

## LAMBING IN THE SMALL FLOCK

by Becky Peterson

*Becky Peterson, her husband Hoop and daughter Karin live in Leyden, MA, and lamb 50 Dorset ewes. Sheep have been a lifelong interest for both of them with Border Collies being a relatively recent addition.*

The time of year is fast approaching when our small flocks end that process by which they get bigger—THE DREADED LAMBING SEASON. Even to a beginner, it need not be so awful. Even the old hands have come to enjoy it, rough as it can be sometimes. Here are some thoughts to help you make it more successful.

First of all, with lambing about six weeks away, we'll assume that you know approximately how many ewes are due and WHEN. We hope that you've made some effort five months ago and marked your ram with a crayon marking harness or grease paint. In doing so, you'll know your ewes are getting bred, whether your ram is fertile, and exactly when to expect lambs. Without such a small tool, you can only guess and hope for the first 3 1/2–4 months of the 147–plus day gestation. It will save many needless trips to the barn and perhaps you'll get a little more sleep.

Now that we know



Newborn Dorset Lambs

photo by Becky Peterson

the lambs will be born in 6–8 weeks, we'll pay a little more attention to the health of those ewes. A dose of a safe wormer at this time will help all concerned to stay healthier. You might also choose to vaccinate the ewes for Enterotoxemia (overeating disease) and Tetanus at this time to give their lambs immediate protection against those diseases. Start making sure that the nutrition is improving, whether you increase the protein and energy in a mixed ration or put them on your best pasture if you're able to be lambing during the pasture

season. A 16% protein dairy pellet and good grass hay will work well. You may have to add a little corn to the diet to increase the energy level. Check with your feed dealer about mineral levels, especially calcium, phosphorous, selenium and copper.

You must also put your hand to the backs of the sheep to determine their condition. You should be able to feel their backbone but not too sharply. The ribs should be less prominent but not buried. You should be able to feel the hipbones

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## THE EDITOR'S BARK

Welcome to the Spring 1989 Issue of the NEBCA NEWS. This year we have a new slate of officers as reported in the last issue. There is a lot of information to

squeeze into this issue, so the Editors Bark will be brief. We'd like to thank those of you that sent back your surveys. It was

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but they should not stick out.

Exercise at this time is important also. The ewes should have free access to the outside. Sometimes feeding hay away from where the sheep congregate encourages them to get out and move around. This is not the time, however, to school your young dog on these ewes. They don't need to race and be rattled.

You may want to consider having your ewes shorn at this time. It does have its advantages. But if not, at least shear around the back ends and the udders. You'll be able to see what's happening when the ewes are lambing and the lambs will find their first meals much easier.

Get your equipment together now, too. If you don't have it when and where you need it, it will do you no good at all.

You'll need 7% iodine for the navels, a few old towels for drying new lambs when it's very cold, and perhaps even a heat lamp. You'll probably appreciate having some frozen colostrum, a mild soap for a lubricant, a clean bucket, some soft cotton twine or other pulling device, uterine boluses, some willing help, lots of time... Oh, the list goes on and on and on! The bigger your flock, the longer your list gets.

Now you've spent a month or so getting ready and the time has come. **DON'T PANIC!** Here, observation is the key. A ewe that is ready to lamb within 6-24 hours will probably hang away from the others in the group. She may or may not eat. She will have "dropped" (there will be sunken hollows in front of her hips). As she becomes very close, she'll paw at the ground, lie down, strain, get up, walk around, talk a little and

then do it all over again. Soon the water bag appears and two front feet and a nose should follow within half an hour if all is normal. The lamb will be born and the ewe will get right up, mother it and encourage it to get up. The lamb will nurse, the afterbirth will pass in a few hours and everything is fine.

Unfortunately, it doesn't always go this easy. If no lamb appears within 30 minutes of the water bag, you should investigate. With a clean and slippery hand (keep fingernails clipped short during lambing season), insert a couple of fingers into the ewe. If you feel no feet or nose, go a little further. It will take a little practice to identify lamb parts with your fingers. If it's a nose, you'll be able to put your fingers in the mouth and probably feel little teeth. If it's feet, you'll feel two toes with a leg behind them. The trick is to determine if they are

front feet or back feet. The toes will be pointing up on front feet and down on back feet. If everything is there, probably just give her a little more time. If the front leg(s) or head is turned back, you'll have to gently push the lamb back and try to retrieve the missing part. With a front foot back, try to hook a finger behind the lamb's knee and pull it forward. You may have to even follow way back along the lamb's body to find the knee. If you feel two front feet but no head, then it is likely to be turned to the side or even tucked down between the legs. The easiest way to correct this is to turn the ewe **UPSIDEDOWN** and lean her against a bale of hay or the wall. This is where your willing help comes in. This prevents straining and gravity helps you gently repel the lamb backward into the sheep. Take your clean cotton twine and tie a loop big enough to get over the

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### Editor's Bark continued...

very helpful to find out that we are on the right track. And it was especially nice to hear from that segment of the membership that we do not have regular contact with. We also thank you all for the wonderful complements and praise we received on the evolution of the NEBCA NEWS. It was very much appreciated.

We would like to draw your attention to the new printing and deadline schedule in this issue. Just find the month in which your event will fall and follow it to the date that information must be received by us to be

included in the appropriate issue.

**PLEASE, DO NOT SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS TO US, SEND THEM TO DOUG MACDONOUGH, SEC'T/TREAS.** We do not

see Doug regularly and only have to send your renewal on to him. With our personal responsibilities and those of the newsletter we can not guarantee that we can forward renewals to Doug

promptly.

Note the new phone number for Kristen. See you at the Trials!

- DAL & KPW

## HOW TO DETERMINE DEADLINES FOR NEBCA NEWS

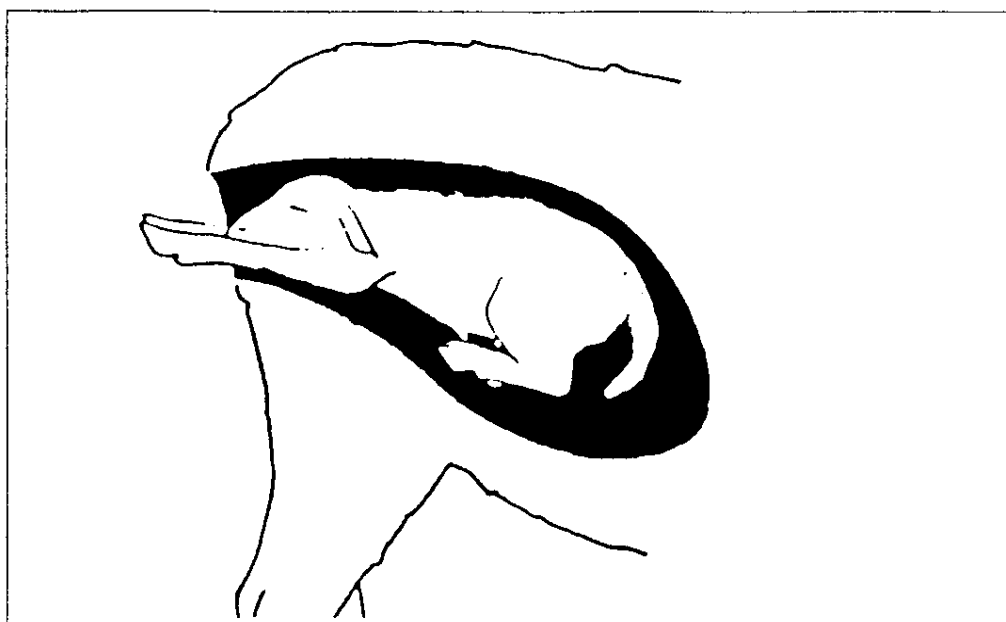
If Your Event Falls in these months	Deadlines for NEBCA NEWS*	Publication Date	Received by membership no later than
April, May or June	Jan.15/Feb.1	March 1	April 1
July, August or Sept.	Apr.15/May1	June 1	July 1
Oct., Nov., or Dec.	Jul.15/Aug1	Sept. 1	October 1
Jan., Feb., March	Oct.15/Nov.1	Dec. 1	January 1

\*Deadlines for articles, information etc. are given first; deadlines for advertisements are given second.

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lamb's head. Put the loop over the head behind the ears with the knot in the lamb's mouth or under the chin and gently pull the lamb's head around. Remember that this is all taking place inside the sheep where you have to "see" with your hands and there isn't any maneuvering room to speak of. When you finally get a lamb positioned correctly to be born, the ewe is likely to be very tired so help her to get the lamb born and always remember to check for a second or even a third lamb.

Sometimes the lamb will be presented backward with the hind feet visible. This is not extremely serious but make sure the last end of the lamb (the head) gets born first so that it doesn't drown. Once in a while two lambs will be tangled up with one lamb's head and another's feet coming. You pull and nothing happens. Always make sure that everything belongs to the same lamb. If it doesn't, you'll have to sort out who's who and pull the easiest one first. Your cotton twine will work here to help you keep things sorted out and to keep the correct leg up when it keeps wanting to get lost. Whenever you've had your hand inside a ewe, place an antibiotic bolus inside the uterus as a precautionary



*Normal lambing presentation*

measure. Uterine infections aren't fun.

If the lamb appears just too large to get born, you can probably get it out with a lot of clean lubricant and a little sweaty elbow grease. Generally, once the head and shoulders are out, the rest follows easily. Occasionally though, it is too big and a veterinarian will have to perform a caesarian section to save the ewe and hopefully the lamb, but cases like that are relatively rare.

These are just a few of the problems that can occur. Usually in a healthy flock most problems are minor. Most of the lambs will be born normally and without your assistance. It is a good idea, though, to check on the ewes every few hours so that you can detect a problem before it's too late.

So now you've gotten the lambs born and

they're standing and sucking. **BE SURE** the lambs are really getting milk and not a dirty lump of wool. If it's very cold, make sure the lambs get dry and can stay out of drafts. Once they're dry and their bellies are full of colostrum, the cold shouldn't bother them. Apply iodine to the navel to help dry them up and reduce the chance of infection. At this point, you just have to make sure that the ewe and her lambs do not get separated. A lonely lamb can get chilled and hungry very fast and its chances are slim. Putting the ewe and her lambs into a small pen for a day or two prevents this from happening.

Now you have a few ideas to help you get through this. Remember that a little planning and healthy ewes make the storm easier to weather. Keep an eye on things and keep in touch!

## BOOK REVIEW

### ISOLATION SHEPHERD by Iain Thomson

Iain Thomson was for many years the shepherd on an isolated sheep run in the Loch Monar region of northern Scotland. This is a part of the real Scottish Highlands. Mr. Thomson tells of what life as a shepherd at Strathmore where hundreds of sheep were run over hundreds of acres of steep mountain pastures.

The book follows the Thomson family through their years of hard work and dedication. This is a classic account of a vanished Highland lifestyle. The author plays a leading role expressing as he does the sensitivities of a Highlander for the irreparable changes inflicted upon his native glens. His haunting narrative records a time of peace and happiness once to be found in an untamed world.

The book is peopled, of course, by the author's family and dogs; Nancy his brave Border Collie nearly lost in a storm on the loch, Bob who so delighted in a good fight that he would travel miles to find one and finally Dandy, their pony, who worked as hard as the shepherd carrying feed to the sheep and deer for the hunters.

This is a really enjoyable story of the hard but fascinating life of a shepherd in Scotland; a way of life that has nearly disappeared today.

*Beverly Lambert*

ISOLATION SHEPHERD is available through the NEBCA Lending Library.

## The Shepherdess Shoppe

A complete line of custom-made Border Collie items, including clothing.



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# 1988 NORTHEAST CHAMPIONS

by Beverly Lambert

The Northeast Border Collie Association has two champion dogs each year. During the regular trial season dogs earn points by placing in the open trials, 10 point for first place, 9 points for second place and so on. Our regular trial season begins in Connecticut in May and covers all of the northeastern United States and Canada before ending in northern Maine in October. This year there were 24 open trials during the season. The dog that earned the greatest number of points in these trials is named NEBCA High Point Champion. This year the champion was Roger Deschambeault's Cap. At the end of the regular trial season NEBCA and Alpo Dog Food sponsored a Championship Trial. To be eligible to compete in this trial a dog must have placed in the top ten of at least three open trials in the Northeast. This year over 30 dogs qualified for the Championship Trial. This was the greatest number of dogs ever to qualify for a NEBCA Championship Trial. The winner of this year's Championship Trial was Roger Deschambeault

with Sue.

The NECBA High Point Champion for 1988, Roger Deschambeault's Cap, is a five year old medium sized, rough-coated, black and white male. Cap was bred by Walt Jagger of Hop Bottom, PA. Walt is a well known dog handler and was one of the handlers who competed against Cap this year. Roger purchased Cap from Walt in May of 1986 as a Pro-Novice dog. Cap has not been an easy dog to trial as it has been difficult for Roger to get the kind of control he needed for trial work. Cap would get pretty "wound up" with all the excitement at trials and forget to listen. This year has seen a dramatic improvement on his performance with he and Roger in the top ten most of the trials they entered.

Cap has a naturally wide outrun coupled with a quiet lift and good straight fetch. Judges seldom find much fault with his outwork. Cap's high scores on his outwork have been added to good, quiet, controlled performances in other phases of his work to make him a very tough



*Roger Deschambeault's Sue, NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial winner*

competitor this year. Cap is a good natured dog who is always ready to work. He enjoys the challenge of difficult sheep, especially at the shed.

The NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial Champion this year was Roger Deschambeault's Sue. Sue is a large, five year old, curly-coated bitch. She was purchased at one year of age from Nancy Killam. Sue is a daughter of Maurice MacGregor's Rob Roy, a former NEBCA trial champion, and a half sister to Lynn Deschambeault's (Roger's daughter) Daisy. Daisy was NEBCA High Point Champion for Roger in 1985.

Sue was an easy dog to train. She started training with Roger in October of 1984 and entered her first trial in May of 1985. In the area of New Hampshire where the Deschambeaults live this amounts to only about 3 months of training as little can be done with three feet of snow on the ground. Sue is a very versatile and level headed dog. This, combined with her power, causes Roger to consider her his best dog. She is a powerful upstanding bitch who will work any type of livestock. Her quiet, happy temperament make her a pleasant dog to be around.

*See pedigrees page 5 ...*



*Roger Deschambeault's Cap, NEBCA High Point Champion Dog for 1988*

## ON THE FARM

For some years we raised our sheep on an isolated farm in Eastern Maine, allowing the flock to graze over our 100 acres of unfenced field and woods. One year in November, I looked out our window to see a well clad hunter studying the ground out by the stream where the sheep usually watered. A short time later he was joined by two companions. The three men studied the ground

for a while, gesturing and pointing in obvious excitement before staring off toward our furthest pasture, rifles at the ready. Fortunately, I had my flock at home, but I have always been pleased to have been a part of the great Maine deer hunting tradition, home of the biggest herd of white, long haired, pygmy deer in Washington County.

*Beverly Lambert*

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## Cap

**Sex:** Male

**Date of Birth:** March 26, 1983

**Color & Marking:** Rough, Med B/W collar & points

**Litter Mates:** 2 females, 2 males

Jagger's Cap ABC 1354

**Bred by:** Walter Jagger

**Owned by:** Roger

Deschambeault

## G. B. International Champion

# G. B. National Champion

*Pedigree of Roger Deschambeault's Cap, NEBCA High Point Champion for 1988*

## Sue

**Sex:** Female

**Date of Birth:** January 27, 1983

**Color & Markings:** Black with White markings and one Blue eye, Medium size

**Litter Mates:** 1 female, 3 males

Killam's Blue 49635 AIBC

**Bred by:** Nancy Killam

**Owned by:** Roger

Deschambeault

# G. B. National Champion

*Pedigree of Roger Deschambeault's Sue, winner of the NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial in 1988*

•**Sire**  
•Roy ISDS 64272  
•Wm. Rennie, Scotland

•**Dam**  
•Dot ISDS 93181  
• W Rennie, Scotland

•**Sire**  
•Cap AIBC 17077  
•Geo. L. Conboy, IN

•**Dam**  
•Maddie ISDS 72564  
•Dick Gift, IN

•**Sire**  
•Imp Ross ISDS 55976  
•J. Miller, Scotland

•**Dam**  
•Imp Fan II ISDS 73026  
•E. Gould, MA

•**Sire**  
•Hemp Jr. AIBC 13144  
•D. M. Jontz, IA

•**Dam**  
•Nell AIBC 25697  
•D. M. Jontz, IA

•**Sire**  
•Dave ISDS 56374  
•D. Turnbull, ENG

•**Dam**  
•Nell ISDS 44682  
•W Rennie

•**Sire**  
•# Ben ISDS 56646  
•D McTeir, Scotland  
•**Dam**  
•Gail ISDS 84295  
•G A Redpath, Scotland

•**Sire**  
•Bill ISDS 44545  
•Wm. Ray, TX  
•**Dam**  
•Nell ISDS 69322  
• J Y Lothian, Scotland

•**Sire**  
•## Glen ISDS 47241  
•J Murray  
•**Dam**  
•Gyp ISDS 38336  
•D J Bevan, Wales

•**Sire**  
•Tam ISDS 21767  
•R. Short, Scotland  
•**Dam**  
•Jed ISDS 48329  
•J. Miller, Scotland

•**Sire**  
•#Spot ISDS 24981  
•J. Gilchrist, Scotland  
•**Dam**  
•Fan ISDS 29468  
•D. Lamb, Scotland

•**Sire**  
•Hemp AIBC 1900  
•D. M. Jontz, IA  
•**Dam**  
•Fly  
•D. M. Jontz, IA

•**Sire**  
•Hemp Jr. AIBC 13144  
•D. M. Jontz, IA  
•**Dam**  
•Kate AIBC 16876  
•D. M. Jontz, IA



# NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING

## TREASURER'S REPORT 1988 (to December 31, 1988)

Cancelled bank checks and monthly statements plus the Treasurer's ledger book are available at the Annual Meeting for inspection.

### Summary:

1988 Opening Balance	\$1,128.19
Income	<u>\$11,081.29</u>
Total	\$12,209.48
Expenses	<u>\$7,727.33</u>
Ending Balance 12/31/88	\$4,482.15

### Detail of Expenses during 1988

Calendar	\$2,253.90
1988 Championship Trial	\$2,039.85
NEBCA NEWS	\$1,646.87
Membership Services including liability insurance, postage, committee expenses	\$454.05
Futurity	\$374.06
Nursery Trial/Clinic	\$343.10
Pamphlet printing	\$304.79
Lending Library	\$191.00
Bank Charges including Canadian dollars	\$46.71
N. Hayes Newsletter refunds	\$39.00
1987 Championship Trial	<u>\$34.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,727.33

(Championship prize jackets not yet paid for)

### Details of Income during 1988

As requested at the January 1988 Annual Meeting, the Treasurer kept a ledger recording income by categories. This worked well until the October Fall Foliage Championship Trial. On that 3-day weekend I received income from the Futurity Trial, the Championship Trial, calendar sales (including "hats," "thimbles," etc.) plus numerous miscellaneous categories such as several new memberships, fencing "donations," late entry payments to the earlier held Nursery Trial, Ads for the NEBCA NEWS, etc., etc. I collected this while also setting out sheep for the three days of trials. By the time I got home, I was no longer able to distinguish each subcategory that should have been credited for each dollar of the \$2,371.55—much of it in cash—that I received that weekend. Important committees (e.g. Calendar, Championship Trial) can give accountings of their exact amount of income. Following are some of the income sources as best as I can describe them for categories that members may possible want to discuss at the Annual Meeting.

Breeders Listings	\$280.00
Futurity Income	\$300.00
Ads in NEBCA NEWS	\$94.20
Netlon Fence Donations	\$148.00
Nursery Income	\$458.00
87 Sales/Calendars from the Canaday's Account	\$2,551.34

88 Sale of Calendar (to date, not including a small amount from the "Champ weekend" money not categorized)\*

\$1,805.00

88 Championship income (not including a small amount from the "Champ weekend" money not categorized)

\$2512.50

\*Steve Wetmore has more Calendar sales money to give the Treasurer at the Annual Meeting.

Each Newsletter currently costs approximately \$350. 1988's actual calendar printing cost was \$2,107.

Finally a large Thank-you is due to those members who have sold calendars, approached ALPO for Trial sponsorship money, and, in general, kept in mind the fiscal health of NEBCA.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1988

Membership continued to increase steadily, reaching 272 members by year's end. The distribution of this second year's printing of the NEBCA Border Collie pamphlet helped increase membership, as did word of mouth, effort of existing NEBCA members, the new NEBCA NEWS, Nursery Trials and the increasing popularity of herding and trialing with Border Collies.

The policy of having first time members who join after July 1 also receive the following year as part of the 1st year membership seems to be working well. This was first tried for July–December of 1987 and many who joined then are now renewing memberships for 1989.

Also in 1988, a futurity was started, a lending library was begun, nursery trials helped encourage many new handlers and a successful Fall Foliage Championship trial was held, sponsored primarily by Alpo's \$1500 contribution.

Since the Secretary is also the Treasurer, I would like to thank the 54 families who joined NEBCA this year with Family/Farm memberships. This gives two from each family the right to vote at NEBCA meetings but it also does something probably more important. It was just a few years ago that NEBCA was perpetually near-broke. This year's financial picture is much brighter, thanks in part to the added contributions of Family memberships. If the 54 Family memberships are counted as two people, our membership total is approximately 300. Two years ago it was less than 100.

As of this writing (Jan 1, 1989), the proposed slate of officers was near unanimously elected. A supplemental report at the Annual Meeting will give the exact vote total up to that day. NEBCA officers are usually elected to two-year terms. I agreed, if re-elected, to serve as sect'y treasurer only until the end of 1989. At that time, ass't sect'y Lynn Deschambeault will become the next sect'y treasurer.

# MINUTES NEBCA ANNUAL MEETING 1/7/89 ALBANY, NY

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Cheryl Jagger Williams.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Nursery Trial Committee:** Lynnette Milleville reported an increase of 18 dogs participating in the Nursery Program. There were also 4 new nursery trials held. Eleven dogs received certificates of recognition this year. *See Nursery Trials Report.*

**Pamphlets:** Bev Lambert reported that all the pamphlets had been given out.

**Calendar:** Steve Wetmore reported that there are only seven 1989 calendars left. Approximately 300 calendars were sold to handlers at \$5.00 each; the rest were sold at trials or through mail order at \$6.00 each.

**Futurity:** Beverly Lambert reported that the futurity was successful even though it was organized on short notice and that only \$75.00 was spent by NEBCA.

**Lending Library:** Beverly Lambert reported that the \$200.00 allocated by NEBCA had been spent and that the books and videos (of the 1988 International top runs) were available at the meeting. Beverly suggested that the \$20.00 security deposit be dropped on the books but kept on the videos. Everyone agreed.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Nominating Committee:** The committee, headed by Betty Levin, put forth the following slate of officers:

President, Steve Wetmore; Vice President, Becky Peterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Douglas McDonough (agreed to serve a 1 year term only) and Assistant Secretary, Lynn Deschambeault. This slate of officers was elected almost unanimously.

**Trials Committee:** After some discussion, the rules and regulations for the Futurity were decided upon. *These are included under the Futurity Trial Report.*

Becky Peterson read the guidelines for qualifying trials and suggested that copies of these be made available to trial managers and to anyone else requesting them. *These are included in the newsletter under Guidelines for Qualifying Trials.*

The geographical area for the Northeast region was discussed and a motion was passed for the area to be enlarged to include the province of Ontario, Canada. The Northeast Border Collie Ass'n now encompasses the following area: New England (ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI), New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, the Maritime provinces of Canada and the provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

A motion was passed for the trial committee to make up a list of qualified judges.

The trials committee accepted Crawford Taisey's resignation.

There was a lot of discussion about changing the rules for eligibility for the High Point Champion-

ship and qualifying for the Fall Foliage Championship Trial. The trials committee originally recommended that the top 25% of the total dogs entered in a trial be eligible to earn points towards the High Point Champion and that the top fifteen dogs in the High Point competition be eligible to run in the Fall Foliage Championship. This was amended to read: Dogs will gain entry into the Fall Foliage trial by placing in the top ten at three NEBCA qualifying trials, the top ten being as placed by the judge. Points will be given as follows 10 points for 1st, 9 points for 2nd, 8 points for 3rd, etc, down to 1 point for 10th; again the ten placings as being placed by the judge. *See the section on Rules for awarding points for the High Point Competition and for qualifying for the Fall Foliage Championship Trial.* Motioned passed.

Becky Peterson would like a list of trial dates by May 13 (Connecticut Trial).

**Nursery Trials Committee:** A motion was passed to accept the following changes in the Nursery Trial Guidelines: Nursery dogs may now compete in the Open class and the Nursery classes, but once they place in an Open class, they may not drop down to any Nursery Classes. *See Nursery Program Report.* Awards were handed out to the dogs that had advanced from their nursery classes. *See Nursery Awards.*

A motion was passed that NEBCA suggest that trial managers give

special consideration to high school or younger people and reduce their entry fees to \$10.00.

**Pamphlets:** A motion was passed to have Beverly Lambert reprint the pamphlets.

**Calendar:** A motion was passed to have the same number of calendars printed as last year by the same committee.

**Miscellaneous:** Steve Wetmore reported that he would like to discontinue selling shirts, thimbles, stickers, etc. He will continue to sell crooks and probably NEBCA hats. Steve has limited items (shirts and bumper stickers) if anyone is interested.

A motion was passed to find out how much money would be available from the American Border Collie Association for the Fall Foliage Championship Trial.

**Futurity:** It was passed that anyone wishing to run in the 1989 Futurity should let Beverly Lambert know by April 1, and she will figure out the entry fee. *See section on Futurity Trial.*

**Championship Trial:** A motion was passed that \$500.00 be allocated by NEBCA for the Fall Foliage trial. Sites being considered for the trial are last year's site in Strafford, VT, and a new site in New Hope, PA. Steve Wetmore will look into the Strafford site and Cheryl Jagger Williams will look into the New Hope site.

Cheryl Jagger Williams agreed to head a

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## GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFYING TRIALS

For the purpose of qualifying trials for the Northeast Border Collie Association Fall Foliage Championship Trial.

1: Trials must be held in the Northeast Region. This region will be as follows:

a) New England states (ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI)  
b) New York  
c) New Jersey  
d) Pennsylvania  
e) Canadian Provinces of Quebec, Atlantic Maritime, Ontario

2: The class may not have a limit on the total number of dogs entered, but may have a limit on dogs per handler. If a high limit does exist, the trial may be approved as a qualifying trial as long as no NEBCA member from the Northeast Region is turned away by the entry deadline (5/7/88).

3: The class will be

*Minutes continued...*

publicity committee with Beverly Lambert and one other person to be appointed by Cheryl.

A motion was passed for the appropriation of \$400.00 for the Nursery Trials Committee to use for miscellaneous expenses.

A motion was passed that the Nursery Trial Guidelines remain as voted until the next annual meeting.

A motion was passed that the Trials Committee Guidelines remain as voted until the next annual meeting.

The next meeting will be held following the Connecticut Trial, May 13, 1989.

judged by a qualified person approved by NEBCA. A list of qualified judges is available from the Association.

4: Judges are to judge on a suggested system of 100 points. A judged trial is preferred but points trials may be accepted (5/88)

Outrun	20 points
Lift	10 points
Fetch	20 points
Drive	30 points
Pen	10 points
Shed	<u>10 points</u>
Total	100 points

Some points may vary according to certain course changes (5/88)

5: Trial dates and intentions to be known before the start of the trial season. The season usually starts April/May.

6: First time trials will be up to the discretion of the trials committee to approve or disapprove as qualifying trials. All trials will be the responsibility of the Trials Committee to approve or disapprove (5/7/88).

7: The NEBCA Trials Committee has the power to suggest changes to the course and can decertify a trial if conditions appear not to be conducive to the health and welfare of the livestock or the dogs. Two members of the Trials Committee and/or a NEBCA officer must be present. (7/30/88)

## RULES FOR ASSIGNING POINTS TOWARD NEBCA HIGH-POINTS COMPETITION AND QUALIFYING FOR FALL FOLIAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

At each qualifying trial, the judge will place the top 10 dogs. The judge will break all ties. Points will be assigned in reverse, according to the exact placings. No more than ten dogs will earn points. Only NEBCA dogs will earn points, but only for the placing they receive. If less than 10 NEBCA dogs place, then only the dogs that place receive points and only for the place they earned. If a handler runs three dogs in a trial and all 3 have

scores in the top ten, all 3 can earn NEBCA points if and only if that particular trial allows a handler to run and place more than 2 dogs. If the handler is limited to placing 2 dogs, then the 3rd dog is not considered for ribbons or points.

To qualify to run in the Championship, a NEBCA dog must place in the top 10 at 3 qualifying trials as outlined above. No more than 10 dogs may qualify at any one trial.

### EXAMPLE

<u>placing</u>	<u>dog</u>	<u>points</u>
1	A	10
2	B (from Ohio)	<del>9</del>
3	C (from Ohio)	<del>8</del>
4	D	7
5	E	6
6	F (from Virginia)	<del>5</del>
7	G	4
8	H	3
9	I (non-member)	<del>2</del>
10	J	1

Only dogs A, D, E, G, H and J earn the following points 10, 7, 6, 4, 3 and 1 respectively.

## TRIALS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At the Annual Meeting it was decided that President would appoint terms for each Trials Committee member. Apointments and members are as follows:

### One year appointments:

Edgar Gould, Cooperlane Farm, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370 (413)625-6496

Walt Jagger, Sheepy Hollow Farm, Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA 18824 (717)289-4663

### Two year appointments:

**1988-1989:** Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Road, Altamont, NY 12009 (518)861-6049

**1989-1990:** Dayle Hamilton, 34 Brown Brook Road, RFD 1, Southbury, CT 06488 (203)664-6496

### Three year appointments:

**1988-1990:** Roger Deschambeault, Nearfield Farm, HCR Box 16, Ctr Conway, NH 03813 (603)939-2255.

**1989-1991:** Becky Peterson, Chairperson, Orchard Valley Farm, Bell Road, Box 395, Leyden, MA (413)624-5562



# NURSERY TRIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

The following statistics are an indication of the growth of the Nursery Trials program.

Total number of dogs entered in the Nursery Division	1987 46	1988 64
Novice Class	15	20
Pro Novice Class	15	26
Ranch Class	16	18
Number of trials held	7	11
Certificates of Recognition awarded	9	11
Novice	4	3
Pro Novice	1	6
Ranch	4	2

The 1989 annual meeting has brought some changes to our program. The first is the elimination of General Rules, now referred to as General Guidelines. The items covered in this section are strongly recommended, but not mandatory, for a trial to be sanctioned. The other major change is in the ranch class; this class is now open to any dog that has not placed in the top ten of an open trial. Making this move should have no direct effect on you the handler; it does, however, make our job more difficult. With this change we, the committee, will now have to keep track of all open trials as well as the nursery trials. We ask for full cooperation of trial managers in obtaining this information. A few other minor changes were made in the program and if you would like an updated copy of the Guidelines please send a self addressed stamped envelope to: Lynnette Milleville, Sand Hill Road, Portland, CT 06480.

With the start of the 1989 Nursery Trial season upon us, the committee would like to inform all participants of their current standings. If you find a discrepancy, please contact us.

## CURRENT STANDINGS IN THE NURSERY PROGRAM

### NOVICE DIVISION

Handler	Dog	Points
Dan Batchelder	Lass	0
Carol Champion	Shoe	0
Elizabeth Champion	Tuck	0
Gwen Cassel	Brick	1
Diane Czekalski	Reed	0
Harold Gay	Bonnie	0
	Tam	4
	Tess	1
Cheryl Honeycutt	Salem	0
Harold Honeycutt	Megan	2
Patricia Kasulaitis	Jack	0
S. Krysak/W. Jagger	Nan II	0
Pat Kutchma	Windy	0
Janet Larson	Penji	1
Gabriel Merrill	Zane	3
Eve Marschark	Bess	3
Silvia Murray	Laddy	0
	Niel	1

Bruce Pierce	Mas	0
Ken Siegle	Sally	0
Alison Trojanoski	Roo	6
Louise Ulbrich	Fid	0
Maarten Walter	Charlie	4

### PRO-NOVICE

Gretchen Bain	Tip	0
Matt Brown	Clemintine	1
Larry Champion	Ky	1
Diane Czekalski	Kim	7
Lynn Deschambeault	Britta	0
Iain Frances	Bes	0
Edgar Gould	Kate	1
Dale Hamilton	Heidi	6
Jamie Huntsberger	Alick	1
Beverly Lambert	Lark	0
Mia Lane	Tammy	0
Janet Larson	Betsy	0
Denise Leonard	Meghan	0
Tim Milleville	Meg	4
Amanda Milliken	Waifer	0
Evelyn Neuendorff	Lenard	0
Edie Overly	Bett II	1
Becky Peterson	Nell	3
Anne Priest	Tess	3
Chuck Resevick	Maggie	2
Chris Shadler	Pine	0
Gene Sheninger	Bonnie	2
Bernie Stahl	Rhett	2
Hillary Watson	Gem	0
Steve Wetmore	Gael	3

### RANCH

Gwen Cassel	Dash	0
	Pen	0
Lynn Deschambeault	Misty	1
Jake Francis	Jack	0
Vergil Holland	Meg	3
Cheryl Jagger	Meg	8
	PDQ	3
	Rip	1
Walt Jagger	Glen	0
	Fly	0
M. Krysak/W. Jagger	Jen	0
Denise Leonard	Tess	1
Maurice MacGregor	Rags	0
Eve Marschark	Shane	0
G. Merrill/		
L. Deschambeault	Lacy	5
Edie Overly	Bett I	3
Gene Scheninger	Nap	9
Richard Trojanoski	Greta	1
Louis Ulbrich	Tuck	0
Steve Wetmore	Floss	4
Kristen Whittle	Jess	0

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# FUTURITY TRIAL: RULES AND HOW TO ENTER

Futurity payments for ALL Futurities begin on June 1, 1989. Owners must begin making futurity payments by that date. For example if a dog is 6 months old on August 1st that is when the handler must make his first payment. If the dog was 12 months old on May 31st then the first payment isn't due until the dog turns 18 months on November 30th.

Dogs who make their last (24 month) payment after June 1st but before the 1989 Futurity will run in the 1989 Futurity. Any dogs that will be 30 months of age or less on June 1st can become eligible for the 1989 Futurity by paying \$25 by June 1st.

Any owner who finds keeping track of all this is more than they can handle but still wishes to run a dog in a futurity can call me up and I will tell him the total amount the dog must pay to run and he can send the entire amount at once. (If he should withdraw the dog the excess BALANCE will be refunded.)

Breeders wishing to enter an entire litter in the futurity must send the names and registration numbers of both parents and the date of birth of the pups. They will

receive written notification of the registration of the pups and copies of the futurity rules to give to all the new owners.

All Futurity payments should be made out to NEBCA and mailed to Beverly Lambert, NEBCA Futurity, RFD 1 Box 2280, Brooks, Maine 04921.

## NEBCA FUTURITY RULES

1. To be eligible to compete a dog must be bred or born (either of the parents must be a Northeast dog) in the Northeast region. A \$25.00 nomination fee must be paid within 10 weeks of the birth of the pup. A breeder may nominate an entire litter of pups for \$50.00 if it is done before the puppies are over 10 weeks of age.
2. To remain eligible an additional \$25.00 per dog must be paid at 6 months, one year, 18 months and 24 months of age. If a payment is more than 1 month late a \$25.00 late fee must be paid for each payment missed.
3. The handler must be a member of NEBCA but need not be from the NEBCA region in order to run in the Futurity.
4. A copy of the dog's

registration must be received by the time the dog is one year of age.

5. The dog may compete in only one Futurity. It may compete in whatever Futurity its owner elects, but no later than the next Futurity following the last payment (24 month payment).

6. There will be a \$25.00 entrance fee for the Futurity.

7. The Futurity will be run in September or October of each year.

8. The Futurity will be organized by someone appointed by NEBCA.

9. Trial expenses will be paid out of the entry fee money and any contribution made to the Futurity by NEBCA.

10. The nominating fees of the competing dogs will all be paid in premiums and prizes at the trial. After any expenses for prizes have been deducted the money will be divided as follows:

a. 15% to the breeder of the winning dog.

b. 30% of the remaining money to the winning dog.

c. The remaining money to be divided equally among the top 30% of the competing dogs, including the winner who will receive his 30% plus his share of the remaining money).

11. There will be no refunds of money paid into the Futurity if the dog withdraws from the Futurity for any reason.

12. All eligible dogs will be notified at least 60 days before the Futurity as to its location, the judge and the date of the Futurity.

13. All entries for that year's Futurity must be received at least 30 days before the date of the Futurity or the dog will not be eligible to compete.

14. The Futurity will be a full open course. It will be run at a location neutral to all the competing dogs on neutral sheep if possible. The location will be approved by the NEBCA Trials Committee.

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## OPEN/RANCH

The dogs in this list have run in Open and Nursery Classes.

		<u>Pts. Ranch</u>
Mike Fulton	Kate	4
Harold Gay	Cap	0
Walt Jagger	Queen	3
Alex McKinven	Glen	1
Gabe Merrill	Doc	0
Edie Overly	Lynn	3



*Puppies*

*photo by Anne Tracy*

# YOUR DOG'S HEALTH

## TAPEWORMS

by Denise A. Leonard

You are probably aware that both sheep and dogs can get tapeworms. While these are different species of tapeworm and sheep tapeworms do not infect dogs, there are several species of dog tapeworm which can infect sheep.

All tapeworms have an indirect life cycle; they need two hosts in order to complete their life cycle. The eggs from the worm are ingested by the intermediate host where they develop into a larval

form termed a bladder worm. When the bladder worm is ingested by the definitive host, it completes its development into an adult tapeworm.

The typical tapeworm we see in the dog is *Dipylidium caninum*. The intermediate host for this species is the dog flea, the cat flea, the human flea and the dog louse. The flea larva eats the tapeworm egg which develops into an infective

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Modesty - characteristic of a good working dog.

# NEBCA LENDING LIBRARY

## Rules

1. Borrower must be a member of NEBCA.
2. Books will be on loan for three weeks. Any borrower returning books after their due dates will be charged 10 cents per day.
3. Only one book may be borrowed at a time. This is because we have so few books.
4. \$20.00 deposit is required to borrow videos.
5. \$3.00 fee will be charged to borrow books. What is not used to pay for the mailing of the books will go into the library's book fund so we can buy more books.
6. The return of the borrowed material is the responsibility of the borrower. Any lost or damaged materials will be charged against the borrower's deposit.
7. Send all requests for books to: Beverly Lambert, RFD 1 Box 2280, Brooks, MA 04921, 203-525-3223.

## NEBCA LIBRARY HOLDINGS

### TRAINING THE SHEEP DOG

Carpenter, E.B.

Hunter, Ian

Iley, Tony

Jones, H. Glyn

Longton, Tim

Quarton, Marjorie

Pasco, Luke

Robertson, Pope

Templeton, John

### SHEPHERD'S LIFE

Anderson, G.M.

Barrington, John

Thomas, Iain

### FICTION

Herriot, James

Herriot, James

Lewis, Ernest

McCaig, Donald

### MISCELLANEOUS

Drabble, Phil

Novello, Don

The Border Collie: Basic training for sheepwork.

Sheep Dog Training Explained.

Sheepdogs at Work.

A Way of Life: Sheepdog Training, Handling and Trialing

The Sheep Dog: Its work and training.

All About the Working Border Collie.

Heather Jean: The Working Sheep Dog.

Anybody Can Do It: A Sheepdog Training Manual.

Working Sheep Dogs; Management and Training.

Times Remembered.

Red Sky at Night.

Isolation Shepherd.

James Herriot's Dog Stories.

Only One Woof.

Beth

Nop's Trials

One Man and his Dog.

Shellville High School: The Blade

# INTERVIEW WITH BECKY PARSONS, ARTIST

by Denise A. Leonard

One new addition to the NEBCA News which you have seen in this and the last issue is the pen and ink drawings of BCs done by Becky Parsons.

Becky has had a lifelong interest in both art and animals. Her first love was horses and she was drawing horses even before she could talk. She got her first pony when she was nine and since then she has had a menagerie of animals including sheep, rabbits (Netherland Dwarfs and French Lops), ducks, chickens, dogs and cats. During her late teens she raised Suffolk and Romney sheep and currently has a few ewes for spinning fleeces.

Becky grew up in Acton, MA, and moved to Boxborough, MA, in 1967. She went to Acton Boxborough Regional High School (where she and your editor, Denise, met) and took as many art course as was possible during high school. She went on to Vesper George School of Art in Boston. She furthered her training in art by studying landscape under John Teralack of Rockport, MA, and Laura Lee of Harvard, MA. She currently works at Digital Equipment Corporation to support her art and animal habit.

Becky's family has always had dogs for as long as she can remember. They started with Shetland Sheepdogs and have had Bearded Collies

(Beardies) since 1972. Becky has also had a Belgian Trevuren and currently has a West Highland White Terrier and an Afghan Hound along with her Beardies. She shows in breed classes, trains in tracking and obedience having trained through CDX work in obedience.

Although Becky has done some landscapes, her artwork is mostly of animal portraits. She has designed four different notepapers; a horse and a Beardie, a Beardie, a horse and a cat. Lately she has been making painted wooden doorstops in the shape of a cat, a pig and a Beardie. She has also been making sheep ornaments out of her wool. She has set up booths at dog shows where she did quick portraits for people of their dogs and sold her notepaper.

Her first contact with BCs was 15 years ago through your editor, Denise. Becky says that BCs are fun to draw because their crouching stance is interesting. She also says that their eyes have a lot of expression which an artist likes to capture. Becky is available to do pen and ink or pastel portraits of your dog from photographs. She would welcome action shots of dogs working sheep. To contact her write: Becky Parsons, 1526 Massachusetts Ave, Boxborough, MA 01719, or call her at 508-263-7156.



*Portrait of Meghan by Becky Parsons*



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## TRAINING TIPS

by Beverly Lambert

**Q:** How do I teach my dog to take control of the shed sheep after he has come through the flock?

**A:** Use a good number of sheep for the early shed training. Have the dog turn towards the shed sheep and walk with him to drive them away. Be sure to turn the dog toward the sheep that are facing him to take advantage of his heading instinct. Don't then send the dog back for the other sheep and try it again. Instead work the shed sheep for quite a while so the dog understands that they are supposed to be separate and he isn't thinking about the other sheep anymore. Don't be in a hurry to decrease the number of sheep the dog is shedding. Make sure he really understands what is going on before you get down to the single. A single sheep is hard to hold and may get away or get gripped.

Dogs either hate or love shedding. Dogs that love the work too much may get to shedding when you don't want them to. So do some work with the dog just holding the flock up to you and not shedding.

**Q:** How do I begin training my dog to work sheep?

**A:** The first thing I would do is get a couple of good training books and read them. Tony Iley's *Sheepdogs at Work* and H.Glyn Jones *A Way of Life: Sheepdog Training, Handling and Trialing* are excellent. You can then have a general theory about what you are trying to teach the dog. Next you need to find a few sheep (if they have previously been worked by dogs it will save you

enormous pain and aggravation) and a well fenced in area for your training sessions. You don't NEED to do any of these things but they will spare you much pain. "Unbroke" sheep will tend to either stand and fight the dog or run away in panic. With an inexperienced dog this can cause quite a bit of confusion and uncertainty in the dog's mind as to what is supposed to be happening. It is also very helpful if you can watch an experienced handler training a dog, either by going to a clinic, taking a lesson or visiting the breeder of your puppy. Finally before I start my dogs I like them to know to lay down and come when they are called. These are lessons best taught away from the sheep where you can be firm about obedience without the distraction of the livestock.

**Q:** What should I expect the first couple of training sessions with my dog?

**A:** This varies enormously with the dog. The important thing for the trainer to do the first few times the dog goes to sheep is to try and study the way the dog acts so you can assess what natural ability your dog is going to bring to the training. Is he very aggressive towards the sheep or shy? Does he run around the outside of the flock, or dive into the middle? Does he try to single out one ewe and chase her, or does he try to keep the group together? Don't expect to teach a puppy very much the first few times it works sheep. It is usually

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## DO YOUR JUDGES A FAVOR GET RESPONSIBLE HELP!

by Cheryl Jagger Williams

You know how it goes—hours of deliberation are spent on choosing the right judge. That judge then spends many grueling hours watching run after run trying to be sure he doesn't miss the slightest 1/2 point deduction.

The scores are tallied, posted and maybe even awards presented when, lo and behold, scores were added wrong. Nobody bothered to check the addition!

Having been there and experienced the unbelievable job a recorder has when assisting the judge, it is a small wonder mistakes aren't rampant instead of occasional. The judge fires

figures at the recorder at lightning speed and this poor person is supposed to not miss 1/2 point then add and subtract figures at a hare's pace so they can be posted. Mistakes at this level are obviously common.

Trials today are being won by 1/2 points. There is evidence of occasional six point spreads in the top ten places. Accurate scores are critical.

Let us as trial managers do our judges, recorders, and competitors a favor, and have at least one person help check scores as presented before they are advertised. Hopefully some embarrassing moments can be prevented.

## U.S.A. QUICK FACTS

From current USDA statistics

- \* Hog production = 80 million per year
- \* Cattle inventory = about 100 million head per year
- \* Broiler production = 4.8 million birds
- \* Dogs and Cats = 100 million
- \* Horses = 6 million
- \* 74% of total swine production occurs in 9 states
- \* About 85% of beef cattle production occurs in 7 states
- \* Food animals are being raised in larger production units for greater efficiency
- \* 10 years ago, 1/2 of the 3.3 billion annual broilers were produced by 20 poultry operations
- \* At present 6 poultry operations account for 1/2 of the 4.8 billion annual broilers
- \* Less than 2% of beef cattle feedlots produce 78% of animals marketed
- \* About 7% of swine operations account for 56% of U.S. hogs



# TRIALING TIPS

by Kristen Whittle

For those of you new to trialing, here are some very basic tips on the do's and don'ts of going to the post.

## What to Expect:

If possible, enter in advance. When entering indicate the class, (Novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch, Open), dog's name and age, name of both the handler and owner if different. Find out what time to be there. You want to get there in time for the handlers' meeting, which is usually (but not always!) about 1/2 hour before the start of the trial. Most times you will find that the classes start with Novice and run up to Ranch or Open. So if you have any questions be sure to call and ask.

## Before you go to the Post

The purpose of the handlers' meeting is to familiarize the handler with the course and requirements of the judge. While these trials are governed by rules, this is a "judged" competition and as such variations will occur. Both the judge and the Trial Manager have the right to organize each trial as they see fit. LISTEN to the judge when they describe the course. They will tend to be more specific for the nursery classes than for the open class, but if there is anything you do not understand, ASK. After they have told you what you can and cannot do there are some questions you may wish to ask. Especially in the lower classes, there tends to be a bit more leeway. Can you leave the post if your dog gets into trouble? If

you do leave the post, can you continue with any or all of the course? If one of your sheep leaves the course (don't laugh! it happens!) or lies down, may you continue with the ones left? If you think of a question after the trial has already begun, ask one of the other handlers, it is not classified information and they will be more than happy to help.

## At the Post

Of course the first thing I'm going to tell you is to relax. This is difficult to do when your brain has turned to mush. Many of us had problems recalling the name of our dog the first few times we got to the post.

REMEMBER, your time does not even begin until YOU send your dog. You want to make sure that the sheep are settled before you send your dog. You don't want to try to pick them up on the fly. On the other hand if they are flighty sheep you will not get many chances to let them settle. They tend only to get worse, not quieter. Unless you are the first to go you should have watched a few runs and have some feel for the type of sheep running and where the pressure spots are.

As you approach the post, your dog need not be at heel, but neither should it be half way down the field, visiting with dogs or people along the fence, or worse yet, off discovering where the sheep are being exhausted to. If his attention is more or less on you, or better yet, on the sheep being set out on the field you will be ahead of the game already. Make

sure that your dog sees the sheep before you send him. Most dogs will do a better outrun if you send them from just slightly behind you and to the side to which they are running.

We will leave each phase of work to the trainers and training articles. But there are some tricks that will help you to maximize what you are learning at those clinics. After you have completed the fetch and turn, the sheep are still around the post and have slowed to begin the drive, this is quite often a good time to let everything resettle, take a deep breath and quietly ask your dog to walk slowly on to his sheep. This is especially helpful if your fetch was faster than a speeding bullet (more powerful than a locomotive?).

Rule #2 for those of you who must wear the sheep through the first set of panels and then leave them and the dog there while you proceed to the pen, Do Not Take Your Eyes Off Of Your Dog. Or sure as shootin they'll all be hot on your heels before you can open that pen door!

Some of my other suggestions are; if things really get out of hand and your sheep begin to scatter, lie the dog down. A novice dog will only get further and further into trouble if he has already caused mayhem. Nine times out of ten the sheep will regroup on their own if allowed to.

Do not try to work a single. Whenever possible bring the other sheep to the single (or even in sight of it) then work them again as a small flock.

If time is called on you for being out of control and the judge tells you to go and get your dog, HUSSLE! The faster you regain control, the less you will have to reschool. It does your dog good as well to have you appear out of nowhere just when they thought they were rid of their ball and chain!

And when all is said and done try to end with one little positive thing even if it's just "come here" and a pat. It is one thing to practice all those phases individually. But to pull them all together into an actual trial course, on a strange field, with a million strange and interesting dogs around, on sheep you have never met before, is a true feat!

## Training Tips continued...

so excited that its brain is really not functioning very well. I try to keep the pup off the sheep by staying between the puppy and the flock. I also talk to the puppy and try to get it calmed down a little bit. If by the end of these first couple of sessions you can keep the puppy on the outside of the flock and get it to stop when you tell it down you have been quite successful. More will come as the puppy gets accustomed to the new activity.

**Deadline for the next NEBCA NEWS is April 15, 1989, for articles, news, events, etc. and May 1, 1989, for ads.**

# LETTER TO BC BREEDERS

Out of concern for the breed of Border Collies I am writing the story of my first pup. As a Sheltie breeder I have a natural prejudice for the wonderful herding breeds, and as an obedience person, the magnificent Border Collie long fascinated me. Wanting a dog for stock and recognizing that my tiny Shelties with limited herding instinct would not make ideal stock dogs, I set out to purchase a suitable BC and acquired an eight-week old pup from a breeder recommended to me whose dogs (sire and dam) I had seen work and who had good trial records.

Sadly, a few weeks later, a veterinary ophthalmologist discovered "Collie Eye Syndrome" in my pup. But I was told it would still have satisfactory sight throughout life—but should never be bred. I decided to keep the puppy, since I surely am not a BC breeder.

At six months old, I trotted my pup in to be neutered. Not liking the gait I was seeing on the dog, I asked my vet to do a hip x-ray. Again, sadly, he found considerable hip dysplasia.

We now have two serious disorders in one puppy and both genetically based. In talking with veterinarians, other long time breeders, and handlers, this is not an isolated case and certainly not isolated to my pup's breeding lines. How ironic that at all the lectures and workshops I attended on the Border Collie—the keynote comment always had the same theme: that the BC, not an AKC breed, was unspoiled—not ruined by "political" breeders out

for a win in the show ring despite all cost to the breed.

Border Collie breeders take heed! Just because you do not choose to breed for type does not mean you can ignore breeding for soundness. If breeders do not pay attention to what pedigrees produce and don't perform necessary veterinary tests—this breed will be ruined just as surely as if you were breeding for furry coats or fancy colors. What an incredible pity to see one of the few remaining true working breeds in jeopardy of becoming as unsound as rough collies where virtually all pedigrees are indelibly stamped with Collie Eye Syndrome or German Shepherd where hip dysplasia has been a major problem.

As a breeder myself I know from experience and literature that two sound parents can produce a defect in offspring through hidden recessives. But, careful study of related dogs' pedigrees can often uncover these before breeding and that, in conjunction with testing, can substantially protect a breed.

So very sadly I returned my puppy to its breeder—a very honest, conscientious person from whom I plan to get another pup just as soon as possible. The person made my pup's breeding in good faith, justifiably proud of sire and dam, and deserves respect for it. The one happy note is that the pup's temperament is calm, sweet and steady and was able to be placed as a pet. I for on will miss working with the dog, and anxiously await the next one!

## ANIMAL PORTRAITS

By Becky Parsons



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### Tapeworms continued...

bladderworm as the flea develops into an adult. The dog becomes infected when it eats an infected adult flea. Control for this type of tapeworm is deworming of dogs and control of fleas and lice.

Several species of dog tapeworm, *Taenia hydatigena*, *Taenia ovis*, *Taenia multiceps* and *Echinococcus granulosus* infect sheep as the intermediate host. The sheep ingest the eggs while grazing on infected grass. The eggs hatch in the sheep, circulate in the blood and form cysts containing the young tapeworm. These cysts form in various vital organs such as the brain, liver, lung, heart and muscle. The dog eats raw meat containing the cysts which develop into ma-

ture tapeworms in the dog intestine completing the life cycle.

While this is not too severe a problem for the dog (although any parasitic infection will cause unthriftiness at a minimum), the cysts when lodged in the sheep brain cause gid disease with neurological symptoms and death. Cysts lodged in other areas cause loss of productivity and in some cases death. In addition, man may become the intermediate host for some of these tapeworms. Control of this parasite is important from both a veterinary and public health point of view. Control is effected by periodic deworming of dogs and by cooking of meat before it is fed to dogs.

# UPCOMING TRIAL AND CLINIC DATES

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

**April 29 & 30:** Annual Spring Clinic at Sheepy Hollow Farm taught by Cheryl Jagger Williams. Contact either Cheryl Jagger Williams, RD 1 Box 77A, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, (717)289-4733 or Walt Jagger, Sheepy Hollow Farm, Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA 18824, (717) 289-4663.

**\*May 13:** Conn Sheep Breeders Sheep Dog Trial, Tolland, CT. For information contact Don Grant, Woodland, Ave, Storrs, CT, (203) 429-4180 or Dayle Hamilton, 34 Brown Brook Rd., Southbury, CT (203) 625-6496.

**May 14:** Cooperlane Farm Novice Trial, Shelburn Falls, MA. Starts at 10:00 AM. For information contact Edgar Gould, Cooperlane Farm, Shelburn Falls, MA, 01370, (413) 625-6496.

**May 13 & 14:** Blue Ridge Open Sheep Dog Trial at Sunny Brook Farm, White Post VA. For information contact Ethyl Conrad at (703) 837-1064.

**May 19, 20 & 21:** Oatlands Sheep Dog Trial, Leesburg, VA. For information contact Candace Terry, Rte. 1 Box 148, Purcellville, VA 22132, or (703) 668-6010.

**\*May 27 & 28:** Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Sheep Dog Trial, Cummington, MA. Saturday-nursery trial. Sunday-open trial. Contact Becky Peterson, (413) 624-5562, Orchard Valley Farm, Bell Rd, Box 395, Leyden, MA 01337

**\*June 3 & 4:** Willowbend Sheep Dog Trial, London, ONT, Canada. Two one day open and nursery trials. Contact Jim Clark, RR 3, Blenheim, Ont, NOP 1A0, (519) 676-8878.

**June 4 & 5:** Ivyrose Farm Clinic taught by Cheryl Jagger Williams. Contact Eve Marschark, PO Box 397, Bedminster, PA 18910, (215)795-2023.

**June 10:** Puppy Day, Greenfield, MA. Contact Denise Leonard, Tanstaafl Farm, 389 Adams Road, Greenfield, MA 01301, 413-773-5232.

**June 16:** Sheepy Hollow Farm Nursery Trial, Hop Bottom, PA. Contact Walt Jagger (717)289-4663, Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA.

**\*June 17 & 18:** 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 24 & 25:** Moose Run Clinic-two one day clinics, Brooks, ME. Contact Beverly Lambert, RFD 1 Box 2280, Dickey Hill Road, Brooks, ME 04921, (207)525-3223.

**\*July 1:** Vermont State Championship Open Trial, Bradford, VT. Contact Dave Webster, Bradford, VT,

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**July 2:** Spring Valley Farm Nursery Trial, Strafford, VT. Contact Steve Wetmore, P.O. Box 54, Strafford, VT 05072, (802) 765-4466.

**\*July 22 & 23:** Rhode Island Open Sheep Dog Trial, The Glen, Portsmouth, RI. Possible open trial on the 22nd and on the 23rd nursery in the morning and open in the afternoon. Contact Cheryl & Harold Honeycutt, PO Box 183, Tiverton, RI 02878, (401)624-9043

**July 29 & 30:** Sheep Focus, Lindsay, ONT. Contact Bruce Pearce, RR 2 Sunderland, ONT, LOC 1H0, (705)457-3054.

**\*August 5 & 6:** Second Annual Ottawa Valley Sheepdog Trial at Stittsville, Ont. For information contact: Evelyn Neuendorf, Box 468, Munster, Ont KOA 3P0, (613) 838-2315.

**\*August 12:** Moose Run Open Trial, Brooks, ME. Contact Beverly Lambert, RFD 1 Box 2280, Dickey Hill Road, Brooks, ME 04921, (207)525-3223.

**\*August 12 & 13:** Middlesex County 4H Fair Sheep Dog Trial, Durham, CT. Nursery trial (Aug 12) and Open Trial (Aug 13). Contact Lynnette Milleville at (203) 342-4279 for information.

**\*August 13:** Skowhegan Fair, Skowhegan, ME. Contact Charles Carpenter, c/o Skowhegan Fair, 61 Water Street, PO Box 39, Skowhegan, ME, (207) 474-2947.

**\*August 18 & 19:** Empire State Sheepdog Trial. For information contact Mike Canaday at (518) 861-6049, RD 2 Box 395, Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009.

**\*August 20:** New York State Championship Trial, Altamont, NY. For information contact Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009, (518) 861-6049.

**\*August 26:** Scottish Games Open Sheep Dog Trial, Quechee VT., Contact George Madiera, RR #2 Box 64C, Norwich, VT, 05055, (802)649-2119.

**\*September 2 & 3:** Northeast US Sheep Dog Trial. Contact Jim Davidson, North Country Farm, Round Pond, ME 04564.

**\*September 4: Eastern Maine State Championship, Brooks, ME.** Contact Beverly Lambert, RFD 1 Box 2280, Dickey Hill Road, Brooks, ME 04921, (207)525-3223.

**September 16 & 17:** Ivy Rose Farm Open & Nursery Trial, Bedminster, PA. Contact Eve Marschark, PO Box 397, Bedminster, PA 18910, (215)795-2023.

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*Trials and Clinics continued...*

**\*September 23 & 24:** Pittsburgh Township Bi-Centennial Sheep Dog Trials, Kingston, ONT. Contact Amanda Milliken, RR 2 Kingston, ONT, K7I 5H6, (613) 546-7900.

**\*September 30:** Nearfield Farm Open Trial, Ctr Conway, ME. Contact Roger Deschambeault, Nearfield Farm, HRC Box 16, Ctr Conway, NH 03813, (603) 939-2255.

**\*October 1:** Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial, Fryeburg ME. For information contact Wayne Bartlett, PO Box 270, Denmark, ME 04022. (207) 452-2460.

**October:** NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship Trial

**October date to follow:** Western NY International Open Sheepdog Trial. Contact Iain Frances, 1745 Sweet Rd, East Aurora, NY 14052, (716) 652-5445. Not confirmed.



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# LETTER TO THE EDITORS

A few thoughts on the subject of the Northeast Border Collie Association.

I attended the NEBCA annual meeting in January at Albany, NY. It was a real good place to meet and attendance was quite good.

I have served on the trial committee since its start and I believe the competitive trials are the ultimate goal of many people.

What it does for folks that are really determined to have a better trained dog is to prove that it can be done better and if they find they have a disappointing day they will go home and try harder.

The open trial ground is a proving ground for you and your dog. Although it is competitive, actually you are proving to yourself that you and your dog can work together in a smooth controlled manner of handling livestock properly. It is like playing golf, you are actually playing against yourself and not your competition.

Which gets to the reason for writing this note to the editors.

At our annual meeting in January the whole day from 10:00 AM to past 4:00 PM was spent on the rules and problems of competitive trialing. Now, as much as I enjoy running my dogs at some of the trials, I think a few of our members seem to think that is the only purpose of our club.

A lot of controversy has developed over some of the rules and regulations and threatens to destroy our club.

I have to remind these people that we are now boasting in the neighborhood of 300 members and a lot of interest in our dogs. I have to ask the few ardent trial competitors what do we do for the majority of the members? Not much.

A great many are dog lovers and are intrigued by the intelligence of the Border Collie (which, by the way, we must be very careful in our breeding programs to carefully guard).

A great many of these people need a dog to help

them on their farms, which of course our dogs are really for.

They need help and support in understanding the ability of the Border Collie and how to use it to advantage.

Also, obedience competition has come to the front, which is putting our dogs in the public eye much more than the trials. It is causing some concern about A.K.C. interest in our dogs. One reason, obedience competition on Border Collies can only go so far in A.K.C.

I hope we can hold off any interest the A.K.C. has in our breed, as we don't need them to carry

out our purpose, an honest working dog. It would be nice to hear from the members who have paid their dues to our club on what they expect in return.

I must say again that I like the trial field when it is held in a friendly, competitive way. Being on the Trials Committee and a competitor has been a lot of fun to me and I have met some very nice people here in the U.S. and also Great Britain.

I hope we can do more for the majority of the members that are not competitors.

Respectfully,  
Edgar Gould

## NEBCA NEWS SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all who returned your questionnaires. We received sixty-six. I think that more were sent but did not reach us because quite a few of the ones we did receive had been damaged by the US Postal Service.

The returned surveys certainly helped us a lot. First, we loved the fan mail! Most of you indicated in some way or another that you loved our publication. It certainly helps us continue with this somewhat difficult task of publishing the NEBCA NEWS when we get such positive feedback.

The next most important thing the surveys told us was how long it took for you to get your newsletter. The average time it took was 13 days. However, with a standard deviation of 6 days, 95% of our readers can expect to get their NEBCA NEWS within 25 days of mailing. While that is not too tremendous, rather slow

on the part of the post office, it does give everyone an idea of what to expect. In addition, most of you preferred option 3 for the mailing format which was a longer format newsletter sent out bulk rate with one or two supplemental first class mailings for timely information. This recommendation was presented at the Annual Meeting and was accepted. We are assuming that everyone should receive their newsletter one month after it has been mailed.

As to content of the newsletter, it was a bit difficult to access because quite a few of you said you read everything, the whole newsletter cover to cover! However, it did become apparent that Features on Dogs and Training Tips closely followed by the Editor's Bark and Your Dog's Health were the most popular articles. Least popular were the Judge's Column, cattle articles

and duck articles (which is not surprising since we've not gotten round to publishing either a duck or cattle article; but we'll keep it in mind!). But the scores were close and there wasn't any type of article that overall was seldom read.

Most members followed NEBCA business, but it was not as popular as the articles. We will continue to publish NEBCA business (that is the purpose of the newsletter) but we will also edit and digest it so that it is not too overwhelming (sorry about this issue!).

Quite a few of you agreed to write for the newsletter and we will be getting in touch with you after this newsletter goes into the mail. Anyone else wishing to write for the NEBCA NEWS can submit an article at any time. Features of your dog, anecdotes, personal

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It is time to renew your membership. Use the membership form below. Be sure to send it to Doug McDonough. DO NOT SEND IT TO YOUR NEBCA NEWS EDITORS. Those who joined after July 1, 1988 need not renew until January 1, 1990.

## NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION

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*Survey results continued...*  
experiences, training tips that have worked for you are excellent subjects. We welcome submissions, but we may use our editorial discretion. Also, please send only original material; if you submit to us, DO NOT submit to other publications unless we notify you that we will not be using your submission.

Some of the subjects people offered to write about were on other uses of BCs than herding. We do intend to print on some of these subjects even though the purpose of NEBCA is for the promotion of the working (herding) Border Collie. There are enough members of NEBCA who do not use their dogs as stock dogs and we feel there should be some articles for them also.

Most responding were first year members, but those who had been

members from 2 to 10 years also responded. Twenty nine of those responding had one BC. Others had between two and eight BCs. Five respondents had no BCs! Under primary reason for owning your BC, Working was checked 36 times, Companion was checked 31 times and Obedience was checked 7 times. Some people checked Companion and one of the other categories. There were a number of interesting and amusing other reasons for owning a BC which included classroom aide often with problem children, hunting upland birds, tracking, Schutzhund, therapy dog, to expand our awareness of possible weird behavior exhibited in dogs, search and rescue, basic suicidal tendencies, madness, love.

Again, thank you all for responding. We will keep in mind your comments as we write.

## TO DISPELL RUMORS

According to Robert H. McKowen, Vice President of Performance Events, American Kennel Club (AKC).

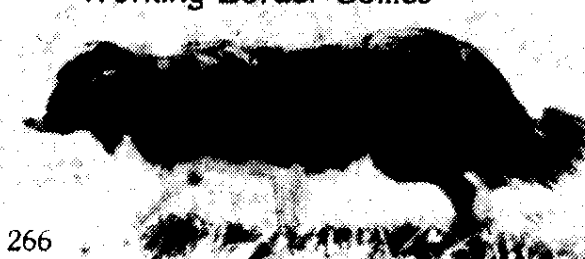
"The AKC is working with a group of owners of AKC registered herding breeds to develop a program for testing and trialing. When this program is completed it will be presented to AKC's board for approval.

"This program is being developed for the 14 AKC registered breeds. As of this time we have not even decided if it will open to non AKC registered breeds participating with ILP numbers. (*Border Collie and Keltie*)

"Someone spread a rumor the AKC is developing a herding program for Border Collies and some demanded that we cease and desist. Other rumors had AKC developing a herding program as a smoke screen for buying a Border Collie registry. This is nonsense of course."

John Weikel

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