IN MEMORIUM

“Comet”
UKC-SPOT, RO2 Desert Star's Midnight Comet, CD, RAE2,
PCD, BN, RATI, FDC, CGC, CGCA, CGCU, TKN;
WCRL-RL1; ICDCA-VC; CDCA-HCX, VA;
2018 AKC Achiever Dog
July 15, 2005 - June 12, 2019

You were the puppy that I never meant to keep,
But I kept you.

You weren’t show-quality,
But you showed outstanding quality in all that you did.

You were meant to live a longer life,
But now you live forever in my heart.

Rest in peace, my beautiful “pupper”,
with your mom, Smudge, and pack leader, Wolf,
until we meet once again.

Denise Gordon & the Canaan Crew of Desert Star
We woke yesterday to a heavy frost and the sound of Canada Geese overhead. The dogs remembered to walk, rather than leap, down the deck stairs as they get slick with the frost. I am beginning to think about snow tires, and how to pack the car with for winter emergencies while still having room for all the materials I take to Meet The Breed events—both official ones and those that happen when you show up with a rare breed somewhere!

As always, members & friends are needed for club events around the country (see pages 5 and 15). A love of Canaan Dogs is all that is needed — most jobs can be taught. Don’t be intimidated by job descriptions—all bodies are welcome! My appreciate to those who have stepped up already.

The photo here is blunt—but true. If you have an idea, speak up! The Board asks for member opinions but, as we have said before, none of us are mind readers! Let us know both what you want to see the club to do, and how you can help make it happen!

Best wishes for the rest of 2019, and on to the new decade in 2020!
- Amanda

Membership Renewal Time

Renewal forms may be found: http://cdca.org/membership.html

Checks can be mailed with the form to the address listed; if paying by Paypal, please forward a copy of your receipt to: membership@cdca.org

Donations may be made at this time to CDRN (Rescue), the Trophy Fund, or the Health Fund.

Dues may be paid for one, two or three years at a time. There is no discount for multiple years renewal, simply the benefit of convenience.

If you are unable to open or print the renewal form please let me know and I will be happy to mail a printed copy.

Final deadline for renewal is December 31st.

Please let me know if I can be of any other assistance.

Amy Preston
CDCA Membership
membership@cdca.org
860-235-5075
FROM THE BOARD—JULY—SEPTEMBER 2019

JULY
No Board business in July.

AUGUST

Note from the President:
Please join me in welcoming our new Board and Officers (Term 8/1/2019 - 7/31/2021), especially Cathey Dunn, Mel Holloman, and Jennie LaPrade as they join the Board for the first time.

Huge Thank You's and appreciation to our outgoing Officers and Board Members: Risa Baumrind, Joan Capaiu Green, and Richard Vulliet. They have all served with zeal & love for the Canaan Dog and the CDCA.

A special hat tip to outgoing President Julie Haddy. I know how big a job this is and appreciate all the time and effort Julie gave the job. I am honored to both take the baton back from her, as well as step into the role again.

You may reach the whole Board & all Officers at once at bod@cdca.org

- Amanda Pough

Note from the Recording Secretary:
Welcome new members! As an FYI to new members and a reminder to continuing members, this is the format of business for the Board:

VOTING PROCEDURES
Making a motion: The 1st through the 7th of the month is the time period for making new motions.

Discussion: The 8th through the 21st is for discussion of those motions.

Vote Communique: The Recording Secretary puts out the vote communique on the 22nd of the month.

Votes due on the last day of the calendar month.

- Cynthia Dodson

Note from the President:
Thanks to John Relph, the CDCA website has been updated with the current Officers and Board.

John reports “The website has been updated and the email aliases have been updated to match. By the way, I changed some of the aliases to be easier to read. Here are the emails:

president@cdca.org
vice-president@cdca.org
recording-secretary@cdca.org
corresponding-secretary@cdca.org
treasurer@cdca.org
director-east@cdca.org
director-west@cdca.org
director-central@cdca.org
director-at-large@cdca.org

These new emails cover all of the board positions, so it should be easier to update in the future.”

Thank you John!

- Amanda Pough

Note from the Recording Secretary:
In the month of August the following was approved by the Board:

Breeders' List Application of Jennie La Prade

- Cynthia Dodson

SEPTEMBER

Note from the Recording Secretary:
In the month of September the following were approved by the Board:

Breeders' List Application of Joan Greene

Movement of the CDCA Membership Yahoo Group List to groups.io.

- Cynthia Dodson

Additional Notes:

Call for CDCA Members and Friends!
The Canaan Dog Club of America could use members & friends to help us with our upcoming events:
November 29 (Friday) – December 1 (Sunday), Pendleton SC
Our fall Agility Trials & our 10th Anniversary! Welcome Potluck/Thanksgiving on Thursday the 28th.

Last chance to qualify for the NAC to be held in Perry GA, March 2020

We will train you – no experience necessary!

You can run your dog and volunteer, or learn skills you can take home & train.

FMI, Julie Haddy: director-east@cdca.org

December 14-15 (Saturday and Sunday), Orlando FL

AKC National Championship Dog Show (aka, Royal Canin)

Meet The Breeds booth – friendly humans and typical CDs needed to introduce the breed to people.

We will train you – no experience necessary!

You can enter any and all of the week of shows and special competitions and still help at the booth.

Get out of the cold and enjoy a Florida vacation.

FMI, Christina Miller: treasurer@cdca.org

January 25-26 (Saturday and Sunday), 2020, New York City, NY

Meet The Breeds NYC moves back to the Javitz Center! No longer Westminster weekend.

Meet The Breeds booth – friendly humans and typical CDs needed to introduce the breed to people.

We will train you – no experience necessary!

Broadway, Times Square, Central Park, and all of NYC right outside for the exploration.

FMI, Amanda Pough, president@cdca.org
US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CLARIFIES USE OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS ON FLIGHTS

Friday, August 9, 2019
https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/u-s-department-transportation-clarifies-use-emotional-support-animals-flights/

Yesterday, the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) issued guidance to help travelers understand their rights while new regulations are being developed. The DOT is currently developing new rules to govern what types of animals will be allowed to accompany passengers on flights and what documentation will be required to determine a passenger's legitimate need. The guidance document issued yesterday provides that airlines cannot limit the number of service animals on a flight, however, passengers with an animal that an airline deems too large, too heavy, or younger than four months of age are allowed to deny boarding.

Service animals are those that have been trained to perform certain functions. Current law requires that reasonable accommodations be provided for those using service dogs. In contrast, no training is required for emotional support animals.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) strongly supports public accommodations that allow individuals with disabilities to use service dogs. The AKC also strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, or attempting to benefit from a dog’s service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.

[Search AKC.org] to read AKC's July 2018 comments to the Department of Transportation regarding proposed rulemaking for service dogs.

The guidance provides:
• In agreement with AKC’s breed-neutral policies, as expressed in our comment to DOT, airlines are not allowed to ban certain breeds of service animals. Any airline can prevent any specific animal from flying if it is determined to pose a health or safety threat.
• To enable an airline to determine whether an animal poses a health or safety threat, airlines can require reasonable documentation related to an animal’s training, behavior, and vaccinations received.
• As required under current rules, airlines are not required to transport emotional support animals unless the passenger provides medical documentation of their need.
• Passengers who plan to travel with emotional support animals must give airlines advance notice.
• Airlines are permitted to require passengers with animals on flights eight hours or longer in length to provide documentation or proof that an animal will not need to relieve itself or can relieve itself in a way that will not create a sanitation issue.
• Airlines cannot limit the number of service animals on a flight. Similarly, passengers can bring up to three service animals on a flight.
• Airlines are not required to accept exotic animals on a flight.

Airlines now have 30 days to revise their operations to meet these current requirements.

This latest clarification comes after the number of animals traveling with passengers in cabin has significantly increased since 2016, in large part due to the number of emotional support animals that accompany passengers. Media reports have detailed an increasing number of bite incidents involving emotional support animals. For example, in July a flight attendant had to receive stitches after she was bitten by an emotional support dog.

Read Misuse of Service Dogs Hurts the Disabled and Responsible Dog Owners.

AKC’s Government Relations Department recently redesigned and continues to update its Regulatory Resource Center, which provides information on regulatory proposals and requirements from both the federal and state governments. For more information, access the Regulatory Resource Center at https://akcgr.org/regcenter?1, or contact AKC Government Relations at doglaw@akc.org.
Do you have a Canaan Dog eligible for a Versatility or Register of Merit award?

Canaans that have sired or produced AKC Champion of Record offspring and/or versatility-titled offspring may be eligible for the various Register of Merit (ROM) awards.

Canaans who have titled in CDCA and/or AKC companion and/or performance events may be eligible for the Versatility awards.

Dogs both living and deceased are eligible for the CDCA Versatility and ROM awards.

The new Versatility Title Matrix as well as eligibility requirements and forms for both ROM and Versatility are on the CDCA website (www.cdca.org) in the Programs menu. If your dog(s) are eligible for any of these awards, please fill out the form(s) and send them via email as PDF or JPEG files or via the U.S. postal service with copies of required certifications to CDCA Awards Chair, Denise Gordon at the address below.

Forms must reach Denise’s home no later than August 1, 2020 for presentation at the 2020 National Specialty awards banquet on Saturday, October 17th in Wilmington, Ohio. Those awards not picked up at the banquet will be mailed to the recipient after the National Specialty.

For further information, contact
Denise Gordon, Awards Chair
2614 Gracewood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45239
Phone: 513-741-1832
Email: desertstarcanaaans@yahoo.com

Letter to the Editor
Spring/Summer 2019 issue
Lovely, informative, accurate and welcome; also stimulating and interesting issue of the Kib. Great pictures! This issue is a great take-along for gatherings. Thank you!

Bryna & Co.
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2019 DOTY/MOTY NOMINATIONS

It’s never too early to start sending in nominations the 2019 Member Of The Year (MOTY) and Dog Of The Year (DOTY)! Nominations of recently deceased candidates will be accepted.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Please send your nomination of 250 words or less explaining why a past or present CDCA member should be honored for his/her past and/or current contributions to the breed and/or club. If more than one person would like to co-nominate the same candidate, that co-nomination may be an additional 250 words maximum, for a total of no more than 500 words for the candidate’s overall nomination. If no nominations are received, we cannot present this award.

DOG OF THE YEAR
Please send your nomination 250 words or less. Please include all of the dog’s titles, breeder, and sire and dam names (not counted in the final word tally of the nomination) and explain why this dog should be honored for his/her past and/or current contributions to the breed. Once received, if the nomination is that of a dog that you do not own, the owner will be contacted to allow him/her to send in a co-nomination statement about the dog, again, not to exceed 250 words for a maximum total of 500 words. If no nominations are received, we cannot present this award.

The ballot will contain the write up from the nominator and owner (if received from the latter). Should the owner not choose to submit a nomination, the ballot will only contain the write up from the original nominator. Please note, if you nominate a dog you own or co-own, only the initial write up (max. 250 words) will be published.

For both MOTY and DOTY, a photo of the nominee either in hard copy print or electronic format (preferably JPEG) should be included with the nomination. All hardcopy photos will be returned.

Nominations should be mailed at the address below or emailed to Denise Gordon no later than April 1, 2020. If there is more than one candidate for either DOTY or MOTY, ballots will be mailed to members. Voting may be done either by ballots returned via US Postal Service or electronically (email). Otherwise, a single nomination in either category by the deadline will be declared the winner as confirmed by the Board of Directors. Winners will be announced at the 2020 National Specialty awards banquet on Saturday, October 17th, in Wilmington, Ohio.

For further information, contact:
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### OFA Test Results: June—September, 2019

*Line in bold italics signifies the dog has a CHIC number*

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**IS YOUR CANAAN DOG CHIC?**

More information here: [https://www.ofa.org/recommended-tests?breed=CA&var=](https://www.ofa.org/recommended-tests?breed=CA&var=)
Most likely you have never heard of Valley Fever (coccidioidomycosis). It is a disease caused by a fungus that lives in the dirt of the desert southwest. Nearly two-thirds of all Valley Fever infections (human and animal) occur in Arizona, mostly in the urban areas surrounding Phoenix and Tucson. Because it is confined to the desert southwest it is considered an “orphan disease” with historically low levels of research, funding, and studies.

VF is contracted by inhaling the fungus spores which become airborne via construction, monsoon haboobs and digging. It is NOT contagious.

In dogs the symptoms can be varied and mimic those of other diseases, making diagnosis a challenge. Coughing is usually the classic symptom. Fever, weight loss, inappetence, and lethargy may also be present. But VF can spread outside the lungs (referred to as “disseminating”), affecting literally any bone or organ; or never even affect the lungs and disseminate directly. Dogs with infections only in the lungs have the best chance of recovery; dogs with disseminated disease usually do well with medication – some will require it for life and a very small number will die from it.

On July 19th Lucas (“Kol Tuv Bringer of Light”) was diagnosed with disseminated VF when an xray revealed a bone lesion on his left rear leg very similar to this xray [see image] and a titer of 1:64. The ONLY symptom he had started the Friday before with occasional limping and/or non-weight bearing. He was started on an antifungal called itraconazole along with supplements to support his liver, as the itraconazole is extensively metabolized by the liver, and to help support bone repair. Usual courses of treatment can last 6-12 months, however, because Lucas’ disseminated he will most likely require a longer course of the antifungal with the possibility of needing it for the rest of his life. And of course the antifungal comes with its own set of issues. Chief among those is inappetence – and he wasn’t a hearty eater to begin with! But so far in the early phase of treatment he is doing remarkably well; naturally I hope that trend continues!

Last year Ziva, Lucas and Ellie were entered in a study by the Valley Fever Center of Excellence to develop a vaccine. They were looking for asymptomatic dogs with antibodies present; at the time all 3 met those criteria. More blood was drawn in April for immune response tests to hopefully lead to the creation of a vaccine as the cost to dog owners in Arizona alone is estimated to be $60 million per year.

For more information on Valley Fever, please check out the Valley Fever Center of Excellence (https://vfce.arizona.edu/valley-fever-dogs).

Update October 2019:
Lucas is doing quite well on this first course of itraconazole + liver support supplements. He has had no limping since the first part of August and prior to the last couple of weeks when there have been girls in season in the house, his appetite was decent. His titers will be rechecked the end of October and we’re all hoping that they indicate that he is responding as well to the treatment as his current condition would seem to imply.

“The titer measures how much antibody the dog is making against the fungus. A titer is obtained by doubling dilutions of the positive blood (1:4, 1:8, 1:16, 1:32 . . .) until the test becomes negative. The titer that is reported to your veterinarian is the last positive dilution. The laboratories typically stop the titer at 1:256 and report the result as >1:256 if the dog’s blood is still positive. In broad terms, a higher titer is equated with more severe disease.” – Valley Fever Center of Excellence

- Carrie Franz
2020 National Specialty and Meetings

Come join the fun in the heart of it all!!
2020 CDCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Host Hotel

Note: Hotel adjoins the Roberts Centre show site

Holiday Inn & Suites – Roberts Centre/Wilmington
123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177
Website: www.robertscentre.com/holiday-inn

Special CDCA Room Rate: $119 per night plus taxes (13.25%, subject to change)
Pet fee: $50 for entire stay (non-refundable)

CDCA has a block of 15 rooms for Thursday through Saturday (Oct. 15-17) and 10 rooms for Sunday, Oct. 18. Opening date for reservations begins on Saturday, November 12, 2019, and closing date is Wednesday, September 23, 2020. NOTE: Any room not reserved after September 23, 2020 will be released from the Club block and made available to the general public! The Boxer Club of America will be having multiple shows, including a regional specialty (estimated 150+ entries), and has booked the rest of the hotel for that week, so rooms will be at a premium!

RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER: 1-800-654-7036, Option 3
CODE FOR THE SPECIAL ROOM RATE: CDC (Canaan Dog Club of America)

Other Hotels In The General Area
Please contact the hotel directly regarding their rates and pet policy

Holiday Inn Express, 155 Holiday Dr, Wilmington, OH ............................................. (937) 382-5858
Hampton Inn & Suites, 201 Holiday Dr, Wilmington, OH ........................................... (937) 382-4400
Fairfield Inn, 11349 Allen Rd, Jeffersonville, OH ....................................................... (740) 948-9305
Baymont Inn & Suites, 11431 Allen Rd, Jeffersonville, OH ......................................... (740) 948-2104
Hampton Inn WCH, 11484 Allen Rd, Jeffersonville, OH ............................................. (740) 948-9499
Econo Lodge, 9060 West Lancaster Rd, Jeffersonville, OH ......................................... (740) 426-2332
Quality Inn WCH, 10160 Carr Rd NW, Jeffersonville, OH ........................................... (740) 426-6400

The CDCA Rooms Responsibility Policy Will Be In Effect During Your Hotel Stay!
For a copy of the policy, see the CDCA website: www.cdca.org

RV Parking Reservations

Clermont County KC will be in charge of the RV parking for the show weekend (do NOT contact the Roberts Centre hotel!). There will be a limited number of hook ups available for rent. Sites will have water and 30/50 amp service. Sites will be assigned in the order in which the reservations are received on a first-come, first-served basis. If you want to camp together, send your reservations by mail in one envelope. Reservations will be online only for these spaces, fully prepaid. Cost will be $45 per night for hookups, $30 per night for gravel (self-contained) parking with a 3-night minimum; Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights. Please visit www.cckcshow.com for further details and to make reservations (opening date in August 2020).

Links
Roberts Centre: www.robertscentre.com
Clermont County Kennel Club: www.clermontcountykc.org
Clermont County KC Show Site: www.cckcshow.com
Foy Trent Dog Shows (Superintendent): www.foytrentdogshows.com
**Tentative Schedule of Events**

(Times to be determined closer to event dates)

**Wednesday, October 14th** – Board of Directors meeting, Montgomery Board Room (host hotel)

**Thursday, October 15th** – Annual General Membership Meeting in afternoon, followed by Welcome Reception in evening, Liberty Room (located in hall between host hotel and Royal Canin Hall)
Reserved crating area for CDCA exhibitors will be available in the evening (Royal Canin Hall)

**Friday, October 16th** – **National Specialty** (ring to be assigned)
Obedience / Rally trial (Canaan Dogs only) – Judge: Catherine Thompson (Royal Canin Hall), 
*followed by* Judge’s Education Seminar (2 hours) (Liberty Room)
Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes – Judge: Marjorie Underwood (Royal Canin Hall)
CDCA National Specialty, Junior Showmanship and Regular/Non-Regular Classes, including National Owner-Handler Competition – Breeder/Judge: Christina Miller, River Rock Canaan Dogs (Royal Canin Hall)
A lunch will be served courtesy of Desert Star Canaan Dogs in the Liberty Room
Hands-on judges education will be held following conclusion of the show

**Saturday, October 17th** – Clermont County Kennel Club All-breed Show, Royal Canin Hall
Show includes 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Show, FSS Show, National Owner-Handler Competition, Health Fair, Raffle, Vendors, CGC/TDI Testing

**CDCA Designated Specialty (ring to be assigned):**
Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes – Judge: Nancy Amburgey
Regular/Non-Regular Classes – Judge: James Moses
Annual Awards Banquet – Liberty Room, cash bar, auction

**Sunday, October 18th** – Clermont County Kennel Club All-breed Show, Royal Canin Hall
(same events as listed above)

**CDCA Supported Entry** (ring and judge to be assigned by superintendent)

**Added Tentative On-site Events During the Weekend (pending AKC approval):**
All-breed Farm Dog Certification Test
All-breed Scent Work Trials, hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Weimaraner Club
Canine Good Citizen/Therapy Dog Testing
Clermont County KC is tentatively looking into having Fast CAT tests
Possible seminars hosted by CDCA and/or the Boxer Club of America

**Area Attractions During the Week of October 11TH**

(More to be added at later date)

Ohio Renaissance Festival (less than 20-minute drive south)
10542 State Route 73, Waynesville, OH

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium (1 ¼ hour drive north)
4850 W. Powell Rd., Powell, OH

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens (50-minute drive south)
3400 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH

Kings Island Theme Park Halloween Haunt, Fridays & Saturdays (30-minute drive south)
6300 Kings Island Dr., Mason, OH
Catalog Ads
Deadline: August 1, 2020

ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY! NO EXCEPTIONS!

Maximum size of ad: 4 ½ inches wide x 7 ½ inches long

- Color Ad Cost: $40
- Black/White Ad Cost: $30
- Back Cover Cost: $100
- Inside Cover Cost: $70
Pay online through CDCA PayPal account

Volunteers Needed for Committee Jobs!

Obedience / Rally Trial Chair – Must have previously exhibited in AKC obedience and rally trials; cannot exhibit at the 2020 National Specialty obedience/rally trials if you take this position but can be in the rest of the National Specialty show (i.e., regular and non-regular conformation) as well as the subsequent Clermont County Kennel Club shows.

Trophy Chair – Creativity is key to this job! Duties include finding suitable items for the National Specialty, Designated Specialty and Supported Entry shows, recruiting donors for the general trophy fund or specific trophies, setting up the trophy table prior to the show, and assisting the stewards in presentation of trophies for the classes. Will NOT need to order ribbons and rosettes for the weekend (that job is covered already). Can exhibit your dog(s); the NS chair will cover your job while you are in the ring.

Catalog Ad & Day of National Specialty Sales – Duties include receiving camera-ready ads for the catalog prior to the deadline (see above) and sending them to the Superintendent and selling catalogs at the National Specialty. Can exhibit your dog(s); the NS chair or a designated substitute will cover your job while you are in the ring.

Hospitality (Day of National Specialty) – No experience needed! Duties include making sure the judges and stewards have drinks in the ring cooler prior to the show and be liaison between Roberts Centre catering and the CDCA for the lunch and post-show refreshments. Can exhibit your dog(s) if no contact with the judge prior to the show. No Judges’ transportation needed as all judges will be driving themselves to Wilmington for the National.

Thursday Night Welcome Reception - Duties include putting together welcome bags to be distributed at the reception (NS chair will help to obtain local items for the bags), making sure the room is ready and set out the refreshments.

Saturday Banquet Auction – Duties include being clearinghouse for auction items (hotel will accept shipments if there is a designated person) and setting up the items on the tables at the awards banquet. Can also be the auctioneer if you so wish.

Sunday Specialty Club Raffle – The Clermont County KC allows specialty clubs to have their general public raffle during the Sunday all-breed show. If you would like to help the NS chair organize a small raffle to help fund the costs of our National (very little time involvement), this is the job for you!

If You Can Help With Any Of the Above Committee Jobs, Contact Denise Gordon
Phone: 513-741-1832 or Email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com
Trophy Donors Needed!!

Every year the National Specialty offers lovely and unique trophies through the generosity of members, friends, and breed fanciers. Below is a list of the trophies to be offered for the 2020 National Specialty, Designated Specialty, and Supported Entry shows in Wilmington, Ohio. Donations towards a specific trophy or trophies as well as the general trophy and ribbon fund are greatly appreciated! If you have an item that you would like to donate as a trophy, please contact Denise Gordon, 2020 National Specialty Chair, at (513) 741-1832 or email: desertstarcanaans@yahoo.com. All donors will be recognized in the CDCA National Specialty catalog and the Clermont County Kennel Club all-breed show catalog.

**National Specialty Breed Trophies**

- Best of Breed - The Ursula Berkowitz Memorial Trophy
- Best of Breed - The Bertha & Jay Scheaffer Memorial Trophy
- Best of Breed
- Breeder of Best of Breed - The Francis Beard Memorial Trophy
- Best of Opposite Sex - The Dr. Rudolphina Menzel Memorial Trophy
- Best of Winners - The Florence Hogarth Memorial Trophy
- Winners Dog and Bitch
- Select Dog and Bitch
- Awards of Merit
- Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch
- Best of Breed Owner Handled
- Best Puppy - The Roy Dodson Memorial Trophy
- Best Bred-By Exhibitor
- Best Veteran
- First through Fourth in each regular and non-regular breed class
- Stud Dog First Place
- Brood Bitch First Place – The Lorraine Stephens Memorial Trophy
- Brace Class First Place
- Team Class First Place

**National Specialty Sweepstakes Trophies**

- Best in Puppy Sweepstakes - The Mildred Perry Memorial Trophy
- Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes
- Breeder of Best Puppy in Sweepstakes - The Father Robnett Memorial Trophy
- Best Junior Puppy in Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite to Best Junior Puppy
- Best Senior Puppy in Sweepstakes
- Best of Opposite to Best Senior Puppy
- First through Fourth in each Puppy Sweepstakes Class
- Best Veteran in Sweepstakes – The Leal Grupp Memorial Trophy
- Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes
- Breeder of Best in Veteran Sweepstakes – The Dr. Katryna Bogovich Memorial Trophy
- First through Fourth in each Veteran Sweepstakes Class

**National Specialty Obedience & Rally Trophies**

- First through Fourth in Each Regular, Non-Regular, and Optional Titling Class
Designated Specialty Breed Trophies
Best of Breed
Breeder of Best of Breed
Best of Opposite Sex
Best of Winners
Winners Dog and Bitch
Select Dog and Bitch
Awards of Merit
Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch
Best of Breed OwnerHandled
Best Puppy
Best Bred-By Exhibitor
Best Veteran
First through Fourth in Each Regular and Non-regular Breed Class

Designated Specialty Sweepstakes Trophies
Best in Puppy Sweepstakes
Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes
Breeder of Best Puppy in Sweepstakes
Best Junior Puppy in Sweepstakes
Best of Opposite to Best Junior Puppy
Best Senior Puppy in Sweepstakes
Best of Opposite to Best Senior Puppy
First through Fourth in Each Puppy Sweepstakes Class
Best Veteran in Sweepstakes
Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweepstakes
Breeder of Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
First through Fourth in Each Veteran Sweepstakes Class

Supported Entry Trophies
Best of Breed
Best of Opposite Sex
Best of Winners
Winners Dog and Bitch
Select Dog and Bitch
Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch
Best of Breed Owner Handled
First in in Each Regular Class
# New Titles – July 2018 Through August 2019

Compiled by Denise Gordon from AKC and CDCA records

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Jennie Larkin 9/8/18

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Ch. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, NF, OFP, BCAT, ACT2
Jennie Larkin 5/18/19

AKC AGILITY NOVICE FAST
Ch. Kol Tuv Fuligin Tali, CD, PCD, BN, RI, NA, OAP, OJP, NF, NFP, BCAT, ACT2
Jennie Larkin 12/9/18

AKC RALLY CHAMPION (This is a FIRST for the breed!)
CH. RACH Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX6, OM4, GO, VER, RM2, RAE6 Victor Kaftal 2/24/19

AKC RALLY MASTER 2
Ch. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX6, OM4, GO, VER, RM2, RAE5 Victor Kaftal 1/6/19

AKC RALLY MASTER
High Desert Ari Of Ascend, Mazel Tov, CD, BN, RM, CGC, TKN
Laura Alton & Risa Baumrind 10/28/18
CH. Mazel Tov Erev Shel Shoshanim, CD, PCDX, BN, GN, RM, RAE2, CGCA, CGCU, TKP
Risa Baumrind 6/14/19
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CD, BN, RM, RAE
Victor Kaftal 6/29/19

AKC RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT 6
Ch. Anak Adom Me Beit Alpha, UDX6, OM4, GO, VER, RM2, RAE6 Victor Kaftal 2/23/19

AKC RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT 2
Towery's Red Hot Chilli Pepper, CD, BN, RAE2, CA
Jacqueline Towery 7/26/19

AKC RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CD, BN, RM, RAE
Victor Kaftal 6/29/19

AKC RALLY EXCELLENT
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CD, BN, RE
Victor Kaftal 1/13/19

AKC RALLY ADVANCED
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, CD, BN, RA
Victor Kaftal 1/6/19
GCH. Ch. Sufat Sheleg Jasper's Dubhan, BN, RA, FDC, CGCA, CGCU, TKN
Cathey Dunn 5/18/19

AKC RALLY INTERMEDIATE
GCH. Ch. Sufat Sheleg Jasper's Dubhan, BN, RI, FDC, CGCA, CGCU, TKN
Cathey Dunn 10/11/18
Relic's Moonless Night, RI, FDC, CGC
Marla & Kyle Haney 6/16/19

AKC RALLY NOVICE
Jaykay Anna's Act Of True Love, BN, RN
Victor Kaftal 10/20/18
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Christina Miller 4/12/19
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Carrie Franz 5/18/19
Relic's Moonless Night, RN, FDC, CGC
Marla & Kyle Haney 5/26/19

AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 1000 POINTS (FCAT)
GCH. Ch. River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, FDC, NAP, NJP, CAX2, FCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKE
(This is a FIRST for the breed!) Marcia & James Muller 2/22/19
CH. Jo-Clem Fire Defies The Sun, RN, FDC, FCAT
Julie & Dan Haddy 6/1/19

AKC FAST COURSING ABILITY TEST – 500 POINTS (DCAT)
CH. Jo-Clem Fire Defies The Sun, RN, FDC, DCAT
Julie & Dan Haddy 8/11/18
Kol Tuv Caleb At Media Meadows, DCAT
Ted & Roxane Papagiannopoulos 4/14/19
CH. River Rock Undercover Of Darkness, DCAT, TKN
Christina Miller 4/14/19
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Comments on Canaan Dog National Specialty, March 7, 2019 at the Nashville Kennel Club:

My sincere thanks to the members of the Canaan Dog Club of America for inviting me to judge the National Specialty in Nashville. Special thanks are extended to the exhibitors for accepting my placements with the highest level of sportsmanship. I hope everyone will also accept my written comments in the positive spirit in which they are offered.

First, I must apologize for submitting this so late. My tardiness is quite embarrassing but I simply just forgot due to a very busy travel schedule. Note to self: keep a to-do list! Thanks to Amanda for agreeing to publish them in another issue of the Kibitzer.

It is a distinct privilege to preside over a National Specialty. Along with that flattering honor comes an increased responsibility. This is not an ordinary dog show; it is your annual showcase, a gathering of the fancy to show off their best dogs hoping for a prestigious win or simply to have their breeding program viewed by their peers. Fanciers come to their National Specialty to have fun, to learn, to renew acquaintances or even to discover that special dog for breeding. Whatever the reason, National Specialties occupy a very special spot in any dog fancier’s calendar. Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of your 2019 show.

It’s no secret the entry of Canaan Dogs at most shows is low. Therefore, it was a particular pleasure and unique opportunity to judge an entry of twenty plus in the regular conformation classes. I found the overall entry to be high in quality and in good condition in both coat and muscle tone. Dentition and pigmentation were good. Wedge-shaped heads with the correct ear set prevailed along with a square outline and moderate overall construction. Movement was variable coming and going. Movement in profile was generally smooth and unexaggerated befitting an endurance-trotting herding dog.

Winners Dog, BOW (#25) came from the American-Bred class. Square, compact with moderate substance, pleasing elongated wedge head, well-set ears and smooth balanced movement are among his worthy virtues. He kept a good topline on the move and his harsh coat is notable. He triumphed over the Reserve Dog (#9), the 12-18 class winner, who was not moving well in front on the day. Otherwise, he is a lovely dog with beautiful breed type. I am confident he will do well.

The Winners Bitch (#20) and Reserve Bitch (#32) both came from the BBE class. The winner is medium-sized, moderate and feminine in stature. So well-muscled and balanced, she stood apart from her rival due to her fluid, smooth and collected movement. Pleasing head with well-set ears, good tuck-up of loin and a flat harsh coat were all added factors in the ultimate decision. Reserve could have gone a couple of ways but in the end I chose the second-placed bitch in this class based on outline.

The specials class including the Veteran Bitch Class winner was quite impressive. Best of Breed (#5) was hard to miss on the day. This masculine dog caught my eye as he first entered the ring moving with strength, freedom and determination. His unexaggerated gait is most notable along with his true square profile. He failed to disappoint upon further examination, scoring high in all of the right essentials of breed type: elongated wedge head, well-set ears, good pigment, harsh coat with a high-set, well-brushed tail, great topline with proper arch over a tucked-up loin and moderately balanced in angulation front and rear. He could not be denied on the day.

Best of Opposite Sex and BOH (#16) came from the Veterans class. In such great condition for her age, both she and the Select Bitch (#6) were in consideration for top honors. Both of these quality bitches have beautiful outlines, firm toplines, and high-set tails. Both scored well in head, expression, and pigment. They were both feminine, moderate in stature and sound coming and going with ease and fluidity of movement.

My Select Dog (#29) and AOM winner (#26) deserve special mention. They were both exceptional representatives of the Canaan Dog breed.

Congratulations to all of the winners. It was a truly memorable day. I applaud you all for preserving and protecting this distinct and interesting breed. Good luck at the shows!

- David J. Kirkland
David J. Kirkland of Sanford, North Carolina attended his first dog show in 1973, the Westminster Kennel Club. Starting in Obedience, Mr. Kirkland thereafter acquired his first show dog, a Miniature Schnauzer. He bred, owned and handled dozens to their championship titles including Group and National Specialty winners. In 1994, Mr. Kirkland acquired his first Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and continues to breed and show them. He has also owned and bred champions in Japanese Chin and Tibetan Spaniels.

Mr. Kirkland became an AKC judge in 1995 and currently judges BIS, Junior Showmanship, the Working Group Schnauzers, the Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding Groups. He is proud to have judged National Specialties in each of his four approved Groups and has judged the AKC National Championship and Westminster Kennel Club shows multiple times.

Retired after 27 years with GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, he shares his life with his partner Stephen and spends his time judging dog shows worldwide, gardening and working in the Music Ministry at his church.

From Joan Capaiu Greene:
Have to brag on first time breeder Jennie LaPrade for her litter of FIVE bouncy male pups (Argos x Jessie)!
She’s now got stories to tell which will bring laughter for many a year to come, thanks to their gardening activities, puppy room escape attempts (some were apparently YouTube worthy), x-pen balancing acts, and all around lively Canaan pup antics. Kudos!!

From Marcia Muller:
Braggs for “Ziva” (UKC ALCH/GCH CH River Rock Reach Any Higher, BN, RA, FDC, NJP, CAX2, FCAT, CGCA, CGCU, TKE, CDCA-HCX, VS):

“Ziva” became the first ever Canaan Dog to complete the requirements for an FCAT in AKC FAST Coursing Ability Test - earned 2/22/19

She recently earned two UKC titles: her RO1 (Rally) & SPOT-ON (Socialized Pet Obedience Test).

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"Ziva" was enrolled on 8/31/19 as a PupPal in the new AKC PupPal Program.
Editor’s Note: See more on this new program from AKC on page 24 of this issue.
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Any veterinary advice distributed in this newsletter should always be discussed with your veterinarian prior to implementation. The intent of this newsletter is to be informative and becomes a historical document that reflects the breed and the CDCA.
AKC PUPPALS PROGRAM

Do you know of a child that needs cheering up? AKC Education knows the power that canines have to bring joy and comfort to people.

The AKC PupPals Program seeks to provide children with a note from a canine friend just when they need it most.

About the Program
The AKC PupPals Program provides children in need of uplifting with a personalized note from and photo of a canine friend. Any child is eligible to receive a note, including children who are struggling with an illness, the illness/death of a loved one (human or pet), who are missing a deployed parent, or who are otherwise struggling through a difficult time.

The parent/legal guardian may nominate their child for the program. Additionally, AKC Education is seeking photos of and information about dogs that can be shared with the children. You can learn more about enrolling your child or dog online.

Enroll Your Dog
Would you like your dog to be an AKC PupPal? Dogs of any age or breed (including All-American Dogs) are welcome to join.

You can enroll your dog by filling out a form on the AKC.org website.

Frequently Asked Questions
For Dog Owners
What kind of dogs can apply to be a PupPal?
Any dog of any breed (including All-American Dogs) are welcome to apply!

Will my dog or I receive anything for joining the AKC PupPal Program?
Yes! Each participating dog will receive a certificate and AKC PupPal bandana!

Can I find out anything about the child that receives my dog’s PupPal letter?
Unfortunately, no. The privacy of the children and their families is of the utmost importance. However, you can rest assured that the child that receives your dog’s letter will be very happy!