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"COME BYE!"

**NEBCA's own Beverly Lambert and Pippa at the 2006 USBCHA
National Finals in Klamath Falls, OR**

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so check back often!

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NEBCA Novice Finals

By Terri Clingerman

Hello everyone - I was asked by members of the Novice Trial Committee to write up a report on this years Novice Finals. I'm glad to do so and hope you enjoy this rather lengthy report! I'm a fairly new NEBCA member and a novice to herding. I have one BC and joined NEBCA in 2005. I ran Rhys in a handful of NN trials last year and moved up to PN this spring. This was my first time running in the Novice Finals. What a weekend!

Before I say anything about the trial itself, there are several people to thank. First, the Novice Trial Committee, for organizing the Finals so we could all compete! Next, Lorna Savage, our judge, who stayed cheerful over two very long days of judging. Joanne Krause, for organizing Saturday's dinner, and a special thanks to Barb & Bernie Armata, for hosting this event

I don't know how other handlers think of the Novice Finals, perhaps some think of it as a way to end the trialing season on a high note, at an extra special trial. Or maybe some saw it as a bonus, having three runs over a week-end instead of two. Or maybe they thought it was a good way to both run their dog and also watch some excellent dogs and handlers. And of course any trial is a good excuse to socialize. The Finals were all of the above for me. Entries were large this year, with approximately 65 total dogs running in NN, PN, and Ranch.

We were fortunate to have good weather for the weekend. The early mornings were cool and misty. The mist burned off by around 10 am or so, and the temps stayed cool until the afternoon when it got rather warm. Then it cooled off in the evening. The

bumped them then they'd split, or if the dog gave too much ground or couldn't get in position, then they'd bolt. Once they decided they could beat the dog, that was it!! Few dogs could recover after that happened.

The field was fun to run in!! It was a challenge but I enjoyed it and it seems appropriate that the Finals should have a field with some challenges, instead of being in a big flat field. From the handler's post the dogs ran down a slope, across a shallow ditch (lined with tall grasses and some shrubs), then up a hill to get to the sheep. Parts of the outrun were blind no matter which way you sent. Woods lined the left side of the field, the back, and the upper right side. The setout and exhaust were on the left side of the field. There was a very strong draw to the setout and exhaust. Quite a few dogs



2006 NN Reserve Champion: Anne Devine & Sue

Sue is a 3 year old by Imp Tysswg Ben 143897 and out of Booger 142000. She is a small predominately black smooth coat. Sue says, "We don't have sheep of our own so we only get to work about once a week, hopefully, we'll have a mild winter so we can work on our driving."

Photo by Sylvia King

at their farm. And finally, thanks to the many people who worked over the weekend, in various jobs, but especially the people who were out in the hot sun working setout and exhaust. I'm still putting names to faces and so I can't mention people specifically. But there were many people who ran their dogs and then headed right back out to the field to work the exhaust, in the pens or set out for the rest of us. From my perspective, things seemed to go completely smoothly and I know that means a lot of hard work and organization is happening behind the scenes. I'm sure that the committee and the Armata's were exhausted by the end of the weekend!

flock was a mix of Scottish Blackfaces, Montadales, and cross-breds. Each dog worked a group of 3 sheep, usually two of the Scottish Blackfaces and one other. There were usually two adults and one lamb in each group. The trial committee got creative and put red ribbons on a few of the sheep - if your group had a ribboned sheep in it, you won a prize. At least two ribboned sheep appeared randomly in each class.

Although there were a couple of sheep that were difficult to work in spite of the time of day or the dog, in general the sheep were quite workable if the dog worked well and with calm authority. If the dog pushed too hard and

lost their sheep on the lift or the fetch, especially if they were sent to the right and came in tight or short at the top of their outrun. Then they just weren't in position to cover and stop the sheep from racing off. The people who had the most success sending right had dogs that ran deep enough to lift straight and also be in position to cover any quick breaks to the left. I thought more people would send left than did, although there was more cover for the dogs to run through in that direction so maybe that's why. I sent left and it worked out well for my dog. I don't know the exact yardage for the outruns but heard Ranch was around 400

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yards, PN around 150 yds, and I'd guess that NN was around 100 yds. The sheep were set past the ditch for all classes so all dogs had to negotiate the cover.

Once the dogs started to fetch, they usually had to flank away to keep the line straight. Dogs who had trouble flanking on the fetch had crooked lines or lost their sheep to the setout pen, woods, or exhaust. Turning the post

was tricky, especially for the Ranch handlers who had to turn clockwise. That meant that the dog had to flank really fast around to prevent the sheep from bolting for the woods or exhaust as they were finishing the turn.

The Ranch handlers had a challenging drive, angling back up the field to the left (across the ditch) and towards the setout. The turn at the first drive panels was tricky because of the pressure. You had to let the sheep head towards

the setout area to make the panels, but then stop and turn them just as they were starting to think that maybe they could actually get back to their friends. The turn at the second panel was also tricky because there were puddles there and the sheep didn't want to go through them. Once the sheep got to the pen, though, they were willing to consider going in.

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2006 Novice Long Road Award Winners: Tom Hoeber's Taz

Taz is by Flynn ABC 193855 whose parents are Jeannie Weaver's big red dog Don and her very talented Liz. Taz's dam is Tom's own Nikki ABC 215574, which makes Taz is home bred, raised and trained by Tom Hoeber. A great accomplishment!

Profile written by Fiona Robertson

Photo submitted by Tom Hoeber.

2006 NEBCA Novice Champions: Heidi Fuge and Gar

Gar is an amazing dog and I am very fortunate to be his herding partner. He belongs to Pat DeCoux who lives in Pennsylvania. She attended a herding clinic taught by Barb Armata and realized that this was something that Gar really enjoyed. Due to some knee problems, Pat is unable to work Gar herself and so she made arrangements for him to come to Taravale Farm. I bring my Australian Shepherd and Border Collie to Barb for herding lessons, and one day she introduced me to Gar. Something clicked, I began working with him, and we very quickly became a team. He has excellent stock sense and, most of the time, realizes that while he's the one who understands the sheep better, I am the one who knows where they are supposed to go. He has been a pleasure to train and I have learned a lot from working with him. He brings to the Trial field the same attitude that he has in farm work - a strong desire to put those sheep where they are supposed to be and he's not going to take any back talk from them in the process!

Gar has several characteristics that make him enjoyable to work with: First, when he has successfully accomplished a task, whether we are doing farm work or in a Trial, he celebrates. I like this because it shows his strong work ethic as well as the joy he takes in doing a job right. Second, and this always makes me smile - he has a funny, sort of scuttling way of running. He doesn't lope along, instead he scurries - but, believe me, it can be pretty speedy when he's doing a big outrun. And, third, he's very strong willed and strong minded. Although this means that sometimes training sessions are a real test of my patience (and lungs!) It also means that I have to be clear and precise in what we are trying to accomplish. I have enjoyed the NEBCA trials and am looking forward to moving Gar up through the levels. So... look for us in 2007!



Photo by Fotosmith

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The drive/wear for PN and NN was a little bit easier. We got to turn the post counter-clockwise, and so the dogs were usually in good position to keep the sheep on line as long as they had fetched them in a fairly controlled way. PN didn't have fetch panels. This was because the ditch was about where the panels would have been set. Instead, Lorna judged us on how straight our fetch line was. I must say it felt a little

relaxing not having fetch panels. Our drive/wear panels were set a few yards before the ditch, to the right. There was still some draw towards the setout on the drive/wear, but not nearly as much as for the Ranch dogs and it felt much more manageable. Turning through the panels was tricky if the dog pushed too hard or wasn't in a good position. It worked best if the dog could quickly flank come-by for the turn but as soon as the sheep made the

turn, then take a quick away flank to manage the fetch to the pen. The sheep split or tried to escape if the dog was wrong, but most PN and NN teams managed the turn pretty well. Again, the sheep were quite willing to consider going into the pen as long as they were kept relatively calm heading towards it.

Saturday was a long day, we started

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2006 Reserve Pro Novice Champion & Long Road Award Winner: Sue Schoen & Tyne

Winning the Reserve Champion and Long Road Awards in Pro- Novice with Tyne this Fall was a highlight of my trialing experience (which I have always felt has been a rather long road). Tyne is my breeding from my Nap and Clair. Emily spied the white slash on her butt as she dropped onto the newspaper at birth and cried "There's your pup, MOM! Looks like Nap!" So now I know how to pick another good pup next time.

Tyne's a good girl and I am pleased to be her partner. Sue Schoen.

Photo by Sue Schoen



Alex McKinven Trophy Winner: Terri Clingerman with Rhys

Rhys is nearly 4 years old and is my first BC. I knew when I got him that I wanted to try herding, but I had no idea that I'd become hooked on it!

I'm very fortunate to live near Joyce Geier. When Rhys was 10 months old, we attended a workshop that Joyce gave for beginning herding dogs. Rhys was interested in the sheep so I started taking lessons with Joyce. Thanks to Joyce's expert (and patient) instruction, Rhys and I have learned a lot over the past 3 years and are becoming a team. I moved Rhys up to Pro Novice in 2006 and we had a blast! This was the first year I've run at the Novice Finals and I'm so glad I did. A year ago, I doubt Rhys could have done the outrun. Now, not only did he get up the field correctly, he did it when I sent him on his weak side. I know you all can understand what a thrill it was for me just to see Rhys get his sheep. And it was also a thrill for me to place 3rd with Rhys in Pro Novice and to win the Alex McKinven trophy!! There were so many wonderful dogs competing that I feel very honored, and it was a fantastic way to cap off our year in Pro Novice. I want to thank Dee Penatzer, Rhys's breeder, and Joyce Geier, our trainer and friend. Rhys and I wouldn't have achieved this without them. In addition, I want to say how much I appreciate the NEBCA novice trials. I'm a relatively new member so I'm still getting to know most of you. Everyone is consistently friendly and helpful, and makes a point to provide good trialing conditions. It means a lot to me and I'm sure to the other new NEBCA members as well, and I thank you all. Terri Clingerman.



The Alex McKinven Trophy is awarded at the NEBCA Novice Finals to highest scoring ProNovice handler who has never run in the Open class. Alex McKinven was a well respected NEBCA life member who passed away in May of this year. He always enjoyed seeing the new novice handlers move up the ranks, and this trophy recognizes the courage it takes for New handlers to jump up to the Pro-Novice class!

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running dogs at 8 am and by dusk had finished Round 1 for all classes, Round 2 for Ranch, and had run the first 10 dogs or so for Round 2 of PN. We started up again on Sunday at 6:30 am. Things moved along quickly, with all classes finished by 4 pm or so.

Here are some other tidbits from the trial... the Novice Committee posted some proposed changes to the Novice rules for us to read and ask questions

about. Dave Fetterman passed out a handout that suggested NEBCA consider allowing Novice and Pro Novice only trials, for people who have a field and enough sheep suitable to hold the smaller classes but not Ranch. The information is probably published in this issue for everyone to read (I hope so!). And we had cake to celebrate Pat Decoux's 75th birthday on Sunday!!!

For me, this year's Finals were definitely a great way to end the Novice

trial season. I really enjoyed the challenges that the field and sheep presented. It was a thrill to see my dog step up and do his part of the job, and it was educational to learn what things I need to work more on in training. I'm glad so many people ran in the Novice Finals this year, it was wonderful to watch so many dogs run. I hope everyone there enjoyed these trials just as much!



Complete results on page 7.

2006 Ranch Champion: Jim Murphy and Trim

In late summer 2004 Joanne said to me "You need to get another started dog as Kit will be 5 years old soon". We had bought Kit, a nursery dog then, from Tom Wilson in 2002. We saw Tom in October 2004 where he was running two nursery dogs, Sly and Trim. We approached him and said that I needed another dog, how about selling Sly or Trim? Not for sale. Again in February 2005 we asked at his Edgeworth Trial – again not for sale. In late April 2005 I received a call from Tom – "Trim is not working for me – she is for sale". I told Tom to bring Trim to the Blue Grass Classic & I would buy her.

It turned out that Trim was bred by Verna Krammes, by Wilson's Moss and Verna's Willow. Verna is a close friend with whom we practiced every January to March in Virginia. We had been there when Willow whelped.

Trim became a "house dog" in order to speed up the bonding process. She also worked the sheep on the farm doing chores and moving the flock to pastures. She was an excellent farm dog. Very few commands were needed after she did a job once. She learned her job quickly and used her head to get the job done efficiently.

I trialed her in ProNovice during 2005 and 2006. She repeatedly did well usually placing 3rd or 4th. In the Spring of 2006 in Florida



she finally won her first trial for me. Later in the summer she pointed out of ProNovice and I ran her in Ranch and a few Open trials. She continued to place in Ranch but not in Open. At the 2006 NEBCA Novice Finals she came into her own winning the Ranch class.

She is now running in Open exclusively and doing quite well, although not placing yet. She still does her farm chores with great gusto, and we expect to begin placing in Open shortly.

Jim Murphy (Photo by Jim Murphy)



2006 Reserve Ranch Champion and Long Road winner, Warren Mick & Dale

Dale was bred by NEBCA member Steve Wetmore and is out of his Open trial dog Gyp and by Warren's Glen. Dale inherited his dam's small size and big heart and his sire's good looks and biddability. Dale likes to do things fast—run fast, fetch fast, drive fast, and (luckily) stop fast too. He is a beautiful outrunner and flanks squarely, and like his dam is not afraid to push sheep. Dale has since moved up a class, joining Warren's pack of open runners.

Profile written by Fiona Robertson

Photo by Grace Smith of Charlotte, VT

2006 Pro Novice Champion: Warren Mick and Sweep

Sweep was whelped shortly after Imp. Jinty's arrival from England. Sweep and his brother Rock proved to be difficult dogs to train, but patience is paying off. After less than one year in Warren's hands, Sweep has been consistently winning in Pro-Novice all season while his brother Rock recently moved up to Open. Sweep is a big, rough coated tri colored boy, with a huge mane of white collar. He has a very strong presence on his sheep, which forces him to keep back off while working. Profile by Fiona Robertson (No photo submitted).





NEBCA Trial Results



25th Anniversary PA State Championship Stock Dog Trials presented by Dad's Pet Foods

June 15-18, 2006

Judges: Arthur Mawhinney, Antrim, Ireland (Open); Michael Dathe, VT (Novice classes)

Trial Manager: Dick and Cheryl Williams

Submitted by Cheryl Williams

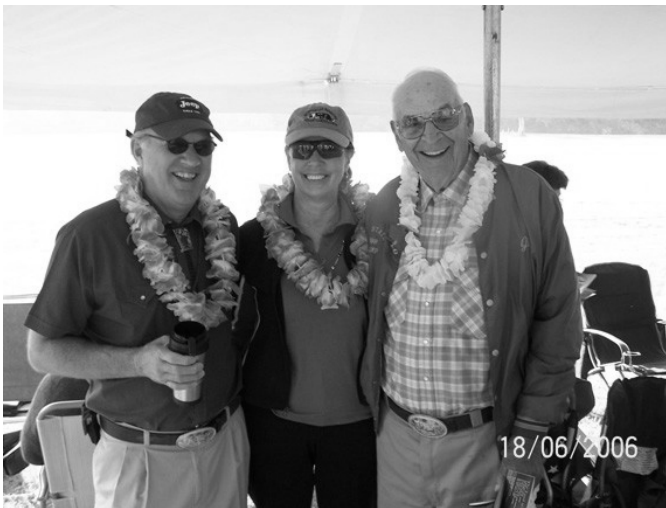
Twenty Five years and stronger than ever!

Twenty Five consecutive years.... Many, many changes. Take a moment and consider where you were during the 1980's. We were here at Sheepy Hollow Farm in Hop Bottom, PA.

From a trial that began with a "referee" and a run for points to a huge judged open trial, the Pennsylvania State Championship in Hop Bottom has grown beyond it's bounds. This trial began the onslaught of larger trials in the northeast and has been one of the most copied trials in the country.

Fran Wheeler was "referee" for the first points trial in which twenty-some dogs ran in 1982. The runs were timed and the dog/handler combination with the most points, in the shortest time won the trial. This gave handler's the option to retry any obstacle with only the loss of time as a penalty. Some of the runs were pretty rough. The dog's were not trained to the precision of today's standards. There were no sheds. It was great fun and people came from many states just to run their dogs. The entry fees were inexpensive, the awards were mostly trophies, very little, if any cash. It was just a great time to run dogs without all of the "extras". We still have the copies of the score sheets from these runs. We even kept the copies of the actual drawings of the runs. Some of them look very like a first graders scribbling.

There were only few women in the sport at that time, mostly men competed. Betty Levin and Ellen Raja, and I were some of the few females at the beginning. The sheep were set out with a 'holding pen' in the mid-



Above: Your hosts Dick, Cheryl and Walt



Above: Most Promising Handlers Terri Clingerman and Barry Witzer.

Below: Novice Class Winners



dle of the field. We thought we were pretty clever because we had one that you could pull the rope and all of the sides would fall at the same time. Of course, this really made the lift interesting as the sheep jolted out of the pen and the dog hesitated from the noise. We loaded sheep and trucked them to the holding pen. It required many more people to keep everything going. A person was assigned each of the drive and fetch panels to assure that all sheep made the panels.

Today, after twenty-five years of practice, we have a very elaborately set up trial. There are volunteers everywhere making sure the trial runs like a well-oiled machine. Sheep are in a formal holding pen in the trees with food and water, then released with little effort or distress. The setout people have well trained capable dogs and are adept at having sheep ready before the handler ever enters the field. An exhaust person has the sheep off the field immediately after the run.

A holding area and hospitality tent are available to make the handler feel comfortable and private before his/her run. A running order is available with places to go, stay, and eat. A large spectator and handler tent is available with running commentary for the spectators. The scores are under cover and posted as soon as possible after the run. A church service is available for anyone on Sunday morning. An eye clinic with Dr. Thomas Kern from Cornell is available to all who wish to have eye tests. Vendors are available to sell their wares. This year we had a silent auction to benefit the national finals in 2007 re-

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PA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

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sulting in a donation of over \$1200.00. The Universalist Church provides a dinner on Friday night; breakfast each day, and lunches of homemade foods of all types.

This year, handlers all received Anniversary pens and pins in their handlers packets, and our dear friend Fran Wheeler came back to celebrate our twenty-five years! Arthur Mawhinney from Antrim, Ireland very astutely judged the open trials of over 80 dogs as would be expected from an internationally respected judge and handler having judged the international twice. Michael Dathe of Vermont kept a watchful eye over all of the novice classes sorting over 80 runs from novice/novice through the USBCHA Nursery. J.P. LaLonde and Mary Brighoff expertly set sheep for the four days. The Katahdin and Dorper mixes gave both the setout people and the handlers a run for their money.

Though June often brings very warm humid weather, this celebration year was blessed with beautiful sunshine and seasonably cool weather for the entire four days of trialing. Sylvia King and her dog Vic took the victory in novice. A victory indeed for her first trial. David Clark with Clair from Virginia and Walt Jagger with Gem tied for first place in the pronovice class. A runoff resulted in David's victory. Mark Billadeau from Maryland handily won the Ranch class with his bitch, Jody. Mary Thompson, Ontario, tied herself for first place with Coal and Rio in the Nursery Class.

The second day of Novice classes brought Lisa Basial with Ransom from PA and Anne Devine with Sue from Massachusetts to a runoff for first place. Sue Asten won the pronovice with her bitch Brook. David Clark and Roy won Ranch. Nursery brought Mary Thompson to a tie again with Coal and Rio. What a trial for these folks!! A trophy was presented to Terri Clingerman for the most promising young female handler and to Barry Witzer for the most promising young male handler.

The addition of the lambs to the ewes


resulted in the much more challenge for the open handlers. A shed the first day proved to be quite difficult for all of the handlers and really sorted the

of the handlers and dogs.

Though the course is not huge, it is large enough and tricky enough with all of the pressures to provide a very challenging competition.

Saturday's competition resulted in Rich Seaman Massachusetts, with his dog, Boo and Tom Lacy, Virginia with his dog Megan in a tie. The runoff revealed Rich Seaman in first place.

Tom came back to handily win the Sunday open with his dog Peg. Dick Williams took reserve champion with Lass.

Dad's Pet Foods made it possible to payback sixteen places in open as well as several places in the novice classes. Winners walked away with Dad's dog food and treats. Everyone was a winner with sample dog food packets for everyone who attended. 



ProNovice Class



Ranch Class Winners



Saturday Open Class Winners

placings. The maltese cross on the second day was also a challenge for many

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NEBCA Trial Results



Quechee Scottish Festival Open Sheepdog Trial and Spring Valley Open Sheepdog Trial

Aug 26 & 27, 2006

Judge: George Northrup

Trial Manager: Steve Wetmore

Submitted by Steve Wetmore

Aug 26, Quechee (60 dogs)

1	Warren Mick	Jinty
2	Sue Schoen	Brooke
3	Steve Wetmore	Gyp
4	Joan Worthington	Hope
5	Peter Van de Car	Bud
6	Barb Armata	Rhett
7	Ed Hobart	Picasso
8	Roger Deschambeault	Jet
9	Dee Woessner	Joy
10	Roger Deschambeault	Ken

Long Road Winner: Steve Wetmore & GYP

Aug 27, Spring Valley SDT (60 dogs)

1	Peter Van de Car	Bud
2	Steve Wetmore	Gyp
3	Sue Schoen	Brooke
4	Roger Deschambeault	Jet
5	Steve Wetmore	Dart
6	Michael Dathe	Trot
7	Sue Schoen	Bonnie
8	Sally Lacy	Robin
9	Denise Leonard	Jessie
10	Joan Worthington	Hope
11	Warren Mick	Glen
12	Kate Collins	Jan

Long Road Winner: Steve Wetmore & GYP

Combined Open Champion: Peter Van de Car & Bud

Reserve Champion: Steve Wetmore & Gyp



Lancaster Fair Open Points Sheepdog Trial

Aug 31, 2006

Judge: Carrol Goodwin

Trial Manager: Roger Deschambeault

Submitted by Gabe Merrill

46 DOGS TO POST

1.	ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT & JET	56
2.	CHRIS BOWEN & JAKE	56
3.	SUE SCHOEN & BROOK	56
4.	JIM ALLEN & ZIP	56
5.	SUE SCHOEN & NAP	56
6.	ROB DRUMMOND & ANDY	56
7.	RICH SEAMAN & KI	55
8.	CARLENE EITAPENCE & ANNA	53
9.	ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT & KEN	49
10.	DEE WOESSNER & JOY	49
11.	BETTY LEVIN & KYLE	48
12.	LYNN DESCHAMBEAULT & DI	44

ALL TIES WERE BROKEN BY TIME

Blue Hill Fair Open Points Sheepdog Trial

September 2, 2006

Judge: Carrol Goodwin

Trial Manager: Jim Davidson

Submitted by Gabe Merrill

43 DOGS TO POST

1.	SUE SCHOEN & BROOK	24
2.	CHRIS BOWEN & JAKE	24
3.	STEVE WETMORE & PACE	24
4.	ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT & JET	24
5.	GABE MERRILL & MAGGIE	24
6.	ROGER DESCHAMBEAULT & KEN	24
7.	DAVE CRAVEN & MIRK	24
8.	RICH SEAMAN & ZOE	24
9.	JIM ALLEN & ZIP	23
10.	SUE SCHOEN & NAP	22

ALL TIES WERE BROKEN BY TIME

This year was the 50th Anniversary of the Blue Hill trial, managed and hosted by Jim Davison and hi wife May!



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NEBCA Trial Results



25th Anniversary PA State Championship Stock Dog Trials presented by Dad's Pet Foods

(Continued from page 9)

Submitted by Cheryl Williams

June 15th Novice/Novice (20 dogs)

1. King, Sylvia	Vic	71
2. Herbst, Kelli	Splash	65
3. Freson, Ken	Sonni	64
4. Kellers, Toni	Craig	62
5. Hoeber, Tom	Taz	61
6. Hoeber, Tom	Nikki	60
7. Eick, Whitney	Dan	54
8. Devine, Anne	Jade	54
9. Devine, Anne	Sue	53
10. Hotchkiss, Linda	Moss	52

June 15th Pro-Novice (29 dogs)

1. Clark, David	Clair	74
2. Jagger, Walt	Gem	74
3. Billadeau, Renee	Bette	73
4. Murphy, Jim	Trim	72
5. Clingerman, Terri	Rhys	70
6. French, Robin	Zac	69
7. Tesdahl, Linda	Flint	69
8. Pabst, Ed	Kim	68
9. Fetterman, David	Jared	68
10. Thompson, Mary	Coal	66

June 15th Ranch (28 dogs)

1. Billadeau, Mark	Jody	95
2. Hotchkiss, Linda	Mae	86
3. Murphy, Joanne	Bess	83
4. Devine, Anne	Ben	80
5. Churcher, Mike	Dan	80
6. Baker, Kim	Tate	79
7. Jagger, Walt	Floss	79
8. Baker, Kim	Becky	77
9. Brothers, Michelle	Snap	77
10. Palmer, Annie	Sea	76

June 15th USBCHA Nursery (15 dogs)

1. Thompson, Mary	Coal	84
2. Thompson, Mary	Rio	84
3. Furman, Sam	Fred	83
4. Billadeau, Renee	Bette	83
5. Tesdahl, Linda	Flint	82

June 16th Novice/Novice (22 dogs)

1. Basial, Lisa	Ransom	67
2. Devine, Anne	Sue	67
3. McMullen, Nancy	Wattie	64
4. Weigand, Carol	McDuff	61
5. Eick, Whitney	Dan	61
6. Heasley, Michael	Taj	60
7. Devine, Anne	Jade	59
8. Ferraro, Michele	Nimbus	57
9. King, Sylvia	Vic	57
10. Freson, Ken	Sonni	51

June 16th Pro-Novice (29 dogs)

1. Asten, Sue	Brook	77
2. Clark, David	Clair	76
3. Jagger, Walt	Gem	74
4. Clingerman, Terri	Rhys	72
5. Williams, Cheryl	Shep	69
6. Bauman, Diane	Jaq	69
7. Tesdahl, Linda	Ryan	69
8. Tesdahl, Linda	Flint	68
9. Billadeau, Renee	Bette	63
10. French, Robin	Zac	61

June 16th Ranch (30 dogs)

1. Clark, David	Roy	83
2. Obernier, Nancy	Jan	81
3. Higgins, Michele	Bracken	79
4. Cunningham, Lori	Ethan	79
5. Hotchkiss, Linda	Mae	78
6. King, Daniel	Jig	77
7. Baker, Kim	Becky	75
8. Bauman, Diane	Jill	74
9. Clark, David	Danny Boy	74
10. Lash, Carolyn	Dell	72

June 16th USBCHA Nursery (16 dogs)

1. Thompson, Mary	Rio	82
2. Thompson, Mary	Coal	82
3. French, Robin	Zac	80
4. Furman, Sam	Fred	77

5. Tesdahl, Linda	Flint	75
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June 17th Open (80 dogs)

1. Seaman, Rich	Boo	97
2. Lacy, Tom	Megan	97
3. Sheninger, Gene	Jen	95
4. Williams, Dick	Mirk	94
5. Cunningham, Lori	Tess	93
6. Billadeau, Renee	Rae	91
7. Jagger, Walt	Don	89
8. Tesdahl, Linda	Peg	88
9. Asten, Sue	Katy	86
10. Sheninger, Gene	Jess	86
11. Thompson, Mary	Holly	86
12. Worthington, Joan	Sam	86
13. Furman, Sam	Tucker	85
14. Murphy, Jim	Kit	84
15. Furman, Sam	Buff	83
16. Lambert, Beverly	Bill	82

June 18th Open (77 dogs)

1. Lacy, Tom	Peg	96
2. Williams, Dick	Lass	94
3. Sheninger, Gene	Jess	92
4. Seaman, Rich	Zoe	92
5. Sheninger, Gene	Jen	91
6. Smart, Bruce	Peg	90
7. Billadeau, Mark	Peg	89
8. Jagger, Walt	Kitt	88
9. Geier, Joyce	Tait	87
10. Thompson, Mary	Hawk	87
11. Cunningham, Lori	Tess	86
12. Obernier, Nancy	Nick	85
13. Worthington, Joan	Hope	84
14. Levinson, Barbara	Lass	84
15. Thompson, Mary	Holly	83
16. Levinson, Barbara	Gin	83

Open Champion : Gene Sheninger & Jen

Open Reserve Champion : Lori Cunningham & Tess



From the Editor:

Just a short note of apology for the lateness of this newsletter. As you can see, it is a whopper issue—a full 10 pages bigger than usual! Hint to all those who are submitting: please take note of the deadlines on Page 2—everyone at NEBCA is a volunteer, with real lives and day jobs and family obligations—not to mention dog training and caring for sheep! Struggling to juggle NEBCA News obligations last minute only results in late issues! Please—submit your articles, trial results and photos on time! If everyone submits one little thing—we will ensure we have a great newsletter! Next NEBCA News will be the Spring Issue featuring Trial Schedule, NEBCA meeting minutes, National Finals 2007 Info and more! Please submit any articles, photos or stories by Feb. 1, 2007!

This and That...

STATE OF NEBCA FALL FOLIAGE TRIAL TO BE DISCUSSED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

the Open Trial Committee proposes that the Fall Foliage Competition be suspended for the 2007 season. The future of the Fall Foliage will be discussed at the January 2007 Annual Meeting and, pending member feedback, a new proposal will be offered one year from now.

Sue Schoen



A special Thank You...

I would like to thank all the generous NEBCA friends who surprised me with a LaFuma chair.

I love it.

It's now in my living room. Since the trials are over for the season, I have it where I can enjoy it in the off season too. You are all very thoughtful and I really appreciate you!

Sincerely,

Betty Murray

For those of you who don't know her, Betty Murray is Trial Scorekeeper to most of our NEBCA trials—her hard work it greatly appreciated!

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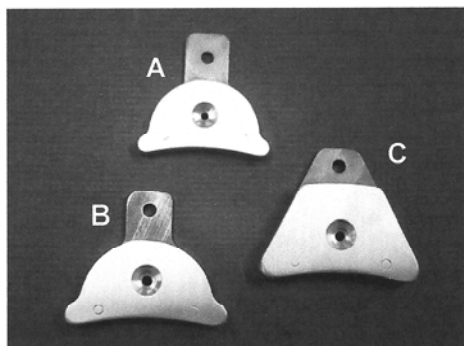
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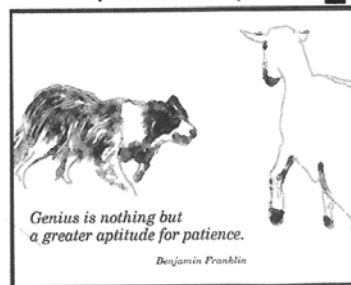
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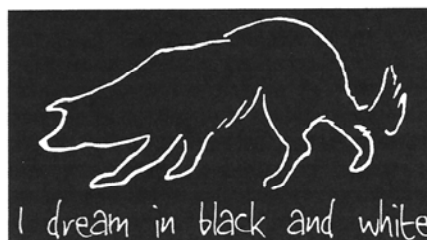
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DNA/CEA tested clear, Hips Good

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860-455-9416

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Got something to sell? Looking to buy? Classified ads are just \$3 per issue for members, or \$10 annually! See page 2 for information on submitting and payment.

Tonight's my first night as a watchdog and here it is Christmas Eve The children are sleeping all cozy upstairs, While I'm guardin' the stockin's and tree.

What's that now? Foot-steps on the rooftop? Could it be a cat or mouse? Who's this down the chimney? A thief with a beard and a big sack for robbin' the house?

I'm barkin', I'm growlin', I'm bitin' his butt. He howls and jumps back in his sleigh. I scare his strange horses, they leap in the air! I've frightened the whole bunch away!

Now the house is all peaceful and quiet again. The stockin's are safe as can be. Won't the kiddies be glad when they wake up tomorrow and see how I've guarded the tree!

2007 NATIONAL SHEEPDOG FINALS

DOG SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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If you have questions regarding the sponsorship program, please contact me, Joan McGrath via e-mail at goosedog@optonline.net





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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NOVICE TRIAL GUIDELINES.

PLEASE READ THE COMPLETE PROPOSAL ON PAGE 17 OF THE 2006 WINTER ISSUE OF NEBCA NEWS

Please mark either ACCEPT or REJECT

Proposal 1: 40 points for the novice classes shall be changed in all classes to 30 points.
ACCEPT ☐ REJECT ☐

Proposal 2: Once a dog moves up to a higher class, the dog cannot move back down to a lower class. *(Exception is when a dog changes handlers, see general guidelines, #9.)*
ACCEPT ☐ REJECT ☐

Proposal 3: Dogs cannot run in ranch and open at the same time.
ACCEPT ☐ REJECT ☐

Proposal 4: If a dog is transferred to a different handler, but stays in the same class, any points the dog has will go with the dog. **But** if the dog is dropped to a lower class, any points the dog had with the previous handler will be dropped.
ACCEPT ☐ REJECT ☐

NEBCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2007

**Two spots are open for 2007 BOD.
Please check only two (2) boxes.**

1. ☐ Warren Mick
2. ☐ David Young
3. ☐ (Write in name) _____
4. ☐ (Write in name) _____

Voting Information:

- Mailed in ballots must be received by January 15, 2007
- Ballots will be accepted at the annual meeting up to the start of the meeting from the person voting. Bring your completed ballot form to the meeting!
- Ballots may be mailed in along with membership renewals
- Write In's must be NEBCA members and have agreed to be a candidate.
- Mail ballots to: NEBCA c/o Maria Mick, 750 Meadowdale Rd, Altamont NY 12009

NEBCA Membership Renewal Information

Renewals

There is no special form for renewals. Just send a check or money order to the secretary (Do make sure your name is evident somewhere). Annual membership dues are \$20 for Individuals and \$25 for farm family memberships. The mailing label will indicate your present membership type (Ind, Fam, or Life) as well as the year you have paid through. Please include any changes to your personal information with your renewal: name, address, phone, email.

Breeder's Directory

Breeder's Directory listings are available to members. Cost is \$20 per year for the newsletter, and \$10 for the NEBCA web site. Please specify the information you would like included. Use the current list as a guide.

Calendars

You may order NEBCA 2007 calendars along with your renewal. Calendars are \$7.50 each delivered. They will be sent to the address on file unless you specify otherwise.

Ballots

If you send a ballot in with your renewal, you may place it in a sealed envelope or tape it closed for confidentiality. Ballots will be opened and counted by the election committee at the annual meeting.

Send to: NEBCA c/o Maria Mick
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NEBCA Business - Proposed Rule Changes to NEBCA Novice Trial Guidelines

The following guideline changes/additions will be put to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting. Members need not attend the annual meeting to vote- send in your ballots!

(Ballots are included as an insert to this newsletter).

The Committee (and President) agree that these changes will clarify and help make the novice program run more smoothly, as well as helping to prepare handlers and dogs for progressing to the next levels of training. **Each proposal is a separate vote.** This is not "accept all or none". Please vote for each item.

Proposal 1 ~ 40 points for the novice classes shall be changed in all classes to 30 points.

Reason~ *The comm decided to lower the points after looking at the results of the survey that NEBCA asked the membership to respond to . Originally, a dog had to move up a class after accumulating 20 points. This was thought to be too low and dogs were moved up too quickly, so the points were changed to 40. Now it seems that 40 is too high, so the comm feels that 30 points is a reasonable compromise at which handlers must then move their dogs up to the next level class. Also, when the number of points was increased to 40, there were a lot more novice trials. A lot of open trials had two one day novice trials, and there were novice trials that are no longer being held. There is less of that now, so dogs earn points more slowly.*

Proposal 2 ~ Once a dog moves up to a higher class, the dog cannot move back down to a lower class. Exception is when a dog changes handlers, see general guidelines, #9.

Reason ~ *This is not a change, but is how the novice program has always been intended to operate. This should have been written into the general guidelines, but due to an oversight, was not included.*

Proposal 3 ~ Dogs cannot run in ranch and open at the same time.

Reason ~ *This is in keeping with #2 above; not having dogs*

run in more than one class. Allowing dogs to run in both ranch and open has caused confusion among novice handlers, and this leads to handlers believing it is acceptable to run in two classes at all the lower levels. The comm also feels that having a dog run in more than one class at the same trial gives that dog an advantage over dogs running only once.

Proposal 4 ~ If a dog is transferred to a different handler, but stays in the same class, any points the dog has will go with the dog. But if the dog is dropped to a lower class, any points the dog had with the previous handler will be dropped.

Reason ~ *This is not a change, merely a clarification, which follows the method used by both the USBCHA and NEBCA open class. The novice program has never had this situation arise until this year, and the committee feels this should be put into the general guidelines.*


MEMBERS, EXERCISE YOUR VOTING RIGHTS!

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS: Locate the Official NEBCA Ballot (enclosed in this edition of NEBC News) Simply mark one box for ACCEPT or REJECT for each of the proposed changes. On the same ballot, check off 2 names for the NEBCA BOD.

Then, seal your ballot in an envelope, address it to: NEBCA Secretary, Maria Mick, 750 Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. Slap a stamp it and RUSH it to the post office to arrive by JANUARY 15th, 2007! If you will be attending the AGM, you may also exercise your voting rights in person.

Remember, Each NEBCA member in good standing has the right to vote. Family/Farm memberships get 2 votes.

HINT: If you are sending in your Official Ballot by mail to the NEBCA secretary, why not send in your NEBCA membership renewal too and save yourself an extra envelope!

NEBCA membership renewals are also enclosed in this issue of NEBCA News! 

Solution For the Tender Footed Dog



One of my dogs was a tender foot. She would pick her way over gravel, field stubble, rough ice, any kind of rough surface and she would be slow when working in these conditions. I mentioned this to our Veterinarian who is a traditional vet and also certified in chiropractic, acupuncture, Chinese herbs and naturopathic methods. As you can see he has quite an arsenal at his disposal to help his patients. The doc's suggestion was to sprinkle unflavored gelatin on her food. I feed twice a day and a small packet of gelatin will last three feedings. In a month's time there was great improvement. This dog will now zoom over the very ground that previously was an issue. She now lets me handle her feet and rub her pads without concern. Perhaps this is a useful tip for one of your dogs.

Submitted by Ellen Rusconi-Black

NEBCA Annual Meeting Announcement

WHEN: January 20, 2007 (snow date of January 27, 2007) *In case of inclement weather, the executive committee will make a decision to postpone the meeting by Friday, January 19, 6:00pm. Contact any one of us or consult the NEBCA webpage for weather postponement.*

WHERE: Albany Obedience Club in Albany (Glenmont), NY. (Thanks to Rose Redick for securing this space for NEBCA!)

TIME: The meeting will start at 10:00am and will go until 2:00 or 3:00pm depending on the amount of business and discussion.

DIRECTIONS:

From NYS Thruway (I-87) Exit 22: From NYS Thruway (I-87) Exit 22: Turn left on Route 144, go about 2.7 miles to Wemple Road. Turn left on Wemple Road. Site is about 1 mile on left. From NYS Thruway (I-87) Exit 22: Turn left on Route 144, go about 2.7 miles to Wemple Road. Turn left on Wemple Road. Site is about 1 mile on left.

From NYS Thruway (I-87) Exit 23: From NYS Thruway (I-87) Exit 23: Turn right on Route 9W South. Go about 3.8 miles to Wemple Road (there is a traffic light). Turn left on Wemple Road. Site is about .8 mile on right.

From the North: From the North: Take I-87 (Northway) South to Exit 7 East toward Troy. Follow 7 East then take I-787 South toward Albany to the end. Take a right at the light onto Route 9W South. Go about 3.8 miles to Wemple Road (there is a traffic light). Turn left onto Wemple Road. Site is about .8 mile on right.

Please email the president, Denise Leonard, at dleonard@schoolph.umass.edu, with any items for the agenda. Committee chairpersons, please be sure to have an annual report for your respective committees. There will be a pot luck lunch so please bring a dish to share. Please note that while there is a kitchen in this building, there is no oven. So if you are bringing a hot dish, bring it in a crock pot!

All NEBCA members in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend.



NEBCA Trial Results



NH State Championship SDT & Fryeburg Fair SDT

Sept. 30 & Oct 1, 2006

Judge: Dave Young

Trial Manager & Host: Roger Deschambeault

Submitted by Gabe Merrill

Saturday at Nearfield: 40 dogs

1. Roger Deschambeault	Ken	97
2. Bruce Smart	Dolly	97
3. Maria Amodei	Cato	93
4. Rich Seaman	Boo	92
5. Roger Deschambeault	Jet	88
6. Rich Seaman	Bud	88
7. Betty Levin	Maddie	85
8. Chris Bowen	Dot	82
9. Lynn Deschambeault	Chip	81
10. Steve Wetmore	Gyp	80

Sunday at the Fair: 46 dogs

1. Michael Dathe	Cooper	106
2. Sue Schoen	Nap	103
3. Chris Bowen	Dot	100
4. Steve Wetmore	Pace	100
5. Bus Ames	Luke	100
6. Maria Amodei	Cato	99
7. Rich Seaman	Ki	98
8. R. Deschambeault	Trim	98
9. R. Deschambeault	Ken	96
10. L. Deschambeault	Chip	95

11. Bruce Smart	Dolly	95
12. Edie Overly	Zack	93
13. Steve Wetmore	Gyp	92
14. Michael Dathe	Trot	91
15. Rob Drummond	Spot	91

All ties were broken by outwork

USBCA Nursery Class

1. Jim Perkins	Z	63
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NEBCA Trial Results



New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival Open Points Trial, Loon Mountain, NH

Sept. 15, 2006

Judge: Carroll Goodwin

Trial Manager: Lynn Deschambeault

Submitted by Lynn Deschambeault

It was a gorgeous day for a trial and an extremely large crowd was in attendance and showed their appreciation of us and our dogs by lining the field almost to the top of the field with a few folks that had walked to the top to watch from that vantage point. We had a mother bear and her cubs on the slope above the trial during several runs, I don't think she was sizing anyone or anyone up, she and her cubs were just berry picking getting ready for their long winter hibernation, it was a sight to see!

The sheep were Rogers horned Dorsets and Katelyn Walker did an excellent job working all day in the holding pen with help from Roger, Gabe, Jim, and Bud. thanks to Roger, Maurice, Carroll, Bud, Katelyn and anyone else I missed for helping set up and take down. This is a points trial judged by Carroll Goodwin, the secretary was Pollie and announcer Fran Wheeler with a break covered by Betty Levin. I would once again like to THANK all the handlers for coming and supporting me and this trial. We won't be holding a sanctioned trial at Loon next year as it conflicts with the National, but we are going to try and hold, possibly, an invitational so if you aren't attending the nationals and want to be considered for the trial at Loon in 2007, contact me. Lynn Deschambeault

1) Betty Levin	Kyle	6) Roger Deschambeault	Bob
2) Rich Seaman	Boo	7) Michael Dathe	Trot
3) Rich Seaman	Zoe	8) Chris Bowen	Jake
4) Ed Hobart	Bonnie	9) Sue Schoen	Bonnie
5) Maurice MacGregor	Rob	10) Maurice MacGregor	Flash



Nation Valley Fall Sheepdog Trial

Sept. 9 & 10, 2006

Judge: JP Lalonde, Sydenham ON

Trial Manager: Werner Reitboeck

From Sheepdog-L

JP Lalonde of Sydenham did, as usual, an excellent job of judging the runs. Thank you, JP! Also thanks to all handlers who helped at every opportunity and who handled my sheep really well and with consideration. Many thanks to Kate Broadbent who as usual took over as many chores as daylight hours would permit. Thanks - you are a great bunch!!! Werner

Novice Saturday 9 dogs

- 1 Cynthia Palmer Pam 72
- 2 Knolton Kelly Ben 71
- 3 Ann Brown Ash 62
- 4 Knolton Kelly Jammer 58

Novice Sunday 7 dogs

- 1 Garwood Paul RMS Taff 58
- 2 Knolton Kelly Jammer 57
- 3 Knolton Chris Amber 55
- 4 Fahey Janet Jock 52
- 5 Palmer Cynthia Pam 43

ProNovice Saturday 20 dogs

- 1 Labelle Nathalie Jules 75
- 2 Thompson Mary Rio 74
- 3 Broadbent Kate Gin 70
- 4 Phillips Nancy Susie 69
- 5 Palmer Cynthia Kit 69
- 6 Clingerman Terri Rhys 65
- 7 Savage Lorna Spy 65
- 8 Thompson Mary Coal 62
- 9 Jewell Sue Winn 62
- 10 Dier Tara Spot 62

ProNovice Sunday 20 dogs

- 1 Phillips Nancy Susie 77
- 2 Savage Lorna Spy 76
- 3 Thompson Mary Rio 74
- 4 Castonguay Teresa Pearl 72
- 5 Labelle Nathalie Tyke 70
- 6 Palmer Cynthia Libby 70
- 7 Dier Tara Spot 69
- 8 Clingerman Terri Rhys 69
- 9 Burton Janet Data 68
- 10 Thompson Mary Coal 68

Ranch Saturday 10 dogs

- 1 Purich Kim Jack 82
- 2 Matwiy Peter Maddie 80
- 3 Murphy Joanne Maude 71
- 4 Bailey Lena Hemp 70
- 5 Murphy Jim Trim 68

Ranch Sunday - 10 dogs

- 1 Murphy Jim Megan 73
- 2 Purich Kim Jack 67
- 3 Murphy Jim Trim 64
- 4 Murphy Joanne Maude 54
- 5 Savage Lorna Trace 44

Open Saturday 23 dogs

- 1 Bruce Smart Dolly 95
- 2 Lena Bailey Spot 93
- 3 Lorna Savage Zoe 86
- 4 Mary Thompson Holly 83
- 5 Joyce Geier Clue 81
- 6 Carol Guy Piper 79
- 7 Kate Broadbent Rob 74
- 8 Lorna Savage Brock 72
- 9 Louise Tackaberry Clare 70
- 10 Bruce Smart Missy 68

Open Sunday 24 dogs

- 1 Lorna Savage Brock 89
- 2 Bruce Smart Dolly 85
- 3 Lorna Savage Zoe 84
- 4 Werner Reitboeck Tara 84
- 5 Mary Thompson Holly 81
- 6 Mary Thompson Hawk 80
- 7 Joyce Geier Brass 79
- 8 Joyce Geier Clue 78
- 9 Jim Murphy Kit 75
- 10 Carol Guy Piper 75





NEBCA Trial Results



Brynog Farm Sheepdog Trial, L'Original, ON

October 21 & 22, 2006

Judge: Roddy MacDairmid, Scotland, UK

Trial Managers: Nathalie Labelle & Bruce Smart

Submitted by Nathalie Labelle

Saturday Novice: 9 dogs

1.	Janet Fahey	Jock	47
2.	Deborah Donahue	Beal	46
3.	Cynthia Palmer	Pam	29
4.	Ann Brown	Ash	25
5.	Deborah Donahue	Ross	23
6.	Jean-Luc Chartrand	Drift	23
7.	Paul Garwood	Taff	19

Saturday Pro-Novice: 18 dogs

1.	Amanda Milliken	Clive	64
2.	Nancy Phillips	Susie	56
3.	Fiona Robertson	Tap	52
4.	Bruce Smart	Floss	50
5.	Nathalie Labelle	Tyke	36
6.	Nancy Phillips	Buster	35
7.	Viki Kidd	Dixie	17
8.	Bruce Smart	Ken	10

Saturday Ranch: 3 dogs

1.	Fiona Robertson	Tap	60
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Saturday Open: 23 dogs

1.	Dave Young	Patch	73
2.	Lorna Savage	Zoe	69
3.	JP Lalonde	Fly	63
4.	Amanda Milliken	Bart	62
5.	Bill Younger	Clay	61
6.	Bruce Smart	Dolly	59
7.	Wendy Pullen	Heidi	59
8.	Sally Lacy	Eve	55
9.	Sally Lacy	Robin	51
10.	Bill Younger	Mica	45

Sunday Novice: 9 dogs

1.	Cynthia Palmer	Pam	58
2.	Ann Brown	Ash	42
3.	Deborah Donahue	Beal	41
4.	Janet Fahey	Jock	40
5.	Faye Selik	Finnie	33
6.	Deborah Donahue	Ross	30
7.	Paul Garwood	Taff	26

Sunday Pro-Novice: 17 dogs

1.	Mary Thompson	Rio	60
2.	Bruce Smart	Floss	58
3.	Janet Fahey	Jim	49
4.	Amanda Milliken	Clive	48
5.	Nancy Phillips	Susie	43
6.	Lorna Savage	Spy	38
7.	Bruce Smart	Ken	33
8.	Wendy Pullan	Amber	31

Sunday Ranch: 2 dogs

1.	Fiona Robertson	Tap	69
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Sunday Open: 22 dogs

1.	Amanda Milliken	Bart	88
2.	Amanda Milliken	Ethel	86
3.	Dave Young	Patch	74
4.	Werner Reitboeck	Tara	71
5.	Bill Younger	Clay	70
6.	Sally Lacy	Robin	70
7.	Nathalie Labelle	Jim	69
8.	Sally Lacy	Eve	65
9.	Lorna Savage	Trace	65
10.	Bruce Smart	Dolly	61

**Photos of frozen competitors at the
Brynog SDT**

**Right: Nancy Phillips
Below: Amanda Milliken and Bart
Bottom: Fiona Robertson & Tap**





NEBCA Trial Results



First Annual Fetch Gate Farm SDT, Cortland, NY

July 1-3, 2006

Judges: JP Lalande, Sydenham, ON (Novice classes); Arthur Mawhinney, Ireland, UK (Open classes)

Trial Manager: Heather Millen

Submitted by Heather Millen, Write up by Mary Thompson

Fetch Gate Farm is nestled in a valley between the emerald green hills of Cortland, NY, and is home to Roger and Heather Millen. Having been involved with the organization of many trials, it had always been their dream to host a trial at home. That dream has now come true!

Fetching indeed! When the hillside land across the road from the main farm became available, they quickly snatched it up and plans were put into place to create the perfect trial area. What a wonderful site...lots of space for parking, extra fields to exercise dogs, a babbling brook, and the view from the top of the hills is spectacular. During one of my strolling climbs to the top, my companions announced that they felt like they were in a scene from the Sound of Music and broke out in song, (trust me, Julie Andrews has nothing to worry about). The trial field is wonderfully challenging, particularly for young dogs. Part way out on the slowly rising hill there are several knolls and low spots, rocks and bramble, creating blind spots and obstacles for the dogs as they cast out on their way to the top. This caused many of the young Novice dogs to pull in on their first runs, but they soon became familiar with the terrain, and as the Novice day's runs continued, the scores improved. Sitting comfortably at the base of the hill, Arthur Mawhinney deftly ticked off the points and provided us with the winning line-up. Another small hazard to overcome was the somewhat wet/muddy conditions. Un-be-known to me (Canadian, eh), the Binghamton and Hop Bottom areas had suffered some severe flooding that week and Fetch Gate Farm, although wet and soggy, had been spared the worst of it. We all were a little worried about tripping and falling in the mud-holes on the way to the pen, but surprisingly, everyone managed to stay on their feet. The only casualty was a handler stepping out of her boot as it became mired in the muck. After several "sock only" steps, she simply retrieved her boot and with it in hand, continued on her mission to have words with her errant dog. The arm-chair tent handlers enjoyed the comedy show. The Open classes on Sunday and Monday saw the more experienced dogs put in some beautiful runs.

The Millen's flock of katahdins, not yet familiar with the new field, eventually learned where the exhaust was and began putting some pressure on the drive lines. The reversing of the course on Monday meant the dogs needed to hold firm on the first leg and keep pushing to get around the course in the 8 minutes allotted. Many teams ran out of time in the shedding ring leaving them short the shed points. This new trial is a must for your 2007 trialing calendar. Congrats to Roger, Heather, their boys, and the many friends who managed to pull this trial together in so short a time. My understanding is that the fences were only two weeks young, and the bridge over the creek was six days old, and most importantly, managed to withstand the downpour. Thanks for a wonderful trial, delicious food and entertaining company, I look forward to many more in the future.

Mary Thompson, Denfield, Ontario, Canada

NOV/NOV I 16 dogs

- 1 Devine, Anne Sue 72
- 2 Mazur, Ann Cricket 67
- 3 Hoeber, Tom Taz 59
- 4 Hoeber, Tom Nikki 59
- 5 Evans, Joe Peg 58
- 6 Dragunas, Vera Pete 56
- 7 West, Carolyn Dash 54
- 8 Hotchkiss, Linda Moss 53
- 9 Weigand, Carol McDuff 46
- 10 Gambill, Judy Jaz 45

PRO/NOV I 20 dogs

- 1 Jagger, Walt Gem 74
- 2 Savage, Lorna Spy 72
- 3 Thompson, Mary Rio 71
- 4 Murphy, Jim Trim 70
- 5 Schoen, Sue Tyne 66
- 6 Fahey, Janet Jim 64
- 7 Clingerman, Terri Rhys 61
- 8 Devine, Anne Taff 59
- 9 Mawhinney, Arthur Ben 57
- 10 Palmer, Annie Dan 53

RANCH -Sun. 16 dogs

- 1 Lambert, Beverly Hemp 84
- 2 Higgins, Michelle Bracken 80
- 3 Murphy, Joann Bess 80
- 4 Lambert, Beverly Bryn 79
- 5 Churcher, Mike Ben 74
- 6 Murphy, Joann Maude 71
- 7 Jagger, Walt Floss 62
- 8 Sharp, Dave Sagitta 61
- 9 Lockhart, Carol Gwen 60
- 10 Reitboeck, Werner Tara 58

NOV/NOV II 16 dogs

- 1 Hoeber, Tom Taz 66
- 2 Devine, Anne Sue 66
- 3 Heasley, Michael Taj 63
- 4 Dragunas, Vera Pete 61
- 5 Evans, Joe Peg 61
- 6 Mazur, Ann Cricket 59
- 7 Fahey, Janet Jock 57
- 8 Lockwood, Sandy Curly Sue 54
- 9 West, Carolyn Dash 54
- 10 Weigand, Carol McDuff 50

PRO/NOV II 18 dogs

- 1 Thompson, Mary Coal 71
- 2 Thompson, Mary Rio 67
- 3 Dier, Tara Spot 64
- 4 Schoen, Sue Tyne 62
- 5 Devine, Anne Taff 58
- 6 Mawhinney, Arthur Ben 57
- 7 Pabst, Ed Kim 53
- 8 Levinson, Barb Ryn 51
- 9 West, Carolyn Jill 50
- 10 Clingerman, Terri Rhys 49

RANCH - Mon 14 dogs

- 1 Lambert, Beverly Hemp 86
- 2 Lambert, Beverly Bryn 74
- 3 Lockhart, Carol Gwen 71
- 4 Murphy, Joann Maude 69
- 5 Higgins, Michelle Bracken 67
- 6 Churcher, Mike Ben 65
- 7 Murphy, Jim Megan 65
- 8 Jagger, Walt Floss 63
- 9 Lash, Carolyn Dell 60
- 10 Sharp, Dave Sagitta 46

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FETCH GATE FARM SDT RESULTS CONTINUED

USBCA NURSERY 6 dogs

- 1 Thompson, Mary Coal 68
- 2 Thompson, Mary Rio 61
- 3 Cunningham, Lori Ethan 61
- 4 Schoen, Sue Tyne 49

OPEN - SUN 61 dogs

- 1 Thompson, Mary Hawk 97
- 2 Millen, Heather Spy 94
- 3 Sheninger, Gene Jess 93
- 4 Levinson, Barb Lass 92

- 5 Levinson, Barb Ginnie 92
- 6 Milliken, Amanda Ethel 91
- 7 Cunningham, Lori Tess 90
- 8 Smart, Bruce Dolly 90
- 9 Geier, Joyce Brass 86
- 10 Williams, Cheryl J. Spot 85
- 11 Felegy, Mary Tam 84
- 12 Lambert, Beverly Pippa 82

OPEN - MON 58 dogs

- 1 Sheninger, Gene Jess 96
- 2 Millen, Roger Nap 92
- 3 Milliken, Amanda Ethel 92
- 4 Williams, Cheryl J. Toby 90
- 5 Cunningham, Lori Riff 89

- 6 Lambert, Beverly Pippa 89
- 7 Geier, Joyce Brass 87
- 8 Churcher, Mike Dan 87
- 9 Vandecar, Peter Bud 86
- 10 Williams, Cheryl J. Spot 85
- 11 Thompson, Mary Holly 85
- 12 Williams, Dick Scott 85

Open Champion: Gene Sheninger and Jess, receives the 1st Annual Perpetual Cup for Fetch Gate Farm (presented by Arthur Mawhinney)

Reserve Champion: Amanda Milliken and Ethel

Butternut Creek Fall SDT

October 28 & 29, 2006

Judge: Roddy MacDairmid, Scotland, UK

Trial Manager: Amanda Milliken

Submitted by Amanda Milliken

Novice 1: 8 Dogs

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|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Kelly Knowlton | Ben |
| 2. Ellen Donnelly | Stella |
| 3. Ann Brown | Ash |
| 4. Cynthia Palmer | Pam |
| 5. Janet Fahey | Jock |

Novice 2: 7 dogs

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. Cynthia Palmer | Pam |
| 2. Ann Brown | Ash |
| 3. Janet Fahey | Jock |

Novice two day Champion:
Cynthia Palmer and Pam

Pro-novice 1: 16 dogs

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Mary Thompson | Rio |
| 2. Werner Reitboeck | Roy |
| 3. Sue Schoen | Tyne |
| 4. Bruce Smart | Floss |
| 5. Mary Thompson | Coal |
| 6. Betty Levin | Selkie |

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|-------------------|-------|
| 7. Cynthia Palmer | Libby |
| 8. Wendy Pullan | Amber |

Pro-novice 2: 15 dogs

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|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Sue Schoen | Tyne |
| 2. Mary Thompson | Rio |
| 3. Mary Thompson | Coal |
| 4. Amanda Milliken | Clive |
| 5. Bruce Smart | Floss |
| 6. Sally Lacy | Kitty |
| 7. Wendy Pullan | Amber |
| 8. Janet Fahey | Jim |

Pro Novice two day Champion:
Mary Thompson and Rio


Open 1: 45 dogs

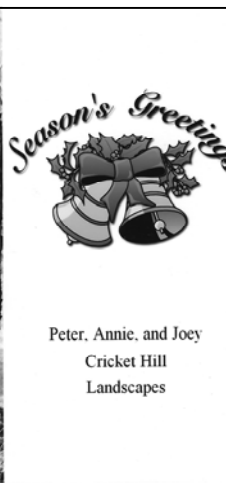
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| 1. Amanda Milliken | Ethel |
| 2. Bev Lambert | Pippa |
| 3. Jim Murphy | Kit |
| 4. Bruce Smart | Peg |
| 5. Sue Schoen | Bonnie |

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|-------------------|-------|
| 6. Carol Guy | Piper |
| 7. Kate Broadbent | Rob |
| 8. Sue Schoen | Brook |
| 9. Leslie Gamble | Bob |
| 10. Dave Young | Patch |

Open 2: 46 dogs

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Bev Lambert | Pippa |
| 2. JP Lalonde | Fly |
| 3. Kate Broadbent | Rob |
| 4. Bruce Smart | Missy |
| 5. Joyce Geier | Brass |
| 6. Lorna Savage | Trace |
| 7. Leslie Gamble | Bob |
| 8. Lorna Savage | Brock |
| 9. Werner Reitboeck | Tara |
| 10. Mary Thompson | Hawk |

Open two day Champion:  **Bev Lambert and Pippa**



Peter, Annie, and Joey
Cricket Hill
Landscapes





NEBCA Trial Results



Taravale Halloween Trial

October 28 & 29, 2006

Judge: Ron McGettigan

Trial Manager: Joanne Krause; Trial Host: Bernie and Barb Armata

Submitted by barb Armata and Joanne Krause

Thank you to all that participated and helped out at our trial this past weekend. This was a small farm trial, but it still takes a lot of work and effort to pull it off. Without participants, it would have been a wasted effort. And without everyone's generous help with all the duties from setout to scribing to moving the set out pen twice to get it out of the mud....and even to those that cleaned up my kitchen after meals!! All of you went above and beyond the call of trialing at this one!! A special thanks to Maggie

O'Neil, Rose Redick, Rachel and Kim [Albany Uni. students], Brian Wilbur for their most important work in the sheep pen. [Maggie all three days!] Also my friends, Heidi Fuge, Melody Hanchett, and Joyce Westcott for their assistance before, during and after. Pat Decoux for her generosity with food for lunches. And last, but certainly not least, my cohort in all this, Joanne Krause. We had it all....sunshine; torrential rains, then, of course, mud; howling winds that made you hold onto the handler's post, and snow squalls. Through it all, my friends, there were still smiles and laughter. Maybe a sign that we had all lost our minds!?! Barb Armata

Novice: 12 dogs to the post

- 1 Michael Heasley Taj 64
- 2 Heidi Fuge Gar 63
- 3 Mary Liebau Nip 61
- 4 Joyce Westcott Moli 51
- 5 Sophie Belanger Twill 48
- 6 Mary Liebau Moss 41
- 7 Martha Walke Sweep 34

Long Road: Joyce Westcott & Moli

Pro-Novice: 19 dogs to the post

- 1 Mary Liebau Patch 66.5
- 2 Barb Armata Jill 63
- 3 Carolyn West Jill 55
- 4 Michael Heasley Tait 45
- 5 Maryanne Fallon Bailey 41
- 6 Kate Collins Rex 28

Long Road: Kate Collins Rex

Ranch Results: 9 dogs to the post

- 1 Michele Higgins Bracken 44
- 2 Fiona Robertson Tap 42
- 3 Fiona Robertson Kap 30

Saturday Open: 35 dogs

1. Peter Van deCar Katie 75
2. Denise Leonard Kate 74
3. Chris Bowen Jake 72
4. Michael Dathe Trot 70
5. Denise Leonard Jessie 69
6. Lori Cunningham Riff 68.5
7. Peter Van deCar Bud 65
8. Maria Amodei Cato 62
9. Lori Cunningham Tess 60
10. Warren Mick Rock 58

Sunday Open: 35 dogs

1. Denise Leonard Kate 79
2. Peter VandeCar Katie 79
3. Denise Leonard Jessie 78
4. Barbara Armata Rhett 78
5. Steve Wetmore Dart 75
6. Fiona Robertson Tap 73
7. Warren Mick Glen 73
8. Warren Mick Jinty 72
9. Lori Cunningham Riff 72
10. Fiona Robertson Pat 72

2 - Day Champion: Peter Van deCar & Katie

2 -Day Reserve: Denise Leonard & Kate

Long Road: Denise Leonard & Kate



Thanks to Betty Murray for submitting these photos of the "Après Trial" costume party.

Left: Betty Boop (aka Betty Murray)

Above: NEBCA President, Denise Leonard showing off her Sumo Wrestler costume

Right: Costumed trailers...Hey that dog costume in the foreground is so realistic! FYI—The Grim Reaper is our judge (fitting, given the scores!)





NEBCA Trial Results



Bittersweet Fall Trial, Hampton, CT

Nov. 4 & 5, 2006

Judge: Sue Main, Bala, Wales

Trial Manager: Carol Campion

Submitted by Carol Campion

The Bittersweet Farm Trial was held in Hampton CT the first weekend in November. The weather gods smiled upon us and the dogs & handlers enjoyed a weekend of perfect dog running conditions. The mornings were brisk & cool with the afternoons warming up to 60 in bright sun. Thanks to everyone who supported the trial both as handlers and/or as workers. We all know trials cannot succeed without the help of many.

Sheep were efficiently held out by George Northrup with relief from Ed Hobart & Sue Schoen. Larry Campion, along with many able volunteers, worked the pen enabling the running to carry on smoothly with little stress to the stock. The judge for both days was Ms Sue Main of Bala, Wales. Sue is a well known judge & handler and did a good job of getting the runs in the right order. Thanks also to the many scribes who willingly pitched in to make sure the job was covered. The sheep were from a flock of Kathadins & Border Leicester/Texel cross ewes and their lambs. They were fresh sheep not having been worked all summer. They ran well if the dog was right!



Beverly Lambert and Pippa shedding. Photo by Sharon Perkins

Saturday Open: 39 dogs

1. Bev Lambert Pippa 91
2. Peter Vandecar Bud 90.5
3. Sue Schoen Bonny 87.5
4. Michelle Brothers Snap 85
5. Ed Hobart Bonnie 85
6. Joan Worthington Sam 81
7. Chris Bowen Jake 81
8. Bev Lambert Bill 80
9. Emma Court Kane 79
10. Carol Campion Fly 78.5

Saturday Ranch: 10 dogs

1. Bev Lambert Hemp 75
2. Michelle Brothers Snap 62
3. Bill Fosher Tweed 42
4. Michelle Higgins Bracken 42
5. Tom Leigh Jo 38
6. Joan McGrath Amos 37
7. Sue Schoen Tyne 31
8. Kitsy McCormick Jax 11

Sunday Novice: 9 dogs

1. Carol Weigand Mc Duff 63
2. Deb Donahue Ross 60
3. Jan Berger Chopper 59.5
4. Mich Ferarro Nimbus 57
5. Sharon Perkins Tweed 56

6. Eileen Wilentz Jamie 47
7. Ann Mazur Cricket 41
8. Pat Hammel Murphy Bob 33

Sunday Pro-Novice: 23 dogs

1. Maria Amodei Rhyme 69
2. Sally Lacy Kitty 67
3. Carol Campion Flossie 66
4. Nancy Phillips Suzie 65
5. Michelle Brothers Roy 63
6. Mich Ferarro Skye 60
7. Betty Levin Selkie 55
8. Cheryl Landry Patch 54

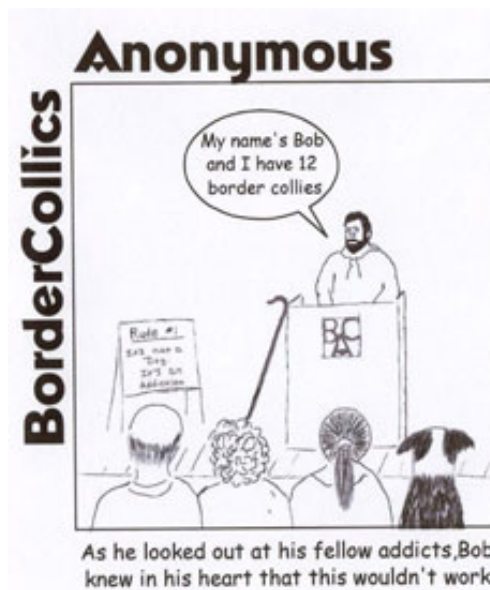
Sunday Open: 31 dogs ran

1. Bev Lambert Pippa 89.5
2. Emily Yazwinski Mabel 76.5
3. Sally Lacy Robin 75.5
4. Sue Schoen Brooke 75
5. Joan Worthington Sam 74
6. Michelle Higgins Bracken 72
7. Maria Mick Ben 69
8. Michelle Higgins Deigh 69
9. Joan Worthington Hope 67.5
10. Sally Lacy Evie 67

Open Champion: Bev Lambert & Pippa

Open Reserve: Joan Worthington & Sam

USBCA Nursery winner (7 ran)
Roger Deschambeault & Pat





NEBCA Trial Results



VERMONT TRIPLE CROWN WINNER; Peter VanderCar and Bud

This past summer three trials joined together to offer the Vermont Triple Crown Award - Merck Forest SDT in Rupert; Mad River Valley SDT in Waitsfield; and Vermont State Championships held in Quechee and Strafford.

The top score from each of the three open trials were added



VT triple Crown Winner Peter VanderCar & Bud

together to determine the most consistent dog and handler. The winner, Peter Van de Car with Bud, receive a hand-crafted trophy in the shape of Vermont to display for the year. Peter also received a cash award and a jacket. The reserve champion was initially tied between Steve Wetmore



VT triple Crown Winner and Reserve: From Left to Right: Steve Wetmore, Peter VanderCar, Bud, Michael Dathe.

with Dart and Michael Dathe with Trot. After comparing all the out work of the three trials, Steve Wetmore was declared reserve champion by one point.

Next summer the Vermont Triple Crown will be offered again. Any open handler may qualify by competing in each trial with the same dog(s). For further information about the Triple Crown, contact Steve Wetmore at swwet@valley.net or call 802-765-4466.



Had a Bad Day?

By Sue Schoen

Who else but Willy? As he raced down the hall expecting to hang a right into the guest room, he found he could not get traction on the slate floor and skidded the remaining 15 feet to the short flight of stairs to the basement. There, squealing like a pig, he made a primal doggy choice: crash down the stairs or leap like Steve Mac Queen through the six-foot, plate glass window that glowed with the last light of what would turn out to be a very long day. Willy went for the glory.

From where we sat drinking wine in the kitchen, the crash did not sound encouraging. Betty asked optimistically "Darn. Did he knock over the fan?" "Well no, actually..." Willy stood breathing hard in the twilight of the dog yard holding up his right front leg. Glass was everywhere; the

remains of the window gaped like the open mouth of a great white shark. I could see one good gash on his forearm, which was going to need suturing, and he was bleeding from another laceration on the carpus. Otherwise he was fine. I ran through the options which would still allow us to leave for our island gather in Maine at 5:30 am. Our hospital was out: too far, no keys. We found a local emergency hospital and I wrapped his wounds in duck tape and a towel and headed off. I was not as cool, calm and collected as I sound. I felt like a schmuck for allowing it to happen, but who else but Willy could possibly dream up such a stunt?!

I left Willy in the care of a very nice vet who looked about fifteen. We agreed that I could pick him up at 4:30 am (I left

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Had a Bad Day? (continued)

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out the part about how I was planning to take him to the island in a small open boat with his newly bandaged leg wrapped in a plastic bag. He was a little groggy, but it was fine.) I went back to Betty's to sleep for about 23 minutes. At one am the ER doc called with lousy, but not unexpected, news. A piece of glass had severed both the deep and superficial digital flexor tendons on his right front leg. The flexors are the tendons that allow you to bend your fingers and make a fist. Not good to cut them. She rattled off the repair technique she had used (basically you sew the ends together, praying the ends do not fray as you suture, and splint the leg for 3-6 weeks). Her parting words were not welcome, but I would have said the same thing to an owner. "He'll walk OK, but I 'm sorry. I don't see how he can be a working athlete again. I hope I'm wrong"

So began my education in the field of canine rehabilitation and physical therapy. I consulted Dr. Marge Macmillan at the Sterling Impression Rehabilitation Center in Walpole, Ma. and had Willy evaluated a couple of weeks after his injury. The trick was that he needed the splint to protect the healing tendon from the stress of full weight bearing. On the other hand the immobilization caused by the splint would cause muscle atrophy and adhesions of the tendon sheaths, which could limit his mobility and strength long term. Tendon healing is optimized (speed and ultimate strength) when appropriate loads are applied through out the process. When we began we did not know what the end point would be. I had to close off my doubts and jump right in. I had seen the result of three such tendon repairs in my career. I had done two of them: a dog and a cat. Without any rehab both had returned to acceptable levels of soundness, but neither were very athletic. I had seen one haunting result- done elsewhere- in which the dog's foot flopped grotesquely. I was not going to let that happen to Willy.

For four months I drove to Walpole about once a week. Willy's therapist, Betsy Wagner, fashioned a removable splint and taught me how to massage the leg muscles, and


flex and stretch each joint in his leg daily. Willy was a terrific patient. He loved his massage and the extra attention he got. Each session he would hop into the treatment room, flop onto the doggy futon and present his leg for treatment. The treatments consisted of moist heat application, therapeutic ultrasound, massage, and joint mobilization and physical therapy exercises on an underwater treadmill, a balance board and swimming pool. The underwater treadmill allowed Willy to use his leg normally but without full weight bearing.



Sue Schoen's Willy

He hated this apparatus and acted like such an idiot we gave it up. Instead I took him to the beach and walked him through chest deep water. He submitted to the pool sessions they provided but preferred the pond. By the end of the summer Willy progressed to walking on a leash without the splint. To my great relief, the tendon repair held and his foot did not flop. In October we stopped going to therapy and I returned him to work and training. In January, I trialed him when I

went to Texas. We got to the pen both days of the trial. I know it doesn't sound like much, but perhaps you have not been to Texas....

I was compelled to make a wholehearted effort to return Willy to normal soundness. Willy gives me his all, and, despite his bad hair and my training, he has often run well for me. He is seven years old, has clearly lost some speed, but he never limps and rarely holds up the leg. He would not have recovered so thoroughly without the physical therapy. From my perspective as a veterinarian involved with working border collies this was a tremendous learning opportunity, which I am continuing to pursue. Without question, the entire process was enhanced and made easier because I am a vet. However, for anyone whose dog suffers an injury- acute, catastrophic, chronic, and post- surgical, whatever-I highly recommend investigation of rehab and physical therapy. Get the best diagnosis you can and pursue a rational recovery program. The horse world is far ahead of us in this field but canine sports medicine and rehabilitation is growing rapidly. Our dogs represent a huge investment of hope; time, money, emotion and they deserve the best chance we can give them to keep them sound. 

A K-9 Christmas Wish

By Anne Devine

Christmas comes
Only one day a year
But the BCs and friends
Wish each day filled with good
cheer.

Natalie, the Whippet,
Doesn't want any coal??
Treats and juicy bones
She hopes fill her bowl.

Doc, the youngest,
Is new to the scene.
Of Santa and presents
The puppy will dream.

Bumble's so excited
She can hardly sit tight.
She listens for sleigh bells
Long into the night.

Taff, much more serious
Is checking his list.
He tucks in the youngsters
Making sure all heads are kissed.

Cozy and warm
In his soft leather chair
Ben draws on his pipe,
Dreams of sheep in the cold Scot-
land air.

Racing around
From window to door
Nana wishes that Santa
Brings Frisbees galore.

Jac is kept busy
Taking balls off the tree
Chasing them around
And laughing with glee.

Kimmy's wish is for balls
Of any old kind
Tennis and boomer and kong
Fill her mind.

Gail runs to the window
Gives her friends a quick wink
"Hey guys, I've spotted
St. Nicholas, I think"

Annie just got here
And is learning the ropes.
For Candy canes and cookies
She has very high hopes.

Nell curls on the couch
Her dignity she'll keep
No one will know
She dreams of red and green
sheep.

Amelia and Mouse
Shake tinsel in their teeth
And at least for the moment
Have forgotten about sheep.

Rhum is frantic
His stocking is hung
What else can he do
As he waits for the fun?

Clara has promised
No Scrooge for the day
To be sweet to her friends
And frolic and play.

Milk and some cookies
Left for Santa on a plate
Mattie and Joe
Say they tasted just great!

Ellie is home
For a holiday break
She wants all the fixin's
With her turkey and steak.

Celt waits for Santa
With a sharp watchful eye
Never turning his gaze
Away from the sky.

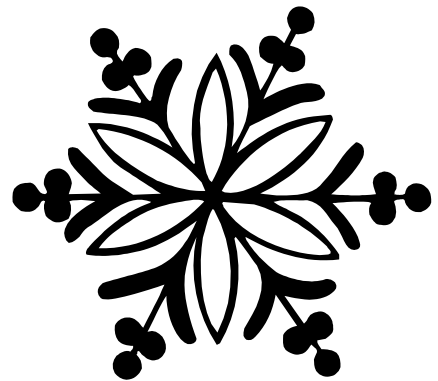
Hope makes a wish
First star of the night.
To take all her whistles
And treat her sheep right.

Sue wants a gift
She thinks will make her cool
A gift certificate
To the Sears Driving School.

Jean, on the outside
Seems quite sedate
But deep down inside
For Santa she can't wait.

Miah's wish is simple
A tender Christmas goose
She'll grab it herself
If somehow it gets loose.

All of the K-9s
Wish you good cheer
A Very Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!!



Happy Holidays



Ho Ho Ho!

This is Millie and sheep friend playing Santa. Mille is owned by Grace Smith of Charlotte, VT. Photo by Grace Smith



Christmas Photos! Above is Border Collie, Tess with her friends a Lamb and a very big cat! Thanks to Ayn and Ted Riehle for this photo!

Left is Michelle Brothers "Rock" working his winter flock.

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Michelle Brothers' Roy enjoying his first snow as a pup.



A horse (er...Dog) of a different color! Here are sable littermates "Russ" owned by Peter VanderCar and "Fawn", owned by Rose Redick. Photo by Betty Murray.



**Go ahead....Make my day!
This is Click, owned by Grace Smith of Charlotte, VT
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**National Finals 2006 sheep.
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**Sheep Misbehavin' at the 2006 National Finals.
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**HA HA, SMARTY-PANTS... GUESS WHO
ELSE IS GETTING HIS OWN
INDOOR BATHROOM?**

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