

PETERBOROUGH/BOSTON

Couple heading up Bay Colony Dog Show

Terrier breeders part of panel that runs event

Peterborough residents John and Pam Beale, renowned breeders of champion Norfolk Terriers and members of the Eastern Dog Club and Ladies Dog Club respectively, are driving forces behind the Bay Colony Dog Show.

The Bay Colony Dog Show is one of the country's largest American Kennel Club dog events.

The Beales are part of the show committee for the four-day event.

The show runs Dec. 6-9 from approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The show showcases an average of 2,500 pedigree pooches each day competing for "Best In Show" honors and AKC titles after winning within their respective breeds and groups. The Bay Colony Cluster Dog Show is organized and run by volunteers.

The Beales have traveled the United States and the world to participate in the most prestigious AKC dog shows, including Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and Crufts in England. The couple own Coco, the world renowned Norfolk Terrier awarded top of all breeds in the United States just a few years ago. She set a new record in 2003 when she became the first dog to win the "grand slam" of all four Best In Show titles in the prestigious Montgomery weekend in America.

John Beale is also recognized and well-respected as the former Eastern Dog Club show chair.

Even though Coco has retired, his owners continue showing their line of Norfolk Terriers at shows nationwide, including winning Best of Breed at the Westminster show this year in Madison Square Garden.

The Bay Colony Dog Show is one of the nation's largest dog events, boasting over 2,000 dogs competing each day for Best In Show honors from 155 AKC-registered dog breeds. This year's show will feature almost every breed, from the popular cocker spaniels and golden retrievers to this year's newly-recognized American Kennel Club (AKC) breeds such as the Tibetan Mastiff and the Plott, accepted by

the AKC this January, 2007. Every day offers a unique mix of events, and each day of the show is presented by a different prestigious AKC dog club with each show day awarding one "Best in Show" trophy.

On all four days of the show, spectators can watch dogs of all shapes and sizes participate in the fast-paced agility trials, run by the Yankee Golden Retriever Club. Agility trials are timed competitive events where dogs race their way through obstacles competing for AKC titles. On Friday and Saturday, Ladies' Dog Club and Shrewsbury Dog Training Club offer obedience competitions in a variety of classes. On Saturday and Sunday, the show offers family-oriented demonstrations by "dogs with jobs" in Ring 14, as well as a chance to "Meet the Breeders" in the afternoon.

Educational exhibits include the American Kennel Club, Pedigree's Select-A-Dog computer, MSPCA, Purebred Dog Breeders Referral Service, MSPCA, N.E.A.D.S. assistance dogs, Pets & People, and a dozen breed rescue clubs from throughout New England.

A registered nonprofit organization, the Bay Colony Dog Show ticket proceeds benefit such charities as the Scholarship Fund at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Breeder Referral Services and Angell Memorial Animal Hospital.

Admission is \$12 for adults and seniors, and \$7 for children. Parking is \$12 and tickets available for purchase at the Bayside box office only. To find out what breed is showing at what time and where, visit www.baycolonydogshow.com for ring schedules after Thanksgiving.

The Bayside Exposition Center is handicapped and MBTA accessible (Red Line, JFK/UMASS stop), and is located off Rte. 93 South (exit 15 from the south; exit 14 from Rte. 93 North). The Bayside Exposition Center is located at 200 Mount Vernon St., Dorchester, MA 02125.