the championship come that much quicker. In Canada we have some very high quality dogs. Quite a number of our dogs are national specialty winners in the USA. (I can think of at least 8 Canadian terriers that have won their breed at Montgomery in the last few years.) Smaller numbers can actually make it more challenging to earn points at some of the smaller shows. The point schedule is the same no matter the breed or geographical location. In Canada, points are awarded by the total number of dogs defeated rather than separated by "dog and bitch" points. You add total numbers of class dogs and bitches for Best of Winners points.

*Dogs Competing	1	2	3 to 5	6 to 9	10 to 12	13 or more
Points allocated	0	1	2	3	4	5

\*Includes the dog awarded Winners, dogs and bitches initially judged separately and awarded respective points, Best of Winners adds the entry number from those of the opposite sex

As an unfinished class dog in a statistically low number breed (like Norwich), you are quite possibly the sole entry. At the breed level no points would be awarded, as no other dog had been defeated. But shows in Canada differ from the USA as points can be earned by placing 1st through 4th in the group, and the number of points is dependent on the number of breeds present in the group.

See chart.

Number of breeds Competing at Group Level	Dog Placed First	Dog Placed Second	Dog Placed Third	Dog Placed Fourth
13 or More	5	4	3	2
10 to 12	4	3	2	1
6 to 9	3	2	1	1
5	2	1	1	1
4	2	1	1	0
3	2	1	0	0
2	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0

If the number of breeds present in the group is a larger number, it is probable that many of the other breed winners are Specials (already have their Championship) vying for Top Dog points. This can make it more challenging to earn your points in this situation as often many of the breed winners in your group ring are consistent winners.

To attain a Canadian Championship, your dog must earn 10 points under three different judges. Of those 10 points, at least one win has to be a "major", at least a two point win. Points in the breed are added to any points earned in the group, with a total maximum points able to be earned at one show capped at 5 points.

Before entering your dog in Canada you should apply for an ERN number (Event Registration Number). The ERN application form can be found on the website for the Canadian Kennel Club (ckc.ca).

For the most part, ring procedure is pretty much identical in Canada and in the USA. You will find it a little different getting

your armband as that is done at a central location for all entries (not ringside). Breed awards vary slightly in that the judge will first award Best of Breed, then Best of Opposite Sex, followed by Best of Winners. Classes are for the most part the same, however we do additionally have a "Best Puppy" Competition which is awarded after breed judging. The winner progresses to Puppy Group and onwards to Best Puppy in Show competition at the end of the day (after regular Best in Show judging) if fortunate enough to win the puppy group. For Puppy Group, only 1st place is awarded and no points are awarded. Some shows also offer "Baby Puppy" which is a class for 4-6 month old puppies. This class is judged after the completion of Best of Breed and Best Puppy in Breed (no points are awarded). We basically see these classes as training ground.

The seven group winners compete for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show, the latter typically being awarded first.

Canadian shows may be held indoors or outdoors depending on season (sometimes some rings are in while others are out) and typically the show remains in the same location for the duration of the show "weekend".

Checklist for entering a CKC show:

1. Apply for an ERN number with the Canadian kennel club
2. Research available shows/premium lists on canuckdogs.com
3. Enter shows using advertised entry service. (I set up an account with The Entry Line, <http://entryline.com> but there are other entry options which would be printed in the premium list.).
4. The judging schedule will be posted online approximately one week before the show.

5. Pack the car, head north and show your dog!

Some other nice bonuses to shows in Canada:

- Often show photos are taken, ordered and received same day
- You do not have to move your set up daily for shows
- More relaxed atmosphere
- Canadian armband elastics are superior to US ones!!! (you'll understand this comment once you've shown in both countries!)
- No matter where you go, expect to feel welcome when you come to Canada. We take pride in our welcoming attitude!

I am hoping I was able to clarify the process one would take to enter conformation shows in Canada, and hope I didn't confuse you. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about the process.

-Kelly Wood  
Paradym Reg.  
Conestogo, ON Canada

## THE MAGICAL, MYSTERIOUS, MYSTICAL NORS CAST A MIGHTY SPELL IN PALMYRA FOR THE NTCA'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY



"I knew I could stir up some magic in the obedience ring."

Photo Credit: Raine Johnson

This year's theme "Witches and Wizards" for decorating our crating area was a perfect way to showcase the power of the breed. We had witches, flying monkeys, sorcerers, gnomes, and wizards that showed the rest of the terriers how it should be done and run. Our village of 31 plus Norwich and our Norfolk cousins won "Best Use of Theme." I'm sure the judges were also impressed by the variety and

our book of handler-written stories about the Nors inhabiting the village.

Talk about showing our dogs' impressive powers. This year the Norwich dominated the 8" class both in numbers and in qualifying scores with placements and had strong representation in the 4" class as well. Every Norwich terrier exhibitor received a frame offered by the NTCA as a ringside remembrance and celebration of our Tenth Anniversary. In addition, the NTCA offered a Wendell August six inch plate for High in Standard Regular and Preferred and High in Trial #1 for Rally and Obedience.

Here are those magical winners:

Premier Standard- Blair Kelly and "Mandy"  
Masters Standard - Patty Fornelli and "Fiona"  
Master Standard Preferred - Ursula Walsh and "George"  
Open- Chris Zink and "Helix"  
High in Trial Rally- Lynn Stonesifer and "Polly"  
High in Trial Obedience- Raine Johnson and "Jenga"

There were several other newsworthy accomplishments. Chris Zink and "Helix" earned in just 4 days four titles (OA, OAJ, TKN, TKI) in just four days, five first places, one second place and one High in Open Standard.



Quite the stash of ribbons and awards after four days

Lindsay Howard, a junior handler and granddaughter of Cindy Wagner, and "Stoney" (Itsy Bitsy "I Can't Get No MX, MXJ, XF, CGC) earned a T2B title.

Melanie Bryson and "Ruby" earned their 120th Standard Preferred qualifying score. Blair and MACH3 "Mandy" earned 4 double qualifying scores, Patty Fornelli and MACH2 "Fiona" earned three, Joan Krantz and MACH5 "Henry" earned two and Ursula Walsh and MACH2 PACH "George" one double qualifying score. These double qualifying scores are accumulated for earning a Master Agility Championship (MACH) or a Preferred Agility Championship. (PACH)

Next year the several novice and open dogs will undoubtedly move up and a new generation of Norwich may be prepared to enter the ring. Blair Kelly and his new gal, "Siri"; Joan Krantz and her young boy, "Jack"; Raine Johnson and her young girl and Jack's sister, "Bette"; Lark Shlimbaum and her young boy, "Rascal", and Kathy Gregorieff and young "Monty" have all begun their foundation training and only time will tell where their agility journeys will take these teams. Oh, the places they might go.

The Montgomery All Terrier Cluster was spectacular because of the hard work of the Coordinators, Blair Kelly and Betsy



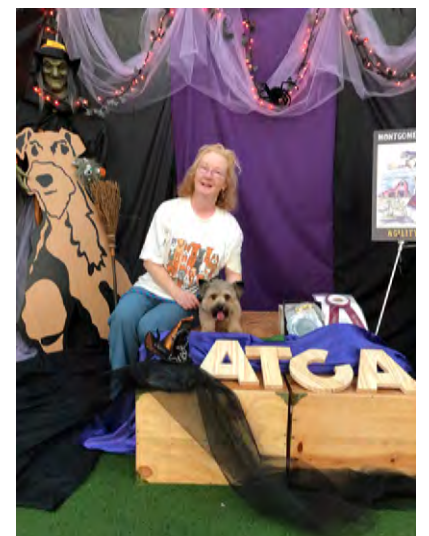
This young team has all the right moves.

Photo Credit: Rich Kriesch Photography



Photo Credit: Patty Fornelli

Fiona proudly shows off her plate for high scoring in Masters Standard on Tuesday.



High in Rally Trial #1, Polly and Lynn relax and smile.



THE MAGICAL, MYSTERIOUS, MYSTICAL NORS CAST A MIGHTY SPELL IN PALMYRA  
FOR THE NTCA’S TENTH ANNIVERSARY continued

Geertson, and the trial chairs and members of the sponsoring clubs. Next year, the NTCA will sponsor Tuesday, September 29. Put these dates on your calendar, September 28 -October 1, 2020 at “In the Net” in Palmyra, PA and join the Norwich Power, village fun, and performance/companion events.

Next year’s theme is “Pirates.” Let’s jump on board, ride the rough seas, and show off our treasures.

-Joan Krantz  
Middlebury, CT



Oh, so many handlers totally bewitched by these Norwich and Norfolk.

Photo Credit: Rich Knecht Photography

BUSY NORWICH ARE HAPPY NORWICH  
NEW PERFORMANCE/COMPANION TITLES FROM JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST 2019

“To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with.” – Mark Twain

Teams in all of the companion/performance venues had much success during this reporting period. There was a total of 94 titles; 65 titles in Agility, 3 in Rally, including one new Rally Championship title (RACH) earned by Jill Lowry and “Zee” (RACH Breakway Bon Temps Roullez CDX PCDX RM3 RAE3 AXP AJP NFP RATN CGC TKP). ( See separate article by Jill), 9 Trick Dog titles, 7 Canine Good Citizen titles, 4 Farm Dog Certified titles, 2 Fast CAT titles, 1 Obedience title, 1 Barn Hunt title, 1 Scent Work title, 1 Therapy Dog title and 1 Endurance Earthdog4 title earned by Jill Petersen and “Etta” (Amblegreen Notti Marietta CDX PCDX BN GO RE ME EE4 RATN CGC), a mighty hunter. Jill and Etta will be the first team to receive the NTCA “Rough Rider Jones Working Terrier Award” for 2019 at the banquet next fall. There are so many options for us to find joy in playing and working with our dogs. They make us laugh and keep us humble with their “terrier” decisions, yet so many of us are doing more with our dogs. Like the word “joy” itself, our companions are short but powerful.

Our agility athletes had a phenomenal eight months with many teams achieving championship titles. These handlers and dogs

brought their best to run for each other, run as hard as possible, and run together in a zone where the “togetherness” was a key factor in their success.

Team – Melanie Bryson and “Ruby”



PAX and PACH ribbons are the same but more loot with the PACH ribbon.

Photo Credit: Melanie Bryson

BUSY NORWICH ARE HAPPY NORWICH continued  
NEW PERFORMANCE/COMPANION TITLES FROM JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST 2019

March 10: PAX3 “Ruby” (PACH2 Reverie’s Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP11 MXPC MJP11 MJPC PAX3 THDD CGC TKN)

May 19: PACH2 “Ruby” (PACH2 Reverie’s Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP11 MXPC MJP11 MJPC THDD CGC TKN)

June 28: PAX3 “Ruby” (PACH2 Reverie’s Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP11 MXPC MJP11 MJPC PAX4 THDD CGC TKN)

Ruby LOVES the sport and run with so much heart. Those little legs, her pre-run excited barking, and big smile say it all about her attitude toward the game. At 10 years old, she is even more consistent earning those qualifying runs as shown by the three major titles she earned in this reporting period.

Team – Ursula Walsh and “George”



I got this! I like being the center of attention.

March 16: PAX “George” (MACH2 PACH Slightly the Hired Hand MXS2 MJS2 MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF T2B) PACH “George” (MACH2 PACH Slightly the Hired Hand MXS2 MJS2 MXP3 MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX MXF T2B)

Ursula wrote: “George is like the Little Engine that Could. At almost 11 he got his first PACH and a PAX on the same day. He is a little professional in agility. He loves being out there with me—I think partly because it is the one time in his life where he has me all to himself (he lives with me and two other Norwich). He is still going and earning double Qs in Preferred at 11 years old which is great as he has Early Take Off Syndrome, but when he jumps, he goes all out to get over that jump without dropping the bar.”

Team – Patty Fornelli and “Fiona”



Fiona looking pretty happy and proud with her ribbon

May4: MACH2 “Fiona” (CH MACH2 M&M’s Little Miss Sunshine BN RN FDC MXG MJG MFS TQX T2B3 FCAT CGC TKN)

Patty wrote: “My sweet Fiona earned her MACH2 in May and her Fast Cat title in April. She is the first Norwich to earn

the FAST CAT title and the fastest Norwich to run in this event to date. She is a willing, happy performer in every dog sport we try and an all-around great little Norwich. Only 4 years old, she has qualified as the 1st Place Norwich for the Invitational this year and we look forward to participating.”

Team – Patty Fornelli and “Magic”

April 28: PAX2 “Magic” (CH MACH4 PACH2 Shonleh He’s A Magic Man CD BN RA FDC MXS2 MJG2 MXP6 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX2 FTC1 MFB2 TQX MFPB TQXP T2BP JE CA DCAT CGCA TKN)

May 5: PACH2 “Magic” (CH MACH4 PACH2 Shonleh He’s A Magic Man CD BN RA FDC MXS2 MJG2 MXP6 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX2 FTC1 MFB2 TQX MFPB TQXP T2BP JE CA DCAT CGCA TKN)

Patty wrote: “My wonderful, amazing Magic earned his PACH2 and his PAX2 in May to complete his 6th Agility Championship at 10 years old. He has also earned his FDC and DCAT titles this year and his BN and CD in the Fall of last year. He was also the #1 QQ Preferred Norwich Terrier for 2018. He is the dog who taught me everything, tolerated and forgiven all my mistakes and never quit. Because of Magic, I have done more than I ever imagined and we have done it together. My best friend and my “heart dog”.....

Team – Blair Kelly and “Mandy”



Hey, wait for me while we chase this dream

May 5: MACH3 “Mandy” (MACH 3 Shaksper Amanda Seyfried RN MXG MJG CGC)

Blair wrote: “I am proud to report that Mandy earned her MACH3 title on Sunday at the Winston-Salem Dog Training Club’s agility trial in Yadkinville,

NC. Mandy needed three double-Qs going into this three-day trial. The trial was indoors, but in an air-conditioned horse barn ... and the weather was very warm. But somehow, she (and I) held it together to earn three double-Qs. Mandy earned her MACH3 as one of the last runs of the day on Sunday.”

Photo Credit: Patty Fornelli



BUSY NORWICH ARE HAPPY NORWICH continued  
NEW PERFORMANCE/COMPANION TITLES FROM JANUARY THROUGH AUGUST 2019

Team - Joan Krantz and “Henry”



June 29:  
MACH5  
“Henry”  
(MACH5  
Pinelake’s  
Happy Fearless  
Explorer RE  
MXB2 PAD  
MJG2 PJD MXF  
T2B3 ME EE3  
RATN CGC)

Photo Credit: Barry Rosen

I loved my weave poles then and I love my weave poles now.

Joan wrote: “My Henry, what can I say? He is definitely a special little man with his quirky ways. His dog walk is always an obstacle to worry about because he’s in too much of a hurry to run through the yellow and then he faults the dog walk but his weaving skills make up for it. At 5:00 AM, when I put on my running shoes, he KNOWS it’s an agility day and he runs down the stairs to go to the car. He’s such a great agility partner so we’ll be headed to the Invitational for the 5th time.”

Team - Rainee Johnson, DVM and “Savvy” PHOTO 7



Photo Credit: Rainee Johnson, DVM

July 22: PAX “Savvy”  
(AGCH MACH12 PACH  
Breakaway’s In The  
Know CD BN RN MXC3  
PDS MJB4 PJS MXPB  
PAX FTC1 MFC TQX  
T2B5 RATN)

PACH “Savvy” (AGCH  
MACH12 PACH  
Breakaway’s In The  
Know CD BN RN MXC3  
PDS MJB4 PJS MXPB  
PAX FTC1 MFC TQX  
T2B5 RATN)

Truly, the Norwich Champion Queen at 12 years old.

Rainee wrote: “Bittersweet...knowing this was likely our last championship Really fun because we almost missed our jumpers run and ran it cold, no walk through. Very frustrating as it took me three days to not over handle weave pole entries to get our 20 QQ. She’s my superstar.What fun we have together.”

The training fun, the teamwork, the trust, and the feeling of “we did it’, make all these dogs with new titles in all the venues CHAMPIONS to celebrate.

CHAMPIONS that take first place in our hearts. Continue the journey and enjoy the company of a great teammate.

“In life, it’s not where you go... but who you go with.”  
–Charlie Brown

–Joan Krantz  
Performance Chair  
Middlebury, CT



Photo Credit: Lee Little

Puppy Olive at five weeks

AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL

Six Norwich Terriers will represent the breed this year at the AKC Agility Invitational sponsored by Eukanuba and held in conjunction with the AKC National Championship at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida from December 14 to December 15, 2019.

These tops dogs have trialed and/or trained together over many years and you can see by the lists of titles after their names, they are all versatile performance dogs. There will be 125 eight-inch dogs in competing in the Regular class and 27 four-inch dogs competing in the Preferred class.

Regular Class

- ☆ #1“Fiona” CH MACH2 M&M’s Little Miss Sunshine BN RN FDC MXG MJG MFS TQX T2B3 FCAT CGC TKN will be run by Patty Fornelli. Fiona has been invited twice but this will be her first time attending.
- ☆ #2“Henry” MACH5 Pinelake’s Happy, Fearless Explorer RE MXB2 PAD MJG2 PJD MXF T2B3 ME EE3 RATN CGC TKI will be run by Joan Krantz. Henry has been invited five times and has attended five times.
- ☆ #3“Minnow” MACH Highwood’s Lady Renegade RE FDC MXS MJS MFB TQX T2B2 RATN CGCA TKN will be run by Kathleen M. Gregorieff (co-owned by Knowlton Reynders). Minnow has been invited twice and will attend for the second time.
- ☆ #4“Mandy” MACH3 Shaksper Amanda Seyfried RN MXG MJC CGC will be run by Blair Kelly. Mandy has been invited three times but this will be her first time attending.
- ☆ #5“Posey2” CH Yarrow Venerie Flower Power At Beach Pine MX MXJ XF will be run by Ursula Walsh. This is Posey 2’s first invitational and will attend.

Preferred Class

- ☆ #1“Savvy” AGCH MACH12 Breakaway’s In The Know CD BN RN MXC3 PDS MJB4 PJS MXP2 MXPB MJP2 FTC1 MFC TQX T2B5 RATN will be run by Rainee Johnson DVM. Savvy been invited 10 times and will attend for the tenth time. Certainly, an amazing accomplishment.

Good Luck to all the teams on clean, happy runs! The results will be in the next issue of the NEWS.

–Joan Krantz  
Agility Reporter  
Middlebury, CT



Photo Credit: Andrew Chen

Puppy in the golden hour



AKC AGILITY REGULATION CHANGES AS PER AUGUST 2019

AGILITY

After considering competitor’s input, safety issues, and changes in other agility venues, this is a summary of some of the significant changes made in agility regulations. Complete explanations can be found on the AKC website under “Rules and Regulations Update,”

Effective January 2020

Entering a Mixture of Regular and Preferred Classes Within the Same Trial Weekend – Multiple Jump Heights Within the Same Trial Day

Possible applications: Complete a title in regular height such as FAST even though other classes are in Preferred. Enter Premier in Preferred and Masters Standard and Jumpers with Weaves in Regular height.

Entering For Exhibition Only (FEO) May Be Offered at the Option of the Club

It is allowed in T2B and FAST. Dogs may be entered in ANY height and dogs may be entered in ANY level in FAST. Toys are allowed if you are running FEO. Handlers may touch equipment or their dog.

Possible applications: Young dogs in a ring environment at a low height with a toy. Senior dogs that need a lower jump height.

Fix and Go On

It allows an exhibitor to reattempt an obstacle when the dog’s performance is not to their expectation.

Possible application: Contact training. Handlers may include the preceding obstacle.

Possible application: Weave pole issues, bring the dog back to the preceding jump so approach is at full speed. Start lines. Go back and fix the start line sit and then lead out again.

Solid color weaves may be used, alternating colors.

Effective Immediately

Judges are encouraged to have 21’ AFTER a spread jump, as well as before.

Judges are also encouraged to have at least 20’ between jumps instead of 18’.

If a 10’ tunnel is used, no more than 45 degree bend in the tunnel.

Distance to potential options have increased.

SCENT WORK and OBEDIENCE

These venues have many significant changes to the Rules and Regulations. You can find out more on the AKC website under “Rules and Regulations Update.”

Scent Work –Effective October 2019

Obedience - Effective January 2020

-Joan Krantz  
Performance Chair  
Middlebury, CT

“ETTA” MAKES NORWICH EARTHDOG HISTORY

Endurance Earthdog 4

On a sunny spring day in the pacific northwest, “Etta” (Amblegreen Notti Marietta CDX PCDX BN GO RE ME EE4 RATN CGC) made the day even brighter for me by passing both the master and senior tests at the Puget Sound Earthdog club’s test, thus earning the 5th leg of her Endurance Earthdog 4 (EE4). Etta is a joy to live with. She loves to play at obedience,

go on long walks, and snuggle on the couch. But mostly she loves to hunt. She is relentless both in the back yard and in the field. It is what she was born to do, and so we continue to play the earthdog game.

To date, Etta has passed the master test 37 times. She is most consistent in this class, but if she fails, it’s for the honoring portion of the test. It is very difficult for her to keep quiet enough to not at least make most judges “think”, something you try to avoid in test situations. After all, that other dog is now in the hole and getting to have all the fun! It’s a painful way to fail, but Etta has it “mastered”!

Senior is even more difficult for her. The last requirement is for the handler to call the dog out of the den. The rats are no longer there, but Etta tends to remain optimistic. “They COULD come back, mom!”, says Etta. Her pass rate in this class is much lower – only 26. The handler has 90 seconds to call the dog out of the hole;

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“ETTA” MAKES NORWICH EARTHDOG HISTORY continued

Endurance Earthdog 4

sometimes Etta plays the game my way. Other times she fails to come out at all, or we have a near miss in my ability to recover her once she’s out. Many EE legs missed due to this challenge.

Etta’s strength is the master hunt up, where she has to work with a brace mate to identify rodent scents in the field on the way to the den. She’s an expert at summing up her brace mate’s hunting style. If the other dog is a “team” player, Etta will happily course the field with them, each finding scent that the other one will then also check. It’s a beautiful dance to watch, and what you would hope to see in a real hunt situation. Sadly this duet doesn’t happen all that often, perhaps because the brace is drawn randomly, and the pair may not have time to gain each other’s trust and sync their hunting styles. But Etta’s ok with that too. She’ll happily range the field and hunt on her own, respecting the other dog’s space.

And so we continue to play. This fall Etta earned 2 legs towards her EE5, so maybe that’s in her future. Or maybe not. But as long as doing earthdog brings her joy, I’ll continue to be her chauffeur and hunting partner!

Many thanks to her breeder and co-owner, Heather Tomlins – she obviously found the key to retaining gameness in her breeding! And I’ll be forever grateful to the late Elizabeth Pearson, for bringing Etta into my life.

-Jill Petersen  
Kenmore, WA



Having a discussion on how pass the honor portion of the test..

EARTHDOG REGULATION CHANGES

Effective January 2020

Senior Earthdog – Giving an Additional Command

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Delegate Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events committee to allow the handler of a dog in the Senior Earthdog test to give one command should the dog exit the den prior to reaching the quarry. Giving the command is at the determination of the handler and does not require the instruction of the judge. Currently in the Senior level test, once a dog is released to enter the den, the handler may not give a second command.

Chapter 4. Section 12. Senior Earthdog Test – Qualifying Performance. 2nd paragraph.

Timing of the dog for the approach portion of the test shall start when the dog is released by the handler. The dog has 90 seconds from the time of release to reach the quarry, provided that it is continuously searching during that time. The dog may enter and leave the den, provided it has not reached the quarry. If the dog exits the den prior to reaching the quarry, the handler may, on his/ her own determination (without being instructed by the judge), give the dog one command without penalty. To earn a qualifying score, the dog must make at least 30 feet of forward progress to reach the quarry. A dog which false marks by vigorously or loudly working in the false den area for more than 15 seconds may not pass.

Etta is still looking for those rats.

Photo Credit: Lia Bijsterveld



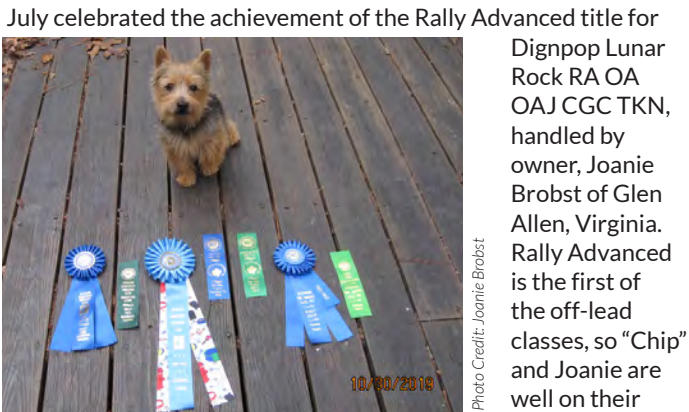
OBEDIENCE AND RALLY NEWS



Congratulations Pretty Girl and the VERY FIRST Norwich Rally Champion.

Photo Credit: Jill Lowry

in the new Rally Master class until she was ready to perform in Obedience Utility A. Utility is complicated, and there was plenty of time for Rally trials. On the way to earning 20 Triple-Q's and 300 points, she picked up Rally Master 3 and Rally Advanced & Excellent 3 titles in January.

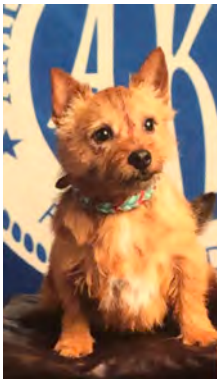


Chip proudly showing off his ribbons and patiently waiting for a treat

Photo Credit: Joanie Brobst

Agility while training through Utility level Obedience. Joanie said, "Chip and I are having the best time showing and seeing all our friends!" Joanie and her husband, Dave, have served as AKC Rally judges since 2015, and judged this year's AKC Rally National Championship.

Rally Champion Zee



Zee says, "Yes, you too can have fun at Rally."

to canine sports as Rally provides a challenging introduction to all AKC Companion Events for dogs and handlers to strengthen their skills. As participation and skill level increased, the AKC established the Master class and the RACH title on November 1, 2017. The RACH title requires 20 Triple Q's - qualifying scores in Rally Master, Excellent B and Advanced B in the same trial - as well as a total of 300 points, with a minimum of 150 points from the Master class. Rally Championship points are awarded for earning a score of 91 or better.

Jill and Zee's obedience instructor, Linda Coates of Shamrock Acres, Louisville, Kentucky has achieved the OTCH title with her pug, Otis, and has trained Airedales in Obedience, Agility and Tracking for many years. Linda recalls when the Rally exercises were games taught for Obedience, called "Doodles." Linda said, "They broke the mold when they made Zee," who enjoyed "doodling" from an early age. Her visible confidence and outward enthusiasm in the ring are winning the admiration of die-hard Obedience trainers, who love the Norwich drive and expression. Jill is very dedicated to Zee's training, attending classes twice a week, training at home frequently and training away from home in different places 1-2 times a week when preparing for competition. She believes the size of the Norwich is ideal for training Obedience and Rally, as so much of the training can be done around the house, and some while seated in a chair.

-Jill Lowry  
Simpsonville, KY

CH Littlefield The Captain's Daughter  
(CH Littlefield El Capitan X Littlefield Continental Divine)

**Breeder: Leandra Little**  
**Owners: Carol & Jason Hannon**

"Lucy" finished from Bred-By in just a few short weekends with four majors. She is the most darling red doggie and is the Hannon's cherished pet. She is her dam's fifth champion of record thus earning Talli her ROM and her breeder, the AKC Bred-By medallion.



CH Littlefield The Game's Afoot Watson  
(GCHB Dungeness Inspector Bruno By Littlefield X CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield)  
**Breeder: Leandra Little**  
**Owners: Dan Whitley and Sara Zaremba Whitley**  
"Watson" finished almost instantly with four majors including BOW at The Garden State All Terrier Club's supported entry under Judge Jan Ritchie Gladstone. He was then shown as a special a few times earning points toward his grand championship with four Bests of Breed. (Special thanks to Lori Pelletier and Ernesto Lara.) Watson has his sire and dam's sweet temperament and happy outlook. He is Sara and Dan's cherished pet. Watch for Watson in 2020.

CH American Idol of Image  
(GCHG Camio's Educated Exemplar x GCH Diamond Lily of Image)

**Breeder/Owner: Monti Craig**  
"Ryan" finished on March 30, 2019 at the Chintimini Kennel Club under judge Fred Basset by going BOB/BOW/WD. He was handled by his breeder/owner to his championship.





**CH Littlefield Happy Landing at Image**  
(GCHS Cherber’s Double your Money at Image x Littlefield Continental Divine)

**Breeder: Leandra Little**  
**Owner: Monti Craig**

“Chesley” finished on June 22, 2019 at Clackamas Kennel Club going BOS/WB under judge Grace Fritz. She was handled to her championship by her owner.



**GCH Summer Wind of Image**  
(GCHG Den-Mar’s Wild Card x CH Diamond in the Ruff of Image)

**Breeder/Owner: Monti Craig**

“Windy” finished her grand championship in September 2019 and was then awarded select bitch at the NTCA National Speciality at MCKC under judge Lydia Coleman-Hutchison. She is handled by her owner.

**GCH Magic Mike of Image**  
(GCH Reverie’s Mr. Cool Stuff x GCH Diamond Lily of Image)

**Breeder: Monti Craig**  
**Owner: MaryAnn Domingcil**

“Tatum” finished his championship on March 25, 2018 and his grand championship on September 19, 2018. Tatum was handled by Dee Dills.



**NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY AT LONG ISLAND KENNEL CLUB • OYSTER BAY, NY**

May 19, 2019

The NTCA Supported Entry at the Long Island Kennel Club on Sunday, May 19, had a very nice entry of 8. It was held at the historic Oyster Bay Planting Fields under a beautiful blue sky. Not too cool and not too warm – a wonderful day for a dog show. Other than the high winds that came in later in the day, it was a perfect day to show dogs.

Sweepstakes Judge was NTCA member Lisa Sons who flew in from Chicago. Her choice for Best in Sweeps was “Gillie” - Littlefield Thief of Hearts (CH Littlefield El Capitan x Littlefield Continental Divine) bred by Leandra Little and owned by Joyce Randazzo. Gillie was also Reserve Winners Dog. Best of Opposite in Sweeps went to “Lucy” - Littlefield the Captain’s Daughter (CH Littlefield El Capitan x Littlefield Continental Divine) bred by Leandra Little and owned by Carol & Jason Hannon and Leandra Little.

Our breed judge was Rosalind Kramer. Mrs. Kramer’s choice for Winners Dog was Pouch Cove’s Prince Harry (CH Paradym Once in Four x CH Pouch Cove’s Almost an Heir) “Harry” was bred by Peggy & David Helming and is owned by Michael Heaner & David Michaud, Harry was also BOBOH. Winner’s Bitch was awarded to Thistledew’s Rhymes with Delores (GCHS Miller’s Wonderful Walther of Thistledew x Country Girl Jeez Louise) bred and owned by Jill Rossi. Reserve Winners Bitch went to Littlefield the Captain’s Daughter who was also Best Bred by Exhibitor.

Best of Breed went to Littlefield the Game’s Afoot Watson (GCH Dungeness Inspector Bruno by Littlefield x Ch Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield) “Watson” was bred by Leandra Little and is owned by Dan Whitley. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to CH Country Girl Kiss Me Lola (GCH Miller’s Wonderful Walter of Thistledew x GCH Country Girl Sassy Lassy) bred by Linda McCutcheon, “Lola” is owned by Dina Moore-Tzouris.



The Best of Breed trophy was a standing 6” etched crystal plate, other trophies were etched crystal paperweights. There were also cash awards donated by Leandra Little and Will Sparks & Richard Giotta for BOB, BOS, WD, and WB. A delicious “lunch bag” donated by a local NTCA member was presented to each exhibitor as they left the ring.

-Judy Laffey  
Glengariff  
Long Beach, NY

**NTCA SUPPORTED ENTRY ALL TERRIER CLUB OF WESTERN WASHINGTON • PUYALLUP, WA**

July 5, 2019

Breed & Group Judge: Mrs. Jan Ritchie Gladstone



**BOB/GRP1: GCHP CH ROSEROCK’S MY EYES ADORED YOU**  
GCH Skyscot’s Texas Hold ‘Em - CH Roserock’s Harper Lee  
Owner: Ellen Lucas  
Breeder: Ellen Ford



NTCA DESIGNATED SPECIALTY HATBORO DOG CLUB • NEWTOWN, PA

October 3, 2019

Judge: Ms. Cindy Meyer



**BOB: GCH ROSE ROCK'S MY EYES ADORED YOU**

By GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em – CH Roserock's Harper Lee  
Owner: Ellen Lucas.  
Breeder Ellen Ford

**AOM: GCH FRABJOUS FERGUS BY LITTLEFIELD**

By GCH Miller's Wonderful Walter Of Thistledew – CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso THD CGC  
Owner: Dr Denis Johnson  
Breeder: Dr Denis Johnson & Leandra Little

**AOM: CH BIRCHBAY BELFYRE MUY GRAND MARGARITA**

By GCH Belfyre Black Gold – Birchbay Girl Of The Golden West  
Owner: Polly O Neal & Janis Birchall  
Breeder: Rita Mueller & Janis Birchall, MD



Owner/Breeder: Jill Rossi

**OS: CH THISTLEDEW RHYMES WITH DELORES**

By GCHS Miller's Wonderful Walter Of Thistledew – Country Girl Jeez Louise



Breeder: Sharon L Jones

**BW/WD: FLY'N HIGH NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE AT MORNINGFIELD**

By GCHG Llanerch Fens Henchard Of Castorbridge – Fly'N High's Red Rocket  
Owner: Rosie Carlino

**SEL: CH SUMMER WIND OF IMAGE**

By GCHG Den-Mar's Wild Card – CH Diamond In The Ruff Of Image  
Owner/Breeder: Monti Craig

**WB: SHONLEH FIREDANCE AT WESTWINDS**

By GCH Michan's Mick Like A Rolling Stone – CH Shonleh Fangtasia Pam  
Owner: Lynn Marshall, Brenda Deshields & Sharon Curry  
Breeder: Sharon Curry & Brenda Deshields

**RWB: PARADYM JEMMA THE JETSETTER**

By CH Ragus Devils Double – CH Paradym Bet On Black  
Owner: Kelly A Wood  
Breeder: Kelly Wood

**RWD: LITTLEFIELD THIEF OF HEARTS**

By CH Littlefield El Capitan – Littlefield Continental Divine  
Owner: Joyce Randazzo & Leandra Little  
Breeder: Leandra Little

**AOM: GCHB LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY**

By CH Littlefield's Ace In The Hole NJP – CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield  
Owner: Christine Kiino & Maris Purvins  
Breeder: Leandra Little

NTCA DESIGNATED SPECIALTY HATBORO DOG CLUB • NEWTOWN, PA

October 4, 2019

Judge: Mr. William deVilleneuve



**BOB: GCH ROSE ROCK'S MY EYES ADORED YOU**

By GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em - Ch Roserock's Harper Lee  
Owner: Ellen Lucas.  
Breeder: Ellen Ford

**AOM: GCHB LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY**

By CH Littlefield's Ace In The Hole NJP - CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield  
Owner: Christine Kiino & Maris Purvins  
Breeder: Leandra Little

**AOM: CH KILYKA'S WITCH UPON A STAR CDX NA NAJ**

By CH Kilyka's High Voltage UD NA NAJ - CH Kilyka's Rare Bird Alert UD NA NAJ RN  
Owner: Betty McDonnell  
Breeder: Betty McDonnell



**OS: CH THISTLEDEW RHYMES WITH DELORES**

By GCHS Miller's Wonderful Walter Of Thistledew - Country Girl Jeez Louise  
Owner/Breeder: Jill Rossi

**SEL: CH BIRCHBAY BELFYRE MUY GRAND MARGARITA**

By GCH Belfyre Black Gold - Birchbay Girl Of The Golden West  
Owner: Polly O Neal & Janis Birchall  
Breeder: Rita Mueller & Janis Birchall, MD

**SEL: CHS WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE**

By GCHS Skyscot's Poker Chip - GCHB Laprele Cherokee Princess  
Owner: Nancy Wilde  
Breeder: Nancy A Wilde

**AOM: CH CAMIO'S CHARRED OAK**

By GCH Cherber's Double Your Money At Image - Wynward's One Classy Chick At Camio  
Owner: Catherine Rogers  
Breeder: Catherine Rogers & Elizabeth Fujikawa



**BW/WD: POUCH COVE'S PRINCE HARRY**

By CH Paradym Once In Four - Ch Pouch Cove's Almost An Heir  
Owner: Michael Heaner & David Michaud  
Breeder: Peggy & David Helming

**WB: POUCH COVE'S FANFARE**

By Paradym Once In Four - Pouch Cove's Hearsay  
Owner: Peggy Helming & Wheatley Wentzell  
Breeder: Peggy & David Helming

**RWD: FLY'N HIGH NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE AT MORNINGFIELD**

By GCHG Llanerch Fens Henchard Of Castorbridge - Fly'N High's Red Rocket  
Owner: Rosie Carlino  
Breeder: Sharon L Jones

**RWB: PARADYM JET'S GO TO SHERWOOD**

By CH Ragus Devils Double - CH Paradym Bet On Black  
Owner: Jennifer Prawel-Tirone & Kelly Wood  
Breeder: Kelly Wood



NTCA DESIGNATED SPECIALTY DEVON DOG SHOW ASSOCIATION  
• LUDWIGS CORNER, PA

October 5, 2019

Breed Judge: Mr. Wood Wornall



Breeder: Leandra Little

**BOB: GCHB LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY**  
By CH Littlefield's Ace In The Hole  
NJP - CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield  
Owner: Christine Kiino & Maris Purvins

**SEL: CHS WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE**  
By GCHS Skyscot's Poker Chip - GCHB Laprele Cherokee Princess  
Owner/Breeder: Nancy A Wilde

**SEL: GCH FLY' N HIGH STARBURST SENSATION**  
By CH Coventry's Letsdrinkonit - CH Dreamweaver Kiwi Magic  
Owner: Mary M Mang  
Breeder: Sharon Jones

**RWB: DRALION'S QUINTESSENTIAL CHARM**  
By CH Ragus Devils Double - Dralion Amblegreen In Cahoots  
Owner: Peter & Linda Dowdie  
Breeder: Peter & Linda Dowdle & Heather Tomlins



**OS/WB: PARADYM JEMMA THE JETSETTER**  
By CH Ragus Devils Double - CH Paradym Bet On Black  
Owner/Breeder: Kelly A Wood

**RWD: BIRCHBAY-BELFYRE RIO BLANCO ROMEO**  
By GCH Belfyre Black Gold - Birchbay Girl Of The Golden West  
Owner: Janis Birchall, MD  
Breeder: Rita Mueller & Janis Birchall, MD



**WD/BW: PARADYM COOL YOUR JETS**  
By Ch Ragus Devils Double - Ch Paradym Bet On Black  
Owner: Donna McFarlane, Thomas Barlow & Kelly Wood  
Breeder: Kelly Wood

NTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB  
• BLUE BELL, PA

October 6, 2019

Sweepstakes Judge: Ms. Tonnie Willrich



**BSW: PARADYM COOL YOUR JETS**  
By CH Ragus Devils Double - CH Paradym Bet On Black  
Owner: Donna McFarlane, Thomas Barlow & Kelly Wood  
Breeder: Kelly Wood



**BVSW: GCHP ABBEDALE LIFE OF RILEY AT GLENGARIFF**  
By CH Abbedale Bob's Brother - CH Abbedale Posh Spice  
Owner: Judy & John Laffey  
Breeder: Joan Eckert



**BOSSW: DRALION'S QUINTESSENTIAL CHARM**  
By CH Ragus Devils Double - Dralion Amblegreen In Cahoots  
Owner: Peter & Linda Dowdie



**BOSVSW: CH KILYKA'S BIRD IN HAND CDX RE NA NAJ RATN**  
By GCH Fly'n High's Sonic Boom - GCH Kilyka's Kiss Me Kate  
Owner: Kandy Adams & Betty McDonnell  
Breeder: Patti Brady & Betty McDonnell

Breeder: Peter & Linda Dowdie & Heather Tomlins

2019 Sweepstakes Judge's Critique

The 2019 Norwich Sweepstakes entries represented a beautiful example of the Norwich Terriers being currently bred. All had good breed type, beautifully groomed coats, and nice expression. I was challenged to rank the puppies in the classes and so had to look at them critically.

In closely examining the puppies, I noticed some level bites, but no under or over bites. Some of the puppies had wider fronts and closer rears than I like. On the whole, top lines were good when setup on the ground and table, but upon movement, some were higher in the rear or slightly dipped.

My Best in Sweeps winner, Paradym Cool Your Jets (now CH), came into the ring with confidence and setup perfectly. His exceptional expression and breed type were evident with first glance. As the class made their first go around, he moved smoothly around the ring holding his top line. Upon table examination, I found him to be well put together with nice bite, bone, head, neck, paws, shoulders, and tail set. He was first in his class.

Best of Opposite to Best in Sweeps, Dralion's Quintessential Charm, entered the ring and setup to make a pretty picture. She moved nicely around the ring and upon examination did not disappoint. She was first in her class.

Then, all first place winners entered and setup in the ring. What a decision! I looked at the lineup and saw a group of beautiful Norwich. Any one of them could be a Sweepstakes winner, but I had to make the decision.

The dog bred by Kelly Wood and owned by Donna McFarlane, Thomas Barlow, and Kelly Wood screamed his quality a little louder and I named him my Best in Sweeps. Congratulation to Paradym Cool Your Jets, his breeder, and owners!

The bitch bred by Linda and Peter Dowdle and Heather Tomlins, Dralion's Quintessential Charm, was of similar quality and breed type. I named her my Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweeps. Congratulations to her breeders and owners!

I want to thank the Norwich Terrier Club of America and its members for giving me the honor of judging the 2019 Norwich Sweepstakes at its National Specialty. I also want to thank the entries in Sweepstakes for showing their dogs to me. Congratulations on your beautiful dogs! Keep up the hard work of breeding such outstanding dogs. Lastly, I want to thank James Kinney, Show Chair, and Amanda Kozora, Trophy Chair, for their assistance and hard work.

- Tonnie Willrich



NTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB  
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2019 Veteran Sweepstakes Judge 's Critique

Like fine wine, our Norwich Terriers just get better with age. They keep their puppy like personalities and remain adorable to their last day. We all value our older dogs and so Veteran Sweepstakes are special classes.

Two Norwich males entered the ring in Veteran Sweepstakes. These males are still beautiful examples of the breed. They went through the paces around the ring and on the table like seasoned show dogs. What a challenge I faced to rank the two dogs. Both were winners in my mind. I looked at the love and devotion in their eyes and the owners' eyes and the decision became harder.

Both had nice coats, confirmation, and breed type, but my first place male was GCHP Abbedale Life of Riley at Glengariff (owned by Judy and John Laffey) and my second place male was CH Foxglyn's Put Your Pedal to the Medal CGCA (owned by Amelia and Paula Smith).

One Norwich bitch entered the Veteran ring. She was a beautiful bitch and could have well competed in Best of Breed competition. CH Kilyka's Bird in Hand CDX RE NA NAJ RATN (owned by Kandy Adams and Betty McDonnell) was my first place Veteran bitch.

The two first place Veteran Norwich Terriers lined up in the ring. Both were deserving of recognition. My winner in Best in Veteran Sweepstakes was GCHP Abbedale Life of Riley at Glengariff. Congratulations to Judy and John Laffey. Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes was CH Kilyka's Bird in Hand CDX RE NA NAJ RATN. Congratulations to Kandy Adams and Betty McDonnell.

Thank you to the exhibitors for your entries.

Thank you to the Norwich Terrier Club of America for inviting me to judge the 2019 Veteran Sweepstakes.

-Tonnie Willrich

NTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB  
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October 6, 2019

Breed Judge: Mrs. Lydia Coleman Hutchinson



**B/WD/BW/BBE: PARADYM COOL YOUR JETS**  
By CH Ragus Devils Double - CH Paradym Bet On Black  
Owner: Donna McFarlane, Thomas Barlow & Kelly Wood  
Breeder: Kelly Wood



**WB: PARADYM JET'S GO TO SHERWOOD**  
By CH Ragus Devils Double - CH Paradym Bet On Black  
Owner: Jennifer Prawel-Tirone & Kelly Wood  
Breeder: Kelly Wood



**OS: CH KILYKA'S WITCH UPON A STAR CDX NA NAJ**  
By CH Kilyka's High Voltage UD NA NAJ - CH Kilyka's Rare Bird Alert UD NA NAJ RN  
Owner/Breeder: Betty McDonnell



**SEL: CH SUMMER WIND OF IMAGE**  
By GCHG Den-Mar's Wild Card - Ch Diamond In The Ruff Of Image  
Owner/Breeder: Monti Craig

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October 6, 2019



**SEL: GCHS WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE**  
By GCHS Skyscot's Poker Chip - GCHB Laprele Cherokee Princess  
Owner/Breeder: Nancy Wilde



**AOM: GCH ROSE ROCK'S MY EYES ADORED YOU**  
By GCH Skyscot's Texas Hold 'Em - CH Roserock's Harper Lee.  
Owner: Ellen Lucas  
Breeder: Ellen Ford



**AOM: GCHB LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY**  
By CH Littlefield's Ace In The Hole NJP - CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield  
Owner: Christine Kiino & Maris Purvins

Breeder: Leandra Little



**RWB: PARADYM DRALION LILY TOMLINS**  
By Fairewood Forever Blue Jeans - CH Paradym Bet On Black  
Owner: Marianne Holmes & Linda Dowdle  
Breeder: Kelly Wood



**AOM: FISHBACK KAT BURGLAR**  
By GCH Denmar's Kick The Dust Up - Fishback Cat Bird  
Owner/Breeder: Susan Miller Hall, April & Amy Clark



**RWD: DEN-MAR'S DRESSED TO PARTY**  
By GCHG Apollo - GCH Den-Mar's House Party  
Owner: Marie Cato & Suzanne Bennett  
Breeder: Marie Cato



**AOM: CH CAMIO'S CHARRED OAK**  
By GCH Cherber's Double Your Money At Image - Wynward's One Classy Chick At Camio  
Owner: Catherine Rogers

Breeder: Catherine Rogers & Elizabeth Fujikawa



**Stud Dog: GCHS LLANERCH FENS HENCHARD OF CASTORBRIDGE**  
By Llanerchfens Farfrae Of Casterridge - Ch Devondale's Martha Dandridge

Owner/Breeder: Christina Anderson & Anna Bellenger

Thank you to Ashbey Photography for providing photographs.



NTCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB  
• BLUE BELL, PA

October 6, 2019

Comments from Judge Lydia Coleman Hutchinson

It was a pleasure to once again have the opportunity to judge your national specialty at Montgomery County. It was in 2013 that I first judged it, and I thought the overall quality was similar in both entries.

This year (2019) saw an especially strong group of Champions in competition. However, the quality in the regular classes was uneven with a variety of "styles" in evidence. And the old bugaboo in your breed -- missing incisors -- is still haunting too many of your dogs. I recall it being a problem in 2013 also, and I encourage breeders to make a strong attempt to correct it.

As I hope was evident in the chosen winners, I look for a moderate, well balanced Norwich that uses its correct structure to move soundly and efficiently. The young dog that came from the Bred by Exhibitor class to win Best of Breed pleased me in all departments. His head and expression are spot on, his movement and top line are correct, and his condition and presentation were perfect.

Best of Opposite Sex is of the same type as the breed winner, and I thought they matched each other nicely. She moved and showed very well and has a keen, typical expression.

The Select Dog and Bitch were in stiff competition and earned their wins due to their similarity in type to the top winners. And the four Award of Merit winners are also of top quality.

Winners Bitch, to my surprise, is a litter sister of the breed winner and is very similar in all respects, although slightly larger than her brother. She won on her sound movement and lovely condition. It turned out that dogs from the Paradym Kennel had a real field day. Frankly, I was unaware of that kennel and its owner and must congratulate her on the excellence of her breeding. Kudos to Ch. Paradym Bet On Black, the dam of the winners of BOB, WB, 1st in Open Bitch, and 1st in BBEx Bitch. The strength of any kennel lies in the quality of its bitches and their offspring.

Thank you to all for the large entry, the good condition of your dogs, and the sporting attitudes of all exhibitors. And the weather was practically perfect!

-Lydia Coleman Hutchinson

HOSPITALITY MONTGOMERY WEEKEND • BLUE BELL, PA

2019



The Montgomery "weekend" has turned into 6 days! Leaving New York on the Tuesday before the MCKC show I drove to Palmyra, PA to visit with some of our club members who were running their dogs at the all terrier trials held

at In the Net. Over the years this group of Norwich and Norfolk agility enthusiasts have built a supportive and friendly group who trial together and organize a dinner each year at the Montgomery trial. I attended the combined Norwich/Norfolk agility dinner on Tuesday night at the What If restaurant in Hershey, PA. This very cordial and enthusiastic group holds a "Noragility" dinner each year and works together to compete in the annual contest for best crating area at the trial. Joan Krantz will have more detail about that in her report on performance events. It was a lovely dinner

and such fun to hear about the athletic accomplishments of the dogs and their handlers.

The Hospitality Committee, chaired by Christina Anderson, worked for months planning the events for Montgomery weekend. On Thursday evening at the Hilton Garden Inn, our host hotel, about 55 members attended the Membership Mixer followed by the Health Seminar where our Health Committee arranged for Dana Clarke VMD of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine to be our speaker. Dr. Clarke spoke on Emergency Care for our pets. She made a rather dry topic quite interesting and entertaining. Some members may remember Dr. Clarke as a member of the NTUAS research team if they brought a dog to Penn for the NTUAS study.

The NTCA annual awards dinner held Friday, October 4th at our host hotel was attended by about 90 members and guests. The auctions, organized by Melissa Smith, had some memorable items including two photographs by Constance Larrabee that were once a part of the collection of the Museum of the Dog in St. Louis, Missouri. The first photo, a lovely black & white snowscape

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showing Norwich tracking through the snow was won by Lisa Sons. The second Larrabee photo, Ragus Rainmaker & Kings Prevention Sunshine standing side by side, was won by Kenny Sumner & Booth Pohlman. Nancy Van Meter, a well-known artist from Maryland, again donated an original miniature oil from photo. Nancy, who has Scotties, donated to our club before and did so again because she was so impressed by the work our club has done to improve the health of our breed. She donated this item specifically to support the health of our Norwich Terrier. The winning bid for the miniature oil was from Ellen Lucas. Another piece from the Museum of the Dog was a whimsical statue of a black and tan Norwich by Delores Burkholder won by Uliva Guicciardini who saw the statue on a visit to the museum in St. Louis some time ago and wanted to take it back to Italy.

Meredith Dwyer created an original drawing to commemorate our 10th Anniversary. Meredith is one of our senior members and has never hesitated when asked to share her artistic and creative talent to support the club. The drawing was used to engrave stemless wine glasses for our dinner guests, a lovely memento of a fun evening of celebration.

Centerpieces were thermal totes stuffed with goodies that were the raffled off to our guests. Our "New Title Winners" slide show was produced by NTCA member Amanda Kozora. This year to allow more time for socializing we limited the announcements of awards to just two. A Norwich Ambassador award was presented to Marie Cato for the good work done by her dog, Desi (the other recipients, Brennie Bracket and her dog Niles, were not present). We also honored Margaretta (Missy) Wood as the recipient of the 2019 AKC Outstanding Ambassador Award (see the article about Missy in this issue).

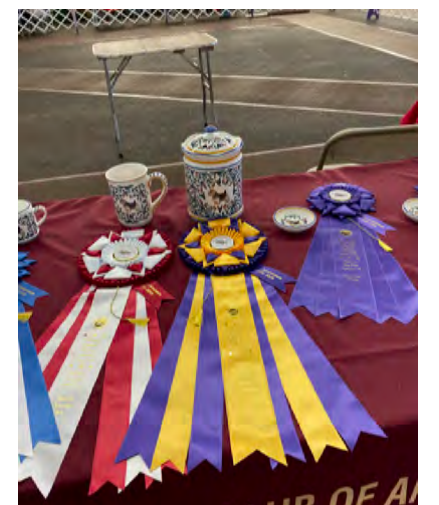
Once again, our hospitality table - hosted by Jean Kessler - stocked with tasty and nourishing treats was at ringside. The table was beautifully set with a variety of goodies and centered by another drawing of a Norwich beautifully done by Jean's 16-year-old granddaughter, Chloe Kessler. I cannot say how grateful I am that Jean does this each year. The NTCA Hospitality table draws

not only members, but other exhibitors, handlers, and spectators often pass by and select a snack. Jean's oasis is truly a place of hospitality - a friendly and generous reception of guests, visitors, or strangers. Her apple cake and granola have become famous and if one doesn't get there early, there is a chance it will be gone. She is generous with not only her talent and time - Jean also personally provides everything on the Ringside Hospitality table. Helping Jean this year along with her granddaughter were NTCA members Pat Mason and Bambi Holly. Our club owes these ladies a debt of gratitude!

The weather - always a challenge at Montgomery - was fair in the morning, clouds kept the temperature comfortable, but rain threatened. We were fortunate that when our judge, Lydia Coleman Hutchinson, broke for lunch the rain held off and we were able to enjoy the show site luncheon hosted by NTCA members Ken Sumner and Booth Pohlmann. We announced the lunch at ring side and as I watched people gather at our spot under the tree I wondered if there would be enough food - there were so many people! I could not help but think about the story of the loaves and the fishes. In the end, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch, lively conversation, and the fun of meeting new people in the Norwich community. Booth and Kenny flew in from Louisiana with only their personal luggage on Wednesday and after showing dogs Thursday and Friday spent Saturday shopping to create a fabulous picnic style lunch gracefully presented for our members. Kudos to Booth and Kenny for their generosity and thoughtfulness!

Rain came late in the day and in keeping with past years many gathered under the grooming tent to join members Mark Gustavson and Nancy Nosiglia for their informal after party. The rain came but was intermittent and did not stop the intrepid NTCA members - clad in raincoats and armed with umbrellas - who sat at ringside cheering for our own Kelly Wood and her Best of Breed winning Dash. Congratulations, Kelly - you had a spectacular day!

-Judy Laffey  
Hospitality Committee Member 2019



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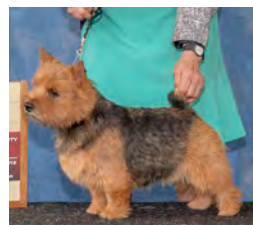
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## LONE STAR NORWICH TERRIER CLUB • BELTON, TX

October 18-20, 2019

The Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club held their specialty and sweepstakes, a supported entry, and an NTCA supported entry in Belton, TX on October 18-20, 2019. First up was the LSNTC supported entry on Friday at the Stephenville Kennel Club. Our judge was Mr. David Alexander and it was a black and tan kind of day. WD came out of the BBE class, **NORIELAND JUST JACK**, bred and owned by Karen & Steve Vaughn. WB/BOW was the 7-month puppy **BARNSTABLE WELL SOOTED**, owned by Sandra Stemmler and bred by Sandra Stemmler, Judi Hartell & Patsy Wade. BOS was another young black and tan bitch, **CH ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN TICKLE ME**



**TICKLE YOU**, owned by Tonnie & Jerry Willrich & Amanda Kozora and bred by Amanda Kozora & Tonnie Willrich. BOB and later going on to win a Group 3 was **GCHG CH WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE**, bred and owned by Nancy Wilde.

Friday also featured a very well-received and attended puppy social. In an enclosed area away from the hustle and bustle of the show, we set up a puppy playscape, puppy agility equipment, and had toys aplenty. Soon, there were Norwich, Cairn, Dachshund, Papillon, and Pekingese puppies chasing, playing, and exploring to the delight of anyone who passed by.

Saturday we held the LSNTC specialty and sweepstakes at the Bell County Kennel Club show. Our sweepstakes judge was Kenny Sumner (Bayou Ridge), who travelled in from Louisiana and had a lovely group of youngsters to choose from. Kenny's BSS was



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**BARNSTABLE RIPPLE EFFECT**, a black and tan puppy dog, bred by Sandra Stemmler & Judi Hartell & Patsy Wade and owned by Sandra Stemmler & Maria Kelley. The OSS was **ALEGRIA DUST RUFFLE**, a red bitch bred by Claire Johnson & Maria Kelley and owned by Maria Kelley.

Our judge for the specialty was Mr. John Booth from San Antonio, TX. His WD was the sweepstakes winner, **BARNSTABLE RIPPLE EFFECT**. His WB/BW who also earned an Award of Merit from the classes, was the littermate to his WD, **BARNSTABLE WELL SOOTED**.

BOB was awarded to **GCHG CH WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE** and BOS to **ALEGRIA DUST RUFFLE**. Mr. Booth's select bitch was **CH BIRCHBAY BELFYRE MUY GRANDE MARGARITA**, bred by Rita Mueller & Janis Birchall MD and Polly O'Neal & Janis Birchall. Select dog was awarded to **CH BAYOU RIDGE ITSY BITSY AMOS MOSES**, bred by Kenneth Sumner MD & William Pohlmann, owned by Tonnie, Jerry, and Madeline Willrich. "Amos" was shown by his young owner/junior handler, Madeline Willrich. The final Award of Merit went to **CH ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN TICKLE ME TICKLE YOU**.

That evening we held a dinner at the Gin at Nolan Creek, a lovely brick restaurant overlooking the water. Dinner and dessert were delicious and we had lovely items up for raffle and auction.

On Sunday, we held an NTCA supported entry at the Bell County Kennel Club show. Our judge was Ms. Pamela Wilson, a terrier breeder from Austin. Ms. Wilson's WD/BOW was **BELLEVILLE JUST FOR EFFECT**, a UK import bred by Cathy Thompson-Morgan and owned by Tonnie Willrich & Gerard Willrich & Amanda Kozora. This major win earned "Radar" his AKC championship.

WB to the adorable red bitch **NORIELAND RED HOT TAMALE**, bred by Susan Coley & Karen & Steve Vaughn and owned by Karen & Steve Vaughn. BOS went to our previous days' breed winner **GCHG CH WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE**. Select bitch to **ALEGRIA DUST RUFFLE** and select dog to **CH BAYOU RIDGE ITSY BITSY AMOS MOSES**. BOB on this day to the bitch **CH BIRCHBAY BELFYRE MUY GRANDE MARGARITA**. "Rita" was shown by her owner Polly O'Neal.



I want to thank everyone who came out for the 2019 specialty and sweepstakes weekend in Belton. We had a fun time, majors in both sexes every day, and several new champions were made up. Our trophy table was the envy of all the specialties, thank you to trophy chair Maria Kelley.



Planning is already well underway for the 2020 specialty and sweepstakes weekend in San Antonio, July 9-12, at the River City Cluster of Dog Shows. Keep an eye on LSNTC.com for all the details. See you in the Alamo city!

-Amanda Kozora  
Austin, TX

## PUBLICATIONS

The following items are available through NTCA Notions. Contact Patty Warrender at pwnorridge@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.

Back Issues of *The Norwich & Norfolk News* (NNTC) and *The Norwich Terrier News* (NTCA). Back copies of the NNTC News from the Fall 1998 through the Fall 2008 issues and of the NTCA News from 2009-2015.

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





Photo Credit: Cathy Rogers

*Nothing is cuter than Norwich bums! Cherry, Pippa, and Robert*



Photo Credit: Nancy Fonyo

*Just checking the tomatoes.*



Photo Credit: Lisa Sons

*We'll find it together*

“When he made the Norwich merrier,  
with his cute little derriere...”  
-Eugene Levy

