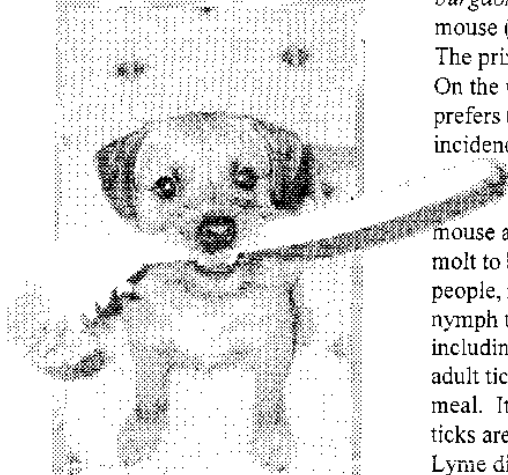


L. B. D. Caption Contest!!



Borders do the darndest things! Can you think of a caption to narrate this "Little Brown Dog" moment? Please send your ideas to editor Amanda Pough, and you may win a lovely NBTC decal! Our photo subject this issue is "Caley" (Ch. Foxchase Caley Ever Ready), owned by Judy Donaldson, after raiding the bathroom for one of his favorite toys.



Lyme Disease and Dogs

BY MARG POUGH

The organism, hosts and vector

Lyme disease is caused by spirochete bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*. The reservoirs for the organism are the white footed mouse (*Peromyscus*) and larger wildlife such as raccoons and deer. The primary vector (transmitter) is the deer tick *Ixodes scapularis*. On the west coast, *Ixodes pacificus* has been implicated. *I. pacificus* prefers to feed on lizards, which may account for the lower incidence of human and canine Lyme disease in that region. The tick goes through a two-year cycle from egg to adult. The eggs are laid in leaf litter, the larvae hatch and feed on the mouse and often become infected at that stage. The larvae grow and molt to become nymphs. Nymphs feed on various hosts, including people, raccoons, cats and dogs, and can infect their hosts. The nymph then molts to the adult stage. Adults feed on various hosts including dogs and deer. Most dogs are infected by the bite of the adult tick. It is thought that each stage may take only one blood meal. It is interesting to note that in endemic areas hundreds of deer ticks are removed from cats, yet we do not normally see cats with Lyme disease, or even positive Lyme antibody titers.

The organism lodges in the mid-gut of the tick. When the tick takes in blood, the organism becomes active and migrates to the tick salivary gland. The tick injects saliva which has an anticoagulant component so that the blood does not clot. The *Borrelia* are transmitted to the animal in the saliva of the tick. A tick must remain on an animal about 12 to 36 hours for the organism to be transmitted.

The disease

Borrelia migrate through the skin of the infected animal, and then migrate through the body in the fascia and connective tissue. The disease is manifested by fever, anorexia and lethargy, and swollen or painful joints. Acute onset of lameness is seen in dogs. The dogs are often described as "walking on egg shells." Heart and kidney problems attributable to the Lyme agent may occur but apparently are very rare.

Lyme disease in humans has been reported from many states, but the naturally occurring disease is concentrated in the northeastern states, the upper mid-west, and occasionally on the west coast. These are areas where the tick and deer and white footed mice occur in conjunction with each other.

There are important criteria to diagnose Lyme disease: (1) history of exposure to deer ticks in an endemic area, (2) typical clinical signs, and (3) positive test results using a properly validated assay. It is important that a valid test be used for the diagnosis.

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9 O'Clock Barking Hour

As a child, I wore out my paperback copy of 101 Dalmatians; though I've never seen the cartoon or the recent remake. The story thrived in my imagination, coinciding with a youthful infatuation for a friend's Dals. Passages from the book still remain in my memory. I always loved the part about "9 O'Clock Barking Hour." Every night, the Dalmatians would lead their humans (on-leash of course, the only way to keep track of your human) for a walk through the park to an overlook. There, the dogs would stand and listen intently. Occasionally, they would bark into the night. Nine O'Clock Barking Hour was exactly what it sounds like--a dog's news update. When the pups went missing, it was 9 O'Clock Barking Hour that Pongo and (Was it Lady? Certainly not Perdita--she was the liver bitch whose pups were part of the 98 that came home) used to ask for help. **When the pups are found, a terrier, the only one in his area to hear a message coming in from a long distance, almost bursts as he passes the news on to his neighbors!**

Having two dogs, now I know where 9 O'Clock Barking Hour came from. Talon practices it every night. No matter if I have been home for hours, and the dogs have been drowsing after dinner, or if I have just walked in the door. At 9 O'Clock Talon begins barking and, being a puppy, her idea of urgent news is to get Tux to play. What's more, it's not a polite "please pay attention to me" bark, it's a loud "PLAY with me, PLAY with me, PLAY with me NOW!" bark, accompanied by an open mouth and big flashing teeth (Tux is more likely to play when dragged into it by his scruff--or so Talon believes). Trying to have a phone conversation during this time is almost impossible. With Talon, the word "quiet" is effective for only about 30 seconds.

The BT version of 9 O'Clock Barking Hour includes the Border Bounce: a ricochet-action off walls, furniture and humans as Talon and Tux play "grab and run," a game like tag except the tagging is done by nipping your opponent. Extra points are awarded if you bark just before tagging, momentarily stunning your target as well as any humans (that would be me) within 10 feet.

Luckily for my ear drums, 9 O'Clock Barking Hour does eventually come to a close. By ten, Tux is either in bed or playing by himself, and Talon has finally gotten the hint that she can't goad him any more for the evening. The energy and decibel levels in my apartment decrease. Until it is time for bed and the race for the prime spots by the pillows . . .

All my best,

Amanda

Show Results

March 1997

Crufts Dog Show

London, England

Best of Breed/Dog CC

Ashbrae Hickory,

Arthur and Elaine

Cuthbertson

Bitch CC

Hobhill Smart Enough,

Sue Pickering

May 2, 1997

Garden State

All Terrier Club

Judge: D. McIntyre

Best of Breed

Ch. Horatio Baker,

Robert, Angela & Michelle

Montesano

Best of Opposite Sex/

Best of Winners/

Winners Bitch

Orianna Baker,

Jim Brett

Winners Dog

Mikey Baker,

Bob, Rita & Rachael Wasem

BOB Vet./Vet. Group 4

Ch. Annabell Baker of

Stonybrook,

Mary Jane Carberry, Norm

Baker & Jerry Arnold

BOB Puppy

Bandersnatch Macavity,

Marg Pough

1st Place Veterans

Obedience

CH Bandersnatch

Conundrum CDX JE CGC

CG, Marg Pough

1st Place Novice Junior/

Junior Showmanship

Laura Sherman

May 3, 1997

Bucks County KC

Judge:

Mrs. M. W. Lawrence

Winners Dog

Lothlorien Rowler Renyolds,

"Rowler," Ron & Ruth

Sebastiani & JoAnn Frier-

Murza

Winners Bitch/

Best of Winners

Orianna Baker,

Jim Brett

Best of Opposite Sex

Ch. Skyline Doc Holliday,

Carolyn Siebert & Frank

DePaulo

Best of Breed

Ch. Gamekeeper's Stunner II,

Kate Seemann

1st Place Novice Junior/

Junior Showmanship

Laura Sherman

May 4, 1997

Trenton KC

Judge:

Mrs. R. L. Campbell

Winners Dog

"Rowler,"

Ron & Ruth Sebastiani &

JoAnn Frier-Murza

Winners Bitch

Giles Hill Cloudberry,

Carlie Krolick

Best of Breed

Ch. Towzie Tyke MacAllister

SE, Wayne & Joyce Kirn

Best of Opposite Sex

Ch. Steinbacher's Out Of The

Mist, Barbara Dalane &

Ann Steinbacher

May 10, 1997

Springfield KC

Judge: J. R. Cole

Best of Breed

Ch. FoxChase

Caley Every Ready, "Caley,"

Judy & Chase Donaldson

Best of Opposite Sex/

Best of Winners/

Winners Bitch

Holly Hill Foolish Pleasure,

Paul Lavoie & Donna

Moore-Lavoie

May 7, 1997

Windham Co KC

Judge: J. Simm

Best of Breed/Group 2

"Caley,"

Judy & Chase Donaldson

Best of Winners/

Winners Dog

Holystone Duff

of Jones Neck,

Jane Simonds

Winners Bitch

Oldstone Butterscotch

Topping, Bob & Ruth Ann

Naun

Best of Opposite Sex

Ch. Oldstone Redgate Silver

Star, Bob & Ruth Ann Naun

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UPCOMING EVENTS



GREEN
MOUNTAIN
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BORDER'N
ON VERMONT

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, to be held at 4pm in the Town & Country Motor Lodge on Saturday the 14th. Bring food for a snack and after the meeting we'll entertain the dogs! FMI, please contact an NBTC officer.

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. A chicken BBQ dinner will be available for \$8.00, and an Agility show n' go is planned as well! There will be a 1999 Specialty Meeting after the AWTA trial. RVs are welcome, but there are no hookups. 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

The 2nd Annual Border'N On Vermont earthdog trial will be on Sat., Sept. 13th at Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, VT. The 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

JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR A FUN BT EVENT!

AND... HEAD TO FLORIDA IN 1998!

The 1998 Border Terrier Specialty will be held in Ocala, Florida the week of April 7th (Easter week). The host hotel will be the Ocala Holiday Inn, phone 352-351-5380. The NBTC crew that organized last year's eight-person, four-car, 17-dog caravan to Ohio is already planning their 1998 trip and so should you! If you'd like to join them, or have a good place to stop south of the Mason-Dixon line, please contact Pam Dyer at 514-584-3951 or Jocelyne Tasse-Durocher at 514-641-0941.

The Separation

BY ELEANOR GARRELL BERGER

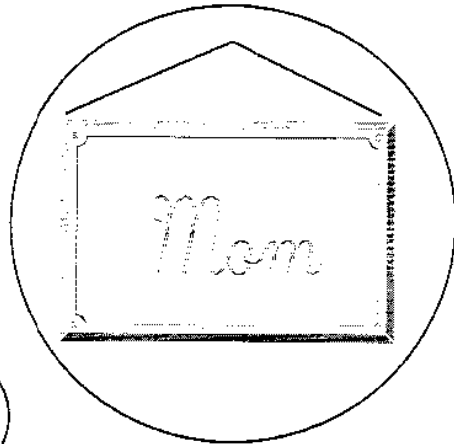
I am preparing to take a vacation without my Border Terrier. And I am miserable—a measure, no doubt, of our deep attachment and mutual devotion. It's a sadness unmitigated by the promise of a three week vacation hiking on New Zealand's beautiful South Island.

Of course, Gambit is not making our imminent separation any easier. He has abandoned his usual daytime sleeping quarters (a soft, woolen blanket draped across a king-sized, human bed) for a pile of nylon supplex hiking pants, polyester T-shirts, and polypropylene long johns, which he has molded into a nest suitably layered to wick away all traces of moisture.

Every few minutes he checks on my progress with a look that asks, "Aren't you forgetting about me?" He's very good at guilt. To avoid Gambit's sad gaze, I prefer to pack on the day before a departure. But hiking in New Zealand

necessitates that I select and remove all items that can be left behind. Unfortunately, the dog nesting in my gear happens to be one of those items.

New Zealand, of course, is not a suitable destination for a Border. It is more than thirty-hours of jet travel away. And foreign dogs, even those regularly vaccinated for rabies, are imprisoned in quarantine for six months before they are allowed to enter the country.



Furthermore, dogs are banned from most hiking trails. So, I must be sensible. My travel plans cannot include Gambit. These arguments, however, do not impress my Border Terrier.

Pressured by his pathetic stares, I feel the need to reassure both Gambit, and myself, that I am not abandoning him. On the contrary, he and Tycho, our Standard Schnauzer, will be living with Mary, a friend who loves them dearly and treats them like royalty. I remind him that they have vacationed at Mary's in the past and have returned each time as spoiled as kids after a stay at Grandma's.

Still, I feel sad. I miss Gambit already. And he is just across the room, having removed himself now from my pile of clothing to rub against my hiking boots and backpack. He pauses to eye me suspiciously, apparently puzzled by all the attention, all the petting and hugging, all my repeated assurances that he is "such a good dog." Such praise seems undeserved. Rubbing on an owner's possessions, after all, is routine Border behavior.

But the praise isn't undeserved. As I place my gear into a duffle bag and prepare to separate from Gambit, I am aware of what I am leaving behind. I am leaving the familiar and the comfortable. I am leaving a playful little guy who wants to be with me to share my adventures. I am leaving behind a Border Terrier. And that, I am learning, is never an easy thing to do.

Author's note: Now home safe, sound and hiked out, I have reunited with Gambit, who, in my absence, had a great vacation at Mary's and returned home as expected: "spoiled" and in high spirits.

NBTC Meeting Minutes

BY JUDITH RIVERS

May 11, 1997 1999 Specialty Meeting Woodstock Fairgrounds, Woodstock, CT--

President Norm Baker called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm with 24 members and 4 guests present.

Carlie Krolick moved to accept the minutes of the last regular meeting as published in *The Border Times*. Seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Site Committee/1999 Specialty - Chairman Judy Donaldson reported on the committee's evaluation of the Rod & Gun Club in Gardner MA as the site for the 1999 Specialty.

Committee members Judy Donaldson, Jean Clark, Julie Lafreniere, Bob Naun and Michele Dougherty (alternate) visited the site and found it to be adequate for all events. The 144 acres offer good spaces for agility, earthdog and obedience events with a covered pavilion for conformation. The eating facility is air-conditioned, motor homes can be accommodated and the host hotel, Best Western in Fitchburg, is 15 minutes away. Costs for the location are quoted at \$75/day for the grounds and \$40/day for the hall. Dinners are quoted at

under \$10, with lunches and dinners available all four days.

Chairman

Donaldson expressed some concerns about meal service and discussion followed.

Carlie Krolick reported that a revised up to date proposal will be submitted to the BTCA.

Donna Moore-Lavoie reported the cost for the alternative site in Vermont to be \$3,400.

Kate Murphy moved to accept the Rod & Gun Club in Gardner MA as the site for the 1999 Specialty. Seconded and passed.

Discussion followed concerning food service and plans for one major meal at the hotel. President Baker explained his concept for this specialty as a family oriented, informal event with reasonably priced meals.

President Baker announced that several positions are still to be filled for the '99 Specialty and anyone wishing to participate should contact him. All positions will be finalized at the July meeting in Vermont.

NEW BUSINESS

Carlie Krolick moved to that the following shows be supported entries for the 1998 season: Mohawk Valley KC, Saratoga NY KC, Glens Falls KC, Windham Co KC, Bryn Mawr KC, Burlington Co KC, Woodstock DC, Champlain Valley KC, Green Mountain DC, Ox Ridge KC and Northwestern CT DC. Seconded and passed.

Bob Naun moved that the meeting be adjourned.

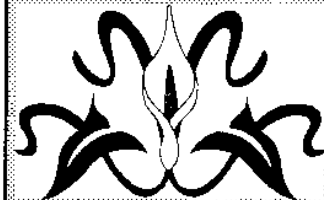
Seconded and passed.

New Applicants For NBTC Membership

Keith & Heidi Merlin
Blue Bell, PA
endorsed by Norm Baker &
Jerry Arnold

Judith Costa
Waban, MA
endorsed by Gloria Connery
& Holly Woodward

Lori Longbotham & Jerry
Goldman
New York, NY
endorsed by Bob & Ruth
Ann Naun



Our condolences to
Fred and Lorette Lacher
for the loss of their
"Ottie." Originally a
member of one of the
largest BT litters known
in the US (10 pups).
"Ottie" came to the
Lacher's in 1994 through
North American BT
Welfare. "We can never
replace her," writes Fred,
"but we will treasure our
memories of her, and the
affection she brought to
us and everyone she met.
Even friends of ours who
profess to dislike dogs
were charmed by her,
and we miss her terribly,
having hoped she would
live for at least a few
more years."

How To Photograph Your Border Terrier Puppy



1. Remove film from box and load camera.
2. Remove film box from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.
3. Remove puppy from trash and brush coffee grounds from muzzle.
4. Choose a suitable background for photo.
5. Mount camera on tripod and focus.
6. Find puppy and take dirty sock from mouth.
7. Place puppy in pre-focused spot and return to camera.
8. Forget about spot and crawl after puppy on knees.
9. Focus with one hand and fend off puppy with other hand.
10. Get tissue and clean nose print from lens.
11. Take flash cube from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.
12. Put cat outside and put peroxide on the scratch on puppy's nose.
13. Put magazines back on coffee table.
14. Try to get puppy's attention by squeaking toy over your head.
15. Replace your glasses and check camera for damage.
16. Jump up in time to grab puppy by scruff of neck and say, "No, outside! No, outside!"
17. Call spouse to clean up mess.
18. Fix a cool drink.
19. Sit back in Lazy Boy with cool drink and resolve to teach puppy "sit" and "stay" first thing in the morning.
20. Consider buying "older, trained" dog.
21. Give puppy a big hug.

Editor's Note: 22. Order double prints and send some to The Border Times!

In The News

BTs have done it again! In 1996, more Earthdog titles were earned by Borders than any other Terrier breed. Borders also lead the pack in agility and obedience!

The British Field Sports Society has information about coursing, hunts, falconry and more! A great place to check before you travel "across the pond."

Who knows, maybe you can find a hunt to follow, hear the hounds in full voice, and see the terriers doing what they were bred to do! See

<http://www.bfss.org>.

Ah, to visit the homeland of our faithful friends, or at least read about it--the travel section of *The New York Times*, Sunday May 25 edition, details a hiking trip through the Cotswolds in England, featuring a BT in the photo!

In the US in 1996, there were 768 Borders registered with the American Kennel Club (88th out of 143), up from 663 (90th) in 1995. For the most part, BTs are relatively unknown in North America. It is very different story in the United Kingdom, where the Kennel Club reported 3276 BTs registered in 1996. This puts BTs as the 3rd most popular Terrier breed, and 15th overall.

Check out the Border on the April issue of the *AKC Gazette*. "Captain," owned by Mrs. G. Seemann, Jr., shows true Borderness in a great photo of him climbing out of a hole.

First Time

First time at a dog show, I'll tell you quite plain,
I'll never, no never, go near one again.
The breeder said "show him" when I bought the dog,
I showed him alright--the whole place was agog.

They gave me a number, they gave me a pin
But I couldn't bear to stick the thing in,
So I rushed to a shop and bought some clear glue
And stuck the card on his back in the loo.

We arrived at the ringside to find we were first
In the dog pup class (this part was the worst)
We marched in together as fast as was able--
Arrived at the judge, who said "up on the table."

This really suprised me, my skirt was quite tight
And I just couldn't make it, try as hard as I might.
The judge looked quite worried, he said "listen here -
Put your dog on the table, not you my dear!"

By now I was trembling, I felt such a fool
But I said to myself, "play it cool, play it cool!"
"How old?" said the judge, and I heard it quite clear
Well really! I thought and said "thirty next year!"

The steward, poor fellow, threw some kind of fit
He spluttered, he coughed, and his eyes ran a bit
"I'd have that cough seen to," I said to him when
He'd finally stopped . . . then he started again.

"Once round the ring, dear, as quick as you can,"
Said the judge, so I did, I just ran and ran
But when I arrived (out of breath I admit)
The judge said "Your dog, dear"--I felt such a twit!

Off round once again, I kept my head bent
Oh the shame, my pup crouched, he just went and he went!
The lady came running with bucket and spade
With manure so pricey, had she got it made!

We came back to the judge who said with a frown
"Stand your dog," I said, "Please sir, he's not laying down."
"You can take the first prize stand," he said. I said, "Ta!"
What a job I had getting the stand in the car!



--Author unknown

Lyme Disease

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ELISA tests can not distinguish between infection and vaccination titers. A well validated and properly interpreted Western Blot analysis can distinguish between vaccinal and infection responses.

In endemic areas, from 30 to 80% of dogs may test positive for antibodies to the Lyme organism. However, only 1 to 5% of these dogs become symptomatic with Lyme disease. In research dogs infected with *Borrelia* from the bites of infected ticks, most dogs experience lameness and lethargy for up to one week; the condition resolves spontaneously. Repeat episodes occurred. Under natural conditions of constant exposure to ticks, signs may be protracted. On the other hand, signs may be so slight that the owner may either miss them, or note that they go away quickly without treatment. Dogs are one of the incidental reservoirs for Lyme disease, and are often asymptomatic. Dogs that are symptomatic with Lyme disease usually respond rapidly to antibiotics. Doxycycline is quite effective, and would be our choice as we know that *Ixodes* in some regions are also carrying *Ehrlichia* that are effectively eliminated by tetracyclines but not drugs like amoxicillin. In the majority of cases, dogs develop very high positive Lyme titers that persist for

years even if the dog is treated. The organism hides in parts of the body (connective tissue) that antibiotics do not reach effectively. The continual presentation of antigen (organism) apparently perpetuates production of antibody. Two dogs that were infected moved to a non-Lyme area. Despite treatment, four years later both dogs were still antibody positive to *Borrelia*.

Prevention

Keeping ticks off of you and your dogs is often difficult. The deer tick is very small, and difficult to see. Avon Skin-So-Soft appears to be a good insect repellent, and I have had good luck with misting the dogs with a 50% solution of SSS and water. Tick collars (Preventic) and sprays are now available that will kill ticks, and some are meant to have a repellent activity as well. Frontline, is marketed as both a spray, and a liquid (TopSpot) that can be applied to the coat. It is a channel blocker in insect metabolism and works on both fleas and ticks. The tick activity is said to be good for a month, while the flea activity lasts for up to two months.

Vaccination Pros And Cons

There are now three vaccines available for Lyme disease in dogs. Two are whole cell bacterins [Fort Dodge and Solvay (Galaxy)], that are made from killed organisms and have adjuvants (immune stimulators) added to the preparation. The newest product is made by Rhone-

Merieux, and is a sub-unit vaccine consisting only of the outer surface protein of the organism (OSP-A). All three vaccines can provide protection of varying duration, ranging from 6-10 months to well over a year. There are few studies that document what vaccinal antibody levels are protective. And there is no way to predict which dog will mount a long lasting response, and which one will have a more transient response to vaccination.

Vaccination makes diagnosis of Lyme disease more difficult. ELISA or IFA antibody titers can not be used for inferring infection status in vaccinated dogs. Any symptomatic dog that has ever been vaccinated with a Lyme vaccine must be tested using a well validated Western Blot analysis to confirm infection. Western Blot can reveal if a dog is infected, vaccinated, or both, and the relative level of antibody response.

Clinical signs of Lyme disease have been reported in dogs that previously (weeks to months) had been vaccinated with killed bacterins. Because of the possible association of immune-mediated pathologies with this group of organisms, the Cornell Veterinary diagnostic lab evaluated a series of 745 symptomatic dogs that had been previously vaccinated. 52% of these dogs had antibody only to the vaccination (no evidence of prior infection with the Lyme agent). The association of vaccination with signs of Lyme disease in some dogs

was clear. Such dogs do not respond to antibiotic therapy but they may respond to anti-inflammatories. Further studies are needed to confirm this association.

Discussion

Many dogs are vaccinated that are probably already infected, as many veterinarians do not check antibody levels prior to vaccination. Vaccination of infected dogs is not therapeutic; it may be of no use. In addition, "vaccination failures" may occur in some dogs because the antibody levels to the vaccine may drop to non-protective levels

by 6 to 10 months after vaccination. In these dogs, there may be a variable period between booster shots when dogs are susceptible to infection.

Most dogs that are infected become persistently or chronically infected. Antibiotics do not eliminate all organisms as evidenced by persistent antibody titers even after rigorous antibiotic therapy. The majority of these dogs are not symptomatic, and as mentioned above remain antibody positive for years. Vaccination is not indicated for these dogs.

I would not vaccinate my dog if it were Lyme positive. I certainly would not vaccinate my dogs if I lived in a non-endemic area. I might use a sub-unit vaccine if I lived in an endemic area where the veterinarians were seeing a high incidence of confirmed Lyme nephritis from infection.

Editor's Note:

Please consult with your local veterinarian for more information on preventing lyme disease. The Center for Disease Control also has an excellent lyme disease link thru their website search engine at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

Protecting Yourself and Your Dog From Ticks

Avoid tick-infested areas during the summer months.

Many local health departments and park or extension services have information on the local distribution of ticks.

Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can be spotted more easily. Tuck pant legs into socks, wear long sleeves, and wear a hat.

Use a tick repellent with DEET or Avon Skin So Soft--dilute it in a spray bottle and use it on yourself and your dog (it moisturizes the coat as well).

Walk in the center of trails to avoid overhanging grass and brush.

Source: Center For Disease Control And Prevention, <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/lyme/lyme.htm>

Bordering On Brilliance

Companionship

A note from Joan Esham . . .

"Debbie and I purchased "Toby" 2 1/2 years ago after thinking about 'parenthood' for a long time. Norm Baker was very helpful to us. We recently acquired "Oliver" who is just 4 1/2 months old. I was injured at work 5 years ago and am partially disabled, and Debbie travels a great deal, so I needed something to help with the long hours. Toby was literally a life saver. Talk about a woman's best friend! He was and is better than any medicine! We moved shortly after getting Toby, so we fenced in our new yard. We found Oliver's breeder by a fluke and now we don't know what we did before he came to live with us!

"Oliver and Toby are wonderful together and hit it off from the start! Luckily, Toby is young enough not to get angry at a puppy's play and nips. We have daily rough-housing and 'terrier-talk' but when all is said and done, I think they just love each other."

Jean Clark, Jenny Chambers and Amanda Pough and their BTs demonstrated Go-To-Ground at the U of VT. One family in attendance learned of the event via a photo seen at Cosco Discount in Burlington, VT. Too busy talking GTG and BTs to exchange names, Amanda and Deenie Galipeau (who had the photos that lead to meeting in Cosco) tracked down the family through e-mail connections.

Go-To-Ground

Congrats to New Master EarthDog, "Tangle," owned by JoAnn Frier-Murza. Tangle finished her ME in West Virginia. A lot of BTs and their people showed up in WV for the trials including Ron Sebastiani. Ron was at the other end of the holes with a stop-watch and a clip board. While having fun judging, his young BT "Rowler" and fellow New Jersians Norm Baker and Jerry Arnold went to a couple shows. Rowler must have enjoyed his weekend even without any rats as he came home with a major and 4 points! Back in WV, Donna Sapp's "Harry" earned his first ME leg (in a brace with JoAnn's Tangle),

and Donna's other BT "Gally" finished his Senior ED title!

Agility

Donna Sapp has also been busy in the Agility ring; the above mentioned Harry recently earned his 2nd Novice Agility leg. Jenny Chamber's "Ginger" just earned her 2nd NA leg this spring. Donna jokingly reported that Harry is earning his legs annually--he earned his first in 1996, but the second hasn't come until 1997. When Jenny heard this, she noted that Ginger belongs on the 'Annual Agility' list too, having earned her first Agility leg back in September! (Just to give you all confidence about starting your BTs in Agility--sorry Harry and Ginger.) Kerry Boisvert's "Robin" earned her first Open Agility leg this Spring.

Junior Showmanship

In the Junior Showmanship ring, NBTC Junior Member Laura Sherman recently handled her "Harriet" to two first wins. Laura and Harriet also work in their local 4-H club. Recently, on a cold, wet spring day, they hotfooted-it and hotpawed-it for more than 4 miles in a walk-a-thon for their local SPCA. Well done Laura and Harriet!

Conformation

Romeo and Juliet backwards . . . On a recent trip to Canada, Amanda Pough, "Tux" and "Talon" and a friend's Sheltie, "Brigham" stayed with Jocelyne Tasse-Durocher and her family. Brigham formed an immediate attachment to Jocelyne's BT "Rosie," by sitting at the top of the stairs (the balcony scene up-side-down) and pleading his case to her. Rosie loved the attention and flirted back with great joy. Her housemate "Bordeaux" watched the proceedings with great patience--no Montegues and Capulettes of the Canadians and Americans! On the same trip, Tux, Talon and Brigham all attended some conformation shows. Talon came home covered in glory, having received two Terrier Group Placements.

