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## Canaan Dog wins the AKC Award for Canine Excellence!

The American Kennel Club (AKC) announced the recipients of the 2005 Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). Established in 2000, ACE has become a valuable public-outreach program for the AKC as well as a source of pride among the fancy and the dog community.

The highly competitive and prestigious ACE awards are given for five categories: Exemplary Companion, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service, and Therapy. The five honorees will receive their engraved silver collar medallions and \$1,000 cash awards at a presentation ceremony at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Tampa, Florida, on January 14 & 15.

A local presentation is also be held for each recipient at an AKC dog show near their hometown.

### ACE Award Companion Dog: Raiah

Ch. DaySpring Beraiah Ha'Aretz, CD, RN,  
CGC, CDCA HC, CDCA ROM

8 year old Canaan Dog

Sire: DOTY AKC/CDCA Ch. Shvatim  
Confidence, CGC, HCX, ROMX, V

Dam: Pleasant Hill Marnina

Owners: Christine and Ethan Miller

Breeder: Parker Flowers

<http://www.akc.org/news/ace/2005/honorees.cfm>



### A Great Honor

The phone rang in the late morning. I was busy working on dog stuff, but paused to go look at the caller ID screen. The phone screen read New York, NY. I thought to myself "No Way." I answered the phone and was greeted with a gentleman's voice "Good Morning, this is Ron Rella. Is this Christina Miller?" Another "No Way" crossed my mind.

“Yes, this is Christina. Good morning Mr. Rella.” I said with my voice trembling, thinking that Raiah had gotten an honorable mention. Mr. Rella continues to tell me the news that Raiah had been chosen as AKC’s 2005 recipient of the ACE award for Exemplary Companion Dog. I contain myself not to squeal in the poor man’s ear. Our conversation was brief and I asked if I could tell a few people before the official announcement was made. Granted it was hard not to jump to the rooftop and yell it to the world.

I first called my parents. Without them and their involvement in purebred dogs I wouldn’t have gotten the call I had just received. Through my blubbing and tears Mom was able to make out that Raiah had received the ACE Award. Her joy was obvious as I hear her telling Dad and Ethan. I contacted and tried to contact a few other people that have been very close to Raiah and Ethan to spread the news. Ethan soon came home from his visit next door and I explained the award to him. He went and sat on the sofa and told his Raiah how proud he was of her. She gently nuzzled him and wagged her tail. That simple action of love and devotion between the two of them is what made this award possible.

The following is what appears on the AKC web site with the announcement of the award:

*A competitor and a companion are truly the best of both worlds in the sport of purebred dogs. Raiah has been a dedicated friend and alert dog to 9-year-old Ethan Miller and a fierce competitor in the show ring. Taking Winners Bitch/Best of Winners at the Canaan Dog Club of America Specialty in 1998, Best of Brood Bitch in 2003 and 2004 CDCA National Specialty, as well as earning her CD, RN, CGC, an CDCA Herding title.*

*Raiah and Ethan not only compete in the Canaan Dog breed ring, but also in Junior Showmanship. This Canaan dog has given her unbound adoration to Ethan, allowing him to experience things that many people with a physical handicap can not. Ethan, who has limited use of his left arm and hand, also suffers from a seizure disorder. Raiah and Ethan have competed at the Conformation group level and participated in Junior*

*Showmanship. The team earned an Award of Excellence at the 2002 AKC/Eukanuba Invitational, making them eligible to attend the Crufts Dog Show in England.*

*Raiah has also shown her deep love for Ethan outside of the show ring. A few moments prior to Ethan's first seizure, Raiah exhibited nervous characteristics and was intent on getting Christina into the room with Ethan. Medication has relieved the most severe seizures, but Ethan has learned to read Raiah's emotions letting him know when to lay flat on the floor or bed. Lying beside her friend gently placing her head on his chest, she waits for the seizure to pass, wagging her tail, signaling to everyone when it is over. She is a truly special gift to this family, her breed and her companion.*

A big thank you to all who have congratulated us and sent your best wishes. Ethan and Raiah’s story is but one of many for this amazing breed. I challenge you all to submit your amazing Canaan Dog stories for next year’s AKC ACE Awards. It’s a wonderful opportunity to let the world know of the breed’s intuitive skills, healing powers and bond they forge with the humans that share their lives.



See Raiah’s web page: <http://www.rivroc.com/riri.htm>

## Welcome new members!

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### *Nominations are open for:*

## **Canaan Dog of the Year & Member of the Year!**

The Dog of the Year (DOTY) award is meant to recognize the achievements of a Canaan Dog that exemplifies the best of our breed to the Canaan Dog community and/or the general community of pure-bred dog fanciers, or the world at large. This award has gone to breed champions as well as to companion dogs and pets that have shown our breed in a positive light in the performance community.

The Member of the Year (MOTY) award goes to a person to recognize their work for the breed and/or the club either for outstanding work in that year or in recognition for many years of dedication to the club or breed.

To be eligible for DOTY, the dog must be owned/co-owned by a member in good standing of the CDCA and the names of sire and dam must be provided. For MOTY, the person must be a member in good standing of the CDCA.

Candidates for DOTY and MOTY are nominated by members of the club.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS: REMEMBER!** These are YOUR awards to give! Elections are only held if there is more than one nominee; otherwise the nominee will be voted upon and ratified by the Board of Directors.

Please submit the name(s) of the nominee(s) for 2004 DOTY and/or 2004 MOTY to the CDCA Awards Chair, Annette Israel. Please also provide a short (< 200 words) supporting paragraph for the nomination.

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**Deadline for nomination submissions:  
August 21, 2005.**

#### Recent DOTYs:

2003: AKC/UKC Ch. Barak me Shaar Hagai  
2002: CDCA/ARBA/AKC Ch. Pleasant Hill  
Yaakov Metav, CDCA-HCX, V, AKC-NA,  
NAJ, CGC, AHBA-HCT  
2001: Fuligin Ged Tycho, CDCA HC, V, CGC,  
CDX, OA, AXJ

#### Recent MOTYs:

2003: Alan Gersman  
2002: Sally Armstrong-Barnhardt  
2001: Teresa Clement

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*Thank you to the nomination committee for their hard work, to CDCA members for voting, and to these dedicated fanciers and volunteers!*

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### ***Did your Canaan Dog earn titles this year?***

*Have you told the CDCA Awards Chair, Annette Israel?*

*Phone: (919) 743-0282, Email: i\_annette@lycos.com*

### ***Does your Canaan Dog now qualify for a CDCA ROM or Versatility Award?***

*Have you told the ROM/Versatility Chair, Kathleen Hargrave?*

*Phone: (425) 868-7168, Email: khargrave@artglass.com*

### ***Reminder!***

***The 2005 National Specialty is September 16, in Rochester, MN!***

**Canaan Dog Club of America**

**BOD Meeting  
Leesburg, VA  
October 20, 2004**

3:45 pm – the meeting was called to order by President, Denise Gordon.

**Attendance.** Officers in attendance were Denise Gordon, Cindy Grupp, Cynthia Dodson and Sylvia Gersman; Directors in attendance were Sally Armstrong-Barnhart, Alan Gersman, Cheryl Hennings and Amanda Pough.

**Approval of the 2004 Board Meeting**

**Minutes.** The motion was made by Sally Armstrong-Barnhart to waive the reading of the 2004 Board Meeting minutes and approve them as published in The Canaan Kibitzer. The motion was seconded by Amanda Pough. The motion was approved.

**Secretary's Report.** Cynthia Dodson reported that there was nothing other than routine correspondence received.

**Treasurer's Report.** Sylvia Gersman had prepared a detailed report of the Club's financial status as a hand out.

**Constitution and By-laws.** The last draft of the Constitution and By-laws circulated to the Board was discussed and agreed upon changes noted. Cindy Grupp moved that such version of the C&BL with the agreed upon changes be accepted by the Board and that it be sent to the AKC. Alan Gersman seconded the motion and it was approved.

**Committees.**

*Public Education Chair.* As the CDCA needs to fill the Public Education Chair position, it was suggested that Renee Kent and Cathy Oskow be asked to provide a job description so one will be ready once a new person is found.

*Judges Education.* Donna Davison had requested that the Board consider compiling list of experiences with judges and that during judges seminars the nature of the Canaan Dog be emphasized. Amanda Pough made a suggestion that AKC judges publications could be used as a venue as there are problems mostly with older judges who did not have to apply and do not attend seminars. It was agreed that an article should be prepared be published in an AKC publication from our perspective..

*Tracking.* The proposal for the 2005 Tracking Test is to be due as of January of 2005.

**Old Business**

*Directors and Officers Insurance.* It was discussed that although the motion had been passed for the Club to consider purchasing D&O insurance, no progress had been made. Cynthia Dodson noted that she had obtained the information from the company offering coverage through the AKC website. It was decided that the amount of coverage should be \$1 million and Sylvia Gersman offered to look into obtaining quotes to ascertain the best price.

**Election of New Members.** The Board unanimously approved the membership applications of Sarah Rigby, Lorna Hastings, Kristin and Kevin Haas and Trudi Kimm.

**2007 and 2008 Specialties.** The pros and cons of different locations (specifically the New York lake district, Raleigh and Atlanta) were discussed. Denise Gordon stated that she was investigating Louisville for the 2007 Specialty.

[Alan and Sylvia Gersman left the meeting at this point.]

## New Business

*Rooms Policy.* A Canaan Dog Club of America Room Responsibility Policy proposal had previously been presented to the Board by Amanda Pough. Amanda moved that the policy be accepted; Cindy Grupp seconded. Votes were 6 in favor; 1 opposed.

*AKC Gazette.* Amanda Pough moved that a subscription to the AKC Gazette be paid for by the club with copies to go to the Secretary; Cindy Grupp seconded. All were in favor.

*Courtesy Chair Materials.* Wendy Sostock had sent copies of the package that new members receive for review. It was discussed that it had been agreed the letter was to be revised to note that new members with an e-mail address would receive an invitation from Chris Miller to join the CanaanDogClubofAmerica list. It was decided that membership lists should no longer be sent separately; lists could be obtained upon request or from the CanaanDogClubofAmerica Yahoo Groups site.

*Breeders Reference Books.* Sally Armstrong-Barnhart noted that she has old incomplete copies of the Breeders Reference Book and questioned what should be done with them. It was decided that Sally would obtain a quote for having a copy professionally scanned on a CD and provided that the quote for the work was a reasonable one, that the book be scanned and that the old copies be discarded. Cindy Grupp made a motion as to the foregoing and it was seconded by Amanda Pough. All were in favor.

*Sweepstakes.* Amanda Pough proposed disallowing professional handlers from Sweepstakes and to restrict Champions. It was discussed that the wording for Sweepstakes eligibility will include that it is restricted to all dogs entered in a regular class or best of breed.

*Job Descriptions.* As the "red binder" has disappeared, the club will to prepare and collect job descriptions. Amanda Pough offered to review those of the Border Terrier Club to see if those could be used as a starting point.

*Specialty Liaison.* Amanda Pough suggested that something the club may want to consider is a "Specialty Liaison" - someone with experience in chairing a Specialty who would be a "human checklist" for Specialty chairpersons.

*Specialty Proposal/Supported Entries.* Amanda Pough had created a proposal form for consideration by the Board. This form would be used by persons or local clubs interested in chairing a Specialty or in Supporting Entries and be submitted to the Board.

*Club History.* It was brought up by Amanda Pough that one of the things that the club needs to consider at this point is a way to preserve the history of the club and perhaps designate a CDCA Historian. Cynthia Dodson noted that she has started scanning some of the old newsletters and articles in the secretary's files.

*Breeders List.* Sally Armstrong-Barnhart as Breeders' Referral Chair noted that there had been some issues with the Breeders List. She stated that the rules require that persons appearing on the list must have a bitch or a stud within the past two years that has produced a litter or be expecting a litter and that it is the responsibility of the breeder to keep their application up to date if they wish to appear on the list.

There was no further business.

Cindy Grupp made the motion to adjourn, Amanda Pough seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

# Tycho Turns Ten!



*Tycho at ten weeks!*

*Happy Birthday to my "Novice A" dog, DOTY Fuligin Ged Tycho, CDCA HC, CDCA V, CGC, CDX, AX, AXJ, RN.*

*There isn't a better dog out there.*

*Thank you Donna, for believing me when I asked ten years ago for a Canaan Dog that I could do agility and obedience with, though I'd never done either.*



*Tycho at (almost) ten years!*



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