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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF BCs: 101 REASONS NOT TO HAVE A BORDER COLLIE

by Janet Lewis, RR 2, Box 361, Huntingdon, PA 16652

The following article is reprinted with reluctant consent from the author. It was written tongue in cheek and not meant to offend anyone. Your editors really enjoyed this article and we hope you do too. Perhaps this could be the springboard for anecdotes of weird BC behavior.

I have to start this article with a disclaimer; I DO have a Border Collie. In fact I have five of them, so before all you "BC" people out there get your hackles up in defense of your breed, rest assured that I too know and love them. HOWEVAH! (as Judie Howard would say)...

People are beginning to want Border Collies for (to my mind) all the wrong reasons. Five years ago I showed my first BC in upper New York state. A women came up and asked, "Are you allowed to show these mixed breeds in AKC shows?" Now I grant you that upper New York is not the Big Apple, but still my breed was relatively unknown. The next year I was showing in Ashtabula, OH (as you can see my taste runs to shows at the true hub of the universe). Another women came up. She was



Lorni relaxes after a hard day.

Photo by Marion Taylor

literally dragging her fourteen year old daughter behind her. "Is that a Border Collie?", she demanded. When I said yes, she turned to her kid; "I'm gonna get you one of these so you can WIN when you get into obedience." The kid looked a little embarrassed (and a whole lot totally bored).

Now I'm at Butler, PA five years later. A friend of mine is showing her BC in Open A. The dog is totally hyper; it has taken Vicki five YEARS to get the dog into even a modified forge throughout the heeling exercise (and old Vicki is a pretty good trainer too.) Her dog is marginally under control but by God is he fast. I'm listening to the spectator comments (not the Open B/Utility spectators, but the "A" people). "Wow," they whisper, "Is that dog GOOD! I want one just like him."

At that show I could barely restrain myself from literally screaming at them, "No, no, no. NO you don't," (I tend toward the melodramatic). "That dog is INSANE." But what's the point? I know they would look at me in total incomprehension. "He's such an up dog, "

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THE EDITOR'S BARK

And another year comes to a close! This year has seen real growth in the association. Our membership is around 250 now. I can remember being amazed when we

broke the 150 mark! We've changed dramatically from the little association of avid trialers to a much more diverse

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they would think, "so very flashy." And there would be so little I could do or say to change their minds. A fast flashy dog is a powerful incentive; and a picture is indeed worth a thousand words. So now, with no picture I am going to try to give those of you who think NOT everyone should have a BC a handy dandy guidebook of reasons.

The first group of reasons is relatively straightforward. Most Border Collies were bred explicitly to work. The breeders did not particularly care if the dogs would make good pets, whether they were safe around children. Not only were the dogs bred to work, they were bred to herd. And that is very different from being bred to protect. The herding instinct is right next door to the hunting one; that is why many BCs, when they're excited or frustrated, have a tendency to snap or bite at the object causing the excitement. In herding this is called "gripping" (and is strongly frowned upon, in fact a dog may be excused from competition for its occurrence). Border Collies are, by and large, not as interested in protecting the sheep as they are in MOVING them-and woe to the sheep that doesn't comply. Not only are BCs basically interested in moving objects, they would prefer to be doing it ALL THE TIME. They are not, in general, the kind of dog that just likes to "hang out" with you. This is not to say that there aren't some "quiet" BCs, only that there are some dogs that are so motivated to work that they are virtually unlivable. You can get dogs at

both extremes because many breeders are simply not interested in breeding for temperament (or at least for pet quality temperament).

The second group of

reasons will be believed (initially at least) only by people who have BCs. Border Collies are VERY WEIRD! Every BC I have known has developed at least one very strange habit. My dog, Lark, for example, has a flashlight fetish. She will stare fixedly at any object that even remotely resembles a flashlight (like a brick) regardless of whether or not there is a beam associated. She will do this for hours. (She will also do this with a baseball during a game; she watches every pitch and when the ball is hit she stands up and actually leans around people to follow the flight of the ball. Although the fans think this is "cute", little do they know that if she were off lead no game would progress beyond the first pitch). Another BC I know (in the interest of protecting the innocent, only dogs I own will be mentioned by name), has a double fixation; he is into pool tables and washing machines (the ones with the windows in the front). His owner could be in the process of being raped by Jack the Ripper; barbarian hordes could invade the house. and this dog would be down in the basement staring at the pool table waiting for the real action to begin. This same dog has a tendency, so I hear, to try to retrieve the bar every time he takes that jump in Utility.

Some dogs are so bonkers, that their owners have had to resort to bizarre strategies to

control them. A dog named Shandy was so bored in her kennel all day that she chewed first her blanket (that was taken away), then her kennel (she was moved into a metal crate) and finally, as a last resort, herself, until she was literally covered with hot spots. At this point, the vet suggested that her owner get her a "pet" to keep her company. Since Shandy was a very insistent dog, vulnerable pets (ones with skin that could be punctured) had to be ruled out. Finally her owner got her a turtle; this was, of course a total flop because the turtle refused to come out of its shell and even Shandy got bored watching what amounted to a rock. Shandy is going on thirteen now, still chewing.

If that's not enough, lots of BCs are terrible snobs. All of mine make it a practice of staring at other dogs until those dogs look back. The minute these unsuspecting victims so much as look at my dogs, one would think they had committed an act of aggression maybe like trying to cause nuclear warfare; back curl the lips, down go the ears, in some obscure way the BC code of ethics has been violated and punishment must follow. It really wouldn't be so bad if my dogs didn't actually entice the other dogs into the situation to begin with. And Border Collies have no common sense whatsoever. Whereas my rough collies will stop when they're tired, the BCs will carry on until they drop over dead of heat exhaustion chasing whatever they have chosen to chase for the day – anything from soccer balls to

butterflies.

But the very worst thing, by far, inherent in owning a BC is the politics you become embroiled in from the very first moment you purchase your puppy. There are three camps (at least by my count). There are the herders themselves. They breed the dogs to work sheep. That's what they're interested in. Some of them go to trials, some give herding clinics (increasingly attended by guilty "Obedience BC owners"). They are very nice people (at least the ones I know), but nowhere near deserving of the downright adulation accorded them by the 'Converts.' (More about these other classes later). Firstly, herder's dogs all have the same names. Herding trials come close to events where you can't tell the players even WITH a scorecard. Every third dog is named 'Cap' (and has about seven other Caps in his pedigree). Mostly the bitches are 'Dot' or 'Nell'; there are usually a lot of 'Mirks' around. I myself have two bitches named 'Kate.'

And the 'Converts' are the second camp. These are people who started out with a BC, usually for obedience. Somewhere along the line they became converted into the BC Naturalist Philosophy; if a Border Collie can't herd sheep (or at least ducks) the dog can never be fulfilled (its happiness is but a sham). The owner of said dog is contributing to the downfall of the breed, and darkening the reputation of all Good and True Border Collie Owners. These are the people who stalk the innocent at trials and matches. Their main strategy is the guilt trip, and I admit to a certain prejudice against many of them, not because of their indubitably good intentions, but because of their (AGAIN, MANY, NOT ALL) patronizing attitudes. There is also a degree of artificiality in their stance. Most do not own sheep for the sake of the sheep; they own 'em to keep the dogs happy (somehow, in the back of my mind I can hear the herders chuckling).

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I once met a woman who rented sheep every other weekend to work her dog. Some faithfully attend clinics twice a year, but have no access to sheep the rest of the year. Consequently, their dogs run around after the sheep one-half hour a day for two days twice a year. The owner shouts commands at the dog (often with a fake Scottish accent - "Lie doooouwn"), and the clinic giver shouts instructions at the owner (usually with a real Scottish accent). I admire the dedication of the Converts and their genuine concern with the well being of the breedand their contribution to the economy of the herders. I am somewhat resentful (you say you couldn't tell?) of their zeal (but then I never liked the Hare Krisnas in airports either).

Then there are the Novices. They have no sheep, they have no land to have sheep. They love their dogs, but they are doomed to be guilty unless they take up herding for real or for fake. Some write rather

cringing letters to Border Collie newsletters promising NEVER to breed their dog (because it has worked 'only' in obedience). Many spend a lot of time at dog shows hiding from suspected Converts (a useful strategy here is to wear a lot of clothes with pictures of sheep and ducks on them. Even better of course is to wear a lot of clothes with BCs herding sheep and ducks). I often think Novices are the Doomed Race; if they cannot be pressured into becoming Converts, they tend to run en masse off high ledges, rather like lemmings. The only strategy I can offer is to mutter "Ducks. I have ducks" every time a suspicious character approaches.

If all else fails, and the unsuspecting (or rock headed fool) still think they really want a Border Collie, I am willing to rent (at a very modest rate) the true Ill Will Ambassador of the Breed; my dog Kate (actually one of my dogs named Kate, the other is quite nice), known by all mobile persons as 'the mean machine.' Kate will chase, snap at, maybe even bite (though I've never let her get that far) ANY PERSON that moves. Unlike the kindly image that we would like to have for all dogs who do therapy work, Kate's favorite targets are the old and the young. A fast moving child (she prefers them dressed in pink for some reason) or a slower senior citizen are prime targets. (Needless to say, Kate doesn't spend a whole lot of time with me

when I give school demonstrations or visit nursing homes.) Although I am not at all proud of Kate's antics (and have spent much time working with her to control that mutton instinct (a herder I know says some young BCs go only for wool when they get frustrated, others go for mutton), it cannot be denied that a few hours (on a good day a few minutes will do it) in the presence of Kate will convince even the most stouthearted to think twice about his/her desire for a BC. If you need to go further, you could tell them that Kate thinks bugs are after her every time she eats or does the sit-stay. That every time Kate goes to a show or match she picks what becomes her BREED FOR THE DAY (the breed she has decided to particularly hate for that day), inevitably these breeds are Rottweilers, Akitas or Dobermans (like many other BCs, Kate is not overly burdened with common sense).

And that friends is the best I can do for you. If a person is bound and determined to live with insanity, purchase livestock to fulfill your dog (regardless of whether that stock fulfills YOU or not), endure constant guilt (before you got the dog he was tied to the bumper of a pickup truck in VA; but for your thoughtless intervention he could be there still), and risk the outrages of herded children and parents—then maybe that person is certifiable (just like the rest of us who own 'em) and deserve a BC.

REGULATIONS: CROSSING INTO CANADA WITH YOUR BC

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service
Washington, DC 20250

Veterinary Services Memorandum No. 592.1 April 15, 1986

Subject: Exportation of Animals to Canada

I. Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit health requirements of Canada for animals exported from the Unites States. Veterinary Services Memorandum No. 592.1 dated September 13, 1977, is hereby canceled and should be destroyed.

II. General

Attached are import health requirements of Canada for various species of animals. Attachment A covers cattle, Attachment B covers steers and spayed heifers, Attachment C covers horses. Attachment D covers swine, Attachment E covers sheep and goats, Attachment F covers poultry and hatching eggs, Attachment H covers dogs and cats, Attachment I covers birds, Attachment J covers animal embryos, Attachment K covers semen, Attachment L covers foxes, skunks, racoons, and ferrets.

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Editor's Bark continued... group. We now have a large group of avid trialers. But we also have a larger group of BC enthusiasts who may not all work their BC's but support our associations aim of promoting the BC as a working dog. This newsletter has also gone through several phases of change. And now we're going to evolve a little more! But what we need is your input. We know what most of the avid trialers want because we see them at all the trials. But there is a large number of you out there that we have never met. We feel that this newsletter serves to tie us all together and we want to know what YOU think! Included in this issue is a survey that we would like you to take a moment to fill out. The response from this survey will greatly influence the content and format of the future NEBCA NEWS.

First, we would like to explain some of the coming changes. In 1989, we will be going to quarterly publication. The bi-monthly schedule was just too much for the two of us to keep up with! With this change we have some options. If we stay with the bulk mailing rate we will still have the

same problems with the length of time it takes for 3rd class mail to reach some of you. However, we can send an issue of up to 32 pages (16 pieces of paper) for 16.7 cents. The same size would cost 85 cents 1st class. We would probably have to limit ourselves to 10 pages (5 pieces of paper) if we change back to 1st class mail, but it would get there in less than a week. That is one of the decisions that we put before you. Another alternative would be to send out 1 or 2 supplements a year whenever timely information needed to get to the membership. These would be sent 1st class and would probably be handled by someone besides your editors. With this option we would continue to send the NEBCA NEWS 3rd class with virtually unlimited content.

The other item we need your input on is the actual content of the NEBCA NEWS. On the survey you will find article and feature catagories. Please rate these in order of importance. We also welcome comments and suggestions from any and all members. SO, please use this opportunity to decide how your dues will be

spent! RETURN YOUR SURVEY!

It is time to vote on a new slate of officers and to renew your membership. In the back of the newsletter you will find a ballot and a membership renewal form. This will be your only notice of membership renewals until the spring issue which will be out in March.

It is also time to renew or join the breeders listing. The open enrollment period for the breeders listing will be between Nov. 1, 1988 and Feb. 1, 1989. No listings may be added after Feb. 1, 1989 until the following Nov. 1, 1989. Please note this very important deadline. This will be your only notice of breeders listing renewals.

The ANNUAL
MEETING will be held in
January at the home of
Bernie and Ruth Stahl in
Altamont, NY. When the
date and time have been
decided, you will be
notified by 1st class mail.

MERRY CHRIST-MAS AND HAPPY HANUKKAH TO ALL!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!

KPW and DAL

Regulations continued...

Attachment H VS Memorandum No. 592.1 June 1986

IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CANADA FOR DOGS AND CATS FROM THE UNITED STATES

Dogs and cats must be accompanied by a rabies vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian clearly identifying the animal and showing that the animal was vaccinated against rabies during the last 3 years immediately preceding importation into Canada.

The above requirement does not apply to a seeing-eye dog, a puppy, or a kitten that is apparently under the age of 3months of age.

OTHER INFORMATION

The date of the vaccination and the type of the vaccine used must be on the rabies vaccination certificate.

ATTENTION TRIAL MANAGERS

The NEBCA NEWS will be publishing a special **TRIAL SUPPLEMENT** for mailing (1st Class!) April 1, 1989.

We will accept one full page camera ready ad for the modest fee of \$15.00. Ads will run on one side of the paper only so that handlers may clip out entry forms.

We recommend that the following information be included:

- Trial name, date and time
- · Trial location and directions
- Contact person, address, & phone number
- Classes and entry form

The **DEADLINE** for ads is **March 1, 1989**. Check for \$15.00 made payable to NEBCA **MUST** be included.



EPILEPSY IN BCs: AN OPEN LETTER TO BORDER COLLIE OWNERS AND BREEDERS

Epilepsy is a disease that has begun to appear with some frequency in the Border Collie. In an 1982 publication of the Border Collie Club of Great Britain, Dr. Ann Leigh, writing about the disease said "it is evident that epilepsy is already common in the Border Collie." The disease manifests itself in seizures of varying severity and frequency, and has often gone undetected, either due to misdiagnosis on the part of a veterinarian, or due to denial of failure to notice or recognize what is happening on the part of the dog owner.

The word *epilepsy* means "seizures" which may be caused by a number of different things, from heat stroke to lead poisoning, or physical trauma (head injury). But where several dogs in a particular line or breeding have developed the disease. inheritance must be considered. While the seizures can be controlled (in some dogs) with medication, the medication itself can be damaging to the liver and the dog can still pass on the disease to its progeny if bred. The transmission of the disease is little understood at this time. but it can be passed on undetected for generations. Since dogs can be bred twice a year, countless numbers of carriers can be produced before the disease may be detected in a line by the appearance of an actual epileptic. Dr. Leigh says

that "it is imperative that we attempt to find the offending lines before the disease is rife."

Dr. Leigh has been

conducting a survey of Border Collies suffering from epilepsy for six years in the UK and now she would like to widen her horizons to include dogs in other countries, especially those that include British lines. Because of experience with the disease and access to a computer. I have taken on the task of keeping track of epilepsy in Border Collies in the USA, with the view toward helping to develop a program to eliminate the disease. We ask your assistance. If you have ever had a Border Collie that has had a seizure or seizures no matter what the reason, after the age of 6 months, or has been diagnosed as epileptic, please send the details. A questionnaire is available. A copy of the dog's pedigree would be valuable (but unregistered dogs are also of interest). Any and all information would be appreciated. Please mail to Dr. Ann Leigh, The Holloway, Dodderhill Common, Nr. Bromsgrove, Worcestershire Bb) 4AT, England, or Carole Presberg, editor and publisher, The Shepherd's Dogge, Woolgather Farm, 75 Bear Hill Road, Merrimac, MA 01860.

MINUTES: NEBCA MEETING 7/30/88

Altamont, NY

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Secretary's report was read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Pamphlets: Beverly Lambert reported that the pamphlets were done and were being distributed at the trials and to members on request.

Insurance: Dick
Williams reported that
NEBCA had acquired a
\$500,000 general liability
policy. This will cover the
officers at NEBCA sponsored events such as the
Championship and the
Nursery trial.

NEW BUSINESS

Championship Trial: It was moved that NEBCA spend up to \$500 on the Championship Trial if necessary. There was quite a lot of discussion. The motion passed. Becky Peterson reported that the Trials Committee is considering Vergil Holland to judge the Championship. Mel Brenner reported that there will be programs at the Championship trial with paid ads in them. Dick and Barbara Leverett are giving a

trophy for the highest scoring dog at the Championship that was raised, trained and trialed by the handler from the age of three months.

Trial Committee:

Beverly Lambert approached the Trials Committee with the idea of a futurity. The trials committee discussed the idea and is making the following recommendation. NEBCA to sponsor a Futurity open to dogs 36 months of age or younger on September 1st. Any dog may compete regardless of its previous level of competition. Handler must be a member of NEBCA. \$25 fee to enter. \$200 to be given by NEBCA to help defray costs. Entries must be received by 9/21/88 for this year's trial so the organizers will know how many dogs are running. Trophy to the winner, ribbons or plaques to the other places. The recommendation was passed. Becky moved that Beverly be the trial coordinator. So moved.

The trials committee suggested that in view of

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Edgar Gould and Jess

Photo by Denise A. Leonard

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the fact that animals rights activists are raising everyone's awareness of grips and heat stress. NEBCA urge judges to disqualify handlers for severe grips. Further that the trials committee should be able to decertify a trial, even on the morning of the trial if the manager is arranging a trial that could be injurious to livestock. Much discussion followed. It was moved that the NEBCA Trials Committee have the power to suggest changes to trial organizers and have the authority to decertify a trial if conditions appear nonconducive to the health of the sheep or dogs. Three trials committee members or 2 trials committee members and an officer need to be present and agree to so decertify a trial. Motion passed.

Lending Library: Beverly Lambert suggested that NEBCA start a lending library. Pat Canaday moved that NEBCA give \$200 to buy the initial stock for a lending library. Passed. Beverly will organize and run the library. \$20 deposit will be required to borrow a book and a \$3.00 charge made to cover postage and make a contribution for more books.

Mike Canaday suggested that people bring their favorite Border Collie pictures to the Championship Trial and a display be made of them.

Dayle Hamilton suggested life memberships in NEBCA be made available. Much discussion followed but no motion was made.

NEBCA MEETING 8/20/88

Quechee, VT

President Cheryl Jagger called the meeting to order after the trial at Quechee.

Reading of the previous minutes dispensed with. Treasurer reported that there was \$2170.01 in the checkbook. Upcoming expenses include several more newsletters before next year's membership renewals begin to come in.

Old Business: Beverly Lambert reported searching for sheep for the Futurity—there may be as many as 12 dogs in the first futurity.

Mel Brenner reported on organizin for the Fall Foliage Championship Trial. She is concerned since there could possibly be up to \$3100 of expenses. The trial may be so expensive for two major reasons: it is costly to hire and truck 125–150 sheep to a trial site (Championship rules say that there should be 5 fresh sheep for each run and there may be as many as 30 dogs qualified for the Championship this year); it is important not to get overly ambitious on expensive prizes for all entered. As before, Alpo is being asked to assist with a donation, as is Dewar's, also. Cheryl asked for a show of hands of how many were in favor, in principle (not too expensive), of jackets as prizes for the Championship as prizes for Championship trial entrants: 12 Yes, 4 No, Many abstentions. A motion was passed that the Championship Trial Committee be authorized to know that since the handlers want jackets at the Championship Trial and if no money is donated by Dewar's, a handler's entry fee may be imposed for the Championship Trial of up to a maximum of \$30 per dog.

Lynnette Milleville asked if there was support for the NEBCA Nursery Trial since it was the same weekend as the trials at Fryeburg and the Nearfield Farm Open Trial. The Nursery Trials Committee had planned to raise money here for the end of the season nursery awards and certificates. A motion was passed that NEBCA spend up to \$150 if necessary to cover expenses for year end awards for the novice handlers.

The newsletter editors reported thatmore contributions are needed from the membership in the form of articles on health topics, stud dogs in common use in the Northeast (picture, pedigree, and a paragraph), photos and anecdotes, unusual jobs, and articles from handlers who have gone on BC trips (the International or USBCHA).

Doug McDonough mentioned the possibility of George & Lindy Madeira donating another roll of black netlon fencing to NEBCA each year instead of paying a donation for borrowing the fencing for the Quechee Trial.

It was announced that Jack Monsour is having a qualifying trial in Pennsylvania the first Sunday after the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship.

A disagreement arose over whether the Hagersville, Ontario, trial in Canada would be a qualifying trial since it has not been listed that way this year in the NEBCA NEWS. Trial committee Chair, Becky Peterson, referred back to previous votes of the trials committee and said that this trial was never voted on for being a "qualifier" when other Canadian trials were discussed this year.

In September, Cheryl will appoint a Nominating Committee to find officers for the next two years, beginning at the January annual meeting. The next meeting will be the Saturday night of the Fryeburg Fair at the Deschambeault's.

Years ago when I was a newspaperwoman I learned the difference between what constitutes a story and what doesn't. When a dog bites a man that is not a story. When a man bites a dog, that is a story. Well, do I have a story for you!

Last week I drove down from my Nova Scotia farm with five lambs in the back of my pickup and two Border Collies, two large boxes of skins, three bags of wool, suitcases, food containers and ME in the cab. We arrived at our friends' house in Maine at 11 pm tired and hungry. The next morning while I was upstairs packing, my friend Margie heard a yelp of pain from my BC, Tess. She ran to the sunporch where her six month old baby was in her bouncy chair. The baby has a firm gripon Tessie's collar, had pulled Tessie's nose into her mouth and was biting her. Hard! (She's teething) Poor Tess. She loves babies so. Or did!

Anne Priest

TRAINING TIPS

This issue's column interivewed Roger Deschambeault of Center Conway, NH.

Q: Can I use the same three sheep to train my dog or do I need a whole flock of them? Someone told me that I had to keep changing my sheep and I couldn't use the same ones.

A: Yes, you can use the same three sheep to train with if the sheep are dog broke sheep (sheep that don't fight the dog). Some breeds of sheep work better than others, such as Dorsets, whereas Barbados are too fast to start a dog on. When you have <u>CONTROL</u> then train on as many different sheep and on as many different fields as possible.

Q: How frequently should I be training my dog? Can I work her a couple of times a day? Some times she acts like she isn't interested. She sniffs the ground and won't look at the sheep.

A: It depends on the dog as to how frequently you should work her. If she is real keen, I would work her several times a day for short periods each time (10 minutes to a training session). If she is uninterested, train less often and for shorter periods of time, or stop training until she shows more interest.

Q: How do I get the dog to work closer to the sheep? Do I try to bring it in when I'm teaching the drive or the wear?

A: To get the dog to work closer to the sheep, put

the sheep in a corner, then you push the sheep towards the dog, saying "come in". Create excitement. On the drive is the best time to teach your dog to come in closer. It will have to work closer to push the sheep.

Q: Should I start my dog on ducks? She gets very excited around the sheep and just wants to chase them. I thought with ducks things would move slower.

A: You can start on ducks. If she is chasing sheep, you are positioning yourself incorrectly, and are wrong and not the dog. Stay between the sheep and the dog.

There is no fixed answer to any problem, because every dog is different. If what you are doing isn't working try another approach. If you are not getting results, ask someone for advice.

PET ID TAGS WORK

Just five days after my dog, Tess, won "Most Promising Young Dog" at the Pennsylvania State Championship Nursery Trials, she disappeared during a very severe thunder storm. Although she had been left in the kennel, she had somehow managed to escape and I didn't discover this until some two hours later. We called and called and searched and searched. but to no avail—she was not around. I awoke the next morning (after a somewhat sleepless night) and she still was not back. I was afraid she'd just run blindly and was very lost. I called for her some more and then drove around looking for her. Then I got a phone call. She was on someone's back porch seeking shelter, 3 1/2 miles from home and on the other side of the highway from where we live. Needless to say I was relieved! This incident has a happy ending in part because I have ID tags on my dogs' collars. The tag has the dog's name and my name, address, and phone number engraved on it. Most vets carry order blanks for companies that make these tags. The **Working Border Collie** also carries an ad from a company that makes a collar with an ID tag on it. I highly recommend their use. If Tess did not have this ID on her, I would not have gotten her back so soon and may have never gotten her back.

Denise A. Leonard

NURSERY TRIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following dogs will receive certificates from the NEBCA Nursery Trials Committee at the annual meeting this January for completion of the requirements to graduate from the specified class.

Graduates from Novice/Novice

Larry Campion	Ky
Gwen Cassel	Dash
Gene Sheninger	Bonnie

Graduates from Pro/Novice

Cheryl Jagger	PDQ
Walt Jagger	Fly
Rick Trojanoski	Greta
Eve Marshark	Shane
Kristen Whittle	Jess
Walt Jagger	Kate

Graduates from Ranch

Walt Jagger	Kate
Eve Marshark	Tinv

Congratulations to you all!

KNOW YOUR DOG'S VITAL SIGNS

Rectal Temperature: 102 +/- 1°F or 39 +/- 0.5°C

Heart Rate 100-130 beats/minute

Respiratory Rate 22 breathes per minute

The above values are considered to be normal. However, individual animals may differ from the norm. You should take several measurments of each sign and take an average to determine the norm for your dog. Any deviation from that norm is an indication that your dog may be ill and your vet should be consulted.

NEBCA CHAMPIONSHIP TRIAL RESULTS

The 1988 NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE CHAM-PIONSHIP TRIAL went off without a hitch thanks to the management of Mel and Greg Brenner. They may never have known what they were getting into back a year ago when they were "volunteered" for the position at the annual meeting! They, along with Steve Wetmore, who secured the site, did a superb job of organizing this event which has grown larger every year. There were many more people who helped with the execution of this event. And all deserve a hand. Everyone seemed to chip in the weekend of the trial to help announce, exhaust sheep, set out sheep, and tear down the course when it was all over. Despite a chilly start to the day Sunday, the weather was relatively hospitable for the time of year. The sheep for both Saturday and Sunday came from Vergil Holland and were truly neutral sheep. Meaning no one competitor had the advantage of having worked his/her dog on them prior to the competition. There were Rambouillets, Border Leicesters, Scottish Blackfaces, a variety of down breeds and crosses of the above represented. (Forgive me Vergil if I'm way off track!) And the luck of the draw was just that. There were some very fine runs. But every dog had to work at it. With some draws you could tell which sheep would be shed before they finished the fetch. Others were attached like Siamese twins. There was a great deal of variety depending on the lot you drew. This of

course made for a fascinating trial to watch! Nobody went away bored!

Vergil worked hard for three long days (including the Futurity run on Friday) as judge of this event, with his wife Bonnie as secretary. In the three days he judged 102 separate runs!

A few special awards of appreciation were handed out over the weekend. Both of these awards were purchased with donations from the handlers. Eleanor Jagger was presented with a jacket bearing the title of official scorekeeper in appreciation of her efforts in tallying the points for the High Point awards. Mel and Greg Brenner were presented with a crook in appreciation of their work as the Championship Trial managers for this year.

There were 28 dogs that qualified for the 1988 Championship Trial. It is both an honor and an accomplishment to have qualified for this trial. We extend our Congratulations to the following handlers and dogs. While not finishing in the top ten at this season's trial, they did a fine job.

Beverly Lambert Jetta Walt Jagger Tweed Paul Heidenberg Coby Mike Canaday Sandy Bill Lubecki Cap Kristen Whittle Bekka Gill Dave Webster Dick Williams Dudley Steve Wetmore Jill **Beverly Lambert** Kate Dave Webster Cap Walt Jagger Jill Steve Wetmore Ben Cheryl Jagger Kim Beverly Lambert Mac Walt Jagger Dot Iain Francis Pip Iain Francis Jack



Winners of the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship
Trial. Left to Right: Edi Overly, Cheryl Jagger, Vergil
Holland (judge), Betty Levin, Lynn Deschambeault,
Becky Peterson, Roger Descahmbeault and Mike
Canaday. Photo by Kristen P. Whittle

CHAMPION		
1. Roger Deschambeault	Sue	179.5
RESERVE CHAMPION		
2. Cheryl Jagger	Tess	172.5
3. Mike Canaday	${f Kit}$	168
4. Roger Deschambeault	Cap	167.5
5. Betty Levin	Kelty	166.5
6. Edie Overly	Midge	158
7. Mike Canaday	Tibby	156
8. Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	154.5
9. Becky Peterson	\mathbf{Fly}	152.5
10.Lynn Deschambeault	Daisy	151.5

Congratulations on some outstanding work! The following trophies are given to those dogs that excelled at individual phases of work. Each "Best" was the result of a cumulative score from all three runs.

Best Gather	Mike Canaday	Kit
Best Drive	Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy
Best Pen	Cheryl Jagger	Kim
Best Shed	Roger Deschambeault	\mathbf{Sue}

Breeders Trophy: presented to the breeder of the dog that wins the Championship. This year's winner was Roger Deschambeault's Sue, who was bred by Nancy Killam of Atkinson, N.H. Congratulations Nancy!

Long Road Trophy: presented by Barbara and Dick Leverett to the highest scoring owner trained and handled dog in recognition of the person who has taken that dog from its puppyhood right up to the Championships. This years trophy goes to Betty Levin with her dog Kelty. Congratulations Betty and Kelty!

FUTURITY RESULTS

The 1st annual **NEBCA Futurity Trial** was held this year in conjunction with the Championship Trial. It was run on the same course as the Championship without the "shed". Although put together on short notice, Beverly Lambert did an excellent job at both organizing the event and getting the word out. 11 dogs went to the post and ran the course on Dave Webster's challenging flock of Suffolks. Of the three days, Friday was reported to be the coldest. But as usual the handlers were undaunted and some very fine work was displayed. This first time trial will hopefully set the course for what will be an annual challenge of the ability of our young dogs.



Winner of the NEBCA
Futurity Trial: Dave
Webster with his dog Gil.
Photo by Kristen P. Whittle

NECBA FUTURITY TRIAL RESULTS

October 14, 1988

Huntington Horse FarmStrafford, VT

Trial Mgr. Beverly Lambert

Judge: Vergil Holland

11 dogs to the post

1. Dave Webster	Gill	124.5
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2. Beverly Lambert	Jetta	112.5
3. Dayle Hamilton	Heidi	110
4. Beverly Lambert	Lark	110
5. Betty Levin	Kelty	88
6. Gene Sheninger	Bonnie	77
7. Amanda Milliken	Wafer	72.5
8. Lynn Deschambeault	Lacey	71
9. Roger Deschambeault	Glen	68
10.Walt Jagger	Glen	56

Best Gather: Beverly Lambert Lark Best Drive: Beverly Lambert Jetta

HIGHPOINT CHAMPION-SHIP RESULTS

CHAMPION 1. Roger Deschambeault RESERVE CHAMPION	Cap	108
2. Cheryl Jagger	Tess	102
3. Walt Jagger	Jill	87
3. Mike Canaday	${f Kit}$	87
3. Mike Canaday	Sandy	87
4. Walt Jagger	\mathbf{Dot}	85
5. Walt Jagger	\mathbf{Tweed}	79
6. Cheryl Jagger	Kim	72
7. Lynn Deschambeault	Daisy	68
8. Roger Deschambeault	Sue	63
9. Mike Canaday	Tibby	61
10.Steve Wetmore	Jill	51

Points for the NEBCA High Point Awards are accumulated all season. Every dog receives points for placing in the top ten at every NEBCA sanctioned trial during the current trial season. Congratulations to all on the long haul!



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Maimie McKinven

While at the Quechee Trial this year one of the spectators stopped me to ask for a little clarification about the course. She explained that she came to the trial every year and so really understood most of what was going on, especially the pen. But she was a little confused about the shed. She knew it wasn't feasible to build a shed in the field so did we just use the pen again, or did we use the tent in the middle of the field? And were we supposed to be putting the sheep in the imaginary shed or just run them around it for a while?

Beverly Lambert

TRIAL RESULTS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY 4-H FAIR

SHEEPDOG TRIAL

August 13 & 14, 1988 Durham, CT

Trial Mgr. Lynnette Milleville Judge: Vergil Holland

Sat. 8/13 Nov/Nov

5 dogs to the post

1. Gene Sheninger	Bonnie
2. Janet Larson	Betsey
3. Chris Schadler	Pine
4. Pat Kutchma	Windy
5. Carol Campion	Ky

Sat. 8/13 Pro/Nov

11 dogs to the post

1. Mike Fulton	Kate
2. Dayle Hamilton	Heidi
3. Gwen Cassel	Dash
4. Eve Marshak	Shane
5. Bernie Stahl	Rhett

Sat. 8/13 Ranch

5 dogs to the post

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1. Cheryl Jagger	Meg
2. Gene Sheninger	Nap
3. Edie Overly	Bett
4. Rick Trojanoski	Greta
5. Cheryl Jagger	PDQ

Sun. 8/14 Nov/Nov

2 dogs to the post

1. Janet Larson	Betsey
2. Alison Trojanoski	Roo

Sun. 8/14 Pro/Nov

13 dogs to the post

Fly
Meg
Shane
Bonnie
Kate

Sun. 8/14 Ranch

8 dogs to the post

1. Mike Fulton	Kate
2. Edie Overly	Lynn
3. Cheryl Jagger	Meg
4. Edie Overly	$\widetilde{\operatorname{Bett}}$
5. Gene Sheninger	Nap

MOOSE RUN OPEN SHEEPDOG TRIAL

August 13, 1988, Brooks ME Trial Manager: Beverly Lambert Judge: Douglas McDonough

1.	Mike Canaday	Kit	94
2.	Mike Canaday	Sandy	92 1/2
3.	Beverly Lambert	Mac	91
4.	Dave Webster	Cap	88 1/2
5.	Roger Deschambeault	Cap	88 1/2
6.	Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	88
7.	Roger Deschambeault	\mathbf{Sue}	86
8.	Becky Peterson	Fly	83
9.	Dave Webster	Gill	83
10	. Lynn Deschambeault	Daisy	81 1/2

SKOWHEGAN FAIR

August 14, 1988, Skowhegan, ME Trial Manager: Jim Davidson Judge: Douglas McDonough

21 dogs went to the post. The top 10 ran a second time and the scores were added to get the final placing.

1. Steve Wetmore	Ben	147 1/2
2. Mike Canaday	Sandy	143 1/2
3. Mike Canaday	Tibby	138
4. Roger Deschambeault	Cap	138
5. Betty Levin	Kelty	133 1/2
6. Beverly Lambert	Mac	131
7. Maurice MacGregor	Robyn	124
8. Beverly Lambert	Jet	121 1/2
9. Roger Deschambeault	\mathbf{Sue}	92 1/2
10. Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	64

QUECHEE TRIAL

August 20, 1988, Quechee, VT

Trial Managers: George & Linda Madiera

Judge: Doug McDonough

1. Cheryl Jagger	Tess	96
2. Roger Deschambeault	Cap	95 1/2
3. Lynn Deschambeault	Daisy	94 1/2
4. Mike Canaday	Tibby	92 1/2
5. David Webster	Gil	92 1/2
6. Beverly Lambert	Mac	91 1/2
7. Mike Canaday	Sandy	89
8. Cheryl Jagger	Kim	87
9. Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	86 1/2
10. Steve Wetmore	Jill	84

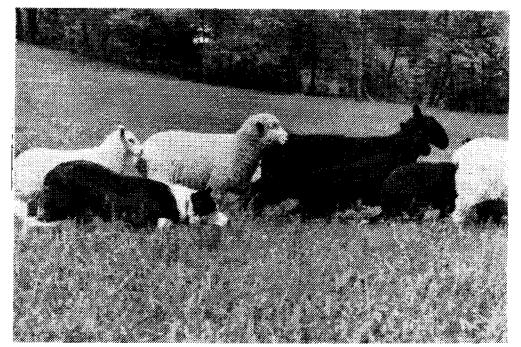
Best Shed: Roger Deschambeault with Cap

CUMBERLAND FAIR INVITATIONAL SHEEPDOG TRIAL

September 29, 1988 Cumberland Fair, Maine

This was a small invitational points trial that will hopefully become an Open Trial next year.

1. Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	200
2. Lynn Deschambeault	Daisy	200
3. Roger Deschambeault	Cap	192
4. Steve Wetmore	Jill	184
5. Steve Wetmore	Ben	180
6. Beverly Lambert	Kate	180
7. Roger Deschambeault	Sue	178
8. Lynn Deschambeault	Lacey	176
9. Mike Canaday	Sandy	175
10.Mike Canaday	Tibby	175



Kristen Whittle's Jess, winner of the Most Promising Young Dog Award at the Second Annual Ottawa Valley Sheepdog Trial. Photo by Denise A. Leonard

New Hampshire State Championship Sheepdog Trial

October 1,1988

Nearfield Farm, N. Conway, N.H.

Trial Mgr. Roger Deschambeault

Judge: Ralph Pulfer

33 Dogs went to the post

The first run was an international style course, with both a shed and a single. The top ten ran a 2nd time on the same course with no shed or single and a shortened time limit. The final standings were based on combined scores. Ties were broken on outwork.

1. Lynn Deschambeault	Daisey	169
2. Walt Jagger	Jill	167
3. Roger Deschambeault	Cap	165
4. Steve Wetmore	Jill	164
5. Roger Deschambeault	\mathbf{Sue}	164
6. Mike Canaday	${f Kit}$	163
7. Walt Jagger	\mathbf{Tweed}	147
8. Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	120
9. Cheryl Jagger	Kim	115
10.Mike Canaday	Tibby	90

NEBCA NURSERY TRIAL

LITTLE BROOK FARM CLINIC

On the weekend of October 1 & 2, 1988; Kristen Whittle hosted a training clinic at her Little Brook Farm, followed the next day by The NEBCA Nursery Trial. The clinic was taught by Vergil Holland and the sheep for both days were supplied by the University of Massachusetts. Proceeds from the Little Brook Farm Clinic were donated to the Nursery Trials Committee to help pay for the end of year awards. Results from the trial are as follows.

NEBCA NURSERY TRIAL RESULTS

October 2, 1988 Little Brook Farm Sunderland, MA

Trial Mgr.: Lynnette Milleville

Judge: Vergil Holland

Novice/Novice

9 dogs to the post

1. Larry Campion	Ky
2. Chris Shadler	Pine
3. Stan White	Hans
4. Sylvia Murray	Nell
5. Maarten Walter	Charlie
6. Ann Marie Ely	Hawk
7. Kathy Stokey	Spectre
8. Hoop Peterson	Jill
9. Bill Dillon	\mathbf{Jody}

Pro/Novice

8 dogs to the post

1. Kristen Whittle	${f Jess}$
2. Becky Peterson	Nell
3. Bernie Stahl	Rhett
4. Larry Campion	Ky
5. Gene Sheninger	Bonnie
6. Denise Leonard	Meghan
7. Lynnette Milleville	Meg
8. Chris Shadler	Pine

Ranch

2 dogs to the post

1. Gene Sheninger	Nap
2. Denise Leonard	Tess



Photo by Denise A. Leonard

FLY

I would like to thank all of the people who sent me letters and called to express their sorrow at the death of my dog, Fly. I am glad that she was able to touch so many people.

Greatly as I loved and valued Fly, I failed to realize how fundamentally she and I were entwined. Fly was my first Border Collie, my first working dog. As such she had to bear the brunt of my learning to train stock dogs. She accepted all of my mistakes and allowed more. Ignorant of how to train a young Border Collie I put her to work as a young pup and she did all I wanted and asked for more. She broke my sheep for me. She taught me to be a dog handler.

For many years we worked as partners training young dogs. Fly, who disliked strange dogs on her turf, would hold sheep and regather sheep all day for the sometimes wild young dogs of friends and visitors. I have seen her bowled over by a wildly, careening young pup and make no protest because he was trying to work. The same pup would not have been allowed within five feet of her under any other circumstances.

Fly loved sheep herding. If she could not work herself she enjoyed watching others work. If there was no work she was happy to just lay and watch the sheep graze. Fly was a shepherd's dog. feeling a sense of responsibility for the welfare of her flock. In seven years of herding she never hurt a sheep. I have seen her stand nose to nose with our ram and move him by her determination alone.

Finally, Fly was my dog. This is a relationship that for me goes beyond that of friend or companion. It was her tongue on my wrist that forced me out of bed in the morning. It was her completely, nonjudgemental affection that accompanied me through the day. That she is senselessly dead in what should have been the middle of a long and active life is a waste I am still trying to understand. That I was the person at whose side she worked during her short life is an honor I shall never forget.

Beverly Lambert

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Beverly Lambert's Fly

UPCOMING TRIAL AND CLINIC DATES

Those with an asterisk are qualifying trials for the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial and NEBCA High Point Champion.

November 26 & 27, 1988: Working Stock Dog Clinic, Monsour Sheep Farm, Bedford, PA. Contact Jack Monsour, RD 2 Box 309-A, Bedford, PA 15522, 814-623-8243.

May 13 & 14, 1989: Blue Ridge Open Sheep Dog Trial, Sunnybrook Farm, Rt.1, Box 23, White Post, VA 22663. Contact Ethel Conrad at the above address or 703-837-1064. Double Lift on the 15th if enough handlers want it and are willing to help.

May 19, 20, & 21, 1989: Oatlands Open Sheep Dog Trial, Leesburg VA. Contact Candace Terry, Stoneleigh Farm, Rt. 1, Box 148, Purcellville, VA 22132, 703-668-6010.

BREEDER'S DIRECTORY

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PROMISING YOUNG HANDLER

Anyone who's watched Michael Fulton run his young dog Kate at a trial will have to agree with the title of this piece. Mike is 16 and started working with Border Collies one year ago. What sparked his interest in them? Well it had something to do with the fact that Vergil Holland, who was NEBCA's president for 3 years, moved in across the street. And his dog? Well she's a Sugar/Robin cross of course. Both dogs have a prestigious record on the trial field and it looks as if their offspring may follow in those pawprints. Mike not only trains with Vergil but helps him on the farm as well. He is having the opportunity to learn not only how to train a sheepdog, but why. Kate is 2 1/2 years old and she and Mike made their debut at the Middlesex County 4-H Fair Trial in the pronovice class this August. At the two day trial she placed 1st in pro-novice on Saturday and 5th in pro-novice on Sunday. Then they went on to take 1st in the ranch division as well! Not bad for your first time out. Congratulations to you Mike! And we'll be watching for you in 1989.

ON THE PRACTICE FIELD

For several years my practice field was a quarter acre lot nearly in our neighbors backyard. Every morning and afternoon I would go out and train my young dogs there. After our new neighbors had been in

the house for a couple of weeks I chanced to meet the husband in the yard while I was working the dogs. I stopped to check with him that I wasn't disturbing their mornings with my practice. "Oh no," he said. "We think it's

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Beverly Lambert

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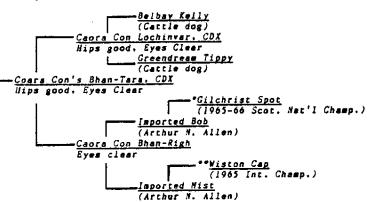
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Humphrey's Gale

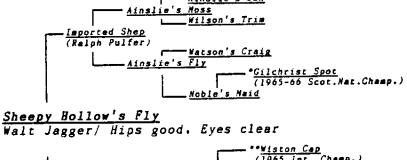
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