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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

For those of you who feel, like me, that time runs too fast, the impossible has finally happened: like runners on a track, the seasons have lapped themselves. The 1995 seed catalogues started to arrive before we had the garden cleaned up and put to bed this fall! In fact, I planted spinach in the cold frame on November 27, and we had our last meal of Swiss chard from the garden on December 3rd.

Some of you may have seen the cover story on genetic defects in dogs in the December 12 issue of **Time** magazine. The article, called "A Terrible Beauty", points out that approximately 25% of all purebred dogs in the U.S. suffer from genetic defects that cripple and kill, cause immense suffering to the animal and anguish to its owners, and represent nearly \$1 Billion U.S. in vet bills annually (yes, you did read that right: Billion!). Although some of the problem can be blamed on ignorant breeders and puppy mills, the article contends that the decline of purebred dogs can be attributed mostly to the emphasis on breeding for the show ring that has developed over the last 50 years. Good

looks, not function or intelligence or stamina or mental stability, have become the primary purpose of the breeder's efforts, with the results validated (or not, as the case may be), only in the show ring. The purebred dog breeder, the veterinary profession and the American Kennel Club all come in for serious, and to some extent justified, criticism. **Time** advises the enlightened consumer to buy a mutt.

This is not new. Anybody who has been involved in purebred dogs for any length of time (say, six weeks or more), will recognize that there are serious flaws in the fancy. Too many of us would say, "Except in my breed", or "Except in my kennel". This isn't even new information for the public: **Atlantic Monthly** ran a similar cover story (which took an even harsher attitude towards the AKC) in 1990. That two major magazines would devote cover stories to the issue, and that a dozen American states would enact puppy "lemon laws" to protect the public (I believe similar legislation has been contemplated in B.C.; does anybody know for sure?) indicates that awareness outside the closed world of purebred dogs is growing rapidly.

Although the facts and figures in the Time article are American, we in Canada, and in Cardigans, should not feel complacent. If the public turns away from purebred dogs, we and our breed will be tarred with the same brush. If the incidence of genetic faults in Cardigans is currently low (not zero, but low) it is up to us as breeders and owners to make sure things stay that way. The health and happiness of our dogs, and the reputation and indeed long-term existence of the breed, are in our hands.

So, in a practical sense, what can we do? The following is intended as a very modest beginning. We can strengthen and revitalize the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club, for the purpose of encouraging and promoting the versatile or performance Cardi. To that end, this newsletter contains a proposed "five year plan", for want of a better term, which was tabled at the annual meeting in Newmarket. It was developed over the summer after lengthy discussions with Barb Hoffman, Chris Edwards and Karen Harbert, but any gaping leaps of logic, demonstrations of ignorance or plain foolishness are strictly my own. Your feedback is welcome, and indeed, essential.

While I would never have imagined it possible that we would see a Cardigan puppy mill here in Ontario, it appears that the unthinkable has happened. A woman in the Owen Sound area, who also breeds Jack Russell terriers and Shih Tzus, has begun to breed Cardis. She does not know about the standard and does not care; she has puppies on the ground and does not know who the sire is (although it *is* a Cardigan); she claims to have blue-eyed puppies that are not blue merle, and does not care. She believes that Cardigans will become extinct unless she "preserves the breed". She is looking for a male for breeding purposes. **PLEASE DO NOT SELL THIS WOMAN A DOG!** If you need her name, or further information, contact Shelley Camm or myself.

Those of us who are breeders, and who show dogs, can pause (paws?) to reflect on our objectives, our goals and our methods. Reflection is not a bad thing at the beginning of the year, anyway.

And, of course, we can continue to use this newsletter as a forum for the exchange of views and information. It is **your** newsletter: please help us to make it as informative, useful and lively as possible. You don't have to be a breeder with 30 years experience and a stable of champions (which I am not, by the way) to have a valid opinion that is worth sharing. Comments, letters to the

editor, observations and articles are all welcome. I know Bette would like to see a full mailbox!

Finally, I would like to extend the best wishes of all Club members to Chris Edwards, who is recuperating from surgery. We hope you are soon back on your feet, Chris!

And to all of you, a happy and healthy 1995.

B.C. BOOSTER - 1994

Fern Hunt has forwarded the results of the Booster held in B.C. on August 3rd in conjunction with the Glacierview Kennel Club. The judge was Peggy Otiro from Mexico. **Best of Breed** - Ch. Waibournes Butler of Simayuk, owned by Muriel Simpson Ball; **Best of Opposite** - Ch. Waibournes Sweet Charity, owned by Fern Hunt; **Winner's Bitch** - Tuahine Salsa Dawn, owned by Fern Hunt. There were 3 dogs and 2 bitches entered with "Salsa" being the only class dog. BOB prize was a cardigan print and Best Opposite and Winner's Bitch were Cardigan felt wall plaques. The judge was given a Cardigan crest mug with the breed history as a thank you and she was delighted with it.

REPORT ON 1994 SPECIALTY WEEKEND

A national specialty show for any breed is a pretty big deal: the one chance a year to focus on, and celebrate, the qualities that make a breed of dog beloved by its fanciers; a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones; a chance to admire each others' new puppies (balancing the natural tendency to "ooh" and "ahh" with a critical look at both the upcoming competition and prospective breeding arrangements); a time to salute the achievements of dogs in their prime who are burning up the show circuit, and to say a last fond "farewell" to the old troupers whose place in breed history is already guaranteed. And if all that can be found in an ordinary national specialty, consider an entire weekend devoted to the celebration of the Cardigan Corgi!

Our 1994 Specialty Weekend was, by any standards, a great success. The talents of our Cardis were showcased in herding, conformation and obedience, and there was fun for the two-legs, too! This was, of course, an independent Specialty, meaning that the Club members did all of the work involved in organizing and running the show, rather than "piggy backing" on a show put on by a larger all-breed club. The weekend's results can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, but I think some flavour of both the effort

involved and the unplanned happenings that make a Specialty memorable can be conveyed through this lengthy list of "Thank you"s. (The danger in this is that I may inadvertently leave someone out. If I have done so, please accept my most contrite apologies: believe me, your effort on the weekend was not overlooked!):

- ☺ to Shelley Camm, who acted as Show Chair and Show Secretary, arranging for the venue, the premium lists, the entries, the show catalogue and dozens of other essential tasks;
- ☺ to Nipissing Kennel Club, who agreed to not hold classes for Cardigans on the day of the Specialty, thereby eliminating the conflict with their show for the same weekend;
- ☺ to Lesley Schaefer, Shows and Trials Planning division at the Canadian Kennel Club, who came to our rescue when our original application to hold the Specialty on Thanksgiving weekend disappeared in the mail, by arranging for approvals of date, location and judges in record time; and to the staff at Dundas Veterinary Services, who let me use their FAX machine to send our second application to Leslie in time to meet the CKC's deadlines;
- ☺ to Fanny Edwards, Show Superintendent, for organizing the set-up in the arena and actually running the conformation and obedience shows; her concern that conditions be safe for both dogs and handlers, led her to insist on modifications to the judges' preferred ring set-ups, a concern which was greatly appreciated;
- ☺ to Chris Edwards, who, as Obedience and Herding Chair, made all of the arrangements for both Saturday's herding instinct test and the two all-breed obedience trials we held on Monday;
- ☺ to the management and staff of the Comfort Inn, Newmarket, for allowing out-of-town exhibitors to stay there, with all those dogs; and to all the dog owners who respected hotel property and the rights of other guests, making it more likely that fellow travellers with canine companions will be welcome in the future;
- ☺ to the management and staff of the Newmarket Community Centre, the location of the conformation and obedience events, for the use of the hall, their helpfulness, their restraint when somebody neglected to exercise their dog before bringing it into the building, and their courageous acceptance of several boxes of left-over doughnuts (thanks, guys!);
- ☺ to Tony Byngham Wallis and family, for providing their farm and their sheep on which untrained (and sometimes rather uncontrolled!) dogs might test their herding instincts, and who also arranged lunch for all the exhibitors and spectators (we're glad the sheep didn't have to "do lunch"!);
- ☺ to Jim Clarke, sheepdog trainer extraordinaire, who evaluated the herding instinct test and provided everyone with his honest and constructive comments; and then, with his Border collies, showed us all what a herding dog can aspire to;
- ☺ to Mrs. Dorothy Newmarch and Penny, once again the perfect example of Cardigan and handler working sheep with quiet confidence and precision (when Penny puts five sheep in a line, they stay in a line!);
- ☺ to whoever guaranteed that the weather for the herding instinct test would actually be balmy, in Ontario, in October;
- ☺ to Kaye Langshaw, who is not (yet) a Cardigan person, but who comes out every year to serve as our competent and unflappable conformation steward, and who arrived very early on Sunday morning to help set up the ring; in recognition of her contributions to the Club, Kaye is now an Honorary Member!;
- ☺ to the rest of the crew who hauled, heaved, wrestled with heavy mats, dropped things on their toes and improvised creatively wherever necessary to get everything set up and torn down: Shelley Camm, Chris Edwards, Fanny Edwards, Bette Wilkinson, Barb Turnbull, Charlie MacInnes, Dave, Linda Kempa, Karen Harbert, and myself;
- ☺ to Charlie MacInnes, for arranging for us to borrow ring equipment from Aurora Kennel Club, for the effort involved in moving everything from storage at Finnshavn to the show site....and back again, for his contribution to the wine and cheese reception on Friday night, and for his hospitality at Finnshavn for the herding exhibitors on Saturday night;
- ☺ to Russ Edwards for providing his own obedience equipment for the second ring;

- ☺ to our judges, Alice Davis in conformation (regular classes), Jean Clifford for Sweepstakes, and Barbara Scott and Bill Yates in obedience, without whose experience and effort the entire weekend would have been pretty pointless, after all!; a special "thanks" to Alice and Jean for their kind remarks at the Judges' banquet, and to Bill for rolling up his shirtsleeves to sling mats with the rest of us;
- ☺ to our obedience stewards, Chris Edwards, Russ Edwards, Barb Turnbull, Bette Wilkinson, Linda Kempa and myself; and to Fanny Edwards and Norm Shearing who provided perfect no-hit relief stewarding as the rest of us collapsed;
- ☺ to our show photographer, Barb Parent, who waited patiently all day until her services were needed, and who also bore with us cheerfully as we kept moving her equipment all around the hall;
- ☺ to everyone who donated trophies, including Karen Harbert (who generously donated trophies for Winner's Dog, Winner's Bitch and High Scoring Cardigan in Trial, and had to find room in her suitcase to take it all back again: well done!); my mother, Myrna Watson, who made the Corgi drawstring bags and once again refused payment; Sherry Saunders and her boss at the pet store, who provided all the lovely gift baskets of doggie goodies for Sweeps prizes; Shelley Camm, who did the etched Cardigan glassware; Charlie MacInnes; and myself; believe me, folks, your creativity makes my job as Trophy Chair a whole lot easier!;
- ☺ to Sherry Saunders, Gerry Klassen, Dave and Mike who did noble work in the kitchen, providing the muffins, coffee, sandwiches and soft drinks that sustained judges, crew and exhibitors alike; and who made the Club money doing it! (Gerry usually sells real estate, but anybody who saw him trying to create a demand for cut-rate tuna sandwiches on Monday afternoon might conclude he has a pretty good shot at a marketing career!);
- ☺ to John Coleman, who again organized the raffle; to all those who donated raffle items including Nancy and Bill Buckland, Jean Clifford, Charlie MacInnes and myself (I know there were others and I apologize for the omission!); to Bette Wilkinson for selling last minute tickets on Sunday afternoon; and to whoever left the roll of bingo tickets I found in the kitchen cupboard, thereby ensuring we had extra tickets to sell!;
- ☺ to the friendly staff of the Stellar Family Restaurant in Newmarket, who provided the delicious Thanksgiving turkey dinner for the Judges' Banquet and annual general meeting on Sunday (since I hadn't eaten all day, that turkey dinner was breakfast, and you bet it was appreciated!);
- ☺ to Dave, Mike, the Canadian Automobile Association and the tow truck drivers who came to the rescue when Shelley's truck broke down on the chilly Monday evening as we convoyed the ring equipment back to Finnshavn; and to Charlie for the extremely welcome hot rum toddies after the rescue had been effected!;
- ☺ to all the exhibitors, both Cardigan people and the all-breed participants in herding and obedience, for supporting our efforts, for their patience and sportsmanship, their (on the whole) consideration for the Community Centre facilities, and for the compliments the Show Committee received; with special mention to Ruth Lister and Barb Hoffman, who came down for the weekend from western Quebec and eastern Ontario respectively to support the Club, although they didn't even have dogs entered;
- ☺ and last but by no means least, a personal thank you to Karen Harbert, who spent the weekend helping out wherever she was needed: the wine and cheese, the herding dinner, setting up and tearing down, looking after my dogs on Monday, running errands, making tea.....; who, being aware of the health problems I had been experiencing much of the summer, plied me with orange juice and doughnuts when I collapsed while stewarding for obedience Monday afternoon and got me on my feet again; and who actually made an outright prohibition on my lifting any more mats stick. I'm still trying to figure out how she got the Bailey's Irish Cream into what seemed to be an ordinary Tim Horton's medium regular, but that particular miracle was also much appreciated!

A very big "thank you" to all of you!

And to anybody else who would like to be involved next time, don't let the above put you off! Putting on a show

of any size requires planning, attention to detail and strong backs, so no matter what your special talent is, we can use it. Besides, believe it or not, we had fun!

A Day in the Fields - Sheepdog Style

The weather couldn't have been better, after an early mist left the ground, the sun began to warm the hillside and the sky cleared to greet the many dogs and handlers who had begun to arrive.

The sheep were driven out from the big brown and yellow barn and a couple of dozen were taken across to a small holding area made from wooden gates, situated in the lower paddock. The electric fence was turned off for the safety of the dogs and people, but nobody told the sheep so they stayed well away from fences as usual.

Temporary fencing had been set across a narrowing corner of the front field, but the sheep were both too quick, too smart or too wary to be cornered by such a flimsy barrier. They had been recently raided by coyotes and were more than a match for the single dog trying to move them to the testing area. They jumped over the temporary fencing and escaped to the rest of the flock, up on the back forty, or at least over the hill.

After some readjustments and assistance from the farmer, his family and exhibitors, a wooden corral was assembled and the remaining sheep were penned, a few at a time, to adequately conduct the tests.

The dogs were eager to go by this time. Jumping, barking, shouting and screams from the handlers were all part of the mounting excitement at the outset. The first to go was the most experienced. Our judge gave a corgi the nod and in went the first handler and dog. The dog got right down to business and showed how sheep could be moved around and take direction from the handler. This was a great introduction to all the other inexperienced dogs and handlers assembled.

Highly evident was the different styles of the varying breeds entered. There were Shetland Sheepdogs, Belgian Sheepdogs, an Australian Shepherd, Bearded Collie, Border Collie, Pembroke and Cardigan Corgis, German Shepherd dogs and a Swedish Valhund.

Of the two dozen dogs entered, eleven passed by showing definite signs of herding instinct and sustained interest, by moving the sheep, heading, dividing, rounding up and driving around the enclosed paddock fenced area.

Of those that did not pass, our judge said they either showed no interest at all or that they showed extreme aggression as in the case of the German Shepherds, who were the only dogs that could not be allowed off lead due to their behaviour.

The Beardie fairly bounded around the ring instantly showing joy in the task ahead. Such a pleasure to see and fun to speculate on how the breed would behave in a full scale herding trial.

The Swedish Valhund wasted no time and knew instantly what to do yet like most all dogs entered had never met a sheep before this morning.

The Australian Shepherd barked and bounded around and told the sheep exactly what was expected from them. Such spunk and energy displayed, no wonder they are considered a smart new breed.

The Belgians went to work quietly and with confidence and were methodical and well able to complete the task at hand.

Similarities were seen in the styles of both the Pembroke and Cardigan and as most entries were Cardigans they were well represented in the passing list. Darting forward and intimidating the sheep to make them move without fear or waiting for the hooves or head butts that sometimes were directed at them by the Suffolk sheep.

The lone Border collie exemplified the qualities of the breed and using eye and bark, moved the small flock in the usual efficient collie style.

Comparing the styles of the demonstration dogs, of Border Collies and Working Cardigan Corgis, the handlers were able to see how a good, well trained dog can make the farm stock move and separate, drive and gather to help the modern farmer in his work.

Despite the less than fifty percent passing rate, most comments received were favourable in that they had greatly enjoyed the day and were interested in progressing further in this herding endeavour.

Plans are now being made to hold a working/training clinic for next year, perhaps one in the spring and one in the fall. You may yet see all herding breeds working sheep, cattle or ducks on the farms of the future -- at least there will be a chance to certify true herding instinct to competition level for more than the few breeds now seen.

Chris Edwards (Herding Chairman)
Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club

Chris Edwards has advised me that she will be setting up a 2-day herding clinic for the spring and another for the fall - spring in southwestern Ontario Windsor/Chatham area and the fall one to be in the Toronto area.

The above Herding Test was actually the second time we have put on a test. The first time was in Woodstock in 1992. You will find below results of the first and second trials.

1992 Herding Trial

Pencader Gwen Debut de Norruss	Pass
Ch. Pencader Y Fenni	Pass
Markwell's The Contee Marilla	----
Just Call Me Wrangler CDX	Pass
Merrymoon's Black Tie N' Tails	Pass
Ch. Bawyni's Long Shot Liam	Pass
Finnshavn's Tea & Crumpets	Pass
Nab's Talking Back of St's CD	Pass
Ddewi Bach	Pass
Finnshavn Disglaircopr Ceinoig	Pass
Bawyni's Ladybug	Pass
Gemfire's Destiny's Kismet (Belgian Sheepdog)	Pass
Finnshavn Wat the Samhill CD	Pass
Finnshavn Here Is Trouble	----
Ch. Davenitch English Toffee	----
Ch. Anneke	----
Thistledown Red Russett	----
Ch. Alewyd Finnshavn Dragon Fire	----
Ch. Finnshavn Alexander Selkirk	----
Ch. Ffallian Finnshavn Lisbeth	----
R.L. Maggie (Border Collie)	Pass
Mikey (Border Collie)	----
Powerpak's Black Beauty (Belgian Sheepdog)	Pass

1994 Herding Test

Tina (Cardigan Corgi)	----
Sam (Cardigan Corgi)	----

Davey (Pembroke Corgi)	----
Ebba (Swedish Vallhund)	Pass
Rudy (Cardigan Corgi)	----
Bosco (Cardigan Corgi)	----
Bitte (Cardigan Corgi)	----
Galen (Cardigan Corgi)	----
Ffiona (Cardigan Corgi)	Pass
Anne Shirley (Cardigan Corgi)	----
Dylan (Cardigan Corgi)	Pass
Thurman (Bearded collie)	Pass
Toby (Shetland Sheepdog)	----
Cisco (German Shepherd)	----
Azia (German Shepherd)	----
Ninja (German Shepherd)	----
Shadow (Asutralian Shepherd)	Pass
Dutchy (Cardigan Corgi)	Pass
Emily (Cardigan Corgi)	----
Scott (Shetland sheepdog)	Pass
Dazzle (Belgian Sheepdog)	Pass
Jake (Border Collie)	Pass
Sweetie (Cardigan Corgi)	----
Desire (Belgian Sheepdog)	Pass
Penny (Cardigan Corgi)	Pass

Judge's Comments

It was an exceptional day, with perfect weather and perfect site. The club is very fortunate to have Tony allow them to ultize his sheep and facilities.

In general, the day progressed well, due to good organization and flexibility. The pen we set up worked very well for the day. I overheard someone say that the "sheep were intimidated by a dog in a small enclosure". In my opinion, that was not a factor in judging the Herding Instinct of each dog. The sheep were also affected by the close proximity to people, other dogs, and the confining gates.

On the whole, the dogs behaved as I expected. I was a bit concerned with how the three German Shepherds wanted to handle the sheep. They used constant aggressiveness as opposed to herding ability. The Corgis either wanted to work or didn't. The ones who were keen, were not obsessed with teeth contact on the sheep. Those

that showed the instinct to here were not affected by the small area or the surrounding people and dogs.

For another time, the pen could be made a little larger, and it is more beneficial when using small lots of sheep if the sheep are accustomed to being worked by a dog.

Now that the club has done two Herding Instinct Clinics with substantial interest, the next step would be for those who have passed the test to progress to a Training Clinic.

Ruth and I thank you for a most enjoyable day, and wish everyone continued success with their dogs.

Respectfully yours,

James G. Clark

SPECIALITY SHOW

The Specialty was held in the Newmarket Community Centre on Sunday, October 9th. This was an excellent venue with lots of room for rings and space for exhibitors. Shelley Camm deserves a vote of thanks for most of the organization that went into our specialty. Thanks Shelley, you did a wonderful job!!

RESULTS OF SPECIALTY 1994

Puppy Sweepstakes

Judge - Mrs. J. Clifford

6-9 Month Dog

First - Finnshavn Bwbach Elffin (Owner: Aggye-Branwyn Carr)

Second - Finnshavn Beauregard (Owner: Gary Klassen)

9-12 Month Dog

First - Aelwyd Golygus Kokopelli (Owner: Debra Honaker & Karen Harbert)

12-18 Month Dog

First - Finnshavn Selkirk Junior (Owner: Charles MacInnes)

Second - Ch. Norruss Bishop Jean Valjean (Owner: Norman Shearing)

Third - St's Galendrath Blue A Fair (Owner: Nancy L & Gladys M. Cone)

6-9 Month Female

First - St's Hellacious Hailacia (Owner: Nancy L. & Gladys M. Cone)

12-18 Month Female

First - Aelwyd Glenmorangie (Owner: Karen Harbert)

BEST OF SWEEPSTAKES - FINNSHAVN SELKIRK JUNIOR

BEST OF OPPOSITE - AELWYD GLENMORANGIE

Veteran's Sweepstakes

Males - 7-10 Years

First - Can/Am Ch. Finnshavn Alexander Selkirk (Owner: Charles D. MacInnes)

Males 10 Years and Over

First - Am/Cdn Ch. Tessaracts Pete of Santant (Owner: Anne B. Edwards)

Second - Ch. Bawyni's Long shot Liam (Owner: Lynne L. Ragsdale)

Females 10 Years and Over

First - Can/Am Ch. Markwell's Genevieve (Owner: Anne B. Edwards)

Second - Can/Am/Bda Ch. Bawyni's Sweet Molly McGee (Owner: Charles D. MacInnes)

Third - Ch. Aberwyvern Patches CD (Owner: Marilyn R.W. Boissonneault)

Fourth - Am Ch. Finnshavn Go For The Gold (Owner: Nancy & Bill Buckland)

**BEST OF SWEEPSTAKES - FINNSHAVN
ALEXANDER SELKIRK**

BEST OF OPPOSITE - MARKWELL'S GENEVIEVE

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12-18 Month Dog

First - St's Galendrath Blue A Fair (Owner: Nancy L. & Gladys M. Cone)

Canadian Bred Dog

First - Finnshavn Black Ascot (Owner: Sue Mesa & C.D. MacInnes)

Bred By Exhibitor Dog

First - Aberwyvern John's Tweed Jacket (Owner: Marilyn R.W. Boissoneault)

Second - Ch. Norruss Bishop Jean Valjean (Owner: Norman M. Shearing)

Third Ravynwood's Talisman of Fire (Owner: Marc & Sue Mesa)

Open Dog

First - Am. Ch. Aelwyd McGuinnes McGee (Owner: Susanne & David Schissel & Karen Harbert)

Second - Nab's Aelwyd Over Trump (Owner: Nancy & Bill Buckland)

Third - Kennebec Rogue of Red Oak (Owner: Nancy & Bill Buckland)

Fourth - Finnshavn Selkirk Junior (Owner: Charles D. MacInnes)

WINNERS DOG - AELWYD GOLYGUS KOKOPELLI

**RESERVE WINNERS DOG - AELWYD
MCGUINNES MCGEE**

Veteran Dog

First - Am/Can Ch. Finnshavn's Alexander Selkirk (Owner: C. D. MacInnes)

Second - Am/Can Ch Tessaracts Pete of Santana, CD (Owner: Anne B. Edwards)

Junior Puppy Female

First - Finnshavn's Blue Belle (Owner: Annette J. Alblas)

Second - St's Hellacious Hailacia (Owner: Nancy L. & Gladys M & William S. Cone)

Canadian Bred Female

First - Pencader Ffiona Ap St's (Owner: Nancy & Gladys Cone)

Bred By Exhibitor Female

First - Aelwyd Glenmorangie (Owner Karen Harbert)

Second - St's A Lil Dez'll Do Ya (Owner: Nancy & Gladys & William Cone)

Third - Nabs Double or Nothing (Owner: Nancy & Bill Buckland)

Fourth - Ravynwood's Duchess (Owner: Marc & Sue Mesa)

Open Female

First - Cedarstone's Queen Anne's Lace (Owner: Diane Solman)

Second - Finnshavn Watsluv Gottadowitit (Owner: Bette Wilkinson & Charles D. MacInnes)

Third - Ravynwood Justa Lil Dressage (Owner: Marc & Sue Mesa)

Fourth - Finnshavn's No Trouble At All (Owner: Charles D. MacInnes)

WINNER'S BITCH - AELWYD GLENMORANGIE

RESERVE WINNER'S BITCH - FINNSHAVN'S BLUE BELLE

Veteran Bitch

First - Can/Am Ch. Markwell's Genevieve (Owner: Anne B. Edwards)

Second - Am. Ch. Finnshavn Go For The Gold (Owner: Nancy & Bill Buckland)

Third - Can/Am/Bda Ch. Bawyni's Sweet Molly McGee (Owner: Charles D. MacInnes)

BEST OF BREED - CH. CEDARSTONES ROLLS ROYCE (Owner: Diane Solman)

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX - CH. CAERPHILLY CEDARSTONE BLUZEFYR (Owner: Diane Solman)

BEST OF WINNERS - AELWYD GLENMORANGIE

BEST PUPPY - FINNSHAVN'S BLUE BELLE

Brace

St's Galendrath Blue A Fair
Pencader Ffiona Ap St's

Brood Bitch

Can/Am/Bda Ch. Bawyni's Sweet Molly McGee

Stud Dog

Ch. Finnshavn's Michael Oarsman

After the Speciality was completed we held an unofficial "Parade of Champions". The following are the comments on these wonderful dogs as written by their owners.

CH. ABERWYVERN PATCHES, CD
(Owner: Marilyn R.W. Boissonneault)

Our first champion, from our first litter. Retired professional escape artist, she is now the official hostess of the Morrisburg Farmers' Market where she personally approves all our customers.

M CH. FINNSHAVN GO FOR THE GOLD AM CD CGC (Owner: Nancy & Bill Buckland)

"Peggy" is top dog at NaB's Cardigans. She is the daughter of our first Cardigan, "Am Can. Ch. Topwyn NaB's Jack of Clubs Am Can CD" and the mother of 3 champions. Peggy has done programs at the library with Nancy, greeted customers at the feed store with Bill and is our granddaughter's favourite pillow. At age 10½, Peggy is a true ambassador of Cardigan personality. She has made Cardigan fans of many non-dog people. The little blue dog with the big heart Peggy.

CH. BAWYNI'S LONG SHOT LIAM (Owner: Lynne L. Ragsdale)

Imagine whelping a litter of puppies on December 31st. Well, Bawyni's Long Shot Liam was Barb Hoffman's New Year's present almost 13 years ago on December 31, 1981. Since then he's been the pride and joy of Lynne and Mike West, getting his CD at 3 or so, followed by his herding instinct (excellent) test at the ripe old age of 10. Liam is a dog that seems to get better with age and now spends most of his waking hours making sure the upstart lab Tico stays in his proper place (somewhere below Lynne, Kiki the parrot, and even Mike at times!). Liam enjoys short walks, long snoozes and cookies and he is quietly enjoying his retirement.

CAN/AM/BDA/ CH. BAWYNI'S SWEET MOLLY MCGEE (Owner: Charles D. MacInnes)

Molly will be 13 at the end of December. She, her sire, her grandmother and her great-great uncle are the only Cardigans to hold Bermuda championships. Molly had a distinguished show career - the highlight of which was a 5-point major when she was flat out of coat. But her greatest fame comes

from her offspring - Canada's first Best in Show Cardigan, and several American and Canadian champions. Molly is long retired, but still active.

CAN/AM CH. MARKWELL'S GENEVIEVE (Owner: Anne B. Edwards)

Genny - Canadian and American Champion - with obedience titles as well. From her mother she inherited the grunt when she is petted and the habit of carrying her favourite male's tail. From her father she inherited her good looks. She is now a determined and militant bed and sofa dog.

CAN/AM CH. FINNSHAVN'S ALEXANDER SELKIRK (Owner: Charles D. MacInnes)

Selkirk - Canada's first (but not only) Best in Show Cardigan - Lord of the Manor. Sue Bain's friend, convinced he can outrun any German Shepherd that ever lived. Selkirk has spent the last seven months being a Virginia gentleman and in the process won the first leg of a herding title. Selkirk has many champion offspring in Canada and the U.S.A. His grandchildren are out too - their at this Specialty.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS #4 AND #5

The last day of the Speciality was taken over by the two obedience trials. Our Judges were Trial #4 - Barbara Scott - All Classes and Trial #5 - William (Bill) Yates - All Classes. A total of 45 dogs participated in Trial #4 and 42 in Trial #5. The results are as follows:

Highest Qualifying Score by a Junior Handler

Feywynds Gone Bucci - Pomeranian - handled by Stephanie Gallant - Trial #4 - 194 and Trial #5 - 191.

Highest Qualifying Score in Novice A

Trial #4 - Feywynds Gone Bucci - Pomeranian - Stephanie Gallant - 194

Trial #5 - Llanfair's Morgana Le Faye - Labrador Retriever - Marianne M. Voogt - 193½

Highest Qualifying Score by a Cardigan Corgi

Can/Am Ch. Aelwyd Pirate Program - Karen Harbert & Charles MacInnes - 185

Highest Qualifying Score in Novice B

Trial #4 - Ch. Damien's Notorious Desperado - Rotweiller - Shane & Joanne Fisher - 193

Trial #5 - Scotchdale's Last Chance - RoughCollie - William & Marja Higginson - 182

Highest Qualifying Score in Open A

Trial #4 - Kodamar's Jordan of Greystone - Belgian Sheepdog - Don & Carole Dussault - 195

Highest Qualifying Score in Open B

Trial #4 - Ot Ch. Nowaggas Buttons 'N' Bows - Australian Shepherd-Brigita Brinac Dryngiewicz- 197½

Trial #5 - Ot Ch. Nowaggas Buttons 'N' Bows - Australian Shepherd - Brigita Brinac Dryngiewicz - 199

Highest Qualifying Score by a Veteran Dog

Ch. Arbreglen's Coup de Foudre, CDX, TD - Belgian Tervuran - J. A. Neher

Highest Qualifying Score in Utility

Trial #4 - Ot Ch. Nowaggas Buttons 'N' Bows - Australian Shepherd - Brigita Brinac Dryngiewicz - 195

Trial #5 - Aussie Close, CDX - American Cocker Spaniel - Diana Close - 195½

Highest Qualifying Dog in Trial/Day

Ot Ch. Nowaggas Buttons 'N' Bows - Australian Shepherd - Brigita Brinac Dryngiewicz - 199

COMMENTS

We came, we saw, and we borrowed an extra suitcase to take home the goodies! It was a week when dreams came true. It marked the fifth time in eight years of Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club specialties that an Aelwyd dog has been awarded Winners, our fourth Best of Winners, and second High Score in Speciality.

CAN. CH. AELWYD GOLYGUS KOKEPELLI took Winners Male at the Specialty from Puppy Class and finished his Canadian championship the next weekend at London from the Bred By Exhibitor class. "Gus" topped off his winning week by going Best of Breed over his sire and another Special, then making the cut in Group under our long-time favorite judge Melbourne Downing.

CAN. CH. AELWYD GLENMORANGIE - "Angie" (sometimes known as "Angina") was Winners Female and Best of Winners for a five point win to finish her Canadian championship. Her win was especially exciting because both her grandfather (Am/Can/Mex Ch. Aelwyd Red Hot Dragon, Am/Can/Mex CD) and her mother (Am Ch Aelwyd-Perika Blaze Start) won Best of Winners at previous Canadian Sepcialties (1988 and 1991 respectively). Another reason this win was so special was that Angie won the Moonshine Memorial trophy for BOW; I bred Moonshine, I painted her portrait on the trophy, and Moonie was a direct ancestor of all the dogs I brought to this year's CCCC Specialty.

AM/CAN CH. AELWYD PIRATE PROGRAM, CAN CD - was High Scoring Cardigan at the Specialty, bringing home the "Bear" and "Pencader" perpetual trophies. Cobol finished his CD the next weekend at London with High Scoring Corgi to finally retire Chris Edwards' trophies. To the disappointment of Cobol's many friends, we did not risk yelling "Yo! Pond Scum" on the recall, since our scores were going downhill rapidly as each successive lady came in season. Cobol's litter brother, Ch. Finnshavn Aelwyd Supriz Pkg, was BOW at the 1992 CCCC Specialty; Cobol himself won Best Puppy in Group in 1992.

Not to be left out, **AM. CH. AELWYD McGUINNES McGEE**, a son of grand old Red Hot Dragon, was Reserve Winners Dog.

Karen Harbert.

A banquet and Annual General Meeting was held after the Specialty Show on October 11th. The following two items were discussed at this meeting and are offered for your consideration.

Chris and Russ Edwards have taken on the task of setting up a "Year Book" for Cardigan breeders and owners. They can accept photos for the book in a print ready state and information copy will be set up according to style requested. Order forms for the book will be printed in the bulletin and the initial printing will be 200 copies.

Cost of advertising will be:

By invitation only - Front and Back Cover

Front cover (colour only)	\$30.00
Back cover (black/white)	\$25.00

Open to all

Full Page (black/white)	\$20.00
Half Page (black/white)	\$14.00
Third Page (black/white)	\$9.00
Quarter Page (black/white)	\$7.50
Kennel Cards (multi-page listing)	\$5.00

Material should be sent to Chris Edwards, 21 Paddington Avenue, London, Ontario N6J 2S2

Also discussed briefly at the meeting was the proposed Club Plan which is mentioned in "From the President's Desk". Any input you might have concerning this plan would be greatly appreciated. Please direct your comments to Marilyn.

February 5, 1995

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**PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR PLAN
CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB**

The following five-year plan for the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club, which was tabled with the Club membership at the annual general meeting, is intended for

discussion prior to revision. The purpose of the five-year plan is to:

- provide focus and direction for the Club in a mid-range time frame;
- begin to address the Club's financial problems;
- encourage growth in new memberships, and greater participation by current members.

1. PURPOSE

What is the purpose of the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club? I would guess that the current Constitution says something like "to work for the betterment of the purebred Cardigan Welsh Corgi in Canada". I think we could be more specific: I would like to see our club focus on "the versatile (or "performance") Cardigan Welsh Corgi". Our activities over the last few years (eg. herding instinct tests, independent obedience trials, discussion on an annual award for the all-round, versatile Cardigan), lead me to believe that the Club has been moving slowly (**and perhaps accidentally!**) in this direction. It is also my personal belief that our breed would be well-served by an explicit recognition of performance as well as conformation, in order to maintain the complete set of attributes which make up the true Cardigan Corgi.

This approach does not mean a reduced emphasis on conformation shows as a significant Club activity, but is intended to be complementary. The purpose of a conformation show is to select the best dogs for breeding through direct competition. However, a conformation show tests only part of the full range of aptitudes which the originators of each breed built into its makeup, and which should be defined in the breed standard. For example, intelligence, herding instinct and stamina are all essential to a herding breed such as the Cardigan; the first two are not tested through conformation and the third is tested only indirectly. To provide a full assessment of the merits of a dog, some measure of performance should be included. I would like to see the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club adopt a policy to support, encourage and recognize achievement in performance, as well as conformation, to a much greater degree than at present.

If acceptable to the membership, this policy should be incorporated into a revised club constitution, and should guide our planned activities for the next five years, and beyond; this draft plan assumes that such a focus is acceptable.

2. CLUB FINANCES

The Club has not had a successful year financially, and has had to use part of our cash reserves for operating expenditures. In addition, a considerable proportion of the operations of the Club have traditionally been financed by the personal expenditures of the Executive. As with the Constitution, it is time that our financial practices were reviewed. The following actions are proposed:

- the Club has no formal fiscal year, but operates from specialty to specialty. This makes it difficult to compare expenditures from one year to the next; sometimes means that our cash reserves are at their lowest just prior to a Specialty, when funds are most needed; and confuses membership renewals. A formal fiscal year, based on the calendar year (January 1st to December 31st) is proposed.
- all memberships would then be due January 1st. Memberships which have not been renewed by March 1st would be regarded as lapsed, and club privileges would cease.
- membership rates should be reviewed. It is acknowledged that it is unfair, and perhaps counterproductive, to raise membership fees without ensuring that the members are getting something for their money; see discussion under "Newsletter". However, the current rate is probably too low.
- consideration should be given to establishing a junior membership, at a reduced cost. The objective is to encourage and support interest in the breed and the Club, in the expectation that some junior members will eventually become active adult members. The Club would then need to offer activities for juniors.
- a nominal fee (say, \$2.00) should be charged for the publication of puppy ads in the newsletter. Consideration should also be given to the inclusion of other forms of paid advertising; see below.
- other forms of fundraising should also be explored.

Initiatives relating to a set financial year and the lapsing of unpaid memberships should be included in a revised Club constitution.

3. NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is the primary means of communications between the Club and its membership, and for many of our members, particularly the pet owners, it is the primary (**only**) benefit of Club membership. It is therefore vitally important that the newsletter be interesting, informative and published on a regular basis. The following is proposed as a revised policy for the newsletter:

- the position of newsletter editor should be included on the Club executive. This change will have to be included in a revised Club constitution.
- a (small) committee should be struck to refine a new editorial policy and to assist the editor. I suggest a committee of three, including the editor, who would serve as chair.
- the newsletter should be published three times a year.
- the editorial policy for the newsletter should recognize that the majority of members are pet owners (without abandoning content of interest to exhibitors and breeders), and should, if we adopt a category of junior membership, include a column specifically geared to juniors.
- a nominal fee should be charged for placing puppy ads, as noted above. The feasibility of including other forms of paid advertising should be examined by the newsletter committee.
- for printing the newsletter, the Club currently must rely on commercial printers (extremely expensive), or the use of copiers in the offices of the members of the Executive, on either a cost-recovery basis (good) or (ahem!) in the dead of night (not so good). The feasibility of purchasing copy equipment, using the Club's reserve funds, should be examined by the newsletter committee.

4. CLUB ACTIVITIES

Specialty Shows

The Club has the right to hold independent specialty shows and obedience trials, and has done both. However, for a group as small as the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club, this has proven to be a dubious privilege, at best. We cannot, at this time, draw a large enough entry to succeed financially, and the work involved in organizing and running an

independent show places a considerable burden on the relatively small number of active members. It is therefore recommended that, at least over the next five years, the Club hold its National Specialty Show only in conjunction with an all-breed club.

Traditionally our Specialty has been held in the late spring or summer. Two years ago there was a request from the membership that Specialties be held in the cooler months (fall-winter) so that the dogs would be in better coat. To some extent we have attempted to accede to this request, the last two Specialties having been held in early September and now October. Holding Specialties in the fall and winter does however create a problem for some members, who cannot afford to attend unless they can camp. The timing of Specialties should be given further discussion.

For a variety of reasons, specialties have tended to be organized by one person. (The 1994 Specialty was something of an exception: we had a committee of three.) This is both a rather large burden of work for a single individual, and does not develop expertise within the membership: each member who takes the job on must learn it all from scratch, a fact which tends to discourage people from volunteering. It is proposed that a Specialty Committee be formed. Apart from spreading the workload more equitably, the committee structure would provide for the development of a pool of expertise within the club, almost as an apprenticeship, which in turn will give us greater flexibility and more successful shows. As with other proposed committees, this may need to be incorporated in a revised constitution.

Our past Specialties have been held in the following locations:

1987:	Fort Erie (co-ordinated with the U.S. Specialty)
1988:	Chateauguay
1989:	Leamington
1990:	Richmond Hill
1991:	Chateauguay
1992:	Woodstock
1993:	Cornwall
1994:	Newmarket
1995:	Calgary (planned)

Proposed future locations:

1996: 10th Anniversary Show : a joint show with the Pembroke people, to be held in Central Canada (Winnipeg to Montreal). Planning should start NOW.

Future years: Needs additional thought.

PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES

Performance activities include (but may not be limited to) obedience, herding, tracking, agility and flyball. The Club has supported obedience and herding through independent trials and tests, while individual Club members participate in some of the other activities. If the membership supports the proposal for an explicit emphasis on the versatile Cardigan, the Club will develop ways to support, promote and recognize achievement in the performance activities.

Specific suggestions include:

- as the Cardigan Corgi is a herding breed, the Club should encourage (lobby) the Canadian Kennel Club to recognize herding as an activity. (Chris Edwards is already working on this: she has offered herself as the chair of a national Herding Committee.)
- if the above effort is successful, the Club can move from holding herding instinct tests to real herding trials. Again, given the original purpose of the breed, the Club should endeavour to hold a herding trial in conjunction with a Specialty Show a minimum of every third year. (The recommendation is for every third year because we move the Specialty around: not all locales will be suitable, but we should take the requirement into account when selecting locations.) This requirement, if adopted, should be written into the Club constitution; however, herding should not be the only performance activity supported by the Club.
- creation of an annual award for the all-round Cardigan, based on performance as well as conformation results.
- the Club could hold a Herding Clinic.
- establishment of a Performance Committee to oversee the above.

5. OTHER

.archives
.education
.rescue???

6. CLUB CONSTITUTION

The current Club Constitution is about 15 years old by now, and will require revisions in order to incorporate a number of the suggestions outlined in this plan. Therefore a committee of three, at least one of whom should be a member of the Club executive, and one a member at large, should be asked to draft a new Constitution. (The third member can be either.) A draft should be available for inclusion in a newsletter prior to the 1995 annual general meeting, which will be in August '95 in Calgary, so that the membership may discuss the revised Constitution at that time. A revised version of the Constitution will also be printed in the newsletter, and the membership will be asked to vote by mail.

IN MEMORIUM

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of two wonderful dogs. The following tributes were written by Karen Harbert.

CANADIAN/AMERICAN CHAMPION FINNSHAVN'S ALEXANDER SELKIRK

(August 30, 1986 - December 12, 1994)

Selkirk made his place in history as the first Best In Show Cardigan in Canada, but for those of us who loved him, other memories intrude: Selkirk in Atlanta, curled up on Sue Bain's pillow with a stuffed toy; Selkirk in Arizona, posing upside-down amid the debris of a party; Selkirk in California, pretending it wasn't raining; Selkirk in Virginia, pretending there were no sheep. From coast to coast he touched many lives. His impish grin and his brightly painted face will always sparkle in our memories.

**AMERICAN/CANADIAN CHAMPION
HELEN MacINNES***(July 17, 1991 - December 15, 1994)*

Not a blazing star like her Uncle Selkirk, or her brother Cobol, Helen was quiet, good-natured, sweet and loving, and now gone too soon. As much as it hurts to recall, let Helen be remembered as proof that there's never any such thing as an escape-proof fence, and maybe, wherever she is now, she'll finally catch the cat.

I would very much like to hear from anyone who has stories or anecdotes about their favourite Cardis. Take care of each other - sometimes life is just too short. Sammy, Tina and I send our love to all our Cardigan friends near and far.

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