

Westminster

By Bryna Comsky

Uno, the beagle, remained standing on February 12, 2008, amid a field of the greatest dogs in the world, and won the 132nd Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. He had the edge over the Sealyham, the terrier who won the AKC/Eukanuba Show in Long Beach, and bested the magnificent poodles, the standard and the toy. The other undressed competitor, the beautiful Weimaraner, fell second to his perfection. The outstanding Akita bitch, "Red Witch," could do no better. And the superb Australian Shepherd, just off a litter of nine puppies last year, couldn't catch him. Donald Jones was up to the job, and defended his choice at the Dog Fanciers Luncheon at Sardi's, where the judges gather after the show to explain their selections. The two poodles and the Akita repeated their Group I wins from last year.

Judge Mr. Saltzman passed on the Herding Group this year, about five years after his wife, Lynnette, chose jere marder's Old English Sheepdog. Both come from Shelties and have judged specialty shows for other breeds. While on the green carpet, the judges have to watch for the red light which tells them that a commercial is playing, and also watch the time. Canaans are situated at the end of the first half of the Group, which is lined up along both sides of the arena. They seem to get less attention than usual, because the judge knows he's not going to put them up, and can use the extra few seconds to think of the time and the order of placements. Maybe next year things will change a bit, and the breed will get more recognition. Around five years ago, Irene Bivin pulled a Canaan for further consideration in Group, and gave the breed a boost.

Mr. Saltzman found his exuberant Aussie, gave her the Herding Group, and followed with a Bouvier, not the

It was a great feeling of satisfaction to see an array of typey Canaans in the ring after ten years of recognition.

same as last year's winner. Jimmy Moses' Shepherd moved to third place from her second last year, and the rough collie was fourth. This was the first time that Swedish Vallhunds were shown at Westminster.

True to tradition, Westminster week began and ended with parties. Early arrivals had their choice of an opera,



Best of Breed: Harry

play, or party on Thursday evening. On Friday afternoon, there was a Canaan Dog seminar among the Dog Judges Association of America two-day institute. Rosette Davila-Sargent and Charley Sargent, Judy Rosenthal and Keith Marran of the partnership of Keith and David, brought their dogs to the seminar. The dogs were typey and sound, and provided the participants with an opportunity to "go over" them. Cindy's PowerPoint program included photos from the Menzels' "Pariah Dogs" spanning the history of the breed from the 1930's to the present. Both the Menzels' original breed standard and the current AKC standard were among the handouts. Ten years after full recognition the breed was presented at this prestigious conference. Glad we made it!

On Saturday, two more breeds from the Herding Group appeared for study: the Border Collie and the Pyrenean Shepherd, now in miscellaneous class. The Pyr Sheps supported the Great Lakes Canaan Dog Club's all-breed rare breed shows in the 80's and 90's, and are poised for full acceptance now. 10 % of their puppies are born smooth-coated.

Interesting is that the look of the smooth is noticeably different from the roughs. The muzzle is heavier and coarser than that of their rough counterparts. Yet, they will be shown as one breed. The presenters were ready for the flack they received from the judges on the subject. The Border Collie presenter referred twice to Canaans, saying that the ones who look like Canaans lack

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Thank Goodness for January Thaws

By Amanda Pough

Our house catches every bit of wind, and living in Vermont means lots of snow. Wind + snow = drifts. And drifts cover fences. Our fence line was blown in extra early this winter; meaning our dogs could not safely go outside into our yard without being tethered in some manner. (Otherwise the drifts meant they could, and would, walk out of the yard without even realizing the fence was under their feet – and under a foot of snow.) But we happily had a January thaw and our fences appeared again.

Signs like this remind me winter will eventually end (even in Vermont), travel will be come easier and CD gatherings will become more frequent.

Here is a partial list of where you'll be able to find Canaan Dogs gatherings in 2008:

- March in Louisville KY and Edison NJ (dog shows known for gathering a number of CDs; visit www.onofrio.com and www.infodog.com for details as to exactly where and when).
- May in Madison WI and the 2nd Annual CDCA Regional Specialty hosted by the Mid-West Canaan Dog Club. Visit cdca.org for more details.
- June/July in Bel Alton MD. A dog shows which draw CDs from all over – mostly, I believe, for the WONDERFUL local crab dinner served Saturday night! Visit www.infodog.com for details on the shows.
- September in Romulus, NY for the CDCA National Specialty and Annual Meetings
- And many, many more!

The CDCA email list is a great way to find out where and when such gatherings will happen. A yahoo group list (CDCA-L), this list is open to all CDCA members in good standing. If you aren't a CDCA-List member and would like to join, email John at (insert John R's email here) for information on how to join us. This list is for CDCA club business, and posts include announcements of policies, events involving club members and breed & club promotion.

Not all events involve shows. Breeders start with puppy reunions, hear of other CDs in the neighborhood, and suddenly the event grows! Other members start with a simple trip and visit, more people and dogs join, and once again, a CD party! This is how regional clubs start. We currently have a couple of regional clubs in this country at various levels of formality.

- The MidWest CDC is our host for our 2nd Regional

Specialty and will be hosting the 2009 National Specialty.

- A Mid-Atlantic CD group is active on-line and has held a couple of CD gatherings at shows, picnics at members homes and have even more plans for 2008
- The Southeast has an informal group as does the Northeast. Both of these groups are working hard to find more CDs in their area and encourage regional gatherings.
- I've heard rumors that the CD population in Texas is growing and a club may be in the future in oil country!
- Our Canadian members have an active club in Ontario, and national clubs exist in other countries around the world.
- And there may be other groups I have yet to hear about!

If your group is active or you would like start a group, I encourage you to share your plans with us. The CDCA-L email list, other email lists and "The Kib" are all great resources.

I wish you all best wishes for 2008.



Our front door, winter 2007. We are braced for the rest of winter to return ... any moment now.

AKC/Canine Health Conference

October 19 - 21, 2007

By Donna Dodson

First, allow me a commentary on the impact of these conferences on those who attend. It is unfortunate that every dog breeder/owner cannot be present in person as the prevalent **attitude of presenters and attendees** is that what we are doing here has **relevance** in all of our lives. The information given and gleaned is not only important to the dogs we are breeding, but also to our pocketbooks, our integrity, and the emotions we all deal with upon the discovery of illness and death in our dogs.

Following an introduction of the executive officers of the AKC/CHF, the conference was opened on a level that all could comprehend; the reasons for our attachment and need for our dogs as companions and protectors through history was delivered by Dr. Matthew Breen. Dr. Breen received the Asa Mays Award later in the conference. This award is presented annually for outstanding scientific research in canine health. The conclusion of the presentation focused on the current relationship of dogs to humans as noted in the similarity in the genome maps, and the possibilities of solving human disease, particularly cancer, by the research being done in canine genetics. Dogs may still be Man's Best Friend.

Dr. Bell presented aspects of reputable breeding and discussed; in-breeding, which does not create mutations but covers them; line-breeding which uncovers the deleterious alleles; and phenotypical breeding (to type) which cannot necessarily produce the desired traits. He also spoke of out-crossing to reduce specific deleterious genes and compensatory breeding used to produce immediate vigor within a breed.

It must be noted that the "designer" dogs or "random bred dogs" present with the same diseases of those breeds that make up the new cross breed, such as PRA, Addisons and Hip Dysplasia. The bottom line is "a reputable breeder includes genetic testing for all stock used that is known to carry a heritable disease". The factor of "certainty then outweighs that of probability".

Of concern to Canaan Dog breeders is epistasis, which is when genes at one locus influence expression of genes at another locus. This can cause a defect in pigment production or albinism.

Uninherited characteristics cannot be inherited but may be caused by environmental contributions to genetic mutations.

Once again we are encouraged to test, test, test, but he also did not discourage breeding a "carrier" to a normal dog. He suggested that making a breeding decision based on a single genetic test may be problematic.

The fact that a dog has been CHIC tested does not imply that there is no heritable genetic disease but that the breeder has made an effort to reduce the probability of dogs carrying specific genetic disease for which tests are available. Veterinarian testing should include a profile of dog being tested as well as the parents of that dog.

There was extensive discussion regarding cancer problems in all breeds. Statistics show that one of every three dogs will develop a cancer, usually by age nine years, a bit older in the smaller dogs.

A presentation by Mathew Breen of the Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium explained

"Due to lack of knowledge of proper diagnostic procedure in many locales, I am very excited about the possibility of our using these repositories and thus the potential for future proper treatment and prevention as well as the knowledge gained for use in the human cancers. That research will be beyond value and it is hoped that the Canaan Dog community will take advantage of this research." Donna Dodson

the establishment of the National Canine Cancer Biospecimen Repositories throughout the U.S. These sites will accept the living dogs and properly acquire the samples needed to evaluate and diagnose the cancers present in those dogs.

The Pfizer CCOGC Biospecimen Repository has initiated collection of tissues at three institutions (Colorado State University, Ohio State University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison). The initial goal is collection specimens from 3000 patients for the repository.

A few Canaan Dogs have been diagnosed with DM, degenerative myelopathy, a crippling disease prevalent in several breeds. We were given a CD to help in diagnosing the problem in our dogs as well as care of the DM suffering dog. I will forward a copy of the CD on request.

Dr. Ron Schultz, University of Wisconsin-Madison offered his long time expertise regarding vaccination protocol and received a huge response from the participants of the conference. He advised against over vaccinating and advocated the use of a serology test when immunity was questionable.

I would encourage anyone interested in the contents of the two and a half day AKC/CHF conference to request a copy of the transcript. I will let you know when it is available.

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

December 1-2, 2007, Long Beach Convention Center

By Bryna Comsky

This year's breed competition had an entry of four Canaans with one absent. CH Buzz walked away with the breed win over the other two competitors, CH Miles and CH Breeze, who was Best of Opposite Sex. Buzz is owned and trained by, Trudi Kimm, and handled by Dinah Baggenstos, a professional handler. At the preceding all-breed shows, he also won Best of Breed under judges Mrs. Roberta C. Davies and Mrs. Kathleen Kanzler, who placed him in group on Friday. Mr. Charles E. Trotter judged the breed on Sunday at the Championship Show.

Sally Armstrong owns the only Canaan who was entered in Agility competition ranks 9th among Canaans, both *real* and not-so-real, in that sport. (It is unlikely that Canaans with ILP numbers are purebred).

Carol O'Bryan chaired the Meet the Breeds Canaan Dog booth. Literally thousands of onlookers strolled by and saw Ethan (the dog not the person) and Zazou, owned by Harold and Susan Becker. Zazou had a few things to say, too, during her brief stay at the decorative booth. Pictures adorned the "walls," information was handed out, and Ethan calmly allowed visitors to pet him from his curled and prone position on the front table. Little did they know at first, that he was working at his job as an assistance dog to serve Carol, whose sense of balance is impaired. If Carol falls, then Ethan comes over and becomes a handhold for her. Other Canaan people present and supporting the breed were Rosette Davila-Sargent and Charlie Sargent, Julie Haddy, Mike Houchard and Pamela Rosman. Mrs. Treen, who had judged the Great Lakes Canaan Dog Club Regional Specialty in 1988, was there with her daughter, Esme, Jr. The late Mr. Alfred E. Treen judged the CDCA National the next day. Both

had been avid supporters of the Club's efforts to gain full recognition for Canaans by the AKC for many years.

The AKC distinguishes people and dogs each year that give of themselves to the sport. Two years ago, Chris Miller's Raiah won the ACE Award for service to her son, Ethan Miller, by alerting him and his family to his oncoming seizures. This year the "Award for Canine Excellence" was won by a Sheltie who performs a similar service to her owner. A Pembroke Welsh Corgi, won the Therapy dog award, and there were ACE awards given to both search and rescue, and law enforcement, dogs. Two people with connections to Canaan Dogs won American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement awards: Damara Bolte and Mildred Rothrock. Ms. Bolte's Revielle kennel prefix identifies her Basenjjs, a few of whom are descendants of dogs brought back from Africa for the purpose of controlling a widespread kidney syndrome in the breed. Basenjjs are cousins to Canaans, and sometimes classified as small-grown type 3 pariah dogs. Ms. Rothrock judged Canaans in obedience at the 2002 National Specialty in Pleasanton, CA.

The Convention Center at Long beach, California, hosted five consecutive days of dog shows, obedience and rally trials, and agility competition. Ironically its location is in a city that is not generally friendly to dogs and breeders. So, progress was made for the benefit of dogs when both the Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and the Mayor, Bob Foster, wrote welcoming letters to the dog show community that appeared in the show guide. The AKC expanded its entry this year by inviting dogs from all over the world to compete. Their next show is scheduled for mid-December, 2008, at the same location.

HEALTH CLEARANCES	Dog's Name	Sex	Test ID #	Test	Results
	Babrees Pardon My French	M	CA-EL87M24-VPI CA-PA39/24M/P-VPI	Elbow Patella Hips	Normal Normal-Practitioner LDI=.36, RDI=.36
	D&D's Oakley of Dayspring	M	CA-403G56M-VPI	Hips	Good
	Mad River Ladies First	F	CA-EL86F39-NOPI CA-405G39F-NOPI CA-PA38/39F/P-NOPI CA-TH54/39F=NOPI	Elbow Hips Patella Thyroid	Normal Good Normal-Practitioner Normal
	Mad River Zena of Samara	F	42507	CHIC	New
	Renegade Stryker	M	CA-265 CA-404E53M-PI	CERF Hips	7 Excellent
	Rivroc Three Sunrises Lyceum	F	CA-EL85F56-VPI CA-PA37/56F/P-VPI CA-TH53/56F-VPI 43761	Elbow Patella Thyroid CHIC	Normal Normal-Practitioner Normal New

Join Us for the Annual CDCA Gathering

By Amanda Pugh

The National Specialty & Annual General Meeting will be held September 23rd through 29th, 2008 in Romulus, New York. But if you think this week isn't for you, or it is just for 'show' dogs, think again!

While the National Specialty is our annual show, this year – like others – we will offer events for all Canaan Dogs and their owners!

For the dogs ...

Canine Good Citizen testing. CGC testing is a series of tests that any and all dogs should be able to perform. A pass of all ten exercises shows that you and your dog are responsible dog owners. A certificate will show the rest of the world just how smart you know your CD really is!

Lessons and guidance from CD owners and fans in all aspects of show & performance events. Take part in the handling seminar and learn what happens in the show ring. Pick the brains of the owners of some of the top, and most accomplished, CDs in the country. Watch them compete with their dogs during four days of competition and cheer the dog & handler teams to victory!

Great Shopping! (Okay, this one is for the people too!) Auctions of CD items brought by attendees from around the world, a special theme basket auction to benefit the AKC/Canine Health Foundation and dogs

everywhere, a local outlet mall for the people, and four days of dog shows with vendors selling everything from hats for people to shampoos for dogs! Can you say dog toys?!

For the people ...

A chance to put faces to names! You've read about fellow club members in "The Kib." You've chatted with them online. Now meet them – and their dogs – in person. Share a meal, drink a glass of New York wine and create memories to last you until the 2009 National!

A beautiful destination, during fall foliage, in the heart of New York's Wine Country. www.uncorkny.com (need to verify this link)

See Great Shopping (above)!

A chance to bring your ideas, thoughts and dreams for the club to your fellow members. The Annual General Meeting is your chance to speak. Without your participation, there is no club.

And for both, a chance to watch Canaan Dogs gait, run, jump, leap, retrieve, heel, come, roll, wiggle and just have fun with their owners. The CDCA National is always one of the biggest gatherings of Canaan Dogs each year in North America. Join us and help make 2008 the biggest ever!

The schedule*

Tuesday, September 23rd - Welcome Party and start of Silent Auction viewing & bidding

Wednesday, September 24th

- CDCA Board of Directors Meeting (am)
- Handling Seminar (am)
- CDCA Annual General Meeting (pm)
- Judges Breed Study Group (evening)

Thursday, September 25th

- CDCA National Specialty at the Kanadasaga KC Show on the Specialty Field – Sampson State Park
- Continental Breakfast hosted by Midwest Canaan Dog Club, host of the 2009 CDCA National Specialty
- Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veterans)
Judge Christina C. Miller, River Rock Canaan Dogs
- Conformation – Judge Mr. Lester Mapes
- Ringside Mentoring
- Obedience, Rally, Agility and Junior Showmanship
- Awards Supper and Auctions – Host Hotel

Friday, September 26th - Supported Entry
Finger Lakes KC – Sampson State Park

Saturday, September 27th - Supported Entry
Elmira KC – Sampson State Park

Sunday, September 28th - Supported Entry
Onondaga Kennel Association – Sampson State Park

All three supported entries offer Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility and Junior Showmanship

Schedule Pending/Still Tentative

- Canine Good Citizen Tests
- Herding
- Educational Seminar(s)
- Winery Tour & Dinner
- Honor Parade(s)

**AKC events pending approval*

Where in the world is Romulus, NY?

Pretty much "slap dang" in the middle of New York State!
That is, approximately:

- 470 miles from Cincinnati OH;
- 2300 miles from San Diego, CA;
- 790 miles from Rochester, MN;
- 250 miles from Leesburg, VA;
- 3500 miles from London, England;
- and a mere 10,200 miles from Melbourne, Australia.

Need More Information?

A detailed information booklet was mailed to all CDCA members last fall. Information about the National Specialty is also available online at www.cdca.org (including a downloadable version of the booklet). If you have additional questions, please contact:

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September Agility Trials

The folks organizing the agility trials the week of the CDCA National Specialty are looking forward to seeing lots of CDs in attendance at the trials (September 25 - 28th).

They have relayed the following to help you plan!

- FAST classes will be offered.
- The opening date for entries will be July 16, 2008 at 8:00 am on a first received basis.
- The closing date will be on September 3, 2008 at 8:00 pm.
- Trial Sect is Karen Vanderburgh - all her contact info is on the CDCA website (cdca.org).

I'm trying to finalize our trophies for this trials and all of the specialty week. We will be offering nice awards (IMO) to make this an extra SPECIAL specialty.

SHOW REPORT

Canaans at the Chicago Cluster

December 13-16, 2007

By: Bryna Comsky

Chicago's end-of-the-year dog show cluster hosted 13 Canaans at Skokie Valley, and they all stayed in the ring! From the seasoned champions to the youngest puppies the dogs showed well, and everyone connected to them had a good time. CH Buzz flew back to his hometown with his owner, Trudi Kimm, and handler, Dinah Baggenstos, to stack up seven (7) consecutive breed wins in December and a Group II at Skokie Valley awarded by Fred Bassett on Saturday. Thomas Vinson round-tripped from Texas to handle CH Grant in Best of Breed, and take home a new puppy. All four Chicago judges showed their experience with Canaans. Buzz (CH Pleasant Hill What's The Buzz AO AOJ OAP OJP) had to catch an early plane to Oregon on Sunday, and missed the group judging on the last day of the dog show year.

Though seven dogs were entered at Starved Rock's Show in Wheaton, Illinois, only two were shown on Thursday to Dr. Lee Anthony Reasin: CH Buzz and Hayyim. Someone dropped a folded metal crate close to Hayyim while he was showing in the ring, and startled him. On Friday, he pulled back from Mrs. Hartinger's approach, and Nancy, his handler, walked him out of the ring. A

Canaan Dog works because he *wants* to. Forcing him to perform could rob him of his enthusiasm, so they waited for the next day and a different atmosphere to try again. Winners Dog and Best of Winners went to Cherrysh Desert Spring, and Reserve Winners to Cherrysh Hosea Prince Rock. Cherrysh Sing Hallelujah was Winners Bitch, and Pleasant Hill Red Princess, owned and handled by Ruth Crawford, Reserve.

Sweepstakes was offered at Skokie Valley's Saturday show and won by Debra White's Pleasant Hill Hava Shirat, who was also Reserve Winners Bitch from the puppy class both days under Judges Mr. Fred C. Bassett and Mr. Robert J. Moore. Cherrysh Sing Hallelujah was Winners Bitch again both days and won both her majors. The new venue was more to the liking of Ha'Aretz Hayyim who had romped around the convention hall in the early morning, seen his first Christmas tree, and won two majors and Best of Winners on both days handled by Nancy. CH Cherrysh Crown of Jewels was Best of Opposite to CH Buzz' Best of Breed each day. Trudi handled him on Sunday.

August 2007 - January 2008

By Norma Bennett Woolf

The CDCA board meets electronically each month to consider membership applications and conduct club business. Motions are submitted by the 7th of each month, discussion continues until the 21st of the month, and votes are due by the last day of the month. Members are welcome to contact board members with questions, comments, or issues for the monthly agenda.

August 2007

The board approved an increase in the annual dues as follows: \$30 per year for individuals, \$35 for families. The motion included a provision to limit international members to receiving the *Canaan Kibitzer* by e-mail. The motion was made by Amanda Pough and second by Norma Bennett Woolf.

The motion received 'yes' votes from Amanda Pough, Evan Kent, Norma Bennett Woolf, Kristen Pavlin, Cynthia Grupp, and Julie Haddy. Judy Rosenthal, Rosette Davilla-Sargeant, and Denise Gordon did not vote.

September 2007

The board approved the minutes of the May 2006 National Specialty board meeting on a motion by Denise Gordon, Second by Evan Kent.

In addition, the board approved the following items by consensus:

1. A motion to charge \$30 per page for *Kib* advertising. Judy Rosenthal provided the second.
2. We need a clean version of the club logo for use on brand items. Evan said that it would cost \$150 to clean it up. Cynthia Grupp made a motion to spend \$150 to clean up the club logo for use on branded items for fundraising. Denise Gordon second.
3. Cynthia Grupp made a motion that regional clubs reimburse CDCA for fees sent to AKC for regional specialties or other CDCA approved events within 30 days of the event date. Denise Gordon second.

October 2007

The board approved two new memberships and welcomed three associates into full membership as follows:

New Associate Member Application for **Robert & Marylou Shaeneman of Stockton, California**, endorsed by Cynthia Grupp.

New Associate Member Application for **Cheryl Kent & Robert (Bob) Ardinger of Columbia, Maryland**, endorsed by Evan Kent.

Associate to Full Membership Application for **Dominic Frinzi (attorney) & Amy Schumaier of Alexandria, Virginia**, endorsed by Amanda Pough and Renee Kent.

Associate to Full Member Application for **Amy Preston of Mystic, Connecticut**, endorsed by Amanda Pough and Renee Kent.

The memberships were approved on yes votes from Amanda Pough, Evan Kent, Judy Rosenthal, Norma Bennett Woolf, Kristin Pavlin, Denise Gordon, Cynthia Grupp, and Rosette Davila-Sargeant, and Julie Haddy.

November 2007

There were no items to vote on in November.

December 2007

Three items were approved this month.

1. Motion to include newly-elected Board members in board correspondence immediately upon election for the sole purpose of education about the issues presently being discussed. These newly elected board members may contribute to Board discussions but may not propose motions or vote until they take office on August 1. This information is completely confidential and not to be discussed outside of the Board. Motion made by Amanda Pough, second by Denise Gordon. Yes votes from Evan Kent, Judy Rosenberg, Norma Bennett Woolf, Kristin Pavlin, Denise Gordon, Rosette Davila-Sargeant, Julie Haddy, and Cynthia Grupp. Amanda Pough abstained.
2. A gift not to exceed \$50 value will be given to each out-going member of the CDCA Board of Directors as a token of appreciation for years of service to the club. The gift will be presented at the AGM following their term and mention published in *The Kib*. Motion made by Amanda Pough, second by Norma Bennett Woolf. Yes votes came from Evan Kent, Judy Rosenberg, Norma Bennett Woolf, Kristin Pavlin, Denise Gordon, Rosette Davila-Sargeant, and Cynthia Grupp. Amanda Pough and Julie Haddy abstained.
3. Motion to approve the following check policy for CDCA. Motion made by Amanda Pough, second by Denise Gordon. The motion was approved on yes votes from Evan Kent, Judy Rosenberg, Norma Bennett Woolf, Kristin Pavlin, Denise Gordon, Rosette Davila-Sargeant, Julie Haddy, and Cynthia Grupp. Amanda Pough abstained.

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2009 Specialty Judge's Selection Committee

Committee Chair -Rosette Davila Sargent (TX), Amy Preston (CT), Carrie Franz Cabrera (AZ)
Names were submitted by the committee to the BOD for review and vote on the February docket.

Check Policy for Funds Submitted to the CDCA

1. All funds submitted for any CDCA sponsored activity will be in US currency.
2. Whenever possible, checks should be deposited prior to the event to allow the checks to clear. (2 weeks recommended.)
3. In the event of a check being returned NSF, the Treasurer will send a certified letter detailing the NSF check including date, amount, and check number. The Treasurer will also list the outstanding amount due which will include the check amount, and bank fees assessed, and a \$10 service fee.
4. The CDCA member will have 30 days from the date of receipt of the certified letter to return the entire outstanding amount due in order to remain in good standing with the CDCA.
5. After the 30-day period, if the outstanding amount has not been remitted to the Treasurer, the Treasurer shall notify *The Kib* Editor, the Membership Database Manager and the CDCA-L Listserve manager that the CDCA member is in arrears and therefore is a member not in good standing. A member not in good standing will not receive *The Kibitzer* or any designated CDCA member privileges.
6. The CDCA member in arrears that may apply for membership renewal will not be accepted for renewal until such time that all outstanding amounts are received.
7. For collection of NSF funds from non-CDCA members, the Treasurer will send a certified letter detailing

the NSF check including date, amount, and check number. The Treasurer will also list the outstanding amount due which will include the check amount, and bank fees assessed, and a \$10 service fee.

8. CDCA members collecting funds are advised by the CDCA Treasurer of the approved CDCA procedures for deposits, etc. All events should include a statement that all funds are collected under approved CDCA guidelines.

- a. All subsidiary accounts are set up with the CDCA Tax ID number.
 - b. All subsidiary accounts with the CDCA Tax ID number have the CDCA Treasurer as a co-signer.
 - c. Whenever possible, the accounts are set up to have online access with the CDCA Treasurer allowed full access to the account online.
9. No postdated checks will be accepted.
 10. Checks will be processed in a timely manner and will not be held longer than is necessary to process.

January 2008

There were no items for vote in January.

The CDCA Board of Directors has been busy this year. After several resignations, Kristin Pavlin agreed to be treasurer, Evan Kent joined the board, and Norma Bennett Woolf became recording secretary. Pursuant to approval of our AKC membership, the board also added corresponding secretary Judy March Rosenthal and AKC delegate Pamela Rosman.

My dogs live here, they're here to stay.
you don't like pets, be on your way.
they share my home, my food, my space
this is their home, this is their place.

You will find dog hair on the floor,
they will alert you're at the door.
they may request a little pat,
a simple 'no' will settle that.

It gripes me when I hear you say
'just how is it you live this way?'
they smell, they shed, they're in the way..
WHO ASKED YOU? is all I can say..

They love me more than anyone,
my voice is like the rising sun,
they merely have to hear me say

'C'mon , time to go and play'
then tails wag and faces grin,
they bounce and hop and make a din.
They never say 'no time for you',
they're always there, to GO and DO.

and if I'm sad? They're by my side
and if I'm mad? they circle wide
and if I laugh, they laugh with me
they understand, they always see.

so once again, I say to you
come visit me, but know this too..

My dogs live here, they're here to stay.
you don't like pets, be on your way.
they share my home, my food, my space
this is their home, this is their place..

December 2007 Meeting

By Pamela Rosman

We must all be watchful re. anti-dog legislation in our areas. Do notify AKC's Legislation department at doglaw@akc.org of any actions in your area. It is urgent that we all work together to prevent legislation that would be detrimental to our dogs and their breeders.

An amendment to Article VII: Board of Directors Election, Meetings and Quorum of AKC's Charter and Bylaws, which would remove the restriction of term limits on the AKC Board of Directors was discussed at length. This required a 2/3 majority vote or approximately 173 votes. It was soundly defeated 115 for the Amendment and 139 against.

The Amateur-Owner-Handler Class was approved as an additional regular show class. It may be offered at shows held on and after January 1, 2009. The Novice Class that this was originally planned to replace was not eliminated and can still be offered. Note that according to the Rules, only the American Bred Class and the Open Class must be offered. The other classes that we know as regular show classes are optional by the show-giving club.

An amendment to ARTICLE VI: SECTION 5, of the AKC Bylaws was adopted, which would make a person who embezzles funds or steals property from an AKC club ineligible to become or remain a Delegate.

An Amendment to ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1 and 3, of the AKC Bylaws was adopted to enable an AKC Board member who is removed as a Delegate by his/her club, to secure another delegate position and to run for the remainder of his/her Board term.

The American Kennel Club® has announced the enhancement and renaming of its Indefinite Listing

Privilege (ILP) program. The new name -- Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program - will officially take effect February 1, 2008. The new name more accurately describes the purpose of the program: allowing dogs that are ineligible for registration but are distinguishable as a member of an AKC registerable breed, to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors competition.

The ILP/PAL program is designed to address the various reasons a purebred dog might not be eligible for registration: the dog may be from an unregistered litter or have unregistered parents; papers may have been withheld or lost by its owner; or the dog may have been surrendered, lost or abandoned, then adopted by a new owner.

PAL enrollees will receive a copy of *Family Dog Magazine*, a subscription to AKC's e-newsletter "Your AKC," a flyer from the breed's Parent Club and an attractive certificate denoting their dog's place in the PAL program. Also included will be information on AKC Pet Healthcare and AKC Companion Animal Recovery enrollment. AKC currently enrolls over 3,000 dogs per year in the ILP/PAL program. According to Assistant Vice President of Customer Service, Mari Beth O'Neill, it is expected that AKC can expand this number and the overall appeal of the program by offering added benefits and renaming the program with this more creative and friendly acronym. Welcoming more ILP/PAL dogs to the world of AKC events and privileges can only benefit both dogs and owners by providing educational resources and also exposing them to the joys of competing with their dog.

Dogs which currently have ILP numbers will retain their original numbers and continue to enter events under that number. PAL numbers will be issued beginning 2/1/08.

President's Note About ILPs

Posted on CanaanDogClubofAmerica-List by Amanda Pough Feb. 14

I'd like to thank the CDCA members who have taken the time to post their thoughts on the important issue of ILPs.

The Board of Directors of the CDCA had been discussing this very topic before it came up on the CDCA member list, and we will continue our discussions taking into account these comments.

Norma Bennett Wolf, CDCA Recording Secretary, has been forwarding the posts from this list to the BOD in order to make sure all BOD members see all your com-

ments. If you have further comments, or would rather comment privately rather than to this list, you may send your comments to Norma (editor@canismajor.com) or myself (bandersnatchbted@yahoo.com) and we will forward your thoughts to the rest of the BOD. In addition, contact info for ALL BOD members may be found on the club website <http://www.cdca.org>.

Thank you for your comments, your love of CDs and your participation in your club.

Will the Real Canaan Dog Please Stand Up?

(continued from outside back cover.)



A View From the Bench

By Renee Kent

I have attended Westminster before as both a spectator and as an exhibitor support person, but never as an exhibitor myself. I was mentally and physically prepared for both the 80 degree temperature differential between indoors and out and the oppressive crowd, that, at times, had me pressed against Marley's crate door or tucked into an empty crate cubby. What exceeded my expectations was how much fun it was talking with all of the curious and interested spectators who stopped to meet Marley & Jewel. (Note: The other entries were benched in area reserved for professional handlers.)

Canaan Dogs showed at 11:30 am and since that is the last possible moment at which dogs must be on the bench, we didn't spend too much time in the benching area prior to ring time. Upon returning to the Canaan Dog row, Cheryl Hennings and I settled into the approximately 5x5 foot space we called home for the next 8 hours.

Marley & Jewel proved to be a wonderful balance of type and temperament to give the visitors a full picture of that which is a Canaan Dog. The girls offered the more obvious difference in color with Marley being predominantly white with black markings and Jewel being solid cream. They also displayed a range of good temperaments. Marley's outgoing and friendly demeanor offered a taste of what the Canaan Dog is like with his family; sweet, gentle, affectionate, and a bit manipulative. She is a very social Canaan Dog and entertained us with a game I called "Fishing for People." Marley positioned herself at the end of the leash on the edge of the main corridor and sat patiently. She watched for someone to make eye contact, and then put on her best "I'm cute" face and lured them in with soft eyes and a wagging tail. People, unarmed against Canaan Dog charm, quickly succumbed to her sweetness and were drawn in to fawn over her. Jewel offered the counterpoint to Marley's more obvious public relations effort by lounging elegantly atop her crate, accepting visitor attention with the more appropriate regal poise and aloof demeanor one would and should expect from a Canaan Dog in this environment. Never cautious or fearful, Jewel was a picture of quiet nobility and grace.

Cheryl and I met a lot of interesting people and the breed information that Judy Rosenthal provided was gone well before the end of the day. Cheryl noted, and I agreed, that New Yorkers really know how to approach dogs. They always asked first and then rarely showed any hesitation in their approach. Both girls responded positively to everyone who visited.

Overall, the girls had a great day and did their part in educating people about Canaan Dogs. I highly encourage everyone with a socially inclined Canaan Dog to take part in public education opportunities in your region.



The Ambassadors.



Look into my eyes...



Jewel meeting some interested folks.

Reflections

By Chris Miller

Oh what a tangled web we weave or what comes around goes around... There are so many clichés that could fit what I’m going to write about. And the sad state of the matter is that I wish I didn’t have to write about this subject; Temperament in the show ring.

The way your exhibit behaves in the ring is not just a reflection on that particular exhibit, but the breed as a whole. Your exhibit is setting that judge’s mind to what a Canaan Dog should be. A judge can read the standard, attend seminars and talk to knowledgeable people to learn about the breed. Until that judge is presented with an entry, they really don’t know what to expect and are still forming their opinion of our breed. Once their opinion is formed, it is very hard to change it.

Judges like to be presented with entries of quality that are ready for the show ring. Most judges can appreciate the novice handler or silly puppy. Judges are not fond of an exhibit that cannot stand for examination. And they especially abhor an exhibit that is menacing to people or other dogs.

The question is; how do we get our exhibits ready for the show ring? Socialization is the key. Expose those puppies to every situation, noise, and touch you can devise. Reward acceptable reactions and ignore or divert unacceptable reactions. The more stimuli puppies and young dogs are exposed to, the better they can process new situations.

Puppy kindergarten and/or handling classes are wonderful places to start. Keeping in mind that not every temperament is going to appreciate the show ring. If you have a puppy or young dog that is not doing well at handling class, don’t take it to a point show. Build that dog’s confidence. Try to find matches to attend. If you are attending a multi-day show and it’s obvious on the first day that your exhibit is not ring ready – don’t show on the following days. Your exhibit is not going

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to have an epiphany overnight. Pushing your dog into an undesirable situation could do more damage than good. Ask people at ringside to examine your dog. Try to create games to encourage acceptable behavior when approached by a “judge figure”. We always play “You let the stranger touch you, you get a big treat and play time”. The treat and type of play will depend on what your dog appreciates most. This can start off very small, with just a touch and a scratch from a stranger. Once that is accomplished and reliable, then you move on to a more



traditional examination.

Learning the proper way to present your exhibit in the ring is another key factor. If your exhibit is aloof with strangers, bring him to ring side early. Let him watch the judge and activity in the ring. Once in the ring, be sure your exhibit sees the judge making his approach. I also mark this event with a voice command – such as “Judge”. This allows the exhibit to become prepared for the exam. If your exhibit has a tendency to turn his head and watch the judge during the exam, gently hold his muzzle to keep his head forward. A gentle scratch under the chin while holding the muzzle is also a great distraction. Not only does this present the best form for your dog during the exam, but it will put the judge at ease knowing you have complete control. Dogs that slightly lean or slouch during an exam can also be carefully held with proper hand placement.

Careful consideration should be given to which judges you exhibit under. There are many of us in the community that are knowledgeable on the judging practices and procedures of most who judge our breed. You can also research judges online to see if they have previously judged the breed and how they placed their entry. For instance: You wouldn’t want to take a puppy to a judge that is known to be heavy handed with the exhibits. You wouldn’t want to take an entry to a judge that doesn’t appreciate the breed. (Yes, we all know they should just decline to judge the breed, but to each his own). That being said, for those judges that are just starting with our breed, you want to present a well tempered exhibit.

In some cases, age and maturity is the key. Some of you will remember my “Spock”, Ch. Hadar Ha’Aretz Mr. Spock RiverRock. He was terrible to show as a young

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The Year of Anti-Dog Legislation

By Norma Bennett Woolf

This is by far the worst year yet for anti-dog legislation. More and more government councils and legislatures are jumping at the chance to enact mandatory spay-neuter laws, anti-breed ordinances seem to be increasing, anti-tethering laws are gaining ground, kennel licensing bills and regulations are squeezing breeders, and even guardian bills are popping up.

Mandatory spay/neuter ordinances & bills

These bills are proposed in a misguided attempt to curb 'pet overpopulation.' The rationale is that these laws will prevent unwanted litters and encourage potential buyers to seek a shelter dog instead of a purebred puppy. The alleged benefits include a reduction in the costs of euthanizing shelter animals and an increase in funds for animal control through the intact animal permits.

Even though scientific studies indicate that early sterilization has potential drawbacks for physical development and carries some risk of medical problems later in life, various legislative bodies are passing laws that mandate spaying and neutering of dogs and cats by the age of four-six months.

The big battle has been in Los Angeles where City Council approved mandatory sterilization of all dogs and cats by the age of four months. Purebred dogs currently being shown in conformation or performance events or being trained to compete in shows and other events are exempted if the dog is permanently identified and the owner purchases an intact animal permit. The language is similar to AB 1634, the statewide bill to require sterilization.

Spay-neuter bills are also pending in Palm Beach County, Florida and Davidson County, North Carolina; and in state legislatures in Arizona, New Jersey, and once again, in California. San Antonio, Texas, passed a mandatory sterilization law in December 2007. A mandatory sterilization bill was tabled by the Virginia legislature.

Breed-specific laws

Between the Michael Vick dog fighting case and the Ohio Supreme Court decision supporting breed specific regulations in that state, more and more communities are proposing and enacting restrictions, including bans, on some dog breeds. Bully breeds bear the heaviest burden, but other breeds are (or could easily be) added to the list. In Ohio, dog wardens often target any dog that has a broad head, muscular body, and short coat as a 'dog commonly known as a pit bull' regardless of the dog's history.

An Ohio lawmaker has introduced a bill to remove breed-

specific language from state law, but he faces an uphill battle from dog wardens. Even if he is successful at the state level, cities and villages throughout the state are likely to pass their own BSL.

Anti-tethering laws

Even though most dog owners agree that tethering as a primary means of confinement is a bad idea, activists have convinced lawmakers in some communities to limit the type of tether and the length of time a dog can be tied out. One such bill limits tethering to three hours per day.

Tethering restrictions or bans are increasingly made part of general overhauls of dog laws.

Kennel licensing regulations

Kennel licensing regulations are a close second to mandatory sterilization laws for impact on responsible breeders. These laws are generally based on claims that puppy mills are over-running the state and can only be stopped with strict standards for dog care and high kennel license fees.

Breeders in Pennsylvania are working against a Draconian set of regulations drafted at the request of the governor. Although the stated aim is to fix 'puppy mills,' the original document would have affected most responsible breeders in the state.

Ohio lawmakers are considering two kennel licensing bills, one in the House of Representatives, the other in the Senate. These bills regulate breeders with more than eight adult dogs kept for breeding regardless of whether a particular dog will have a litter in a particular year. Breeders with more than 15 adult intact dogs will have to purchase a bond or insurance policy payable to the state in case they violate the rules. The set of standards set forth in the bills include requirements to seek veterinary care for any disease, illness or injury; follow a veterinarian's advice about vaccinations; provide water in open bowls around the clock (no exemptions for pending surgery, housetraining, or treatment of illness); and provide at least a five degree temperature differential between sunny and shady areas in outdoor runs.

The Ohio bills also set up a state registry for litters, require a second bond in order to appeal the impoundment of dogs, mandate criminal background checks for breeders; and set up an oversight board stacked against the breeders who are required to be licensed.

Opposition to the bill in the House of Representatives sent that bill back to the drawing board, but the Senate version is moving forward. The House committee hearing for opponents drew nearly 200 people; the Senate hear

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dog. One day he would be brilliant, the next he would not stand for exam. He was my first Canaan Dog and I was so eager to show him. Then I realized I wasn't doing the breed any favors by showing him, so he stayed home for a year and a half. After that year and a half I had entered him at the CDCA National Specialty – just as a courtesy to support the club. Well, that courtesy entry went on to take Winners Dog and Best of Winners and was brilliant in the ring from that day forward. I can't say what truly turned him around, but I'm sure it was maturity and a stronger bond of trust he had with me.

Please, let us not tarnish what so many before us have tried to polish. Our uphill battle to gain respect in the dog world is difficult enough. We need not wage small wars which turn the molehill into a mountain. We all know and understand that our dogs will have their bad days. We all know and understand how much we want to be out there showing our dogs and touting our breed. Just, please, take a moment, step back and objectively consider the temperament you are going to put in the ring. Consider the ripple effect one bad incident can have on the breed as a whole. Judges talk and 90% of the time they only talk about or remember the bad experiences they have had with a breed. I'm not pointing fingers, just making observations, which is easy to do when you are halfway around the world. Your one stone in the pond will cause a ripple that can reach the ocean.

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ing for opponents of the bill has not been announced.

Guardian laws

These laws begin by including guardianship as an alternative to ownership of dogs, but the ultimate goal is to replace the property rights we have in our dogs with government oversight. Guardianship is allowed by the government and can be rescinded by the government on specious grounds.

HSUS

The Humane Society of the US and its affiliates are prime movers behind many of these bills. HSUS opposes dog breeding and uses its huge treasury to tap into the emotions of dog owners and breeders who are swayed by claims of pet overpopulations and equate commercial breeding with puppy mills regardless of kennel conditions or dog health.

It is imperative that we get involved when laws are proposed or introduced in our states or communities – even if they do not specifically impact the type of breeding operation or breed we currently own. Unless we fight to prevent mandatory sterilization and identification laws and oppose bans and restrictions that ignore science and common sense, we'll all be in the same boat.

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breed type. We say the same thing, in reverse.

Sunday was taken up with Dog Writers activities. At their gala banquet Mordecai Siegal, best-selling author and long-time supporter of Canaan Dogs, was inducted into their Hall of Fame. He joined Maxwell Riddle and Annie Clark, among others, who are HOF members. The award was presented on the green carpet on Monday evening, during a break from group judging.

Canaans were judged on Monday morning by Bob Slay, a former AKC "Rep" who prefers to judge. There was an entry of seven with two absent. Swiftly and efficiently, Mr. Slay found his BOB in "Harry" CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named, handled by his pal, Kitty Burke. The win was a sort of send-off to Harry, who begins his performance career this year. First Award of Merit went to Nina Work's dog, CH Desert Star Running Miles RN. The BOS award went to owner-handled CH Cherysh Crown of Jewels after deliberation about the hind quarters. The judge sent "Marley" down and back and opted for a sounder rear in his choice of Jewels for BOS. Charley handled "Breeze" who had won BOS to "Miles" at the CDCA National last September.

It was a great feeling of satisfaction to see an array of typey Canaans in the ring at the Garden after ten years of recognition. The increase of interest in our breed among the judges was also gratifying.

10 Years at the Garden

Canaan Dogs who have won at the Garden since 1998, under j Dr. Carmen Battaglia, the first to judge our breed on the green carpet are:

1998 & 1999 CH Mad River Felix to The Max
Handled by Martha Fielder who had come out of retirement for the occasions.

2000 CH Hadar Ha'Aretz Happy Paws
Handled by Nancy Martin

2001 & 2002 CH Mad River Walk on the Wildside
Handled by Andy Linton. "Wiley" was the first Canaan Dog pulled in Group at the Garden by Irene Bivin.

2003 & 2004 CH Mad River Ain't Misbehavin'
Handled by Andy Linton, 2003 & 2004.

2005 CH Mad River Got Milk of Jealou
Handled by Andy Linton. "Emmitt" was the first Canaan to go Best in Show under j Mrs. Dany Canino, after she judged the CDCA Specialty in Rochester, MN.

2006 CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named
"Harry," handled by Kitty Burke, 2006.

2007 CH Mad River Ladies First
"Lizzie" handled by Andy Linton.

2008 CH Rosendog's He Who Must Be Named
"Harry," handled by Kitty Burke

Will the Real Canaan Dog Please Stand Up?

By Renee Kent

Every year or so members of the Canaan Dog community resurrect discussions about the problem our breed has with the AKC ILP program. In 2007, I started to keep a file of all the inquiries I received titled with some variation of, "Is my dog a Canaan Dog?" to find out how many inquiries Canaan Dog Rescue Network (CDRN) representatives receive over given period. The regional coordinators have forwarded me their inquiries and combined with my own inquiries, I have accumulated over 40 since January 2007. There are likely more that never made it to my inbox.

Most of the people who send these inquiries to CDRN reps are simply asking if they have the unlikely "one" that is a Canaan Dog who was abandoned in a shelter. Most are quite obviously not of CD heritage and others show various degrees of resemblance. Of those who contact us, some owners are looking to ILP their dog, but most are not, they are simply wondering about their beloved pet's heritage. Several are inquiring so that when "Spot" passes on, they can find a dog similar to him in the Canaan Dog. As representatives of the CD community, our volunteers spend many hours interacting with the owners of these

dogs to educate them on the breed. Occasionally we receive photos of a dog that bears a strong CD resemblance, and it is then that you will get our posts on Canaani-L begging breeders to look at the dog for a possible identification. On rare occasion we have gotten photos of actual Canaan Dogs found in shelters that were unmistakable members of a particular line of Canaan Dogs. In those cases we have contacted the breeder and assisted in the adoption. It is not always easy for our newer volunteers to see the subtle X-factor that distinguishes a Canaan Dog versus an imposter. So for fun, we have included several photos on page 11 of dogs we have received inquiries about. In the mix, there are two photos of real Canaan Dogs. Can you identify them? (see page 11)

Answers will be posted in Files section of the Canaan Dog Club of America Yahoo! Groups list. (<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/CanaanDogClubofAmericaList/>) Please let us know how you do identifying the Canaan Dogs.

If you are not yet a member of this group, please join! The club list is a great way to stay up-to-date with club news and business.