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“Hope” is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -  
-Emily Dickinson



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FROM THE EDITORS...

Dear Norwich Terrier News Readers,

We are preparing this latest issue in a completely different world than just four months ago. For those of us who show or trial our dogs, weekends that had previously been marked by travelling to this fairgrounds or that arena are now spent much closer to home. It is hard to lose the events that we look forward to attending and the opportunities to visit with friends, but we hope you are all finding comfort with your Norwich while you stay safe at home.

This issue features some ideas about what others in the Norwich community are out there doing with their dogs, activities like tracking and scent work, that are gaining popularity throughout the dog world. We have also included the first part of a very timely article about planning for your

dog's care in case of owner illness or death. When read beside the news of the day and two (happy) stories of Norwich that have come into rescue recently, planning for your dogs is all the more critical right now.

We wish you and your loved ones continued health and happiness.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JULY 2020

Since the last issue of The Norwich News much has happened. The COVID-19 pandemic literally changed life for us all. In mid-March some states started a mandated lockdown, shows were canceled, businesses and schools closed, and even religious services ceased. People worked from home and children were schooled at home. As I write this from near New York City, we are in the process of "reopening." Some businesses are open, people are returning to work, schools have not yet opened, gatherings are restricted, and shows are being cancelled in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, but we continue to move forward albeit with caution. Yesterday, June 11, we received word that the Montgomery County Kennel Club would not hold their show in October nor would Hatboro or Devon, which means the Norwich Terrier Club of America will not have a National Specialty for 2020. Although disappointing to everyone, the decision is understandable given the current uncertainty.

Shows are canceled in some areas, but carry on with strict guidelines in others. We have yet to see how the "new normal" will play out in the sport of dogs. Masks in the ring – okay for conformation, but what about in the Obedience ring where the relationship between handler and dog relies on very subtle signs between dog and handler? An encouraging smile for a nervous dog will be lost behind a mask.

The American Kennel Club has suggested some practices for conformation shows to help keep everyone safe. Aside from face masks becoming a required part of the dress code, we will have to keep social distancing inside and outside the ring. Some rings may have a ready ring area outside the show ring for exhibitors and two gates - one for entry and one for exiting that would prevent crowding at one entry gate. Exhibitors are asked to know their

entry numbers and have information ready for the Ring Steward to lessen the number of people handling the catalog.

It has also been suggested that before the show begins Show Photographers take photos of each judge as though they were standing for a win photo and then digitally insert a particular judge into the win photo of a handler and dog for the breed judged. We are definitely living a "new normal!"

The future is still uncertain as some areas of the country experience an increase in COVID cases and related deaths. We have to keep preparing for the worst as we hope for the best. While the country moves toward "reopening," let us continue to have consideration and care for others. Wear a mask, keep social distancing and follow guidelines.

Wishing you all good health!

– Judy Laffey  
NTCA President  
Long Beach, NY

NORWICH TERRIER UPPER AIRWAY SYNDROME (NTUAS):  
RESOURCES FOR OWNERS AND VETERINARIANS



We are pleased to inform you that resources to guide the diagnosis of Norwich Terrier Upper Airway Syndrome are now available on the NTCA website: [norwichterrierclub.org/ntuas](http://norwichterrierclub.org/ntuas)

These new tools are a result of the multi-site clinical study, Characterization of Upper Airway Syndrome in Norwich Terriers, conducted by a multi-disciplinary team led by Dr. Bryden Stanley and Dr. Grace Lai.

The new web pages contain information developed for veterinarians to evaluate the Norwich terrier upper airway. These resources include a protocol for a full upper airway exam, the NTUAS Score Sheet with a visual guide, history questionnaire, exercise tolerance test and a video of a normal upper airway exam.

For those who enrolled their dogs in the study, you will be receiving your score sheets soon. The new web pages will give you a roadmap to interpret the numerical values. The study team will submit a manuscript reporting the full results to a peer-reviewed journal this year. We are planning to have an interactive virtual event later this year with Dr. Stanley.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jane Schubart ([ascot.js@gmail.com](mailto:ascot.js@gmail.com)).

The generosity and collective commitment of our Norwich community has made this work possible.

–Susan Miller Hall, Indianapolis, IN  
Jane Schubart, Harrisburg, PA  
Health Committee Co-Chairs



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One of these things is not like the other!



## PREVENTION OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN DOGS

This article originally appeared in the February 2020 edition of the *AKC Gazette*.  
Amy Grace Clark is a member of the NTCA Health Committee and a student at Purdue University.



*Amy Grace and a Fishback pandemic pup*

Carbon monoxide is a deadly, odorless, and colorless gas. In humans, overexposure to this poisonous gas is known to cause flu-like symptoms, confusion, memory loss, and death in severe cases. Like humans, dogs experience CO toxicity and share many of the same defining symptoms of poisoning. For our pets, however, the signs of CO poisoning can be more difficult to diagnose. Because of this disparity, it is crucial for pet owners to monitor their pets exposure to CO, especially if their pet has pulmonary issues, cardiovascular issues, or is pregnant.

### What is the source of carbon monoxide and why is it deadly to vertebrate species?

In today's age, we heavily rely on the use of non-renewable carbon-based fuels to power our daily activities. In order to utilize this energy source, we use the method of combustion. However, when carbon-based fuels are combusted, this reaction yields carbon monoxide as a byproduct. Some common sources of CO include motorized vehicles, natural gas, propane heaters and stoves, gas powered generators, and dirty chimneys. Though most people use these CO sources daily without incident, these tools can quickly become deadly if they're used in areas with improper ventilation and airflow.

Proper ventilation is a key factor to preventing CO poisoning because of the chemical interaction between CO and hemoglobin in our blood. When we inhale CO from the atmosphere, the oxygen atoms contained in atmospheric oxygen gas (O<sub>2</sub>) and the oxygen atoms contained in CO gas compete with each other for a spot on the oxygen-binding sites of hemoglobin molecules. The hemoglobin then circulates through the blood in our circulatory system to deliver oxygen atoms to our organs and tissues. However, CO molecules bind more tightly to hemoglobin than O<sub>2</sub> molecules do, which renders hemoglobin unable to release CO molecules from its binding sites like it releases O<sub>2</sub>. In this way, CO effectively blocks O<sub>2</sub> from binding to hemoglobin and prevents the circulation and release of oxygen that is vital for vertebrate species to function.

### What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning in dogs?

As mentioned above, carbon monoxide inhalation limits the amount of oxygen that circulates in the blood and tissues of an animal. In other words, CO poisoning causes varying degrees of hypoxemia; the severity of this affliction depends on the concentration, duration, and frequency of exposure to CO gas. Exposures at concentrations between 10-99 ppm of CO gas in an unventilated space can be dangerous but still treatable at low frequencies and durations between 1-4 hours. However, if the atmospheric concentration of CO gas reaches 100 ppm or greater, toxicity symptoms will be acute and increasingly deadly. In mild cases of exposure, a dog may display lethargy, weakness, and/or nausea. If the concentration and duration of exposure to CO gas increases, dogs will exhibit uncoordinated movement, seizures, deafness, and ultimately death. If your pet has preexisting cardiovascular or pulmonary conditions, the onset and intensity of CO poisoning symptoms may increase because the heart and lungs are the first two organs to experience hypoxia from CO gas exposure. Moreover, dog breeders should take special notice of CO exposure in pregnant animals because the symptoms of CO poisoning can be two times as lethal to a fetus as they are to its mother. A fetus relies on its mother's blood supply for oxygen, which diffuses across the placenta to bind to fetal hemoglobin. However, CO molecules will also diffuse across the placenta and compete with O<sub>2</sub> molecules for fetal hemoglobin binding sites. The binding of fetal hemoglobin and CO molecules is extremely lethal because fetal hemoglobin has a much larger attraction to oxygen atoms than adult hemoglobin does. The fetal hemoglobin will latch onto CO molecules much quicker than the mother's hemoglobin will, which means the fetus will show signs of CO poisoning much sooner than the mother. Unfortunately, this often results in an abortion of the fetus without any recognizable causes to the breeder.

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## PREVENTION OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN DOGS continued

### Treatment and prevention of carbon monoxide poisoning

In the case of a mild CO gas exposure, treatment includes removing the afflicted animal to fresh atmospheric air or applying an oxygen mask with pure O<sub>2</sub> gas. Depending on the intensity of the exposure, the animal will have to receive these treatments for varying amounts of time. If the animal experiences an extreme exposure to CO gas, the recommended treatment is placing the animal in a hyperbaric chamber, which is a pressurized chamber with air comprised of pure oxygen gas.

While it is very important to know the causes, symptoms, and treatments for CO poisoning, the most important factor is prevention. CO gas detectors are a great way to prevent

poisoning. It is best to place your CO detectors lower to the ground because CO gas is slightly denser than the atmosphere and will hang lower to the ground. Placing your detectors closer to the ground is also a good way to monitor your pets' exposure to toxic gases. Furthermore, if you're transporting pets in a motor vehicle, it is a good idea to keep a CO detector in the vehicle because issues with exhaust fumes in cars and trucks are very common.

-Amy Grace Clark  
Fishback  
Indianapolis, IN



*Always exploring!*

*Photo credit: Ráiree Johnson*



*Black & tans in the garden.*

*Photo credit: Lynn Marshall*



## A NORWICH REHOMED JUST AS CORONAVIRUS STRUCK

One of our long-time Norwich breeders was in hospice care and had been in hospice for some time. She had two Norwich, one was 13 years old and the other almost 11 years old. Her son took in the 13-year-old and then contacted Patty Warrender in Virginia for help in placing the 11-year-old Norwich, a little red named Ginger. Patty asked me if I could help find a home for Ginger.



The photo is of Ginger and her new owner, taken by Patty Warrender, who had fostered her for a few weeks until I found her a good home. Through a friend of mine in our local kennel club, I was able to find a great home for Ginger here in Pinehurst, North Carolina just before our governor put his shelter-at-home order in effect. I've been following up on Ginger's placement and her new owner

adores her. Ginger's new owner says "Ginger is an absolute little dear. She is so very intelligent and sooo sweet. It's as if we've

always been together." Initially there were a few bumps in the road, but they are both very happy with each other and in this case, all's well that ends well!

I am asking both breeders and owners to please make arrangements for the temporary or permanent rehoming of any dogs that are in their care in case they get into a situation in which they are no longer able to take care of those dogs. Most of the Norwich that I've been asked to place are in need because no arrangements were made ahead of time for their care in the case of an emergency or ill health.

Sadly, most of these Norwich are elderly—anywhere from nine years old to 13 years old. They have spent their entire lives with one owner, but now need to be rehomed. It is traumatic for all concerned, especially for the older dog. Do not just assume that your relatives will take over and keep your dogs for you. Please make written arrangements for the care of your dogs and pets in case you find yourself in a situation in which you can no longer care for them. You and your family will be relieved to know that you have designated a specific person who has agreed to take care of your pets in the event that you cannot.

-Ursula M. Walsh  
NTCA Rescue & Rehome Chair  
Pinehurst, NC

## BULLET AND APOLLO

In May, Ursula Walsh, the NTCA Rescue & Rehome Chair, reached out to me as Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club (LSNTC) President requesting help in placing two Norwich living in Dallas. Their names were Bullet, age 6, and Apollo, age 8. Their owner had recently passed away and his widow had other dogs in her care. He had obtained them before his marriage and his wife did not have any information on who had bred the dogs or if they were registered. The boys were reported to be good natured, housebroken, and had participated in some dog sports. What made this placement a challenge was that the younger dog Bullet had developed issues with his vision and had become dependent on Apollo - placement of the dogs together was the goal.

I reached out to the members of the LSNTC to see if anyone had leads on a good home for these boys. Many of our breeders ask prospective buyers if they are open to an older dog or a rescued/rehomed Norwich. Ursula was also reviewing her inquiries and in late May made a wonderful match – a young ER doctor and her husband living in Tulsa. The doctor had Norwich as a child and was waiting to complete her residency before bringing home a dog of her own and she was prepared to handle Bullet's medical needs. She and her husband adopted both boys.

A big thank you to all of the LSNTC members who contacted Ursula and me with leads on homes for Bullet and Apollo. It truly takes a village.

Amanda Kozora  
Austin, TX



Bullet and Apollo with their new family

## ESTATE PLANNING FOR PETS: DO I NEED A TRUST FOR MY PET?

Dear Readers,

In light of the current worldwide health crisis we are facing, planning for how we would provide for our pets in case of illness or death is all the more important. This is part one of a two-article series on estate planning for pets.

-Norwich Terrier News Editors

### Estate Planning for Pets: Do I need a trust for my pet? – Part 1

#### I. Introduction

More and more families are getting to experience the joys of living with pets. The joys of pet ownership also come with responsibilities. A pet is a member of the family and each family who adopts a pet agrees to care for the animal for the remainder of its life. Americans spent \$95.7 billion taking care of their pets in 2019, which is a figure that has been steadily rising each year. Families will of course care for their pets when they can, but families also have to ensure their animals are taken care of during unexpected absences, or the occurrence of disability, death, or even natural disasters. Planning for the care of animals in a pet owner's absence is difficult because pets are considered property. Unlike leaving property to a surviving child, families cannot leave property directly to a pet and cannot give a pet access to a bank account. (1,3,7)

When planning for the care of the animal, the goal should be to find the best way to carry out the pet owner's wishes for the pet's care during the pet owner's absence. To do so, the pet owner has to select the correct planning device. This article will highlight the importance of short-term planning, explore methods of planning that are less complicated than an intricate pet trust, and explain how pet owners can maximize the benefits of a pet trust if they would like to establish one.

#### II. Planning for Your Pet without a Pet Trust

Deciding how to best ensure a pet is cared for during an owner's absence requires an understanding of the options available and how they can be pieced together to create the most comprehensive plan possible. This Section introduces different devices available for planning the care of an animal that can be completed without creating a pet trust.

##### (1) Short Term Planning

A pet owner should have a plan for who would care for their animals if he or she became incapacitated, even if temporarily. To help facilitate short-term care, pet owners should do four things: 1) carry a wallet card with a photo of their pet, 2) keep an animal document with care instructions at home, 3) display a door or window sign at their home that indicates how many pets are present in the home, in case they need to be rescued when the owner is away, and 4) provide for the care of their pet within

a durable power of attorney. Together, these four devices ensure that the pet owner's animal "will receive proper care immediately upon the owner being unable to look after the animal." (2,7)

First, pet owners should carry an information card and photo of their pet in their wallet or purse. The information card should have the pet owner's name and address; the number, name, and type of pets at home, and contact information for emergency caregivers. When a pet owner carries an information card and a photo, first responders are alerted there is a pet, even if the pet is not right next to its owner, and can help ensure the pet is cared for in the pet owner's absence. (2,3,10)

Second, pet owners should keep an animal document at home in an easy to find location, such as near pet food. Additional copies of the document should be provided to emergency caregivers and kept with other estate planning documents. The document should include contact information for emergency caregivers; location of the animal's veterinarian, and preferred emergency care and boarding centers; instructions on where to purchase food and how much food to give the animal; the animal's relevant medical history; details regarding the animal's favorite toys and personality; and, for dogs, how often and long a dog needs to be walked. The document will help inform temporary caregivers on how best to care for each pet. (2, 3, 10)

Third, pet owners should ensure there is a sign on their door or window to alert first responders that there is an animal inside. This could be useful, for example, when a home catches fire and the pet owner is not home, but the pet is. (2)

Fourth, pet owners should include a provision within their durable power of attorney to enable their agent to spend the pet owner's money to care for the pet and, if necessary, place the pet with a long-term caregiver. Even though this gives large amounts of discretion to the agent while the pet owner is still living, it provides necessary care to animals when the pet owner is unavailable. (2)

However, these short-term planning devices do not provide for the animal after the pet owner's death. Pet owners should use these short-term planning devices in addition to, but not in place of, long-term planning measures that provide care for an animal after the pet owner's death.

##### (2) Directive to Kill Pets

One unfortunate planning decision is for pet owners to instruct their estate to destroy a pet upon the pet owner's death. This directive might be used when pet owners believe no one is capable of caring for their pet as they did or feel like they have no other alternative because they do not know of another person who would be willing to take care of their pet. Regardless of the rationale, this kind of directive is not always enforced. Ending a healthy animal's life prematurely because their owner passed away is less desirable than alternatives, such as placing the pet up for adoption.

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For example, in 1979, Richard Avanzino, former president of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), objected to the euthanization of a dog, Sido, who came under the organization’s care. Sido’s owner committed suicide and her will requested Sido be euthanized because “[s]he didn’t think anybody else could take care of her in the same pampered, loving way.” A judge spared Sido by concluding a person cannot dispose of their property by killing a living creature. (8) More recently, in 2011, a pet owner died and left instructions for her cat, Boots, to be euthanized. Her trust officers at Fifth Third Bank did not want to enforce the provision and were permitted to “make more humane provisions for Boots.” Eventually, Boots was adopted by a cousin to a Senior Vice President at the bank. (12)

Directives to kill pets do not provide for the animal after the pet owner’s death and will not always be followed. Pet owners should use a different option when planning for the care of their pets in their absence.

(3) Pet Protection Agreements

If a pet owner does not plan to set aside a substantial amount of money for the care of their pets, a pet owner can use the fill-in-the-blank approach. The Pet Protection Agreement, created by Rachel Hirschfeld, is a long-term planning option available through LegalZoom.com for a small fee and can be used to create a plan for the care of a pet without the assistance of an attorney. (6,9)

Since the Pet Protection Agreement combines “the best features of a trust, a contract, and a [W]ill,” the form provides for the opportunity to include, but does not require, some basic requirements of a pet trust. For example, it is optional to include a trustee to administer the trust and is optional to set aside money for the care of the animal. Further, this device’s effectiveness as a perfect replacement for a pet trust is limited because it does not require the assistance of an attorney and it does not provide tailored advice to ensure the pet owner’s wishes are carried out after their death. (9)

A Pet Protection Agreement is recommended for pet owners who have found a caregiver who is willing to take care of their pet for little to no compensation and for pet owners who cannot leave a large sum of money for the care of their animal.

(4) Conditional Gift

Pet owners can plan for the long-term care of their pets by leaving money to a caregiver in a Will and requiring, as a condition of receiving the money, that the caregiver provides care for the pet owner’s pets. Once the Will is probated, the money can be transferred to the caregiver and the caregiver begins caring for the animal. This device is beneficial because it eliminates the administration requirements and costs associated with a pet trust. (10)

However, there are some concerns with the use of conditional gifts. First, they only provide for an animal after the pet owner’s death and do not provide a plan for an animal’s care when a pet owner becomes disabled or incapacitated. Second, conditional gifts do not provide a caregiver with access to funds when the pet owner dies; rather, the caregiver will have to wait until the Will is probated. Third, there is little enforcement after the money is transferred because there is a lack of accountability – the same individual who received the money is responsible for the animal’s care. Even though a pet owner could name an alternative beneficiary who takes over when the “pet is not receiving proper care,” the alternative beneficiary might not live “close enough to the caregiver to make first-hand observations of the animal.” (3,4)

Overall, a pet trust can provide more accountability measures, provide more alternative caregivers, and plan for additional absences, such as a pet owner’s disability or incapacitation. Thus, a conditional gift approach should be used instead of a pet trust only when pet owners have a modest estate or when the caregiver “is very trustworthy and it is unlikely that the pet will outlive both the [pet owner] and the caregiver.” (3,10)

(5) Direction to Place Pet in Life-care Center or Shelter

Pet owners could leave a directive in their Will asking for their animal to be given to a shelter to be put up for adoption or a life-care center that will take care of the animal for the remainder of its life.

Life-care centers, or pet retirement homes, are organizations that agree to provide care for the remainder of an animal’s life for a fee. The fee depends on “the type and age of the animal, and pet owner’s age.” For example, some life-care options are available at veterinary schools and require a substantial fee, such as the \$25,000 to \$100,000 fee per pet required at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. Pet owners should investigate what level of care is provided at each facility because centers can range in quality and it is the only way to ensure the animal will receive the level of care desired by the pet owner. (2,8,11)

Some shelters or organizations will agree to take care of the animal until the animal is adopted. This can be arranged free of charge or in exchange for a donation. When picking a shelter, the pet owner should consider the “(i) Charge for adoption; (ii) Whether a contribution is required or recommended; (iii) Whether the shelter is accepting new placements; (iv) Shelter’s placement rate, average time to place an animal, quality of care while the pet is being placed, and the screening process for adopting families; and (v) Euthanasia policy.” The more information the pet owner is aware of, the more likely the shelter will match the pet owner’s desired level of care for their animal. (10)

Typically, these are not an attractive option because it can leave the pet in a clinic or shelter setting instead of a family’s home. Nevertheless, these directives can be the extent of long-term planning or can be used in addition to other long-term planning devices. For example, pet owners should include a life-care center

or shelter as the last option in a pet trust, which would take effect if none of the caregivers are willing to serve or if the pet outlives all the caregivers listed. (3,5)

(6) Informal Agreements

Pet owners could have an agreement that one of the beneficiaries of their estate would take the animal, but not have it written down anywhere. While this informal agreement could be honored by all parties involved, it also could not. Pet owners have to explicitly rely on another individual to care for their pets because pets are considered property and cannot directly inherit money to support themselves. If no plan is easily identified, a pet can be considered unprovided for property and is distributed with the remainder of the pet owner’s assets to beneficiaries stated in the Will or to heirs through intestate succession. (2,10)

If a beneficiary or an heir received the animal as part of their inheritance, they might not always continue to care for the animal. Not every individual is an animal person and “the pet may be taken to a shelter for possible adoption or to be ‘put to sleep.’” (2) Informal agreements might be appropriate based on the pet owner’s situation but should be avoided if the pet owner can provide more certainty.

In conclusion, there is no perfect solution for what can serve as an ideal substitute for a pet trust. None of the alternatives mentioned above are as comprehensive or detailed as a pet trust, but any level of long-term planning is better than no planning at all. Pet owners should ensure they are doing the most possible for their pets, given their circumstances, and should include short-term planning to supplement any long-term care decisions.

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## WATSON THE NORWICH AND HIS TRUFFLE HUNTING ADVENTURES

In the 4.5 years I've owned a Norwich terrier, Watson (CH Bunratty's Partner In Crime CAX DCAT CGC) and I have dabbled in all kinds of activities to keep him busy. My mantra with Watson has been "a tired dog is a good dog" and we've done conformation, lure coursing, barn hunt, agility classes, and his absolute favorite- nosework. Watson has always had an independent streak, and I think that an activity where he gets to make his own decisions and lead the way really appeals to him.

When I learned that one of my husband's acquaintances had a truffle business and that she taught truffle hunting classes, I knew we had to sign up. Washington has lovely forests, we enjoy hiking, we enjoy trying new foods, AND the dog could be involved- what wasn't to love?

I had a very romantic image of truffle hunting in my mind- hiking with my dog in crisp, clear autumn weather, gathering a basket brimming with fresh truffles, and coming home to cook lovely pasta with shaved truffles, and enjoying the fruits of our labor with wine and friends. With this idea we went to our first class in the fall of 2018 and my mind was blown.

I learned that our native truffles (*Leucangium carthusianum*- Oregon Black Truffles and *Tuber oregonense*- Oregon White Truffles) are different species than those that grow in Italy and France. Truffles are the fruiting bodies of fungus networks that grow among the roots of trees, creating an amazing symbiotic relationship in which they communicate with the trees to help them grow their roots in the most advantageous way possible. Our truffles love the Douglas Fir trees that grow in the Pacific Northwest, but they are very elusive. The age of the trees, soil drainage, humidity, temperature, and surrounding flora have to be "just right" for truffles to appear. Ripe truffles give off a smell that is irresistible to animals, and the spores are spread when animals dig them up and eat them. They've been considered a culinary prize since ancient times, and European truffles sell for hundreds of dollars per ounce, depending on the species. Our native species are worth less, maybe \$50 per ounce, but are equally delicious.

I realized that while my nosework experience would help (I knew how to teach my dog an odor and he knew how to search), that this would be an entirely new experience for Watson and I. This was a tricky scent problem to solve- rather than politely alert me to the presence of an odor he knew in a defined area we were told to search, Watson was going to have to learn to find truffle odor buried in a vast forest full of interesting smells and critter distractions, and then he was going to have to learn to dig it up for me.

There were also problems I was going to have to learn to solve- truffles only grow from November to April or so, and only in very specific conditions. Experienced truffle hunters are very secretive, and I was going to have to learn to identify likely truffle habitat to give Watson opportunities to work during a fairly short window of time. I was also going to have to learn to spot truffles- they look like dirt clods to the untrained eye, and it can be very hard to see

them, especially when your dog is in the middle of a digging frenzy and dirt is flying everywhere.

We were given a clicker, some oil made from our native truffles, some fresh truffle pieces and we went to work. I began clicking and rewarding Watson for any sort of interest in truffle odor. When he began sniffing the truffle and staring at me, waiting for his treat, I decided to wait and let him get frustrated- he would bark at me and paw at the truffle odor. Click then treat. Soon he was pawing the odor containers and finding them wherever I hid them in the house. Then, we moved to hiding metal tea strainers with fresh truffle in them all over the yard. First, we left them uncovered, then we covered them lightly with leaves or mulch. Finally, we began burying them a few inches underground and letting them sit for a few hours before having him search, so that the scent could settle into the surrounding dirt. I had them place "hides" when I wasn't looking, so that I could get more confident in reading Watson's body language while he searched- I got to the point that I could tell if he was actively truffle hunting or sniffing for pee or squirrels. We were making progress.

We continued our classes and training. For a while I thought that Watson was tracking my scent to find the truffles, and I had friends and family hiding truffle bits in their yards and our local parks, so that the hides didn't smell like me. I'm sure my fellow park-goers thought I was insane on my hands and knees in the rain with Watson and a shovel, digging in the park.



We worked up his endurance for searching- it makes them think really hard and they get exhausted quickly. We built lots of value for playing scent games, and I tried hard not to burn him out by making him practice for too long at one time.

Despite our training and having "field trips" to a couple of

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## WATSON THE NORWICH AND HIS TRUFFLE HUNTING ADVENTURES continued

truffle-producing sites, we didn't have any luck finding actual wild truffles. Watson would get in the woods and sniff and turn in circles, but he couldn't narrow down the odor. I drove him all over Western Washington to go on hikes where I would hide my tins of truffle odor. He always found my hides, but still no wild truffles. Finally, during his last class of the season, he found one (very small) black truffle. I was so excited and ready for more!

We practiced our hunting during the summer and early fall, vowing to be ready for the 2019/2020 season. Watson and I signed up for a series of advanced truffle hunting classes- we would get several trips to secret truffle producing sites and more instruction. We practiced in the rain, we practiced in the cold, and we still weren't having a lot of luck. I arranged to go out hunting with a friend that has a seasoned truffle dog- a German Shepherd that also did search & rescue in our area. One cold, rainy winter morning we drove about two hours outside Seattle to go check out some potential truffle spots. Cowboy the German Shepherd led the way- when he would find a truffle his owner would pull him off before he could dig it up, and we would let Watson search the area. Watson seemed a little confused, but was enjoying our hike.

Towards the end of the day, we drove by some private property that looked amazing. We knocked on the door, explained that we were training our dogs and asked if we could search the woods behind their house. The homeowner looked a little baffled but agreed. We decided to take the dogs one at a time- Cowboy confirmed the presence of white truffles (though we humans could smell them just walking into the woods) and then we let Watson out of the car to practice. He did a quick lap around the area and I hid a white truffle we had just found for him. Watson happily pawed it up in exchange for a piece of smoked turkey. Then, while I was filling in the very shallow hole he dug, he started sniffing the air. Before I could get up and follow him he was digging at a spot 10-15 feet away. He had uncovered a small white truffle and his posture completely changed- he was PROUD of himself. Watson waited for his treat, and gave me a look like "wait?! Is this all you wanted me to do?" and rushed off to find another. Something in his mind had clicked and now he was a little truffle hunting machine. I was ecstatic- we ended the hunt with a treat party, stripped off our wet coats and headed back to Seattle. Watson slept the entire way home. I called my husband on the way home and gushed about our success- I was so excited I didn't even think about my rain soaked shoes and cold fingers/toes.

We took our last two field classes and Watson was a star student- he was finding black and white truffles with ease, even some that were buried 7-10 inches underground. I learned to spot those pungent, delicious prizes in the dirt, and felt a surge of glee every time we uncovered one. Watson is a typical Norwich- he is ALWAYS starving and was happy to have an opportunity to earn lots of treats. We made friends with a classmate and her Jack Russell terrier mix, and started going out 1-2 times per week to look for truffles. We had good days (finding several hundred dollars worth of truffles) and bad days (no truffles and a dog that rolled in critter poop). I got better at spotting "truffle-y"



sections of forest. I worked on teaching Watson to keep his nose to the truffles, because he kept kicking them several feet away while he was digging.

The hardest part of our training was me learning to trust him. Sometimes he would not appear to be searching at all and I'd get frustrated that he wasn't working, but I learned to read him. When he caught a whiff of truffle odor his head would instantly snap in the direction of the scent and he would get to work- making a distinct snuffling noise as he worked to pull more air in and narrow down the scent. If there were truffles, I could be confident that Watson would find them for me.

While we were perfecting our training, I became obsessed with learning more about truffles and I read everything I could about truffles. I read sensational accounts of terrible fraud in the French and Italian truffle industries (I didn't know that most truffle products are flavored with a synthetic chemical, and unless you know the hunter or you see/smell the fresh truffle grated over your food you are likely to be eating fake truffles), truffle sites ravaged and ruined by thieves in the middle of the night, along with accounts of stolen or poisoned truffle dogs and hunters having their cars set on fire in retaliation for encroaching on someone else's "territory." I learned about the crazy secrecy in the industry, massive amounts of money being exchanged, cutting good product with species that look similar but have no taste, and the lives of the dogs and people that gather the truffles. My instructor assured me that nothing that intense happens here, but I began to understand why everyone was secretive about their favorite spots. I also learned that there are several other edible truffle species that grow in the United States, each with their own special growing conditions. We are fortunate in the Pacific Northwest to have lots of truffle habitat and several species of native truffles to hunt.

I also explored cooking with truffles. I learned I could infuse anything with fat by placing it in a sealed container with fresh truffles- I experimented with infusing different cheeses, cured meats and nuts. I placed whole raw eggs and avocados with the

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skin on into containers with truffles and marveled at the delicate but delicious flavor that was created. I infused sticks of butter with black and white truffles and then cooked with it. I shaved fresh truffle over pasta and pizza and soft cooked eggs. When my husband and I got sick of eating truffle on everything, we laughed at the absurdity of being tired of eating a luxury food that many never get to taste. We gave truffles to friends and family and were in awe of all the delicious things they made.

Now that we have two truffle seasons under our belt, I'm so thankful for the experience. Watson and I have made some really good friends to go hunting with, I've found an incredible way to bond with my dog and work as a team, the challenge of hunting in the woods has improved Watson's searching capabilities and helped get him ready for nosework trials. We've enjoyed great food with friends, and have a fun story to tell about it.

-Kaitlin Cone  
Seattle, WA



Photo credit: Debbie Thomson

Monty and Maggie head to vacation at the grands' house.



Photo credit: Heather Tomlins

Beating the heat

## HOW I SPENT MY VIRAL VACATION

Depending on your politics, the coronavirus began here either some time in December or mid-February or March, take your pick. In any event, I count my blessings to be here today, safe and well.

My viral vacation began in December when I bred Amelia (aka Fly n' High at Terrapin ) to an unproven little fellow named Joey (aka Ch. Fly n' High No Ordinary Joe). It had been YEARS since I bred a litter and for weeks I wondered if it "took." In February, I found out. Amelia was carrying SIX pups. Sadly, only two survived, yet I count my blessings, she had two lovely boys, and little Joey was now a proven sire. So that brings us to the end of February, when things began to really heat up in the COVID-19 department. Once again, I counted my blessings. There was no reason to take them to the vet because vets were simply not open unless it was an emergency. And I don't think cutting tails and declaws fell into that category!

So now we are in May and "Mikey," "Meatloaf," and moi have all survived. The boys are growing and looking good. All of my friends who were so supportive are safe and sound, and my pansies are thriving in their pots. While our common crisis is far from over, I feel good about things.

And for that, I count my blessings.

- Missy Wood  
Phoenixville, PA  
Terrapin Norwich

## HERE'S HOW I ROCK AND ROLL DURING COVID-19

photos by Joan Krantz





HOME WITH MY DOGS ALL DAY

My name is Isabel and I'm 10 years old. I have two Norwich Terriers named Tony and Porsche. We have been out of school since March 16 and have been doing online schooling. This time has given me much more time to play with my dogs. Usually, I have soccer or dance during the week, but now I'm at home with my dogs all day. It's been great because I get a lot of time with them. We've groomed them and given them baths and had lots of play time. They have been comforting me and making me happy. I also like when they are happy because I want them to have a great life.

- Isabel Roche  
Columbia, IL



Isabel with Porsche

PONYO



"Ponyo," our eight-year-old Norwich, is, as Edith Wharton so eloquently noted, "[our] little dog — a 'heartbeat at [our] feet'; wherever we are, she is there. Ponyo has decided that this extended time during the pandemic, when all of us are at home together, is her chance to monopolize and entertain us. She has taught us new tricks, like playing soccer in the hall or instigating "find Mama" games,

displayed her sense of humor by bunting her ball under the desk repeatedly to watch us retrieve it, vigorously "defended" us

(through the window) against marauding wild turkeys, squirrels, woodpeckers, and other numerous critters who dare to wander through our six acres in rural New Hampshire. And, though always bright and active, Ponyo is never happier than when she is curled up in our lap (or nestled near us in the covers on the bed). She is a gift to us in this trying time. Her joy is contagious and spreads to passersby (at least six feet away, of course) when she smiles and waggles her whole self at them. She makes us laugh, brings us comfort, and loves us — as long as there are occasional treats — unconditionally! When we count our blessings through this difficult time, we count her twice.

- Ellen Yenawine  
Springfield, NH

QUARANTINE PUPPIES!

We drove down to Arkansas to the stud, Dusty. It was on my birthday and we did the first breeding that afternoon. Fortunately, the breeding took and the estimated due date was March 10. We were expecting two puppies according to the x-ray. We were a bit concerned as one puppy was blocking the exit. Labor progressed normally until part of the sac was out and Lacy kept pushing with no progress. I never felt a puppy really waiting at the door so finally decided to take her to the vet. I was messaging with Magda the whole time as she was in Australia at the time. While at the vet, it was determined that a c-section was the best option as the pups were not in distress at that time. It was a good decision as the puppy girl was still blocking the exit. There are two healthy pups

and have been the most content litter I've ever had. We have a red boy and a black & tan girl! The vet was not on lockdown yet when we had the c-section and the tail docking. They were by the time Lacy needed her stitches out. The puppies are due for their first shots soon. It will be so hard not to be there with them when the vet checks them over. It has been a blessing having them during this difficult time. They are so entertaining!

- Denise Faulkner  
St. Charles, MO  
Denwich Norwich



PUPPY VISIT DURING THE PANDEMIC

photo by Lisa Sons



## QUARANTINE ROUTINE

Agility classes are closed for now, so our biggest change has been the transition to homeschooling. We continue to take our long walk in the morning and now it's followed by one or two training sessions, usually in the backyard. Of course that means we need equipment so we have been keeping the people who make backyard equipment busy. On a rainy day or after the sun sets, some of it even gets lifted into the kitchen! We will be ready when classes and trials resume.

- Lark Shlimbaum, Wylie and Rascal  
Bay Shore, NY



## TEACHING TRACKING

As most of us are learning, our dogs are delighted with our sheltering at home. I have been on a learning curve, learning to understand what my dogs are telling me. I guess that I was not paying careful attention to their body language before. They are making many requests of me, and I find that they are enjoying their role reversal. They actually come to me at bedtime and ask to go out. But, I really know that they are just looking for that goodnight cookie, a little earlier each night.

On the other hand, I am taking this at-home time to teach new activities. Tracking is an AKC dog sport where a dog is taught to follow a scent path to find a dropped object. A tracking dog title (TD) is awarded to a dog who can pass a test judged by two licensed tracking judges. A dog must first be certified by a judge who will testify that the dog is ready to be tested in order to enter a trial.



## TEACHING TRACKING continued

The day before the test, the two judges plot the number of tracks they will need the following day. They will stake out the track counting yards of each leg of the track. They take notes of landmarks on where they are headed and where they make turns.

On the morning of the test, a track layer will take the detailed map and get instructions from the judges. They will leave a personal article at the starting stake to give the dog their scent. Then they will walk the track and pick up all but the first two stakes. The second stake is placed at 30 feet to give the handler this distance to be sure the dog is on the scent. The tracklayer follows the map and instructions, picking up stakes as he passes. At the last stake he drops a glove or a wallet that has his scent on it and proceeds straight ahead out of the field.

The dog must follow the scent of a tracklayer that is between 30 minutes and two hours old, over a track that is between 440 and 500 yards long, to find that glove dropped by the tracklayer. The track must include three to five turns.

The judges have their maps and notes and follow at a distance so as not to distract the dog. If a dog goes far off track or misses a turn, or quits, he is failed. Dogs must follow the track and not air scent to get to the dropped article. This is unlike search and rescue where a dog may trail or air scent his way to find a person.

I offered tracking experience to all four of my dogs, and found that Hazel, 10-years old, seemed the most enthusiastic. Training is very time consuming, and even staying home, I am capable of only training one dog at a time. In past years I had earned tracking titles

on four Newfoundlands. Absolutely no sport is more satisfying than to follow behind a dog that is enthusiastically using his very special olfactory ability to follow an aged track and find a glove dropped by a tracklayer. You cannot force a dog to track; you must be able to let him do what comes naturally with no guidance from the handler. Indeed, the handler will not know where the track goes and where the turns are.

Sheltering at home, I am the tracklayer and I mark the turns. I try to observe my dog's style of following a scent path. As I begin, I only move forward when I know that the dog is on the track. Only when my dog can follow a track that is at least 200 yards long and 15 minutes old, do I start to introduce turns. Actually, many trainers start their dogs tracking on their own scent, for it is not easy to find another who has time to lay tracks for you. If you work with a partner, you have to factor in the time that you will spend laying tracks for their dog as well.

To date, Hazel is still very enthusiastic about doing what comes naturally. She also has the incentive of a huge jackpot of treats when she finds the dropped glove and races back to me with the treasure. I will have to progress to strangers laying tracks and finding areas available to us for longer tracks. But, title or not, we are having fun and it is good exercise for the two of us.

- Betty McDonnell  
Mahwah, NJ  
Kilyka Norwich

## TINYTOWNE

Rich and I moved to Oregon about a year ago. I retired and got out of the traffic congestion of the San Francisco Bay Area. Commuting two to three hours a day was getting old, and going anywhere at any time was no fun. I felt like I lived in my car. We moved to a sweet little coastal town, Florence, Oregon. The town's population is 8,700 and including the area it services, probably 16,000. We live just outside the city limits, about a mile from the beach. We can't see it, but hear the ocean and fog horns. We are living a simple, quiet life, and our community has been unscathed by the virus. I do fear though that once the recreation areas open up again, our area will be flocked to by visitors. Our population is mainly retired folks like us and high risk. So many things are open that it hasn't been much of an inconvenience for us. We had a landscape project completed and are getting a new roof soon. We still have four Norwich and lots of grooming and walking to do, in addition to gardening. Other than going out to eat and to the movies, we aren't missing much. I wonder, though, how many of our businesses will close permanently. Lots of wonderful small restaurants, the best movie theater ever, and cute shops here that may not make it.

- Dana and Rich Esquibel  
Florence, OR  
TINYTOWNE



*The lighthouse at Heceta Head is just 15 minutes from my house. I love going there, but sadly it is closed for the duration of the coronavirus shutdown.*



OBEDIENCE AND RALLY REPORT

This Obedience and Rally trainer was certainly disappointed when the four-day trial in her hometown was cut short due to Coronavirus. We participated in the Wednesday afternoon match during the Kentuckiana Cluster of Dog Shows, but that was it. In the weeks since, we have seen trial after trial, show-&-go after show-&-go cancelled. I suggest we celebrate the fine Norwich and their handlers who have achieved new titles in the months leading up, and encourage them to keep training.

Labor Day weekend, 2019, Jill Petersen and Wally went 3 for 3 to earn his Novice Obedience title, Companion Dog (CD).



His scores also earned him Top Novice dog for 2019 from the Washington State Obedience Training Club – Jill's home club. Two months later he finished his Conformation Championship. 2019 was an exceptionally good year for Wally!

Joan Krantz and her pup, Jack, earned his Rally Novice (RN) title at Palmyra on October 1, with all the performance Norwich present for the All Terrier Agility Cluster. Jack's exuberance will soon turn to focus. Joan is exposing him to so many travels and adventures, Jack will be well-prepared when Joan's ready to advance in Obedience and Rally.



Also in October, Carlynn Ricks and Journey (left) finished the Rally Excellent (RE) title. At the time, Journey (Itsy Bitsy Fellow Traveler BN RE CGC TKI CA) was just a little over 3 years old, and already Journey has a well-rounded set of titles. With Carlynn's experience, it will be interesting to see where they turn up next.

Joanie Brobst and Chip (Dignpop Lunar Rock) (below) continue their climb earning Rally Excellent in February 2020. Chip is earning Agility titles and training Obedience along the way. Chip is Joanie's fifth Norwich and destined to have a long list of titles.

Stay strong, Obedience and Rally trainers! Stay safe, stay well, and stay focused on your goals.

- Jill Lowry  
Simpsonville, KY



AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL IN ORLANDO

The AKC Invitational brings together the top dogs of each breed. This year there were approximately 741 dogs representing 169 breeds from 45 states and 4 countries. Our six Norwich teams had some beautiful runs as they competed against themselves, other Norwich teams, and all 144 eight -inch dogs. Though I love watching all the heights, I spent most of my time watching the 8-inch class because our teams were spread out in the group. For the first time since I've been attending the Invitational, no Norwich ran 4 clear rounds. Each team entered the fourth round with faults so that final round on Sunday decided who would take home the medallion offered by the NTCA. "Henry" finished the last round with the fastest clean score and took home the medallion for the second time. I was pretty darn proud of our teamwork in that run.

Here is a list of how the teams finished:

**#1 - HENRY MACH5** Pinelake's Happy, Fearless Explorer RE MXS2 PAD MJC2 PJD MFB TQX T2B4 ME EE3 RATN CGC TKI) Henry walked into that building on the first like he owned the place. His pace walking to the agility area told me he was more than ready and excited to be back in Florida for the fifth time. He ran really well but there are times when Henry thinks hitting the yellow zone on the dog walk is highly overrated and his Standard run was one of those times so we earned faults. We had a conversation before our last run on Sunday which he must have taken to heart because he ran with energy, enthusiasm and speed.



"Because of the dog's joyfulness, our own is increased. It is no small gift".-Mary Oliver

**#2- "SAVVY" (AGCH MACH12 PACH Breakaway's In The Know CD BN RN MXC3 PDS MJB4 PJS MXP3 MXPB MJPB PAX FTC1 MFC TQX T2B5 RATN)** Raine's words: "Finished our final visit to the Invitationals! What a great run at it we've had! 10 years, 40 regular runs, 37 Q's twice in the finals, 6 times top Norwich, finished second Norwich this year at 12.5 years old! She is my superstar! AGCH MACH12 PACH1 SAVVY. (Savvy was the top preferred dog that was invited this year.)



"I'm ready for more of whatever you want to do."

**#3 - "FIONA" CH MACH2 M&M's Little Miss Sunshine BN RN FDC MXG MJG MFS TQX T2B4 FCAT CGC TKN)** This was Patty and Fiona's first trip to the Invitational though they had been invited several times. Fiona and Patty had some great runs and every time I looked at Fiona, she was running her heart out with a huge dog smile. She seemed to enjoy the crowds watching.

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## AKC AGILITY INVITATIONAL IN ORLANDO continued

**#4 - "MANDY" (MACH3 Shaksper Amanda Seyfried RN MXC PAD MJC CGC)** Blair's words: "Mandy has been invited to the Invitational for several years now, but because of mommy duty, this was the first year that she was able to attend. Her daughter Siri went along to participate in "Meet the Breeds." Mandy's first run at the Invitational was a Jumpers run. Mandy was running fast and got ahead of me at one point. I had to quickly adjust my path so that Mandy took the next obstacle. However, the judge felt that Mandy had hesitated, so we got a "Refusal" and a five-point deduction from our score. In our Standard run, Mandy did the hard opening but then blew her dog walk contact - earning us a "Failure" (to perform the obstacle) and a five-point deduction from our score. We had a great run in the Hybrid class ... until I lost contact with Mandy and she took an off-course tunnel. Finally, in our last Jumpers with Weaves run we had a smooth run and Mandy ran clean and qualified. Mandy ended up as the number 3 Regular Norwich, about where we were going into the Invitational. Not as well as I had hoped, but respectable.



**#5- "MINNOW" (MACH Highwood's Lady Renegade RE FDC MXS MJS MFB TQX T2B2 RATN CGCA TKN)** Kathy's words: "I had a great time at the Invitational. It was good to see the Norwich people and their dogs from all over the country. Florida was my home for over 40 years, so it is always great to see all my Florida agility friends." Kathy and Minnow had great runs during their second trip to the Invitational. Going into Round #4, Minnow was in first place with just three faults but that last Jumpers with Weaves course was twisty-turny and Minnow lost some speed and was over course time.

**#6- "POSEY2" (CH Yarrow Venerie Flower Power At Beach Pine MX MXJ)** Ursula's words: "Posey2 was into it with her usual enthusiasm! We managed to Q in our first run, despite a few hiccups. After that it was mostly my errors that kept us from qualifying, but we had some great runs! The main thing was that we made it to the Invitational and had a great time. Loved seeing everyone there, especially the California Girls!!!"

As always, our gang with Norwich and Norfolk crated together, celebrated together and supported each other. I look forward to this event every year. Who knows what will happen with COVID 19 having such a profound effect on trials and training, but fingers and paws crossed that Norwich Terriers will be represented at the Invitational 2020?



Drinks, dinner and great conversations before weekend agility runs



What a pack of cuteness and energy!

- Joan Krantz  
Agility Reporter  
Middlebury, CT



Handlers with their absolutely fabulous little dogs.

## PLAY=FUN=SUCCESS COMPANION/PERFORMANCE TITLES SEPTEMBER 2019 - FEBRUARY 2020

For the first time since I've been writing agility articles for *The Norwich Terrier News*, there are no major Agility Championships, which have been the focus of the "titles" article. Those Master dogs competing have some earned some pretty impressive titles but no MACH'S, no PACH'S, no AGCH's. And I suspect in the next reporting period, there will be fewer titles overall because COVID-19 has caused clubs to cancel trials without an end date in sight as of this report.

Overall, there were 65 titles with the 45 of them in agility. There were nine Novice titles in Agility, seven Open titles, five Excellent titles, and 24 other titles, which include Master titles, Time to Beat titles, and Premier titles. There were four Rally titles, three Barn Hunt, three Fast CAT, three Trick titles, two Obedience titles, two Canine Good Citizen, and one CAT title. There was one Endurance Earthdog 2 title earned by Denise Faulkner and "Leo" (CH Denwich the Lion-Hearted ME EE2 RATO). Denise shares her journey with Leo in a separate article.

Because there are so many companion/performance activities, we can practice and play with our dogs in the comfort of our homes and yards. We always have options to keep them physically and mentally active while the training centers are closed and the competitions are cancelled. Keep Calm and Play More.

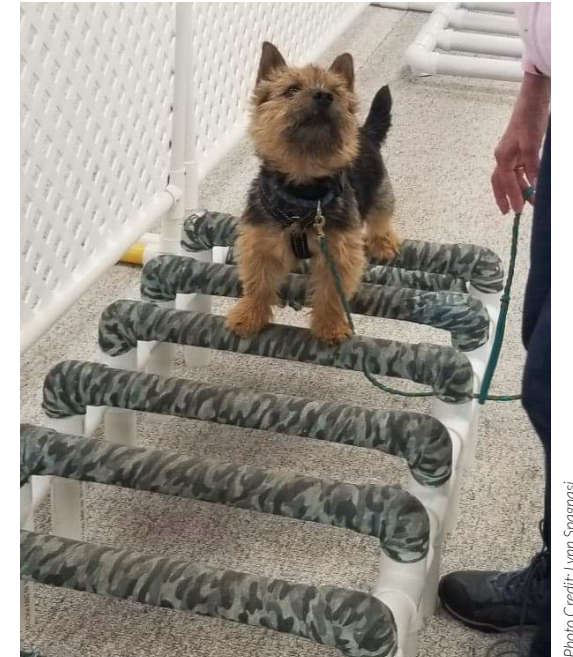
Enjoy these pictures of our dogs, young and old. Look at their abilities, their smiles, and the confidence and pride they exude.

"Life is more fun if you play games." - Roald Dahl

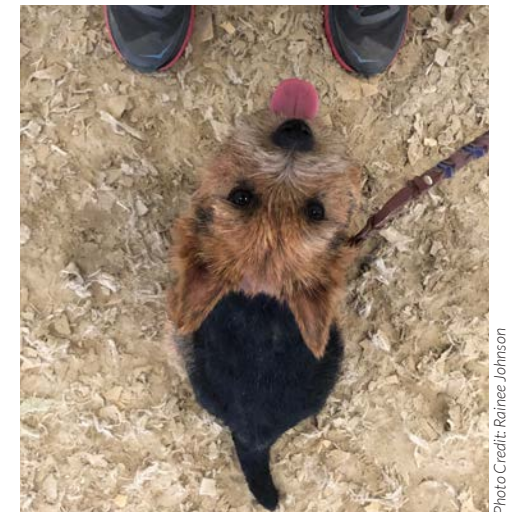
- Joan Krantz  
Agility Reporter  
Middlebury, CT



Rascal-"Now with my CGC and Novice Trick titles, I can focus on agility".



Jack-"Look Mom, I have great balance!"



Bette-" We got this, Mom."



Bette-"I'm sure proud of my new titles."



PLAY=FUN=SUCCESS

COMPANION/PERFORMANCE TITLES SEPTEMBER 2019 - FEBRUARY 2020 continued



Photo Credit: Ken Tidy

Rolo-“I bet I can go even faster to catch that lure.”



Photo Credit: Rich Knecht

Rolo-“Where to next?”



Photo Credit: Magda Chiarella

Ruby is now Dignipop Ruby Starlight CGCA TKI and Teddy is GCH Dignipop Red Ted CGC TKN

LEO’S EXCELLENT EARTHDOG ADVENTURE

Ch. Denwich The Lion-Hearted ME EE2 RATO (aka. Leo)

Twelve years ago a litter of five puppies arrived. This was my second litter of Norwich. Momma Emma went into labor early and I opted for a c-section. This was a good decision as the placentas were starting to deteriorate and I might have lost all of them if I had waited for normal delivery. Five puppies entered the world, three girls and two boys. They had very little hair and would not suckle much at all. I tube-fed them for some time until they started to gain strength and suckle from mom. Unfortunately, one of the girls did not make it.

I had planned to keep a girl, but fate intervened. One girl went undershot and the other girl I had promised to a friend who really needed her at the time. Two boys were left from that litter. The pick boy went to a dear friend who had been waiting for a Norwich for some time. I had not planned to keep a boy as I already had a beautiful male, Duncan who was my first Norwich. I was having difficulty finding a home for him. Finally, my husband told me that I should keep him. Again, fate had intervened.

Momma Emma was quite the hunter. She was always catching birds and dispatching baby bunnies. I was not surprised that Leo took after his mother with his hunting instinct. At about six months of age, Leo caught a mole in the yard. It was as big as his head and he did not want to let go of it. He proceeded to be the chief hunter in the back yard.

My sister breeds Cairn Terriers and had recently started taking them to earthdog events. She encouraged me to try earthdog with Leo. He was about five years old at the time and I decided to give it a try. Leo was always interested in the rat which was good. However, being a boy he was more interested in marking his territory. He also was not sure of the dark tunnels and had to be convinced that he had to enter them and transverse them to get to the prize at the end, a rat.

Once he understood the game, he was fast to the rat and received his Junior Earthdog title in no time. Senior Earthdog was not as easy. Leo had no problem getting to the rat. However, he didn't always follow the rules. Finally, after a few years in “Senior purgatory”, we finally received his Senior Earthdog title. So we moved on to the Master Earthdog level.

Master Earthdog has its own challenges. The dog runs off leash with a brace mate who is randomly chosen from those entered at that level also. There is a hunt up to the master den with a number of tasks that have to be passed. Once at the den, there is a roller and constrictor within the den that your dog must transverse to get to the rat. Then they have to work it for 90 seconds and then the handler has to remove them from the den in the allotted time.

You and your dog are a team. You have to trust that relationship. It is very hard to let your dog be off leash and hope that they will come out of the woods when called while they are in hunting mode. It is also hard to trust that the dog that is the brace mate will run with your dog and not attack. Leo is a very sweet and easygoing boy. He is also an intact male. He has hunted with many other intact males which is not a problem as long as they honor each other. Fortunately, there has only been one incident where Leo was attacked at the den. He was not fazed and continued to run Master with me until he received enough legs for his Master Earthdog title.

Leo and I love to run Master together and planned to continue as long as we both enjoyed it. Everyone loves to have Leo as a brace mate as he is a great hunter with a wonderful temperament. I

enjoyed earthdog with Leo so much that I decided to become an earthdog judge. So much fun judging other breeds at the various levels. I must admit that Master is my favorite! During this time, AKC created a new earthdog level: Endurance Earthdog. At this level you must pass both the Master test and the Senior test at the same event. Once you receive five qualifying scores, you earn your title.

It took a little over a year to get his Endurance Earthdog title. He usually passes Master, but sometimes he still doesn't want to follow the rules in Senior. Leo and I continued to enter the trials and this past Fall, received his Endurance Earthdog 2 title. He is now twelve and has slowed down just a little. He is not that fond of Senior anymore and has decided he does not want to come out of the tunnel. We will continue running Master as long as he can and still wants to participate. We are a great team and I am trying to enjoy our partnership as long as I can. Leo is a true to his roots, loving, non-quarrelsome, a true hunter and the best companion.

I am truly blessed to have such a special boy in my life! He has taught be so much along this adventure we have shared. I thank God for placing Leo in my life. He is my heart and I hope to share many more years together.



- Denise Faulkner  
St. Charles, MO  
Denwich Norwich

The smile says it all.



Denise, Leo and Judge  
Oh, Happy Rats Day at Purina Farms



NORWICH HAVE WHAT IT TAKES, BUT COVID-19 POSTPONED THE EVENT

When the qualifying year ended on November 30, 2019 and the numbers came in, the data shows that five Norwich Terriers were eligible to compete at the AKC National Agility Championship held in Perry, Georgia March 27 - 29, 2020.

Data also show that nationwide 2806 dogs of 135 different breeds met the requirements, The top three breeds were Border Collies with 452 eligible dogs, Shetland Sheepdogs with 320 eligible, Golden Retrievers with 173; Papillons were number 7 with 120 eligible dogs; our five Norwich were number 35 out of a list of 39; 69 recognized breed are ahead of Norwich. To quote a friend who gathered and share this data,” looking at the 2018 ranking by new AKC registrations, the Norwich was in 108th place. So, it seems like Norwich Terriers' achievement in agility is ahead of their popularity overall.” So yes, these little terriers have great athletic skills but none attended this event this year for many different reasons.

At 4.5, “Fiona” (CH MACH2 M&M's Little Miss Sunshine BN RN FDC MXG MJG MFS TQX T2B4 FCAT CGC TKN) qualified yet again but did not attend with Patty Fornelli.

At 7.5 years old, “Henry” (MACH5 Pinelake's Happy, Fearless Explorer RE MXS2 PAD MJC2 PJD MFB TQX T2B4 ME EE3 RATN CGC TKI) has qualified four times and attended NAC in Perry, GA in 2017. Joan Krantz decided not to go this year because of the distance, the expense, and the time away from home.

At 7.5 years old, “Mandy” (MACH3 Shaksper Amanda Seyfried RN MXC PAD MJC CGC) has qualified multiple times but her “mommy” time kept her away. This year Blair Kelly and Mandy were planning to attend until COVID 19 caused AKC to postpone the event.

At 11 years old, “Ruby” (PACH2 Reverie's Dream A Little Dream MX MXG MXJ MXP12 MXPC MJP12 MJPC PAX4 THDD CGC TKN) has always competed on her terms and has competed on the surface in Perry but the soft, uneven surface is not her favorite so Melanie Bryson did not go.

At 12.5 years old, “Savvy” (AGCH MACH12 PACH Breakaway's In The Know CD BN RN MXC3 PDS MJB4 PJS MXP3 MXPB MJPB PAX FTC1 MFC TQX T2B5 RATN) has already attended several NAC events in Reno and Tulsa with Raine Johnson, D.V.M. and officially retired at the Invitational in December 2019. It's time for her to enjoy retirement.

By looking at the requirements needed from December 1, 2018 - November 30, 2019, to be eligible, you can see these dogs compete with much success.

- Seven double Qualifying runs at the same trial (One Jumpers with Weaves and one Standard Course)
- A combination of three Premier STD legs and three Premier JWW legs may replace up to three double Q's. The Premier STD and JWW legs do not need to be earned at the same trial.
- EVERY Premier Q earned during the qualifying period will be awarded 15 points towards the NAC point requirements. There is no limit on Premier points that may be used toward qualification.
- 550 Total MACH or PACH/Premier points, which are speed points based on course time.

KUDOS to all that qualified!

- Joan Krantz  
Agility Reporter  
Middlebury, CT



Sweet Dreams

Photo Credit: Wheatley Wentzell

SENIORS LOVE NEW ACTIVITIES

Last fall, I decided that I would like to learn more about Barn Hunt. I made an appointment to take a private lesson at a Barn Hunt venue, and I took my four girls for an introduction to the sport. One by one I let them explore the site set up with bales of hay stacked as it might be in a real test. Amazing to me each went in with what looked like purpose and “hunted” high and low for a rodent. But none found and indicated a caged rat. I asked the instructor what she thought of their potential. She told me that she thought that the two oldest, Hazel, 10, and Robin, 12, showed the most potential. All four girls were used to jumping and climbing and all four had agility titles so a tunnel would be no problem. So, I took her advice and decided that I would concentrate on these seniors. In subsequent lessons I taught them to not only find the rat, but to clearly indicate to me by pawing at the tube that they were sure that they found their prey. My dogs always learn by food reward, and so they were most excited to play the new game.

It wasn't long before each earned a RATN title, and Robin also earned a RATO title with ease. These two girls had been retired after I had shown them to their UD obedience titles, since I had moved on to training the younger girls. What I discovered was the true delight the retirees found in being the chosen ones to go in the van again and in learning again. I don't think that they were necessarily instinct driven, but the personal attention they received was rejuvenating. They have once again started running to the door when they see me get ready to leave the house. And I have started giving them the attention that the elder dogs deserve. We are taking hikes together again and these senior citizens are feeling self-worth once again.

I am proud of Robin, Ch Kilyka's Bird in Hand UD NA NAJ RATO and Hazel, Ch Kilyka's Witch Hazel UD NAP NJP RATN ROM

- Betty McDonnell



Robin and Hazel - “We got those rats in Barn Hunt without a problem.”.



The nose knows. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Twelve-year-old Ace, owned by Vanessa & Brian Andrews, earned his Scent Work Container Novice title in March 2019.



Summer Cooling

Photo Credit: Nancy Fonyo



## THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB • NORWICH RESULTS

February 10, 2020

Judge: Mr. Larry Adams • Steward: Mrs. Knowlton Reynders

Fourteen Norwich Terriers were entered at the 2020 Westminster KC show. Eight dogs and five bitches were on hand (one absentee). In a break from tradition, this year Terriers were judged on Monday rather than the usual Tuesday because Westminster was held over three days, starting Sunday instead of the usual two-day span. Regrettably all the breed judging had to be squeezed onto Pier 94 due to the decommissioning of the adjoining Pier 92 which was found to be structurally unsound after a NYC Department of Economic Development inspection determined it was frighteningly decrepit. One exhibitor was overheard reminiscing about how shaky the stairs were in 2019, so it was no doubt a wise decision. The result however was the elimination of class entries and a reduction from ten rings to six, hence the extension of the dates.

To further complicate matters, the nearby parking deck was also closed no doubt for the same affliction. These Hudson River piers were built in 1935 (rebuilt in 1970) as passenger ship terminals and are showing their age. Now with the pandemic upon us, repair of those piers will not be the top priority for the privately held company which owns them. At least there was a Westminster this year, one of the last before the show season came to a crashing halt in March.

WKC Show Chair and NTCA Member Dave Helming, in answer to a query, commented, "With the loss of Pier 92, we changed the format of the show going to 2500 Champions exhibited over 3 days only in Pier 94. We were very pleased with the results of the show which was also extremely well received by the fancy as evidenced by the positive feedback we received."

Yes, it did go wonderfully well with mild weather being the icing on the cake, but because of the move to just one pier, (ie space limitations), **strict capacity limits** were imposed by the city. Tickets for spectators were scarce! Visitors were left scrambling and had to resort to FB posts, pleas, plots and the kindness of strangers just to snag tickets.

Nevertheless as the late New York Times sports writer Walter Fletcher once observed, "Dog show people are a hardy breed!" Thus it was, that The Westminster KC members and fanciers cleared most obstacles and came together to take part in the 144th Westminster Kennel Club dog show. Norwich hailed from New Jersey (2), Pennsylvania (4), Michigan (2), California (1), Texas (1), Ontario (1), Connecticut (1) and Maryland (1).

In an interview with T.J. Olwig for St. Louis Magazine's Hometown Champions (1/20/20) Judge Larry Adams, declared how honored he was, "The invitation to judge Westminster is the pinnacle of my judging career. I am blessed and humbled." At 9:45 this experienced breeder-owner-judge got down to business judging Norfolk first, then moving on to Norwich. Each entrant was thoroughly examined and evaluated with the following results:

**BOB:** GCHB CH Thistledew's Rhymes With Dolores (GCHS Miller's Wonderful Walter of Thistledew-Country Girl Jeez Louise) Bitch. Breeder/Owner: Jill Rossi. Agent: Andrew Green.



**BOS:** CH Paradym Cool Your Jets (CH Ragus Devils Double-CH Paradym Bet on Black). Dog. Breeder/Handler: Kelly Wood. Owners: Donna McFarlane, Thomas Barlow & Kelly Wood.



**Sel. Dog:** GCHG CH Llanerch Fens Henchard of Castorbridge (Llanerchfens Farfrae of Casterridge-CH Devondale's Martha Dandridge) Dog. Breeder/Owners: Christina Anderson and Anna Bellenger. Handled by Sharon Jones.



**Sel. Bitch:** CH Foozle's Dancing in the Rain (GCH Dreamweaver's Up the Ante @ Coventry-CH Foozle's Shall We Dance) Bitch. Breeder/Owner/Handler: Alyson Greenlaw Cleary.



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## THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB • NORWICH RESULTS continued

February 10, 2020

Judge: Mr. Larry Adams • Steward: Mrs. Knowlton Reynders

**AOM:** CH Highwood's Disorderly Deceiver (CH Highwood's The Dark Lord-Highwood's Deer Hair Damsel) Dog. Owner: Kate Gibbons & Dr. Michael Castellano. Breeder: Cory B. Mosunic & Knowlton Reynders. Agent: Robert Carusi.

**AOM:** GCH CH Coventry's Charismatic Carys At Canterbury (CH Country Boy Classic Black Bentley-CH Coventry's Know When to Hold 'Em) Bitch. Breeder: Dale Martins and Timothy Irwin Martins. Owner: Phyllis Dignam. Agent: Margery Good.

Congratulations to all the breeders, owners and handling-team members. Mr. Helming gives hope to fanciers, "Plans to host the 145th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show next February in New York City are moving ahead. The safety and well-being of our exhibitors, judges, spectators, and dogs are our first priority. As we work to bring dog lovers the same premier dog show they look forward to each year, planning decisions will be made in accordance with local and state public health guidelines."

So right now, *the show will go on as usual*. Long-time breeder Knowlton Reynders of Highwood Norwich (and mother of the current Westminster KC president, Mr. Charlton Reynders III) will be judging.

The late, lamented Pier 92 however remains totally shut down with no reopening in sight. A call to Phoenix Marine, the engineering firm which repaired, updated and expanded Piers 88 and 90 yielded, that to their knowledge, "no bids were out regarding taking Pier 92 down." Calls to the NYC EDC went unreturned. Perhaps hoping for a post-COVID19 world, one where piers don't disintegrate, the weather cooperates, and entry tickets are available in abundance, WKC's Dir. of Communication, Gail Miller Bisher, offered, "Everything is still being determined. We will inform the fancy as plans develop."

- Leandra Little  
Littlefield Norwich

## KENTUCKIANA CLUSTER • LOUISVILLE, KY

March 2020

I travelled to Louisville, KY on Wednesday, March 11, to attend the four days of shows, plus attend the NTCA Board of Directors in-person spring meeting. On my flight from Austin to Louisville the gentleman sharing my row was wearing a mask. The Amanda of March 11 thought this was quite a rare sight..little did I know.

For those who have not attended this cluster, it is a "must-do" event. The show site, airport, and many dog-friendly hotels are all located in the same complex and no car rental is needed. Louisville is a great city to visit, with restaurants and cultural sites worth checking out after the show. This cluster draws a large entry of top conformation dogs, hosts performance events, and has excellent vendors. This year a Best Bred By competition was offered for both class and specials dogs, in addition to puppy and owner handled competition.

The cluster did a great job in providing hand sanitizer stations throughout, and people definitely had already gotten the message about social distancing. The entry was reduced as exhibitors made the decision to stay home and there was ample space as you moved throughout the buildings. There were also quiet rumbles that the shows could be cancelled at any time. The feeling in the building was that we should enjoy the show and the company of our friends and dogs, as it all might be ending soon, for a little while at least.

The judge on Thursday at the Mid-Kentucky Kennel Club was Mrs. Patricia Trotter. Her winners dog from the BBE class was the black and tan puppy "Archie", Taliesin A Royal Affair (GCH Wildefox Aces Up My Sleeve - CH Taliesin Red Red Wine), owned by Lisa & John Sons and bred by Lisa Sons & Judith Laffey. Archie was handled by his owner Lisa Sons.



Winners bitch, best of winners, and best of opposite sex went to "Ami" Alegria That Girl at Itsy Bitsy (GCH Jaeva Nutcracker - CH Itsy Bitsy Alegria Irish Cream) owned and bred by Maria Kelly & Tonnie Willrich, and handled by Judi Hartell.



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KENTUCKIANA CLUSTER • LOUISVILLE, KY

March 2020

Best of Breed to “Bentley”, GCHB Country Boy Classic Black Bentley (GCH Fentondale Rudy Rooster’s Rabbit Ridge - CH Country Girl Bon Bon), owned by James & Jennifer Demason, and bred by Linda McCutcheon. Bentley is handled by Rebecca Cross.



of the LSNTC for supporting the show and to LSNTC trophy chair Maria Kelley for providing such lovely rosettes and trophies.



Our judge was Mrs. Bergit Coady-Kabel and for her winners dog, best of winners, and best bred by she chose Taliesin A Royal Affair. Best of winners to Alegria That Girl at Itsy Bitsy, who became a new champion with that win. Congratulations, Ami!

Best of Breed again to GCHB Country Boy Classic Black Bentley, and best owner handled to GCH Fishback’s Commodore Perry, who went on to a Group 4 in the owner handled competition later that day.

Select dog to the young black and tan “Austin” CH Barnstable Ripple Effect (GCHS Thunderwood’s First Robin of Spring - CH The Island’s One Cute Cookie), owned by Sandra Stemmler and Maria Kelley and bred by Sandra Stemmler, Judi Hartell and Patsy Wade. Best of opposite sex and best bred by champion to CH Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Tickle Me Tickle You.

Later that day the announcement was made that the last two days of the cluster had been cancelled. I was disappointed of course, but the new reality of the COVID-19 world we were living in was becoming clear. It was a wonderful last show (for a while) and I hope we can be back there in March 2021.

- Amanda Kozora  
Austin, TX

Select dog and best owner handled were awarded to the red dog “Perry” GCH Fishback’s Commodore Perry (CH Ascot Sand Dollar - CH Fishback Sho-Me Sum Scrumpy Cider) who was bred by Susan Hall, April Clark and Fran Westfall. “Perry” is shown by his owner Kelly Foos.



Select bitch and best bred by champion to the black and tan bitch CH Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Tickle Me Tickle You (GCHS Thunderwood’s First Robin Of Spring - CH Itsy Bitsy Lawdy Miss Clawdy TKN), bred by Amanda Kozora and Tonnies Willrich and owned by Tonnies Willrich, Gerard Willrich and Amanda Kozora.

Friday’s show at the Louisville Kennel Club was a Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club supported entry. Thank you to the members

SPOTLIGHT ON: KELLY WOOD

In 2016, a new challenge trophy was introduced at the NTCA national specialty at Montgomery County Kennel Club. The Sho-Me Memorial Challenge Trophy would go to the winning Norwich terrier in a competition between the winners of the dog and bitch Bred By Exhibitor classes and any dogs or bitches in the Best of Breed class shown by their breeder/owner. This trophy was created in honor of Frances W. Westfall who bred under the prefix Sho-Me.

In 2019, this trophy was retired by Kelly Wood of Paradym Norwich terriers. Kelly has won this trophy each time it has been offered, with her bitches “Jetta” CH Paradym Bet on Black (2016), “Lucy” CH Paradym Laughs Out Loud (2017), and dog “Dash” Paradym Cool Your Jets (2019).

Retiring this challenge trophy is a wonderful testament to Kelly’s breeding program and to her skill as a presenter of Norwich. She was kind enough to answer some questions for us about her background in dogs and her grooming and breeding philosophy. Thank you Kelly! -Editors

**Were dogs always a part of your life? Did you grow up with dogs? What breeds? Were you involved with showing or breeding as a young person?**

I have been an animal lover my entire life. Horses were my early passion and stray dogs were known to be brought home, much to the chagrin of my mother. I also had pet guinea pigs and rabbits along the way and even a baby duck. I did have and showed horses

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SPOTLIGHT ON: KELLY WOOD

**Is there a story behind your kennel name, Paradym?**

As a high school teacher, the term "paradigm" was used occasionally to pertain to explaining something as "a model" or a "good example". It just seemed like a good fit for a kennel name, though obviously I took liberties with the spelling.

**What is your breeding philosophy? How do you decide which puppies to keep?**

Of course I want to strive for the total package! I love full round bodies, good tail sets and short backs and a head that melts your heart. I think coupled with decent movement and a happy-go-lucky attitude you are going to have a fun puppy to start out with. Of course none of our puppies are perfect (as much as we might like to think so), so we have to decide which small deviations are acceptable to us. I can live with a missing incisor, but I would have a hard time getting really excited about a dog with a low tailset or lacking in bone or attitude. Other people legitimately could have a different opinion on what is tolerable as a fault, and that just keeps things more interesting.

**What are the most challenging elements of showing a Norwich and grooming a Norwich for show? Do you have any advice for other owner-handlers?**

Coming from Airedales, even though both breeds are stripped, I find the looser coat of the Norwich a little more challenging to keep looking the way I would like it to. For the biggest shows I like to do a pretty serious hauling of coat at least four months in advance, hoping a nice fresh coat to work with by show time. If you let the coat "get away" on you, it's going to take some time to recover, which is why I would start prep earlier. I have miscalculated and waited too long before and have shown in a coat shorter than I would prefer. It's always a bit of a gamble and my experience suggests you are best to start early! Other than keeping a good coat, my best advice to other owner-handlers is to make the time in the ring with your dog one of the highlights of their life! Make it fun, keep them happy. A beautiful dog who looks like he doesn't want to be in the ring is highly unlikely to be earning the top awards.

**Tell us more about the three dogs that you have won the Sho-Me trophy with (CH Paradym Bet on Black, 2016 - CH Paradym Laughs Out Loud, 2017 - Paradym Cool Your Jets, 2019).**

Am Can CH Paradym Bet On Black ("Jetta") was a really typey bitch who did go through a rather awkward stage as a teenager but I had this faith in her even through her uglier stages. When shown at Montgomery in sweepstakes as a puppy, she did win her class, but the judge noted that she had all the right parts, but just didn't have them all quite together yet. I totally agree. The following year she blossomed. I don't believe she was ever less than BOW on her championship quest once over the age of a year, beating Specials from the classes along the way. She was BOW at the Garden State All Terrier Specialty and then finished her Championship the weekend before Montgomery at the Terrier Club of Michigan. As a move-up at Montgomery, she was BOS, and many spectators

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a little bit in my teen years. I adopted a poodle cross and took her to obedience classes where I met like minded people involved in shows and decided "some day" I would be involved. My first purebred dog I bought when I was in high school, a sweet Lakeland Terrier "Tawny". I never did finish a Championship on her, but did earn her CD.

I found out early on that I very much take after my grandfather, who was deceased long before I was born. He was a founding member of a local kennel club and raised Chesapeake Bay Retrievers. He also had an Airedale that he hunted with. This fact I only discovered after acquiring my next purebred, an Airedale. My grandmother then told me all about grandpa's Airedale "Peggy". When it came time for me to get my foundation Airedale bitch, her call name had to be "Peggy"! Peggy (Am Can CH Ironcroft Priority Post Am CD, Can CDX) was a wonderful dog and we learned a lot together, both in conformation and obedience. She was the dam of quite a few Champions both in Canada and the USA, and became the grand dam of my first big Montgomery winner (BOS) and subsequently the next generation gave me my Multi Best in Show/ Montgomery/Westminster Breed Winner (2000) "Jay", MBISS MBIS Can Am CH Oakrun's Blue Jay of Paradym (co-bred and co-owned with John Voortman). But I am straying, as this article should focus on Norwich!

**How did you become interested in the Norwich terrier?**

While I was actively involved in showing my Airedales, I couldn't help but notice the ultra sweet little brown dogs that showed up at the tail end of group judging.

I was fortunate to see a number of them bred by Lotus Tutton in Canada, and then when I spent some time showing in the USA, I got to know some of the Norwich bred and shown by Beth Sweigart and Peter Green. They were just such charming characters! I let both Beth and Lotus know that I was really interested in a red girl somewhere down the road, and it did not take long (2004) before Beth offered to help me get started with our "Queenie" (Am. Can. CH Fentondale's Pearly Queen At Yarrow). Queenie was an absolute sweetheart and not only won my husband (then boyfriend) and I over, but resulted in eventually having Norwich share homes with my parents, my sister and her husband, my brother and his family and my aunt and uncle. Family get-togethers always include our Norwich herd!



Mike and Kelly with Glory, Marco, and puppy Bette



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thought she was challenging for BOB. (I was oblivious to this being in the ring!) Jetta has the distinction of being the dam of two NTCA National Specialty breed winners.



Jetta winning Best Opposite Sex at MCKC under judge Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine

MBISS BIS Can Am CH Paradym Laughs Out Loud ("Lucy") stole my heart from the get go. She is the product of Jetta, bred to Can CH Fairewood Forever Blue Jeans ("Jeans"). There were 4 beautiful bitches in this litter, all of which have become Champions of note. Lucy was the only red in the litter, the rest were black and tan like their mother, and to me she was undeniable from the start. Unlike her mom, she seemed to hold together even from a very early age and garnered so many early Best Puppy in Show wins and eventually became an All Breed Best in Show winner in Canada. As a youngster her first year at Montgomery, she was Best of Winners. Her mother Jetta was Best of Opposite that same year for the second time, it was a great year for Paradym! Incredibly that win was bettered the following Montgomery (2017) when Lucy took it all the way to Best of Breed and made the cut in the group in arguably the best collection of terriers gathered worldwide. Lucy had also won the breed the previous day at Devon. The following year the National moved to St Louis, and for the second time, Lucy took the specialty. Lucy is at my side any moment she can be and I am trying to decide which activity she might enjoy next as she approaches life with such enthusiasm and joy!



Lucy in the breed ring at MCKC

BISS Am Can CH Paradym Cool Your Jets ("Dash") is our youngest star, just having turned age two at the time of this writing. He is a son of Jetta and our imported Intl CH Am Can CH Ragus Devils Double (bred by Lesley Crawley, co-owned with Peter and Linda Dowdle and myself). Dash is co-owned with wonderful friends, Tom Barlow and Donna Macfarlane. I was hopeful that Dash was going to be special. He had so many of the things one likes to see in the breed, great bone, great head, great coat and solid movement. He and his two sisters became orphaned when we lost his mother Jetta at whelping, and they were raised with the help of surrogate Bedlington Terriers. I set my sights on preparing Dash to be a strong contender for Winners dog Montgomery weekend, and he sure did not disappoint when he not only won Winners Dog/ Best of Winners (as he also did the day previous at Devon), but was selected to become 2019's Montgomery Specialty winner! What an incredible way to finish a Championship! We are anxious to start showing Dash again, we know he has many wins ahead of him yet!



Dash with the BBE in Breed trophy sponsors after winning BOB at the 2019 NTCA National Specialty

#### What is your most memorable win with a Norwich Terrier?

Good question, there have been so many sweet wins. I am going to have to say it's a tie between standing at the front of the line with Lucy at Montgomery in 2017 and standing there again this past year with Dash in 2019. As a Breeder/Owner/Handler, taking these dogs from the moment of their very first breaths, to the top of a treasured podium, is an ultimate moment of pride and gratitude.

The following items are available through NTCA Notions. Contact Patty Warrender at pwnoridge@gmail.com for more information.

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

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.



Triple Play - Ophelia, Boo and Bear

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Two Dutch boys, Jutta and Pelle, in their bicycle baskets

Photo Credit: Bea Hekman





I'll get you, Mom!

Photo Credit: Nancy Fonyo



Ruby says, "They are talking about their boring work. again."

Photo Credit: Magda Chiarella



Puppy Love!

Photo Credit: Joan Jung



Bruno and His Pal

Photo Credit: Elaine Jorg



Do you see what I see?

Photo Credit: Nancy Fonyo



Ready for the rain!

Photo Credit: Rainee Johnson



Harry, Megan and Archie

Photo Credit: Lisa Sons



Garden Guard

Photo Credit: Heather Tomlins



Float on her boogie board

Photo Credit: Cathy Rogers



Boo on his agility vacation

Photo Credit: Jennifer and Keith Lee





Photo Credit: April Clark

*Amy Grace and Party stopping at the Grand Canyon on their way home from California*



Photo Credit: Amelia Smith

*Diesel exploring the meadow.*



Photo Credit: Bonnie & Tom Carpenter

*Star on the prowl for skinks*

“Those who contemplate the beauty  
of the earth find reserves of strength  
that will endure as long as life lasts.”  
-Rachel Carson

