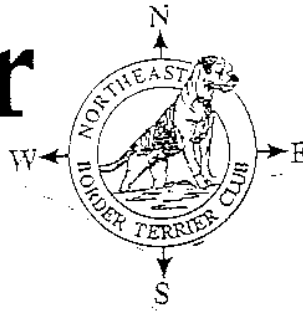


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Newsletter of the Northeast Border Terrier Club

Fall 1998

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 16th

morning On-Site Hospitality
Agility Trial
judge Jean MacKenzie

afternoon Obedience
judges James Ham
& Elizabeth Chase

evening Welcome Get Together

Tuesday, August 17

morning On-Site Hospitality
Puppy Sweepstakes
judge Teri Beverly
Junior Showmanship
judge James Ham
Veteran's Sweepstakes
judge Teri Beverly

Wednesday, August 18

morning On-Site Hospitality
Start of Breed Judging
judge Maureen Thompson
Parade of Honor

evening BBQ & BTCA Annual Meeting (Guests welcome!)

Thursday, August 19th

morning On-Site Hospitality
Completion of Breed Judging
BTCA Awards Banquet & Silent Auction (All welcome!)

Friday, August 20th

morning AKC Earthdog Test
judges Carol Mock, Judy Todd, Pat Loll and Pam Dyer

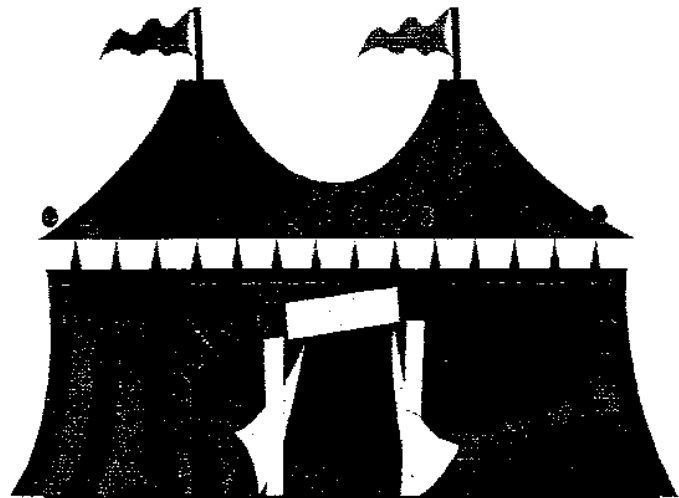
COME CELEBRATE!

BORDER TERRIER Club of AMERICA

1999 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

HOSTED BY THE NBTC

AUGUST 16 - 20, 1999



Mark your calendars now for fun next
August!

Watch *The Border Times* for more details
as the time grows near!

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It has been an absolutely horrible/stressful/wonderful/fun summer! Only now as the leaves in Vermont are being blown off the trees does my life seem to be settling down.

It was HORRIBLE in that Vermont had over twice our average rainfall – most of it in July. As a result, the field where our local dog club holds our show was pure slop the day before our show, forcing us to change sites at the very last minute. It was WONDERFUL as numerous BT owners came up to Jenny Chambers (the show chair and fellow NBTC member) to offer their support and encouragement. It was WONDERFUL the number of people who pulled me aside from my duties to offer their help.

It was STRESSFUL summer in that we built and moved into the new hospital at the Veterinary Hospital I work for. We went from an eighteen hundred square foot single floor building to a two-story building with over fifty-one hundred square feet. Even budgeting time for the contractors to run over, workmen were painting and adding trim up to twelve hours before the grand opening. It was WONDERFUL to move into my new office and know I now have my own files, my own chair and my own computer. It is WONDERFUL to know that the talented doctors and technicians I work with have the room to work comfortably and effectively.

It was a FUN summer when I was able to get away and visit with friends and BTs. Work kept me close to home most of the summer, but when I did get away, the company was always WONDERFUL. When I couldn't get away, BTs and their owners come to Vermont and the shows and I can relax for a few minutes with new and old friends.

It was a FUN summer finding a new Art/Layout Director for "The Border Times." Barbara Dalane has graciously donated her talent and experience in newspapers to this newsletter. It was FUN as Barbara and I e-mailed back and forth trying to work out bugs and problems. It was FUN when our major e-mail problem was fixed in one evening – by Barbara's twelve-year-old son!

To all those who took a horrible and stressful summer and made it fun and wonderful – my thanks. And as we head into a fall of wind and rain, and a winter of snow and ice, I look towards those friends again to keep my life fun and enjoyable.

All my best -

Amanda



DOG SHOW DAZE

by Eleanor Garrell Berger

My five-year-old Border Terrier and I share many things in common. Our imperfect bodies being one of these. In fact, Gambit and I have struck a bargain: I don't ask him to compete in conformation, and he doesn't expect me to appear on the cover of Vogue. Even limited as we are, each July when the dog show comes to Essex, Vermont, I don my most fashionable BT T-shirt, load my non-conforming-and-only-BT into a station wagon, and head east across Lake Champlain to enjoy a day of fun.

This year, I asked my friend, Carole, a Gambit-fan, to accompany us. I figured that a ratio of two-humans-to-one-BT would be an advantage when we reached our destination. Since the day was cool, we were able to leave Gambit in the car for awhile and join a pack of Border lovers at ringside. As our favorite breed paraded before us, we asked Mary Frances Davis, who lives with Gambit's littermate in North Carolina, to help us understand what we were seeing in the ring. She decoded esoteric lingo, clarifying terms, like: "Best of Opposite Sex," "Winner's Dog" and "Reserve Winner's Bitch." Carole and I were beginning to feel like we belonged.

I was also beginning to feel like Gambit belonged. Watching the antics of dozens of other busy, happy Borders reassured me that the peppery way in which Gambit engages his world is typical of the breed. In fact, a BT that speaks his mind in a loud voice, greets people while dancing on his hind legs, and sets non-nonsense boundaries for other canines is just as true to his nature as are the more eager-to-please Labs or Golden Retrievers with

whom he is compared in his neighborhood.

With the Border Terrier competition concluded, we returned our folding chairs to the car and removed our feisty little passenger from his crate. His yapping refrain told us he was eager to explore the sights, sounds, and scents of a canine carnival.

Now, Gambit is not the most socialized of creatures, and, at times, can behave inhospitably to fellow canines. But a dog show seems to subdue, even mesmerize, him. A lucky break for Carole and me. We had shopping to do. Undaunted by intermittent rain and muddy show grounds, we stalked the haunts of vendors, searching for Borderabilia. Within minutes, I had snared a wooden Border pin and a BT refrigerator magnet. Gambit selected a new squeak toy. And, of course, I purchased it for him.

After the show, the three of us traveled down to the Town and Country Motel in Stowe, where a recreation trail along a brook invites dog walking and Border swimming. We had a reason for meeting with the Border Terrier folks, who had gathered there to share food and conversation. I had a problem. Or, rather, Gambit did.

He had recently decreed that his nails would forever remain off-limits to humans. No more clipping would be allowed. He was beginning to resemble a Mandarin Emperor. And I needed help. Liz Faber from Connecticut, whom I did not know, came to my rescue.

Deftly applying the Liz lay-out, followed by a BT half Nelson, she gently, but effectively, held Gambit motionless on

a grooming table, while Mary Frances clipped his talons. A Border knows when he is pinned by an expert. Gambit was relaxed and cooperative. It was my turn to be mesmerized. And grateful.

Though Gambit and I will never compete in conformation, we plan to return to another show. For we like being where Border folks gather and Borderese is spoken, where Borderabilia is sold and a

welcome mat extended to everyone who loves Borders. And to anyone who needs

some help. Extended even to a Border like Gambit, who can't wait to give Liz another kiss next year.

Judges for the Supported Entries Saratoga Springs NY in January, 1999:

Friday - Dr. Fancy Saturday - RuthAnn Naun Sunday - Joe Gregory

Even if you don't show, please plan on joining us for a Fun "Cabin Fever" Weekend. Past activities have included meetings, potluck meals (did you know chili can be cooked in a hotel room?) and in general, hanging out and playing with Border!

WARNING-

On the BT email list, Cindy Markle relayed this warning and suggestion to keep your family and BT's safe: "I left for the beach after the show Sunday in Perry, GA. My children and I were feeling sick by Monday AM and by Tuesday AM we were in an ambulance going to a Hyperbolic Chamber in Panama City Beach. THE CAUSE: CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. Luckily, we didn't have our dogs because they weren't allowed at the resort. I have found out that it is not code to have detectors to be placed in rooms in all states. Carbon monoxide doesn't smell and can kill quickly. PLEASE BUY A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR THAT YOU CAN TAKE TO THESE MOTEL ROOMS WITH YOU. YOU WILL SAVE OUR LIFE AS WELL AS YOUR DOGS! The Markle family recovered from their ordeal.

For all those movie buffs in the club, the identity of the BT in the hit summer movie "Something About Mary" is revealed to be a California BT named Slammer. A complete history of Slammer's rise to fame may be found in the Fall 1998 "Borderline" (newsletter of the BTCA).

Condolences to Kate Murphy
on the loss of
"PIP"
at the grand age of sixteen

UPCOMING EVENT

EARTHDOG CAPITAL, USA

(aka Crosswicks NJ) October 16 & 17 Return to familiar territory for NBTC Borders for two more days of trials! Saturday includes an AWTA Go-To-Ground trial hosted by the NJ Beanfield Earthdog Club. On Sunday, join the Garden State All Terrier Club for an AKC Earthdog Test. For more information for either day, please contact Karen Lockhart, 609-652-3959.

NOVEMBER SHOWS IN MASSACHUSETTS

An unofficial get-together for NBTC Borders, the Big E in Springfield MA will be the place to be November 20 - 23. Get a head start on Christmas shopping for your Border - vendors will be available with every possible toy any BT could ever need or want! For more information about the shows, please contact any officer.

MONTREAL SHOWS

Canadian club members and others 'up north' may want to check out Montreal November 27 - 29 (Thanksgiving Weekend in the USA). Among the judges will be 'our own' Pam Dyer (Jansim). Obedience and conformation classes are offered all three days, and the rings become exposition stages for demonstrations of agility, flyball and other dog sports during breaks in the judging. For more info, contact Sandra Gahan, 450-451-4724.

BORDERING ON BRILLANT

Congratulations to Georgette Toesca on her new puppy Ted, an import from the UK and a grandpup of her earlier import Ben. Ted took no time at all to get used to 'American' ways -he started his show career off with a bang by winning big at his very first show!

A postcard from TBT columnist Elle Berger is entitled "Herriot Country of the Yorkshire Dales" and reads "with one week to go and rain in the forecast we have to push on after a day of rest in beautiful Richmond in the Dales. We are at mile

117 (out of 191 [on the Coast to Coast, a hiking trial in Great Britain that does just what it says!]). Lots of great terrier sightings: BTs, Lakeland Fells, Patterdales and other exotic adorables we'd like to take home."

Congratulations to the following BTs and their owners on their accomplishments!

Elfie, Georgette Toesca,
American & Canadian Championships
Al, Judith Rivers and T & S Saari,
Best of Breed, 1998 World Show
Anita, Paul Lavoie and Donna Moore-
Lavoie, Certificate of Gameness and
American Championship
Owen, Wayne & Joyce Kirn & D. Lewis,
American Championship
Snaberlee, Wayne & Joyce Kirn,
American Championship
Xena, Julie LaFreniere & Lu Collins,
American Championship
Kiai, Jo Ann Frier-Murza,
Master Earthdog
PC, Fred & Marnie Fielding,
Canadian Companion Dog
and Canine Good Citizen
Crooker, Deenie Galipeau,
Certificate of Gameness
Gunter, Pam & Chris Dyer,
Canine Good Citizen
Mickie, Bob & Trish Bossart,
American Championship

Don't forget to let your editors know of your BT's accomplishments - and remind us early and often! I try to keep track of cheers as I hear of them, but I am only human. Please remind me as deadline approach. Sometimes details slip through the cracks!

Northeast Border Terrier Club
August 15, 1998 Gardner, Mass.,
Annual Fun Day

at the site of the 1999 Specialty!

Just about as perfect a day for a fun day as you could ask for! Sun to let us enjoy the summer, shade to make the sun conformable and a gentle breeze to cool us off to a perfect temperature!

The day started with an introduction to earthdog taught by Ron Sebastiani and Jean Clark and assisted by Chris Miller, Camilla Moon and JoAnn Frier-Murza. Many 'newbies' to earthdog had a chance to show their BTs the rats and convince their dogs to go through the tunnels.

After the earthdog practice, Jenny Chambers, Jocelyne Tasse-Durocher and Judy Donaldson conducted Canine Good Citizenship testing. A number of owners grew more confident after seeing a few smart Borders showing how it is done! Lots of tail-wags and a couple of BT-bounces later, 4 Borders immersed **triumphant: Major**, owned by Julie LaFreniere and Lu Collins, Oscar, owned by Chris Miller, Roger, owned by Pam & Chris Dyer and Talon, owned by Amanda & Marg Pough.

At the same time, under a shady tree, Jerry Arnold conducted a grooming demo and a number of Borders, and their owners saw just what a pretty body was hidden under all that hair.

Lunch was the delicious BBQ we have come to expect after only one other Fun Day at this site -- half a chicken,

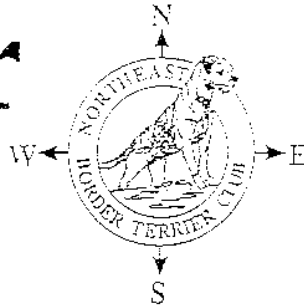
potatoes, corn, slaw, rolls.... A number of BTs managed to con, err, convince their owners that they would starve without chicken, and my two were not alone in acting as wet-naps and washing all remains of chicken from my hands.

The meeting for the 1999 Specialty held after lunch was convivial and productive; all of us sated by the huge meal we had just had. As the afternoon wrapped up, various BTs had final grooming by their grandparents and breeders; dogs took their people for walks around the property, owners and potential owners exchanged stories and passed photos and in general enjoyed the day.

The three shows held a few miles down the road have become an unofficial supported entry and the judging seemed to meet with everyone's approval. At least two Borders finished and number of others are now just points away!

All in all, I can't sum up the weekend better than one participant did: "What a day for anyone that loves BT's to be surrounded by only them! All ages from 4 months to 17 years. I would say we were all in BT heaven!... The people that own BT's are the sweetest. All petting everyone [else's] dogs [and] kissing them, of course! What a joy to see the pride we have in our breed."

Hope to see you all next year!
-Amanda



A Christmas Rescue

It was the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
With no thought of the dog filling their head.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Knew he was cold, but didn't care about that.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Figuring the dog was free of his chain and into the trash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But Santa Clause - with eyes full of tears.

He unchained the dog, once so lively and quick,
Last years Christmas present, now painfully thin and sick.
More rapid than eagles he called the dog's name,
And the dog ran to him, despite all his pain;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN!
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONDER and BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Let's find this dog a home where he'll be loved by all!"

I knew in an instant there would be no gifts this year,
For Santa Clause had made one thing quite clear,
The gift of a dog is not just for the season,
We had gotten the pup for all the wrong reasons.



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TALON

28 MARCH 1996 - 14 OCTOBER 1998

I have been avoiding writing this essay and, as a result, been avoiding finishing the newsletter. We lost Talon seven weeks ago and I still cry at the drop of a hat. Recently though, I have been able to remember the good and fun she brought to my life, and the tears of pain give way to tears and laughter.

Talon was the busiest dog I have EVER met — I could not go from one room to another without her accompaniment - and she never failed to find something to amuse or entertain herself while she waited for me. She was a chow hound - she and Tux would eat in separate rooms as she ate so much faster than he does. Often the babygate would be the only barrier to stop her from "helping" Tux finish his food. Rather than the obstructed view looking through the fencing, she would get up on any available object so that she could watch Tux with an eagle eye - unobstructed by anything! She was the dog who had to be cuddled the second I walked in the door - no matter whether she needed to go out or not, she first needed to be cuddled. She and Tux seemed to have a signal - after I had been home for about ten minutes, she would suddenly need to find a toy while Tux would abandon the toy he grabbed and demand his cuddle time. She was the best traveler - you could hear her fall over in her crate after about ten minutes on the road and she would sleep most of the trip. When she didn't sleep, she seemed truly entertained by the passing scenery. I once observed her in my rear view mirror as she flirted with a trucker behind us on the highway - little "waves" of her paw and shy glances included!

To all who have sent cards, email (some of which were dumped by my provider) and called, I thank you. To those who knew her and loved her as Mom and I do, please join us in remembering her life - not her death. Tux & I are still grieving and coping, but we all realize life goes on. Talon would be the first to take advantage of all it offers.

Amel

Come Celebrate

The BTCA's 50th Anniversary at the 1999 National Specialty in Gardner, MA, August 16th thru 20th

Presenting Your Specialty Committee



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Web Site	Jackie Kensler		kenswith@mediaone.net

Schedule of Events

Sunday August 15th	BTCA Board Meeting	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
Monday August 16th	On-site Hospitality	
Morning	Agility.....	Judge: Jean MacKenzie (NH)
Afternoon	Obedience Regular Classes & Team.....	Judge: James Ham (MI)
	Grad. Novice, Brace, Veterans and Team.....	Judge: Elizabeth Chase (MA)
Evening	Welcome Get-together	Gardner Fish & Gun Club (cash bar)
Tuesday August 17th	On-site Hospitality	
	CGC Test	Proceeds to Welfare
	Puppy Sweeps.....	Judge: Teri Beverly (FL)
	Junior Showmanship.....	Judge: James Ham (MI)
	Veteran's Sweeps.....	Judge: Teri Beverly (FL)
Wednesday August 18th	On-site Hospitality hosted by.....	The Great Lakes Border Terrier Club
	Start of Breed Judging.....	Judge: Maureen Thomson (Great Britain)
	Parade of Honor	
	BBQ and Meeting	Gardner Fish and Gun Club
Thursday August 19th	On-site Hospitality	
	Completion of Breed Judging	Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel
	Banquet and Silent Auction	Gardner Fish and Gun Club (reasonable cost)
Friday August 20th	Traditional Cooked Breakfast	Judges: Carol Mock (OH)
AKC Earthdog Test:	Intro to Quarry.....	Judy Todd (NJ)
	Junior.....	Pat Loll (FL)
	Senior.....	Pam Dyer (Canada)
	Master.....	
Wachusett KC	Royal Plaza Convention Center	
Saturday August 21st	Royal Plaza Convention Center	
Wachusett KC		
Sunday August 22nd	Royal Plaza Convention Center	
Greater Lowell KC		

Hotel Reservations:

Our host hotel for the Specialty is the **Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel** in Fitchburg, MA, adjacent to the Royal Plaza Convention Center, site of three supported entry shows on August 20th, 21st and 22nd. (EXIT 28 off Rte 2)

Rates: \$76-\$86

For reservations, telephone: (978) 342-7100

Please be sure to mention the BTCA when reserving, and be prepared to provide a credit card number as reservations will not be accepted without one.

Persistent, inconsiderate behavior by exhibitors has resulted in this hotel changing its policy towards dogs in rooms. However, an exception is being made for Border Terrier exhibitors during the specialty and subsequent supported entry shows.

We are being given a chance to collectively demonstrate to the Best Western that not all exhibitors are alike - let us seize the opportunity and do our club proud on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

Camping Reservations:

Information regarding on-site camping, including reservation forms, plus information on area campgrounds will be included in the Specialty Package and the next issue of the Borderline.

Reminisce, Honor and Promote - Catalog Advertising

The 1999 Specialty Catalog will truly be a 'keeper', covering all events from Agility to Earthdog, and featuring many special sections.

Advertising Rates:

Full Page (4½" x 7½") \$40.00 plus \$8.00 per photo (maximum of two photos)

Half Page (4½" x 3¾") \$25.00 plus \$8.00 for photo (one maximum)

Quarter Page (4½" x 1⅞") \$15.00 (no photos)

Please indicate if you would like your ad in one of the following sections:

Past winners:- Share your pride in that past specialty win - big or small.

Mentors and Best Wishes:- Pay tribute to the person or people who encouraged, supported and advised you as you entered the Border Terrier fancy or just send your best wishes.

Working Borders:- Honor the dogs that have held true to the breed's working heritage.

Sports Enthusiasts:- Agility, Obedience, Flyball, even lure coursing - they can do it. Show off your wins or your dogs in action.

Kennel Stars:- Stud dogs, brood bitches, promising youngsters - showcase their achievements here.

Versatile Borders:- Featuring those Borders with BTCA Versatility and Versatility Excellent Awards.

Discount - three or more full page ads entitle you to discount your amount by 5% Please note, this discount does not apply to the "Bed Warmers and Sunbathers" section which is already discounted - see below.

Bed Warmers and Sun Bathers:- A special category for the most important Borders of all, the ones who share our homes and our hearts on a daily basis - photos in this section must not be show poses and may not depict awards or competitive events of any kind.

Special Rates:

Full Page (4½" x 7½") \$35.00 plus \$8.00 per photo (maximum of two)

Half Page (4½" x 3¾") \$20.00 plus \$8.00 for photo (one maximum)

Deadline for Catalog Advertising: May 15th, 1999

Please ensure that all photographs are clearly identified with your name and address

For additional information, contact

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Send Advertising Copy to: Amanda Pough, P.O. Box 1371, Stowe, VT 05672





Reminder to Regional (and International) Border Terrier Clubs

It's not too late to "snap up" the opportunity to host a Hospitality Breakfast during the 1999 specialty week.

Hosting a breakfast will not only provide you with the opportunity to participate in the Specialty but also the chance to showcase your club, your region and your members to the rest of the Border Terrier community.

If you are interested in participating, please contact:
Jocelyne Tassé-Durocher (Tel: 450-641-0941)
239 DeChamps,
Boucherville, Québec
Canada J4B 6E4

Create a Piece of History

The Northeast Border Terrier Club is sponsoring what we hope will be a very special quilt to celebrate the BTCA's 50th Anniversary in 1999.

This quilt will be raffled with a limited number of tickets being sold.

Everyone is invited to participate in this project by contributing one or more squares - king-size masterpiece or dog bed - it's up to us.

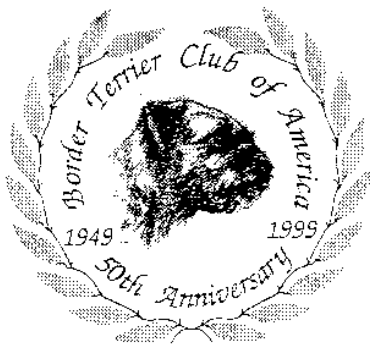
Squares must be fabric and should be 12" square with the design no more than 9" square. The design may be sewn, embroidered or painted on the fabric. The square may be padded, created from ribbons (finally an answer for those major reserves), or whatever your creativity suggests. Please keep in mind that the quilt will be assembled using a regular sewing machine.

Previous quilts may be seen on display at: <http://members.aol.com/borderbrae/art.html>

Deadline for squares: February 1999 (The early deadline is necessary because of the substantial amount of time required to position and assemble the squares)

Send squares to: Jean Clark (Tel: 603-529-3076) (E-mail: borderbrae@aol.com)
441 S. Sugar Hill Rd, Weare NH 03281

Coming soon to a computer screen near you the 1999 Specialty Web Site



Commemorative Pins celebrating the BTCA's 50th Anniversary will be available in the new year, contact Pam Dyer (Tel: 450-584-3951, E-mail: Pam.Dyer@pwc.ca) or Kate Murphy (Tel: 978-372-1775, E-mail: CYMRIHILL@aol.com) after January 15th, 1999 for information.

IMMINENT DEADLINE
FEBRUARY - QUILT SQUARES

(See above)

In our haste to think of the kid's gift
There was one important thing that we missed.
A dog should be family, and cared for the same
You don't give a gift, then put it on a chain.

And I heard him exclaim as he rode out of sight,
"You weren't giving a gift! You were giving a life!"

- Author Unknown

From the Otterhound e-mail list. Permission has been given by the poster to reprint this poem anywhere.



CABIN FEVER WEEKEND 1999
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY - JAN. 22 -24

Northeast Border Terrier Club Members, you are the BEST!!!

In these days of hotels refusing to accept dogs, the Northeast BT Club has received a wonderful compliment! The Holiday Inn in Saratoga HAS CALLED US, to see if we wish to reserve a block of rooms for the Saratoga Show Circuit. We must be doing something right! (Bet we pick up poop better than anybody!!!) Pat yourselves on the back and then get to the phone to make your reservations for the annual "cabin fever" week-end. *The Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs (518-584-4550) is holding a block of 25 rooms for the Northeast Border Terrier Club at a rate of \$69.00 (plus tax) per night for either a double or a single for the nights of Thursday, Jan. 21, check in, to Sunday, Jan. 24, check out.* Dogs are allowed in the rooms! These rooms will be available Dec. 1 and will be saved until Jan. 7, at which time they will be made available to the general public. There will be a NBTC meeting on Saturday, Jan 23rd at the Holiday Inn. Looking forward to seeing everybody there, and keep up the good work for both Border Terriers and dogs in general!

Three Supported Entries!

Friday, Jan. 22 - Glens Falls Kennel Club - Dr. Glenn Fancy, judge
Saturday, Jan. 23 - Saratoga NY Kennel Club - RuthAnn Naun, judge
(Oldstone, NBTC Member)
Sunday, Jan. 24 - Mohawk Valley Kennel Club - Joseph Gregory, judge

NBTC Meeting

1pm at the Holiday Inn
Exact meeting room will be announced at ring side.



Dues are Due! Dues are Due! Dues are Due! Dues are Due! Dues are Due!

It is that time of the year again! If you have already sent in your dues, thank you! If not, please make checks payable to the NBTC, and mail them to:

Gloria Connery
218 Berkeley St, Methuen MA 01844



Single \$10
Couple \$15
Junior \$5



And while you are writing checks, don't forget the trophies funds!

NBTC Supported Entry Trophy Fund
c/o Jane Simmonds
63 Midway Ave.
Locust Valley NY 11560

BTCA National Specialty Trophy Fund
c/o Jeanne Lareau
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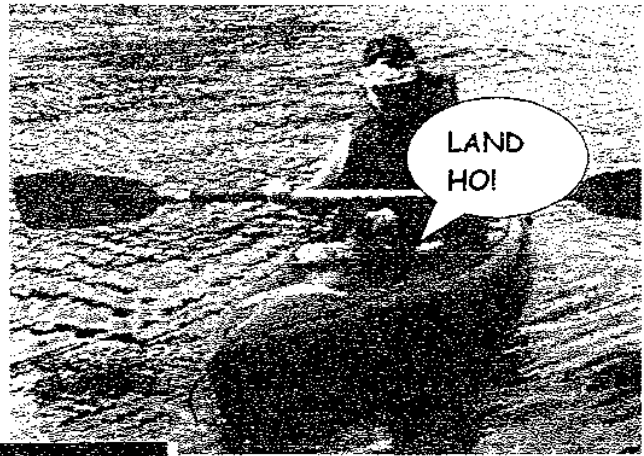
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Kayaking with
"Tabasco" Moon
and Judy Donaldson



Chris and Pam Dyer lost
Chip a few weeks after
fun day. We send our
heartfelt sympathy.

**New Canine Good
Citizens Winners**

Left to right
Talon, Roger, Oscar
and Roger

All photo by Holly Woodward



SHOW RESULTS

Montgomery Co KC

BTCA Supported Entry

Oct 4, 1998

Mr. David VanGordon Kline

Winners Dog

Von Hasselwick Rob Roy

Catherine Thompson

Winners Bitch/Best of Winners

Ketka's Leehi Southern Belle

Carol Sowders & Mary Lee

Johnson

Best of Opposite

Ch Calirose Prize Patrol JE

Lisa Connelly & Charles Vance

& Helen Vance

Best of Breed/ Group 4

Ch Skyline Spice

Paula Wolf & Gary H Wolf

Devon KC

BTCA Supported Entry

Oct 3, 1998

Mrs. James Edward Clark

Winners Dog/Best of Winners

Giles Hill Octavian

Carlie Krollick

Winners Bitch

Hickory Ridge Aunt Rhody

Deborah Waskow Eckels

& Arden LeBlanc

Best of Opposite

Ch Skyline Spice Girl

Paula Wolf & Gary H Wolf

Best Of Breed

Ch Krispin Harris Tweed

Dr. Peter Frechie

Ox Ridge KC

BTCA Supported Entry

Sept., 19, 1998

Mr. John Simm

Winners Dog/ Best of Winners

Starcy! Jet Set

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Shea

Winners Bitch

Starcy! Spice Girl

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Shea

Best of Opposite

Ch FoxChase Caiey Ever Special

Judy L & Chase F Donaldson

Best of Breed

Ch Gamekeeper's Stunner II

Kate J Seemann

Northwestern Connecticut

Dog Club

BTCA Supported Entry

Sept. 20, 1998

Judge: Mr. Robert Naun

Winners Dog/ Best of Winners

Steinbacher Little Man Toth

Richard & Karen Toth

Winners Bitch

FoxChase Specially Starstruk

Judy L & Chase F Donaldson

Best Of Opposite

Ch Hickory Ridge Rising Star

Mary E Castellano

Best of Breed

Ch Steinbacher Out of the Mist

Barbara Dalane

& Ann Steinbacher

Fitchburg MA

Aug 15, 1998

Judge Mrs. B. K. Lehnig

Winners Bitch

Holly Hill She's No Fool

Paul Lavoie

& Donna Moore-Lavoie

Winners Dog

Maustrappes Heir O'Dynamic,

Patricia & Robert Bossaart

Best Of Opposite Sex

CH Giles Hill Cloudberry

Carlie Krollick

Best Of Breed

CH Lorenzo L Baker

Norm Baker & Jerry Arnold

Greater Lowell KC

Fitchburg MA

Aug 16, 1998

Judge: Dr Gerald M Mager

Winners Dog,

Oldstone Bannock,

Robert & RuthAnn Naun

Winners Bitch/Best Of Opposite

FoxChase Specially Starstruk,

Judy & Chase Donaldson

Best Of Breed

CH Krispin Harris Tweed

Dr Peter Frenchie

July 10, 1998

BTCA Supported Entry

Champlain Valley KC

Essex Junction VT

Winners Dog/ Best of Winners

Best of Breed

Giles Hill Octavian

Carlie Krollick

Winners Bitch

Redgate's Northern Light

Judith Rivers

Best of Opposite

Ch Tudoc's Rosemont

Champlain KC

July 11, 1998

Judge Douglas Windsor

BTCA Supported Entry

Winners Dog

Jansim Toad In The Hole

Pam & Chris Dyer

Winners Bitch/Best Of Winners

Oban's Xena Warrior Princess

Julie LaFreriere & Lucille Collins

aka Xena

Best Of Opposite

CH FoxChase Caiey Ever Special,

Judy & Chase Donaldson

Best Of Breed

CH Tudocs Rosemont

Jan & Gary Duke aka Amy

BOB Puppy/

Terrier Puppy Group 1

Tudocs Carnoustie

Jan & Gary Duke

aka Carnoustie

Green Mountain DC

Essex Junction VT

July 12, 1998

Judge: Mrs. Denny Kodner

BTCA Supported Entry

Winners Dog

Carnoustie

Winners Bitch/Best Of Winners

Starkweather Ariadne,

Elizabeth Faber & Timothy Acker

Best Of Opposite

Amy

Best Of Breed

CH Braelars Wild Woody,

Jeanne Lareau

BOB Bred By Exhibitor

Xena

NORTHEAST BORDER TERRIER CLUB

Minutes of Meeting , September 19, 1998

President, Norman Baker called the meeting order at the site of Ox Ridge Kennel Club show in Stamford, CT, at 12:00 noon. Eight members were present. As the number present were insufficient for a quorum, no binding votes were taken and matters needing vote were referred to a special meeting to be called for that purpose the day at the Goshen location.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

No changes were noted for the minutes of July 11th meeting. The consensus was that the matter of voting on new members be referred to the next day.

Regarding the database. It was decided that the database would be released only for special reason. That reason needs to be stated in writing and then receive the approval of the Executive Committee. It was suggested that lapsed members be included on the database for those special occasions in which we might want to contact them.

In reviewing the financial statements, there was a question raised regarding the \$100 donation to the Green Mountain Kennel Club. It was explained that this donation was made because of the extra-ordinary costs of the club moving the location of the July show due to unusual and unexpected weather conditions, which made the original site unusable. The donation was made because of the long-term relationship NBTC has had with that club.

On review of the Preferred Judges list, it was suggested that we wait a year before attempting to update it as it is only a year old.

Other Business:

There was a question regarding the supported entry shows. Norman Baker pointed out that Bob Naum brought the matter up at the May meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed at that meeting to support the same shows as last year, plus the three Fitchburg shows scheduled for the three days immediately following the 1999 BTCA Specialty.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM. A discussion of the 1999 Specialty followed.

1999 Specialty Committee

A regular meeting of the Specialty Committee would be held at the Goshen site the next day. Those present discussed the following items:

. AKC confirmation has been received for holding the Specialty and Sweeps (show #99205101). Also approved were obedience, earthdog, tracking, freestyle obedience and agility demonstrations.

. Tom Nutting, photographer, will have problems being at the show on Friday for the earthdog competition.

. Jo Wolfe has agreed to conduct the CGC on Tuesday, with proceeds going to Border Terrier Rescue.

. Anita Moran called to confirm that she had ordered pen for the 1999 Specialty.

. Permission has been received for the production of a 50 year history of the BTCA and for the NBTC to sell it.

. A request will be made for regional clubs to help with exhibitor hospitality. NBTC will pick it up one day and the hope is that other clubs will pay for it for the other days, thereby decreasing hospitality expense.

. Water will be provided on site for topping of tanks in motor homes. Also, arrangements are being made for the pumping out of gray and black water. The cost for this service will be borne by those using the service.

. A long discussion followed on the budget and adjustments were made to expenses and income. The budget continues to show a significant loss and it will be discussed further at tomorrow's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Connery

MEDIA WATCH

Thanks to Tricia Dell'Aquila for this story!
The New York Times, August 27, 1998

Putting a Virtual Doggy in Your Window

By J.C. HERZ

Do we train pets, or do they train us?

It's a disturbing question when your pet is a string of ones and zeroes. It's even more disturbing when the digital pet in question isn't some low-resolution key-chain toy with no intelligence or personality. Demanding, as they are, Tamagotchis aren't complex enough to sustain a real relationship -- they're more like goldfish or sea monkeys. But what about something that wags its tail, learns tricks, likes to play fetch and pants contentedly when scratched behind the ears? What about something that engages in spontaneous games of tug-of-war, buries its toys, knocks things over on your desktop and looks guilty when it has been bad? What about something that acts so much like a puppy that you can't help adoring it and scolding it -- despite yourself?

IT'S A DOGZ LIFE once unleashed the cute critters of Dogz 3 are hard to ignore as they scamper about their play areas and the desktop. That's the problem with Petz, Dogz 3, PF Magic's virtual answer to man's best friend (CD-ROM for Windows 95, \$29.95, to be released in October), looks and acts so much like a genuine canine that you end up behaving like a genuine pet owner. (PF Magic will simultaneously release Catz 3, but software that fastidiously ignores you is somehow less impressive.) Like real pets, these artificially intelligent puppies and kittens need affection and care. You have to feed them, but you also have to play with them, reward them when they're good and punish them when they're bad. If you want the virtual doggy in the window, you have to sign a pledge to that effect. Essentially, it's a software licensing agreement that demands emotional commitment. A

dialogue box pops up, you enter your name and the contract appears:

- "Every day that I, J. C., play with Petz 3
- "I promise to give Oscar, my Dachshund, love and affection.
- "I promise to feed and play with Oscar.
- "I promise to pet Oscar and reward good behavior with treats.
- "I understand that if neglected or abused, Oscar will run away.
- "If you accept this Adoption Pledge, please press the Adopt Button."

Once you've agreed to all these care and feeding conditions, you are the proud owner of a brand new virtual puppy that, given enough food and love, will grow to full adult size.

Of course, you will need accessories for this. Fortunately, the Petz 3 Toy Closet on the disk is stacked with food and water bowls, treats, rattles, Frisbees, bones, pillows, chew toys and other doggie playthings. Should you be inclined to subject your pet to the indignity of clothing, there is also a clothes closet full of baseball caps, socks, sweaters and other ridiculous customary. Despite the notes that accompany these items ("Dogz love to dress up with the Plaid Sweater") even virtual canines look extremely sad when clothing is inflicted on them and will initially try to wriggle out of it.

If you can't find the right doggie knickknacks on the disk, you can always hit the Web site, where more than 500,000 people have registered their Dogz and Catz and regularly download new breedz and toyz, at no charge. For now.

Once you've stocked up on pet necessities, you can watch your virtual puppy play in several locations: the backyard, with a white clapboard fence and the sound of lawn mowers in the background; the family room, with a fireplace you can turn on and off; the kitchen, or a beach where your dog can gambol in the sand and get its nose bitten by a crab.

You can even take your puppy out on the desktop, where it will scamper over your

carefully aligned file folders and bound up to your cursor, toy in mouth, while you have other programs running. (Finally, something to do while waiting for Web pages to download -- play fetch!) Toss a Frisbee across the screen, and the dog will eventually learn to leap and catch it.

If you ignore the dog, it will push its water bowl around for a while and finally curl up to sleep. Sometimes you can hear its little doggy snores. But even when it's just snoozing silently, it provides a sense of companionship. It keeps you company. So you end up working on this kind of domesticated desktop with the dog's food and water bowls and chew toys lying all over the place while you crunch numbers on a spreadsheet. And as long as the Petz program is running, a thin blue bar at the bottom of the screen is prompting you to interact with your Cybernetic companion: "Double-click anywhere to call your Petz to your cursor... Reward and train your Petz for good behavior by feeding and petting them... Discipline your Petz with the Spray Bottle when they are naughty... Teach your Petz to do tricks -- hold a treat out for them and see."

This is where the big difference between Dogz and Tamagotchis becomes obvious. Tamagotchis are annoying because, when you take care of them, there's no real reward -- just a break before they beep for more attention. They're bratty. Dogz, on the other hand, really know how to emote. They know how to express need. And they love you to pieces when you give them what they want.

New Membership Applications

Michele Emond and Barbara Wood
Northboro, Mass.
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Jay and Jeanette Carrier
New Milford, NJ
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Then Dogz are thirsty, their tongues hang out and their eyes sort of plead. The dialogue bar flashes "Quench your Petz' thirst with some cool, refreshing water." So you set the water bowl down, and the little fella runs over to it. The computer executes the "dog lapping water" sound file. And the pup looks happy and licks your cursor, and you feel swell. Dogz know how to deliver the emotional payoff That motivates users -- behind those adorable little muzzles is some rather sophisticated artificial Intelligence code. D it's training you. At this point, I've lost track of how much time I spent teaching my virtual dog to catch a Frisbee on the computer screen. But when Oscar finally leapt up and caught the thing in his mouth, I felt like a Million bucks. humanz can do tricks. Hold a treat out for them and see.

J.C. Herz at herz@nytimes.com welcomes your comments and suggestions.
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And while on the subject of pets on-line...

... special thanks to Ruth Ann Naun and Deenie Galipeau for bring to our attention the Sept 10, 1998 New York Times article "Every Dog Has Its Data" about pet related web sites. Included in the article is a quote from fellow BT owner Karen Pryor whose BT Twitchett helps illustrate her web site www.dontshootthedog.com The NYT essay includes a full color photo of Twitchett at the computer (checking her fan mail perhaps?) that unfortunately won't reproduce well here.

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