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2004 Kingston Sheepdog Trials & CBCA Championships

By Fiona Robertson

The Kingston Sheepdog Trial will take on a slightly different format this year. The regular trial which we all look forward to will go ahead much as planned, except for the CBCA Championships taking place on the final day of trialing.

According to Amanda Milliken (who has been hosting the prestigious Kingston Trials for years), any one can enter the trial, as before. However, only CBCA dogs and handler members in good

standing of CBCA (Twelve dogs total) that qualify the previous days will be moving onto the CBCA Double Lift Championship on Sunday. Amanda is still waiting for more information regarding the Pro-Novice & Nursery classes. For information on the trial and how to become a member and register your dogs, please visit the CBCA website at: www.canadianbordercollies.org



Janet Harvey's Scott at the 2003 Kingston Sheepdog Trials at Grass Creek Park. Thanks to Jim Allen for the photo!

(Guest) Editorializing: Trialling, Trialing, or....Trailing?

By Anne B. Priest

Several years ago, I first noticed in a write-up in the NEBCA News that the word trialing had been mistakenly spelled trailing. I didn't think much of it, assuming it was a typo, but was very puzzled to see this same mistake made over and over again in later years.

The other day, I was writing something and wasn't sure whether trialing had one "l" or two, so I looked it up on the spelling checker on my computer. Trailing is not a word in its dictionary and it suggested "Trailing". Hah. Puzzle solved. What I think is happening is that whoever

writes up trial notes has an automatic spelling corrector on his/her computer that changes trialing to trailing. Turn it off, folks. When we are trialing we want to win or place, not trail. Hmm. I wonder if the News computer can write this piece up in a way that will make sense!



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You may also send your prints by snail mail to the Editor. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want your photo back! (Note: use a regular US stamp—I cross the border almost weekly, so can mail from a US postbox easily.)

Articles will be accepted based on relevance to the working Border Collie and the mission of the Northeast Border Collie Association. All articles may be edited for content.

Tips for sending articles / trial results etc.

Send in text (.txt) or word (.doc). Please don't overly format your work, as I cannot cut & paste into Publisher without lots of re-formatting first! Please don't send in Excel, save your excel files as .txt (in WordPad) and then send! Thanks!



President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Just a brief update on what's new in NEBCA. First off, we finally have closure to a somewhat drawn out board of directors' election. We had four well-known members running and the election was quite close with Joyce Geier and Sue Schoen just edging out Bud Ames and Dick Williams. Thank you all for running and offering your time to help the club. Joyce and Sue will join existing board members Gene Sheninger and Mary Ellen Young. AS you know, the board is responsible for guiding the clubs activities and policies and seeing that they are in line with NEBCA's mission of promoting and protecting the working Border Collie. If you have any ideas in this regard, by all means, speak to a board member about it.

By time you get this newsletter the 2005 NEBCA Calendar will be available as well as the new NEBCA hats and T-shirts. According to Jody Sommers, the hat this year is even nicer than the one last year that sold out by July. So don't wait. And the same goes for the calendar.

Our next meeting will be at the Lynch Mob Trial on July 2nd in Turbotville PA. Hope you can make it.

Warren



Message from your Open Trial Chairman (woman...)

Every year we try to come up with ideas for the high points and FF trial awards. I would greatly appreciate some input as to what people like. Please give your ideas to any committee member when you see them or e-mail me. People often come up with ideas but then the moment passes and the thought is gone.

Also, any concerns or suggestions that concern our committee would be welcome now. It seems like things come up at the end of the year; too late to talk them out or discuss them. So don't hold back!!

Barbara Armata
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Photo Caption Contest

What does this picture say to you?

Send us your funny caption and our expert panel of judges will award a free NEBCA T-shirt to the winner!

Thanks to Warren Mick for sending this photo of fellow NEBCA member Steve Wetmore "helping out".

Send your caption ideas to the editor at:

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You may also leave a message at 819-842-4227.



Teaching Streets....Part 2

By Polly Matzinger

Last issue we finished off with STEP 3, which consisted of lengthening the distance between you and your dog until you are able to cross the street completely while your dog remains in her "wait" on the other side. Don't proceed to step 4 until you've got step 3 pretty solid!

STEP 4 making it difficult: this is the penultimate step and you should not go to step five until your dog is at least six months old. With some dogs you don't ever need to go to step five. In step four you'll start doing really crazy things to get her to go into the street before you say "OK!". Start easy. When you're halfway across, stop and wave your arms up and down. If she waits, that's great! Excitedly say "OK!" and run across the remainder of the street. Next time, do a little dance (don't look at her directly, but keep an eye on her). If she waits quietly (thinking that you just had a fit of some kind) say "OK!" immediately and run across the street with her. If she moves into the street before you say "OK", say "oops" and put her back on the sidewalk. No punishment, just a reminder that she's supposed to wait until she's released. The punishment is that she has to wait longer before she can run with you. Work on this until you can do cartwheels or moonwalks or mad rushes back and forth, singing madly at the top of your lungs, and popping balloons, and she simply waits there. Then make it even harder. If she likes to play ball, throw a ball to yourself in the middle of the street or on the other side. (Make sure there are no cars). If she likes food, then put her food dish in the middle of the street. If she chases cats, borrow a neighbor and a cat so that the cat can be walked through the street while she waits. If she chases cars, get a friend to drive by (slowly) and make sure she waits. Parade some chickens in front of her nose. Get someone to walk a few sheep down the road. Keep upping the ante until she won't

go in the street for ANYTHING unless you say "OK". Do this both on and off leash until you trust her completely

This whole process shouldn't take longer than about two weeks if you're diligent.

STEP 5 proofing it: some dogs need this and others don't. Be very very careful if you do decide to do this. I stopped Charlie, when he was 9 months old, from ever wanting to play with me. It took almost six months before he would trust me again. Your timing needs to be IMPECCABLE! And, since it isn't necessary with many dogs, don't do it unless you need it. You may decide to have a friend help you so that one of you can hold the line (see below) while the other deals with the dog.

Here goes: once your dog is waiting calmly on the side of the street until you say "OK", no matter what you're doing out there, put a long line on him, as well as the leash. Wear gloves or you'll potentially hurt your hand (and make sure that your dog is wearing a wide collar, not a choke chain, nor a rolled leather collar). Play ball or frisbee or anything that gets him really excited. After he's excited, take the leash off (but not the long line. The reason you take the leash off is to remove the weight so that he'll think he's free.). Now set yourself up so that you're a distance away from the sidewalk, or your chosen road, that is almost the length of the long line. Throw the ball once so that he gets excited and, when he brings it back to you throw it so that it goes into the street (I usually throw it so that it lands short of the street and rolls into the street. This is more exciting to him than lobbing it so that it lands in the street). BE READY! Hold TIGHT to that long line and, just as he puts the first foot into the street (IF and only IF he puts a foot

into the street), yell "WAIT!" and turn around so that the line tightens suddenly. He should hear you yell "WAIT" and hit the end of the line just as he steps into the street. He may flip head over heels if he is going really fast. (If he is a really fast dog, then stand closer to the street so that he hasn't gotten up much momentum when he hits the street. The object here is to stop him in a really unpleasant way, but not to damage him)

It usually doesn't take more than once to stop a dog forever from going in the street if he has had the training leading up to it. With most dogs, if you have done your homework, and come up with all sorts of really exciting and appealing ways to get him to break his 'wait' in the fourth step, you won't even have to do it. But I had one dog that became SO excited by a ball that he would happily have chased one right under the wheels of an 18-wheeler that was coming at 50 mph. Putting this dog head over heels was not fun, but it was a lifesaver. Too many dogs die in streets.

I live on a six lane, very heavily trafficked, road, and play frisbee on the huge lawn of an old convent across the street from my house. Only the dog whose name I have called is allowed to chase the frisbee, otherwise I would have pandemonium with four dogs trying to catch the same disk! Every so often the wind catches the frisbee so that it goes into the street. No matter whose turn it was, all the dogs stop, as soon as they see that the frisbee is going to land in the street, and look at it mournfully. They all then usually lie down while I wait till the traffic is gone so that I can go get the frisbee and throw it back to the dog whose turn it was. His / her reward for not going after it is that she gets the frisbee for the next six throws.

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Trial Results



Bloomfield Benefit Trial, April 18, 2004

First perfect weekend of the new trial season brought out a few enthusiasts to enjoy the complicated field at the Lambert/McDonough farm and the small flock of wool/hair sheep. The sheep were quite cooperative but as always very touchy to any over flanking or errors at the stone wall.

Novice/Novice

Yvonne O'Brien	Grace	50
Chris Bowen	Jake	48
Ellen Busconi-Black	Stevie	46
Emma Court	Kane	43
Carol Lockhart	Gwen	39
Carol Lockhart	Tess	R

Pro/Novice

Chris Bowen	Dot	67
Denise Leonard	Jesse	53
Elayne Holbrook	Zak	52
Yvonne O'Brien	Maude	47
Sue Schoen	Corrie	45

Ranch

Emma Court	Marshall	73
Ed Hobart	Picasso	61
Heather Nadelman	Phyl	52

Nursery

Beverly Lambert	Miah	63
Sue Schoen	Corrie	R
Chris Bowen	Jake	R
Emma Court	Kane	R
Beverly Lambert	Midge	R

Open

Brenda Buja	Dice	81
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Maria Amodei	Cato	72
Denise Leonard	Kate	67
Joan Worthington	Sam	67
Sally Molloy	Zac	63
Brenda Buja	Bronco	61
Betty Levin	Kyle	60
Betty Levin	Maddie	59
Heather Nadelman	Phyl	58
Sally Molloy	Paige	52
Ed Hobart	Bonnie	51
Betty Levin	Folly	41
Ed Hobart	Angel	R
Denise Leonard	Rose	DQ
Betty Levin	Bryn	DQ



CSBA SDT Vernon, CT April 24-25, 2004

Nursery Sat

1. Beverly Lambert	Maid	65
2. Cheryl Jagger Williams	Maddie	65
3. Beverly Lambert	Miah	60

Ranch Sat

1. Sally Lacy	Mot	74
2. Beverly Lambert	Maid	64
3. Sally Lacy	Robin	55
4. Richard Williams	Scott	50
5. Mellissa DeMille	Max	37
6. Kate Collins	Jan	30

Open Sat 36 dogs total

1. Beverly Lambert	Bill	93
2. Mary Brighoff	Mirk	93
3. Cheryl Jagger Williams	Fly	87
4. Cheryl Jagger Williams	Andy	87
5. Joan Worthington	Sam	86
6. Betty Levin	Maddie	84
7. Denise Leonard	Kate	84
8. Walt Jagger	Bob	83
9. Richard Williams	Tip	82
10. Beverly Lambert	Pippa	81

Tie broken by outwork due to the inability of one dog to do the runoff

Open Sun 35 dogs total

1. Beverly Lambert	Pippa	93
2. George Northrup	Kyp	91
3. Betty Levin	Kyle	90
4. Walt Jagger	Kitt	87
5. Beverly Lambert	Bill	86
6. Barbara Levinson	Lass	86
7. Joan Worthington	Sam	84
8. Cheryl Jagger Williams	Fly	83
9. Betty Levin	Maddie	80
10. Denise Leonard	Rose	80

Pro-Novice Sun

1. Denise Leonard	Jessie	74
2. Walt Jagger	Floss	70
3. Carol Campion	Evie	68
4. Joan McGrath	Amos	61
5. Linda Hotchkiss	Kopper	61
6. Beverly Lambert	Miah	56
7. Chris Bowen	Dot	48
8. Mary Brighoff	Nip	44

Novice Sun

1. Ellen Rusconi-Black	Stevie	53
2. Amy Dunnington	Moss	53
3. Nancy Phillips	Abby	45





Trial Results



Old Chatham Sheepherding Company , April 24-25 2004

Saturday (44 dogs to the post)

1. Amanda Milliken	Bart	91
2. Amanda Milliken	Grace	81
3. Barbara Armata	Rhett	78
4. Joyce Geier	Tait	76
5. Barbara Armata	Jazz	74
6. Steve Wetmore	Gyp	73
7. Warren Mick	Jinty	72
8. Ellen Skillings	Paige	70
9. Sally Molloy	Zac	69
10. Bruce Smart	Peg	68

Sunday (44 dogs to the post)

1. Steve Wetmore	Dart	87
2. Warren Mick	Glen	84
3. Lori Cunningham	Riff	79
4. Amanda Milliken	Grace	78
5. Ellen Skillings	Paige	76
6. Joyce Geier	Clue	70
7. Mary Felegy	Tam	70
8. Rich Seaman	Zoe	69
9. Bruce Smart	Peg	66
10. Dean Holcomb	Nell	65



Long Shot Sheepdog Trial April 2-5, 2004

We had a new beginning at Long Shot Farm trial this year, Dave and I finished our new trial field which gives us about 400 yards for the open course and 300 yards for the ranch class. Of course we had the standard weather, rain and more rain but the temperatures were decent. It was such a great bunch of people that attended it seemed everyone was happy and pitched in to help so thank you!! I also want to thank my two judges for doing a great job, Kent Kuykendall and Carol Calhoun. Thanks to all my helpers, these trials could not go so smoothly without you. The sheep were a challenge, but we had some great runs and excellent teamwork by a lot of dog/handler teams. Congratulations!!

Sherry

Novice Sat.

1. Lois Meyers -Rio
2. Carol Lockhart-Gwen
3. Emma Court-Kane
4. Avis May-Kit
5. Debbie Crowder-Turk

Pro Novice Sat.

1. Carla King-Liz
2. Sam Furman-Buff
3. Victoria Renz-Gage
4. Pam Gardner-Kia
5. Janet Harvery-Jess

Ranch Sat.

1. Randy Mumford-Jody
2. Heather Nadelman-Phyl
3. Randy Mumford-Vic
4. Ellen Skillings-Midge
5. Robin French-Jet

Nursery Sat.

1. Bev Lambert-Maid
2. Sam Furman-Buff

Open Sat.

1. Gene Sheninger-Jen
2. Linda Tesdahl-Peg
3. Linda Tesdahl-Jaffe
4. Bev Lambert-Pippa
5. Judy Mason-Ben

Novice Sun.

1. Emma Court-Kane
2. Lois Meyers-Rio
3. Kim Baker-Tate
4. Carol Lockhart-Gwen
5. Elaine Holbrook-Zac

Pro-Novice Sun.

1. Carla King-Liz
2. Melanie Chang-Fly

3. Sam Furman-Buff
4. Stacey Taggett-Liz
5. Julie Poudrier-Twist

Ranch Sun.

1. Carla King-Maid
2. Randy Mumford-Judy
3. Doug Brewer-Queen
4. Sandy Hornung-Jenny
5. Bev Lambert-Maid

Nursery Sun.

1. Sam Furman-Buff
2. Carla King-Liz

Open Sun.

1. Stu Ligon-Nap
2. Ellen Skillings-Paige
3. Sam Furmna-Tucker
4. Flo Wilson-Cap
5. Gene Sheninger-Jess





Trial Results



Soule Homestead, Middleboro, MA, April 30-May 2, 2004

Novice Friday (7 dogs to the post)

Judge: Bruce Smart

1. Chris Bowen	Jake	65
2. Eunice Lucas	Pela	56
3. Carol Lockhart	Gwen	53
4. Patricia Murphy	Bob	49*
5. Amy Dunnington	Moss	49
6. Ellen Rusconi-Black	Stevie	11

Novice Saturday (5 dogs to the post)

Judge: Bruce Smart

1. Eunice Lucas	Pela	61
2. Carol Lockhart	Gwen	55
3. Ellen Rusconi-Black	Stevie	53
4. Patricia Murphy	Bob	48

Novice-Novice Champion: Eunice Lucas & Pela

Novice-Novice R. Champion: Carol Lockhart & Gwen

Pro-Novice Friday (11 dogs to the post)

Judge: Richard Seaman

1. "Rob Drummond, Jr."	Andy	64
2. Chris Bowen	Dot	61
3. Patricia Murphy	Li	56
4. Kitze McCormick	Jax	55
5. Jean Farry	Rory	52
6. Denise Leonard	Jessie	49
7. Elayne Holbrook	Zak	45
8. Susan Schoen	Corrie	42
9. Greg Hamm	Jaimie	41
10. Bruce Smart	Missy	34

Pro-Novice Saturday (15 dogs to the post)

Judge: Richard Seaman

1. Beverly Lambert	Miah	74
2. Warren Mick	Rock	71
3. Jean Kennedy	Tyne	70
4. Denise Leonard	Jessie	65
5. Patricia Murphy	Li	62*
6. "Rob Drummond, Jr."	Andy	62
7. Jean Farry	Rory	60
8. Susan Cullen	Nick	58
9. Bruce Smart	Missy	57
10. Susan Schoen	Corrie	56

Pro-Novice Champion: Rob Drummond, Jr. & Andy

Pro-Novice Reserve Champion: Patricia Murphy & Li

Ranch Friday (5 dogs to the post)

Judge: Bruce Smart

1. Sally Lacy	Robin	67
2. Kitze McCormick	Wink	66
3. Sally Lacy	Mot	51

* Denotes tie broken by outwork

Ranch Saturday (6 dogs to the post)

Judge: Bruce Smart

1. Beverly Lambert	Maid	75
2. Kate Collins	Jan	73
3. Sally Lacy	Robin	67*
4. Sally Lacy	Mot	67
5. Kitze McCormick	Wink	53
6. Molly King	Storm	50

Ranch Champion: Sally Lacy & Robin

Ranch Reserve Champion: Kitze McCormick & Wink

USBCA Nursery Friday (5 dogs to the post)

Judge: Denise Leonard

1. Bruce Smart	Missy	45
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USBCA Nursery Saturday (6 dogs to the post)

Judge: Denise Leonard

1. Beverly Lambert	Maid	58
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Open Saturday (40 dogs to the post)

Judge: Julie Simpson

1. Maria Mick	Ben	85*
2. Rich Seaman	Zoe	85
3. Jody Somers	Twist	84
4. Warren Mick	Glen	82*
5. Beverly Lambert	Pippa	82
6. Steve Wetmore	Gyp	80*
7. Denise Leonard	Kate	80
8. Rich Seaman	Jack	79*
9. Warren Mick	Jinty	79
10. Ed Hobart	Angel	74

Open Sunday (40 dogs to the post)

Judge: Julie Simpson

1. Rich Seaman	Zoe	89
2. Beverly Lambert	Bill	87
3. Beverly Lambert	Pippa	86
4. Denise Leonard	Kate	82
5. Warren Mick	Glen	81
6. Rich Seaman	Jack	75*
7. Denise Leonard	Rose	75*
8. Steve Wetmore	Dart	75
9. Steve Wetmore	Keegan	74*
10. Warren Mick	Jinty	74

Open Champion: Richard Seaman & Zoe

Reserve Champion: Beverly Lambert & Pippa



MORE TRIAL RESULTS PAGE 16...

Lambing Experiences?

Good or bad, happy or sad?

Send your story to NEBCA News

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Teaching Streets....Part 2

By Polly Matzinger

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Note: keep an eye on them for the rest of their lives. They are dogs, and, like children, will sometimes forget. So, no matter that my dogs prove to me over and over that they don't go into streets, I always keep an eye out. Periodically I will do something calculated to make them break. (Ride my bicycle 30 yards away, while they're waiting, or run into the street myself, or cross and then walk along the other side for while, etc) and correct them if they go into the street before I say "OK". So far, in 46 years of having dogs, I have never lost a dog to the street.



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Poisoning

By Sue Schoen, VMD

Dogs, especially puppies, are great fans of eating all sorts of unauthorized materials. By and large they escape unscathed from their gastro-nomic adventures. When dogs eat something rotten they usually throw it right back up a few hours later and feel much better. That said, if your dog has eaten something toxic it pays to know what to do and to act FAST. Material moves out their stomachs in 1-2 hours so your have narrow window in which to act.



Toxins vary in potency- a small amount may pose no threat, eg. an extra heartworm pill or a few chocolate cookies. On the other hand if a dog drinks any amount of anti-freeze,

eats the guard dog's year supply of heartworm preventative or a huge bar of 83% chocolate he may be in trouble. You can't always be sure of what or how much was ingested so if you suspect poisoning call your vet and get help right away.

In a suspected poisoning the goals of treatment are to 1) rid the body of as much toxin as possible 2) reduce absorption of and/or neutralize any remaining toxin, 3) support the animal through any side effects and 4) to enhance elimination of the toxin and it's by-products. For 1-2 hours following ingestion induction of vomiting can be effective in eliminating the majority of the material and in confirming that a poisoning has

taken place. Vomiting can be induced at home with syrup of ipecac hydrogen peroxide (salt is not a good method) or at the vets with apomorphine. Vomiting may be sufficient treatments in some cases. Once a dog has thrown up a satisfactory amount of Halloween candy and wrappers, he can often be sent home with no further treatment. If your dog ate snail bait (metaldehyde) he may need the whole treatment: induction of vomiting, activated charcoal following a tummy wash, IV fluids, possibly valium for seizures and follow up bloodwork to be sure his kidneys and liver are ok. This may be an emergency visit. Prevention of poisoning is much cheaper.

The greatest chance of successful treatment occurs when it is started

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Poisoning

By Sue Schoen, VMD

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quickly, with a known toxin before any clinical signs have occurred. If you find your dog with his nose in a box of rat bait, he can be immediately made to throw up, and be taken to the vet to be given charcoal and be started on injectable or oral vitamin K. Always bring the label to your vet in a poisoning. It saves a lot of guesswork.

A comprehensive list of poisons is not possible here but some common ones are antifreeze (this often occurs in the fall and it is said that a lick per kilogram will kill a dog. There is an antidote to antifreeze but you almost have to see your dog drink it to be able to act quickly enough), snail bait and other pesticides, rat poisons and surprisingly raisins and macadamia nuts. Lawn mushrooms are often lethal to curious puppies and many dogs are poisoned by eating human drugs like heart meds or ibuprofen. Chocolate is toxic to dogs but a few chocolate chip cookies are not a problem. Milk chocolate actually has little chocolate in it. Dark chocolate like the kind I use to stay alert driving to dog trials is far more troublesome. Ivermectin the ingredient in the heartworm medication

Heartguard can cause problems in collie breeds at high doses. The dose in Heartguard is safe. However if your BC gets sarcoptic mange or heartworm disease they cannot be treated with ivermectin as can other breeds.

If you suspect a poisoning call your vet immediately.

**Or call the ASPCA POISON HOTLINE.
888-426-4435.**

People are not always lucky enough to directly observe a poisoning. Some signs of poisoning might be excess drooling, vomiting (if you see anything in the vomit take some to show the vet-seriously), diarrhea, dilated pupils, altered mentation or coordination (dogs that drink antifreeze act drunk) or seizures. Rat poison causes bleeding by affecting the blood's ability to clot. Sometimes you have to guess what happened-your puppy comes in from the back yard starts to vomit and then has a seizure I'd think mushrooms. You have to act fast with mushrooms they can cause irreversible liver damage. Raisins, macadamia nuts

and antifreeze and Advil can cause severe renal disease.

If you suspect a poisoning call your vet immediately. Or call the ASPCA POISON HOTLINE. 888-426-4435. This hotline is manned by vets and they are terrific. They can tell you if the material is a problem and what to do first. You might be told to induce vomiting with hydrogen peroxide given 1 teaspoon every fifteen minutes or syrup of ipecac (1-2 ml/kg). It doesn't always work and must only be given in a conscious dog with a strong gag reflex. You might just be told to watch for signs to develop. If your dog rolls in something toxic (diesel fuel or has a reaction to an applied product like Biospot) you might be told to bathe him repeatedly in Dawn dishwashing detergent.

Happily, people seem to rarely poison other people's dogs. Most dogs are inadvertently poisoned by their owners. Keep your meds, raisins and antifreeze stashed away. I would not have rat poison around my farm (if I had one). A dog could easily die from bleeding by eating a poisoned rat. And don't let your dog run loose.



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SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS....

From Betty Murray

Dear NEBCA Members,

I want to thank you for the surprise I received at the NEBCA meeting. What an honor to be given a lifetime membership. I really appreciate the honor you have given me. You are a wonderful group and I am very grateful to be able to say I'm one of you. Thanks again and I'll see you at the sheepdog trials.

Sincerely, Betty Murray

For those of you who don't know Betty; she is the tireless scorekeeper working behind the scenes at many NEBCA trials in New England and beyond. Her dedicated efforts are greatly appreciated by trial managers and competitors alike!

Pretty In Pink: My First Sheepdog Trial

By Rob Drummond

I've always been fascinated by situations in which dogs and people work in harmony to achieve a common goal. What attracted me to border collies and sheep trialing was the idea that the common goal in this pairing is steeped in history and tradition, and that the objectives of dog and shepherd are essentially unchanged from 500+ years ago. I saw images of noble, well trained dogs gathering sheep through the heather in the highland terrain of Scotland, being handled with confidence by talented shepherds dressed in tweed. I dreamed of running my own dog someday.

For three years I went to trials throughout the Northeast from Maine to Maryland studying the dogs, the sheep and the handlers. I was spectator and student, reading every book I could find, subscribing to all of the magazines and viewing videos to fill in the gaps. At trials I would study how the Open handlers worked their dogs, trying to establish the difference between a great dog and a mediocre dog, a good handler and a hack. I watched the novice runs with the knowledge that one day I too would be standing at the post for the very first time with nothing but my dog and my wits to get me through the course.

Having always had a variety dogs in my life, when I bought my first border collie puppy I realized immediately that I was as far from the handlers post as I was from the highland terrain of Scotland. Not only were there no sheep to train on in suburban NY, at times it was hard to find enough open space for simple exercise. I went through basic obedience class and enrolled in agility classes, but wasn't able fulfill my real dream – trailing. As fate would have it, my luck eventually exceeded my desire. I stumbled upon a goose control business that used border collies for chasing geese from large estate properties. I convinced them to hire me on weekends, and began my self styled training on outruns, flanks, and even whistle calls. We did 'way to me' around

swimming pools "come by" skirting tennis courts, and "lie down" was used whenever the homeowners appeared on the lawn with their flock of small children. When the goose control business changed hands, I purchased one of their older dogs with whom I had formed a bond, and set out to start my own service. For the next year our training continued on the estates of the wealthy, with supplemental doses of training on sheep whenever possible.

Finally the time came when I felt ready to enter a trial. My pup was still too rough for trialing, but my old girl "Spy" had worked sheep before geese, and her presence and confidence seemed to draw the same from me.

I wanted to enter a small trial, and had decided on the Halloween Trial of 1999, put on by Joanne Krause in CT. I had been to the trial as a spectator in the past, and felt the venue would be perfect for my "baptism". While filling out the entry form I noticed it stated that handlers had to go to the post in costume. I naturally began to envision myself in a tweed coat and driving cap, carrying a beautiful carved crook. However (and this is a big however), here's where my illusions and dreams were shattered in the blink of an eye – I have a wife. Unlike the border collies who await my every word with undying loyalty and obedience, my wife awaits my every word with hands on hips, lips



Rob Drummond as "Little Bo Peep"

loaded and prepared to fire when ready. The woman shoots to kill, and she rarely misses. "I don't think so" was all she had to say, and with that she set off to design a costume that would to this day haunt me in my sleep.

For about a week she would flit in and out with shopping bags printed with names like "Casual Woman" and "The Lace Place". I was doomed and I suddenly thought in retrospect (as do most men) that perhaps if I had tried just a wee bit harder to keep the dogs from running through the house like mud bombs, or made the slightest attempt to keep them off the new bedspread, or even waited until after company had left before picking ticks off of their butts, this all could have been avoided.

When the sewing machine finally stopped, she emerged with an unnaturally large, yet dainty pink dress covered in white lace and ruffles, followed by a matching pink bonnet. She must have smelled my fear because before I could even voice my objections, she pulled out a costume for Spy. My poor dog Spy. It was a sheep designed out of a large stuffed animal. The head of the sheep rested snugly on Spy's head, secured by elas-



Rob Drummond's Spy-a wolf in sheep's clothing

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2004 NEBCA Novice Finals: Sept. 18-19, 2004
At Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, Morristown, New Jersey
Judge: Maria Mick, Altamont New York
Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 7, 2004

Time: Ranch class will run first on Saturday, September 18, with a handler's meeting no earlier than 6:15 am. Pro/Novice and then Novice/Novice will follow.

Qualifying: To qualify for the Novice Finals, a dog must have earned at least three points in the current trial season in the class entered and the handler must be a current NEBCA member. The exact trial format (such as the number of runs per dog) will be determined based on the number of entries.

Trial Managers: Sally Molloy (609) 279-9728, Michele Higgins, Rob Drummond, and Ron McGettigan

Entry Fees: The entry fee is \$35 per dog

Food: We will be having a catered meal (details to follow) for handlers and their families on Saturday night. The cost will be \$12 per person.

Camping: Tents, campers, and motor homes will be permitted on the farm; no hookups will be available.

Lodging: The following motels are all within reasonable driving distance from Fosterfields: (** No pets allowed, * permit dogs 20 lbs. and under)

- *Days Inn* **: (973)335-0200. Rt. 46, Parsippany. About 10 miles north of the farm.
- *HOJO* **: (973)882-8600. Rt. 46, Parsippany. About 10 miles north of the farm.
- *Wellesley Inn* *: (973)539-8350. Rt 10, Whippany. About 5 miles north of the farm.
- *Ramada Inn* *: (973)386-5622. Rt 10 E. Hanover. About 5 miles north of the farm.
- *Red Roof Inn*: (973)334-3737. Rt. 46, Parsippany. About 10 miles north of the farm.

Prizes: There will be special prizes for the 1st and 2nd place winners in each class. In addition, if you have owned your dog since it was six months of age or younger and trained it yourself, you will be eligible for the "Long Road Award." Sign up on your entry form. Lucky Ewe prizes will be awarded again this year for the handler in each class that draws the collared sheep.



2004 NEBCA Novice Finals Entry Form

Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 7, 2004. Send entries with payment (payable to NEBCA) to:

Sally Molloy, 80 Sycamore Lane, Skillman, NJ 08558

NOTE: PLEASE SIGN WAIVER ON BACK OF FORM

HANDLER NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Dog	Handler	Class	Long Road Award Eligible?	Fee

How many for Saturday's dinner (\$12 each)? _____

TOTAL FEES (dinner plus entries): _____

DIRECTIONS TO THE NEBCA NOVICE FINALS AT FOSTERFIELDS



A. FROM THE SOUTH: Go to Route 287 (via the NJ Turnpike, The Garden State Parkway, or Route 78) and head north. Exit from Route 287 at the first Morristown Exit (Exit 35, Madison Ave.) and turn left onto Route 510/124 (South Street/Old Rt. 24). Proceed west through Morristown. Follow Route 510 signs counterclockwise (that's Way to Me) 3/4 the way around the Morristown Green (the square in the center of Morristown), turning right onto Washington Ave. (Please don't be confused by the Green as you approach it: you make a right turn, immediately make your first left hand turn, immediately make your next left hand turn and immediately again make your first right hand turn onto Washington Ave. That is one right, two lefts, and a final right to get you back onto Route 510. Washington Ave). One mile after the Green look for Kahdena Road on the right. Turn onto Kahdena and go about 1/4 mile to the Fosterfields Visitor's Center on your left at the top of the hill. As you enter the park, watch for signs and Park Commission employees to guide you. Handlers may proceed directly to the Trial Field, visitors must check in at the Visitor's Center.

B. FROM THE NORTH and WEST: Go to Interstate Route 80 (via the PA Turnpike Northeast Extension or the Delaware Water Gap) and travel east. Exit from I-80 at Exit 43 to Route 287 South heading towards Morristown. Proceed South on Route 287 to the second Morristown Exit (Exit 35, Madison Ave.), and turn right at the top of the ramp and, after 1/4 mile, bear right onto Route 510/124 (South Street/Old Rt. 24). Proceed west through Morristown. Follow Route 510 signs counterclockwise (that's Way to Me) 3/4 the way around the Morristown Green (the square in the center of Morristown), turning right onto Washington Ave. (Please don't be confused by the Green as you approach it, you make a right turn, immediately make your first left hand turn, immediately make your next left hand turn and immediately again make your first right hand turn onto Washington Ave. That is one right, two lefts, and a final right to get you back onto Rt 510. Washington Ave). One mile after the Green look for Kahdena Road on the right. Turn onto Kahdena and go about 1/4 mile to the Fosterfields Visitor's Center on your left at the top of the hill. As you enter the park, watch for signs and Park Commission employees to guide you. Handlers may proceed directly to the Trial Field, visitors must check in at the Visitor's Center.

C. FROM THE NORTH and EAST: Pick up Interstate Route 287 (via the NY Thruway or the George Washington Bridge and Route 80 West). Proceed South on Route 287 to the second Morristown Exit (Exit 35, Madison Ave.), and turn right at the top of the ramp and, after 1/4 mile, bear right onto Rt. 510/124 (South Street/Old Rt. 24). Proceed west through Morristown. Follow Route 510 signs counterclockwise (that's Way to Me) 3/4 the way around the Morristown Green (the square in the center of Morristown), turning right onto Washington Ave. (Please don't be confused by the Green as you approach it, you make a right turn, immediately make your first left hand turn, immediately make your next left hand turn and immediately again make your first right hand turn onto Washington Ave. That is one right, two lefts, and a final right to get you back onto Rt 510. Washington Ave). One mile after the Green look for Kahdena Road on the right. Turn onto Kahdena and go about 1/4 mile to the Fosterfields Visitor's Center on your left at the top of the hill. As you enter the park, watch for signs and Park Commission employees to guide you. Handlers may proceed directly to the Trial Field, visitors must check in at the Visitor's Center.



Waiver for NEBCA Novice Finals at Fosterfields

Please enter me in the North East Border Collie Association Novice Finals to be held at Fosterfields Living Historical Farm. In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I hereby waive and release for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators all rights and claims I may have to damages against The Morris County Park Commission, Fosterfields Living Historical Farm, their representatives, and all persons sponsoring or participating, for any injuries which may be suffered by me or my dog during this gathering and these trials. I understand that I am responsible for any cost incurred as a result of damage caused by me, my family or my dogs to facilities, animals or persons.

Signature _____ Date _____

We need volunteers to make this trial happen. How would you like to help us?

Push Out <input type="checkbox"/>	Set Out <input type="checkbox"/>	Exhaust <input type="checkbox"/>
Scribing <input type="checkbox"/>	Score Keeping <input type="checkbox"/>	

Tick Season Has Arrived!

By Dan Turner



Brown Dog Tick

There are all kinds of ideas of what to do with ticks once removed from an animal. Try this to save time and frustration. I pull off the tick and get about 1-1/2" of clear Scotch tape. Place the tick a bit more than



Deer Tick



American Dog Tick

a "tick's" distance from one end, double the end over onto the tick so sticky side meets sticky side, and just continue wrapping. You end up with a tick, basically frozen in time.



Pretty In Pink: My First Sheepdog Trial

By Rob Drummond

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tic & Velcro. My proud sheep dog was reduced to an over-stuffed, fuzzy kids toy with elastic that wrapped around her ears. She fitted the pink dress to me and the sheep thing to Spy, and although we were both humiliated, we knew intuitively that there was nothing we could do but sit, stay and stop whining. Exit dignified shepherd, enter Bo Peep & Company.

The day of the trial came and as I drove the 3 hours to get there, I tried hard not to think about the costume. My nerves were already shot. I was entering my first trial, my dream was starting to come true and I would finally be the guy at the post getting ready to send his dog off for the first time in competition.

When we arrived at the field I went to the handlers meeting and checked the running order. We were one of the first novice teams to go, so I quickly put on my costume and my muck boots, then fastened Spy into her getup. My stomach was in knots, and I was trying desperately to take in the lay of the field and remember everything I had learned and studied for so long.

As we stepped up to the post I could hear laughter behind me, but I was able to quickly tune it out. I immediately reached down and tied my pink bonnet under my chin so that it framed my full beard. I was unaware of anything around me. I remained focused until a gentle breeze cropped up and caused the lacy collar of the dress to flip up and brush the side of my cheek. I looked down at Spy and began to sweat. She was looking up at me, the plastic sheep eyes of her costume staring vacantly into the sky.

With the sheep at the hold out I sent her away and off she went with the legs of her costume flopping at her sides. She picked up her sheep and brought them down the fetch line quickly. I wrapped them around the post and began to ware the sheep out to the panels. She was pushing hard and I couldn't slow her down. As we rounded the panel on our way back to the pen I had to run to keep ahead of the sheep, holding my dress up as I went and praying to God that I wouldn't trip over it, thus causing Spy to run the sheep directly over me. I got to the pen and opened the gate but she wrapped the sheep around it. She managed to come back around and as we got the sheep in the pen, I

closed the gate behind them. Our first trial was over. I was beginning to breath for the first time in 15 minute. I



Little Bo Peep, NOT loosing her (er...His) sheep.

opened the gate and sent the sheep off toward the exhaust when I heard someone in the crowd yell "sheep down". Confused, I looked at the sheep heading to the exhaust. How could Spy have taken one down? We were sending back the same number we had started out with. Looking across the field I saw where the downed sheep was but as Spy came back to me I realized she had somehow shed her costume during the run. I gently patted the top of her head. "Good girl".

After we got off the field I ran back to the truck and ripped off my lacy pink dress. I'm not sure which felt better, liberating myself from the lace, or finishing my first trial.

It must have been our day because we won that trial in the Novice/Novice class. There were going to be other trials in the future and other dogs too, but when I think of that fall day I can still feel the lace brushing up against my beard and see Spy's dead costume sprawled lifeless across the field. I still daydream about the trials I hope to go to and of a having a well-trained dog at my side, but I no longer have visions of tweed.



Trim

By Sue Schoen VMD

I lost Trim to an overwhelming infection last November. I had waited for this pup out of Clair for two years. I can't explain what happened and I don't want anyone to panic that this will happen to their own dog. This was extremely rare. However, if anyone acts more quickly than I did and their dog is saved then this story will be worth the telling.

Trim was 11 months old and apparently healthy. She was 10 days into her first heat. She had dermatitis on her lips which she had been scratching and rubbing a lot. My other young dog had it too and I assumed they had been chewing on poison ivy vines which had just been cut. She was doing a lot of licking "down there" in her privates and as I look back that may be significant as the broken irritated skin may have been an entry for infection or maybe she had an infection of her urogenital tract which spread.

On Saturday at 6 am she was fine-sassing the llama, eating the grain and running with the other dogs when I fed the sheep. I went to Betty's to work dogs and when we got there at 10 am Trim was not right. She'd thrown up in the car and had colitis type diarrhea. She was depressed and hunched as if she had GI cramping which fit with the diarrhea and straining. In retrospect her hindquarters were stiff and sore. Being a border collie she ran up the hill with the other dogs and lay down pretty much normally. We worked dogs and when we were done she was worse. I carried her down the hill and when she wouldn't take water or turkey broth headed home. At that time she had a 104.5 F temperature (normal is 102 F). I gave her some fluids under

her skin and headed to a local ER. Her pulse was getting a bit fast and her gums were looking a bit shocky.

At the ER her blood work and radiographs were normal except at that time we missed the subcutaneous emphysema (indicating gas under her skin) over her rump on the lateral radiograph. I was thinking of a uterine infection (pyometra) although it didn't fit her heat cycle. The ER vet was suspicious of pancreatitis though her bloodwork was unrevealing. That was because she got sick so fast the bloodwork hadn't had time to show any changes. I left at midnight assuming he'd call at 6 am as we agreed and she'd be improved. I was worried but most things get better so I fell right asleep.

At 3 am (8 hours after admission) the vet woke me to say he thought this was a pyometra and he wanted my help during surgery. He called me on the way to the hospital to say he he'd felt the emphysema on her back and realized we'd missed it on the earlier film. He'd had her on IV ampicillin and metronidazole and IV fluids all night but by that time the fire was raging so to speak. They couldn't get her temp down below 105 and I felt pretty discouraged. I went home to read about subcutaneous emphysema and necrotizing myositis which I had never seen. I read large animal literature and human literature about drug users who stick themselves with dirty needles. There was no information on dogs.

Basically, bacteria which produce gas got into her body and found their way into the muscles over her hind quarters and went to town. It may have been a clostridium species which are the bacteria which

produce tetanus and botulism, and blackleg, pulpy kidney and overeating disease in sheep. They like to live in areas of low oxygen and are certainly readily available on a sheep farm. They act fast and produce widespread sepsis. In cases of blackleg which fit most closely with Trim animals are often found dead in the field. This is extremely rare in dogs. After that reading and seeing her again at around 6 am, I knew she was toast. I took her to Angell Memorial- the best place I knew of- just to be sure. She needed a hyperbaric chamber to fight the anaerobic bacteria that were taking her over and she needed wide surgical excision of the affected tissue (her hole rump) and massive antibiotics. At Angell they had no clue what this was. I had to convince the resident on duty of what I thought she had and after talking to the surgery resident he agreed with me and discouraged me (QUITE RIGHTLY) from doing anything heroic. I was hoping to see an old timer who over his forty years had run across a few of these and had some magic bullet. But they don't work on Sundays. Turns out almost NO ONE has seen one of these.

I was as distraught as any of my own clients who are facing a sudden loss. I didn't want to torture Trim for 24 hours in ICU and then have to have her put to sleep. She was stoic but in a lot of pain. The tough thing was her eyes never dimmed until the blue juice hit her brain and I had to make the choice to give up hope for the kind of heroic recovery we all deeply believed in when we were twelve years old. When love is enough and Old Yeller will live through rabies. I really learned a lot through this experience, un-

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Trim

By Sue Schoen, VMD

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fortunately none of it did Trimmie any good. If I'd acted more quickly and had known what it was maybe we could have saved her. The human literature says immediate aggressive surgical debridement

and massive antibiotics. Humans with gas gangrene are treated with hyperbaric oxygen. I secretly hoped Angell Memorial had access to one. But there was too much too debride, no hyperbaric chamber and even had I suspected the worst at ten am.



Sue Schoen's Clair with her latest litter.

If. If. If.- I think it had already gone too far. I've never seen anything like this - the rapidity of overwhelming sepsis. I had no idea she was so sick! Most things get better! I blame myself that I did not act more quickly - I'll never know if she could have been saved.

Trim was a lovely dog. I had plans for us. The only bright spot is that her parents started in on a new litter two days after her death and Clair produced 7 beautiful pups, one of which is chewing on my feet right now. She isn't Trim but she is a lovely girl in her own right.



NEBCA Business

By Maria Mick

Minutes from the May 1, 2004 NEBCA Meeting, Middleboro MA at Soule Homestead Trial

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm, 10 members present.

1. **Secretary's Report:** Current membership is 223 members of which 58 are family memberships. Membership tally at the end of 2003 was 287 members.
2. **Board of Directors election results:** The results from the BOD election at the end of 2003 were nullified due to a problem with the ballots. New ballots were sent out with the spring newsletter. The new ballots were collected by Denise Leonard and reviewed and tallied by both Denise and Kate Collins. The results were: 31 votes for Bud Ames, 36 votes for Joyce Geier, 50 votes for Sue Schoen, and 23 votes for Dick Williams. The two new directors will be Sue Schoen and Joyce Geier. They will join current directors Mary Ellen Young and Gene Sheninger.
3. **Open Committee Report:** The 2004 Fall Foliage Competition will be held in Amhearst, MA, using Bill Fosher's flock. Chris Smart was suggested as a possible judge for the event. The trial will be held on Columbus day weekend but a decision on whether to run over two or three days has not been made.
4. **Novice Committee Report:** The Novice Final Competition will be held at Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ. Entry forms will be in the summer newsletter.
5. **New Business:** Warren Mick encouraged NEBCA members to submit articles for the newsletter. Articles can be submitted to newsletter editor Fiona Robertson.

Beverly Lambert motioned to adjourn and motion seconded by Molly King. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.



That First Open Placement

By Sally Molloy

Christine Koval, a NEBCA member from Virginia, writes the following narrative for our second column on recollections of first placements in Open competition.

I had just moved up to Open at the Florida Winter series in February 2002 and was a nervous wreck. Seeing the running order and knowing I now had to compete against the likes of Dick and Cheryl Williams, Mary Brighoff, and other Open handlers I had only heard about made me even more on edge. What were these northerners doing in South Florida? I was not confident in the shedding ring and it showed throughout my runs, as I just dreaded getting to that point. I had to learn to focus on each phase and not screw up the whole run in anticipation of failure.

In March 2002 I attended Wayne Butler's trial in Alabama and ran near the end of a large class. It had been a rainy weekend, and as I waded through an ominous mud hole that had been created from everyone slogging through the gate, I decided to concentrate on my run and not on the uncertainty I felt about the shed. I had the run of my life – good draw of sheep, dog listening and flanking with precision – even while crossing the creek that had formed across the fetch line.

I had confidence in my dog and my handling. We had to single first and then pen. As the sheep turned for the return leg after the cross drive panel, I started towards the shedding ring ... oops – we were told to wait until the sheep got into the ring. I backed up to the post and waited what seemed like an eternity. They finally got to the shedding ring and under normal circumstances, I would have been thinking “Oh great – there goes the 20 points that I am going to lose when I don't get my single.” Instead, I walked to meet those three ewes in the middle, lay Rook down and took a deep breath. I could do this. I waited

NAME: Christine Koval

TOWN AND STATE: New Canton, VA

NAME AND AGE OF DOG WITH WHOM YOU RECEIVED YOUR FIRST OPEN PLACEMENT: Rook - DOB: 12/12/98

NAME AND YEAR OF TRIAL: Wayne Butler's Pintlala SDT in AL - March 2002

HOW LONG HAD YOU BEEN TRIALING? I ran my first Novice class with Noah in March 1999.

WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR DOG? From Tony Phillips in Dawsonville, GA

WHAT WAS THE LEVEL OF TRAINING WHEN YOU PURCHASED IT? 6-week-old puppy

WHAT IS THE DOG'S BREEDING? Rook's sire is Laura Rizzo's Trig. Trig's mother is a daughter of Ethel Conrad's Jen and Trig's sire is Nancy Schreeder's Tweed who is a son of Dalziel's Wisp. Rook's dam is a farm bitch that is a daughter of Roger Dunagan's Imp. Cap and Imp. Queen (Bwlch Taff daughter).

WHO HAS HELPED YOU MOST WITH YOUR DOG? During that time, it was Kent Kuykendall and Hubert Bailey. For the past two years, Alasdair MacRae and David Henry have helped me the most.

a minute to calm down and survey the situation.

The sheep were all in a line, all facing in the same direction and I took a step forward. The last ewe hesitated slightly as the first two stepped away in reaction to my pressure. There was the gap ... it's now or never ... I called Rook through and he came in without hesitation. Since the sheep were difficult to shed, the judge was calling them pretty quickly. Rook tried his heart out to keep control of that wild ewe and through my surprise and amazement at getting the single, the judge had to shout at me twice that he'd called it. I gathered up the sheep and headed to the pen – they marched right in, I shut the gate and my run was over.

Whew, I did it! I had the biggest grin on my face and gave Rook such a huge hug even before I let the sheep back out of the pen. I went over to the score board and watched as they posted my score. A 91 and I was in 3rd place! There were 4 more runs after mine and they included Hubert Bailey, Kent Kuykendall, Bill Reed and Nancy Schreeder. I watched each run, biting my nails, savoring that 3rd place ribbon (and my first Open pay-back) and as each score was posted, I

dropped, dropped and dropped again. I ended up 7th, but was still so pleased with my dog and finally a placing in Open!

What a high that was ... and that euphoric feeling hasn't changed much even to this day, especially since I moved to the northeast a year ago where some of the best handlers in the nation compete. I am so blessed to be among this group of talented people and their dogs and to know that in order to succeed, I will have to continue to improve. There have been more highlights for me in Open since then, like being in runoffs with David Henry and Tom Wilson, but there will always be that wonderful memory, that accomplished goal of my first Open placement with a special dog I raised and trained myself. Thank you, Rook.

What's Your Story?

Please send any stories about your first Open placement to Novice Committee chairperson Sally Molloy (sally.molloy@patmedia.net or 80 Sycamore Lane, Skillman, NJ 08558). You can use the following questionnaire to help you get started. No story is too long or too short!



NEBCA Classifieds

BORDER COLLIE STUD SERVICE: "Glen" (ABCA 136198/CBCA 471) - 2003 NEBCA Supreme Champion, 7th place 2002 USBCHA National Open, 13th place 2001 USBCHA National Nursery. At the age of 5, Glen has placed in nearly 60 Open trials, winning 11. Grandson of Berhow's "Nick" (3 time National Champ), very biddable & stylish worker.

Imp. "Jim" (ABCA 207627/CBCA 2141), grandson of Dalziel's International Champion "Jim", classy in appearance & working style. Both dogs eyes clear, hips OFA certified. Warren & Maria Mick, Altamont, NY (518) 861-5854, or mickwa@capital.net.

IVAN WEIR BORDER COLLIES: *Where Champions are born.* Clinics, private lessons, and judging. Ivan Weir, 176 Lyndhurst Rd., RR #1, Seeleys Bay, Ontario, Canada. K0H 2N0. (613) 387-2696.

BORDER COLLIE TRAINING SERVICES Available: Take advantage of lots of sheep and a large variety of working areas. Lessons and pups available. Handling Border Collies for over 20 years. References available. Barbara Leverett, 1512 Burrell Rd., St. Johnsville, NY, 13452. (518) 568-2833.

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MERLYNN KENNELS BORDER COLLIES and Katahdin Hair Sheep. Merle and black and white puppies, occasionally started dogs. All breeding stock OFA certified and eye checked. Proven

producers of trial and obedience winners. Katahdin Hair Sheep originated in Maine, excellent for working dogs, no shearing, no tail-docking necessary. Lynn Deschambeault, Merlynn Kennels, 342 Hio Ridge Rd., Denmark, ME 04009. (207) 452-2898.

FOR SALE: Red and White male dog. Open level - pts toward this year's finals. Good shedder, great temperament. Also will work geese. \$2500.00. Mary Brighoff: 570-278-0999

FOR SALE: Black and white smooth coated female, Born 2-20-04. Sire- Val (son of Wilson's Spot); Dam-Kip (Wisp and Sal). Both parents hip and eye tested. Ready to go. Mary Brighoff 570-278-0999.

PUPS FOR SALE out of working parents, born 4/18/04. Dam is Grace ABC 156020. She is Alasdair MacRae breeding out of Irish Nursery Champion Imp. Jan. Grace works sheep, cattle and ducks. Sire is Andy Rice's Joe, Edgar Gould breeding. Joe is a thinking dog that works the shearing floor with Andy. All are black & white, some tri's. \$500 each. Kristen Whittle 413-665-3802 or email: whitek@pioneer valley.k12.ma.us

PUPS BORN 5/4/04 By Dee Lee's Rob (Scott Glenn's Dan X Tom Wilson's Hope) out of my Faith. Faith is by a son of Bwlch Hemp out of a sister (different litter) to T. Wilson's Pearl & Barbara Ray's Queen. Both parents are successful Open trial dogs. Faith was the 2003 VBCA Open Ranch Dog of the Year. 5 males, 3 females. B&W and Tri's \$400. Kay Sander (434) 248-3109 or FaithandQuest@juno.com

NEW TRIAL LISTINGS:

August 21 and 22
Mad River Valley Sheepdog Trial
Waitsfield, Vermont
Two NEBCA novice & open trials;
Two USBCHA nursery trials

INFO: Nancy Phillips
1220 Center Fayston Road
North Fayston, Vermont 05660
(802) 496-7625
email: nphillips@madriver.com

TRIAL CORRECTION:

Sorry, forgot to list the **Eastern States Exposition Sheep Dog Trials** as **OPEN POINTS** trials.

This year, they will not be judged trials.. Thanks, *The Editor*

CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave Sykes Returning to the Northeast! We're pleased to announce that Dave Sykes will be coming over from England again. Dave's a very funny, pleasant fellow to talk to. He has a very practical and quiet approach to working with you and your dogs.

He will be available for lessons following Cooperstown trial in August. He'll be at our farm in Esperance, NY. Hopefully, we'll have him available in the mid NY state area at some point. He will be in Vermont the following weekend and week prior to Steve Wetmore's trial.

For further information, please contact me at:

Taffaway@aol.com or 518-875-6471.

Barb and Bernie Armata, Taravale Farm Esperance, NY

October 30 & 31, 2004

Training/Handling clinic with Cheryl Williams - All levels

Hosted by Denise Leonard, Greenfield, MA

For information contact:

Denise Leonard at 413-773-5232 (evenings), or email at

dal@shaysnet.com.



Trial Results



Turnaround Farm Clinic & Novice Trial, May 23, 2004 with JP Lalonde, Sydenham, ON *By Fiona Robertson*

Dave & Mary Ellen Young hosted a 1 day novice handling clinic and a 1 day novice trial at their farm in Sawyer-ville, QC, over the Canadian long weekend. JP Lalonde of Sydenham, ON as clinician did a great job enlightening novice handlers on the little details that will ultimately help them add points to their score such as position at the post and pen and handler “animation” to help control the sheep at both these obstacles; wear lines and “settling”; as well as training tips for novice dogs such as getting those square, half flanks. Each handler had a chance to run a “course” twice, which was judged and critiqued. On Sunday a lot of those tips paid off as handlers ran their dogs in a real, NEBCA sanctioned trial. For some dogs and handlers, it was their very first trial ever.

Novice/Novice (12 dogs)

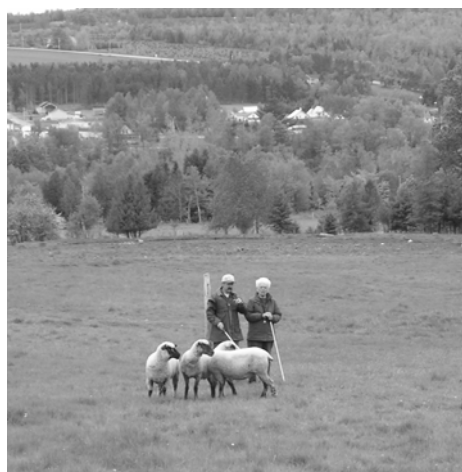
1. Jean Luc Chartrand Drift	62
2. Debbie Donahue Ross	57
3. Nathalie Labelle Tyke	48
4. Nancy Phillips Abbie	48
5. Paul Garwood Guin	38

Pro Novice (10 dogs)

1. Dave Young Patch	65
2. Carlene Eitapence Scout	58
3. Fiona Robertson Kap	57
4. Dee Woessner Neep	55
5. Dee Woessner Spot	39

Ranch (4 dogs)

1. Jim Allen Zip	51
2. Carlene Eitapence Floss	39



JP with some helpful hints during Saturday's critiqued runs.

Right:

A good farm dog should possess many versatile talents.

Here's Dave Young's Shim driving the farm truck.. (Well, he didn't actually get to drive as Shim doesn't have an insurance policy)



JP lecturing on Saturday morning.



JP showing how to teach a young dog to get out .

Advertise in the NEBCA Novice Finals Program!

This year the NEBCA Novice Finals will be held at Fosterfields in Morristown, New Jersey. Since Fosterfields events often attract many spectators, we will be producing a program that describes sheepdog trials, lists the participants, and contains advertisements relevant to the sport of sheepdog trialing. We're offering the following options for NEBCA members who want to advertise in the program:

Booster Ads: One-liners sending good wishes to any participant in the trial (E.g. "Good luck to Jamie and Santos from Sparky!"): \$5 per line

Business Card Ads: Promote your dog- or sheep-related products or services by letting us display your business card in the program: \$25 per card

Quarter-Page, Half-Page, and Full-Page Ads: Advertise your farm, kennel, or services, or honor the memory of an old friend, by purchasing space in the program. (A quarter-page ad will be \$25; a half-page will be \$50; and a full page will be \$100)

Send all advertisements and checks made out to NEBCA to Heather L. Nadelman, 1764 Millstone River Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 by August 1.



REMINDERS!!! NEXT ISSUE: SUMMER SUPPLEMENT

Update of NEBCA Novice Points to be included in Summer Supplement. Get your membership up to date if you would like to see your points posted! Trial Managers: Please send your results to Heather Millen so we can get the most up to date points published.

Send to: millen@frontiernet.net

Trial Managers: Get your results & write ups in to Emily in time for the supplement! Please send to: yazfam@shaysnet.com Photos are appreciated ! Deadline July 1st !



When's MY turn?



THIS SPOT COULD BE YOURS!

ADVERTISE YOUR:

Farm,

Training Services,

Border Collie /

Sheep Products...

See page 2 for rates.

BREEDER'S DIRECTORY

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

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Taravale Farm
1165 Esperance Road
Esperance, NY 12066
518-875-6471
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Carol & Larry Campion
Bittersweet Farm
109 Hammond Hill
Hampton, CT 06247
(860) 455-9416
campionbc@worldnet.att.net

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363 Old Stage Road
Groton, NY 13073
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Taft Hill Road
Royalston, MA 01368
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82 Old Post Road
Clinton, CT 06413
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Merlynn Kennels
342 Hio Ridge Road
Denmark, ME 04022
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Roger Deachambeault
Nearfield Farm
2275 E. Conway Rd.
Center Conway, NH 03813
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Joyce Geier
Sand Creek Farm
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Mendon, NY 14506
585-624-8220
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Lori Ellen Goodman
Gypsy G's Kennels
1545 Boston Neck Rd.
Saunderstown, RI 02874
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Cooperlane Farm
Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
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goulds@mtdata.com

Beverly Lambert
Sheepswood Farm
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Turbotville, PA 17772
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Ivyrose Farm, Box 397
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Bedminister, PA 18910
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spin@fast.net

Alex McKinven
Cessnock Farm
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