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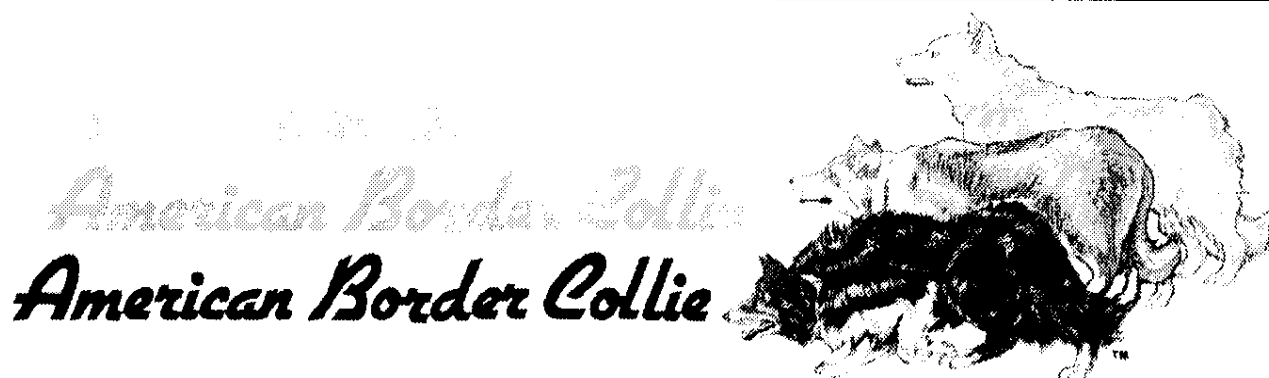
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REMEMBER.....

- The next meeting of NEBCA will take place on May 27th at the Cummington Fairground following the Nursery trial.
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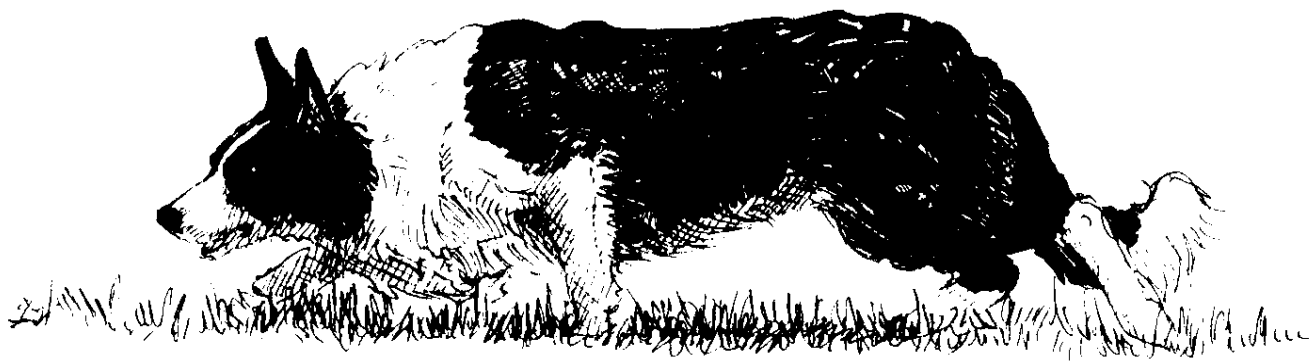
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From the Editors...

In this past year we, as fellow handlers and friends, experienced exciting new opportunities and challenges. The AKC issue rose to new, heated levels. It continues to test us. We experienced the growing pains of heavier demands on our dogs and ourselves with the initiation of a Double lift and International Shed at the Fall Foliage Championship. We will continue to see much more of this in the seasons to come. We voted in a new president mid-year and now continue into the New Year with a new slate of officers. For me, personally, I took on the challenge of this newsletter. It has been a surprising year as the NEBCA News and I became intimate traveling companions.

I was advised that getting information sent to me for publication would be like pulling teeth. That was not so! It did not happen! On the contrary, it has been a very satisfying year. What I have discovered while publishing this newsletter is that most people asked to write articles or answer questions have been pleased to do so. They have been more than willing to meet deadlines. They have returned trial results without the need for me to call them and track them down. The new training and handling columns have been met with enthusiasm and the responses that people are offering are filled with thought and always offer new insights to those who read them.

A number of people have specifically written high-quality, in-depth articles for this publication. This quality is evidenced by the numerous requests from other publications to please allow them to publish things that were first printed in this newsletter. Through the newsletter, I have gotten to know people that I may never have had the opportunity otherwise know. Thank you all for your input!

For me, personally, this newsletter gave me the opportunity to experiment with some ideas of my own while utilizing the

benefits of the ever-changing and advancing field of printing. I will be taking it forward in the new year with additional new columns and features. Again, this is possible only because the members have shown that they are willing to write, to send in their ideas and to take part. Thank you all.

While looking forward, we see that there are more and more new trials and trial fields in our area. This year there are 4 Purina Points Trials here in the Northeast. These are all in challenging fields with challenging courses. It offers handlers from outside the area an opportunity to come North and see the type of trials we are running here. It also offers the handlers from the Northeast a greater opportunity to be eligible for this award.

However, along with the prestige and opportunity of these Purina Trials comes added pressure and responsibility of hosting a national level trial. There also comes the responsibility of bearing the pressure you might find yourself under if you do indeed find yourself a contender for the Purina Award or any other title.

Some do not handle this pressure well. At a Purina Trial last fall, I witnessed a top contender rudely refuse to accept his placing in the trial because he did not like how he was judged and then took it further by waiting for the judge as he left the field after three long days work. He waited for the judge, not to thank him for his time and effort, but to lambaste him for how he was placed. This handler could not accept that his own poor workmanship in one area cost him a higher placing and therefore the Purina contention at that trial.

Every trial manager I know of tries to organize a good trial with the best sheep, conditions and judging they can find. To the trial manager, the handlers are their guests and they go out of their way to treat them as such. We as handlers should remind ourselves, before the season begins, that we should behave like invited guests. Keep it in mind.

Get Out To A Trial!

If you've never seen a Sheep Dog Trial, you owe it to yourself to do so! Especially if you own a Border Collie. The ever growing sport of trialling is thriving here in the northeast and there are a variety of trials, one almost every weekend, for you to enjoy during the summer.

The season opener for the NEBCA is the **Connecticut Sheep Breeders Trial at the Connecticut Sheep and Wool Festival in Tolland, Connecticut**. Held the last weekend in April, this is one of the oldest trials and sheep and wool events in the country. At one time run in the fields of the University of Connecticut, this trial moved in recent years along with the sheep fest, to the Tolland Agricultural Center in Tolland, Connecticut.

The center has spacious facilities for its sheep festival which draws a large crowd of spectators. There are numerous buildings with vendors selling crafts and sheep related products.

The grounds for the trial is laid out to offer spectators a good view of the dogs running throughout the day. This is a one day

trial and quite a sociable event being the first time many dogs and handlers from the northeast get to see each other after a long quiet winter.

Tolland Connecticut is easily accessible, located on route 30, about 25 miles northeast of Hartford off of Interstate Route 84. The dog trial begins at 9:00 am and generally lasts throughout most of the afternoon.

There is plenty of food available, interesting exhibits and of course – Border Collies.

For further information contact Dayle Hamilton, trial manager. 203-264-6348.

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are NOT necessarily the opinions of the editors, the NEBCA officers or the board of directors.

1995 NEBCA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of NEBCA was held on February 11th at the farm of Mike and Pat Canaday in Altamont, NY. The weather was mild and clear and many members were able to attend. Gene Sheninger, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM with a welcome to all. He read a letter from Dave Young from Cookshire, PQ Ontario which addressed his concerns regarding trials. He suggested awards be listed in trial notices, commented on judge's bias and on handler's ethics.

The secretary's report was read by Barbara Armata as Kathy Deschambeault was not able to attend. Kathy reported that there were 399 registered members in 1995. The minutes were accepted as read.

Steve Wetmore, Vice President, requested that the secretary be present for all NEBCA meetings and the minutes of each meeting printed in each NEBCA News. Gene asked Steve to select a set of trials this year that meetings would be held at and list them ahead of time in the News.

Barbara Armata read the treasurer's report which reflected a healthy financial state. The report, printed elsewhere in the Newsletter, was accepted as read. Ann Priest offered to oversee the audit of the books for 1995.

Cheryl Jagger Williams gave the Board of Directors report. There are two vacancies on the board with the expiration of Cheryl's and Karen Greenlee's terms. Lynn Deschambeault and Mike Canaday each have one remaining year. A slate of candidates was presented which are the following: Dale Hamilton, CT; Doug McDonough, CT; Dave Young, Canada; and Cheryl Jagger Williams, PA. A ballot will be printed in this newsletter which has a deadline for mailing to the Secretary, Jean Kennedy, and having your vote counted. The Board will be developing additions to the By-Laws with the object to upgrade trials, clinics and handlers. The report was accepted as read.

The Trials Committee report was read by Eve Marschark. She stated that the 1994 Fall Foliage Trial was within the budget. A budget of \$1600.00 was requested for the 1995 Fall Foliage with some money up front for the judges plane tickets. This was unanimously accepted. Steve Wetmore suggested that a written contract be obtained from the judge and

other contracted aspects of the trial so all costs are confirmed.

The trials committee feels that more time is needed between the last trial of the year and the Fall Foliage. A motion was made and accepted that the trial season will end the Tuesday after the third weekend in September. The following Wednesday marks the start of the new trial year. The trials affected are the New Hampshire State Championship and the Fryeburg Fair. Dee Woessner asked if the 1994 trial results of these two trials could count for the 1995 season since these would not be run as 1995 trials. This was unanimously approved. The motion to accept the trials report was also accepted.

Bev Lambert reported on the Nursery

program.

The Calendar Committee was represented by Millie Curtis who made the following recommendations: the chairperson be allowed to set the bulk rate for the calendars, also be in charge of advertising and keep all monies until it's given to the treasurer and also be on the committee to choose pictures to be on the calendar. Further discussion was tabled until after a meeting during lunch.

Carol Campion gave the Newsletter report. She would like to develop a format similar to a magazine with four issues yearly, approximately 16-20 pages, and small updates in between. Since there has been a 10% increase in postage and increases in paper costs and ink, a \$4000.00 budget was requested and approved. We will be running reciprocal ads with other Border Collie Magazines hopefully increasing memberships.

The library report was presented by Lin Reuther who reported that many new people to NEBCA with young dogs have been using the library. 82 video mailings were sent out, many with more than one video per set, and 16 books were mailed. The mailing cost has gone up with the postage increase. A motion was made to increase the fee for renting a single video from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Videos with more than one video per set will remain at

\$3.00 per video per set. There is no cost for book rentals. Lin requested a budget of \$400.00. A motion to approve was made and unanimously approved.

The meeting broke for a typically wonderful NEBCA pot luck lunch, after which the meeting was again called to order.

Bev Lambert reported that the Nursery Committee would have their first Nursery Championship on Cape Cod sometime in October. The dogs will run at whatever level they are in at the third weekend in September. An entry fee of \$10.00 per dog per class. She requested a budget of \$1000.00 to cover expenses. A motion to accept was made and passed. A budget of \$300.00 was requested for the annual year-end nursery awards. A motion was made and passed unanimously.

Millie Curtis said the calendar committee agreed on a price of \$7.00 for a single calendar with postage and handling of \$1.50 bringing the cost to \$8.50 per calendar.

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Jean Kennedy provided this delicious cake for the meeting.

Trial Committee. She recommended that there be an "End of Year Trial" for all the Nursery classes to be held at a different time than the Fall Foliage. To qualify, a dog must have run in and completed two trials. The participants must be NEBCA members. They will pay an entry fee, two dogs per class per handler will be allowed. It will be a two-day trial. Further discussion was tabled until after the break at which time the committee would have a chance to meet further. The Nursery Trial awards for dogs and handlers who earned enough points to move out of a class were presented by Bev Lambert. Carol Campion resigned from the Nursery Trials Committee. The spot left vacant was filled by Chalmers Means of New York. He was chosen due to his experience over the years of having taken dogs through the nursery classes into open. Many thanks are expressed to Roger Millen for the great job he has done keeping track of the points for the Nursery

Starting the Pup

This is the first in a series of three training articles written by Tom Wilson and reprinted with permission from the Working Border Collie Magazine.

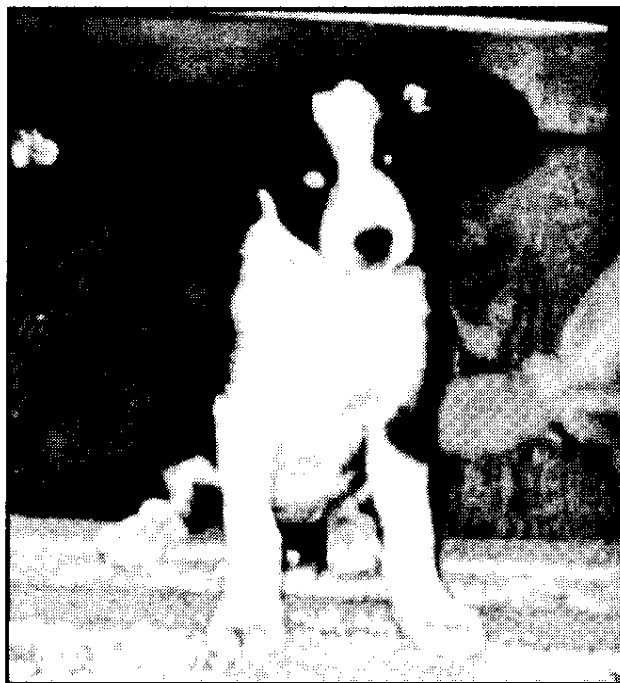
When I first start taking my pups to sheep, I like to be sure that I can keep taking them out every day, so I avoid a busy time of year if possible. The reason I like to keep young dogs going is that if they have experienced stock and are then denied that lifestyle by being closed up for a while, they sometimes never regain some of the magic movements they once showed. Probably boredom may be the cause of this, for what you do not know you do not miss. But if the pup is missing his daily stint with the sheep, he may turn to getting hyper with anything that moves, running back and forth in his run, or he may chew his own coat or tail. It is not a case of a dog forgetting what he was taught. It is the pup that teaches me what he can do on the stock.

I like to follow a pup. By this I mean taking it with you around the farm when checking on the livestock. I do not take it with me when I have a job that would require the pup staying out of the way. If you get in this situation, tie the pup to a tree or post first to prevent yourself losing patience with that pup. That would destroy the pups trust in you as the pup would be sure to get in the way. As the pup goes around the farm with you, it is learning to be with you getting through gates and fences and such.

Although a pup may not want to work stock at first, that does not bother me. As I round up sheep with my older dogs to check them, I completely ignore the pup. It may want to just sit and watch. It may run back a little way as it sizes up the situation. It may decide to chase the sheep or it may make the most beautiful shaped cast you have ever seen. One thing I do not want to have happen is for the pup to chase one sheep that it cannot pass or does not try to pass. I will have my other dog there to prevent this from happening by turning the sheep back in towards the rest of the flock. However long it takes before the pup wants to get involved is not important. Usually with sheep running past a pup, two or three times gets the pup going.

Once the pup is keen, it is a matter of talking to it to distract it until the older dog gets the sheep within a distance that it is impossible to keep the pup distracted any longer. Once the pup goes off to sheep, I never stop it or call it back, for I know I cannot. What is the use of calling a command that a pup is going to ignore. It is better to let the pup have its fun for

two or three minutes making sure the older dogs keep the sheep from splitting up. Then I would call the pup to come to me, praise it and walk away. If it does not come off the sheep or look like it is coming, walk away from the sheep and see if it will come. If that fails, I get in between the pup and the sheep and get its attention. Some pups get so involved that it is



hard to get in a position to call the pup because it is always on the other side of the sheep from you. In this predicament, I would use the older dog to get the advantage over the pup or I would walk through the middle of the sheep and come face to face with the pup to get its attention. If it becomes a problem to get the pup to come off of the sheep, I would let the pup trail a light cord that I could step on when I called him. Once the pup comes, praise him for coming as he has not done anything wrong but only what is natural. I find that one way to encourage a pup to come to me off of stock is to get the pup by whatever method and praise him. Then release him back onto the stock. This way he gets to know that when he comes to me he is not being captured but is getting praised and is still getting freedom.

As the pup gets bolder and wants to run for sheep as soon as it is in the field, I would have it drag a light cord, about 10 feet long, so that I could step on it and check him from taking off to the stock before I was ready. I never step on the cord without saying something. In the beginning I use the pup's name as does not know much else. I try very hard to get the timing perfect, saying his name just as he would be halted by the cord. Praise him for stopping and walk on. Never let the pup get into the very bad habit of running off to stock on his own. A multitude of faults can develop from this. The pup is out of his depth resulting

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Sheep Care

by Becky Peterson

Overheard at a trial once was a discussion about chilled lambs. One wise old shepherd's cure was to dip the lamb in hot water three times and pull it out twice. Another handler had this theory: some lambs were born to be doctor lambs, others were born to be lawyer lambs and some were born to be dead lambs and some lambs were overachievers. We can chuckle at these perceptions, but all of us who are sheep producers of whatever size flock get discouraged at the thought of losing lambs to something as needless as hypothermia.

How many times have we, as shepherds, arrived at the barn on a mighty cold morning to find newborn lamb(s) cold, weak and "not worth saving"? It happens often enough and can be prevented and remedied without heroic measures. Some people would not bother with a chilled lamb believing in the thought of "survival of the fittest" But on the other hand, chilled lambs may not be the fault of the lamb or genetics but of flock management. If the shepherd has a fair number of these lambs, then he should take a hard, long look at the way he does things.

Management at lambing shouldn't require elaborate facilities but there should be a place for ewes to lamb out of the weather. Heatlamps are not altogether necessary unless the cold is bitter. A shepherd does not have to be present at every birth but must be AWARE that certain ewes are about to lamb and make provisions to be on hand should problems arise. The most common cause of chilled lambs is:

1. Very cold temperatures. Lambs born when it is 10 below zero with a cold wind can be sapped of their strength almost immediately and won't get going to find their first life saving drink. Lambs do not have enough body mass to maintain their body temperature and thus cannot be born in a snowbank like a calf can.

2. Poor ewe nutrition. If the ewe is not being fed to meet her own energy and nutritional needs, chances are that the lambs will arrive with a deficit and be ill-equipped for survival.

3. Mismothering or abandonment. Many times ewes in a group environment will give birth to one lamb and wander a little ways off for the second or third arrival. The first lamb doesn't receive her attention and gets cold, weak and finally trampled. The same end may result if a ewe has little maternal instinct (she herself may be too young) and the

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Question: "How do you plan for and handle to achieve a good lift?"

According to the rules of the I.S.D.S.,
"Whether the dog has stopped or slowed down, his approach should be smooth and steady and he should take control of his sheep in a quiet firm manner. Rash or rough work, slowness of approach necessitating too many commands and other faults will be penalized as the judge sees fit."

Bernie Armata, Esperance, NY
Answer:

You could say that the lift takes place when the dog first makes contact with his sheep at the top, moving them off on line toward the handler. All of this sounds relatively simple but a good lift is dependent upon many other factors, the greatest of which is a well executed outrun. In this sense, the outrun and lift go together and usually points off for a poor outrun will mean more points off for a faulty lift.

The lift is one of the most difficult portions of a run to score because of the speed with which it may happen. You could expect point deductions for the sheep moving off line, being startled, splitting, or simply refusing to move in the presence of the dog. Of course, much of this is the luck of the draw. Everyone knows, for instance, that even within a breed every group of sheep reacts differently. If you take into account temperature, time of day, position in the running order, etc., you can see how a good draw is very important in order to have a consistent run. The main thing to keep in mind is that the split second required for the lift will have a direct influence on the rest of your run. This first contact between dog and sheep establishes the cohesiveness and rhythm you can anticipate for the fetch, drive, and pen. A good lift not only builds your confidence, but that of your dog as well.

With all of this said, it's still up to the dog to do the job correctly at the top because this is the one part of the course where the handler has the least influence. I feel that the "ideal" gather is one in which the dog is given no stop or lie down whistle at the end of the outrun, but since International rules allow for this, no extra credit is given if you choose not to whistle the dog down. Also, as a handler, you can use this command to

Walt Jagger, Hop Bottom, PA

Answer: It is really difficult to say enough about these vitally important matter of seconds. It is over in a flash but so important to the run.

The question here is "How do you plan for, handle and execute a good lift?". Like any construction, the end result is no better than the foundation on which it is built. The planning is in the training and the outrun, lift and all are taught not on the trial field but close at hand with the dog being taught balance, distance from the sheep, a steady, quiet approach, manners, confidence and trust in their handlers.

They must be taught close at hand to stay off their sheep exerting only enough pressure to move them slowly, gently. If they rush in at close hand, they will certainly "bust" them at a distance. Firm, gentle encouragement to work correctly at this distance is the foundation quality one needs to proceed towards.

One extremely important fact to remember—Never correct a dog for indecision or confusion, only for disobedience! The dog that has been taught, trained and encouraged kindly knows his job and is not afraid to steadily advance and take control to start a quiet controlled lift. In contrast, the dog that has been brutally trained approaches panic stricken with jerky movements fearful of being chastised. He is full of indecision, awaiting discipline or an electric shock. He overacts and gets into trouble. The handler of these dogs needs no badge as their dog is walking evidence of the fear that has been generated within them. The result is all too evident for all to see! The fear in their eyes reflects the panic in their minds.

After much training close at hand, start increasing the distance slowly and

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advantage by stopping the dog and allowing the sheep to turn and move off in a steady fashion. this is especially important with a "pushy" dog, or one which cannot set a distance and pace on the sheep very well. Only time and experience with each individual dog will tell you when to down the dog and how much urging he will need for the walk up.

I think you can help your dog the most with the lift by building his confidence with sheep both up close, and at a distance. Work in a small lots and pens as well as in the field with the intent of showing the dog this. You can do a lot to help. The other thing is to do miles of walking with the dog pacing himself behind the sheep. Work with steady



Question: How do you start to put an outrun on your dog?

Jean Kennedy, West Barnstable, MA

Answer: After the dog is balancing on me, going both directions and laying down around sheep, I'll begin work on the outrun. Using four to six dogged/puppy sheep, I start the new phase of work after doing some familiar balancing and wearing to remind the dog that I'm a part of this adventure. I begin the outrun by laying the dog down and I walk backwards toward the sheep, keeping my eye on the dog so he doesn't start creeping in. Stand in front of the sheep and to the opposite side I want the dog to run. I extend my arm furthest from the dog and say in a quiet voice "get out!" a command the dog knows from our previous work, meaning, don't go so close to those sheep! As the dog runs out, I watch to see if he slices in coming up on the sheep. If he does, I run as fast as I can through the sheep to the dog saying in a louder, firmer voice "Get Out!" and emphasize it by slapping my can on my leg or throwing the cap between the sheep and the dog, causing the dog to pull back. I lay the dog down, walk to it and call it to me going the distance needed to start another outrun. When the dog does it right, I'll walk backwards letting him bring the sheep to me while I tell him he's a good boy. Gradually I'll lengthen the outruns till one day he's covering the field. If any problems occur I'll go back to short outruns for correction. ♦

sheep at first, but progress to other kinds, simulating trial situations. Try to get a feel for the pace and distance with which the dog is comfortable and hopefully the dog's natural sense of balance will dictate the position from which he can lift the sheep on line to you whether it's at 50 yards or 500.

The last thing you can do to make your lift as correct as possible at a trial is to watch several runs ahead of time and detect any tendencies the sheep may have regarding pressure, placement of the dog, layout of the course, the location of the holding pen, and any other thing which will influence their first movement. This, together with your knowledge of your dog's speed, power,

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SHEEP DOGS AND THEIR MASTERS

JOHN HERRIES McCULLOCH



With some additional notes on the current state
of sheep, sheep dogs and shepherds
by Dee Woessner

Dee Woessner has republished a wonderful old book, "Sheepdogs and their Masters" that had been out of print. Here is the story of how that came about.

It's amazing how much of life is ruled by chance. I went to Scotland for the first time in August 1993 because my husband had a business meeting in Glasgow that happened to be at the same time as the Scottish National. I saw the National, had a great time, bought a young, scrawny beast of a dog, and on one of the few days we were touring around instead of watching a sheep dog trial, found a copy of the 1946 edition of "Sheep dogs and Their Masters" in a bookstore in Stirling.

A Scottish friend told me the book was very rare, and that I had been unusually lucky to find a copy. I read it and liked it very much. It had chapters on the history of the Border Collie, their early breeding, some of the famous handlers, especially J.M. Wilson, stories of clever dogs, breeds of sheep, tales of sheep stealing—it was like nothing I'd read before.

I started to think about trying to get it reprinted, since copies were so scarce that almost no one got a chance to read it. The publisher had gone out of business. The British Copyright council said to go ahead and reprint it, that there was nothing further to do to locate any possible copyright owners. In March, I went back to Scotland to see the Nursery finals and to investigate the book a little more. I thought that I might add notes to the chapters, because while reading it, I had lots of questions, and wondered how things were done in Scotland today. Taking photographs in the Ettrick valley, where James Hogg had shepherded, talking to people about modern farming, and visiting a ram sale with

friends who were buying Texel rams, were some of the high points of doing research. (The top ram sold for 27,000 pounds - over \$41,000—a price that still amazes me.)

While I was there, I saw a first edition of the book, published in 1938. When I got home, I called the publisher of that edition, and the new owner of the publishing house told me that he recently bought

western Massachusetts! (Edgar's niece Becky Paterson sold me my first Border Collie.)

Watching the famous handlers and dogs at the International was completely engrossing. Seven of the fifteen finalists had won the Supreme before. The incredible outrun and turnback by Morris's Mac and John Templeton and Don's perfect

"Sheepdogs and Their Masters"

the business and that he didn't care if I reprinted the book, and there was no one else to worry about. So that problem was solved, and I went ahead with plans to get it reprinted.

A press where I used to work as a proofreader gave a quote for printing, based on camera-ready copy. I started to type the book into a computer, a long process for a typist as bad as I am. Then several friends proofread it. They suggested additional questions for the notes and a glossary for the unfamiliar Scottish terms. (What does "steek a yett" mean?)

In September, I was back in Scotland to gather more information for the book updates and to see the International. One of the most interesting things to come out of research on that trip was a visit to some people I'd met the year before. Their nephew is the grandson of the well-known handler Alexander Millar. Millar won the Scottish National nine times, and since his competitive years overlapped those of the great J.M. Wilson, he must have been pretty good! They said that his collection of trophies had been let to his grandson, so we went to see them. The collection was really impressive, considering that most rotating trophies have to be won three times in a row, or five times in all to be kept. His grandson still raises sheep in a beautiful part of the country. He gave me a tour of his farm, and told me about the new ways sheep are marketed now, with electronic bidding, and buyers that never see the sheep until they come to pick them up. (It isn't all done this way, there are still enormous sheep sales, but most of the auction houses are moving with the times.) The information he gave me fit well with the chapter on sheep breeds.

I had an odd experience the first day of the International. I was looking at some crooks for sale. A man who had made some of them told me that some years before an American had been looking at one of his crooks. He said that "it was so expensive, if he bought it, he'd have to swim home." The American was a farmer who raised cattle and maple syrup. I said I might know him. And out of his wallet, he produced a bent and wrinkled business card—for Edgar Gould's Sugar House in

shed were particularly memorable.

Collecting information for the notes I added to the book had some completely unexpected benefits. When I was talking to Philip Hendry, the ISDS secretary, at the International about changes in trials and on the development of Border collies, he asked if I would like to come to the President's lunch. Whatever. The lunch was catered in a screened-off corner of the food tent, with very good food and wine.



Dee's dogs sitting atop boxes of newly printed books.

The guests included Lord and Lady Grant, who were hosting the trial, two of the National ISDS Presidents, and some local sponsors. It was fun, and I got to talk dogs the whole meal. Then Lady Grant invited me to drinks after the trial was over, with the members of the local committee and the winner of the Supreme, Johnny Wilson. Their house was like a museum, with swords and tapestries on the stone walls. There were about a dozen people there and we stood around the enormous fireplace (a big fire filled about a sixth of it) and drank wine and cracked nuts and threw the shells into the fire. It was a pretty unusual experience for a farm girl from Minnesota.

Shortly after the International, I went to northern England, to Raymond MacPherson's farm where the BBC was filming "One Man and His Dog". A friend

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1995 Trials List

04/22+23/95

2 1-day Nursery Trial
Springton Manor Nursery Trial
Glenmore, PA
R.C. Gilbert
(610) 964-9404

04/29/95

1-day Open Trial
Connecticut Sheep Breeders SDT
Tolland Ag Center, Vernon, CT
Dayle Hamilton
(203) 264-6348

05/20+21/95

2 1-day open and Nursery
Eastern Township Trial
Lennoxville, QUE
Dave Young
819/875-5364

05/27+28/95

1 Nursery, 1 Open
Mass Sheep and Woolcraft Fair Dog Trial
Cummington Fairgrounds,
Cummington, MA
Becky Peterson
(413) 624-5562

06/10+11/95

2 1-day Nursery
Cape Cod Stock Dog Trial
C. C. Sheriffs Youth Ranch,
Marston Mills, MA
Joe Kennedy
(508) 362-3005

06/16+17/95

Sheepy Hollow Nursery Trial
Box 233
Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA
2 1-day Nursery Trials
Walter Jagger
(717) 289-4663

06/17+18/95

Pennsylvania State Championship
Sheep Dog Trials
Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA
2 1-day Open Trials
Walter Jagger
(717) 289-4663

06/23-25/95

Keystone State Stockdog Trial
Eve Marschark
Delaware Valley College, Doylestown PA
2 1-day Open and Nursery Trial
(215) 795-2023

06/24-25/95

Pat Buckley
Thurlow Township Trials
Roslin, Ontario
1 Nursery & 2 1-day Open trial
(613) 396-6600

07/00/95

VT Nursery Trial
Millie Curtis
Barnet, VT
Nursery Trial
(802) 633-3027

07/01-03/95

North East Independence Day Trial
Altamont, NY
3 1-day Nursery & Open Trials
Mike Canaday
(518) 861-6049

8 Chalmers - Ontario

07/08+09/95

2 1-day Open and Nursery Trial
Milliken Farm Trial
Kingston, Ontario
Mark Bustard
(613) 531-9405

07/14-16/95

2 1-day Open & 1-day Nursery
Carol Campion
Bittersweet Farm Sheep Dog Trials
Moodus, CT
(203) 537-1386

07/15+16/95

2 1-day Nursery & Open
Sheep Focus Sheep Dog Trial
Napanee, Ontario
J.P. LaLonde
(613) 376-3659

07/29-30/95

2 1-day Nursery and 2 1-day open
Evelyn Neuendorff
Ottawa Valley Sheep Dog Trial
Munster, Ontario
(613) 838-2315

08/04-06/95 or 11-13

1 Nursery and 2 1-day Open
Pittsburgh Township Sheep Dog Trials
Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario
Amanda Milliken
(613) 531-9405

08/04-06/95 or 11-12

2 1-day Open & Nursery Trials
Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial
Esperance, NY
Bernie Armata
(518) 875-6471

08/12+13/95

Cape Cod
2 1-day Open + Nursery
Joe Kennedy
(508) 362-3005

08/13/95

Open Trial
Skowhegan Fair Sheep Dog Trial
Skowhegan Fair, Skowhegan, ME
Roger Deschambeault
603/939-2255

08/17/95

Open Trial
Lancaster Fair Open Sheep Dog Trial
Lancaster Fair, Lancaster, NH
Roger Deschambeault
(603) 939-2255

08/19/95

1-day Nursery, Open
Empire State Open Sheep Dog Trial
Altamont, NY
Mike Canaday
(518) 861-6049

08/20/95

Open Trial
New York State Championship SDT
Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY
Mike Canaday
(518) 861-6049

08/26/95

Open Trial
Scottish Festival Open Trial
Quechee, VT
Steve Wetmore
(802) 765-4466

08/27/95

1 Open Trial
Spring Valley Open Trial
Strafford, VT 05072
Stephen Wetmore
(802) 765-4466

09/02-04/95

2 1-day Nursery, 2 1-day open
New Jersey State Sheep Dog Trial
Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ
Gene Sheninger
(201) 299-9785

09/02/95

Open Trial
Blue Hill Fair Open Sheep Dog Trial
Blue Hill Fair, Blue Hill, ME
Jim Davidson
(207) 677-2224

09/03/95

Open Trial
North East US Open Sheep Dog Trial
Blue Hill Fair, Blue Hill, ME
Jim Davidson
(207) 677-2224

09/09+10/95

2 1-day Nursery and Open Trial
Nation Valley Sheep Dog Trial
Nation Valley Farm, Winchester, Ont.
Werner Reitbock
(613) 448-3266

09/18+19/95

2 1-day Open Trials
Eastern States Exposition SDT
West Springfield, MA
Carol Campion/Becky Peterson
(203) 537-1386 (413) 624-5562

09/23+24/95

2 1-day Nursery Trials
NEBCA Year End Nursery Trial
Cape Cod, MA
Beverly Lambert
203/742-5300

09/30/95 For 96

Open Trial
New Hampshire Championship SDT
Nearfield Farm, East Conway, NH
Roger Deschambeault
(603) 939-2255

10/01/95 For 96

Open Trial
Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial
Fryeburg, ME
Gabrielle Merrill
(207) 935-2520

10/07+08/95

Invitational
NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship
Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ
Gene Sheninger
(201) 299-9785

10/27-29/95 For 96

2 1-day Open Trials
Cumberland Valley Sheep Dog Trial
Carlisle, PA
Nathan Mooney
(717) 249-5695

This is a list of tentative NEBCA Trials. As yet, they are not NEBCA sanctioned trials.

Remembering Jock Gilchrist and Spot

by Sally M. Lacy

Spot was ten years old when I saw him, a compact, heavy-coated dog with a kindly half-white face. That was what you noticed, the face, turned up to watch Jock's every expression. Intelligence, wisdom, devotion, and love for his master sculpted that face. Jock sometimes issued a string of commands, softly, even when sheep weren't around. Left, right, up, down went that beautiful head and then a reproachful glance at Jock, letting him know that a lesser dog would not do what he was doing.

Jock and Spot had been sorting sheep all morning on a muddy day. I wanted to photograph the great dog and master in working dress, mud-spattered and all; but, when we arrived, Spot had been brushed and John emerged pink-faced and steaming clean, dressed in his best brown suit, white shirt and brown tie exactly how he dressed for a sheepdog trial. He looked for all the world like a top executive of a Fortune 500 company. He sat on a tree stump, stroking Spot, who gazed lovingly into Jock's face. I snapped from this angle, that angle, and soon discovered that Jock had drifted off to sleep in the warm August sunshine.

A few years later, I saw Jock run Spot's son, Bob, in his last International at Lockerbie. He had been brilliant on the qualifying day. On the afternoon of the Supreme, Jock was to run after lunch, around one o'clock. When it was his time to be on deck, he was not there. Just as he was announced to run, you could see a stir at the fence as Jock pushed his way through the crowd, trying to keep Bob with him. They barely reached the field together on time. I learned later that Jock had eaten his sandwich in the car and then taken a nap, taken a NAP a half hour before he was to run a dog in the International Supreme Championship. For 'all the marbles' as basketball star, Bob Cousy, used to say. I had heard that Jock didn't get nervous before he ran a dog, and I wish I knew how he managed it.



Book Review

"Away to Me, Moss" By Betty Levin

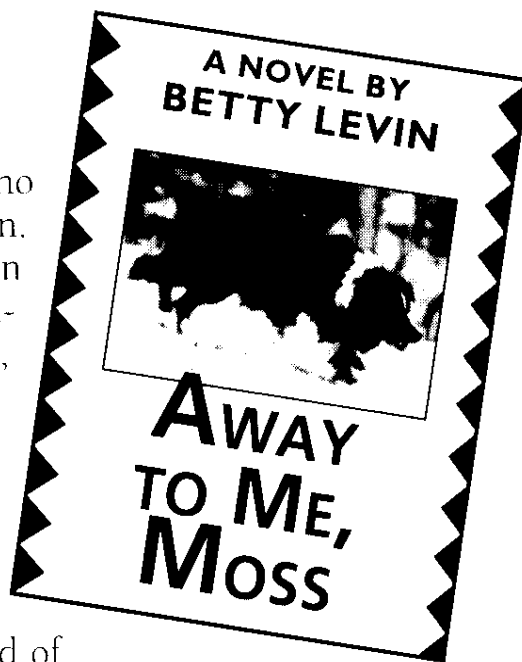
This book is about a young girl named Zanna who lives with her mother and sister on Ragged Mountain. She has a friend who lives next door, but no one can really fill the place of a full family. Her mother is physical therapist who's patient is her friend's grandfather, who has had a stroke and is paralyzed on one side. Her sister is a "typical" teenager; boy crazy, trying to be independent, and wishful, not her idea of someone you'd want to live with.

Her friend, Laurie Catherwood, and her family live just down the hill from them, so they see a lot of each other. Most of the time she is down there, instead of playing with Laurie, she is drawn to Rob Catherwood's dog, Moss. Rob can't talk and is very dependent because of his stroke. Moss seems lost without his master's attention. He is lonely and stays in a barn all day and every day with nothing to do. Zanna feels drawn to him and tries to free his spirit and mind, let him work again, and maybe get him to be able to see Rob once or twice.

Zanna gets her way most of the time with the Catherwoods, so most of the time that she is there, she can see Moss. She starts to work him and before long she begins to trial him. Then she learns that Moss is to be sold to a man she feels sure will never love him enough. What can she do to save Moss?

Read this wonderful new book of Betty's and find out. I'm sure you'll love it as much as I did!

This book was reviewed by Heather Murray. Heather is one of the many children that Betty so fondly dedicated this book to.



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ran first. The sheep weren't changed for the runoff so I had the last group. One thing that sticks in my mind was the dead silence as I sent Kelly; it was exciting, yet unnerving. We had a determined ewe whose main goal was to escape to the exhaust pen. Because of this, we had to push and shove to get around the course. We made every panel and the pen, but as we set up for the shed, time was called, we were nine and one-half points behind Eve and Spin.

Regardless of the placings, Kelly gave me four consistent runs that weekend which is very important to me. The icing on the cake was finishing as Reserve Champion. What a wonderful way to end the season! ♦

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and balance, will give you some clues about what to expect.

Hopefully the sheep will be held for you in a calm manner at least somewhat on line, but be prepared for immediate corrections if needed. Much will depend upon the trust you have in your dog and his outwork, but the only way this can be achieved is by constantly going back to the basics and allowing him to learn contact, balance, and pace, while developing confidence both in himself, and you as the handler. ♦

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gradually until the same results are evident on a long outrun. The lift is the very first contact between dog and sheep and more than any other phase of work symbolizes the repore between dog and handler. A steady lift starts the rhythm of a smooth and steady pace without which a controlled run cannot be made. This is the most sensitive portion of it all!

Slowly and deliberately, with great confidence the dog carefully approaches and eases the sheep in the direction of the handler at a quiet and steady pace not too fast, but flowing smoothly in the first leg of their journey around the course. A quiet and steady pace is a must. This is where it all starts and is a barometer of things to come. More runs are ruined by a bad lift than any other phase of work. ♦

GET OUT
TO A TRIAL



Eve Marschark & Spin shedding at the National Finals in Kentucky.

Supreme Champions – Eve Marschark and Spin

Eve Marschark and her little bitch, Spin, won the coveted title of Supreme Champion of NEBCA. This is the first time this award has ever been bestowed since its inception in 1984. To earn this title, a dog and handler must win BOTH the Fall Foliage Championship and the NEBCA High Points Championship in the same year. We asked Eve to tell us about Spin and her run at the Fall Foliage where she earned this exciting title.

After an exciting weekend in New Hampshire, Spin and I had earned the Co-Championship for High Points. The following weekend, the top dogs of the Northeast were competing in the NEBCA Fall Foliage. With three judges to critique each run, Gene Sheninger's Katadins to challenge the dogs and Janet Larson's rolling field as the course, everyone on the Trials Committee pitched in to make it a spectacular trial!

"Is it my turn yet?" Guess Who trots out onto the field. I knew I was in trouble when... I looked down and saw her dancing merrily towards the judges, her tail

waving high over head with a grin on her face. Sure enough, Spin ran out with speed and push as her agenda. Being the nervous helmsman, I whistled her on in an encouraging tone, having almost missed the fetch gates, the lightbulb went on. We're doing this too fast! What a revelation, Sherlock! Ever done this before? Off and on the lightbulb went as we continued. With trouble on the turn and the drive, we ran out of time. Our first run over, we had not shown ourselves very well. With only one dog to run, I did not have an opportunity to scope out the course before running her. I needed to be more awake and more focused.

The second run was to be our crowning glory. We held the highest score of the entire weekend with a 292 out of a possible 330. The outrun was about 250 yds with the sheep up against the fence on an uphill slope barely in sight for the handler. If the dog didn't slow-up near the top side of his/her outrun the sheep would have already lifted down the field

towards the barn mid-way down on the left fenceline. The judges were ready with their pencils; they gave her 19-19-19 for her outrun and 10-9-10 for her lift. On the fetch, the sheep quickly disappeared from everyone's view into a four foot depression, or valley, in the field, leaving all to wonder where they would pop up. About three yards up course from the fetch gates heads would become visible, allowing little room for correction. The Katadins were leaning towards the left, as predicted, and a quick way-to-me changed their minds. The judges responded with a 8-6-7 for the fetch.

The turn at the post held it's own perils as the sheep did not like to get too close to people, or the judge's trucks behind the handler. These ovines were of a wary and suspicious nature. Spin stayed on their pressure side and delicately urged them against me and the post and a two-step step-stool provided for the handlers. Two magnets with positive to posi-

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Reserve Fall Foliage Champions – Barbara Armata and Kelly

For those of you who don't know Kelly, she is a white Border Collie. She's the daughter of Cheryl Jagger Williams' Tess, and a granddaughter of Walt's Dot and Tweed. I started Kelly with guidance from Cheryl and her invaluable help continues right up to today.

Due to buying a farm, I didn't start trialling in Novice; Novice until Kelly was two. She is now five and this was our second year in open and second Fall Foliage trial.

Watching the first runs did not give me the confidence I needed. It was not a huge field, but the uneven terrain and changing pressures made for interesting runs. Kelly's outrun and lift are generally good if I leave her alone at the top. After the lift there was a dip in the course where sheep and dog go out of sight. It seemed an eternity until the sheep appeared again. Kelly can be pushy on the fetch but this time her pace was right and she was listening to me. Kelly is pressure sensitive to the extreme and she tends to work close to the sheep. This

was a tremendous help on this course. One of her favorite things is shedding



Barbara Armata's Kelly

and she's smart about it, so that part of the run went well.

As I left the field, I felt we had done a respectable job. I was taken by surprise, though, when at the conclusion of all the first runs, Kelly was in first place. Funny how one's expectations change; respectable was very nice, but now

I wanted to win! The weekend now became a mind game as well, especially after Dick Williams and Eve Marschark had beautiful second runs. As I stepped on the field for my second run, the judges felt it was becoming too dark; therefore I would run first Sunday morning. It was a long night! We were on the course bright and early, and managed to hang onto first position.

Luck is frequently associated with trialling. The third run was a double lift. When we go to the look back, Kelly took it beautifully. Unfortunately, the ewes escaped from their holder and were too far down the field to make the fetch panels. These were precious points lost. I still maintained first but realized that there were many good and experienced teams yet to run. I was doing my NEBCA chores of whitening checks when Cheryl informed me that Kelly and Spin were tied. Time to mix up more electrolytes! Kelly was tired and so was I.

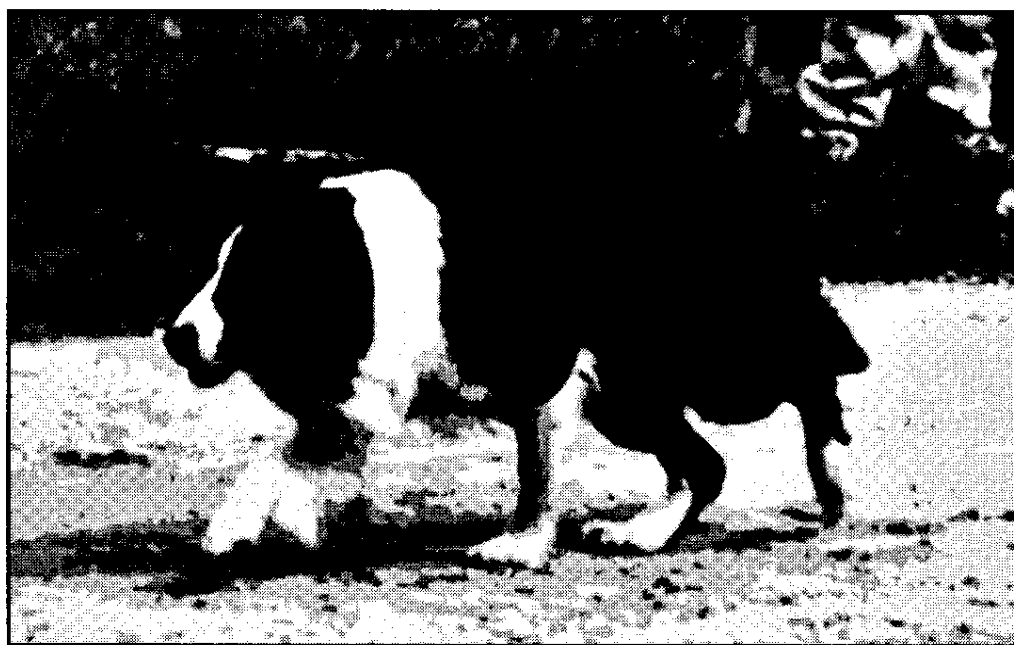
With the flip of a coin, Eve and Spin

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Beverly Lambert's "Jet" ~ The 1995 Fall Foliage High Point Co-Champion

Jet was given to me in September of 1987 when he was 12 months old. He had been purchased from Edgar Gould, his breeder, to be an obedience dog, but proved to be incapable of that work. He was very shy and weird when he first came to live with us. He was also extremely keen about the sheep. He mixed aggressiveness toward the stock with extreme shyness. That is, he liked to run through the middle of the flock and knock over a couple of ewes on his way to hiding in the woods. In spite of some strange behavior, his good manners and excellent pedigree attracted me to him from his first day on the farm.

Jet was an easy dog to train. He had a natural gather, (once he learned to go around the sheep), and is always correct on the top. He likes to get behind the sheep and stay on the balance point and keep the sheep moving. This has led to



Beverly Lambert's Jet

Jet being noticed over the years for his most famous trait. He doesn't do big flanks. Jet's idea of a flank is to twitch his head to the side he is asked to flank to. Asked for a really big flank, he will move over two feet and then continue to move the sheep forward. In our early career, this sometimes resulted in Jet being accused of not flanking. I believe that

there is a certain amount of truth in this accusation. But while Jet frequently didn't flank, the sheep usually did.

I began running Jet in open the year after I got him. His first year of open was sometimes marred by the recurrence of his phobias, which were legion. It included some impressive wins for a two year old – the Blue Ridge Open, Massachusetts Sheep and Wool and Grass Creek Park.

As Jet grew older, he grew less phobic and more solid in his performance. During his career he has won many trials for me. But I believe the win I am

proudest of is Ethel Conrad's Blue Ridge Open in 1988. Jet was only two years old and it was the first big trial I had won.

Jet also ran for several years as the lead dog in my famous Border Collie Sled Dog Team. On our longest race we covered sixty miles of the New Hampshire mountains in 11 hours of grueling

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family gets separated. Other times the lamb meets a hazard. The ewe is doing her best but the lamb gets caught behind a fence or under a gate or feeder and be physically unable to follow its mother. Lambing pens or jugs or at least a corner where she can isolate her new family will go a long way as far as bonding is concerned. Lambs that get lost because of overcrowding do not get well cared for and will chill in a short period of time.

4. Nothing to eat. For whatever reason, the ewe may have no milk. Maybe she has had mastitis and her udder doesn't function well or the teats are really plugged with that wax. The colostrum (first milk produced after birth) is ESSENTIAL to the survival of the lamb. It contains a higher level of energy and a good dose of antibodies to give the lamb immediate protection against disease.

So we've discussed some of the causes and now on to the remedy. First we need to determine if the lamb is chilled. The lamb's body temperature should be at least 101. You can check it with a rectal thermometer or you can generalize and put your finger in the lamb's mouth. It should feel quite warm. If the mouth is cold, you can bet that the temperature is in the 90's and you need to get him warmed up and soon. Don't heat him up in a pail of warm water. This could very likely wash the placental fluid (and its individual, identifying odor) off the lamb. Then his mother may not own him when he returns. Instead, put the lamb in a very warm place i.e. under a low heat lamp (please use care) or on a hot water bottle. Use your imagination and whatever you have handy. Don't leave it unattended and don't overcook.

When he's warm, he'll probably start trying to get to his feet and talk to you. While he's warming up, you need to think about his stomach. Has he had a good drink? A belly full of milk feels somewhat like a water balloon. An empty lamb will feel empty when your 2 hands are pressed on each side of his belly. Your fingers may even touch. He'll need 4 ounces or so of warm colostrum, either from his mother, another ewe that has lambed in the past 12 hours or frozen colostrum that you saved from another time. If he can suckle from a bottle, that is certainly the easiest method. If he can't, you'll need to pass a tube right into his stomach. Many people avoid this, afraid of drowning the lamb but it really is quite simple and takes just a couple of minutes. Stomach tubes are just catheters about 12-14" long and can be purchased from any sheep supplyhouse. Start by measuring on the tube the distance from the mouth to halfway down his neck.

Then insert the tube into the throat and down until you've reached that distance. At that point, you might be able to feel the tube as it passes between your fingers, lightly pinched over the front of the lamb's throat. If in doubt, move the tube back and forth. If the tube is in the esophagus (which is soft), you'll feel it. If the tube is in the windpipe (which is hard), you won't feel it. As one last check, lightly blow into the tube and then lightly suck back. If positioned correctly, the soft walls of the throat will collapse against the tube and you can't suck back. When satisfied that the tube is correct, then slide it into the stomach and slowly, either with a funnel or large syringe, fill his belly. Most lambs, except the very small, will take 4 oz. This lamb should be on his feet looking for his mother in an hour or so. If he isn't, you might try again before deciding that he just may not be equipped for life and let nature take its course.

Return him to his mother as soon as he's warm, on his feet and pretty stable. Make sure that she has milk and that she still owns him before leaving and that he's nursing on his own in a couple of hours. You've done nothing heroic or expensive and at least have given it a chance. You may have made at least market price for your efforts and now the ewe has something to do..♦

Training the pup, continued from page 5

in him being unable to catch up with the sheep, splitting them up and chasing them. This results in the handler calling or yelling at the pup, which the pup ignores. Then there's a time lapse before the handler gets back into control. Both parties are upset; the pup with usually just one sheep left and the handler trying hard to capture him. This must be avoided at all costs. If you do find the pup still making off to sheep on his own, then take a longer cord, about thirty feet, and put it on the pup. Let the pup into the field and be ready for him running off. Just as he gets to the end of the cord, pull hard on it and call to the pup, "That'll do!". Your timing is critical. It must be perfect. The lesson must be sharp and decisive.

A pup must mind well around your feet or he is not worth taking to stock. If he is not going to listen to you up close, there is little chance he will when he is on stock. The relationship is built before going to stock. Then when he is on stock, I am there letting him do his own thing, but preventing him from doing the wrong thing. I am also there helping the pup do the right thing by moving myself into a position that makes the pup right. ♦

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was competing and he and his wife had invited me to come down to see it. It was fascinating to watch, and side trip fit beautifully with collecting more information and photographs for the notes on trials.

When I got back home, I finished writing up my notes, ran off the manuscript on a laser printer, and sent new and old photos and all of the manuscript to the press. We had a few changes at the last minute, including laminating the cover to make it more durable.

The printer suggested that I get something in writing from the new owner of the publishing company, just to be safe. I called. The number was no longer in service. I called the company where I had gotten the phone number originally, and the person I got this time said he didn't know the man I'd talked to, but he could give me the number of the daughter of the previous owner. I called her. She told me that the new owner had absolutely no right to give me permission to reprint the book. I was so scared—all this time and money invested, and now what? After we talked a bit, she said that her father would have owned the copyright and he usually gave permission for books to be reprinted, but he liked to be asked. Then she gave me permission. Deep breath. I immediately called the printer, who said that it was too late to make any changes, as they had started the printing the day before.

So there is an error on the very first page, where I thank the wrong person for permission to reprint the book. I had to add an insert. The printer finished up the books and shipped them to me. I was scared to death to open the first box—I had been having nightmares about typographical errors at the top of every page—but they looked fine. It was a big project, but fun. Now, all I have to do is sell all these boxes of books, the less-fun part. I'm not worried, as the book is a good one and I'm glad it's in print again. But the sooner I can do that, the sooner I can start the next project—and who knows where that might lead! ♦

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sledding. In our scariest race, I spent several hours lost in 30° below zero weather, relying on Jet to find a way home for me and the rest of the team. In both instances, Jet proved more than equal to the task I had set him. Jet is a special dog for me. It is hard to separate how I feel about him from the wonderful things he has done for me. I think he is a really great dog with a strong streak of goofy running through him. (I guess that makes him a regular Border Collie.) ♦

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Bev Lambert and Lark with teammates Linda Fogt & Dot accept their award for Reserve Champions in the Team Penning event at the NAILE Sheep dog Trials.

Team Penning at Louisville

By Beverly Lambert

This past November, I drove down to Kentucky for the NAILE Sheepdog Trial. As a prelude to the finals, a team competition was run.

Each team consisted of two handlers each running one dog. I was fortunate enough to talk Linda Fogt and Dot into running with Lark and me. Our run began with a 175 yard outrun to fetch a group of 8 lambs set out about 75 yards beyond the fetch gates. I sent Lark "way to me" and Dot had the "go-bye" side. I sent Lark off a little before Dot since Lark is a little slower. She surprised us both by running very fast and beating Dot to the sheep. Like a good team player, she waited for her partner before making the lift. The two dogs, who had never been formally introduced, worked together beautifully. They balanced off each other well and each worked their own side of the flock bringing the sheep straight up the field and through the fetch gates. This was important as the team was judged as a brace on this early work and the dogs needed to cooperate to gain the maxi-

mum number of points. Many teams (there were about a dozen teams) contained real individualists, with the fetch turning into a race, the first dog that arrived at the sheep trying to get them to his handler before the other dog could "interfere".

At the end of the fetch, eight lambs were brought into the shedding ring and split into two groups of four. This turned out to be the most difficult part of the run for most teams. Many teams never got the shed or were unable to hold the two groups of sheep apart. Lark and I elected to do the shed and Lark got her split very quickly. One lamb in each group of eight was wearing an orange collar. The group of four containing the collared lamb, was to be driven out into the field and left. Lark and I had a hard time keeping the two groups apart, but with the help of Linda and Dot, the shed sheep were finally driven away.

After the shed was completed, we had to drive the group of four (without the collared sheep) through a 12' shoot and into a small stock trailer. I let two of the

sheep escape through a hole on my side and they had to be regathered. This error cost us precious time and points. When all the sheep were finally in the trailer, Linda sent Dot to regather the group of four lambs containing the collared lamb while I shut the trailer door.

Since we were working on a 7 minute deadline, we were now in a big hurry. While I shut the trailer door. After closing the trailer gate, Lark and I ran over to meet Linda, Dot and the sheep at the pen. We penned the sheep without too much delay and while Lark and Dot held them in the pen, Linda went in to remove the collar. Once Linda had the collar off her lamb, Lark and I raced to the trailer to release the first group of four. (Going in the trailer after the four was Lark's favorite part). The two groups were to be reunited and driven around the handler's post and into the exhaust pen. Unfortunately, we ran out of time before we got the sheep exhausted. In spite of much running around and shouting on the part of all four of us, the lambs would not be hurried.

The team competition was a blast! All of the handlers enjoyed it tremendously and it was easily the funniest dog trial I have ever seen. It had many memorable moments: the look on Ralph Pulfer's face as his partner's dog reunited the sheep he had spent 5 minutes shedding; Tom Wilson down on his hands and knees doing the dog's part of shedding after he and his partner had tried repeatedly to shed and keep their shed; and the bemusement of Bruce Fogt's Molly when after getting around to pick up her sheep at the end of her outrun only to find another dog charging up the field with the flock!

I hope we can run some events like this in the Northeast this year. It was very pleasant to work with a competitor as a team member and it was very funny to watch the various teams perform. Many dogs competing in the team competition went on to run in the finals where their morning high jinx appeared to have no impact on the afternoon performances. ♦

Membership Renewals

The NEBCA membership year runs from January 1st of each year to December 31st of each year. The only exception is for new members that joined after October 31, 1994. They need not renew until January 1, 1996. All other subscriptions and memberships ran out December 31, 1994.

December 31st is also when yearly ads and breeders listings expire.

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tive repulsion held the sheep tightly around the turn; once free from the forces, the subsequent release found the sheep heading toward a swampy area in the field, just to the right of the first line to the drive gates. For some reason, the sheep were attracted to the taller grasses of the swamp. As if they could actually hide in there? To counter their lean towards the grasses, a short right flank kept them on line. Step by step, always checking the line, Spin kept the sheep marching toward the center of the first drive gates. Short flanks and walk-ups. And they were through; hard flank right, they turned and bolted upfield and then towards the barn. Away-to-me! Spin settled in on them along the tip of the course to keep them coming on the diagonal across the field to the second drive gates. Short flanks, walk-ups, stop, gently, there, almost and through the gates! Here the sheep knew where the exhaust was; straight south from the gates! A hard right flank again to cut them off had been anticipated and executed, but they still managed to bobble the lines enough to give the judges something to hang their hats on. The drive points awarded were 24-22-25.

These sheep did not like to stay in the shedding ring. Being of a suspicious nature, you will remember, they also did not like us handlers to invade their personal space. Luck was with me, as today, Spin did not argue with me as to my choice of one or two sheep. Once we settled the girls and split, it was clean. The judges; 10-8-10 points awarded.

Penning had to be done by the dog. She had to be in two places at one time it seemed, and had to apply enough pressure to convince them to in, but not too much or they spooked. Old trial dogs have the wisdom of patience and purpose. Each thought of flight was countered by her eye or slight shift in weight. Each thought of panic, soothed by her willingness to hold back; they had no choice but to go inside. The judges; 9-10-8 points earned.

The single went quickly and without flaw. The dog made the shed, came through and took control before the sheep saw what was happening. The judges; 10-10-9 awarded.

Our third run placed us

tied with Barbara Armata and Kelly, who also had done consistent, quality work all weekend. This third run included a double lift with the first outrun to the left and the second to the right. From a low-



Eve and Spin surrounded by some of their awards.

to-the-ground, dog-point-of-view, the sheep were out of sight to the dog; but if you sent that way before, the should have faith that there would be sheep there waiting for him. Spin's first outrun was solid, her second lift was not clean, but once she spied them, she comfortably went out behind them for a 9-9-9 lift and 7-9-10 fetch. The drive was interesting, trying to push a double batch of sheep through the gates. The split was where I really felt pressured. There's something about the number five that is really difficult to count and see quickly. I found it a bit unnerving to try and set up. Maybe Spin had reason to question my counting abilities! Finally, I got the numbers right; I called her in to escort the volunteers to the pen, 10-8-10 pints for the split and 9-10-10 for the pen.

In our runoff, things progressed nicely



and then excitement got the better of me. I panicked at the second drive gates, having missed them low, I flanked Spin around in front of the sheep (as if I could have, in my dreams, maybe, saved it and put them through.)! The rest of our run was beautiful. What would the judges have to say? Barbara ran next. I couldn't watch. Her run seemed to be going smoothly. But, Kelly ran out of time her course uncompleted, and Spin had earned her title of Champion of the Fall Foliage.

During all of this, I had not ever considered the Supreme Championship, the title bestowed upon the winner of both the High Points Championship and the Fall Foliage Championship. As I sit here writing, the shock is still with me. Knowing Spin so well, I don't know why I should be surprised. She has always been such a consistent worker. She made me a handler; I know that. Until she came along, I was struggling to find my way in the trials circuit. The dogs I ran had some of the qualities needed for

supreme competition, but fell short enough at the time to hinder my own development as a trainer and handler. When Spin showed up she sort of said, "Okay, Eve, just what is it you want to see that will help you to learn? What can I do for you? What can I show you?"

Since that time, she has been my friend, and become a part of me. She knows me as I know her and she often intuits my next move. Her balance has always been flawless, her interpretation of sheep unexplainably accurate. She has allowed me to put her anywhere in the field I so choose and finds pleasure in doing it. When a disaster needs to be recollected and put back together, I can always trust her to handle a situation; even when out of sight. She'll come in a grip whenever I say; on the nose and in business like fashion. Her fuse is not short, but her determination obvious. She has won trials that have had sheep chase of so-called powerful dogs; her quiet, attitude of control and trust enables her to handle otherwise impossible situations. I believe her earning the NEBCA Supreme Champion Award is a true reflection of the quality and intellect that Spin possesses. In my eyes, she will always be one of the Greats in the field. And, I guess that's how we all should feel about our dogs. ♦

Minutes, continued from page 4

endar. Ten calendars or more will be \$6.00 per calendar and 20 calendars or more would meet the bulk price of \$5.00 each. A budget for advertising was proposed by Mike Canaday. It was approved.

Becky Peterson presented the nominating committee's slate of officers which were voted in by the membership through the ballots in the newsletter. The new officers are: President, Gene Sheninger; Vice President, Steve Wetmore; Secretary, Jean Kennedy; treasurer, Joanne Krause.

Becky then read the trials committee recommendations for the Fall Foliage Trial. The trial will consist of a double lift, drive, international shed and pen. Each dog will have two runs with the best of the two runs counting for the score. If there is a tie for first place, a run-off will be required. The course will be at the judges discretion. If there is a tie in the run-off, it will be broken by outwork, then by drive and if still tie, the second runs score will decide the winner. Each dog will have one run per day. If it is not feasible, due to field conditions, to have a double lift, the trial now in the by-laws will be the second choice. This recommendation was made into a motion and approved.

Becky also spoke concerning the High Points Championship. It is now determined by the twelve best trial, 4 per state that you placed in the top ten. The points are given according to how many dogs were outscored. A thirteenth trial was used as a tie breaker. It would now be broken by how many firsts a dog has accumulated. This was made into a motion and passed.

Becky discussed "no scores". She said

that right now a handler can retire by choice, his dog leave the field or be disqualified and he will receive no score. A recommendation was made that a judge can excuse a dog and handler, which will allow them to receive a score up to the time they are excused. An example given – all shed points are gone, the judge excuses the handler and the points including the pen remain for a score.

Eve Marschark spoke concerning Marylands request to join NEBCA. Discussion followed. A committee appointed by Gene Sheninger to discuss revisions to the by-laws. It consisted of Steve Wetmore, Anne Priest, and Mike Canaday. They request members make their opinions known on the matters to be considered. Some of the issues to be decided on are: the area of territory NEBCA should be involved in, a change of the annual meeting to some time other than winter, the terms of office and the limit of terms of the people on the trials committee and the acceptance of Maryland into NEBCA.

Sally Lacy spoke on behalf of the Border Collie defense fund. She requested that letters be sent to members of the Agricultural Committee of Congress such as Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin mentioning the AKC's tax status and the fact that the Border Collie is a working agriculture animal recognized by its actions, not it's looks. Cheryl Williams made a motion to send a letter to Patrick Leahy from NEBCA to this effect. It was seconded and passed. Bev Lambert made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Border Collie Defense Fund with the option of more money a future consideration at the

Cummington Mass Nebca meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Gene Sheninger explained the Honors Award which the Board of Directors established to choose a member in the club who has shown a dedication to the Border Collie and/or to NEBCA. This award would be given out on a yearly basis. The award was presented by Betty Levin to Mr Alex McKinven of North Hatley, Canada. Betty spoke of Alex's devotion to the BOrder Collie and his long association with NEBCA. The lovely plaque presented was made by Dave Young of Canada. Alex was not present to receive the award, but received a long, hardy applause.

A second award was presented to Eve Marschark and Spin who earned the title of Supreme Champion this year by winning both the Fall Foliage Championship and the High Points Competition. This is the first time since the award was designated that anyone has ever won this title. Vergil Holland and Robin did win both titles in 1984 before this award came about. The award money allocated for this title was \$150.00 for a silver belt buckle. Eve was given the opportunity of another choice of a prize and will make her wishes known to the Board of Directors.

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:35 pm and approved. Again, everyone was welcome to go "mushing". The weather was warm, but there was still enough snow left, so many did stay.

Our thanks to Mike and Pat Canaday for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Kennedy,
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Below is a list of the trials at which there will be NEBCA meetings during the coming trial season.

1) May 27th

Cummington, MA

Following nursery Saturday night

2) June 17th

Hop Bottom,

Afternoon/eve of Saturday trial

3) September 30th

New Hampshire State SDT

Saturday following trial

4) October 7th

Fall Foliage

Saturday evening at dinner

5) Jan/Feb

NEBCA Annual Meeting

This list is subject to change. Any changes necessary will be published in the newsletter.

Trial Results

2nd Eastern Township Sheep Dog Trials
June 11-12, 1994

The second annual Eastern Townships Trial was a huge success. Handlers from all over the North East U.S.A. Ontario and Quebec came to test their luck in Quebec's only trial. The sheep and trial site were loaned to us by Gary Caldwell who's endless energy and eye for detail was greatly appreciated. The sheep were fun, constantly testing the dogs throughout the weekend and making the good runs ones to be remembered. Mary Ellen and I would like to thank the E. T. Sheep Breeders Association for their support with meals and craft exhibits. Hope to see you all next year. Results

Saturday, June 11

Novice

Dave Murray	Bess
Carroll Goodwin	Betsy

Pro-Novice

Bruce Smart	Charlie
Weerner Rietbok	Jill
Mike Canaday	Glynn Floss
Mike Canaday	Floss
Bruce Smart	Dyna

Open

Amanda Milliken	Boy
Amanda Milliken	Hazel
Bev Lambert	Lark
J.P. LaLonde	Madi
Roger Deschambeault	Sue 11

Double Lift Run-off Bev Lambert Jet

Sunday, June 12

Novice

Dave Murray	Bess
Fran Wheeler	Tweed
Carroll Goodwin	Betsy

Pro-Novice

Bruce Smart	Dyna
Amanda Milliken	Eucher
Mike Canaday	Glynn
Bruce Smart	Charlie
Dee Woesner	Queen

Open

Amanda Milliken	Boy
Roger Deschambeault	Jack
Amanda Milliken	Hazel
Bev Lambert	Jet
Mike Canaday	Robin

A list of 1995 trial dates appears on page 10 of this NEBCA News.

1994 Fall Foliage Trial Expense Report

Costs

\$600.00	Judges	\$200.00 each, Tom Forrester, Bernie Armata, Doug McDonough, Plus expenses as submitted to Barb Armata, Treas.
\$300.00	Sheep	Paid to Gene Sheninger
\$150.00	Prizes for 1st & 2nd place,	jackets not more than \$75.00 each.
\$150.00	Prizes for 3rd thru 10th,	handmade bowls not more than \$15.00 @
\$ 65.00	Port-a-Potty rental	
\$150.00	Printing of pamphlets for trial	
\$150.00	Sheep crew	
\$XXXX	Miscellaneous	
	Janet Larson to submit receipts to Barbara for:	
	Phone, lunches, etc. for judges, timekeepers, scorekeepers	
	Scoresheets, score posters, timers, markers (donated)	

\$N/C

Entry fees collected:

22 dogs @ \$20.00 per dog = \$440.00

Total (Known costs as related to the Trials Committee Chair) \$1125.00*

*At NEBCA meeting held at Keystone State SDT, up to \$1600.00 was allowed to be spent on the Fall Foliage Trial.

Submitted by Eve Marschark,
Trials Committee Chairperson

There were many who donated their time and talents to make the 1994 NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial the success that it was. We would like to thank them once again for their tremendous help.

Carol and Larry Campion, Dayle Hamilton and Jean and Joe Kennedy. The Kennedy's not only provided the panels but worked in many capacities over the three days. Dayle was terrific too. He handled sheep singly in the pen all day Sunday, on Saturday he and Spot exhausted sheep until they were exhausted. Others were simply terrific, too. They are:

Joanne Krause
Debbie Merrill
Lana Petty
Michael Dathe
Mary Ellen Young
Eleanor Jagger
Bob Moses

And thanks to the competitors who set up, set out, cleaned up and fixed lunch for the judges. And of course, thank you to Janet. Lois and Dave Larson helped Janet prepare for the weekend and helped her throughout. Thank you too!

The 1995 Fall Foliage Trial will be held at Fosterfields Farm Museum in Morristown, New Jersey. The trial manager will be Gene Sheninger. It's a beautiful location with a challenging field and sheep. **Plan on it!**

1995 NEBCA Treasurer's Report

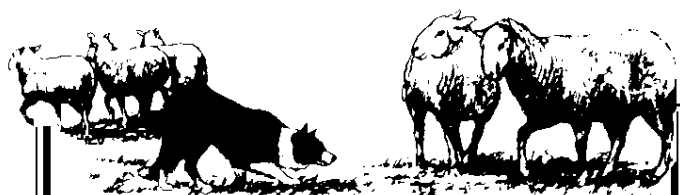
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Calendars	\$3518.59	\$3393.43	
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Nursery Comm	\$399.73		
Awards/Fall Foliage	\$1662.28	\$440.00	
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Fencing rental		\$145.00	
	\$10,544.50	\$10,568.53	
			Calendars \$694.00 (brings calendar income to \$4,087.43, profit of \$568.84.)
			Awards jackets \$457.66
			Totals Expenses Income
			\$11,002.16 \$11,137.37
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