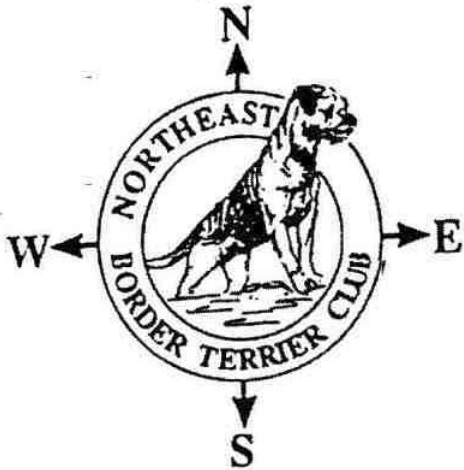


Northeast Border Terrier Club



Northeast Border Terrier Club Minutes, Wildwood NJ, February 5, 2011

President Ellen Redman called the meeting to order at 1:10, introducing guests, welcoming everyone and congratulating today's winners. Additionally she thanked Theo Congdon for making today's lunch arrangements.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Border Times was made by Sheila Demers and seconded by Deb Lawton.

President's Report: Please send proposed agenda items to Ellen for future meetings. Ellen also reminded the membership of the Salt City Cluster of supported shows in Syracuse the first weekend in April.

Secretary's Report: The Vermont shows in July have been rearranged, Woodstock Dog Club will have shows Thursday and Friday and Green Mountain Dog Club will have shows Saturday and Sunday. All four shows will be held outdoors in Tunbridge VT. Champlain Valley Kennel Club will have Saturday and Sunday shows in Essex Junction VT the same weekend as

Montgomery County Kennel Club. We were asked to support the Thursday Woodstock Dog Club show and the two Champlain Valley Kennel Club shows as we have done in the past. The Board decided to not ask to support the shows but to maybe offer trophies for the second shows for Woodstock DC and Green Mountain DC. We will not ask to support the Champlain Valley KC shows as they are in conflict with Montgomery County KC.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$14377.43. Linda Parker handed out a hard copy of the report to attendees. Motion to accept the report made by Peg Hetherington and seconded by Sheila Demers.

Trophy Report: Peg Hetherington thanked the members for their generous donations.

A motion was made by John Parker to accept the new members as put forth in the Border Times and seconded by Sheila Demers.

Sunshine Fund: Let Sheila Demers know if you are aware of any members in need of sunshine.

Old Business:

2013 Specialty: No report as Susan Sparks is currently dealing with a family emergency. Once we know we have been officially approved, we will get the basic information to BTCA for the website. **New Business:**

Much discussion ensued about where and when to hold our winter meeting in 2012. Several people mentioned missing the whole social weekends we used to have staying in the same motels in Saratoga and Stowe. Please give it some thought and bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Ellen Redman brought up the topic of the club doing a fun day as a warm up event for us as a group working together on the Specialty. There was much discussion as to when, where and what activities we might want to include. Ideas tossed about included a fun day, grooming day, Earthdog games and a Match Show. Places mentioned included the Syracuse weekend in April and the Montgomery weekend in October. Mention was made of possibly surveying the membership with their locations and interests. Again, please bring your thoughts on the topic to our next meeting.

Supported entries, motion to leave our supported entries the same as they are for 2011 made by John Parker and seconded by Sheila Demers.

Upcoming events of interest:

Border Terrier Club of Ontario Specialty Sunday May 22, 2011. Breed judge, NBTC member and past president Ruth Ann Naun of Oldstone Border Terriers Mahopac NY and Sweeps judge, NBTC member and past president Norm Baker of Baker Border Terriers Browns Mills NJ.

Week of Earthdog events at the Village Green Farm Earthdog Center in Crosswicks NJ beginning Saturday May 28, 2011.

Border Terrier Canada National Specialty Saturday June 25, 2011. Breed judge Margaret Curtis of Matamba Border Terriers UK and Sweeps judge our own president Ellen Redman of Trotwood Border Terriers Westfield MA.

The next club meeting will be on Sunday May 15, 2011 in Woodstock CT at the Windham County Kennel Club all breed

show following breed judging.
Motion to adjourn the meeting
made at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Woodward, secretary.



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Ups and Downs

Tribble got her first
pts at Trapp Falls and
Troy (in Springfield.)

She is still very much a puppy, and melts on the table during the exam.... but is learning. (She is Faireview Double Back to Bandersnatch - Ch Sunkist Sweet Music Man RA OA OAJ ME EE (Higgins) X Ch Bandersnatch Odyssey At Faireview JE)
--Marg Pough



Jo Ann Frier-Murza was recognized by her local newspaper for her AKC Lifetime Achievement Award

Follow the link below to read the article.

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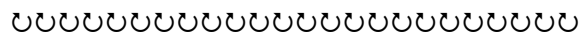
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Jr. Texas Taffy — Product Recall

Pet treats called Jr. Texas Taffy have been recalled because they may be contaminated with salmonella. No illnesses have been reported, according to the manufacturer, Merrick Pet Care Inc. of Amarillo, Texas.

If you have given your pet this product and it has the following symptoms: lethargic, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting or if you have the following symptoms from handling this product: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever you are advised to contact a veterinarian immediately.

If you have questions you can contact the company at 800-664-7387 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST.



Increasing number of Border Terriers found in shelters

2010 found an increasing number of Border Terriers surrendered to shelters according to Jo Wolf of NABTW.

Breeders, you can help by permanently identifying all puppies sold with a microchip and registering the chip to yourself. Your get can then be returned to you if surrendered.

You can also **volunteer to foster, transport, tutor owners, authenticate shelter dogs or SEND MONEY** to NABTW. Contact Jo Wolf at 706-814-3947. "Rescue is all of us working together."

Border Times Deadline September 20, 2011

Next issue of the Border Times will be published October 2011. Please send your submissions, news, ups & downs to Sue Netzman @ Netzmanws@aol.com no later than 9/20/11 for inclusion.



A Note from our Trophy Chairman



Dear Northeast Border Terrier Club Member,

Thank you to our NBTC family for your most generous response to our rally for trophies 2011. We received a total of \$1775. The support not only rewards our Border Terrier competitors but is greatly appreciated by the all-breed clubs who receive the trophies. As you know, it is becoming quite a struggle for some to produce a show. Two more of our friends, Newtown Kennel Club and Ox Ridge Kennel Club will not be having their fall shows this year. We do hope they will be back next year.

Thank you again for your outstanding Rally. I'm sure our Border Terrier friends thank you too.

Peg Hetherington
NBTC Trophy Chairman

Supported Entry Events 2011

Conformation

- 4/2/11 Finger Lakes KC
- 4/3/11 North Country KC
- 4/22/11 Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland
- 5/6/11 Garden State All Terrier Club
- 5/15/11 Windham County KC (includes Working, Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes classes)
- 7/15/11 Woodstock Dog Club (includes Working classes)
- 7/16/11 Champlain Valley KC
- 7/17/11 Green Mountain Dog Club
- 7/22/11 Putnam County KC
- 7/23/11 Putnam County KC

- 9/23/11 Newtown KC
- 9/24/11 Ox Ridge KC
- 9/25/11 Northwestern CT Dog Club (includes Working classes)

Agility

- 3/31/11 Onandaga Kennel Assoc.
- 4/1/11 (4 trials)
- 4/2/11
- 4/3/11
- 11/25/11 Talcott Mountain Agility Club (2 trials)
- 11/26/11
- 11/27/11 Leap Agility Club of Central MA (2 trials)
- 11/28/11

Obedience/Rally

- 3/31/11 Finger Lakes KC
- 4/1/11 Central NY KC (2 trials)
- 4/2/11
- 11/25/11 Windham County KC
- 11/26/11 South Windsor KC
- 11/27/11 Springfield KC
- 11/28/11 Holyoke KC

Cornell opens satellite facility in Stamford, CT



Cornell University Veterinary Specialists is a new Specialty and 24 hour Emergency and Critical Care center at 800 Canal St., Stamford, CT. Partnering with your veterinarian, CUVS has 11 veterinarians on staff and serves as a referral center with specialties in Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Oncology, Orthopedic and Soft Tissue Surgery, Oncology, Minimally Invasive Procedures (laparoscopic), and Specialty Imaging.

The Emergency and Critical Care Center has six veterinarians, and Dr. Hackner and Dr. Rousseau are Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Emergency and Critical Care. The center is open 24 hrs a day and may be reached at 203-595-2777.

Dr. Mandi Kleman, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology) is the cardiologist on staff. She plans to start having monthly cardiac screening clinics. The cost for Auscultation will be \$40 and for an echo will be \$250. The BTCA requires that a cardiologist perform the Auscultation for our CHIC certification, and the opportunity for an echo if a murmur is detected is

invaluable. Not everyone is able to travel to cardiac clinics at shows or our Specialty, and most clinics at shows do not have echocardiograms available. Dr. Kleman may be reached at cardiology@cuvs.org

The center will be having monthly continuing education lectures and referring rounds for veterinarians and technicians in the area. The facility is equipped with state of the art imaging equipment, with images sent electronically to the radiology department at Cornell for interpretation and consultation with the specialists on staff at CUVS. For more information on CUVS go to www.cuvs.org

Stormville, NY Shows

7/22/11 Putnam County KC

7/23/11 Putnam County KC

There will be a Border Terrier corner set aside for folks to socialize.



Gee, I wonder what's making the noise?
No matter, I'm sure it will be yummy. (Bird)

A huge thank you to the following people who generously donated to the NBTC 2011 trophy fund:



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**The Purdue
Vaccination
Studies and
Auto-antibodies**
by Catherine
O'Driscoll on
April 26, 2011



A team at Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine conducted several studies (1,2) to determine if vaccines can cause changes in the immune system of dogs that might lead to life-threatening immune-mediated diseases. They obviously conducted this research because concern already existed. It was sponsored by the Haywood Foundation which itself was looking for evidence that such changes in the human immune system might also be vaccine induced. It found the evidence.

The vaccinated, but not the non-vaccinated, dogs in the Purdue studies developed autoantibodies to many of their own biochemicals, including fibronectin, laminin, DNA, albumin, cytochrome C, cardiolipin and collagen.

This means that the vaccinated dogs — ”but not the non-vaccinated dogs” — were attacking their own fibronectin, which is involved in tissue repair, cell multiplication and growth, and differentiation between tissues and organs in a living organism. The vaccinated Purdue dogs also developed autoantibodies to laminin, which is involved in many cellular activities including the adhesion, spreading, differentiation, proliferation and movement of cells. Vaccines thus appear to be capable of removing the natural intelligence of cells. Autoantibodies to cardiolipin are frequently found in patients with the serious disease systemic lupus erythematosus and also in individuals with other autoimmune diseases. The presence of elevated anti-cardiolipin antibodies is

significantly associated with clots within the heart or blood vessels, in poor blood clotting, haemorrhage, bleeding into the skin, foetal loss and neurological conditions. The Purdue studies also found that vaccinated dogs were developing autoantibodies to their own collagen. About one quarter of all the protein in the body is collagen.

Collagen provides structure to our bodies, protecting and supporting the softer tissues and connecting them with the skeleton. It is no wonder that Canine Health Concern's 1997 study of 4,000 dogs showed a high number of dogs developing mobility problems shortly after they were vaccinated (noted in my 1997 book, *What Vets Don't Tell You About Vaccines*).

Perhaps most worryingly, the Purdue studies found that the vaccinated dogs had developed autoantibodies to their own DNA. Did the alarm bells sound? Did the scientific community call a halt to the vaccination program? No. Instead, they stuck their fingers in the air, saying more research is needed to ascertain whether vaccines can cause genetic damage. Meanwhile, the study dogs were found good homes, but no long-term follow-up has been conducted. At around the same time, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Vaccine-Associated Feline Sarcoma Task Force initiated several studies to find out why 160,000 cats each year in the USA develop terminal cancer at their vaccine injection sites.(3) The fact that cats can get vaccine-induced cancer has been acknowledged by veterinary bodies around the world, and even the British Government acknowledged it through its Working Group charged with the task of looking into canine and feline vaccines(4) following pressure from Canine Health Concern. What do you imagine was the advice of the AVMA Task Force, veterinary bodies and governments? “Carry on vaccinating until we find out why

vaccines are killing cats, and which cats are most likely to die.”

In America, in an attempt to mitigate the problem, they're vaccinating cats in the tail or leg so they can amputate when cancer appears. Great advice if it's not your cat amongst the hundreds of thousands on the “oops” list. But other species are okay – right? Wrong. In August 2003, the Journal of Veterinary Medicine carried an Italian study which showed that dogs also develop vaccine-induced cancers at their injection sites.(5) We already know that vaccine-site cancer is a possible sequel to human vaccines, too, since the Salk polio vaccine was said to carry a monkey retrovirus (from cultivating the vaccine on monkey organs) that produces inheritable cancer. The monkey retrovirus SV40 keeps turning up in human cancer sites.

It is also widely acknowledged that vaccines can cause a fast-acting, usually fatal, disease called autoimmune haemolytic anaemia (AIHA). Without treatment, and frequently with treatment, individuals can die in agony within a matter of days. Merck, itself a multinational vaccine manufacturer, states in The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy that autoimmune haemolytic anaemia may be caused by modified live-virus vaccines, as do Tizard's Veterinary Immunology (4th edition) and the Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine.(6) The British Government's Working Group, despite being staffed by vaccine-industry consultants who say they are independent, also acknowledged this fact. However, no one warns the pet owners before their animals are subjected to an unnecessary booster, and very few owners are told why after their pets die of AIHA.

We also found some worrying correlations between vaccine events and the onset of arthritis in our 1997 survey. Our concerns were compounded by research in the human field. The New England Journal of

Medicine, for example, reported that it is possible to isolate the rubella virus from affected joints in children vaccinated against rubella. It also told of the isolation of viruses from the peripheral blood of women with prolonged arthritis following vaccination. (7)

Then, in 2000, CHC's findings were confirmed by research which showed that polyarthritis and other diseases like amyloidosis, which affects organs in dogs, were linked to the combined vaccine given to dogs.(8) There is a huge body of research, despite the paucity of funding from the vaccine industry, to confirm that vaccines can cause a wide range of brain and central nervous system damage. Merck itself states in its Manual that vaccines (i.e., its own products) can cause encephalitis: brain within three months of a shot (but usually within days). We also found that 72.5% of dogs that were considered by their owners to be nervous and of a worrying disposition, first exhibited these traits within the three-month post-vaccination period.

I would like to add for the sake of Oliver, my friend who suffered from paralysed rear legs and death shortly after a vaccine shot, that “paresis” is listed in Merck's Manual as a symptom of encephalitis. This is defined as muscular weakness of a neural (brain) origin which involves partial or incomplete paralysis, resulting from lesions at any level of the descending pathway from the brain. Hind limb paralysis is one of the potential consequences.

Encephalitis, incidentally, is a disease that can manifest across the scale from mild to severe and can also cause sudden death.

Organ failure must also be suspected when it occurs shortly after a vaccine event. Dr Larry Glickman, who spearheaded the Purdue research into post-vaccination biochemical changes in dogs, wrote in a letter to Cavalier Spaniel breeder Bet

Hargreaves: “Our ongoing studies of dogs show that following routine vaccination, there is a significant rise in the level of antibodies dogs produce against their own tissues. Some of these antibodies have been shown to target the thyroid gland, connective tissue such as that found in the valves of the heart, red blood cells, DNA, etc. I do believe that the heart conditions in Cavalier King Charles Spaniels could be the end result of repeated immunizations by vaccines containing tissue culture contaminants that cause a progressive immune response directed at connective tissue in the heart valves. The clinical manifestations would be more pronounced in dogs that have a genetic predisposition [although] the findings should be generally applicable to all dogs regardless of their breed.” I must mention here that Dr Glickman believes that vaccines are a necessary evil, but that safer vaccines need to be developed. Vaccines Stimulate an Inflammatory Response. The word “allergy” is synonymous with “sensitivity” and “inflammation”. It should, by rights, also be synonymous with the word “vaccination”.

This is what vaccines do: they sensitise (render allergic) an individual in the process of forcing them to develop antibodies to fight a disease threat. In other words, as is acknowledged and accepted, as part of the vaccine process the body will respond with inflammation. This may be apparently temporary or it may be longstanding. Holistic doctors and veterinarians have known this for at least 100 years. They talk about a wide range of inflammatory or “-itis” diseases which arise shortly after a vaccine event. Vaccines, in fact, plunge many individuals into an allergic state. Again, this is a disorder that ranges from mild all the way through to the suddenly fatal. Anaphylactic shock is the culmination: it’s where an individual has a massive allergic reaction to a vaccine and will die

within minutes if adrenaline or its equivalent is not administered.

There are some individuals who are genetically not well placed to withstand the vaccine challenge. These are the people (and animals are “people”, too) who have inherited faulty B and T cell function. B and T cells are components within the immune system which identify foreign invaders and destroy them, and hold the invader in memory so that they cannot cause future harm. However, where inflammatory responses are concerned, the immune system overreacts and causes unwanted effects such as allergies and other inflammatory conditions. Merck warns in its Manual that patients with, or from families with, B and/or T cell immunodeficiencies should not receive live-virus vaccines due to the risk of severe or fatal infection.

Elsewhere, it lists features of B and T cell immunodeficiencies as food allergies, inhalant allergies, eczema, dermatitis, neurological deterioration and heart disease. To translate, people with these conditions can die if they receive live-virus vaccines. Their immune systems are simply not competent enough to guarantee a healthy reaction to the viral assault from modified live-virus vaccines.

Modified live-virus (MLV) vaccines replicate in the patient until an immune response is provoked. If a defence isn’t stimulated, then the vaccine continues to replicate until it gives the patient the very disease it was intending to prevent. Alternatively, a deranged immune response will lead to inflammatory conditions such as arthritis, pancreatitis, colitis, encephalitis and any number of autoimmune diseases such as cancer and leukaemia, where the body attacks its own cells.

A new theory, stumbled upon by Open University student Gary Smith, explains what holistic practitioners have been saying for a very long time. Here is what a few of

the holistic vets have said in relation to their patients:

Dr Jean Dodds: “Many veterinarians trace the present problems with allergic and immunologic diseases to the introduction of MLV vaccines...” (9)

Christina Chambreau, DVM: “Routine vaccinations are probably the worst thing that we do for our animals. They cause all types of illnesses, but not directly to where we would relate them definitely to be caused by the vaccine.” (10) Martin Goldstein, DVM: “I think that vaccines...are leading killers of dogs and cats in America today.”

Dr Charles E. Loops, DVM: “Homoeopathic veterinarians and other holistic practitioners have maintained for some time that vaccinations do more harm than they provide benefits.” (12)

Mike Kohn, DVM: “In response to this [vaccine] violation, there have been increased autoimmune diseases (allergies being one component), epilepsy, neoplasia [tumours], as well as behavioural problems in small animals.” (13)

A Theory on Inflammation Gary Smith explains what observant healthcare practitioners have been saying for a very long time, but perhaps they’ve not understood why their observations led them to say it. His theory, incidentally, is causing a huge stir within the inner scientific sanctum.

Some believe that his theory could lead to a cure for any diseases including cancer. For me, it explains why the vaccine process is inherently questionable.

Gary was learning about inflammation as part of his studies when he struck upon a theory so extraordinary that it could have implications for the treatment of almost every inflammatory disease — including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, rheumatoid arthritis and even HIV and AIDS.

Gary’s theory questions the received wisdom that when a person gets ill, the

inflammation that occurs around the infected area helps it to heal. He claims that, in reality, inflammation prevents the body from recognizing a foreign substance and therefore serves as a hiding place for invaders. The inflammation occurs when at-risk cells produce receptors called All (known as angiotensin II type I receptors). He says that while At1 has a balancing receptor, At2, which is supposed to switch off the inflammation, in most diseases this does not happen.

“Cancer has been described as the wound that never heals,” he says. “All successful cancers are surrounded by inflammation. Commonly this is thought to be the body’s reaction to try to fight the cancer, but this is not the case. “The inflammation is not the body trying to fight the infection. It is actually the virus or bacteria deliberately causing inflammation in order to hide from the immune system [author’s emphasis].” (14)

If Gary is right, then the inflammatory process so commonly stimulated by vaccines is not, as hitherto assumed, a necessarily acceptable sign. Instead, it could be a sign that the viral or bacterial component, or the adjuvant (which, containing foreign protein, is seen as an invader by the immune system), in the vaccine is winning by stealth.

If Gary is correct in believing that the inflammatory response is not protective but a sign that invasion is taking place under cover of darkness, vaccines are certainly not the friends we thought they were. They are undercover assassins working on behalf of the enemy, and vets and medical doctors are unwittingly acting as collaborators. Worse, we animal guardians and parents are actually paying doctors and vets to unwittingly betray our loved ones. Potentially, vaccines are the stealth bomb of the medical world. They are used to catapult invaders inside the castle walls where they can wreak havoc,

with none of us any the wiser. So rather than experiencing frank viral diseases such as the 'flu, measles, mumps and rubella (and, in the case of dogs, parvovirus and distemper), we are allowing the viruses to win anyway – but with cancer, leukaemia and other inflammatory or autoimmune (self-attacking) diseases taking their place.

The Final Insult

All 27 veterinary schools in North America have changed their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats along the following lines; (15) however, vets in practice are reluctant to listen to these changed protocols and official veterinary bodies in the UK and other countries are ignoring the following facts.

Dogs' and cats' immune systems mature fully at six months. If modified

Dogs' and cats' immune systems mature fully at six months. If modified live-virus vaccine is given after six months of age, it produces immunity, which is good for the life of the pet. If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralise the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titre is no "boosted", nor are more memory cells induced.

Not only are annual boosters unnecessary, but they subject the pet to potential risks such as allergic reactions and immune-mediated haemolytic anaemia. In plain language, veterinary schools in America, plus the American Veterinary Medical Association, have looked at studies to show how long vaccines last and they have concluded and announced that annual vaccination is unnecessary. (16-19) Further, they have acknowledged that vaccines are not without harm. Dr Ron Schultz, head of pathobiology at Wisconsin University and a leading light in this field, has been saying this politely to his veterinary colleagues since the 1980s. I've been saying it for the past 12 years.

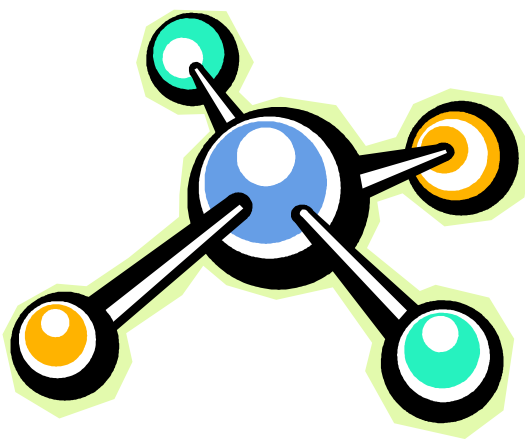
But change is so long in coming and, in the meantime, hundreds of thousands of animals are dying every year – unnecessarily.

The good news is that thousands of animal lovers (but not enough) have heard what we've been saying. Canine Health Concern members around the world use real food as Nature's supreme disease preventative, eschewing processed pet food, and minimise the vaccine risk. Some of us, myself included, have chosen not to vaccinate our pets at all. Our reward is healthy and long-lived dogs. It has taken but one paragraph to tell you the good and simple news. The gratitude I feel each day, when I embrace my healthy dogs, stretches from the centre of the Earth to the Universe and beyond.

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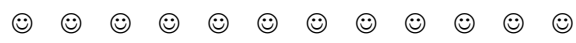
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IRON BORDER TERRIER

Last March I took my 6 year old border Lorien's Irish Digger to a weight pulling trial (International Weight Pulling Association). On Saturdays they do a Novice Pull for new dogs. Several terrier owners had told me about the sport and I went just to see what Digger would do. To my surprise he was not nervous about the harness, cart or new place and actually won his weight division. But did I really need yet another activity, okay why not. Over the summer we traveled to Oneida, NY where Lisa helps train the dogs and where we had gone the first time, and in September we entered our first trial. On the first day of the trial the dogs are weighed and to my amazement Digger weighed 20 pounds (guess we all needed to go on a diet), right at the top of the weight class. In IWPA the classes are divided into 20 pound divisions from 0-20 and on up to unlimited. To get a qualifying score dogs must pull 12 x their weight for the working dog title, 18 x for working dog excellent and 23 x for working dog superior and earn 4 qualifying scores in each level, but you don't need to do them consecutively, On that week-end he earned his first qualifying score by pulling 245 pounds and we had a leg in the lowest level. At the October trial he had one qualifying pull of 400 pounds, but now his weight was down to 18 pounds and he had pulled 22 times his weight so we had a leg in the excellent level. On New Years Day Digger pulled 425 pounds (weighing in at 16 pounds) and he earned the Iron Dog award for the dog who pulled the most times his

weight on the day, 26.5 times his weight at a trial of 57 dogs and a leg in the superior level. The majority of the dogs at the trial were Huskys, Malamutes and Pit Bulls. After 30 years in the breed I'm still amazed at the places my dogs have taken me. Happy New Year to you and all your Iron Dogs.

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MACH 2 and Nationals

contender Summer Roney Part 1

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Carol and Summer earned their MACH2 at DOTCORN
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Summer is an amazingly talented [Border Terrier](#) here in upstate NY who runs with owner/handler Carol Roney. They are known as the "You Go Girls" for Carol's weave pole chant.

Summer finished her MACH 2 at the recent DOTCORN trials. Carol says it was a very different ride from her MACH 1 run. "On Summer's first MACH run we did some awesome distance work (one of their trademarks). The judge even told me later she would not have done such a risky handling job if her MACH had been on the line." But Carol felt the course was screaming for distance work and the thrill of layering trumped a conservative handling style. That MACH run was fun!

"Summer's MACH 2 run was approached totally differently. I got a gander at the MACH ribbon DOTCORN was offering and I told Summer, we are going to get one of those today! The rosette was huge - much more impressive than her first MACH ribbon. I opted for the thrill of the ribbon versus the thrill of the run. I played that run most conservatively and the ribbon was ours!" Others watching the run were not aware this would be Summer's MACH 2 and

had wondered why Carol was running conservatively. Usually their runs are quite exciting as it is anyone's guess what Carol and Summer will do.

The 2011 [AKC Agility Nationals](#) are the third set of Nationals for Carol and Summer. They also attended in 2007 and 2009. In 2009, Summer placed 8th out of the the 24 dogs from New York in the Sates competition. Then in the actual Nationals she was 46th out of 170 dogs running the twelve inch jump height! Summer had three clean runs. As Carol says though, "While being a part of the competition was thrilling, the best part was watching all the fabulous teams from across the nation. I feel Summer and I improved with each run just by benefiting from watching the top competitors. Rather than finding the top teams intimidating - I find them to be inspiring."

Summer had an unusual start for a top agility dog. She will be 11 years old on May 20th. Summer did not start off life as an agility prospect or even with Carol! Summer was bred by Barry and Susie Rose of Kernow Border Terriers. She easily finished her conformation championship and produced her first litter. However, Summer made it clear she had no desire to be a stay at home Mom. She wanted back in the spotlight! Carol's brother is a professional handler and knew the Roses. The Roses knew of Carol's success with her other Border Terrier Falcon in agility. So Summer was flown to New York from Illinois at 2 1/2 years of age and never looked back.

Summer was still a puppy in many ways when she arrived in New York, complete with her beloved tennis ball. She had not been exposed to some of the everyday events of household pets. Luckily she had Falcon as her mentor. Carol credits Judy Brown with giving her and Summer a great start on their relationship through Basic

Obedience. Meanwhile Summer was watching Carol and Falcon running agility and voicing her desire to try it too!

Next time we will give you "the rest of the story"!

MACH2 and Nationals contender Summer Roney - Part 2

From [part 1](#), you know that summer is a top agility dog here in upstate NY. Her start in agility was a bit unusual though. Coming to Carol at 2 1/2 years of age, she spent a year doing basic training and watching Carol work with Falcon, her older Border Terrier. Once Summer hit the agility fields, her style was obvious. She was a speed machine and capable of barking loudly while running full tilt. She might look calm sitting at the start line, but she would explode once released. her speed and drive didn't mix well with Carol's bad knees. the solution was to work on rear crosses and distance work. As Carol says, "It is so much fun to layer, send and be able to trust your canine partner. After years of running in a traditional style I welcomed distance handling and Summer thrived on it."

The easiest skills for Summer were weaving and work at a distance - both skills that took advantage of her independent nature. Carol has complete confidence in her, doesn't fear failure and that transfers to confident, successful performances. Her "you go girl" chant in the weaves is their trademark. The most difficult skill was learning to hit contact (safety) zones and to slow down to get on the pause table without a flyoff. Carol feels her lack of foundation work and patience with Summer contributed to their problems on contact obstacles. "A few years ago I saw a picture of Summer at an indoor trial jumping all the way from the top of the

A frame straight to the floor! I knew this type of action put her at a serious risk of injury." They retrained the contacts using both a contact trainer and tippy board (piece of plywood with a tennis ball attached underneath.)

You can see Summer in action - her [MACH 2 run here](#).

Summer's work ethic for agility is so strong that she happily works for other handlers. Gwen Gerow got to try a totally different experience from her Doberman Pinschers one weekend when Carol was hurt and put a double Q on Summer! Summer has also earned legs in Excellent FAST with other handlers.

Summer puts her drive to work in other sports as well. She is a Master Earthdog, working with drive and enthusiasm but comfortable working as a team with other dogs. Carol emphasizes that Summer is a great family dog as well. "She is busy when I want busy and calm when I want calm. Summer is very easy to live with, gentle with small children and a good house guest. She is a perfect fit in my world." Carol Roney and Summer - CH MACH2 Windsor Summer of Kernow MXF ME - a match made in Heaven by serendipity. Congratulations on the MACH 2 and wishing you the best of luck at Nationals!

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