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# **CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB NEWLETTER**

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Well, somehow I just couldn't get it together to produce a column for the last issue: there just seemed to be too much of this and that to be done at the same time. But lots has been happening, so perhaps I can make it up in this issue. (I hope that isn't taken as a veiled threat!)

First: the election results were published in the last issue. I would like to congratulate those who were successful, and thank those who ran but did not win. Your offer to assist the club by serving in an executive position is deeply appreciated; we are apt to turn to you again in the future, so please don't be discouraged! I also want to thank our new and continuing directors: we hope to see a greater role for you in the near future, if the proposed Constitution is ratified. The draft Constitution and Code of Ethics were mailed to all members in mid-February.

I would like to make note of a couple of corrections from the previous newsletter. In the results of the Specialty show, the reserve winners dog, Aberwyvern Llanelidon, is co-owned by Karen Harbert and me. And Karen and I are jointly responsible for the writeup on the Specialty weekend.

**Obedience Trial:** As you may know, we are authorized by the CKC to hold independent specialty shows and obedience trials, privileges that were earned by holding three sanction matches, observed by CKC officials to make sure we could do it properly and without major screw-ups! To retain the ability to put on independent obedience trials, we must hold one every three years; otherwise the right to do so is revoked and if we want it reinstated we must start the sanction match process all over again. To keep this privilege, we are required to hold an independent obedience trial in 1997. I have discussed this with the other members of the executive, plus some members at large, and the general feeling is that there really isn't enough interest among the membership to warrant the effort (which is considerable, and which usually falls on one or two people). Our last two independent trials were held in 1993 and 1994. Neither earned us much money. In '93, no Cardigans entered; in '94, when it was held in conjunction with the National Specialty, there were only three. Even when we hold our Specialty in conjunction with an all-breed club, designating one of their trials as the

official Specialty trial, we get only a couple of entries....some years, none at all. This is a bit depressing, given that Cardigans make talented obedience dogs and we are, after all, a "performance breed". However, we have reluctantly concluded that we will not hold an independent trial this year, thereby allowing the right to do so to lapse. This will, however, have an impact on our plans for the 1998 and 2000 Specialties: we could hold obedience seminars or corrections matches, but we would not be allowed to award legs towards a title. Please, if anybody out there feels strongly that this is not the right decision, get in touch with me or one of the other executive ASAP!: if we *do* want to retain our privileges, we have to get on this right away!

**On Breeder-judges:** And speaking of Specialties: I understand that there is considerable debate going on in the US regarding the use of breeder-judges at Specialty shows. There is a body of opinion which states that *only* breeder-judges, i.e. someone who is or has been a Cardigan breeder, and who is also licensed to judge the breed by the American Kennel Club (or in our case by the CKC) should judge at Specialty shows. The argument is an interesting one, with potentially far-reaching implications, so let me toss in my two cents worth.

Let me start by saying that I am not disparaging the value of breeder-judges. Their expertise and perspective is unique and valuable. It is the contention that *only* breeder-judges should do Specialties that concerns me. I have three reasons:

There aren't very many Cardigan breeder-judges. There are seven in the US, and none here. In the US there are a number of regional specialties, as well as the annual national show (we don't do regional specialties because our numbers are so small and scattered). With so few "eligible" judges, and a good number of shows if you consider the American situation, it doesn't take very long before you have run through all the judges available. After that, you are essentially getting recycled opinions. The results become predictable. You attend if the breeder-judge doing that specialty "likes your stuff", if not, you likely stay home. In the long run, that diminishes, not enhances, the value of Specialty shows.

Second, we are always reminded to avoid kennel blindness, that attitude of complacency that can afflict fanciers who can't step back and look with objectivity at their breeding practices and the results they are achieving. It seems to me that an insistence on

breeder-judges is a kind of kennel blindness writ large: do we really believe that we have nothing to learn from anybody else? What folly!

Third, we all complain, loudly and often, about the poor quality of judges, and the fact that they don't know anything about Cardigans. So we establish judges education programmes; as a matter of fact we have one coming up at the end of April. So, having educated judges, at least some of whom will doubtless be sincerely interested in learning about our breed, do we then turn around and say "Sorry, you still aren't good enough.....and *you never will be!*" I'm afraid that too smacks of an arrogant insularity. While contacting all-breed judges as prospects for our specialty shows, I have spoken to several well-known and well-respected people who are genuinely interested in our breed and who would jump at the chance to do one of our shows, if we can synchronize schedules.

I'm all for having breeder-judges at Specialties....every few years. But I think there is value in other perspectives too.

**The Rescue Situation:** At the annual general meeting in Markham last August, the question of establishing a Cardigan rescue service was raised. At that time three rescue situations had come to our attention within the year, something unheard of for us. I am writing this on February 5th, and we have another rescue already in 1997. Although we know there is a puppy mill in Ontario dealing in Cardigans and Cardigan crosses, I am very sorry to report that all four cases I am aware of involved club members. (I hasten to point out that unsatisfactory owners are also involved in some cases, and that our members are not necessarily at fault.) **Please please people: screen your puppy buyers as best you can; educate them as best you can to their responsibilities; and don't forget your own!**

No matter how hard we try, it seems that for various reasons we have reached the point where a rescue service is needed. At the last AGM I was authorized to look into the situation and determine what we need. At this point, we have had an offer from Pembroke Corgi Rescue to set up a joint rescue service (they handled one rescue of their own last year, and drew the current Cardigan rescue to our attention); I propose to explore this possibility with them. We would need an emergency fund to handle the costs of rescue; someone to co-ordinate the production and distribution of education materials so that animal shelter staff can recognize a Cardigan and

know who to contact; and policies on neutering, tracking down the breeder if possible, placements, etc. We need to decide if this effort should be nationwide in scope, or focus on areas where Cardis in need of help are most likely to turn up. We would need people willing to provide foster homes for dogs until they could be placed. We would each need to make the commitment to let the public know that we may have rescued dogs, which are often older and harder to place, available, not just puppies to sell. And each of us who breed our dogs needs to re-examine our practices and our responsibilities to the dogs we produce. In my opinion, that is a life long responsibility. (Yes I do take back my own dogs when trouble arises.) I am collecting information on how other clubs handle rescues, and have contacted Pam Allen, rescue coordinator for the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, as well as Pembroke Corgi Rescue. I should have more information in the next newsletter and at the Specialty AGM.

I am very glad to report that the current rescue situation has a happy ending: the dog has been neutered, is living with a veterinary technician in the Guelph area, and has made a firm friend of the household Dalmatian!

**News Flash!!** Charlie MacInnes called on February 26 with great news. The Cardigan puppy mill is shutting down! Unfortunately, this is a business decision, not an ethical one; Cardis don't sell as well as Jack Russell terriers. Still, this is wonderful news for anyone who cares about our very special breed.

## NEWS FROM THE V.P.'S CORNER

### FUN DAY '97

The Fun Day is back by popular demand! We hope those of you whose attendance made the day a great success last year will be back again this year, those of you who were unable to attend can make it this time around and new members/Cardi owners will come out to meet other Cardi people.

The feedback we received last year indicated that generally people would prefer to get together a little earlier in the year. We hope the date in late May will enable more fanciers to join us. Once again our club secretary, Shelley Camm, has graciously offered to host the Fun Day at her farm. In addition to the purely fun activities Ruth Lister has offered to present a basic obedience and problem-solving workshop. Ruth

has many years experience as an obedience exhibitor and as a trainer for the St. Francis Kennel Club. Last year participants at the Fun Day were wonderful, pitching in as they arrived, helping to set things up, coordinating the food, providing clean up and assisting with the activities. Many also supported the day by donating prizes or cash to help defray the costs. Any assistance and/or support you could give would be greatly appreciated.

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**BALANCE SHEET FOR NEWMARKET SPECIALTY 1994**

<b>Entries</b>		
Herding Test		850.00
Obedience Trial		1,560.00
Specialty and Sweeps		1,422.00
Proceeds of Raffle		120.00
Prepaid Catalogues		28.00
Dinner Reservations		270.00
Trophy Donations 1994		36.00
Food Sales at Specialty		144.49
CKC Listing and Fees on Entries		16.76
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,706.21</b>

**Expenses Incurred**

Herding Test Expenses	803.97
Specialty Judges/Obedience Judges	353.00
Hall Rental (2 days)	1,177.00
Miscellaneous Expense (S. Camm)	321.00
Catering Expense	98.53
Trophies Specialty 1994	671.07
Cost of Banquet meals	459.94
CKC Recording fees	235.94
Liability Insurance 1994/Falkins	251.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,371.69</b>

**NET GAIN TO CLUB ACCOUNTS (1994)****\$334.52****BALANCE SHEET FOR ALBERTA SPECIALTY 1995**

<b>Entries</b>		
Cheques (Canadian)		224.00
Cheques (Canadian)		789.40
Cheques (U.S.A.)		60.53
Raffle Proceeds		108.00
Plus cheques		43.00
Club Badges sold		24.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,248.93</b>

**Expenses Incurred**

Sweeps Prizes	21.00
Recording (Alberta Kennel Club)	331.00
Trophies	310.82
Liability Insurance - Falkins	251.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$914.06</b>

**Net Gain to Club Accounts - 1995****\$334.87**

**Treasurer's Report  
Income Statement July 1995 - June 1996**

Balance Forward - July 31, 1995 - Current Account #514997 596.96

**Memberships**

Late payments 1995 dues	10	
Current Year	27	
Paid in advance for 1997	2	445.00
Donations to Trophy Fund 1995		25.00
Exchange on currency/Trophy Fund		32.77
Proceeds of Raffle 1995		201.50
Alberta Specialty 1995 Show Entries		1,058.40
Sale of Club Badges (1995)		8.00
Bank Interest Earned		1.34

**TOTAL****\$2,368.97****Expenses Incurred****Expenses for Alberta Specialty 1995**

Trophies	310.82	
Recording fees (Alberta Kennel Club)	331.37	
Sweeps Monies Paid Out	21.00	
Booster Trophies, Ontario Fall 1995	35.00	
Listing in Dogs in Canada 1996	50.00	
CKC Club Recognition fees 1996	42.80	
Bank Charges 1995	0.50	
Treasurer's Expenses 1995-1996 - postage, etc.	10.00	
Bulletin Costs - Publishing/Mailing 1995-1996	304.79	
Breed History Book Preparation Expenses CE.	100.00	

**TOTAL****1,206.28****BALANCE OF ACCOUNT JULY 19, 1996****\$1,162.69****Balance per Bank Book \$1,162.69****Signed Chris Edwards - Club Treasurer 1996**


# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club

Family (\$20.00/year) \_\_\_\_\_  
New Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Single (\$15.00/year) \_\_\_\_\_  
Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

NAME:

ADDRESS:

KENNEL NAME:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

FAX/E-MAIL/WEBSITE:

OCCUPATION:

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Clubs/Organizations in which you currently hold membership:

How many Cardigans do you currently own and co-own?

What other breeds do you own/have you owned/co-owned?

Please indicate your areas of interest:

Breeding:    Conformation:    Obedience:    Herding:    Flyball:  
Agility:    Tracking:    Other, please specify:

Do you have any skills/knowledge/expertise that you could share with the club?  
Please indicate on which, if any committees you would be willing to serve:

Finance/Fundraising: \_\_\_    Newsletter: \_\_\_    Specialty/Booster: \_\_\_  
Trophies: \_\_\_    Education: \_\_\_    Breed Standard: \_\_\_  
Yearbook: \_\_\_    Performance Activities: \_\_\_    Community Relations: \_\_\_  
Membership: \_\_\_    Health/Research/Genetics: \_\_\_  
Archives/Statistics: \_\_\_    Rescue: \_\_\_

Sponsors name and address:

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

PLEASE SEND CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER AND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:  
Chris Edwards, Secretary, Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club, R. R. #4, Glencoe, ON  
N0L 1M0

# **THE CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB**

**Cordially invites you to attend the second  
annual**

## **CARDIGAN FUN DAY**

☺☺☺☺ Featuring ☺☺☺☺

**The Great Cardigan Steeplechase  
The Challenging Scavenger Hunt  
The Exciting and ever Popular Costume Parade and Contest  
An Informative Basic Obedience & Problem-Solving Workshop  
A Children's Art Contest  
A Magnificent Pot Luck Lunch - Games - Door Prizes**

**Pack up your kids, crates, ex-pens, leashes, lawn chairs, Cardigans (preferably with costume), drinks and a dish for the pot luck and join us for a day of good fun, good company, great food and lots of prizes!!!!**

**WHEN: Sunday, May 25, 1997 - all day beginning at 8:30 a.m.**

**WHERE: Shelley Camm's farm. 11722 Mississauga Road. Exit the 401 at Erin Mills Parkway/Mississauga Road. Go north on Mississauga Road about 15 minutes. Watch for the old, red brick house on the left**

**R.S.V.P. (if possible): Shelley Camm - 905-840-7654  
or Barb Hoffman - 613-369-6212**

**(No bitches in season please)**