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The President's Message:

Dear Members:

I would like to introduce myself as your newest President. I have been involved with Cardigan Corgis for over 15 years in Canada and approximately 10 years in New Zealand, with quite a gap in between! I have been involved with several other breeds, but came back to the Cardigan and Pembroke Corgi breeds - you can't stay away from a good thing!

When I started with the Cardigan Corgi in New Zealand, I was lucky to have as my mentor a lady by the name of Eve Adamson, who was one of the original importers of Cardigans to N.Z. She took me under her wing and was a big influence in my knowledge of the breed. I consider myself very lucky to have known this lady, who is no longer with us.

We have a very special breed of dog - one of the oldest known breeds which, while it was mixed with other breeds at one time to develop greater herding instincts, is still basically intact with the original instincts still showing. Because we are involved with Cardigans, either as per owners and/or as breeders, it is up to us to protect this unique breed.

We need to ask ourselves, where are we going in our breeding programmes? What are we looking for? Why are we trying to have level toplines and straighter fronts, when the 'saddle' in the back and the curved front legs belong there for a reason! I understand there are articles on the Internet dealing with these subjects, and I believe such discussions are needed. We are a diverse group of people who have one common interest, and a vested interest, in keeping this breed of dog. For future newsletters, let us all contribute articles on our viewpoints as to where we would like to see our breed going, whether the topic is colour, health, working abilities or conformation.

In closing I would like to thank all those who have in the past been involved in keeping this Club together, with the hope that your new executive will successfully continue this work.

Fern Hunt

A Letter From Lore Bruder

Hi, everybody! Hope that all is well in the Cardi world. We have had a couple of years of turmoil, but we survived. We are getting back on track very quickly and are trying hard to go forward. We can only do this by getting support and positive involvement from ALL our members. Each of you is important. If there are problems let's deal with them directly. Your executive is doing its best. We might make a mistake or two, maybe we overlooked somebody who deserves recognition or stepped (unknowingly) on a toe. Please tell us directly so we may correct molehills before they become Mountains! Nothing or no one is perfect but our ability as humans to strive for that perfection is one of the main things that separate us from our tree-swinging cousins (that and being able to shop and drink beer on a hot summer day).

The dogs are getting better at working sheep but boy is it a trial to convince a Cardigan to bring an animal to you instead of chasing it away! Getting the dogs to work the cattle was a walk in the park compared to this. I think starting with dog-broke sheep would have made it easier and also if I had known the commands before I started there would not have been so much confusion. For example, most of us use "Come" for the recall; boy that sure confuses a dog when you start using "Comeby", the command in herding for circling around stock clockwise. We now use "Here" as the recall command. Also "Lie down" instead of "Lay down", as "lay" and "stay" are far too hard to tell apart over the noise of livestock on the move (or the cheering crowd someday). It is also amazingly easy to get inflection into your voice with "Lie down". I know cows, I can read cows and put either myself or my dog into the right spot most of the time, but this learning to read sheep is a real trial on my little blonde mind. God should have made all sheep white blonde so we would know not to expect too much thought process; they can really be a trial on one's patience. Even with all the knockdowns, runaways, and generally out of control times, this is the most fun I've had with a dog in my life. When it comes together, shepherd, dog, and livestock, the thrill makes all the trouble just melt away like snow in a good chinook, and the joy the dog feels show in its face and the way it carries itself around on a cloud of pure happiness. These dogs were made to chase!

Well enough rambling from the campfire at the Winchester Cattle Company. Bye for now and good luck in all your endeavours!

Lore Lee Bruder

Sue Bain

As some of you may be aware, our good friend and fellow Cardigan fancier Sue Bain is seriously ill, battling leukemia. Sue was the Club's founding President, judged sweepstakes at our very first Specialty show in Fort Erie in 1987, and handled the first Best in Show Cardigan in Canada, so she has deep roots in Cardigans even though Siberians are her first love. *And* she's a pretty terrific person to boot. I am sure that Sue would appreciate your support and best wishes. Her address is R.R. #1, New Lowell, Ontario L0M 1N0.

Welcome, New Members!

The Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club would like to welcome to the following new members:

Barkley Chance from Alberta, George and Nancy Davies from Ontario, Deborah Palpin from New York, Beverley Perry from Alaska, and Debbie Richeson from Kentucky.

Welcome to Canadian Cardi-dom!

Group Photos from Pincher Creek

Lore is not sure that everyone read about the group photo from the Pincher Creek Specialty. This is your last chance! She has seen the photo and it is wonderful!! These are real keepsakes, do not let this slip by you. The price is \$30 Canadian. Make cheque payable to Lore Lee Bruder (address on the masthead!) as they will all go there first to compile the discount on the photos. Please include a large self-addressed envelope with your order. We've got the postage on this one.

Stock Dog Resources

Further to Lore's comments on herding: if you are looking for books or videos to help you train your Cardigan to do what may or may not come naturally, here are some sources:

The Canadian Kennel Club: videos and books (on everything related to dogs you can think of!). Call 1-800-250-8040.

The University of Guelph, Distance Education and General Studies, has videos on sheep dog training (Border Collies, of course, but still.....). Call (519) 767-5010.

Diamond Farm Book Publishers, RR #3, Brighton, Ontario K0K 1H0: A terrific source for farming books and videos, especially British stuff (and books on old tractors if you're into that sort of thing). I received a couple of their videos - shot in Wales! - for Christmas. Phone 1-800-481-1353.

Vinyl Toys a Risk for Pets (Ottawa, December 8 1998)

Health Canada has re-issued its warning about toxins in soft vinyl toys, this time for pet owners. Soft vinyl toys can contain up to 44% of their weight in phthalates, a type of chemical shown to cause liver and kidney disease in laboratory animals. Given that pets chew on these toys much longer than children teethe on them, the health risk could be substantial. The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association joined Health Canada in asking pet owners to take soft vinyl toys away from their pets.

Membership Renewals! Membership Renewals!

Yes, it's time once more for renewing your membership in the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club! You will find a handy tear-off renewal form on the back of the newsletter. Please take a minute or so and fill it out, write out a cheque, and send to Karen Slutsken. *All memberships should be in by April 30th!*

Some of you received a "puppy membership" when you acquired a Cardigan from a Club member this year. We hope you have enjoyed receiving this newsletter, and we hope that you will choose to stay with the Club as regular or associate members. There are lots of ways for you to get involved in the Club if you wish. And of course you will continue to receive this really great newsletter! The June issue will feature articles on Cardigan health issues; you won't want to miss it, so don't forget to renew!

Dogs in Heaven An old man and his dog were walking down a dirt road with fences on both sides. They came to a gate in the fence and looked in. It was nice, with grassy, woodsy areas - just what a Cardi and man would like - but it had a sign saying, "No Trespassing," so they walked on.

They came to a beautiful gate with a person in white robes standing there. "Welcome to Heaven," the robed man said. The old man was happy and started in with his dog following him.

The gatekeeper stopped him. "Dogs aren't allowed. I'm sorry, but he can't come with you."

"What kind of Heaven won't allow dogs?" the old man said. "If he can't come in, then I will stay out with him. He's been my faithful companion all his life. I can't desert him now."

"Suit yourself," the gatekeeper said. "But I have to warn you, the Devil's on this road and he'll try to sweet talk you into his area. He'll promise you anything, but the dog can't go there either. If you won't leave the dog, you'll spend Eternity on this road."

So the old man and his dog went on. They came to a rundown fence with a gap in it - no gate, just a hole. Another old man was inside. "'S'cuse me, sir. My dog and I are getting mighty tired. Mind if we come in and sit in the shade for awhile?"

"Come on in," the man said. "There's some cold water under that tree over there. Make yourselves comfortable."

"You're sure my dog can come in? The man down the road said dogs weren't allowed anywhere."

"Would you come in if you had to leave the dog?"

"No sir. That's why I didn't go to Heaven. He said the dog couldn't come in. We'll be spending Eternity on this road, and a glass of cold water and some shade would be mighty fine right about now. But I won't come in if my buddy here can't come too, and that's final."

The man smiled a big smile and said, "Welcome to Heaven."

"You mean this is Heaven? Dogs are allowed? How come that fellow down the road said they weren't?"

"That was the Devil, and he gets all the people who are willing to give up a life-long companion for a comfortable place to stay. They soon find out their mistake, but then it's too late. The dogs come here, the fickle people stay there. God wouldn't allow dogs to be banned from Heaven. After all, He created them to be man's companions in life. Why would he separate them in death?"

- Author Unknown (thanks to Al Alcock for passing this along)

The Purpose of Dogs

And following from Al's story: You may remember that last spring there were numerous reports in the news media of people being attacked, and even killed, by pet dogs. At the time, the following letter appeared in the *Ottawa Citizen*. The author, Joan Colbourn, is a long-time stalwart with the Ottawa Kennel Club. Like Al's tale of the old man and his beloved companion, Joan reminds us why dogs are important in our lives. The original headline was "Dogs can be your best friend if you bond with them."

"The many, many good things dogs do for humans are instantly overlooked when such a horrible event as a bitten child enters the discussion.

It is hard to know what it is that makes it seem like dogs are biting people more often these days. It could be that people, and kids of today, aren't as familiar with animals as they were in the past because they aren't used to being around them. It could be that dog owners are not training their canine charges to behave in today's society. It could be that press coverage is more and more prominent than in earlier times. It could be all these things.

Bad incidents give dogs a bad name. But the fact is that dogs are good for people. Dogs do assist people in a multitude of ways. The most obvious one is the guide dogs for the blind. And then there is the hearing dog, the assistance from animals for people in wheelchairs and those who suffer from epilepsy and myriad other physical challenges. These are some of the ways that dogs help folks with special needs.

Then there are the everyday, down-the-block dogs who spend a part of every week at elderly residences giving a psychological break (a smile in an otherwise dull day) to your ages aunt or uncle and giving them something to talk or think about other than staring at four walls.

The old soul down your street with the little pooch has a companion so that they can get daily exercise and a reason to go out every day and meet with the neighbours. And when a human pets an animal, it lowers the person's blood pressure. Having a dog and looking after it can be an educational tool for teaching children responsibility and respect for other living creatures.

There is an organization with its headquarters in Ottawa that is doing something about encouraging people to be responsible pet owners. It is called the Human-Animal Bond Association of Canada, and it can be reached at (613) 592-3676. To help people find out about the temperament of their dogs, HABAC has created a test through which dog owners can assess the manner in which their dogs behave in public....It is open to any well-behaved dog on a lead. There is a small charge for this and successful dogs receive a certificate with their name on it."

Joan S. Colbourn

1999 Judges Seminar: An all day judges seminar, sponsored jointly by the Dachshund Club of Greater Ontario, and the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club, was held on Sunday January 31. The morning was devoted to dachshunds, and featured several speakers including Vicki Thomas, Charlie Simmons and Betty McHugh. The afternoon was for Cardigan Corgis. Unfortunately, the original committee of three dwindled to one, so I was the guy on the spot. That was a shame, because I have strong opinions, and there should have been other experts to temper what I said. However, it went well.

I made up a series of slides to illustrate this presentation. The exercise of making them was fascinating, as I was able to scan old photographs, and patch them together on slides. The results were quite interesting: for example, I had two slides featuring individual dogs at different ages, to show the influence of maturity (see picture). I was surprised at how well the photographs reproduced when treated in this rough computer way. I pulled together a slide of several different colors of red Cardigan, and the variations actually showed through well on the finish slide. Another featured a variety of fronts.

The introduction began with reservations about both the Canadian and American standards for Cardigan Corgis. The Canadian standard is terribly vague, and depends the individual's judgment of the meaning of qualifying words such as 'slight' or 'moderate'. The American standard is much more specific, but includes some trends that I do not approve of. On the slides, I used many of the illustrations from the CWCCA illustrated standard. The ideal silhouette in that document is a little too long and slim for my liking.

The slides began with the ideal dog, and then with the February illustration from this year's club calendar, showing two Cardigans facing down a Hereford bull, to remind everyone that these are working dogs. Then we shifted to the skeleton of the Cardigan. It was interesting to note that the skeleton in the CWCCA illustrated standard is more correct than the equivalent illustration in the dachshund booklet. The shoulder is better placed on the rib cage, and some of the bone angles and lengths are more correct. Betty McHugh pointed out that the forearm is too short on the dachshund skeleton and the same is true on the Cardigan illustration.

The next two illustrations were scans out photographs from Thelma Gray's and Hubbard's books, showing old-time Cardigans, mostly from prior to WWII. After my first major specialty, in 1975, I concluded that

type in Cardigans was 95% head and 5% silhouette. Even so, there are several acceptable styles within what are, according to type, unquestionably Cardigan Welsh corgis. I had several slides showing styles. There were two different dogs from the same litter that were rather different in body style, and then a series of dogs showing the correct height and body length for a good Cardigan. One interesting slide showed two best-in-show dogs, with the ideal Cardigan from the illustrated standard set between them. This showed that the dogs going up are heavier and not quite as long as the ideal. Then I was able to show from photographs of dogs long dead that there have been Cardigans close to the ideal silhouette. By the way, as far as possible, I made up the slides from dogs of 10 to 20 years ago, and I consciously avoided dogs which are currently being shown.

Under heads, I reviewed the problems we have with measuring the three-to-five ratio of muzzle to skull, and then looked at ear sizes and ear sets (see picture). Then on to fronts. There were slides showing correct fronts, fronts too straight, fronts too wide and fronts too crooked, knuckling over, and pasterns too long. Then I discussed how much turnout of front paws is correct, or desirable. Toplines: all the standards ask for a level topline, which is both hard to achieve and perhaps not desirable from a health point of view. However only a slight rise over the loin should be tolerated. Tail set is a part of topline and I discussed correct tail sets and the difference between tail set and tail carriage.

I was able to show a slide out a Cardigan gaitting, taken from the side, with the hind leg going out well past the vertical. That is most unusual among Cardigans, and the other two dogs on the slide showed the more typical situation where the hock comes to the vertical or slightly past vertical at its maximum rear extension (see picture).

I then reviewed colors, including the widely accepted colors, and some of the aberrant and dilute colors which are all allowed under the Canadian standard. I also discussed mismarks, although I had to point out that the Canadian standard says nothing about mismarks.

After this, we went on to examine dogs. Sherry Saunders and Jenniffer Howling brought out a dozen Cardigans that we had brought. We went over the good, the bad, and the indifferent. We reviewed heads, fronts, coats, silhouettes, rears, tails, and so on. I had my Busy there, a real pinto Cardigan, to show a clear mismark. As there were about 30 people attending the session, it was impossible to have everyone go over every dog. In several cases the discussion got quite lively. After the formal part was over, a few people stayed and asked additional questions. The feedback that I got was very positive, people really believed they had learned more about Cardigans than they knew before. Isn't that what it's all about?

Charlie MacInnes

1999 Specialty Show Update

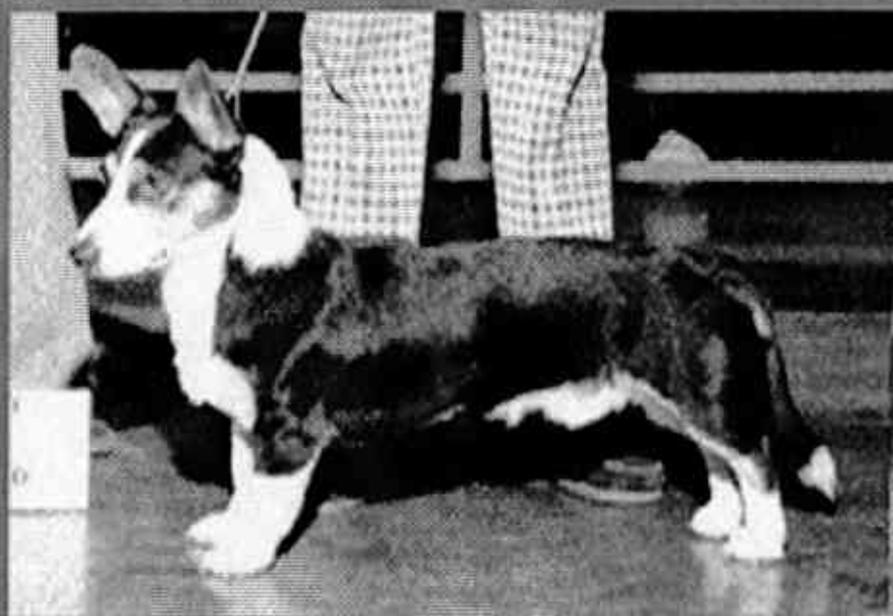
Actually there isn't much to report on this front. The paperwork for our Specialty has been received by the Canadian Kennel Club, but unfortunately the CKC is running a backlog in reviewing and approving applications for show dates and judges. I expect there will be further information available for the June issue of the newsletter. So far as we know, and subject to CKC approval, the Specialty will be held on September 4th, 1999, in Cornwall, Ontario in conjunction with the Cornwall and District Kennel Club all-breed shows. Judges will be Jacque Schatz for Sweeps, and Rev. Patrick Ormos for all regular classes. Once again we will be offering classes for sexually-altered dogs, as well as Sweeps classes for Veterans (7 years of age and older), so if you have an old trouser in good health, or a neutered "couch Cardi" who's lookin' good, load 'em in the car and bring 'em along! Remember, Specialties are for fun and fellowship as well as ribbons!

Treasurer's Statement

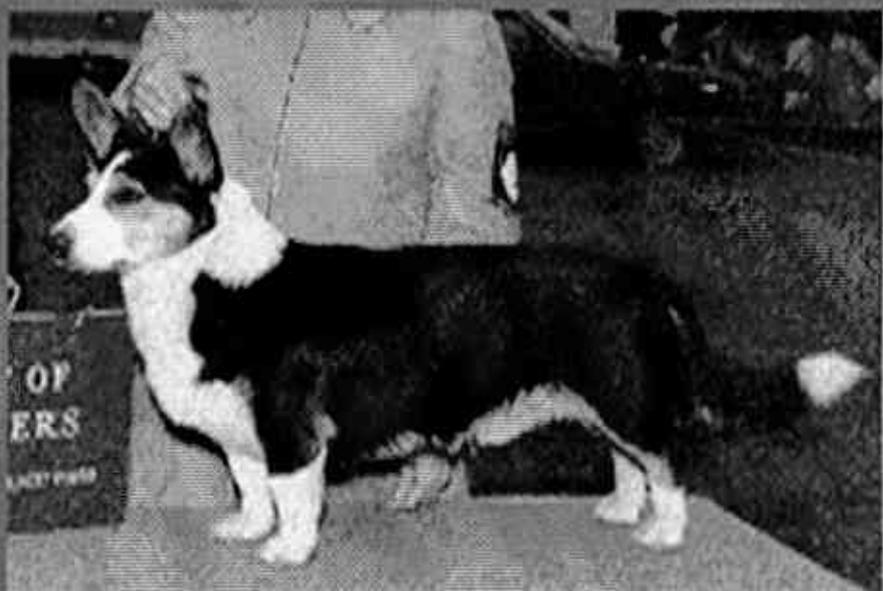
Al Alcock has provided a Treasurer's Statement to give us a picture of the Club's financial situation. You will find it attached. Thanks to all who provided donations and support to the Club over the past year, and thanks, Al, for your work with calculator and spreadsheet!

MATURITY

1 YEAR



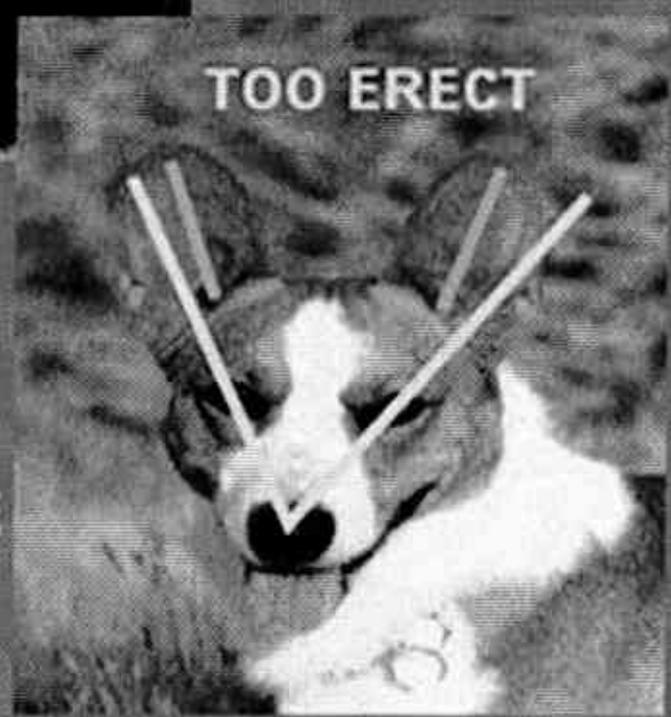
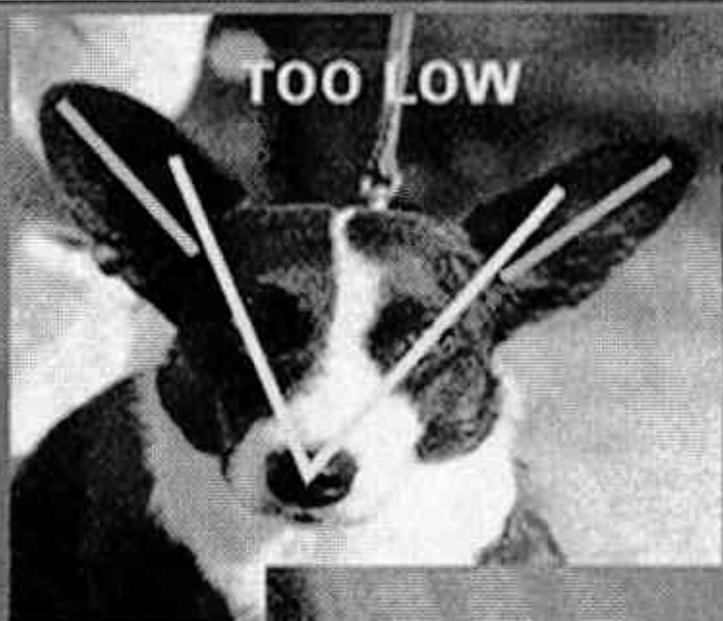
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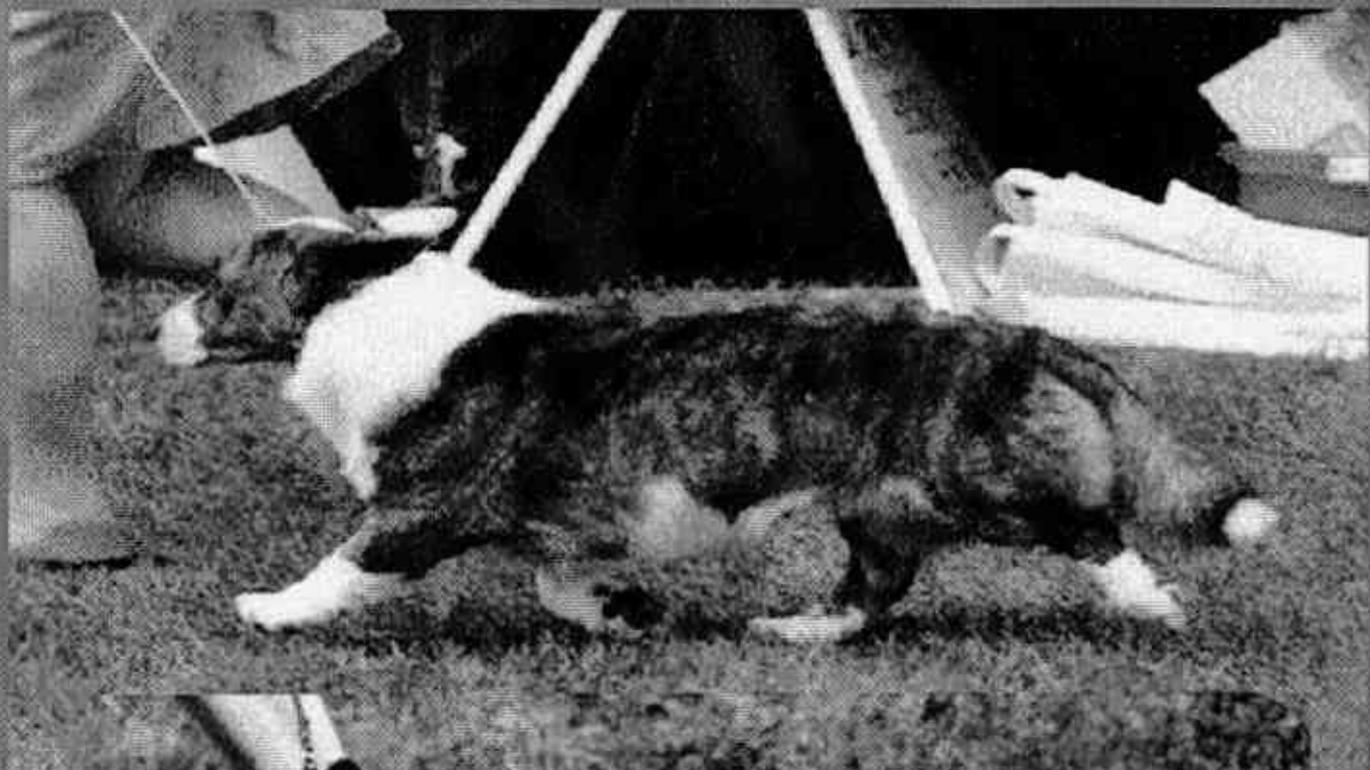


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CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB

Profit and Loss

January 1, 1998 through February 7, 1999

Jan 1, '98 - Feb 7, '99

	<u>Jan 1, '98 - Feb 7, '99</u>
Income	
Dog Show Income	
Banquet	105.00
Cardigan Corgi Calendar	541.00
Catalogues	
Sales	57.00
Total Catalogues	<u>57.00</u>
Entry Fees	
Conformation	520.00
Correction Match	70.00
Listing Fees	8.50
Sweepstakes	216.00
Total Entry Fees	<u>814.50</u>
Herding Income	
Entry Fees	400.00
Herding Clinic Fees	1,500.00
Total Herding Income	<u>1,900.00</u>
T-Shirts	339.00
Total Dog Show Income	<u>3,756.50</u>
Interest Income	211.34
Membership Fees	
Puppy	86.00
Regular	700.36
Membership Fees - Other	947.36
Total Membership Fees	<u>1,735.72</u>
Misc Donations	705.83
Miscellaneous Income	5.00
Uncategorized Income	31.00
Total Income	<u>6,445.39</u>
Expense	
Advertising - General	80.25
CCCC Newsletter	
Postage	180.43
Printing	155.28
Total CCCC Newsletter	<u>335.71</u>
CKC Fees General	
Club Administrative Expenses	18.84
Bank Service Charges	80.39
Office Supplies	30.14
Postage	82.41
Telephone	137.31
Total Club Administrative Expenses	<u>330.25</u>
Dog Show Expense	
Advertising	64.12
Banquet	223.70
CKC Show Fees	
Recording Fees	206.83
Total CKC Show Fees	<u>206.83</u>
General Administration	
Miscellaneous	16.57
Postage	12.58
Stationary	6.69
Total General Administration	<u>35.84</u>
Herding	
Judge Fees	1,000.00

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CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB

Profit and Loss

January 1, 1998 through February 7, 1999

	<u>Jan 1, '98 - Feb 7, '99</u>
Total Judge	1,000.00
Ribbons	151.31
Total Herding	<u>1,151.31</u>
Judges	
Hotels	124.02
Per Diems	26.75
Total Judges	<u>150.77</u>
Printing	
Calendars	802.50
Catalogues	100.00
Total Printing	<u>902.50</u>
Prizes & Gifts	
Trophies	270.00
Total Prizes & Gifts	<u>270.00</u>
Show Supplies	266.54
Site Rental	1,250.00
T-Shirts	577.08
Total Dog Show Expense	<u>5,098.69</u>
Donations	-30.00
Insurance	81.00
Total Expense	<u>5,914.74</u>
Net Income	<u><u>630.66</u></u>

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CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB
Balance Sheet
As of February 7, 1999

	<u>Feb 7, '99</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Chequing	2,930.84
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>2,930.84</u>
Other Current Assets	
Cash Account	100.00
Total Other Current Assets	<u>100.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>3,030.84</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>3,030.84</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	2,500.19
Retained Earnings	947.36
Net Income	-416.71
Total Equity	<u>3,030.84</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>3,030.84</u></u>

Cardigan Calendars!

Hey, guys! I sure need some photos from you to go into the 2000 Cardigan calendar! They need to be in to me by May 24 1999 so I have time to do a good job on them and have them ready to go to the '99 Specialty. Please no show photos but everything else is a go. Only photos will copy well enough, photocopies won't work, sorry. If you want the photos back please include a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Note: I may do some cropping to get the right layout. Please put the call name of the dog (or dogs) on the back of the photo. Also this year you can have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions of all kinds printed on the calendar at the price of \$1.00 per square. It makes the calendar very personal and a great gift for that really hard to buy for person. We had great comments on the '99 calendar and this one is going to be even better so order now to avoid being disappointed, as we will not print a lot of extras. All proceeds go to the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club.

Calendar Prices: \$20 each prepaid
 \$24 at the Specialty
 \$5 for shipping up to four calendars, \$10 for shipping 5 or more
(Note: Calendars picked up at the Specialty do not require a shipping charge.)
 \$1 per square for your special occasions

If you are getting a square please PRINT clearly the name, date and event on a separate piece of paper or card. Make cheques and money orders payable to the CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB. Would our friends from out of the country please submit in Canadian funds.

Mail photos for the calendar, and calendar orders, to Lore Bruder (address on order form).
If sending photos please mark the envelope: PHOTOS: DO NOT BEND.
If you are picking up calendars at the Specialty, print "pick up" under shipping on the order form.

And Cardigan Shirts!

Remember the lovely T-shirts available at the Pincher Creek Specialty last year? Well, here's your chance to order the 1999 edition! The shirts will be available this year in a wider range of styles. They will be off-white with a black silkscreen of the Club logo, the year and a Cardigan in motion. Once again the artwork will be by Michelle Grant. (We recommend you set the colour on your shirt by soaking it in salt water for 10 minutes before you wash it the first time; the printing will stay dark much longer.)

Styles and prices:

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. GOLF SHIRTS, SHORT SLEEVE ONLY | |
| A 50% poly / 50% cotton | \$28.00 |
| B 100% cotton | \$38.00 |
| 2. SWEAT SHIRTS, LONG SLEEVE ONLY | |
| C 50% poly / 50% cotton, 12.5 oz | \$29.00 |
| D 10% poly, 90% cotton, 15 oz | \$35.00 |
| E 100% cotton, 19 oz | \$40.00 |
| 3. T-SHIRTS, SHORT SLEEVE | |
| F 100% cotton, 9 oz | \$16.00 |
| G 100% cotton, 8.5 oz | \$15.00 |
| LONG SLEEVE | |
| H 100% cotton, 9 oz | \$19.00 |

Please add \$2.00 per item for XXL, or \$3.00 per item for XXXL (if available).
Please add \$5.00 for up to three items for shipping, or \$10.00 for four or more items.
Shirts may be picked up at the Specialty at no charge for shipping.

ORDER FORM FOR CLUB CALENDARS AND SHIRTS

Your Name:.....Telephone:.....
 Address:.....

Number of calendars ordered: _____
 Number of squares ordered: _____
 (Print information for the squares on a separate sheet)
 Shipping: _____

TOTAL FOR CALENDARS: _____

SHIRTS

Style: number & letter	Size	Number of shirts	Total

Shipping cost: _____

TOTAL FOR SHIRTS:..... _____

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Please make cheques or money-orders, payable in Canadian funds, to The Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club.