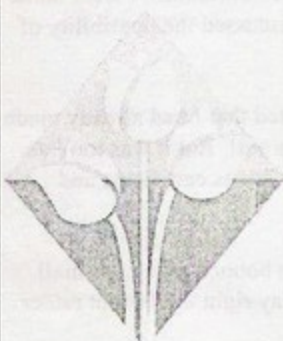


## NBTC Spring Picnic



Please join us for a  
Border Terrier Picnic to be  
held on Sunday, May 11.

The picnic will be held  
following the Windham  
County KC show, either at  
the show site or at Judy and  
Chase Donaldson's property  
in nearby Canterbury, CT.

Please bring a dish to  
pass and a chair. Everything  
else will be provided.

*All BT folks and their BTs  
are welcome! Do join us!*

For questions and menu  
suggestions, please call  
Carlie Krolick at 203-938-  
1243 or Judy Donaldson at  
860-658-5493.

*See insert for more details.*

## Earthdog Training

BY RON SEBASTIANI

As the weather begins to warm up, it is time to start thinking about getting your Borders out into the field to work. Some of you may be interested in how to start a younger Border in field work. Remember that you do not want to start working a Border in the field too young. A bad experience may turn a willing terrier off -- never to have that old field spirit again. I have been told of Borders who have engaged fox at an early age and this very same thing happened and the dog just shut down to hunting.

Try this field tip for your Borders the next time you start to go out.

*cont. on pg. 14*



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*"We should get out to the country more often."*



## Letter From Amanda



I knew  $1 + 1$  would be more than 2, but to have it equal 3 or 4 or more is verging on a scientific breakthrough! Have I discovered cold fusion? A new cloning method? Nope. I got a second Border--and life will never be the same!

Tux and I first met Talon at Christmas. I should have been forewarned; of all of my Mom's dogs (2 adults and 3 puppies), Talon was the only puppy Tux would play with. I had been thinking about getting a second BT for a while but was debating about age and housebreaking and whether the apartment was puppy-proof and, well . . . everything! After Christmas, I went home and thought about Talon. I started puppy-proofing the apartment. I discussed the possibility of bringing her home with **anyone** who would listen.

About two weeks before she came home with me, one friend commented that I had already made up my mind. I immediately protested that I hadn't told her all the cons yet! But it was too late. I e-mailed my mother a couple days later and told her to bring Talon's rabies certificate and extra food with her to the shows in Saratoga. I was hooked.

Since then I've felt like life has never slowed down! Two Borders can bounce around a small apartment with **alot** of noise. And for some reason it is more fun to play right under foot rather than in another room.

There are times I feel like I have 3 or 4 dogs or even 5 dogs in the house. I'll be working at the computer and out of the corner of my eye I'll see--or rather I'll sense--a BT passing by the chair. Then I'll catch a glimpse of the second dog going by. And then another figure or two will move through my peripheral vision--going by in the same direction as Tux and Talon. I'm sure they are simply slipping back around out of my sight, but sometimes, especially when they are playing hard and loud, I feel as if my BT population has suddenly exploded!

Tux and Talon and I attended our local kennel club's fun day a couple weeks ago. I hope to have a photo of them in costume for the next issue. Anyone who has ever seen Sesame Street will appreciate their costume: A **Brace of Borders** (in **Blue** and **Brown** with **Black** noses) who **Bounce** down **Burrows** after **Badgers**.

Best wishes to your Borders - and have a Beautiful spring!

All my best,

*P.S. from Tricia: Well, as the photo-scanning services in my office are unavailable at the moment, I've had to improvise for illustration in this issue. Thanks for your photos, you'll see them in the summer edition of TBT for sure! Enjoy . . .*

# Show Results

Jan. 11, 1997

## Greater Lowell Kennel Club

*Judge: Ruth Ann Naum  
(NBTC Member)*

**Winners Dog/  
Best of Winners**  
Digmoores Beko, "Tyson,"  
Jean Clark  
**Winners Bitch**  
Beaverlea Foxchase  
Evening Star,  
Judy Donaldson  
**Best of Opposite Sex**  
Ch. Bradcliffe Nacahuils'  
Hocus Pocus, Judy Edge &  
Mary Beth Bradley  
**Best of Breed**  
Ch. Braelars Wild Woody,  
"Woody," Jeanne Lareau

Jan. 12, 1997

## Merrimack Valley KC

*Judge: N. Aubrey Jones*

**Winners Dog**  
"Tyson," Jean Clark  
**Winners Bitch/  
Best of Winners**  
Holly Hill She's No Fool,  
Donna Moore-Lavoie  
**Best of Opposite Sex**  
"Woody," Jeanne Lareau  
**Best of Breed/Group 4th**  
Ch. Giles Hill Silverberry,  
Carlie Krolick

Jan. 17, 1997

## Mohawk Valley KC

*Judge:  
Dr. Samuel Draper*  
**Winners Dog**

Towzie Tyke  
Braveheart Corky,  
Janice & Richard Crum  
**Winners Bitch/  
Best of Winners**  
Bandersnatch Falcon,  
Marg and Amanda Pough  
**Best of Opposite Sex**  
Ch. Towzie Tyke  
MacAlister SE, "Alvin,"  
Wayne & Joyce Kim  
**Best of Breed**  
Ch. CB's Dreidel,  
Bonnie Rosenberg

Jan 18, 1997

## Glens Falls KC

*Judge:  
Kenneth McDermott*  
**Winners Dog**  
Dandyhow Blue Spruce,  
"Bruce," Carlie Krolick  
**Winners Bitch/  
Best of Winners**  
Holly Hill Foolish  
Pleasure, "Enya,"  
Paul & Donna Moore-Lavoie  
**Best of Opposite Sex**  
Ch. Beaverlea  
Foxchase Evening Star,  
Judy Donaldson  
**Best of Breed /Group 4th**  
"Alvin,"  
Wayne & Joyce Kim

Jan. 19, 1997

## Saratoga KC

*Judge:  
Mrs. Robert Smith*  
**Winners Dog/  
Best of Winners**  
"Bruce," Carlie Krolick  
**Winners Bitch**  
"Enya,"  
Paul & Donna Moore-Lavoie  
**Best of Opposite Sex**  
Ch. Skyline Doc Holliday,  
Carolyn Siebert &  
Frank dePaulo  
**Best of Breed/Group 3rd**  
Ch. Gamekeeper Stunner II,  
Mrs. G. Seemann

Feb. 10, 1997

## Westminister KC

*Judge: A. Katona*  
**Best of Breed**  
Ch. Krispin Tailored to A T,  
C. Peebles, B. Kirkpatrick &  
W.H. Odum III  
**Award of Merit**  
Ch. Standish's A Dream  
**Award of Merit**  
Ch. Calirose Prize Patrol JE,  
Lisa Connelly, Charles &  
Helen Vance  
**Best of Opposite Sex**  
Ch. CB's Dreidel, Bonnie  
Rosenberg

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MONTPELIER BT RALLY



### COLUMBIA TERRIER ASSOC. OF MARYLAND



### GARDEN STATE TERRIER CLUB



### WINDHAM COUNTY KC



### EARTHDOG PRACTICE DAYS



On Sunday, April 13th in Casanova, VA kick off the start of the Cherry Blossom show circuit, with Agility, Obedience, Go-To-Ground, children's classes and Conformation. The conformation judge will be Jimmy Dickson, and the Go-To-Ground judge will be Andy Greenough. A recommended hotel is Howard Johnson, Warrenton, VA. FMI, contact Camilla Moon at phone 540-364-1438 or fax 540-364-3189.

Friday, April 18th in West Friendship MD, the Columbia Terrier Association will host Conformation, Obedience and Junior Showmanship events together. It's a great way to end a week among the flowers of spring in VA & MD!

On Friday, May 2nd join the members of the Garden State All Terrier Club for Conformation, Obedience and Junior Showmanship, and special classes for veterans. Last year's Best Puppy in Show was a Border. Let's continue the tradition!!

On Sunday, May 11th, NBTC members will be attending the Windham County Kennel Club show, in Woodstock, CT, which will be followed by the annual Spring meeting and dish-to-share picnic. Of course, all are welcome. This show is known for its strawberry short-cake vendor--delicious! Bring your spoons and an appetite. *Editor's note: See page 1 for more details.*

There are tentatively scheduled earthdog get-togethers on Saturday May 31 in Newark Valley, NY and on Sunday June 1, in Crosswicks, NJ. Depending on which is closer, you won't want to miss this great opportunity to practice for the following weekend of ED trials in NJ. FMI, please call Marg Pough, 607-273-0925.



NJ EARTHDOG  
WEEKEND



TERRIER  
BREEDERS'  
ASSOC. OF  
CANADA



GREEN  
MOUNTAIN  
SHOWS



NBTC  
TERRIER TRIAL  
BARBECUE



BORDER'N  
ON VERMONT



The weekend of June 7th, get ready to dig, dig, dig! On Saturday in Crosswicks NJ, the New Jersey Beanfield Earthdogs will host an earthdog trial. On Sunday go for it again at a BTCA trial hosted by the NBTC. FMI, please contact Jean Clark, BTCA Trial Sec'y, RD 3 Box 572 Sugar Hill Rd So, Weare NH 03281. E-mail: [Borderbrae@aol.com](mailto:Borderbrae@aol.com)

The Terrier Breeders' Association of Canada will hold a show on June 8, in Caledonia, Ontario (approximately 45 minutes north of Niagra Falls). The judge will be Dr. Samuel Draper. A complimentary breakfast will be provided by the newly formed Border Terrier Club of Ontario. FMI, please contact Sandra Brown-Todd, RR2, Stn Main, 4th line, Acton, Ontario, Canada L7J 2L8, phone 519-853-1638.

From July 11th - 13th come and relax along the banks of a cool Vermont river in the company of other BTs and their people at the Green Mountain shows and meeting. We usually find some interesting ways to entertain the BTs - stay tuned for further details!

In conjunction with 3 days of shows at Fitchburg, the NBTC will host an AWTA Trial on Sat., Aug. 16th at the Gardner Fish & Gun Club in Gardner, MA (near Fitchburg). A chicken BBQ will be available for a small donation and an Agility show n' go is tentatively planned as well! FMI, please contact Gloria Connery, Trial Chairperson, at phone 508-688-1572 or Julie LaFreniere at phone 508-575-0469, or email: [julie@admin.umass.edu](mailto:julie@admin.umass.edu)

The 2nd Annual Border'N On Vermont earthdog trial will be on Sat., Sept. 13th at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, VT. Our judge will be Teddy Moritz. Plan for our dessert-to-share after the trial, while we watch the BTs 'burn pad' at lure coursing! FMI please contact Amanda Pough at phone 802-253-0996, or email [lutra@pwshift.com](mailto:lutra@pwshift.com)

BT EVENTS ARE FUN FOR EVERYONE!



# MODERN BORDER TERRIER

To the tune of "Modern Major General"

I am the very model of the modern Border Terrier,  
I show the current standard from my muzzle to my derriere.  
I know the Champs of England and the family tree historical.  
Hail Flint and Rock and Venus, too, in order categorical!  
I am very well acquainted with all hunting types of vermin,  
I go to ground to flush them out, provided they are squirmin'.

Of obedience and agility, I show a stoic stature,  
The paragon of nobility, just like Margaret Thatcher.  
An active, agile hunting dog, strongly put together,  
I run all day with horses swift, regardless of the weather.  
On the trail I doggedly pursue, more iron than a farrier.  
I am the very model of the modern Border Terrier.

I am fearless and determined with eye always on alert,  
I run my quarry to the ground and dig them from the dirt.  
And though my jacket's wiry, I am not sure if it's "intense",  
Sometimes this Border Standard doesn't seem to make much sense.  
I have a river Otter head, keep it in safe keeping,  
I put it in my master's bed, last night while they were sleeping.

My head is broad and flat, my eyes are dark and full of fire,  
For any damsel in distress, I'd be the perfect sire.  
In the field I'm hard as nails, I'm "game," so to speak,  
I'll chase a fox into the woods, or an otter to the creek.  
In water, even more at home than any Aircraft Carrier,  
I am the very model of the modern Border Terrier

In fact, around my owner's hearth, I am the perfect gent,  
With children, soft and tender, the ideal temperament.  
My hide is thick and loose, an expandable doggy suit,  
My fans think I'm a puppy, smart and absolutely cute.  
My forelegs straight and placed just right, medium boned are they,  
My stifles bent, hock well let down, nothing gets in the way.

A conformation Champion, guaranteed, till chances nixed.  
My stupid, thoughtless owner, took me out and had me fixed.  
It wouldn't take a trip to Lourdes or even pharmaceuticals,  
My self respect could be restored, if fitted with some "neuticles."  
But still, all this embarrassment shouldn't be a barrier,  
I am the very model of the modern Border Terrier.



Poem modified by Kevin  
Cushman & Jim Robinson,  
with apologies to  
Gilbert & Sullivan



## DOG LAW

*"Progressive Rules  
for New Owners"*

1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
2. Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
3. The dog is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture.
4. The dog can get on the old furniture only.
5. Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.
7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers.
8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only
9. The dog can sleep under the covers every night.
10. Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

## Border Terrier Specialty Notes & News

The 1997 Border Terrier Specialty  
will be held in Santa Rosa, CA.

Monday, June 16th	<b>Anatomy of Movement Seminar</b>
Tuesday, June 17th	<b>Earthdog Trial</b> <i>Judges: Chris Dyer (NBTC Member) Eric Dalstrom</i> <b>Agility Trial</b> <i>Judge: Nancy Gyes</i>
Wednesday, June 18th	<b>Sweepstakes</b> <i>Judge: Pam Dyer (NBTC Member)</i> <b>Classes</b> <i>Judge: Frances Wagstaff (UK)</i> <b>Obedience</b> <i>Judge: Judy Meyer</i> <b>Junior Showmanship</b> <i>Judge: Margaret Pough (NBTC member)</i>
Thursday, June 19th	<b>Conclusion of Regular Classes</b>
Friday, June 20th	<b>Border Terrier Club of the Redwoods Independent Specialty</b>
Sat & Sun, June 21-22	<b>Supported Entry</b>

For more information, contact Hospitality Chairs Sue Stebbins or Lynn Schrader at (510) 829-3459.

**1997 Specialty information packets are now available! Contact Phil Freilich at 510-229-8040 or fax 510-229-2690.**

The webpage for the 1997 BTCA National Specialty and the Border Terrier Club of Redwoods Regional Specialty is up and running at <http://www.cc-ent.com/1997btca>.

### Looking way ahead . . .

- |      |  |
|------|--|
| 1998 | April 7-10 in Ocala, FL<br><i>Breed judge: Bob Naun (NBTC Member)</i><br><i>Sweepstakes judge: Laurale Stern</i> |
| 1999 | August, Gardner, MA<br>Hosted by the NBTC!   |



# High Blood Pressure

BY ELEANOR GARRELL BERGER

There are those who assert that dogs lower our blood pressure. Obviously, they have never met Gambit. This isn't to say his antics haven't enriched my life in significant ways. It's just that lowering my blood pressure isn't one of them.

He is, for example, a confirmed back-crate driver, whose running commentaries preclude my attention--or relaxation--at the wheel. He warns of dangers we humans would prefer to ignore as we weave through traffic. Dangers like canine passengers in other cars, or furry creatures scurrying about far from the road. And he emits a stream of high frequency squeaks when we are within five miles of his favorite park, his dog school, or his job site--the nursing home where he works as a pet therapy volunteer.

His desire to keep me informed doesn't do much to reduce my blood pressure at home, either. After his late night walks with housemate Mike, Gambit announces his return by racing through the house at top speed. He stops occasionally to leap, spin, and scratch furiously at the carpet, giving a new meaning to the term "scatter rug." He finishes his proclamation by sliding into his kitchen dog nest like a runner into home plate.

Gambit also keeps me posted during the day while I'm trying to write. He tells me when there are anglers on the lake, squirrels on the lawn, neighbors on the street, or a UPS van on its way to our garage.

I have fallen on the ice while attached to his leash, not because he fancies himself a sled dog, which he does on occasion, but because we often take walks when saner

people remain indoors. And I have had the "pleasure" of welcoming guests, who, Gambit is absolutely certain, have come just to see him. They must wonder, as they confront a wildly enthusiastic Border terrier, why I wasted so many hours in dog school.

Gambit also likes to make beds. He fluffs pillows by diving head first beneath them and adds his own touch of Martha Stewart by leaving decorative, brightly colored toys strewn across the bedspread. When he is finished "helping," he walks across the cover a few times to inspect his work, and demonstrates his approval by stretching out for a nap.

Gambit's games are meant to get and keep my attention, not to lower my blood pressure. And they succeed. Especially the ones in which he shakes and pulls apart his toys. Watching him as he reduces dog-proof toys to road kill is like watching him tear up dollar bills. My dollar bills. The ones I'm certain to spend replacing those toys.

The other day, however, as I was trying to concentrate on practicing Tai Chi, I had a thought. It was not a deeply meditative thought, for that would have been impossible with a growling Border pressing his tennis ball against my leg. But, still, it was a good thought--about a little guy who gives my life balance. About his hugs and kisses, his resourcefulness and humor, his determination and sensitivity.

I thought about how much I enjoy watching a Border leap into action with an air of self-importance, tilt a curious head, fix an intelligent gaze, or just yawn and stretch. I thought about how I am drawn to a Border's audacity, good sportsmanship, good nature, and limitless love. Then I thought that maybe, just maybe, lowering blood pressure isn't so important after all. ♥





**COME ONE, COME ALL!**  
**JOIN US FOR A BORDER TERRIER PICNIC!**

THE PICNIC IS GOING TO BE HELD FOLLOWING SHOWING AT THE  
WINDHAM COUNTY SHOW, WOODSTOCK, CT  
ON SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1997.

*TO BE DETERMINED BY SHOW TIME AND WEATHER, THE PICNIC WILL BE HELD EITHER AT THE SHOW SITE, OR AT JUDY AND CHASE DONALDSON'S PROPERTY IN NEARBY CANTERBURY, CT. MAPS BELOW, AND ALSO WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHOW SITE.*

ANYONE OWNING A BORDER TERRIER, OR INTERESTED IN BORDER TERRIERS IS WELCOME. NO NEED TO BE A "SHOW" PERSON TO ATTEND!!

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE, AND A CHAIR. EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE PROVIDED.

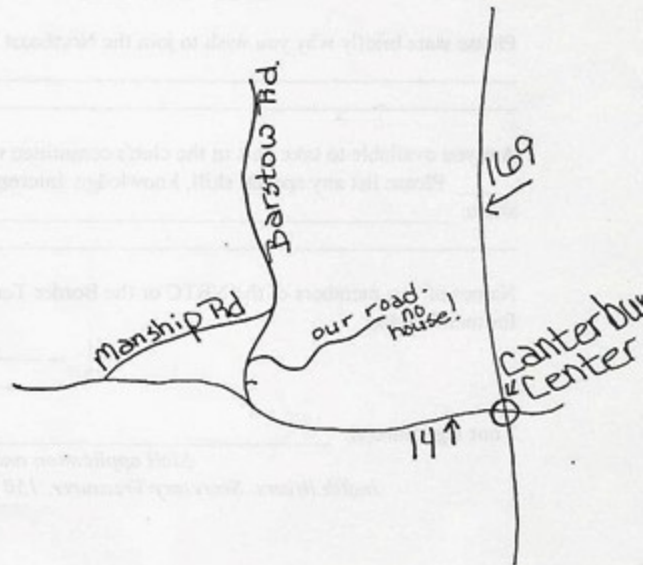
QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL CARLIE KROICK 203-938-1243  
OR JUDY DONALDSON 860-658-5493

FROM WOODSTOCK TO CANTERBURY



ONCE IN CANTERBURY

(BARSTOW RD. IS 1.7 MI FROM JUNCT. 169 & 14.  
OUR ROAD IS OFF BARSTOW .1 MI ON RIGHT)





## The turtles are coming, the turtles are coming!!



**Spring** is coming, and once more, in a house in NY, Borders are preparing--preparing for the coming of **sinister turtle lawn ornaments** . . .

In the wilds of Albany, NY sits an innocent looking house, proudly guarded by 3 Borders: Carlie, Jenny and Taylor. Each winter, the snow piles up in the backyard. Neighboring bushes disappear. Invading birds flee south. For a few months the Borders have triumphed. The neighborhood backyards are calm, quiet and under BT protection. And then, it happens. Every year for the past 4 years, it has happened, and may happen soon this spring. Carlie, Jenny and **especially** Taylor are already making plans ....

So, just what is it that happens? Well you may ask! It all starts out so innocently. A hint of warmth in the air, the snow starting to turn to slush. Day by day this continues. The neighborhood patrol job gets tougher. Bushes start to appear. Birds try to invade the yard. And suddenly one day, a **HEAD** is visible. This is the day--the day that the snow is off the turtle. Just at the bottom of the stairs, waiting, **lurking**, in a prime place to attack the BT's human when next she comes down the stairs. Impervious to BT attacks, it does not react to barks, growls or any other BT persuasion techniques. It sticks to the earth with a cold, frozen determination. Worse yet, nothing the Borders do stops the invasion. Slowly, insidiously, it shows more and more of itself, never moving--always in wait at the bottom of the stairs. Taylor patrols the balcony, waiting for movement, waiting to repel an attack.



Finally, it shows itself completely. And there it sits. Once in the yard, it somehow changes, communicates its intentions to Taylor, and becomes accepted. An added member of the neighborhood patrol. But each spring, it returns uninvited and, at first, with unknown intentions. Each spring, the standoff is repeated. Someday, someone will cave. But, according to Taylor, it will never be him.



Dedicated to the memory of  
"Jenny," now guarding The  
Rainbow Bridge from turtles.



# NBTC Meeting Minutes

BY AMANDA POUGH

**January 18, 1997  
Saratoga Springs, NY**

President Baker called the meeting to order at 1:13pm at the St. Francis Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY. There were 33 members and 3 guests present.

Amanda Pough moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Border Times*. Seconded and passed.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### President's Report

President Baker expressed his appreciation to Amanda Pough and Tricia Dell'Aquila for all their hard work on *The Border Times*.

### Sec'y/Treasurer's Report

President Baker presented the Treasurer's Report for Judith Rivers, who was unable to attend. For the period beginning September 21, 1996 through December 31, 1996:

Beginning Balance.....	\$3793.79
Deposits.....	+ 244.00
Expenses.....	- 711.51
Interest.....	+ 18.34
Ending Balance.....	\$3344.62

It was moved by Bob Naun to accept the report as read. Seconded and passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Trophy Committee

Trophy Chairperson Jan Hewitt said she has the trophies for the nine shows we are supporting this year. She reminded members that the trophy fund is always looking for donations.

### Newsletter

Newsletter editor Amanda Pough asked for club input as to the policy on newsletter requests from non-members. 150 copies of the Winter 1996 issue were printed; approximately 130 are sent to members. The remainder have been sent to people who have heard of our club and newsletter and requested copies.

We are gaining a reputation across the country or our excellent newsletter. Discussion followed. Bob Naun moved that the editor of *The Border Times* set a subscription and single copy rate for non-members. Seconded and passed.

*Editor's Note: Single copies are available for \$2.00. The annual subscription (4 issues) cost is \$8.00.*

### New Club Applicants

New Applicants for Membership were read. Discussion followed as to whether we should be screening our potential new members more thoroughly. Vice president Carlie Krolick reminded members that since new applicants are published in *The Border Times* (along with towns of residence and endorsers) current members can always contact Sec'y Rivers or the endorser with questions. Discussion

## NBTC 1996 Account Summary

### Beginning

Balance.....\$2002.33

### Deposits

Earthdog  
Event 6/9/96..... + 2063.00  
Fun Day 6/15/96.. + 483.00  
Trophy Fund..... + 1047.11  
Dues, Mug  
Sales, Misc. .... + 1721.88

Total Deposits..... + 5314.99

### Expenses

Postage (General)... - 85.36  
Postage (TBT)..... - 373.56  
Trophies..... - 809.95  
TBT..... - 500.76  
Travel Mugs..... - 500.89  
Fun Day 6/15/96..... - 217.76  
Earthdog  
Event 6/9/96..... - 863.55  
AKC Fee  
(Earthdog Trial).... - 35.00  
Insurance..... - 400.00  
Miscellaneous..... - 231.72

Total Expenses..... - 4018.35

Interest Earned..... + 45.65

### Ending

Balance.....\$3344.62

followed. It was suggested that selective changes be made to the membership application process. Vice president Krolick commented that these new procedures would require a constitutional change. Anyone interested in chairing a committee to revise and update the constitution is urged to contact an officer.



## OLD BUSINESS

### *Judges' List*

There was almost no response from the request in TBT for a ranking a preferred judges for supported entries. Vice president Krolick will consult with Sec'y Rivers and may send out a direct mailing should it be felt that such a mailing would produce a larger response.

### *Agility Trials*

Jan Hewitt, Trophy Chair, Jenny Chambers and Kerry Boisvert (the latter two involved in Agility with their BTs) commented on the difficulty of awarding a Highest Scoring BT in Trial Award.

At any trial, BTs can be entered in 8 different classes (height divisions 12 and 16 inches; 4 different levels of skill and obstacles). Discussion followed on the question of whether to award trophies to the highest scoring BT in each class and/or division, or whether to award something to each qualifier.

Vice president Krolick suggested that an annual Agility award be given. Marg Pough moved that the club support selected Agility trials in the region, at which every qualifying BT would receive an award. Discussion followed.

Vice president Krolick amended the motion to the club supporting the three or four trials to be held in Romulus, NY in the fall. Amended motion seconded and passed.

### *Earthdog Trials*

JoAnn Frier-Murza moved that the club support an Earthdog trial other than

our own and offer an award for every qualifying BT. Seconded and passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Logo Pins*

Bob Naun moved that the club have pins made with the club logo, to be used as trophies and sold to members. Discussion followed. Seconded and passed.

### *Logo Decals*

Ron Sebastiani moved that the club have window decals made with the club logo. The decals would be square or rectangular and highly durable. Discussion followed.

Vice president Krolick amended the motion to add a limit of \$0.40 per decal as the cost to produce each decal. Ron agreed to work within this budget. Amended motion seconded and passed.

### *Upcoming Events*

Announcements for upcoming events were made.

*Editor's Note: See the Upcoming Events list on page 3 of this issue.*

Jeanne Lareau moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:35. Meeting adjourned.

### *1999 Border*

#### *Terrier Specialty*

The club meeting immediately segued to a 1999 BTCA Specialty meeting, which the NBTC is hosting.

President Baker announced that the Boxborough Hotel has decided not to accept dogs. As a result, we are looking for a new site and host hotel.

### Discussion

followed, as to using the Gardner Rod and Gun Club (where we had originally planned to hold the Earthdog trial) as a site for all events. A committee, including Judy Donaldson (Chair), Jean Clark, Pam Dyer, Julie LaFreniere and Bob Naun was formed to go to the Rod and Gun club as soon as the weather allows, to judge the site for holding all events there.

Judy Donaldson is waiting to hear back from the Best Western (Royal Plaza) in Fitchburg as a host hotel.

Discussion followed regarding a back-up site. Jenny Chambers suggested the Sheraton in Burlington, VT. A committee formed to investigate, including Jenny Chambers (Chair), Donna Moore-Lavoie and Amanda Pough.

The appointment of an Agility judge for this event was discussed. The club will ask Jean MacKenzie.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

**Our condolences to Jan Hewitt on the loss of her "Jenny." Jenny had just begun her obedience career and had earned the first leg of her CD at the BTCA Specialty.**





## What is an Obedience Title, Really?

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have

been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

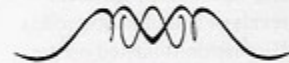
And a title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to the special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than love and respect, given and received and recorded permanently.



### NEW APPLICANTS FOR NBTC MEMBERSHIP

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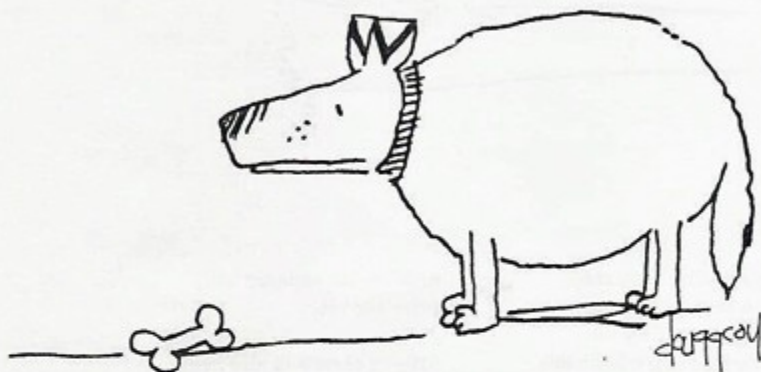
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## The Northeast Border Terrier Club Needs YOU!



Dear NBTC Members:

The club is supplying trophies for nine supported entry shows this year. Mohawk Valley, Saratoga and Glens Falls have already been held, and everyone who was there for the annual "Cabin Fever" weekend enjoyed the trophies. Still to come are Windham County, Woodstock, Champlain Valley, Green Mountain, Ox Ridge and Northwestern Connecticut.

We're again offering Woodbury Pewter trophies at all shows this year. And, trophies for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winners and Highest Scoring Border Terrier in Obedience will be engraved with the show initials, date of the show and the award. We will also be offering Woodbury Pewter trophies for Reserves.

**New This Year** We will be providing trophies for every qualifying Border at the Agility trials held in conjunction with the Wine Country circuit, and at an Earthdog trial other than our own. What an opportunity to support the versatility of our dogs.

That's a lot of trophies and engraving and the costs add up quickly.

We really need your help. If you haven't had the opportunity to contribute, please take a little time and write a check to the Northeast Border Terrier Club. Send it to 90 Cooks Court, Waterford, NY 12188. If you've already taken the opportunity to make a contribution, THANK YOU.

Very Truly,  
Jan Hewitt  
1997 NBTC Trophy Committee

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# Earthdog Training

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I have started my young male in field work. "Rowler" is just over a year old and has shown some promise in going to ground.

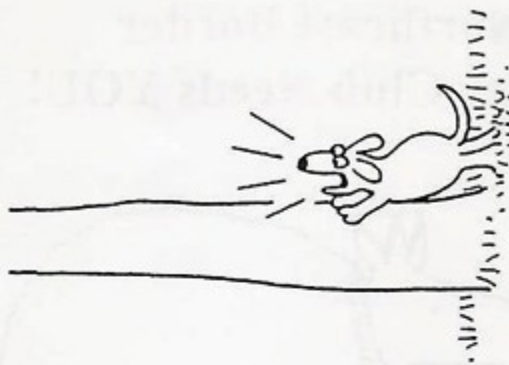
During the fall earthdog test season, he did go to ground in the liners. Intrepidly he entered, but at the quarry did his usual thing: play. This was enough of a signal to show that he should start in the field.

Now, Rowler has a couple of advantages: a hard seasoned bitch housemate, "Tye," and working lines. During this past winter I began working Tye and Rowler together.

The nice thing about winter is that the chucks are in hibernation and the fox, although plentiful in this area, are often elusive. Chances are that the setts [fox dens] are empty. You need not have reservations about letting the dogs get into something way over their heads.

The purpose of this exercise is to allow the experienced dog to show the novice how it is done. All you need is a coupler collar and leash, a winter hedge row with holes, warm clothing, boots and patience.

Start by taking the pair out together, keeping them on the



coupler. When you come upon a hole, point it out to the dogs (hopefully the experienced dog will do this for you). As the dogs mark or investigate, praise is in order.

Don't get over zealous with praise, though; you don't want to encourage false marking. Marking should indicate the scent of something that is or was inside. You need to have the dogs leave if the scent is not there.

Use a hunt command such as "check it out" to familiarize the novice. A consistent command is important because you want to make sure that when you ask the dogs to cast off and work, they understand what you want.

At first, keep the dogs on a leash and get as close as possible to a hole. This keeps the dogs steady on the task. After a while, drop the leash and let them stay together and work. If your pair is anything like

my two, the younger will enjoy the play.

Staying close will also help when the pair gets caught on a tree or multiflora rose, as you will be near enough to assist them. Getting tangled is a risk; when this happens be sure to free them quickly and calmly.

It is unlikely that both dogs, when coupled, will fit into a fox den entrance, but the experienced dog may not mind the tight fit so stay close. Eventually, let them off leash but still coupled and watch the education take place.

As the experienced dog works, the novice starts to get the idea. Now you have started the youngster on his or her way to working.

The important goals to reach with this simple exercise are learning to check for a scent, understanding hunt commands, working in a pack and, most of all, fun for the Border.



# Bordering On Brilliance

## Conformation

Congratulations to Judy & Chase Donaldson whose "Caley" made the end of 1996 exciting as he finished his championship with a bang. "Caley" is the Donaldson's first home-bred champion. Not to be outdone, housemate "Star" started 1997 on a up-note, as she earned her championship as well.

At the annual Nordic Winter Show, held in Scandinavia this year, a blue & tan Border was judged second overall, from an entry of over 6700 dogs. Dr. Harry Smith, Jr. (American) placed "Foxforest Flying Finn" second in show, above a poodle, who was Finland's Dog of the Year in 1996.

## Go-To-Ground



JoAnn Frier-Murza is writing an in-depth book on terrier trials. Look for the book to be published shortly. It is chock-full of information on testing, running a trial, preparation and training. It would be a welcome addition to any library, especially written by one of our own NBTCers. *Editor's note: we will be sure to let you know where to get this book as soon as it is available!*

## Companionship

Email news received from Carlie Krolick: "The Borders and I reached our goal of 1300 running miles for the 1996 year on December 31. We finished off with our strongest running year since I ran the NY marathon in 1980. That year I ran about 1590 miles.

"Luke, Haley, Charlie (until June when he went to a new home with lots of kids where he

probably runs just as much!), Berry (2 month maternity leave) and Bruce (just beginning his road career) all accompanied me on this year's running.

"I think the dogs with the greatest lifetime average are Luke and Haley. Haley is the keenest runner of them all, and goes no matter what the weather. She has run since late 1992--so figure at least 4500 miles, but with two breaks for maternity leave of about 2 months each (so take away 550 miles?). Luke runs continuously, but occasionally takes a day off when it is really hot."

## A Friendly Reminder

Please note that it's not too late to submit your NBTC dues. As per the club constitution, dues not renewed by March 31, 1997 will lapse.

**Single \$10**

**Couple \$15**

**Junior \$5**

If you have already sent in your dues, thank you! Otherwise, please mail your check, payable to the NBTC, to Sec'y/Treasurer Judith Rivers, 150 Wickham Rd., East Haddam, CT 06243, phone (860)873-2012



"Don't you just love the smell of baby breath?"