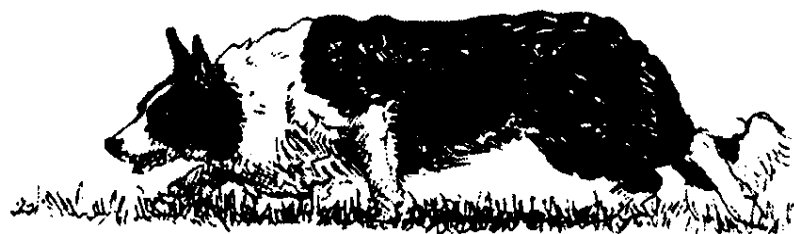


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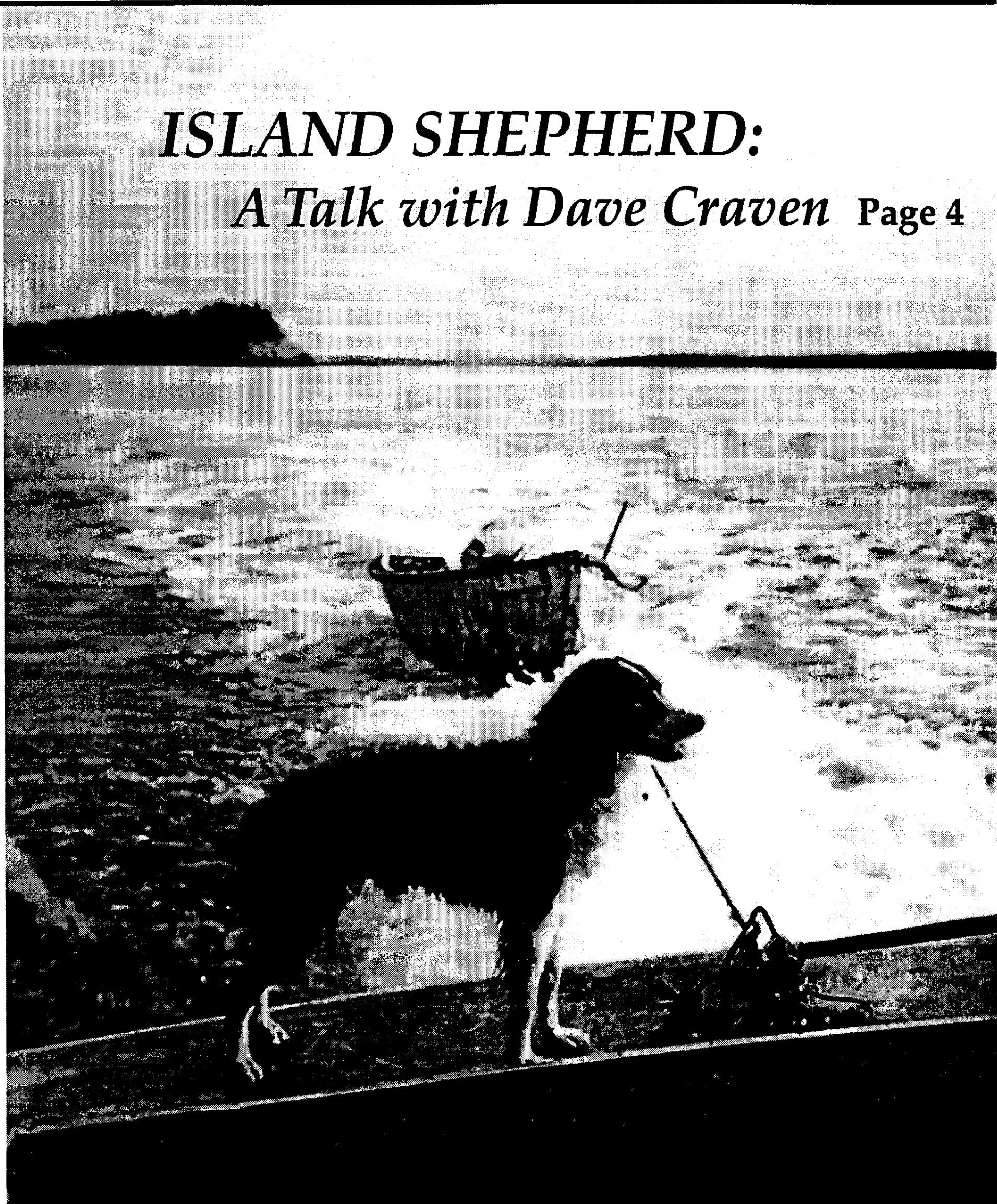
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To the outgoing president Dave Young a heartfelt "Thanks" for his commitment and vision to the club, but especially the support and encouragement he provided for making my job a lot easier.

Evelyn Carleton, Editor

Message from the outgoing President

I would like to take this time to thank the members of NEBCA for their support over the last two years. It was fun.

Cheryl Jagger Williams, as you all know, brings with her years of experience in NEBCA matters. I believe that you all are in good hands.

It is my hope that with a solid Executive Committee and Board of Directors, the objectives that were laid out during my tenure over the last few months will be met. That will please me.

We'll see you on the trial field!

Dave

Message from the incoming President

Just a note to say thank you for the confidence in me as your newly elected president of NEBCA. I am indeed committed once again to try to help the organization grow and keep up with the times.

The annual meeting brought some exciting new changes that should help the ever-present financial problem NEBCA seems to experience. The increase in the dues will help this year. A suggested assessment of each sanctioned trial of \$1.00 per dog (merely added on to the entry fee) to be voluntary this year and mandatory next year should help the organization immensely. I am hoping that it will allow us to again reduce the dues after next year.

The Board will be continuing their research on obtaining non-profit status and the incorporation of NEBCA. The non-profit status will save considerably on the cost of postage and will enable the organization to receive gifts and donations and bequests that were not previously available.

The Board will be developing a policy to address the welfare of sheep and dogs at Sheepdog trials.

Our newsletter continues to be one of the best. Our library is second to none. If anyone has any books, tapes, or articles that they would like to donate to the library, they would be most appreciated. We will be producing a year 2000 calendar and then will take a serious look at this endeavor to assure it is worth the effort in the future.

These are only a few of the items on the table for 1999. I am truly looking forward to the year and to seeing as many of you as possible at the National finals in Virginia as well as the NEBCA Fall Foliage and Nursery finals!

Cheryl

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ISLAND SHEPHERD:

A Talk with Dave Craven

transcribed by Betty Levin

Running dog-broke sheep on a confined, tricky course at a fair sheep dog trial is a far cry from handling semi-wild sheep on rugged Maine islands. But this past Labor Day weekend Dave Craven, who herds sheep on islands way downeast in Maine, placed his dog, Nye, at the Blue Hill Fair. That was where we took a few minutes to talk about the work he does with his dogs. Real work.

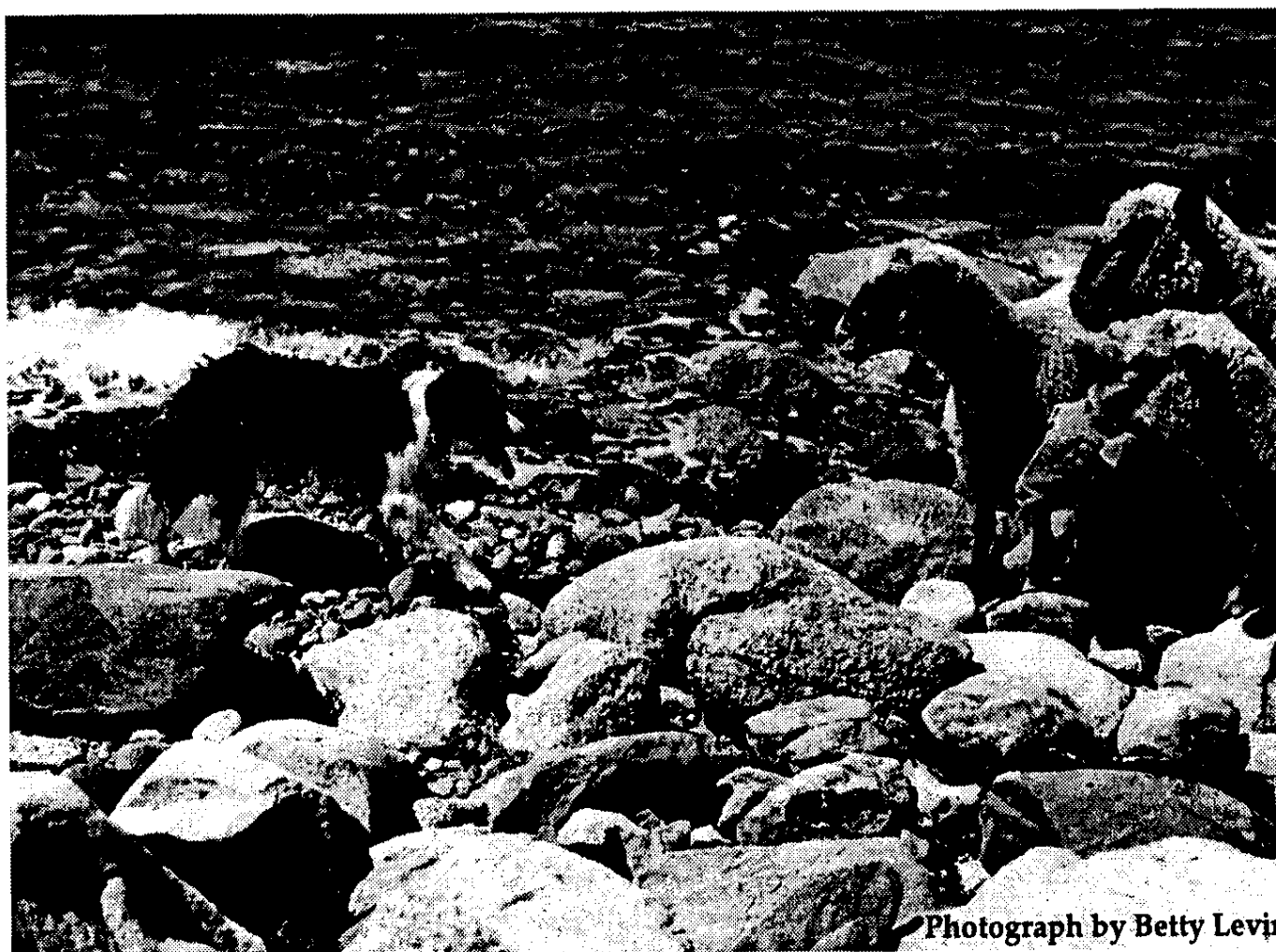
Dave, who is thirty-eight, lives with his wife, Rhonda, and their five children in Bucks Harbor, where he maintains a flock of Scottish Blackface and North Country Cheviots. He started using Border Collies five years ago. As a game warden sergeant for the Maine Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, he has considerable experience with coyotes and predator control. I couldn't help thinking that most sheep farmers would be lucky to have him as a neighbor.

How many sheep do you have on how many islands?

I own a hundred of my own. And I keep sheep on four different islands, some big, some small. I have one little eight-acre island I keep three tups on. I'm more of a shepherd in that I help manage other people's flocks on islands and also on the mainland.

How often do you go to the islands, assuming you have to shear, worm, vaccinate, and take off lambs for the market?

To take you through a season: Around the first of December we put rams out to breed. Then we go out during the winter to make sure the ewes aren't cast. Sometime around February or March you'll get a sunny day and they'll get itching and they'll roll off their feet, go down in a little depression or whatever, and they won't be able to get up. So we have to right them. Or if we had a big snow storm, we might go out and dig them out. Things like that. But generally in a year, it's put the rams out, check on them in the late winter before lambing, and then during lambing time you're working constantly, taking care of problems just like any shepherd would. I have to watch the first week after lambing. It's a terrible time, with eagles and blackback gulls preying on the lambs. We let the lambs get a little more age on them than people do with barn sheep. Then we usually shear the ewes by the first of June, and at that same time we dock and castrate. We used to take the ram off at that time, but now I have more valuable rams, so after breeding for about six weeks, I bring the rams home. After shearing and all that, the ewes are pretty much on their own in the summer. But now with having the dogs, it's so much fun just to go out on a regular basis and check on them. Then in the fall we take the fat lambs off to go to market.



Photograph by Betty Levin

It used to be when we didn't have any dogs we'd have to come with a big crew of people to run down the sheep, and you cut down the visits to three times a year. That was all you did. But with the dogs it's so different. With one island, I took the ewes home to lamb, because a lot of these islands will handle maybe five times as many sheep in the summer than the long, hard winter. So because of being able to handle them more easily now, I'm starting to do more aggressive management, and I'm getting more profit per acre this way. You might say the dogs have really made me more money that way.

Do you have pens on each of the islands?

Yes, but some of them are in pretty bad shape. I've gotten lazy since I got the dogs, because, like day before yesterday, I took two dogs out, gathered the whole flock on the beach next to the boat, with no pen, nothing but the dogs, caught the six lambs I wanted with my crook and loaded them right in the boat. The use of dogs has made handling the stock so much easier. But I do need good pens for shearing and taking many lambs off.

ISLAND SHEPHERD: *A Talk with Dave Craven* - continued

How about using dogs on densely wooded islands where it's almost impossible to flank dogs or head the sheep?

I just returned from Nova Scotia where I went to three sheep dog trials and worked on some of the islands. They tend to run their sheep on really wooded islands, and they were relating to me just the problem like you say. My islands are mostly open. But I've got a bunch of islands that are wooded, and now I'm encouraged to try to put more sheep out on the wooded ones. One of them is three miles long with 150 ewes on it that would carry 500 ewes easily. What they told me they do in Nova Scotia is wait till evening when the sheep are down kelping on the shore. Then they don't have such a hard time getting them as they would in the daytime when the sheep are among the trees. But most of my islands are just grassy, barren islands except one that's got a band of trees with a path running through it. If the sheep happen to be in there, we just drive them out into the open where the dogs can control them.

What kind of workboat do you use to bring the sheep off the island?

I have two workboats, and I lobster fish in the stern for a fella with a 36-foot lobster boat, and we use that if it's too rough to use mine. We usually take the big boat and tow the two flat-bottom skiffs, so we can load all three if we want. I can take forty or fifty lambs at a time, but when I do that, I break it up for different days because it's quite a lot of work. I live right on the harbor. My back field is right by my house. I have a chute and when it's flood tide you can come right in. We take the sheep out of the boat, and the dog drives them into my field. I have an electric fence there because I do a bit of grazing at home, which is more or less the staging area for the islands. I usually keep some training sheep there for the dogs, so when the lambs who never saw a fence see the other sheep, they go right to them.

What special problems do you have using dogs on the island?

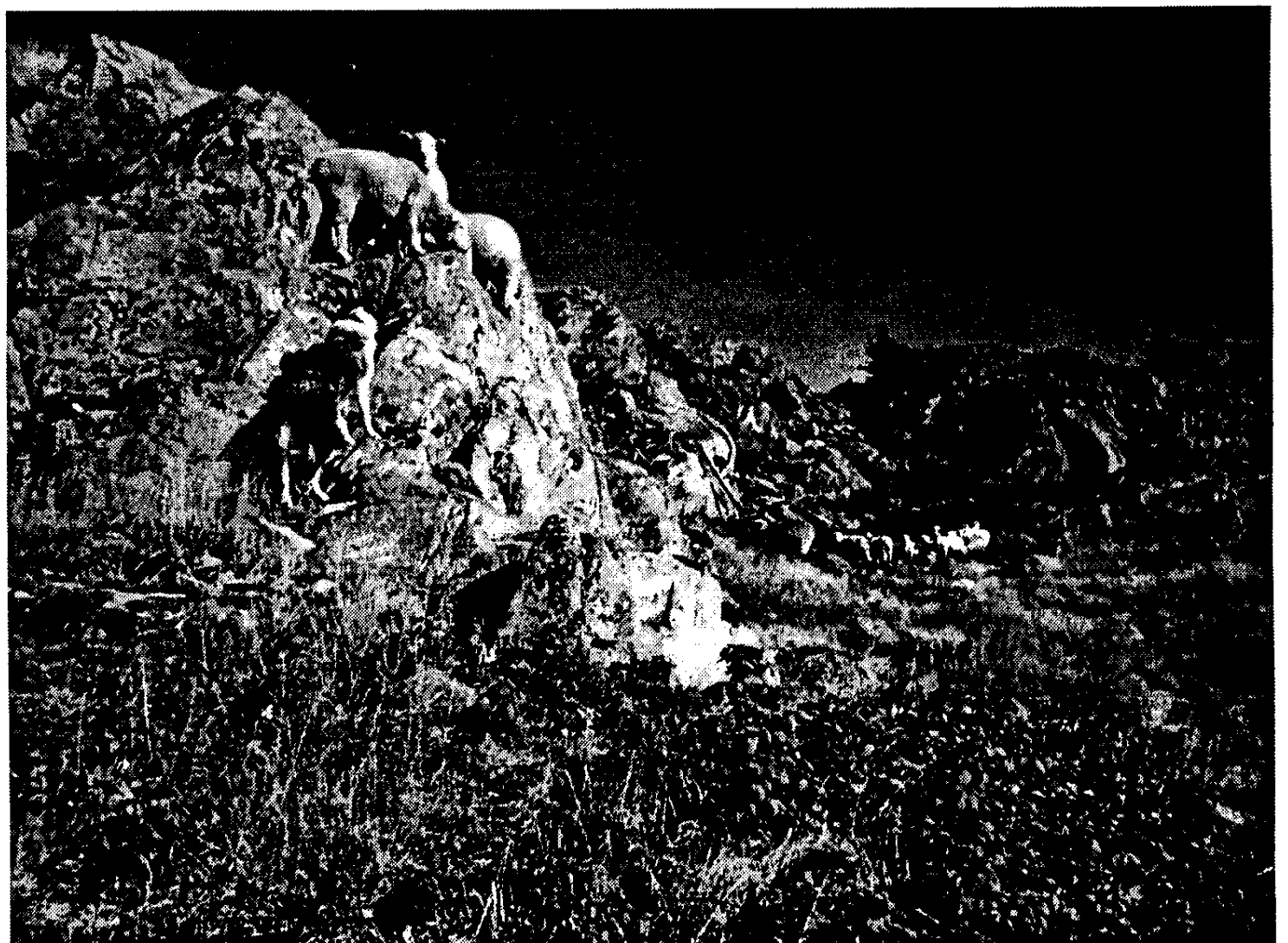
You have to have great control and a good stop, even on young dogs, because some of the islands are very steep-sided and rocky, with boulders on the shore, and a sheep can go overboard - sheep, dog, and everything. To show how helpful the dogs can be, I have an older friend that I

help manage her flock, Jenny Cirone (85 years old) in South Addison, and she has an eighty-acre grass island-Nash- with a sixteen acre piece hooked on. She has about 200 sheep there. And she has another island called the Ladle because it looks like a soup ladle turned upside down, and it's a great big, humped-up rounded place. She puts her rams on it and sometimes runs some wethers on there, too.

Well, someone wanted to buy one of those two-year-old wethers, wild as a hawk, and big and fat, the way they get on this island. So this outfit went out with no dog, chased the sheep all over the place one whole day and gave up, disgusted. They went back and got a rifle, and the next day they fired six shots, never cut any wool, and Jenny



Jenny Cirone, the Queen of Island Shepherds, with Cassie Craven and Bottle Lamb.



Chance's Island. A good island dog must be able to gently move the sheep off the rocks without causing damage.

called me up and asked me to get the wether with a dog. So I went out with a dog, and in fifteen minutes the sheep was hog-tied and on the boat sailing back to the harbor.

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What happened was when you were up on the rounded side, it was high, and you almost feel like you're being pulled over the edge. I sent the dog. This type of work is not like some flat trial course. You have to make up what you do as you go. I suppose it's a lot like what they do in the hills in Britain. I had to watch out for that steep side. So I got the dog to hold the sheep, then threw a rope around the wether's neck. I had another fella from Cape Breton, who hid on the sheep trail, and when the sheep came down off the top, he muttoned on to it. But without the dog to hold the sheep, we never could've got it.

Tell me about your dog Nye and how did you start him?

I got him as a pup from Lynn Deschambeault. I started working with him when he was about seven months old. I had to, and he had to rise to the challenge at a younger age because he was my only dog. That first fall he got the sheep all rounded up for me.

Now I have another three-year-old dog, Craig. He's quite experienced now. That dog gets to run so much it



Nye and Craig guiding 85 Black-Faced Cheviots to the pen on Foss Island.

looks like I abuse him, because he's light and constantly working, a hard-running type of dog. He's been a good asset. I work them together, but Nye is insanely jealous of Craig. I guess he had me all to himself for a long time there, and they don't work good together, but they do work when they have to. I didn't put different whistles on them, which I wish I had. I have another young dog, Mirk, not old enough to start training. I hope he turns out to be a good dog, too.

I appreciate the help I've gotten with the dog work, because I was only experienced with sheep. There's been sheep in my family for generations. My family comes from a place in north Wales that's about ten miles away from where they had the first sheep dog trial ever. The other branch of my family comes from Yorkshire, England and the heart of Swaledale county, and my grandfather was a herdsman for dairy cattle throughout New England. He also had a diversified farm with sheep, hogs, hens, and everything. When he was a young man he went out to Utah where he

worked with large range outfits of sheep, and they had Border Collies that they'd imported from Scotland. This was around 1917. I wish it hadn't skipped that generation. I could've been using the dogs at a lot younger age. But it resurfaces, because it's in your background.

I especially have to thank Lynn and Roger Deschambeault, who have been so helpful and patient teaching me how to use the dogs. And I've learned things from Alasdair MacRae at a clinic and from people like you, Betty, so that I've been able to pick up a lot about handling dogs. It's been a huge advantage. I had the sheep background, but I didn't have the dog experience I needed. So I have to give credit to people I've learned from.

What else would you say about your work?

There's a lot of do-gooders, environmentalists and so forth from outside that don't know as much as what they'd like to think they do about the islands. You've got to understand, these sheep have been on these

islands since before Maine was a state, over 200 years. My wife's grandfather died when he was in his nineties. He was a fisherman and worked in the light-house service, and ever since he was a boy, he remembered sheep on the islands from way back.

The sheep can be abused by overgrazing, but if managed right, sheep are very beneficial because they feed in the intertidal zone, eat a lot of kelp, and that's why they're so fat and healthy, and then they come up and spread their dressing over the whole island, so it's kept fertile.

There was a stretch of time when they took the sheep off some of the islands for twenty years, and they got grown like a big brush pile with raspberries and things like that, and were no earthly good. The soil is peat and bird dressing (we call it mink dirt), and a fire hazard. When it catches fire, it will smolder along for weeks and weeks and ruins everything. But the sheep on the other hand keep it grazed down good so that birds return to nest there, like mackerel gulls that weren't nesting before. So there's a bit of controversy. There are some people who don't like the sheep there and say they're no good. But I beg to differ, because I've seen it for too many years first hand, like on Jenny's islands. Nash's island is just plastered full of sea ducks (Eiders), and you can see acres of them rafted out up there, the sheep grazing along beside them, and they all co-exist. And it's nice.

I'm a shepherd, that's all. We all try to work together down there. If another one has coyote problems, I try to help. We all help each other. We fish around these places and we duck hunt. It's a way of life that's the heritage of downeast Maine. 🐾

Photographs by David Craven

1998 International Sheep Dog Trial - Carmichael or Lanark

Part 1 of 2

This year I was determined to really watch the International and to take notes as well as photographs. I had come this 3000 miles to do just that even if it proved a formidable test of my attention span. My concentration was helped considerably by my inadequate footgear. "Bring your Wellies, be sure to bring your Wellies," was Roddy McDiarmid's advice in August, so I put clean LL Bean Wellies beside the suitcase I planned to take, the bag that has gone on every trip for 35 years. If sporting a well-traveled look has any cachet, then this suitcase is a gem. During final packing the Wellies seemed so bulky and heavy that I substituted duck shoes, telling myself, "They will be perfectly adequate." Wrong. *Wrong.*

Leaving the impression that mud soup was the only International topic of interest would be a disservice, so I will describe it first and then give the trial its due. When people connect years from now realizing they attended the 1998 International, all they need say is "mud" to create a sympathetic bond. Then they will laugh, as everyone there did. The mud was as pervasive as any I have ever encountered, but good humor and camaraderie reduced it to a mutual inconvenience. The cars that couldn't make it up the farm track to the parking area (and there were many that just spun their wheels) were hauled to a suitable resting spot at the top of the hill by one of three enormous tractors. If one of your Wellies was stuck fast in the mud, someone would be sure to reach over, give it a tug and free you. Round bales of straw were unrolled to make passages that were temporarily, at least, above the soup. In soup that was at least six inches deep, duck shoes were pitifully inadequate.

I had the program, notebook, pen, really good binoculars, camera, a cushion, and a thermos of tea supplied by our B & B hostess. I

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allotted a page to each competitor and I saw nearly every run. I diagrammed the vagaries of most of the dogs' fetch and drive lines, noted the handlers' costume and/or dogs' markings, and gave the film canisters a mark so that the photographs would be in catalog order. The disadvantage of being so clerical was that I saw much of the shedding through a camera lens and sometimes had to ask what happened as I was scribing when I might have been looking. The fuzz of the cloth cap of the man seated in front of me also features prominently in the photographs.



My activities were duly noted. A Welsh lilt leaned into my ear occasionally with, "That's one for the books. You'll never see the likes of that again" or "That dog is nearly blind, it has to be directed in everything it does." ("That dog" acquitted itself very well, indeed, although it didn't make it into the Finals.)

In describing the course, I need to say there isn't much room for sky. The green hill, so green from a summer of incessant rain, began its rise about 200 yards from the stands and never stopped until it reached the firmament. The handler stood 50 yards from the stands, with the shedding ring to his left and pen to his right. Before him was a gully, an abyss that was invisible to everyone else, but in which some pretty amazing things must have happened. Occasionally we could see a woolly back jump into the air. The sheep were putting up resistance where only the handler and dog knew what was going on, and neither of them would tell.

The distance of the outrun for the qualifying round was not unduly long, maybe 400 yards. The sheep were set on the face of the hill by three men and three dogs so skillfully that only one handler had to wait for his sheep to settle. The initial contact was often with the sheep facing uphill to the right where they had come from. When the dog turned them around, they immediately wanted to go pell-mell down the hill bearing hard to the left.

On the first morning it was more than a lot of the dogs could do to get them back on line before the fetch gates. Even then the sheep could make a sudden dart around the panels. "You need two dogs when you get there," said the voice in my ear. By afternoon, the sheep seemed less impulsive and more dogs made the fetch panels, but, because the pull to the left was so strong, there was always a battle during the turn around the post. Even if a dog could stop them before they had gotten very far off course, it was still a standoff until the dog persuaded the perky Scottish Blackfaces to march off in a direction they did not want to go...over the rim of the gully where who knows what persuasive techniques might take place.

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By the time the sheep emerged from the gully, they were usually, but certainly not always, resigned to going for a long walk. Cross drives were generally well paced, even if a few heroic efforts had to be taken to get the sheep through the cross-drive gates.

When the sheep pumped their little rugby-stockinged legs up from the gully into the shedding ring, the fun began. Sometimes a pair of unmarked sheep were each other's friend and they came off like a Concord grape from its skin. Sometimes they had a ribboned sheep as a friend. Oh, bad luck. It took lots longer to get the shed.

his partner, and it was obvious they knew why they were halted. Some had to wait quite a few minutes while the partner was retrieved from someplace over the hill and put onto the sheep who were midway between hill and sky. Some were willing to let the division of labor extend to the shedding, but in some pairs both dogs wanted to participate.

I thought **Timothy Longton's** pair did the best job on the outrun, the right-hand dog getting there only a little later than the left one. I remarked that the set-out crew had flopped down for a rest in the welcome sunshine right after the lift. Things were going very nicely on the

things, and the sheep rejoined. It was an amazing show. "Write that one up, that's a good one," was whispered into my ear. Several doubles competitors had very good finishes after some rough outwork. **Steve Barry** of Wales fetched up the winner.

In the singles competition, the second dog to finish and the first to have a perfect outrun and lift and to get a good score was **Neil McVicar's Jan**, doing it all with three minutes to spare (332).

Timothy Longton's Rob had a 104 drive, never very far off line and always moving smoothly.

Jim Cropper bettered that drive score, sacrificing a tight turn to easing the sheep around the post and on their way without stops and starts.



Sweep - ISDS 180949 - and Bobby Henderson shedding off two unmarked ewes in the qualifying round.
Each judge gave them nine points for this difficult shed when an extra ewe tried to come away.

Penning was a delight to watch, for the dogs loved the blocking and catching they had to do to subdue the sheep's reluctance and get them to the pen mouth. Then the dog became a wall against which the handler gently pushed the sheep. Even if two unribboned sheep could be shed, there was sure to be a ribboned sheep with a very intimate friend from whom it could not bear to be separated for the single. Time was called on many an otherwise good run.

Despite being sent either together or at calculated intervals, the dogs usually failed to reach the top of this hill at the same time. The first to arrive often lifted the sheep, was then directed to halt the fetch and wait for

drive for Rob and Vic, when a dog suddenly made a wide swoop down from the top of the hill and took the sheep away from them, trying to fetch the puzzled sheep back up the hill. My guess is that a set-out-crew member was wishing he could emigrate to Australia just about then. Timothy was given a rerun. The shed was completed and Vic was left in charge of the second group of sheep after the shed. Rob was working his group into the open-faced pen, when Vic decided to round up his bunch and take them to Timothy. A gasp from the crowd alerted Timothy who tried to stop this group. His effort inadvertently gave the first group the impetus to run into their pen. Unfortunately Timothy and Rob couldn't contain

John Templeton's Spot put in a consistent run, losing the largest percentage for the drive portion (350).

A. I. Jones had what looked to be a topper of a run going, but his uncollared sheep had too close friendships with red collared ones, and he barely got the shed before time was called.

Cameron Dickson's Sal suffered the same sort of fate when a red-ribboned sheep persisted in trying to run out of the ring.

The next dog to qualify was one I came to admire more as I saw his heart put to the test. Sheep settled for **Paddy Byrne's Sam**, a big, rugged seven-year-old dog, who worked on his feet, had a nice pace and relationship with the sheep. He was quietly handled, very careful at the turns and gates. (359).

This was immediately followed by one of **Roddy McDiarmid's** two qualifiers,

Mirk. My notes say there was "one redirect (72), a good lift (40), quiet fetch (72), good turn and not much trouble getting them going quietly down the hollow and on line to the drive gate. Through the middle and dog handled the turn well. Settled into nice cross-drive, very responsive, good pace and stayed well behind.

Gently through the center of cross-drive gate, smoothly to ring (108). Then....a collared sheep tested his dog again and again. Never gave in. He got a shed finally, not sure if both in the ring at the time but he took it (17) and went on to a pen that took some work (40). We all expected a quick single, but, no, that ewe stayed tucked in with the other red-collared sheep. Only a minute for the single and it wasn't enough time. Still, a fine run, very well handled. A grand dog.(359)"

Our Welsh neighbor leaned forward to tell me that the next dog was nearly blind. It went out on faith and was whistled to its sheep. It turned in a respectable 96 on the drive, turning its power on and off as directed, and the sheep responded well. Its intensity in the ring bunched the sheep together where it ran out of time.

And so the first day ended with three DQ's, five out of thirty-two dogs completing their runs and eight scores higher than 300 out of a possible 440. The ground had not dried out so anyone would notice and everyone faced the greasy lane hoping that tires and brakes were in order. I saw nobody crash through the fence into the brush.

On Friday, there had been a noticeable change in the weather. A cold, stiff breeze blew in from the hill, drying up some of the standing water, and it was a beautiful day with a mixture of sun and clouds. People sprouted warm headgear, knee rugs, and thermoses.

The first competitor was Bobby Dalziel and Jim. They had one bad gate, missing it and all the sheep coming back though, and, after a 40 shed and a 40 pen, time was called before the single, keeping Jim out of the Supreme.

Aled Owen's 2-year-old Bob had identical break-down scores to Bobby's Jim, with one exception: they got the single for 31 more points (346) and a berth on Saturday.

Martin Feeney, whom I saw win the young handler's class in Monymusk with a different Nell, is now sixteen years old. This Nell had a miserable time on the gather, but settled down about the middle of the cross drive to come on with a very nice finish. Notice he finished, and with over a minute to spare.

Half of the last twenty dogs to run made it through to the Supreme.

Roddy McDiarmid's 3-year-old bitch, a handsome fairly smooth tri-color named Dot, had an undistinguished fetch, but everything else was stylish and accurate. The sheep made her work for the shed, followed by a beautiful pen, but time was called after he closed the gate. No single points. (324).

Irish shepherd Martin Walsh's Nell broke the 400 mark by six points. My notes say she had a "very efficient outrun (79), came right onto her sheep which came away on line and slowly. Dog has a nice effect on sheep. Pretty nice turn. Nice job on the drive (108), good work at hand. Dog claps, but so obedient."

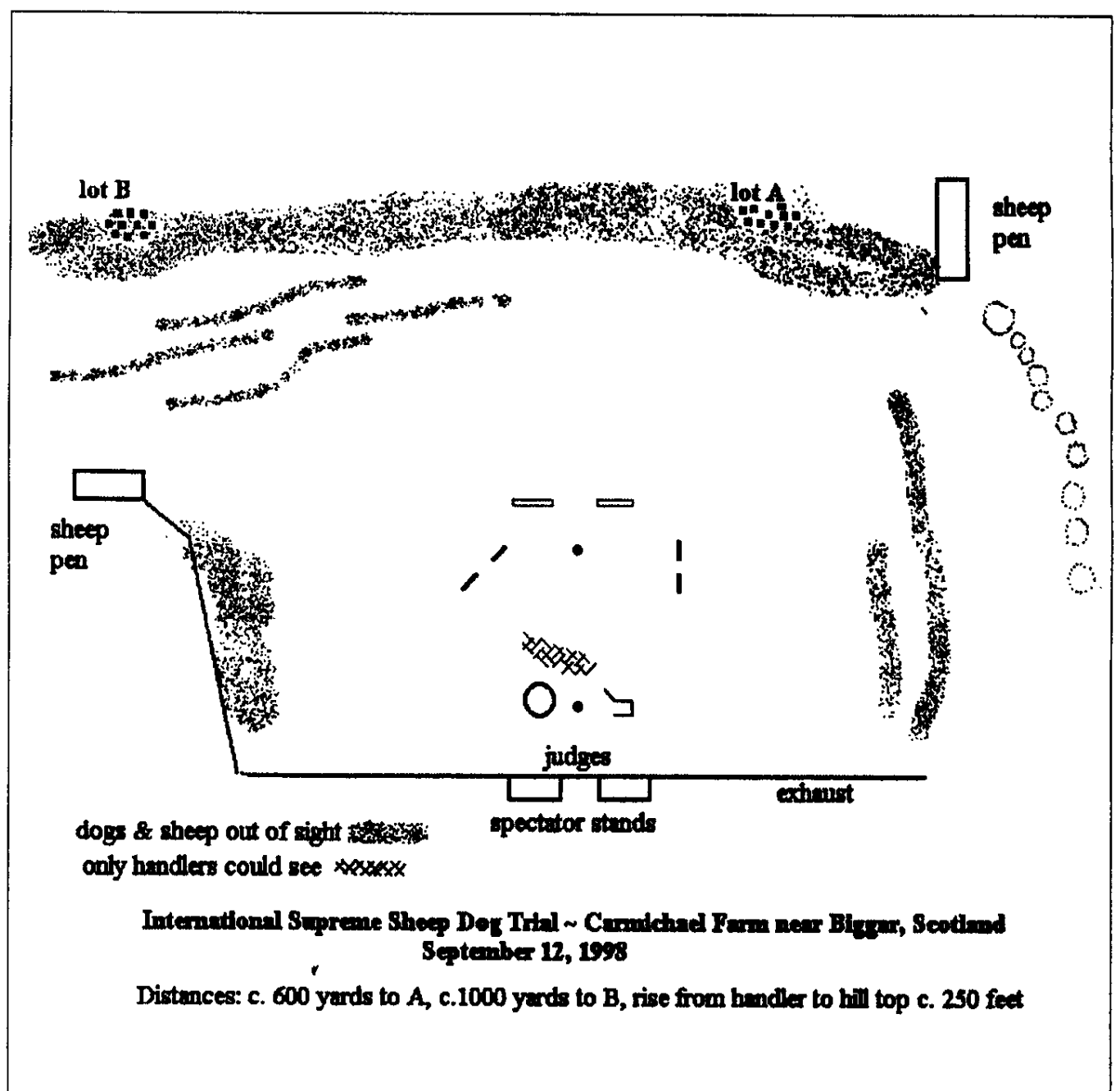
On Bobby Henderson's run with nine-year-old Sweep: "A nice way with sheep. Efficient. Perfect position on the turn and on the approach to the drive gate so he

could keep the sheep moving and centered and easy to turn. Smooth cross-drive. Quiet to the ring with nearly 7 minutes left. Quiet shed, didn't change sides. Smooth pen. Superb single." The breakdown scores are 71 - 40 - 72 - 112 - 36 - 40 - 40 = 411

Nigel Watkins Peg, under-three-year-old daughter of Turnbull's Nap, had a cracking run going, kept the pressure on the sheep but didn't rush them. Worked on her feet, never let up, very obedient. The shed set up ate up their time and they settled for 322 without pen or single.

John Brennan's red Meg had a smooth outrun, lift and fetch. Her drive was fast, but accurate, with a last-second catch at the cross-drive gate to turn them up and through. Wide turn. The shed was tough, lots of sorting as the dog's very quick moves unsettled the sheep. They did walk right into the pen. He lined them out for a nice shed and a chance at the Supreme with a 332.

Neil Campbell's youngster, Corry, a slick-coated black and white with plenty of style and confidence, were within shouting distance with a 320 in a nicely paced, smooth run but the shed took too long to sort and he didn't have time to single.



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Aled Owen's smooth tri-color, Roy, works on his feet, is fluid and fast. The fetch was full of wobbles, the sheep stalled a few times before they really got underway on the drive. The cross-drive was low just before the gate, but he worked them back up and through. The finish was faultless, ending with a score of 364.

Denis Birchall's seasoned trooper, Jan (9), ran right up the middle until directed out and then she needed to be called in. They had trouble holding her sheep, but she took charge and had them going very nicely. She has an upstanding style, no pause on their turn and drive away. She resisted taking the flank after the nice first drive leg, and when she did they stalled for a bit before walking on a nice cross drive and perfect cross drive gate. The shed was fast, Jan snaked the sheep into the pen. Great fun watching them get their single. Result: 368.

Cap, Bobby Dalziel's stylish, short-coated son of Wisp and Dot, was sent left, was directed to go deeper. The lift was deferential, and the sheep came away quietly. They stopped before the fetch gate, but another deferential lift (by that I mean one that doesn't upset the sheep) got them going. The pace and handling on the drive were very nice. The sheep came quietly into the ring with seven minutes left. A perfect finish, very smooth for 392.

Gwyn Jones, Defaidty, and Gary very nearly got through with 311. The sheep didn't try to fight this dog's authority. His drive was marred by the sheep missing high and then slipping back through the cross drive gate, and one recalcitrant-to-pen ewe spoiled the otherwise perfect finish.

Ron Fitch's black-headed Sweep's outrun was flat but he didn't startle the sheep. He has a nice way with sheep. They paused after the turn, but the re-start was good. Very tight turn at the drive gate, went through the center of the cross drive gate, although this turn was wide. Very pretty shed, didn't upset the sheep. Good pen and another pretty set-up for his single. Reward: 380.

Gordon Watt's handsome prick-eared, black-and-white King went on a very wide outrun, came in nicely on the lift, picked up speed until time to slow down for the fetch gate. Through the middle and straight in. Kept under tight control, very moderate pace. Good drive (108) including lines and turns. Worked hard for the shed, rest was faultless (355).

The day has wound down to the team captains. Johnny Wilson's strong dog, Rob was held in check for a flowing run, with good turns. He had seven minutes left when he got to the ring. Faultless finish for 392.

The other three fell prey to the Captain's Curse, although Jack Chamberlain and Tommy Long came close with 312 and 311. We had seen some very, very nice work. Only nineteen out of the sixty dogs finished the course, a tribute to the wily Scottish Blackfaces. Twelve scored between 100-112 on the drive. Four had faultless finishes in the shed, pen and single. The first day saw the only five faultless outrun and lift scores, as well as the only two fetch scores over 70. The six DQ's were divided equally between the two days.

A warm, comfortable B & B, with cold beef and hot "stovies" followed by Pavlova (which is a dessert, not a dancer) was extremely welcome. What strategies were being planned? It had not gone unnoticed that some of the Scots had sent their dogs to the left in the qualifying run. Did they expect the first outrun in the Supreme to be to the left? Most handlers sent to the right and presumed that the turn back would be to the far away corner to the left of the hill. 🐾

Use of a Round Pen

By Cheryl Jagger Williams

If you were to ask most trainers how they start a dog, nearly every one will have slightly different means to the same end.

The use of a round pen is an advantage to most people, especially those who are relatively new to training a stockdog. The round pen gives you the opportunity to keep the sheep confined in a small area. Any of you who have trained a stockdog and didn't use a round pen to start, knows the fun of chasing sheep all over hill and dale, through the woods and into the stream, and finally ending up with an exhausted dog, exhausted and/or hurt sheep, and of course, you in a physical and emotional turmoil.

Many professional trainers have a set of very "dogged" sheep, allowing a young dog to go around them, because they either stay with or come to the handler for protection. In this case, the professional then knows when and how to back off a dog from the sheep to give them the space they need to stay comfortable. This handler probably is fairly assured that the dog will stop or will be able to be called off the sheep when necessary. This enables him to put the dog on the sheep in a larger area much sooner.

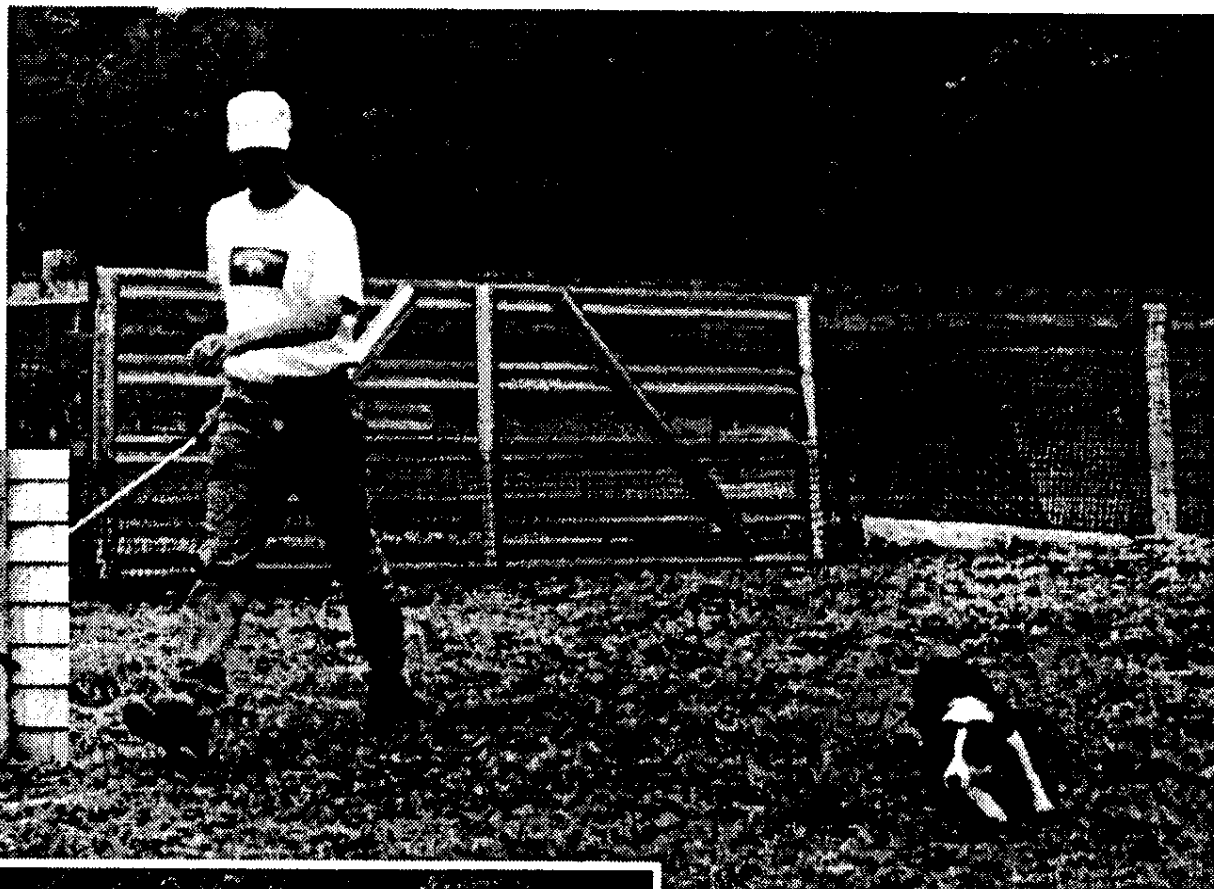


Cheryl Jagger Williams,
Tom Leigh,
and Kate

Of course, if you are lucky, you may be like me and have two pups out playing who simultaneously decide to "turn on" to the sheep - heading under the fence and very nicely circling around the sheep. (The dogs always do really well when they are not supposed to be there.) Then, when I try to get into the picture to take the pups off the sheep, they show me what beautiful balance was bred into them! There you are, going first one way and then the other, with not one but two pups beautifully balancing almost exactly opposite you and

Use of a Round Pen

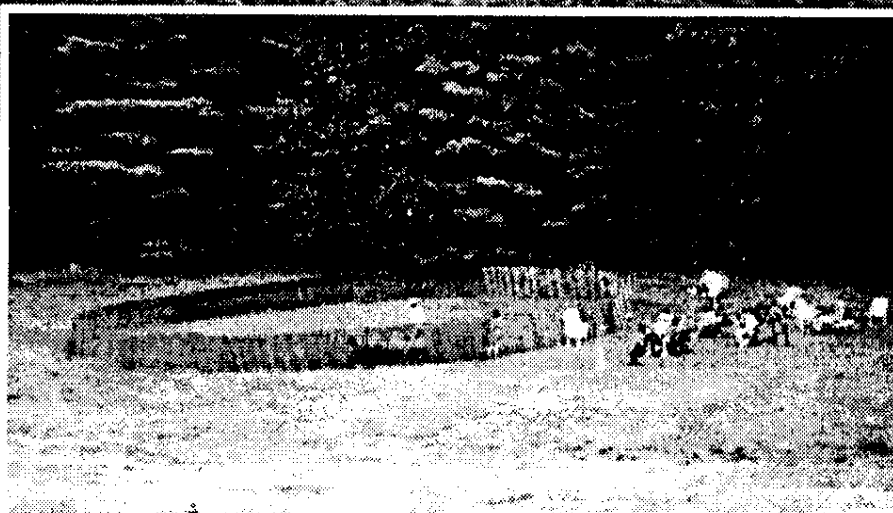
Tom and Kate in the pursuit of Happy Herding



Jo in an entirely different pursuit.



During Cheryl's clinic:
The "Round Pen" at Denise
Leonard's in Greenfield, MA.



the entire flock of sheep. The down I taught them disappears in this dance! Many trying minutes later, with additional help, I finally get the pups off the sheep. Been there, done that!

Needless to say, it is a great advantage to have a round pen where you can put sheep that are very used to young dogs in training, and put the pup on them in a controlled manner. In this pen, I usually start with a dog merely circling the sheep first one way and then the other. It may be that the first exposure to the sheep will be circling in only one direction, but the dog will stay back off the sheep enough to take the pressure off of the sheep. A younger dog will often be comfortable only in one direction. I don't push this with a young dog, because as the dog becomes comfortable he will automatically go in the other direction when he starts to balance with you in the picture. The next day, depending on the dog, I may ask the dog to try to go in both directions and use me for a balance point. Basically, I am asking the dog to begin to get a feel of the sheep first, then begin to feel his own natural balance, then begin to balance off me.

I will keep the young dog in the small area until I can call him off the sheep consistently. I also like to get him to lie down, balance both directions and begin a small walk up. Basically, I am beginning with a very small outrun, lift and fetch, stop, and call-off.

If the dog has a tendency to grip, this is the perfect place to start the corrective process of stopping the bite. You are close enough to the sheep to protect them, and also close enough to the dog to prevent the bite. I may even put the dog in a tight situation in a corner to encourage the dog to

go in and pull the sheep off the fence to help develop confidence. This usually stops the gripping, as most grips are from fear instead of overt aggression. The big field is a difficult place to stop a young dog who instinctively wants to run the sheep down to get them stopped. If they find out in the small pen that they can control the sheep, this need is lessened.

The small pen is a great place to take the dog back to after he has been on the larger fields, to see how well he handles sheep in small tight quarters. This is the part of training that we usually forget. It is so much easier to handle the dog in the big field and force him off the sheep than to teach him how to truly handle sheep in the first place. If you are having problems with your dog listening at distances, take him back to the small pen where you can enforce the commands more easily.

The small pen can be a useful tool to everyone who is training a dog at any level. Don't ever feel that you are going backwards to use a small area. The basics in training are the most important part and whenever the basics are sliding, go back and reinforce them. 🐾

Photographs by Nancy Phillips

Bringing the Lamb

By Donald McCaig

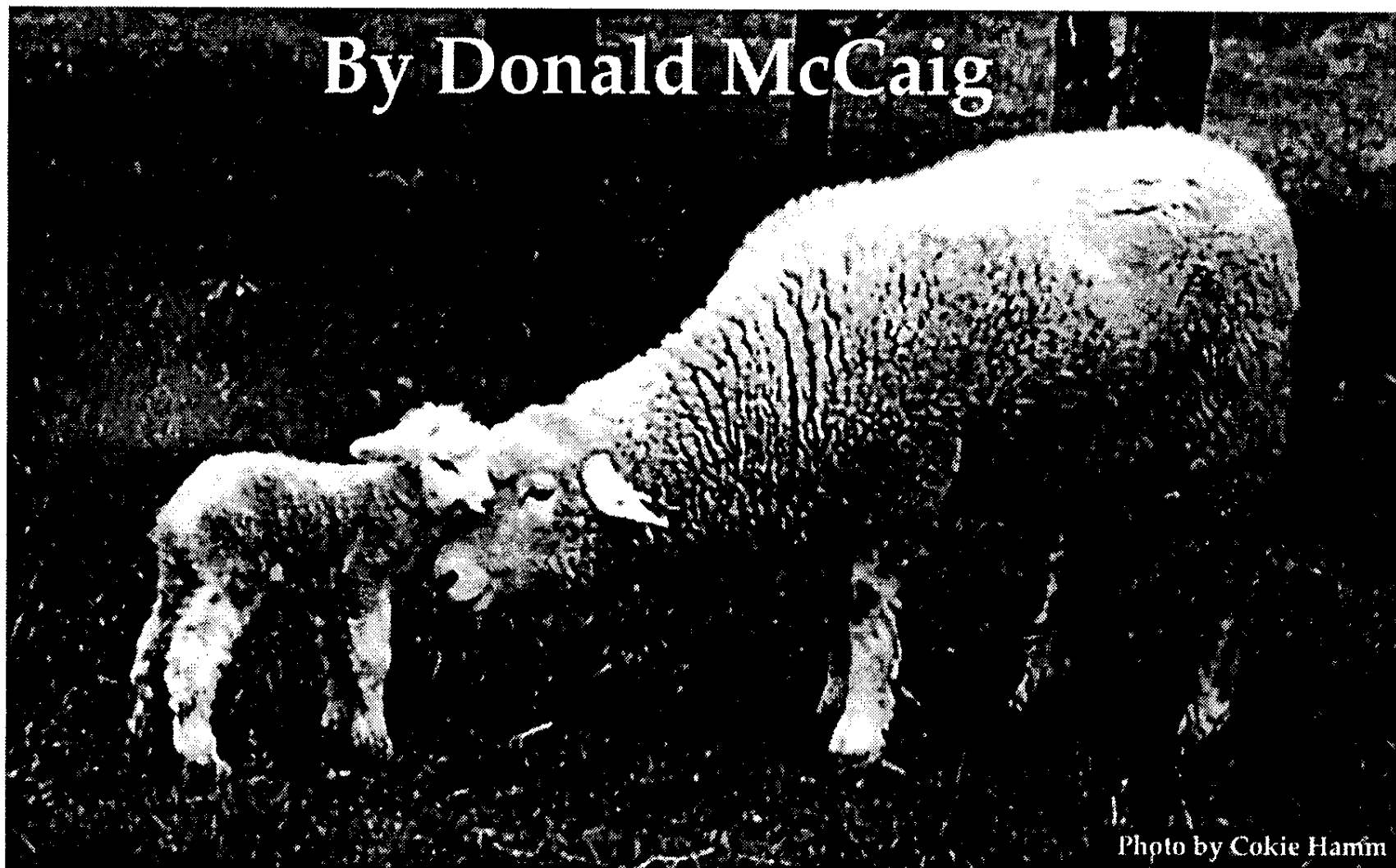


Photo by Cokie Hamlin

Every morning, as soon as it's light enough to see without a flashlight, I go out with my sheepdog Gael to look for new lambs. It's frosty, and in the east the mountains are backlit red and there's a few stars and a three-quarters moon hangs over the western horizon. Sometimes a jet contrail streaks overhead, fat and pinkish in the sunrise: early travelers, 30,000 feet over my head, reading the Washington Post, sipping their morning coffee.

Sheep are conservative creatures and most mornings we find them on the same hillside, strewn like groaning boulders. I tell Gael to wait a while I slip in among them listening to the "uh-uh-uh" of a ewe talking to her new lamb. Sometimes I find a ewe having trouble but usually there'll be one, two or three lambs tottering around Ma, trying to figure out which end has the milk on this, their first morning in the world. I scoop up the lambs and set off and most times Ma follows right behind, nickering anxiously. Gael checks out the birthplace hoping to locate a nice afterbirth for later consumption. Then she swings along behind the ewe.

Sometimes an ewe will panic and decide that the lambs dangling from my arms are not her idea of real lambs and she'll turn to run back to the birth-place, the last place she saw real lambs with their feet on the ground. It's Gael's job to keep her following me. Sometimes a firsttime Mama will balk and refuse to follow so I set the lambs down and Gael and I shoo the new sheep family along, patiently, patiently, until we get near the barn and the sheep families already inside bleat their welcome.

It's still dark inside the barn. Gael waits in the doorway while I sprinkle lime into a pen and bed it with fluffy straw. I close the gate on ewe and lambs and for the first time, I touch the ewe, grab her neck while I grope underneath and squirt a few squirts from each tit into the palm of my hand. I dip each lamb's navel in iodine, feed the ewe a leaf of our best alfalfa and a bucket of water. They always go for the water first. Birthing is thirsty work.

Sometimes Gael and I bring in one new mother, sometimes there's half a dozen and one day last week we fetched lambs from dawn 'till dark while my wife Anne eartagged and banded tails and gave medications.

Dinner that night was a stew from the freezer and after dinner I laid down on the couch and stared at the NewsHour. Big doings in the big world. I do have opinions about those doings but for the life of me can't remember what they are. Gael is wiped out, curled up tight in her bed. Her front paws are twitching. 🐾

Are you planing to participate in this year's National Championship? Here is how:

Qualifying for USBCHA By Beverly Lambert

Each year the United States Border Collie Handlers Association (USBCHA) and the American Border Collie Association (ABCA) jointly sponsor a national championship trial to find the top dog/handler team in the United States and Canada. In order to go to this trial it is necessary for a dog and handler team to qualify. In the past, qualification has required a top 20% placing at a USBCHA sanctioned open trial. Any and all dogs that so placed were then qualified to go to the finals.

This method of qualifying dogs has always been a bit of a problem since it was impossible to know how many dogs would qualify and choose to come to the national championship trial. In the past few years, though, it has become a major problem as more and more dogs have qualified and chosen to go to the finals. This year's national finals in Fort Reno, Oklahoma had almost 200 dogs entered. The trial was

lengthened a day to allow for 4 days of qualifying runs and there was still not enough time for the top 20 dogs to run on Sunday. The result was a shortening of the course for each run and insufficient time on Sunday for any of the teams to finish the course.

Since bids are solicited and accepted for the finals more than a year in advance, this uncertainty made bidding on the finals very difficult. It was impossible to determine the number of sheep or the number days that the event would require. This uncertainty was almost as big a problem as the increasing number of handlers in planning future finals trials.

These problems finally resulted at this year's USBCHA annual meeting in an amendment to the USBCHA by-laws changing the way dogs qualify for the finals.

Here are the new rules:

USBCHA/ABCA National Finals Qualification System

The top placing 20% of all dogs competing in a sanctioned trial will acquire points based on the total number of dogs running in each trial. Dogs may accumulate points from their top five point placings at trials in the two years prior to the August 1st cut-off date for the National Finals.

Anyone may send their entry for the National Finals to the Secretary, who will accept the top 150 point earning dogs who enter. In the event of a tie, all dogs tied at the 150 dog level will be accepted.

The top 20% of dogs in a sanctioned trial (rounded to the nearest whole number) will earn USBCHA points. The points will be assigned as follows:

First place	20% of the # of dogs running
Second place	20% of the # of dogs running minus 1
Third place	20% of the # of dogs running minus 2
Fourth place	20% of the # of dogs running minus 3
Fifth place	20% of the # of dogs running minus 4 etc...

For example: A 31-dog trial will place 6 dogs ($.2 \times 31 = 6.2$; rounded to 6).

A 33-dog trial will place 7 dogs ($.2 \times 33 = 6.6$; rounded to 7).

A 100-dog trial will qualify 20 dogs ($.2 \times 100 = 20$ dogs).

First place	6.2 (.2 x 31)
Second place	6.0 (.2 x 30)
Third place	5.8 (.2 x 29)
Fourth place	5.6 (.2 x 28)
Fifth place	5.4 (.2 x 27)
Sixth place	5.2 (.2 x 26)

First place	6.6 (.2 x 33)
Second place	6.4 (.2 x 32)
Third place	6.2 (.2 x 31)
Fourth place	6.0 (.2 x 30)
etc...	
Seventh place	5.4 (.2 x 27)

First place	20.0 (.2 x 100)
Second place	19.8 (.2 x 99)
Third place	19.6 (.2 x 31)
Fourth place	19.4 (.2 x 30)
etc..	
19th place	16.4 (.2 x 82)
20th place	16.2 (.2 x 81)

The 1999 National Finals are going to be in Middletown, Virginia. Many Northeast handlers are going to want to qualify to go to this finals that will be the closest to the Northeast that the National Finals has ever been. To qualify, handlers will look at their five best top 20% placings from August 1, 1997 to July 31, 1999. But the only placings that will count will be those in USBCHA sanctioned trials made while the handler was a member of the USBCHA.

In the Northeast this represents a fraction of all our trials. Since few handlers have been interested in the finals (no doubt due to the distance and expenses),

the Northeast's lack of support for this event has never been felt as much of a loss by local handlers. I hope this year that feelings will be different due to the accessibility of this event. I would like to urge all of our trial organizers to get their trials sanctioned with the USBCHA.

We have a very strong field of dogs in the Northeast. Let's try and send a strong team of Northeast dogs to Virginia and show the rest of the country what we can do on the trial field.

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Sanctioning Rules

Sanctioning rules are fairly simple. There must be 10 open dogs running and approval must be obtained three months prior to the trial for trials requesting sanctioning in 1999 that were not previously sanctioned. You need only contact current USBCHA president Mike Canaday to put this process in motion.

Additionally the trial manager must send the results of the trial to Francis Raley along with \$1.00 for each open dog that ran. This money along with membership dues is used to pay the expenses of the USBCHA. Most USBCHA sanctioned trials simply add this \$1.00 fee to the cost of entries.

The USBHCA is the National Organization for our sport. It is a small organization that requires the support of all of us if it is to be the kind of organization that we want. This year, with the new rules for qualifying dogs and the finals so close to home, is a good time for the Northeast to finally get behind the USBCHA and give it our support.

Handlers please join the USBCHA now. Trial organizers please sanction your trials so that as many Northeast handlers as possible can get qualified for 1999.

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Application Information for the USBCHA

• **GENERAL MEMBERS** are those who have run a dog at any level (Novice, Pro-Novice or Open) in any trial sanctioned by the USBCHA within two years. General Members have the right to vote at membership meetings, in person or by proxy, and are eligible to qualify for the National Finals and Nursery Finals. Annual dues for General Members is \$20.00.

• **LIFE MEMBERS** are those who are eligible for General Membership, and have paid a one-time fee of \$500.00. Life Members have the right to vote at membership meetings, in person or by proxy, and are eligible to qualify for the National Finals and Nursery Finals.

If you would like to join the USBCHA, please fill out the following form and mail it, together with the specified amount IN US FUNDS ONLY, to Francis Raley, Secretary.

Membership dues are payable by January 1st.

All new members joining before April 1st, 1999 will receive the latest version of the *USBCHA Rulebook*.

USBCHA Membership Application Form

I would like to become a member of the USBCHA (check one category):

_____ General Member (\$20.00 annual dues) Sanctioned trial in which you competed within the past 2 years _____

_____ Life Member (\$500.00 lifetime dues) Sanctioned trial in which you competed within the past 2 years _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mail form and dues to: **Francis Raley, Secretary**
USBCHA
2915 Anderson Lane
Crawford, TX 76638

First Aid for Dogs – part 2 of 2

Heads, Backs, and Bones

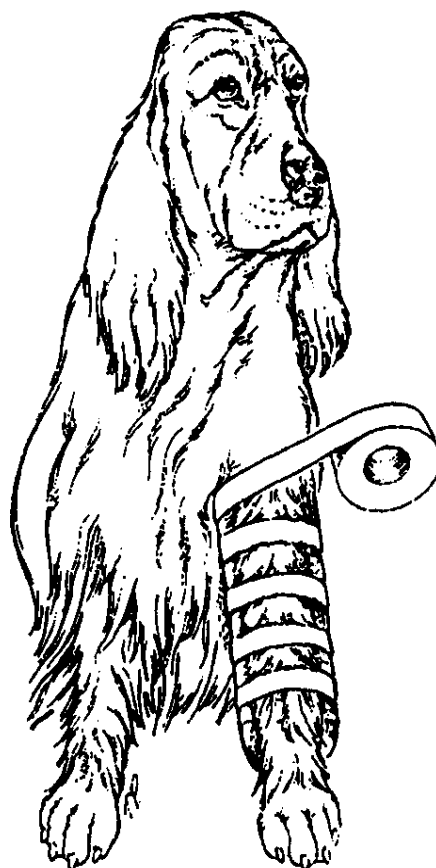
HEAD AND SPINAL CORD

Signs of injury to these areas include unequal pupil size, bleeding from the ears or nose, a wobbly gait, a crooked or humped back, and inability to stand or move limbs.

In these cases, get the dog to a hospital, but "avoid twisting the dog's body by carefully lifting and transporting the animal on a flat, hard surface," says Christina Barcus, president of the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society and pet first-aid course instructor at Tufts University of Veterinary Medicine. If a rigid object such as an ironing board or plywood is not available, try using a jacket or blanket held taut by several people.

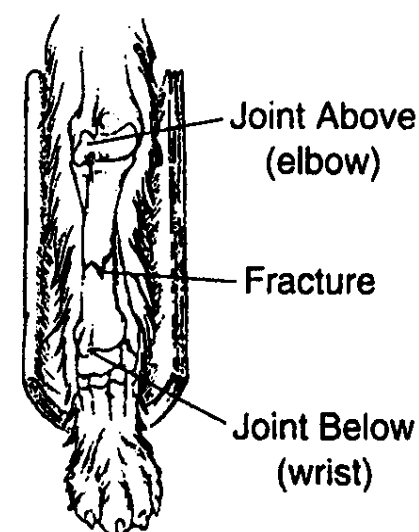
FRACTURES

Suspect a bone fracture if the dog favors or refuses to use a limb. Fractures are rarely life-threatening, though *open fractures* (where the broken bone pierces the skin) may be serious.



SPLINTING

Secure a rigid splint with tape or cloth strips to immobilize a fractured limb—but only if the joints above and below the fracture can be included. Rolled-up newspapers or magazines, wire coat hangers, sticks, or (for small dogs) tongue depressors are good splint materials.



If the bone is not exposed and the patient is amenable, splint the affected limb (see illustration). For open fractures, carefully remove large debris such as leaves or twigs, cover the wound, and get the dog to the hospital.

PROTECT YOURSELF

Remember, even docile dogs may bite when in pain, so consider muzzling the accident victim (see illustration below).

MUZZLING

Use anything that ties—including gauze, rope, nylon stocking, or a necktie.

1. Loop the material and slip the loop over the dog's nose from above and behind the animal's head.



2. Tighten the loop snugly on the dog's snout, but don't impede its breathing.



3. Pull the material down each side of the dog's face and tie a bow after crisscrossing the material under the chin and looping it back behind the ears.



CUTS AND PUNCTURES

These wounds are usually of lowest priority, although chest-cavity trauma that deflates the lungs is life-threatening, and a veterinarian should attend to it immediately. 🐾

BOOKS

+ *First Aid: Emergency Care for Dogs and Cats* by Roger Gfeller and Michael Thomas; available through Christina Barcus, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, 200 Westboro Road, North Grafton, MA 01536; \$16.50 (includes shipping and handling)

+ *First Aide for Dogs: The Essential Quick-Reference Guide* by Tim Hawcroft; Howell Book House, New York; \$10.95

+ *Pet First Aid* by Bobbie Mammato; Mosby-Year Book, St. Louise; \$10.00

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NEBCA CHAMPIONS



ABC No: 70586

Name: CAP

Sex: Male Date of Birth: 9/9/95

Owner: Beverly Lambert

Breeder: Ralph Pulfer

Color and Markings: Black/W/White Collar, Points, Blaze on Face; Rough

SIRE	#Mac ISDS 183767 Owner V. Morris, Salop, Eng	Mac ISDS 116944 W. D. Jones, Wales W. M. Owen, Wales	Tweed ISDS 92886 T. W. Japp, Eng	Fly ISDS 103521 W. M. Owen, Wales	Chip ISDS 70369 T. W. Japp, Eng Val ISDS 86525 T. W. Japp, Eng
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Interesting Web Sites for the Internet Browsers

- NEBCA Web Page – general club information, trial schedule, nursery and open point standings at <http://www.nebca.cornell.edu>
- The USBCC Home Page, as well as information about USBCHA and ABCA is listed as <http://www.bordercollie.org>
- General BC information and how to subscribe to the Sheepdog e-mail list at <http://www.sheepdog.com>
- Border Collie Rescue site at <http://www.bcrescue.org>
- The American Veterinary Association offers general information about your dog's health at <http://www.avma.org>
- General "Online" Veterinary Resources at <http://netvet.wustl.edu>
- For information on Pet Health Insurance, check these websites: <http://www.petshealthinsurance.com> and <http://www.veterinarypetinsurance.com>
- "Living With Blind Dogs", a resource book and training guide for owners of blind dogs <http://www.teleport.com/~dlevin>
- Ian Caldicott's Stockdog Server is back to full functionality at <http://www.stockdog.com>



Alex McKinven's Gael, Jan, Cap, and Moss

Face-Off

By Bud Ames

The steer stared suspiciously at the trailer. He had no desire to go into that shiny aluminum box – he knew that no good could come from this. The man and boy had been struggling for 10 minutes to push him in, and had only bruised shins to show for their efforts.

The steer's feet were planted, attached to the ground like a statue, his head down, ears back, stubborn. "Not gonna go in", said the boy. "We need help," said the man. "Where's that dog?" Instantly, the dog appeared from under the trailer.

He was a Border Collie, bred for generations to move livestock. He quickly circled around the steer and stood in front of him, between the man and the huge beast. He crouched, eyes fastened on the steer, ears turned listening for directions from the man.

His forty pounds of muscle were quivering in anticipation, a coiled spring ready to let loose. His opponent, twelve hundred pounds of pure stubbornness, stared back at him.

The man quietly said, "Walk up!" The dog slowly crept closer towards the behemoth, body shaking, tail down, ears back, his lips curled slightly in a silent snarl. The steer didn't get the message; he stood there watching as the dog came up to his face.

Inches apart, face to face, the steer's wet nose almost touching the dog's sharp teeth, neither willing to give ground. "Get him!" said the man.

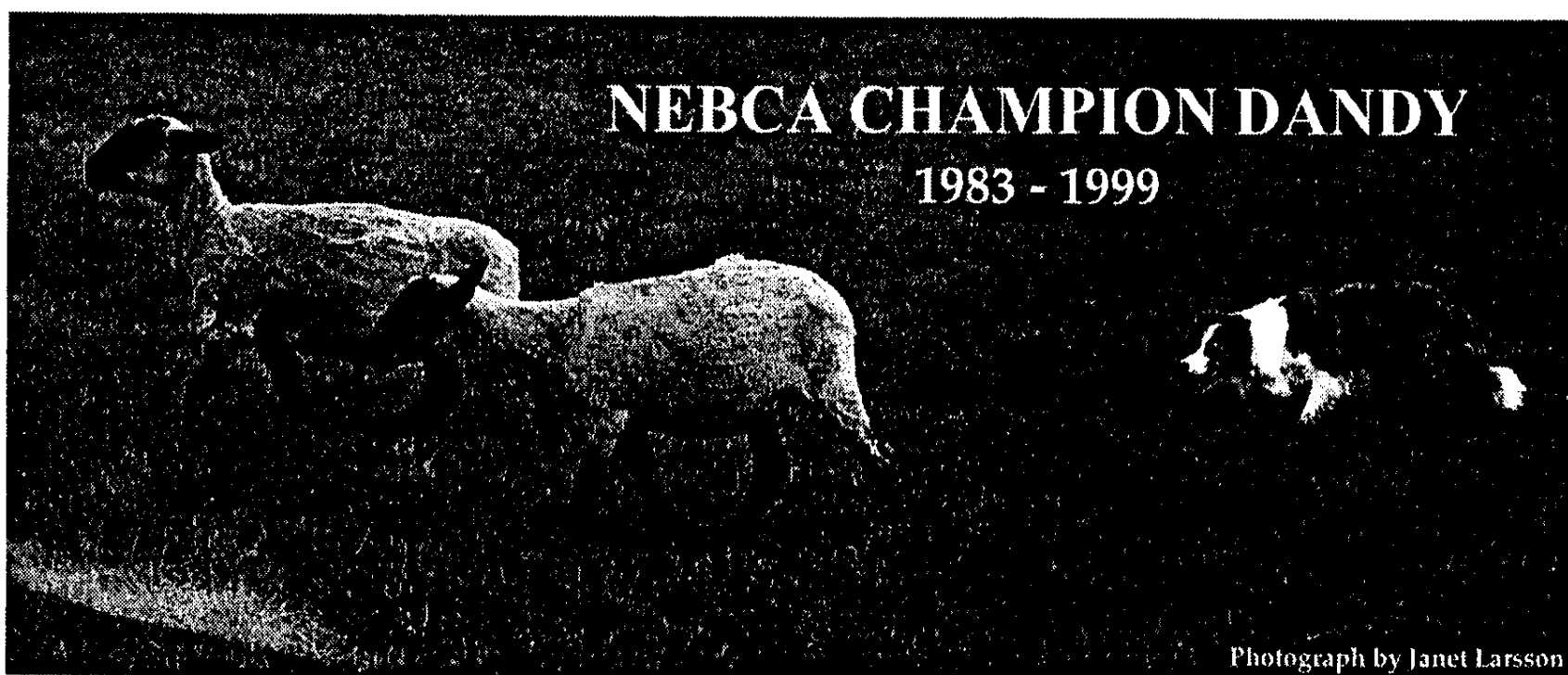


Mist – photo by W. Carleton

Before the words had left the man's mouth, the dog's teeth hit the steer's tender nose. In an instant, the steer lifted his head, wheeled around on his hind legs and jumped into the trailer. The boy slammed the door shut as the steer realized that he had been bested and started bellowing his frustration.

The dog immediately did his best end-zone victory dance – tail going in circles, his body doing a serpentine sideways wave, his tongue out in a happy, self-satisfied grin.

"Good boy" said the man, praise that fell on deaf ears – after all, he was a Border Collie, doing his job because that's what he did, all he lived for. 🐾



Photograph by Janet Larsson

Dandy was a Blue Merle with a mind of his own. Lynn Deschambeault was a novice handler who had never trained a dog. The odds were against them, but from the start Dandy and Lynn seemed to hit it off perfectly.

Lynn kept at it, doing all her own training. It didn't take long before they became a team – reading each other, sometimes without a word. Dandy just seemed to know what Lynn wanted. Winning became a habit with them, with the 1987 Fall Foliage trial being one of their greatest accomplishments.

From the beginning Dandy was Lynn's dog. A partner, companion, and friend for almost 16 years. Their teamwork was an inspiration to quite a few handlers. I first saw Dandy at the Connecticut Sheep Breeders trial, which he won. I fell in love. I looked for him every trial, waiting to see him run.

Dandy gave Lynn a lifetime of memories that will help her through the sad months ahead, and taught Lynn things that will help her with other dogs that will follow.

And Dandy will be missed not only by Lynn, but by all of us.

Joanne Krause 🐾

1999 NEBCA TRIAL SCHEDULE

April 24 - 25, 1999

Springton Manor SDT

Glenmoore, PA

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials

(Open trial is not NEBCA sanctioned

20 dog limit in open trial)

Sharon Nunan

3329 Foulk Road, Boothwyn, PA 19061

(610) 497-4378

e-mail: bartwilb@aol.com

April 24 - 25, 1999

The Grazing Project SDT

Lee, NH

Two 1-day Novice and Open Trials, USBCHA

Entries by April 10th to trial secretary:

Ellen Skillings (413) 624-0271

10 Purlinton Lane, Colrain, MA 01340

Trial Manager: Kate Broadbent

e-mail: katebroadbent@globalserve.net

May 2, 1999

Cooperlane Farm Nursery Trial

Shelburne, MA

One day Novice Trial

Edgar Gould

Cooper Lane, Shelburne, MA 01370

(413) 625-6496

May 8 - 9, 1999

Nearfield Farm Dog Trial

East Conway, NH

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials

Roger Deschambeault

2440 E. Conway Road,

Ctr. Conway, NH 03813

(603) 939-2255

May 15 - 16, 1999

Hancock Shaker Village SDT

H.S.V., Pittsfield, MA

One day Novice & One day Open Trial

Start Time 9:00

Eric Johnson (518) 794-8605

May 15 - 16, 1999

Ewes Welcome Farm Trial

Castleton, Ontario

Two 1-day Novice and Open Trials

Sylvia Foster

2876 County Road 25, R.R.#2

Castleton, ON

(905) 344-8375 e-mail: larsyl@eagle.ca

May 22 - 23, 1999

Genessee SDT

Mumford, NY

Two 1-day Novice, USBCHA Nursery

& Open Trials

Joyce Geier (716) 265-8220

May 29 - 30, 1999

Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT

Cumington Fairgrounds, MA

One day Novice & One day Open Trial

Becky Peterson

41 Bell Road, Leyden, MA 01337

(413) 624-5562

Trial Managers:

Please contact an open trial committee member to confirm your trial dates.

Following 1999 Trials are NEBCA sanctioned unless noted otherwise.

June 5 - 6, 1999

Misty Lane Sheep Dog Trial

Center Conway, NH

Two days N/N, P/N, Ranch and Open Trials

(USBCHA Nursery)

Gabe Merrill

RFD1, Box 25, Brownfield, ME 04010

(207) 935-2520

June 17 - 20, 1999

PA Championship SDT

Hop Bottom, PA

Two 1-day Novice Trials

Two 1-day Open Trials, USBCHA, Purina

Walt Jagger

Box 233, Hop Bottom, PA 18824

(570) 289-4663

June 25 - 27, 1999

Autumn Hill SDT

Union Bridge, MD

Two 1-day Novice Trials

Two 1-day Open (only Open NEBCA sanctioned) USBCHA

Mary Brighoff

9512 Bessie Clemson Road

Union Bridge, MD 21791

(301) 898-1132

July 2 - 4, 1999

Bittersweet Farm Trial

Hampton, CT

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials

Carol Campion

109 Hammond Hill Rd., Hampton, CT 06247

(860) 455-9416

July 16 - 18, 1999

West Branch Sheep Dog Trial

Pottsgrove, PA

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials

Allan Lynch

RD#2, Box 168, Turbotville, PA 17772

(717) 649-6212

July 17 - 18, 1999

Hawkrigde Farm SDT

Morton, Ontario

Two 1-day Novice, Nursery & Open Trials, USBCHA (only open is NEBCA sanctioned)

Jen Tidman

RR1, Seely's Bay, Ontario

(613) 387-2669

July 17-18, 1999

Kelmscott Farm SDT

Camden, ME

Two 1-day Novice, USBCHA Nursery & Open Trials

Mindy Empey

RR2, Box 365, Lincolnville, ME 04849

(207) 763-4088

July 23 - 25, 1999

Lennoxville International SDT

Lennoxville, Quebec

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials USBCHA

USBCHA Nursery only on 7/23

Dave Young

32 Flanders Rd., Sawyerville, QC J0B 3A0

(819) 889-3276

July 30 - August 2, 1999

Nation Valley Sheep Dog Trial

Navall Farm, Winchester, Ontario

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials USBCHA

Werner Reitbock

Box 424, Winchester, Ontario

K0C 2K0, Canada

(613) 448-3266 e-mail: werner@intranet.ca

August 4-5, 1999 (Tentative)

Renaissance Farm SDT

Sydenham, Ontario

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials

J. P. LaLonde

RR 1, Sydenham, Ontario, K0H 2T0

(613) 376-3659

August 7 - 8, 1999

Pittsburgh Township Dog Trial

Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario

One day Novice Trial, Novice,

P/N & USBCHA Nursery

Two 1-day Open Trials, USBCHA

(only open is NEBCA sanctioned)

Amanda Milliken

RR 2, Kingston Ontario, K7L 5H6

(613) 531-9405

August 14 - 15, 1999 (Tentative)

Western Ontario SDT

Palmerston, Ontario

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials, USBCHA

Margaret Lambkin

RR1, Palmerston, Ontario, N0G 2P0

(519) 343-5573

August 20 - 22 1999

Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial

Cooperstown, NY

Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials

Chalmers Means

RD2, Box 190, Otego, NY 13825

(607) 432-4903

August 22, 1999 (Tentative)

NY State Championship Dog Trial

Altamont Fair, Altamont, NY

One day Open Trial

Mike Canaday

889 Meadowdale Rd, Altamont, NY 12009

(518) 861-6049

1999 NEBCA TRIAL SCHEDULE

August 27 - 29, 1999 (Tentative)

Keystone State Stockdog Trial

Willow Grove Naval Air Base
Willow Grove, PA
Two 1-day Open and Novice Trials
Purina, USBCHA
Eve Marschark (215) 795-2023 or
Nancy Ortiz-Sharp (215) 453-9068

August 28, 1999

Scottish Festival Open Trial

Quechee, VT
One day Open Trial USBCHA
Steve Wetmore
PO Box 54, Strafford, VT 05072
(802) 765-4466

September 2, 1999

Lancaster Fair Sheep Dog Trial

Lancaster, NH
One day Open Trial (points)
Roger Deschambeault
2440 East Conway Rd.
Ctr. Conway, NH 03813
(603) 939-2255

September 4 - 5, 1999

Blue Hill Fair & Northeast US Sheep Dog Trial

Blue Hill, ME
Two 1-day Open Trials (points)
Jim Davidson
North Country Farm
Round Pond, ME 04564
(207) 677-2224

September 4 - 6, 1999 (Tentative)

New Jersey State Sheep Dog Trial

Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ
Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials
Gene Sheninger
332 Split Rock Rd, Boonton, NJ 07005
(201) 299-9785

September 10, 1999 (Tentative)

NH Highland Games

Loon Mountain, NH
One day Open Trial (points)
Lynn Deschambeault
RR1, Box 897B
Bridgton, ME 04009-0607
(207) 452-2898

September 11 - 12, 1999

(Tentative date)

NEBCA Novice Finals

September 20 - 21 (Tentative)

Eastern States Exposition SDT

West Springfield, MA
Three Separate Open Trials
Carol Campion
109 Hammond Hill Road
Hampton, CT 06247
(860) 455-9416

October 2 -3, 1999

Brush Run Farm SDT

Charleroi, PA
Two 1-day Novice & Open Trials, USBCHA
Allison Gebaurer
66 Zippay Road, Charleroi, PA 15022
(724) 483-7432

End of 1999 Open Season

October 2, 1999

NH State Championship Dog Trial

East Conway, NH
One day Open Trial
Roger Deschambeault
2440 East Conway Road
Ctr. Conway, NH 03813
(603) 939-2255

October 3, 1999

Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial

Fryeburg, ME
One day Open Trial
Gabrielle Merrill
RFD 1 Box 20, Brownfield, ME 04010
(207) 935-2520

October 9 - 10, 1999 (Tentative)

NEBCA Fall Foliage Championship

October 16 - 17, 1999 (Tentative)

Mountain Meadow Nursery Trial

Lebanon, NH
Two 1-day Novice Trials
Bud Ames
46 Eastman Hill Rd., Lee, NH 03824
(603) 448-5429

October 23 - 24, 1999

Maplewood Farm Halloween Trial

Two 1-day Novice Trials
Joanne Krause
571 Westchester Rd., Colchester, CT 06415
(860) 267-6125

October 22 - 24 1999 (Tentative)

Cumberland Valley Championship

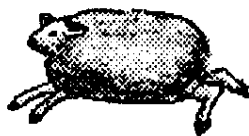
Carlisle, PA
One day Novice & USBCHA Nursery,
2 Days Open
Nathan Mooney
245 Alters Road, Carlisle, PA 17013
(717) 249-5695

October 30 - 31, 1999

Hope's Farm Sheep Dog Trial

Springville, PA
Two 1-day Novice and Open Trials
Louise DiMarcello
(610) 296-5273

The "Grazing Project" Sheep Dog Trial



Burley Demeritt Farm
Lee Hook Rd., Lee, New
Hampshire

April 24 and 25, 1999

NEBCA Novice and
Pro-Novice - \$15
USBCHA sanctioned Nursery
- \$15
NEBCA & USBCHA
sanctioned Open - \$25

**Judge : John Atkinson,
Yorkshire, England.**

Trial supper, Sat night: 10\$

Entries by April 10th to trial
secretary:

Ellen Skillings
10 Purlinton Lane, Colrain,
MA 01340
(413) 624-0271

Trial Manager :
Kate Broadbent
katebroadbent@globalserve.net

GENESEE COUNTRY VILLAGE & MUSEUM

SHEEPDOG TRIAL

NEBCA * USBCHA

May 22 & 23, 1999

Mumford, NY

Two one-day trials:
Novice/Novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch,
Open, USBCHA Nursery
Judge: Johnny Baker, Scotland

**** ALL CLASSES PAYBACK ****

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Contact: Joyce Geier
(716) 624-8228 jdgeier@email.msn.com

1999 EVENTS/CLINICS

1999 USBCHA East Coast Trials

(not NEBCA sanctioned)

March 27 - 28, 1999

Long Shot Farm Sheepdog Trial

Church Hill, MD

Open/Nursery, VBCA and USBCHA sanctioned

Sherry Smith (410) 758-3363 or

Pre-Trial Management Services:

Mary Brighoff (301) 898-1132

April 16 - 18, 1999

Seclusival SDT

Shipman, VA.

Open/Nursery

Barbara Ligon (804) 263-5912

September 18 - 26, 1999

USBCHA/ABCA

NURSERY & NATIONAL FINALS

Middletown, Virginia

1999 UK Trials

July 29 - 31

Welsh National SDT

Abergele, Clwyd

August 5 - 7

English National SDT

Powderham Castle

Kenton, Exeter, Devon

August 12 - 14

Irish National SDT

Cork Racecourse, Cork

August 19 - 21

Scottish National SDT

Annan, Dumfriesshire

September 9 - 11

International Sheep Dog Trials

Trawscoed, Aberystwyth, Wales

CLINICS:

May 8-9/99

Clinic taught by Cheryl Jagger Williams
in Greenfield, MA

For more information contact

Denise Leonard

389 Adams Road, Greenfield, MA

(413) 773-5232 or e-mail: dal@shaysnet.com

June 5-6/99

Training Clinic at Janet Larson's
in Lee, New Hampshire

Instructor: **Cheryl Jagger Williams**

Contact: **Janet Larson** at (603) 659-7046

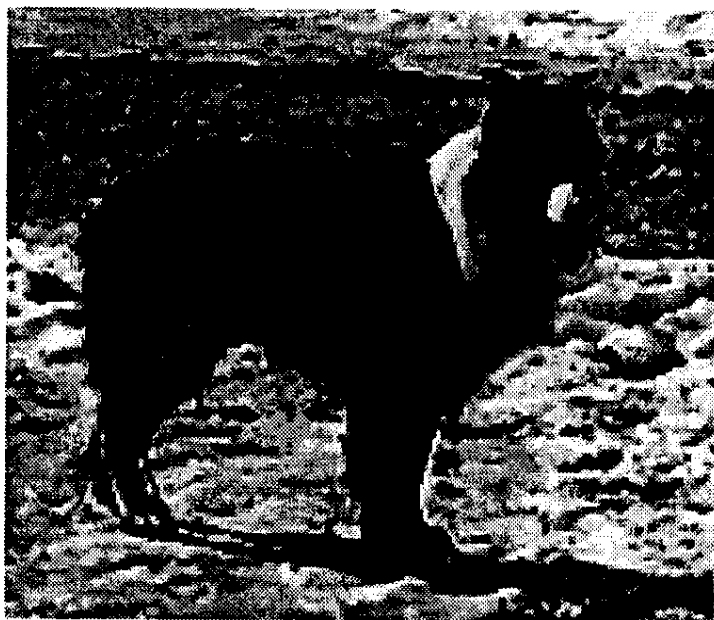
June 26-27/99

Training Clinic by **Kathy Knox**

Maplewood Farm, Colchester, CT

Contact: **Joanne Krause** at (860) 267-6125

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1998 TRIAL RESULTS



Photo by Diane Gregory

Ross Farm Museum Sheep Dog Trial New Ross, Nova Scotia August 23, 1998

Judge: John Atkinson
Trial Managers: Bill and Hilary
Flower

Novice/Novice

Gerald Keddy	Sass	64
Fred Hamilton	Fly	44
Trevor Richardson	Bea	43
Anne Veinot	Nell	42

Pro-Novice

Leroy D'Entremont	Ben	72
Hilary Flower	Jill	70
Kate Broadbent	Coal	59
Roy Robinson	Scottie	51

Open Ranch

Kate Broadbent	Dave	76
Leroy D'Entremont	Grouch	75
Kate Broadbent	Decks	73
David Craven	Nye	48

John Atkinson's Visit to Nova Scotia.

John Atkinson, a name synonymous with underwear, came for a visit this August. Now John did not bring any of his wares with him to ply his trade and we were all a bit disappointed; Fruit-of-the-Loom will have to suffice for another year. What he did bring, though, was his good humor and high spirits and a wealth of information and help for our dog handlers. I am full of praise for John but am loathe to commit it to paper for fear that he will read it and his head will swell to gigantic proportions...much like his body did during his stay in NS. He claimed to have put on a pound a day, not a bad rate of gain and we were proud. All that fresh sea air must have spiked his appetite, and his thirst...?

John did a clinic first and held court for a day with 12 eager trainees. He does a great clinic-patient, humorous and with a knack for getting information across. Without exception, the people attending his clinic came away satisfied and eager to apply their new-found knowledge. We then hustled the innocent man down to the south shore of Nova Scotia where he judged the Ross Farm Sheep Dog Trial. This is a great setting: a field on the grounds of a Working Farm Museum, complete with oxen, a coopers and blacksmith shop and a staff working the farm in the style of the 1800s. *Technical* sponsored this trial and was rewarded with a huge turnout and plenty of interest in their booth and samples. This was a NEBCA nursery

trial and we ran Novice/Novice, Pro-Novice, and Ranch classes.

Active Cheviot ewes belonging to trial organizers Hilary and Bill Flower provided some quick runs and a few chases. Then John had the mid-week off to whale watch, tour around the local sights and feast on local cuisine (in order to maintain his average daily gain, of course.)

John's second judging job was at the NS Provincial Exhibition where Fred and Antje Hamilton organize a *Purina*-sponsored trial in the center field of the standard-bred race track. Again 3 classes were held and although it threatened to rain we held a crowd both in the covered grand stand and out near the trial field. Fred and I have a motley assortment of sheep for training dogs on and they performed well for the trial. They are not beautiful, but they move! John did a great job and kept us all smiling with his good humor, a huge thank you to him.

Next summer we will be hosting a series of Open trials in NS. *Technical* and *Purina* are both keen to continue offering sponsorship and we will be importing a judge for these trials and a clinic. Keep an eye out for the dates and consider a trip east to take in some Sheep Dog Trials.

The interest in the sport is growing stronger in Eastern Canada and we are eager to see more competitors from other areas.

Kate Broadbent

1998 TRIAL RESULTS

It was a lovely, cool day in New Hampshire for this fall trial. The foliage on the mountains in full color provided a spectacular frame for the green meadows around us. Too bad that our judge, Chris Smart from Scotland, did not make it to the trial in time. He ran into problems with plane transfers and did not make it to NH until the following day.

The sheep – Horned Dorsets – worked very well, as was reflected in the scores. Betty Murray again did a great job tabulating the scores for the trial. Thanks Betty, and a thank you to everyone that helped setting out sheep – it makes things go so much smoother.

We had many spectators staying all day long and they were really amazed at these wonderful dogs.

Gabe Merrill



Betty Levin, Maddie (standing), and Horned Dorsets (walking).

New Hampshire State Championship Sheep Dog Trial

Nearfield, NH, October 3, 1998

Judge: Joe Kennedy

Trial Manager: Roger Deschambeault

OPEN - 31 dogs

1.	Gabe Merrill	Meg	94
2.	Warren Mick	Annie	91
3.	Warren Mick	Tim	89
4.	Beverly Lambert	Pat	89
5.	Roger Deschambeault	Joe	88
6.	Roger Deschambeault	Jack	87
7.	Betty Levin	Maddie	86
8.	Steve Wetmore	Keegan	86
9.	Lynne Deschambeault	Pip	85
10.	Maria Mick	Ken	83



1st place winner Gabe Merrill, Warren Mick, Roger Deschambeault, and Dave Craven

Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial

Fryeburg, ME

October 4, 1998

Judge: Chris Smart; Trial Manager: Gabe Merrill

OPEN - 36 dogs

1.	Bruce Smart	Ken	107
2.	Roger Deschambeault	Joe	106.5
3.	Beverly Lambert	Cap	105.5
4.	Bruce Smart	Dinah	104.5
5.	Warren Mick	Annie	104
6.	Betty Levin	Tay	102.5
7.	Betty Levin	Maddie	100.5
8.	Warren Mick	Tim	100
9.	Carol Campion	Dell	99.5
10.	Carol Campion	Roy	98.5

Here we are again at the Fryeburg Fair, an indication that the trials here in the Northeast are winding down for the year.

It was the best weather anyone could ask for: a bit cool in the morning, but warming up to "shirt-sleeve weather".

All day we had a fantastic crowd and it was clear that interest in the sport is growing. Our Fair officials commented on the great informative commentary during the event. For that we have to thank Mike Canaday, Joe Kennedy, Warren and Maria Mick, Betty Levin, and everyone who helped. Thank you.

Betty Murray tabulated the scores for us again, and what a great job she does.

Thanks Betty, Roger, Joe, Warren, Bill Fleming, and all that helped to make this trial a success.

And last, but not least, thanks to Chris Smart for a good job judging – very fair and consistent.

Hope to see you all next year.

Gabe Merrill

1998 TRIAL RESULTS

Mountain Meadow Nursery Trial Lebanon, NH October 17 - 18, 1998

Judge: Joe Kennedy; Trial Manager: Bud Ames

The weather for the trial weekend was beautiful. The sheep were a challenge and nearly impossible to pen. Too much pressure, and the sheep would challenge the dog; not enough, and they wouldn't move. Because numbers were low handlers got double runs with the best run to count for a score.

The winner for the Junior Handlers class on Saturday was Jane Jackson's Toff and daughter Anna. The winner on Sunday was Sarah Wenz with Bud Ames' Sam. Our thanks to all the handlers who came and ran their dogs in the trial. Thanks, too, to Joe Kennedy for an excellent job of judging, George Northrup and Steve Wetmore for setting out, and everyone else who helped make the trial a success.

Mary Ames

Saturday, October 17

Novice/Novice - 5 dogs

- | | | |
|------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Kate Collins | Buddha | 72 |
| 2. Michael Nunan | Jed | 69 |
| 3. Jim Murphy | Duke | 66 |

Pro-Novice - 6 dogs

- | | | |
|--------------------|------|----|
| 1. Jane Jackson | Toff | 62 |
| 2. Bud Ames | Luke | 60 |
| 3. Fiona Robertson | Jess | 49 |

Ranch - 4 dogs

- | | | |
|------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Ed Hobart | Joy | 61 |
| 2. Millie Curtis | Robbie | 45 |

Sunday, October 18

Novice/Novice - 5 dogs

- | | | |
|----------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Jim Murphy | Duke | 73 |
| 2. Kate Collins | Buddha | 68 |
| 3. Millie Curtis | Lily | 45 |
| 4. Brenna Huntington | Spot | 44 |
| 5. Michael Nunan | Jed | 40 |

Pro-Novice - 5 dogs

- | | | |
|--------------------|------|----|
| 1. Fiona Robertson | Jess | 52 |
|--------------------|------|----|

Ranch - 5 dogs

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------|----|
| 1. Gregg Hamm | Gaelen | 66 |
| 2. Fiona Robertson | Jess | 65 |
| 3. Ed Hobart | Joy | 53 |

A First-Timer's View of the National Finals

By Warren Mick

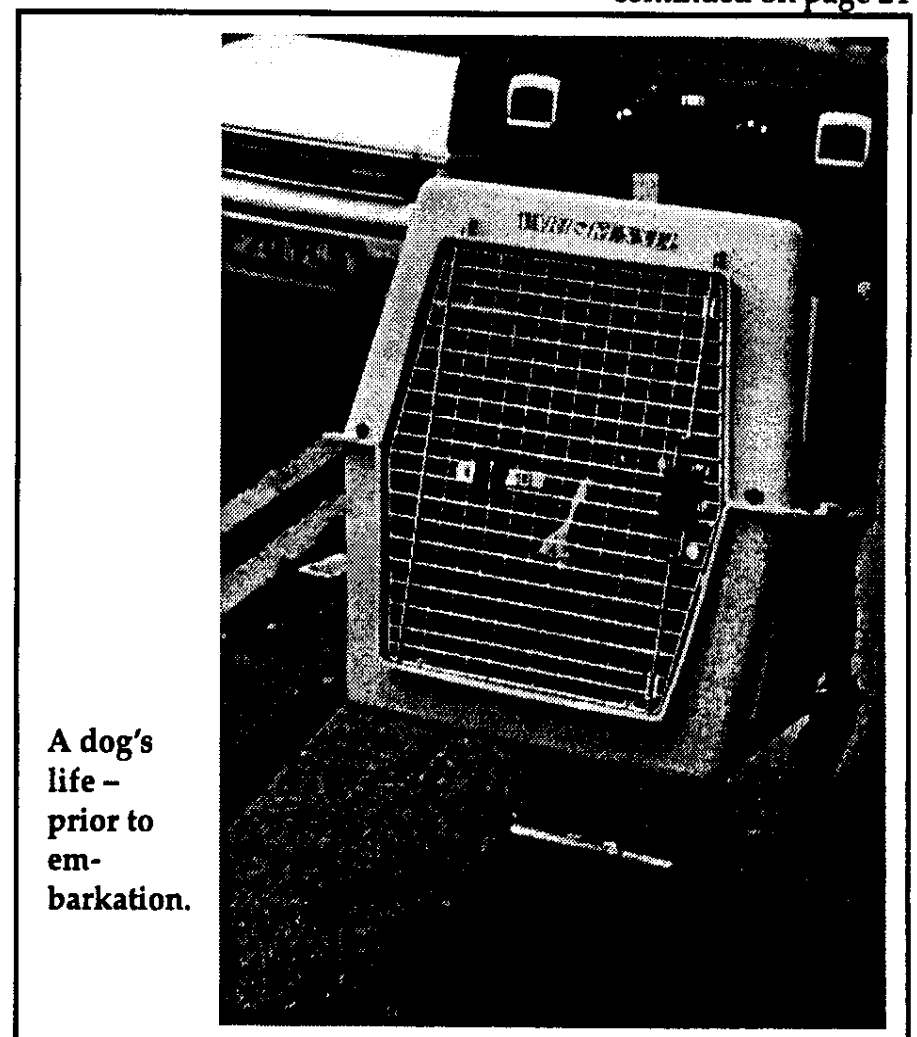
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[Saturday Oct 17: Rose at 3:45AM, gave dogs a small breakfast and run, packed the car and left by 4:30. Stopped near the airport to give the dogs one more run. Two kennels and two full bags were a little cumbersome, but somehow we managed to get them to the counter. Check-in took about 15 minutes and the Delta agent was knowledgeable and helpful. They didn't check the health certificates, but insisted on having "live animal" stickers on both sides and the top of the kennels. I watched from the gate but didn't see the crates loaded. As I also didn't see any loose dogs heading up the runway, I wasn't too worried. The shipping form that attaches to the crates has tear-off tags that are handed to you in your seat prior to departure to let you know they're on board.

The flight from Albany to Oklahoma City went smoothly. Not long after arriving, at the special baggage door near the conveyer, two crates appeared with two familiar but scared looking friends. All was fine save the two mangled plastic water dishes in Reggie's kennel. We loaded into the rental car and headed out across the plains of Oklahoma - on the freeway, that is.]

The setting for the 1998 National Finals was Fort Reno in Oklahoma. The Fort is on the outskirts of El Reno, a small town of several thousand, located 40 miles west of Oklahoma City. The Fort has a long history going back to the taming of the old west. It was run by the Department of Agriculture for the past 50 years as a research station and only recently opened to the public as an historic site.

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A dog's life - prior to embarkation.

1998 TRIAL RESULTS

A First-Timer's View - continued

When I arrived at the site just one day before the start of the trial, I expected to find many handlers scoping things out and trial organizers buzzing around. No such thing. I found three people unloading a truck, and a few fort employees and two other handlers. Clearly, I had been too anxious to get to the finals.

The finals didn't begin with any fanfare. No opening ceremony; few, if any spectators; and handlers straggling in rather nonchalantly. At first one quickly got the feeling that this was just another dog trial, albeit a big one, with a lot of very good dogs and handlers, but all the basics identical to local trials: A standard course layout and the handlers meeting out by the post. Several handlers walked the drive while others watched, and when things got going, you waited around for your turn while watching the other runs.

This ho-hum feeling began to change, however, after watching a number of runs: I began to wonder if I missed something. They *did* say sheep would be used and these did *look like* sheep. But whatever they were in actuality, they were definitely winning the battle of Fort Reno.

In one run after the other, something bizarre would inevitably happen – whether or not it was a renown handler or dog. There was every variety of disaster: lost sheep, lost dog, never getting the sheep to the post, never getting near a panel, getting stuck here, there and everywhere. All the sheep at the finals were difficult. There were a few tamer groups but they were few and far between. The worst difficulties were on the fetch and the drive. Probably the easiest part was the shed as the sheep were quite fond of going in different directions. Penning was difficult but not impossible. I'd guess more than half of those who made it that far got it done. There wasn't a single case of the sheep just walking into an open pen. I saw a few runs that penned in under minute, but the average pen took two minutes. There was a rumor circulating that the post was set atop an ancient Indian burial ground.

Eventually it was my turn. I ran Reggie in the nursery and both Tim and Reggie in the open. To sum up, penning was unfortunately the least thing I was concerned about prior to the finals. I managed to get the pen in my first run with Tim, but in my next two attempts, I had over four minutes left but couldn't make it happen (gripped off to be more precise). I'd like to think I got two unpennable groups but the reality is my penning skills, or lack thereof, was the problem.

So it went with my first time at the Nationals - not successful but a long way from disaster. All in all, the experience was the highlight of my year. If I can get my dogs qualified for '99 Finals in Virginia, I will most surely be going and I hope to be in the company of many Northeast handlers. In the meantime I will practice penning on the most difficult, unruly sheep or critters I can round up. 🐾

1998 USBCHA/ABCA National Sheepdog Finals

El Reno, Oklahoma, October 19 - 25, 1998

196 dogs

1. KNOX, JACK	MEG	182
2. PICKLE, ANGIE	SWEEP	174
3. WEIR, IVAN	MOY	173
4. PRICE, KEN	REG	167
5. CLENDENIN, STEVE	HAP	167
6. MCCORD, RUSSELL	STETSON	166
7. MICK, WARREN	TIM	165
8. OLIVER, RED	GUS	164
9. LIGON, BARBARA	ROY	163
10. COLLINS, PAT	MIRK	162
MILLIKEN, AMANDA	EUCHER	153
MILLIKEN, AMANDA	HAZEL	147
SMART, BRUCE	KEN	130
LAMBERT, BEV	NAP	128
PARROTT, BROOKS	RUSH	123
CANADAY, MIKE	BEN	113
CANADAY, MIKE	ROBIN	101
SHENINGER, GENE	SWEEP	76

50 dogs qualified

1. KNOX, JACK	MEG	183
2. PICKLE, ANGIE	SWEEP	170
3. WILSON, TOM	HOPE	166
4. PICKLE, ANGIE	SAM	164.5
5. COLLINS, PAT	MIRK	164
6. OLIVER, RED	GUS	162
7. WEIR, IVAN	MOY	161.5
8. CARPENTER, SUSAN	GUY	160.5
9. TAYLOR, KEVIN	SCOTT	160
10. MILLIKEN, AMANDA	EUCHER	159.5
MILLIKEN, AMANDA	HAZEL	157.5

USBCHA/ABCA NATIONAL FINALS

DOUBLE LIFT - 20 dogs qualified

1. ALASDAIR MACRAE	NAN	365
2. ANGIE PICKLE	SWEEP	336
3. TOM WILSON	HOPE	335
4. JO WOODBURY	PAINT	329
5. PETE CARMICHAEL	TY	323
6. HERBERT HOLMES	JAN	319
7. JACK KNOX	COON	310
8. ANGIE PICKLE	SAM	306
9. JACK KNOX	MEG	288
10. BARBARA LIGON	ROY	272
11. STU LIGON	KEELE	270
12. PAT COLLINS	MIRK	245
13. RUSSELL MCCORD	STETSON	230
14. LYLE BOYER	CAP	
15. RED OLIVER	GUS	
16. IVAN WEIR	MOY	
17. KEVIN TAYLOR	SCOT	
18. AMANDA MILLIKEN	HAZEL	
19. AMANDA MILLIKEN	EUCHER	
20. SUSAN CARPENTER	GUY	

Minutes from NEBCA 1999 Annual Meeting

January 30, 1999

Meeting held at the Firehouse in Deerfield, MA

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Denise Leonard at 10:15 a.m.
Number of members present: 29

Denise presented the meeting agenda which was approved by unanimous consent.

The Secretary, Jean Kennedy, read the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Jean, who is stepping down as Secretary, expressed her appreciation to all for allowing her to serve as secretary for the past 4 years.

The Treasurer, Joanne Krause, presented the club's financial status.

1998 Northeast Border Collie Association, Treasurer's Report Year End Report

Submitted by Joanne Krause, Treasurer, January 23, 1999

Accounts Receivable

	<u>Dec./1998</u>	<u>Jan./1999</u>
Starting Balance:	\$3,032.07	\$2,263.94*
Membership:	\$6,483.00	\$ 845.00
Breeder's List	\$ 470.00	_____
Library:	\$ 290.30	\$ 125.00
Calendars:	\$4,194.54	\$ 541.44
Newsletter Ad's:	\$ 369.50	\$ 3.00
Nursery Finals:	\$1,885.50	_____
Fall Foliage:	\$ 975.00	_____
Fencing Rental:	\$ 290.00	_____
Members List:	\$ 5.00	_____
Misc.:	\$2,089.00	_____
Total Credits:	\$20,083.91	\$3,778.38
Total Debits:	\$17,864.07	\$ 181.21
Balance:	*\$ 2,219.84	\$3,597.17

* Amount checks with bank statement.

* Ledger has \$44.10 less than the bank statement does. (I have checked over and over and can not account for the discrepancy.

Accounts Payable

	<u>Dec./1998</u>	<u>Jan./1999</u>
Library:	\$ 323.65	\$ 57.00
Calendars:	\$5,202.40	\$ 28.49
Newsletter	\$6,412.30	\$ 22.72
Trials Committee (Awards)	\$ 878.60	_____
Nursery Finals:	\$1,802.42	_____
Fall Foliage:	\$1,201.64	\$ 73.00
Office Supplies:	\$ 142.55	_____
Bounced Checks/Bank Charges:	\$ 467.88	_____
Misc.:	\$1,054.10	_____
Total Debits:	\$17,864.07	\$ 181.21

Evi Carleton gave the Newsletter report. 380 copies of the winter edition were mailed out in November, up from 175 for the Spring news in March, 1998. She stated that the increase in newsletter cost from \$712 in the first quarter to \$1,153 in the fourth quarter was associated with the more-than-doubled membership. This resulted in higher printing and mailing expenses, but was off-set by new membership fees. Evi gave some numbers on how much mailing costs would be reduced if NEBCA had non-profit status, including savings of state tax.

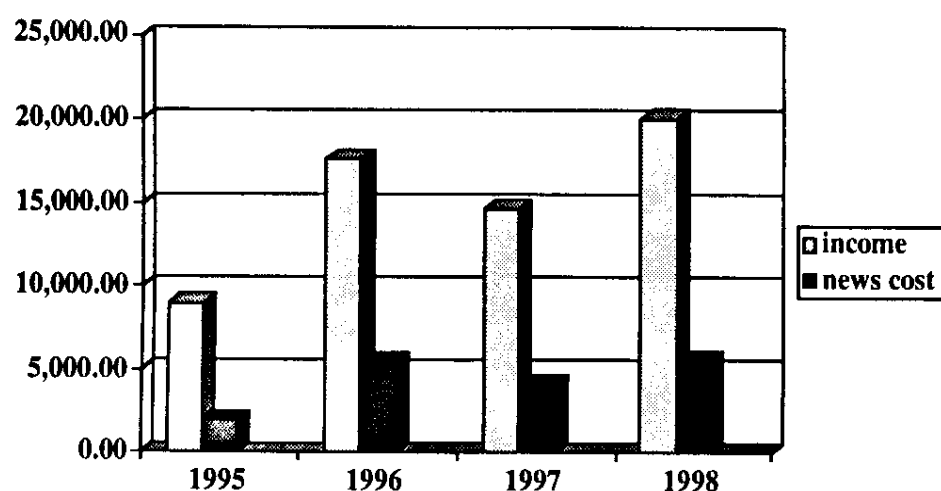
Evi recognized that there has been some concern expressed regarding the increasing cost of the Newsletter. She said that the current format of the newsletter, featuring a broader spectrum of articles and information, is based on a member survey conducted by Dee Woessner in 1996, and warranted because the majority of NEBCA members are not involved in trialing. A discussion followed on the newsletter costs and the potential for reducing them.

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ORGANIZATIONAL

NEBCA News Costs 1995 - 1998

NEBCA News - continued



Carol Campion suggested that a supplementary trial issue could be published that included entry forms for several trials. She stated that many trials send out entry forms and would be eager to pay to have them sent out with a Newsletter.

Beverly Lambert suggested that trial entry forms could also be put on the NEBCA web site as an extra enticement.

Becky Peterson reported for the Board of Directors (BOD). The BOD was asked by the executive committee to consider *raising the association dues by five dollars* to help cover increased operating costs. The BOD agreed the increase was warranted and stated that the bylaws do not require a vote of the membership to do so. The change would be *effective immediately*. All new members would pay the higher dues, but renewing members would not have to pay the higher dues until 2000, provided their 1999 dues had been paid on time.

Warren Mick gave the Open Committee report. He stated that the trial year had gone smoothly and the expenses for the Fall Foliage and High Points Competitions came in well below the budget of \$1600. The net cost to the club was \$352 in 1998 versus \$1395 and \$1181 in the two previous years. He noted, however, that several of the reasons the cost was so much lower in 1998 were unique and may not be in effect in 1999.

George Northrup gave the Nursery Committee report. George noted that no major issues came before the committee in 1998 and that the trial season went very well. George submitted a written letter from Joe Kennedy summarizing the 1998 Novice Finals. *The Novice Finals cost the club \$286*. George expressed the committee's appreciation to all those who supported the trial extending special thanks to Angela and JP Lalonde, Mike Canaday, Betty Murray, Nupro Dog food for supplying prizes and to Central Cape Dodge for their generous donation.

Don't forget: New Schedule of Points

effective at the start of 1999 open season.

Score (out of 90):	Score (out of 80):
86 - 90 5	76 - 80 5
80 - 85 4	70 - 75 4
74 - 79 3	64 - 69 3
67 - 73 2	57 - 63 2
60 - 66 1	50 - 56 1

Carol Campion gave the Library report for Susan Myshka. In 1998, the library had \$265 in expenses and \$376 in income. Thirty-three members had used the library, borrowing a total of 63 videos, 22 books and 5 audio cassettes. Carol stated the library is requesting a budget of \$350 to purchase new material and permission to increase the video lending fee to \$4. to cover higher mailing costs. Beverly Lambert motioned that these two requests be accepted. The motion was approved.

ELECTION RESULTS - opposite page

Jean Kennedy stated that a ballot mistake resulted in only one director position being voted on, even though two positions were open. Clint Brake motioned that the nominating committee generate a slate for the open BOD position and that the ballot be added to the Spring Newsletter for a vote at the next meeting. The motion was approved. **New Ballot on page 29**



New Secretary Warren Mick



New Director Steve Wetmore

Jean Kennedy gave the results of the election of officers.

President - Cheryl J. Williams (61)

Dave Young (22), Joe Kennedy (5),
Warren Mick (4)

Vice President - Denise Leonard (54)

Maria Mick (35), Mike Canaday (2),
Ed Hobart (1)

Secretary - Warren Mick (69)

Fran Wheeler (22), Cokie Hamm (1)

Treasurer - Joanne Krause (80)

MaryAnn Fallon (10), Greg Hamm (1)

Director - Steve Wetmore (56)

Allan Lynch (23), Lynn Deschambeault (12),
Sue Schoen (1)



New President
Cheryl Jagger Williams

*Cheryl was elected as President, Denise as VP, Joanne as Treasurer,
Warren as Secretary, and Steve Wetmore as a Director.*

The meeting recessed for lunch. After the recess the new President, Cheryl Jagger Williams, presided.



OPEN Commity Chair:
Beverly Lambert



Nursery Commity Chair:
George Northrop

Betty Levin spoke on the recent passing of two notable dogs in NEBCA past, Lynn Deschambeault's Dandy and Cheryl J. William's Kim. Both Dandy and Kim had long and successful trial careers, including Fall Foliage Championships.

New Business:

Becky Peterson discussed the work the BOD had done on researching incorporation and non-profit status for NEBCA. Denise Leonard then gave some of her findings. Betty Levin motioned the BOD proceed with obtaining both incorporation and non-profit status for NEBCA. The motion passed.

The president announced the tentative Open and Novice trial committee appointments. The open committee will be Beverly Lambert (Chair), Carol Campion, Walt Jagger, Lynn Deschambeault, Bruce Smart, and George Northrop.

The Novice committee will be George Northrop (Chair), Joe Kennedy, Nancy Ortiz-Sharp, and Joyce Geier.

Open committee Chair, Beverly Lambert, motioned for a \$1200 budget for the Fall Foliage. The motion passed.

George Northrop, chair of the Novice committee, motioned for a \$1000 budget for the Novice Finals. The motion was passed. George also suggested a guideline was needed for deciding where to hold the Novice finals would be helpful.

Much discussion followed though no motions were made.

ORGANIZATIONAL

NEW
BUSINESS

The calendar for year 2000 was discussed at length. **Beverly Lambert** motioned that \$3000 be budgeted for the calendar, that 750 calendars be printed and that they be sold for \$5 each with postage being extra. The motion passed.

There was discussion on how to improve the tracking of calendar receipts and preventing calendars from going unsold. *Beverly motioned that anyone taking year 2000 calendars in bulk, must settle their account and return any unsold calendars by November 1, 1999, after which the individual will be responsible for the cost of all unsold calendars in their possession.* In addition, the motion stated that **all calendar money must be sent to Clint Brake**. The motion passed.

Jean Kennedy motioned that \$1000 be budgeted for the printing of NEBCA brochures in support of marketing. After discussion the motion was tabled until the next meeting. **Clint Brake** offered to research the cost of printing brochures and also to donate some photocopied brochures to use until printed ones are available.

A request was made by the President to re-establish the fund for the **Supreme Champion Award**. The title of Supreme Champion is bestowed on a dog that wins both Fall Foliage and High Points Competitions in the same year. Only one dog has ever achieved this title. *The fund is voluntary and all donations should be given to the Treasurer.*



Becky and Libby

The next NEBCA meeting will be

May 29th at Becky Peterson's Trial in Cummington, MA.

Additional meetings in 1999 will be in July at Carol Campion's Trial in Hampton, CT and in September at Gene Shener's Trial in Morristown, NJ.

A fourth meeting may be held at either the Novice Finals or the Fall Foliage Trial.

The President recommended that all trial managers consider getting their events USBCHA sanctioned so as help get as many NEBCA members as possible qualified for the National Finals. Beverly reiterated this need and commented on how great and rare an opportunity it is to have the Finals so close to our region.

The president suggested that the date of the Association's founding be added to the cover of the newsletter.

The Vice President read a letter from **Brooks Parrott** stating her concern over the lack of an explicit statement in NEBCA's bylaws or rules regarding the Association's responsibility for protecting the welfare of dogs and livestock.

Steve Wetmore noted the NEBCA open trial guidelines do have a statement regarding animal welfare and furthermore state that the USBCHA rules on welfare would be followed where they don't conflict with NEBCA rules. **Michael Dathe** motioned that the BOD formulate a policy to specifically address the health of dogs and livestock. The motion passed 12 to 9.

Beverly Lambert motioned that NEBCA give members residing in Maryland full privileges for 1999 and that at the BOD propose a bylaw change at the 2000 Annual Meeting which would add Maryland to the NEBCA region. *The main effect of this change would be to allow Maryland members compete in the year-end events.* **Ellen Raja** amended the motion, extending the period that privileges would be given to two years and postponing the proposal to change the bylaws until 2001. The amended motion passed.

Steve Wetmore raised the issue of whether NEBCA should raise money by charging a per-run fee to each sanctioned trial, as other organizations do. Beverly motioned that starting Jan 1, 2000, all NEBCA-sanctioned open and novice trials be required to pay a \$1 per-run fee to the Association and that trial managers be encouraged to voluntarily pay the fee this year. The motion passed.

Becky Peterson read a letter from **Edgar Gould**, who is currently recovering from hip surgery. Edgar encouraged the club to focus less on competition and more on breeding and training dogs to do useful farm work. He suggested that in addition to trials, there be more friendly get-togethers to promote learning and camaraderie among the club's members.

NEW
BUSINESS

Beverly Lambert motioned that NEBCA sponsor an *Edgar Gould Perpetual Breeders Trophy* to be given to the breeder of the highest scoring dog at the Fall Foliage Trial, and bred in the NEBCA region.

The motion passed.

The mission statement formulated by the BOD was considered. The general sentiment was that while it was a good description of the Association's goals and activities it was much too long.

It was suggested that something close to the Purpose section of the Bylaws would be appropriate to use as a mission statement.

The President noted that the financial audit for 1998 was not yet complete and would be presented at the next meeting.

There was no other new business.

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:30PM.

Respectfully submitted
Warren Mick, Secretary

Photo by Barbara Armata



"Come Bye" or "Away"?
Kathy Duchesne's 10 month old "Wink".



NEBCA's
youngest
member:
Avery
DeMille
with Max

Photo by Melissa DeMille

BALLOT for the ELECTION of NEBCA DIRECTOR

vote for one:

- Ballots are accepted only from members whose dues are confirmed paid by January 1, 1999.
- Ballots will be accepted at the NEBCA meeting in Cummington, MA, May 29th, 1999, but only from the member who is voting. Proxy votes will not be accepted at the meeting.
- Farm/Family memberships are entitled to two (2) votes, provided they are from two individuals and both voting members checked and signed the ballot.
- Mailed-in ballots are due NO LATER THAN MAY 20, 1999 to Warren Mick, so he can tally and present them at the meeting. The back of the envelope must be signed or initialed by each person whose ballot vote is enclosed.

_____ ***Becky Peterson** (*current director)
_____ **Allen Lynch**

_____ write-in _____

Date

Signature

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Signature

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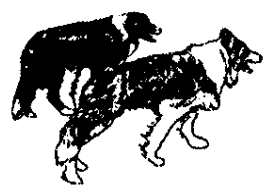
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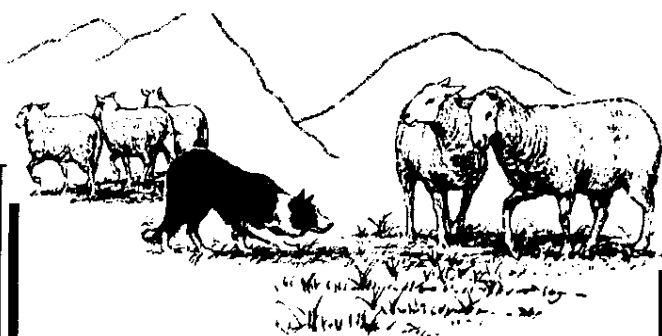
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