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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Spring and summer seem to be confused this year, and the advent of the outdoor shows leave one wondering whether to don the down filled parka or the cotton shorts. Hopefully, El Nino will break up soon and leave us with a pleasant summer.

Welcome back to all our old members and thank you for renewing your memberships. To our new members, welcome! To all of you, please remember that the newsletter is your voice - and we hope that you will take the time to contribute stories, articles, etc for the upcoming issues.

The new executive has held two meetings and has pretty well cleared up old club business. Entries for the 1998 National are drawing to a close and we wish the chairperson, Lore Bruder, every success with this show that she has worked so hard to pull off.

On a going forward basis the executive has designed an information brochure about Cardigans to be sent out when enquiries are received, with a list of member breeders. Any breeder who wishes to obtain additional copies of this information pamphlet should contact Karen. I would like to thank one of our new members Ron Kerr of Indianapolis who did the set up and printing for us at no cost to the club.

With the summer coming also comes our annual "**Fun Day**". This year's event is set for July 11th, noon, at my place (address on the masthead). It is a family affair, with a great pot luck, lots of activities and fun for all. Please come out and meet other Cardigan lovers. Bring lawn chairs, and please RSVP so we know how many drinks, etc. to buy. We will have a regular club meeting starting at 3:00 pm, so please take this opportunity to talk with your executive and express your questions and concerns.

Also remember the **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Sept 26th, also at my place, starting at 2:00 pm, and we have a **booster** arranged at the Scarborough Kennel Club show for September 27th.

In closing I hope you all have a wonderful healthy and safe summer, and remember to provide lots of shade and fresh water for your fur children.

Corgially yours,
Shelley

Don't Forget: The Fun Day, July 11, noon!
Annual General Meeting, September 26, 2 pm!
Booster Show, September 27, Scarborough Kennel Club!

Minutes of April 10th 1998 Executive Meeting

Held electronically via Internet Relay Chat, and via telephone

Attending: Shelley Camm, President
Al Alcock, Treasurer
Karen Slutsken, Secretary
Wendy Butler, Atlantic Director
Howard Slutsken, Member
Barb Hoffman, Vice-President (by written submission)
Marilyn Boissonneault, Director:Ont. (by telephone for part of meeting)
Charles MacInnes, Member (by telephone for part of meeting)

Agenda:

1. Show Committee Chair
2. Show Superintendent Policy
3. C. MacInnes request to be removed as Assistant Show Superintendent
4. Show Superintendent-showing dogs at Specialties
5. Donations re: show operations & trophy funds
6. Trophy Committee - chair
7. Performance Committee - chair
8. Newsletter Committee - chair
9. Membership
10. Constitution
11. Finances & Club Property
12. Bank Accounts/GIC
13. Dogs in Canada club listing
14. Trifold breed information pamphlet

Executive Meeting Minutes of March 4, 1998 accepted.

1. Show Committee Chair

Shelley expressed concern over errors made in planning for the 1998 Specialty. Lore Lee Bruder is acting as Show Committee Chairperson. While there have been problems, after much discussion the Executive re-affirmed its support of Lore Lee but recognized that it may be beneficial for future shows if there was continuity in the position.

Al moved that we appoint a Specialty Show Committee Chairperson to handle all shows after the 1998 specialty. Wendy seconded. All in favour; motion carried.

Al moved that the Club by-laws be amended to incorporate the responsibility of Show Committee Chairperson to the job position of Vice President. Karen seconded. All in favour; motion carried.

2. Show Superintendent

3. C. MacInnes request to be removed as Assistant Show Superintendent

4. Show Superintendent-showing dogs at Specialties.
These three items were discussed together.

Shelley discussed the problems related to Show Superintendents showing their own dogs during a Specialty Show; that the CKC "frowns" on the practice but that it is technically allowed; that the Show Super or Assistant may find it difficult to arbitrate in an impartial manner; and that Shelley had received complaints from several unnamed Club members who don't think we should allow this. Shelley also noted that any changes to the Specialty would require re-issuing the premium list. It was noted that Lore Lee has arranged for someone else to handle her dogs. Karen called Charlie MacInnes and reviewed the discussion with him. He has decided to remain as Assistant Show Superintendent and will show his own dogs.

As a follow up to this issue, Shelley read a letter from Barb Hoffman with the following 2 motions:

1. That the executive write to Charlie MacInnes and Lore Lee Bruder outlining our concerns and leaving it up to their discretion as to whether or not they show at the 1998 National Specialty.

Seconded by Karen. Motion carried; 1 abstention.

Action: Letter to be sent by the executive.

2. That the Club adds to the new by-laws that show superintendent or assistant show superintendents not be allowed to show dogs at specialties.

Seconded by Wendy. Motion carried; 1 nay, 1 abstention.

All moved that the above Motion (2) be amended as follows:

That the Club adds to the new by-laws that show superintendent or assistant show superintendents not be allowed to "handle dogs and the dogs be given over to any agent" at specialties.

Seconded by Wendy. Motion carried; 1 nay.

** It should be noted that the by-laws and constitution have not yet been finalized, and that these motions will not impact the 1998 Specialty Show.

5. Donations

Shelley noted that some unnamed members have expressed concern that Charlie MacInnes has donated funds to ensure that the 1998 Specialty Show will occur. Charlie has done this because the new Executive is arranging access to the Club bank account .

Shelley moved:

1. That the Club make every effort to repay Charlie any amount he has donated for this specialty.

Seconded. Motion carried; all in favour.

2. That any ongoing donations for specialties and/or trophies be deposited in the general club account and disbursed from there with the approval of the Executive.

Seconded by Wendy. Motion carried, all in favour.

6. Trophy Committee - Chair

Shelley recognized the hard work done in the past by Marilyn Boissonneault in co-ordinating the CCCC trophies. She suggested that no one else has this knowledge, and wanted to expand the information base by creating a Trophy Committee with a chair and 2 members. Shelley moved that we strike a Trophy Committee to develop policy with regards to the CCCC trophies

Seconded by Wendy. Motion carried; all in favour.

Shelley asked that the next newsletter request volunteers to assist on the committee, and she noted that Barb Hoffman has volunteered to act as Chair of the Trophy Committee.

7. Performance Committee - chair

Ruth Lister has expressed interest in chairing a Performance Committee with a mandate to promote participation in performance activities by appropriate means, and to provide the Club members with educational material regarding performance activities via the newsletter. Shelley suggested that it would in the form of an educational column regarding the various facets of "corgi-dom."

Shelley moved that the Club appoint Ruth Lister as Chair of a Performance Committee and authorize her to solicit two other members of the Club to serve on the Committee.

Seconded by Al. Motion carried; all in favour.

8. Newsletter Committee - chair.

Shelley noted that some unnamed Club members are not satisfied with the content of the newsletter, and she suggested that a Committee be struck to ensure that the newsletter is edited and published regularly. She also suggested that the Committee look at charging a nominal fee for litter announcements and "brags" in order to help cover newsletter costs. Al suggested that the Committee investigate the electronic distribution of the newsletter via e-mail to additionally reduce costs.

1. Shelley moved that a newsletter committee be struck made up of a Chair and two members; and Marilyn Boissonneault be offered the position of Chair, or if she wishes to remain only as Editor that the Committee decide on a chair amongst themselves.

Seconded by Al. Motion carried; all in favour.

2. Shelley moved that the Executive encourage the Regional Directors to make submissions to every third issue of the Newsletter regarding the Cardigan activity in their area.

Seconded by Al. Motion carried; all in favour.

9. Membership

Shelley note that Linda Kempa has taken on the responsibilities of the Membership Committee, and asked Karen to forward any applications she has received to Linda. Shelley also mentioned that one of the new members is a printer in the U.S.,

who is prepared to give us good prices on printing.

10. Constitution

Discussion deferred to the next meeting due to problems in accessing the Constitution and Code of Ethics electronically by some of the executive.

11. Finances & Club Property

The financial books are expected to be returned from the auditor next week, and will be forwarded to Rod. Shelley will be contacting the bank to confirm that cheques made out for expenses have been double signed. Shelley also noted that there appears to be Club property unaccounted for, and that she believes that the money for entries for the Sarnia Specialty also appears never to have made it into the bank. Marilyn is going to call the show secretary and find out how the rebate was paid to us. Al will be setting up a computer program to ensure that our finances are tightly controlled.

12. Bank Accounts/GIC

Canada Trust will be sending a signature card from local branch-to-branch for Shelley, Karen and Barb to sign, and would like Al to fax in a letter with his signature. It was agreed that whenever possible that the treasurer be one of the signatures on a cheque, but that it may not always be possible due to the distance involved.

13. Dogs in Canada Club Listings

Our Dogs in Canada listing has expired and will cost \$53.50 to renew. Karen moved to reinstate the listing. Al seconded. All in favour, motion passed.

14. Tri-fold brochure

Shelley has started a tri-fold brochure for Breed information, and will send out the first draft to the Directors when it is completed.

15. Other Business

Shelley said that the Scarborough Kennel Club has approved a Cardigan Booster the day after our AGM. We will receive \$6 per entry.

Adjournment

Adventures at the 1998 CWCCA National Specialty

By Barb Hoffman

After a year of planning and saving pennies Ruth Lister, Lin Mazurkiewicz and I packed up our dogs and with hopes of perhaps making a cut somewhere or getting a leg on a C.D., off we trundled to Andover, Massachusetts to the 1998 Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America National, hosted this year by CCCC member Genie Bishop's Yankee Cardigan Corgi Club. As you know breed experts agree that the best Cardigans in the world are currently to be found in the U.S.A. so this trip was also to serve as a scouting

expedition for stud dogs and an educational experience.

Andover, Mass. Is a beautiful town north of Boston. The show site, the Ramada Inn Rolling Green was located in a mainly residential area with lovely well-kept homes on large wooded lots, many with rhododendrons the size of trees and in full bloom no less. What a site! The show was held indoors in the ballroom of the hotel. Plush carpet underfoot and spectacular crystal chandeliers overhead lent an air of elegance to the events. The Show Committee headed by Show Chair, Nola Soper, did an amazing job of organizing and co-ordinating this event.

On Wednesday morning the show kicked off with an obedience trial followed by an agility trial in the afternoon. The only Canadian entry was Ruth's Charlie, Ch. Merrymoon Black Tie 'n Tails, C.D., T.D., C.G.C., Reg. Therapy Dog. Usually a positive, upbeat worker, Charlie was having a grand time and doing OK. On the long sit the dog next to him began to growl, and, being a lover not a fighter, Charlie proceeded to try to melt into the flowers on the carpet. Oh, well, tomorrow is another day.

That afternoon Charlie, having freshly graduated from a basic agility course at home, had an opportunity to redeem himself at the agility trial. He was the next to last dog to run. To that point there had only been two qualifiers. Ruth was feeling a bit stiff but Charlie was in fine form, his excitement mounting as he watched the other dogs. Well, it would take pages and pages to recount his antics. By the time he shot out the exit gate with Ruth in hot pursuit the spectators, judge and officials were howling with laughter, tears steaming down their faces! In the end although he N.Q.'d he did it with style and good humour and to thunderous applause!

That evening saw an "open door" night, a networker's dream. Posters and enlarged kennel cards on hotel room doors identified the occupants and people wandered in and out of rooms chatting, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, looking at albums and dogs and having refreshments. The American exhibitors and spectators from England, Wales, New Zealand, Australia and Holland were very friendly. The steady stream of visitors throughout the evening kept us in our room. Although we would have liked to visit other rooms we nevertheless got to meet many people and it was a most pleasant, rewarding evening.

The following day saw an agility trial in the morning and an obedience trial in the afternoon. Much to Ruth's relief, but to the disappointment of the spectators and judge, Charlie was not entered in agility. This day four dogs qualified. Once again in the obedience trial Charlie completed the exercises, not perfectly but happily. As Ruth turned and left him on the long sit he decided he'd rather be with her and trotted off after her across the ring. (A couple of days later he slipped his collar in the hotel room and, with Lin chasing him through the hotel corridors, headed straight for the ballroom where she cornered him. She claimed he obviously wanted to have another go at the agility course!)

The second evening saw the 5th annual Megan competition with 68 entries. Although

the two Canadian entries, Charlie MacInnes' Michael and my Dylan were not among the finalists, they showed well and it was thrilling to see some beautiful specimens in this competition. Doris and Paul Slaboda's "Melody", Am. Ch. Phi-Vestavia's Original Sin, who retires this year, was a deserving winner. What a way to end a career!

Friday everyone geared up for the Sweepstakes judges by Tricia Olson. To give the oldsters a break Veterans Sweeps was judged first. Of the 25 entries, there were three Canadians. My Dylan, Can/Am Ch. Phi-Vestavia's Pirate Patch placed 4th in the 7-9 year Dog class and Charlie's Lisbeth, Can/Am Ch. Ffallion Finnshavn's Lisbeth placed 4th in the 9-11 year Bitch class. (By this time Dylan had developed 2 nasty hot spots on both loins and his skin was very pink, warm and sensitive to the touch. At this time I thought he'd been stung by a hornet and I started him on antihistamines.) At any rate it was wonderful to see the old dogs and how well the good ones have stood the test of time. Ms Olson's eventual winner eventual winner was the handsome Rhett, Am. Ch. Davenitch Victorian Turret, and Best Opposite Sex the extraordinary Melody.

Puppy Sweeps boasted an entry of 86 with 2 Canadian entries, Charlie's Bluetrix Mufferaw Joe in 9-12 month Dogs and my Brodie, Merrymoon Goldhawk in the 12-15 month Dogs. I was thrilled when Brodie placed 4th in his class. Ms Olson chose as her Best in Sweeps the lovely 9-12 month Bitch, Sisterwood's Angel in Disguise and her Best Opposite Sex was a littermate, Ch. Sisterwood's Winsome Wil.

Saturday was to be our busy day, the judging of the regular classes. Entries were 52 males and 67 bitches. I had entered a 12-18 month dog, an Open dog, a Bred by Exhibitor bitch and an Open bitch so we spent Friday evening in the bathing room, a hotel room set aside especially for the purpose, washing the four dogs.

Come morning the ballroom was packed and abuzz and the grooming room was full. All our dogs were ready, just needed a quick final touch-up before their classes so we were able to watch most of the judging. Breeder-judge Mr. Jonathon J. Kimes of Pluperfect fame officiated in a thorough, efficient, and pleasant manner assisted by an equally thorough, efficient and pleasant ring steward, Cindi Bossi and her daughter Mandy. Our first dog up in a nice 12-18 dog class, Brodie, shown by Lin, wasn't quite sure where he was supposed to go without mats to guide him. Lin was able to get him going in a straight line long enough for the judge to get a look at him and he was rewarded by winning the class. I was ecstatic - this was so much better than making a cut! The next Canadian-owned dog was Charlie MacInnes' four year old, Redbud's Mr. Goodbar, who placed second in the American-bred class.

There were two Canadian dogs entered in the Open Dog class, Charlie's Appleridge's Bold Mr. Big, and my Hunter, co-owned with Shelley Camm and shown beautifully as usual by Lin. To my absolute delight Hunter won this class and went on to take Winner's Dog. Reserve Winner's Dog went to Kathy Harper's Kollage's Class Act, a dog some of you may remember from the '96 Markham Specialty. By this time I was practically apoplectic with joy!

After a lunch break that is now a blur in my memory, it was time for the judging of the bitch classes and beautiful strong classes they were. The first Canadian bitch up was my red 3 year old Bred by Exhibitor bitch, R.J., Can. Ch. Merrymoon Devil Woman, who hadn't been in a show ring in almost 2 years. As I looked up and down the lineup waiting to enter the ring I broke out in goosebumps. This class was absolutely breathtaking! What depth of quality! I remember thinking that if we could hang in for the first cut in this remarkable class we would have accomplished another amazing feat! Well, when we made the cut my day was complete and when we won the class I thought things couldn't possibly get any better.

The final class, Open Bitches sported two Canadian entries, Charlie's blue merle bitch, Can. Ch. Finnshavn's Blue Belle and my little brindle, out of coat Roxie, Can. Ch. Merrymoon Noblestar Enterprise, handled by Lin and co-owned with Patti Snider of Noble Star Cardigans in Pennsylvania. Lin refers to Roxie as "the secret weapon". A plain little brown dog who goes unnoticed outside the ring, but when she enters she turns it on and grows ten feet tall and your eye is drawn to her. Just when I thought things couldn't get any better, the naked secret weapon won her class. The Canadian bitches acquitted themselves very well with Charlie's Blue Belle garnering a 3rd place.

Back for Winner's Bitch and once again two Canadian dogs were in contention. Pushed hard by the competition R.J. prevailed in an incredible lineup of bitches that brought tears to my eyes. Vivian and Molly Moran's exquisite brindle bitch, Raconteur Poet's Song took Reserve winners Bitch, also pushed hard by the winners of the other classes. The American bitches are incredible! Needless to say there was mucho celebrating in the Canadian camp on Saturday night where we were joined by many well-wishing American exhibitors who were genuinely happy for us and most generous in their congratulations.

Sunday morning dawned and as I put him on top of a crate in the hotel room to check his hot spots my heart sank as I discovered that overnight poor Dylan, one of only two Canadian dogs entered in Best of Breed competition, and the only Canadian dog entered in Stud Dog was covered in hot spots on his undercarriage! Ruth whisked him off to a local vet who pronounced it a contact allergy. The antihistamines I'd been giving him had not been enough to keep the effects of the allergy at bay for long, but an injection soon had the poor fellow resting comfortably, but obviously unable to show. (Within 48 hours of arriving home he was completely healed.) This was a sad disappointment as I was looking forward to having him in Stud Dog with his two sons who had done so well.

In the meantime, back at the ranch, Lin and I were preparing the Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch. Since we only had to make an appearance in the ring at the beginning and were not needed again until the end we were able to watch the entire Specials class. What an education! What a pleasure to watch!

In the Veteran Dog class of 7, Mr. Kimes selected the remarkable Am. Ch. Zircon's Bobby Socks and in the Veteran Bitch class of 10 the equally remarkable Am. Ch. Phi-

Vestavia Original Sin. I was busy with R.J. during the judging of these classes so I don't know how Charlie's Jasper and Lizbeth did.

Mr. Kimes' final cut in a field of 76 Specials entries consisted of: in males, Am/Can Ch. Phi-Vestavia Evan Evans and WD, Merrymoon Firestorm; and in bitches: Am. Ch. Mariel's Sweet dreams, Am. Ch. Ceara's Pride and Joy, Am. Ch. Nanertak Suncliffe Milbridge, Am Ch. Phi-Vestavia Good Gracious, Am. Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy, the Veteran bitch, Am. Ch. Phi-Vestavia Original Sin, and the WB, Merrymoon Devil Woman.

His eventual Best of Breed was Nancy Cunliffe and Dotty deBeck's stunning red bitch, Ch. Nanertak Suncliffe Milbridge, Millie, handled by a totally surprised, flabbergasted Nancy.

Best of Opposite Sex went to Helen Jones and Bob Caldwell's aristocratic Evan, Am/Can Ch. Phi-Vestavia's Evan Evans, handled by Peter Clifton. (Evan is my R.J.'s sire. This was his final American showing, he is off to England now with Peter.)

Best of Winners was the Winner's Dog, Merrymoon Firestorm.

Mr. Kimes presented 6 awards of merit. The recipients are: Ch. Mariel's Sweet Dreams, Ch. Ceara's Pride and Joy, Ch. Phi-Vestavia's Good Gracious, Ch. Kingsbury's Carbon Copy, the Veteran Bitch, Ch. Phi-Vestavia Original Sin, and the WB, Merrymoon Devil Woman.

Best Puppy went to Helen Turin's sweet little 6 month old bitch, Phi-Vestavia's It's me Fiona.

Best Bred by Exhibitor was my R.J., Merrymoon Devil Woman.

In Stud Dogs, his wonderful progeny propelled Percy, the legendary Am/Can Ch. Phi-Vestavia Nautilus to top honours.

In Brood Bitches Award of Merit winner, Ch. Phi-Vestavia Good Gracious trotted off with number one.

Top Brace was won by Deborah and Katie Brooks' team, Ch. Ula Mauna's Sir Gawaine and littermate Ch. Ula Mauna's Rhianna Glyfar. (I think anyone who attempts a brace of Cardigans should get a medal, never mind just a ribbon!)

Ruth, Lin and I would like to thank our American cousins for their marvelous hospitality, good humour and graciousness, and to offer them congratulations on hosting such a classy, professionally done show. We met some amazing people, made some amazing new friends, saw some amazing dogs and had an amazing learning experience. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS, BARB! To take *both* Winners Dog and Winners Bitch at a Specialty is quite a feat, to do it at a really big event like the US Nationals is wonderful! This is a real coup for Canadian Cardigans! (We can so play in the big leagues, eh?) Congrats to Shelley, to Charlie for more creditable Canadian placements, to Lin for near perfect handling, and to Ruth and her Charlie for reminding people not to take this stuff TOO seriously!

Meanwhile, on the west coast, (since we're bragging anyway) another Canadian-based dog was making her mark: Aelwyd Aberwyvern Baklava earned back-to-back BOWs for 2 four-point majors on the California circuit this spring. We don't have to worry about majors (any win that achieves three or more points) up here, but they're required under the US system, and they can be hard to get! Thanks, Karen!

ARIZONA DOG SHOWS

Not surprisingly considering the winter we endured, what with the ice storm and all, there was a stronger attraction than usual in the idea of a winter get-away. This year Karen and I tried something a little different: a show circuit in Arizona. For anyone who's looking for a March break that mixes business with pleasure, we can heartily recommend the Arizona circuit.

The shows are held the third weekend in March, with two shows (Friday and Saturday) in Phoenix, and two (Sunday and Monday) in Tucson. There are enough Cardigan fanciers in the area that there is good competition, the venues are pleasant, the weather very attractive to a sun-starved Canadian, and this year, the wildflowers were superb!

I am accustomed to birding from a car window at 60 miles an hour, but this was my first experience of freeway botany. All through Arizona the desert was in bloom, in bright, almost glaring colours. We noticed that certain plants seemed to grow in vast sweeps of colour for miles along the highway, and then disappeared to return some distance down the road. We found we could correlate the flowers with the elevation, reading from the Jeep's altimeter; eventually we did it backwards: "oh, look, there's some more XXX, we must be at 3200 feet!"

The Phoenix shows were held on the polo field at West World, a regional recreation area in the north end of the city that is devoted to everything equine. In fact there was a major horse show on the grounds while we were there; the show ran early in the morning and again late in the evening, to spare the horses from the mid-day heat. The announcer's voice on the PA system was a quiet background noise during dinner each evening of our stay: "Hackney carriage, amateur driver, this is your laaast caaall....."

Trailer and RV parking are available on site, although there isn't much shade.

The drive from Phoenix to Tucson takes only a couple of hours. Although there is trailer parking available at the show site, it's pretty limited, and maneuvering in the tight spaces is difficult, so Karen and I opted to stay at the KOA near the north end of town.

We were still only 15 minutes or so away from the show, and the KOA was right on the edge of a dry riverbed, very useful for dog walks. There is much more shade at the Tucson venue, as there are numerous large trees scattered through the park. The rings were arranged in clusters of two or three, spaced well apart, and each cluster was sited close to at least one tree. In fact, the Tucson Kennel Club members did a great job of looking out for the comfort and safety of the dogs. As at Phoenix, people patrolled the grounds to make sure no dogs had been left in vehicles to fry; unfortunately such patrols were needed, and even someone whose vanity plate boasted "K9 XPRT" had to be called on the PA to come get their dog immediately! Barrels of ice cubes, labeled "For the dogs only!" were available throughout the grounds. Two fancy canine bath tubs and a water source had also been provided, for pre-show grooming or just cooling off. These are a wonderful idea: big enough to hold a Newfoundland (we saw it!), they stand about waist high, have a water-tight rear-entry door for the dog, and a clip on the front for the collar. The floor is non-slip, but did get pretty hot in the sun, and needed to be hosed down before the dogs got in. Both Becky and Desi enjoyed their baths and the nice crunchy ice cubes.

The other attraction in Tucson that weekend was an air show, complete with the USAF aerobatics team, the Blue Angels. Some of the planes flew low and noisily over the show grounds, which didn't seem to be a problem, but when the stealth bomber passed overhead low and silently, everything stopped! A Pembroke in the obedience ring froze and crouched to the ground when the plane's huge shadow passed over, doubtless thinking he was about to become lunch for some Godzilla-sized predator; I don't think either the handler or judge noticed, because like everybody else they were gawking at the sky!

We found another Tucson highlight in the parking lot at Safeway. One of the trailers at the KOA has a nice bushy rosemary plant out front, perhaps 24 inches high. I can't grow rosemary really well because it has to be wintered indoors in Ontario; while I was grumbling about the unfairness of the climate, Karen decided on the spot to plant rosemary in her San Diego garden. We were still discussing the fine points of rosemary cultivation as we strolled towards the Safeway entrance. Suddenly I stopped and said "Look at what they're using for parking lot plants!" *Rosemary*. Honking big rosemary, four feet high and at least five feet around, one at each end of the parking rows. While I was scrabbling around underneath to find out how they were irrigated, Karen stared thoughtfully at the plant. "Do you have your pocket knife with you? I think we're having chicken tonight." Consequently, when we returned with a heavily laden grocery cart, one of the rosemaries received a discreet pruning.

Dog shows completed, we headed for Tombstone, "The Town Too Tough to Die", to play tourists. Tombstone's main claim to fame is, of course, the Gunfight at the OK Corral, which is re-enacted daily at 1:00 pm. At least two other groups of gunfight re-enactors also make a living on the streets of town, so it can get pretty lively at times. With the exception of a drugstore, the entire town seems to be given over to tourism, with shops ranging from the remarkably tacky to an excellent gallery of western and Native art. Apart from the OK Corral, the main sites are the Birdcage Saloon, about

which the song "She's Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage" was written; the world's biggest rose bush; and, of course, Boot Hill, Tombstone's first cemetery and permanent home to gunslingers, horsethieves, murder victims, and the early Chinese citizens of the town.

The Tombstone KOA picks up the Boot Hill theme by marking each campsite with a white wooden picket that says "here lies no. 22" or whatever. There is a fenced area for walking dogs, plus access to the desert beyond; if you choose the desert walk you will want to keep the dogs on leash because of the cheeky jackrabbits, and the amount of cactus out there!

Our trip home to San Diego proved to be somewhat more exciting than we wished. Our plan was to drive from Tombstone to Sunbeam Lake, about an hour inside the California border, leaving an easy three hours to San Diego for the following morning. Extremely high winds and blowing dust slowed us down so much that after nearly seven hours of driving Karen was exhausted, and we could barely make Yuma. (As I am still a rig-driver-in-training, these conditions were considerably beyond my skill level!) The following day the wind was worse. Just short of Sunbeam Lake, a huge gust rocked the trailer so badly that we decided to drop the trailer in the park, flee for home and return the next day to retrieve it. Even without the trailer, driving through the mountain passes was, shall we say, interesting: we saw a road worker enveloped in a dust devil, and pulled several meters along the side of the road with his arms waving as helplessly as a scarecrow's. Some of the canyon bridges have wind socks mounted on them, so drivers can gauge the force of the wind before they cross; all were blowing fiercely in the wind.

Friday we went back for the trailer. The wind was down, but so was the temperature, and there was thick fog. The Jeep has a thermometer that reads the road temperature; if it drops too low, an ice warning flashes. Karen has never experienced the thrill of driving in snow or ice; and I have never pulled a trailer through windy mountain passes. So we were both anxiously watching the thermometer and comparing it with the altimeter. The road climbed, the temperature dropped, I explained about black ice. The temperature bottomed out at 37 degrees F.....and we were both hugely relieved!

The next day the pass was closed because of snow.....in San Diego! It was obviously time for the Canadian to go home.

RAFFLE TIME!

Here we go again! The Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club Raffle is announced! This is our main fund-raising event of the year, so please help support your club. Tickets are enclosed; they are \$2.00 for three, and additional tickets are available from Marilyn Boissonneault or at the AGM in September. The draw will be held at the AGM; don't worry if you can't be there, if you win we will pick out something nice and mail it to you. First prize this year is a kennel wrap, designed and made by Lore Bruder and donated by Marilyn Boissonneault. A kennel wrap is a canvas screen that fastens around an X-pen to provide shade and shelter for your dog. It's a handy thing to have around! Lore makes these as a side-line to her shop, Cabin Leathers. If you have something *you'd* like to donate to the raffle, send it to Shelley Camm or, better yet, bring it to the AGM!

SPECIALTY SHOW BALLOT

Please vote for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for the years 1999 and 2000. The votes will be tabulated and locations and judges arranged according to the results. Each 1st choice will receive 5 points, 2nd will receive 3 points and 3rd 1 point - so please be sure to enter all your choices. Judges will be contacted in order of preference to determine their availability and willingness to judge. Please send your ballot to Karen Slutsken by August 15.

1999 LOCATIONS (please tick your choices)							
LOCATIONS	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	REGULAR JUDGES	1st	2nd	3rd
Niagara, ON				Al Bennett			
Chatham, ON				J Buchanan			
Toronto, ON				Tom Burke			
Ottawa, ON				M Charloux			
London, ON				M Doherty			
Chateauguay, QUE				K Francis			
St. Francis, QUE				Steve Gladstone			
Kingston, ON				S. Hedgepath			
Cornwall, ON				Jon Kimes			
SWEEPS JUDGES				R. Krohne			
S. Bain				Avis Mackey			
G. Bishop				R. McKnight			
M. Boissonneault				Patrick Ormos			
L. Bruder				S Rempel			
N. Chandler							
C. Ochs-Cline							
M. Gladstone							
K. Harbert							
B. Hoffman							
C. MacInnes							
C. Ochs-Cline							
J. Schatz							
P. Slaboda							

2000 LOCATIONS (please tick your choices)							
LOCATIONS	1 st	2 nd	3rd	REGULAR JUDGES	1st	2nd	3rd
Cardigan, PEI				A. Bennett			
Niagara, ON				J. Buchanan			
Chatham, ON				T. Burke			
Toronto, ON				M. Charloux			
Ottawa, ON				M. Doherty			
London, ON				K. Francis			
Chateauguay, QUE				S. Gladstone			
St. Francis, QUE				S. Hedgepath			
Kingston, ON				J.Kimes			
Cornwall, ON				R. Krohne			
SWEEPS JUDGES				A. Mackey			
S. Bain				R .McKnight			
G. Bishop				P. Ormos			
M. Boissonneault				S. Rempel			
L. Bruder							
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