

# THE CAIRN CONNECTION



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The August 2023 Specialty proved to be another successful event and marked with few "firsts". Robin Bovard was a first-time chairperson and did an amazing job from start to finish. There is so much coordination behind the scenes to have "the show" go on and the fact that it was fun and seamless is a testament to all the planning that goes into it. Suzi Scherzer was a first-time hospitality chair for the specialty. Suzi's meticulous following of the checklist Cathy Cardon put together and communication with the team ensured there were snacks and goodies throughout the day. Also, Kathy and Ron Knepp lead the bulk of the CTCD raffle efforts. Tracy Roach researched and pitched the idea earlier so big thank you to her. Through the club members and various businesses generous donations the club was able to raise over \$1,000 with 25% going into our rescue fund.

None of this would be possible without the amazing mentors we have in the club. Kari Loken was a great mentor to Robin with the chairperson passing of the baton duties; Cathy Cardon has an amazing spreadsheet and checklist to mentor the hospitality team, Linda Wilson, Joyce Orr and Janny McKenzie seem to be cloned and helping everywhere! Linda picks up the breakfast burritos at the crack of dawn and helps all day at hospitality, ring side stewarding and everywhere else, Joyce helps with hospitality, ring side set up and banquet check in and Janny not only helps with ringside setup, hospitality but this year was a HUGE help with the raffle table set up and ticket selling!

Let's talk about the banquet! Huge thank you to Cathy Cardon and everyone who organized and put that together but even more so to Dennis Wilson who moved the group again with his bagpipe music. We were again delighted with his performance and are grateful we have such talent in the club! The conversation and fellowship are always something to look forward to!

Lastly a big thank you to Jack Loken. Jack is instrumental to helping with set up and Friday after the specialty helped clear our ring. More importantly he and Tony Wagner grilled out for our Saturday BBQ! The BBQ is always something to look forward to and it does not disappoint and in usual Colorado fashion we had a nice rainstorm, but it produced a beautiful double rainbow so maybe it was worth it?

All this for our Cairns of course; we do this for the love of our dogs and the preservation of the breed and to encourage and support one another and to encourage a new generation of handlers to carry the breed forward.

We will need volunteers to step forward to help next year but you will see from some of the specialty notes you have a village of mentors to help so that is what is great about the club

Kathy Knepp  
Newsletter Editor.

**START WHERE YOU ARE.  
USE WHAT YOU HAVE.  
DO WHAT YOU CAN.**

— ARTHUR ASHE

# Specialty Notes

Show Chair: Robin Bovard

Our 2023 Cairn Terrier Club of Denver Specialties are now done. It's hard to believe they're over for the year. We had a wonderful entry of beautiful Cairns from across the country in addition to Colorado, and we very much appreciate our out-of-state folks who came to show with us as well as enjoy the fun. This was my first year serving as show chair, so I had a lot to learn to make it happen. Thanks to Kari Loken for her mentorship and teaching me everything I needed to know to make the shows happen. From applications, to judges, scheduling, hospitality, room reservations, trophies, and our first ever raffle basket project, it all came together thanks to our wonderful members.

In addition, we hosted an ultrasound clinic to allow one of the important breed specific health tests to be done economically. We once again appreciate Dr. Ashley Yanchik coming and performing the ultrasounds.

I think we all learned a lot this year that we will use to make next year even better! We appreciate all of our members help, and we will need your help again next year. One thing we are working on is information for those who want to help as to what needs to be done. We also are going to work on Volunteer lists, where people can volunteer to help with things that need to be done, whether that be set up, take down, etc. so that members know where they can help. Members can't help if they don't know what needs to be done! But, we have the best club members there are who are always willing to help, anytime they are asked.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for all their help because without each one of you, our specialties would not happen and would not be so successful. We are on to the planning of our 2024 specialties and are happy to take any ideas that anyone has to make next year an even more successful year. We have the best specialty club with the best members anywhere!

A day of Cairn Terriers and Friends  
The CTCD Specialties,  
Friday, August 19, 2023  
Greeley, CO

By Suzi Scherzer - Hospitality Chair

There are very few reasons I would ever agree to wake up before daybreak, but going to a dog show is one of them.

Entering the site on the morning of the Specialties was almost surreal – outside the building there were signs that the world was waking up, and soon the site would be filled with people and dogs. The building was virtually empty of people at that early hour, the promise of the day lay ahead. I can only imagine what dogs and exhibitors may have been feeling.

I was blown away to see the amazing display of rosettes and trophies, the swag bags, which were absolute genius in what they included, the raffle gift bags, and the hospitality table. Every detail seems to have been anticipated; it seemed effortless only because of the amount of time and attention that had gone into planning these details in the months leading up to the Specialties.

It is a pleasure to be a part of the CTCD and to have volunteered at the Specialties. It was fun to work with and get to know club members who share the love of these dogs, and it doesn't matter if one shows or not; the only requirement is an interest in the breed and a willingness to lend a hand.





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# Note from Judge Louise Hooper

Cairn Terrier Club of Denver

August 18, 2023

I've been attending the Colorado specialty since its beginnings, when it was held at the Holiday Inn just off the interstate. So many wonderful memories of the drive's west, and now a new one coming back to judge your Sweepstakes.

Let me start by saying "Thank You" for inviting me to come look at your puppies. Judging a Sweepstakes is always an honor and pleasure. It's the future of our wonderful breed. Also "Thank You" to everyone who worked to make your event happen.

Thinking back on your overall Sweeps entry, breeders can be proud of the lovely temperaments, and great coats your Cairns have. Owners and pups seemed to be having a great day, with lots of wagging tails. Heads and expressions were excellent on almost all entries.

I was looking for a nice dark brown eye with a bit of mischief, and I found it on almost all. A few could have been better acclimated to the exam on the table, but once they got to the ground, they were fine. Loved those big teeth on most, and an under jaw that filled my hand. I don't penalize much on missing premolars but did see a few with missing incisors. My heart did a flutter when the 12-18 bitch class came into the ring. I thought to myself "oh boy, this will not be an easy one". What a lovely class, and kudos to the breeders/owners for making my job difficult. Many strong points with all these girls. My first place in this class ended up being my Best in Sweeps. This bitch was medium all through. She had the outline, coat, leg length, head, good teeth, feet, and bone that to me makes for a beautiful Cairn Terrier.

The Veteran class has always been hard for me. I feel these dogs have all earned their special place in and out of the ring. Denying a win to any of them is difficult. That's not the way dog shows work, so a choice had to be made. Thanks to the owners for keeping these Seniors in such good shape. They all looked to enjoy their day in the ring. Best male and female came from the 10 and under class. Best Veteran went to a lovely red bitch. In a short coat on the day, but her overall type, balance and movement on the side won me over.

Thanks again for inviting me. Wished I had been able to watch the dogs shown in the classes, which is the usual way with Sweepstakes. My daughter and grandsons enjoyed the show too. We stayed for a bit of visiting and hospitality, but needed to pack the car, and get to bed as the drive home was going to be very early. Our vacation and time in your beautiful Colorado were packed with adventures and fun. Coming to do the Sweeps ended this part of our trip on a happy note.

Louise Hooper  
Glenmore Cairns



# Pictures from the Specialty and some Raffle bag winners

## *Pee Wee Class*





# Pictures from the Specialty and some Raffle bag winners

## Banquet



# Pictures from the Specialty and some Raffle bag winners

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# Pictures from the Specialty and some Raffle bag winners

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# Pictures from the Specialty and some Raffle bag winners

*In the Ring*





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*Raffle*





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## Raffle





# Braggs and Shares



Bonnie, CH Cairncroft My Miss Bonnie A Wee Lass DCAT was awarded Select Bitch at the Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club Show in Greeley on September 8th, in a field of beautiful Cairns under esteemed terrier judge, and Cairn breeder, Joe Vernuccio. So happy with my sweet girl! Bonnie was bred by Christopher Gray and Nancy McNair and is co-owned with Christopher Gray. CH Miles and Miles to Cairncroft X CH Cairncroft Let it Loose



# Brag and Shares



Owners Name: Annette Thompson and Patti McCully

Dog's Name: Cairncroft Iko Iko of Firefly

Brag: Iko had quite a weekend in Greeley. She was awarded Best in Puppy Sweepstakes under esteemed breeder judge Louise Hooper at the CTCD Specialty. On Sunday, at the Greeley Kennel Club all breed show, she was awarded Winner's Bitch for a 5 point major under judge Mrs. Billie R. Kellogg Kneale. Congratulations, Iko!



# Brag and Shares



Owners Name: Patti & Chuck McCully and Chris Gray

Dogs Name: Cairncroft Sunshine Daydream

Brag: At the Greeley Kennel Club show, Mags was awarded Best Bred By Exhibiter Cairn and went on to receive a BBE Group 1.



# Bragg and Shares



Owners Name: Lynda Gilley and Patti McCully

Dog's Name: GCHB CH Cairncroft Chasing Dreams And Rambling Ripples FCAT TKN FITB "Knox"

Brag: Knox has had quite a run in Greeley! He started in August with two Best of Breed awards: The first at CTCD Specialty #1 under judge Dr. H. Scott Kellogg, and then again the following day at the Greeley Kennel Club show under judge Ms. Susan M. Napady. Over the five shows that weekend, he took Best of Breed - Owner Handled four times. In addition to the Group 1s awarded for winning at the regional specialties, he received Group 1 placements at both all breed shows.

After all that fun, Knox decided to return to Greeley in September for the Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club specialties and Evergreen Kennel Club all breed shows. He received Best of Breed - Owner Handled at three shows with a Group 2 placement at the RMATC specialty.

Knox is currently ranked at #3 Owner-Handled Cairn Terrier. Go Team Knox! (continued next page)



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**Cairncroft New York City at Night - Madison was winner's bitch and best of breed both Saturday and Sunday at Cheyenne Kennel Club shows! Cathy Cardon**



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Colorado Cairns Cutty, Ringo, and Wolfie enjoying a three-day raft trip on the Chama River with Jan, Fred and Andrea.



# Braggs and Shares

JASPER EARNED HIS FCAT AT THE BLUE 9 KLIMB CLASSIC IN IOWA IN JULY AND PASSED HIS CANINE GOOD CITIZEN TEST RIGHT BEFORE WE LEFT FOR OUR TRIP!



# Fun Fall Craft - DIY Snuffle Mat

A SNUFFLE MAT IS AN INTERACTIVE FEEDING MAT AND SCENT GAME IN WHICH YOU CAN HIDE YOUR DOG OR CAT'S FAVOURITE TREATS. MADE WITH STRATEGICALLY PLACED STRIPS OF UPCYCLED FELT, THIS CREATIVE ENRICHMENT GAME WILL HELP PROVIDE STIMULATION AND WILL KEEP YOUR DOG ENTERTAINED.

## SUPPLIES

- A RUBBER ANTI-FATIGUE MAT WITH HOLES IN IT, CUT TO THE SIZE OF YOUR CHOICE (WE PURCHASED OURS AT MENARDS AND CUT IT TO 12"X12").
- SHARP SCISSORS
- ONE YARD OF FLEECE FABRIC (WE RECOMMEND USING AT LEAST TWO DIFFERENT COLORS.)

## INSTRUCTIONS TO DIY A SNUFFLE MAT FOR YOUR DOG

1. CUT THE FLEECE INTO SEVEN-INCH STRIPS. YOU'LL NEED AT LEAST AS MANY STRIPS AS THERE ARE HOLES IN YOUR MAT.
2. CHOOSE ONE COLOR OF FLEECE STRIPS.
3. DOUBLE KNOT THE STRIPS ALONG THE ENTIRE EDGE OF YOUR MAT. LOOP THE STRIPS THROUGH EACH HOLE, FILLING IN THE INSIDE OF THE MAT.
4. CHOOSE THE SECOND COLOR OF FLEECE STRIPS AND FLIP THE MAT OVER.
5. DOUBLE KNOT THE STRIPS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF YOUR FIRST COLOR STRIPS. WE PUSHED ALL THE FLEECE THROUGH THE HOLES AND THEN FLIPPED THE MAT BACK OVER TO DOUBLE KNOT THE LOOSE ENDS. THIS SAVES TIME SO THAT YOU'RE NOT FLIPPING THE MAT CONSTANTLY.
6. HIDE YOUR DOG'S FOOD OR FAVORITE TREATS IN THE SNUFFLE MAT AND LET THEM FORAGE!

SOURCE: [ANIMALHUMANESOCIETY.ORG](http://ANIMALHUMANESOCIETY.ORG)





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Dog Show Mentor - can follow on Facebook and LinkedIn for interesting tidbits and advice (free side of the house) - she also posts the AKC Gazette on her LinkedIn page.

Dog Show Mentor Owner Handlers is a Private group on FB you can ask to join; there is free content; you can subscribe to a newsletter if you want as well.

# Upcoming Events

## SAVE *the* DATE



BARN HUNT FUN DAY - OCTOBER 28, 2023 - LOKEN HOUSE  
9:30-12:00 PIZZA LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE CLUB

**Six Fast CAT Trials - Oct 13, 14, 15, 2023**  
Open to All-Breeds and Mix Breeds  
Two trials per day for a total of Six Trials

*Hosted by the Cairn Terrier Club of Denver*

October 13, 2023  
Event#20230911  
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October 15, 2023  
Event#20230909  
Event#20230908

October 14, 2023  
Event#20230905  
Event#20230910

Event Center at Archer  
9576 Archer Parkway, Chrysanther

Entry Limits: 2 Trials Per Day, run concurrently, 125 runs per trial

Entry Fees:

Early Entry: \$25/run  
Late and Day of Entries: \$30/run  
Trial Hours:  
General Roll Call will begin at 9am

*Thank you to  
Buckhorn Valley  
Kennel Club  
for your  
Partnership!*

**Fencing:**  
The course will be fenced with 4" rope fencing.  
To be held outdoors on dirt and fully fenced.

**Entry Method - First Received**

Entries will open September 2, 2023 at 8am MST at the Trial Secretary's address listed in the premium ONLY or via online at [www.harmonydogsports.com](http://www.harmonydogsports.com). All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

Pre-entries close October 1, 2023 at 11:45pm MST after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Envelopes/transactions containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender.

If the trial has not filled, Day-Of-Trial entries will be accepted on the day of trial, up to a maximum of 50 runs. Day-of runs will be fit in as space allows throughout the day. It may be a long wait. Pre-entry is strongly encouraged.

Premium List at: [www.HarmonyDogSports.com/events](http://www.HarmonyDogSports.com/events)



K9First Aid and CPR class  
Tentative Dec 2nd - Stay Tuned

