

NEBCA Information Policies

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The policies below are intended to insure that the information provided by the North East Border Collie Association (NEBCA) is consistent with the aims of the organization and meets accepted ethical standards. The Board of Directors (BOD) is responsible for setting these policies and for ruling on any issues or questions regarding them.

Breeders List

1. Who may be listed

- a) Only members may be included in the breeders list

2. Breeders List Disclaimer

"This listing of breeders of Border Collies is for informational purposes only and in no way represents an endorsement of these breeders by the North East Border Collie Association. When making inquiries for purchasing a pup, NEBCA strongly recommends selecting from sound, proven, working stock. We suggest you see both parents work. If you are not able to see the parents working at the farm, do attend the trials and see them working there. Watch for trial results and seek the advice of experienced handlers."

Membership List

1. Use and privacy of membership list information

- a) The NEBCA membership list will only be used for club business and activities. It will not be made public and will not be used for commercial purposes.
- b) The BOD permits the secretary to provide the list to club officers upon request, and to other individual members having a legitimate purpose (e.g. NEBCA Librarian, Trial Committee Chair, and Points Keeper). The secretary shall only release the membership list to other club members with prior authorization of the BOD, provided it is not further distributed and is properly safeguarded.

Trial Listings in the Newsletter or on the Web Site

1. What trials may be included in the newsletter and website trial lists

- a) All sanctioned trials may be listed. The sanctioning of trials is the responsibility of the Novice and Open Trial Committees
- b) Non-sanctioned trials may be listed at the discretion of trial committees but should be ISDS type trials and of reasonable interest to the membership
- c) Herding trials and tests run by other breed clubs (e.g. AKC, ASCA, etc) cannot be listed

2. What information can be included in a trial listing

- a) Newsletter: Date, trial name, location, classes, contact info
- b) Web Site: Same as newsletter plus entry forms, directions, running orders, and/or links to other web sites with this information (note: links should point directly to the trial information and not to home pages offering other services or unrelated content)

3. Trial List Disclaimer

Information regarding trial sanctioning may be included in the trial listing. NEBCA does not assume any financial or legal liability for any trials in the list. Trials that do not meet accepted standards of fairness and proper treatment of animals may be de-sanctioned at the discretion of the trial committees and/or the BOD.

Clinic Listings in the Newsletter or on the Web Site

1. Who can submit a listing for the newsletter and website

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- a) Only members may submit clinic listings. The member submitting the listing should be involved with organizing the clinic in some way.

2. What types of clinics can be listed

- a) Clinics should be oriented toward developing useful farm or trial dogs (e.g., training clinics, handling clinics, judging clinics).
- b) Clinics oriented toward achieving herding titles should not to be listed.
- c) Private lessons may be listed only if they involve a specific organized event and not a standing offer for lessons. The latter may be placed in a classified ad.

3. What information can be included in a clinic listing

- a) Newsletter: Date, clinic type, instructor, location, contact info
- b) Web Site: Same as newsletter plus entry forms, directions, links to other web sites with this information (note: links should point directly to the clinic information and not to home pages offering other services or unrelated content)

Newsletter

1. What types of content will we allow/not allow

- a) The newsletter is intended to be the primary source of information and current events for the membership. Content should reflect the aims of the NEBCA as stated in the bylaws and the mission statement.
- b) The newsletter editor is responsible for controlling newsletter content. The editor is advised to consult the BOD for any questionable material.
- c) The newsletter should not include editorials unless approved by the BOD

Classified Ads

1. Who may submit ads

- a) Members and non-members may place classified ads.
- b) Members may advertise pups or older dogs for sale.
- c) Anyone convicted of animal abuse or has been the subject of any legal action relating to animal cruelty or abuse may not place an ad with NEBCA.

2. What types of ads will be allowed

- a) Ads should be reasonably relevant to the areas of dogs, trials, and farming. Any question relating to relevancy of the item(s) being advertised shall be directed to the BOD.
- b) Ads for puppies and older dogs are permissible provided the member is not a known puppy mill or disreputable breeder. Ads for pups or older dogs will not be accepted from breeders that don't adhere to the guidelines set forth in the NEBCA Breeding Policy.

3. What types of ads will NOT be allowed

- a) Ads for items or services counter to the aims of NEBCA
- b) Ads for non-Border Collie clubs or conformation oriented Border Collie clubs

4. Fees for advertisements

- a) Fees will be stated in the NEBCA Newsletter and the NEBCA Website.

5. Disclaimer for Classified Ads

NEBCA does not endorse any of the products or services offered for sale on the NEBCA website or in the NEBCA newsletter.