

# THE BORDER TIMES



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The Border Times is the Newsletter of the Northeast Border Terrier Club

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR BORDER TERRIER FANCIERS

NBTC Membership Renewals are due in January 1993

Thank you so much to the many members who've sent their dues early! If you haven't, please send payment in the form of a check made out to NBTC to: C. Krolick, Treasurer, 132 Ridgecrest Rd, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

\*\*\*\*\* Single \$10 \*\*\*\*\* Couples \$15 \*\*\*\*\* Jr. \$5 \*\*\*\*\*

*Memberships not renewed by March 31st will lapse (NBTC Constitution).*

# NORTHEAST WINTER CLASSIC



Glens Falls Kennel Club  
Saturday, January 23, 1993

Supported Entry:  
Border Terrier Club  
of  
America

Entries Close:  
January 6, 1993  
MB-F,

Superintendents  
P.O. Box 22107  
Greensboro, NC 27420



Saratoga (NY) Kennel Club  
Sunday, January 24, 1993

The Saratoga Springs City Center at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel  
Broadway, Saratoga Springs, New York

*For details -- Hotels, Dinner, Club Meeting -- See page 7 below*

*From the Editor*

December 28, 1992

This has indeed been a joyful season. We have celebrated our love for friends and family (including canine family) and the successful events and achievements of the year. It has been a real delight to hear from so many members during this holiday season. You will note that this newsletter includes more member contributions than ever, which should make all of us feel great about our circle of friends in the club.

Along with the holly wreath and balsam tree, we are currently sharing our house with two litters of Border puppies, born just three days apart. They truly are our favorite 'Christmas gifts', growing and changing every day, as if for our amusement alone. One pup in particular provided us with a tiny version of a Christmas miracle and, in hindsight, a sense of meaning and purpose that were especially gratifying.

About one week after the birth of a healthy litter of four large pups, Dave and I noticed that one male pup was fading fast. Unlike his chubby brother and sisters, he was featherlight and unable to suckle for any length of time. On consultation, we learned that fading pups usually have a birth defect: a cleft palate, which prevents them from getting nourishment, a heart defect, or another organ that has ceased to develop as the pup grows. We struggled with whether it was better to let him pass quietly away or to try and save him. Call it what you will, but the spirit of the season prevailed and next afternoon we headed for the vet. The frail puppy went wrapped in a warm towel, with his biggest sibling alongside as 'canine hot water bottle'. At the vet's we were given every reason for hope: the tiny pup was perfectly healthy, but seemed to have lost his strength from inadequate nursing (perhaps pushed aside by big brother?).

We came home with a daunting new skill: tube feeding. Plus equipment: tubes, syringe, vitamin powder, high calorie supplement, a special canned diet for malnourished dogs, and Esbilac. And the resolution that once we intervened, we weren't going to let him die without an effort. Over the next five days of round-the-clock feedings every 2 hours, there were many times (usually the 3 a.m. feeding!) when we doubted our decision to intervene. It was nearly 72 hours before the pup seemed to 'turn the corner', but in the end we knew one day he'd a great buddy for some new owner. Some breeders tube feed; others do not. For us, it felt something like a rite of passage, leading us further along in the hobby, like it or not!

Today, the pup has returned to avid nursing, has begun romping with his sibs, and shows every sign of being a real character. Large he isn't, but healthy and frisky he is.

This morning the phone rang and the caller was a knowledgeable dog person making the switch from 16 years with herding dogs to her first Border Terrier. We chatted pedigrees and tentatively agreed that she would have a pup from our second litter. Her voice broke when she said that she'd lost a cherished champion, an elderly Belgian Tervuren, on Christmas Eve. Listening to her voice break, my eyes filled with tears. As breeders, if we can help people discover that painful losses make way for new beginnings, if we can help pups big and small find places in people's hearts, then we can look forward happily to next year and the next. Losing a few nights of sleep in return for being part of the process really seems like one of life's great bargains, doesn't it?

Looking forward to many reunions in Saratoga Springs next month!

Fondly,

Carlie



## NOTES AND NEWS

Patricia Quinn, Editor of *The Borderline*, the BTCA magazine, has written us with an intriguing request. In the upcoming issue, she proposes an article from each of the Regional Clubs with news of activities and achievements of interest from 1992. The clubs' articles will appear in the Spring issue (her deadline is Feb. 1st) and will hopefully become an annual feature. As your editor, I am happy to organize the article, but would like readers to contribute the contents. We are invited to submit up to 2 pages, and can also send 2 photos. More photos are possible, at a cost of \$10. each. **So, with an ABSOLUTE DEADLINE of January 25th, please send me your recollections of The Best of '92.** You are welcome to send a thought, a line, or a paragraph! We've got the best Regional Club in the country - Let's prove it with our article!

Breeder / Judge David Kline's **NEW BOOK** on the Border Terrier (co-author Pat Bennett) will be going to press as you read this newsletter. It sounds as if it will be an important addition to the Border owner's library. The book is being published by Doral Publishing, Inc., which has recently provided us with ordering information. The price will be \$26.96 + \$2.75 shipping and handling. **Call 800-876-5197 to order.** You may use Visa or Master Card. If you wish to order the book through your local bookstore: ISBN 0-944-875-20-3, Library of Congress #91-73751.

The Trophy Committee would like to thank Kate Seemann for her very generous donation to the 1993 fund. If the prizes listed for Saratoga and Glens Falls' shows are an indication of things to come, we are all going to want to win a trophy this year. Members who show their Borders are encouraged to add to the Trophy Fund in any way that they can. Send contributions to: **Jan Hewitt, 90 Cooks Court, Waterford, NY 12188.** Please make checks payable to NBTC (Trophy Fund).

Welcome New Members:

Michael & Elaine Benkert, 23840 North Forest Drive, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.  
 Patricia Cosenza, 8 Huron Trail, Branchburg, NJ 08876.  
 Lee Waldron, 211 North Essex Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072.  
 Holly Woodward, 231 Peaceable Street, Ridgefield, CT 86877.

Juniors planning on showing Borders next year may be interested to hear that the **Junior Showmanship competition at the 1993 BTCA National Specialty** will be AKC sanctioned. If any Junior planning to go will be between the ages of 10 and 18 on Thursday July 1, 1993, they will be eligible, but will need an AKC Junior Handler Number. These may be obtained by calling the AKC at (212) 696-8345, (212) 696-8240 or 92120 696-8281. It takes about three days to get a number by phone and these are needed **BEFORE** the entries are mailed to the Superintendent.

Amanda Pough wanted to share the following note with members:

[In regards to the Helen Irving Perpetual Trophy]

"It looks very nice indeed and we are touched both by it and by the idea behind it. Can you please thank, on our behalf, all those who have been kind enough to donate towards the Trophy..."

We cannot tell you how much we appreciate the thoughts which go behind all of this. We all of us enjoyed our four years in the United States, Helen included.

Thank you for all your kindness both then and now and please accept our sincere good wishes to the Club and to all Border terrier enthusiasts.

Yours ever,

*Signed, Kate Ronnie, and Deedee"*

**SHOW RESULTS -- JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP MATCH**

Held on October 3, 1992 at the Church Farm School, Paoli, PA

Best Junior Handler: Renee Boisvert, with 'Robin' (Bandersnatch Red Jacket).

Renee was also the first recipient of the Helen Irving Memorial Trophy (pictured at right), a Danforth pewter bowl. The perpetual trophy is offered to the Best Junior Handler at the BTCA Specialty each year, given in memory of Helen by the friends of Ronnie, Kate, Helen, and Deedee Irving.



**SHOW RESULTS -- AKC OBEDIENCE TRIAL**

Held on October 3, 1992 at the Church Farm School, Paoli, PA

Judge: Mr. Louis Blum

HIGH IN TRIAL: Ch. Luvemurs Duplicate Edition, CDX.

Novice A: (4 dogs competing)

**First:** Ch. Woodlawns Winter's Wait, owned by Matthew Leist & Robert LeBlanc. Score: 192-1/2.

Novice B: (4 dogs competing)

**First (on run-off):** Ch. Pennymere Lastingham Ha'Penny, owned by Ann M. Leist & Linda Hershberger-Kirk. Score 192-1/2+.

**Second (on run-off):** Twiggani Jansim Chutney, owned by Jocelyne Tasse-Durocher. Score: 192-1/2.

**Third:** Ch. Burklee Sagahill Road Runner, owned by Nancy L. Brown & Kris Blake. Score: 178-1/2.

Open A: (7 dogs competing)

**First:** Ch. Luvemure Academy Award CD, owned by Laurale & John Stern. Score: 193-1/2.

**Second:** Ch. Beverlea Bewitching Brew CD, owned by Linda townsend. Score: 190-1/2.

**Third:** Norbury's European Ginger CD, owned by Jennifer Chambers. Score: 190.

Open B: (5 dogs competing)

No qualifiers in this class.

Utility A: (2 dogs competing)

**First:** Ch. Luvemurs Duplicate Edition CDX, owned by Laurale & John M. Stern. Score: 194-1/2.

Total number of dogs competing in trial: 21.

Total number of entries in trial: 24.

With this issue we welcome Elaine and Michael Benkert and their Tin Whistle Border Terriers to the Northeast Club. Elaine is a multi-talented Border person. In addition to breeding and showing (conformation, obedience and go-to-ground), Elaine has helped with BTCA Specialty shows, and her pen seems to generate neat illustrations of Borders at a moment's notice (see the back cover of this issue). She sends along the following letter recalling her 1992 trip to the UK:

Dear Carlie,

We received our first issue of The Border Times and have read it and re-read it, thoroughly enjoying each and every item.

Your editorial comments in the Nov./Dec. issue struck such a chord with me. Many of the places you had mentioned were spots that we, Nancy Hughes, Jane Worstell and myself, had visited during our trip to England this past June.

In Hexham we had stopped at an antique shop in our perpetual search for hunt/terrier related items. As usual, it was a dog that instigated our conversation with the young proprietress. We found it most interesting that her old Jack Russell companion was a rescue dog that she had adopted as an older dog-age 13 as a matter of fact. In our pursuant conversation, we also discovered that she was the great-great granddaughter of Jacob Robson, one of the gentlemen responsible for introducing the Border Terrier (he is also mentioned in Anne Roslin-Williams book). One interesting comment that she made was that the Border used to be a smaller sized dog and that, like the Jack Russell, they used to be carried in saddlebags on horseback by the hunt staff.

On another of our stops, this time in the city of Hawick, we had gone into a used book shop and were approached by the young owner who had overheard us talking about Border Terriers. It seemed he was also a Border Terrier fancier and brought out his young Border bitch to meet us. She was of Dandyhow breeding and he told us that he had been a serious exhibitor several years before and was a friend of Ron Irving!

He kindly took the time to tell us of how so many of the early Irving Borders had their names taken from railways, stops and switching points. He even proceeded to dig out xerox copies of South Box switching point (he was a railroad buff as well) and of Wattie Irving with fellow Border exhibitors and their dogs. We had such an interesting and informative visit.

Everywhere we went in England and Scotland we found the people so charming, friendly and helpful. And of course dog related conversation always broke the ice. After all, Border is the universal language.

Regards,

*Elaine*

**SELECTION PROCESS FOR JUDGES AT SUPPORTED ENTRY SHOWS, cont'd**

In the Nov/Dec 1992 newsletter we began discussing the fact that we, as a club, would like to have more input in selecting judges for the 12-14 AKC recognized dog shows which the BTCA Supports in our region each year. It seems generally agreed that the Northeast Border Terrier Club would like to be able to suggest judges for Border Terriers at the shows we regularly support.

Members planning to attend the January 23, 1993 meeting in Saratoga Springs, New York (after dinner at the Parting Glass Pub; see p. 7 for details) are urged to give this topic their earnest consideration and bring ideas to share at the meeting. There is no time to waste: we need to organize a selection process, so that we can draw up a list of preferred judges as soon as possible. Several dog clubs are already asking for our input for judging panels at the 1994 shows!

If you have ideas but do not plan to attend the January meeting, we still need your input. You are welcome to call President Ruth Ann Naun (914-941-1243) or jot down your ideas on a card and send them to: C. Krolick, Secretary, 132 Ridgcrest Road, Briarcliff, NY 10510 (or call 914-941-1243).

Remember, we are not asking for Judges' names at this time, just a selection process that will fairly rank those names according to your preference.

**Examples of Ranking Systems Already Suggested:**

- 1) Send each member a list of all AKC Border Terrier Judges (or publish it in the newsletter). Ask each members to vote for, say, 5 names. Compile a simple list of the judges whose names appeared on the most lists.
- 2) Ask each member to simply write 5 judges' names (or any number we agree upon) down on a ballot. Count the ballots as above.
- 3) Ask each member to compile a list of names ranked "A", "B", or "C". Members could put 3 or 4 names under each heading. (How would we collate data?).
- 4) Send each member a list of all AKC licensed Border Terrier Judges. Members would be asked to pick three judges only, giving their first place judge a "3", their second place judge a "2", and their third place judge a "1". To tally votes, assign a point value 3,2, or 1 and make the list based on judges who received the greatest number of points.
- 5) Your own idea for the process - bring it to Saratoga!!!

**UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Annual Saratoga "Cabin Fever" Weekend, Saratoga Springs, New York**

This weekend is tremendous fun and you needn't have a show dog to enjoy it. A few of our favorite things: sitting with friends (and tons of Borders) around the Downtowner pool; poking around in the shops on Broadway after the show; The National Museum of Racing; the salads and wood oven pizza at Bruno's next to the old Oklahoma Track; getting snowed in with our Borders! A sure cure for the winter doldrums.

**Saturday, January 23, 1993**

Glens Falls Kennel Club Show, City Center, Saratoga Springs. Judge Mrs. Alice Downey. NBTC Trophy Committee (Jan, Nancy and Bev) are providing trophies for BoB, BOS, WD, WB, Pup 6-9, 9-12, and 12-18 (both sexes). We have requested an 11 a.m. judging time.

**Saturday Evening Pub Party, Dinner and NBTC Meeting**

The Parting Glass Pub, 40 Lake Avenue (see map below). 6 p.m. party in the bar; 7 p.m. dinner at reserved tables in the back dining room. Order off the regular menu, separate checks, with service added. NBTC Meeting while you have coffee and dessert. Traditional British music begins at 10 p.m. If you plan to attend dinner, please contact Carlie Krolick: (914) 941-1243. We are required to confirm our reservation early Saturday morning.

**Sunday, January 24, 1993**

Saratoga New York Kennel Club Show. Judge: Mr. Robert Graham. Trophies as above. We have requested a 10 a.m. judging time.

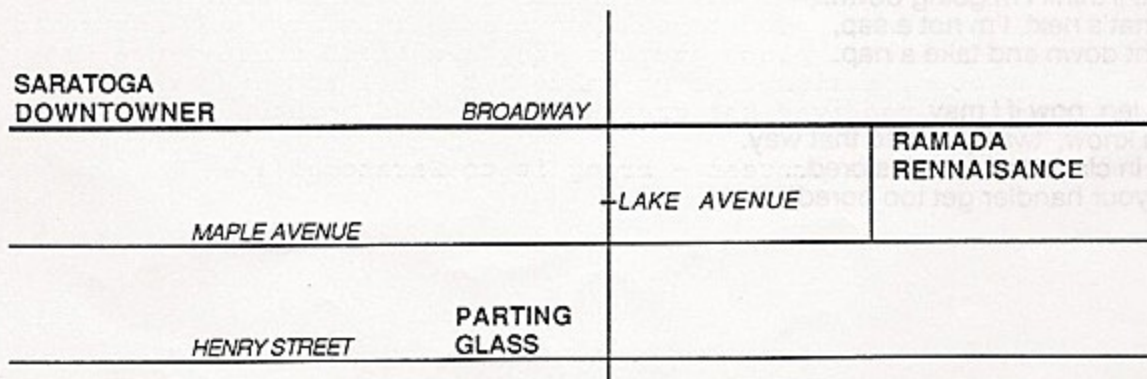
**Lodging Information for the Saratoga Weekend:**

The Downtowner Motel, 413 Broadway. A short walk from the show. Well-behaved dogs permitted in rooms. A very few rooms left at: (518) 584-6160. A modest favorite of Border Terrier people.

Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Saratoga City Center. In the same building complex as the dog shows, the Ramada does not allow dogs in hotel rooms. Crated dogs overnight in the show hall. Reservations: (518) 584-4000.

Holiday Inn, Broadway at Circular St. Reservations: (518) 584-4550.

THE PARTING GLASS PUB IS LOCATED JUST TWO BLOCKS EAST OF BROADWAY ON LAKE AVENUE - A SHORT STROLL FROM EITHER THE DOWNTOWNER OR THE RAMADA.



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### MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 16, 1993, Windham County Kennel Club "60th Diamond Jubilee", Woodstock, CT.**

Entry Supported by the BTCA, with trophies provided by the NBTC and rosettes for BOB, BOS, BW, WD, WB, RWD, and RWB provided by the WCKC. Don't forget the annual chicken barbeque dinner. Details on judges, entry deadlines, and club activities in the next newsletter.

If you plan on travelling the New England Scenic Circuit Shows in July 1993, you may wish to stay at the Town and Country Motor Inn. Forward-thinking Jenny Chambers has already booked us a block of 10 rooms as follows:

\$75./ day for a 2-night minimum -- \$75. deposit.

\$80./ day for one night, same deposit.

10 rooms will be held for NBTC members until June 25th, 1993. You can reserve by calling Rich Marron at 802-253-7595 or 800-323-0311.

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*For all of you courageous folk who do obedience with your Borders, Donna Moore-Lavoie sends the following, which came to her via the Sandia Dog Obedience Club Newsletter:*

### Eighteen Shows Later

Today's the day, a leg for sure,  
I'll see how much she can endure.  
Retrieving is my specialty,  
Today I'll do it happily.

I'll sit there looking so confused,  
And then I'll act like I'm abused.  
When she is just about to faint,  
I'll run and grab it, dumb I ain't.

Now on the recell I won't drop  
Until her heart's about to stop.  
My heeling's good, if somewhat quaint.  
Today I'll stick to her like paint.

I like the jumps so I'll be swift,  
And do a front without a drift.  
The finish I'll do just half way,  
Can't have her getting too blase.

While on the sit, I'll yawn and frown,  
I'll bet she'll think I'm going down.  
I know what's next, I'm not a sap,  
I'll lay right down and take a nap.

We got a leg, now if I may,  
I'll let you know, 'twas planned that way.  
I learned in class and kept it stored...  
Don't let your handler get too bored!!