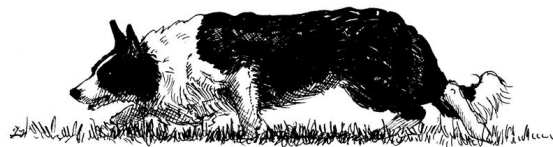


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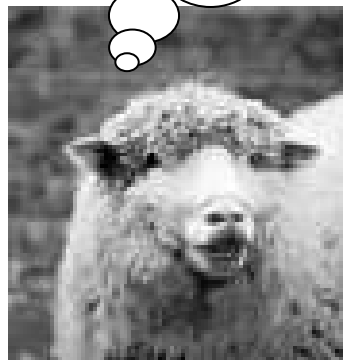
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HEY, EWE!
NO MORE SKINNY
NEWSLETTERS!

SEND STUFF TO
THE EDITOR!



Something Wonderful!

By Sue Schoen, V.M.D.

Something wonderful has occurred.

This fall a DNA blood test for the mutation which causes collie eye anomaly/choroid hypoplasia (CEA/CH) became available through OptiGen. This test determines if your dog is NORMAL, i.e., has no mutated genes; CARRIER, i.e., has one mutated gene from one parent or AFFECTED, i.e., has a mutated gene from each parent and has Collie Eye. This is great news for the Border collie gene pool. With screening and intelligent breeding, we can take the guesswork out of the elimination of CEA from the population while preserving important bloodlines and the valuable working traits we all desire.

What is CEA/CH?

CEA is a disease caused by a mutation of the gene that controls the development of the choroid layer of the

mented choroid layer that is loaded with the blood vessels that supply the retina. It is the choroid layer that reflects green light back when you catch



eye. A little anatomy is needed. The eyeball is made up of three tissue layers. The outer layer is the white fibrous sclera at the back of the eye and the clear cornea in front. Inside the sclera is the pig-

an animal in your headlights driving back from a dog trial late at night. The retina is the inner most light-gathering layer of the back of the eye (which is called the fundus). This

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NEBCA Meeting Minutes Jan. 15, 2005

Submitted by Maria Mick

Meeting called to order at 10:15AM, 37 members present.
Old Business (Warren Mick presiding)

Presidents' Report: (given by Warren Mick)

Warren expressed the clubs appreciation to Emily Yazwinski for hosting the meeting. He noted that Betty Murray was in the hospital recovering from a serious car accident. Several present provided an update on Betty Murray's condition.

Warren asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting on Oct. 2, 2004 as

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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!

Something Wonderful

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gathered light is transmitted via the optic nerve to the brain to make an image.

When a dog has CEA the choroid layer is thin and lacks pigment (hypoplasia) and/or can develop with holes (colobomas). The sclera peeks or bulges through. The blood vessels of the choroid can be exposed. In severe cases the retina detaches from the choroid layer and there can be internal bleeding. Depending upon the severity of these changes a dog may or may not have loss of vision. When an ophthalmologist examines an eye she/he looks for these abnormalities.

CEA occurs as the eye is developing in the embryonic puppy. It does not progress (except in cases of secondary retinal detachment and hemorrhage in SEVERE disease). In fact, as a puppy with mild CEA matures the retina becomes more pigmented and can mask abnormalities in the choroid layer. This is called the “go-normal” state. These pups can look normal to an ophthalmologist after about 12 weeks of age. They may have no discernible visual deficits but they have collie eye.

Why are some affected dogs blind and some can't even be detected after 12 weeks? There are probably modifier genes that regulate the severity of these developmental abnormalities. Not much is known about this yet, but it is under investigation.

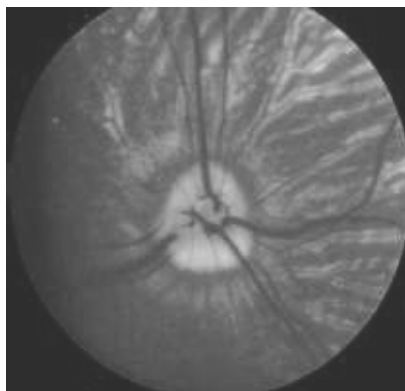
Should I believe this test?

This test is as good as it gets. I spoke at length to Dr. Jeanette Felix, President and Manager of OptiGen. She can tell you more about the details of the test than you want to know. It is virtually 100% accurate because it is a yes/no answer (she's a scientist. They never want to say something is 100%). The test finds the mutation or it doesn't. So long as the samples are not mixed up the test is valid.

How is this disease inherited?

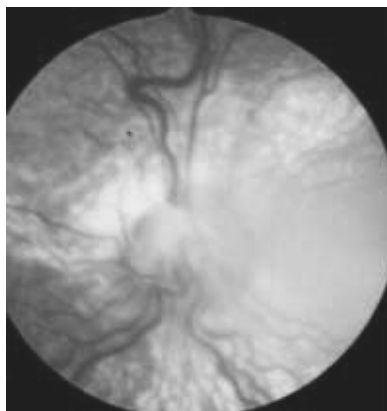
CEA is a recessive genetic disease. It takes a mutated gene from both parents for the disease to be expressed as abnormal development of the choroid. If a dog

is a carrier it has one CEA gene but it does not have CEA. The normal gene in this dog's DNA is dominant and determines that the choroid will develop normally.



Above: CEA Normal eye

**Below: CEA Affected eye
Choroid hypoplasia /
colobomata**



As you may remember from 7th grade, the egg and sperm each carry one half of the parents' genes. A pup gets one gene from mom and one from dad when the egg and sperm ah, you know, unite. Thus an affected dog will always pass on a CEA gene- that's all he/she has to give. A carrier could pass on a CEA or a normal gene (flip a coin).

The make up of a litter can be predicted as follows but remember these are probabilities not what you may actually get:

Normal x Normal = All Normal

Normal x Carrier = ½ Normal + ½ Carrier

Carrier x Carrier = ¼ Normal + ½ Carrier + ¼ Affected

Carrier x Affected = ½ Carrier + ½ Affected

Normal x Affected = All Carrier
Affected x Affected = All Affected

Previously, we could detect severely affected dogs (retinal detachment, colobomas, etc) at any age and mildly affected dogs before 12 weeks with eye exams. This screening and culling has been the reason we have not seen more severe disease in our dogs, although Dr. Gregory Acland (Sally Lacy, pers. com.) has seen colobomas in working dogs. Because these affected dogs are functioning well as working dogs this disease has been tolerated in the population. If CEA limited performance in a significant number of dogs, we would have selected against it much more heavily. Until now we have not been able to detect carriers unless they produced an affected pup when bred to another carrier. It is the detection of these normal eyed carriers and the go normal affected dogs that makes this test so valuable.

What about breeding my dog?

Can you breed a dog with CEA in its genetic makeup? I hope we will hear a lot of discussion about this. On first impression the solution is to say NO, breed only normal to normal and we'll eliminate the disease in a few generations. A strong argument for this is that there are plenty of good normal dogs to pick from. But, if we do this, and restrict ourselves to the subset of normal dogs in our population, we will lose a lot of good working traits and important bloodlines. We have no idea how many carriers and go normal affected dogs are really out there. The estimate is 25% carriers and 2.5% affected (ABCA statistics), but that is only an educated guess. This could be an underestimation of these CEA carrying dogs, and it is still at least one quarter of the population!

Breeding strictly for this test will significantly reduce genetic diversity of our breed. Genetic diversity is the strength of a population. We also do not know if the CEA gene is linked to another gene for some important trait that we could drastically alter by precipitously removing affected or carrier's dogs. CEA is a significant but often mild disease, which can be identified. Consider all the other traits we value in our dogs that are not

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doubt under genetic control but have not yet been identified. While are now able to remove CEA from our breed, it would be extremely dangerous to start culling suddenly and severely.

How should we use this test?

There is a lot to consider. How fast do we need to eliminate this disease?

Will people test and come forward with results or not test if they worry they have it in their lines and will be chastised if they want to breed? The test is not cheap and will add to a breeders cost. Should you breed carriers? You will produce ½ carriers if you breed to a normal. Can you breed an affected to a normal? You would produce all carriers, and the majority could be removed from the breeding population by neutering.

At present, affected dogs and their offspring are not eligible for ABC registration. This might drive people to be secretive about their results if they are not allowed to register their dogs. If they are willing to work toward clearing their lines of CEA then is it right that breeders who test will lose the right to register when breeders who don't test can go on producing registered pups with unknown CEA status (for example all the puppy mills who sell to pet stores)? In my mind the test identifies which lines we need to be concerned about rather than which ones we should or should not be breeding. Or, as Bev Lambert put it: "The test should be a breeding tool, not a weeding tool."

Not everyone will win the CEA genetic lottery. I did not. I have 3 carriers, a normal and an affected and one unknown

out of 6 dogs (based on testing and deduction). Bummer. But I see it now as something to improve upon, not as an endpoint. I am not ready to spay even my affected bitch quite yet. I'm going to wait and see where this all goes and how she turns out. She has no idea she has a defect, nor will her offspring if I breed her to a normal male (and spay or neuter the majority of the litter). And then again, if I spay her, she'll still be the same working dog she is now.

The CEA clinic at the NEBCA Annual Meeting in January organized by Sally Lacy and sponsored by ABCA was well attended with 20 dogs participating. Sally is organizing satellite clinics right and left. We are discussing another clinic at Cummington. The response of our members is positive. Puppy buyers may soon be asking about the status of the parents of their new dogs and this could drive us all to use this new information. This is an exciting technology we now have available for improving the health of our dogs. But there are many unanswered questions about appropriate use of this test. I have struggled with these questions since it's appearance in late fall. The results have implications for my own dogs on the small scale and the breed on the large scale. . My take home point is this: the use of the test must be balanced against the overwhelming need to preserve the essence of our breed: their phenomenal working ability.

As this article was being finished a lively debate began on the Sheepdog-L list that discussed many of the issues mentioned here. If you breed, you must consider the issues carefully. Because registration policy may change in light of the test, ABCA members must voice their opinion to their Board of Directors. If we are almost as smart as our dogs, maybe we will get this right.



Ellen Rusconi-Black's 2 dogs working together. Stevie on the left, Oisin on the right.



No, NEBCA is not sponsoring chicken herding trials! This is Paul Garwood's Guinn at home.

2005 NEBCA Trials

Novice and open trials in the list are NEBCA qualifying unless noted otherwise. Novice trial means NN, PN and Ranch classes will be held. The web site trial listing contains entry forms, directions and updates if available.

March 19 - 20

Fun and USBCHA Nursery Trial , 2005.
Hop Bottom, PA
Cheryl Jagger Williams 570-289-4733
or email culleymont@epix.net

March 31 – April 3

Long Shot Farm SDT
Church Hill, MD
Two novice & open trials
Sherry Smith, 410-758-3363
longsht@dmv.com

April 9 & April 23

Bloomfield Benefit SDT
Andover, CT
Two 1-day novice and open trials
Beverly Lambert, 860-742-5300
blambert2@mac.com

April 16 - 17

Fun and USBCHA NURSERY trial
Hop Bottom, PA
Cheryl Jagger Williams 570-289-4733
or email culleymont@epix.net

April 30-May 1

O.C. Sheep Herding Co. Open
Old Chatham, NY
Two open trials
Warren Mick, 518-861-5854
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May 6-8

Soule Homestead SDT
Middleboro, MA
Two novice & open trials
Connie Weller, 508-747-5755
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May 6-8

Borders-on-Paradise SDT
Turbotville, PA
Two novice & open trials
USBCHA & NEBCA
David Fetterman, 570-742-3527
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May 14-15

NH Sheep & Wool Festival Intl. SDT
Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook,
NH
Two novice & open points trials
David Lewis, 603-529-6138
kdlfarm@tds.net

May 27-29

Mass Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT
Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA
One novice trial & two open trials
Info: Kate Collins/George Northrop
978-624-5562, george01368@yahoo.com
Entries: Denise Leonard, 413-773-5232
dal@equinox.shaysnet.com

June 3-5 TENTATIVE

Nearfield Farm SDT
Center Conway, NH
One novice & two open trials
Gabrielle Merrill, 207-935-2520
gabe@pivot.net

June 11-12

Mountain Meadow Farm Open Trial
Two open trials
Mary Ames, 603-448-5429
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June 16-19

PA State Championship SDT
Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA
Two novice & open trials
Cheryl Jagger-Williams, 570-289-4733
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June 18-19

Mountain Meadow Farm Novice Trial
Novice fun trial on 6/18
Regular NEBCA novice trial on 6/19
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June 25-26

Country Heritage Park SDT
Milton Ontario
Two novice, nursery & open trials
(only open is NEBCA, qual.)
Viki Kidd, 416-652-0892
vkidd@rogers.com

July 15-17

Bloomfield SDT
Bloomfield, CT
Two open trials and double-lift final
Beverly Lambert, 860-742-5300
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July 23-24

Lennoxville International SDT
Lennoxville, Quebec
Two PN, nursery & open trials
(only open is NEBCA, qual.)
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July 29-August 1

Nation Valley SDT
Navall Farm, Winchester, Ontario
Two novice & open trials
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August 2-4

Ewesful Acres SDT
Portland, ON
Two novice & open trials
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August 4-7

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials
Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario
One PN trial & two open trials
(only open is NEBCA qual.)
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August 13-14

Mad River Valley SDT
Waitsfield, VT (near Montpelier)
Two novice & open trials
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August 19-21

Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial
Cooperstown, NY
One novice & two open trials
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August 27

Vermont State Championship SDT
Scottish Festival, Queechee, VT
One open trial
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Trialing: An Education for Novices

By Ellen Rusconi-Black

One of the judges asked at a trial, "what have you learned today".

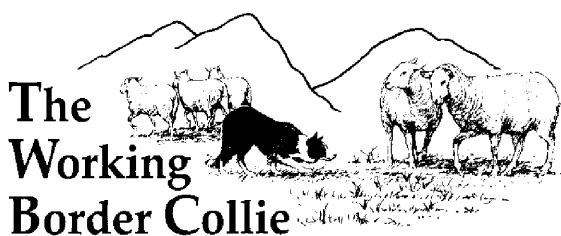
I have been pondering what I have learned in my first full year of trialing. As a novice - novice handler I feel I have completed the best entry level college courses available taught by some of the best practitioners. Through this year's four (4) minute runs, I am learning to control my focus, to transmit calm in the midst of inner turmoil, to celebrate what my partner dog and I do well and to recognize and plan that which can be improved. OK, so there is much work ahead on my timing, trusting my gut level instincts, reading stock and practice, practice, practice (how else do you get to Carnegie Hall or the Finals?).

Meeting new people, chatting with friends and sharing ideas provides a social opportunity that I enjoy. However, it is the experience I gained while helping out with the many tasks at the trials that has taught me the most. There is nothing like good ole hands on learning under the watchful guidance of the Ranch and Open Handlers. Clerking for the judges is always a treat but working in the sheep pens is where the hooves meet the tarmac. This is the place to gain the kind of sheep experience that gave me the greatest insight to sheep behavior and greater confidence in myself and my dog. At home the sheep get into a sort of routine. This is fun, challenging and social. This is where a handler taught me the hands off method to moving the sheep into chutes, I worked like a dog and the sheep remained calm. At smaller farm trials I gained experience setting out the sheep under experienced open coaches. I worked the exhaust gaining tips from people who have worked with some of the best handlers in the country.

Things haven't always gone as smoothly as planned, I learned more from my handling errors than from all the things that

have gone well. At times this was embarrassing. Once when I was loading 5 chutes alone, the exit door didn't close all the way. Well there was an extra set of sheep on the course! No sheep, dog or handler has gotten injured from these mistakes. No one has criticized me for helping out. As a result of giving even only a few hours of time at trials open handlers who had never spoken with me before have begun offering handling advice.

I've set my personal performance goals for this next trial season. I look forward to working with you all at the pens and around the trial. Where else for \$20 do you get a competitive run and get a weekend training clinic with some of the most experienced and best trialers in the country?



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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 6, Glen has placed in nearly 90 Open trials, winning 14. CEA/CF genetic test "normal". 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.

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printed in the winter newsletter. So motioned by Bev Lambert, seconded by Martha Walke. Passed.

An open item from 2004 was to appoint a committee to discuss the possibility of setting term limits for board members. He said this would be done in 2005.

Secretary's Report: (given by Maria Mick)

2005 membership is at 126 as compared to the end of 2004 with about 275 – 280. Membership increases throughout the year.

Treasurer's Report: (given by Warren Mick)

The 2004 financial summary provided by Jim Strohecker was discussed (included in this newsletter). The club did very well financially. Most budget items were near expectation. Income from Fundraising was above expectation, the expenses for the newsletter less. There were no library expenses as Margaret Wheeler volunteered to pay the mailing costs herself. She also donated a couple of books.

The checking account balance as of 1/13/05 is \$14,847.33. This balance is higher than it has ever been. Two thousand dollars has been moved to a new checking account to be used by the new treasurer. The club may want to consider how to best spend a portion of the funds or cut back on income. Dis-

cussion followed on possible budgeting changes.

Three discrepancies were noted regarding the treasurer's summary. George Northrup noted than an additional \$160 of calendar income was sent in recently. Barb Armata said that the Fall Foliage total income should have been \$1745. Sally Molloy noted that the income from dinner at the Novice Finals was \$360.

A motion to accept the treasurers' report, with the three noted discrepancies was passed.

A proposed budget for 2005 was reviewed (included in this newsletter).

Election Results: (given by Steve Wetmore)

Steve Wetmore reported the election results. Voting for the three open Board positions was: Warren Mick 51, Mary Ellen Young 34, Eve Marschark 25, Gene Sheninger 25, Emily Yazwinski 25, Roger Deschambeault 2. Voting for the four executive positions on the ballot was unanimous. Warren Mick said that based on the votes cast, Warren, MaryEllen and Eve were elected to the board, and the executive committee would be Denise Leonard, Barb Armata, Maria Mick, and Maria Amodei as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

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**2004 NEBCA Treasurers Report, Year End
Submitted by Jim Strohecker, January 13, 2005**

NEBCA Library Holdings

General Operating Expenses

	Income	Expense	Net
Membership	\$6,210.00		\$6,210.00
Newsletter	\$444.00	\$2,460.19	(\$2,016.19)
Library	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Fence Rental	\$99.00		\$99.00
Awards		\$124.99	(\$124.99)
Bank Charges		\$67.00	(\$67.00)
Postage		\$146.57	(\$146.57)
Calendars	\$2,822.50	\$2,549.50	\$273.00
Fundraising	\$5,557.21	\$2,935.28	\$2,621.93
Nursery Finals	\$2,562.00	\$2,968.93	(\$406.93)
Fall Foliage	\$1,487.50	\$2,549.25	(\$1,061.75)
Misc.		\$1,254.50	(\$1,254.50)
Total	\$19,332.21	\$15,056.21	\$4,276.00

Newsletter

Breeder's List	\$380.00		
Newsletter Ads	\$64.00		
Publication & Mailing		\$2,460.19	
Total	\$444.00	\$2,460.19	(\$2,016.19)

Miscellaneous

Donation for Mtg. Hall		\$100.00	
Food for Summer Mtg.		\$50.00	
Insurance		\$716.00	
Corporate Filing		\$18.50	
Member overpayment		\$10.00	
2003 Novice Finals Prizes		\$360.00	
Total		\$1,254.50	(\$1,254.50)

Nursery Finals 2004

Entries	\$1,680.00		
Judge		\$400.00	
Dinners	\$232.00		
Sheep		\$300.00	
Program Ads	\$650.00		
Dinners		\$602.08	
Awards		\$425.00	
Programs		\$625.40	
Ribbons		\$69.70	
Prizes		\$125.91	
Food		\$420.84	
Total	\$2,562.00	\$2,968.93	(\$406.93)

Fall Foliage 2004

Entries + Dinners	\$1,487.50		
Sheep		\$400.00	
Porta-johns		\$268.05	
Tent		\$294.50	
Prizes		\$150.00	
Judge		\$750.00	
Ribbons		\$75.95	
Engraving		\$12.50	
Equip. Repair		\$180.00	
Food		\$418.25	
Total	\$1,487.50	\$2,549.25	(\$1,061.75)

Checking Account Balance as of 1/13/05

Old Account (Jim S.)	\$12,847.33
New Account (Maria A.)	\$2,000.00
Total	\$14,847.33

Rules for library use:

1. Borrowers must be members of NEBCA.
2. Requests can be made by email or by regular mail.
3. Payment for a video may be included when the video is returned.
4. Books are lent free of charge for four weeks.
5. Videos are \$4.00 each. They are lent out for two weeks per single video and three weeks for sets..
6. Borrower is responsible for return mail.
7. Only one book or video (or set of videos) sent out to a member at one time.
8. Overdue fine is 10 cents per day.
9. Make checks payable to NEBCA.

Library Address: Margaret Wheeler
15 Longmeadow Rd
Windham, NH 03087

Email: drumlins@adelphia.net
(Subject: NEBCA library)

BOOKS - Training the Sheep Dog

- E.B. Carpenter – The Border Collie: Basic Training for Sheepwork
- Katy Cropper – A Dog's Life in the Dales
- Bruce Fogt – Lessons from a Stockdog
- John Holmes – A Farmer's Dog
- Tony Iley – Sheepdogs at Work
- Glyn Jones – A Way Of Life
- Scott Lithgow – Training and Working Dogs for Quiet Confident Control of Stock
- Tim Longton – The Sheep Dog: Its Work and Training
- Thomas Longton & Barbara Sykes – Training the Sheep Dog
- Luke Pasio – Heather Jean: The Working Sheep Dog
- Pope Robertson – Anybody Can Do It
- Mari Taggart – Sheepdog training: An All-Breed Approach
- John Templeton – Working Sheep Dogs – Management and Training
- Virgil Holland – Herding Dogs – Progressive Training
- Delta Society – Professional Standards for Dog trainers: Effective, Humane Principles
- American Humane Association – Guide to Humane Dog Training
- Julie Simpson -- The Natural Way
- Derek Scrimgeour -- Talking Sheepdogs

BOOKS - Fiction/Children's

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

BOOKS - Miscellaneous

- Jane Burton – A Dog's Life, A Year in the Life of a Dog Family (photos)
- E.B. Carpenter – The Blue Riband of the Heather, The Supreme Champions 1906-1988
- Betty Cavanna – The First Book of Wool
- Noel Flanders – The Joy of Running Sled Dogs
- Colin Gordon – One Man's Opinion, An Approach & Guide to Judging Sheepdog Trials
- Leo Gowan – The Craft of Stickmaking
- Sheila Grew – Key Dogs, Volume 1 & 2
- Eric Halsall - Sheepdogs, My Faithful Friends
- Donald McCaig – Eminent Dogs, Dangerous Men
- Olivia Mills – Practical Sheep Dairying
- Jane Simmons-Moake – Agility Training – The Fun Sport for all Dogs
- American Rescue Dog Association – Search and Rescue Dogs – Training Methods
- Monks of New Skete – The Art of Raising a Puppy

BOOKS - General/Health

- Bruce Fogle, D.V.M. – The Dog's Mind – Understanding your Dog's Behavior
- Janet Larson – The Versatile Border Collie
- Marjorie Quarton – All About the Working Collie
- Eddie Straiton – Dog Ailments – Recognition and Treatment
- Barbara Swann – The Complete Border Collie

BOOKS – Shepherd's Life

- G.M. Anderson – *Times Remembered*
- John Barrington – *Red Sky At Night*
- Louis Irigaray – *A Shepherd Watches, A Shepherd Sings*
- Phillip Keller – *Lessons From a Sheepdog*
- Iain R. Thomson – *Isolation Shepherd*

VIDEOS

- 1988 International Supreme (Parts 1 & 2)
- 1989 British International Supreme (Parts 1 & 2)
- 1991 British International Championship
- 1992 British International Sheepdog Trials
- 1993 International Supreme Sheepdog Championship
- 1994 International Supreme Championship
- 1995 International Supreme Championship
- 1996 International Supreme Championship
- 1998 International Supreme Championship (Tape A & B)
- One Man and His Dog - 1990 (poor quality)
- One Man and His Dog - 1991, includes part of 1989 International (poor quality)
- One Man and His Dog – BBC of America -Tape A (includes 3 weeks shows)
- One Man and His Dog- BBC of America -Tape B (includes 3 weeks shows)
- 1994 Nationals (4 Tape set \$12.00 rental)
- 1995 Nationals
- 1996 Nationals (4 Tape set \$12.00 rental)

- 1996 Best of the Best Nationals (includes runoff between MacRae & Wilson)
- 1998 Nationals (2 Tape set ; Top 20)
- 1999 Nationals – Rural Route Video
- 2000 Nationals – Rural Route Video
- 2001 Nationals – Rural Route Video
- 2001 National Cowdog Finals – Rural route Video
- The Year of the Working Sheepdog – filmed in England
- Training the Working Border Collie – Tony Collins (Parts I & II) (2 tape set)
- Come Bye! And Away! The Early Stages of Sheep Dog Training – Glyn Jones (Tape I)
- That'll Do! Widening the Sheepdog's Experience - Glyn Jones (Tape II)
- Take Time - Glyn Jones (Tape III)
- Training The Working Stock Dog – Elvin Kopp (Parts I, II, & III) (3 tape set)
- Stockdog Training Fundamentals - Mike Hubbard
- Training Your Dog for Cattle - Mike Hubbard
- SDTF Outwork & Drives - Mike Hubbard
- How To Get The Most From Your Working Dog – Scott Lithgow, (Companion to his book, Training and Working Dogs)
- University of Guelph Series: (3 tape set)
Part 1 – “Selection and Early Training of Border Collies”
Part 2 – “Basic Training for Sheep Work”
Part 3 – “Advanced Training For Sheep Work”
- Training and Working a Border Collie – Rural Route Video
- The Sheepdog Video – The Training and Handling of a Sheepdog for the Better Management of Small Stock - filmed in South Africa
- Training the Working Stockdog – Gary Erikson
- How to Handle Cattle with Cowdogs – Phil Phillips
- Learn How to Train Your Stockdog the Right Way - Chuck O'Reilly
- One Woman and Her Dog – Katy Cropper
- Starting Your Border Collie on Cattle, Sheep and Ducks – Rural Route Videos
- A Hill Shepherd Trains his Border Collies – Derek Scringour
- British Sheep Fairs and Crafts – Rural Route Videos
- Sit, Clap & Furbish – Karen Pryor
- Babe

AUDIOTAPES

- Hubert Bailey – Training Whistle Commands
- Alasdair Macrae - Whistle While You Work

Tip: Just mail /email Margaret and she'll send you any item – really!

Also, if you know of a good addition for the library, let Margaret know about it.

NEBCA Trials '05

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August 28

Spring Valley Open Trial
Strafford, VT
One open trial
Steve Wetmore, 802-765-4466
swwet@valley.net

September 1 TENTATIVE

Lancaster Fair Sheep Dog Trial
Lancaster, NH
One open points trial
Roger Deschambeault, 603-939-2255
nearfieldfarm@pivot.net

September 3-4 TENTATIVE

Blue Hill Fair, Blue Hill, ME
Two open points trials
Jim Davidson, 207-677-2224

September 3-5

New Jersey State Sheep Dog Trial
Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ
Two novice & open trials
Gene Sheninger, 201-299-9785
esheninger@optonline.net

September 5

Last day of NEBCA 2005 novice trial season

September 10-11

Green Lane Park Scottish Irish Festival SDT, Green Lane, PA
Two novice & open trials
Jim Strohecker, 215-679-1177
jstrohecker@snip.net

September 17-18 TENTATIVE

NEBCA Novice Finals, Location TBD

September 19-20

Eastern States Exposition SDT
West Springfield, MA
Three separate open points trials
Pat Canaday, 518-861-6049
canadaypc@aol.com

September 20

Last day of NEBCA 2005 open trial season

September 23

NH Highland Games SDT
Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH
One open points trial
Must pre-register and get an entry pass.
Lynn Deschambeault,
merlynn@pivot.net

October 1 TENTATIVE

NH State Championship SDT
East Conway, NH
One open trial
Roger Deschambeault, 603-939-2255
nearfieldfarm@pivot.net

October 2 TENTATIVE

Fryeburg Fair Sheep Dog Trial
Fryeburg, ME
One open trial
Gabrielle Merrill, 207-935-2520
gabe@pivot.net

October 7-9 TENTATIVE

NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial, Location TBA

October 15-16

NYS Sheep & Wool Festival SDT
Rhinebeck, NY
Two open trials. Pat Canaday, 518-861-6049, canadaypc@aol.com

October 28-30

Dancing Ewe Halloween SDT
Granville, NY
One novice & Two open trials
Jody Somers, 518-642-1580
joannekrause1@hotmail.com

*Errors? Omissions? Next Deadline:
May 1st, 2005.*

creeksidefarm@sympatico.ca



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George said that the ballots in the future should accommodate family memberships, which get two votes, and also be tracked to insure that only paid members had voted. Gene Sheninger said an electronic internet-based voting system could be set up to do this. Warren said the board would be asked to consider these issues in the upcoming year.

Board of Director's Report: (given by Sue Schoen)

Sue reviewed the issues that the board had considered in 2004. The issue of sportsmanship at trials was discussed. Many opinions were offered and suggestions made but no motions made or actions taken. Warren Mick said the board would try to work on this during the year.

Open Trials Committee: (given by Barb Armata)

Barb thanked everyone involved with the Fall Foliage and thought this was a very enjoyable trial, well-organized, good location and well run. Barb suggests more money allotted for nicer prizes considering the increased level of difficulty for the competitors. Barb would like to have the 2005 Fall Foliage held again at the same site in Massachusetts if possible.

Issues brought up by Steve Wetmore: Long Road Award to be encouraged for trials. He hoped that somehow that this could be incorporated more formally into the NEBCA guidelines.

Sue Schoen suggested that perhaps NEBCA could provide some sponsorship for this award if provided at individual trials and the availability of these funds could be published in the newsletter. Beverly Lambert NEBCA should support training clinics instead of providing prizes at each trial. Bev suggested that NEBCA's "Supreme Champion" title be changed since it conflicts with the ISDS.

Novice Trials Committee: (given by Sally Molloy)

Sally said that the 2004 Novice Finals went well and came in under budget. She recommended that the committee offer a prize such as a tee shirt to the top ten in each class instead of just a ribbon. Fran Wheeler suggested that for prizes, handlers have the option of buying a finals top ten jacket rather than having smaller prizes presented.

Rob Drummond thought the novice finals turnout was low because the date conflicted with the National Finals. Another issue is that the number of points needed to qualify for the Novice Finals had been changed from 1 point to 3 points, which decreased the number of handlers that qualified.

Four handlers had dogs point out of a class in 2004 and were to receive a plaque. These were for N/N: Elayne Holbrook and Zak and Joann Murphy and Bess, for P/N: Linda Hotchkiss and Mae, and for Ranch: Emma Court and Marshall.

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NEBCA Business - Annual Meeting Minutes

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There are currently two offers for sites for the 2005 Novice Finals. Jim and Joanne Murphy have offered to host the Finals at their farm in Ontario, Canada. Joanne Krause has offered her farm in Granville, NY provided the date was not too close to her farm trial the end of October.

Mini-Lecture on the Genetic Test for Collie Eye Anomaly: Sue Schoen graciously provided an overview of CEA and the new DNA test for CEA that is available.

Fund Raising Committee: (given by Warren Mick)

Warren expressed thanks to Jody Sommers for his work designing the procuring the fundraising items and to Betty Murray for her help selling them.

What to do for 2005 was discussed. If Betty is unable to help this year, someone else would have to take over transporting and selling the items at trials. The fund raising committee will have to address this concern. Selling items by order only through the newsletter was suggested. Joanne Krause suggested getting sweatshirts instead of tee shirts this year.

Calendar Committee: (given by George Northrup)

Five hundred and fifty 2005 calendars were printed in 2004 and have sold out completely. Twenty calendars were not paid for (lost in mail, or given out). Last monies were just delivered to our treasurer. Deadline for photos for the calendar will be Feb. 1, 2005. Digital photo submissions should be emailed to Denise Leonard.

Margaret Wheeler presented the idea that Geri Byrne of Border Collies in Action may be interested in selling our NEBCA calendars through her business.

Gene Sheninger motioned that the Calendar and Fundraising committees make the decision on the amount to spend on calendars and fundraising items and the number calendars and fundraising items ordered. Motion seconded by Emily Yazwinski, and passed.

Newsletter Report: (given by Warren Mick)

Five newsletters were published in 2004. Fiona Robertson is the editor and has been assisted by Emily Yazwinski in the collating of trial results. The editor welcomes articles from the membership. Cynthia Arnold mentioned that she could assist as a copywriter.

George Northrup suggested that the NEBCA bylaws, all the rules and the full roster of all members of the board and committees be published in the newsletter at least one a year. Carol Campion recommended that a listing of the library holdings be sent to all new members when they join. Another suggestion was to send all new members a printed copy of the bylaws and rules.

Warren Mick motioned that a complete list of the committee and board members be published in every newsletter, that the newsletter include information on where to find the bylaws and rules on the web site and notify members that the club will mail them a printed copy of the bylaws and rules upon request. The motion was seconded by George Northrup and passed.

Library Report: (given by Margaret Wheeler)

Margaret explained the process of renting the videos.

New Business (Denise Leonard presiding)

Presentation of Awards

Steve Wetmore presented a painting to Warren Mick for Glen being Supreme Champion in 2003. Handlers sponsored the award.

Becky Peterson received the Edgar Gould Breeders Award in 2004. Becky bred Steve Wetmore's Dart, the highest placing locally bred dog at the 2004 Fall Foliage trial.

Committee Appointments

Calendar committee: Sally Lacy, Kate Collins and Denise Leonard. **Finance committee:** Maria Amodei, others TBD.

Fundraising committee: Jody Sommers, others TBD. **Library:** Margaret Wheeler.

Open and Novice committee: Appointments are not yet finalized.

New Business from the Floor

Bud Ames motioned that NEBCA sponsor a yearly "Good Shepard" award to recognize an individual that demonstrates exemplary Sportsmanship, stock handling and a positive partnership with their dog. Discussion followed as to the wording of criteria, impartial committees to nominate, etc. Concern was raised that the criteria were vague and selecting one person would be difficult. In Favor: 13, opposed 15. Motion defeated.

Joanne Krause motioned to form a committee to evaluate the possibility of a "Good Shepherd" award, set the criteria and try it for one year. Discussion followed. In favor 12, opposed 14. Motion defeated. Denise suggested working on the criteria for such an award during the year.

Beverly Lambert motioned to add the breeders list to the NEBCA website with a link to your email address or personal website. The motion was amended by Barb Armata to provide this for an additional charge of \$10. The amended motion was passed. An announcement will be placed in the next newsletter.

Steve Wetmore proposed that NEBCA offer to purchase all the fencing that we now jointly own with the Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft organization. A motion was passed that we do this and spend no more than \$200.

It was mentioned that the breeders' guidelines should be updated. Sally Lacy, Sue Schoen, Margaret Wheeler and Fran Wheeler volunteered to do this.

Announcements:

Cummington trial – The trial will be three days this year, novice on Friday, open on Sat – Sun. NEBCA needs dates for the upcoming trial season for 2005. Please email Denise Leonard or Barb Armata.

Meeting Dates for 2005

The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 28 at the Cummington trial following the competition. Additional 2005 meeting dates will be listed in the spring newsletter.

Motion to Adjourn by Steve Wetmore, seconded by Warren Mick. Meeting adjourned 2:15 P.M.



NEBCA Operating Budget for 2005

Item	Income	Expense	Net
Membership	\$6,000		\$6,000
Advertising	\$500		\$500
Library	\$100	\$300	(\$200)
Fence Rental	\$100		\$100
Bank Charges		\$50	(\$50)
Office Expenses		\$100	(\$100)
Corporate Renewal		\$20	(\$20)
Awards		\$400	(\$400)
Office Supplies		\$100	(\$100)
Insurance		\$750	(\$750)
Misc		\$300	(\$300)
Newsletter		\$3,000	(\$3,000)
Fall Foliage Trial	\$1,000	\$3,000	(\$2,000)
Novice Finals	\$1,500	\$2,500	(\$1,000)
Calendar	\$2,500	\$2,200	\$300
Fund Raising	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Total	\$14,700	\$14,720	(\$20)

NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE TRIAL RULES

Approved January 2002 at the Annual Meeting

Qualifying

To run in the Fall Foliage Trial (FF) each dog/handler team must meet the following requirements:

- Handler must be a member in good standing of NEBCA prior to qualifying.
- A handler may enter no more than two qualified dogs.
- In a trial of 52 or less dogs, the top 10 dogs will earn one placing towards the FF. In a trial of 53 or more dogs, the top 20% (rounded up) will earn one placing towards the FF. A dog must earn three placings to qualify for the FF. These placings may have been with a different handler.
- If the number of entries is sufficiently low, the required number of placings may be reduced from three to two. The Trials committee will make this determination one month prior to the trial.

Trial Format

Preliminary Round: The preliminary round will consist of two runs on a national style course with the best of the two scores determining the placings. The top ten scores from the preliminary round will advance to the finals. If multiple scores are tied for the tenth place, all dogs with that score will advance to the finals.

Finals: If conditions permit, the final round will run a double lift course. The finals will run on a clean slate. Final round ties for first place will be broken by a run-off with the method to be determined by the judge. Ties for second through tenth place will be broken by looking at the final round score breakdown. If a tie still exists, the preliminary round scores will be compared.

North East Border Collie Association Requirements for Qualifying Open Trials

Approved at 2003 annual meeting

The results of qualifying open trials will be applied to NEBCA's two seasonal competitions: the High Points Competition and the Fall Foliage Championship. To be a NEBCA qualifying open trial the trial must meet the following requirements:

1. Trials must be located in the NEBCA region (see bylaws).
2. Trial dates and intentions must be agreed to by the Open Trial Committee a least 30 days before the actual trial date.
3. The trial must be listed in the trial schedule appearing in either the NEBCA newsletter or on the NEBCA web site. "Points trials" and "Time trials" must be listed as such.
4. The trial must have a minimum of 15 dogs competing.
5. The trial must report trial results to the Open Trial Committee within 30 days of the trial.
6. The NEBCA trial season ends on the Tuesday after the third weekend in September. Qualified trials occurring after this date will be applied to the next trial season.
7. The Open Trial Committee can vote to remove NEBCA qualifying status from any trial that does not follow what are considered standard/accepted practices; or where conditions are not conducive to the health/welfare of all animals involved.

NEBCA HIGH POINTS COMPETITION RULES FOR ASSIGNING POINTS

Approved January 2002 at the Annual Meeting

Handler must be a member in good standing of NEBCA prior to participating.

In a trial of 52 or less dogs, the top 10 dogs will earn points towards the High Points Competition (HPC). In a trial of 53 or more dogs, the top 20% (rounded up) will earn points toward the HPC. Each dog will earn as many points as dogs they place above at that trial. Only NEBCA dogs will earn points but only for the placing they receive.

At the end of the season, all points for each dog's best 12 trials will be tallied using the 12 trials in which it attained the most NEBCA points. In an effort to encourage handlers to compete at a variety of trials, no more than 4 trials per state will be included in a dog's 12 best trials.

Awards will be made to the Top Ten High Point Dogs. If two dogs are tied for a Top Ten High Point Award, then the next trial in which points are obtained will be counted. If still tied, then the number of wins (first place) will be counted.

Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Points Trials But ...

By Warren Mick

I've run in points trials before, but never helped manage one, until last year. In preparation, I thought it would be a good idea to learn as much as I could about how a points trial is run. Unfortunately, there are no written guidelines for points trials, not in NEBCA or anywhere. So with the help of Steve Wetmore, I put together this information about Points trials. The information should not be viewed as official rules but rather just a list of the common practices that are often used. Hope it helps.

A points trial is a variant on the ISDS type judged sheepdog trial. These trials are often run in small venues such as at fairs or shows where spectators are expected. The simple format and objective for these trials (points & time) makes for greater spectator involvement and interest.

In a points trial both points and time are important. The objective is to get the most points in the least amount of time. The course is basically a series of obstacles. Points are allotted for each obstacle that is made. A perfect score depends on the number of obstacles and the points given per obstacle. Placing is decided first on the number of points earned. If points are tied then time is used.

The course often has the same basic layout and features as a judged open trial but usually without a shed or single. The typical obstacles are the fetch panels, the turn around the post, the drive panels, and the pen. Often a chute or similar obstacle is added to the mix. Points are allotted for making the obstacles - usually one point per sheep. If an obstacle is missed, those points are forever lost. The only obstacle for which retries are allowed is the pen. Usually, the pen is the last obstacle and time stops when it is completed. If time runs out at the pen or elsewhere on the course, the points scored up where time ran out are kept.

Points are never deducted and what happens between the obstacles is not scored. Crooked lines, crossing the cast, and other style no-no's in judged trials do not affect the point total. Even so, sloppy work usually makes for slower course and time does count.

Some common practices used at points trials and some suggestions on running them are listed below:

- A course official will keep track of points earned and time. The course official is also responsible to rule on disqualifications. Accurate officiating of a

points trial is no less important than for a judged trial.

- The trial manager or course official should clearly explain the course and rules prior to the start of the trial. Take special care explaining what constitutes passing an obstacle. What part of the sheep must be passed? The noses or the front feet are two common options.
- If the post is an obstacle, some criteria should be defined for what constitutes making or missing it. One option is to draw a horizontal line through the post, perpendicular to the fetch line. If the sheep cross the line on the wrong side they have missed the turn. Another option is to just extend the fetch line behind the post. If the sheep cross the line in the wrong direction they have missed and until they cross in the right direction they have not made it.
- At the pen, it is tempting to push the sheep in the pen with the gate, in order to stop the clock. Disqualifying people for this is one option or perhaps voiding the pen points. Another option is to have no gate and draw a line across the mouth of the pen. The pen is complete when all the sheep feet are across the line.
- The same reasons for disqualifications in judged trials also apply to points trials. These include: unnecessary grips or harassment of the stock, sheep or dog off course, handler intentionally contacting stock, inappropriate or un-sportsmanlike conduct, etc.
- Except for the pen, only one attempt is allowed per obstacle. An attempt is completed when the sheep have gone past the plane of the obstacle. If some sheep pass an obstacle, but others do not, the points for the ones that haven't yet passed an obstacle are still available.
- The sheep must have gone through and reasonably past an obstacle for it to count. How much past is up to the judge. Once passed, coming back through does not usually invalidate the points earned. If the judge feels this is being done intentionally to gain an undue time advantage, the points can be invalidated.
- The course time limit is used so that runs do not go on indefinitely. The time limit should be carefully set to keep the trial moving but just long enough so the course can be completed without the sheep being run about. One tactic sometimes used to prevent missing an obstacle is to stop the sheep before they pass the plane so that another attempt can be made. A reasonable time limit will prevent this from being done excessively.

Memory Lane ... 1990

aka "A an empty page to fill"

I'd bet most of the new members don't know the dogs in these old trial and high points results. The dogs are probably all gone now. But I remember watching many of these teams with amazement when I was just starting. The high points competition was a tight race in 1990. Queen and Lark went on to tie in the high points in 1990, the only time that's happened.

The Spring Valley Nursery trial has provided the first sheepdog trial experience for so many people and dogs over the years. Here we see Dave Young running Ben, probably in one of his first trials. It was my first trial just a year later. And look who was judging....

Enjoy Reminiscing

SPRING VALLEY FARM NURSERY TRIAL

Strafford, VT

August 26, 1990

Novice-Novice, Judged by Betty Levin

14 Dogs to the Post (90 Points Total)

1. David Young	Ben	79.5
2. Karen Greenlees	Major	69
3. Werner Reitboeck	Kip	66
4. Karen Greenlees	Dan	64
5. Jeff Senesack	Shep	59

Pro-Novice, Judged by Betty Levin

9 Dogs to the Post (90 Points Total)

1. Edie Overly	Skye	78
2. Steve Wetmore	Mirk	75
3. Gene Sheninger	Robin	74.5
4. Amanda Milliken	Jill	74
5. Beverly Lambert	Boot	71

Ranch, Judged by David Griffiths

8 Dogs to the Post (90 Points Total)

1. Larry Campion	Ky	77
2. Denise Leonard	Tess	74
3. Bruce Smart	Skye	73
4. Gabe Merrill	Zane	61
5. Bernie Stahl	Rhett	60

TOTAL POINTS ACCUMULATED THROUGH 9/9/90

Handler	Dog	Total Points
Walt Jagger	Queen	100
Beverly Lambert	Lark	81
Walt Jagger	Dot	76
Roger Deschambeault	Sue	74
Beverly Lambert	Jet	67
Roger Deschambeault	Cap	67
Cheryl Jagger Williams	Nell	66
Walt Jagger	Jill	66
Mike Canaday	Sandy	54
Amanda Milliken	Jack	52
Betty Levin	Kelty	51
Mike Canaday	Ben	48
Mike Canaday	Tibby	46
Cheryl Jagger Williams	Kim	44
Jim Clark	Maggie	39
Lynn Deschambeault	Daisy	36
Dave Webster	Cap	36
Dave Webster	Gill	36
Gene Sheninger	Nap	31
Gene Sheninger	Bonnie	27
Jim Clark	Scott	23
Becky Peterson	Queen	22
Cheryl Jagger Williams	Meg	22
Pat Buckley	Bart	22
Amanda Milliken	Hazel	19
Eve Marschark	Spin	18
Lynn Deschambeault	Dandy	17
Roger Deschambeault	Glen	17
Becky Peterson	Fly	17
Steve Wetmore	Ben	16
Nathan Mooney	Spot	16
Paul Heidenberg	Coby	12
Cheryl Jagger Williams	Tess	12
Evelyn Neuendorff	Lenard	11
Dick Williams	Dudley	11
Dick Williams	PDO	9
Roger Deschambeault	Tyson	8
Nathan Mooney	Fleet	7
Beverly Lambert	Mac	7
Beverly Lambert	Kate	7
Ted Bell	Shep	7
Jack Monsour*	Mirk	6
Dayle Hamilton	Heidi	5
Dick Williams	Star	5
Paul Heidenberg	Lynn	4
Edgar Gould	Jesse	4
Lisa Schafer*	Mirk	3
Walt Jagger	Tweed	3
Alex McKinven	Rob	3
Dayle Hamilton	Beth	3
Amanda Milliken	Waifer	3
Doug McDonough	Tweed	2
Lynnette Milleville	Magic	2
Lynn Deschambeault	Lacey	2
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