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**CAN. & AM. CH.
WOODROSE
WHIPPERSNAPPER**

"ZACH" went to Canada first in 2003 as a puppy and was RWD at the National and also picked up 8 points toward his Can. CH. that weekend. We returned to the 4 Long Sault shows in 2004 and he was Best of Breed all 4 shows with 2 Gr. 2's ,2Gr.4's and ended up as the # 1 Cardigan in Canada for 2004. Now in 2005 he was Best of Breed at the CCCC National and also BB 3 more days with 2 Gr.2's His litter sister AM. CAN. CH. WOODROSE WYNONA was the dam of the BOS, WB,BW and Best Puppy and the WD was a half brother !! In the USA he has also had a wonderful year in 2005 with many Bests of Breed, several Group placements , 3 Group wins and an all breed Best in Show !!! All these wins were breeder/owner/handled and that makes it all the nicer !! Karen Lyons

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, another year has almost passed. They seem to speed by these days with never enough time to do all that one wants to. I welcome some new and valuable members to the CCCC. Pixie Lauer - kennel name "Puddleduck"; Clive and Erika Packer; Lucybell K Rossiger - kennel name "Blue Wagon"; Beth Magnus - kennel name "Hedgerow"; Kay Langshaw. Welcome back into the fold Ruth Lister - kennel name "Llafyn". Thank you to one and all for joining our group and supporting the club. Your input will be valued. Welcome also to several puppy members who have bought their first Cardigans.

Our AGM was great and we made some good headway, gave support, and had some good laughs. It was wonderful to see all the old faces and meet some new ones. Barb Hoffman and Marilyn Bossinault did a super job of getting us all together for wine and cheese one evening and then the super supper another. Prizes for the specialty were wonderful and well presented. The number of items donated for the raffle was over the top. The weather was great! I personally liked the rain we had at night as it made every thing so fresh, gave the grounds a nice bath so to speak. No wind and not many bugs. The site on Woodlands Island really is a lovely location for a dog show. A special thanks Lucy Power and others who made sure that I ate, stuffing a sandwich at me as I ran to the next project or conversation. An apology to anyone that I did not get a chance to sit and have a chat with. There were so many great and interesting people and so little time.

As much as was accomplished there is still so much to do. Please folks do not forget to do puppy memberships. Write in to "YOUR" newsletter. Encourage your puppy people to write. It is always so fun to see a Cardi through fresh eyes. Do you remember your first Cardi, the excitement, the fear that you doing something wrong, the shaking knees the first time in the ring, the pure joy over that first championship. Bet there are some good tails out there!

I truly hope that each and everyone of you have a safe and great holiday season. Play nice! Keep in mind those with less than us. Remember " There is no such thing as a silly question if it prevents a silly mistake!"

Signing off with great expectations
Your President **Lore Lee Bruder**



**YASASHIIKUMA
TORNADO
WARNING C.D.**

Tory was the only entry in Specialty Obedience who made it to the ring, and she made us proud of dog and owner with a score of 189 from the Novice A class. Owned and trained by Tennille Whiteford (with the winner's smile), and bred by Shelley Camm. Nice hardware for a nice job!

**CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB
2006 NATIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW RESULTS**

Sweepstakes: Judge: Diane Bell

Junior Puppy Dog: 4 entered, 1 absent

1. Hedgerow's Take A Chance (Beth Magnus)
2. Cardach's Sno-Shu Barn Owl (E. B. Bishop and Charlotta Rine)
3. Hedgerow Trescor's Rio Plata (Michele Neubauer-Pinkett and Fred Pinkett)

Senior Puppy Dog: 4 entered

1. Puddleduck Sweet Sultan (Pixie Lauer and Barb Hoffman)
2. Dressnup Sterling Blu Minstrel (Charlie MacInnes)
3. Camelot's Prince of Darkness (Robert G. Patterson)
4. Bobby Magee (Michele Declair and Pixie Lauer)

15 to 18 Month Dog: 3 entered

1. Hedgerow's Man of Steel (Beth Magnus)
2. Finnshavn Duncan Sable (Charlie MacInnes)
3. Ch. Finnshavn Red Sable Ffloyd (Charlie MacInnes)

Junior Puppy Bitch: 3 entered, 1 absent

1. FRM Money Penny (Robin and Frank Mello)
2. Cardach's Magpie (E.B. Bishop)

Senior Puppy Bitch: 2 entered

1. Puddleduck Woodrose Naomi (Pixie Lauer and Logan Davis)
2. Woodrose Puddleduck Rumour Has It (Karen Lyons)

12 to 15 Month Bitch: 1 entered

1. Finnshavn Jennifer Token (Charlie MacInnes)

15 to 18 Month Bitch: 1 entered

1. Pluperfect-Merrymoon Praise (Barb Hoffman and J.J. Kimes)

Best in Sweepstakes: Pluperfect-Merrymoon Praise (Barb Hoffman and J.J. Kimes)

Best of Opposite: Puddleduck Sweet Sultan (Pixie Lauer and Barb Hoffman)

Veterans Sweepstakes: Judge: Diane Bell

7 to 9 Year Males: 1 entered

1. Ch. Bluetrix Son of Spuddie Wind (Lore Bruder)

7 to 9 Year Bitches: 2 entered

1. Ch. Merrymoon Noblestar Hot Ice (Barb Hoffman and Patti Snider)
2. Ch. Cardach BJ's Lucille Ball (Beth Magnus)

10 to 12 Year Males: 1 entered

1. Ch. Pluperfect Petersham (Pixie Lauer)

10 to 12 Year Females: 1 entered

1. Ch. Finnshavn's Blue Belle (Charlie MacInnes)

Best in Veterans Sweeps: Ch. Merrymoon Noblestar Hot Ice (Barb Hoffman & Patti Snider)

Best Opposite in Veterans Sweeps: Ch. Pluperfect Petersham (Pixie Lauer)

Regular Classes: Judge: Mr. James Reynolds

Junior Puppy Dogs: 4 entered, 1 absent

1. Cardach's Sno-Shu Barn Owl (E. B. Bishop and Charlotta Rine)
2. Hedgerow Trescor's Rio Plata (Michele Neubauer-Pinkett and Fred Pinkett)
3. Finnshavn Walkin in Memphis (Lucy and Frank Power)

Senior Puppy Dogs: 3 entered

1. Camelot's Prince of Darkness (Robert G. Patterson)
2. Bobby Magee (Michele Declair and Pixie Lauer)
3. Dressnup Sterling Blu Minstrel (Charlie MacInnes)

12 to 18 Month Dog: 1 entered

1. Hedgerow's Man of Steel (Beth Magnus)

Bred by Exhibitor Dog: 3 entered

1. Puddleduck Sweet Sultan (Pixie Lauer and Barb Hoffman)
2. Merrymoon Pluperfect Ponyxpress (Barb Hoffman and J.J. Kimes)
3. Hedgerow's Take A Chance (Beth Magnus)

Open Dog: 6 entered, 1 absent, 1 excused

1. Woodrose FallTyme Star Gazer (Brenda Foster)
2. Visions-Cardach Wait Til Dark (E.B. Bishop)
3. Rhydowen Minute Man (Gail and Robert Lynch and Pat Santi)
4. Blondie's Quite A Guy (Robin and Frank Mello)

Winner's Dog: Woodrose FallTyme Star Gazer (Brenda Foster)

Reserve Winner's Dog: Camelot's Prince of Darkness (Robert G. Patterson)

Veteran Dog: 2 entered

1. Ch. Pluperfect Petersham (Pixie Lauer)
2. Ch. Bluetrix Son of Spuddie Wind (Lore Bruder)

Junior Puppy Bitch: 2 entered, 1 absent

1. Cardach's Magpie (E.B. Bishop)

Senior Puppy Bitch: 2 entered

1. Puddleduck Woodrose Naomi (Pixie Lauer and Logan Davis)
4. Woodrose Puddleduck Rumour Has It (Karen Lyons)

12 to 18 Month Bitch: 2 entered

1. Pluperfect-Merrymoon Praise (Barb Hoffman and J.J. Kimes)
2. Finnshavn Jennifer Token (Charlie MacInnes)

Bred by Exhibitor Bitch: 2 entered

1. Blue Wagon Maliseet (Lucybelle Roessiger)
2. FRM Money Penny (Robin and Frank Mello)

Open Bitch: 6 entered

1. McMatt's Silver Essence (Robin and Frank Mello)
2. Merrymoon Noblestar Nite Music (Karen Lyons)
3. Merrymoon Noblestar Outrageous (Connie O'Brien and Kathy Smith)
4. Rhydowen Wynstar Blackberry (Lore Kopreski and Craig Lane)

Winner's Bitch: Puddleduck Woodrose Naomi (Pixie Lauer and Logan Davis)

Reserve Winner's Bitch: Pluperfect-Merrymoon Praise (Barb Hoffman and J.J. Kimes)

Veteran Bitch: 1 entered:

1. Ch. Finnshavn's Blue Belle (Charlie MacInnes)

Best of Breed: Ch. Woodrose Whippersnapper (Karen Lyons and Cheryl Mulcahey)

Best of Opposite Sex, Best of Winners, Best Puppy:

Puddleduck Woodrose Naomi (Pixie Lauer and Logan Davis)

Award of Merit: Ch. Pluperfect Petersham (Pixie Lauer)

Best Canadian-bred: Ch. Merrymoon Noblestar Hot Ice (Barb Hoffman & Patti Snider)

Best Brace: Ch. Cardach BJ's Lucille Ball, Ch. Cardach BJ's Apple Pie (Beth Magnus)

Best Stud Dog: Ch. Ritchi-Bubble-Gum de la Caverne des Anges (Charlie MacInnes)

Best Brood Bitch: Ch. Hedgerow BJ's Apple Pie (Beth Magnus)

2005 NATIONAL SPECIALTY REPORT

Once again, the Club held a very successful Specialty on August 27th, 2005, at Long Sault, Ontario. This was held in conjunction with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Dog Association and was part of a four-day weekend, hence five sets of points for Cardigans. We had an excellent turn-out with 49 total dogs entered in the regular classes for the Specialty, 16 in Sweeps, and 27 for the booster which was held on the Sunday.

Judging was quite consistent over the weekend, with Karen Lyons Am/Can Ch Woodrose Whippersnapper taking the breed three of the four days as well as the Specialty itself. He also placed second in the Herding Group on two days. Top obedience team was Tennille Whiteford and Yashashiikuma Tornado Warning from Oakville, Ontario. Complete results can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Specialty was, unusually for us, nearly devoid of disasters or adventures, as far as I know. The weather was, for the most part, co-operative, nobody reported a vehicle breakdown or got lost, and no dog encountered a skunk. The closest we came to catastrophe was actually averted thanks to Ruth Lister and Barb Hoffman. On Friday evening I was supposed to drive to Ottawa to pick up our Sweeps judge, Jennifer Roberson, at 11 pm at the airport. Jennifer, who is from Flagstaff Arizona, was flying in that night by way of Atlanta. I dutifully left the wine and cheese reception early but decided to stop in at home before proceeding to Ottawa. That was lucky, because as I walked in the front door Jim shoved the phone in my face: it was Jennifer, calling to say she was stranded in Atlanta! Delta had cancelled her flight (there were tornados around Atlanta, we think because of hurricane Katrina) and no airline could get her to Ottawa until 5:00 pm Saturday, long after the Specialty would be over. I headed back to the campsite where I found a few people still lingering over the wine, to report that we had no sweeps judge. I had been concerned from the outset that this might happen, since the year Karen Harbert tried to come up from San Diego for the same shows and had to turn around in Pittsburgh and go home, because the entire east coast shut down for a hurricane. Fortunately Barb and Ruth were prepared and had a prospective substitute judge lined up. Ruth hurried off to tell Diane Bell that we would need her services and found Diane reading the Cardigan standard, just in case! Diane is a professional handler who has bred best-in-show Pekinese (so she knows something about dwarf fronts!) and she did a crackerjack job for us with humour and grace. Thanks, Diane! Thanks also to Ruth and Barb who had a 'plan B' and to show superintendent Kevin Smith who made it legal.

There was one near miss: a gust of wind lifted Barb Hoffman's canopy and dropped it in the road. On the way, a pole hit one of the puppies in the pen under the canopy: he was found unconscious. Fortunately, there were many club members skilled in canine first aid camped nearby, and, at last report, puppy was back in good health. There were anxious moments, though.

Special thanks are in order: to Barb and Ruth again for their huge effort as the specialty committee, in particular organizing the prizes and hospitality; to Kaye Langshaw, our ring steward for life who follows us around from coast to coast despite our idiosyncrasies; Nicole Pitre, Barb's daughter, who acted as Kaye's assistant this year; to our distinguished judges, James Reynolds for the Specialty and Dr. Robert Berndt for the booster; the staff at Bruyere's Restaurant in Cornwall, upon whom we descended on Sunday evening; all of our American friends from the northeastern part of the country who came out in good numbers to support us; to the donors and winners of a very successful raffle; and to Charlie MacInnes for donating two new permanent trophies in honour of Aelwyd (Winners Dog) and Trailwyn (Winners Bitch) Kennels (Karen Harbert and Jean Clifford,

respectively) and their contributions to Cardigans in Canada. And to anyone I may have missed: thank you all!

And a particular thank you to the Club members who attended the annual general meeting on Friday night, for their generous vote to donate \$500 to the legal defence fund of the American Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club. As you may know, breed specific legislation came into force in Ontario on August 29th, banning 'pit bulls' but also American Staffordshire Bull Terriers and Staffordshire Terriers, as well as any dog 'with the substantial characteristics of these breeds' (in other words, potentially any short, muscular, short-coated dog). The same day the legislation came into effect a court challenge was launched which will fight this ban, probably as far as the Supreme Court of Canada, at an estimated cost of \$200,000. Our Club, as well as many others, stands with the Staffie and AmStaff folks on this issue: banning specific breeds will not solve the problem of aggressive dogs and irresponsible owners. And it will not stop at these breeds: once the concept that an entire breed of dog can be legislated out of existence is accepted, other breeds can and will be added to the prohibited list. Possibly even ours. (Don't think it can't; in Italy both corgis must wear muzzles in public, as part of a list of 90 restricted breeds.) So a very very grateful 'thank you' for your generosity.

Marilyn Boissoneault

A footnote: Zach, our Best of Breed winner, won an all-breed Best in Show in his home state of Maine, about three weeks after this specialty. He is, I believe, the 17th Cardigan to win a BIS in the USA, and only the third to do it handled by his breeder/owner. Zach was also top Cardigan in Canada in 2004. Congratulations to Zach, to his breeder/co-owner/handler Karen Lyons, and to house-mother and co-owner Cheryl Mulcahey (Karen's sister).

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND – JOHN KRUG

John Krug was an ideal Cardigan owner. John was a mycologist, and professor at the University of Toronto. John and his wife Beatrix first came to visit in about 1988, with two very polite children. They bought bought a bitch puppy they hoped to show. Unfortunately, her front bent too much. No matter they said, and gave Cardli a wonderful, active home for the 16 years of her happy life. They kept in touch, so I heard about Cardli at the cottage, etc.. As Cardli grew older, and they lost an elderly Pembroke, they came back for another puppy. This one (Owen, born 2001) finished promptly, including a group 4th. He is a nice dog, and I bred my Chelsea to him. John took a stud fee puppy, and gave him to his daughter Maja. Anyone who was at the Whitehorse Specialty will remember Maja and her fiancé Darryl, who brought Monti for a dog show holiday. Monti, and Lore Bruder's Bright, also from Owen's litter, finished championships promptly, and went on in obedience. Monti is also taking herding lessons, while Bright is enjoying agility classes.

Monti was entered in Novice obedience at this year's Specialty, but he and Maja did not make it. John has been ill off and on for several years, and his condition took a turn for the worse in August. Maja, Daryl, and Monti made it from Guelph to Toronto on the way to the specialty, but decided to stay with John. He passed away on the Monday. Trix was hostess for a memorial on Wednesday. Maja and Darryl were married on the Saturday. John had done a lot of planning for the wedding, and insisted that it go as scheduled, no matter what happened to him. It was a fine ceremony and reception, enjoyed by all who attended, as John wished. The Club expresses condolences to the whole family. John was good company, and I will truly miss him. We also wish the newlyweds well, and hope they stay active in both dog shows and harness racing (Darryl's eater of spare time!).

MEDICAL NEWS

MAGGIE AND THE MYSTERIOUS MMM

Maggie, aka Aberwyvern Maggie Smith, my two year old Cardigan bitch, has masticatory muscle myositis....for obvious reasons generally referred to as MMM. This is an autoimmune disorder of unknown origin which selectively targets two muscle groups in the head, the temporal and masseter muscles. In the acute stage of MMM, the muscles become inflamed and swollen, and the dog may experience great pain and an inability to open the jaw. In the chronic phase, the pain disappears but the restricted jaw movement is still present to a greater or lesser degree, and the affected muscles atrophy. In a worst case scenario, when the condition is undiagnosed and untreated, the inability to move the jaw may lead to death from starvation. From the research I have been able to do, MMM appears to be most common in large breed dogs, especially German Shepherds, although it can occur in any breed. I have never heard of another case in Cardigans, and in fact had never heard of it at all until Maggie was diagnosed despite the fact that veterinary websites call it "common". (Note: after Marilyn submitted this article, a second cardigan was reported with the condition, in the USA.)

Maggie's MMM is chronic, and the muscles have visibly atrophied as can be seen in the photo. The sagittal crest is prominent and the cheeks somewhat sunken. She has somewhat limited range of movement in her jaw but eats well (frankly, she's a chow hound) and can still stuff two or three favourite toys in her mouth when the situation warrants. How she acquired MMM is something of a mystery, as we did not observe an acute phase and, as is so often the case, originally took her to the vet for another matter entirely.

Some of you may recall seeing Maggie at the Club wine and cheese the night before the 2003 Specialty in Long Sault. She showed no symptoms of MMM at that point. She turned four months old on August 17, 2003, and we completed her vaccinations around the time of the Specialty. In September we started puppy kindergarten, and that's when we ran into a problem. Our classes are held in a school gym, and when Maggie began limping part way through class I attributed it to a strain compounded by the fact that the wooden floor is hard and unyielding. For four weeks in a row she would be fine when she started class but begin limping, always on the left front leg, as the class progressed. In fact we never completed a single class as the lameness got progressively worse through the evening.

So.... off to the vet. In the course of the examination, which could find no reason for the limp, Dr. Hunt commented that Maggie couldn't open her mouth very far (for some reason, which I can't remember now, I had Maggie's dam Cleo in at the same time, and Dr. Hunt noticed the differences in the two dogs). Yet neither of us took much note of it at the time. Maggie was put on a course of steroids and crate rest for the limp, mostly as a precaution since we couldn't figure out why she was limping. As it turns out, that was the right thing to do for MMM too.

Maggie continued to limp on and off all winter. X-rays were taken but showed nothing. Finally, thinking it might be a joint problem, I got a referral to a canine orthopaedic specialist at Alta Vista Animal Hospital. By this time the muscle atrophy was evident, and on that basis plus the restricted jaw movement a tentative diagnosis of MMM was made. A diagnosis of MMM is confirmed first through a blood test to determine the presence of muscle type 2M antibodies in the temporalis muscle. Type 2 muscle fibres are present only in the masticatory muscles (in other words the histology of the muscles on the head differs from that of the rest of the body....weird) so this is a very specific test. Ideally a muscle biopsy is also done, partly because the blood test can

give a false positive if the dog has recently been on corticosteroids, and partly to gauge the severity of the condition, and predict whether muscle function and muscle mass might return. Because Dr. Parker felt Maggie had restricted movement in her shoulder joints, especially the left, as well as the left hind leg, and given the history of lameness, muscle samples were taken from all three locations. Biopsy of the shoulder and leg muscles wasn't to detect MMM, but to determine if something similar was affecting her limbs. The results of the tests confirmed MMM.

Maggie has been on a daily dose of Metcam since last June to prevent a recurrence of the inflammation; she will have to take it for the rest of her life. There has been no further visible atrophy of the muscles and she still likes stuffing her mouth full of toys. She was supposed to start physiotherapy June to loosen up her tight shoulders, but at that point I got sick and we never did go to physio. When I took her back to my own vet for her annual checkup and shots in September 2004 he suggested that possibly the MMM was triggered by an adverse reaction to her initial shots the previous year, specifically the leptospirosis vaccine. Apparently adverse reactions are not uncommon with lepto (I wish he'd thought of that at the time!). Maggie's annual shots are now broken up and given at three week intervals.

As noted above, MMM is an autoimmune disorder in which the body is stimulated to attack its own tissues. In Maggie's case the lepto vaccination may have been the trigger. However, it is believed that many if not most autoimmune disorders may have a genetic predisposition; in the breeds where MMM is more common it is apparently associated with specific bloodlines. As a result, Maggie cannot be bred.....bummer. Thankfully, as with many doggy problems, *she* doesn't know there's anything wrong!

This article is based on several on-line articles relating to MMM, as well as discussions with Dr. Hunt of the Morrisburg Animal Hospital and Dr. Parker of the Alta Vista Animal Hospital in Ottawa. Some of you may recall an article I wrote for this newsletter in April 2003 on the question of whether or not we are vaccinating our dogs too often, and whether vaccination protocols should be changed. My conclusion based on my research for that item and experience to that time suggested sticking with the existing protocols. Based on Maggie's experience with MMM, I would now suggest spacing out initial puppy vaccinations (and yearly immunization in proven susceptible adults like Maggie) and to be very wary of the existing lepto vaccine. If lepto is present in your area you may have no choice but to vaccinate, but discuss the risk factors with your vet. As I said in the April 2003 issue, vaccination is an exercise in risk management.

Marilyn Boissoneault

HEART PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES ON BREEDING PROGRAMS

Two Cardigans from Finnshavn died in the past few months, both from heart problems.

From Mrs Pola Burak:

The Buraks were so fortunately to find Charles MacInnes who has cardigan corgies. Schnuketu came to our home at the tender age of four months from Finnshavn's (Black Magic), we were told that she had heart troubles but that we could have her if we wanted her. She replaced Walter's Malamute Schnuk One and we wanted a smaller dog. We never regretted receiving Schnuketu, she had a beautiful face and was most loving and a perfect dog anybody could wish and she became my dog. She understood me so well and understood what was said or tried to understand. She was always pleasing and enjoyed life with us and showed how happy/content she was by just seeing and being close to me. She was extremely cute when she wanted to

communicate and made her wishes known. She was an excellent watchdog till the end. She was always on my side unless she could not come along due to hot or cold weather or locations where she cannot come along.

When she was not feeling well, the veterinarian recommended to see a doctor in cardiology who told me that she had a hole in her heart and lung. We had good nine years less a month together; she enjoyed life with us, she understood that we had to fight to keep her healthy this last year. The medication worked well for that period but at the end we lost the battle and it came quick. We have forever-beautiful memories of Schnuketu and are thankful that she came in our lives. We all love Schnuketu and miss her very much.

From Jim Cockburn:

We bought a male Cardigan from you about ten years ago. He came named 'Rocky', we named him Tinso. We live in Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta. He died over a year ago from what we were told was a congenital heart defect. I am not complaining, just passing on some genetic info.

Tinso was a great pet. His temperament was extremely gregarious both with people and dogs. He was very healthy for the first 9 years of his life. At about age 6 he developed some minor spinal problems, probably caused by his active lifestyle. Other than that he had no health problems at all. He was very large for a Corgi. He was lean and muscular but still weighed over 18 kilos. He was neutered sometime in his first year.

We have no complaints. He was a great animal and I don't expect longevity from a purebred.

These two reports on bad hearts caused me great concern. I checked my records, and found that these two dogs had the same mother. She was an outcross and half her pedigree came from other kennels. These are the only reports of heart defects that I have received on my own breeding in 32 years in the breed, so the condition is not common. I kept, and bred from, other puppies from the same dam, and from both sires, and no heart problems have been reported, either in my kennel or among puppies from those breedings. I checked my dictionary: the word congenital means present from birth; it does not necessarily mean that the condition has a genetic link, but nor does it predict no genetic link. Anomalies during development may cause heart defects in an individual, without genetic causes. On the other hand, some pure breeds (e.g. Cavalier King Charles spaniels) have been devastated by genetically mediated heart defects. My veterinarian checks very carefully for heart murmurs when she checks the puppies at the time they get their shots. Over the years, we have heard very few anomalies, but Mrs Burak's puppy was one of them. Mr. Cockburn's pup sounded normal.

On a broader front, the occurrence of two cases of MMM, and these heart defects, are cause to raise vigilance among Cardigan breeders. Rare reports like these might be the tips of icebergs. I recently learned of a condition called SA in standard poodles. In 2005, it is estimated that 50% of all poodles in North America are carriers of this condition. It is an autoimmune phenomenon, which results in destruction of most of the dogs' hair follicles. The result is nearly naked poodles whose skin smells unpleasant. The condition occurs all over the world; it may have been spread by a well known Canadian kennel of the past, whose excellent show dogs were widely popular 30+ years ago. The skin problem has been known for a lot of years, but has become much more common in the past decade. Did old-time breeders share knowledge of this?

One former breeder of German shepherds suggested that many of the serious problems in that breed came from two very widely used studs of the 1960s. It was not until the grand and great-grand puppies matured that many of the problems became widely known.

These two examples (by no means a complete list!) indicate that breeds can develop serious problems. Those will start off as rare examples, and, depending on historical accidents of numbers, may become more and more common if they are somehow linked to desirable characteristics. I suggest several priorities: (1) We need to trade information freely, rather than hiding bad news. (2) Every breed needs to maintain genetic diversity. (3) The subject of testing is more controversial. If we know there is a problem in our breed, and there is a reliable test, of course we should have breeding stock tested. In a perfect world, we should also test all puppies, not just potential breeders, to get estimates of the prevalence of the condition. Emerging technology is giving us DNA tests to identify carriers. We have the Test for PRA carriers in Cardigans. However, if we try to apply all the tests from all breeds to every one of our dogs, costs will be prohibitive, and that will raise the price of puppies. So each breeder has to assess the need for, and reliability of, each test. The Club should take the role of coordinating what we know, and sponsoring seminars and testing clinics (where applicable) at Nationals, etc.

In reply to Mr Cockburn, I say that I expect Cardigans of my breeding to average 13 – 15 years old. Pure bred dogs can live long and prosper!

Charlie MacInnes

FEEDING TIME

This is a follow up to Lore Bruder's article in the last newsletter, on the benefits of feeding the older dog several small meals a day rather than one large meal. Although we used to feed one meal a day, our practice for years now with all the adult dogs regardless of age has been two meals, a small (about 1/3 of the daily ration) bowl of dry kibble in the morning and the main meal (of kibble and goodies, like canned dog food, raw carrots and 'dog broth', a concoction made by simmering and straining whatever bones have collected in the freezer) in the evening. I should mention that we are a multi-dog household, with as many as five but right now only two in residence. Our place is not a kennel-style situation; the dogs are housepets first. So all of the dogs are fed together, in the kitchen, at the same time, with each dog trained to go to its own bowl in a customary corner. We probably started feeding two meals a day when we had a bitch with puppies who needed more than one meal, and other dogs who couldn't understand why they were left out. However, we noticed significant benefits right away. The main thing was that the excessive barking and play fighting (though it fortunately never progressed to outright aggression) that accompanied dinner completely vanished. The dogs are still excited about dinnertime but they don't make a huge fuss. Dinnertime is blissfully quiet!

It wasn't until I picked up a book called 'Behaviour Problems in Dogs', by William E. Campbell (American Veterinary Publications, 1975) that I read about 'hunger tension'. Although it is true that a dog takes longer to digest food than we do, feeding only once a day means the dog has an empty stomach for about 14 to 18 hours at a stretch. Many dogs don't adjust well to going from two or more meals a day as growing puppies to one meal as adults and develop oral-related behavioural problems, such as chewing, stealing food, etc. Most dogs, even those without behavioural problems, become excessively excited and anxious as suppertime finally rolls around, barking, running around

and acting in a mock-aggressive way towards each other, because they're really really hungry. And anxiety about dinner can upset the digestive system as well as contributing to a zoo in the kitchen!

Another point Campbell makes is that mealtime shouldn't take place too soon after the owner returns from being out. That way, two of the most important events in the dog's day - the return of the humans and mealtime - are spread out. The dog has two different exciting events to anticipate, not one in which the anticipatory tensions are combined; and, since dogs don't like their routine upset, if the owner happens to be a little late, the dog's schedule isn't thrown out of whack. We used to feed the dogs right after we get home; now we wait about 45 minutes....until after playtime!

These insights are part of an entire chapter on the role of nutrition in behavioural problems (Dogs in Canada also addresses this topic in the current issue). Campbell's book is a bit dated, but really useful and a good read. It's out of print but if you happen to find a copy grab it. And if you do decide to feed twice a day, remember to feed the same amount, just divide it!

Marilyn Boissoneault

THIS DOG SURVIVED PARVO AND BACTERIAL KENNEL COUGH

This note came to Lore Bruder from the owner of one of her puppies. The dog had a rough time with an almost fatal bout of parvovirus, which brought on pneumonia caused by Bordetella, the second form of kennel cough. The note is a tribute to the toughness of cardigans!

Wicca loves sheep!

This weekend we got to play with sheep for the first time and it was amazing. She has never seen sheep before so I wasn't sure how she would be- but she caught on right away...She was the second dog up- and I could barely pry her from the fence as she watched the other dog.

By the time we got into the pen her excitement had escalated to the point where she was crawling on the ground to get to the sheep. I let her off the lead and wow... She zipped over to the sheep right away- not scared at all and started moving them around the pen. We have worked a ton on directions and her lie down has been really solid- but that quickly went out the window and I resorted to telling her to "get out" and yelling "lie down" many, many times before she actually would...But it wasn't long until she was working really well for me- instead of just chasing them she was moving them back and forth.

Her second go round was much more controlled- I kind of knew what I was supposed to do, and we actually had her bringing the sheep to me- walk up/lie down, walk up/lie down. She was a bit stubborn and her lie down wasn't as solid as I had thought!!!!

Her third try was amazing and I can not believe how good she was. It was really neat to see the instinct come out like that...So needless to say I am hooked.....

Amanda Labadie

FAREWELL TO SOME OLDTIMERS



Up the hill a waddling you go
 Pups in there, but how many
 Panting down you come but slow
 Five blue, one tri that's how many
 They are gorgeous
 The tears roll down

Around the field in dark and day
 On foot, tractor and horse
 With tagger in hand, cow at bay
 Right hand man, right on course
 You saved my ass
 The tears roll down

You are very grizzled and grey
 Working hard to see and hear
 A quiet passing for you we pray
 In our hearts you are so dear
 You will be missed
 The tears roll down

Waiting in fields forever green
 Are those who went before
 I will see you in my dreams
 And in puppies on my floor
 And the tears will roll
 The tears roll down

For Patches from Lore/ passed on
 November 24, 2005 Pincher Creek, AB
 [Patches on left in photo]

Arriving so small so curly so burly
 With much to do and learn
 Always brave and in such a hurry
 Running so hard, crash and burn
 We laughed so hard
 The tears roll down

That old fence must be down
 Cows with calves are out
 You head "n" heel them, go round
 In they go one last woof and shout
 We are so proud
 The tears roll down

**AN ERA IS
 OVER**

**FINNSHAVN'S
 PATCH OF
 TROUBLE**

**22 MAY 1991
 TO
 24 NOVEMBER
 2005**

CH. WAIBOURNES MERRI BRYN

Bryn was born Aug. 10/1992; died June 22/2005. A gentleman to the end, he filled my life, with challenges, love and much joy, a better friend I couldn't have asked for, he helped me thru many a rough patch. When he was born he stood out in the litter and was my boy from day one, as he grew he let me know that crates were for lesser members and certainly not for Him!! He loved the Show ring and insisted on leading me around it, Bryn attained his Canadian Championship the

weekend he turned a year old and with limited showing. We turned our attention Stateside and at his first weekend showing at a Supported Show Bryn took a 5 point Major, unfortunately his show career was cut short when he damaged his back. With great fortitude he recovered from that, but was unable to move the same to return to the ring, this did not stop him from performing his duties and he was able to father some litters from which there are several champions. Bryn ruled our home and didn't brook any nonsense, though he loved his babies and would try to help in their raising. A few years ago he very reluctantly accepted Michael into our family, but as time passed and he grew weaker Micheal took over as his groomer. With much grumbling Bryn would stretch out for Micheal to minister to him. As he aged and became less mobile he became more vocal, sometimes to his detriment, however his welcoming me home is sadly missed. Although he is gone he has left me with many fond memories and I know he will be waiting for me to join him at the other end of the rainbow bridge with his welcome home bark again.

Fern Hunt

TUAHINE EBONY FAERIE

Ebony was born April 7/02 and died June 21/05. Ebony's life was cut tragically short when several of the disks in her back fused, for awhile it looked hopeful, however it was not to be and Ebony was given a release from the pain she was in. This girl brought love to all those she met and lived with, she came from New Zealand to be my new girl but instead went to live with my friend Cheryl Reist on Vancouver Island, where she happily adjusted to keeping Cheryl on her toes! Ebony travelled with Charlie and me to the Yukon Specialty to everyones' enjoyment, she was a sweet tempered dog that was fun to be with. I would like to thank Cheryl and her husband Stan for letting me share her short life with them, Happy trails Ebony, Fern Hunt

PERFORMANCE NEWS

A quick update on the girls, Abby (Finnshavn's Abby LeHave, ADC, SGDC) and Nelly (Finnshavn's Ffeiry Ffairy). I recognize I am bragging but thought you could cope! We are having such fun.

Abby has made the AAC list for top agility dogs in Canada. She is the only Cardigan that made the AAC "top dog" list in any of the categories (Regular, Special or Veteran). Given that we are limited by the number of trials we can attend in the Maritime Region and time (I'm back to work), Abby has had a phenomenal year. People just love her enthusiasm and speed. One judge just loved how she "banks" on the corners. She won a Judges Choice award for the most exciting run of the day at one trial and an SPCA award for the dog with most heart at a big trial in Moncton this year.. At a recent CPE trial, our last trial of the season, the announcer made a point of stating that Abby had the fastest time of all the dogs (35-40) running in the Jumpers event, ahead of all the Border Collies, Shepherds, Aussies etc., "on those short legs". Abby is only 22 lbs and 10 1/2" She has never had an injury; she is just a super athlete.

Nelly at 19 months, went to her first trial in October and now has 2 AAC trials under her belt. Because of her heavier conformation and height (12 1/2" where 12" is a jump height cutoff) I am running her in Specials. However she already has 2 legs/3 toward her first title and has moved from Starters to Advanced Jumpers. She has turned a lot of heads with her calm but enthusiastic approach to trials. Given that she is still a baby she is a pretty confident, cool competitor and she has the potential to be a speedster too like her older cousin, Abby.

Don and I are enjoying both of them so much. We just love the breed--heart,. intelligence, athleticism, endurance and confidence. I can't understand why there are so few around here. At least 3 people talked to me about getting Cardi's at the trial this weekend. I'll send them your way Charlie.

Cheers,



Sandie Ellicott

COUPE IN ONTARIO

CKC agility titles - she competes in the 12" Division

- 2003 Agility Novice (AgN)
- 2004 Agility Intermediate (AgI)
- 2005 Agility Excellent (AgX)

AAC (Agility Association of Canada) titles - she competes in the 10" Special Division

- 2004 SADC - Special Agility Dog of Canada
- SSGDC - Special Starter Gambler Dog of Canada
- SAADC - Special Advanced Agility Dog of Canada

SMSDC - Special Master Snooker Dog of Canada
SMADC - Special Master Agility Dog of Canada

Ontario Regionals - 2nd
Nationals in Montreal - 2nd

2005 Ontario Regionals - 1st

She has had numerous "Q's" in 2005, but 1 last title remains elusive. We need 3 "team" Q's, which hasn't happened yet. Coupe's doing her part, but our team-mate hasn't always run clean.

I hope this helps. The picture I gave you was from the Nationals last year in Montreal. I'm going to try (ha, ha!!) to send you a picture I took this summer on the mini-putt course in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

Take care,

Tricia & Coupe - Finnshavn Deuce Coupe HIC, SADC, SSGDC, SAADC, SMJDC, SMGDC, SMSDC, SMADC, AGN, AGI, AGX



Camelot's Prince of Darkness



Ozzy

His first weekend showing Ozzy is awarded WD/BOS, the next day awarded WD/BOW and gets the nod for his first BOB. All of this from the 9-12 month puppy class!

Thank you to judge Dr. J. Becerra-Hernandez for making Ozzy's debut a memorable one!

Watch for Ozzy on tour with Allison Alexander CPHA!

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Conquerer Reg'd
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Allison Alexander CPHA
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SPECIALTY 2006 The specialty next summer will be held on **Monday, 21 August, in Rothesay, New Brunswick, in conjunction with the New Brunswick Kennel Club shows. There are six NBKC shows with it, from Saturday 19 Aug. to Thursday 24 Aug. Judges for the specialty will be announced in the next newsletter. So will all the tourist information.**

THE OLIVIA TROPHY

Letter from Gloria Moon - - For Taya and Gizzie

For most of my life I've lived with only people. Taya and Gizmo came to live with me, 6 week old littermates, daughter and son of Tia and Alexander, tri-color Welsh Cardigan Corgis. Ears down and ready to rip in April nearly 14 years ago. All I can say is "WOW". In seconds they had captured the hearts of everyone who lived in our house and everyone who came to our house.

Not only did they capture our hearts but they ran the household as well; dog toys, dog walks, dog water, dog towels, dog food, dog treats, dog beds - you know!!

Puppies grow up so fast, they learn so fast, soon they are the one's who are doing the teaching. They are such good teachers! I should really try harder in my every day life to practice more of the things those two taught me.

Taya and Gizzie were inseparable- they used to run across the field, side by side, sometimes turning left, sometimes turning right, but always in sync. If we'd all pay more attention to the needs of other then we'd all be more in sync! Which wouldn't be a bad thing!

As I'm looking at a picture of them hanging on my wall, the first thing I feel is that my heart gets bigger in a warm happy way. It feels good to feel that way: unconditional love. I still felt that way when I was thinking of murdering both of them because they chewed the upholstery off of the chesterfield arms, in sync, one at each arm. This was when they were OLDER like 2 1/2 or 3, and I'd left them the run of the house for the first time. When I made them mad in return by maybe bathing Gizzie (he liked it if he could just not get wet) or cutting Taya's toenails (she liked it if I could just not touch her) they still let me know I made them feel that same way. Unconditional love!

Gizzie passed away when he was 11. Taya just passed on July 28, 2005 at the ripe old age of 13 plus. As they grew older, Gizzie realized getting wet wasn't so bad and actually , willingly, went swimming a few times and Taya would actually let people touch her. They are deeply missed by all their friends.

Now, there's Lazer, but that's another story!

Thanks for letting me have the OLIVIA MEMORIAL TROPHY to enjoy for a while.

A person can never have enough Corgies around xoG

(Editors note: The Olivia Trophy is given annually by Lore and Rick Bruder, in memory of Rick's great companion Olivia. It is awarded for one or more Cardigans that made a difference in someone's life. So if you know of one or more very special Cardigans, write a short essay about them, and why they deserve a special award, and submit it to Lore Bruder.

CANADIAN CARDIGAN CORGI CLUB**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on the August 26, 2005 at SD&G show site

1. President called meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Quorum was established. Members attending were Lore Bruder, Louann Killoran, Charles MacInnes, Marilyn Boissonneault, Barb Hoffman, Ruth Lister, Beth Magnus, K. Lanshaw, F. Power, Lucy Power, Michelle Pinkett, Lori Koproski, Lucy Belle Rossiger, Sue Burchill, Pixie Lauer, Genie Bishop, Lori Kopreski.
3. Amendments to Agenda: Discussion of breed legislation, news letter
Moved by Sue Burchill, second by Lori Kopreski. Carried
4. Minutes read corrected to read Edwina McDowell was from Kansas not Missouri.
Marilyn accepted minutes, seconded by Charles. Carried
5. Finance: Two investments mature Sept 30/05. Laurie moved to investigate investments.
Second by Ruth

Genie amended the motion the executive does their best, seconded by Marilyn. Carried

6. Marilyn spoke to the group about the legislation involving Pit Bulls or any dog having a menacing manner. Suggested we support Stafford Bull Terrier legal battle. Much good discussion was had. Marilyn moved that we could support the staffies by first showing up at ring side and second financially with a donation of \$500.00, seconded by Ruth. Motion carried with pleasure unanimously.
7. Location of specialties and boosters.

2006 to be held in Rothesay, New Brunswick in August.

We have to find our own judge. Stephanie Toman and Charlie are doing this. Charlie will have a write up on ShowCardi -L. Still need a sweeps judge. Should we have a policy about area breeder judges? Discussion was had this varies every year so no firm policy lets remain flexible.

2006 Booster no response

2007 Charlie moved that it be in Calgary at the Alberta Kennel Club shows on the August long weekend.

Kay seconded. Carried. Will need a show chair.

2008 Notice in newsletter for feedback on a location.

2009 Ask Fern why 2009 for Vancouver Island?

8. Standard to go on to next level. Out of Charlie's hands. Was thanked for the hard work so far. Lore head of committee needs three volunteers to have something to present at next AGM. Volunteers were Genie Bishop, Sue Burchill, Barb Hoffman, Marilyn Boissonneault, and Pixie Lauer.
9. Standard operating procedures . Genie said she would try to get some info from the Cardi Club of America. Charlie will look after this for phase one.
10. Ruth made a motion that the membership should be part of the secretary's duties. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried
11. Ruth made a motion that we mail out reminder notices as well as the newsletter notice. Lucy seconded. Motion Carried
12. Store Supplies. Genie made motion to create a new position called ways and means. Charlie seconded. Motion carried. Louann volunteered. Notice in newsletter once all is gathered as to what we have in stock and the prices.
13. Blue Merle Trophy and Olivia trophy are two different things. Best blue not just for show. No names were put forth. Need to have written criteria. Should we give it out for past years? Should be in the officers hand book. Olivia Trophy is a personal trophy. Need to apply to Rick and Lore with a one page essay. To be published in the newsletter.
14. The club consider special awards to individuals who have contributed to the Cardigan breed in general in Canada. Executive to discuss making a presentation at the next meeting. Charlie suggested Margaret Head, the first person to show Cardigans seriously in Canada.
15. The club consider a system to recognize the accomplishments of an individual dog. Tabled until next meeting.
16. Newsletter. Charlie said it cost \$1.56 to mail, plus the envelope, plus the printing with colour. Charlie made a motion if you have your newsletter mailed to you Your membership fees would be \$5.00 more per year. Much discussion was had. Lucy said it should be included in our membership. It was decided not to post the newsletter on the web site. Charlie asked that people please send him items for the newsletter of interest to pet owners as well as show stuff. Lore said she would try to write some articles.
17. Marilyn made a motion to adjourn. Barb seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

FINNSHAVN CEILIDH**High in Herding Trial at the CWCCA National in May, from the Herding Started class.**

The average person is blessed if they have one special dog in their life, but I have been blessed with several. Ceilidh is one of them. She is a sweet, loyal dog who never leaves my side (unless we are around the sheep, then she is GONE). Though she bosses around the other dogs in the household, she would never think to do so with humans.

Ceilidh lives to please: I am sure she would throw her heart into anything I asked her to do, be it obedience, agility, or flyball, but herding is my love and that is what we do. She has a ton of drive to herd. Nothing stops her. The hardest thing I have had to teach her is the lie down. She is sure she needs to be on her feet pushing the sheep. She will take on a charging ram, or move a newborn lamb. She tries to herd my horses when I am not looking, so I am dying to try her on cattle, when her stop and recall are better.

Sue Mesa
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Note from the proud breeder: Ceilidh and Coupe are from the same litter:

Ch. Finnhavn's Dodge A Ford Jimmy CD
x Finnhavn Exys Impulse Buy

The litter had brains and personality, but the owners made these two what they are. Thank you, ladies!!

Notes from your editor: This is a big issue, partly because it's late. It also has a lot of submitted material. Many of the dogs came from me, but they are the ones I was told about. Please send all the news about your dog. Any subject will be read, and I very rarely turn down anything. I am especially interested in the experiences of first time Cardigan owners. Also, write and ask if someone can enlighten you on a particular subject or problem. For example, Al Alcock relayed to me a request on how to deal with a Cardigan who is afraid of strangers. As I have two of these myself, I am writing about it. However, that will appear in the next issue.

Attach contributions to an e-mail, or send them snail mail. . Deadline for the next issue is February.

It is really nice to hear from the performance people as you can see in this issue!

As you can see from this newsletter, I am still learning how to use all the features of MSWord.

Hopefully next issue will be better

Charlie MacInnes