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**CAN. & AM. CH.
RHYS SUNDAY WITH GEORGE**

Bred by Beverly Johnson
Owned by
Lisa and Katlin Rhyner,
Kathy Schwabe
Handled by Kathy Schwabe

George earned his first Best in Show at the Kingston and District Kennel Club on Saturday 16 June 2007, the day after the CCCC booster. Judge for Breed, Group, and best was Diane Cornelissen. George also won a Group 1 on Sunday, under judge Don Duncan.

The booster weekend was clearly a good one for Cardigans. Thanks to Ontario Director Barb Hoffman for organizing this show.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that all of you are having a great summer, finding time to play with your dogs and maybe trying out some new sport.

There are so many things to do with our canine friends that it is sometimes overwhelming as to which to do first, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Herding, Conformation, Therapy, Tracking, Search & Rescue, it seems endless. How to find the time, the funds, and the energy. Neutered pets are welcome everywhere except the show ring, so all members can participate.

Let us not forget that the first purpose of our canine friends is to be our friends! So when they do not quite rise to the level we hope a quickly as we hope, they are doing the best they know how. We must keep our own tempers! It is the fun of the training and spending time with our dogs that is the true reward, not the rosette. Not that we would or should turn one down. Heck I would frame it! But the reward of a wet kiss and that look of "is that they way you wanted it done boss?" is a great reward in it own right.

On that note do not forget that not all dogs are built to do all jobs well. Even though they try their hardest our little Cardigan dogs are never going to be speed bullets. So with that in mind do remember to keep things at a pace that is appropriate for the dogs and let's not put their health at risk because we are going after that ever quicker time, that perfect score. It is supposed to be fun!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Calgary show for fun in the sun and sipping under the awning. Have a great summer and play safe.

Lore Lee Bruder

RESULTS OF THE KINGSTON BOOSTER KINGSTON AND DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB Friday 15 June 2007

BOB/BOW/WB: Am.Ch.Xtacee Moonlight Serenade - Kathy Schwabe

BOS/WD: Am.Ch.Rhys Sundays With George - Kathy Schwabe & Lisa Rhyner

RWD/BP: Yasashiikuma Highway THeaven - Shelley Camm

RWB: Merrymoon Pluperfect Porcelain - Barb Hoffman & Jon Kimes

The following 2 days George was BOB and Seren was BOS. Both finished their Canadian Championships this weekend. And to top it off George was Group 1 on Saturday and Sunday and Best In Show on Saturday. Congratulations to Kathy and Lisa, and kudos to George's breeder Beverly Johnson.

Merrymoon Pluperfect Porcelain, "Mouse", won the herding group in the all-breed puppy sweeps on Saturday, and Shelley's "Hunter" puppies Topaz (owned by Kathy Schwabe) and Jade shared the BP in breed award this weekend with her Jonathan. It was a good "puppy weekend" for Shelley.

On a personal note, our dog puppy from the Oct./06 litter, "Brett", Merrymoon Pluperfect Pathway made a spectacular ring debut at the American National in California going BOS in Sweeps. He followed that up by going WD/BOW/BP in breed. All this at 6 1/2 months of age. Brett is following in the footsteps of some pretty illustrious ancestors. Among others, his sire, Hunter, was WD/BOW at the 1998 American National.

Merrymoon and Pluperfect are pleased to announce the birth of 9 puppies out of Can/AmCh. Merrymoon Firestorm "Hunter" and Pluperfect-Merrymoon Popover (Stevie). 1 red male, 2 brindle males, 2 red bitches, 2 brindle bitches, 2 sable bitches. This is a very similar breeding to the one that produced Mouse and Brett. Same sire, dams are litter sisters.

Barb Hoffman

NEWS FROM THE HERDING ARENA

My eight year old Border collie mix and I play a variety of dogsports. We have achieved many titles and a few trophies over the years, from Flyball Master to Masters Agility Dog of Canada. I love the bonding with my dog that takes place when I play sports with him and I have a hunger to study all that I can about canine learning to enrich my relationship with him and improve our communication. As a result, I've travelled to as many seminars as possible in agility handling, flyball, health and wellness, and rally-obedience. So when I heard about a herding test being presented by the Canadian National Australian Shepherd Association, right here in Nova Scotia, I jumped at the opportunity to participate with my *new* canine partner, a Cardigan Welsh Corgi from the Finnshavn Kennels.

My new baby girl Cardi had arrived seven months earlier on a WestJet flight from Toronto. Finnshavn Ebony Sterling ("Paikea") landed with four paws on the ground, a generous heart, and an endless capacity to learn. Not a common breed in Nova Scotia, she continues to astound her instructors with her intelligence and her drive wherever we train. I'm beginning to believe she is much smarter than her human partner and I know for sure that she has more energy and a better work ethic than I do. This will not come as a surprise to experienced Cardigan handlers, I'm sure!

The Herding Instinct Test was presented by the Canadian National Australian Shepherd Association, hosted at the farm of Hilary and Bill Flower in Blue Rocks Nova Scotia. Our instructor AND shepherd was Sue Jewell. Sue works shelties and border collies on her own farm and trains all breeds at her facility near Barrie, Ontario.

We arrived early so I could plant my chair beside the paddock and settle in to watch the action. The weather was cold for June and there was a drizzle in the air that threatened rain but never materialized. There were all manner of herding breeds there, including border collies, shelties, a smooth coat collie, a malinois, german shepherd, australian shepherds, old english sheepdog, and the list goes on. Paikea was the only Corgi and certainly the "smallest" dog on the program.

The organizer, Lisa Dahr of the Australian Shepherd Association made a running order of the dogs that were present. Paikea was about the fifteenth dog in. Shepherd Sue was a joy to watch. She was a master with the dogs and showed patience and respect for each individual. Her tools included a flag on a flexible long whip and a "paddle" which was a flat plastic piece in the shape of a large flyswatter affixed to the end of a long pole. It was hollow and contained small pieces to make a rattling sound when she shook it. She waved the flag in front of dogs to control or divert their path. The paddle was used similarly, but it was used on the stronger dogs who were more determined in their pursuit.

I was fascinated to see the differences in attitude and performance by each dog. Some dogs immediately wanted to chase the sheep, even to the point of isolating and attacking an individual. Sue was always ready to divert these hard cases with the paddle. Many dogs were unsure and showed avoidance behaviours, ignoring the sheep and sniffing the ground or watching their partner for a cue. In those cases, Sue had the owners play with the sheep and entice the dogs to participate. It was impossible to predict what each dog would do. Some high drive herding dogs shut right down when faced with stock and some quieter, softer dogs immediately wanted to drive the sheep. I didn't know how Paikea would react and I was excited to find out.



When her turn was up, we walked into the paddock together with Paikea on a long line. The three young sheep waited in a corner. Sue told me to hold the line, walk to the edge of the paddock and along the fence line toward the sheep. Paikea calmly walked with me to the fence. When we turned toward the sheep she immediately took off along the fence toward them. Sue shouted to drop the line and Paikea turned on like a machine. She drove the sheep out of the corner and moved them to the other end of the pen. My role from this point on became get out of the way and watch my dog fly.



I still have goose bumps from the exhilaration of watching her work. She was incredible. She walked in the ring and went to work immediately, worked quickly, drove the sheep appropriately and even gathered them when they split up. Sue used the paddle to direct Paikea to the outside of sheep to show her she could drive them from the side as well. Paikea respected the paddle, but it did not deter her drive or intimidate her in any way. The shepherd gave her top marks and was very impressed with her performance at such a young age.

The herding test took my understanding of dogs and our partnership with them to a new level. This is an activity in which the dog takes

the lead. The role of the human is integrated, but not superior. In agility, I know the course and I've taught the dog the correct obstacle performance standards. I take the lead. Herding is so very different with the dog having the body knowledge to do the right thing with the sheep and the human guiding the outcome. It is an exercise in true teamwork. It was a total rush to give control over to my cardi partner and watch her go with all of it happening at break neck speed. I am awestruck with what shepherds and their canine partners can do. I am thankful to the workshop organizers that I was able to participate and have my girl teach me a thing or two about herding, about the depth of her capabilities, and her athleticism.

My husband and I have no plans to try to fit sheep on our rocky four acres on St-Margaret's Bay, but I have already registered for the novice herding clinic and the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) certification test taking place at the same farm in September ... and I thought my only addiction was agility.

**Gay Harley
Hubbards, NS**

A GOOD STARTED ROUTINE

Ch. Finnshavn Souris Ozwizard, known as Ozzy to his friends, belongs to my husband Frank and myself. Frank handles show ring and obedience, while I do the muddy stuff, herding

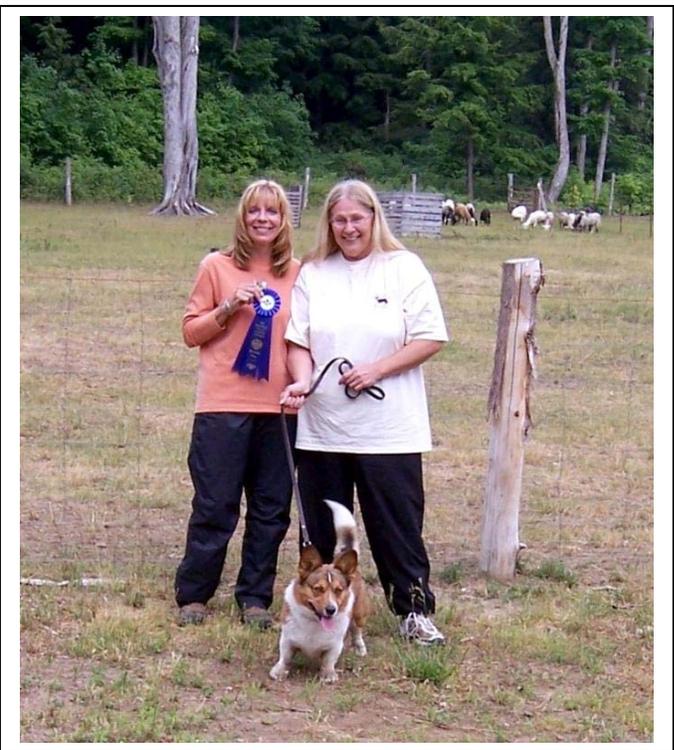
The CKC herding trials were held at Have Ewe Herd in Utopia, Ontario, on June 2, 3, & 4. There were 2 CKC arena trials held by the Briard Club of Canada and the Bearded Collie Club of Canada. Ozzy and I timed out (ran out of time) in the first trial, largely due to my bad nerves and some very flighty sheep. Out of 5 entries in Herding Started, only 2 qualified. There was talk among exhibitors of having a selected few sheep on the barbeque that evening.

Tuesday we placed 3rd out of 7 dogs in our class, with only the 3 of us qualifying. Wednesday there were 5 dogs entered in Herding Started and we were the only ones to qualify. We now have 2 legs toward our title and require 1 more. 3 legs under 2 different judges are required for your title.

Herding Tested is the first level and it is strictly pass or fail. The next level is Herding Started, followed by Herding Intermediate, and then Herding Advanced. For herding started, the dog must achieve a minimum of 75 points to qualify for a leg in the specified amount of time (judge's discretion) for any level above Tested. Ozzy and I got a respectable 81.5 on Wednesday.

The CKC rule book provides this capsule of what the dog has to do: *“The Herding Started Course consists of a take pen; fetch or drive to the settle area; settle; gather (outrun, lift and fetch); three fenceline obstacles; a freestanding obstacle; and an exhaust pen. “* The dog must put the sheep through the obstacles without the handler walking through them. The essence is that the dog has to be under control and know how to respond to commands and obstacles. It is a major leap from herding tested to herding started

A note from Ozzy’s proud breeder: Two of his grandparents have their HS titles in the USA, so Lucy and Ozzy are adding to the distinction of the line.



**Lucy Power
Barrie, Ontario**

AN UPDATE ON THE SKUNK SAGA

Hi Lynn,

Thought you might like a little chuckle. I personally don't find it amusing but then I don't think like a Corgi! An update on the continuing saga of Robby and friends.....

Yup, today I went out to shut him up because he wouldn't stop barking at the shed. He has become obsessed with it lately. Every time I let him out he is right at the building staring at it twisting his head 360 degrees trying to hear something. I couldn't hear a thing. Anyway, today he had his happy bark going and it was driving me crazy so I went out to strangle him but decided to look at the back of the shed. I had built up a fence on two sides just to keep the dogs from getting their noses under it in case something was living under it. Well, guess what was running up and down having a swell time? A baby skunk!!! So all this time Robby could hear the skunk and it's baby (or babies) playing under the shed. Dang it, one was bad enough now we have more!!! Can you detect a bit of hysteria in my words? The little stinker was having a ball and making some stinking smells while it was at it. If I have to put up with this stuff at least I should be living in the country where I can enjoy the open spaces. It was one healthy looking baby skunk I tell you that. Now I have to decide how to get rid of them without killing them. I can't even kill a rattlesnake. I make Craig scoop them into a bucket and take them on a road trip far away from the house and release them. I sure can't take anymore skunk smell on the dogs since Robby still has a slight smell from the first encounter.

Ahhh, city life is grand! Hope you guys are getting some warm weather, it has been dreary and cold here this week. Very depressing weather. Well, guess I better go pick up the house a little Craig has a client coming over in a bit.

Have a good evening and a good laugh at my expense (:)

Sue and the Friendly Corgis



Fundraising For Canadian Agility Team CAT!

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Agility Team. This team will represent the Canadian Kennel Club at the 2007 FCI World Championship in Hamar, this September 28-30, 2007

We are approaching clubs for donations to support the team as a whole for the travel abroad. We will be representing Canada in the largest organized dog agility event in the world for the past 5 years.

This year travel to Hamar, Norway will cost the team member and their canine partner approximately \$5,000.00 each for uniforms, hotel, meals, air / road transportation, dog and human. Each of the team members are Canadian Kennel Club members, actively participate in CKC events and are each involved in fundraising for the team. But we need your help!

I would like to introduce the team comprised of handlers and dogs from across Canada.

Mini Dog

Suzanne Labrie and Copine - Shetland Sheepdog - Quebec
Suzanne Bolt and Flip - Shetland Sheepdog - Alberta
Seanna O'Neill and Dart - Shetland Sheepdog - Alberta

Midi Dog

Jessica Martin and Mikki - Shetland Sheepdog - Ontario
Lucie Desserault and Nitro - Shetland Sheepdog - Quebec
Justine Davenport and Chase - Shetland Sheepdog - Alberta
Jessica Martin and Kash - Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. - Ontario

Maxi Dog

Theresa Rector and Infiniti - Australian Kelpie - Ontario
Marie-Noelle Cote and Sonic - Belgian Tervuren - Quebec
Nicky Snook and Roper - Australian Kelpie - Ontario
Wendy MacLellan and Kaizen - Australian Kelpie - British Columbia
Lynda Orton-Hill and Spirit - Golden Retriever. - Ontario

Can your club help us grow the program and support the team in the 2007 trip to Norway?

Donations can be made out to: The Canadian Agility Team

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Thank you in advance!

Lynda Orton-Hill
2007 Canadian Agility Team Member

MEMORIAL FOR PENNY A GREAT FIRST CARDIGAN IS GONE



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PENNY'S HISTORY

Penny joined my family at 8 weeks of age and immediately bonded with her best buddy for the next 7 years, Alanna, an Irish Wolfhound puppy 2 months older than herself. From that time on, nothing was ever safe from the terrible twosome. If it was put up high – it could be reached by Alanna. Locked in a cupboard – Penny could open it. Wherever we went everyone knew these two characters – from the other boaters on the lake at our trailer to everyone in the neighbourhood when Penny would open the gate so they could take one of their all too frequent constitucionals.

As the girls grew old they took part in obedience classes together, helped raise each others' puppies and continued to wreak havoc and mayhem. No matter how blue a day was, watching them was sure to turn a frown upside down into a smile.

The girls not only entertained us, but were wonderful ambassadors in the Pet Therapy movement also, being among the first of the St. John Ambulance Therapy dogs. Penny was a true hit at these visits, and knew how to "work a room" for her share (and more!) of the treats that were going. She had a natural ability to be able to sit up – not on her haunches, but right on the flat of her bum and could sit that way for extended periods of time.

Penny had many other talents. At a lure coursing match she literally ripped the lead from my hand to take off after the lure along with a group of Salukis – prompting one “gentleman” to ask if I’d like him to hold her since my hands were full with Alanna. As the lure started up again, and she nearly jerked his arm out of its socket trying to get to the lure – he said “They’re a lot stronger than they look, aren’t they?”. From that point on Penny became an official “test dog” at lure coursing matches – running the first run of the lure to ensure the track was safe.



She also had a natural herding ability – first demonstrated when she passed her herding instinct test at Woodstock, and later when her and her son Rudolph with no training managed to herd a group of 17 stray Herefords off my front lawn and across two fields back to the farm where they belonged. Actually, she learned to herd at home, using wolfhound puppies.



Penny also had an active acting career. Her first “gig” came when an agent called asking if I had a red and white corgi who would speak on a signal. I said I don’t now but give me 15 minutes. Within that time Penny learned to bark on a “hiss” – and landed the role as “Queenie” in the Shining Time Station special “Queen for a Day”. Attached are pictures of her with Jeanette Charles (who played the Queen) and the entire cast and crew of Shining Time Station. From there she had parts in commercials for Bell Canada, Altamira, and Kellogg’s.

As the years have gone by Penny has retired to a quiet simple life on the farm, her most important job the shepherding of the grandchildren when they come to visit.

Penny was the foundation and the heart of the Corgis in the kennel. Her passing has left a huge hole, and the memorials coming in from friends and those who have her descendants are a wonderful tribute to a grand old lady.

Although there is sadness here at home, I know that the other side of the Rainbow Bridge must be rocking. Alanna and Penny, the terrible twosome, are together once more and I’m sure that spells the end of heaven being described as

“peaceful”!! Enjoy your freedom and the ability to run once more Penny Rabbit, and keep all those wolfhounds in line. Till we meet again,

**Shelley Camm
Dundalk, ON**

CWCCA SPECIALTY 2007

Frank Power and I made the long trek to the CWCCA show in Pleasanton, CA. We were agreed that we would shun the interstates, but we also has a time limit. Frank is a working man, and he had precisely three weeks holiday. I wanted to see some places I had not visited since the 1960s. I got Frank interested in birdwatching, so we looked for species that are restricted to the west. We drove through the system which destroyed the town in Kansas, and missed all but ten minutes of heavy rain. We visited Wind Cave National Park in the Black Hills, in the southwestern corner of South Dakota. It became a favourite of mine in 1960, because it is managed to be as close as possible to the way it was before the white man came. So the buffalo and antelope cross the road leisurely, going about the serious business of surviving. Frank's comment as we went west from the park was that he had to bring Lucy here, it was one of the most beautiful places he had ever been.

Finally we pulled into Pleasanton, and the madhouse of a big specialty. The first two days were herding, some 60+ miles north of the hotel. We watched the first day, but played truant on the second day, and went across the San Joaquin Valley to the Sierras, to visit the big trees in the Calaveras grove, huge Sequoias, and very big sugar pines. Next day we were at Agility, on the Alameda County Fairgrounds. A highlight for me was to see a genuine antique, a cardigan similar to the pictures of the breed taken in the 1930s. She was bred by Paul Chen (Afara). This bitch probably does not weigh 20 pounds, yet stands a full 12" at the withers. Her head was pretty by the standards of the pictures in Hubbard's book (pub. 1952). So that was what Cardigans looked like when the standard called for dogs as close as possible to 12 inches, and a welsh yard from nose tip to tail tip. Bitches were to weigh between 15 and 22 pounds.

After agility came obedience, and my two entries both failed. They were having too much fun playing tourist. Next was the Megan competition, a club show for champions, with the classes divided by colour. It is judged by 3 CWCCA members, and each dog is examined and scored by two judges. Best exhibit in the Megan was Ch. Lynhill Autumn Breeze, bred by Barbara Tannahill, and owned by Patrick and Jane Smith. This brindle bitch is currently on a major campaign, and earned a Best in Show about a month before the specialty. Runner up was Ch. Shamrock's Faith Hill, bred and owned by Diane Webster and William Petterson. Interesting – this bitch was Best of Breed as a puppy at the CWCCA specialty in 2000. The judge was Bridget Smeeton from New Zealand. There were a lot of questions at that specialty, but Faith has answered all the critics by maintaining her winning ways, earning an Award of Merit at each specialty since then. Best of Opposite went to a black dog (who says they never win?), Ch. Heart of Gold Power play, bred and owned by Lisa and Jay Phillips.

Thursday was sweepstakes day, where the puppies and veterans competed under judge Cindi Bossi. Best in Puppy Sweeps was Pecan Valley Mustang Sally, from the 9-12 month bitch class. She was bred by Betty Ann Seeley, and owned by Dayl Phillip. Best of Opposite was a half Canadian dog, MerryMoon-Pluperfect Pathway, bred and owned by Barbara Hoffman and Jon Kimes. Best in Veteran Sweeps was, I think, Reese's Bold As Brass, bred and owned by Heather Hutchison. I failed to write in the veteran sweeps winners.

Finally, on Friday, we got to the regular classes, judged by breeder-judge Nancy Cunliffe. Her best of Breed was Ch. Lynhill Autumn Breeze, and Best of Opposite was Ch. Reese's Bold As Brass (almost 10 years old!). Best of Winners and Best Puppy was MerryMoon-Pluperfect Pathway. Winners Bitch was Twinroc Setting Heart Afire, bred by Doris and the late Paul Slaboda, and owned by Susan Givens and R. Graef Jr. Awards of merit went to Ch. Kingsbury's I'm Harry P (male), Ch. Wolfrun Coedwig's Angelou (female), Ch. Shamrock's Faith Hill (female), Ch. Kingsbury's Mirror Image (female, from the 11 years+ bitch class!), Ch. Ula Mauna's Panda Bear (female, from the 7-9 veteran class), Ch. Phi-Vestavia's Goody-Goody, and Ch. Chaps Smokin Woodsy Bry'r (male).

The trip home was scenic but fast. We went north through Yellowstone, got to watch, with several hundred people, Old Faithful blow, in a snowstorm, yet. It was a pity that it snowed all that day, so the scenery was, well, sort of dim and distant. The was the first time in Yellowstone for both of us.

Charlie MacInnes

CARDIGAN HERDING NEWS FROM BC



The BC regional director may be too modest to mention this but Gloria Graham's Cardigan Pearl (Airlie Denbigh Deja Vu) got her first American Herding Breed Association title in May, which was Herding Trial Dog, level I, and her first pass in Herding Ranch Dog, level I. She also got her second pass at AKC herding trials in May in the Herding Started sheep class. And then Pearl went to the July Australian Shepherd Club of America trials in Hope, BC where she got first place in the Herding Started class and she also was awarded Most Promising Started Dog in Trial. Anne Gunn's two Cardigans were content to attend a clinic in July and learn that sheep are not only smart but stubborn as well.

Anne Gunn
Salt Spring Island BC

HELP PREVENT HEAT EXHAUSTION

Summer's hot sunny days brings out more of us enjoying activities with our Cardigans– agility, herding, flyball and family picnics. Those activities also often include excited as well as active dogs. However, just like us, dogs can become overheated. Heat exhaustion is not uncommon although it is relatively easy to recognize and treat before it develops into heat stroke which is a veterinary emergency.

So how to recognize heat exhaustion?

First, know the conditions that are conducive such as hot humid weather; a dog not yet used to the heat; an excited or very active dog and a dog who is overweight, elderly or has an underlying health problem.

Fortunately, Cardigans are not among the breeds who are especially susceptible to heat exhaustion and heat stroke such the very large breeds or short-faced breeds.



Beka wearing a reflective jacket which cools the dog outside on sunny days.

Secondly, know the signs of heat exhaustion. If the dog lies down, looks tired, stumbles or is uncoordinated (think how the dog would look if it was dizzy), pants heavily or gasps for air and may salivate or have a dry mouth, then heat exhaustion is likely. At this stage the dog's temperature, normally 38-39°C (100-102°F) may not be elevated. But if it rises to 105 or 106°F, then the dog is in danger of heat stroke, which is an emergency needing a veterinary help.

If you even suspect heat exhaustion, be calm yourself as you don't want to stress the dog. Move the dog to the shade or air-conditioning; wet the dog especially the armpits, belly and groin with cool (not cold water).

Really cold water constricts blood vessels which can slow the body's cooling. Let the dog lie on a wet towel and use a fan or a towel to move air around the wet dog to cool it further. Don't cover the dog with a towel even a wet one because you want heat to escape from the dog but a small wet towel on the dog's tummy is fine. Let the dog drink but not too much or moisten the dog's mouth with cool water. Then, contact a vet and be prepared to take the dog, keeping it as cool as possible, to the vet.

Best of all though, is to be water or let the dog bathe or swim. If your dog is going to be active on hot sunny days, consider a Cooler jacket, bandanas or mat (pet supplies) or recently, reflective jackets have become available. These jackets reflect heat and allow air to pass through – and are especially helpful for dogs with



Katie supervising packing for hot weather (towels, a fan, drinking bowls and water and reflective shade cloths into a tub that also serves as for a cooling bath).

black hair which absorbs more of the sun's heat.

Anne Gunn
Salt Spring Island BC

Editors Notes:

From my perspective, this is a great issue, because it is mostly contributions from other people. It has some variety, but there could be more. Maja Hurd wrote a column on Rally, I have the e-mail, but no attachment, and by the time I realized the latter, she was gone on holiday. I have several promises for columnists, but people who are expert on activities spend a lot of time training, so their writing time is short. They have promised to send a column when they can. Meanwhile, all members are welcome to contribute. If you have something that might interest three other readers, please write it up and send it. That makes the newsletter more interesting for everyone!

Charlie MacInnes