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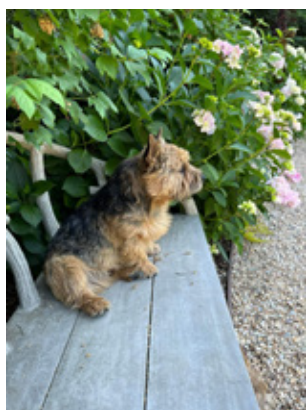
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GCHS CH Michan The Spy Who Loved Me, "James", breeder-owner Lynn Marshall, photo credit Lynn Marshall



"Release the Hounds", Dina Moore-Tzouris

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Black & White: Full Page: \$75; Half page: \$40
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Happy Hunting Ground

At no charge, *The News* will include the name, photo, and dates of birth and death for any member-owned dog who has passed away. If you would like to submit a longer piece for publication, the charge is \$25. Checks should be in U.S. funds and payable to NTCA. Payments can also be made via PayPal to terriornorwich@gmail.com (please note what the payment is for).

From The Editor

I hope this issue finds everyone enjoying the summer months; longer nights outside with the dogs, some good gardens to dig into, and maybe some treats off the grill for our special dogs.

This is my first issue editing *The News*, and I hope you enjoy it! There is definitely a learning curve, and I want to take a moment to thank Amanda Kozora for sharing how *The News* has been put together. I hope this issue lives up to the ones before.

That said, there is much more than results to report. We need your help. Our historian, Missy Wood, told me of a slogan that was on issues in the past: "Your news is *The News*" - and it is! That is my mantra going forward, and it's on our front cover. We can only print what you share, so let's make *The News* as

colorful and interesting it can be. *The News* is currently a skeleton 'staff' - me, Joan Krantz reporting on Performance, and Missy Wood covering Kennel Reports/Happy Hunting Ground. If you have the time or interest in a particular topic, email me! We'd love the help.

All The Best,

Dina

Dina Moore-Tzouris
Editor, Norwich Terrier News

"Shirley, Assistant Editor", Dina Moore-Tzouris



A Message From The NTCA President

Dear NTCA Members,

I am so happy to write to you for our new version of *The News*. My most sincere thanks to Dina Moore- Tzouris for taking on the Editor position! As this edition covers the period from January 2024 to today, I will concentrate on reporting to you on the most recent club happenings.

As you know, this year marks our 15th Anniversary of NTCA! Everyone who attended recent San Antonio shows had a chance to experience fantastic celebrations. The National club is gearing up to match during Montgomery the fabulous celebratory spirit that the Texas regional Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club showed us.

I am happy to unveil news of a new Winner's Bitch Challenge Trophy in Memory of Dunbar kennel - Joan Schurr-Kefeli. The trophy was made possible with a donation by Joan's son Drew Kefeli of a dam-and-puppies sculpture, a generous donation from Beric Kennel towards making a stunning trophy base, and NTCA funds used for trophy transport.

Please review the schedule of Montgomery event —there is much to look forward to. We will appreciate volunteering with help, and donations towards making this a weekend to remember. When making your donations towards Montgomery festivities please mark your checks or note online donations accordingly. All donors will be listed in the anniversary booklet.

I would also want to update you on the upcoming ballot to allow electronic voting. The final CBL amendment proposal is currently being reviewed by the AKC's Legal Department. As soon as we receive the AKC's approval, we will be sending the ballot to the NTCA members. This measure will allow us to vote electronically

on all future ballot measures—from judges' selections to CBL amendments or breed standard revisions.

In the meantime, you will be also receiving a member-initiated ballot (still in a paper form) to amend the CBL to allow a member choice to the form of attending an annual meeting—electronically or in person.

Another member-initiated proposal to amend the breed standard to allow wording for a natural tail could not be executed as written—and had to be rejected by the BOD—following consultation with a Parliamentarian and the AKC. The ballot called for changing the wording "tail docked to tail natural or docked." However,

the breed standard states "Tail medium docked," and therefore the proposal could not be applied. The BOD recognizes the need to create a ballot to allow inclusion of a natural tail in the breed standard. We have asked the Standard Committee to make the properly phrased proposal, and we are committed to sending the standard revision ballot to allow natural tail. Hopefully we will be able to do this as soon as electronic voting is

written into our CBL, but I am making a promise to you that the process will not be held by a consideration for electronic ballot, and it will be sent sooner if the electronic voting is delayed beyond a few weeks from now.

Sit back, relax and enjoy this shining new copy of *The News*!

With Norwich Love,



Magda Chiarella
Your President Serving You



"Lollipop", Magda Chiarella

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TROPHY COMMITTEE

The trophy committee has been extra busy this year expanding our trophy offerings with the addition of the Texas specialty and the elevation of the Hatboro 1, Hatboro 2, and Devon shows to specialties. Reserve Winners now has an opportunity to be a major win at these specialties and we will have special awards and rosettes for the winners.

We added a new award and rosette for Best of Breed Owner Handled as we participate with the NOHS at our National specialty at Montgomery County Kennel Club. New custom-designed embroidered tablecloths and an examination tablecloth will also debut at this year's

National. We worked with the New York Embroidery Studio, a top resource for major fashion brands, to execute the beautiful design. We are very excited to have these dynamic new

tablecloths as part of our 15th Anniversary celebration.

The Dunbar Memorial Challenge Trophy for winners bitch will debut at this year's National. The trophy was developed in memory of the late Joan Schurr-Kefeli. It consists of a two tiered Rosewood base with a Danny Quest "Family Scene" sculpture, donated by Joan's family, that is mounted to the top. We are most appreciative of Nancy Nosiglia's and Mark Gustavson's (Beric) generosity for funding this trophy and case.

David Michaud, Amanda Kozora, Maria Kelley, and Michael Heaner



New & Noteworthy



MONTGOMERY COUNTY KENNEL CLUB: TERRIER AGILITY CLUSTER

September 30, 2024 - October 3, 2024

Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA



ENTRIES
CLOSE
SEPT. 30TH



Monday, September 30th

Host: West Highland White Terrier Club of America



Tuesday, October 1st

Host: American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.



Wednesday, October 2nd

Host: Cairn Terrier Club of America



Thursday, October 3rd

Host: Scottish Terrier Club of America

SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE AGILITY TRIALS

Monday September 30th

A Costume Parade and Contest in the middle of the day. Breeds will walk together in alphabetical order. Prizes will be for Best Overall, Spookiest, and Most Creative

Tuesday October 1st

"Halloween" is the theme for the Village competition which will be judged on Tuesday for the creativity and appearance. All villages must be decorated by Tuesday morning.

Tuesday and Wednesday October 1st and 2nd

A Team Challenge. Up to 5 dogs on a team. Tuesday Qs in Standard, Jumpers, Premier Jumpers and Premier Standard is the criteria, Wednesday's Team Challenge will be accumulated points in FAST. Entry for one day is \$50, both days is \$90. Prizes for winning teams will be monetary. See the premium for entry contact.

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MCTC: Terrier Agility Cluster (continued)



OTHER EVENTS

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Rally

AM and PM trials

Airedale Terrier Club of America
Entries close September 11, 2024

Premium: scoresnmore.com

Obedience

AM and PM obedience

Airedale Terrier Club of America
Entries close September 11, 2024

Premium: scoresnmore.com

Fast CAT

Norfolk Terrier Club

Entries close September 12, 2024

Premium: sugarloafmountainracing.com

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Rally

AM and PM trials

Scottish Terrier Club of America
Entries close September 11, 2024

Premium: scoresnmore.com

Obedience

AM and PM obedience

Scottish Terrier Club of America
Entries close September 11, 2024

Premium: scoresnmore.com

Fast CAT

Norfolk Terrier Club

Entries close September 12, 2024

Premium: sugarloafmountainracing.com

Monday, October 7, 2024

Earthdog

Cairn Terrier Club of America

Mt. Laurel, NJ

Entries close October 7, 2024

Premium: akc.com

MONTGOMERY WEEKEND SHOWS

October 3, 2024 - October 6, 2024

Thursday October 3, 2024

Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA

Hatboro Dog Club, All-Breed Show
Designated specialty for the NTCA classes

Judge: Martin Phillips, Rugby, Warwick, UK

Superintendent: Jim Rau Dog Shows, raudogshows.com

Friday October 4, 2024

Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA

Hatboro Dog Club, All-Breed Show
Designated specialty for the NTCA classes

Judge: Charlotte Patterson, Destin, FL

Superintendent: Jim Rau Dog Shows raudogshows.com

Saturday October 5, 2024

Ludwigs Corner Horse Show Grounds,
Ludwigs Corner, PA

Devon Dog Show Association, All-Breed Show,
Designated specialty for the NTCA classes

Judge: Peter Lauber, Bottmingen, Switzerland

Superintendent: MB-F, infodog.com

Sunday October 6, 2024

Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA

Montgomery County Kennel Club, All-Terrier Show
National Specialty for the NTCA

Judge: Bob Busby, Mt. Ulla, NC

Sweeps Judge: Judy Laffey, Long Beach, NY

Superintendent: MB-F, infodog.com

ENTRIES
CLOSE
SEPT. 18TH



MEET THE BREEDS 2024

A big thank you to the Norwich Terrier Club of America members and breeders who came to the AKC's Meet the Breeds event at the Jacobs Javits Convention Center in NYC on January 27th and 28th.



The AKC calculated over 30,000 people visited the venue over the course of two days. We had Norwich puppies and champions, a performance tripaw star, and even a thirteen year old performance veteran, all of whom wowed the crowds with their wonderful personalities.

Thanks go to Judy H. Laffey, Amelia Smith, Annie and Leah Taylor, Lark and Don Shlimbaum, Betty McDonnell, Kandy Adams, and Magda Chiarella for all their efforts, and of course the real stars:

<i>Meadow</i>	<i>Porsche</i>	<i>Wylie</i>	<i>Brianna</i>
<i>Clover</i>	<i>Chip</i>	<i>Rascal</i>	<i>Pocket</i>
<i>Ethel</i>	<i>Bean</i>	<i>Phoebe</i>	

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New & Noteworthy

CANINE NOMOGRAPHS

Why Every Breeder Needs To Have Them in Their Toolbox

By Magda Chiarella, Dignipop Norwich Terriers

Vaccines save our dogs' lives, yet over-vaccination has been linked to increased risks of allergic reactions and other autoimmune disorders. Vaccine protocols are being reviewed and tweaked periodically by veterinary experts to strike the optimum balance on the risk and benefits axis. We now understand that annual vaccinations pose undue burden on the canine body. All well-informed dog owners and breeders follow updated protocols, use titers for guidance, and review the indications versus risks for non-core vaccines. We also need to understand the difference between vaccination and immunization. Not every vaccine "works." Understanding the process helps in making the best health decisions for our dogs.

Breeders have an additional tool at our disposal for optimizing vaccine protocol for puppies – a canine nomograph. It is a blood test of the dam that establishes the timeline for when to vaccinate her puppies. A nomograph offers two major benefits. It avoids over-

This scientific tool gives our puppies the best start in life in terms of their immune health.

vaccination of a developing immune system of a puppy, and it showed in studies higher rates of immunity against distemper and parvovirus in puppies guided by nomographs, as compared to puppies that received the traditional vaccination protocol.

What Is A Nomograph?

A mother dog passes her antibodies against viral infections to her offspring via colostrum. Those Maternal Derived Antibodies (MDAs) protect the puppies through their early weeks of life, and they interfere with vaccines in the same way they neutralize the actual disease.

MDAs start breaking down over time, and so both their protection wears off, and their ability to block inoculations. Traditional vaccination protocols were spaced every few weeks, starting as early as six weeks of age, and required

three vaccinations in early puppyhood. That protocol assumed that one of these vaccines would happen at a time when MDAs no longer have power to intervene with the vaccine, but before they wear off completely and leave the puppies exposed to disease. The protocol was blind to when that point in time happened for an individual puppy, so in a sense it was wasting some of those three vaccines as it relied on over-vaccination to hit the right time.

Nomographs gave us the precise answer to when that optimum time is for MDAs to still protect puppies long enough to build their own antibodies after a vaccine, but not be too strong to interfere with that vaccine. This scientific tool gives our puppies the best start in life in terms of their immune health.



"Taika", Vanessa Andrews

How Does It Work?

Each pregnancy requires a new test, as results may vary from one pregnancy to the next. You will also sometimes find out that for example protection against parvovirus might have a different timeline from protection against distemper. In those instances, I vaccinate my puppies with single vaccines. If the timelines for these viruses converge, then I vaccinate with combination vaccines.

Nomograph is a predictive test, meaning that it predicts with accuracy vaccination time, but there are certain assumptions – the main one is that the puppies nursed through the first 24 hours of life and received an adequate amount of colostrum. Nomograph only shows the mother's passive immunity, not whether it had a chance to pass to the puppy. If for some reason, the puppy was unable to nurse in the first day of life, that puppy might not have acquired enough MDAs and would require early vaccination under the guidance of your veterinarian.

When using canine nomograph—with normally nursing puppies—you can vaccinate your puppies once in early puppyhood—per the nomograph's result—and again once the puppy's immune system is more mature (after 16th week of life). To confirm immunity, you can follow up with a titer.

The Efficacy of Nomographs

Nomographs showed superior efficacy as compared to a traditional vaccination protocol. In a recent study, 506 puppies which had nomographs used were tested for their immunity to parvovirus and distemper against a group of 5,000 adults. These puppies showed similar rates of protection as adults. Another cohort of dogs under the age of one year that were vaccinated without the use of nomographs showed significantly less protection than the adult group.

Larson. Clinical Theriogenology (Official Journal Of Society For Theriogenology). Volume 12. Number 3. September 2020 215-221

Where To Get A Nomograph

I recommend sending blood serum from your dam to a specialized laboratory at The School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. Their state-of-the-art Companion Animal Vaccine and Immuno Diagnostic Service Laboratory (CAVIDS) offers this service in a very user-friendly format. Visit www.vetmed.wisc.edu/lab/cavids for submission information. You will find instructional videos, sample submission forms, and down-to-earth explanation of the science behind nomographs.

You would need to send 0.5 ml serum, which can be stored in a refrigerator up to two weeks before shipping. Best time for collection is early pregnancy, but CAVIDS would accept serum collected at any other time as well. The cost of the test is only \$55.



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WEST COAST NORWICH FUN

Our Norwich Terrier Club of Northern California members enjoy several non-competitive activities throughout the year.

We start with a springtime Fun Day. It includes a raffle, the Norwich chasing a squirrel tail on the lure course, a crazy sock race, and a catered lunch.

The Wine Country Walk is another popular event. We start with a nice walk along the Santa Rosa Laguna Trail next to Balletto Winery where the dogs rest and we have a catered

lunch. The wine is darn good! This dog-friendly winery has hosted our walk since 2013.

We head to San Francisco's Crissy Field during the dog days of summer for a cool walk along the bay. A picnic with a view of the Golden Gate Bridge is enjoyed.

The year ends with the Holiday Luncheon usually hosted by Lynn and Howard Marshall. The food is great, and the gift exchange is exciting!



Members submit fun Norwich photos throughout the year for our desk calendar



HOW TO MAKE YOUR DOG LIVE LONGER

By Chris Zink DVM PhD DACVP DACVSMR

As my dog grows older, I often look at his sugar face and hope I will have him for many more years. When I need to say goodbye to one of my dogs, I always wish we could have just a few more days together—I'm sure you have felt this way too. Believe it or not, that's one wish that you can make come true! You can easily increase your dog's lifespan by up to two years and it won't cost you a thing. In fact, it will save you money! Too good to be true? Here's how!

In 2019, a group of scientists published a study that looked at the lifespans of over 50,000 dogs of twelve different breeds living in North America. They asked a very simple question: *What is the expected lifespan of dogs that are overweight when they visit a veterinary hospital in middle age (6½ - 8½ years) as compared to dogs that are of normal weight?* The authors defined overweight on a 5-point body condition scale which represented dogs described by veterinarians on visual examination and palpation as being: Very Thin – 1; Thin – 2; Normal – 3; Overweight – 4; or Markedly Obese – 5. Dogs in both the overweight and normal

categories were then matched by breed, sex, visit age, visit year, latitude, and longitude.

Dogs of a variety of sizes and from twelve of the most common breeds were selected, with more than 3,800 dogs of each breed. It is well-documented that dogs who have had their ovaries or testicles removed have a lower metabolic rate and tend to gain weight unless their food intake is carefully monitored—this study only examined lifespans of spayed or neutered dogs.

For all twelve breeds, dogs that were overweight died at a significantly younger age (see Table

1). The estimated reduction in median lifespan for the overweight group relative to the normal weight group ranged from five months for male German Shepherd Dogs, to two years and six months for male Yorkshire Terriers. Although the authors looked at only twelve breeds, the consistent finding that overweight dogs had shorter lives suggests that this effect is likely to affect every breed. The difference in lifespan between overweight and normal weight dogs was greatest for the small and medium-sized

Your Norwich Terrier could live up to two years longer if he or she is not overweight!



Norwich Terrier, Normal Weight
Note the slight waist but full musculature of the rear legs



Norwich Terrier, Obese
Note the rolls of fat along the dog's side and over the back

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dogs and less for dogs of the larger breeds. In other words, your Norwich Terrier could live up to two years longer if he or she is not overweight!

Dogs that are overweight are more susceptible to a variety of chronic conditions, including osteoarthritis and other orthopedic diseases, diabetes, cancer, respiratory, cardiovascular and renal disease, as well as a reduced quality of life. In a recent review, the financial impact of having an obese dog was estimated to be approximately \$2,000 per year. This provides significant financial incentives (in addition to the clear lifespan incentive) to keep our dogs at a healthy weight.

Although it is tempting to do so, we cannot assume that the median survival ages noted in these studies are typical. In order to ensure

accurate data, this study only included dogs that 1) had not died before 9½ years of age and 2) continued to be cared for in the veterinary practices from which the data were obtained. Since many dogs die before 9½ years of age, these data show artificially extended lifespans. Darn it! I sure would have loved to know that the median lifespan of a Golden Retriever was 13 to 13½ years!

This study shows that we *do* have some control over how long our dogs live. By keeping your dog at a normal weight throughout its life you can stack the longevity cards in your dog's favor and when the time comes to say goodbye, chances are your dog will have lived longer than he or she would have had they been overweight. And that's great news!

Table 1

BREED / SIZE	NEUTERED MALES MEDIAN LIFESPAN (YEARS)			SPAYED FEMALES MEDIAN LIFESPAN (YEARS)		
	NORMAL*	OVERWEIGHT*	DIFFERENCE	NORMAL*	OVERWEIGHT*	DIFFERENCE
CHIHUAHUA	16.0	13.9	2.1	16.1	14.0	2.1
POMERANIAN	15.5	13.7	2.8	15.5	13.6	1.9
YORKSHIRE TERRIER	16.2	13.7	2.5	15.5	13.5	2.0
SHIH TZU	14.5	13.8	0.7	14.5	13.9	0.6
DACHSHUND	16.4	14.1	2.3	16.4	14.1	2.3
AVERAGE SMALL DOG	15.7	13.8	1.9	15.6	13.8	1.8
AMERICAN COCKER SPANIEL	14.9	13.4	1.5	14.8	13.3	1.5
BEAGLE	15.2	13.2	2.0	15.3	13.3	2.0
PITBULL	13.8	13.0	0.8	13.8	12.9	0.9
AVERAGE MEDIUM DOG	14.6	13.2	1.4	14.6	13.2	1.4
BOXER	12.4	11.8	0.6	12.3	11.7	0.6
GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG	12.5	12.1	0.4	12.3	12.5	0.6
GOLDEN RETRIEVER	13.3	12.5	0.8	13.5	12.7	0.8
LABRADOR RETRIEVER	13.3	12.7	0.6	13.6	13.0	0.6
AVERAGE LARGE DOG	12.9	12.3	0.6	13.1	12.5	0.6

*As determined during a veterinary examination at middle age

Salt et al. J Vet Intern Med 2019;33:89-99

BREEDER SPOTLIGHT

Linda McCutcheon

Country Norwich Terriers

Q: Were dogs always part of your life?

Yes, dogs and any stray animal I found. My parents rolled their eyes every time I brought something home. My parents had dachshunds when we were little. When they bought a business they had a German Shepherd Dog.

Q: How did you become interested in Norwich?

When we were first married, Frank bought me a Westie for Mother's Day from a pet store. I wanted to learn how to groom myself and joined the West Highland White Terrier Club of Delaware Valley, and eventually the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, as well as the New Jersey breed club. I learned how to groom somewhat from the various programs the Club had. I tinkered in showing at the puppy matches. I ended up making it my hobby; showing and breeding West Highland White Terriers for years. (I won't say how many!!) Eventually I started looking to add a short legged terrier which required a little less show trimming. After paging through the AKC Official Publication of The Complete Dog Book, I decided on the Norwich Terrier and began a search for a show prospect puppy.

Q: What is your most memorable win?

I am fortunate to have had several great wins. In 2017 I showed GCHS CH Country Boy Looks Good Like Winston Should at the Kennel Club of Philadelphia National Dog Show (owned by Jim and Jen DeMason) in a very competitive Specials ring and landed the Best of Breed ribbon. He showed like a dream in his TV debut and went on to score a Group 4. And of course, showing Winston's Granddaughter, CH Country Girl Maid to Order, at the tender age of seven months old last October at the Montgomery County Kennel Club. Mindy went WB, BOW, and Best Bred by



"Winston", Linda McCutcheon

Exhibitor from Classes. She later reaffirmed her quality by taking the Select Ribbon at Westminster, May 2024.

Q: Tell us about your breeding philosophy. How do you decide which puppies to keep?

Well, when comparing every puppy with the AKC standard, I understand there is no perfect conformation puppy. I accept the faults I can forgive. Temperament is important, both for show and family life. I like my dogs to be people-puppies with tail-up attitude. In 1996 when I first got into the breed, I noticed many Norwich in the ring had light bone; and missing teeth seemed common. Judges barely looked at the mouth. Since then, The Norwich Terrier Club of



"Bonnie", Linda McCutcheon

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America has addressed that issue. CH Country Girl Bon Bon possessed a strong rear drive that is important to me. I have tried to capture that movement in my breeding program. I also like a strong head with that "get the rat" expression, although it seems harder to find in the girls! I have to admit, I do like to see a mischievous little puppy, as it shows spirit and spunk. I personally am not able to keep the litters as long as I would like, so as a rule, I make a choice by 11 or 12 weeks. Puppies change so much in a year, and there are always the "sleepers" so I'm sure I don't always pick the one for show that I should have, but it's important for me to have puppies bonded in their forever homes with lots of attention from their families.

Q: Do you have any advice for breeder/owner handlers?

First off, when you bring your little bundle of joy home, start looking to join either your local breed club, or if none is in your area, join an all-breed club. Even the all-breed clubs offer a wealth of information, and you will meet a host of dog show enthusiasts. Look into becoming a member of the Norwich Terrier Club of America as soon as you meet the requirements. You will want to learn as much as you can about the breed. Even if you are not an NTCA member, you can ask a member to get you a ticket for the Annual Dinner as a guest.

Go to as many Specialty Shows as you can. If you are new, even a fourth place ribbon is a thrill and you can learn so much competing with top

breeders. Compare your grooming techniques with others and work to excel in show grooming. Find a local Show Handling class. Attend as many health and breeding seminars as you can. The

University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School has informative seminars, usually yearly. I used to look forward to attending them, and the lunch provided by the Culinary students was pretty good too! Many breed clubs also offer seminars for all breeds. Myra Savant-Harris, RN has a great seminar on breeding.

And finally, when you lose in the ring, try to be a good sport. We are all disappointed when we lose. Use your disappointment as a tool to work harder next time out. Have a friend take a video or photos so you can see how your dog looked from ringside. You may see things you have

to improve. You may see the reason the Judge missed you. Study the breed standard and be honest to yourself. All dogs have faults. Choose the faults you can live with. Listen to others, but if you have studied the standard, listen to yourself. And when you win, remember your competitors are feeling disappointment, so be gracious.

Interview by
Jennifer Hilliard DeMason



"Lola", 2019 #1 Norwich bitch
Breeder: Linda McCutcheon

Performance

FUN ON THE JOB



CH Kaleidoscope Curling BCAT TKN
Owned by Debra Lang



CH Kilyka At The End Of The Day CD RE
Owned by Betty McDonnell



MACH3 Beric Scalawag Lady Love's Cover
Girl MXG MJC MXF T2B ACT2 TKN
Owned by Emilie Camilleri

Performance

FUN ON THE JOB

Dignpop Duke Of Normandy OA AXJ
MXP2 MJP3 MJPB NF OFP DCAT SWE
SCM TKN

Owned by Vanessa Andrews and Brian Andrews



MACH4 High Pines Tansy MXS3
MJG2 BCAT ACT1 THDD CGC TKN

Owned by Melanie Bryson



MACH2 Reverie's Dream Weaver
MXC MJC CGCA

Owned by Melanie Bryson



PACH3 Shaksper Hippolyta RI FDC
OA AXJ MXP8 MXPG MJP11 MJPC
PAX3 NF MFP RATO CGC

Owned by Lynn Stonesifer and Blair Kel



PACH RACH Dignpop Lunar Rock CD RM3 RAE2 OA OAJ MXP4
MXPB MJP5 MJPS PAX OFP CGC TKN

Owned by Joanie Brobst

Performance

TRI-ING EVEN HARDER IN 2024



In Spring 2024, Rascal the three-legged Norwich Terrier earned two agility titles that were only far-fetched dreams when my husband Don and I received his cancer diagnosis 3½ years ago - MJP followed by MXP a couple of weeks later. This is what Norwich Terriers are made of.

But wait! There are other dog sports! AKC had instituted an in-person pilot program for three-legged dogs to compete in Obedience and Rally classes without jumps. Previously, they were prohibited from showing up in-person and could only compete by sending in videos.

Well, we better take advantage of the new program. Obedience seemed pretty straight forward: heel, sit, stay, come. Rally seemed like a joke. Walking a course with signs on the ground? What's the big deal?

Rascal and I learned quickly that these are serious, difficult sports. In Obedience, except for a couple of commands to get started, not being able to talk to Rascal was very hard, especially during the off-leash exercises. "Rascal, come!" (but don't finish until I tell you to!) became a challenge. Why wait to be told to finish when he could just do it one fluid motion?

There's also a lot more to Rally signs than what first appears. Backing up is hard, especially when you only have three legs. Side stepping, come to front, and drop to a down while I'm walking away are just a few examples of the challenging exercises.

Rascal was more fried from Obedience and Rally classes than agility classes but our hard work paid off with a Beginner Novice (how low can you go!) Obedience Title, and Novice Rally and Rally Intermediate titles. One more Q and he will earn his CD.

The AKC pilot program ends in December. We are campaigning for AKC to make it permanent and allow three-legged dogs in Obedience and Rally classes with jumps too. AKC rewards Rascal for jumping in agility. It seems silly to prohibit him from jumping in Obedience and Rally.

Lark Shlimbaum

ELITE PERFORMER LOGAN

Logan (CH Itsy Bitsy Thistledown I'm Still A Guy TKE) is now an 18-month old Norwich terrier, bred by Tonnie Willrich and Amanda Kozora. I was looking for a buddy for my two female Smooth Fox Terriers, Cayenne and Zara, and for my next agility dog.

I picked up Logan when he was 10-11 weeks old and started using tricks as his foundation training for everything I planned to do in the future (Trick, Agility, Obedience and Rally). We didn't plan on doing Conformation; however, Logan likes to be the center of attention and

earned his Championship in only eight shows with four Best of Breeds, multiple group owner-handler placements, and one owner-handler Reserve Best in Show.

Then came trick training. He earned his AKC Novice trick dog title at just 16 weeks old; such a smart boy—I'd only had him for about a month. Many of the things in Novice trick are things you need for basic living and confidence building such as "get in your kennel", hand signal sits, and "touch my hand."

From there we went on to Intermediate tricks, which built upon our bond with more confidence builders such as balancing on a ball or wobble board followed by a shell game or puzzle.

Why stop now? On to Advanced tricks, which really challenge the dog and owner. I look for things the dog does naturally and turn them into a trick. Logan loved to go under things and hide from his sisters, so I marked a "hide" command. He loved jumping in the refrigerator so I marked it by giving it a name (I actually marked that to teach it as "No refrigerator"). It's all about communication, whether it's hand signals or verbals. In Advanced trick Logan learned to "down" fifteen feet away, touch a light to turn it on, and put his head down—all skills I can utilize in everyday life.

Once you have the basics down you get into some of the more challenging tricks. Not only do the dogs have fun doing them and love bonding with you, the tricks make everyone smile (including myself!). In Performer he learned retrieving skills to pick up my phone or keys, and then the fun stuff such as riding a skateboard or scooter. When you only have 4" legs it's really hard to find a scooter that fits, but my handy husband modified one and Logan thinks it's his Harley Davison and loves to ride it.

Each title of trick includes ten different tricks—forty tricks by the time you've reached Performer. In Elite Performer you develop a themed skit which can be read by a narrator.

Our Elite Performer theme was "Rocky". In our skit Logan is a boxer set to take on his biggest challenger yet: Apollo Orange; our story is the days prior to the big event. Throughout the video Logan climbs stairs, pushes barrels, weaves, rides his scooter, and even gets into the refrigerator. The video consists of at least ten tricks from Intermediate to Performer levels. The performance should be able to be performed in front of a live audience, but can be done virtually. I utilized the video I created for Logan's Elite Performer title in the National AKC 2023 competition.

Logan was an overall qualifier and won #1 Norwich Terrier for AKC for 2023. According to AKC's records as of August of 2023 Logan was the only Norwich Terrier that has been awarded an Elite Performer title.

Anyone can do it and it's fun! Enjoy!

Michelle Kwader



Watch our Elite Performer video

youtube.com/watch?v=HH6xu2MsiQka

Performance

NOSEWORK WITH HELIX

I am proud to announce that Helix (Ch MACH Dignpop Central Dogma MKB MJB CA BCAT NW3 Elite L2C L1V L1I SWA SCE RATO CGC TKI VNX) is the first Norwich Terrier to achieve the NW3 Elite title in NACSW.

Although you might be familiar with the AKC Scent Work titles, Nosework was originated by the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) and they were offering scenting titles for years before the AKC jumped on the bandwagon (and to be honest, developed an easier scenting format, based on the NACSW scent titles). In nosework, there can be up to three essential oil scents (birch, clove and/or anise are used depending on the level) hidden in a variety of accessible or inaccessible sites within four different venues (outdoors, indoors, containers, and vehicles). The dog must search those areas and find all of the hidden scents. What makes the NACSW titles more challenging than AKC scent work is that the dog has to find all of the scents in all four venues (outdoors, indoors, containers, and vehicles) in a single day.

At NW1 and NW2, the handler is told how many scents are hidden in each venue. But at the NW3

level, there are six searches in a single day and the handler is not told how many scents there are in each venue. This makes NACSW more appropriate to real-life detection (of explosive devices, drugs, cash, etc.). There can even be

zero hidden scents in some areas, which makes it really hard for the handler! The dog, of course, knows that there is nothing there, but the handler must believe the dog and not keep trying to convince the dog! To achieve the NW3 Elite title, the dog must pass three NW3 tests, meaning that on three separate days, the dog has found all of the locations where scents are hidden in six different venues on each day.

Whether you have tried AKC scent work or not, I encourage you to try NACSW nosework trials. They are a great deal of fun,

your fellow competitors are really encouraging, and the venues are always interesting, different, and challenging. When you go home with that NACSW title, you know that you are bringing a real nosework champion home with you!

Chris Zink



Helix detecting a scent hidden behind a car bumper. Searches on cars were always the most difficult for him, but this time you can really see him telling me exactly where it is!

Kennel Report

CAMIO NORWICH TERRIERS

Greetings from Kentucky!



Eddie celebrated birthday number thirteen in June. I wonder how time can go by so quickly. In some ways it seems like yesterday and in other ways, like a million years ago. He still bosses everyone around, but a little more carefully these days. His half sister, Glinda, has reached the 14½ year mark. We treasure every day.



A litter of three was born to Ruby's daughter, Camio's Sienna Edina, who lives with Carol Suggs' great niece in Minnesota and was one of the six puppies by CH Reverie's Royal Legacy and out of CH Camio's Ruby Slippers for Half A Bob. Bred to Monti Craig's "Soda" (GCH Coca Cola Cowboy of Image) they produced three puppies, two boys and a girl. One of the boys will be returning to Minnesota with his dam.

Ruby has not been sitting around eating bonbons, though. She and I have been steadily improving our teamwork in Agility. In two trials weekends, she had earned three Qs, two in Jumpers and one

in Standard. It's a challenge with intact girls—with seasons and puppies there are a lot of interruptions. I am happy that we can do this together. It is something she loves to do, and it keeps me on my toes.

Congratulations to Pam Siefert and the Simmons family on wins in Texas with their Ariat daughter, Torin Voir Dire Jovie (GCHB Camio's Walking on Air for Half A Bob × Torin Wryly Said). Jovie needs just a single point to earn her championship.

Not to be outdone, Magda Chiarella was WB on the last day of the San Antonio Cluster, finishing her Robert daughter, Peplum (DignPop Bumble Bee Gravity). This gives Robert (GCHB Camio's Charred Oak) his ROM.

Magda also presented her "Lollipop" (DignPop Starburst) in Texas. She won the Sweepstakes on the first day, won BBE class and BOS Sweepstakes as well. Lollipop is a Robert daughter bred to an Ariat son. What a wonderful combination! At 6 months, she's off to a great start!

I was sorry to miss the lovely affair the Texas Club put on, but we were there in spirit. It's just harder for me to get away these days, or I would have been there to cheer on the winners.

We are enjoying the nice weather and I am loving watching the young ones frolicking outside.

Hope to see everyone in the Fall!

Cathy Rogers

Kennel Report

PENLYN NORWICH

Summertime, and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin', and the cotton is high.

Okay, so I lied about the cotton and the jumping fish. But don't tell Oliver.

And who, praytell, is Oliver, you ask? Oliver is my new summer neighbor and the best puppy sitter at the entire Jersey Shore. Oliver believes that all creatures deserve respect—except for liars, which is why I don't want him to know about my aforementioned lie.

But I am telling the truth when I say that little Ollie is absolutely adorable.

Have a super summer everyone!!!!!!

Missy Wood



TRINOR NORWICH TERRIERS

TriNor welcomes a litter of 7!

It couldn't have come as more of a surprise. Two females and five males.

Sire: Int. Ch. Wild Devils Black Sabbath (Jack)

Dam: Am. Ch. Chariton Fxhnt Juslyn Notorious (Macey)

Pam Murphy



TINYTOWNE NORWICH TERRIERS



Mary as a baby



Mary's championship photo



Mary's three babies

My last litter was born in 2009 (I decided to give up breeding for many, many reasons), until June 11, 2024, when I was the co-breeder of a litter bred by Monti Craig of Image Norwich Terriers: three healthy babies, one black and tan boy and two red girls. Except Monti did all the work and I simply heard the news and admired the photos.

There is a story behind this litter and how I happened to be the co-breeder. The puppies' dam, "CH Hail Mary of Image", had pneumonia as a puppy. Monti needed assistance with the intensive care Mary needed plus the care of the other dogs. I volunteered to stay at Monti's home and help out until Mary was well. She was in an incubator and could not be out of it long enough to be with her dam and so needed to be tube fed.

She needed meds daily for fourteen days; she needed gripe water until the tummy pain was under control; she needed oxygen for 4 long weeks. We were her mommies. I held a very uncooperative Mary in my lap in the van and fed oxygen to her when we needed to take her to the vet. She would cry out when she didn't have it. She needed enemas. Intense is the right word to describe it. Neither one of us got much sleep. It was all worth it because Mary did recover and after that, she didn't miss a beat. She was definitely a "Hail Mary"! Monti asked me if I wanted to be Mary's co-owner. I was certainly emotionally invested in this little baby. I was honored.

Since I am Mary's co-owner, I am also co-breeder of her litter. There is more to this story to tell—it was a miracle how this litter of puppies came to be born. However, I will let Monti tell the rest of the story...

Dana Esquibel



COLUMBIA TERRIER

Colombia Terrier Association of Maryland

April 19, 2024 in Timonium, Maryland

Best of Breed

GCH CH Janoras Hitch Your Wagon To A Star

Owner and breeder: N. Braun

Select Dog

GCHS CH Sakanarra Spider

Owners: E. Fineberg, S. Fineberg

Breeder: Jose Luis Garro Azcona

Best of Winners

Fly'N High With Little Louie

Owner -breeder: S. Jones, P. Minehart

Select Bitch

CH Country Girl Maid To Order

Owner and breeder: L. McCutcheon

Best of Opposite

GCH CH Fly'N High Angel of Music At Flashpoint

Breeder: S. Jones

Owner: C. & T. Jennings

Winners Bitch

Pouch Cove Veritas Ladybug at Fernleigh

Breeders: P. Helming and W. Wentzell

Owners: D. Michaud and M. Heaner



Best of Breed: GCH CH Janoras Hitch Your Wagon To A Star
Owned and bred by N. Braun



Sweepstakes Judge
Mrs. Sandra Pretari Hickson

Best of Breed Judge
Dr. Vandra L. Huber

NTCNC REGIONAL SPECIALTY

Northern California Terrier Association

April 12, 2024 in Lodi, California

There were 34 beautiful Norwich entered at the Regional Specialty in Lodi, California on a pleasant spring day. Out of state entries came from Arizona, Florida, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, and Washington. Congratulations to all the winners. Everyone had a wonderful time with the best breed ever!

Best Puppy in Sweeps **Shonleh Maystar Michan Black Phoebe**

Owners: Frank Bossong D.V.M. and Sharon Curry

Best of Opposite **Verdant's Luck on Yoshi's Side** Owners: Andrew Chen and Cary Trexler

Veteran Sweeps **GCHB Goldrush's Anticipation** Owner: Diane Anderson

Best of Opposite **GCHG Littlefield Jersey Boy** Owners: Christine Kiino and Maris Purvins

Winners Dog & Best of Winners **Littlefield Nidaimi Totoro** Owner: Leandra Little.

Winners Bitch **Shonleh Maystar Michan Black Phoebe** Owners: Frank Bossong D.V.M. and Sharon Curry

Best of Breed **GCHB Foxbriar's National Pinnacle From Itsy Bitsy** Owner: Marilyn Jacobs

Best of Opposite Sex **GCHB Goldrush's Anticipation** Owner: Diane Anderson

Select Dog **GCHB Maystar's Shonleh Michan Ruddy Duck** Owners: Lynn Marshall, Dr Frank Bossong, and Sharon Curry

Select Bitch **Michan's Shonleh Soji** Owner: Sharon Curry

Owner-Handler Best of Breed **Dancy's Upper Crust** Owner: Nancy and Dwain Lentz



Best of Breed: GCHB Foxbriar's National Pinnacle From Itsy Bitsy
Owned by Marilyn Jacobs



Sweepstakes Judge
Blair Kelly

Regular Classes Judge
Mr. Kenneth Kauffman

GARDEN STATE ALL TERRIER CLUB

27th Annual "Garden Party" Terrier Group Show

May 3, 2024 in West Windsor, New Jersey

Cool 50°F temperatures and cloudy skies greeted exhibitors at the 27th Annual "Garden Party" Terrier Group show held at on May 3rd at Mercer County Park in West Windsor, New Jersey. This show marks the beginning of the outdoor show season in the Northeast. It's also the start of a 4-show cluster: Garden State is followed by Bucks County KC on Saturday and the back-to-back Trenton KC dog shows Sunday and Monday. The weekend always draws a nice entry with majors in many breeds no matter what the weather pattern might bestow or inflict.

All Sweepstakes entrants took home cute Norwich Terrier magnets and squeaky toys offered by Dr. Denis Johnson. Judy & Lisa and Lee won etched glass snack bowls.

The list of Regular Class prizes would take up too much space to include here but this writer especially appreciates bringing home the charming garden flag offered by Missy Wood, Terrapin Norwich.

Thank you to all the generous donors who made the prize list too long to include! You know who you are. Thanks too to all who entered and helped make the 5-point major. Congratulations to all!

Leandra Little
Supported Entry Coordinator

Best of Breed:

GCHS CH Haystack Sierra Royal
Henley's Got the Strokes

Bred by Dina Moore-Tzouris &
Mollie Davis, owned by Ellen
Lucas, handled by Andrew Green



SWEEPSTAKES

Best of Sweeps Glengariff's One Singular Sensation at Taliesin

(GCH Taliesin Elementary My Dear Watson—GCH Glengariff's Verdant Meadow)

Breeder-owners Judith Laffey & Lisa Sons

Best Puppy in Show (4-6 Puppy) Dignop Starburst

(CH Dignop Big Dipper TKN — CH Dignop Bumblebee Gravity)

Breeder-owner: Magda Chiarella



REGULAR CLASS

Winners Dog & Best of Winners Foxglyn Avalon Triple Dog Dare

(CH Paradym Double Dare Ya—Bronwyn's Sticky Toffee Pudding at Foxglyn)

Breeder-owners: Nichola Conroy & Lori Pelletier

Winners Bitch Country Girl Love at First Bite

(GCHS Country Boy Bud Wiser—CH Country Girl Samantha)

Breeder-owner: Linda McCutcheon

Best of Breed GCH Haystack Sierra Royal Henley's Got the Strokes

(GCH Roserock's My Eyes Adored You—Thistledew A B!Tch Called Wanda)

Breeders: Dina Moore-Tzouris & Mollie Davis; owners: Ellen Lucas; handler Andrew Green

Best of Opposite Sex CH Country Girl Maid To Order

(GCHS Country Boy Bud Wizer—CH Country Girl Beewitched)

Breeder-owner: Linda McCutcheon

Select Dog CH Dralion's Talk Of The Town At Highwood

(Lorsan Paradym Watcha Talkin' Bout—Dralion Something To Talk About)

Breeders Linda and Peter Dowdle; Owners: Knowlton Reynders and handled by R.C. Carusi

Select Bitch Pouchcove Veritas Ladybug at Fernleigh

(CH Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Just for a Little Red Dog—CH Pouchcove Fanfare)

Breeders: Peggy Helming and Wheatley Wentzell; owners: David Michaud, Michael Heaner, Peggy Helming, Wheatley Wentzell; handler Ernesto Lara.

Best Puppy Littlefield Lilou LaBelle

(GCHB Dungeness Inspector Bruno by Littlefield—CH Lillanor Designer Choice Frisson at Littlefield)

Breeder-owner: Leandra Little.

Best Bred By Exhibitor Foxglyn Avalon Triple Dog Dare

(CH Paradym Double Dare Ya—Bronwyn's Sticky Toffee Pudding at Foxglyn)

Breeder-owners: Nichola Conroy & Lori Pelletier



Judge
Lori Pelletier

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

USTA National Tennis Center, Flushing, NY

May 14, 2024

We were fortunate to have NTCA member, breeder-judge Lori Pelletier, evaluate a beautiful entry of seventeen, and to have her comments on the judging for the club:

Judging Westminster was the assignment of a lifetime. I was honored to judge the three breeds that are closest to my heart. It was a wonderful surprise when I opened the entry breakdown to see that Norwich Terriers had the largest entry (18) of any terrier breed at Westminster. Of the entry of eighteen, seventeen were shown. There was a good geographic representation of the breed present at this year's event.

My mindset approaching this assignment was that I would be looking for a dog with great Norwich breed type that screamed "I want to be in the group ring... pick me, pick me!" When you have a ring full of champions and the breed's top winning dogs this could prove to be a difficult task. On this day I was lucky, my eventual Best of Breed winner did just that from the moment he entered the ring.

Best of Breed

GCHB CH Maystar's Shonleh

Michan Ruddy Duck

(CH Michan Dragon Fire—Maystar's Pebbles Nachtmusi

Owners: Lynn Marshall, Dr. Frank Bossong & Sharon Curry; breeders: Dr. Frank Bossong, Sharon Curry & Sandy Hamilton

Judge's Critique: This young dog is everything the standard calls for: "stocky, compact and spirited". He has short powerful legs and covers ground easily. When moved against the other males he excelled on this day. He never took a bad step and never let down that "look at me" attitude.



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GCHB CH Maystar's Shonleh
Michan Ruddy Duck

Owners: Lynn Marshall, Dr.
Frank Bossong & Sharon
Curry, Breeders: Dr. Frank
Bossong, Sharon Curry &
Sandy Hamilton

Best of Opposite Sex **GCH CH Wildefox's I Want It** **Now Of Skyscot**

(Roserock's Too Good To Be True—CH
Wildefox's Ante Up)

Owner-breeders: Nancy Wilde
& Leslie Becker

*Judge's Critique: BOS was a
balanced bitch that moved
cleanly and was compact and
feminine without being toyish.
She showed her heart out and
took home the top female
award of the day.*

Select Dog **GCHS CH Haystack Sierra** **Royal Henley's Got The** **Strokes**

(GChP CH Roserock's My Eyes Adored
You—Thistledew's A B!tch Called Wanda)

Owner: Ellen Lucas; breeders:
Dina Moore-Tzouris & Mollie
Davis.

*Judge's Critique: My select dog
was a very close second. He
is a balanced dog with clean
movement and gave the BOB
dog a run for sure*

Select Bitch **CH Country Girl Maid To** **Order**

(GCHS CH Country Boy Budwizer—CH
Country Girl Samantha)

Owner: Linda McCutcheon,
Breeder: Linda McCutcheon.

*Judge's Critique: Select bitch
was a lovely black and tan
bitch shown in good coat and
condition. This bitch is very
balanced with a pleasing head
She had a touch more leg than
the best of opposite bitch but
any breeder would be proud to
have this bitch in their breeding
program.*

Awards of Merit **GCHB CH Fishback It's Miller** **Time**

(Fishback Kat Burglar—Fishback Hey
Susan)

Owners: Kelly Foos, Susan
Miller Hall, April Clark & Amy
Grace Clark

GCHB CH Foxbriar's National **Pinnacle From Itsy Bitsy**

(CH Belleville Just For Effect—GCH Itsy
Bitsy She's A Firecracker)

Owner: Marilyn Jacobs;
breeders: Tonnie Willrich &
Gerard Willrich

*Judge's Critique: The Awards of
Merit went to two dogs of good
quality. Both dogs were in good
coat and condition and shown
beautifully by their handlers.*



Judge

Mr. Jaime Hubbard

LONG ISLAND KENNEL CLUB

Supported Entry

May 19, 2024 in Oyster Bay, New York

The weather was lovely as the Norwich judging started at the Long Island Kennel Club show on Sunday, May 19, 2024 held at the historic Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, NY. Our judge for the day was Mr. Jamie Hubbard with an entry of twelve. Thanks to the generosity of club members Alicia Smilowitz, Will Sparks, and Richard Giotta. Beautiful rosettes were presented to those who placed first in the classes and for those awarded BOB, BOS, BW, Select, Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. In addition to the lovely weather and gorgeous ribbons, exhibitors had the added pleasure of a delicious brown bag lunch sponsored by the NTCA.

Winners Dog

Foxglyn Avalon Triple Dog Dare, "Trip"

Best of Winners for a 4-point major
Best Bred by Exhibitor

Owner-breeders: Nicky Conroy
and Lori Pelletier

Reserve Winners Dog

Littlefield Nidaimi Totoro

Owner-breeder: Leandra Little

Winner's Bitch

Littlefield Fascinator

Best of Opposite Sex
Best Owner Handled
Winner of Owner Handled Group 3

Owner-breeder: Leandra Little

Reserve Winners Bitch & Best Puppy

Coventry's Anything Goes at Foozle, "Ethel"

Breeders: Dale and Timothy
Martins; owner: Alyson Cleary

Best of Breed

**GCHS Haystack Sierra Royal
Henley's Got the Strokes**

Winner of Group 2

Breeder: Dina Moore-Tzouris &
Mollie Davis; owner: Ellen Lucas

Select dog

GCHB Sakanarra Spider

Owners: Elizabeth W. Fineburg &
Sally Lynn Fineburg; breeder: Jose
Luis Garro Azcona

Select Bitch

GCH Ckadee's Pippi Longstocking

Breeder-owner: Carol Jeffery



Best of Breed:

GCH Haystack Sierra Royal Henley's Got the Strokes
Bred by Dina Moore-Tzouris & Mollie Davis, owned by Ellen Lucas



NORWICH TERRIER CLUB OF NORTH TEXAS

North Texas Terrier Club

July 4, 2024 in Dallas, Texas

Greetings from Texas!

The Norwich Terrier Club of North Texas had their annual Specialty hosted by the North Texas Terrier Club (confusing, I know) on July 4, 2024. We had entries from all over the United States.

Karen Vaughn and Lynn Marshall did an outstanding job on the trophies. Karen commissioned Julia Andersen of Furry Tales Studio to create custom ceramic pieces for award winners. Lynn Marshall was in charge of ribbon and rosettes and they were beautiful. Thank you to Karen and Lynn.

I made the trek with Karen and Steve Vaughn out to California for

the Northern California Norwich Terrier Club's Specialty in April. To clarify the above statement, Steve trekked in his RV with the dogs while Karen and I wisely hopped a plane. We were delighted to see Dana Esquibel, Monti Craig, Maris Purvins, Andrew Chen, Cary Trexler, and Lynn and Howard Marshall at the show.

The weather was perfect the first two days of the show. Saturday was a different story—the heavens opened up and it stormed Friday night and rained so hard Saturday the RV camp ground at the show was flooded up to the exit stairs. Again, Karen and I wisely stayed at our hotel and let Steve handle the dogs in the RV. I find this to be a very satisfactory way of showing dogs. We did not show on Saturday, as Steve did not bring his kayak.

Saturday night Lynn and Howard Marshall graciously invited us to join them for dinner in their beautiful Sacramento home. We were joined by Andrew Chen and Cary Trexler. We had delicious food and great conversation about everything Norwich. We started our trip back to Lodi and the show site about 10 PM and the adventure began!

We arrived about 10:45 PM to the show grounds and RV parking only to find the entrance gate locked. We



Best of Breed:

GCHB CH Foxbriar's National
Pinnacle From Itsy Bitsy
Owner: Marilyn Jacobs;
breeder: Tonnie Willrich &
Gerard Willrich

Showfront

called Lynn who called the show site operator; he didn't answer. Steve and I decided to walk around the perimeter of the show grounds to see if we could find a walk-in gate. It was cold and misty and being from Texas, we had no coats. Who comes to California in April and brings winter coats? We became concerned that all our dogs were in the RV and we couldn't find a way to get inside. Steve and I had walked a block or two up the main street when all of a sudden we heard a loud crash and bang. A car a few feet behind us on the opposite side of the street had spun and hit a pole.

My first thought as a nurse was to help the driver, but before I could cross the street every police car in Lido was descending on the crash site. The cars came from every direction with a few even going over curbs. Steve and I looked at each other thinking "What in the dog poo is happening?" Steve and I were frozen in place as more police cars arrived and blocked the

street around the car. We were unfortunately trapped in the middle with the crashed car. All of sudden we heard a loudspeaker announcement: "Pedestrians, move to the other side of the street, you are in the line of gunfire." We have never moved so quickly. The police on the loudspeaker told us to keep walking; poor Karen was still parked in the car across from the action, waiting hunkered down in the backseat. Long story short, the guy in the car was arrested, the police came to our rescue, and the crew all made a safe trip back to Texas. Steve's trip took a little longer with the RV while Karen and I, again, wisely hopped a plane.

Thanks to Lynn and Howard Marshall for hosting a wonderful dinner. Thank you Cary and Andrew for the delightful conversation. It was a memorable adventure.

Rhonda Krupp,
Secretary, Norwich Terrier Club of North Texas

RESULTS

Best in Sweeps

Elfin Beefeater

(CH Elfin Ruff Trade—Elfin Lake Geneva)

Breeder-owner: Richard Wilson

Best of Breed

GCHB CH Foxbriar's National

Pinnacle From Itsy Bitsy

(CH Belleville Just For Effect—GCh Ch Itsy Bitsy She's A Firecracker)

Owner: Marilyn Jacobs;
breeder: Tonnie Willrich &
Gerard Willrich.

Best of Winners &

Best of Opposite

Torin Voir Dire Jovie

(GCHB CH Camio's Walking on Air for
Half A Bob—Torin Wryly Said)

Owners: Pam Seifert, Gail
Simons & Nolan Simons;
breeder: Pam Seifert

Select Dog

CH Algeria Mister Big Shot

Fancy Pants 42 @ Fox Run

(GCH CH Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Just for
a Little Red Dog—GCH CH Algeria All
That Jazz)

Owners: Roberta A Kirby &
Maria Kelley; breeder: Maria
Kelley

Select Bitch

CH Seawich Terriers Queen

Elizabeth By Passport

(GCH CH Jaeva Tom Foolery—Passport
Though She Be But Little She Is Fierce)

Owners: Thomas Vravis &
Barbara Vanlangendonck;
breeders: Christine Thorpe &
Barbara Vanlengendonck



PUTTING ON THE NOR-RITZ

Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club (LSNTC)

July 11-14, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas

Planning for "Putting on the Nor-Ritz" began well over a year ago as the 15th anniversary of the NTCA and the LSNTC grew closer. Spearheaded by Maria Kelley, LSNTC show chair and NTCA director, a weekend of social, educational, and conformation events took shape.



FRIDAY, JULY 12TH

Friday kicked off with a talk by LSNTC and NTCA member Roberta Kirby, a canine massage therapist, who demonstrated methods of releasing tight and constricted muscles to enhance comfort and relaxation in our dogs.

The LSNTC specialty & sweepstakes was held on Friday afternoon as part of the Bexar County Kennel Club show. For those new to Texas (including myself, a decade ago), Bexar is pronounced "bear". The trophy theme was "crystal", befitting the 15th anniversary of the LSNTC—pieces were generously donated by club members for use as trophies. Special recognition to Cindy Wagner, LSNTC trophy chair, for all her work on the trophies throughout the weekend.



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SWEEPSTAKES

Our sweepstakes judge was Mrs. Joan Eckert of Abbedale Norwich & Norfolk, now a Texan herself. Mrs. Eckert had an entry of seven puppies and one veteran.

Best in sweepstakes was awarded to the black & tan 6-9 month puppy bitch **Dignip Starburst**, handled by her breeder-owner Magda Chiarella and making her show debut. Mrs. Eckert awarded best of opposite in sweepstakes to the natural-tailed red 9-12 month puppy dog **Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Meet Me At Paddington Station**,

shown by his owner Amanda Kozora and bred and owned by Tonnie & Jerry Willrich.

Misty eyes and applause all around for the Best in Veteran Sweepstakes winner, the 9-year-old veteran bitch **GCHB Moondance That's The Truth 42 At Fox Run BCA**. "Edith Ann" was bred by Robin Hoch and handled by her owner Roberta Kirby. Roberta and Edith Ann have been a winning team for many years, currently the #2 Norwich bitch in lifetime NOHS points.



LSNTC SPECIALTY

Our judge for the LSNTC specialty was Ms. Elizabeth 'Beth' Sweigart, longtime breeder of Norwich and Norfolk under the Yarrow prefix, and judge for both breeds at Crufts 2024.

Five class dogs were exhibited, and Ms. Sweigart chose her winners dog from the BBE class – **"Axl" Verdant's Sweet Child O' Mine**, bred and owned by Cary Trexler & Chee Wai Chen and handled by Cary Trexler. Reserve winners to the red dog **Wildefox's Kokomo**, bred by Nancy Wilde & Leslie Becker and shown by his owner Kristen Swensson. "Jasper" is Kristen's first Norwich and we want to extend a warm welcome to the Norwich community!

The bitch classes had a very large entry—sixteen were shown—and because of a recent rule change by the AKC, a 3-point major was available to the reserve winners bitch. The 9-12 month

class was particularly competitive, and Ms. Sweigart chose both her winners and reserve winners bitch from this class. Winners bitch and a 5-point major to the red puppy **Torin Voir Dire Jovie**, bred by Pam Seifert, owned by Pam Seifert and Gail and Dolan Simmons, and handled by Roxanne Sutton. Reserve winners and a 3-point major to the black & tan bitch **Timber Town Leads First Flight**, bred by Cathy Sweezey, owned by Jane Winegardner, and handled by Susie DePew.

The best of breed competition included many of the top-ranked Norwich in the USA. Ms. Sweigart awarded best of breed to the red dog **GCHB CH Maystar's Shonleh Michan Ruddy Duck**, bred by Dr. Frank Bossong, Sharon Curry, and Sandy Hamilton and owned by Lynn Marshall, Frank Bossong, and Sandy Hamilton.

LSNTC SPECIALTY (CONTINUED)

Ruddy Duck is exhibited by Amy Rutherford and is the #1 Norwich in breed points as of this writing. He went on to earn a Group 2 later in the day under judge Mrs. Karen McFarlane.

Best of winners was the winners dog **Verdant's Sweet Child O' Mine** for the crossover 5-point major.



Best of opposite sex was awarded to the red bitch **"Lilly"-GCHB CH Seawich Terriers Queen Elizabeth By Passport**, bred by Christine Thorpe & Barbara Vanlangendonck, owned by Thomas Vraviss, and handled to this win by Charlize Sutton.

Select dog was awarded to **"Q"-GCHS CH Fishback Michan Major Boothroyd**, bred by Susan Miller Hall, April Clark, and Amy Clark. He is owned by his breeders and Lynn Marshall and is handled by Jacob Waters. Select bitch was awarded to **"Libby"-GCH CH Den-Mar's Miss Liberty**, bred and owned by Marie Cato and handled by Brenda Combs.

Award of merit and best of breed owner-handled to the young black & tan dog **"Trip" - CH Foxglyn Avalon Triple Dog Dare**, bred and owned by Nichola Conroy and Lori Pelletier. Trip was winners dog at the NTCA National Specialty in 2023. Ms. Sweigart also selected **GCH CH Kaleidoscope Merry Mischief** for an award of merit. "Wallace" is bred by Debra Lang, owned by Dolan & Gail Simmons & Debra Lang, and handled by Roxanne Sutton.

Judging concluded with the stud dog award to **"Drake" - CH Michan Dragon Fire**, bred by Lynn Marshall, Sharon Curry & Brenda Deshields and owned by Lynn Marshall & Susan Miller Hall & April Clark. Best brace to **GCHS CH Fishback Michan Major Boothroyd** and **GCH CH Fishback Michan Doodle Bug ("Jones")**.

Friday concluded with a "Taste of Texas" dinner and a packed room to listen to Lesley Crawley of the world-famous Ragus (UK) kennel speak on a wide range of topics – history and development of the Norwich and Norfolk, breeding practices, tails and teeth, virtues and faults, and choosing a promising puppy. We are so thankful to Mrs. Crawley and all of those LSNTC and NTCA members who made her trip to the USA possible.



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LSNTC Specialty Breed Judge's Critique

I was delighted to judge the Norwich Terrier specialty hosted by the Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club, which hosted three days of Norwich celebrations in San Antonio, TX. Their hospitality was beyond awesome; showing every exhibitor and judge every amenity possible.

I judged the Lone Star Norwich Terrier Specialty on Friday and I must say the entry was impressive, both in numbers and in quality. The specials class in particular was awash with quality.

My best-of breed dog was one which I have judged before and have found very pleasing. He was presented in beautiful condition - both weight-wise, muscle-wise, and his coat was pristine. He had the outline I look for: a short strong back good reach of neck, a well-set tail, and good amount of dog behind it.

Enough leg under him to move with the drive and extension offered by a balanced front and rear. He had a lovely head and expression with a nice dark eye. On the day, he was hard to fault. On Sunday evening, I would award him the Terrier group.

Winners Dog and Best of Winners came from the bred-by class- a well-made dog of correct size, he was presented in lovely condition; a good head and expression, he moved well and showed his heart out for his owner.

Best of Opposite Sex to a lovely red bitch; well made very sound, good proportions and she showed very well. My Winner's Bitch came from the 9 to 12 class as did my reserve winners. Both lovely puppies showing great promise. They moved well and carried themselves around round the ring with confidence.

Select Dog was a very lovely red dog very much in type like my breed winner he was presented in very good condition and showed very well on the day- he pressed the winner. Select Bitch quite a nice red bitch who was presented in good condition. She had a nice head and expression, a good eye and made a lovely outline going around the ring. The two dogs to which I gave Awards of Merit were both lovely representatives of the breed and on another day would be easy breed winners.

Much thanks to the Lone Star Norwich Terrier Club for inviting me to judge this lovely entry!

Beth Sweigart
Breed Judge
Bowmansville, PA

Best of Breed:

GCHB CH Maystar's Shonleh Michan Ruddy Duck

Owners: Lynn Marshall, Dr. Frank Bossong & Sharon Curry, Breeders: Dr. Frank Bossong, Sharon Curry & Sandy Hamilton



SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

A late ring time on Saturday made for a relaxing morning. The LSNTC took this time to host an OFA CAER (eye) clinic on Saturday. The cluster donated the use of a dark room, and a local canine ophthalmologist was brought in to perform the exams. Over sixty dogs were evaluated and the chance to complete eye evaluations at the show was much appreciated by exhibitors. Special thanks to Carlynn Ricks, Kathi France, and Jan Admire for running the clinic!



SWEEPSTAKES

The sweepstakes judge was Mrs. Chris Hillman of Idaho. Mrs. Hillman breeds under the "Fantasia" prefix and is a member of the LSNTC and the NTCNC. Reversing their wins from Friday, her puppy sweepstakes winner was Itsy Bitsy Thistledown Meet Me At Paddington Station and best of opposite to Dignpop Starburst. Best in veteran sweepstakes again to GCHB Moondance That's The Truth 42 At Fox Run BCA.

REGULAR CLASSES

The judge for the regular classes and best of breed was Mrs. Cathy Thompson-Morgan of the Belleville Kennels (UK), a top breeder of Norwich, Norfolk, and Portuguese Water Dogs.

She found her winners dog and best of breed owner-handled from the bred-by dog class – the new champion **Verdant's Sweet Child O' Mine**. Reserve to **Wildefox's Kokomo**. Her winners bitch was **"Sorcha" - Ragus Silverrain**, bred by Mrs. Lesley Crawley, owned by Susan Miller Hall & Lynn Marshall & April Clark, and handled by Susan Miller Hall to this prestigious 5-point win. Reserve winners again to **Timber Town Leads First Flight** for a 3-point major.

Mrs. Thompson-Morgan had an impressive group of specials in contention for the top awards. She chose the red bitch **"Paris" - GCH Fishback Michan Hard Truth** – bred and owned by April Clark & Amy Clark & Susan Miller Hall and handled by Ashley Waters – as her breed winner.

Best of opposite to **GCHS CH Fishback Michan Major Boothroyd**, and best of winners to her winners bitch **Ragus Silverrain**.

Select bitch and dog awarded to **GCH CH Denbar's Miss Liberty** and **GCH CH Fishback Michan Doodle Bug**. "Jones" is bred and owned by Susan Miller Hall & April Clark & Amy Clark.

Mrs. Thompson-Morgan chose her veteran bitch for an award of merit - **GCHB Moondance That's The Truth 42 At Fox Run BCA**. "Edith Ann" was handled to this win by Molly Childers. **GCHB CH Maystar's Shonleh Michan Ruddy Duck** was also chosen for an award of merit.

Judging concluded with the stud dog award to **CH Michan Dragon Fire** and best brace to **GCHS CH Fishback Michan Major Boothroyd** and **GCH CH Fishback Michan Doodle Bug**.

Trophy chair David Michaud chose timeless and beautiful Woodbury Pewter trophies and Centaur rosettes for the winners at the NTCA specialty & sweepstakes.

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NTCA Judge's Critique

I would like to thank the Norwich Terrier Club of America for the invitation and the Loan Star Norwich Terrier Club for the wonderful hospitality and very warm welcome to Texas for their 15th Anniversary weekend.

I loved judging your beautiful dogs and on another day some placings could change. In a fabulous entry of 39 and just 4 absent my winners were:

BOB GCH Fishback Michan Hard Truth (Bitch)

BOS GCH Fishback Michan Major Boothroyd

BOW Ragus Silverrain (Bitch)

WD & BOH Verdant's Sweet Child O'Mine

Select Dog GCH Fishback Michan Doodle Bug

Select Bitch GCH Den-Mar's Miss Liberty

AOM GCH Maystar's Shonleh Michan Ruddy Duck (Dog)

AOM GCH Moondance That's The Truth 42 at Fox Run (Veteran Bitch)

In general I felt that from the dogs I saw the breed was in a better place than the last time I judged in the USA in 2011. Movement has definitely improved and there is more consistency of type.

Overall I found that coats are fabulous with the correct hard texture which is almost crispy to the touch. Most exhibits had excellent bone and substance, good body proportions and great temperaments. Heads were variable, quite a number lacked stop and a few others were too short in the muzzle. Eyes need watching, although colour was good. Large round protruding eyes are incorrect, really spoil the expression and would leave a dog exposed to damage whilst working. Only 3 dogs shown under me had a really correct small, dark, oval shaped eye.

When looking at the catalogue afterwards I see my BOB, BOS and Select Dog are all by the same sire, GCH CH Ragus OO' Seven so I guess he is helping to fix type.

The BOB is short backed, compact with a good length of neck, lovely head and expression, good bone and substance. Good reach in front. Showed her socks off for her handler, loved her. The BOS is similar but not quite the length of neck as the BOB.

Thank you to all the exhibitors and handlers for accepting my decisions with good grace.

Cathy Thompson-Morgan
Belleville Kennels, UK

Best of Breed:

GCH Fishback Michan Hard Truth

Breeder-owners: April Clark & Amy Clark & Susan Miller Hall; handler: Ashley Waters

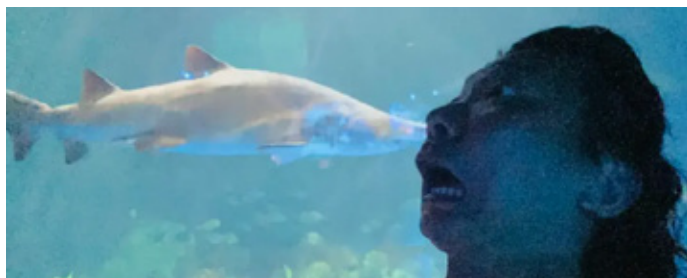




Saturday concluded with a banquet at SeaWorld San Antonio—a literal “dinner under the sea”—as we mixed and mingled surrounded by fish, sting rays, and sharks.

Dinner was delicious and the decorations and favors were so lovingly thought out. A presentation of a bronze statue likeness of CH Ragus Hand In Glove was made to Mrs. Lesley Crawley by the artist Fan Yu, and Mrs. Thompson-Morgan gave brief remarks on her judging earlier

in the day. A quick auction raised almost \$1000 for the LSNTC before we retired for the evening and our 8AM ring time on Sunday.



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SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

LSNTC SUPPORTED ENTRY

Mr. John Booth of San Antonio was the judge for the LSNTC supported entry. His winners dog was **Wildefox's Kokomo** and reserve to **Belfyre Mikey Likes It At Fishback**, bred by Polly O'Neal and owned by April Clark and Susan Miller Hall. Winners bitch to the open bitch **Dignpop Bumblebee Gravity**, bred and owned by Magda Chiarella and handled by Roxanne Sutton. Reserve winners to **Timber Town Leads First Flight**.

Mr. Booth put the specials through their paces, eventually choosing **GCHB CH Maystar's**

Shonleh Michan Ruddy Duck as his best of breed. Ruddy Duck went on to a Group 1 under Ms. Beth Sweigart later that day. Best of opposite sex to **GCH CH Den-Mar's Miss Liberty** and best of winners to his winners bitch **Dignpop Bumblebee Gravity**.

Select awards to **GCHS CH Fishback Michan Major Boothroyd** and **GCHB CH Seawich Terriers Queen Elizabeth By Passport**.

Best of breed owner handled to the new special **CH Verdant's Sweet Child O' Mine**.



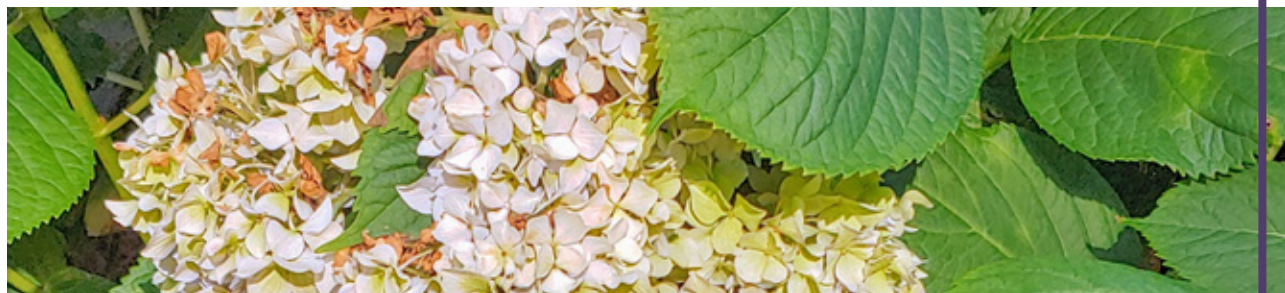
At the conclusion of judging, the cleanup began and exhibitors readied themselves for travel home. Some of those long drives and flights were certainly made shorter by the wins earned over the weekend. Thank you to all the exhibitors who made the trip down to Texas to join us for these shows. Thank you to all NTCA and LSNTC members who volunteered, donated, or otherwise made this weekend possible. We hope that you enjoyed "Putting on the Nor-Ritz" with us!

Amanda Kozora
Austin, Texas



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