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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Does anybody know where spring has gone? It's May 12, Mother's Day, and after 48 straight hours of rain, it is now snowing. My tulips are beaten to the ground, the daffodils are tattered rags but are still standing more or less unbowed, and the 300 or so transplants I put in the garden on Thursday are doing the backstroke. Only Flynn appears happy with the deluge: her favourite puddles have returned! It is comical to see her churn up a spray of water as she tears through a puddle in hot pursuit of a robin....but I'd forgo the pleasure for a little bit of spring. Winter here has now lasted 7 months! Even my trip to California in February was no escape from the weather this year. After several days of rain, attended by fog and hail, it snowed in San Diego! As we watched the TV coverage (snowfall in southern California gets big TV ratings) it was suggested that it was time for the Canadian to leave town!

The results of the election for Club Executive are not yet available, although they should be by the time you receive this. However, we decided to go ahead with this issue of the newsletter since it contains important information about the Specialty and other up-coming events.

A big "thank you" is due to a few of our members who spotted a couple of problems with some of our permanent trophies and generously solved them for us. Don and Sue Lassila, who took home a pretty fair haul of goodies from Calgary, returned them all to Charlie MacInnes...in brand new custom-built boxes! Charlie says they are easier to open; I trust this means we can stop trying to remember where the Club's Robertson screwdriver was last seen! Meanwhile, Karen Harbert noticed that we had run out of room for additional plaques on the Best of Breed trophy, so she had it rebuilt to add extra space. Thanks very much, all of you!

Have you discovered *Wishbone* yet? I feel a little disloyal mentioning it, since *Wishbone* is (ahem!) not a Cardigan, but a rival breed; specifically a Jack Russell terrier. *Wishbone* is also a wonderful TV show intended to introduce kids to classic literature. Some of us big folk are getting a kick out of it too. Each episode tells a "real-life" story revolving around *Wishbone* and his teenage master, Joe. The dog's vivid imagination conjures up parallels from great

books such as *Oliver Twist* or *Tom Sawyer*...in which the dog, togged out in the appropriate costume, is the hero! The links between the framework stories and the classics are well done, the dog makes everything accessible to kids, and those costumes are terminally cute. Does it work? Well, one of my office colleagues reports that her family's dinnertime has been moved back half an hour since *Wishbone* started airing; and that her five-year old son, after watching the *Romeo and Juliet* episode, struck a pose with his hand on his heart and declaimed, "Mommy, they were talking poetry!" *Wishbone* is shown on PBS in the US, and on TVOntario here (6 pm weekdays). It may also be available elsewhere in Canada.

### SPECIALTY NEWS!!!

Plans for the 1996 Specialty Show are moving ahead! Show Chair, Charlie MacInnes, reports that the Specialty will be held on Saturday August 24, in conjunction with the Markham Kennel Club show (Premium List is enclosed). (Despite the name of the Club, the venue is actually in Richmond Hill, Ontario.) The CKC has confirmed our judges, Bridget Smeeton from New Zealand for regular classes and Nan Green from Australia for junior and veteran's sweeps. (The judging assignments were unintentionally reversed in the last CWCCA newsletter; our apologies to Nan and Bridget!)

As you are aware, this is our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. Sadly, in the last few months we have lost both our first Best of Breed winner, Can./Am. Ch. Tesseract's Pete of Santana, and BOS winner, Can./Am. Vestavia's Molly D. Mahoney. With the permission of their owners, the 1996 Specialty will honour the memory of Molly and Peter. We hope to have special commemorative trophies for some classes, particularly in Veterans' Sweepstakes. And Pam Allen, Molly's owner, has generously offered us a permanent trophy in Molly's name; it will be awarded to the Best of Opposite Sex in Junior Sweepstakes. To round things out, the Finnshavn's Alexander Selkirk Memorial Trophy (not awarded in 1995) will now be offered as Best in Junior Sweeps.

The weekend gets under way with a booster on Friday, August 23, judged by Mr. Lesley Rogers, who

did our very first booster in 1977. The Specialty will be Saturday, and we are trying to arrange that it be held in the afternoon to help out those exhibitors who want to attend the Western Reserve Specialty in Ohio on Friday. The official Specialty obedience trial will be held on Sunday August 25. Please note that the Markham Kennel Club is holding two trials on Sunday; ours is called Trial # 3. We are holding the obedience trial on a separate day from the conformation classes to accommodate our obedience exhibitors who have been unable to compete the last couple of years due to scheduling conflicts with conformation.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

As usual, we will hold our annual general meeting during the Specialty weekend. Time (and location) will be determined once judging schedules are available. Come and meet the new executive, find out what's going on, and get involved with your Club!

#### RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

What would the Specialty show be without The Raffle!? Not very much, as a matter of fact, because the raffle is the major fund-raising event of the year. It pays for trophies, ribbons, postage and everything else we need to keep the Club going. You will find your raffle tickets enclosed in this newsletter, and more tickets will be available at Markham. Tickets are three for \$2.00 (you can even use the new two dollar coin!). For our non-resident members, this is known either as the twoneey, or the Queen-with-a-bear-behind. Please put your name and address on the back of the tickets, and mail them (with the money, of course) to Marilyn Boissonneault. The draw takes place at the Specialty; if you win but are not present, don't worry, we'll pick out something nice and mail it to you. And if you have items to raffle, bring them to the show, or send them to Marilyn. Support your Club; we need you!

#### FIRST CARDIGAN FUN DAY!

Our first Cardigan Fun Day and Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 6 at Shelley Camm's place: 11722 Mississauga Road, Georgetown, Ontario. We have done lots of stuff for the conformation and obedience people in the past; this is for you pet folks! Pack up your Cardis, your kids, your in-laws, some lawn chairs, a picnic lunch (don't forget water for the dog!) and come on out for the day! We are still in the planning

stages, but so far Barb Hoffman has offered a grooming demonstration, Shelley will show us Cardis in flyball, there will be silly contests (biggest ears? longest tail?), neat Cardi stuff to buy, and lots of fun and socializing. Patches will be taking time from her busy schedule as Director of Customer Approval (she hates the term "mascot") of the Upper Canada Farmer's Market to attend. Why don't you come, too? (Aw, heck, we won't even discriminate against any show people if they turn up, too!)

#### CARDIGAN GROUP PLACEMENTS FOR 1995

- Feb. 17:** Sudbury and District Kennel Club  
**BPIG:** Merrymoon Dragon's Gold (B. Hoffman)  
**Judge:** Mr. R. Lake, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
- March 5:** Orangeville and District Kennel Club  
**Group 2nd:** Ch. Finnshavn Michael Oarsman (C.D. MacInnes)  
**Judge:** Mrs. R. Knight, Wainfleet, Ontario
- April 16:** Kiwanis Club Dog Shows (Cloverdale, B.C.)  
**Group 3rd:** Ch. Zircon's Cascade Avalanche (E. & P. Stigleman)  
**Judge:** Mr. L.R. Mapes, Carol Stream, Illinois
- May 22:** Nicola Valley Kennel Club  
**Group 4th:** Ch. Waibourne's Butler of Simayak (M.S. Ball)  
**Judge:** Mrs. B. Walkey, Lumby, B.C.
- June 9:** St. Francis Kennel Club  
**Group 4th:** Ch. Cardach Ginger Beer (E. Bishop)  
**Judge:** Mrs. H. Miller-Fischer, Lake Elmo, Minn.
- June 17:** Yukon Kennel Club  
**Group 4th:** Finnshavn Alynn Ruby Red (A. Alcock)  
**Judge:** Mr. C. H. Francis, Surrey, B.C.
- August 5:** Alberta Kennel Club  
**BPIG:** Ch. Shadowalk Glory Hallelujah (P. Chen, S. & D. Lassila)  
**Judge:** Betty Moore, Houston, Texas

- August 10:** Grey-Bruce Kennel Club  
**Group 4th:** Ch. Finnshavn Michael Oarsman (C.D. MacInnes)  
**Judge:** Quentin Laham, El Dorado Hills, California
- August 10:** Thompson Kennel Club (Manitoba)  
**Group 1st & BIS:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Denise Kodner, Deerfield, Illinois
- August 10:** Thompson Kennel Club  
**Group 1st:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Les Kodner, Deerfield, Illinois
- August 11:** Thompson Kennel Club  
**Group 1st:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Honey Glendinning, Delta, B.C.
- August 11:** Westerley Dog Club (Edmonton)  
**Group 3rd:** Ch. Davenitch English Toffee (C.D. MacInnes)  
**BPIG:** Ch. Shadowalk Glory Hallelujah (P. Chen, S. & D. Lassila)  
**Judge:** Jan Buchanan, Uxbridge, Ontario
- August 12:** Thompson Kennel Club  
**Group 1st:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Phyllis Laventhal Wolfish, Toronto, Ontario
- August 12:** Thompson Kennel Club  
**Group 1st:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Lawrence Haverstock, St. Albert, Alberta
- August 12:** Westerley Dog Club  
**BPIG:** Ch. Shadowalk Glory Hallelujah (P. Chen, S. & D. Lassila)  
**Judge:** Jack Ireland, Fingal, Ontario
- August 13:** Thompson Kennel Club  
**Group 1st & BIS:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Catherine Debruyne, Rockland, Ontario
- August 13:** Thompson Kennel Club  
**Group 2nd:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Levien Debruyne, Rockland, Ontario
- August 18:** Manitoba Canine Association  
**Group 1st:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Michael Hill, Toronto, Ontario
- August 19:** Manitoba Canine Association  
**Group 2nd:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Catherine Debruyne, Rockland, Ontario
- August 20:** Manitoba Canine Association  
**Group 2nd:** Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy (J. Schatz)  
**Judge:** Jan Buchanan, Uxbridge, Ontario
- August 26:** Markham Kennel Club  
**Group 4th:** Ch. Finnshavn Michael Oarsman (C.D. MacInnes)  
**Judge:** John Kearley, Stellarton, Nova Scotia
- Sept. 4:** Cornwall and District Kennel Club  
**BPIG:** Zenobia ap Lecha (R. & R. Gerlach)  
**Judge:** Evelyn Peterson, Grimsby, Ontario
- Sept. 23:** Mount Cheam Canine Association  
**Group 4th:** Ch. Waibourne's Butler of Simayak (M.S. Ball)  
**Judge:** Bob-John Ellieff, Toronto, Ontario
- October 28:** Club Canin Chomedy Inc.  
**Group 2nd:** Ch. Cardach Ginger Beer (E. Bishop)  
**Judge:** Robert Cole, Ottawa
- Nov. 12:** Georgina Kennel and Obedience Club  
**Group 4th & BPIG:** Ch. Robinhood's Chakotay (S. Saunders)  
**Judge:** Stanley Whitmore, Richmond Hill, Ontario

Eleven different dogs earned twenty-six placements, which means that, despite Maggie's impressive performance, the group honours were well spread around. Even with the small population of

Cardigans and the consequent relative unfamiliarity of some judges with the breed, there is quality out there and it is being recognized. Hey, way to go, guys! Congratulations to everybody involved!

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

If you have a little time on your hands and would like to help the Club, have we got an offer for you! Volunteers are wanted to assist in the following areas. If something catches your fancy, please contact Marilyn Boissonneault.

- o If you like to shop, consider serving as **trophy chairperson**. Marilyn has done it since 1989 (including this year) and is running out of ideas!
- o The newsletter always needs **writers**; tell us about *your* experiences with Cardis (newsletter submissions can go directly to Bette.)
- o We need someone to keep track of **group placements** and the judges who gave them (as above); this can be done from the privacy of your own home if you get the CKC official pages!
- o We also need someone to keep **statistics** for the "all 'round Cardigan of the year" award we keep talking about (we *are* going to get this off the ground, honest!)

Other items will be raised at the Annual Meeting at the Specialty, including the revision of the Standard; plans for the Cardigan Extravaganza in Cardigan, PEI in 2000; the 1999 Specialty; etc. If you cannot make the annual meeting but would like to be involved in some way in these initiatives, let Marilyn know.

## THE TRAINING CORNER

### In Search of Miracles

Russ Edwards

What do you do when traditional training techniques fail to produce the results that you desire? Change schools, go to seminars and/or workshops, in short .... you join the multitude of disenchanting upon their journey, in search of "MIRACLE CURES to training problems".

Having spent much time, effort and money you will find yourself at a fork in the "road too easily travelled" with a decision to make that may take you further towards your goal .... or further towards Suckerville.

It is at this point that you find you already know what you need to know and any further searching would be a waste of your time and resources. No Guru or Canine Behaviourist, no speakers of the truth, no classy college of higher learning can help you. Your failure, like everybody's failures in training, comes from your inability to communicate with your dog what it is you expect of them, and how providing this for you will ultimately benefit them. Sound complicated? It really isn't.

Tanwynn, a cardigan corgi, had a rather disturbing habit of breaking the long down exercise ten seconds before the judge gave the exercise finished command, thus failing the entire trial. Frustrating to say the least. But, who's fault was it? Was it Tanny's or was it mine?

The fault always lies with **THE TRAINER** not the dog and not any environmental obstacles that may or may not hinder the process of learning (we will discuss this one further in another column).

If I was to get past this little problem, I knew I would have to find the real cause, so my ego had to be put aside (no small task, by the way) and I had to evaluate what had occurred.

When looking at the event objectively, it became obvious to me that my failure was that I had not taught Tanny to stay until I told her that the exercise was over - I had left her to guess at when the exercise might end. I caution, when ever left up to the dog to choose, they will always choose wrong.

Now knowing the cause of the problem was that my instructor had failed to teach me to train my --- just kidding!

Now knowing that I had failed my dog I was prepared to begin the process of fixing my mistake by going back to the beginning with the exercise and slowly retraining with Tanny learning to wait for my command to signal the end of the exercise. It worked! The very next trial we passed, and went on to obtain her C.D. that same weekend.

This is not a miracle, it is simply taking responsibility for training errors, rather than seeking to blame others (including the dog) for our own shortcomings. Far too often at trials I have witnessed the disturbing scene of handlers taking out their anger on the dog, the Judge and/or Ring Stewards, when in fact the fault lies squarely with the trainer.

In conclusion, remember always that the product of any training session is only as good as the Trainer's abilities allow it to be, and when training you will always get the dog that your efforts deserve.

The following article was written by Dr. Ken Storimans, a small animal veterinarian who practices in Elmvale and Penetanguishene. Dr. Storimans and his wife, Dr. Barbara Chidiac-Storimans (who is also a veterinarian), also breed and raise Golden Retrievers. Dr. Storimans is now qualified to do the PENNHIP radiographic technique for detection of hip dysplasia. We feel very fortunate to have such an up-to-date veterinary practice in our small town.

### NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA PREVENTION AND DETECTION

K. J. Storimans, B.Sc, DVM

Each year millions of dogs across North America are afflicted with hip dysplasia in spite of the efforts of breeders, veterinarians and pet owners to reduce the frequency of this crippling disorder. Often undetected until an animal is 1 to 2 years of age pet owners are frequently devastated by the cost of surgical treatment, the emotional trauma of losing a pet that must be destroyed and the suffering that their animal has to endure. Breeders of purebred dogs usually have hundreds if not thousands of dollars invested in prospective breeding stock in show fees, veterinary bills, feeding and housing costs only to lose it all if the animal is determined to be dysplastic.

By strict adherence to OFA and OVC guidelines many breeders and veterinarians have demonstrated a sincere commitment to eliminate Canine Hip Dysplasia (CHD) from the dog world. Each year 19,000 to 20,000 dogs undergo hip radiography for evaluation by OFA and about 2,000 at OVC in Canada. Despite this massive expense and effort the incidence of CHD has essentially remained unchanged over the last 20 years!

A new radiographic technique for evaluation of CHD has been developed by Dr. Gail Smith and his colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania called PENNHIP. The PENNHIP radiographic technique enables dogs with CHD to be detected at an earlier age (as early as 16 weeks) and is a much more accurate means of disease discovery.

The PENNHIP method of radiographic evaluation is a technique that uses a series of three x-rays to determine an index of joint laxity. First, a standard OFA or OVC view is taken to evaluate the overall joint conformation. Next, two new views are taken, one called a compression view and one called a distraction view. The joint laxity is calculated using a D.I. (Distraction Index) with measurements taken and comparisons made between the compression view and the distraction view. The new stress-radiographic method requires dogs to be deeply sedated or under general anesthetic.

Dr. Gail Smith feels that the current techniques for evaluation of CHD are deficient because they only detect the phenotypically normal animals (those dogs who have normal *looking* hips) as opposed to genotypically normal animals (those dogs who have normal genes). One example of this was a large study of German Shepherd dogs done in the 1970's that looked at the offspring of OFA certified "normal to normal" matings. Fully 20% of the offspring of these matings were judged to have hip dysplasia. Dr. Smith also has noted that the average rejection rate for German Shepherds is currently about 23% for films submitted to OFA and that this rate has not changed significantly over the last 15 to 20 years. Clearly then no progress has been made in eliminating CHD using OVC or OFA methods!

Further studies at the University of Pennsylvania have shown that D.I. index is an excellent method of predicting the development of CHD. The lower the D.I. index, the lower the probability of an individual dog developing CHD. Another exciting aspect of this new technology is that it can be done in dogs as early as 16 weeks of age. Over the past 11 years a large pool of research data has accumulated to establish the efficacy of this new method. Hip laxity has now been shown to be the best factor in predicting a dog's susceptibility for developing CHD.

While it is important to know if an individual animal is likely to develop hip dysplasia it is even more important to know how heritable the condition is so that a breeder can apply this information to his/her breeding program. Traits within a population can be modified by selection of animals with the desired characteristic. The total variability of a trait that can be attributed to genetic influences is called the heritability and is expressed as a percent. For example if the heritability of a trait is 0.5 then this means that 50% of the total variability of the trait is due to the genetic make up of the animal. In order to make significant genetic change the heritability of a

trait must be more than 0.2 or 20%. The degree to which selective breeding will influence the offspring genotype for CHD depends on the heritability of joint laxity expressed as a D.I. index. Studies have shown that the heritability of CHD as expressed as a D.I. index is in fact quite high (as high as 0.92) meaning that it should be quite easy to select for those animals with a low D.I. index and thus reduce the incidence of CHD. For comparison the heritability of CHD using the OFA method has been calculated at 0.22 (meaning that it would be very difficult to effect genetic change and would require a great length of time). Dr. Smith believes that the more rapidly breeders and veterinarians embrace the PENNHIP technology the sooner breeders will be able to produce breeding stock with lower CHD susceptibility.

The D.I. index as mentioned above is a measurement of hip laxity. The tighter the hip the lower the D.I. index. How low can you go? With the D.I. index the lower the better. Currently Dr. Smith feels that the goal for most breeds should be a D.I. index lower than 0.3. Studies have shown that dogs with a D.I. index lower than 0.3 have almost no chance of developing CHD.

For some breeds a lot of improvement is needed! Golden Retrievers for example have a breed average of about 0.65 which is very high and we see a very high incidence of CHD in this breed. At the other end of the scale are racing greyhounds and Borzois, two breed that have a very low incidence of hip dysplasia and have average D.I. indexes as low as 0.18. When it comes to hips, the tighter the better.

To have your dog's hips checked for hip dysplasia using the PENNHIP method you will first have to find a veterinarian who is certified to do the procedure. Certification requires that the veterinarian take a one day course to learn the technique and that he/she submit a study on 5 dogs to the University of Pennsylvania to ensure that the correct positioning is being used. Once a veterinarian has become certified he is able to take the required radiographs and submit them to PENNHIP for evaluation. All animals radiographed are submitted, even if it appears they may not pass. A certificate will be issued by PENNHIP. Three outcomes are possible when submitting radiographs to PENNHIP. Animals that have a D.I. index less than 0.3 will be considered to be NORMAL. Dogs with a D.I. index of greater than 0.3 but with no signs of CHD will be classified as having HYPERLAXITY. This diagnosis implies that the dog is technically disease susceptible but at the present time has no signs of CHD. A diagnosis of

CONFIRMED HIP DYSPLASIA is given to any dog with evidence of CHD of the standard OFA views.

So how can you use these results to minimize the chances that your prize breeding stock will throw dysplastic pups? The first idea that you must embrace is a complete commitment to eliminating hip dysplasia from your kennel. THE ONLY WAY TO ELIMINATE A TRAIT IS TO APPLY SELECTION PRESSURE!! A common mistake that many breeders make is to resubmit films that did not pass OVC to OFA in the hope that they will get a "Fair" from OFA. The object of selective breeding is not to get a 'pass', the objective should be to eliminate those animals carrying the trait. For owners of breeds like Golden Retrievers and other "loose hip" breeds the objective should be to set goals and gradually work toward them. At the current time there are very few dogs of these breeds with D.I. indexes as low as 0.30 when the breed average is as high as 0.60 to 0.80. For example a breeder might select only those dogs with a D.I. of less than 0.45 for the first few years and later as the genetic stock improves to make more stringent selection later from the offspring. In one study a German Shepherd kennel owner was able to reduce the average D.I. index from 0.80 (very high) to less than 0.30 in about 8 years.

To find a veterinarian that can do PENNHIP radiographs in your area contact International Canine Genetics at 1-800-248-8099.

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#### NEW MEMBERS

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We would like to welcome the following new members to the CCCC

Willy O. Davies, 631 Meredith, R. R. #2, Mill Bay, B.C.  
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and

Patti Snider and George Leonhauser, Noble Star  
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☺☺☺☺      LETTERS TO THE EDITOR      ☺☺☺☺

February 19, 1996

Letter to the Editor:

Thank you for a very interesting issue of the Newsletter (Vol 17, No. 1) just received and enjoyed. While I agree with much of what was written I have to take exception to the letter from Barb Hoffman, Merrymoon Kennels.

She suggests there is some form of conspiracy/dictatorship going on. Specialty planning is done in advance up to two years or more, decisions have to be made, contracts signed, clubs have to inform CKC and await approval ahead of dates and all this is done to a timetable after the fact of club choices having been made. Since this club does not meet more often than Boosters and Nationals these are the times when decisions have to be made. Voting members then are those who attend and are CCCC members, not all club memberships. Decisions are based on probability, availability and commitment. We already went the way of the independent shows and found that member support was not sufficient to sustain this type of show. Now we use the facilities of existing clubs and dates and occasionally, where appropriate, their judges if they are qualified to give unbiased appraisal, with preference to location and in regard to the CKC mandate to rotate as required. We have endeavoured to place Nationals as close to the USA border crossing, as often as possible, in order to attract as many entries from America as can manage to come.

There was a time we had a breed column in Dogs in Canada Breedlines Column: Cardigan Welsh Corgi. Was this elected or volunteer? I think if memory serves our writer was Barb Hoffman but I can't remember the last time an article appeared or what the subject was. This would have been the ideal place to keep other club fanciers up to date on current or upcoming happenings, breed standard revisions, health topics and the things that we could consider regarding the club direction or what was happening in the USA club, etc. But as I said, I can't remember when I last saw such a column.

In the words of Oscar Wilde 'Each man kills the thing he loves'. I would add "not by love but by neglect".

So unless you offer your personal assistance NOW you cannot complain for the next three years that you had no part in the decision process. I joined a local all

breed club to gain experience to help run a show and learned all I could about Conformation shows. I formed a local Obedience Club because I enjoy the sport and wanted to give back some of the pleasure that I had gained. The people I met in the two clubs were as different as chalk and cheese and where one was giving the other was always taking. I belong to two breed clubs in the USA and two in Canada. Everywhere it seems to be the same, obedience people pitch in to help each other run the show, conformation people are mainly at the other end of the scale - a few do all the work. Oh, by the way, I also learned what herding was all about and found out that to do a trial you must first put on a instinct test. Corgis can do well at sheep, not ducks, but would be best on cattle. There are no Ontario judges for cattle and no facilities either, so we do sheep. At least we are preserving the instinct in Cardigans this way until we can find someone willing to allow us the use of cattle to test on. CKC herding certification does not recognize the instinct test but we must keep the testing up or we will lose the ability to breed true herding dogs and end up with pretty looking pet dogs of good breed style but no working potential ... not herding dogs. How about an education Seminar to be held at each National Specialty since we must rotate according to CKC regulations we could target many new judges who might like to see and learn about our breed.

With new and potential judges exposed to so many exhibits they would learn what GOOD Cardigans are and get firsthand opportunities to see more than the usual handful and perhaps better judging would result. This is one of the things I see as being needed to improve the knowledge of both judges and breeders in order to keep the breed on the right path in years to come when some of us may not be around to direct new breeders .

In that vein I ask any of the long time owners and breeders of Cardigans to please help me to compile information on the early dogs of Canada - who had them, where did they come from, and what were they used for? What did they look like, what do your remember of shows in the early days when they were part of the Working Group scene? Do you recall how big the entries were then? The time period I need is first in Canada to 1984 when we had our first National at Fort Erie, Ontario.

Send any information to me for the Cardigan History section of our first Breed Book. I promise to keep you informed as to progress regarding the section on current dogs and will specify in the next

Newsletter how the advertising is coming along, the date of publication and the cost, etc.

Sincerely,

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## NEW BREED HISTORY OF DOGS (CARDIGAN) IN CANADA

### ADVERTISING

Section on breed history first Canadian Cardigan to 1984: No charge

#### Pictorial advertising

(8" x 10" full page) one black/white picture & word copy	\$15.00
(4" x 10" - half page) one black/white picture & word copy	\$7.50
(2" x 5" - quarter page) one black/white picture & word copy	\$4.00
(8" x 3½" - one-third page) one black/white picture & word copy	\$5.00
(3½ x 2") listing for kennel cards	\$2.00

#### Section on activities Cardigans are involved in:

Conformation shows  
Obedience shows  
Herding trials/working stock dogs  
Agility/flyball trials  
Therapy work/service dogs

Other: commercials, community work, etc. Special section on all round family pet.

To all members: Surely your Cardigans can fit into one of these categories and become part of Canadian breed history?

Be sure to include: dog's full name, date of birth, age in photograph, your full name and address (plus costs to return photos), written details regarding subject, health clearances, pedigree - sire and dam - if required, awards, etc.

Send your submissions to:

**BREED HISTORY**  
c/o Chris Edwards  
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March 22, 1996

Letter to the Editor:

Would it be possible in future when reporting booster and specialty result to print all the class placings as well as BOB, BOS, WD, RWD, WB, RWB, P? Studying the placings is a good way to determine what particular judges are looking for and rewarding in our breed. It is also a good way to identify emerging trends.

Regarding the President's response to my letter in the last newsletter, I appreciate the clarification.

It is nice to see more people writing letters and articles for the newsletter. I understand that Ruth Lister is working her Cardigan in tracking. Perhaps we could prevail upon her to write about her experiences.

Merrymoon would also like to welcome Patti Snider and George Leonhauser (Noble Star Cardigans) of Levittown, PA to the CCCC. Patti shows in conformation and obedience and is an obedience trainer at her local all-breed club. George's dog activities include taking videos of Patti in conformation, driving to Canada once a year for the Cornwall shows and spoiling their dogs.

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April 12, 1996

**PUPPIES FOR SALE**

Letter to the Editor:

I really enjoyed reading the last newsletter, in particular fellow Albertan Lore Lee Bruder's article. While I agree with a lot of her points, there are a couple that I would have to disagree with.

There seems to be a trend toward breeding dogs with a slightly higher rear. More and more I am seeing breeders getting away from a level topline and moving toward a topline that slopes up from the shoulder to rear. Lore Lee credits that dogs that are a little high in the rear have a much better jumping ability, more speed and a quicker take off. But should we credit high rears for this ability? A high rear is often the result of hocks being too long for the leg. There is saying that low hocks give agility, high hocks give speed. In greyhounds and whippets it is preferable to have a dog that is high in the hock. In corgis we need more agility than speed and good hocks should give us this and quick take offs as well.

A cardigan is also supposed to have a narrower rear than that of a pembroke. Unfortunately many breeders are breeding wider rears. Narrower rears are there for a purpose, the more closely placed legs give the Cardi a more substantial base for springing. This is where we should be getting dogs with jumping ability and great agility. Narrower rears and correct hocks.

A word on coats. The correct coat for showing or working should be a medium coat of harsh texture. A coat that is too long would retain moisture and coats that are too short, wiry or silky would not provide the cardigan with the right insulation.

These are just a few thing I have picked up through reading and studying the Corgi.

I agree with the rest of Lore's article and applaud her for breeding true working cardis, not just what is trendy or what the judges want to see.

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Merrymoon Reg'd announces the arrival of spring puppies:

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