

Theo Congdon and Ellen Redman (along with Ruby and Hazel) get into the retro spirit of the Morris and Essex Kennel Club show on September 29th. Photo by Bob Naun.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I just got back from the 2010 Montgomery weekend of shows. What spectacularly perfect weather we had, with sunny skies and cool breezes. Good weather for both dogs and people! The Morris and Essex show, held every five years, is meant to revisit dog shows of the past with exhibitors often dressed in appropriate garb and some extraordinary hats. This year, however, I was struck by another similarity to dog shows of the more recent past. There were LOTS of dogs and people in attendance. In recent months I've been to veritable "ghost

towns" of shows with half the number of people, dogs and vendors seen in the not-too-distant past. It was a nice reminder of the way things used to be, and reassuring to know that they could be so again, if only once in a while.

Cabin Fever lives! Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the specifics, but we are moving this year's Cabin Fever Weekend to the Boardwalk shows in Wildwood, NJ on the first weekend in February. I hope we might see a few more members from the NBTC's southern reaches. In keeping with tradition we will have our potluck and winter meeting after judging on Saturday, February 5. Looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

I don't know how many of you saw Bob Naun's letter (published in the BTCA magazine, *The Borderline*) this fall. It was an extraordinarily well-written letter to all AKC Border Terrier judges regarding the way Borders are groomed and presented in the ring. Although I am not here to tell anyone how they should groom their Border for show, many well-scissored and sheared and perhaps even "pigmentally altered" Borders were seen in the ring at the Montgomery Weekend shows. It's nice to win, and many of the alluded to dogs are beautiful and correct Borders in their own right, but it seems to me that when a "tidied-up" dog goes in the ring with a meticulously scissored dog, many judges have a hard time seeing past the grooming and miss those dogs.

It is possible to groom a dog properly and beautifully and many in our club have mastered that skill. I would like to ask us, as a club, to support the BTCA in its efforts to keep the Border Terrier "essentially a working terrier" and not turn it in to a fancy show dog, which will ultimately have a negative effect on the health, structure and temperament of the little brown dogs of which we all share an appreciation and love.

So put down those scissors and let's start a movement! It reminds me of part of Arlo Guthrie's "Alice's Restaurant" (and I'm paraphrasing):

"You know, if one person, just one person does it they may think he's [wrong] and they won't take him. And if two people, two people do it, in harmony, they may think they're both [wrong] and they won't take either of them. And three people do it, three, can you imagine, three people walking in [to a show ring with simply tidied-up Border Terriers] and walking out. They may think it's an organization. And can you, can you imagine fifty people a day, I said fifty people a day walking in [to a show ring with simply tidied-up Border Terriers] and walking out. And friends they may think it's a movement."

Respectfully,
Ellen Redman



Trophy Donations Are Still Needed



Please give generously.

Send donations to:
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The Northeast Border Terrier Club website has been updated with a members only section where you can find meeting minutes.

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**2011 AKC®
Lifetime Achievement Awards**

New York, NY -- The American Kennel Club® (AKC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2011 AKC® Lifetime Achievement Awards: Walter F. Goodman (Conformation), James J. Ham (Companion Events) and **Jo Ann Frier-Murza (Performance)**. The three recipients will receive engraved silver Revere bowls on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at the AKC Delegates luncheon held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California. A sterling silver Tiffany and Co. bowl, engraved with the names of all recipients past and present, is on permanent display at AKC headquarters in New York City. The AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards were created to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of purebred dogs on a national level. The recipients were selected from votes cast by AKC member clubs for nominees in the categories of Conformation, Companion Events and Performance.



Performance: Jo Ann Frier-Murza of Crosswicks, New Jersey
Jo Ann Frier-Murza has promoted, chaired, judged and hosted earthdog events and den trials (a precursor

to AKC Earthdog) for over 35 years. She worked with the AKC advisory panel developing the earthdog program in 1993, and later, on its review panel. As a dedicated teacher, Jo Ann has developed a process to instill confidence in newcomers to the sport. Her facility, Village Green Farm Earthdog Center, introduces numerous new dogs and assists advanced level dogs each year through classes and fun days. She

has also written Earthdog Ins & Outs, which describes the early history of earthdogs, breed characteristics, training techniques and hosting events.

Jo Ann has pursued earthdog titles with her own dogs, earning multiple Master Earthdog titles as well as field championships on four Dachshunds. She has also bred Border Terriers and shown them to conformation championships, and has achieved obedience titles on Bedlington, Bull and Border Terriers.

Jo Ann was the founder of the New Jersey Beanfield Earthdogs Club and has been an officer or board member of the American Working Terrier Association, the Border Terrier Club of America, the Garden State All Terrier Club, the Princeton Dog Training Club and the Allgemeiner Schutzhund Klub, in addition to membership in the Dachshund Club of America. She has also been an active member of other all-breed and obedience clubs during her 38 years with purebred dogs.

**Congratulations,
Jo Ann!
And, thank you for your
dedication!**





Cabin
Fever
Weekend
Has Moved
to Wildwood, NJ

As Follows, the NBTC will supply the following
All Breed Shows with Trophies at the
Wildwoods NJ Convention Center:

Friday 2/04/2011: Sand and Sea Kennel Club;
Judge: Vincent C. Grosso. All Breed show, Best
Veteran in Show Competition, Obedience and
Rally Trials, CGC Clinic.

Saturday 2/05/2011: Boardwalk Kennel Club;
Judge: Barbara A. Pessina. All Breed Show,
Best Puppy in Show, K-9 CPR Seminar. **NBTC
Winter meeting and pot luck luncheon will
follow judging, location to be announced.**

Sunday 2/06/2011: Boardwalk Kennel Club;
Judge: Kathleen J. Ferris. All Breed Show, Best
Bred by Exhibitor in Show Competition, CGC
Clinic

<http://www.boardwalkkennelclub.com>

Accommodations: Quotes are for a room for
two people.

Days Inn, 4610 Ocean Ave., Wildwoods, NJ
609-522-0331 \$89.00

The Knolls Resort, 4111 Atlantic Ave.,
Wildwoods, NJ 609-846-0100 \$89.00

Quebec Motel, 3811 Atlantic Ave., Wildwoods,
NJ 609-522-4664 Two nights \$99, three nights
\$89, including one dog, more than one \$10 per.

Marque de Lafayette, 501 Beach Ave., Cape
May, NJ 609-884-3500

One Attorney's View

As published on BTXtra

I agree you need to be careful when submitting legislation and shepherding it through. However, as you said, you should never approach real politics from an academic standpoint. You also have to view the situation that exists, not the one you wish would exist. Any action has risk, including that of doing nothing.

Right now, they call anyone they wish a puppy mill. Right now, they get people convicted of animal abuse for laws we believe do not constitute criminal activity or demonstrable harm to animals. Right now, they use illegal and unconstitutional tactics to steal property from people and take property for a public use without just compensation. Right now, they harass lawful businesses and attempt to make them illegal. Right now, they exempt themselves from the laws they use to prosecute others. Right now, they lie and call it the truth.

The things you fear will happen are already happening. I agree we all need to be more politically active and aware. If we are not, thus harming our own cause, that is our fault, not theirs. If they are better organized than we are, that is our fault, not theirs. If they are better at getting legislation passed, that is our fault, not theirs. If they have a better PR machine than we do, that is our fault, not theirs.

I believe we have been on the defensive too long. NAIA has model statutes that, with appropriate local modifications, we should be trying to get passed across the country. HSUS in FL went over the edge when one was proposed earlier this session. We didn't win, but we WILL be back pushing it this coming year. Is it easy? No. But does that mean we shouldn't do it?

Julian Prager

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"Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it." William Penn

**BORDER TERRIER CLUB
OF AMERICA, Inc**

Dear friend,

The board of directors of the Border Terrier club of America has requested that I call the following to your attention.

First, It wishes to reaffirm its previous statements regarding the Border Terrier Standard. The essence of type for the Border Terrier is the purpose for which it was developed. In a flashy artificially groomed, and supercharged world of pure bred dogs he is a master of understatement. The Border Terrier is a natural terrier. He is a working terrier. Gone are the days that the border could come into the ring with just some "tidying" up. But the Border Terrier who enters the show ring dyed, with legs fluffed up and with gobs of facial hair has lost his identity as a Border Terrier -- a terrier developed in the English - Scottish borders on Fox, otter and other vermin.

From its first recognition in Britain and the US, border breeders and owners have been concerned that kennel club recognition might lead to changes in their appearance. In hopes of preventing this, the American Standard was written to create a blueprint of a working terrier -- a terrier that would not be a fancy terrier. Form was to follow function -- dyed coats, or no coats, or fluffed off legs, or gobs of facial hair or scissored eyebrows serve no purpose for a working terrier. We have tried strenuously over the years to retain those traits that keep the Border Terrier from becoming just another fancy terrier in the terrier group. With the growing popularity and success of the border in the show ring, and the increase in exaggerated grooming, we are fearful that we may be losing the battle. For us, the over groomed picture of a fancy terrier is replacing that of a working terrier who

is on his way to losing his essential breed character.

In addition, the Board of Directors has expressed concerns about judge's interpretation of the standard when it comes to color and spanning.

The Border Terrier standard describes one of its proper colors as being the color blue and tan. We would like to point out that it is not black and tan. The blue and tan must have some silver ticking through its coat. The more mature the dog usually the more ticking. Puppies should show some sign of ticking (usually on their legs). It is their belief that the black and tan should be penalized in the show ring.

The second fact is the question of spanning. Some judges some judges are not doing it or not doing it properly. Spanning a by a man's hands is a guide and only a guide to the to see if the border is able to go to ground. Obviously, there are variations in the size of men's hands and even more so when women's hands are compared to those of men.

Ideally the way to span a Border is similar to that of the Parson Russell Terrier.

The Border Terrier should be gripped behind the shoulders and lifted leaving his rear feet touching the table. This way the flexibility of his rib cage can be measured and it is a more accurate measure of ability to go down a hole after Fox.

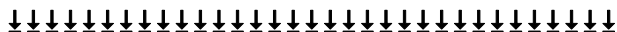
ROBERT NAUN
JUDGES EDUCATION

Next NBTC Meeting:
Winter meeting and pot luck luncheon will be
after judging on Saturday, February 5, 2011
in Wildwoods, NJ.
Location to be announce



Auctioneer and Winner in the Border Pumpkin BT Rescue Event

At the potluck in Goshen this pumpkin was auctioned off with proceeds going to North American Border Terrier Welfare. After Ruth Ann was high-bidder, many of the membership sweetended the pot, ending up with \$200. going to recue. Tom Bradley was the auctioneer.



Northeast Border Terrier Club Meeting Minutes, Goshen CT September 26, 2010

President Ellen Redman called the meeting to order at 12:30, introducing guests, welcoming everyone, congratulating today's winners and thanking Liz Faber, Tim Acker, Hannah Gregorio and Michael Bowen for their work on today's picnic.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Border Times made by Carlie Krolick and seconded by John Parker.

Secretary's report: There is none for today.

Treasurer's report: Linda Parker reported our current balance is \$14,377.43, in addition she

has transferred the NBTC account to Family Federal Savings who do not charge a fee for depositing Canadian checks.

Trophy report: Lisa Sauer asks that donations be sent to Peg Hetherington going forward. Thank you for all your generous donations.

Old Business: Susan Sparks reports that things are moving ahead for a 2013 NBTC supported National Specialty in Rhode Island. She has lined up several volunteers for key positions.

Winter meeting site. As the Saratoga winter shows have been cancelled for 2011 several members brought up possible winter clusters during which to hold our next meeting. After much discussion the club voted to hold its next meeting in February 2011 in Wildwood NJ during the Atlantic Ocean Classic Dog Show Cluster. The motion was made by Susan Sparks and seconded by John Parker. The shows run from 2/2/2011 through 2/6/2011. The NBTC will offer trophies for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday shows that weekend. The club will continue to explore other opportunities for the Cabin Fever Weekend. Thank you to Theo Congdon, Barbara Dalane and Linda Parker for your research.

Salt City Cluster: Reminder, we have NBTC supported entries at the shows in Syracuse NY the weekend of March 26th and 27th. There will be grooming space reserved for the Border Terriers.

New Business: Ruth Ann Naun spoke about the BTCA Board of Directors recent decision to approve the Great Lakes Border Terrier Club request to hold a Regional Specialty in conjunction with the International Kennel Club shows in late February 2011. Discussion ensued as to the impact Regional Specialties can have on the National Specialty, especially since the BTCA is one of the few parent clubs left that

hold only a National Specialty. The NBTC would not be eligible to hold a Regional Specialty, as our membership is geographically too big to become an AKC member club. Pam Dyer spoke to the fact that it was not a unanimous decision by the BTCA Board and that this is a one-time approval. A strong minority position can be read on the BTCA website in the Board Business section. NBTC member and BTCA president Ann Steinbacher was among those who voted against the proposal.

Move to adjourn motion was made by John Parker and seconded by Sheila Demers.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Woodward

**PENNSYLVANIA
Rabies Medical Exemption Bill
SB 1454 ACTION ALERT**

Rabies Medical Exemption Bill SB 1454 has been introduced by Senator Stewart Greenleaf and referred to the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee -- please contact Committee members and ask them to vote to pass it. Contact information for Committee members as well as letters from The Rabies Challenge Fund and Jennifer Shipley can be found at this link: <http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/latest/penn-action-alert>

NBTC 2011 BTCA Supported Entries

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**\$10,000 Matching Gift to
The Rabies Challenge Fund**

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, through November 30th, donations to the Rabies Challenge Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000! More details can be found at:

<http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/donate/donate-to-the-fund>

UPS & DOWNS

New ME

Diane Almy's Ben earned his Master ED title at the New Jersey Beanfield trials with perfect weather!

--Diane Almy

New RN SE NF

Ch. Bandersnatch A Fine Romance RN SE NF has had a busy 2010. In May she finished her Rally Novice title at the specialty, she qualified in three trials in July at the FLKC earthdog tests for her Senior Earth dog title, got her Novice Fast title in Aug, for her first AKC agility title and is now staying home enjoying her first litter of puppies.

--Kerry Boisvert

New FM

At the NAFA Flyball Tournament in Lakeland, FL, Nora (Rosewood Anora Sonshine) earned her Flyball Master title (5000 points).

--Susan Netzman

Border Times Deadline

February 15, 2011

Next issue of the Border Times will be published March 2011. Please send your submissions, news, ups & downs to Sue Netzman @ Netzmanws@aol.com no later than 2/15/11 for inclusion.

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registration flyer at
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Border Terrier Club of Ontario specialty

Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 8:00am
Location: Kitchener, Ont.

PENNSYLVANIA

Murder Hollow Bassets Tough It Out – All 22 Cruelty Charges Withdrawn

--- Date: Thursday, October 7, 2010, 8:40 PM

Subj: Murder Hollow Bassets Tough It Out – All 22 Cruelty Charges Withdrawn

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After more than 14 months, all 22 counts of animal cruelty charged against Murder Hollow Bassets master Wendy Willard in August of 2009 by the Pennsylvania Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PSPCA) in Philadelphia County were withdrawn on October 5, 2010 in Philadelphia Municipal Court. Wendy was also found to be in complete compliance with all applicable statutes.

On July 27, 2009, the life of Wendy Willard, a retired social studies teacher, environmentalist, horticulturist and nationally recognized Master of a pack of hounds known as Murder Hollow Bassets, changed forever. That day, using a warrant obtained following a trespass on her property, the PSPCA searched Wendy's barn, seized 11 of 23 hounds and pressured her to sign so-called "surrender agreements" by threatening to take the other 12 dogs and assess heavy fine if she refused. Their acts effectively destroyed her pack and severely damaged her reputation.

The search and seizure was performed under the guise of enforcing the Philadelphia "limit law," applicable only to residential dwelling units, and not a barn inhabited by dogs. Before Wendy was charged with anything, and without notification to her, all of the hounds were spayed and neutered within three days after seizure. One of the hounds had to be euthanized as a result of a

botched surgery during the mass spay/neuter operations performed by the PSPCA at their facility. The 10 remaining live hounds became infected with a canine lung virus in the PSPCA's facility. The PSPCA then sent those 10, with medications, to an unlicensed "rescue" operation that sold them all for "adoption" before any hearing on the charges took place.

Wendy was charged in Philadelphia with 22 summary counts of animal cruelty alleging unsanitary conditions and lack of veterinary care. These charges were denied, aggressively defended and have now all been withdrawn.

Wendy has never bred a litter for sale. Murder Hollow Bassets was a much beloved pack of sporting dogs and not the "puppy mill" the PSPCA was apparently looking for. The actions of the PSPCA were overzealous. Organizations like the PSPCA must adhere to lawful procedures to ensure that the rights of animal owners are protected.

While many organizations, packs and individuals have donated to the defense of the Murder Hollow, Wendy still needs your help with the heavy expenses of the criminal case that just concluded favorably and preserved her constitutionally guaranteed rights and freedoms. Although this case is about what happened to Wendy and her hounds, and her fight to defend herself from invasive and unconstitutional actions, this type of invasion of property and violation of rights, and the harassment to which she was subjected by the PSPCA, could happen to you or your animals at any time and in any state.

Please step up and donate now. To donate by mail, please make checks or money orders payable to Wendy Willard/Escrow Defense Account and mail your contributions to: Hound Defense Fund, 1229 Chestnut Street, #107, Philadelphia, PA 19107. To donate on line,

please go to the web site, www.hounddefensefund.org and follow the donation instructions provided. Thank you all very much for your help and concern.

J.F. Scharnberg, US Sportsmen's Alliance, National Beagle Club, MFHA, PA Federation of Dog Clubs, Chester County Foxhunters Assn.



A Great Book for a Great Cause!

We were lucky to have author and documentary producer Meg Daley Olmert speak at our 2010 national conference. An expert in the science and history of the human-animal bond, she gave an outstanding presentation on the chemical and evolutionary processes behind it.

For those who missed the conference (or for conference-goers who want to learn more on this topic), I'm pleased to announce that we have a limited supply of Meg's book Made for Each Other in stock, on sale for only \$12 (with free shipping)! Proceeds will go toward supporting NAIA's upcoming projects, including our vitally important Dog Population Study.

Go ahead! Entertain and enlighten yourself all while supporting a great cause by ordering here: http://www.naiaonline.org/store/our_bookstore.htm

Sincerely,

Patti Strand, national director NAIA

Happy reading!



2011 Coming Supported Entry Events

These are shows which the NBTC supports and may also have official BTCA support.

NBTC offers all prizes.



- 2-4 Sand & Sea KC, Wildwood, NJ Conformation*
- 2-5 & 6 Boardwalk KC, Wildwood, NJ Conformation*
- 4-2 Finger Lakes KC, Syracuse, NY
- 4-3 North Country KC, Syracuse, NY
- 4-22 Columbia Terrier Assn. of MD, Timonium, MD Conformation
- 5-6 Garden State All Terrier Club
- 5-15 Windham Cty, KC, Woodstock, CT Conformation (incl. Working Dog & Bitch)
- 6-4 & 5 NJBEC, Crosswicks, NJ AKC Earthdog Tests*
- 7-15 Woodstock Dog Club, Tunbridge, VT Conformation (incl. Working Dog & Bitch, Puppy & Veteran Sweeps)
- 7-16 Champlain Valley KC,
- 7-17 Green Mountain Dog Club,
- 7-22 & 23 Putnam County KC,
- 8 GBAEC, Gardner, MA AKC Earthdog Tests*
- 9-23 Newtown KC,
- 9-24 Ox ridge KC,
- 9-25 Northwestern CT Dog Club Conformation (incl. Working Dog & Bitch)
- 11 NJBEC, Crosswicks, NJ AKC Earthdog Tests*

* Not BTCA Supported