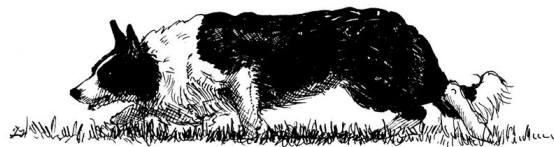


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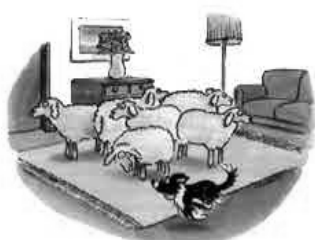
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***The third dog / handler team in NEBCA***  
***History to win both the Fall Foliage***  
***Championship and the High Points Cham-***  
***pionship in the same year!***

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## 2005 NEBCA Supreme Champions Beverly Lambert & Bill

### Submitted by the Open Trial Committee

NEBCA's supreme champion is the highest honor a dog and handler can achieve here in the northeast region. The recipient must win both the high points competition and the fall foliage championship in the same year. Not an easy feat and one, which has only been done twice before. By winning the high points competition, the team has shown they can consistently perform at many different trials across the region, competing on different courses, different sheep, and different terrain. It also shows the team has come through when the going is tough, when dealt a difficult group of sheep or running in the heat of the day. The Fall Foliage also requires more than a simply a lucky run. The fall foliage is a two round competition with a qualifying round and a double lift final. Thus the winner must demonstrated not just consistency but also the skills required for a double gather. We were also fortunate in 2005 to have sufficient sheep available to add an international shed to the final. which demonstrates yet more ability and skill.



**2005 NEBCA Supreme Ch. Bill**

This past trial season Beverly and Bill accomplished both feats most convincingly. In the high points competition, Bill's 12 trial aggregate score was 748 points! That's an average of over 62 points per trial and in that group there were three first, three second, and three third place finishes. In the Fall Foliage, Bill had the high-

est qualifying round score, 96 out of 110 and in the final, Bill scored 138 of 170, besting all other competitors by over 10 points. Bev & Bill most certainly deserve NEBCA's highest honor. On behalf of the Open Trial committee, and all your friends and fellow handlers in NEBCA, I offer our sincere congratulations and true respect for a great achievement and for setting a high standard for all to strive for.

Below, Beverly provides some interesting background and insights about Bill.

*"Bill and I got off to a bit of a rocky start. I agreed to buy him, sight unseen from Alasdair MacRae, and was very pleased when I did see him to find him not only very handsome but extremely personable. He went right to work for me and looked like a real winner. At our first big trial together, the Blue Grass in Kentucky, he was great-finishing in the top five each run and while a bit clueless in the double-lift final he tried really hard. Had we turned East from that point I think we would have been all right, but instead we headed out West for a series of tough trials finishing in California. I suspect now that our partnership was just not firm enough to withstand the very tough sheep out there. By the time the series ended Bill was running right over the top of me and looked way too much dog for a*



**Bev with Pippa and Bill (Right).**

*little old librarian. I was worried. Our performance did not noticeably improve during the remainder of the year and I went home after the Finals determined to fix over the winter what ailed us. I had seen Bill run so well at the beginning of the season I knew there was a good dog in there; I just needed to find a way for us to work together.*

*So we practiced. I would like to say that there was some magic moment when we came together but there wasn't. I went into the next season still unsure of our success. Bill had always been great at home and pretty good on the road in the northeast but I couldn't know if we were going to be the team I wanted until we got to the western sheep again. The rest as they say is history. Bill and I had a great second season and we have continued to improve as a team.*

*I have only ever run one other dog that is as much fun as Bill on the trial field. Bill is a great mix of tremendous power and biddability. He is the most powerful dog I have ever run and that power is what makes him so much fun. Sheep almost never question him. He comes around the top of the field*

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# 2005 NEBCA Supreme Champions Beverly Lambert & Bill



with complete confidence that the sheep will flee before him and I have seldom seen him disappointed. He has a great sense of balance so when we run in the strong western winds and nobodies dog can hear, Bill is often triumphant and pushes the sheep straight down the field to me. Some of our most fun wins have been in the teeth of western gales when all the handlers could do was hold on to their hats and hope for the best.

I have been pleasantly surprised that Bill has

been able to take that strong push and power and tone it down enough to be successful on the milder eastern sheep. I think that his success here is primarily a tribute to his nice nature. He is always obedient, when he can hear me. This obedience allows me to temper his strong push and keep him back off his sheep.

I appreciate my good fortune in Bill. Not only is he fun and successful on the trial field but he is the nicest male dog with whom I have ever been fortunate enough to be associated. I am now training and running some of his youngsters and I have high hopes for them as well. It sure was my lucky day when I told Alasdair I was sure if he was good enough for him to run he was good enough for me."

Beverly



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ABC No: <b>221570</b>	Sex <u>Male</u>	Date of Birth <u>3/4/1999</u>	Tran. No. _____
Name <u>IMP.BILL</u>	Color and Markings <u>BLACK/WHITE; Rough</u>	Litter Females <u>0</u>	Litter Males <u>0</u>
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## Pedigree for Beverley Lambert's Bill

# A Charming Subject (NOT!)

By Sue Schoen, V.M.D.

Vomiting and Diarrhea. Not a charming pair of topics. But what dog owner has not dealt with these problems? I rarely make it through a dog trial, or a day at work, without someone bringing them up (so to speak). I never mind. I went to vet school because I was not allowed to discuss such things at the dinner table. In vet school you can take an entire course in gastroenteritis in any number of species.

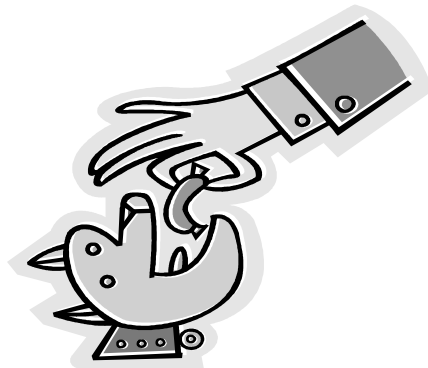
## Vomiting

The symptoms are quite distressing (often, more so for the owner than for the dog), but often resolve quickly with proper treatment. Obviously, a more serious problem can provoke the GI tract. When symptoms first appear it may be impossible to distinguish a serious from a trivial episode. Therefore, despite anything you read in this article the correct answer is always "CALL THE VET" if you are concerned. A good receptionist can help you decide if you need to be seen, and should always encourage you to come in if you believe it is necessary. Much better to be seen for a non-problem than to wait too long and regret it later. In some cases, waiting can have dire consequences. I will never forget opening up a golden retriever puppy that had been vomiting for a few days. His intestines were destroyed by pieces of carpet he had swallowed. His owners waited too long, hoping he would get better on his own. There was nothing we could do to save him. But happily, these situations are not the norm.

Let's start with an apparently healthy, vomiting dog. Remember, dogs are scavengers and hunters. They relish things that we consider disgusting. If a meal does not agree with a dog's digestion (dead ripe seagull) or if it contains too much non-digestible material (bones, socks, or paper towels) the dog's solution is to purge himself through vomition (digested stomach contents) or regurgitation (undigested stomach contents). Often after purging, a dog is

bright, alert and eager to eat again. Right away. This kind of indigestion is no big deal and can be pretty much ignored. You clean the rug, bungee the trash can, and watch for other signs of illness- but probably the case is closed.

In slightly more severe cases, a dog can feel pretty lousy after multiple episodes of vomiting (you'd feel about the same way). He may be dehydrated and depressed. It is helpful to know if the dog has a fever. This could indicate an infectious gastroenteritis. It can be hard to tell in these cases whether something more serious is going on, but again most dogs will respond to simple, supportive treatment. My rule of thumb is that if the dog is eager to go for a walk and wants to eat you can afford to give it a bit of time (hours, not days). Otherwise, call the vet. Your dog may be fine, but it is worth the phone call.



The most important thing to do in all cases of vomiting is to fast the dog for at least 24 hours. However, almost **EVERYONE FEEDS THE DOG**. I think people want the reassurance of a good appetite. Remember, adult dogs can go days without eating with no consequence. As hunters, they are adapted to an intermittent food supply. (Note: you cannot fast a small puppy for any length of time as their blood sugar will drop dangerously. Call a vet for a sick puppy.). Often if you try to feed a vomiting dog, he won't eat. If he does, he may bring it right back up. It can be especially disturbing when your dog is unable to keep down water, but if he is dehy-

drated he will guzzle the whole bowl. The stomach full of water makes him queasy, and up it comes. The thing to do is to offer the dog ice cubes or small amounts of water frequently.

If the dog seems ok after a fast, he can be re-introduced to bland food like boiled hamburger and steamed white rice. I have people feed this for 3-4 days and gradually re-introduce the normal diet.

If a dog does not respond to simple supportive treatment or, is obviously very distressed from the get-go, more aggressive diagnostics and therapy are required. A dog which vomits every two hours or, vomits for more than a 24 hour period, can't hold down small amounts of water, or appears painful, has a serious problem. Possible causes include a foreign body which is causing an obstruction (common in puppies and young dogs who eat rocks, carpet, plastic etc); toxic exposure (mushrooms, poisons, medications); infectious disease; metabolic disease (pancreatitis, liver or kidney failure); or cancer. The dog's signalment (age, sex, breed etc) can suggest possible reasons for the problem (e.g., cancer is more likely in an older dog whereas a foreign body is more likely in a puppy living in a house full of peanut butter covered Legos). Radiographs, blood work or surgery will be necessary in a dog that continues to vomit despite simple, supportive care.

For a dog that can't take water orally, subcutaneous or intravenous fluids can be essential to correct previous and continuing fluid losses. Dehydration is extremely debilitating and is often the most profound consequence of vomiting. In a dog with an infectious gastroenteritis (viral or bacterial like Parvovirus or hemorrhagic gastroenteritis) fluid therapy is the mainstay of treatment. If a dog has eaten a rock he will probably need fluid therapy to stabilize him for surgery. Even in fairly simple cases of gastritis fluids just makes a dog feel a

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# 2006 NEBCA Trials & Clinics

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## March 24 – 26

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

## April 29 – 30

Connecticut Sheep Breeders SDT  
Tolland Agricultural Center, Vernon, CT  
One novice & two open trials  
Sue Schoen, 508-548-5347  
[sbschoen@adelphia.net](mailto:sbschoen@adelphia.net)

## April 29 - 30

O.C. Sheep Herding Co. Open  
Old Chatham, NY  
Two open trials  
Warren Mick, 518-861-5854  
[mickwa@capital.net](mailto:mickwa@capital.net)

## May 12 - 15

Borders On Paradise SDT  
Turbotville, PA  
Two novice & open trials, USBCHA  
Nursery  
Dave & Debbie Fetterman, 570-742-3527  
[d.fetterman2@verizon.net](mailto:d.fetterman2@verizon.net)

## May 13 - 14

NH Sheep & Wool Festival Intl. SDT  
Hopkinton Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH  
Two novice & open trials  
David Lewis, 603-529-6138  
[kdlfarm@tds.net](mailto:kdlfarm@tds.net)

## May 20-21 CLINIC

Kathy Knox Clinic - All levels  
Bittersweet Farm Hampton CT  
Maximum 15 dog / handler teams;  
\$180 for 2 days, includes lunch Carol  
Campion, 860-455-9415 or Email:  
[Campionbc@yahoo.com](mailto:Campionbc@yahoo.com)

## May 26 - 28

Mass Sheep & Woolcraft Fair SDT  
Fairgrounds, Cummington, MA  
One novice trial & two open trials  
Info: Kate Collins/George Northrop  
978-624-5562, [geor-ge01368@yahoo.com](mailto:geor-ge01368@yahoo.com)  
Entries: Denise Leonard, 413-773-5232; [dal@equinox.shaysnet.com](mailto:dal@equinox.shaysnet.com)

## June 2-4

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

## June 10-11

Mountain Meadow Farm SDT  
Two open trials, USBCHA sanctioned  
Mary Ames, 603-448-5429  
[mbames@valley.net](mailto:mbames@valley.net)

## June 15-18

PA State Championship SDT  
Sheepy Hollow Farm, Hop Bottom, PA  
Two novice & open trials  
Cheryl Jagger-Williams, 570-289-4733; [culleymont@epix.net](mailto:culleymont@epix.net)

## June 17-18

Mountain Meadow Farm SDT  
Two novice trials  
Judge: Sue Schoen  
Mary Ames, 603-448-5429  
[mbames@valley.net](mailto:mbames@valley.net)

## June 24-25

High Point Farm Novice Trial  
Knox, NY  
Two novice trials plus USBCHA nursery  
Peter VanDerCar, 518-482-2625

## June 24-25

Brome SDT  
Brome, Quebec  
Two open trials  
Dave Young, 819-889-3276  
[dyoung@ubishops.ca](mailto:dyoung@ubishops.ca)

## June 24-25

Shepherd's Crook Farm SDT  
Lorneville, Ontario  
Two novice & open trials  
Ian & Shona Talbot, 705-357-3427  
[ian\\_shona@hotmail.com](mailto:ian_shona@hotmail.com)

## July 1-3

Fetch Gate Farm SDT  
Cortland, NY  
One novice & two open trials  
Roger & Heather Millen, 607-835-6584; [millen@frontiernet.net](mailto:millen@frontiernet.net)

## July 8-9

Merck Forest Open SDT  
Rupert, VT  
Two open trials  
Jody Somers, 518-642-1580  
[joannekrause1@hotmail.com](mailto:joannekrause1@hotmail.com)

## July 15-16

Mad River Valley SDT  
Waitsfield, VT  
Two novice & open trials  
Nancy Phillips, 802-496-7625  
[nphillips@madriver.com](mailto:nphillips@madriver.com)

## July 21-23

Bloomfield SDT  
Bloomfield, CT  
Two open trials & double-lift final  
Beverly Lambert, 860-742-5300  
[blambert2@mac.com](mailto:blambert2@mac.com)

## July 29-30

Lennoxville International SDT  
Lennoxville, Quebec  
Two PN, nursery & open trials  
(only open is NEBCA qualifying)  
Dave Young, 819-889-3276  
[dyoung@ubishops.ca](mailto:dyoung@ubishops.ca)

## August 4-7

Ewesful Acres SDT  
Portland, ON  
Two novice & open trials  
Jim & Joanne Murphy, 613-283-7212  
[jomur9@hotmail.com](mailto:jomur9@hotmail.com)

## August 10-13

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials and  
Canadian Championship  
Grass Creek Park, Kingston, Ontario  
One PN trial & two open trials with  
double-lift final  
(only open is NEBCA qualifying)  
Amanda Milliken, 613-531-9405  
[amilliken@kos.net](mailto:amilliken@kos.net)

## August 18-20

Leatherstocking Sheep Dog Trial  
Cooperstown, NY  
One novice & two open trials  
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[taffaway@aol.com](mailto:taffaway@aol.com)

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# 2006 Trials & Clinics

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## August 26

Vermont State Championship SDT  
Scottish Festival, Quechee, VT  
One open trial  
Steve Wetmore; 802-765-4466  
swwet@valley.net

## August 27

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

## August 31

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

## September 2-3

Blue Hill Fair SDT  
Blue Hill, ME  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Two open points trials  
Jim Davidson, 207-677-2224

## September 2-4

New Jersey State Sheep Dog Trial  
Fosterfields, Morristown, NJ  
Two novice & open trials  
Gene Sheninger, 973-299-9785  
esheninger@optonline.net

## September 4

Last day of NEBCA 2006 novice trial season

## September 9-10

Green Lane Park Scottish Irish Festival SDT, Green Lane, PA  
Two novice & open trials  
Jim Strohecker, 215-679-1177  
jhs214@verizon.net

## September 16-17 TENTATIVE

NEBCA Novice Finals  
Location TBD

## September 18-19

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

## September 19

Last day of NEBCA 2006 open trial season

## September 22

NH Highland Games SDT  
Loon Mountain, NH  
One open points trial  
Must pre-register to get entry pass  
Lynn Deschambeault,  
merlynn@pivot.net

## September 23-24

Nation Valley SDT  
Navall Farm, Winchester, Ontario  
Two novice & open trials  
Werner Reitboeck; 613-448-3266  
werner@workingbordercollies.ca

## September 26 - October 1

USBCA National Finals

## September 30

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

## October 1

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

## October 6-8 TENTATIVE

NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial  
Location TBA

## October 21-22

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

## October 27-29

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



## Ames' Mountain Meadow Farm 2006 Trials

**NOVICE TRIAL:** Friendly atmosphere, lots of help and support for novice handlers and beautiful surroundings!  
Two, one-day NEBCA sanctioned Novice trials Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18, 2006. Novice, Pro-Novice and Ranch classes. Judge: Sue Schoen

**OPEN TRIAL:** Two, one-day Open Trials sanctioned by NEBCA and USBCA Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 2006. Judge: TBA. Trials begin 8:00 am each day, handlers meeting at 7:30 am.

**Limits:** Each trial will be limited to 50 dogs.

**Closing date:** All entries close June 5, 2005 and no monies will be returned for withdrawn entries after that date.

**Sheep:** The sheep we will be using will be a combination of lambs and ewes, Katahdins and/or Katahdin crosses.

**Field:** The farm field we will be using is steep, interspersed with trees and the trial will have an uphill fetch.

**Entry fees:** \$35 per dog per day.

Please make checks payable to: Mary Ames and mail with entry to: Mary Ames, 46 Eastman Hill Road, Lebanon, NH 03766-2103. For more info: Phone: 603-448-5429

### Directions to both trials:

**From the north and west:** Take I-89 south to Exit 17 (NH). Turn right at the end of the ramp. Go 1.2 miles and turn right onto Eastman Hill Road. We are the 5th Driveway on the right. Follow signs.

**From the south:** Take I-89 north to Exit 16. Turn right at end of ramp onto Eastman Hill Road. Go 2 miles. Turn left at "Ames" sign. Follow signs.

Hope to see you all!



# NEBCA Annual Meeting: January 21, 2006, Deerfield, MA

## Minutes submitted by Maria Mick, Secretary

Meeting called to order by Denise Leonard at 10:18AM, 32 members present.

### President's Report

Denise thanked Emily for arranging for the meeting site. The minutes from the last meeting at the Cooperstown trial were not available and so would have to be approved at the next meeting.

### Secretary's Report – membership status (given by Maria Mick)

As of 1-20-06, membership stands at 154 members including 44 family memberships. There are currently 11 included in the breeders directory and 6 in the website breeders directory. There is one member who has paid for a yearly ad for the newsletter. There are 5 life memberships.

### Treasurer's Report - financial summary for 2005 (given by Maria Amodel)

Maria stated that the fund raising went well but trial costs were expensive especially considering the prizes and renting of site facilities. We had purchased fencing in 2005 but there were also some trials who utilized club fencing without payment.

The current balance is about \$12,600 (see budget provided). Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Gene Sheninger and seconded by Betty Levin.

### Election committee - election results (given by Steve Wetmore)

Election for two open Board of Director positions (to join Warren Mick and Mary Ellen Young): Dick Williams – 1, Roger Deschambeault - 3, Bud Ames - 3, Emily Yazwinski – 17, Sally Lacy - 53, Betty Levin - 50, Eve Marschark - 44, Bernie Armata - 41

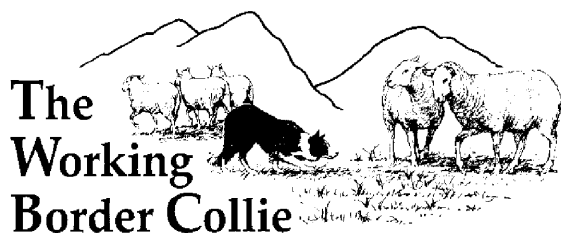
Based on the votes cast Sally and Betty will be the two new directors

### Board of Directors (given by Sue Schoen)

Sue said no significant issues came before the board in 2005 and there was nothing to report.

### Open Trials committee (given by Warren Mick)

In summary, the 2005 Fall Foliage (FF) was at the same site as in 2004, (Amherst, MA) and came in close to budget. The FF breakdown costs will be in spring newsletter. There are no more expenses anticipated. There are no proposals for a



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site for 2006 site yet (Amherst is no longer an option). There have been no issues this year.

Sue Schoen presented the two proposed open rule changes (for the FF) that were included in the winter newsletter.

Proposal 1 was amended to the following: "A handler may enter no more than three qualified dogs. The Trials committee will decide if handlers may run two or three dogs based on the number of dogs entered that year. Only 2 dogs per handler may advance to the final round." Proposal 1 as amended was passed.

Proposal 2 was passed as written in the newsletter: "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."

### Novice Trials committee (given by Rob Drummond)

Rob stated that the 2005 novice finals (NF) held in Hopkinton NH went very well but was not well attended and came in over budget. The committee worked very hard to put on a really good event for participants. Nice awards, good sheep and a good sheep handling crew. Unfortunately the trial coincided with the peak in gas prices after the hurricane and that hurt attendance more than the location. Only 25 handlers

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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 7, Glen has placed in the top 10 of approximately 120 Open trials. CEA/CH genetic test "normal". Grandson of Berhow's "Nick" (3 time USBCHA National Champ). Glen is a very biddable & stylish worker. Eyes clear, hips OFA certified. Warren & Maria Mick, Altamont, NY (518) 861-5854, or mickwa@capital.net.

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**GREAT TRAINING SHEEP:** Wool X ewes for sale in Central PA. 2-4 yo, healthy, light but sane. Great for teaching shedding. \$80 each. Will deliver within reasonable distance for extra fee. Contact Lori Cunningham at: (570) 522-9993.

**TARAVALE FARM OFFERS FOR SALE:** Sheep: Ewe lambs, ram lambs or wethers; purebred Montadale, purebred Scottish Blackface, and crosses. If you are interested in a ram, please contact me prior to the middle of March, as I usually castrate all males. We're to start lambing the middle of March.

Puppies: Hopefully, puppies late spring out of Imported Jill and by Tal (Deb Kramer's). Pups from Tal/Dolly are working so nicely, thus the decision to breed Jill to Tal. Jill is fast, bold yet very biddable. Please call to reserve your puppy. Two are already spoken for. Barbara Armata: (518) 875-6471; Tafaway@aol.com

**BORDER COLLIE TRAINING SERVICES:** In-house training, specializing in giving young dogs a great start. Handling border collies for over 20 years. References available. Lessons also. Barbara Leverett, St.Johnsville, NY. Phone: (518) 568-2833.

**MERLYNN KENNELS BORDER COLLIES** and Katahdin Hair Sheep. Merle and black and white puppies, occasionally started dogs. All breeding stock OFA certified and eye checked. Proven producers of trial and obedience winners. Katahdin Hair Sheep originated in Maine, excellent for working dogs, no shearing, no tail-docking necessary. Lynn Deschambeault, Merlynn Kennels, 342 Hio Ridge Rd., Denmark, ME 04009. (207) 452-2898.

## STANDING AT STUD AT BITTERSWEET FARM:

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*"...Whiterose Kep has been a much sought after sire with many of his offspring showing up well in recent nurseries and continuing into Open trials"*

*International Sheepdog News-June-2003*

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Grandsire of: Ewan McKinnon's Glen-2003 Scottish Nursery Champion; Johnny Wilson's Sweep-6th place, 2005 Scottish Nursery.

DNA/CEA tested clear, Hips Good

*Pedigree available online at:*

*<http://www.canadianbordercollies.org/Pedigrees/WhiteroseKep.pdf>*

*Thanks to Stuart Davidson for enhancing our North American bloodlines with three great dogs: International Champions, Craig & Star, and Scottish National Champion, Kep*

**Contact: Carol Campion**  
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**860-455-9416**

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**Got something to sell? Looking to buy? Looking for a trainer? Classified ads are just \$3 per issue for members, or \$10 annually! Send ad to creekside-farm@sympatico.ca and send payment to NEBCA c/o treasurer, Maria Amodei (for address, see page 2).**



**Barb Klein's Marty**



**& Tad**

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and 35 dogs competed in the trial. Trial income was low due to the low attendance and there some unexpected expenses and some that were higher than planned.

A long discussion followed on how to increase attendance and better control expenses for the Novice Finals. Rose Redick said not all novice handlers are willing to travel long distances to attend trials and suggested asking members for input.

Carol motioned that the membership be surveyed regarding the novice finals and novice trial program. The survey would be put in the spring newsletter. Motion seconded by Rob and passed. Carol agreed work with the committees to prepare the survey.

Rob said the committee had dealt with several requests to drop dogs down one class. The committee addressed these individually did not feel any changes to the guidelines were needed.

## Calendar Committee report (Given by George Northrop)

George stated that nearly all of the six hundred year 2006 calendars were sold. He recommended that no more than 600 – 2007 calendars be printed in 2006. Gene motioned that we print up to 600 calendars with the price not to exceed \$3000. Seconded by Warren Mick and passed.

## Newsletter report (given by Warren Mick for Fiona Robertson)

Fiona has agreed to continue as newsletter editor for 2006. As always, she is always eager to receive articles and material from members. Emily Yazwinski has volunteered once again to assist Fiona in compiling trial results but it may be more efficient to forward trial write-ups and results to Fiona directly. Everyone present expressed appreciation to Fiona for doing a great job.

Gene Sheninger motioned that the newsletter have a budget of \$3100 for 2006. The motion was seconded by Maria Amodei and passed.

## Library report (given by Denise Leonard for Martha Walke)

Martha would like suggestions for new purchases. Doug McDonough suggested that the library should consider converting some of the older VHS tapes to DVD.

Barb Armata motioned to budget \$300 for the library. The motion was seconded by Rose Redick and passed.

## Fund Raising Report (given by Joanne Krause)

Joanne requested help with the fund raising activities this year. Artwork is needed by the end of March and should be mentioned in the newsletter.

Barb Armata motioned that we budget \$2000 for hats & T-shirts this year. The motion was seconded by Joyce Westcott and passed.

## **BREAK FOR LUNCH**

## Presentation of awards (given by Warren Mick and Rob Drummond)

The Edgar Gould Breeders Trophy was presented to Denise Leonard as the breeder of Lori Cunningham's Tess who placed second at the 2005 Fall Foliage.

Class graduation recognition - Joanne Murphy and Maude

## **New Business**

### Committee Appointments

Denise said committee appointments were not yet decided but would be provided in the Spring Newsletter.

### Update on 2007 Finals Bid (given by Gene Sheninger)

Gene reported on the work of the committee formed at the Cooperstown trial to submit a proposal to the USBCHA to host the National Finals on the east coast in 2007. Gene said the finals committee would need to raise \$30,000-50,000 to put on the finals and already has approximately \$7500. The Mid Atlantic Border Collie Rescue Association, which has 501(c)(7) non-profit status, has agreed to act as sponsoring organization for the finals and all donations would be tax deductible. The proposed site is in Gettysburg, PA, which is an existing event venue with the needed facilities. A flock of 1200 sheep located about 50 miles away may be available.

Gene motioned that NEBCA fund the national finals effort by donating \$5,000 in two yearly installments of \$2500 towards having the finals in Gettysburg in 2007. Motion was amended by Gene to state that should the finals not take place in the northeast in 2007 that the amount donated thus far would be returned to NEBCA and that if the finals produces a net profit, NEBCA would have a say in determining how its portion of said profit is dispersed. The motion as amended was passed with one abstention.

### Trial Budgets for 2006

Gene Sheninger motioned a \$1600 budget for the Fall Foliage trial. The motion was seconded by Warren Mick and passed.

Bernie Armata motioned that the Novice Finals budget be \$800. The motion was amended by Bernie to increase the budget to \$1200. The motion as amended was passed.

### Other business from the floor

Sally Lacy provided an update on the BC health studies she is involved with. She said more dogs were needed for the DSL hip study. This study also is pursuing a DNA test for hip problems. The epilepsy study also continues. Handouts were provided.

Steve Wetmore suggested that we give national recognition to Bev Lambert and Bill as the newest NEBCA Supreme Champion by putting a congratulatory announcement in The American Border Collie Magazine. Gene noted that the ABC magazine editor has promised free ads for any contributor to the nationals.

Fran Wheeler stated that this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> year for the Blue Hill Fair SDT in Maine and suggested giving recognition to trial managers Jim and May Davidson for having the longest running trial in the US. Betty Levin made the motion for no more than \$100 for a recognition award to the Davidson's. The motion was seconded by Bernie Armata and passed.

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## Announcements

Peter VandeCar announced that he will be having a novice trial at his new farm in upstate NY in late June and hoped everyone would try to come.

Meeting dates for 2006: Saturday of the Cummington SDT, Saturday of the Leatherstocking SDT, others TBA

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 

Thanks to Grace Smith for this photo  
of her dog Lock Eye Millie.



## In the Mind of a Champion - A Review By Deb Mickey

Like many I go to clinics, read and watch everything I can get my hands on, and try not to be too big a bother when pumping experienced handlers for knowledge. Denise Wall, successful sheepdog trialer and master photographer, has done us a great favor by providing this wonderful opportunity to get inside the minds of two of the most accomplished handlers we have today.

Denise and StilHope Productions



have taken quality videos of Scott Glenn's 2001 and Alasdair MacRae's 2004 winning runs at the Bluegrass Classic Open Stockdog Trial and paired them with running commentary from these handlers. Both runs shown on this DVD are of the double lift finals competition. The DVD starts with an explanation of the course requirements displayed with clear graphics and narration.

Scott and Alasdair describe what was happening almost step-by-step. They explain their strategies, honestly own up to their errors, and give wonderful insight into what was going on between the dog and sheep. Both runs end with the International Shed and pen – shedding then penning 5 colored sheep from the flock of 20 that were taken around the course. Just watching and listening to these two men as they work the shed is worth the cost of the DVD.

For this still self-professed newbie with six years in the sport, the handling insights provided are exciting to hear and thought provoking. The skill these handlers show reading the stock, their dogs, and the impact of the course layout is a lesson in itself. If I could be granted one wish, though, it would be that the DVD provided the breakdown of their scores following each run, but I expect to wear out this DVD by playing it again and again to squeeze out every drop of knowledge it provides.

*In the Mind of a Champion* is just that – a rare insight into the minds of a couple of our greats. For more information on this DVD, contact Denise at [cdwall@mindspring.com](mailto:cdwall@mindspring.com) or go to Geri Byrne's Border Collies in Action web site:

[www.bordercollies.com](http://www.bordercollies.com).



# NEBCA Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by Maria Amodei, Treasurer*

## 2005 Actuals

### INFLOWS

Advertisements	\$157.00
Breeders Directory	
Listing	\$280.00
Web Link	\$100.00
TOTAL Breeders Directory	\$380.00
Calendar Sales	
2005 Calendar	\$192.00
2006 Calendar	\$2,286.50
TOTAL Calendar Sales	\$2,478.50
Fence Rental	\$75.00
Interest Inc	\$87.71
Library Fees	\$81.00
Membership Dues	
Family	\$1,755.00
Individual	\$3,270.00
TOTAL Membership Dues	\$5,025.00
Novelty Sales (shirts, hats, etc.)	\$3,097.00
Trial Income	
2005 Fall Foliage	\$1,110.00
2005 Novice Finals	\$1,190.00
TOTAL Trial Income	\$2,300.00

### TOTAL INFLOWS

**\$13,681.21**

### Comments:

- Not all 2006 calendar sales are in 2005, some are in 2006.
- Shirts and Hats sold very well for almost \$1,300 profit
- Trial expense was extremely high. Some of this was awards which can easily be reduced. Some was facilities cost, more of a challenge to reduce. Some was lack of entry fees, also a challenge to remedy.
- Insurance includes a portion of the 2006 premium
- Some 2005 membership monies were credited in 2004
- Fence rental is low. We have no system in place to track which trials are using the fence so we can get paid. We did purchase the fence outright this year, along with some posts, etc. for repairs which shows on the fence rental line. We paid some 2004 trial expense in 2005

### OUTFLOWS

Administrative	\$40.55
Awards	
High Points	\$174.85
TOTAL Awards	\$174.85
Bank Charge	\$56.58
Calendar Expense	
2006 Calendar	\$2,910.60
TOTAL Calendar Expense	\$2,910.60
Equipment Purchase	\$282.44
Groceries	\$17.35
Insurance	\$1,248.00
Library Administration	\$42.25
Newsletter	
Postage	\$876.20
Printing	\$1,866.61
Supplies	\$40.55
TOTAL Newsletter	\$2,783.36
Novelties - Cost of Goods Sold	\$1,798.10
Postage and Delivery	\$70.58
Supplies, Bus	\$25.13
Trial Expense	
2004 Fall Foliage	\$1,250.00
2004 Novice Finals	\$55.80
2005 Fall Foliage	
Awards	\$418.73
Dinner (net)	\$150.00
Facilities (field, tent rental)	\$236.25
Food	\$162.00
Judge	\$951.22
Misc	\$41.96
Sanitary	\$240.50
Setout	\$450.00
Sheep Rental	\$400.00
TOTAL 2005 Fall Foliage	\$3,050.66
2005 Novice Finals	
Awards	\$962.88
Cookout (net)	\$110.00
Facilities (field, tent rental)	\$1,012.50
Food	\$145.88
Judge	\$400.00
Sanitary	\$300.00
Secretary Services	\$100.00
Setout	\$400.00
Sheep Rental	\$765.00
TOTAL 2005 Novice Finals	\$4,196.26
TOTAL Trial Expense	\$8,552.72

### TOTAL OUTFLOWS

**\$18,002.51**

### OVERALL TOTAL

**(\$4,321.30)**



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## NEBCA Total Plan

Item	2006 Plan		Net
	Income	Ex- pense	
Membership	\$5,500		\$5,500
Advertising (brdrs list, ads)	\$500		\$500
Library	\$100	\$300	(\$200)
Fence Rental	\$100	\$50	\$50
Bank Charges/Interest	\$70	\$20	\$50
Office Expenses		\$250	(\$250)
Awards		\$150	(\$150)
Insurance		\$1,000	(\$1,000)
Misc		\$300	(\$300)
Newsletter		\$3,100	(\$3,100)
Fall Foliage Trial	\$1,200	\$2,800	(\$1,600)
Novice Trial	\$1,200	\$2,400	(\$1,200)
2004 Trial Expense			
2007 National Finals		\$2,500	(\$2,500)
Calendar	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Fund Raising	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Total:	\$14,670	\$17,870	(\$3,200)

Looks good to me!  
What about Ewe?



## Trial Budgets

Category	Budget 2006	
	Fall Foliage	Novice. Finals
Awards	\$400.00	\$400.00
Dinner	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tents, etc.	\$300.00	\$300.00
Judge	\$750.00	\$400.00
Judge Travel		
Misc	\$200.00	\$150.00
Sanitary	\$300.00	\$300.00
Set Out	\$200.00	\$200.00
Sheep	\$400.00	\$400.00
Secretary		
Food	\$150.00	\$150.00
Site Rental		
Scribe		
Gifts		
Programs		
Insurance		
Total Expenses:	\$2,800.00	\$2,400.00
Entry Income:	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Program Ad Income:		
Net:	(\$1,600.00)	(\$1,200.00)

All those numbers make  
me nervous. I think  
I'll take a relaxing  
bath...





# East Coast National Finals 2007 Update

*Submitted by Barbara Levinson*

On behalf of the 2007 Finals Bid Committee, we would like to update the NEBCA membership on what is going on with our efforts to bring the 2007 USBCHA finals to the East Coast.

Recently, we negotiated an agreement for use of a site in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This venue will make a tremendous finals field, with plenty of room for spectators, parking and vendors. It is also centrally located on the East Coast and within easy driving distance for several cities and airports. The USBCHA has been in contact with us encouraging our participation in the Finals bid process and we anticipate submitting our formal bid to the USBCHA shortly.

The process of putting the 2007 finals bid together has already been quite a learning experience. One of the first things we learned was that most clubs, like NEBCA, are not set up to legally handle the type of fundraising needed for an event the size of the finals. In order to do this properly, we have teamed with Mid-Atlantic Border Collie

Rescue, a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, which provides Border Collie rescue services throughout the region. This partnership will allow for contributions to the 2007 finals to be legally tax deductible!

Check the NEBCA website and newsletter for updates on the progress of bringing the 2007 USBCHA finals to Gettysburg!

We are sure many NEBCA members will participate— as competitors, volunteers or spectators. And, of course, we would welcome any fund raising ideas!

*Want to help?*

**Email: [NationalFinals2007@att.net](mailto:NationalFinals2007@att.net)**



Let's spread the wealth...  
Join in and help us to bring  
the National Finals East!  
*Fall of 2007 ~ Gettysburg PA*  
*We need your support to help us make  
this happen.*

**National Finals  
Committee 2007**

E-mail: [NationalFinals2007@att.net](mailto:NationalFinals2007@att.net)

## Springtime is for PUPPIES !



Thanks to Barb Klein for  
most of these photos !

Upper Right photo submitted  
by Fiona Robertson.



# Coyote Attack Part II: Saving #30

By: Anonymous Shepherd

Some of us get sentimental about our animals, especially if they have been around a while, are great mothers and despite their age are still lambing well, that was the way it was with poor # 30. (This is her story).

Eddy slewed the trailer to the side door of the barn in a manner only a farmer can do. One side parked to cut off escape, the other open enough to operate the tailgate and door thing that allowed animals of various sizes and shapes to be loaded and unloaded. Dog took up position on the open side in his all-knowing way and I threw down a bale of hay under the tailgate for a step and to cut off yet another escape route.

Eddy struggled with the pins, bent and rusted with use. "You'll have to get the bar" he said "behind the seat somewhere." I headed off to the cab, lurched the bench seat back forward and was amazed at the amount of stuff that had accumulated in such a small space, what wasn't in here I thought? I rummaged, finding an odd looking steel bar with a point on one end bent in a semi twisted shape, I finally recognized it as a tool that had once performed a specific task, but that, no longer possible!

I hurried to the rear of the trailer, "That's it" cried Eddy "couldn't do without it" (I marveled at how anyone could do anything at all with it?) With a quick flick of the wrist the pins shot out and the tailgate groaned open to a near horizontal position finally binding completely. Faces appeared nervous with anticipation, Dog had crept forward, "Get back" was the curt command, first one ewe and then the rest were off the trailer and in the barn, finally #30; we helped carry her down, blood still oozing down the injured leg.

I knew it was a matter of time, I had to attend to the wound right away, blood loss and infection serious considerations. #30 was still putting some weight on the leg, which to me was a good sign, but she was still

bleeding, the skin that had been ripped away was 4 hand spans wide, from below the hip to behind the knee, and there were pockets of skin collecting blood and ooze. I put her in a stall and set about cleaning and washing the wound, cutting away the hanging skin and wool. I pressed against her flank, hoping the whole while she wouldn't lie down before I had finished the task. I cleaned the area with water and peroxide and made a rudimentary bandage of gauze and duct tape. I gave her fresh water and some grain, which she ate greedily! Another good sign, I thought.

I was tidying the stall and putting in hay when my wife appeared at the door, noticing that the bandage was already coming off and blood still seeped down the leg into the stall. We agreed that if we were going to try and save her we needed to call the vet. A lot of farmers would have elected to put her down at this point but 2005 had been a bad year for losses of all kinds! and it was time to tempt fate.

We gave 30 a shot of penicillin and made the call. Errands awaited and I set off to town, dog next to me on the passenger seat. When I returned I saw the familiar profile of the vet's pickup in the drive, its large beige fiberglass insert, filling the box, full of drawers and cupboards for all kinds of eventuality. The back door was open and André was standing talking to my wife. A vet ready for business, he was in his blue boiler suit with the sleeves rolled up to the elbows, freshly washed black rubber boots and hands rough and squeaky clean. My wife was holding some medication in her arms.

"Its bad" André said " If she had a small patch of skin missing I would be optimistic but this is going to take weeks or months to heal, and the risk of infection its high, I can perform some surgery and prescribe a variety of medication but frankly cannot guarantee the outcome. In all fairness

it is not worth the cost. I have given a shot for tetanus, and more antibiotics. If you have time and are willing I have an avenue for you to pursue that may work, I would like to check when I'm passing.

"You should keep her in the stall and bed her on straw, keeping the bedding clean. Straw won't stick to the wound like the wood shavings you're using. Take her out every day and wash the wound with cold water under pressure for five minutes or more, the water will cleanse the area and stimulate healing. As the healing starts, the area will begin to itch. I could prescribe another type of dressing, but think that BluKote will do just as well. Pat the entire area dry and spray the wound every day.

"Provided she maintains a good appetite and appears bright she has a chance, she is in good shape. You will have to administer a course of antibiotics and give vitamin B for her blood loss. Good luck!" and with that he was off!

I looked at my Wife "what do think?" "We should try!" she said. I knew it was going to be hard on her, since I was going to be away for work for a couple of weeks and she was going to have to manhandle #30 each day by her self. We figured a way to tether the ewe to the side of the barn outside the door within reach of the hose, It was early November but still mild enough for us to use the hose outside. The first few days were quite a challenge, as #30 spent a good deal of time laying down and was very stubborn about being led out of the stall. She slipped her harness several times and headed into the empty barn. I had to take to using the large chestnut crook that I kept hanging by the loft door to restrain her, as a Hampshire/Cheviot cross and five years old she weighs in at about 175lbs. She is big boned and muscular, and despite the weak leg, I would go through what I call the Harry Potter moment

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# Coyote Attack Part II: Saving #30

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when you either stop dead or are airborne on the end of a stick.

André the vet had warned us that the first couple of weeks would be the most critical, the wound being so large that it would heal very slowly, the holes in the muscle were large but the muscle was not torn. Blood still formed when she put weight on her leg but after the first week she was able to put more weight with no bleeding, the blue coat all but obliterated the flesh, its dark purple glaring against the white wool.

Eight days after we brought her home it was time for me to leave on a job, I was going to be away for at least two weeks maybe more. At least after the first week, #30 was a lot easier to entice out of her stall, but was still determined to turn into the open barn rather than be led out the side door. I told my wife I'd call every day and set off that morning. Into the third week #30 was walking, scabs beginning to come away, five more days and more scab material - the skin pink underneath. By 3 weeks she was bellowing from the barn and not eating very much. My wife called the Vet. André

said if she's still alive let her out with the flock. By December 1st although the wound still looked horrible, she was out and almost running.

I finally came home on my birthday December 8th. #30 and my wife had survived the ordeal, Its now February 2006 and the wound is almost completely healed. The skin and wool have returned and she is sprightly and healthy.

Perseverance does pay off ! It's a good beginning to a New Year for the man out standing in his field.



## Trial Results



**Bittersweet Farm Fall Novice Trial, Hampton, CT, Nov.4-5, 2005. Results from Sheepdog-L**

**Hosts: Carol & Larry Campion**

**Judge: Sue Schoen, Cape Cod, MA**

The Bittersweet Novice Trial was held this past weekend in CT at the Farm of Larry & Carol Campion. The sheep were well suited to the novice trial-each handler drew a lot of two Kathadin ewes and one Border Leicester/Cheviot cross ewe. The ewes were used to dogs but not often worked and if treated right were lovely to handle. The level of handling and the quality of dogs and training allowed for controlled and successful runs. The judging was ably executed by Sue Schoen of Cape Cod Massachusetts. Many folks pitched in to make the trial run smoothly and a big thanks goes to them, as usual.

Thanks to those in the pen: Val Pietrazsewska and Ellen Rusconi Black & Carol Campion; set out was done by Chris Bowen (Chris, an open handler, made a special effort to come just to help hold out), Emily Yazwinski, Tom Leigh, Carol Campion & Lorna McMasters; scribes: Martha Walke, Carol Lockhart, & Kate Collins and thanks to Ellen Rusconi-Black & Carol Campion for the great soups on Sat & Sunday!

Special thanks to Carolyn West, Ann Devine and Yvonne Elwood who donated hours of their time ahead of the trial to help paint the panels, set up fencing and set up the course. If there is anyone I missed, forgive me and thank you for the help. Carol.

### **Saturday Novice (13 dogs ran)**

- 1 Carolyn West Dash
- 2 Mary Liebau Moss
- 3 Val Pietrazewska Leaf
- 4 Carolyn West Jill
- 5 Maryann Fallon Nanna
- 6 Mary Liebau Nip
- 7 Anne Devine Nell
- 8 Michelle Brothers XP Roy

### **Saturday Pro-Novice (12 dogs ran)**

1. Mary Liebau Annie
2. Rob Drummond Maggie
3. Anne Devine Ben
4. Anne Devine Taff
5. Rob Drummond Tyke
6. Maryann Fallon Bailey
7. Lorna McMasters Cricket

### **Saturday Ranch (6 dogs ran)**

1. Emily Yazwinski Nip
2. Michelle Brothers XP Snap
3. Carol Lockhart Gwen
4. Joan McGrath Amos
5. Kitze McCormick Jax
6. Kitze McCormick Wink

### **Sunday Novice (13 dogs ran)**

1. Anne Devine Nell
2. Val Petraswezska Leaf
3. Mary Liebau Moss
4. Carolyn West Jill
5. Mary Liebau Nip
6. Martha Walke Sweep

### **Sunday Pro-Novice (9 dogs ran)**

1. Rob Drummond Maggie
2. Anne Devine Taff
3. Anne Devine Ben
4. Mary Liebau Annie
5. Cheryl Landry Patch

6. Rob Drummond Tyke

### **Sunday Ranch (5 dogs ran)**

1. Tom Leigh Jo
2. Carol Lockhart Gwen
3. Kitze McCormick Wink
4. Kitze McCormick Jax
5. Emily Yazwinski Nip

Overall Novice Champion Val Pietrazewska & Leaf; Reserve Novice Champion Anne Devine & Nell

Overall Pro-Novice Champion Rob Drummond & Maggie; Reserve Pro-Novice Champion Anne Devine & Taff

Overall Ranch Champion Carol Lockhart & Gwen; Reserve Ranch Champion Emily Yazwinski & Nip





## A Charming Subject (NOT!)

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lot better and recover more quickly.

### Chronic Vomiting

Chronic vomiting can be a challenge to diagnose and, even if intermittent, can indicate a long term underlying problem. Some dogs have extremely sensitive stomachs; others can eat anything. Some can eat once every 24 hours while other dogs require more frequent feeding to prevent empty stomach vomiting. I have good luck with my own dogs by feeding them the same food every day and limited table food.

If you are lucky, vomiting will be short and sweet, but the GI tract is a continuous organ and often a problem that starts in the stomach makes itself known downstream as well. Or diarrhea can occur all on it's own.

### Diarrhea

As with vomiting an otherwise healthy dog may have a brief period of being "loose." If the dog is acting fine and wants to eat, a short 24 fast and return to a bland diet may be all that is needed. I like to have people

feed the bland diet until they see a formed stool- usually 3-4 days. Some people like to use Imodium, Pepto Bismol or Kaopectate to control the situation. This may be necessary when traveling in close quarters but I prefer to let the problem run its course. Quite a few people at trials

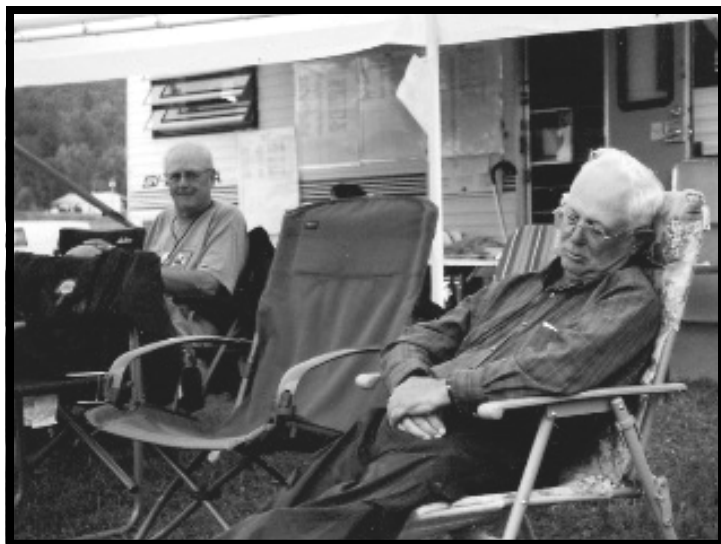


seem to have Flagyl (metronidazole). This is an anaerobic antibiotic that can be helpful in refractory cases of diarrhea but it can be quite toxic so it should only be used under veterinary care and NOT in every case of diarrhea. I almost never use metronidazole right off the bat. Most cases will respond to simple measures. Often, once the GI tract is emptied and allowed to rest for a day or so the problem will be resolved.

As with vomiting, a dog which is feeling lousy, or does not respond to simple supportive measures, merits veterinary attention. Diarrhea can be rather dramatic also. Small bowel diarrhea (upstream in the intestinal tract) can involve large volumes of liquid diarrhea which occurs with normal frequency. Large bowel diarrhea worries people the most because the dog has to go frequently with great urgency (as in the crate) and can involve straining, blood and mucous. Again this can be rather alarming but if the dog is acting ok the symptoms will probably pass with simple supportive care. If the dog is obviously distressed, or won't eat or drink, seek help. Often a stool sample is helpful. None of the advice in this article is to be taken as a substitute for appropriate diagnostics and treatment. Diarrhea can be dehydrating requiring fluid therapy and prolonged symptoms can indicate serious underlying disease such as inflammatory bowel disease, parasitism, or infectious or metabolic disease.



## MORE MAD MEMORIES



**The Mad River SDT 2005 Judge...Tuckered out after a long day.  
Nighty Night, Bruce!**

**Photos by Nancy Phillips**



**Sally Lacy displaying some hard  
earned hardware!**

***This year's Mad River Valley SDT will be held July 15-16. Don't miss out!***

# NEBCA NOVICE SURVEY

The Novice Handlers are the future of the border collie. NEBCA has always been aware of this and has been at the forefront of initiating programs to encourage newcomers into the sport while helping the novices along their way to becoming open handlers. NEBCA has been innovative in creating a full Novice program and many other clubs use NEBCA as their role model.

Even though we have been active in supporting the novice classes, most notably with the Novice Championships in September of each year, the numbers attending these events in recent years has fallen off. This is a cause for concern within the club as it is felt it may be an indicator of change within the club; a change that may dictate a new approach is needed to fully reach out to the novice dogs and handlers in the region.

With this in mind, we are undertaking a survey to try to get some idea as to what the membership and especially what handlers / trialers needs are and what expectations these handlers have as to how the club can help them. We would appreciate responses from both Open & Novice handlers.

**Please take the time to fill out this survey and return it to Chris Bowen, 552 Sawyers Crossing Road, Swanzey, NH 03446 by March 31, 2006.** The Novice Trials Committee and the Open Trials Committee needs time to review the survey and deliberate on what approach may best fit the needs of the club for this upcoming trialing season. Thank You!

1. Are you A) Open handler B) Novice Handler  
2. How many dogs will you be competing with this season (total)? \_\_\_\_\_

- A) # of dogs in Novice / Novice \_\_\_\_\_  
B) # of dogs in Pro Novice \_\_\_\_\_  
C) # of dogs in Ranch \_\_\_\_\_  
D) # of dogs in Open \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your purpose in trialing? Please indicate all that apply:

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ Test the ability of my dog  
B) \_\_\_\_\_ Measure the progress of my training  
C) \_\_\_\_\_ Create goals to motivate and direct my training  
D) \_\_\_\_\_ Stepping stone to open  
E) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Aspect/Fun  
F) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please elaborate)

4. Do you stay in a novice class until you have pointed out? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. I prefer my class to run:

- A) Once a day over two days \_\_\_\_\_  
B) Twice a day in one day \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you as a novice or open handler avoid one-day novice trials? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7. As an open handler with novice dogs to run, do you support novice trials without an open class running that weekend? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

8. Our trials are staffed primarily by competitors. Are you comfortable offering your help at a trial? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_, OR would you prefer to be asked for your help at a trial? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

9. We'd like to know what tasks you would be comfortable doing. Please circle all that apply.

Scribe Holding pen Setout Exhaust

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

10. If you run in a novice trial scheduled along with an open trial the same day, would you be willing to stay to watch the runs and help?

11. If you run in a novice trial scheduled along with an open trial the following day, would you be willing to stay to watch the runs and help? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_

12. What days of the week would you prefer a novice trial to run on (please circle): Fri Sat Sun Mon

13. Are prizes important to you in a weekend trial? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

14. Are prizes important to you in a championship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

15. What state / province do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

16. What states / provinces are you willing to travel to for a Novice trial? (please indicate what region of the state / province)

VT	N	S	E	W	All areas
NH	N	S	E	W	All areas
MA	N	S	E	W	All areas
CT	N	S	E	W	All areas
RI	N	S	E	W	All areas
NJ	N	S	E	W	All areas
PA	N	S	E	W	All areas
NY	N	S	E	W	All areas
MD	N	S	E	W	All areas
ON	N	S	E	W	All areas
QC	N	S	E	W	All areas

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## ARTISTS WANTED !

### NEBCA needs a new T-Shirt design!

Please submit your original artwork by April 15th to Joanne Krause, 181 County Route 12, Granville, NY 12832. Phone: 518-642-1580; joannekrause@hotmail.com

If your design is selected by our expert panel of judges (The Funding Committee), not only will you become famous within the Northeast Border Collie Community, you will win a free NEBCA shirt and cap!



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17. What states / provinces are you willing to travel to for a Novice Championship? (please indicate what region of the state / province)

VT	N	S	E	W	All areas
NH	N	S	E	W	All areas
MA	N	S	E	W	All areas
CT	N	S	E	W	All areas
RI	N	S	E	W	All areas
NJ	N	S	E	W	All areas
PA	N	S	E	W	All areas
NY	N	S	E	W	All areas
MD	N	S	E	W	All areas
ON	N	S	E	W	All areas
QC	N	S	E	W	All areas

18. How many hours are you willing to drive to attend a one day Novice trial? \_\_\_\_\_

19. How many hours are you willing to drive to attend a two day Novice trial? \_\_\_\_\_

20. How many hours are you willing to drive to attend a Novice Championship? \_\_\_\_\_

21. As an open handler with novice dogs to run, how many hours are you willing to drive to attend a novice trial without an open class running that weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

22. NEBCA sponsors a Novice Finals every year. Have you ever attended a NEBCA Year End Novice Championship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, what was your impression? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, why not? Circle all that apply.

Distance      Entry Cost      Points requirement

Travel costs      Other (please elaborate) \_\_\_\_\_

23. We would like to know how you would like the money allocated for a novice finals to be spent.

A) Novice championship trial with standard entry requirements similar to what exists now?

B) Novice subsidized championship-type 2-day trial with lowered entry fee, 3 runs, and no frills (minimal prizes and possibly lowered entry requirements)?

C) Extra novice trial (perhaps in autumn when Novice trials are short) with no special entry requirements?

D) Additional sponsorship of other novice trials to help other folks get more novice trials going?

E) NEBCA sponsored clinics/seminars/training clinics in lieu of a Championship?

F) Other (Please elaborate) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you very much!

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