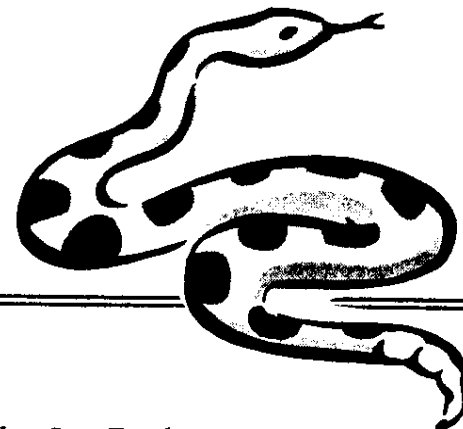




ACTIVE DOG HEALTH INFO....



SNAKE BITES

by Joe Bodewes, D.V.M

If your dog encounters a poisonous snake in the United States chances are that it will be a pit viper. Pit vipers are a general class of poisonous snakes that are identified by their triangular heads, retractable fangs, and a special heat-sensing pit between the eye and nostril. Most dog/snake encounters are not deadly but the bite can be very painful and bitten animals should be treated immediately. North American pit vipers include five subspecies of copperheads, three subspecies of water moccasins, three subspecies of pygmy rattlesnakes, three subspecies of massauga, and at least 26 subspecies of rattlesnakes. Water moccasins and copperheads are found in the eastern United States and Southward through Texas. Rattlesnakes are found throughout the contiguous United States, with the highest concentration in the South and Southwest.

Pit vipers and snakes in general have been unfairly villainized by humans since the beginning of time and to this day are hunted down and killed for sport or out of fear. Despite the potential threat of a severe reaction, the vast majorities of bites are not deadly and can be effectively treated. The benefits of pit vipers are tremendous. They are very effective rodent killers and consume hundreds of thousands of mice and rats every year. They are essential to keeping the rodent population from exploding out of control. If people and their pets avoid areas that are likely to harbor large numbers of snakes particularly at certain times of the day and during certain times of the year, and use a little common sense, very few dangerous encounters are likely to occur. While not everyone finds these animals fascinating adaptations to nature, they can still respect them as important pieces in a balanced ecosystem and give them the little space which they require.

What are the symptoms? Many times the owners of dogs that get bitten by a pit viper are not there at the time of the bite. Signs that your pet has been bitten include puncture wounds (often bleeding), immediate severe pain, swelling, and tissue necrosis. The more severe systemic signs may take up to several hours to appear and include hypotension and shock, lethargy and weakness, muscle tremors, and neurological signs including depressed respiration.

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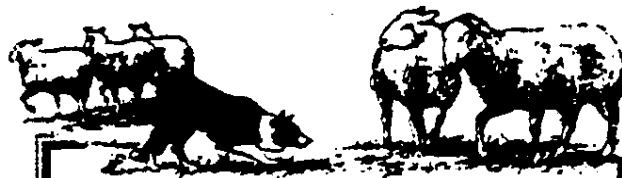
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How are pit viper bites treated? Animals suspected of being bitten by a pit viper should have immediate veterinary attention even if the bite occurred several hours earlier. Animals suspected of being bitten should be hospitalized and monitored for at least eight hours. If you see your pet bitten by a pit viper, or suspect a bite has occurred, you should immediately take your pet to the nearest veterinarian. Suction kits to remove the venom can be tried but due to the large amount of hair present will likely have poor results. In addition, the use of such kits takes valuable time that would be better spent in travel. Decreasing the amount of activity and keeping the pet calm is beneficial. Applying tourniquets is of little benefit and they are often poorly applied and create more harm than good. Ice or cold compresses applied to the bite may help relieve some of the pain.

If the animal is showing signs of a reaction, the veterinarian will: 1) Remove the collar from animals bitten on the head or neck. 2) Administer diphenhydramine (antihistamine). 3) Administer IV fluids. 4) Administer one or two vials of antivenin as needed. 5) Give broad spectrum antibiotics (penicillin or amoxicillin). 6) NOT give steroids since they are contraindicated in snake bites and should not be given.

What is the mortality rate in animals that receive antivenin? A study of animals bitten by pit vipers showed that those treated with antivenin, intravenous fluids and antibiotics had a mortality rate less than 1% and local tissue damage was rare. The mortality rate in untreated patients depended on the species of snake involved. For example in patients bitten by the Northern Pacific Rattlesnakes the mortality rate was about 10%. In the much more dangerous Mojave rattlesnake it could be as high as 35%.

Where is antivenin available? Two companies, Fort Dodge and Wyeth Ayerst Laboratories produce antivenin. Veterinary clinics and human hospitals in areas that have a high population of pit vipers have this product on hand. Many owners want to carry this product with them but because of the intravenous administration and instability of the product it is recommended that a veterinarian give it. Even animals that have gone several hours and show severe symptoms have shown good response once treated with the antivenin. So owners of animals suspected of being bitten by a pit viper should seek out immediate veterinary attention for their pet even if the bite occurred several hours earlier.

Pit vipers compose the largest group of poisonous snakes in North America. With a little common sense and snake courtesy most snake encounters can be avoided. If a snake does bite your pet, a veterinarian can successfully treat him and death is very rare.

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2002 Fall Foliage Information

The 2002 Fall Foliage Trial will be held on October 12-13 at the spectacular Leatherstocking Trial field in Cooperstown NY. The judge this year will be Bernie Armata from Esperance NY. Barbara Leverett has generously donated the use of 80-90 yearlings from her flock for the trial. The trial will start at 8AM on Saturday with a 7:30 handlers meeting.

The trial committee has set the qualifying requirement to be three placings in the regular season and only two dogs per handler will be allowed. Up-to-date open points and trial placings can be found on the NEBCA website. The committee will try to contact everyone with qualified dogs as to whether they plan to attend. Anyone who qualifies late in the season or feels there is an error in the records should contact the committee ASAP. There is no entry form but you must confirm your entry with Steve by phone or email by October 5. A \$25 entry fee per dog will be collected at the trial.

We will need volunteers for set up, scribing, posting scores and other trial tasks so please contact Steve or anyone on the committee if you can help. See you there.

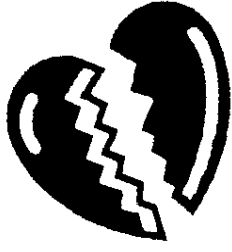
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Directions:

From East, West, or South, use I-88. Get off at Exit 17 (Colliersville-Cooperstown) and proceed north on NYS 28. Go 14.5 miles to the hamlet of Hyde Park (marked) where you turn right at the trial sign (County Rte. 11 C). The bridge on this road has clearance of 10' 3". At YIELD sign, go left 2.3 miles (County Rte. 33). At STOP sign, turn right (County Rte. 52). Go 2/10 mile; turn right onto Beaver Meadow Road (trial field is just ahead on the right).

From North (US Rte. 20), go south on Rte. 28 (Richfield Springs) or Rte. 80 (Springfield Center) to Cooperstown. In Cooperstown, turn right onto Chestnut Street. Go several village blocks and turn left onto Beaver Street (at Cooperstown Motel sign and sign to hospital). Proceed to second 4-way stop; turn right onto Susquehanna Street. Pass the Clark Sports Center, cross a small bridge and bear left (County Rte. 52). Go up hill 2/10 mile and take first right onto Beaver Meadow Road (trial field is just ahead on the right).



LOVE 'UM, *BUT WANT TO LEAVE 'UM!*

By MaryThompson

Do you own a border collie that is “near and dear to your heart” but you find yourself, along with all the trainers you’ve enlisted help from, defeated by your lack of progress in teaching her the fine art of sheep work?? Have most of the trainers and your fellow handlers suggested that you might want to “send it on down the road”, “place it with a nice family”, or “use it for puppy sitting”. Have you heard the dreaded words; she’s weak, he’s sticky, has too much eye, has no eye, has no style, ...she will never make a trial dog,....you should get rid of her.

Well join the club! I’m quite sure it’s a big one! It’s really heart breaking when you get this advice time after time. But, she’s a part of your family now.....how do you just part company with your best friend? The truth is-- it is good advice, however, some people just don’t have the heart to be dog traders and don’t view their dogs as “stock”, to be traded, placed, or replaced when they don’t learn quick enough or they are not competitive.

I’m going to dare to suggest that there is an upside to owning a mediocre border collie, especially for novice handlers. As we all know, people (or most people), learn from their mistakes, and with your “less than perfect” collie you will get lots of opportunity to correct a variety of mistakes and to make up for weaknesses in very creative ways. This extra work will eventually make you a better handler, even though it can be very frustrating and time consuming. The following are some typical examples of poor performance; slow to run out, stopping, or crossing over after leaving your feet, sticking and clamping, too pushy on the lift, fetch, and around the pen, won’t flank square on drive, hard of hearing as the distance increases, and of course the sometimes costly “let’s see what they taste like” gripping. Most of these performance issues can be smoothed out and corrected given lots and lots of time and patience, and by gaining some insight into what is causing the problem. Some dogs simply take a long time to mature and need continued help and support before you see any progress.

So in summary, if you love that “good for nothing” border collie that has wormed his or her way into your heart, and you have the time and patience, don’t give up too early. It might take several years but in the end you will have learned to correct most problems and the dog might just place the odd time and really make your day! This can be just as rewarding from a training standpoint, as when your other naturally talented dog wins the Open class. However, if you don’t have the will and strength of purpose, the earlier advice is well taken. If you’re really serious about winning that red or blue ribbon early in your trialing career, you really should find a talented dog to work with and find another activity or home, for your “sheep challenged” four legged friend. Not all border collies are made equal!!

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2 Novice trials
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NEBCA Fall Foliage Trial
Info. included in this newsletter!

October 19-20

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Two NN, PN & open trials
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October 19-20

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Rhinebeck, NY
Two Open Trials
Warren Mick
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Oct 26-27

O.C. Sheep Herding Company Open
Old Chatham, NY
Two open trials
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trial results
clinic information
rules
hi-points information
novice point standings

**Vermont State SDT
August 24, 2002.
David Sykes, judge**

57 Dogs to the post.

- 1- Bev Lambert & Kirk 99
- 2- S. Wetmore & Dart 96
- 3- B. Lambert & Pippa 94
- 4- A. Lynch & Joe 92
- 5- M. Mick & Jim 90
- 6- W. Mick & Glen 89
- 7- B. Levin & Kyle 87
- 8- B. Levinson & Lass 87
- 9- W. Mick & Tim 85
- 10- P. Vandecar & Bud 84

**Spring Valley Farm SDT
August 25, 2002
D. Sykes, judge**

47 Dogs to the post.

- 1- E. Skillings & Jack 98
- 2- S. Wetmore & Keegan 96
- 3- B. Lambert & Pippa 95
- 4- L. Tesdahl & Peg 91
- 5- A. Lynch & Joe 87
- 6- M. Dathe & Cooper 87
- 7- R. Deschambeault & Trim 84
- 8- S. Lacy & Chess 80
- 9- B. Levin & Kyle 79
- 10- M. Dathe & Cobb 79

**Blue Hill Fair
August 31, 2002
Mary Ames, scorekeeper**

28 Dogs to the Post

- 1- R. Seaman & Luke
- 2- M. MacGregor & Mindy
- 3- R. Seaman & Zoe
- 4- R. Deschambeault & Trim
- 5- B. Levin & Maddie
- 6- B. Ames & Luke
- 7- B. Levin & Folly
- 8- B. Smart & Dolly
- 9- S. Wetmore & Keegan
- 10- L. Deschambeault & Di

**Blue Hill Fair
September 1, 2001
Mary Ames, scorekeeper**

28 Dogs to the Post

- 1- R. Deschambeault & Craig
- 2- L. Deschambeault & Pip
- 3- R. Seaman & Zoe
- 4- M. MacGregor & Kate
- 5- S. Wetmore & Keegan
- 6- L. Deschambeault & Di
- 7- B. Smart & Dolly
- 8- B. Starkey & Dot
- 9- M. MacGregor & Mindy
- 10- R. Knight & Jewel

**Bittersweet Novice Trial
July 14, 2002
Hampton, Connecticut**

The Bittersweet Novice Trial culminated a 5 day clinic on reading & handling sheep with Kathy Knox. Many of the handlers running in the trial were participants in the clinic and the successes of the clinic is reflected in the good scores and quality of the runs that day. This was by far the best novice running seen here at Bittersweet Farm. Congratulations to the handlers! Larry Campion judged and Sam Yazwinski ran the pen. Thanks additionally to the many others that helped scribe, hold sheep and exhaust. Without them, this trial would not have been the success it was.

HIGHLANDS OF DURHAM SDT
Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada
Judge: Scot Glen
July 20-21, 2002

SATURDAY JULY 20, 2002

NOVICE - 12 dogs to the post

1. - M.Kras - Gyp 60
2. - K. Donnelly - Kip 57
3. - T. Dier - Earl 56
4. - P. Matiwy - Trin 47

PRONOVICE - 21 dogs to the post

1. - A. Milliken - Bart 81
2. - Eileen Benedict - Printer 78
3. - M. Bustard - Mabel 71
4. - Jim Murphy - Kit 62

RANCH - 15 dogs to the post

1. - D. Kratzer - Jaff 67
 2. - B. Levinson - Lass 53
 3. - B. Kramer - Paige 42
- remainder Rt or DQ

USBCHA NURSERY 5 dogs to the post

- 1.- L. Cunningham - Riff 52

OPEN 43 dogs to the post

1. - A. Milliken - Eucher 88
2. - J. Weaver - Liz 88
3. - D. Kratzer - Tob 86
4. - J. Geier - Troy 85
5. - M.L. Campbell - Boy 83
6. - B. Smart - Peg - 79
7. - J. Weaver - Don - 78
8. - A.deKenedy - Hobbes - 76
9. - J. Geier - Tait - 75
- 10 - L. Savage - Brock - 75

Bittersweet Novice Trial results-

Novice

1. Tenley Dexter & Tuff
2. Lindi Elkins & Tess
3. Connie Weller & Penn
4. Elayne Holbrook & Zak
5. Tenley Dexter & Kate
6. Tenley Dexter & Starr
7. Susan Cullen & Nick
8. Molly King & Nell

ProNovice

1. Molly King & Ruby
2. Greg Hamm & Zeb
3. Eric Johnson & Faith
4. Dee Woessner & Spot
5. Cokie Hamm & Lola
6. Eric Johnson & Will
7. Dave Lewis & Jenna
8. Greg Hamm & Maya

Ranch

1. Amy Miller & Scout
2. Sally Lacy & Jean
3. Emily Yazwinski & Tarr
4. Emily Yazwinski & Jill
5. Millie Curtis & Pat
6. Greg Hamm & Maya
7. Darlene Hutchins & Katie
8. Rob Drummond & Spot

USBCHA

- Paul Dragunas & Cookie

SUNDAY JULY 21, 2002

NOVICE - 14 dogs to the post

1. - T. Dier - Earl - 69
2. - D. George - Mika - 50
3. - P. Matiwy - Trin - 43
4. - M. Kras - Gyp - 37

PRONOVICE - 20 dogs to the post

1. - A. Milliken - Bart 73
2. - S. Purcell - Sheila 73
3. - J. Weaver - Wicca 70
4. - M. Lambkin - Score - 68

RANCH - 15 dogs to the post

1. - D. Kratzer - Jaff - 70
2. - B. Smart - Drift - 65
3. - M. Terpstra - Queen - 51
4. - K. Ash - Phannie - 40

USBCHA NURSERY - 5 dogs to the post

1. - L. Cunningham - Riff - 69
2. - B. Parrott - Patch - 57
3. - J. Murphy - Kit - 56

OPEN - 41 dogs to the post

1. - A. Milliken - Grace - 86
2. - M. Bustard - Burl - 81
3. - J. Geier - Troy - 78
4. - A. Milliken - Eucher - 75
5. - D. Kratzer - Tib - 74
6. - M. Terpstra - Lena - 72
7. - J. Geier - Tait - 71
8. - M. Thompson - Hawk - 70
9. - L. Tackaberry - Kit - 70
10. B. Parrott - Moss - 70

Leatherstocking Sheepdogs Trial

Cooperstown, New York

August 16-18, 2002

judge: Dave Sykes

Saturday, August 17th

Open

1. A. Milliken & Eucher
2. Polly Matzinger & Lilly
3. Beverly Lambert & Pippa
4. D. Williams & Tip
5. A. Milliken & Grace
6. M. Dathe & Cooper
7. L. Savage & Dot
8. H. Millen & Buck
9. N. Ortiz-Sharp & Acquilla
10. D. Williams & Dot

Sunday, August 18th

Open

1. C. Jagger-Williams & Andy
2. W. Mick & Glen
3. L. Boyer & Danny
4. A. Milliken & Grace
5. B. Lambert & Kirk
6. B. Lamber & Pippa
7. M. Bustard & Burl
8. M. Thompson & Hawk
9. D. Williams & Dot
10. S. Shoen & Willy

Overall Champion - B. Lambert & Pippa

Reserve Champion- A. Milliken & Grace

Novice Novice

1. Mary Ann Kras & Gyp
2. Ken Freson & Liz
3. Ken Freson & Queenie
4. Alix Cleveland & Caed
5. Alix Cleveland & Rob

Pro Novice

1. Cheryl Williams & Rudy
2. Eric Johnson & Faith
3. Michele Higgins & Deigh
4. Warren Mick & Kess
5. Bernie Armata & Bobby

Ranch

1. Roger Millen & Nap
2. Cheryl Williams & Bull
3. Emily Yazwinski & Jill
4. Polly Matzinger & Charlie
5. Dick Williams & Dell

Lancaster Fair Trial

August 29, 2002

Judge:Carrol Goodwin

Trial Mgr. - Roger Deschambeault

34 dogs to the post

1. Steve Wetmore & Dart
2. M. McGregor & Kate
3. Roger Deschambeault & Joe
4. Bud Ames & Luke
5. Roger Deschambeault & Trim
6. Bruce Smart & Dolly
7. Steve Wetmore & Keegan
8. M. McGregor & Sam
9. Betty Levin & Maddie
10. Betty Levin & Folly

NJ STATE SHEEPDOG TRIALS AT FOSTERFIELDS
Morristown, New Jersey
August 31 -- September 2, 2002

Fourteen years ago the N.J. State Sheepdog Trial was a quiet affair at our farm in Rockaway Township, NJ. We didn't even put together a program for that first trial in 1989. By 1990, it was still a small trial at our farm but we'd graduated to a trial with a program. Here's what I found in that program from 12 years ago: we had a total of 43 entries (3 N/N, 7 P/N, 8 R, 25 O) and a total of 75 runs (18 on Sat., 32 on Sun., 25 on Mon.).

What a far cry from the year 2002, our fourteenth year: we had a total of 148 entries (23 N/N, 34 P/N, 39 R, 52 O) and a total of 281 runs (85 on Sat., 87 on Sun., 109 on Mon.), all without running to a standard. With a tremendous amount of cooperation from the handlers and volunteers, we finished well before dark every day and in plenty of time to have a relaxing dinner each of Saturday and Sunday nights. **Many thanks to all who helped to make this year's trial a success.**

Ellen Skillings set out sheep for the entire weekend. She really did a spectacular job of keeping the sheep settled and consistent for all the handlers. Alex Mundy from the Hunterdon County 4H, Wally Dury, and Robbin McKnight were the foundation of the sheep crew up in the holding pen. They did a fantastic job of keeping the sheep settled and out on the field in time for the next handler. Thanks, also, to the team of Eileen Stein and Heather Nadleman for their hard work at keeping scores and scheduling the scribes. Of course, all of the volunteers and handlers are to be particularly thanked for their cooperation in keeping the runs moving along so that we could finish that many runs and still have daylight left at the end of the day. We had over 120 head of Katahdin and Dorper/Katahdin cross sheep, so we were able to recycle sheep only twice on Saturday and Sunday. They had been dogged very little during the year, just waiting expectantly for this trial. Most handlers had a lot of fun with them.

This year, we finally rebuilt the holding pen, that is, the workers for the Morris County Park Commission built it. Warren Mick had published a design for a holding pen in the NEBCA News, so I modified it slightly so that it could handle all 120 sheep. It had been a design he had seen up in Canada, one that Mark Bustard had built. It worked wonderfully. Thank you Warren and Mark.

Too bad we didn't have better weather. Saturday started off cloudy. By mid-afternoon it had started to rain, lightly, but rain it did. That kept up as a fine mist or rain pretty much through the rest of Saturday, into the night and into Sunday. By Monday, we were back to cloudy conditions. It was great weather for us and the dogs, but not so great for spectators. But, visitors to the farm didn't seem to be deterred too much by the weather. Over 2000 spectators came out over the three days, a lot of them first-timers. You can always tell the regulars at this trial. First of all, they know all the handlers by name, AND the names of their dogs. Secondly, they come with picnics, some very elaborate. It's really fun to walk past them and have them call out to you and/or your dog by name: "nice run", "good job"; "wow, that was a pretty tough bunch of sheep".

Once again we asked Tom Lacy from Richmond Virginia to judge our trial. This was Tom's second year with us judging our trial. Tom is a top handler and a very good judge. What's best is that we all know that he is an honest judge, a fair judge. What a weekend!! I guess I'm just glad it's over. Here are the results:

By Gene Sheniger

Saturday, 8/31/02

Open 46 Dogs

1. Beverly Lambert Pippin 91
2. Warren Mick Tim 89
3. Barbara Levinson Ivy 89
4. Paul Heidenberg Jodi 86
5. Sam Furman Grace 85
6. Lori Cunningham Tess 84
7. Linda Tesdahl Jayce 83
8. Walt Jagger Jeff 83
9. Brooks Parrott Jiggs 83
10. Gene Sheninger Jess 82

Ranch 36 Dogs

1. Merry Klimek Ace 82
2. Cheryl Jagger Williams Bull 81
3. Joan Worthington Sam 78
4. Warren Mick Judy 78
5. Nancy Ortiz Sharp Cass 77
6. Maggie Chambers Joy 76
7. Paul Dragunas Cookie 75
8. Barbara Klein Marty 75
9. Dick Williams Dell 74
10. Cheryl Jagger Williams Rudy 73

Sunday, 9/1/02

Open 50 Dogs

1. Beverly Lambert Pippa 92
2. Cheryl Jagger Williams Andy 92
3. Warren Mick Tim 90
4. Sam Furman Grace 90
5. Dick Williams Dot 90
6. Dick Williams Tip 90
7. Sam Furman Tucker 89
8. Beverly Lambert Kirk 89
9. Merry Klimek Lad 89
10. Linda Tesdahl Jayce 89

Overall Open Champion: Beverly Lambert & Pippa

Overall Open Reserve Champion: Warren Mick & Tim

Ranch 36 Dogs

1. Merry Klimek Ace 80
2. Beverly Lambert Bree 80
3. Warren Mick Jinty 79
4. Dick Williams Dell 79
5. Cheryl Jagger Williams Bull 79
6. Mary Brighoff Ned 77
7. Bruce Garlick Meg 76
8. Maggie Chambers Joy 76
9. Joan Worthington Sam 76
10. Nancy Ortiz Sharp Aldebaron 74

Monday, 9/2/02

N/N Run #1 20 Dogs

1. Nancy Obernier Wattie 65
2. Deborah David Benn 62
3. Nancy Obernier Ben 62
4. Ken Freson Tye 60
5. Ken Freson Liz 53
6. Alix Cleveland Rob 51
7. Darleen Muhly Jessie 51
8. Tom Leigh Jo 41
9. Ali Roukas Wish 39
10. Paul Dragunas Pete 35

P/N Run #1 30 Dogs

1. Sherry Smith Liz 75
2. Eileen Stein Grace 68
3. Mary Brighoff Moss 67
4. Brooks Parrott Dice 66
5. Sam Furman Maddie 66
6. Sam Furman Todd 65
7. Eric Johnson Faith 63
8. Bernie Armata Bobby 62
9. Gene Sheninger Tweed 62
10. Brooks Parrott Patch 61

N/N Run #2 21 Dogs

1. Alix Cleveland Rob 67
2. Melanie Chang Fly 64
3. Nancy Obernier Ben 62
4. Ken Freson Liz 57
5. Elayne Holbrook Zak 51
6. Ken Freson Tye 45
7. Nancy Obernier Wattie 34
8. Deborah David Benn 29
9. Ken Freson Quennie 28
10. Ali Roukas Wish 26

P/N Run #2 25 Dogs

1. Brooks Parrott Dice 76
2. Brooks Parrott Patch 75
3. Michele Higgins Deigh 72
4. Eric Johnson Will 71
5. Eric Johnson Faith 67
6. Sherry Sheldon Win 66
7. Bernie Armata Bobby 64
8. Gene Sheninger Tweed 64
9. Sam Furman Todd 63
10. Allan Lynch Queen 62

A NOTE OF THANKS.....

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In addition to meeting the people and the dogs my highlight was the Katahdin sheep owned and brilliantly presented by Heather Millen for the Leatherstocking trial. They really were a whole new concept in sheep for myself and they deserve a nomination for a Nobel peace prize for sheep after enduring your extreme climate for three days without once losing their cool. They certainly handled the heat better than I did! The katahdins shaded the highlight award but it was a close thing between them and Steve Wetmore's outdoor swimming pool !

Thanks again to everyone I met and a particular good luck to Chalmers Means. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

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