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DESTRUCTIVE FORCES OF NATURE



Quechee Trial brings together old friends....Left to right: Maurice MacGregor, Betty Levin, Edgar Gould and Alex McKinven. These handlers are four of the original brave few who began sheepdog trialing in the Northeast back in the 1970's.

Why I'm Hooked on the Sport of Sheepdog Trialing: A Poignant Reminder By: Mary Thompson

Sometimes I catch myself sitting under the handler's tent on a cold, blustery day, in the middle of no-man's-land, wondering just why I keep doing this "sheepdog" thing! Gosh, you sit around all day waiting for your run, watching, waiting, watching, catching up on sheepdog news...waiting!! What drives me to spend hundreds of dollars, endless hours and physical exertion,

not to mention mental stress to attend every possible trial that I can?!

From early spring to late fall, practise, practise, clean the van and trailer, load the water, food, clothes...Oh yeah the dogs. Have you got your crook, whistle, directions, money? When should I leave? What's the best route? It's an

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Why I'm Hooked on the Sport of Sheepdog Trialing: A Poignant Reminder By: Mary Thompson

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endless whirlwind of activity and sometimes the end result of not placing makes you wonder: WHY?

I was fortunate to be reminded of the reason behind my personal obsession with trialing this past summer at the prestigious Grass Creek Trial, in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

I was relaxing under the handler's tent, munching on the chocolate lady's sweets, and watching the second round of the Open Class. A well dressed handler came to the post with a black and white rough coated dog of advanced years. This team is well known in the sport, the handler calm, quiet, a perfectionist, with a non-expressive demeanour, the dog obedient and talented...I mentally wished them a good run.

I watched as the dog cast out on a beautiful pear shaped line, and gently brought the stock to the handler's feet and after a quick, tight turn began the drive. So far so good and they already had a decent score from the first run so that another finish would probably put them in the double lift. This is not an easy feat at Grass Creek as the sheep are quite notorious for their unpredictability and many teams fall victim to "heartbreak ridge" and lose their sheep on the turn at the post.

I continued watching as the handler directed the dog around the drive portion - so slowly, so carefully... Perhaps too slowly - time was ticking by.

They made it to the pen and yes! With a little cautious manoeuvring on the dog's part, the sheep go in. There was not much time left now. I mentally urged them on: hurry! Into the shedding ring - get set-up...She calls her dog in and completes a beautiful shed! Wow! And now comes the clarity...

This handler who normally takes everything in stride, rarely showing any emotion, carefully gets down on one knee, calling the old dog over to her. He sat obediently and she put one arm around him hugging and speaking quietly to him. No fanfare, no acknowledgment of the cheering crowd...The hair on my arms stood up, and a tear squeezes from the corner of my eye.

What a poignant reminder. This is the reason I'm hooked on this sport! It's not the ribbons, the money, the glory. It's the bond that exists between my dog and I...It's the ability of an aging collie to put in a terrific run and bring a happy skip to the step, and a proud smile to his owner's face.

Thank you Joyce Geier and Troy for reminding me why I love the sport of sheep dog trialing!



NEBCA NEWS PHOTO CAPTION CONTEST: What does this picture say to you? Send your funny captions to the Editor at creeksidefarm@sympatico.ca and be eligible to win free NEBCA gear! *Photo by Cathy McNaughton, a spectator at the Kingston Trials* (submitted by Fiona Robertson).

Proper Pace - An Interview with Warren Mick

By Fiona Robertson

NOTE: This article was originally written for <u>DogSport</u>, a Canadian Magazine targeting a broad audience of dog sport trainers and handlers. I have edited a lot of the content that is redundant for this audience! The entire article as published can be read in the May/June 2004 issue of DogSport. For information, please visit their website: www.dogsportmagazine.com.

The word "pace" was apparently not in my little Jess' vocabulary. Even now, at age 9 she does everything at warp speed, preferably within inches of the sheep's tail end. When I started training Jess (after I learned the difference between a sheep and a chicken) I thought that she, being so well bred, would naturally keep the correct distance behind the sheep in order for them to exert the right amount of pressure to move them the way they were supposed to be moved, "in a calm, workmanlike manner-not overly exciting the stock nor allowing them to dawdle". (I had read this in a sheepdog trial program somewhere.) Well, Jess' sheep never dawdled!

I remember my very first trial, back in 1997. Jess and I were running at a small, local trial in the Novice/Novice class. The course was small, about a 100 yard gather, 50 yard wear and a pen. We had trained for almost 2 years, and I thought we were ready. Sure, our "LIE DOWN"

command was not 100% yet on the field (i.e. When sheep were present), but it would all work out, I thought.

Or not...

After I sent my dog on her outrun, all I could do was stand there and yell my commands till I was blue in the face, while Jess completed her version of the course and even some "extra obstacles" – all in less than one minute. What could I have done during her run to help Jess slow down and keep a better distance behind her sheep, therefore moving them in that "calm, workmanlike manner" I was striving for?

I can answer that myself: Pretty much nothing. Sure, if she had taken even a few of my "Lie Down" commands, I may have been able to "steer" my sheep better. However, the best thing is to teach PACE to a young dog from the very beginning. I've asked a well-known expert about PACE and how he teaches it.

For anyone who doesn't know Warren Mick, our current NEBCA President, he lives near Albany, NY. He currently runs 3 dogs in NEBCA & USBCHA Open trials and lives with 7 others: 2 successful trial dogs belonging to his wife, Maria, a pup (or two?) in training, a couple of nursery dogs and a couple of older dogs,

now retired from the trial scene.

FR: How do you define pace?

WM: When we see a dog moving at a nice steady speed behind a group of sheep we usually think "there's a dog with nice pace". It's a pretty thing to see. But it's more than just a dog that knows how to walk on command. It shows a dog that is in control. The dog will adjust its speed as necessary to keep just enough pressure² on the stock. Furthermore, the dog has learned how to move about the stock so as not to alarm them. Its turns, stops and starts all have a similar character. At a deeper level, it suggests the dog has developed some self-confidence with the position it's in.

FR: Some dogs "seem" to be more naturally inclined to keep a more correct distance behind their sheep, while others (like Jess!) seem to be like a horse running with the "bit between their teeth"; the handler constantly battles for control. Can pace even be taught to a dog like this?

WM: Much has happened to get the dog to the point described above (my definition of pace). Some dogs take to the concept of pace more readily than others.

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Photo Caption Contest Winner!!!

This photo appeared in the Summer Supplement.

Winning Caption:

"We'll NEVER get out of Novice if my handler doesn't have a lie down!"

Submitted by Ellen Rusconi-Black

(dragonflyfarm@earthlink.net) Congratulations Ellen! Please contact Warren Mick (mickwa@capital.net) about your prize!

HEY NEBCA MEMBERS! I know you're all busy trialing but if you don't watch out, Ellen will be completely decked out in free NEBCA gear! You'll all be jealous! So, send your funny captions to the Editor at:: creeksidefarm@sympatico.ca







Borders On Paradise May 7 - 9th 2004, Turbotville PA

Submitted by Dave & Debbie. Fetterman, Trial Hosts

The fourth running of Borders on Paradise SDT took place this May. We moved to Mothers Day weekend from our earlier April trial dates and enjoyed great weather and field conditions. Our Canadian friends thought they had arrived in Florida compared to the cold weather they had so recently worked through. The camper parking was dry and no spring mud to deal with.

The trial began Friday with the pronovice and ranch classes. This was a very busy day with 116 runs. Thankfully the sunlight and the judge, J.P. LaLonde from Ontario, were up to the task and spirits remained high as we all were glad to be back for the new season of trialing. Blue skies, green grass, and the sight of black and white dogs moving sheep completely erased thoughts of the long winter.

Saturday was the start of the "big show" with many of the best dogs and handlers on hand. For some this was the start of their year, others back from the Florida warm up trials or here from the west, had prior days to work out the kinks. Robin Penland was impressed by how green everything was compared to the brown of the dry fields of her home in New Mexico. Others were also thrilled by the green as they had been under snow and ice for months.

We enjoyed the company and skill of Bobby Dalziel, who came to judge the open classes. Sixty one open dogs went

Right: Beverly Lambert & Bill Overall Open Trial Champions, pictured here with Judge Bobby Dalziel.

to the post each day. This made for a full but not stressed schedule.

Saturday night we enjoyed each others company at the Italian restaurant and Bobby gave awards to the days top dogs. When I asked him what he thought of the trial, he was especially impressed by the work of Lorna Savage and Mary Thompson who did



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Saturday Novice / Novice		
1. Joanne Murphy Bess	70	
2. Alix Cleveland	Caed	66
3. Dave Clark	Luckert	64
4. Diane Bauman	Jag	60
5. Dave Clark	Danny	60
Sunday Novice / Novice		
1. Joanne Murphy Bess	78	
2. Dave Clark	Luckert	73
3. Diane Bauman	Jag	69
4. Dave Clark	Danny	67
5. Alix Cleveland	Caed	66
Friday ProNovice 1 (31 dog	gs)	
1. Cheryl Williams Maddie	74	
2. Beverly Lambert Miah	71	
3. Lorna Savage	Zoe	71
4. Lisa Basil	Willie	67
5. Geri Abrams	Cap	65
6. Maggie Chambers	Shane	64
7. Walt Jagger	Sam	63
8. Robin Penland	Toss	63
9. Gene Sheninger Dot	62	
10. Bruce Smart	Missy	60
Friday ProNovice 2 (31 dog	gs)	
1 .Rob Drummond Andy	76	
2. Gene Sheninger Dot	75	

3. Beverly Lambert Miah

75

4. Mary Thompson Holly	73	
5. Melanie Chang	Fly	71
6. Peg Lynch	Jiggs	71
7. Cheryl Williams Maddie	70	
8. Lorna Savage	Zoe	70
9. Lisa Basial	Willie	69
10. Allan Lynch	Dirk	67
Friday Ranch 1 (23 dogs)		
1. Beverly Lambert	Maid	80
2. Jim Murphy	Kit	75
3. Emma Court	Marshall	69
4. Linda Tesdahl	Toss	68
5. Sherry Sheldon	Jaff	68
6. Dick Williams	Scott	66
7. Sherry Sheldom Win	65	
8. Pat Warne	Nell	62
9. Deb Mickey	Jill	62
10. Dave Fetterman Leah	60	
Friday Ranch 2 (23 dogs)		
1. Jim Murphy	Kit	79
2. Sherry Sheldon	Win	72
3. Linda Fossetta	Jean	70
4. Deb Mickey	Jill	68
5. Nancy Ortizi-Sharp	Cassiope	ia 66
6. Jim Allen	Zip	63
7. Beverly Lambert Maid	63	
8. Steve Paxton-Hill	Kiss	62

9. Emma Court	Marshall	61
10. Dave Fetterman Leah	39	
Saturday Open (61 dogs)		
1. Mary Brighoff	Val	85 1/2
2. Polly Matzinger	Charlie	85
3. Beverly Lambert	Bill	84
4. Warren Mick	Jinty	82 1/2
5. Warren Mick	Glen	82
6. Cheryl Williams Fly	80 1/2	
7. Joyce Geier	Clue	79
8. Barb Levinson	Lass	78
9. Linda Tesdahl	Jaffe	77 1/2
10 Barbara Armada	Rhett	77
Sunday Open (61 dogs)		
1. Gene Sheninger	Jen	83
2. Beverly Lambert	Bill	82 1/2
3. Mary Brighoff	Mirk	80
4. Dave Sharp	Kirk	80
5. Allan Lynch	JJ	78 ½
6. Ellen Skillings	Paige	78
7. Linda Tesdahl	Jaffe	78
8. Allan Lynch	Joe	77
9. Warren Mick	Glen	76 1/2

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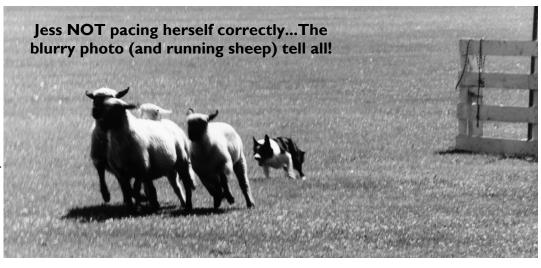
And a select few dogs are truly great at it. But I don't believe pace is a trait that will come out completely on its own, without some help.

There are some specific exercises that one can do to develop pace in a dog. But pace is part of the whole working picture. If the other parts are not right, pace won't be easy to achieve. I'll bet Fiona's young Jess was not stopping or flanking³ properly either. The trio of pace, flanks and stops are dependent on one another to

the extent that if one is not right the others will be adversely affected. Two other important ingredients are how the dogs starts and/or how it lifts⁴ of the stock. A dog that lurches forward when asked up as well as one that "hits" (comes into) the stock too hard at initial contact will not likely fall into a nice pace afterward. Each time the dog startles the stock, it will have to get them resettled and walking before it can also walk. Running stock acts just like a powerful magnet pulling on the dog to do the same.

Before, I address any more questions about pace; I'd like to expand a little on the flanks, starts and stops. Really these topics deserve entire chapters to cover. All I want to do is describe what to look for to know if these aspects of working are right or not. A problem that people new to herding always have is seeing the true root cause when something is not going right.

First the stop. I like to see a dog that stops willingly when asked and with reasonably few extra steps. Dogs can stop pretty quickly if they want to, even from high speed. The dog should be stoppable in virtually any situation. You will surely need a more emphatic command if the situation is chaotic or unexpected, such as sheep breaking away or the dog on an outrun. And the stop should hold until a release is given. Here also, a more definitive command may be used to differentiate this permanent stop from a temporary one.



Starts and lifts must be controlled and not startle the stock. A lift normally refers to the first contact the dog makes with the stock during a gather and process of getting them moving. Thereafter, each time the stock stop moving the dog must "restart" them so the two events two are similar. A dog that lifts its sheep correctly is often well on it's way to developing pace. The control and restraint required to properly lift the stock are the same attributes that will be needed when moving along at a nice pace.

Lastly, flanks. Simply put, bad flanks, specifically tight, slicing flanks, do more to unsettle the stock and destroy any possibility of pace than anything else. Flanks must, like everything else, must be controlled. They must be wide enough so as not to push the sheep forward and not overdone, requiring another flank in the opposite direction to compensate. When a flank is done correctly, the dog will be able to pickup where it left off before the flank without having to relift or re-settle them.

All the comments above about, stops, starts and flanks are easier said than done. Achieving these goals is not a prerequisite to working on pace. Rather, they will usually all progress together.

FR: OK. So pace can be taught! Next question is how? What exercises do you use to help teach a young dog to pace itself correctly behind the sheep?

WM: A dog can start learning about pace pretty early in its training. It should be to

the point where it can balance (circle around the stock countering my moves) on the stock without diving in and also stop on balance when asked. That's really the point in training where you can get the sheep between you and the dog with the action stopped. From that arrangement, me-sheep-dog all stopped, I will step back from the sheep and calmly ask the dog forward. If I get anything but walking, I'll immediately reverse direction, moving toward the dog, and at the same time giving a verbal cue (not a stop command) that I'm not happy. My action is intended to startle the dog a bit to the point that it will hesitate slightly the next time it is asked to move toward the sheep. Absolutely key is stopping the dogs approach. Do not let the dog avoid the correction by darting around you to get to the sheep. And be very aware of the dog's reaction to your correction. It should be just to the point where the dog yields, no more, no less. I'll then repeat the sequence. If the next time the dog moves forward slowly, I just continue to move away, and let the dog bring the sheep as a reward for coming on slowly.

This basic strategy of stopping the action when the dog presses on too much and letting it work if does so in a controlled manner is really the only approach to develop pace. You'll start applying it up close but you also use it when the dog starts working farther way from you. When the dog is starting to do longer gathers, you need to be prepared to get all the way up the field and stop the action if

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the dog is pushing to hard (wear your running shoes!). Sometimes you need to anticipate a problem and start your trek up the field before the dog has reached the stock so you can time a correction right at the point of the lift. Yes, that means a long run up the field, or many of them, to get the point across. But there is really no substitute for it. In the long run (pun intended), not only will pace improve, but you will also get a dog that is obedient at any distance.

FR: Do you use the same exercises for every type of dog? What if a dog is ultra soft or sensitive to training pressure?

WM: Simply put, yes. The one adjustment that is needed is in the level of intensity we use in the corrections used to if the dog is soft in relation to the stock or soft to training and corrections. In the former case, there's not likely to be much of a pace issue. By definition a soft dog on sheep is not pushy. Of course, if the sheep are very light and running, even a soft or weak⁵ dog will run after them to keep up. I would probably just use a stop command intermittently to control the pace. In the latter case of a dog that is very sensitive about corrections, I would just tone everything way down as mentioned earlier.

FR: OK, so I work with my dog, and do the exercises you suggest. Things are going well and I want to now take my training "on the road", maybe on different sheep, in a different location. How do I know that my dog finally understands pace? something you don't have. One other sign your dog understands pace is that you won't be using as many stop commands as you used to.

FR: I have already answered this question myself, but need to hear it from an expert. Was there anything I could have done as a "quick-fix" for that particular run, described above?

WM: Aside from using a stop command, which was being totally ignored, I'm afraid no. Little Jess was doing what she felt necessary given the situation. It was all new to her and new to you as well. And instead of you being reassuring to Jess, you surely added to her anxiety. Your voice and manner probably conveyed to her every bit of stress you were feeling. Such is the nature of dogs that



stop the dog. If the dog is hesitant to work then pace is not likely a big problem. I might actually accept a quicker pace from this type of dog since my main concern would be to boost the dog's confidence level. But if it were just too quick, I apply the same sequence but use milder body language and verbal corrections. At the other extreme a dog that comes on like a freight train would perhaps need a very intense backing off to get the point across.

What if the dog is very soft? It depends

WM: If the dog is worked on light or flighty stock if should be easy to see how much pace the dog has. On the other hand, if the stock are very broke⁶ and hard to move, it may not be so easy to determine. And that brings up another point. If a dog were laid back in all aspects of working, I would not conclude that it has pace. The same goes for a dog that is hesitant or even afraid of the stock. To really demonstrate that the dog understands pace, it also needs to be able to push when needed. It's hard to control

they can read these signs.

FR: It seems as if the "Stop" should be covered in this first lesson. Stopping is one of the first things that we teach a young dog. Why is it that so many novice dogs (and quite a few open dogs) seem to either completely ignore it, or maybe just brake slightly, then continue? What can we do to make sure the dog's stop is 100% in all situations?

WM: Let's save that for another instalment!

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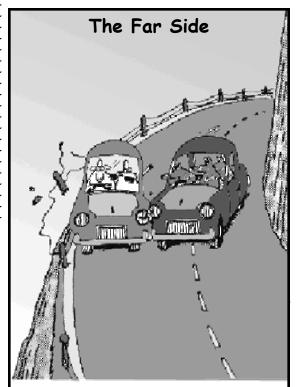
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Left: Nancy Phillips' Buster looking rather bored with the whole winning thing... "Been there, done that."

Buster was the Novice Champion at the New Hampshire Sheep & Wool SDT earlier this season.



It was a fateful Wednesday when the Border Collies learned that they were better fetching dogs than driving dogs.



Trial Results



Borders On Paradise

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the set out. He said he never saw a mistake made by this set out crew and that made his job easier.

Sunday was good weather again and a full day of runs. As handlers finished their runs and started to pull out for their homes or to move on the Bluegrass, the smiles and "thank you" let us know that the work of those who made the trial happen was appreciated by everyone.

Debbie and I wish to thank Cheryl and Dick Williams, Walt Jagger, and Mary Brighoff, for their wonderful help in getting the trial ready to go. Thanks to those who worked at the trial including Pat Warn, Jim and Joanne Murphy, Rob Drummond, and many other handles.

We hope to see you all next Mothers Day weekend in good health and good spirits for another start of the season.



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Mad River Stock Dog Trial August 21 – 22 2004, Waitsfield VT Trial Committee: Nancy Phillips, Joyce Westcott & Kim Kathan. Judge: David Sykes, UK Submitted by Molly King

For those of us arriving on Friday to set up and get ready for the first ever Mad River SDT, an incredible sense of nature's bounty struck. A beautiful mowed field, flat with green grass, 400 yards long, completely fenced by enthusiastic residents of Waitsfield, Vermont. Mountains surrounding the south and west, with views of the now green runs of Sugarbush Ski Resort. Adjacent to the parking area the Mad River invited the dogs to swim and the people to sleep to its music. The fence posts were adorned with little American and Canadian flags and other nice touches were in evidence everywhere.

David Sykes came from England to judge the trial (not to be overlooked, a Union Jack was hanging in the handler's tent). His dry wit and pointed comments contributed to the overall good mood. What could be more perfect for a sheepdog trial? ...Then the rains came. At 1:00 A.M. Saturday, it started. By 3 A.M. it was a torrential downpour with accompanying wind. EVERYTHING got wet; the rain refused to stop. The N/N handler's meeting at 7:30 was under a pop-up, but that didn't allow other handlers stay dry and warm in their campers. Almost everyone volunteered for something, and work assignments were closely adhered to.

The rains got heavier. Foul weather gear kept everyone unrecognizable. Although it was 62 degrees, it was bone chilling. Could it get worse? YES! As the morning wore on, the rain pelted on and on, steady and without pause.

Shall I talk about the sheep? I don't think so. Suffice it to say that the rain was bad, the sheep were even more of a challenge. As time moved on, the pressure multiplied ex
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Saturday Novice/Novice (18 dogs)

- 1 Sue Hobart Picasso 68
- 2 Bill Luth Roy 63*
- 3 Shona Talbot Quinn 60
- 4 Paul Garwood Guin 60
- 5 Ian Talbot Moss 59
- 6 Ellen Black Stevie 58
- 7 Joyce Wescott Mibbs 56
- 8 Nancy Phillips Abby 49

Saturday ProNovice (19 dogs)

- 1 Tom Leigh Jo 73*
- 2 Ian Talbot Maeve 72
- 3 Craig Rogers Celt 63
- 4 Sally Lacy Grainne 58
- 5 Claims Command Dhag
- 5 Claire Garwood Rhos 57
- 6 Tara Dier Earl 54
- 7 Bruce Smart Missy 53
- 8 Steve Wetmore Pace 53

Saturday Ranch (12 dogs)

- 1 Sally Lacy Mot 69
- 2 Molly King Storm 62
- 3 Michael Nunan -Fly 56*
- 4 Carlene Eitapence Floss 55
- 5 Denise Leonard Jessie 54

Saturday Open (38 dogs)

- 1 Michael Dathe Trot 82*
- 2 Roger Deschambeault Ken 80

- 3 Warren Mick Jinty 79
- 4 Craig Rogers Jake 78
- 5 Denise Leonard Rose 75
- 6 Steve Wetmore Gyp 75
- 7 Sue Schoen Claire 73
- 8 Ed Hobart Bonnie 72

Sunday Novice/Novice (18 dogs)

- 1 Michael Churcher Ben 74*
- 2 Shona Talbot Clover 72
- 3 Wendy Warner Jayne 61
- 4 Joyce Wescott Moli 60
- 5 Sue Hobart Picasso 60
- 6 Shona Talbot Quinn 59
- 7 Ia Talbot Moss 58
- 8 Ellen Rusconi Black Stevie 56

Champion - Sue Hobart - Picasso 128 Res. Champ. - Shona Talbot - Quinn 119

Sunday ProNovice (19dogs)

- 1. Craig Roger Celt 71
- 2 Tara Dier Earl 70
- 3 Ian Talbot Maeve 67*
- 4 Bruce Smart Missy 62
- 5 Tom Leigh Jo 62
- 6 Michael Churcher Dan 58
- 7 Chris Bowen Jake 58
- 8 Steve Wetmore Pace 57

Champion - Ian Talbot - Maeve 139 Res. Champ. - Tom Leigh - Jo 135

Sunday Ranch (10 dogs)

- 1 Denise Leonard Jessie 60*
- 2. MaryAnn Kras Gyp 49
- 3 Molly King Storm 48
- 4 Paul Heidenberg Casey 39

Champion - Denise Leonard - Jessie 114 Res. Champ. - Molly King - Storm 104

Sunday Open (34 dogs)

- 1 Roger Deschambeault Ken 87
- 2 Denise Leonard Kate 85*
- 3 Warren Mick Glen 84
- 4 Bruce Smart Peg 84
- 5 Steve Wetmore Dart 82
- 6 Sally Lacy -Robin 82
- 7 Linda Tesdahl Jaffe 81
- 8 Ed Hobart Angel 80

Champ. - Roger Deschambeault - Ken 167 Res. Champ. - Linda Tesdahl - Jaffe 150

* = Long Road Award

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!





Mad River Stock Dog Trial August 21 - 22 2004, Waitsfield VT

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ponentially. The sheep were very uncooperative, and there were a number of retires and DQs.

Finally, at 2:00 on Saturday afternoon, the rain stopped. (The sheep didn't get any better, however.) The day wore on, Open finished at dusk to a radiant sunset and a splendid dinner hosted by the Mad River Lions Club of ribs, sweet corn, potato salad, cole slaw and homemade pie. Adding to the fun, Nancy had arranged for entertainment: a singer named Elizabeth VonTrapp with a lovely voice, a fine guitar, accompanied by a cellist. They both played beautifully, and we all went to sleep full and happy.

Sunday was a perfect Vermont late summer day, an ideal trial day: a brisk 50 degrees in the morning, clear and sunny all day with a temperature of about 70. The dogs were cool, the handlers happy. The spectators who lined the berm cheered the handler at the post as the sheep were maneuvered through the course by the dog. But the sheep were really tired of this gig. They bolted, they split, they were in general tough to deal with. But who cared? Trialing doesn't get better than that day.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who set up the field, served food, scribed, announced, exhausted sheep, worked the set out pen, held out sheep, and helped take down the set up after the trial. A special thanks to the owners of the field, Doug and Donna Kenyon and Howard and Katrina Kenyon for providing such an idyllic location for the trial. Thank you to Joyce Westcott for coordinating the delicious breakfast and lunch. A big pat on the back to Kim Kathan for all the behind the scenes work she did. Another thank you for Bud and Mary Ames, Steve Wetmore, Carlene Eitapense, Bill Luth and Paul Garwood for providing their expertise, time, and/or handling equipment to support the trial. Betty Murray made sure all the scores were correct and posted promptly. She also always had the towel, radio or tape that someone needs.

And a special hats off to trial manager Nancy Phillips and her husband, Stephen Doherty. One would never imagine that this was the first trial they ever put on. The planning and preparation was awesome, with attention paid to every detail. The awards were beautiful plates and bowls made by a local potter, dog food and treats donated by Eagle, Wellness, Old Mother Hubbard, Science Diet and Vermont Animal Cookies.



Overall Champions and Long Road Award Winners of the NH Sheep & Wool SDT, May 2004: L to R: Steve Wetmore (ProNovice); Denise Leonard (Open); Nancy Phillips (Novice); Melissa DeMille was the Ranch Champion, but she was not available for the photo.

Bramble Hill Farm Novice Trial

Oct. 11, 2004

Bramble Hill Farm, 575 S. Pleasant St., Amherst, Mass. 01002 Judge: Christopher Smart

<u>Classes offered:</u> Novice-novice, Pro-Novice, Ranch, and USBCHA nursery if warranted. Non-compete and fun runs may be offered if time allows. Details to be announced at the trial.

<u>Fees:</u> \$20 per dog per run. Entries will be accepted based on postmark date, and may be accepted up to the day of the trial if time allows. Checks will be deposited Oct. 1. No refunds after that date.

Prizes: Ribbons to 8th place in novice-novice and pro-novice; to 5th place in ranch.

Sheep: Sheep will be wool sheep used in the Fall Foliage trial over the preceding three days.

<u>Directions</u>: We are located are one mile south of the Amherst Town Common on the right.

From the west or east: Mass Pike to Interstate 91 North. Follow remainder of directions from the south. From the south: Interstate 91 to exit 19. Turn right onto Route 9 east. Follow directions from the bridge. From the north: Take Interstate 91 to exit 20. Merge onto King Street, and move into the left-hand turn lane. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Damon Road. At the next traffic light, turn left onto Route 9 east. Follow directions from the bridge. From the Bridge: Once you are on Route 9 east, you will cross the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Bridge over the Connecticut River. Stay on Route 9 east through Hadley. After 5.9 miles of some of the ugliest commercial architecture in the world built on some of the best farmland in the world, you'll cross the town line into Amherst. At the first traffic light after crossing the town line, note your mileage and turn right. You're leaving Route 9 east and turning onto Route 116 south. Bramble Hill Farm is one mile south of the light on the right. If you get to another traffic light you have gone about 400 yards too far. Those who are familiar with the area or handy with maps will be able to find short cuts and alternate routes, but these are the least complicated directions.

Mass. 01002.

Please fill in, sign, and return with payment made to: Sheepscapes LLC, 575 S. Pleasant St., Amherst,

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Bittersweet Sheepdog Trial July 10 – 11 2004, Hampton, CT Trial Host: Carol & Larry Campion; Judge: Ellen Skillings, MA (Results from Sheepdog-L)

The Bittersweet Sheep Dog Novice trial was held on July 10 & 11th at the farm of Carol & Larry Campion in Hampton CT. The weather was great-pleasantly warm. The sheep were their usual challenging selves. The trial was well attended and it was a relaxing fun event. Additionally, the 2nd day of the trial was a fundraiser for the Bloomfield Open Sheepdog Trial. Thanks to all that pitched in to help. Special thanks to those who worked all weekend in the holdout pen, Chris Bowen, Rob Drummond Bill & Heidi, Ellen Rusconi Black, Margaret Wheeler, Emily Yazwinski and anyone I may have forgotten!

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Trial Results



Bloomfield Open Sheepdog Trial Jul (Results taken from Sheepdog-L)

July 16 - 18, 2004

The running was really tough again this year but the weather was about as good as it can be in July 80s each day and no rain. The 650 yard outrun and rank sheep sorted quite a few dogs on Friday. On Saturday we moved the drive to take some of the pressure off the dogs and the scores improved but that meant we needed to impose a standard which made the late afternoon running a bit dreary when the standard got to 81 points.

Friday Open (74 dogs)		Sat	turday Open (72 dog	s)	Sunday Double Lift Fir	ıal
 Alasdair MacRae B 	ill 91	1.	Amanda Milliken	Bart 96	 Alasdair MacRae 	Star 144
Warren Mick	Glen 86.5	2.	Sam Furman	Tucker 94.5	Alasdair MacRae	Bill 134
David Henry	Holly 85.5	3.	Alasdair MacRae	Bill 94.5	3. Beverly Lambert	Pippa 121
4. Alasdair MacRae	Star 85	4.	Allan Lynch	Joe 92	4. Beverly Lambert	Bill 120.5
Allan Lynch	Joe 84.5	5.	Beverly Lambert	Bill 91	Allan Lynch	Joe 118.5
6. Sue Schoen	Nap 81.5	6.	Alasdair MacRae	Star 89.5	Christine Koval	Rook 106
Werner Reitboeck	Jan 81	7.	Beverly Lambert	Pippa 88	7. Dick Williams	Dell 101.5
8. Beverly Lambert	Pippa 80	8.	Polly Matzinger	Lily 88	8. Warren Mick	Glen 101
Lori Cunningham	Tess 79.5	9.	Craig Rogers	Jake 84.5	David Henry	Kirk 98.5
Dick Williams	Dell 77.5	10.	David Henry	Kirk 84	Wermer Reitboeck	Jan 88.5
Christine Koval	Rook 77	11.	Barb Levinson	Lass 83.5	 Gene Sheninger 	Jess 81
Dave Sharpe	Kirk 76	12.	Joan Worthington	Sam 83	12. Sue Schoen	Nap 68.5
Ellen Skillings	Paige 75	13.	Christine Koval	Rook 83	David Henry	Holly DQ
14. Walt Jagger	Kitt 74	14.	Gene Sheninger	Jess 82	14. Polly Matzinger	Lily DQ
Beverly Lambert	Bill 71.5	15.	David Henry	Holly 81	15. Sam Furman	Grace DQ
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Leatherstocking Sheepdog Trials, Cooperstown, NY August 13 - 15, 2004 (Results taken from Sheepdog-L)

Friday Novice (11 dogs)					
1.	Palmer, Annie	Maggie 67			
2.	Rogers, Rae	Toby 63			
3.	Palmer, Annie	Sea 59			
4.	Churcher, Mike	Ben 42			
5.	Warner, Wendy	Jayne 35			
Lo	ng Road - Rae Rogers	s/Toby			
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Fri	day ProNovice (42 do	gs)			
1.	Murphy, Joann	Maude 76			
2.	Smart, Bruce	Missy 74			
3.	Savage, Lorna	Zoe 70			

Lor	ng Road - Bruce	Smart/Missy
10.	Kindig, Deb	Ike 64
9.	Lynch, Peg	Jiggs 65
8.	Jagger, Walt	Sam 65
7.	Vandecar, Peter	Russ 67

Maddie 68

Jake 68

Dan 67

Williams, Cheryl J.

Churcher, Mike

Bowen, Christopher

Friday Ranch (22 dogs)

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1.	Skillings,	Ellen		Midge	80

2.	Nunan, Michael	Fly 79
3.	Kindig, Deb	Ike 75
4.	Collins, Kate	Jan 74
5.	Williams, Dick	Scott 73
6.	Sharp, Dave	Rigel 73
7.	Lynch, Allan	Jiggs 73
8.	Brighoff, Mary	Don 72
9.	Hotchkiss, Linda	Mae 64
10.	Nunan, Sharon	Gael 64
Loı	ng Road - Ellen Skilli	ings/Midge

Saturday Open (71 dogs)

1.	Sheninger, Gene	Jess 91
2.	Sheninger, Gene	Jen 88
3.	Wetmore, Steve	Dart 88
4.	Lambert, Beverly	Pippa 85
5.	Skillings, Ellen	Paige 82
6.	Savage, Lorna	Brock 81
7.	Lynch, Allan	Joe 77
8.	Halliwell, Val	Chloe 76
9.	Armata, Bernie	Susie 75
10.	Mick, Warren	Glen 75
11.	Williams, Dick	Tip 73
12.	Vandecar, Peter	Katie 73

13.	Thompson, Mary	Hawk 73
14.	Dathe, Michael	Trot 72

Sunday Open (70 dogs)

Ι.	Cunningham, Lori	Tess 95
2.	Sheninger, Gene	Jen 94
3.	Lambert, Beverly	Bill 93
4.	Leonard, Denise	Rose 91
5.	Dathe, Michael	Trot 90
6.	Lambert, Beverly	Pippa 89
7.	Wetmore, Steve	Gyp 88
8.	Wetmore, Steve	Dart 88
9.	Seaman, Rick	Zoe 87
10.	Williams, Dick	Dell 87
11.	Skillings, Ellen	Paige 86
12.	Williams, Cheryl J.	Fly 86
13.	McCaig, Donald	Luke 84
14.	McMullen, Shay	Lad 84

Champion - Gene Sheninger/Jen Reserve Champ. - Steve Wetmore/Dart Long Road - Steve Wetmore/Dart





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Nation Valley Sheepdog Trials, Winchester, ON Canada July 31 - August 2, 2004 (Results taken from Sheepdog-L)

Davin Boyce

Saturday Open (69 dogs)			
1.	Dawn Boyce	Karch 92	
2.	Beverly Lambert	Pippa 83	
3.	Bruce Smart	Dolly 83	
4.	Linda Tesdahl	Jayce 83	
	Lorna Savage	Dot 79	
6.	Lena Bailey	Spot 79	
7.	Steve Wetmore	Gyp 78	
8.	Warren Mick	Glen 78	
9.	Sally Lacy	Robin 78	
10.	Beverly Lambert	Bill 78	
11.	Linda Tesdahl	Jaffe 76	
12.	Bob Stevens	RMS Wisp 75	
13.	Amanda Milliken	Ethel 74	
14.	Kate Broadbent	Rose 73	
Saturday Ranch (10 dogs)			

Jim Murphy Dawn Boyce

Warren Mick

Kit 73

Juno 67

Rock 67

4.	Dawn Boyce	1 ink 52
5.	Jim Allen	Zip 40
Sur	nday Open (72 dogs)	
1.	Mary Thompson	Hawk 88
2.	Beverly Lambert	Bill 83
3.	Bruce Smart	Peg 83
4.	Peter Vandercar	Bud 81
5.	Dawn Boyce	Ruff 81
6.	Beverly Lambert	Pippa 81
7.	Nancy Stevens	Jenn 81
8.	Ed Hobart	Joy 79
9.	Joyce Geier	Clue 77
10.	Warren Mick	Jinty 76
11.	Joyce Geier	Tait 76
12.	Lena Bailey	Spot 76
13.	Wendy Pullan	Sara 75
14.	Werner Reitboeck	Jan 75
15.	Susan Schoen	Nap 72

Sunday Ranch (9 dogs)

1.	Bob Stephens	RMS Pat
2.	Dawn Boyce	Tink 59
3.	Sally Lacy	Mot 58
4.	Dawn Boyce	Juno 57
5.	Jim Allen	Zip 41

Monday Novice 1 (19 dogs)

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1.	John McKay	Max 65		
2.	Joanne Murphy	Bess 64		
3.	Jean-Luc Chartrand	d Drift 60		
4.	Nancy Phillips	Buster 53		
5.	Paul Garwood	Del'Mar Guin 52		
6.	Janet Fahey	Jim 52		
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Novice 2 (19 dogs)

1.	Nathalie Labelle	Tyke 66
2.	Nancy Phillips	Abby 60
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Nation Valley Sheepdog Trials, Winchester, ON Canada

Novice 2 continued			
3.	Faye Siluk	Finni 54	
4.	John McKay	Max 51	
5.	Nancy Phillips	Buster 50	
6.	Joyce Westcott	Mol 47	
Monday ProNovice 1 (30 dogs)			

Mo	onday ProNovice 1	(30 dogs)
1.	Mary Thompson	Holly 6
2.	Peter Vandercar	Katie 6

Monday ProNovice 1 (30 dogs)			
1.	Mary Thompson	Holly 68	
2.	Peter Vandercar	Katie 66	
3.	Steve Wetmore	Pace 64	

4.	Peter Matwiy	Trin 63
5.	Dave Young	Patch 62
6.	David Argue	Silken 61
7.	Mike Churcher	Dan 57
8.	Joanne Murphy	Maude 56
9.	Lorna Savage	Zoe 55
10.	Barbara Klein	Tad 51
11.	Bruce Smart	Missy 50
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2.	Lorna Savage	Zoe 70
3.	Mike Churcher	Dan 69
4.	Carol Campion	Eve 69
5.	David Argue	Silken 68
6.	Mary Thompson	Holly 66
7.	Barbara Klein	Tad 63
8.	Bruce Smart	Missy 62
9.	Joanne Murphy	Maude 59
10.	Dave Young	Patch 58
11.	Sally Lacy	Grainne 57
12.	Linda Tesdahl	Lexie 54



Trial Results

Ewesful Acres Sheepdog Trial August 3 - 4, 2004 (Results from Sheepdog-L)

Novice-Novice August 3

1.	Castonguay, Teresa	Pearl 76
2.	Fahey, Janet	Jim 67
3.	Talbot, Shona	Clover 67
4.	Hobart, Sue	Picasso 63
5.	McKay, John	Chase 62
6.	Palmer, Annie	Maggie 60
7.	Palmer, Annie	Sea 55
8.	McKay, John	Max 53
9.	Westcott, Joyce	Moli 50
10.	Talbot, Ian	Moss 49

Novice-Novice August 4

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1.	Murphy, Joanne	Bess 77
2.	McKay, John	Chase 72
3.	Talbot, Shona	Quin 65
4.	McKay, John	Max 63
5.	Fahey, Janet	Jim 62
6.	Talbot, Shona	Clover 62
7.	Phillips, Nancy	Abby 59
8.	Donahue, Deborah	Ross 58
9.	Palmer, Annie	Sea 57
10.	Honig, Sue	Duncan 55

Champion: McKay, John & Chase

Pro-Novice August 3

- Williams, Cheryl Maddie 73 1.
- Thompson, Mary Holly 71
- 3. Woessner, Dee Spot 70
- 4. Talbot, Ian Maeve 65
- 5. Kidd, Viki Retta 63
- Churcher, Mike Dan 62
- Savage, Lorna Trace 61
- Jagger, Walt Floss 61

- 9. Campion, Carol Eve 61
- 10. Jagger, Walt Sam 59

Pro-Novice August 4

- Jagger, Walt Sam 71
- Thompson, Mary Holly 71
- Jagger, Walt Floss 67
- Tesdahl, Linda Lexie 66
- Savage, Lorna Trace 66
- Campion, Carol Eve 65
- 7. Smart, Bruce Missy 64
- Savage, Lorna Zoe 64
- Campion, Carol Jess 63
- 10. Argue, David Silken 54

Champion: Thompson, Mary & Holly

Ranch August 3

- Boyce, Dawn Juno 71
- Fetterman, Dave Leah 50
- 3. Allen, Susan Corrie 45
- Lacy, Sally Mot 43
- Williams, Dick Scott 40

Ranch August 4

- Boyce, Dawn Juno 75
- Lacy, Sally Mot 54
- Fetterman, Dave Leah 53
- Boyce, Dawn Tink 46
- Yazwinski, Emily Nip 36

Champion: Boyce, Dawn & Juno

Open August 3

1. Lambert, Beverly Pippa 90

- Boyce, Dawn Ruff 90
- Mick, Warren Jinty 88
- Mick. Warren Glen 87 4.
- 5. Campion, Carol Patch 86
- Lambert, Beverly Bill 85
- 7. Tesdahl, Linda Peg 83
- 8. Williams, Cheryl Andy 82
- Jagger, Walt Bob 81
- 10. Hobart, Ed Bonnie 79
- 11. Savage, Lorna Dot 78
- 12. Young, Mary Ellen Spot 78
- 13. Williams, Dick Tip 78
- 14. Tesdahl, Linda Jaffe 76
- 15. Mick, Maria Jim 76

Open August 4 (Maltese Cross)

- Boyce, Dawn Karch 77
- 2. Mick, Warren Glen 76
- 3. Boyce, Dawn Ruff 75
- 4. Thompson, Mary Hawk 75
- 5. Savage, Lorna Dot 74
- 6 Harvey, Janet Scott 70
- 7. Mick, Maria Jim 70
- Savage, Lorna Brock 70
- Hobart, Ed Bonnie 69
- 10. Tesdahl, Linda Peg 68
- 11. Lambert, Beverly Bill 68
- 12. Lambert, Beverly Pippa 66
- 13. Williams, Cheryl Andy 65
- 14. Jagger, Walt Kitt 65
- 15. Smart, Bruce Peg 64

Champion: Boyce, Dawn & Ruff







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Kingston Sheepdog Trials & CBCA National Finals August 3 - 4, 2004 Judge: Wynford Japp, Wales

First Open Trial Thursday and Friday

1.	Amanda Milliken	Bart 84
2.	Nancy Stephens	Ike 83
3.	Steve Wetmore	Gyp 82
4.	Cheryl Jagger-William	ms Andy 79
5.	Amanda Milliken	Ethel 79
6.	Dawn Boyce	Karch 77
7.	Joyce Geier	Troy 71
8.	Michael Dathe	Trot 70
9.	Bruce Smart	Peg 69
10.	Betty Levin	Kyle 68
11.	Kate Broadbent	Lad 67
12.	Bev Lambert	Maid 66

Second Open Trial, Friday and Sat.

1.	Bev Lambert	Pippa 8:
2.	Walt Jagger	Kitt 84

3. 4. 5.	Joyce Geier Warren Mick Barbara Ray	Troy 83 Jinty 82 Brit 81
6. 7. 8. 9.		Liz 81 Karch 78 Zip 76 Jayce 76
11.	Ed Hobart Jeanne Weaver Amanda Milliken	Bonnie 73 Jack 72 Ethel 72

Nursery Championship

1.	Bev Lambert	Maid 15:
2.	Viki Kidd	Cash 126
3.	Dawn Boyce	Tink 117
4.	Mary Thompson	Holly 74
5	Jeanne Weaver	Jack 58

CBCA Double Lift Nat'l Championship, Sunday, August 8

Amanda Milliken

2.	Marilyn Terpstra	Queen 136
3.	Bev Lambert	Pippa 131
4.	Warren Mick	Glen 131
5.	Joyce Geier	Troy 130
6.	Lori Cunningham	Tess 115
7.	Walt Jagger	Kit 114
8.	Dawn Boyce	Ruff 114
9.	Dawn Boyce	Karch 104
10.	Bev Lambert	Maid 102
11.	Bob Stephens	Wisp 98
12.	Bruce Smart	Peg 96
13.	Steve Wetmore	Gyp 91
14.	Lori Cunningham	Riff R
15.	Ivan Weir	Nell R



The International Shed By Beverly Lambert

The plan for this years NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial is to offer a true International Style course for the 15 dogs that make it to the final round. This is a wonderful opportunity for these dogs and handlers to practice the skills that are required these days to compete in the finals of most of the top trials in the country. The shedding skills can be practiced a bit at home but they can really only be perfected in competition. Practice sheep do not react to the dog and handler with the same respect and wariness that a group of sheep at a trial will display. While this is evident all around the course it is most significant in the International shed. However, it is possible to practice some of the skills need to complete the shed at home and this should be done by all of the competitors planning to attend this year's Fall Foliage.

The principle behind the International shed is the same as the regular shed or single. Some of the sheep are allowed to escape and the dog is turned on the sheep that the handler desires to retain. In the single, however, the dog is required to only do this once and must only keep track of one sheep and that one for only a short period of time. In the International Shed the dog must do this several times and each time he must retain a large group of sheep. He must also do it in such a way that he does not unduly disturb the sheep.

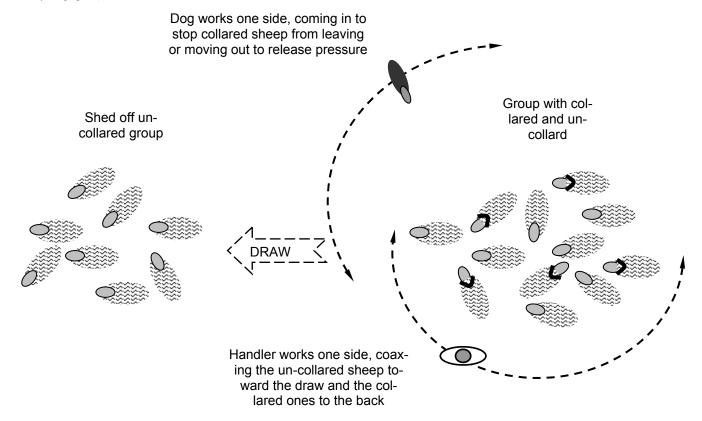
The International shedding works on a draw principle. The handler first splits off 4-5 or more sheep (the more the better) and moves them away from the remaining sheep. These sheep will ideally stay close enough to act as a draw upon the rest of the sheep the handler is working but not so close that they threaten to re-join when the handler isn't looking. The shed is a balance between allowing all of the sheep to join up and discouraging the sheep so much from joining up that they stop trying.

The first skill and probably the most important is that the dog must learn to stay where the handler puts him while the handler moves around the flock of sheep. It is necessary for the handler to sort and move the sheep quite a bit to get the un-collared and collared sheep sorted for the cuts. If the dog is popping up and constantly heading the sheep, not only will the handler be unable to sort, but eventually the sheep will be unwilling to leave the group. This is an easy skill to perfect by just spending a few minutes each morning making your dog lie down while you mess about with a group of sheep. Tell him to "down" and make sure he stays there unless you tell him to get up. You do not want this command to be so harsh, however, that he does not readily jump to his feet and either balance as needed or cover escaping sheep.

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The International Shed

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The next necessary skill is being able to lie still while sheep run away. This is surprisingly difficult for many dogs to do but again it's a pretty easy skill to work on and can be added to the morning laying down practice.

Next the dog needs to be taught to get up and quietly turn back a sheep or perhaps just get up and take a couple of steps toward the handler or a small flank to adjust the group of sheep. This is not the same thing as the dog flying in at the shed and taking control of a single. This is a quiet "walk up" or "Tweed here" to just help cover the dog's side of the shed. If the dog jumps up and flies in each time he needs to help cover his side of the group the sheep will rapidly decide that they do not wish to string out or move away from the group. This needs to be avoided at all costs since if the sheep are discouraged too harshly from escaping too many times they will stop trying and it will be impossible to get the shed.

The third skill is a bit harder to teach and is what sorts the really beautiful shedding dogs from the ones that manage to get it done and the ones who don't get it done at all. The dog needs to learn to quickly come in and turn back a sheep as indicated. What happens in the shed is that handler will let the un-collared escape to join his first "draw group" of sheep that were shed. Eventually in every shed a collar sheep will make a break for it which typically happens when one or two un-collared sheep are allowed to

leave the group to join the other un-collared sheep and one of the collared ones will make a run for it as well. At best the dog will be able to understand the directions of the handler well enough to come in and turn back just the collared sheep. The next best scenario is that the dog returns all of the escaping sheep to the group. Or the dog brings all of the sheep back to the group. The worst-case scenario is that the dog is so excited by the escaping action and call to come in and turn back the sheep that he grips. To work on the skill of turning back only the sheep indicated, I will split a group of about 20 or 30 sheep roughly in half. I will then allow one or two sheep at a time to escape from one group to the other. After one or two times of allowing the escape I will next let the sheep escape and just as they begin to build up a little speed on their run to the second group I will call my dog in on them and ask him to turn them, bringing them back to the first group. This is very difficult and as the dog becomes better and better at it I allow the sheep to get further from the first group and closer to the second so it is harder for the dog to gain control of them. I will also begin to ask the dog to let the first of two sheep escape and turn back only the second one and return her to the first group.

The International Shed like all other parts of the trial course requires considerable practice and experience before the handler gains the necessary expertise to do it well.

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The International Shed

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The first few times a handler does one in competition can be very perplexing and sometimes discouraging. Helping your dog to develop the rudimentary skills to get the work done will at least allow the handler to work on his strategy with an able assistant rather than spending the whole shedding time fighting with a tired confused dog.

From the ISDS Guidelines for Judges

SHEDDING - The fifteen unmarked sheep to be shed off

within a ring 40 yards in diameter. In shedding, the sheep will be passed between the handler and his/her dog and the dog brought in to stop and turn back the marked sheep. Maneuvering for "cuts" Is not allowed. Should any marked sheep leave the shedding ring and join any unmarked sheep already shed off, the unmarked sheep with which the marked sheep has joined will be brought into the ring and shedding restarted. Until the fifteen unmarked sheep are shed off penning will not be permitted.

From the USBCHA Judging Guidelines (Scoring the International Shed)		
Handler and dog change sides. Per occurrence.	1-2 points	
Shedding off unwanted animals and driving them away, rather than running the animals off between the dog and handler. Per occurrence-per head.	1-2 points	
Marked animal leaves the ring and joins the unmarked animals. Group that the marked animal has joined must be regrouped in the ring before shedding can continue.	3-6 points	
Stock outside the shedding ring per sheep.	Up to 1/2 per head	
Maneuvering all the collared stock to one end and shedding them off. Must re-shed.	5-6 points	



First Aid Kit for Dogs @ Anne V. McGuire

(Reprinted with permission and submitted by Fiona Robertson)

Assembling a canine first aid kit for home or travel use is fairly simple. In fact, its pretty easy to assemble a kit that will serve both human and canine members of your family!

Before reading further, know that I am NOT a veterinarian. The contents of my first aid kit were assembled using common sense and my experiences with my own dogs. Dosage information listed here comes from the Merck Manual or from my own veterinarian.

PLEASE consult your own vet about appropriate uses and doses before giving your dog any of these medications. Also be sure to become familiar with the side effects and Adverse Reactions before using any of these medications — while they are considered fairly safe and are not prescription medications, there may be some dogs that will react badly to some of these drugs.

The first thing you need for a good first aid kit is a suitable container. We use a fishing tackle-type box. On the outside, with permanent marker, label the box "First Aid" on all sides -- in an emergency someone else might have to

locate and use this kit. Tape to the inside of the box lid, a card with the following information:your name, address, phone# as well as the name & phone# of someone to con-

tact, in an emergency, who will take care of your dogs if you are incapacitated. Also include your dog's names and any information about any medications they take, any allergies or significant medical conditions they have name & phone# of your vet

Also tape to the inside of the box lid, a card with a list of common medications, their

general dosages, and the specific dose for the weights of your own dogs:

For example: Benadryl 1-2mg per lb, every 8 hrs; aspirin 5 mg per lb every 12 hrs; hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting: 1-3 tsp every 10 min until dog vomits; Pepto Bismol

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1 tsp per 5lb per 6 hours; Kaopectate 1 ml per 1 lb per 2 hours; Imodium 1 mg per 15 lbs 1-2 times daily; mineral oil (as a laxative) 5-30 ml per day...do not use long-term.

List the actual doses needed for your OWN dog's weights. This way they are quickly and easily available and you don't have to be searching for a calculator or trying to recall from memory when your dog needs medication. NEVER give Tylenol (toxic to liver) or ibuprofen (Nuprin, Motrin, Advil, etc.). Ibuprofen is very toxic and fatal to dogs at low doses. Only aspirin is safe for dogs, and buffered aspirin or ascriptin is preferred to minimize stomach upset. Check with your vet to confirm dosages before using. If symptoms persist, consult your vet ASAP -- do NOT continue to try to treat at home, the problem might be more serious than you think!

Give liquid medications using an oral syringe tucked into the side of the dog's mouth, holding jaws closed (rather than poking straight down the throat and risking getting liquid into the lungs). Its also a good idea to keep copies of your dog's vaccination records, including a copy of the Rabies Certificate, in the First Aid kit, or in a packet in your car. I keep packets with shot records, what heartworm preventative the dogs get and which day of the month it should be given, emergency contact information, and my vet's name and phone number, in EACH car, and in my dog show equipment bag. In addition the emergency contact and vet information are clearly posted on my refrigerator door at home where anyone who needs it can find the information. You never know when you may be incapacitated in an accident and your dogs may be in the hands of a complete stranger who will need this information.

THINGS TO PUT IN THE FIRST AID KIT

- Cotton gauze bandage wrap 1.5 inch width, 3 inch width
- Vet Wrap -- 2 inch width, and 4 inch width (4 inch is sold for horses)
- Ace bandage
- First aid tape
- Cotton gauze pad
- Regular band aids
- Cotton swabs or Q-tips
- Benadryl
- Ascriptin (buffered aspirin)
- Pepto Bismol tablets
- New Skin liquid bandage (useful for patching abrasions on pads)
- Iodine tablets (if you hike and camp in areas where the stream water may not be safe for consumption with out first treating with iodine or boiling)

- Oral syringes (for administering liquid oral medicines, getting ear drying solution into ears, etc...very useful!)
- Needle & thread
- Safety pins in several sizes
- Razor blade (paper wrapped for protection)
- Matches
- Tweezers
- Hemostat (useful for pulling ticks, thorns, large splinters, etc)
- Small blunt end scissors
- Canine rectal thermometer (get one made specifically for dogs)
- Antibiotic ointment (such as Bacitracin, Betadine, or others)
- Eye rinsing solution (simple mild eye wash)
- Small bottle of 3% hydrogen peroxide
- Small bottle of isopropyl alcohol (rubbing) or alcohol or antiseptic wipes)
- Small jar of Vaseline
- Specific medications YOUR dog may need (for allergies, seizures, etc.)

Also have the following around the house, and consider packing to take on out-of-town trips:

- *Ottomax (ointment for ear infections)
- *Chlorasone eye ointment (or a similar cortisoneantibiotic eye ointment)
- *Gentocin topical spray
- Hydrocortisone topical spray (such as Cortaid brand)
- Ear cleaning solution (Nolvasan Otic, Epi-Otic, or your favorite)
- Homemade ear drying solution (1 part rubbing alcohol, 1 part white vinegar, 2 parts water)
- Otoscope (for examining ears)
- Epsom salts

Those supplies preceded by a * must be obtained from a veterinarian. All other supplies can be purchased, over the counter, at most any drug store.

Several dog supply catalogs, such as Dr.s Foster & Smith, UPCO, and Omaha Vaccine, offer a variety of medical and first aid supplies.

If your dog has severe allergies to bee stings or other things that might be commonly encountered in places you take your dog, consider asking your vet about stocking your first aid kit with medication that might be needed for that sort of special emergency. Likewise, trackers and field trainers may want to consult their vet about equip-

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ping their first aid kits with specific supplies to deal with snake bites.

Be sure to clearly LABEL all medications and supplies with their name and expiration date. Be sure to replace medications that may have exceeded their recommended expiration date. Go through your kit at least once a year, replacing expired medications, replenishing used supplies, etc. We do this right before going on vacation with the dogs, so we know the kit is up-dated and complete when we are traveling and away from close veterinary care.

For good canine first aid descriptions and instructions: <u>Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook</u> by D.G. Carlson and J.M. Giffin. Howell Book House, 1980 or more recent new edition?, ISBN 0-87605-764-4

For more detail: The Merck Veterinary Manual C.M. Fraser et al. (editors), published by Merck & Co., 7th Edition 1991. ISBN 911910-55-7

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Cooling off at Quechee...Connie Weller's Penn (left) and Bud Ames' Luke (right) have the right idea. Some of the hottest weather of the summer was experienced at the Quechee Scottish Festival August 28, 2004.

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