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EDITORS BARK

As we predicted, it's been a long time between newsletters this year! But Kristen's barn is coming along fine, and Denise will be moving in July! For all you that are new members, we'd like to welcome you to NEBCA and hope to see you at the trials. We'd also like to remind folks that the NEBCA NEWS is not a monthly publication. We publish an issue after most NEBCA meetings and at any other time when there is enough information and time available to warrant an extra issue. This year they are a bit more spread out than usual because both your editors are building and/or moving.

We'd like to thank those people that sent us trial results, but we're asking that you send them to Nancy Hayes for the Northeastern Sheepdog Newsletter. So as not to be repetitive, we will leave the printing of the trial results to her.

Believe it or not, we are already soliciting photos for the 1988 calendar! Be sure to take your camera along when you work your dogs or go to a trial. Black and white film, speed ASA 125 (Plus X) will take a better picture for blowing up to the 8 X 10 size needed for the calendar, although color pictures seem to translate well to black and white. The important thing is that the film speed is slower so that the picture are less grainy when blown up. Maurice MacGregor wins the prize for the first photos already submitted. Thank-you Maurice! The 1987 calendar is out and available now from Pat and Mike Canaday. We suggest buying ten or more at the lower rate and bringing them with you to this year's trials and fairs. See the announcements section for the Canadays address and ordering info.

We would ask that anyone with information concerning the 1986 NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial please send it to us no later than August 15, 1986. We will be putting out a newsletter the last week of August and there will not be another one until after the Fall Foliage Trial. This is an early reminder for those

involved with the trial, so please mark this deadline on your 1986 NEBCA calendars!

Anyone that sent us ads a while back that were printed in this issue is urged to contact us if they feel the ad was printed too late to do them any good. (ie. the pups are already sold, etc.!) We will give you credit on a future ad.

As of July 1, 1986, all NEBCA NEWS correspondence should be sent to Kristen Whittle, PO Box 185, Sunderland, MA 01375. With Denise Leonard moving, anything sent to her may have to follow her around for a while, and could get lost in the shuffle. Her new address will be printed in the next newsletter.

Thanks for your patience!

Your Editors,
KPW and DAL

MINUTES FROM THE MAY 3RD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM at U Conn on 5/2/86.

Minutes of the 1/12/86 meeting were read and accepted. It was reported that everything on the ballot was passed.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The treasurer reported that we have \$3500.00 in the account, but the calendars haven't been paid for yet.

Old Business: It was reported that the calendar is finished and hopefully will be ready to sell at Cummington Sheep Dog Trial. If not ready for Cummington, they will be ready for the Penn. Open Trial at Walt Jagger's on 6/21/86.

There was discussion on the package deal that Mike Canaday is putting together. Walt Jagger had an inquiry about the package, but the person lost interest when a \$1000.00 fee was discussed.

Pat Canaday asked what to do with the 1986 calendars. She was told to give them away--pass them out to members.

It was reported that Denise Leonard needs new pictures for the 1987 calendar! (Editor's note: We think they mean 1988!)

A trophy in memory of Preston Davenport was discussed.

Walter Jagger discussed the idea of getting Tom Wilson to judge our Fall Foliage Trial. Mr. Wilson would be interested in doing the judging for \$200.00. Edgar Gould said he is looking into getting Doug Lamb from Scotland to come here to judge the Fall Foliage Trial.

New Business: There was discussion about the need to look for a sponsor for the Fall Foliage Trial. Maybe Alpo. Beverly Lambert suggested giving the trophies for high points away at Fryeburg Fair where there is more of a crowd. It may make it easier to find a sponsor, like Alpo.

There was discussion about formulating a budget for the Fall Foliage Trial. We need to figure out how much we need from a sponsor. It was decided that this was the Trial Committee's responsibility.

Border Collie Handling Assn. members need to pay their dues now. Especially before they start a trial.

It was decided that the next NEBCA meeting will be held at Cummington, MA, at 9:00 AM on Sunday May 25th. Mike Canaday made a motion to accept when the next meeting was to be held, and it passed.

Bonnie Holland made a motion to adjourn the meeting; everyone seconded, it passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00PM.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 25 MEETING

The minutes from the Connecticut Trial meeting were read and approved.

The Trial Committee announced that Doug Lamb from Scotland would be the judge for the Championship Trial.

Vergil Holland announced that the State of Massachusetts has funds available for improvements of fairgrounds. This could take the form of matching funds for the purchase of Netlon snowfencing with the Pioneer Valley Sheep Breeders Ass'n. (This is the Association which hosts the Cummington Trial.) If we match funds with the Pioneer Valley Sheep Breeders, this fencing could be available for use by NEBCA for puppy days, clinics, and trials. Becky Peterson stated that the fence would have to be stored in Massachusetts, but could be used throughout the Northeast. A motion was made that NEBCA would match funds with the Pioneer Valley Sheep Breeders Association toward the purchase of Netlon fencing.

Pam Headley announced that Mike Canaday's sheep will be used at the Beaverville Trial.

Denise and Kristen are planning an invitational trial in the fall; they plan on inviting the handlers that were unable to qualify for the Championship Trial.

Edgar Gould reminded the Association concerning the Supreme Champion Trophy. This would be awarded in the event that the High Point Champion also wins the Championship Trial. This trophy will be paid for by donations from the handlers. Total value of the trophy will be around \$150.00.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** The 1987 calendars are out! The prices are \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping and handling for a single copy or \$4.00 each plus shipping and handling for ten or more copies (contact Pat and Mike Canaday for shipping and handling charges for multiple copies.) Order yours today from Pat and Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Road, Altamont, NY 12009, 518-861-6049. Also there are still 1986 calendars left. If you don't have yours yet, you still have six months use left on it plus some very nice pictures of BCs!

** Pat and Mike also have other "goodies" on sale to benefit NEBCA. These include decals, patches, whistles, plain working crooks (\$10.00 plus postage), among other things. Contact the Canadays for a more complete list.

** Reprints of the sources of information list and the 1986 trial dates and contact persons list are available from your editors. Send a SASE, along with the following fee(s): (per list) 1 copy--\$.50, 3 copies--\$1.00, 10 copies--\$2.00. Make checks to NEBCA.

** Anyone with publicity ideas for the NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial, such as magazine addresses, etc., should send them to Fran Wheeler, PO Box 369, North Waterborough, ME 04061-0369.

** Barbara Leverett is looking for volunteers to help with the Championship Trial. We particularly need an announcer. If you could be available to help, get in touch with Barbara Leverett, RD 2 Box 308 Burrell Road, St Johnsville,

NY 13452, 518-568-2833.

** All handlers are requested to send their donations for the Supreme Championship Trophy to Barbara Leverett, address above.

** We are currently soliciting pictures for the 1988 calendar! Please put your name and address and the dog's name on the back of each picture and include a self addressed stamped envelop if you want them back. Send to Kristen Whittle, PO Box 185, Sunderland, MA 01375.

** Deadline for the next NEBCA NEWS is August 15, 1986. This will be the final newsletter printed before the Championship Trial so be sure to get us all pertinent information. Rates for ads are \$1.50 per ad per issue. We reserve the right to edit ads. Make checks payable to NEBCA. Send all submissions to Kristen Whittle, PO Box 185, Sunderland, MA 01375.

NEBCA SURVEY RESULTS

- 1) How many Border Collies do you own? 184 (Total # of dogs owned)
2) Do you have livestock of your own? 50 (answered YES)
3) How do you use your BCs? (Total # number that checked each catagory)

Working livestock (hobby)	41	Breeding	29
Working livestock (livelihood)	23	Pet/Companion	55
Sheepdog Trials	31	Other	10
Obedience Trials	9		

- 4) Types of livestock you work your BCs on, on a regular basis: (Total number checked)

Cattle (dairy)	5	Swine	3
Cattle (beef)	12	Fowl	13
Sheep	54	Horses	3
Goats	5	Other	6

At last, here it is! The long awaited results to the Border Collie survey I sent out a year ago. Throughout the analysis of the response data, I continually found more and more ways in which to analyze the data. But, I guess I've been at it long enough! What follows are the results and conclusions from the different data bases and distribution frequencies that I was able to constuct. You might draw some conclusions of your own from the information provided.

Out of a possible 118 responses, I received 70. That means that 59.3% of the membership responded. The following information is therefore based on the portion of the NEBCA members that responded. I would have liked to have had at least a 75% response before considering this survey representative of this association, but I am told that this is considered a high response vote for a mailed questionnaire.

The total number of dogs owned is 184. The average number of dogs owned is 2.6. Since only a few members own a large number of dogs, a distribution frequency gives a beeter representation of the number of dogs owned. This can be thought of as "the most common number of dogs owned".

number owned	response frequency
1	33
2	10
3	8
4	8
5	5
6	3
7	1
10	1
15	1

About 60% own only 1 or 2 dogs, 35% own 3-6 dogs, and only about 5% own over 6 dogs (7-15). If you consider this information with the fact that 50 of the respondents, or about 71% have livestock of their own, it's easy to draw the conclusion that most of NEBCA's Border Collie owners use their dogs to help manage their stock, but probably don't keep them for a large scale breeding operation. It may have been interesting to have asked what kind of livestock people owned, and how many. (Maybe next time!) This brings us to Border Collie use.

The question concerning how the members of NEBCA used their Border Collies brought interesting results. Those surveyed were asked to check as many uses listed as applied. The most common response checked was Pet/Companions. This applied to those that work their dogs and those that have them only as pets. I think this was a nice opinion to hear. It confirms the assumption that these stock dogs are not just employees, but valuable, full time partners for those that use them daily.

The next most common response under "use" was Working Livestock as a Hobby. This was followed closely by Sheepdog trials. If you look at these two categories by the frequency with which they occur in relation to the number of dogs owned, you find that both categories increase proportionately to an increase in the number of dogs owned. Or in plain English, I would say that those owning more than one dog are more apt to be involved with working and trialing those dogs. This occurrence, along with the close response relationship between working and trialing is not too surprising. Wouldn't most people who work their BCs on livestock want to test their dogs at a trial? Not necessarily! If you add the working for hobby and working for livelihood categories together you come up with 55 people that work their BCs on livestock. Yet only 31 people compete at sheepdog trials. NEBCA will have to convince those other 24 people that work livestock but don't trial to start competing! Actually,...23; one interesting individual checked Sheepdog Trials, but neither Working Livestock category! I wonder how they do?!

Breeding came in fourth with 29 positive responses. Analysis of this category definitely benefitted from a frequency distribution based on the number of dogs owned. Only six of those breeding have 1 dog. The remaining 23 had 2 or more. Perhaps those that breed their BCs have more BCs BECAUSE they breed them! (Instead of the other way around!)

Working livestock as part of their livelihood came in fifth with a respectable 23 responses. This question might have been somewhat misleading though, since it essentially asks, "Do you farm for a living?" The only people other than that might have checked it would be those that derive their living from

training services, etc... and use livestock to do so. Or as in my case, work full time on another farm and use their own BC's daily. Part time farmers that recieve a portion of their income from farming may have checked this one if they felt that their dog(s) contributed strongly to the running of their farming enterprise. If you look at the figures on the types of livestock worked and cross reference it with the people that said they owned livestock, it illuminates the picture more. For instance, 5 of the people who checked that they worked dairy cows also checked that they owned livestock. I think it is safe to assume that these people are dairy farmers and use their BCs on the farm. It is of course only an assumption, since I did not ask what types of livestock people owned. But if you look at the figures in the chart below, it certainly seems to be a logical conclusion to draw in each of the catagories.

TYPES OF LIVESTOCK WORKED

Type	total	of those owning livestock
dairy	5	5
beef	12	12
sheep	54	53
goats	5	5
swine	4	3
fowl	13	13
horses	4	3
(other)*	6	6

Border Collies are beginning to gain fame in the obedience trial world, which is why I included that as a choice rather than leaving it to the "other" catagory. This assumption seems to have been true since about 12.8% of the respondants checked this choice. The "other" catagory came in 1 response ahead of obedience trials, but the comments greatly varied.

The results of the types of livestock worked were no great surprise. Ofcourse sheep won by a mile (over 75%). It did surprise me a little that fowl were tied with beef for second. I just didn't know that so many people worked birds! "Other" again beat out some catagories, again with an amazing variety of comments. Dairy and goats tied for fifth, which would probably bug the heck ou of the dairy people. I'm a bit surprised that the dairy catagory wasn't checked more. But then our organization may not be a very representative sample of the New England Dairyman. Congratulations to the 7.1% that work their dogs on goats, Most of our goats would prefer to work the dog! And last but not least are those who work horses and pigs. In another part of the country, I'm sure swine and beef would be right up there with sheep.

For your enjoyment, here are the "other" comments I received.

BC USES

The BCs keep the peace, while the Aussies create the chaos.

Demonstrations

Rounding up loose rabbits.

Rounding up leaves, water dishes, other dogs

-anything that's stationary or moves!

Farm dog

Playing frisbee
Learning
Guarding
Hunting
Rat Patrol
Schatzhund Trials

*OTHER LIVESTOCK

Cats
Ducks
Geese
Donkeys
Rabbits
Anything that moves!

That about wraps it up for me. I'm sure as time goes on I will come up with more and more ways in which to analyse the data! I want to thank everyone for taking the time to answer and return the postcards. I hope that this was worth the wait!

KPW

UPCOMING TRIAL DATES

June 21: Pennsylvania Open Trial, Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA. For information contact Walt Jagger (717-289-4663), Sheepy Hollow Farm, Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA 18824.

June 22: Beaverkill Open, Long Eddy, NY. This will start at 10:00 AM; handlers meet at 9:30 AM. This is a qualifying trial for NEBCA and the US Border Collie Handlers. A chicken barbeque and other refreshments will be available. Contact Patricia Headley, Bert Medler Road, RD 1, Box 101E, Long Eddy, NY 12760.

August 2 and 3: Bedford Fair, Bedford PA. This will be a qualifying trial for both NEBCA and US Border Collie Handlers. For information contact Jack Monsour, RD #1, Box 418, Bedford, PA, 15522, (814) 623-9011.

August 9: Winslow Open Sheep Dog Trial, Winslow ME. For information contact Fred Eames, RFD 2, Box 5130 Waterville, ME 04901, (207) 872-9604.

August 10: Skowhegan Fair, Skowhegan, ME. Contact Charles Carpenter, c/o Showhegan Fair, 61 Water Street, PO Box 39, Skowhegan, ME, 207-474-2947.

August 17: New York State Championship Trial, Altamont, NY. For information contact Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009.

August 23: Scotland by the Yard Sheep Dog Trial, Quechee VT., Contact George Madiera, PO Box 246, Cornish, NH 03746

August 30-31: Blue Hill Fair Sheep Dog Trial. Contact Jim Davidson, North Country Farm, Round Pond, ME 04564.

September 1: Riverside Sheep Dog Trial, Vasselborough, ME. For information contact George Gould at (207) 622-2793.

September 28: Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial, Fryeburg ME. For information contact Wayne Bartlett, PO Box 270, Denmark, ME 04022. (207) 452-2460.

October 4-5: Fall Foliage Championship, Altamont, NY. Contact Barbara Leverett for more information.

October 11 or 12: Unchampionship Trial Invitational, U Mass. This will be an invitational for those who do not qualify for the Championship Trial. It will be an experimental trial to determine if we want to have an annual open trial at U Mass. It will be run by your editors!

CLINICS

October 25: Puppy Days at Tom and Carolyn Mohan's Half and Half Farm, New Boston, NH. Contact Tom or Carolyn at 603-487-2443.

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BREEDER AND IMPORTER of Top Quality Dogs. Books, including The Farmer's Dog and Sheila Grew's Key Dogs. Whistles and a nice selection of imported show crooks. Contact Edgar Gould, Cooperlane Farm Enterprises, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370, 413-625-6496.

SHEPHERDESS SHOPPE: Featuring clothing with Border Collie insignias and Border Collie Items; Visors, Hats, Jackets, Sweaters, Key Chains, Pins, etc. A new line of Woolrich items available. For information call or write Cheryl Jagger, RD Box 77A, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, (717) 289-4733.

BORDER COLLIE TRAINING SERVICES both for handler and dogs. For information call or write Cheryl Jagger, RD Box 77A, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, (717) 289-4733.

YOUNG BC FOR SALE: 1 1/2 year old female (George Conboys Imp Bob X Imp Dot); Started on sheep. For information call or write Cheryl Jagger, RD Box 77A, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, (717) 289-4733.

BC PUPS FOR SALE: whelped 5/4/86. These pups are out of NEBCA NEWS co-editors dogs. The bitch is Kristen Whittle's Bekka and the sire is Denise Leonard's Corey. Both dogs have trialed here in the Northeast and work daily on large farms. Some of the pups will be smooth coated. For more information call Kristen at 413-549-5011, evenings.

FENCING FOR DOGS: Do you have a litter of puppies that you want to keep out of trouble, or a favorite bitch in heat that you want to keep away from the neighbor's dog? If you do, contact David Kennard at Wellscroft Farm, Chesham, Nh 03455, 603-827-3464. Wellscroft Farm has portable electric fencing which has proven very effective at keeping the right dogs in and the wrong dogs out. This fencing can also be used as a portable training area for working sheep with dogs.

SHEEP FOR SALE: Springtime is trial time, and if you need to get your dog into shape, Wellscroft Farm has sheep for sale which are perfect for working dogs on. These ewes will move for dogs and will not be as sticky or aggressive as sheep not used to dogs. If you are interested, write to David Kennard, Wellscroft Farm, RFD Chesham, NH 03455, 603-827-3464.

BORDER COLLIE PUPS: Ready to go in March. Five females and two males; all are black. Mother is red. Both parents are on farm. Singing Falls Farm, Stephanie Calder, RFD #4 Box 7810, Skowhegan, ME 04976, 207-474-2852.

FOR SALE: Two male border collie pups whelped 1/2/86; both are blue merles and have excellent bloodlines. Ready to go anytime. Contact Roger Deschambeault, 603-939-2255.

THE VERSITILE BORDER COLLIE, 150 page book, hardbound, 144 photos, 50 drawings. Chapters include: Origin and History, Working Ability and Instincts, Border Collies at Work (guide dogs, sled dogs, military and police, etc.) Choosing, Care, Feeding, Training, First Aid, Genetics, Breeding, Whelping, Sheepdog Trials, Obedience Trials, Schutzhund Trials, Dog Shows. \$19.98 postpaid. Order from: Alpine Publications Inc., 214 19th Street S.E., Loveland, Colorado 80537, 303-667-2017.

FOR SALE: ONE YEAR OLD spayed female Border Collie. Classic markings. Ideal Obedience Competition dog. Started on geese. Out of Edgar Gould's Imp Roy and Imp Floss. For more information contact Janet Larson, 6 Pinecrest Lane, Durham, NH 03824 or call 603-868-5313 between 5 and 7:30 PM.

FOR SALE: PUPS from Vergil Holland's Sugar and Robin. Sugar has won the NEBCA Fall Foliage trial 3 times and Robin won this same trial as a two year old, also winning the High Point award the same year. For more information contact Vergil Holland, 30 Candlewood Road, Ipswich, MA 01938, (617) 356-3943.

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