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*Puppy Robi with a snow mustache*

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“Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.”

- Kahlil Gibran



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## FROM THE EDITORS...

Dear Norwich Terrier News Readers,

We are wrapping this issue up during the week of Thanksgiving...or as alternatively known in 2020- Podsgiving or Zoomsgiving. While this is certainly going to be a most unusual holiday season, we hope that it is a joyful one for you, your friends and family, and of course, your Norwich.

Thank you to all the members and readers who have submitted photos, kennel reports, and articles for this latest issue. We are happy to feature the four newest recipients of the Register of Merit (ROM) title in the New Title Holders section. These dogs and bitches have produced at least 8 and 5 champion offspring, respectively, a true accomplishment for their breeders and owners.

We wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and an even happier new year.

Sincerely,  
Elaine, Amanda & Wheatley



Photo credit: Wheatley Wentzell

*Breakout!*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Where to start?.....  
We continue dealing with the pandemic and wait for brighter days, but we don't just wait - we plan. Our Show Chair, Jim Kinney, has sent in applications for our designated specialties and National Specialty in the Fall of 2021. We are also hoping to

have a roving designated specialty in April at the Sacramento, CA shows, and several supported entries approved by the Board are waiting for confirmation from the host clubs.

Over the past several months our Health Committee worked with Dr. Bryden Stanley, the Canine Health Foundation, and VetVine to produce an excellent webinar on the results of the Norwich Terrier Upper Airway Syndrome study. The NTCA sponsored this event to share information with our members and Veterinarians. If you have not yet seen the webinar you may do so at <https://bit.ly/397q0og>

Please share this information with your own Vet, it is information Vets should be aware of if they are treating Norwich terriers.

As I write this, plans for the Thanksgiving holiday are being made on a much smaller scale than in years past, now we must all sacrifice the large gatherings for small dinners at home. Christmas will also be different, but I pray the New Year will bring hope and good health to us all. For now, as we wait for better days let us take solace in the company of our four-legged friends.

Although some all-breed and specialty shows scheduled for 2021 have already been canceled, I remain optimistic that we will be together at ringside in October. We will continue to plan for our Montgomery shows where we will have a lot to celebrate.

Wishing you all the blessings of the holiday season and good health, peace, and happiness in 2021.

Judy Laffey  
President, NTCA  
Long Beach, NY

## NTCA HEALTH COMMITTEE UPDATE



In case you missed the live NTCA webinar "Upper Airway Syndrome - Results of a Cross-Sectional Study in Norwich Terriers" (presented by Dr. Bryden Stanley), it was recorded and you can view it via VetVine.

We are working with Dr. Stanley to provide some additional materials to our members, as permitted in advance of the study team's peer-reviewed manuscript reporting the full results.

The response to the live webinar was excellent. We appreciate the positive feedback. Thank you!

Jane Schubart and Susan Miller Hall  
*Co-Chairs, NTCA Health Committee*

Here's the link to register and view: <https://bit.ly/397q0og>

Free Continuing Education (CE) credits are available to veterinary professionals. Please forward this link to veterinarians you may know who take care of Norwich terriers.

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## REGISTRY INTEGRITY COMMITTEE



What do all these dogs have in common? Find out the answer in the next edition of The Norwich Terrier News. Learn about your Registry Integrity Committee. It is hard at work protecting our Breed.

Dana Esquibel  
Florence, OR





## RESCUE & REHOME REPORT

Gwen Warkentin passed away in the summer of 2019 and her husband Bob died unexpectedly less than six months later. As a result, the estate had to go through probate. In January 2020, I received a call from Lyn Sheridan, who is a Scottie rescue person living in the Houston area. She was fostering the Rockstar Norwich for the estate and asked me to help her to find new homes for some of them. As a friend of both Gwen and her husband, she was well acquainted with the dogs. A second family friend who had helped handle some of Gwen's Norwich in conformation was acting as an agent and "go-to" person for the estate regarding the care and the placement of the dogs. However, before I could act in my role as NTCA Rescue & Rehome Chair, we had to wait for the estate to be probated.

By the time we got the legal green light, it was March and the Coronavirus had become a pandemic. Texas was pretty hard hit by the virus which complicated finding and transferring the two Rockstar boys, 8-year old Flame and 11-year old Rhythem, to new homes. We found a great home for Rhythem almost right away, in the Houston area with a vet tech, her husband, and their young family, which included another dog and a cat. The owner had rescued several dogs in the past. Sadly, this home was not to be, despite all of us working on it. For whatever reason, he couldn't make the adjustment despite many weeks of effort on everyone's part.



Then we, and especially Rhythem, lucked out and he immediately found a home with a friend of Gwen's as an "only" dog. He has settled nicely into his new home, which he shares with the friend's cat. He is much loved.

We found a good home for Flame with a couple living in Pensacola, FL. He is fitting in beautifully there, so "all's well that ends well" for both of these little guys.

Despite Covid-19 and all the rest, which made for an unusual situation, we got the boys taken care of. The estate paid all the vet bills for neutering, dentals, etc. which was much appreciated! Amanda, you and the Lone Star Norwich Club were helpful, too. I really appreciate your support!

Yes, sometimes it does take a village and thanks to all our members, we have one!



Ursula Walsh  
Rescue & Rehome Chairperson  
Pinehurst, NC



Bath time for Pickles!

Photo credit: Lisa Sons



How to enjoy the holidays

Photo credit: Wheatley Wentzell

## JILL ROURKE

The Norwich terrier community has lost a longtime friend and fancier with the passing of Elaine (Jill) Rourke in the spring of 2020, at the age of 85 years. Born in 1934 in England, she survived the Blitz. After the war she married her husband Rick, and in 1965 they moved to America, settled in Virginia Beach, and began their dog breeding career with Westies. Jill and her husband Rick began breeding Norwich in 1981 under the kennel name "Ji-Ro's" in California and then in Washington state, where they lived in Snohomish. "Jill and Rick had a passion and love for these dogs like no other. They were caring and sweet people that strived to improve the breed" recalls Gail Herstein, a friend and fellow Norwich breeder and exhibitor in the Northwest.



1991 Westminster Kennel Club Breed Winner  
CH Ji-Ro's Seabee, handled by Mark George.

All in all, Jill raised 59 champions out of 42 litters. In 1991, CH Ji-Ro's Seabee was among the top Norwich in the country and won Best of Breed at the Westminster Kennel Club shown by handler Mark George. Seabee's owner at the time was Cindy Vogels, who remembers

that Jill "was such a special person – so warm, and so dedicated to



Photo of CH Ji-Ro's Seabee  
by Jim Callea in 1991

her beloved Norwich." After being campaigned for a few years after Westminster, Seabee eventually went back to live with Jill where he sired some nice pups in her breeding program. One of Jill's favorite memories was of placing 4 out of 6 of her Norwich in the final cut of the 1995 national specialty event at the

Northern California Terrier Association, where her CH Ji-Ro's Zig Zag (B) won Best of Breed.

Daniel Lionel Gribbon (Tebrun) in England had a long relationship with Jill. Lionel recalls that he connected with Jill through Gillian Ford (Wickworth). "Both Gillian and I had dogs that had bad seizures and we felt that new bloodlines might help our breeding program. [We] had been looking for a dog from the USA and someone she knew mentioned that Jill had a litter. Jill's brother lived in the next village to Gillian...and her mother lived in Stratford upon Avon." Jill agreed to let Lionel have her puppy Dealer. Lionel relates "Dealer bonded with me immediately. He had to go into six months quarantine when he arrived in the UK. Luckily the place he was quarantined was only about a 20-minute walk from my house...in the 6 months I only missed two visiting days. Dealer was very healthy and did not have UAS or seizures. He was used at stud by Gillian Ford, Ann Garside-Neville (Thewina) and me. Jill and Rick visited when I was in London. I

had a litter of Dealer's puppies at the time and Jill and Rick were most impressed and would have liked to have one but the puppies were booked. Dealer was 15 years 5 months old when I had to say goodbye. Jill and I kept in touch with frequent phone calls up until a couple of weeks before she passed."

The Nor'West Norwich & Norfolk Terrier Club (NNNTC) was founded on Jill and Rick's dream to have a "FUN" club for all to enjoy these amazing dogs, recalls Gail Herstein. Joan Herstein, one of the original members and longstanding president of the club, commented that the original group was small but very active and dedicated to the betterment and pure pleasure of the breed. Early NNNTC members besides Jill, Rick, Joan, and Gail included Mary Baum, Maryellen Roden, and Julie McDaniel.



Original members of the Nor'west Norwich and  
Norfolk Terrier Club

Denis Johnson became Jill's friend in 2012 when he got his first Norwich from her, Nigel. Denis recalls "She asked if I would consider showing him, as Nigel was her pick of the litter of the six puppies she had just bred—and that began my Norwich journey." Another Norwich fancier looked at Nigel's pedigree with all champions for four generations behind him and pointed to one of Nigel's great grandfathers—CH Ji-Ro's Seabee! Jill got to see Nigel and Denis in the ring at the Montgomery shows in 2014, when a friend drove her from Virginia, and so she had the fun of seeing how Nigel was growing up. Denis comments, "I was able to show Nigel to his Grand Championship and he was ranked 3rd in the NOHS in 2015. GCH CH Ji-Ro's Hotspur-Call Me Nigel CGC, was Jill's last champion, and I can never thank Jill enough for getting me started in the fancy with such an excellent dog through which I have met the wonderful Norwich community. She will be missed by many of us with a Ji-Ro's in our pedigrees."



Jill's last Champion, GCH CH Ji-Ro's Hotspur  
– Call Me Nigel CGC

Denis Johnson, PhD  
Frabjous Norwich  
Nutley, NJ

## MARGET JOHNSON



Marget Johnson, age 75, passed away peacefully on August 8 after a long struggle with Parkinson's. Her husband Bill of 41 years and her six canine companions were at her bedside.

Marget was born on November 24, 1944 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to George and Kathern Morton. Marget is survived by a younger sister, Terry of Tucson, Arizona and a younger brother George of

Saint Charles, Missouri. She is predeceased by her parents and an older sister Mary.

Marget's family moved from Fort Wayne to the Pacific Palisades community in Los Angeles, California in 1948 where she attended Corpus Christi Elementary and Saint Monica's High School. After graduation in 1962, Marget attended Ithaca College in New York and the University of Southern California.

Marget was a life-long lover of dogs, starting with German Shepherds, then Rottweilers, then Newfoundlands and lastly the little dogs that stole her heart, Norwich Terriers. Marget was a member of the Norwich Terrier Club of America. She was active in the NTCA, always being available to help wherever she could. Marget did very limited breeding using the kennel name of "Through The Looking Glass". Marget was the breeder and owner of many AKC Champions in both the Newfoundland and Norwich Terrier breeds.

Marget and her husband Bill wished to thank the amazing nurses at Northern Light Hospice who gave her loving and dignified care. Marget requested that no formal service be held. She also believed strongly that every dog needs a home, therefore in place of flowers she asks for a donation to the Norwich Terrier rescue fund be made in her name.

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## PATSY WADE



Patsy B. Wade P.H.A., 80, of Austin, TX, passed away at home on March 22, 2020, after a long battle with COPD. She was a long-time breeder and Professional Handler of Norwich terriers, including BIS winning CH Skyscot's Summer Shower, better known as "Cricket". She is survived by her partner of 37 years, Judi Hartell, as well as close friends Claire Johnson, Sandra Stemmler, Maria & Terri Kelley and

many Norwich Terrier friends.

Patsy, better known as PW to her friends, grew up in Uvalde, TX. She often talked about her wonderful childhood and her early love of dogs. Her first dog was a Boxer named Dolly who was her constant companion. In 1978, she attended her first dog show. Shortly after, she entered her mother's Cairn Terrier puppy in her first conformation dog show and it was the beginning of a life-long love affair with showing dogs. PW's career as a professional dog handler spanned over 50 years. PW was a talented handler and groomer, guiding numerous Cairn Terriers, Norwich Terriers, Norfolk Terriers, Miniature Schnauzers and Scottish Terriers to top awards. She was passionate about dogs and treated each of

her charges with the greatest care and love. She had a wicked sense of humor to be exceeded only by her encouragement of people new to terriers; always willing to help them learn the difficult art of terrier coat care. We have lost one of the great ones in the dog world.

Donations in PW's memory may be made to Take The Lead or to a charity of your choice. A celebration of her life will be held over the course of the July 2021 specialty weekend in San Antonio, Texas, details to be announced.



*Going BIS with Cricket*



## CH CAMIO'S EDUCATED GUESS NJP

January 1, 2006 - October 11, 2020



Phoenix at 5 weeks old

Phoenix was only supposed to be my little pet. When my vet pulled out the little black and tan girl that New Years Day, he said, "Look, it's "Queen Kong"!" Little did he know how prophetic the "Queen" part was. At 5 weeks it was apparent she was different; she was already running with the big dogs. Scared was never in her vocabulary. When she arrived at her first puppy match, she took

one look around at all the dogs and came out barking. She loved going to shows. At 5 months the NTCA Garden Party Puppy Match was held in Rhode Island, she won Best Bred by Exhibitor, even though she was trying to attack the water drops falling off the tent. When Montgomery 2006 rolled around, she was 9 months old, usually not a competitive age. We just went for the fun of it, but the first day at Devon she went RWB. I never dreamed that would happen, nor what the next day had in store. She won her class and when she went back in for winners, on the last way around, she just knew it was time to pour it on, moving out like a big girl. When Desmond Murphy pointed to her for WB, my world shifted. From that moment on the focus of my life changed. First it was, I will get her finished. Then, I jokingly said we would try for a group placement; I was the one who had only been in the group ring once before. The day after she finished, she did get a group placement and I discovered she loved applause. The louder it was, the more she extended her trot. At 10 months, her first weekend as a Special in Columbus, OH she made the cut in a very tough group. But, typical to Phoenix, she always had a sense of humor. On the down and back she grabbed a ball of hair off the floor without even breaking stride and proudly presented it to Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine. How do you not laugh? And that is how it went with her. You never knew what new trick she had up her sleeve. Maybe she wouldn't stand on the table, or she'd drag me in or around the group ring, or she would hop in the grass. She was the epitome of a show girl, though, she only did the naughty things at smaller shows. At Montgomery 2006 and 2008, AKC National Championship in 2007, or Westminster in 2008, she never missed a beat, winning BOS at each show. She loved the attention. I often knew she was planning to win the group when she walked into the ring. She would put on the "YOU WILL LOOK AT ME, AND I WILL WIN" look, and it worked. Before she retired, she had had 5 group wins and over 40 group placements, with me showing her exclusively. Phoenix was ranked top 5 in All Breed Points 2007 and 2008, top ten Breed Points 2008, and was Top Norwich Bitch 2007 and 2008.

We played a little at Agility and she did earn NJP before she discovered there were no treats at a trial. She would go over the first jump and then leave the ring to visit those sitting outside the ring with food, or she would lay down in the middle of the ring and refuse to move.

Motherhood was her next venture. Her first puppy, a girl, Glinda (CH Camio's Educated Enchantress), became my first real agility dog. As challenging as her mother was, Glinda was the opposite. She had a work ethic that earned her AX & AXJ. The next litter

produced two boys by Rugby (CH Abbedale Brass Tacks). Both had group placements shortly after their first birthdays. One son, Eddie (GCHS Camio's Educated Exemplar), had his first BIS near his 2nd birthday. A final litter yielded a Specialty Sweepstakes winner, Vegas (CH Camio's Educated in Vegas).

Retirement was wonderful. She supervised the next generation and taught them manners. She never did more than give them "the look" and they stayed their distance. She WAS the "Queen". When I bought a motorhome, she took on the role of co-pilot. In her car seat next to me, we traveled 100,000 miles. When she heard the motorhome pull in the driveway, I had to put her in her seat, or there would be no peace. Once in her perch, she would just sit there and wait patiently. As she aged, she lost her hearing, but she could smell a bag of chips even if sound asleep. There was no sneaking one while driving; she would bark until she got her share.

When the Pandemic hit, there were no more trips. I am sorry for that. She genuinely enjoyed traveling. 14 years and 9 months is a long life and hers was good one. She was so healthy until 9 weeks before she left me. She never lost her awareness of me or the goings on here, still doing her puppy disciplining job.



She has left such a legacy here; every Norwich here is her descendant. She passed on her terrier attitude to each and produced 4 Champions out of 4 puppies. One is a MBIS, MBISS, MRBIS winner. In 2013 he was #1 Norwich All Breed Points and top 10 Breed Points, and in 2014 #2 All Breed and top 5 Breed Points. The next generation produced a SEL at Montgomery, and two National Sweepstakes winners. In 2019 one of those was #2 All Breed Points, Top 5 Breed Points, and a multiple group winner.

Most importantly, we shared so many wonderful memories. Now there is a giant void where she used to be. She was always at my side or waiting by the door from which I left. She was my partner, my bed dog, my sidekick, and one of my best friends. She was always there for me through tough times and great ones. I will miss her little white head at my feet, waiting for me to drop a tidbit. Phoenix was loyal until her last breath and I loved her like no other. She was my Once in a Lifetime Dog. RIP, my sweet Phoenix, until we meet again.



Cathy Rogers  
Florence, KY

## CAMIO

For me, if there is anything positive from the Pandemic, it has been less time on the road, and more time at home. It has been a time to reconnect with my pets who moonlight as show dogs. I haven't planted a big garden for years, but knowing I'd be home all summer, it seemed like a perfect time to rekindle my green thumb. The dogs enjoy the benefits of this. They stand at my feet waiting anxiously for me to drop something, anything, that I've brought in from the vegetable garden. Green beans, lettuces of all sorts, beets, summer squash, tomatoes, peppers; they love them all, raw or cooked, heck, they will even eat the peels or stems if they hit the floor. On hot summer days, I was able to watch a litter of puppies jumping in their wading pool, swinging on their saucer swing or playing King of the Hill. In the evening we all go for a "walk", in the fenced area. This is something all enjoy, young, old, and in between. Everyone tags along and gets in a good sniff, looking for mice or what bunnies leave behind (yuck!). As my oldest, Phoenix,

aged, I began to realize how short time was becoming. I savored every moment with her. It was a good thing, since she left me on October 11th. No matter how long we have them, it is never long enough. She was one of a kind, and I miss her terribly.

However, every Norwich I own is a descendant of hers. So I am hoping as time goes by I will see her in them, perhaps the glint she used to have in her eye, her silly habit of spinning if she wanted something, or her silent bark complete with Farfel imitation (snapping her jaws loudly) at puppies, telling them to move on. I am glad I was home and could give her all the attention she deserved during her final time on Earth. Rest in Peace, my sweet Phoenix, CH Camio's Educated Guess, NJP, until we meet again.

Cathy Rogers  
Florence, KY

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## GLENGARIFF

During the past several months the "new normal" forced upon us by the Covid pandemic has presented both serious challenges and some welcomed changes. Starting with the abrupt end to the Louisville cluster of shows on March 13th when after 2 shows the cluster was canceled, the months that followed have been interesting to say the least. First, my husband fell ill in late March and I followed suit several days later. Fortunately, we recovered fully over the following weeks. While dealing with the energy draining flu-like symptoms my major concern was getting the dogs out and fed – not an easy task when all you want to do is stay in bed. Somehow the dogs, as they are want to do, knew there was a shift in their world and cooperated with the new somewhat haphazard schedule. Soon we were all back to normal, or at least the "new normal." Never a willing cook (my go to spices were salt and pepper), I found that limited take out options and not being able to dine out forced me to broaden my horizons in the kitchen. Surprisingly, my foray into the culinary world has not ended badly – although I have discovered a convenient short cut and use the Instapot frequently. Easy peasy as they say.

A new challenge for pet owners is the curbside drop off at a vet's office, and unfortunately, one I have experienced several times. First, Riley (GCHP Abbedale Life of Riley at Glengariff's) had gastro issues early on July 3rd and since it was a holiday weekend, we thought it would be best to have him checked out by the vet. Upon arrival at the vet we waited in the car at curbside for the vet tech, a few minutes later she took Riley for what I thought would be a quick exam and maybe some meds. As we waited in the car, the vet called my cell to tell me she felt a mass in his abdomen – unrelated to the gastro issues. The reception was not great and it was difficult to discuss something of this nature calmly on a cell phone with poor reception. But this is the "new normal." With a few days to think about what the next step would be I was fortunate to have had advice and guidance from experienced breeders and Norwich owners who were kind enough to share their experience and insight. A diagnostic ultrasound with aspiration biopsy was done and biopsy came back normal; but because the mass was about the size of a baseball it had to be

removed. The following week Riley had a successful splenectomy and the removal of the splenic nodular hyperplasia (a benign neoplasia). A final biopsy report confirmed it was benign. A day after surgery Riley was moving around unimpeded and eating normally. The only long-lasting effect was the appearance of additional grey hairs on my head.

More recently Paige (CH Glengariff's Bethpage Black VN RN AX OAJ OAP OJP) (almost 14 years old) was having difficulty seeing and walking, another curbside vet visit to have her checked revealed the issue was neurological. We made the decision to treat her symptoms with medication rather than do extensive diagnostics. At her advanced age I would not want to do any invasive treatment so for now, except for a less than steady gait, she is safe, comfortable and pain free, and most importantly she is in a loving environment. Every day is a gift.



On a brighter note...our Meadow (Glengariff's Verdant Meadow, bred by Cary Trexler, Andy Chen, M. Levitan, and D. Carlson) is now a Champion. As much as I like showing my own dogs to their championships this "new normal" required I go to plan B and send her out with handlers, Jessy & Roxanne Sutton. She was at shows in Florida where she finished, and the following day went into the Breed ring to go Best of Breed over 6 specials. A nice finish to a crazy show schedule.

Judy Laffey  
Long Beach, NY

## MAX-WELL

I started in the canine world when I was seven, going first with an Irish Setter followed by Rough Collies, Soft Coated Wheaten and then Norfolk terriers. I dabbled in Norwich...left the breed for a bit and now I'm back in. When I first became a member of the club in, I believe, 1974 we were the Norwich Terrier Club followed in 1979 by the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club and finally with division in 2009 we became two organizations. The dogs not only kept me busy so did my family of three kids and then I had my seven year old niece move in with us. Still I managed to hold down a full time teaching position and eventually I went to work in the family business. It's been a great ride and through it all I've served the club to the best of my ability as a member of the board and held office as a vice President and President. Along with these activities I served as chairman on a variety of committees such as, AKC Columnist for the print version of the Gazette, Ways

and Means, and Trophy. Nothing is easy, but I must say nothing I've done has excited me more than knowing I'm "working" for the club. When you get involved you meet some wonderful members that you can work with and in turn they become good friends. Being a part of our organization has always given me a sense of purpose for our breed. Not everyone likes to jump into a position, but if you're asked, please offer your help. We are a wonderful little breed and each little red, black and tan, or grizzle Norwich deserves our support. In my ripe old age I'm still excited knowing our breed will flourish as we welcome new members to our organization.

Barbara Miller  
Old Brookville, NY

## REBEL CORK

When most people think of Illinois they immediately think of Chicago. Some might even think of the flat central plains of the state where farms continue off into the distance until they reach the horizon. What most don't think of are the wooded, rocky bluffs along the Mississippi River that overlook the valley below. This valley contains some of the most fertile soil in the world and this area is what I would call true "Southern Illinois". This is the place where the landscape is dramatic, the people are warm and the history is rich.



*Keleven's In The Fast Lane aka Porsche  
exploring the woods at the farm*

The downtime this fall made it a great opportunity for me and my kids to load up our Norwich Terriers and take a trip south of St. Louis to our family farm in Southern Illinois. My wife stayed back to work on her audit as it's her "busy season" (that's accountant lingo) and it gave us a chance to get out of the house for the day. We waited until after the first frost had cleared the bugs and ticks and the air was crisp. The farm

was my grandparents and it holds special memories for me. I spent many days with my cousins hiking the woods, playing in the creek, listening to stories about our family and eating the best "down on the farm" cooking you can imagine. My hope is that my children also develop their own warm feelings for this place and continue our family traditions.

My grandfather and my dad both had many dogs throughout the years- from the Beagles for rabbit hunting to our multiple Blue Heelers for herding our livestock, to Bluetick Coonhounds

and even a Doberman that my aunt named Brandy (she was the sweetest dog, but the rural mailman was petrified). There were also mixed breed dogs that we loved just as much as the rest and even a few that we involuntarily adopted as they were "dropped off" out on our country road.

Our Norwich may live in the suburbs, but they seemed to know exactly what to do once we arrived at the farm. We headed to the back of the property beyond the pond where the pasture meets the rock bottom creek and the "Big Woods" begins. They ran and jumped and explored through the hills and hollows- they "hunted" with great focus as if their next meal was dependent on finding their prey. They stayed close to us as we hiked through the woods and if one strayed just a bit too far, my kids would call them to make sure they caught up with us. By the time we arrived back at the house we were all a bit muddy, covered in Beggars Lice and a Cocklebur or two, and we were ready for a nap. While we combed out the dogs, they drifted off from exhaustion and the excitement of the day. Our drive back home to the "burbs" was quiet, both the dogs and kids falling asleep and I enjoyed the peaceful car ride.

There was always a lot of pride in my grandfather's family- especially in his Irish ancestors. In fact, this is what drove me to choose the kennel name "Rebel Cork", due to our lineage in that part of Ireland. However, I had never spent much time researching my grandmother's family. I finally took the time to do some research and found that her side of the family was truly remarkable. Arriving in the area in the early 1700s (or much earlier if you consider our Native American heritage), this family tree includes a master carpenter who built the timber-framed roof and steeple on one of the first iterations of the Notre Dame de Quebec, the daughter of the Chief of the Kaskaskia Tribe, and a man so revered by his Catholic parish that his remains were buried in the floor of the church.

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## REBEL CORK continued



*Roche kids with our Norwich terriers Porsche & Tony  
standing in the rock bottom creek*

In uncovering my grandmother's family history, I've found a whole new chapter in my personal story. We all have a story and these stories- united together- are the foundation for this diverse and wonderful place we call America.

I hope you take the time to explore whatever it is that interests or inspires you and I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

Brandon Roche  
Columbia, IL

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## TERRAPIN

Usually, come summertime, we spend time at our place at the seashore. But as all of us know, this was no ordinary summer. Like you, we were forced to stay inside a lot, social distancing, wearing our mask, and doing all the correct things asked of us. But one day, we had had it; we had had it up to our teeth. Soooo..... we got in the car, turned on the a/c, and pretended as if we were taking off for the south of France.

The truth is, we got to the bottom of our road, then immediately crossed into the Pickering Creek and swam for a few hours. Okay, so it wasn't Cannes or Antibes, it was better than staying in air conditioning, watching television all day long. Oh and did I mention, the dogs LOVED it!!

Missy Wood  
Phoenixville, PA



*Social distancing Terrapin style*



## TINYTOWNE

Here in Oregon we are all fine. Fortunately, I don't know anyone on the west coast who has suffered a loss from the fires. We have, however, all made plans as to where to go just in case. It is supposed to rain this week, at least on the coast. This should help a lot.

The worst thing about the fires is the air quality. It is really BAD. We are staying indoors as much as possible and wearing masks when we do have to go outside. Even with these precautions, one of us always seems to have a headache or an irritated throat with watery eyes. Needless to say, an air purifier is on the way. Our 5 year old Norwich, Buster, is getting cabin fever as he is so used to having a good walk every day with romps on the beach when it isn't too windy.

Monti Craig lives in Grants Pass, and is used to poor air quality during fire season. Although, this far exceeds the past. I don't think the Oregon coast has ever experienced an event this horrific before.



*Loon Lake fall walk with Buster*

Clearly, between the fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc., let's hope that leaders of this country will make climate change an urgent priority and drastic changes will be made. We just hope it's not too late.

Dana and Rich Esquibel  
Florence, Oregon



*Boo and Bear brush their teeth*

Photo credit: Jennifer Lee



*Barbie and Kona dressed up for Halloween*

Photo credit: Heather Tomlins



Photo credit: Magda Chiarella

*Kiwi, Teddy, Ruby, Pocket - "the hunting crew" aka the Fab Four at my house for the fact that they hunt cooperatively as a unit - flushing rodents always toward Pocket*



Photo credit: Jennifer Lee

*We found a pine cone treasure!*

## DON'T BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS YOU!

### The Blueberry Fight

It was a beautiful sunny summer afternoon, and the weather was warm enough for four friends with their nine Norwich to enjoy an outdoor backyard gathering—while staying socially distant with respect to COVID-19 pandemic public health guidelines. The Norwich playfully sniffed and chased each other around on the lawn and in the woodland garden. All the dogs except a puppy were old friends, too, but hadn't been all together in months because of the pandemic shutdown. Abundant clusters of blueberries were ripe on the bushes for picking, and so a bowlful was picked for everyone to taste. Norwich love blueberries! As the dogs attentively stood around with their heads up each got a blueberry treat, but a blueberry meant for the mouth of an older girl missed the target and dropped to the ground...as she bent down to retrieve it, pandemonium broke out and food-prey-instinct took over. In a flash, the dogs became a growling pack of vultures as five girls dove to the ground to retrieve the fallen berry!

The puppy and the three boys stood back. As two of us yelled and got three of the girls to back off, we were left having to grab and separate the last two of the food warriors. The blueberry fight was over in seconds, and the dogs cooled off in ex-pens. Luckily, there were no canine casualties, but each of the two human peacemakers sustained what appeared to be a small bite to one of their hands, causing a break in the skin and minor bleeding. It all happened so quickly that there was no way to know which dog did what.

### Dog Bites are Very Common

Approximately 4 million dog bites are reported each year in the United States, a dog bite injury rate of 103 to 118 per 100,000 population according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fortunately, most dog bite injuries presenting for treatment at emergency departments (ED) are minor: less than 2 percent of patients seen in the ED for such injuries needed hospitalization, and the rest were treated and released. A majority of dog bite victims are children, who have a higher risk of injuries to the head and neck. Bites to the extremities are more common among adolescents and adults. Although most dogs never bite a human, even well-socialized family dogs may bite under certain circumstances. For instance: while protecting their puppies; guarding food or territory; resisting noxious stimuli; during dental procedures; engaging in rough play; or out of fear.

Norwich terriers as a breed are very game but display an exceptionally affectionate temperament towards humans. Bites that occur are usually accidentally provoked and may happen during the course of normal daily care—resulting in mostly superficial bites or nips. Unfortunately, Norwich owners are sometimes at risk of more serious bite injuries when it becomes necessary to rescue one of our Norwich from an exuberant melee, or more worrisome, from the attack of a larger aggressive dog or even a wild predator.

### How Bad is the Bite?

Large, multiple, or deep dog bite wounds from larger aggressive breeds usually involve significant tissue destruction and bleeding, especially wounds that involve the victim's head or neck - these injuries warrant an emergency medical response with ambulance transport to the nearest emergency department for medical evaluation, management, and care.

In contrast, bite wounds to the hands and fingers from relatively small Norwich Terriers are commonly lacerations: irregular skin wounds with a jagged edge caused by tearing of the skin. Occasionally the small dogs may chomp down hard enough to cause a puncture wound, where the small entry hole in the skin made by a pointed tooth makes it difficult to determine whether the injury is shallow or deep. Puncture wounds tend to have a higher risk of infection, because microorganisms may be pushed deep into the subcutaneous tissue.

First aid consists of immediately cleansing the affected skin surface with copious water and soap (or dilute povidone-iodine skin disinfectant solution if available), patting the wound dry with a clean towel, then covering it with a thin layer of topical antibiotic ointment and a bandage to keep the wound clean and dry. However, the wound should be uncovered and inspected 2-3 times a day for signs of infection. The development of increased redness, swelling, exudate (discharge) and tenderness at the wound site are signs of infection of the skin and soft tissues underneath and warrants urgent medical care. Decreased range of motion of the affected part may signal tendon, bone, or joint involvement, and development of increasing numbness and tingling may indicate increasing pressure in tissue compartment spaces of the fingers or hand. These symptoms also indicate the need for urgent medical evaluation.

Medical evaluation includes a history of the injury and assessment of the patient's general health, physical examination, wound debridement (removal of devitalized tissue) and irrigation. Radiographs to assess for foreign bodies (e.g. broken teeth fragments) or bone involvement may be necessary. After cleansing, animal bite wounds especially those involving the hand are usually left open to prevent secondary infection, and allowed to close by secondary intention (healing occurring from the bottom of the wound upwards). If primary closure of a bite wound is desired because of cosmetic concerns (e.g. large bite wounds to the face or extremities), special precautions must be taken to prevent infection. Many states have laws requiring EDs and ambulatory care clinics to report all cases of animal bite wounds that present for care at their facilities.

A person who sustains a dog bite that breaks the skin should review their tetanus vaccine status and the rabies vaccine status of the involved dog—if the status of either party is not up to date or is unknown, immediate steps must be taken to decrease the risk of these two vaccine-preventable infections from developing in the patient. Administration of post-exposure doses of the relevant vaccines to the patient may be necessary, and tetanus antitoxin and/or rabies immune globulin may be considered as well, depending on the status of both patient and animal involved.

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### Dog Bite Infections

Up to 20 percent of dog bite wounds become infected, contributing to delayed wound healing and poor cosmetic outcomes, but more importantly, wound infections can spread systemically causing serious illness and even death. Animal bite wounds are considered “dirty wounds”. The bite wound can be contaminated by bacteria (Staphylococci and Streptococci) and dirt present on the surface of the victim’s skin that are pushed into the wound during the bite, as well as by microorganisms normally present in a dog’s mouth. There are a variety of bacteria in a dog’s mouth including aerobes that only grow in the presence of free oxygen such as *Pasteurella multocida*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus* species, *Corynebacterium* species, *Eikenella corrodens*, and *Capnocytophaga canimorsus*; and anaerobes that do not require oxygen for growth such as *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Fusobacterium* species, and *Veillonella parvula*.

*Capnocytophaga canimorsus* is an emerging human pathogen of particular concern. Although reported cases of human infection with *C. canimorsus* are rare, it can be a rapidly lethal infection characterized by the development of flu-like symptoms following a dog bite that progresses to septic shock and fulminant purpura (hemorrhage into the skin). While severe and fatal infections due to *C. canimorsus* have been more frequently reported in patients with compromised immunity, splenectomy, or alcohol abuse, published case reports in the medical literature show that fatal infections can occur following a dog bite in immunocompetent patients without specific risk factors.

### Treatment

Dog bite wounds involving the hand are at increased risk of infection, and most clinical practice guidelines agree that antibiotic prophylaxis is appropriate in this circumstance. Prompt treatment with an oral antibiotic for 3 to 7 days can prevent serious infections discussed above from developing. Amoxicillin-clavulanate is the first-line antibiotic choice, or doxycycline for penicillin-allergic patients (aged 8 years or older, not pregnant); alternative antibiotic regimens are also available. If frank cellulitis (infection of the skin and soft tissue) has developed, the oral antibiotic treatment is extended to a course of 10 to 14 days. Hospitalization for advanced wound care and intravenous antibiotics is required if systemic signs and symptoms of infection develop such as malaise, fever and chills, if there is severe rapidly expanding cellulitis, or if involvement of a bone, joint, tendon, or nerve is suspected.

### Aftermath of the Blueberry Fight

Following the blueberry fight, one Norwich peacemaker had a quarter-inch laceration on the skin near the base of the third finger on her right hand. The wound edges were irregular and subcutaneous tissue was visible, but bleeding was minimal. After first aid care at home, the wound was observed overnight, but increased redness, swelling, and tenderness at the wound site were noted by the next morning. Her primary care provider was consulted, and a treatment regimen consisting of 7 days of amoxicillin-clavulanate antibiotic tablets was prescribed. The symptoms subsided 3 days after antibiotic treatment was

initiated, the wound closed after a week, and a residual small scar was her only souvenir of the day.



*Day 1, about 24 hours after the dog bite, before evaluation and treatment in the local emergency department.*



*Day 1, after wound irrigation and deep wound massage in the emergency department.*



*Day 4, about 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment and home wound care.*

The second Norwich peacekeeper sustained a single puncture wound on the left thumb above the second joint that was painful and bled profusely during initial first aid measures. The bite wound showed increased redness and noticeable swelling of the thumb after 24 hours and movement of the thumb became limited by pain. The woman went to the local ED, where x-rays of the thumb showed no foreign bodies or bone involvement. The ED physician deeply massaged the wound to break up any pockets of pus and the wound was vigorously irrigated with sterile saline and povidone-iodine disinfectant solution. With a diagnosis of “cellulitis of finger of left hand”, she was discharged to home. She was advised to soak the affected area in a very warm solution of hydrogen peroxide and water, and to deep-massage the area every 3 hours while awake, then dry the hand and cover the wound with a clean dressing. Since she’d neglected to stay up-to-date on tetanus vaccination, a tetanus immunization (TDAP, Tetanus-Diphtheria-Acellular Pertussis) was administered as well. Amoxicillin-clavulanate antibiotic tablets were prescribed for 14 days. The redness, pain, and swelling gradually subsided



*Day 10, healed by secondary intention (healing occurred from the bottom of the wound upward), and the swelling is completely resolved.*

over several days and 9 days after being seen in the ER and starting antibiotic treatment, the thumb was back to normal.

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### Take Away Tips

It's probably best to separate dogs from each other when feeding high value treats! Dog bites are a common occurrence and fortunately, the majority are superficial and do not become infected. Dog bites to the hand have an increased risk of infection, and the injured person should notify their regular primary care provider or seek medical care even for seemingly minor bites to the hand, because current clinical practice guidelines recommend antibiotic prophylaxis against infection in this situation. Dog bites that are extensive, involve children, occur on

the head or neck, occur near or in a prosthetic joint, or occur in an immunocompromised person warrant emergency medical care. All in all, the big blueberry fight was a learning experience, one to be shared. Fortunately, everyone survived the episode and will live to eat blueberries another summer day!

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## ESTATE PLANNING FOR PETS: DO I NEED A TRUST FOR MY PET? – PART 2

Part 1 of this article on Estate Planning for Pets was published in the spring issue of The Norwich Terrier News

### III. How to Maximize a Pet Trust

There can be a lot of conflicting advice concerning the appropriate care for pets, especially for how to best plan for their care in the pet owner's absence. While a pet trust might initially sound excessive, pet trusts can be a detailed and comprehensive device used to plan for the care of the pet for multiple contingencies. This Section will fully explain what a pet trust is, the benefits of a pet trust, and what goes into establishing a pet trust.

#### (1) What is a pet trust?

A trust is a legal device that enables an individual, a settlor, to set aside funds for the benefit of another individual, a beneficiary, and asks a third party, a trustee, to ensure the funds are used as the terms of the trust command. The trustee holds the legal title of the property for the benefit of the beneficiary.

With a pet trust, the trust is used to ensure a pet owner's animals are taken care of in his or her absence. The pet owner is responsible for setting aside funds for the trust, creating terms of the trust to instruct the trustee on how to use the funds to care for the animals, and appointing individuals to serve as trustee and caregiver. (Beyer, at 19, 21) Although technically the caregiver is the beneficiary because property cannot be left directly to an animal, the care of the animal will be the primary concern. While the trust is active, the trustee will distribute funds to the caregiver and the caregiver will provide care to the animal as directed by the terms of the trust. A single trust can provide for all pets owned by one pet owner. (Nakamura, at 7)

Today, a pet trust can be established in all states and the District of Columbia. (Marion & Riedel) Using uniform codes as guidelines, each state has adopted its unique version of pet trusts and each state might have its own specific requirements or limitations. (AVMA; UPC; UTC) For example, some states allow pet trusts for specific animals alive during the pet owner's lifetime and others

provide for more animals by also covering descendants of animals alive during the pet owner's lifetime. (Goffe, at 3)

Generally, pet owners should use an attorney with experience drafting pet trusts and revisit the terms and appointments within the trust every two to three years. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 112; Kass) Reviewing the trusts ensures the terms of the trust still reflect the pet owner's intent and that the individuals appointed remain committed to serving as a caregiver or a trustee.

#### (2) Do pet owners need a pet trust?

Generally, some level of estate planning for pets is recommended for pet owners who live alone, are older adults, or suffer from a chronic illness. (Nakamura, at 1) Additionally, estate planning becomes more important when pet owners who have multiple pets and would like them to remain together, a spouse or children are unable to take care of a pet, or the pet has a long lifespan. (Nakamura, at 1)

Pet owners should establish a pet trust when none of the alternatives, such as a Will with a conditional gift or directive to place a pet in a life-care center, would provide the pet with the desired level of care. The decision to create a pet trust is personal because unique circumstances could necessitate a pet trust over other estate planning devices or informal agreements.

#### (3) What kind of pet trust should a pet owner use?

Two types of trust can be established for the benefit of a pet: a testamentary or an inter vivos trust.

First, a testamentary trust is included in a pet owner's Will and becomes active once the Will is probated. Pet owners do not need to transfer property to a testamentary trust during their lifetime, rather the trust can be funded at death through property transfers specified in the Will. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) However, there is a

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delay with testamentary trusts from when the pet begins to need care after the pet owner's death to when the trust becomes active. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) While the initial startup cost is low, a testamentary trust only provides for a pet when the pet owner dies and delays both the caregiver's receipt of funds and their obligation to care for the animal until after probate is completed.

Second, a revocable living trust, or an inter vivos trust, is established during the pet owner's lifetime and provides for the pet when the pet owner becomes incapacitated, disabled, or deceased. (Beyer, 19; Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) Pet owners remain in control of the property held in trust until they become incapacitated or deceased. Initial startup costs are higher because inter vivos trusts require the ownership of funds to be transferred from the pet owner to the trust during the pet owner's lifetime and there are trust administration costs during the pet owner's lifetime. (Beyer, at 9; Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) However, any changes to an inter vivos trust are easier than executing a new Will to change the terms of a testamentary trust. (Beyer, at 9)

An inter vivos trust with a dedicated bank account that someone can access while the pet owner is incapacitated, but alive, is the best way to ensure that care for an animal is never interrupted. However, most pet trusts are testamentary due to cost-prohibitive measures of establishing an inter vivos trust, (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110), and testamentary trusts can provide for pets many years after the pet owner's death.

### (4) Who should serve as a caregiver?

The caregiver will serve as the trust's beneficiary and can enforce the terms of the trust if the trustee fails to honor them. (Beyer, at 9) Pet owners should generally make the same considerations when selecting a caregiver for a pet as they would when selecting an individual to care for their children. Pet owners should also consider the level of care they want the animal to receive and if the caregiver is capable of providing said care.

Caregivers must be willing to serve; otherwise, an individual can decline the appointment. So, each trust needs to include multiple individuals who could serve as caregivers and have each individual listed in order of preference. (Beyer, at 9–10; Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) Before listing an individual as a caregiver, a pet owner should ask each individual if they would be willing to take care of their animal and attempt to introduce the animal to the individual to make sure they get along. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) Communication with potential caregivers is especially important if the animal has health issues or if potential caregivers have other pets or small children. (Beyer, at 9)

If the pet owner is unable to choose a caregiver, a pet owner could empower a panel or the trustee to make the decision. A panel should include several individuals, such as veterinarians, family members, or friends. "The panel could use various means to locate a proper caregiver, such as advertising in a local newspaper and consulting with local animal welfare organizations. The panel would interview the prospective caregivers and select the person it felt would provide the best care for the pet under the

terms of the trust." (Beyer, at 10) Alternatively, a trustee can be entrusted with the authority to find a caregiver, but the trust needs to ensure the trustee does not have the authority to select themselves. (Beyer, at 9)

No matter how the preferred caregiver is selected, it is good practice for a pet owner to include a life-care center or shelter as a last resort alternative. Having an organization that is willing to take the pet can be beneficial if none of the caregivers are willing to serve, the panel or trustee are unsuccessful, or if the pet outlives all the caregivers listed. (Goffe, at 3)

Additionally, trust documents should spell out the level of care expected with detailed instructions; otherwise, there is a great deal of discretion afforded to the trustee and caregiver. (Beyer, at 11) Care instructions should cover the animal's daily routine by providing information on the animal's food and diet, favorite toys, exercise, and proper use of a cage. (Beyer, at 21) The instructions should also cover non-daily needs, such as grooming, boarding, socialization, and veterinary care. (Beyer, at 21) As part of the terms of the trust, the pet owner needs to provide information regarding the disposition of an animal after its death, namely if the pet is to be cremated and where the pet is to be buried.

Ideally, the trust document would spell out the non-negotiable pet care requirements to "both (1) avoid claims that the caregiver is expending an unreasonable amount on the animal and (2) prevent the caregiver from expending excessive funds." (Beyer, at 11) Then, a separate pet information document would provide the caregiver with more guidance on a pet's habits and preferences that are not part of the terms of the trust. Instead of a pet information sheet, a pet owner could make a video. (Beyer, at 20) Separating the animal care instructions into two different documents informs the trustee which care instructions are mandatory terms of the trust and which care instructions are gentle guidance.

### (5) Who should serve as a trustee?

The trustee is responsible for the administration of the trust. A trust should list multiple individuals, ranked in order of preference, who could serve as trustee because a trustee has to be willing to serve and administer the trust for the benefit of the animal. Also, an alternative trustee may be able to remove the original trustee when the original trustee fails to manage the trust as written or for the best interest of the animal. (Beyer, at 10) If the pet trust is heavily funded, consider a corporate trustee. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) Even though a family member or friend might be willing to serve as trustee for little to no compensation, they lack the experience of managing a trust. (Beyer, at 21)

Most importantly, a trustee should not be a caregiver. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) Internal checks are one of the most beneficial components of a trust and are only realized by careful drafting. Bifurcating the role of caring for a pet by having one individual manage the trust funds for the benefit of the animal and one individual provide care to the animal, provides an opportunity for internal checks. (Goffe, at 3) Specifically, the trustee can ensure the caregiver provides for the animal as the pet owner requested

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and the caregiver can ensure the trustee is directing the funds to benefit the animals as the pet owner intended.

Additionally, a pet owner might want to consider the appointment of a third person, a trust protector. The terms of the trust could give the trust protector additional powers to help ensure the intent of the pet owner is followed. For example, a trust protector could be able to “remove and replace fiduciaries, periodically check on the animal, consult with the pet’s health care providers, and review trust financial records.” (Goffe, at 3) If the pet owner does not appoint a trust protector, a state’s laws could permit the court to appoint someone to oversee the trust. (UPC; UTC) Appointing a trust protector is not necessary for small arrangements; however, larger trusts would benefit from a person with “specialized investment skills” and who provides additional oversight. (Hirschfeld, at 151)

### (6) How does a pet become trust property?

Normally, the only property that needs to be transferred to a trust is property to fund the trust. A trust can be funded by direct transfers through writing a check to the trust or by changing ownership on a deed to the trust, a provision in a Will that changes ownership of the property to the trust, or by listing the trust as the beneficiary for a pay-on-death designation, such as life insurance. (Beyer, at 9) Testamentary trusts are funded at the settlor’s death and inter vivos trusts are funded during the settlor’s lifetime. Funding for an inter vivos trust could not exclusively rely on provisions in a Will or pay-on-death designations.

For pet trusts, pet owners still have to fund a pet trust through one of those options and have to transfer ownership of their pet to the trust. (Beyer, at 19–20; Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) If a pet owner created an inter vivos trust, the pet owner needs to formally transfer ownership of the pet while the pet owner is living. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) If the pet owner created a testamentary trust, the pet owner needs to formally transfer ownership of the pet in their Will. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) Pet owners have to transfer ownership of their pets because pets are still considered property under the law. Additionally, the trust should instruct the trustee to “deliver custody of the pet to the [caregiver]” during the pet owner’s absence to allow for the caregiver to provide care. (Beyer, at 10)

### (7) How much money should be set aside?

Even if all friends are animal lovers, the kindest friend will probably not want to take care of someone else’s animal for free. Pet owners need to make sure they leave enough money to provide for all the expenses associated with caring for the animal for the remainder of its life, including food, veterinarian, burial, and trust administration costs. (Beyer, at 10, 13) The terms of the trust should explain how the money is to be used, if the caregiver and trustee are to be compensated, and how a caregiver will be reimbursed for the pet’s expenses.

When deciding how much money to leave in trust, a pet owner should consider “the type of animal, the animal’s life expectancy,

the animal’s standard of living, and the potential for expensive medical care.” (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) Pet owners can “estimate the pet’s life expectancy and then multiply the number by the remaining years by what [the pet owner] spends on pet food, veterinary bills and grooming in a given year” and “[a]dding a four percent inflation.” (Carrozza) If a pet owner is still unsure of how much to leave in trust, a pet owner could start with \$10,000 per pet and see if there is a reason to leave more or less, such as common medical expenses for the type of animal.

Additionally, the size of a pet owner’s entire estate should also be considered. If the estate is large, the pet owner could transfer sufficient funds to function as an “endowment” and the annual income from the endowment can cover the pet’s annual expenses. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 110) When the pet is no longer alive and benefiting from the trust, the endowment can be given to a different beneficiary. If the estate is modest, the pet owner would only transfer funds necessary to provide for the pet. The trustee would be expected to use the trust property to provide for the pet’s expenses and not rely on interest accrued. (Beyer, at 10)

However, pet owners will want to be careful not to leave too much money in trust. Excessive grants could lead to other beneficiaries contesting the pet trust, (Beyer, at 10), or a court refusing to allocate the entire amount to the pet trust. A state could enable its courts to reduce the amount held in a pet trust if the pet owner left more funds than required to carry out the terms of the trust. (UPC; UTC) For example, Leona Helmsley, a successful condominium broker and referred to as Queen of Mean, left \$12 million to a pet trust to care for her dog out of her \$8 billion estate. (Tobin) The judge ultimately decided \$2 million was appropriate to care for the dog as instructed. (Tobin)

There could be justification for a large contribution to a pet trust. For example, Lenore Lewis Abels died leaving a sizeable grant to charities and instructed her remaining assets, besides her home, to be sold and given to her trustee. (Copland, at 459) The assets were to be used to compensate the housekeeper, who lived in her house rent-free and care for her cats. (Copland, at 459) When the last cat died, the house was sold and distributed to several animal-oriented charities. (Copland, at 459) The court refused to reduce the pet trust because doing so would dishonor Lenore Abels’s intent. (Copland, at 461) Even though there is a large amount of property left to the care of the pets, there is also a large degree of care she requested. (Copland, at 462) Unlike Leona Helmsley, Lenore Abels did not transfer property to the trust that was greater than necessary to carry out her intentions. (Copland, at 462)

If the terms of the trust do not specify what to do when the court decides the trust is excessive, the excess funds go back to the pet owner’s estate. (Goffe, at 1–2) If a pet owner were to name a beneficiary for “excessive” funds, the pet owner should name a beneficiary who would not claim the grant of property to the trust was excessive just to gain access to the funds, such as a charity. (Beyer, at 11) Naming a beneficiary for this contingency would help reduce the number of beneficiaries who would want to claim the pet trust is excessive.

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Additionally, a pet owner might want to set aside funds to compensate those who served as a caregiver or a trustee. First, the trustee can be compensated for the time they spend managing the trust, especially if the pet owner has the funds to do so. A corporate trustee will require it and likely be more expensive than a non-corporate trustee, such as a friend or family member. (Beyer, at 21)

Second, the caregiver is the individual who stepped up to care for a pet when the pet owner could not. Even though the trust provides for the pet's expenses, the trust does not compensate a caregiver for the time they spend caring for the animal and the small sacrifices they must make sometimes to care for an animal. Caregivers can also face additional expenses that might not be anticipated with all trusts, such as boarding the animal during vacation or the tax liability associated with receiving the trust distributions as income. (Beyer at 10, Goffe at 3)

Some pet owners leave additional funds to compensate the caregiver for any accommodation the caregiver made to their life and other pet owners do not leave additional funds because the caregiver essentially has a pet with all its expenses paid for. (Beyer, at 11) Both lines of thought are valid, but "caregivers should understand how much they will receive from the trust when deciding whether to assume the responsibility." (Beyer & Seltzer, at 111)

Lastly, the pet owner will have to decide how the trustee should compensate the caregiver for taking care of the pet's expenses. There are three options: a fixed monthly sum, a fixed monthly sum with the option for reimbursement for additional usual expenses, or a pure reimbursement system. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 111) A monthly distribution would be easier for the trustee to administer but a reimbursement system would ensure each expense could be verified. (Beyer, at 11) Pet owners should ensure there is the potential for reimbursement of unusual expenses to avoid the possibility that a caregiver is "unable or unwilling to make expenditures in excess of the fixed distribution that are necessary for the animal." (Beyer, at 11)

### (8) Termination of Trust

A pet trust "should end upon a fixed date (the longest allowed under state law) or upon the animal's death, whichever occurs first." (Beyer & Seltzer, at 111) When this happens, the trustee is responsible for following the terms of the trust governing the pet's cremation and burial. Additionally, if funds are remaining in the pet trust, the trustee must distribute the remaining funds to the alternate beneficiary listed. (Nakamura, at 9) Naming a remainder beneficiary is necessary for the pet trust to be enforced. (Beyer, at 12)

To eliminate conflicts of interest as much as possible, the remainder beneficiary should not be the trustee or caregiver. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 111; Nakamura at 7) The remainder beneficiary should especially not be the caregiver "because the caregiver would then have a disincentive to keep the animal alive." (Beyer & Seltzer, at 111) Rather, it is best practice for a charity or a

non-interested third party to receive the remaining funds.

Leaving the remaining funds to a charity, particularly an animal charity, will help to ensure the trust funds are initially spent to care for the pet and minimize opportunities for individuals to abuse the trust. Leaving the excess money to a charity is not a perfect solution because even though it incentivizes the caregiver and trustee to help "the pets outlive their life expectancies," but it also incentivizes the trustee and caregiver to extend "the [t]rust for as long as possible" and prevent the euthanization of an animal "when it is the recommended course of action." (Nakamura, at 8) Selecting qualified individuals to serve and compensating those who serve as a trustee and caregiver are the best ways to mitigate the possible desire to unnecessarily keep an animal alive.

Lastly, if the property held in a pet trust is used up before the animal passes away, the terms of the trust should include a provision directing the trustee to donate the animal. (Beyer, at 22)

### (9) Accountability

After appointing two different individuals as trustee and caregiver, specifying the level of care required, and leaving the remainder of the trust funds to a non-interested third party, the pet owner should devise a system to serve as a check and balance on the trustee and caregiver. The terms of the trust should include accountability provisions detailing how the trust is to be monitored, how the trust animals can be identified, and who should purchase pet insurance in case the pet injures someone. Each pet owner can tailor the terms of the trust to create a system that works for them.

Generally, pet owners should require a trustee to complete regular accounting of the trust and show the caregiver the accounting reports. The reports help to ensure funds are being spent as the pet owner intended. Also, a pet owner should require the caregiver to take the pet to a veterinarian semi-annually or annually and permit the trustee to do random inspections of the pet at the caregiver's home. (Beyer, at 13; Beyer & Seltzer, at 111) The visits will enable the trustee to see first-hand the quality of life the animal enjoys and ensure the intended animals are being cared for. (Beyer, at 13; Beyer & Seltzer, at 111)

These accountability recommendations are aimed at preventing future mistakes. Richard Avanzino, a former president of the San Francisco SPCA, remembers a case he was involved in where a German shepherd who was on life support for two years because the pet owner "left relatives the use of an entire estate as long as the dog lived." (Manning) Random inspections of the pet at the caregiver's home and annual veterinarian visits required by the terms of the trust could prevent this conduct in the future.

Further, a pet owner might want to grant the trustee the power to appoint a new caregiver when the current caregiver "declines to serve, fails to qualify or ceases to act," and the power to put the animal to sleep if it becomes necessary for its quality of life. (Beyer, at 13; Nakamura, at 7)

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Additionally, another concern is the identity of the pet. A pet owner can establish the identity of their pet with a description of the pet, photographs, veterinary records, microchips, tattoos, and DNA samples. (Beyer, at 12; Goffe, at 2) If the property in the pet trust is extremely valuable, identification is necessary to prevent fraud and to ensure the intended pet is the one benefiting from the pet trust. (Beyer & Seltzer, at 111; Goffe, at 2) For example, Avanzino, former president of the San Francisco SPCA, was involved in another case where a maid and butler were given “free room and board as long as the cat was alive.” (Manning) At first, the cat was approximately eight years old, four years later the cat was only four years old, and then the next time Avanzino saw the “same cat” the cat was estimated to be one year old. (Beyer, at 12; Manning) Clearly, the same cat did not benefit from the trust.

Unfortunately, most of the means of identification could be duplicated. Microchipping an animal is a sophisticated procedure, but a caregiver could still remove a microchip from a pet and implant it into another animal that looked like the pet the caregiver was supposed to be caring for. (Beyer, at 12) Even though DNA testing is the most expensive option, randomly comparing DNA is the best method to ensure the identity of the pet who is benefiting from the trust. (Beyer, at 12)

Also, the identification of animals to be cared for is essential for the trust to become active. For example, in *Hahn v. Estate of Stange*, Jessie Ann Stange died with only a letter written to her friend describing her wishes for the disposition of her assets. (Hahn v. Stange, at 1) She had multiple cats during her lifetime; however, at the time of her death, the only evidence identifying her cat came from the testimony of a cat sitter who said the alleged cat “looked like the cat” she used to feed at Stange’s house. (Hahn v. Stange, at 1, 3) Thus, the court decided there was no way to ensure Stange’s cat was the cat before and the pet trust would not be enforced. (Hahn v. Stange, at 3) Pet owners should set up a viable method of identification to ensure the trust is enforced to care for the pets.

Overall, pet trusts require a lot of detail and forward-thinking to ensure the pet owner’s intentions will be carried out in their absence. However, pet trusts can provide for all contingencies if they are carefully drafted. Even though there are differences associated with inter vivos and testamentary trusts, the majority of the benefits associated with creating a trust come from carefully executing a document that includes accountability measures and multiple contingencies.

#### IV. Conclusion

There are multiple options pet owners can use to plan for how their pets will be cared for in their absence. Pet owners have an obligation to plan for their pets to ensure they are always taken care of. The ability to impose additional accountability requirements is what makes a pet trust more appealing than relying on other alternatives. However, pet owners should pick the best long-term option available for their circumstances and remember to incorporate short-term planning devices, including a wallet card, animal document, door sign, and provision in a durable power of attorney, to limit the interruption of care for their pets.

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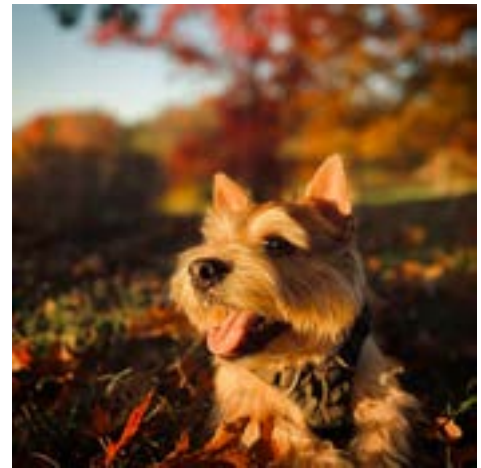


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*Beauregard enjoying the late fall in Ithaca!*



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*Puppy romp!*



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*Nosi travels through Utah.*

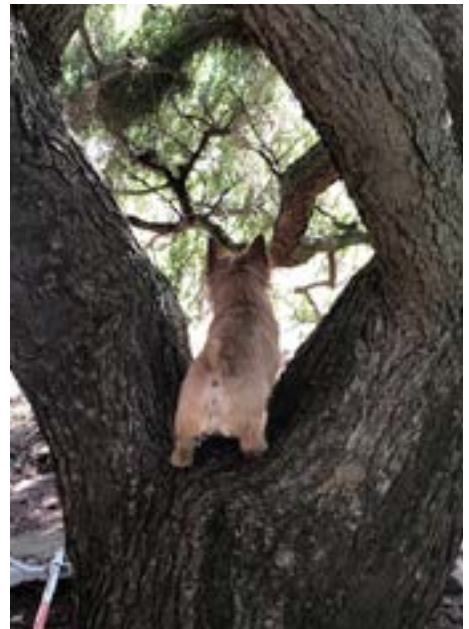


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*Beans likes to climb trees!*

## HOW COVID AFFECTED PERFORMANCE TITLES

**"Endurance is patience concentrated." – Thomas Carlyle**

The last issue of the NORWICH TERRIER NEWS featured some wonderful stories and pictures of how we survived the first months of COVID from truffle hunting to teaching tracking and more playing, more laughing, more relaxing with our dogs and more "homeschooling". The bottom line is we built bonds with our four-footed family members during troubling and troubled times.

From March through September there were only 28 titles, which is far fewer than other reporting periods, but that number demonstrates in a small way how eleven members/handlers not only prevailed but endured during COVID. Because of the almost nationwide lockdown, there were two months with absolutely no Norwich titles reported but we all know life did not stop. Our lives took a new direction when it came to all things dog. AKC instituted an at home Rally title program at the Novice and Intermediate levels where handlers competed via video and were able to earn those titles. Also, teaching tricks became a kind of pastime to engage our dogs mentally. Many trick evaluators accepted videos of our dogs doing tricks to earn titles. My favorite trick for Jack was him "playing music" strumming wire strings on a music maker which helped him earn his Advanced Trick title.

Of course, March and September were the two busiest months for performance/companion titles. March had six agility titles and two Intermediate trick titles while September had six agility titles, one rally title, and one Canine Good Citizen. June had two agility titles and one Canine Good Citizen, July had two agility titles, one FAST

CAT title, and two Novice trick titles, August had just one agility title, one Canine Good Citizen and one Rally Novice.

There was only one major title during this reporting period and that was my own "Henry" (MACH6 Pinelake's Happy Fearless Explorer RN MXS2 PAD MJC2PJD MFB TQX T2B4 ME EE3 RATN CGC TKI) who earned his Master Agility Champion 6 on March 1, 2020, right before everything shut down here in Connecticut. This little man loves the game and at 8 years old he still has plenty of spunk and energy and always barks at me when I cue him late. The moment I met him in 2012 at the host hotel during Montgomery, I knew he was the right puppy for me. Thank you, Carol Clark and Karen Sullivan for entrusting me with this special dog.

Whether earned at home or in a "trial" setting with COVID precautions in place, these titles show persistence and resilience. I'm sure we will continue to persevere and find ways to deepen our relationship with our dogs.

If our dogs told us their side of this COVID story, I bet it would be something short and sweet like, "Wow, I loved having you around all day. Can it be like this forever?" The end.

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*"Ok, just one picture and then another run."*



At Siri's 1st agility trial at the end of February in Sanford, NC in six runs she earned six blue ribbons. Since all the legs were earned under the same judge, Siri had to wait two weeks until her next agility trial to show under a different judge.

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## HOW COVID AFFECTED PERFORMANCE TITLES continued



Renni says, "Well now that I have my trick title, can I just relax in the sun."



Ruby, owned by Magda Chiarella, loves doing exercises to get a treat and keep fit



Ted says to Magda, "Oh this is how the Rally is played. Follow the signs."

## CANCELLED: THE MONTGOMERY TERRIER AGILITY CLUSTERS

The actual event may have been cancelled due to COVID, but memories about Noragility cannot be cancelled. And memories, after all, cause us to smile, laugh, celebrate and feel connected despite being miles apart. I asked those who were among the first participants in agility at this event to share some of their memories and I received many responses which I have tried to patchwork together using their words and photos.

### FROM BLAIR KELLY, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF NORAGILITY

"Noragility" can be traced back to the year 2000 and a one-day terrier-only agility trial hosted by the Westie Club during the week prior to Montgomery. At that 2000 trial two Norwich terriers and their owners attended; no Norfolks were in attendance. The two Norwich were my "Kate" and Carlynn Ricks' "Darcy". Norfolks first appeared in 2001; at the 2001 Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster there were five Norwich and three Norfolks. And every year since then there has been a steady increase in the number of Norwich and Norfolk who have attended.

In 2001, what we now know as the Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster expanded to three days; in 2005 it expanded to its current four-day format; and in 2014 moved from its outdoor site at Kimberton, PA to indoors at Palmyra, PA.



Still at Kimberton

Of note is that in 2002, the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club (NNTC) hosted a day, and in each of 2012, 2013, and 2016 the Norwich Terrier Club of America (NTCA) hosted a day. In 2017 and 2019, the Norfolk Terrier Club hosted a day.

Very early on, crating together at the Kimberton fairgrounds became the established norm; this common crating area is called "Norville".

Somewhere in those early years, the tradition of a group dinner during one evening of the cluster got started. Now "noragility" dinners are regularly held at any agility trial where there are a large-ish number of Norwich and Norfolk entered. ("Large" might be the number "two"! ) Guests are always welcome at these informal social dinners.

In 2008, when the Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club voted to split into their current two clubs, the members of noragility decided that we would not split the group but continue to share training tips, encouragement, and congratulations. This includes continuing to crate together in a "Norville"

So noragility is not a formal club ... but a very informal social group made up of anyone who runs agility with a Norwich or a Norfolk. There are no dues, no elected leaders ... just people enjoying the sport of agility with their Norwich and Norfolk.

### FROM MAGDA CHIARELLA

My favorite memories of the early days of noragility was the forming of traditions. We took a photo of our dogs sitting on canvas chairs and called that photo Board of Directors. I think it was Kimberton 2001 or 2002. Then that photo was a basis of a banner to cement the group's identity. The banner was hung at a hospitality tent. That quickly became a social center and everyone put up their EZ Ups next to it - thus forming Norville. A tradition was formed. Then came the dinner at Hoss's. We printed noragility certificates based on Front and Finish rankings and gave those out at the noragility dinner.

Next, came t-shirts. The logo "Run small, run fast" was designed by Frankie Joiris based on a photo of her Stamp and my Biskit. Just so many sweet memories. I just adore all Norville crate designs and costumes. That tradition formed after those early years.

### FROM BETH KRAVETZ (A NORFOLK OWNER)

My first Kimberton was October 2003 with Tally, where she got her NAJ. I honestly cannot remember who all was there at that event, but I remember Blair and Carlynn and I think Cricket Goodall and her Norwich and Frankie and Stamp. I don't recall who else was there. But we did have a few EZ ups. I have very vivid memories of other Kimberton trials, but cannot remember the dates --the year I fell into the mud head first in JWW one day and then fell into the mud ass first the next day...or the year the wind blew so hard that it was like the scene from the Wizard of Oz...or the year we had all four seasons in a week...rain and bluster one

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Whenever there's more than one, it's noragility. This gathering is in South Carolina. (l-r): Blair Kelly with Mandy and Tami, Ursula Walsh with Harry and Posey 2 (George is photobombing under Ursula's leg) and Melanie Bryson



Noragility even had its own recognition certificates



## CANCELLED: THE MONTGOMERY TERRIER AGILITY CLUSTERS continued

day, snow the next, sunny and mild the next and then a thousand degrees and humid the next! That may have been the year that the decision was made we have to move indoors. And special memories of the year that I brought baby Poppy and Judy Laffey talked me into showing her and Patti Evans kept trying to steal her! And food....lots and lots of food (can you say "crab cakes?") Fabulous memories; friends for a lifetime.

### FROM URSULA WALSH

I was there in 2011 and I am pretty sure I had 3 Norwich competing that year, Sophie, Harry and George. I was very disappointed that I missed out on the photo!

I used to have at least 2 or 3 photos of the Noragility Board of Directors, but my computer crashed due to a lightning strike and I lost many of my pre-2013 photos. Someone must have some BOD photos. I remember all the time it took to get all of the BOD to stay in the picture. Frankie managed to get it done every year! I remember well that if it rained the JWW ring would quickly become a sea of mud and very slippery as it was on a hill. Many a handler despite being a brave soul came to grief in that ring! I have a photo of the year we took the team Obedience Class very seriously and Norwich agility fielded, not one, team, but two—one was all Norfolk, the other all Norwich (there even may have been 3 teams as I think one was 2 Norwich and 2 Norfolks). The all-Norwich team came in 2nd. The Airedale team won, but that was only because they had been practicing for a week or more before they got to Kimberton. We didn't have that opportunity. We all had a good time and should have won, Sue Novotny bought the hats and I don't know who bought the tee shirts, that were black with a Norwich profile against a big orange full moon and on the back, it said, "Wicked, Wicked 'Wiches." I still have mine and pull it out to wear at our local Club's October trial that occurs just before Halloween. So Much fun!



Oh, what fun to come in 2nd place. They worked their magic. (L-r): Carlynn Ricks and Mr. Darcy, Chris Zink and Vespa, Ursula Walsh and Harry, and Susan Novotny and Scooter

### FROM SUSAN NOVOTNY

All of these pups are now running and playing at the Bridge, right? Gosh we all miss them sooo much! Great memories with great friends!

We came in 2nd. There were 2 teams of Airedales and one of them had been practicing together well before Kimberton. We couldn't practice together til the day before Kimberton!

### MY OWN MEMORIES

Though we had owned two Norwich since 2003, we didn't know anything about Noragility until 2010 so Don and I entered our first Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster in 2011, where Cricket and Sammy competed in the novice classes. As soon as we entered the "camp" of EZ ups and set ups, we felt welcomed as part of the noragility family. And the rest is history... I became involved in writing articles for the NEWS and helping out at the 2012 and 2016 trials that the Norwich hosted.



And the 2016 winner was this pre-competition sleepy English village of Norwich and Norfolk.

I haven't missed a year since. After we moved to Palymra in 2014 and the crating competition started, I worked with Annette Haile and other Norfolk owners to design the our crating area using the assigned theme for each year. Those competitions added to our fun and camaraderie. Our Norwich have brought so much joy and so many meaningful friendships into our lives.



"Best Use of Theme"—another winning Norville of witches, wizards, gnomes..

Sadly, in 2020 because of the pandemic, the Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster was cancelled and the NTCA couldn't host our day but we will host Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

In keeping with the theme, "Pirates", we will create a fleet of ships with all sorts of furry pirates, marauders, buccaneers.



Jack and Henry say, "Ahoy mates. All hands on deck in 2021."



## CANCELLED: THE MONTGOMERY TERRIER AGILITY CLUSTERS continued

Enjoy the memories until next year. Hope you can join the fun!



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## 2020: AKC INVITATIONAL EVENTS - COVID STYLE

Like all of life these days, COVID had an effect on the AKC Invitational events held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida from December 8th to December 14th.



*Bette loves to run Fast CAT and agility!*

AKC planned an Inaugural Fast Cat Invitational Event. In this sport, the dog chases a lure for 100 yards and has that time recorded and converted to miles per hour. The smaller dogs get a handicap. The top dog in each breed was invited to participate. Breakaway's All Bettes Are Off ("Bette"), owned by Rainee Johnson DVM, was invited as the fastest Norwich Terrier for 2019 with a speed of 18.16 MPH. Rainee and Bette did not attend. The Rally and Obedience National

Championships were also planned to be held during the week. No Norwich qualified for the Obedience Championships, but two Norwich qualified for the Rally National Championship, which had been cancelled in June and moved to Florida this December. Breakaway's Bon Temps Roulez ("Zee") owned by Jill Lowry, qualified at the Master level and Breakaway's Happy Jack of Hearts ("Jack"), owned by Joan Krantz, qualified at the Novice level. Neither dog attended this event. Both FAST CAT and Rally were "Show and Go" events, so no spectators.



30th to be used for rankings. As a result, there could have been

The AKC Agility Invitational was held on December 12th and 13th. Because so many spring trials were cancelled in some parts of the country, but not others, AKC used an alternate plan in selecting the top five dogs in the Regular Class and the top dog in the Preferred Class. March 8, 2020 was the first cut off for rankings and then AKC allowed all points earned between March and June

## 2020: AKC INVITATIONAL EVENTS - COVID STYLE continued

more than five regular class Norwich attending as listed below; however, for reasons COVID and others, only Ursula Walsh and Posey 2 were in Orlando this year.

### REGULAR CLASS

#1 **"Henry"** (MACH6 Pinelake's Happy, Fearless Explorer RE MXS2 PAD MJC2 PJD MFB TQX T2B4 ME EE3 RATN CGC TKI) owned by Joan Krantz. This was Henry's sixth invitation.

#2 **"Fiona"** (CH MACH2 M&M's Little Miss Sunshine BN RN FDC MXC MJC PJD MFG TQX T2B4 FCAT CGC TKN) owned by Patty Fornelli and Norm Fleming. This was Fiona's third invitation.

#3 **"Mandy"** (MACH3 Shaksper Amanda Seyfried RN MXC PAD MJC PJD CGC) owned by Blair Kelly. This was her fourth invitation.

#4 Karilynn's Flying Solo MX MXB MXJ MJB CGC TKI—non-member owned.

#5/6 **"Little Boo"** (Shaksper Guiderius MX MXJ CGC TKI) owned by Jennifer Hollar/Keith Lee/ Blair Kelly. This is Mandy's son and was Little Boo's first invitation.

#6/5 **"Helix"** (CH Dignpop Central Dogma MX MXJ CA BCAT RATO CGC TKI) owned by Chris Zink, DVM. This was Helix's first invitation.

#7 **"Posey 2"** (CH Yarrow Venerie Flower Power At Beach Pine MX MXJ MJB XF T2B) owned by Ursula Walsh. This was Posey 2's second invitation.

### PREFERRED CLASS

#1 The Outlaw Of Image MX AXJ MXP2 MXPB MJP3 MJPB OFP T2BP SWN SCA SIA SEA SHDA—non-member owned, Bob Hodge.

The entire event was like no other with all kinds of COVID safety measures in place from taking temperatures at the door daily, to prohibiting unentered dogs, and no ringside spectators. And the only "extra" people at the events were volunteers and a person or two to help the exhibitor. Even with all the COVID restrictions, excitement was the emotion of the event as each team stepped to the line to run with their fun little dog.

Congratulations to these phenomenal teams!

We watched from afar and cheered!

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Middlebury, CT

## LESSONS HELIX TAUGHT ME

CH Dignpop Central Dogma MX MXJ CA TKI CGC NW1 RATO VNX - NTUAS Score: 7



I didn't obtain Helix with the goal of chalking up a bunch of titles. He is primarily my travel dog, accompanying me to do demonstrations when I present Coaching the Canine Athlete® seminars. His job is to be my buddy and make me laugh (which he does quite well). I have always felt that it didn't matter what else he did. However, I also believe that organized dog sports can provide excellent mental and physical simulation for all dogs of all ages, so sports have always been a part of my dogs' lives.

During his initial training, Helix seemed to be a bit of a slow learner – much slower than my last Norwich, Vespa. It's possible that I also was guilty of comparing him with my bred-for-performance Golden Retriever, who was his prime when I brought Helix home. Nonetheless, I will admit that there were several days when I shed a few tears on the way home from agility class, thinking that Helix just might be my first dog that just wasn't cut out to play the game of agility.

I was clearly wrong about that, because in the 8 months between July 2019 and February 2020, Helix obtained first his CH title, then quickly banged through his NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, AX, AXJ, MX and MXJ, also snagging his TKN, TKI and CGC while at the Montgomery All-Terrier trials in October. Along the way, Helix also qualified for the NCTA VN and VNX titles. 14 titles in just 8

## LESSONS HELIX TAUGHT ME continued

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months! As of Sept. 1, 2020 he is more than halfway to his MACH.

Because I had fractured my leg when Helix was 2 years old, and it took almost a year to heal, I didn't bring Helix out in agility until he was 3 years old, and I now believe that made all the difference.

The take-home message for me, which you also might find helpful, is that dogs are all individuals and they mature at different rates. It is important not to push them, but to let them blossom in their own time. Luckily, I had teachers that accepted Helix for who he was at that moment and encouraged me to continue working with him and to watch him grow.

In addition, as I tried in the first 2 ½ months of 2020 to chalk up enough points for Helix to go to the Invitational in 2020 (when

everyone else had had since July 1, 2019), only to be stopped with the cancellation of all shows due to the coronavirus epidemic, I was reminded of yet another lesson. Things will happen in their own time. Being invited to the Invitational is nothing in comparison to the companionship that I am given every day by this "little brown dog."

Helix was bred by Magda Chiarella and Joan Eckert. His sire is GCH Dignpop Red Ted CGC TKN, and his dam is Abbedale Spilling the Beans at Dignpop.

Chris Zink  
Ellicott City, MD

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## AKC REGULATIONS CHANGES FOR PERFORMANCE/COMPANION EVENTS

The Regulation changes were reported in the AKC November 10, 2020 Board minutes.

### CHAPTER 1 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS GENERAL REGULATIONS

**Section 3. Premium Lists, Entries, Closing of Entries and Catalog Order.** (Paragraph 5) The premium list shall specify the name and address of the Superintendent or Trial Secretary who is to receive the entries

**Opening & Closing Dates.** In order to provide fair opportunity for all exhibitors to enter upcoming events, premium lists are required to be published at least 72-hours prior to the acceptance of entries. Events whose entries are limited must have a defined date and time for the opening of entries which is to be prominently displayed on the cover page of the premium list. In addition, every premium list shall specify the date and time at which entries for a trial shall close. For all trials the specified closing date and time must be no later than 11:59 PM seven (7) days prior to the trial.

Whenever the closing day falls on a postal holiday, entries received in any form up to 24 hours from the published closing date and time may be accepted.

**Section 14. Dogs That May Not Compete.** (Paragraphs 8 & 9)

No exhibitor may show a dog under a judge at an obedience trial if the exhibitor has participated in a training session taught by that judge within ten (10) days prior to the date of the event.

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at an obedience trial if the dog is owned or handled by any person who has regularly served as a trainer or instructor of that judge, either individually or through classes, or if the dog has been regularly trained or instructed by the judge within ten (10) days prior to the date of the obedience trial. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs and to judges

who train individual dogs or train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers (see "Glossary of Terms").

In either case above, the ten (10) day period is not in effect when a judge has been assigned on an emergency basis within 72-hours of an event.

### CHAPTER 3 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS NOVICE

**Section 5. Heel on Leash and Figure Eight.**

(Paragraph 6)

For the Figure Eight, the handler will stand and the dog will sit in heel position facing the judge, midway between two cones that are 17 to 37 inches high and no more than 15 inches wide at the base, that will be placed 8 feet apart. The Figure Eight in the Novice classes will be done on leash; the handler may go around either cone first. The judge will ask "Are you ready?" before giving the first order. The handler and dog will walk briskly around and between the two cones twice. There will be no about turn, fast or slow, but the judge must order at least one halt during this exercise and another halt at the end.

### CHAPTER 2 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

**Section 1. Standardized Judging.**

**Heeling Pattern.** The same pattern should be maintained as far as practicable for each competing dog. This is a foundation exercise, and it determines the standards for all exercises in which the dog is heeling. The minimum heeling requirements for any class are normal heeling, a fast, a slow, a left turn, a right turn, an about-turn, a halt, and a sit.

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## **AKC REGULATIONS CHANGES FOR PERFORMANCE/COMPANION EVENTS continued**

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The heeling patterns should not be in the area of the table and/or gate and should have only one element of an exercise on a leg. (For example, there shall not be a halt and a slow on the same leg of an exercise.) A fast must always be on a long dimension of the ring; slow may be either on the short or long dimension of the ring. The fast and slow should be of significant length, not just several steps. No pattern will have more than one fast and one slow. If possible, have one leg of the heeling pattern with no element on it. The "L" pattern is a minimal pattern. Other patterns are acceptable, but excessive complexity should be avoided.

The judge may leave the Figure Eight cones in position in the ring, provided this equipment will not interfere with the performance of the other exercises.

### **CHAPTER 1 AKC RALLY® REGULATIONS GENERAL REGULATIONS**

#### **Section 2. Premium Lists, Entries, Closing of Entries and Catalog Order. (Paragraph 2)**

The premium list shall specify the name and address of the Superintendent or Trial Secretary who is to receive the entries.

**Opening and Closing Dates.** In order to provide fair opportunity for all exhibitors to enter upcoming events, premium lists are required to be published at least 72-hours prior to the acceptance of entries. Events whose entries are limited must have a defined date and time for the opening of entries which must be prominently displayed on the cover page of the premium list. In addition, every premium list shall specify the date and time at which entries for a trial shall close. For all trials the specified closing date and time must be no later than 11:59 PM seven (7) days prior to the trial.

Whenever the closing day falls on a postal holiday, entries received in any form up to 24 hours from the published closing date and time may be accepted.

#### **Section 13. Dogs that May Not Compete.**

(Paragraphs 8 & 9)

No exhibitor may show a dog under a judge at a rally trial if the exhibitor has participated in a training session taught by that judge within ten (10) days prior to the date of the event.

No dog may be entered or shown under a judge at a rally trial if the dog is owned or handled by any person who has regularly served as a trainer or instructor of that judge, either individually or through classes, or if the dog has been regularly trained or instructed by the judge within ten (10) days prior to the date of the rally trial. "Trained or instructed" applies equally to judges who train professionally or as amateurs and to judges who train individual dogs or train or instruct dogs in classes with or through their handlers (see "Glossary of Terms").

In either case above, the ten (10) day period is not in effect when

a judge has been assigned on an emergency basis within 72-hours of an event.

### **CHAPTER 2 AKC RALLY® REGULATIONS**

#### **REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING; JUDGING STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND SCORING**

**Section 25. Walkthrough Time.** The course for each class will be posted at the ring when the judge arrives. The Trial Secretary may send copies of the course to exhibitors by email no earlier than 6PM on the evening preceding each trial and the courses may be published online electronically by the Trial Secretary at the same time, if available. The club should have a few printed course copies available for those that cannot take photos of the posted courses or the ability to access the website.

When there are not more than 20 dogs entered, and the same start time is listed for the A and B classes of the same title level the judge will combine the walkthrough. At the listed start time for the class, a walkthrough of up to 10 minutes will be allowed for handlers without their dogs and judging of the class will follow. The judge must remain in the ring during the walkthrough but will not brief the handlers.

For classes with 40 or more dogs entered an additional walkthrough time of up to 10 minutes will be provided.

An additional 10 minutes must be added into the first hour of judging for the first walkthrough.

#### **Virtual Obedience Test Program**

The Board reviewed a recommendation to create an AKC Virtual Obedience Test Program consisting of two beginning level classes – Virtual Beginner Novice and Virtual Novice. The purpose is to provide owners that are not able or willing to attend an in-person event an opportunity to stay engaged in the sport by evaluating their skill and teamwork via video. The experience with Virtual Rally has demonstrated, a virtual approach also attracts new participants to the sport. The exercises in virtual obedience will be slightly different than in-person tests, therefore the titles earned will be designated with the letter V - Beginner Novice Virtual (BNV) and Companion Dog Virtual (CDV).

There will be two beginning levels of virtual obedience offered, with possible expansion of the program over time. The first two levels in the Virtual Obedience Test program will be Virtual Beginner Novice and Virtual Novice classes.

Following a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Sweetwood, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve an AKC Virtual Obedience Test Program effective March 1, 2021.

#### **Agility – For Exhibition Only Runs & The Fix and Go Option Made Permanent**

In July 2019 the Board approved allowing the offering of For Exhibition Only (FEO) entries and the Fix and Go concept in

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## AKC REGULATIONS CHANGES FOR PERFORMANCE/COMPANION EVENTS continued

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Agility for a one-year trial period that started January 1, 2020. While the pandemic slowed the use of these ideas, they have been overwhelmingly accepted by the fancy. During the one-year trial period there have been no issues regarding these two additions to the program.

Following a motion by Mr. Tatro, seconded by Mr. Carota, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to make the additions a permanent part of the AKC Agility program.

### Virtual Pilot Programs

Sports & Events launched several virtual pilot programs in 2020 – Virtual Rally Novice and Intermediate classes, Virtual Agility ACT1 and ACT2 classes, and Virtual Water Test for Pointing Breeds. These programs have all proven to be successful. The Staff requested that these programs become permanent additions to their respective sports.

Following a motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Tatro, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to extend these programs through 2021; Staff will report back on impact and results a year from now.

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### OTHER NEWS/ UPDATES IN PERFORMANCE/ COMPANION EVENTS

#### Addition of ACT 2 to the Virtual ACT Program

The AKC Agility Department is excited to announce the expansion of the virtual ACT program to include the ACT 2 class. ACT 2 is the next level of AKC agility above the entry-level ACT 1

As with ACT 1, for ACT 2 the exhibitors will record their performance and submit it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Agility Judge to virtually review and score the team's ACT 2 performance.

ACT 2 is open to all dogs over 15 months of age and older that have not earned any AKC agility titles, except for ACT 1. Dogs do not have to have an ACT 1 title to be entered in ACT 2. If a dog already has one leg in ACT 1, they may be entered in ACT 2. They do not need to complete the ACT 1 title.

The ACT virtual program is being extended until December 31, 2021. On February 1, 2021 ACT Jumpers will be added and can be done virtually too.

**UPDATES** to changes made to assist clubs due to COVID;

#### Permanent change to Agility Trial Closing Date:

1. Chapter 1—Events may close not less than seven (7) days prior to the trial. This is a change from fourteen (14) days prior to the trial. This change will be effective January 1, 2021.

#### Extended Temporary Changes:

1. The two-judge requirement to title in Novice through Excellent in agility was suspended as of July 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. It is being extended through December 31, 2021.
2. The Waiver of 30 days and 200 mile restriction for judges has been extended through December 31, 2021.

Please address all questions to [obedience@akc.org](mailto:obedience@akc.org), [rally@akc.org](mailto:rally@akc.org), or [agility@akc.org](mailto:agility@akc.org)

Joan Krantz, *Performance Chair*  
Middlebury, CT

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### NEW TITLE HOLDERS

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#### BIS GCHS CH Miller's Wonderful Walter of Thistledew ROM

(CH NewMiller's Handsome Hubert x Miller's Sensational Sylvia of Thistledew)

**Breeder: Dr. Elaine Miller & Jill Rossi**

**Owner: Dina Moore-Tzouris**

We are thrilled to add the title ROM to Walter's achievements. As breeders, it is a gratifying validation to see his offspring recognized.

Walter retired at the end of 2018 as a best in show winner, multiple group winner, and number three in both breed and all breed points. He enjoys surveying his kids and grandkids from his post under the dining room table.







**CH Panzanella degli Acquisti per Littlefield ROM**

(Int. CH Littlefield Saxony's Montgomery Dream x Int. CH Malandrina degli Acquisti)

**Breeder: Uliva Guicciardini**

**Owner: Leandra Little**

Our "Pizza," bred by Uliva Guicciardini came to us from Tuscany, Italy in 2012. On her dam's side, she traces her lineage back to the famous English Ragus line, notably Int'l CH Ragus Truly Unruly. Out of four litters, Pizza is the dam of 6 Champions to date (with an additional pending).

In her first litter of four sired by CH Littlefield Pieces of Eight, three completed their championships (one was not shown). Her second litter (also of four) sired by CH Littlefield's Ace in the Hole, gave us GCHS CH Littlefield Jersey Boy who has consistently ranked in the top tier in the US; and CH Littlefield El Capitan. Frankie (Jersey Boy) lives in CA, Captain is in NYC.

Pizza's third litter, sired by GCHB Dungeness Inspector Bruno by Littlefield produced Watson (GCH Littlefield The Game's Afoot Watson) and two additional siblings who were not shown and live respectively in England and Norway. Her fourth and last litter (of two), also sired by Bruno has produced major-pointed, Littlefield The Chief Inspector.

Pizza is a joy in every way, not only in the whelping box, but by living up to the breed standard: gay, loving and fearless. She has the "show gene" and loved to be in the ring... but she mostly prefers to be my constant companion.

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**Littlefield Continental Divine ROM**

(Am. & Can. CH Amblegreen Rickard's Red x Littlefield Fetching Frederica)

**Breeder: Leandra Little, Carol Gamm & Sandra Keller**

**Owner: Leandra Little**

"Talli," is happiest in my lap but she has also proven her mettle in the whelping box. In three litters (total of 7 puppies) she has produced five champions to date. All three in her first litter, sired by GCHS Cherber's Double Your Money at Image finished: GCH CH Littlefield Hat Trix, AM. & CAN. CH Littlefield Gonfalon At Wichunt, and GCH CH Littlefield I'm Your Huckleberry. Huck, owned by Pam Cope has nearly attained his Bronze level Championship title.

Talli's second litter, also sired by Cash, produced singleton CH Littlefield Happy Landing at Image, owned by Monti Craig.

Talli's 2018 litter of three sired by CH Littlefield El Capitan produced: CH Littlefield The Captain's Daughter; major-pointed Littlefield Thief of Hearts "Gillie;" and Littlefield Captain's Courageous. "Bowie-Elliot" hasn't been shown yet, but in 2018 at four months, he was awarded Best Beginner Puppy in Show at the 2018 Montgomery County Kennel Club show.

Talli is the best mom ever. When she had Chesley (singleton litter) she rarely left the box. At the end of three weeks, I wasn't sure if that fat puppy wasn't a Shar Pei.





**MBIS MBISS CGHP Dancy's Rough Rider CGC TKN ROM**

(CH Cobby's Hidden Treasure x GCH Dancy's Storm Warning)

**Breeder/Owner: Nancy & Dwain Lentz**

"Ted" has had the most excellent adventure. As a breeder, owners – we are especially proud. Ted was expertly shown and presented by Betty Bossio, as well as being shown limitedly by Dwain and Nancy. Ted's accomplishments include - Best of Breed at the National Specialty - Montgomery Kennel Club in 2014 and the Roving Specialty in Sacramento in 2016. Best of Breed at Westminster KC in 2015. Ted was America's #1 Norwich Terrier in 2014 and again in 2016. His wins include 7 All-Breed Best in Shows, 9 All-Breed Reserve Best in Shows, and over 40 Group 1 placements. He also has 6 Best in Specialty

shows, as well as 7 All-Breed Owner Handled Best in Shows. Ted always gives his all. Since retiring from the show ring, Ted is an accomplished "Helmsdog", enjoying many sailing trips with us.

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**Shaksper Guiderius MX MXJ CGC TKI**

(GCH CH Dreamweaver Up The Ante @ Coventry x MACH3 Shaksper  
Amanda Seyfried RN MXC PAD MJC PJD CGC)

**Breeder: Blair Kelly**

**Owners/Handlers: Jennifer Hollar & Keith Lee**

"Little Boo" earned his MXJ on 11/2/19, just 6 days after his 3rd birthday. Boo earned his MX on 3/1/20. Boo is invited to participate in this year's AKC Agility Invitational.

After earning his TKI title, Boo was hired to model in his first commercial advertisement.

Boo has been such a tremendous addition to our family, we now have 2 Norwiches, Boo and Bear.



## 2020 AKC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

December 12 - 13, 2020 • Orlando, FL

The 2020 AKC National Championship was held in Orlando, FL on December 12-13, 2020, with three all-breed shows and other special events held over the preceding four days. The AKC instituted COVID guidelines to try to reduce transmission risk-spectators were not allowed, temperature checks occurred daily, mask wearing was required, and physical spacing was encouraged. There was ample free grooming space for exhibitors. Chairs were not allowed ringside to discourage congregating. The very popular practice of having separate entrances and exits into the rings was in place. For many, this was the largest or only dog show event they had attended since Westminster or Louisville.

The week kicked off on Tuesday with the Space Coast KC of Palm Bay. Our judge was Mr. William deVilleneuve. There were several absences, leaving an entry of (0-2-11-3). WB for a point to the red bitch **SEAWICH TERRIERS CALYPSO SEAS THE DAY** (CH Jaeva Tom Foolery - GCH Alta Carya Pralinka), owned by Thomas Vraviss and bred by Thomas Vraviss & Barbara Vraviss.

BOB was awarded to **GCHG WILDEFOX'S ACE UP MY SLEEVE** (GCHS Skyscot's Poker Chip - GCHB Laprele Cherokee Princess). The black and tan dog is owned and bred by Nancy Wilde and was handled by Gabriel Rangel. BOS and BOBOH to the black and tan bitch **GCH ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN TICKLE ME TICKLE YOU** (GCHS Thunderwood's First Robin Of Spring - CH Itsy Bitsy Lawdy Miss Clawdy TKN). "Tickles" is owned and bred by Tonnie & Gerard Willrich and Amanda Kozora. She made the cut in a large OH terrier group later that day.

SEL to **GCH FOXBRIAR'S NATIONAL TREASURE FROM ITSY BITSY** (GCHS Thunderwood's First Robin Of Spring - CH Itsy Bitsy Lawdy Miss Clawdy TKN). "Bryce" is owned by Marilyn Jacobs, bred by Amanda Kozora & Tonnie Willrich, and handled by Jorge Olivera.

SEL to the red bitch **CH GLENGARIFF'S VERDANT MEADOW** (GCH Taliesin Double Brass - Verdant's Talulah). "Meadow" is owned by Judith Laffey, Cary Trexler & Chee Wai Chen and bred by Meagan Levitan, Dale Carlson, Chee Wai Chen & Cary Trexler. Meadow is handled by Roxanne and Jessy Sutton.

The Brevard KC took place on Wednesday and our judge was Mrs. Judith V. Daniels. WB today to the young black and tan bitch **CAMIO'S HOT OFF THE PRESS AT WYNWARD** (CH Paradym Yarrow Mark My Words - CH Camio's Her Royal Hotness). "Rayne" is owned by Elizabeth Fujikawa, Robert Glickman & Catherine Rogers, bred by Cathy Rogers, and was shown by her owner Elizabeth Fujikawa.

BOB to the black and tan **CH HIGHWOOD'S DISORDERLY DECEIVER** (CH Highwood's The Dark Lord - Highwood's Deer Hair Damsel). He is owned by Kate Gibbons & Dr. John Michael Castellano, bred by Cory Mosunic & Knowlton Reynders, and handled by Robert Carusi.

Today's BOS was **GCH CH ROYALES CINNAMON CALI GIRL** (GCHG Den-Mar's Wild Card CGC TKN - CH Verdant's I Love Lucy). "Cali" is handled by her owner Linda Stump Kurnick, and she ended 2020 as the top owner-handled Norwich bitch. Cali was bred by Louis Pirlo.

SEL to yesterday's **BOS GCH ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN TICKLE ME TICKLE YOU**. SEL to the black and tan **GCH LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY** (CH Littlefield's Ace In The Hole NJP - CH Panzanella Degli Acquisti Per Littlefield). "Frankie" is owned by Christine Kiino & Maris Purvins, bred by Leandra Little, and was handled by Ethan Coye.

BOBOH to **GCH CH WHITE DIAMONDS DUNGENESS LITTLE DIPPER** (GCHB CH Dungeness Inspector Bruno By Littlefield - CH White Diamonds Uniquely Dungeness). "Nosi" ended 2020 as the #3 owner-handled Norwich dog. He is owned by Janice Kusch & Dan Mitchell and was bred by Christopher Larson & Karen Whalen.

On Thursday at the Central FL KC show our judge was Mrs. Jacqueline Quiros-Kubat (Argentina). WB again to **CAMIO'S HOT OFF THE PRESS AT WYNWARD**. Our breed winner was the black and tan **GCHS COUNTRY BOY CLASSIC BLACK BENTLEY** (GCH Fentondale Rudy Rooster's Rabbit Ridge - CH Country Girl Bon Bon). "Bentley" is owned by James & Jennifer Demason, bred by Linda McCutcheon, and handled by Rebecca Cross.

BOS to **CH GLENGARIFF'S VERDANT MEADOW**, SEL/BOBOH to **CH ITSY BITSY THISTLEDOWN TICKLE ME TICKLE YOU**, and SEL to **GCH LITTLEFIELD JERSEY BOY**.

Friday was a break from the all-breed shows and featured a day of various specialties, as well as the National Owner Handled Series (NOHS) finals and the puppy and junior stakes. Because of concerns about the ability to participate in the NOHS series in 2020, NOHS qualifiers from both 2020 and 2019 were invited to participate. Three Norwich (two dogs and a bitch) were shown to judge Dr. David Kirkland. The NOHS winner was a 2019 qualifier **GCHG CH Wildefox's Ace Up My Sleeve** shown by his owner Nancy Wilde.

Four puppy/junior Norwich were shown to Stakes judge Ms. Celeste Gonzalez. Her BOB was a red junior dog out of the 12-15 month class, **WILDEFOX'S I WANT IT ALL** (Roserock's Too Good To Be True - CH Wildefox's Ante Up), owned and bred by Nancy Wilde.

Saturday was a day off for Norwich competing in conformation, and gave us a chance to sleep in a little, cheer on our fellow Norwich and cousin Norfolks as they ran in agility, and shop the vendors.

Sunday was the AKC National Championship. We had a late judge change to Mr. Harold "Red" Tatro III. The entry was (1-3-11-4). WD/BOW to the puppy stakes winner, **WILDEFOX'S I WANT IT ALL**. WB to the puppy bitch out of the 9-12 month class, **SARUM PLACE YOUR BETS AT JANORAS** (CH Janoras Betting On The Stars - Sarum Only You), bred by Geri Gentile and owned by Norma Braun.

Mr. Tatro awarded BOB to **CH HIGHWOOD'S DISORDERLY DECEIVER** and BOS to **CH GLENGARIFF'S VERDANT MEADOW**.

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SEL awarded to **GCHB CH Frabjous Fergus By Littlefield** (GCHS CH Miller's Wonderful Walter Of Thistledew - CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso THD CGC). "Fergus" is owned by Dr. Denis Johnson, bred by Dr. Denis Johnson & Leandra Little, and handled by Roxanne Sutton. SEL and BBE to **GCH CH Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Tickle Me Tickle You**.

Four AOM were awarded to: **GCHS CH Littlefield Jersey Boy**, **GCHG CH Wildefox's Ace Up My Sleeve**, **CH Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Flying Spur** (GCH CH Jaeva Nutcracker - CH Itsy Bitsy Heartbeat), bred/owned by Tonnie & Gerard Willrich, co-owned by Amanda Kozora, and handled by Ashlie Whitmore, and **GCH CH White Diamonds Dungeness Little Dipper**.

As of this writing, no photographs from Sunday's show are available. We took our photos without the judges, and the photographers are working to photoshop them into the image. I look forward to attending this show again-the vendors were wonderful, the competition was fierce, and all the walking across the convention center surely gets your steps in. Hopefully next year we will be able to include spectators and ringside chairs and lose the masks.

Amanda Kozora  
Austin, TX

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## 2021 SHOW CALENDAR

### NTCA AND REGIONAL NORWICH TERRIER CLUBS

**April 15** LSNTC Supported Entry - Northern California Terrier Association, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA. Breed Judge: TBD

**April 16** NTCNC Specialty & Sweepstakes - Northern California Terrier Association, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA. Breed Judge: TBD; Sweepstakes Judge: Kenny Sumner (Show Coordinator Andrew Chen)

**April 17** April 17 NTCA Roving Specialty & Sweepstakes - Sacramento Kennel Club, Expo Center, Sacramento, CA. Breed Judge: TBD; Sweeps Judge: TBD (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**April 23** NTCA Supported Entry & Sweepstakes-Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD. Breed Judge: Lisa Sons; Sweepstakes Judge: TBD (SE Coordinator Al Ferruggiaro)

**May 7** NTCA Supported Entry & Sweepstakes-Garden State All Terrier Club, Mercer County Park, West Windsor Twp, NJ. Breed Judge: Richard Powell, Sweepstakes Judge: Lt. Col. Victor Sattler (SE Coordinator Lee Little)

**May 23** NTCA Supported Entry-Long Island Kennel Club, Planting Fields, Oyster Bay, NY. Breed Judge: TBD (SE Coordinator Judy Laffey)

**July 1** NTCA Supported Entry-All Terrier Club of Western Washington, Puyallup Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA. Breed Judge: TBD (SE Coordinator Lynne Davis)

**July 15** NTCNC Supported Entry - Bexar County Kennel Club, Joe & Henry Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, TX. Breed Judge: TBD

**July 16** LSNTC Supported Entry-Kennel Club of Greater Victoria, Joe & Henry Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, TX. Breed Judge: TBD (SE Coordinator Claire Johnson)

**July 17** LSNTC Specialty & Sweepstakes, Bexar County Kennel Club, Joe & Henry Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, TX. Breed Judge: TBD, Sweepstakes Judge: Leslie Becker (Show Coordinator Claire Johnson).

**July 18** NTCA Supported Entry-Kennel Club of Greater Victoria, Joe & Henry Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, TX. Breed Judge: TBD (SE Coordinator Amanda Kozora).

**October 6** NTCA Designated Specialty - Morris and Essex Kennel Club, Colonial Park, Mettlers Road, Park 156, Somerset, NJ. Breed Judge: James Reynolds, Sweepstakes Judge: Jan Birchall (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**October 7** NTCA Designated Specialty - Hatboro Dog Club, Middletown Grange Fairgrounds Wrightstown, PA. Breed Judge: George Wright (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**October 8** NTCA Designated Specialty - Hatboro Dog Club, Middletown Grange Fairgrounds Wrightstown, PA. Breed Judge: Joseph Vernuccio (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**October 9** NTCA Designated Specialty - Devon Dog Show Assoc., Devon Horse Show Grounds, Ludwig Corners, PA. Breed Judge: TBD (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

**October 10** NTCA National Specialty & Sweepstakes - Montgomery County Kennel Club, Blue Bell, PA. Breed Judge: Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine; Sweepstakes Judge: Kenny Sumner (Show Coordinator James Kinney)

Note: Please email updates or corrections to **James Kinney**, Show Chair, at [james.kinney@comcast.net](mailto:james.kinney@comcast.net)

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## PUBLICATIONS

The following items are available through NTCA Notions. Contact Patty Warrender at [pwnoridge@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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*If it fits*



Photo Credit: Maria Kelley

*Leap for joy!*



Photo Credit: Heather Tomlins

*Puppy Trix*



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*Even future agility stars need their naps*



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*Dixie and the rhododendrons*

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*Jerry enjoying the last of the summer blooms*

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*No, don't eat the daffodils!*

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**“Where flowers bloom, so does hope.”  
– Lady Bird Johnson**

