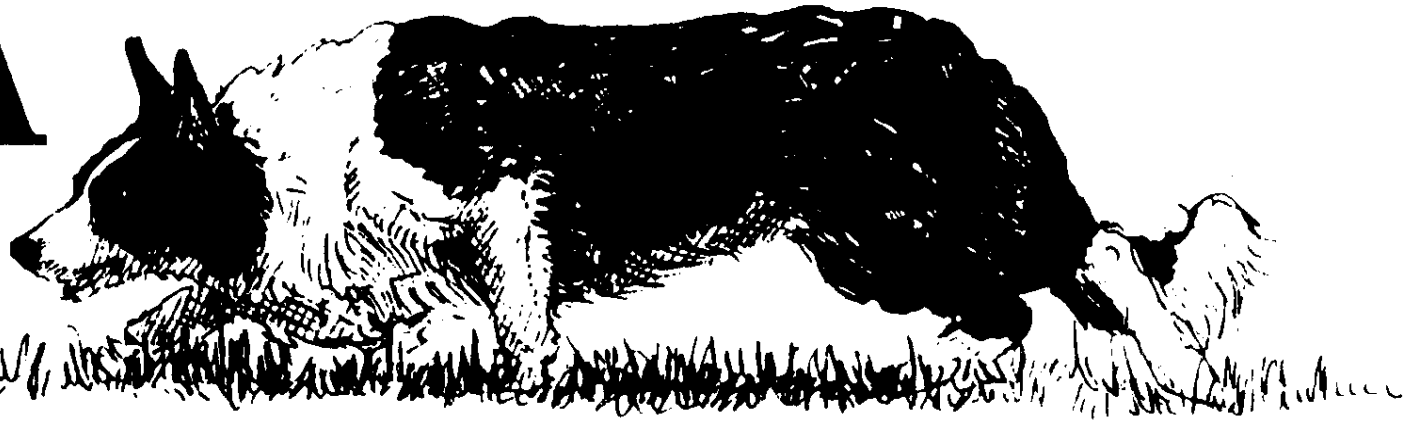


# NEBCA News



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**Walt Jagger's Roy,  
1996 Fall Foliage Champion**



**Mike Canaday's Ken,  
1996 High Points Champion**

## NEBCA Meeting, Pot Luck Supper, Eye Clinic, and Penn Hip Lecture at Cummington, MA, May 24, 1997

A NEBCA meeting will take place on Saturday, May 24 at the Sheep & Woolcraft Fair Sheep Dog Trial, Cummington Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA. All NEBCA members are encouraged to attend. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place directly after the nursery trial, about 5:30 p.m., before the pot luck supper at 6:00.

### Eye Clinic

An eye clinic will be held starting at 10 a.m. Dogs that are competing in Saturday's novice trial should be tested after they run. Other dogs can be tested any time. The examining ophthalmologist will be Dr. Donovan, Burlington, MA. The fee is \$15. Any breed is welcome to come for testing. If we are awarded the ABC money which was applied for, a price reduction will be made for NEBCA members having border collies tested. Call George Northrop (508-249-4407) or Dee Woessner (508-582-7682) for more information.

### Penn Hip Lecture

A lecture on the Penn Hip procedure for the detec-

tion of hip dysplasia will be given by Richard E. Lau, DVM, of Cheshire Veterinary Hospital, Cheshire, CT. The lecture will follow the pot luck supper and meeting of the Mass. Sheep & Wool Craft Fair. Everyone is urged to stay for the lecture and the pot luck supper.

Since there is an Ice Cream Social after supper, Becky Peterson has requested that we bring more salads and main dishes and fewer desserts.

### Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes.
3. Business arising from minutes.
4. Executive report.
5. Committee reports.
6. Other business.
7. Date of next meeting.
8. Election of additional member to Board of Directors.
9. Adjournment.

## Editor's Note

At the annual meeting in January, there was some discussion on the newsletter. Members present voted not to allow letters to the editor. Some of the reasons for not allowing them were that we didn't want to appear contentious to people in other parts of the country or overseas, they were boring, and they took up space needed for other things. It was decided that any letters that the editors thought were of interest could be written as articles. I argued against this prohibition (being a big fan of free speech, as long as it's civil) but so it goes. We have some very bright people in the club that come from a wide range of backgrounds, and even those who are not yet very experienced in trialing may have ideas that could benefit the club.

There was also discussion about whether "editorials" were allowed. Previous editors stated that the club policy had always been that no editorials were permitted. I was instructed to write only happy, upbeat things.

In the note of cheerful reporting, I am happy to be able to quote the following, which must have been forgotten:

From previous editions of the NEBCA NEWS: (Summer, 1993) "As editors for the NEBCA NEWS, we have the prerogative to air our concerns with the goings on within NEBCA. As members you have the right to read what we have to say or ignore it. Topic for this month: " and again, (July, August, 1993) "Now we should all understand that these two editors are in the unique position of being able to voice our opinions and the only repercussions will be the heat we take after we distribute the newsletter. But, you are in the unique position of being able to ignore what we say . . ." (Gene and Lynne Sheninger)

(Fall 1989) "Since it is both the end of the year, not to mention the end of the 80's, and our last editorial, we thought we'd also get in our last editorial "two cents" worth! With the annual meeting coming up . . ." (Denise Leonard and Kristen Whittle) Their editorial goes on to give their opinions on changes needed in nursery trials, in the way trials become qualifiers for the championship, sportsmanship, prize money and so on, and some very good and thought-provoking opinions they were too, and worth re-reading if you have a copy.

In conclusion, I'm not able to be happy that no letters to the editor are allowed. I don't think anyone, including me, should have the right to decide which members can air their opinions or what they can say. I would rather print both sides of any issues and promote discussion, editing letters as necessary to fit available space, to tone down any harsh language, or remove any references that might point to individuals. But so it goes.

If you want to write an article, let me know. The next few newsletters are going to cover trial results primarily, but there should be at least one article for each issue as well. Need your help on that! I'd like to include more photographs too - see Sally Lacy's article on taking good photos for the calendar - the same things apply for the NEWS, except we like pictures with people.

Sorry this issue has been delayed. It was an enormous undertaking, particularly as we could not get copies on disk of most of the rules and guidelines, and had to re-type and re-proof most everything. Hope it proves useful.

Dee Woessner

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The breeders list is \$20.00 yearly, due in January.

# President's Message

The reins of the NEBCA presidency were handed over to me at the annual meeting in January and it is an interesting sensation to feel the different aspects of the club all pulling together. There are young /new handlers seeking a novice perspective which balances well with seasoned opinions in open and fair debate. With committees and individuals seeking change, this all helped in creating the feeling of NEBCA. The true purpose of the club is never far away with our elders watching.

Doable deadlines were put in place by the membership. First of all, the trials' committees members are named in this issue. These names are ones that were reached by consensus of the Executive Committee. Second, the issue of Bylaws changes must be addressed. The Board of Directors will give a preliminary report at the Cummington meeting.

NEBCA seems well in place. One thing that bothers me is the lack of timing on the behalf of the committees in getting their reports to the membership. Guidelines and reports should be published prior to meetings. It is a matter of courtesy to the membership to give them time to read these papers and prepare questions beforehand.

We could help insure the soundness of dogs sold through NEBCA's breeder's list by publishing a list of dogs that have clear hips, and/or eyes, as the Ontario BCC does. The list would be voluntary and be published with the breeders list, so buyers could use it for cross reference - a simple process to help a crippling problem.

This should be an exciting year. New dogs, new handlers, new trials all ready to share in the excitement of the Sheep Dog Trial!

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## Minutes of the NEBCA Annual Meeting

The 1997 annual NEBCA meeting was January 10th at the Deerfield Fire Building in Deerfield, MA. President Gene Shenger opened with a greeting at 10 AM to the 48 members present.

A Secretary's report followed. There were 409 NEBCA members in 1996, 169 of these were first time members. A great amount of correspondence by mail and phone occurred for information on trials, memberships, use of the library and puppies. A request was made that people send their dues directly to the Secretary instead of giving the dues to anyone else to pass on. This will avoid confusion and also delay in receiving your newsletter. The report was accepted as read.

Treasurer Joanne Krause passed out copies of the financial report. Total credits for 1996 were \$17,613.55, total debits \$15,078.37 leaving a balance of \$2,535.18. The report was accepted.

Under Old Business, Dee Woessner reported for the Newsletter. Three issues have been published since she took over as Editor in August. In 1997 she would like to have two fancier issues with photos and four to five plainer issues. A budget of \$5,500 was proposed and passed.

Eve Marschark gave the Trials Committee report. It was suggested that the Fall Foliage prizes be standardized. Also that perpetual trophies for Fall Foliage and High Point Winners be established. Winners would keep these for a year, their names and their dog's names would be engraved on the trophy, and the following year these trophies would pass to that year's winners. These issues were tabled until the Spring meeting. There are three trial committee members with expiring

terms, Roger Deschambeault, Becky Peterson and Eve Marschark. The report was accepted as read.

Beverly Lambert spoke for the Nursery Trials Committee. A copy of the updated Nursery Trial rules and guidelines was passed out, which will also be published in the newsletter. The Nursery Finals Trial was reported as a success and was under budget. A \$1,000 budget for the 1997 trial was requested and approved.

Millie Curtiss said calendar sales totaled \$3,669.16 with 800 of the 1,000 copies sold. Expenses were \$3,663.42 for printing, \$87.50 for advertising and postage and supplies \$200.00. Fair trials sell the calendars for \$5.00 per calendar. Otherwise, they are \$7.00, plus postage if they are mailed. Cost of printing is \$4.58 per copy. Discussion followed on raising the price, doing an all color issue, doing investigation of other printing techniques and reporting this at next year's annual meeting. A motion was made for a \$4,000 budget, calendars to sell for \$6.00 each if ten or more are taken, \$8.00 each if less than ten taken. Motion approved. Millie said she would like to give up her position and Nancy Phillips of Moretown, Vt. offered to replace her. They will work together this year and Nancy will assume the position of Chairperson next year.

Lin Reuther reported a lot of activity with the library, and on the purchase of some new books and videos. Lin will be resigning and said several people wrote resumes offering to become librarian.

Bev Lambert said the Fall Foliage Trial came under its budget of \$1,600.00. The breakdown is included in the Treasurer's report. Thanks to Ellen Skillings for

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hosting the trial. A request for a \$1,600.00 budget for this year was accepted.

Lynn Deschambeault said there was no report from the Board of Directors.

The election results were read by the Secretary. The By-laws revisions were as follows.

To change the wording of the purpose of NEBCA.

Passed.

Articles I-IV.

Did not have a 2/3 majority and didn't pass.

Articles V-VI.

Did not have a 2/3 majority and didn't pass.

Article VII.

Did not have a 2/3 majority and didn't pass.

Article VIII.

Did have a 2/3 majority and passed.

Article XI.

Did have a 2/3 majority and passed.

Article XII.

Did have a 2/3 majority and passed.

Officers elected are as follows.

President, Dave Young.

Vice President, Denise Leonard.

Secretary, Jean Kennedy.

Treasurer, Joanne Krause.

Becky Peterson and Lynn Deschambeault were elected to the Board of Directors.

The meeting broke for a pot luck lunch and resumed with President Dave Young presiding. New Business opened with a librarian replacement. It was decided to ask Sue Myska from Mystic, Ct. to fill that position. Lin will work with her for a smooth transition.

Trials Committee replacements were discussed - qualification, geographical locations, etc. The Executive Committee will decide who will fill these four positions.

The Board of Directors was asked to draw up By-laws revisions to address NEBCA territory, and Terms of Office for both the Trials Committee and the Nursery Trials Committee. A motion was made and passed to have this proposal submitted to the newsletter by July, 1997 for publication.

Dee Woessner offered to publish Trials Rules and

Guidelines, the By-laws, Breeder's Guide, Buyer's Guide, Rules for the Fall Foliage Trial and for the Nursery Final Trial in a tear out section in the Newsletter. This was addressed as a motion and approved.

Bev Lambert stated the Nursery Trials points will be on line and can be printed out and brought to every trial. This will work if all trial managers report trial results as soon as possible.

The policy of letters to the Editor and Editorials in the newsletter brought on a lengthy discussion of pro and con issues. A motion to allow letters to the Editor was made and defeated.

Beverly Lambert asked for a motion to accept the proposed Nursery Trial Rules and Guidelines, the motion was accepted.

An appointment to the Board of Directors to replace Dave Young as Dave will now sit on the board as President was discussed. By-laws state a person will have to be voted in at the spring meeting on May 24th at Cummington, MA. Roger Millen was named as a candidate. Roger was defeated by one point in the recent NEBCA election.

A tentative trial schedule will be ready for approval by the first trial of this year.

Betty Levin announced she and Barbara Leverett will sponsor and reinstate the Long Road Trophy. Any dog owned by a handler before it was six months old and trained by that handler (attending clinics are acceptable) will be eligible for this trophy.

A Breeders Award trophy for the dog winning the Fall Foliage trial was also discussed but no resolution was reached.

Joanne Krause, Treasurer, asked for an audit of NEBCA's books. The Board of Directors will appoint someone to do this.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM. Thanks to the Deerfield Fire Dept. for the use of their building and thanks to Becky Peterson and Emily Yazwinski for setting up before the meeting and cleaning up after it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Kennedy, Secretary

## LAST ISSUE?

This will be your last issue of the NEBCA News unless you have renewed your membership. Renewals should be sent to Jean Kennedy (see page 2).

We have some great articles coming up - Russ Middaugh's continuation of the story of his Welsh dog, Moss, an article by Dr. Sue Schoen on why to take your dog to the vet, an article by Carol Lea Benjamin on border collies as pets, and more.

If you know of anyone who is a member and isn't getting their newsletter, please inform us. We get a few back with every mailing, generally because people have moved.

# 1996 Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Joanne Krause, NEBCA Treasurer, January 8, 1997

<u>Accounts Payable</u>		<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	
Library:	\$447.84	STARTING BALANCE:	\$5,983.65
Calendars:	\$3,663.42	Membership:	\$5,660.00
Newsletter:	\$5,592.41	Breeder's List:	\$560.00
Awards:	\$900.92	Calendars:	\$2,690.46
Nursery Finals:	\$1,613.53	Library:	\$258.40
Fall Foliage Trial:	\$1,977.56	Newsletter Ad's:	\$104.20
Office Supplies:	\$191.84	Nursery Finals:	\$1,260.00
Fencing		Fall Foliage Trial:	\$796.84
(Mass Sheep & Wool Craft Fair):	\$92.50	Fence Rental:	\$90.00
Misc.:	\$598.35	Members List:	\$10.00
		Rule Book:	-----
		Brochures:	-----
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$15,078.37	Misc.:	\$200.00
		TOTAL CREDITS:	<u>\$17,613.55</u>
		Total Debits:	\$15,078.37
		BALANCE:	\$2,535.18

Nursery Finals Report		Fall Foliage Trial Report		Newsletter Report	
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>		<u>Accounts Receivable</u>		<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	
Entry fees:	\$1,260.00	Entry fees:	\$530.00	Newsletter ads:	\$104.20
		Reimbursement			
TOTAL CREDITS:	\$1,260.00	from crooks:	\$266.84	TOTAL CREDITS:	\$104.20
		TOTAL CREDITS:	\$796.84		
<u>Accounts Payable</u>		<u>Accounts Payable</u>		<u>Accounts Payable</u>	
Judge, Bruce Fogt:	\$400.00	1995/Postage for Julie		<u>1/1/96-7/31/96</u>	
Crooks:	\$350.00	Depford tickets:	\$4.85	Printing and scans:	\$3,002.52
Tee shirts	\$298.53	Judge, Bud Boudreau:	\$600.00	Mailing/postage:	\$718.29
Plates (Border		Crooks:	\$455.75	Phone calls/supplies:	<u>\$167.60</u>
Collies in Action)	\$135.00	Sheep pen crew:	\$200.00	Sub Total:	\$3,888.41
Insurance	\$200.00	Groceries (lunch for		<u>8/1/96-12/31/96</u>	
Porta John	\$100.00	crew and helpers):	\$60.79	Printing:	\$1,332.39
Food:	\$30.00	Dinner for Judge,		Mailing/postage:	\$371.61
Sheep pen crew:	\$100.00	Ellen and other		Phone calls/supplies:	*- - - -
		helpers (Paradiso)	\$68.53	Sub Total	\$1,704.00
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$1,613.53	Dinner for everyone		TOTAL CREDITS:	- <u>\$104.20</u>
Total Credits:	- <u>\$1,260.00</u>	Saturday night:	\$300.00	TOTAL COST:	\$5,488.21
		Porta John:	\$157.50		
TOTAL COST:	\$353.53	Lanyards:	\$83.50		
		Pins:	\$46.64		
		TOTAL DEBITS:	\$1,977.56		
		Total Credits:	- <u>\$796.84</u>		
		TOTAL COST:	\$1,180.72		

\*Not submitted yet.



# 1996 Library Report

The NEBCA Library had a very active year in 1996, with borrowing levels back up to those of 1993 and 1994. There were 94 videotapes and 38 books borrowed by NEBCA members throughout 1996. This is an all-time record for books!! I think that the increased coverage of the library holdings in the newsletter plus members talking up the library to prospective new members boosted usage. As before, users were mainly new members and people just starting out to train a dog. I feel that the library is a unique resource to our members, and an excellent "selling point" for new folks.

We added a few books and videos to the Library in 1996: Books--Betty Levin's AWAY TO ME, MOSS, Sheila Grew's KEY DOGS VOL. 1 & 2, Bruce Fogt's book, LESSONS FROM A STOCKDOG, and Vergil Holland's HERDING DOGS-PROGRESSIVE TRAINING. Videos-- 1995 International Supreme Trial, 1995 U.S. National Finals Trial, Phil Phillips' How to Handle Cattle with Cowdogs, and Chuck O'Reilly's Learn How to Train Your Stockdog the Right Way. We also got an audiotape by Hubert Bailey, "Training Whistle Commands."

In the coming months we plan to buy videos of

the 1996 U.S. National Finals, the 1996 International Supreme Trial (although there is a rumor that Rural Route Videos was not allowed to film it last fall), Mike Hubbard's third video, The Finishing Touch (finishing your dog for trial or ranch work) and Mike Hubbard's Training Your Dog for Cattle (specifically for cow work). A book that we have just bought is the Monks of New Skete, THE ART OF RAISING A PUPPY, which covers information from whelping, what the pups learn at different weeks of their first two months, temperament testing, and more through the first year of life. We also plan to order John Holmes' classic book, THE FARMER'S DOG. As always we welcome recommendations for purchases from all members!!

We do have a new Librarian--Susan Myshka from Mystic CT. I have really loved being the NEBCA Librarian for the 8 years I have done it, and will miss "meeting" so many new folks via their letters and requests. I want to thank all the people who generously volunteered to be the new Librarian. It was hard making a choice with all the great candidates!

Lin Reuther



Executive committee at the annual meeting, l to r, Jean Kennedy, Secretary; Denise Leonard, Vice President; Dave Young, President; Joanne Krause, Treasurer; and Dee Woessner, Newsletter Editor

# **NEBCA BY-LAWS AND TRIAL GUIDELINES**

*As of January, 1997*

# **NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to promote the use of the Border Collie as a working stock dog and to safe guard and improve the quality of the breed.

### **ARTICLE I Name**

The name of this organization shall be the "NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION" (NEBCA).

### **ARTICLE II Membership**

Any person owning a Border Collie or having an interest in Border Collies is eligible for membership. A person becomes a member upon qualifying as discussed in ARTICLE III. A member has the privilege of voting, holding office and being counted for quorums of meetings.

### **ARTICLE III Dues and Membership Qualifications**

Membership dues shall be payable on January 1 of each year. A fee will be set for Individual memberships, and a fee will be set for Farm or Family memberships. All fees will be in United States funds.

Dues amounts will be determined by the Officers of the Association and will be set as required to maintain the firm financial basis of the NEBCA. Dues amounts can only be changed at the Annual Meeting.

Members will be responsible for the election of officers, responding to organizational affairs, promoting the NEBCA throughout their own communities, and generally supporting the NEBCA.

### **ARTICLE IV Voting**

Each member shall have one vote either in person or by proxy, so long as their annual dues are paid in full. Farm or Family Memberships are entitled to two votes, so long as they are submitted by two individual members of the Farm or Family.

### **ARTICLE V Officers**

The Officers of the Organization shall consist of an advisory Board of Directors comprised of five members and an Executive Committee comprised of a President, who is Chief Executive Officer of the Organization; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; and Newsletter Editor. Terms of office shall be for two calendar years, but officers may be reelected. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Initially, the Board of Directors term of office will be one (1) year for two Directors, two (2) years for three directors. Subsequent terms for Directors will be two years duration.

### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

**Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors shall be comprised of persons who are knowledgeable in the field of Working Border Collies and can be of assistance to the Executive Committee in their decision-making processes. The Directors will choose a CHAIRMAN. The Board of Directors is responsible for setting the major policies of the Organization.

Regular and Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held upon notice sent by any means of communication not less than five days prior to the meeting. The business to be transacted should be included in the notice. Action taken by the Board of Directors must be signed by all members indicating they have reviewed said proposal whether or not they agree with the content. A member of the Board may vote by proxy by assigning his vote to another member of the Board.

**Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee will be responsible to the NEBCA for the day-to-day running of the Organization. The Committee will report to the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee will have the authority to conduct business in the absence of a quorum of the membership in order to conduct day-to-day business of the Organization.

The President shall preside at all meetings, including the Annual Meeting, and shall see that the instructions of the Association are effected. The President will serve as the fifth member of the Board of Directors. The President can call a meeting of the Board of Directors at any time.

The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and actions of the Executive Committee and membership and inform members of the Association business.

The Treasurer shall collect all money due the Association and pay for necessary supplies; produce all account books for



annual audit upon request.

The Newsletter Editor shall keep the membership apprised of any and all actions of the Organization through the periodic publication of a Newsletter.

#### **ARTICLE V-a Committees**

All committees report to the Executive Committee.

**Trials Committee:** A Trials Committee of five members, the Nursery Trials Committee Chairman, and the President of the Association, ex officio, will act to regulate, oversee and help schedule qualifying trials. They will set criteria for the management of the High Points system and Fall Foliage Championship Trial. The members will be appointed by the Executive Committee. Members will serve two years, but no more than two members will have their terms expire at the same time.

**Nursery Trials Committee:** A Nursery Trials Committee comprised of four members and the President (ex officio) will act to regulate, oversee and help schedule qualifying nursery trials. They will set criteria for the nursery trials and for the points competition for all nursery classes. The Nursery Trials Committee Chairman will be a member of the Trials Committee.

**Nominating Committee:** The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members at the Fall meeting to propose a slate of officers for all "officer positions" and to determine a deadline date for casting ballots that is sufficiently before the Annual Meeting to allow accurate tallying of the votes. Ballots, with the proposed slate of officers listed and a space provided for a write-in vote for each position, will be sent by the Secretary to all members in good standing.

**Election Committee:** The President shall appoint an Election Committee of three members at the Fall meeting that will be charged to accept and count the cast ballots on or after the official deadline and report the outcome at the Annual Meeting.

**Special Elections:** If an officer retires from office before his/her term expires, a special election shall be held at the next scheduled meeting to fill the unexpired term.

#### **ARTICLE VI Meetings**

Meetings of the membership shall be held on a regularly scheduled basis throughout the year with an Annual Meeting in January. Time, location and known agenda of any and all meetings of the membership will be announced by mail to the membership prior to the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VII Quorum**

A total of twenty-five members in good standing with either the President or the Vice President must be present in order to conduct business at a meeting of the membership.

#### **ARTICLE VIII By-Law Amendments**

The By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting provided, however, that notice of intention to amend these By-Laws and the substance of that amendment shall have been submitted to each member by mail at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The approval of two-thirds of the members present and those voting by proxy shall be required for a By-Law change.

#### **ARTICLE IX Dissolution**

The NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of two-thirds of the members. In the event of dissolution of the club whether voluntary or by operation of law, all proceeds or assets of the club shall be used for payments of any and all debts of the club. No proceeds nor property of the club will be distributed to any members of the club but shall be given to a charitable association with a focus on the betterment of the Border Collie dog as selected by the Officers of NEBCA.

#### **ARTICLE X Financial Responsibility**

An Audit Committee appointed by the Board of Directors will conduct an examination of the financial records of the Association each year. The audit shall be conducted prior to the Annual Meeting of the membership and the Audit Committee Report shall be given to the Treasurer at each Annual Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XI Trials**

All NORTHEAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION sanctioned trials shall be run in accordance with the rules established by the "UNITED STATES BORDER COLLIE HANDLERS ASSOCIATION RULES" except where these rules differ from any rules adopted by the NEBCA.

# NOVICE TRIAL GUIDELINES

## PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Novice trials are part of a tradition of dog trialing and handling that goes back hundreds of years. Dog trials are our demonstration of the skills of our dogs and the ability of the Border Collie breed. Anyone competing in a trial should remember that they are part of this heritage and are spokespersons for our breed and sport.

Novice trials are intended to provide a competitive opportunity for handlers and dogs who do not yet have the skills or experience to compete in Open Sheep Dog Trials. These trials are intended to showcase the skills of the Border Collie as a herding animal. While any dog may require assistance from its handler during a run and any dog may have a bad run these trials are not intended to be training sessions for the dogs. Any dog running in a novice trial should be under control and capable of performing the work required by the course.

All people competing in NEBCA sanctioned trials are expected to display sportsman-like conduct to the trial manager, judge, and other competitors. It is expected that trial managers will make every effort to insure the trial is fair to all competitors. It needs to be understood, however, that running a trial is not an exact science and while every effort should be made to give each handler a fair chance, bad luck happens.

All competitors are requested to volunteer their assistance in at least one trial during the year. Trials are organized and run by people who volunteer their time. The work to run trials needs to be shared by all who participate.

## NURSERY DIVISION

### 1) NOVICE/NOVICE

The Novice/Novice Class is a class designed to give inexperienced handlers a level at which to start competing with an inexperienced dog. This class is open to any handler who has never placed in the top ten of an open class (a novice handler). The class is open to any dog that has never competed in any class higher than Novice/Novice with its current handler, or Pro/Novice with any other handler.

The Novice/Novice class shall consist of an outrun of no more than 100 yards (worth 20 points), a lift (10 points), fetch (20 points), a drive through at least one set of panels no more than 100 yards from the post (20 points), and a pen (10 points). On the drive the handler may leave the post to assist the dog in moving the sheep through the drive portion of the course. The dog must move and control the sheep,

however, not the handler.

Once a dog has gained 30 points of trial scores in the Novice/Novice class (see "Schedule of Points"), the handler will be required to remain at the post during the drive. Once a dog has earned 40 points at the Novice/Novice level, the dog shall move up to the Pro/Novice level of competition.

### 2) PRO/NOVICE

The Pro/Novice Class is designed to give experienced handlers a level at which to start competing with an inexperienced dog. It is also an intermediate level of competition for the inexperienced handler between Novice and Ranch Class. The class is open to any Open handler with a dog that has never run in a class higher than Pro/Novice with that handler, or Ranch with any other handler, and any Novice handler and dog that have pointed out of Novice/Novice. Any Novice handler who purchases an Open or Ranch level dog may begin trialing that dog at the Pro/Novice level. If, however, the dog/handler team are clearly too competitive for the Pro/Novice level, they may be asked by the Novice Trials Committee to move up to the Ranch level.

The Pro/Novice Class shall consist of an outrun not to exceed 200 yards (20 points), a lift (10 points), fetch (20 points), and drive through at least one set of panels not more than 100 yards from the post (20 points), and a pen (10 points). Once a dog has earned 40 points in Pro/Novice the dog shall be required to move up to the Ranch level of competition.

### 3) RANCH

The Ranch Class is designed to prepare dogs and handlers for Open competition. This class is for any handler with a dog that has never placed higher than Ranch class with that handler or any dog that has placed in Open but not with this handler. If, however, an Open handler with an Open dog he has never run in Open, and has taken back to the Ranch level, are clearly too competitive for the Ranch level, they may be asked by the Novice Trials Committee to move up to Open. A handler and dog may run in Open and Ranch simultaneously until the dog is no longer eligible for Ranch.

The Ranch Class consists of a full Open course with no shed. A dog is eligible to run in Ranch until the dog has earned 40 points and after earning 40 points won three Ranch Classes with at least 6 dogs competing or until the dog places in the top ten of one Open trial with at least 12 dogs competing.

## GENERAL NURSERY TRIAL GUIDELINES

- 1) For a Novice Trial to be recognized as a NEBCA Novice Trial it must:
  - a) Offer all three classes.
  - b) Report the trial results to the Novice Trials Committee within two weeks of the end of the trial.
  - c) Be approved by the Novice Trials Committee at least 30 days prior to the trial and also be advertised in the NEBCA newsletter.
- 2) A trial may choose to have different judges for different classes, but may have only one judge per class.
- 3) No dog should be allowed to run competitively after having run in a lower class non-competitively on the same field at that trial.
- 4) It is recommended that ties for first place should be run-off. In any event the technique to be used to break all ties should be announced at the beginning of the trial.
- 5) In the same trial in which a dog points out of a class, it may be run competitively in the next higher class. At any point a handler may choose to move his dog up to the next higher class and may be allowed to run competitively in that higher class at that trial.
- 6) Except for running out of time, any run which is prematurely terminated by the judge should receive no score.
- 7) Any run which threatens the welfare of the dog or the livestock should be terminated by the judge and/or trial manager.
- 8) Handlers may at their discretion move the dog up to a higher class prior to pointing out of a lower class.

## SCHEDULE OF POINTS

A dog earns novice points based on the score earned in each run.

Out of 90 Possible Points

Recommended number of points for the Ranch Class

<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
82-90	5
73-81	4
64-72	3
55-63	2
46-54	1

Out of 80 Possible Points

Recommended number of points for Novice/Novice

and Pro/Novice

<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
73-80	5
65-72	4
57-64	3
49-56	2
41-48	1

## NOVICE FINALS

Each year NEBCA Novice Trials Committee will organize a Novice Finals Trial.

To be eligible to compete the handler must be a member of NEBCA. The handler-dog team must have earned at least one point in a NEBCA novice trial since the previous year's Novice Finals.

The dog and the handler run in the highest class in which that team has earned points that year. If the dog has pointed out of a class but not yet earned any points in a higher class then the handler/dog team will compete in the lower class where points were last earned.

## GRIEVANCES AND PROBLEMS

In the event that a handler has a problem at a trial that cannot be resolved by the trial manager that the handler feels concerns their novice standings they may appeal to any member of the Novice Trials Committee at the trial for clarification. While a member of the Novice Trials Committee might be willing to discuss the problem with the trial manager the final decision is up to the trial manager.

If a handler feels that these rules have been broken in such a way that some remedy is required they may apply for such a remedy to the Novice Trials Committee which will consider their request.

If a handler would like any of these rules waived for them they may apply to the Novice Trials Committee which will consider their request and give them their recommendation.

If a NEBCA Novice Trial has followed all of these guidelines, but still has a problem that cannot be satisfactorily settled between the trial manager and Novice Trials Committee then the sanctioning of that year's trial will not be affected, but the next year's trial may not be a NEBCA Novice Trial at the discretion of the Novice Trials Committee.

If a trial that was advertised as being a NEBCA novice trial does not meet these guidelines in such a manner that the Novice Trials Committee feels that it should not be counted in the points tally then that trial may not count even though it has already been run (i.e. fails to submit results, fails to offer required classes, fails to provide a judge).

# Guidelines for Qualifying Open Trials

- 1) Trials must be held in the Northeast Region which will be as follows: New England States (ME, VT, NH, MA, CT, RI), New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Canadian Provinces of Quebec, Atlantic Maritime, and Ontario.
- 2) Trial dates and intentions to be known before the start of the trial season which begins in April or May and ends on the Tuesday after the third weekend in September. The trial must be an organized and advertised trial.
- 3) First time trials will be up to the Trials Committee to approve or disapprove as Qualifying Trials. All trials will be the responsibility of the Trials Committee to approve or disapprove.
- 4) The trial must have an individual (manager) who must contact a NEBCA Trials Committee member in advance to help insure a successful trial.
- 5) The class may not have a limit of the total number of dogs entered, but may have a limit of dogs per handler. If a high limit does exist, the trial may remain a Qualifying Trial as long as no NEBCA member from the Northeast Region is turned away before the entry deadline. A trial must have a minimum of 12 Open dogs competing in the Open class to be a Qualifying Trial.
- 6) The class will be judged by a qualified person approved by the NEBCA. A list of qualified judges is available from the Association.
- 7) Judges to judge on a suggested system of 100 points. Some points may change according to certain course changes. A judged trial is preferred but points trials may be accepted. The judging method, (i.e. judged trial or points trial) must be advertised as approved at the beginning of the season (April). The trial will be judged and scored as advertised or sanctioning as a qualifying trial will be removed. As in a judged trial, grips will not be allowed in a points trial nor will retrievers be allowed at any gate or panel.

Outrun	20 Points	Lift	10 Points
Fetch	20 Points	Drive	30 Points
Pen	10 Points	Shed	10 Points
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		Total	100 Points

It is suggested that any handler retiring his dog by his own choice or being disqualified by the judge receive a score of "0." A judge may excuse a dog from the course and allow the score to remain.

- 8) The running order should be drawn as follows: The order of the handlers will be drawn. No handler should run twice before any handler has the opportunity to run once. Handlers running less than 3 dogs should have the opportunity to choose the heat in which they will run. Handlers should have the privilege of choosing the order in which they will run their

dogs.

- 9) If a trial is scheduled to rerun the top ten qualifying dogs, then this should be stated at the handlers' meeting. If this is the case, any handler qualifying three dogs for the top ten may choose which two dogs he will run in the final round.
- 10) It is suggested that ties for first place be broken by a run-off at the conclusion of the trial. The method of breaking the tie should be stated at the handlers' meeting.
- 11) Trial managers are requested to post scores of all completed runs at intervals of every 3-5 dogs.
- 12) 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 a NEBCA Officer must be present.

Each trial will receive attention from the Trials Committee in a positive, helpful manner. All trials will be run in accordance with USBCHA Rules unless stated differently.

(amendments from the Cummington meeting, May, 1996)

If at all possible, a dog should not set out sheep before its run. Trial managers should advertise and/or discuss any changes in their trial, such as setting a standard.

## NEBCA High Points Championship

### Rules for Assigning Points

All qualifying trials (as per guidelines) will be used toward High-Points Competition. At each qualifying trial, the judge will place the top 10 dogs (all ties will be broken by the judge.) The top 10 dogs will receive points according to the number of dogs they place above. If a handler has three dogs in the top ten, the lowest placing dog of the three will be removed and the next lowest dog will be used in its place to earn NEBCA points. Only NEBCA dogs will earn points but only for the placing they receive. As an example, a trial that has 30 open dogs competing:

Placing	Dog	NEBCA Points
1	A	29 (outscores 29 dogs)
2	B	28
3	C	27
4	D	26 (non-member)
5	E	25
6	F	24
7	G	23
8	H	22
9	I	21
10	J	20

Dog D is not considered for points because it is a non-member but this does not affect lower standings.

At the end of the season, all points for each dog's best 12 trials will be tallied using the 12 trials in which he attained the most NEBCA points. In an effort to suggest

that handlers get out to compete at a variety of trials, no more than 4 trials per state will be included in a dog's 12 best trials.

Awards will be made to the Top Ten High Points Dogs. If two dogs are tied for a Top Ten High Points Award, then the next trial in which points are obtained if available will be counted. If still tied, then the number of wins (first places) will be counted. (approved at the Feb. 1995 annual meeting)

## Fall Foliage Championship

All open trials meeting the Guidelines will be qualifying trials. All NEBCA dogs (handler is a member of NEBCA and resides in the Northeast region) placing in the top 10 (as judged, with all ties broken) at 4 qualifying trials will be eligible to compete in the Fall Foliage Championship. Two handlers in the same household or farm may qualify only if they each are an individual member of NEBCA or if they hold a Farm/Family membership.

In the event that a handler qualifies 3 or more dogs to run, he may run only 2 dogs but may choose which 2 of his own qualified dogs he will run.

### Preferred Method

All dogs will run twice on an International style course with a Double Lift, Drive, Shed (the committee has the option of requiring an International Shed) and Pen. The lower score of the two runs will be dropped and the better score will be used to determine the placings. Ties for first

place will be decided on a runoff as specified by the judge. All other ties will be broken on the best runs' outwork (2 gathers) and then on the drive. If the tie still remains, then the second run scores will be used.

### Alternative Method

All dogs competing will run 3 times and best 2 scores out of each dog's 3 runs will be added to give the final standings.

In the event that the number of dogs qualified is more than is physically possible to run in the time scheduled for the trial, the NEBCA Trials Committee can choose to run the dogs by the following method PROVIDED that it is announced prior to the beginning of the trial.

All dogs running will run 2 times. The 10 dogs with the best single scores of either the first or second run will run a third time in the final round. If 2 or more dogs are tied for 10th and 11th place in the preliminary standings, then the lower of each dog's 2 scores will be used to break their tie. It will not affect any other standings. If a tie cannot be broken with the lower run, then both dogs still tied for 10th place will run in the final round. After the "Top Ten" dogs run in the final round, a dog's final placing will be made according to his combined score of his best 2 out of 3 runs, no matter which runs they are.

Final ties for 1st and 2nd place and for 2nd and 3rd place will be broken by a run-off with the method to be determined by the judge. Other ties to 10th place will be broken by the sum of the outwork of the tied dogs' best 2 runs. If the tie still exists, then the judge will continue to look at the sum of the Drive, Pen and then Shed of those 2 runs.

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## Applicable Portions of the United States Border Collie Handler's Association, Inc. Rule Book

NEBCA By-laws state in ARTICLE XI Trials "ALL NORTH EAST BORDER COLLIE ASSOCIATION sanctioned trials shall be run in accordance with the rules established by the 'UNITED STATES BORDER COLLIE HANDLERS ASSOCIATION RULES, except where these rules differ from any rules adopted by the NEBCA.' "

[The following was reprinted with permission from Francis Raley, USBCHA Secretary/Treasurer. Portions relating to membership, the board of directors, dues, the treasury, national finals, and so on have been omitted. Some lengthy sections have been summarized, and summaries are placed in brackets and in a different typeface to distinguish them from direct quotes. For ease of reference, rules applying to trials are given in the order they appear in the USBCHA rule book. The complete USBCHA rules can be obtained from Francis Raley, Rt. 1, Box 17A, Crawford, TX 76638.]

### LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP

[Members are responsible for knowing the rules. Members or non-members on suspension cannot compete in sanctioned events.]

A USBCHA member or non-member may be fined and/or suspended for any of the following:

(A) Attempting to fix, bribe, influence or intimidate the judge, trial secretary, time keeper, course director, or any other trial official will result in disqualification, suspension and a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(B) A contestant shall not talk with the judge about any trial related matter throughout the duration of the trial, nor shall a contestant discuss with the judge any ideas or methods of judging or handling except at approved handlers' meetings.

(C) A contestant shall make no comment within a judge's hearing regarding any work taking place at a trial.

(D) No alcoholic beverages may be consumed or brought into the judges stand while an Association approved or sponsored trial is taking place.



(E) A contestant shall not intimidate, attempt to intimidate, or argue with a judge. The penalty for violating this rule will be a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and/or a minimum of thirty (30) day suspension.

(F) A contestant shall not intimidate, attempt to intimidate, or argue with a course director. The penalty for violating this subsection will be a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and/or a minimum of 30 (thirty) day suspension.

(G) Altering or attempting to alter the draw of livestock will result in disqualification and a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(H) Any member or non-member may be disciplined by the Association for unsportsman-like conduct at any approved trial.

(I) Fighting on the trial field is not permitted.

(J) Any member or non-member who threatens, or actually inflicts, bodily harm or injury to another person based upon that person's actions, conduct, or decisions while acting in any official capacity for the USBCHA or for any USBCHA sponsored or approved event shall be suspended from membership in the USBCHA for a period of not less than one (1) year.

(K) Abusive language is not permitted on the trial field.

(L) Attempting to aid or distract another competitor while they are competing will result in immediate disqualification, suspension and/or fine as the Hearing Committee decides.

(M) Misconduct discrediting to the Association will not be tolerated.

(N) Training activities of any kind while on the grounds other than in designated practice areas are prohibited.

(O) Inhumane treatment of a dog or livestock in any manner on the trial field or on the trial grounds is prohibited. [Trial management will bar further competition and may consult with a vet. The competitor will be removed from the trial or event, disqualified and fined a minimum of \$100.00. A hearing on further action shall be scheduled.]

(P-Q) [On bad checks to the Association or for entry fees - with 21-day notice to make good, then suspension.]

(R) [Harming a trial or sponsor with derogatory remarks or adverse actions.]

(S) Any member tampering with competition livestock will be disqualified for the remainder of that particular trial and will be subject to twenty-five dollar (\$25) to two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine

(T) Trial organizers can be suspended for failing to pay added money as advertised. [or leaving bad debts, or failure to pay sanction fee.]

#### PROTEST OF RULE VIOLATIONS

[Complaint within seven days of trial, to appropriate committee. If further action needed, goes to board of directors or hearing committee.]

#### DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE AND PROVISIONS

[Members or non-members can be denied privileges by the board of directors or hearing committee on preponderance of evidence of rule violation. Anyone accused has at least 15 days notice of meeting time and place. Decision of hearing committee binding. If disciplinary action is taken, the name, rule violated and action taken will be published in the newsletter. Suspended mem-

bers or non-members are not allowed to participate in approved or sponsored trials, violation results in automatic further six month suspension. The trials committee can suspend people for unsportsmanlike conduct. Fines and penalties, unless stated specifically, depend on severity of the infraction.]

#### HUMANE RULES

[Veterinarian in attendance or available. Stock not kept in trailer over twenty-eight hours without being unloaded, fed and watered, unless food, water, resting space available in trailer.]

No sick or injured animals, whether discovered before or after the draw will be permitted to be used in competition

Animals will be inspected and objectionable ones eliminated before drawing. Judges and course directors will be responsible for inspection. Sick or injured dogs will not be allowed to compete at the recommendation of the veterinarian or at the discretion of the judge and course director.

#### PROTESTS

[Allowed by any member-competitor, lodged in writing within seven days, with check of \$50. If protest refused, deposit may or may not be refunded, at the committee's option. Protest sustained, deposit refunded. Prizes may be ordered returned. Details of decisions must be submitted to the board of directors for any further action they deem necessary. Any contestant may protest a judge's decision, within 14 days and with \$50 deposit. If judge ruled incompetent, they cannot judge sanctioned trial for period determined by board of directors.]

#### COMPETITORS

Each competitor must be ready when called by the Course Director, and anyone failing to answer the call may be disqualified. Competitors are required to note that while the order of the program will be followed strictly (unless any change is authorized by the Trials Committee), the timing cannot be guaranteed.

Any competitor wishing to have the course explained or have any point clarified must question the Course Director before they start their run. They cannot have questions answered once their run begins. By commencing the run, competitors are presumed to know the course and follow it in all its details.

Once a competitor starts their run they are entirely in the hands of the judges. By deviating from the course they are liable to disqualification or such penalty as the judges consider suitable having regard to all the circumstances.

Any competitor who receives assistance in any form will be disqualified. If not previously stopped on the instructions of the judges, a handler will be called off on the expiry of the time limit, but in the latter case, the points to the stage at which they were called off will count.

After being dismissed, a handler will cease working his dog on the course and will collect the sheep and remove them from the trial field immediately.

Any competitor who retires or who leaves the field without the judges' permission will forfeit all points.

Any competitor who intentionally harasses the stock after his run will be disqualified and subject to further disciplinary action by the Association.

Competitors shall keep their dogs under proper con-



trol at all times and any dog or owner interfering with another dog or competitor while working shall be disqualified.

Competitors and/or others shall not take their dogs on to the course before the competition starts, nor shall any of them run their dogs on the trial sheep before the trials. Handlers without their dogs may inspect the course before the trial begins.

No contestant, or other person, shall engage in any form of misconduct or harassment toward trial management, judges, or Association officials. Trial management has the right to disqualify or refuse entry to any contestant for violation of this rule. In the event a contestant, or other person, is asked by trial management to leave or withdraw from any Association approved or sponsored show, the Association shall be notified, and a hearing to consider disciplinary action against the contestant shall be scheduled.

A contestant may drop out of any contest due to injury to himself, or his dog, or due to sickness or death in his family. A contestant shall not at any time withdraw from any trial he is participating in due to dissatisfaction or grievance with the judge or judges, trial management, or other contestants without forfeiting all money he may have won in previous runs. Entry fees, or any part thereof, will not be refunded after a contest starts.

If a contestant refuses to compete in the finals, any money won in previous runs will be forfeited. In the event money has been distributed before the finals, it must be refunded within fifteen (15) days after the refund request is made, or the contestant will be suspended until the money has been refunded.

A contestant shall not enter the trial field at any time with any kind of training device. The trial management, representative, or judge must disqualify a contestant if he enters the trial field with any such equipment, and all entry fees and/or premiums pertaining to said contestant shall be forfeited. Such devices include, but are not limited to, electronic collars, dummy or weighted collars, a leash or rope that is not detached before the dog is sent, or any device used to distract or cause pain to a dog while it is working. The judge has the right to inspect the dog for any violation to this rule.

#### AWARDS

[If errors are made in announcing prizes, corrections can be made up to two weeks before a trial. If errors are made in giving out prizes, they can be recalled, and holders must return them at once. All prizes must be awarded within one month after the trial.]

#### DRESS

Handlers and trial officials may be required to be properly attired. This means a tie and sport jacket for the men and dress clothes for the ladies. Failure to comply will result in a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25) fine.

#### TRIALS COMMITTEE

[An event may be canceled if fewer than ten entries, prize money reverting to the sponsors.]

#### COURSE DIRECTOR

[Selected by the trials committee, calls competitors in turn, explains the course if asked by competitors, supervises setting of sheep to give competitors equal chance, conveys instructions from judge to competitors, keeps the course clear and ensures competitors or dogs are

not interfered with while competing.]

#### TIME KEEPERS

It is the time keepers duty to accurately start the stopwatch at the beginning of each competitor's run and to promptly call time when the allotted time for the course has expired.

#### TRIAL SECRETARIES

It is the secretary's duty to accurately record any and all point deductions taken by the judge on official score sheets. A secretary may not divulge information about a judge's decision or about his individual preferences in handling or scoring to any contestant during that competition.

#### SCORE SHEETS/POSTING SCORES/ENTRIES

[Score sheets retained by secretary for at least 30 days. Duplicate of score sheet available to contestants at end of trial. All scores must be posted by end of trial with the amount deducted for each phase of work. Entry fees must be paid on entry.]

#### EQUALITY

If two or more competitors stand equal in total points, the judges shall settle their priority either (1) by their points for the outrun, lift and fetch, or (2) ordering re-trials of any kind, or (3) dividing the prize money involved. In cases of equality where a trophy is at stake and the judges order re-runs, the re-runs will decide not only the trophy but also all cash prizes involved.

#### RE-RUNS

The judges may stop a dog at any point of his trial and order a re-run if they consider the circumstances warrant such action. The re-run will commence where the original run was stopped and the points scored before stopping takes place will stand.

In the case of a re-run being ordered because of a wrong number of sheep having been let out, or sheep being wrongly marked or one or more sheep being unsound for working, the judges shall decide whether the run should be from the beginning or from which point it is to re-start. If decided that the re-run start at any point other than the beginning, the points scored up to the point of re-start shall stand.

[In disputes not settled by the judge or trials committee, the board of directors shall decide.]

In all cases of dispute, the trial will proceed without delay under existing USBCHA rules. Any contestant or person connected with the contestant, altercation or arguing with judges will be disqualified from that run, fined, and barred from any further USBCHA trials, until further notice.

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

(Judges to judge according to rules and without favoritism. Judge will be subject to disciplinary action for misconduct, using abusive language, favoritism or discrimination against either an individual or a dog, or any unbecoming action.)

Judges are encouraged to read and follow International rules.

Under no circumstances will a published judge be permitted to enter the trial for which said judge was

approved.

A judge shall not discuss with any contestant previous scores, events, or related happenings during a trial.

A judge shall not intimidate, or attempt to intimidate, a contestant. The penalty for violating this subsection will be a minimum of six (6) months suspension from the Association.

Each judge's points for each competitor shall be recorded by the secretary on score sheets supplied to them, which shall be aggregated by the secretary and double checked by a secretarial assistant.

Judges are required to review each score at the completion of the run to insure accurate point deductions.

Judges may not be changed after start of a trial except in cases of sickness or injury. The trial committee is then responsible for appointing a new judge.

A judge must present in writing any grievance that he may have against contestants or trial officials to an Officer or Director of the Association and his case will be reviewed by the appropriate committee. If the any of the above named officials witness a grievance against a judge they must report this immediately to the Association. Any grievance must be filed within seven

(7) days of the closing date of the trial involved.

[Next section on points allotted to phases of work and how to judge them.]

#### TOUCHING SHEEP

In any of the Association's Trials, a handler who touches the sheep shall be penalized by loss of points as the judge thinks appropriate in the circumstances.

#### COMMAND/STYLE/DISQUALIFICATION

[Fewer and quieter commands preferred to over-command and noisy commands. Inattention to commands, turning off sheep, and rashness are penalized. Dogs disqualified for gripping, if circumstances justify it, and are excused. Disqualified competitors shall not receive a prize regardless of points up to the grip. If the dog is not disqualified, the loss of points cannot exceed the number of points for the phase of work in which gripping occurs.]

[The rest of the rules concern novice classes, and national nursery competition.]

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# NEBCA Breeding Policy

In continuing centuries of effort to produce the best herding dogs in the world, NEBCA advocates the breeding of only genetically sound dogs of proven working ability.

All breeding dogs should be healthy and fit in accordance with the veterinary standards of the day.

Breeder's should understand that having a dogs hips x-rayed and approved is not sufficient in preventing hip dysplasia.

It is suggested that breeder's be more aggressive with the idea that the genetic problems in our dogs are carried in bloodlines and they are urged to start thoroughly tracking litters, siblings, and parents siblings. The information gathered should then be used in selecting breeding stock.

Breeder's are urged to voluntarily remove questionable dogs from their breeding programs.

When choosing replacement breeding stock, include in the evaluations the bloodlines with consistently better hips.

No dog should be bred unless its eyes have been checked and certified free of Collie Eye Anomaly & Progressive Retinal Atrophy by a board certified Veterinary Ophthalmologist.

Dogs with certified eyes who come from a litter, or produce any pups, with genetic eye problems should not be bred.

It is suggested that breeders keep a record of where their pups have been placed and maintain a purchase agreement with the buyer. In part, the purchase agreement should carry two clauses:

- 1) that buyers are encouraged to have eyes and hips checked and notify the breeder of the results.
- 2) the breeder will issue a disclosure statement to all owners of a litter found to contain a genetic problem.

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## Buyer's Breeding Guidelines

To participate in the process of breeding Border Collies is to build upon centuries of effort to produce the best herding dogs in the world. The dual goals of this process are: 1) the raising of reliable working dogs that are 2) free of genetic health problems. These dual goals have five areas of consideration:

- Pre-Breeding Health
- Genetic Disorders
- Working Traits
- Puppy Health
- Record Keeping

### •PRE-BREEDING HEALTH•

All dogs should be of good vigor and well exercised.

Females are best bred between 2 and 8 years of age. They should have a complete physical and external reproductive tract examination and, be free of genetic health problems. Prior to breeding, vaccinations and booster shots for rabies, parvovirus, distemper and other contagious diseases should be updated to ensure some initial protection for the nursing puppies. Heartworm and lyme disease tests, and fecal checks should be negative. A test for brucellosis is advisable.

Males should also be current with physical exams, heartworm, lyme and fecal tests and, free of genetic health problems. They should be checked for cyrptorchid. A test for brucellosis is advisable.

### •GENETIC DISORDERS•

Evidence to date indicates that genetic problems can be significantly reduced by more strictly evaluating the bloodlines (ancestors, siblings and progeny) of breeding stock.

Genetic disorders vary in the Border Collie. They include, but are not limited to, eye diseases, epilepsy and skeletal diseases. The two pressing problems today are the eye diseases and the skeletal disorder called Canine Hip Dysplasia.

•**EYE DISEASES**...There are two inherited eye diseases that affect Border Collies, Progressive Retinal Atrophy and Collie Eye Anomaly. Examinations are done by a veterinary ophthalmologist.

### Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)

There are two forms of this atrophy. Generalized PRA starts in the eye's periphery and spreads to affect the total vision field. It rarely leads to total blindness.

The rare Centralized PRA is a central blindness of stationary objects that leads to total blindness.

Dogs are checked at 2 years of age for these problems, and because of the progressive nature of the disease, they must be examined throughout the breeding life.

### Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA)

CEA is not a progressive disorder, is present at birth and is detectable as early as 4 weeks of age, with 6-8 the usual time for the exam. Puppies should be checked as, occasionally, mild cases of CEA can be masked by developing pigmentation during normal eye development.

Mild cases may never have problems while in severe cases there may be retinal detachment and bleeding leading to total blindness. There is no effective treatment.

Cleared Dogs can be 'normal eyed carriers' and produce severely affected puppies.

Dogs with either problem, cleared dogs that have affected offspring or dogs from litters where these eye problems exist, should not be bred.

•**CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA**...has long been considered to be an abnormality of the hip joints. However, recent evidence suggests that it maybe a disease that can also affect the shoulder and knee joints and the joints between the vertebrae. It is in the hips where it is most likely to occur and cause problems.

Puppies are born with normal hips, and it is only after birth that the abnormality appears. In a few weeks a laxity, or progressively loose fit, develops where the end of the thigh bone fits into the socket of the hip. This loose fit allows excessive movement of the thigh bone during normal activity such as weight bearing, walking, running & play. This ultimately leads to wear and tear on the bone and the inflammation of smooth cartilage covering both the bone and the socket. In addition, the ligament holding the thigh bone in place stretches and becomes thick and inflamed, cartilage erodes and is eventually lost while bone spurs develop which remodel the normal shape of the bone and socket.

Canine Hip Dysplasia occurs in various degrees of severity. The severest cases will show in puppy hood with the mildest cases perhaps never being detected. Its manifestations will range from no apparent problems to complete loss of the hips. Dysplasia is detected by radiographs with the most accurate testing time

#### •**WORKING TRAITS**•

Beyond the goal of identifying what genes and problems to exclude in breeding, breeding programs should affirm the qualities and traits we want to encourage. Desirable traits center on power and balance, but also include endurance and stamina, longevity and durability, intelligence and athleticism, courage and loyalty, and temperament, factors all in the breeding of the best Working Border Collies.

The best way to judge the potential working ability of a puppy is to watch the parents work. A beginner with working dogs may need help in separating good or poor working ability from good or poor training and/or handling.

#### •**PUPPY HEALTH**•

Puppies should be in a warm, dry and ventilated space. They should be examined, wormed, and inoculated in accordance with the veterinary standards of the day. They should be well handled and socialized to people.

Common puppy diseases are distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvovirus and parainfluenza. They are controlled by a series of vaccinations, before and after they go to their new homes. Puppies should be examined promptly by the new owners veterinarian. The first rabies vaccination is at three months, with the adult booster vaccination received at one year of age.

Testing to date indicates that both over feeding of high energy protein food and various forms of environmental stress can worsen canine hip dysplasia. Even though dysplasia is genetically based, these compounding environmental factors must be understood by the puppy owner.

#### •**RECORD KEEPING**•

Evaluating offspring is the most important factor in deciding if a breeding program is producing genetically sound and temperamentally fit, working dogs.

A responsible breeder will keep good records. Do not hesitate to ask to see the results of hip and eye exams, or pedigrees. Established breeders will have owner names for all previous puppy placements from whom you can choose names to contact.

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Tim Longton - *The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training*  
Pope Robertson - *Anybody Can Do It*  
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Vergil Holland - *Herding Dogs - Progressive Training*

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Bruce Fogle, D.V.M. - *The Dog's Mind - Understanding Your Dog's Behavior*

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### Shepherd's Life

G. M. Anderson - *Times Remembered*  
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Louis Irigaracy - *A Shepherd Watches, A Shepherd Sings*  
Phillip Keller - *Lessons from a Sheepdog*  
Michael Mathers - *Shepherders - Men Alone*

### Fiction/Children's

James Herriott - *Dog Stories*  
James Herriott - *Only One Woof*  
Dick King-Smith - *Babe the Gallant Pig*  
Betty Levin - *Away To Me, Moss*

### Miscellaneous

Jane Burton - *A Dog's Life, A Year in the Life of a Dog Family* (photos)  
E. B. Carpenter - *The Blue Riband of the Heather, The Supreme Champions 1906-1988*  
Betty Cavanna - *The First Book of Wool*  
Sheila Grew-Key Dogs, Volume 1 & 2  
Donald McCaig - *Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men*  
Olivia Mills - *Practical Sheep Dairying*  
Jane Simmons-Moake - *Agility Training - The Fun Sport for All Dogs*  
American Rescue Dog Association - *Search and Rescue Dogs - Training Methods*  
Leo Gowan - *The Craft of Stickmaking*  
Monks of New Skete - *The Art of Raising a Puppy*

## Videos

1989 British International Supreme (Parts I and II)  
1988 International Supreme (Parts I and II)  
1994 International Supreme Championship  
1995 International Supreme Championship

## 1995 US Finals

"One Man and His Dog 1990"  
"One Man and His Dog 1991", includes part of the 1989 International  
"1993 International Supreme Sheepdog Championship"  
"Training the Working Border Collie" - Tony Collins (Parts I and II)  
"Come Bye! And Away! The Early Stages of Sheep Dog Training" - Glyn Jones  
"That'll Do! Widening the Sheepdog's Experience" by Glyn Jones (Tape II)  
"Take Time" by Glyn Jones (Tape III)  
"Training the Working Stock Dog" - Elvin Kopp (Parts I, II & III)  
"Stockdog Training Fundamentals" - Mike Hubbard  
"How To Get The Most From Your Working Dog" - Scott Lithgow, (companion to his book, "Training and Working Dogs")  
University of Guelph Series:  
Part 1 - "Selection and Early Training of Border Collies"  
Part 2 - "Basic Training for Sheep Work"  
Part 3 - "Advanced Training For Sheep Work"  
"Training and Working a Border Collie" - Rural Route Video  
"The Sheepdog Video - The Training and Handling of a Sheepdog for the Better Management of Small Stock", filmed in South Africa.  
"Training the Working Stockdog"  
"British Sheep Fairs and Crafts"  
"Sit, Clap & Furbish" - Karen Pryor  
"Ewe Were Made for Me"  
"How to Handle Cattle with Cowdogs" - Phil Phillips  
"Learn How to Train Your Stockdog the Right Way" - Chuck O'Reilly

## Audiotape

"Training Whistle Commands" - Hubert Bailey



## Mike Canaday & Ken, 1996 High Points Champions

Mike Canaday and Ken had a convincing hundred-plus point lead over their nearest competitor in the high-points standings this year.

Ken was successful as a trial dog even before Mike bought him. As a two-year-old, he was reserve at the USBCHA finals. Because of his age, he was able to run in the nursery finals, as well and placed sixth. He also won the Winter Olympics handled by Ralph Pulfer.

Of the several Northeast dogs that qualified for the national finals this past year, Ken was the only one to make it to the run-off of the top twenty dogs, placing 12th in the finals.

Mike says that someone phoned and offered to sell Ken two and a half years ago and he decided to "take a chance." It's worked out very well, as Ken won the Fall Foliage in 1995, as well as this year's High Points Championship. During the time they have trialed together, they have won many open trials.

Mike says that Ken is easy to work. If he were put up all winter, he would work exactly the same come spring, only needing to get fit. He lives in the house and is an easy going dog, a good pet when he's not working.

Ken's father, was Imp Jim (ABC 14422, imported from Hartford Logan to the Weir-Perry Kennels. Jim's father Chip (ISDS 77779, McSwiggan, Ireland) did well in trials, coming fourth in the Irish National in 1974, and first in the International Brace in 1977. In 1980, he was the Irish Brace Champion. Jim's mother was Lassie (ISDS 1391211, Mrs. Doyle, Ireland). Ken's mother was Wanda (ABC 4183, R. Donaho, TX. Wanda was out of Sue Bell (AIBC 45455, Hunter Strain, TX) by Ben (registered on merit, ISDS 154729, John Black, Scotland.)

### Final Placings, High Points Competition

The high points dogs are those that have done consistently well over the season. As explained in more detail in the trial guidelines, their points reflect the number of dogs beaten in their best twelve trials, with a maximum of four trials in any one state.

<u>Handler</u>	<u>Dog</u>	<u>Points</u>
Mike Canaday	Ken	562
Beverly Lambert	Jet	450
Beverly Lambert	Lark	434
Cheryl Williams	Nell	427
Mike Canaday	Robin	417
Walt Jagger	Roy	344
Rich Seaman	Socks	271
Cheryl Williams	Taff	268
R. Deschambeault	Jack	190
Rich Seaman	Cleo	181

## Walt Jagger & Roy, 1996 Fall Foliage Champions

Roy came to live at Sheepy Hollow and be a part of the Border Collie family in the Fall of 1991. He was about a year and a half old at the time and was partially trained, having been only a farmer's helper overseas and never having run in any trials in Wales.

He quickly endeared himself to us with his friendly, happy, outgoing personality and became a willing partner in everyday work as well as trialing.

Since that time Roy has competed in many trials all over the country and has distinguished himself by going to the top ten winners circle over 70 times. Roy has been named 1st place Champion of 21 trials and designated Reserve Champion on 12 occasions competing in some of the most prestigious trials of the Country. In addition Roy won the difficult double lift at the 1996 Fall Foliage Championship Trial.

Roy is an extremely devoted dog, very biddable, playful and affectionate, but very capable of doing his job in a careful settled manner. He is especially good to his sheep but never lets them forget that he is command. As his pedigree reflects, he is well bred.

Roy has been a wonderful addition to Sheepy Hollow and hopefully can continue for many years to come. It is a privilege to have him for a pardner!

by Walt Jagger

Imp. Roy ABC 29444. Roy's father was Moss (ISDS 147521, G. Lloyd, Wales). Moss is a Templeton's Roy (ISDS 114678) son, out of Chris (Mrs. M. F. Anderson, Scotland, ISDS 133715). Roy's mother is Bett (ISDS 147402, H. R. Lewis, Wales). Bett is a Thomas's Don (ISDS 108889) daughter, out of Meg (ISDS 94933, J. R. Sanders).

### Fall Foliage Championship

The fall foliage was quite a challenge. Twenty-three dogs competed of the twenty-nine that qualified to run. Five sheep were placed to the left, four to the right. The draws varied, as usual, some sheep were more cooperative than others. Each dog got three runs, with the two best scores combined to determine the winners. The judge was Bud Boudreau. The sheep were heavy and pushy. The double lift on the Y-shaped field took its toll in cross-overs and no-find-ems. Bud Boudreau was clearly worn by all the hefty point deductions he had to make. A few dogs gripped and were disqualified, many ran out of time. The event went smoothly, however. Not too many spectators, but beautiful brisk weather.

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Fall Foliage Results, continued from previous page

Placings:

1. Walt Jagger	Roy	256
2. Mike Canaday	Robin	244
3. Mike Canaday	Ken	235
4. Rich Seaman	Cleo	232
5. Cheryl Jagger Williams	Taff	231
6. Cheryl Jagger Williams	Nell	226
7. Beverly Lambert	Jet	214
8. Dick Williams	Dave	201
9. Warren Mick	Tara	197
10. Beverly Lambert	Lark	197

## 1996 Fall Foliage Qualifying Dogs

Twenty-nine dogs qualified to run in the fall foliage included Ken and Robin (Mike Canaday), Jet and Lark (Bev Lambert), Nell (Cheryl Jagger Williams), Roy and Celt (Walt Jagger), Socks and Cleo (Rich Seaman), Jack (Roger Deschambeault), Dave (Dick Williams), Sweep and Yankee (Gene Sheninger), Tru and Bob (Sally Lacy), Jack and Gen (Ellen Skillings), Tara (Warren Mick), Meg (Gabe Merrill), Pip (Lynn Deschambeault), Kelty (Betty Levin), Ben (Dave Young), Jet and Madi (J. P. LaLonde), Dyna (Bruce Smart), Queen (Carol Champion), Meg (Werner Rietboeck), and Queen (Dee Woessner).

# NEBCA Novice Finals

September 14 & 15, 1996, Canaday Farm, Altamont NY

The Second Annual NEBCA Novice Finals were held Sept. 14 & 15 at the Canaday Farm in Altamont, NY. The event was quite well attended with a total of 66 dogs competing in the three nursery classes. Each class ran a total of three times with the best two runs added together for a final score.

Despite a worrisome weather forecast, the trial took place during two beautiful autumn-like days. For a change of pace, the Novice/Novice and Pro/Novice runs included a chute before penning. Wool sheep were used for all classes and ran quite evenly throughout the two-day event.

Thanks to all who participated to make the finals a success. Special thanks to Pat and Mike Canaday for the use of their sheep and farm for this event, again.  
by Warren Mick

### Novice/Novice 21 Dogs Ran

Barbara Levinson	Ivy	166.5
Jim Strohecker	Rudy	165.5
Joyce Geier	Troy	160

Suzanne Craddock	Mick	160
Peter Van De Car	Chip	157.5
Derek Johnston	Kruz	154.5
Jody Somers	Chip	151.5
Kathleen Hughes	Isabella	148
Tom Leigh	Kate	145.5
Evi Carlton	Jack	140.5

### Pro/Novice

### 28 Dogs Ran

Walt Jagger	Jim	172.5
Merry Klimek	Tweed	171.5
Cheryl J-Williams	Sally	171
Mary Brighoff	Mirk	168
Allen Lynch	Jen	166.5
Barbara Leverett	Queen	163.5
Gene Sheninger	Shep	161
Betty Levin	Maddie	160.5
Suzanne Craddock	Barbie	159.5
Bill Gregor	Willie	157

### Ranch

### 17 Dogs Ran

Russ Middaugh	Marvin	169.5
Mary Brighoff	Moss	158.5
Cheryl J-Williams	Sadie	158
Polly Matzinger	Annie	156.5
Mike Canaday	Dell	156.5
Beverly Lambert	Spy	155.5

Michael Dathe	Cobb	149.5
Paul Heidenberg	Heidi	149
Dee Woessner	Fly	145.5
Russ Middaugh	Moss	132

The nursery trials committee is looking for several volunteers to organize the novice finals for 1997 and a location to have the event.

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## Barbara Levinson & Ivy, Novice/Novice Winners

Ivy came to Barbara in March, 1996. "That dog just came knocking," said Barbara. She wasn't looking for a dog at the time. She had been trialing her first border collie, Tess, for a couple of years. While it may have been the right time to get another dog, she says she wouldn't have known where to start looking.

Ivy had been to Barbara Leverett for training, but her owner felt that Ivy was too fast for her, and passed her on to Barbara. The two of them seemed to be well suited. She took Ivy along to trials, then ran her at her first trial in June. Ivy finished the Novice/Novice class in one season. By the time of the finals, Barbara had the thirty points that required her to stay at the post and have Ivy do a drive instead of a wear.

The partnership was good from the beginning, but Barbara said "The fear is that the dog knows more than you."

Getting Ivy helped her appreciate Tess more. "You realize how far you've come together." Although Ivy was started, "a started dog is not a finished dog," so they still had work to do. "That training is how you bond with the dog." Ivy is eager, enthusiastic, and very biddable.

She's been very pleased with Ivy's attitude. Judges' comments on her score sheet have included "She loves what she's doing," and "She's very eager to please."

Barbara doesn't have the ideal training situation. She lives in Morristown, NJ, and rents a field for her Dorset and Katahdin sheep in the summer. She boards them on a farm in the winter, and goes there when she can give her dogs a bit of farm work.

Her priority is to work her dogs and get them out, to do a lot of reading about training, to go to clinics, to stay centered. "You need to appreciate the progress a dog makes. You get there in small steps. . . . Everything starts with small achievements. . . It's an exceptionally humbling sport." She says it's like golf in that any success is very addictive - except "the dog likes me."

Barbara credits Cheryl Jagger-Williams for her help in learning to read dogs and situations, and points out that training with others keeps a handler from being lax in correcting problems.

Ivy is a daughter of Walt Jagger's Imp. Celt (AIBC 95005) and Monsour's Bonnie (AIBC 66047). Celt's parents are Roy (D. C. Meek, Wales, ISDS 123426) and Fly (T. J. Jones, Wales, ISDS 121752). Bonnie's parents are Mirk (Jack Monsour, NASDS 35915) and Zip (J. Monsour, NASDS 28786).



Bruce Fogt and Barbara Levinson with Ivy



Walt Jagger's Jim

## Walt Jagger & Jim, Pro/Novice Winners

Jim became a resident of Sheepy Hollow in the spring of 1995 when he was about 1 1/2 years of age and partially trained. After we worked together for a while, he was entered in the first trial in August since then he ran in seven trials, garnering two firsts, two seconds, two thirds, one fourth and one fifth. In the Championship Trial he was very consistent and won the Pro/Novice Championship in a close match.

Jim is a very willing young dog who is eager to please, very biddable, enthusiastic and a pleasure to be around. Hopefully he will be here a long time in our partnership.  
by Walt Jagger

Jim is an imported dog (ABC 70224). His father is Glen (M. C. Andrews, England, ISDS 202003), and he is out of Bet (K.C. Tovey, England, ISDS 175682). Glen's father is Cap (R. McDiarmid, Scotland, ISDS 163425), and mother is Fly (W. Wilson, ISDS 164043). Bet's parents are Mac (W.D. Jones, Wales, ISDS 116944) and Queen, (D. Thorne, Wales, ISDS 140373).



Novice/Novice Top Ten  
Front row: Derek Johnston, Jim Strohecker, Barbara Levinson, back row, Peter vandeCar, Kathy Hughes, Evie Carlton, Susanne Craddock. Tom Leigh, Jody Somers, Joyce Geier, and judge Bruce Fogt



Ranch Top Ten  
Michael Dathe, Polly Matzinger, Mike Canaday, Bev Lambert, Paul Heidenberg, Dee Woessner, Cheryl Jagger-Williams, Mary Brighoff, Russ Middaugh

## Russ Middaugh & Marvin, Ranch Winners

Marvin is a three-year-old medium-sized, smooth-coated, primarily black border collie with large prick ears. He is the sole male of the last litter of Eve Marschark's Spin (1994 NEBCA Supreme Champion) and Don. As part of our agreement with Eve, we neutered him early because of a rear hip which looks poor by X-ray analysis and occasional bouts of osteochondritis dissecans in his right front shoulder. This has left one side of his body significantly larger than the other. Very careful physical conditioning and minimization of jumping has led to a strong, healthy dog but we continue to watch him very carefully.

His primary positive training influences have been Eve Marschark and Bruce Fogt. He was started by Eve at about a year of age. I worked with him for several months and then he returned to her full time for several months. He came back a changed, much more serious dog and I have worked him since with a constant supply of Eve's help. He still loves her passionately and it is difficult to get the exact outrun I want if she is holding sheep (she turns her back as soon as she can but he usually still recognizes her).

A Bruce Fogt clinic and several visits to his Ohio farm taught him the facts of life. Namely, that stop means stop (not slow down or take three steps and then stop), a slice is a slice, etc. Because Marvin is very soft, lessons with Bruce are hard on him, but he always comes away a better dog. In contrast to encountering Eve holding sheep at the top of an outrun, if he finds Bruce he is liable to stop short in anticipation of an aggressive dominance correction (see Bruce's book if you don't know what this is - dogs are very intimidated by it - but it is very effective!). A Cheryl Jagger-Williams clinic was also a strong positive influence in the early days of his training.

Marvin's strengths are his excellent balance, keenness to work (his is very intense), quickness, aggressive shedding ability and biddability. His balance and quickness serve him especially well with some types of difficult sheep and he has a nice medium speed, calculating outrun if he knows where the sheep are. His primary weaknesses

include a lack of push (which at times has been a real problem), not yet well developed sheep sense and an occasional tendency to get flustered in pressure situations although this is probably more my problem than his. We both still have significant maturing to do. Overall, he is probably just about the ideal dog for a beginner and I will be eternally grateful to Eve for letting him go (although it took a lot of convincing and ultimately pleading). Marvin won the first novice trial he ever entered and has done consistently well in trials moving quickly through the classes. He finished a solid fifth in the open at Allen Lynch's trial after the NEBCA novice finals and he is now officially an open dog. In fact, it was only gross handler error that allowed him to run in the finals at all since at both the New Jersey State and Keystone State open trials, he came up to the pen with runs that should have left him easily in the top ten, but handler error ruined the final result in each case.

On a personal level, Marvin is a wonderful dog. He loves to play and will play ball and gentle tug-of-war with our year-old baby until she is tired. He is good friends with our other trialing border collie Moss and the two of them have worked out a brace method that allows them to control our cats with some precision. His competitive goal in life is to occasionally beat his two evil but talented sisters, Tea and Aquilla. They both constantly chewed on his ears when he was a puppy and told him he would never amount to anything. They were wrong, but I doubt he knows it. He just wants to work sheep.

by Russ Middaugh

Marvin (AIBC 123750) is a son of Eve Marschark's Spin (ABC 8313, A. Allen), by Imp Don (180874, J. Harrison, England). Spin, who did very well in Northeast trials for Eve, was a daughter of Imp. Lad (139419, D. Johnston, Scotland), out of Imp. Jan (147506, W. Wilson, Scotland, owner A. Allen). Don was by Craig (144843, S. N. Wilkinson, England) out of Nell (153483, J. Tood, Scotland).



Russ Middaugh's Marvin

# Nursery Points

Handler's Name	Dog	Class	Total		Grouch	P	4	Jagger, Walt	McDuff	R	27
Allread, John	Ben	P	23	Deschambeault, R	Lassie	R	5		Gail	R	14
	Sian	P	19	Doyle, John	Bud	R	6		Jim	P	35
	Sam	R	18	Eitapence, Carlene	Lass	N	10		Scout	P	6
Ames, Bud	Nip	R	5	El-Baff, Jim	Delmar	P	2	Johnson, Debbie	Ellie	R	8
Anderson, Deb	Dan	R	22	Elkins, Lindy	Thorn	N	2		Fletcher	P	5
Armentrout, Leon	Whit	R	26		Tess	N	12	Johnson, Iver	Duffy	N	1
	Glenn	R	30	Elliott, Pat	Dell	P	1	Johnston, Derek	Raff	N	23
	Rock	P	20	English, Margie	Sally	P	9		Kelly	P	4
	Tex	P	3		Jack	N	31		Kruz	N	20
Ash, Kate	McEwan	N	1	Fallon, Maryanne	Jas	P	9	Kennedy, Jean	Hank	P	9
Bailey, Lena	Meg	P	7		Faith	P	7		Spot	P	17
	Teak	P	11	Fields, Debbie	Roy	P	1	Kennedy, Joe	Bonnie	N	9
Berkley, John	Ben	N	1		Lynard	P	11		Meg	P	39
Betz, Belinda	Jac	P	43		Jake	R	8	Kidd, Viki	Brae	N	14
Bohlen, Curtis	Hannah	N	12	Fischer, Marilyn	Ella	P	7	King, Andy	Moss	P	3
	Thorn	N	1		Gertie	P	8	King, Carla	Taz	R	3
Bradley, Kelly	Bil	R	1	Flowers, Bill	Ted	N	6	Klein, Barb	Reed	P	10
	Jack	R	3		Jack	N	3		Tam	R	7
Brake, Clint	Angus	N	3	Flowers, Hilary	Kate	P	8	Klimek, Merry	Ben	P	23
	Switch	N	4		Jill	N	1		Jett	N	3
Brighoff, Mary	Moss	R	42	Flynn, Craig	June	N	2		Tweed	P	11
	Mirk	R	7		McDuff	P	4	Kramer, Bonnie	Trim	P	3
Broadbent, Kate	Que	N	6	Fossetta, Linda	Lizzy	N	38	Kratzer, Dell	Speck	P	4
	Murphy	N	7		Meg	N	6	Krause, Joanne	Meg	N	26
	Ted	P	3	Foxon, Annette	Meg	P	0		Spice	N	2
Burke, Lois	Meg	R	2		Tammy	P	16		Hope	P	2
Bustard, Mark	Burl	P	33		Jen	N	17	Kroemmelbein, C.	Queen1	R	8
Canaday, Mike	Lassie	P	4	Geier, Joyce	Troy	N	37		Fred	P	30
	Del	R	12	Gilbert, RC	Gyp	P	18		Fan	P	17
Carlton, Evie	Jack	N	14	Goodwin, Carroll	Betsy	N	29		Del	N	7
Cassel, Gwen	Flair	P	17		Haze	N	7		Queen2	P	4
Chambers, Maggie	Joy	N	3		Floss	N	1	Kuykendal, Kent	Flash	R	7
Clark, Jim	Moss	P	4	Gray, Gary	Ben	N	7		Tug	R	3
	Chip	P	4		Ceri	N	4	LaChance, Mike	Mickey	N	1
Collins, Kate	Pippen	R	30	Gregor, Bill	Brew	R	7	Lacy, Tom	Quick	R	3
	Queen	N	39		Willie	P	39		Faith	P	3
Conn, Tom	Dan	R	4	Haines, Bill	MacGreg.	P	3	Lalonde, JP	Ben	R	1
	Fly	P	3		Scott	P	4		Jet	P	39
Conrad, Ethel	Gael	R	2	Hamilton, Dale	Piper	P	14		Zac	P	1
	Lass	R	0	Hamm, Greg	Gaelen	N	31	Lambert, Beverly	Spy*	R	61
Corbett, Chris	Nan	P	2	Harvey, Janet	Raine	P	4	Lambkin, Margaret	Jade	N	23
	Jess	P	2		Tony	R	2		Ice	N	30
	Sage	N	23	Hague, Cassie	Jenna	N	3	Larson, Janet	Magnum	P	16
Craddock, Susanne	Roy	R	8	Heidenberg, Paul	Heidi	R	17		Twill	N	32
	Mick	N	23	Higgins, Michelle	Kilt	N	13		Totsi	N	18
	Barbie	P	19	Hobart, Ed	Joy	N	3		Robbie	N	4
Crowell, JoAnn	May	N	7	Honig, Sue	Gem	P	6	Lash, Carolyn	Kit	P	7
Curtis, Millie	Spot	N	2	Horting, David	Mae	N	14	Leigh, Tom	Kate	N	13
	Fern	P	26	Houston, Dick	Liz	N	4	Leonard, Denise	Meg	R	13
Cymerman, Dawn	Pi	N	1		Jen	P	0	Leverett, Barbara	Queen	P	8
	Molly	N	4	Huff, Alison	Lynn	R	4	Levin, Betty	Maddie	P	42
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	Pi	N	7	Hughes, Kathy	Isabella	P	2	Levinson, Barbara	Ivy	P	3
Dathe, Michael	Cobb	R	13	Jackson, Jane	Keri	R	6		Tess	P	11
D'entrement, Leroy	Pup	R	10	Jaffurs, Alexa	Celi	N	6	Ligon, Barbara	Cap	R	3



Ligon, Gordon	Bill	R	5	Paxton-Hill, S.	Kate	N	14	Weintraub, Joan	Don	N	10
Ligon, Jessica	Mig	N	1	Peterson, Becky	Gem	P	31	Wetmore, Steve	Ralph	P	32
Ligon, Stu	Mig	P	7		Kate	R	17		Moss	P	11
	Bud	R	9	Petty, Lana	Galen	P	30	Wheeler, Fran	Jill	N	32
	Bud	P	3		Souix	N	31		Tweed	P	25
	Nap	P	2	Philips, Elizabeth	Kate	R	19		JJ	N	17
	Nap	R	3		Queen	N	17	Williams, Cheryl	Meg	P	3
Lucas, Eunie	Jot	N	1	Philips, Phil	Ruthy	N	1		Sallie	P	20
Lynch, Allan	McDuff	P	15	Priest, Anne	Nell	P	29	Williams, Dick	Craig	R	29
	Jen	R	2	Ratcliff, Kathie	Troy	P	3		Dave	R	7
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	Pepper	N	7	Reuther, Lin	Jaff	P	1	Williard, Inci	Indy	P	8
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Mason, Judy	Moy	P	4		Patti	R	18	Wilson, Tommy	Vick	R	23
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	Cap	R	4		Maggs	P	8				
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	Roy	N	4		Mist	R	2				
	Fleck	P	5		Zak	N	1				
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	Gus	P	3		Lady	N	9				
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	Aquilla	R	13	Tuttle, Robbie	Lady	N	4				
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	Kate	N	6	Washer, Bob	Cass	N	13				
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### May 3-4, 1997

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Cheryl Jagger Williams, instructor.  
Contact Allan at 717-649-6212

### June 7-8, 1997

Cheryl Jagger Williams Clinic. All levels. Lamprey River Farm. Lee, NH. Janet Larson 603-659-7046

### July 12-13, 1997

Cheryl Jagger Williams Clinic.  
Greenfield, MA. Denise Leonard.  
413-773-5232

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## Upcoming Trials

### April 26-27, 1997

Springton Manor Nursery Trial Two 1-day Nursery Trials. Glenmore, PA. R.C. Gilbert, 10 Welwyn Rd., Wayne, PA 19087. 610-964-9404

### April 26, 1997

Connecticut Sheep Breeders Dog Trial. 1-day Open Trial. Tolland Ag. Center, Vernon, CT.

Dayle Hamilton, 34 Brown Brook Rd., Southbury, CT 06488. 203-264-6348

### May 4, 1997

Cooperlane Farm Nursery Trial. 1-day Nursery Trial. Shelburne, MA. Edgar Gould, Cooper Lane, Shelburne, MA 01370. 413-625-6496

### May 10-11, 1997

Nearfield Farm Dog Trial. East Conway, NH. Two 1-day Open and Nursery Trials. Roger Deschambeault, 2440 E. Conway Rd., Ctr. Conway, NH 03813. 603-939-2255

### May 24-25, 1997

Sheep & Woolcraft Fair Sheep Dog Trial. Cummington Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA. 1 Nursery, 1 Open Trial. Becky Peterson, 41 Bell Rd., Leyden, MA. 01337. 413-624-5562

### June 1, 1997

Misty Lane Nursery Trial. Brownfield,

ME. Nursery Trial. Gabrielle Merrill, RFD 1 Box 20, Brownfield, ME 04010. 207-935-2520

### June 7-8, 1997

Windstar Farm Nursery Trial. Cape Cod, MA. Two 1-day Nursery Trials. Evie Carlton. 508-240-1867

### June 20-21, 1997

Culleymont Nursery Trial. Hop Bottom, PA. Two 1-day Nursery Trials. Tom Lacy, judge. Walt Jagger, Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. 717-289-4663 or 289-4733

### June 21-22, 1997

PA Championship Stock Dog Trial. Hop Bottom, PA. Two 1-day Open Trials. Kent Kuykendall, judge. Eye clinic Sunday. Walt Jagger, Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. 717-289-4663

### July 4-6, 1997

North East Independence Day Trial. Altamont, NY. Three 1-day Nursery & Open Trials. Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365, Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. 518-861-6049

### July 11-13, 1997

Bittersweet Farm Trial, Hampton, CT. Two 1-day Nursery and two 1-day Open Trials. Patrick Shannahan, judge. Carol Campion, 109 Hammond Hill Rd., Hampton, CT 06247. 860-455-9416

### July 18-20, 1997

West Branch Sheep Dog Trial. Hughsville, PA. Two 1-day Nursery Trials and two 1-day Open Trials. Allan Lynch, RD #2 Box 168, Turbotville, PA 17772. 717-649-6212

### July 19-20, 1997

Milliken- Bustard Farm Sheep Dog Trial. Kingston, Ontario. Two 1-day Open and Nursery Trials. Tim Flood, judge. Mark Bustard, RR2, Kingston, Ontario CAN K7L 5H6. 613-531-9405

### July 19-20, 1997

Kelmscott Farm Sheep Dog Trial. Camden, ME. Two 1-day Open Trials. Patrick Shannahan, judge. Robin Metcalf, RR 2 Box 365, Lincolnville, ME 04849. 207-763-4088

### July 26-27, 1997

Eastern Township Trial. Lennoxville, Quebec. Two 1-day Open and Nursery Trials. Tim Flood, judge. Dave Young, 32 Flanders Rd. Sawyerville, QUE J0B 3A0 CAN. 819-889-3276

### August 2-4, 1997

Lamprey River Farm. Two 1-day Nursery Trials. Michael Dathe and Joe Kennedy, judges. Janet Larson, 76 Lee Hook Rd., Lee, NH 03824. 603-659-7046

### August 2-4, 1997

Nation Valley Sheep Dog Trial. Winchester, Ont. Two 1-day Nursery and Open Trials. Werner Reitbock, Box 424 Winchester, Ontario K0C 2K0 CAN. 613-448-3266

### August 6-7, 1997

Sydenham Sheep Dog Trials. Sydenham, Ont. Two 1-day Open and Nursery Trials. J. P. LaLonde, RR 1, Sydenham, Ontario K0H 2T0 CAN. 613-376-3659

### August 8-10, 1997

Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial. Cooperstown, NY. Two 1-day Open and Nursery Trials. Chalmers Means, RD 2 Box 190, Otego, NY 13825. 607-432-4903

### August 8-10, 1997

Pittsburgh Township Dog Trial. Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ont. One-day Nursery and two 1-day Open Trials. Amanda Milliken, RR 2 Kingston, Ontario K7L 5H6 CAN. 613-531-9405

### August 10, 1997

Skowhegan Fair Sheep Dog Trial. Skowhegan, ME. Open Trial /POINTS. Roger Deschambeault, 2440 E. Conway Rd., Ctr Conway, NH 03813. 603-939-2255

### August 16-17, 1997

Palmerston Sheep Dog Trial. Palmerston, Ont. Two 1-day Open & Nursery Trials. Margaret Lambkin, RR1, Palmerston, Ontario N0G 2P0 CAN. 519-343-5573

## **Trials, continued**

### **August 16, 1997**

Empire State Open Dog Trial.  
Altamont, NY. Open Trial.  
Mike Canaday, RD 2 Box 365,  
Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY  
12009. 518-861-6049

### **August 17, 1997**

NY State Championship Dog Trial.  
Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY.  
Open Trial. Mike Canaday, RD 2, Box  
365, Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY  
12009. 518-861-6049

### **August 23, 1997**

Scottish Festival Open Trial. Quechee,  
VT. Open Trial. Steve Wetmore, PO  
Box 54, Strafford, VT 05072. 802-765-  
4466

### **August 28, 1997**

Lancaster Fair Sheep Dog Trial.  
Lancaster, NH. Open Trial /POINTS.  
Roger Deschambeault, 2440 East  
Conway Rd., Ctr. Conway, NH 03813.  
603-939-2255

### **August 30-September 1, 1997**

New Jersey State Sheep Dog Trial.  
Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ. Two 1-  
day Nursery, two 1-day Open Trials.  
Gene Sheninger, 213 Split Rock Rd.,  
Boonton, NJ 07005. 201-299-9785

### **August 30, 1997**

Blue Hill Fair Sheep Dog Trial. Blue

Hill, ME. Open Trial/POINTS. Jim  
Davidson, North Country Farm,  
Round Pond, ME 04564. 207-677-2224

### **August 31, 1997**

North East US Sheep Dog Trial. Blue  
Hill, ME. Open Trial/POINTS. Jim  
Davidson, North Country Farm,  
Round Pond, ME 04564. 207-677-2224

### **September 1, 1997**

Windsor Fair Open Trial. Windsor,  
ME. Open Trial. Gabe Merrill, RFD 1  
Box 20, Brownfield, ME 04010. 207-  
935-2520

### **September 5-7, 1997**

Keystone State Stockdog Trial.  
Delaware Valley College. Doylestown,  
PA. Two 1-day Open and Nursery  
Trials. Eve Marschark, PO Box 397,  
Bedminster, PA 18910. 215-795-2023

### **September 12, 1997**

NH Highland Games. Loon  
Mountain, NH. Open Trial/POINTS.  
Lynn Deschambeault, RR1 Box 897 B,  
Bridgton, ME 04009. 207-452-2898

### **September 13-14, 1997**

NEBCA Nursery Championship.  
Location TBA. Barbara Armata, 1165  
Esperance Rd., Esperance, NY 12066.  
518-875-6471.

### **September 15-16, 1997**

Eastern States Exposition Sheep Dog  
Trial. West Springfield, MA. Two 1-

day Open Trials. Carol Campion, 109  
Hammond Hill Rd., Hampton, CT  
06247. 860-455-9416

### **September 22, 1997 (For 1998)**

Cumberland Fair Trial. Cumberland,  
ME. Open Trial.  
Gabe Merrill, RFD 1 Box 20,  
Brownfield, ME 04010. 207-935-2520

### **September 27, 1997 (For 1998)**

NH State Championship Dog Trial.  
East Conway, NH. Open Trial. Roger  
Deschambeault, 2440 East Conway  
Rd., Ctr. Conway, NH 03813. 603-  
939-2255

### **September 28, 1997 (For 1998)**

Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial.  
Fryeburg, ME. Open Trial. Gabrielle  
Merrill, RFD 1 Box 20, Brownfield,  
ME 04010. 207-935-2520

### **October 11-12, 1997**

NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship.  
Location TBA. Invitational manager  
TBA .

### **October 24-26, 1997 (For 1998)**

Cumberland Valley Sheep Dog Trial.  
Carlisle, PA. Two 1-day Open Trials.  
Nathan Mooney, 245 Alters Rd.,  
Carlisle, PA 17013. 717-249-5695

### **October 25-26**

Maplewood Farm Halloween Trial  
Joanne Krause, Colchester, CT 860-  
267-6125

## **Trial managers - Report on trials**

Please include the details that made your trial unique:

the layout of the field, and the fetch and drive lengths  
the sheep used, breed, age, where they came from  
the weather

the judge's name, a little background

details on the running - total number in each class, how many  
dogs retired, was there difficulty or great ease in any aspect,  
e.g. pen or shed, or hitting gates

any special awards or prizes

photos, of the top ten in each class if possible

any unusual events

list of people that helped, with a brief thank-you

NOTICE: Anyone having a trial  
or clinic and interested in liability  
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cost insurance through a NEBCA  
policy. This policy is good  
through next September.

# Buying Sheep

by Becky Peterson

When one stops to look at the big picture, there are a surprising number of handlers out there that keep a few sheep just to work their dogs. These are folks that are not necessarily sheep oriented and they do not often have experience necessary to successfully manage a flock, for whatever purpose. There are handlers who do not yet have sheep but are in a buying mood and would like to add a few sheep to their daily routine. We often get calls from people that are looking for a few dog-broke ewes and want to know what to look for. As a frequent buyer of lambs, rams, and ewes (for other purposes), I guess I can help.

There are a few things to consider. You, the buyer first need to decide what your priorities are. Do you want to raise a few lambs and enjoy all of the "fun" involved or do you want to just keep a few wethers or non-breeding ewes that are low maintenance? Wethers will get fat and stale but lambing problems will be few and far between. There isn't a lot of upkeep expense. Feed requirements will be low. The same management strategies will have to be employed to keep them fit and healthy to run. Their feet will still have to be sound and it would still pay to worm them twice a year and if they are woolled sheep, they'll need to be shorn in the spring. They have the same fencing requirements as ewes, they have to stay in and stray dogs/coyotes have to stay out! Your decision. If you choose to go the wether route, have fun!

But for the person who wants to experience life to its fullest, and who wants to raise a few lambs on the side, the following things need to be considered. You'll base your decisions on the space and time available, the number of dogs you have, their experience level, the degree of seriousness of your Border Collie hobby and your own training experience. If you've never kept sheep before and/or your handling experience is slight, start small and with quiet, dog-broke (but not stale or "doggie") ewes about 2-3 years old. Young lambs

from dog-broke stock will likely be frustrating to you and your dog as they have little flocking instinct and need adult sheep to follow and learn from. It is just as hard to break adult sheep for novice handlers with novice dogs. In other words, at least one of the 3 participants (handler, dog or sheep) should have some worthwhile experience.

How many sheep? If starting the dog is the important thing, then it is possible to get going on 5-7 head. That means there are spares and various combinations of numbers to work with. It would be better yet to have 8-12 head. But if you really want the thrill of the sheep business and yet want to keep it reasonable to start, then consider 15 to 20 ewes. That gives you a great variation in numbers and an opportunity to work on a larger group than is usually seen on the trial field. The number should yield an average of 25-35 lambs with your good help.

What about breed? Starting pups is simpler with quiet sheep like woolled sheep but there are still differences. Dorset crosses will lamb well at different times of the year to meet your lamb needs. They tend to work quietly but may get heavy (slow to move and respond to a dog) after a while. Some of the black faced breeds (Suffolks or Hampshires) have terrific carcass and rate of gain (they eat an awful lot!) but their size can be intimidating to a young dog at times. Hardy little Cheviot crosses stay pretty light (quick to move and respond to a dog) but can be like "popcorn" and can excite a young dog beyond your wildest dreams. Corriedales, Columbias, Rambouillets and Romneys (popular wool breeds for the fiber arts) can be very heavy and hard to move with a young dog. Then there are the hair sheep: Barbadoes and Katahdins. They grow a fleece sometimes but generally shed it all over the fence and won't need to be sheared. They don't always require tail docking. They are fairly hardy and have an average carcass but they are VERY LIGHT and have loads of stamina. They are reasonable for training dogs for advanced or open competition.

So what do you finally look for? Choose ewes that are in good condition. You should be able to feel their backbones and ribs but should not "cut yourself" on them. Be absolutely sure that their feet are sound and not harboring footrot. Lambs do not run well. Watch for common health problems. Avoid animals with runny, sore-looking eyes. Pay attention to the other end and make sure that they aren't scouring (diarrhea). Lush green grass will produce this but so will parasite infestations. Avoid animals that pull their wool out or that always scratch themselves on the fence. This could be a sign of lice or nervous disorders. If this is to be a breeding flock, check the udders also. They should be mostly shrunken up if not currently milking and should be free of lumps or swelling which could point to mastitis and bottle lambs. And ask about their history in the lambing barn. Make sure they own their lambs and that they don't prolapse.

How do you tell how old they are? Look in their mouth. There are no front teeth on the upper jaw but there should be 8 incisors on the bottom. They will lose the 2 central ones and replace them with permanent teeth at one year of age. At about 2 years, the 2 teeth on the sides of the center will go the same route, making 4 big teeth in the middle and 2 small teeth on each side. At age 3, the next 2 teeth go making 6 big and 2 small. At age 4, the 2 on the edges go and are replaced, making 8 big teeth. After age 4, they mostly just spread out and get worn down and broken off. Sheep need good incisors to make their living on grass so make sure they are there.

What should you expect to pay? Good question. Good commercial lambs should bring \$50-60 @ 30-45 lb in the early spring and the price per pound will probably drop some after that but expect to pay at least \$1/lb until fall when it may get as low as 50 cents. Good cull ewes at the auction may bring \$60. Poor ones won't be a bargain at \$15. Good purebred ewes and lambs are another story. Don't be

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# Survey Results

In response to the survey we included in the August 1996 issue, we got 53 replies. They made entertaining reading, and we thank those who took time to reply. Your suggestions for articles were really good, and we will use your ideas in future issues. (And we will be contacting some of you about writing the stories you suggested!)

Among the 53 respondents, 19 have only 1 border collie (just wait!) while 9 was the highest number that anyone *admitted* to owning, (although some answered the question with "too many"). The average number owned is 2.8.

In classifying their dogs, many owners put a dog in more than one category or different dogs in different categories. Thirty-four owners considered their dogs as pets, 27 working farm dogs, 20 trialing dogs, 6 agility dogs, 14 obedience dogs, 1 schutzhund, 2 tracking, 3 therapy, 1 conformation, and 1 freestyle obedience. Two owners use their dogs for sledding, one has a service dog in training. (These numbers don't add to the total of 148 dogs owned by respondents because a person might have three dogs all listed as both pets and working farm dogs.)

Forty-four people attended herding trials, going on average to four a year. Of those who specified, 18 were

participants, and 21 were observers. Some of the trialers went to 12 or more, while many people with farm dogs or pets went to 1 or 2.

Some people take part in other competitions as well. Nine members compete in obedience, one in dog shows (conformation), five in agility, one in schutzhund and two in tracking.

Attendance at the annual meeting varied a great deal. Of the 51 who responded to this question, 36 have never been to an annual meeting. Among those who did attend meetings, the average attendance was five annual meetings. One person, Betty Levin, has attended every annual meeting since the club was founded.

Of course, some people have not yet had many chances to go to meetings, as they are new members. Ten respondents joined the club within the past year, while the average length of membership was 6.5 years.

People can be very loyal to this breed. Some members have just gotten their first Border Collie within the past year, while Betty Levin holds the record among respondents, acquiring her first Border Collie "over 50 years ago, as a child." The average for ownership was ten years.

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## Border Collie Photographs

Sally Lacy presented the following criteria for calendar submissions. The sections on over-all quality also apply to submissions for the newsletter. It would be great if people took pictures throughout the year for both the calendar and the newsletter. We would like to include pictures of the top ten competitors (with dogs) in both open and novice classes, as well as action shots.

Calendar pictures for 1998 have been selected, but there's always another year. Sally Lacy and Kate Collins will be collecting pictures for the 1999 calendar.

Photographic quality - clear, subject in perfect focus (except for special effects, such as speed, misty quality, etc.). background which enhances the subject, composition which has aesthetic appeal, lighting which adds drama rather than flattens out the composition, on fine enough film to withstand enlargement. Color photographs do not always transpose well into black and white (reds and greens look the same, for example). Noonday sun spoils a lot of pictures that would have been excellent if taken early or late in the day.

Composition - there must be a composition within the picture, although it can be achieved by cropping (which we routinely do). There is some latitude in dimensions, and we feel it is more interesting to crop to fit the composition than to fit the page size. However, strictly vertical pictures do present a problem. If they are spectacular, we will find a way to use them.

Subjects - Portraits: We include, usually, one portrait study that is exceptionally clear, well lit, interesting shadows and highlights. Puppies: It wouldn't be a calendar without a puppy picture. The competition is fierce, however, so re-submit a good one that didn't make it the first time. Action shots: This is the heart of the NEBCA Calendar. The best tell a story. The ones least likely to be included are the routine dog-follows-sheep sort. Does anyone have a picture of a cattle-working dog that is **not** about to bite the nose of the offending critter? Working sheep, cattle, goats, lambs, fowl or hogs in a variety of settings, particularly those special to the Northeast, stand a good chance. Try for a dramatic angle. Other activities: All other activities compete for a "versatility" month. Agility, obedience, etc. Humor: much admired so long as the dogs are not made to look ridiculous. Seasonal: Water, ice, snow, short and long grass, holidays in moderation. People: rarely. Very rarely.

Cover Photograph: This will again be in color. Black and white dogs and white sheep (and possibly snow) are not very colorful. Color comes from shadows, background, sky, props, etc.

Sketches: Photographs that are not selected for the calendar months may be perfect for material for the sketches inserted into the months.

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surprised to pay \$150-300 (or tons more) for good breeding stock.

If you're looking for a few sheep just to work your dog, you may get along all right at the local auction. If your intention is to keep productive, healthy sheep, your luck at there may not be good. Remember that those ewes were culled for a reason and you may not know what it is until it's too late. You'll be better off to go right to the farm with your specs and questions in hand and get what suits you.

Good luck and have fun!

## Long Road Trophy Reinstated

Barbara Leverett, who sponsored the first "Long Road" trophy for the 1988 Fall Foliage Trial, Betty Levin and Becky Peterson plan to revive the Long Road Trophy in 1997 for a dog in the novice/novice, pro/novice, and ranch finals. The trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring dog in each class that has been owned by its handler since it was no older than six months and has been trained by the owner-handler. Attendance at training clinics and lessons with the dog and handler together will not disqualify a dog. The trophy does not make a statement about the superiority of one method of training over another. It is simply a way of recognizing what it takes to start a dog before it is proven and of acknowledging the long and bumpy road that a dog and handler must travel together to place well in the novice finals.

Several NEBCA members who have learned about our plan have offered to contribute to the Long Road Trophy. We welcome more help with this. We hope that the idea will take off on its own and that in time NEBCA will decide to sponsor it.

from Betty Levin

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## Custom Border Collie Training

**Services Available.** Private lessons, clinics, and exhibitions. Pups through started dogs available. Cheryl Jagger Williams, RR1, Box 1374, Hop Bottom, PA 18824. 717-289-4733.

**Merlynn Kennels** Border Collies and Kathadin Hair Sheep. Merle and black and white puppies, occasionally started dogs. All breeding stock OFA certified and eye checked. Proven producers of trial and obedience winners. Kathadin Hair Sheep originated in Maine, excellent for working dogs, no shearing, no tail-docking necessary. Lynn Deschambeault, Merlynn Kennels, RR 1, Box 897B, Bridgton, ME 04009. 207-452-2898.

**Registered Border Collies.** Stud service and puppies from proven, working bloodlines! Breeding and guaranteeing satisfaction of versatile, working Border Collies since 1973! Lacy's Border Collies. Tom and Karen Lacy. 6535 Barksdale Rd., Richmond, VA 23231. 804-226-4338.

## Border Collie Training Services

**Available:** Take advantage of lots of sheep and a large variety of working areas. Lessons and started dogs available. Handling Border Collies for 15 years. References available. Barbara Leverett, 1512 Burrell Rd., St. Johnsville, NY 13452. 518-568-2833.

Hoop & Becky Peterson are now distributors of **Ration Maker Premix**, one of the leading sheep mineral products. We would love to consult with sheep producers to evaluate your sheep mineral needs. **Orchard Valley Farm:** 413-624-5562.

**Pups ready June 6.** Five males, 3 females, out of my Gem (Edgar Gould's Queen X Dayle Hamilton's Spot) X Taff (grandson of Eve Marschark's Spin X Carol Champion's Lady). Black and white, some smooth coat. Gem has been very successful in Pro/Nov. Hips both parents good. Call Becky Peterson 413-624-5562.

**Puppies due March 24** out of Kyp (Feldman's Bryn x Thomason's Lad) by Jean Kennedy's Max. Both parents OFA good. George Northrop 508-249-4407.

## Standing at stud, Shim

2 1/2 year old son of Milliken's Boy (imp) and Hazel. Powerful sheep and cattle dog. Both hips and eyes clear. phone Dave Young 819-889-3276.

**Puppies.** ABCA Reg. B.C. pups Ellen Skillings, 413-582-5348 "Gen" X Barb Ligon's Imp. Roy. Sire and dam hips and eyes clear.

**Started Border Collie pups,** males, born August 1995. Out of my Meg and Keen (Wisp X Trim). Very eager to work. Both parents have clean hip and eye tests and are excellent workers at home and on the trial field. Werner Reitboeck 613-448 3266 or [werner@intranet.ca](mailto:werner@intranet.ca)

**For Sale - B/B pups - 2 female Tri -** Born 12/25/96 - Dam Champion's Queen (Import). Sire Barb Ligon's "Roy" (Import). Queen is a proven producer of trial quality offspring. Carol Champion 860-455-9416.

**For Sale - Fully trained B/C -** Contact Carol Champion. 860-455-9416.

**For Sale - Purebred Katahdin ram** lambs. All twins or triplets. From flock that lambed out over 200%. Ready to go by July. \$75. Chalmers Means 607-432-4903.

**Border Collie.** 1 year old male for obedience and/or pet home. Has some basic herding training, good disposition and healthy. Call Maria or Warren Mick 518-861-5854 after 5 pm.

**Border Collie Books.** Reprint of Scottish classic *Sheep Dogs and Their Masters* by J. H. McCulloch (\$15). Also three volumes of true working dog stories from Australia (\$14 each). Shipping \$1.50 for one or more. Old books for sale occasionally. D. Woessner, 188 Flat Hill Road, Lunenburg, MA 01462. ([tofteast@ma.ultranet.com](mailto:tofteast@ma.ultranet.com))



## Breeders Directory\*

This listing of breeders of Border Collies is for informational purposes only and in no way represents an endorsement of these breeders by the Northeast Border Collie Association. When making inquiries for purchasing a pup, NEBCA strongly recommends selecting from sound, proven, working stock. We suggest you see both parents work. If you are not able to see the parents working at the farm, do attend the trials and see them working there. Watch for trial results and seek the advice of experienced handlers.

\*Not all breeders listed here are handlers.

Clint & Linda Brake  
TommyHawke Farm  
76 Valhalla Rd.  
Hillsboro, NH 03244  
603-478-3560

Carol & Larry Campion  
Bittersweet Farm  
109 Hammond Hill Rd.  
Hampton, CT 06247  
860-455-9416

Michael & Pat Canaday  
889 Meadowdale Road  
Altamont, NY 12009  
518-861-6049

Gwen Cassel  
O'Brae Border Collies  
PO Box 44  
Sherburne, NY 12009  
315-653-7764

Richard M. Cody Sr.  
Cody Farms  
363 Old Stage Road, R.D.#2  
Groton, NY 13073  
607-898-3812

Kate Collins &  
George Northrop  
Aurora Ranch  
Box 119, Taft Hill Rd.  
Royalston, MA  
508-249-4407

Lynn Deschambeault  
Merlynn Kennels  
RR 1, Box 897B  
Bridgton, ME 04009  
207-452-2898

Roger Deschambeault  
Nearfield Farm  
2440 East Conway Rd.  
Center Conway, NH 03813  
603-939-2255

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

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

Joseph & Jean Kennedy  
Borderline Farm  
575 Willow Street  
W. Barnstable, MA 02668  
508-362-3005

Chris & Sue Kroemmelbein  
Lilly Hill Farm  
156 Gallmeier Rd.  
Milford, NJ 08848  
908-996-6163  
908-996-3339  
Voicemail 908-935-8748

Sally M. Lacy  
Keswick Farm  
Box 487  
Gap Mountain Road,  
Fitzwilliam, NH 03447  
603-242-3017

Beverly Lambert  
Douglas McDonough  
280 Hebron Rd.  
Andover, CT 06232  
860-742-5300

Barbara Leverett  
1512 Burrell Road  
St. Johnsville, NY 13452  
518-568-2833

RicBetty Levin  
Old Winter Street  
Lincoln, MA 01773  
617-259-8799  
  
Eve & Len Marschark  
Ivyrose Farm  
Box 397, 3118 Farm School  
Rd.  
Bedminster PA 18910  
215-795-2023

Alex McKinven  
Cessnock Farm,  
RR 1, 26 University Rd.  
North Hatley, Quebec,  
Canada  
J0B 2C0  
819-842-2975

Gabrielle Merrill  
Misty Lane Border Collies  
RFD 1, Box 20  
Brownfield, ME 04010  
207-935-2520

Maria & Warren Mick  
750 Meadowdale Rd.  
Altamont, NY 12009  
518-861-5854

Becky & Hoop Peterson  
Orchard Valley Farm  
41 Bell Road  
Leyden, MA 01337  
413-624-5562

Rich Seaman  
Seaman's Dog Training  
68 Flint St.  
Marston Mills, MA 02648  
508-428-9483

Gene & Lynne Sheninger  
Wayside Farm  
32 Split Rock Road  
Boonton, NJ 07005  
201-299-9785

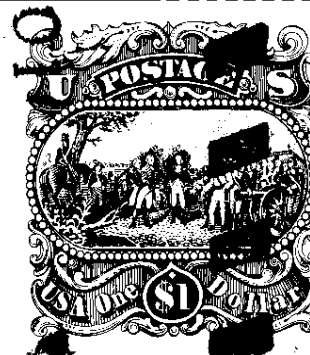
Ellen Skillings  
Teawaddle Hill Rd.  
Leverett, MA 01002  
413-548-9849

Steve Wetmore & Sara Root  
Spring Valley Farm  
Box 54  
Windsor, VT 05072  
802-765-4466

Richard Williams &  
Cheryl Jagger Williams  
Alleymont  
RR1, Box 1374  
Hop Bottom, PA 18824  
717-289-4733

The breeders listing:  
\$20.00 yearly.  
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each year.

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Altamont, NY 12009