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Wow! That was an entry! There were eight Cardigans entered in the CCCC's second National Herding Trial. They are, from the left, Gloria Graham with Pearl and Cleo, Charlie MacInnes with Sterling, Anne Gunn with Beka and Katie, Lore Bruder with Bright and Bonnie (black in back), and Louann Killoran with Never. Pearl was the star Cardigan of the weekend, but Beka won high in the CCCC trial.

CCCC NATIONAL HERDING TRIALS

CCCC hosted its second set of herding trials in Hope, BC, on May 19, 2008. The trials were considered the "Specialty" trials for 2008 because there is no herding offered at the Specialty in Ontario this year. We were lucky that the Belgian Shepherd Club and the Australian Cattle Dog Club hosted trials at the same location on Saturday and Sunday and our club picked up the holiday Monday. This gave us 3 days of trials to show what Cardigans can do.

Hope is the home for Downriver Farms and is an unsurpassed setting squeezed between mountains and the Fraser River. Even more important Downriver Farm is the home of Lynn and Jim Leach who have built a first-rate herding facility and a large flock of sheep. Lynn is well-known in the herding world and in huge demand as an instructor and judge. We were very fortunate that she even squeezed in a few lessons for the some of the 'out of town' Cardigans before the trials. An associate, John Carter, helped others: Charlie MacInnes was much impressed by John.

Although the three trials are hosted by breed clubs, the trials are for all breeds as the cost of holding herding trials is not insignificant. The most a judge can judge in one day is 40 runs and the entries filled up in no time. There were 8 Cardigans entered and not one dog went home without a title! The Cardis entered are as follows:

- CH BLUETRIX WILLA BLACK BONNIE "Bonnie"**
- BLUETRIX NEVER EVER FELL ME "Never"**
- FINNSHAVN WILLOW FLATS TUKTU "Beka"**
- CH DRESSNUP STERLING BLU MINSTREL, CD, CGN "Sterling"**
- CH DENBIGH BELLY DANCER "Cleo"**
- CH FINNSHAVN EUPHRASIA "Brite"**
- FINNSHAVN TUKTU KISHIANI "Katie"**
- AIRLIE DENBIGH DÉJÀ VU, CD, HS "Pearl"**

- Lore Bruder**
- Louann Killoran**
- Anne Gunn**
- Charlie MacInnes**
- Gloria Graham**
- Lore Bruder**
- Anne Gunn**
- Gloria Graham**

Bonnie, Beka, Sterling, Cleo, Brite and Katie all earned their Herding Tested titles on the Saturday or Sunday. That takes two qualifying runs under two different judges. Never and Cleo each had one qualifying run. Those dogs who had just gained their Herding Tested titles could then compete at the Herding Started level, which is the next level. On Monday, Bonnie, Beka and Katie all earned their first leg for their Herding Started title giving their handlers huge smiles and delight in working with their dogs.

Beka also was entered in Stockdog Started which was a bit optimistic for a dog and handler so very early in their careers. The run starts with an outrun, lift and fetch in a large field and to their delight, despite hardly having worked in a large field, they did manage to gather up their sheep and then work their way through



Pearl driving sheep – note how focused Pearl is and the sheep are not being rushed which is the sign of good stock sense. Gloria is out of the photo being well behind her dog driving the sheep in front of her.

all obstacles except one. The obstacles are to show the practical side of herding dog so include chutes, penning and gates. However we did have Gloria's Cardigan, Pearl, to show how beautifully a Cardigan can handle large fields and small pens.

Pearl earned her Stockdog Started title by qualifying all three days. She was also entered in Herding Intermediate and managed to qualify two of the three days, so needs one more pass for her title at that level. One of her qualifying runs had a beautiful outrun, lift and fetch that had the onlookers elated. Pearl always invokes the warm admiration of onlookers and the judges as she works her heart out and shows just how gutsy and honest workers Cardigans can be.

Beka, owned and handled by Anne, had an excellent score of 91.5 to earn her spot on the **"Denbigh"** trophy as the high scoring herding Cardigan in the 2008 National Trial. That was a thrill for a pair so early in their herding career.

We have very few CKC herding trials in Western Canada. Aside from the trials we just finished there is only one other set of trials and that is in Winnipeg in September. Hopefully next year we'll be able to partner with the Belgian and ACD clubs again in May, and Lore Bruder is doing her best to arrange trials in Alberta, as well.

Previously, herding people in southern BC have only ever seen Anne's and Gloria's dogs work and so there were lots of encouraging and admiring comments when they saw lots of Cardigans.. It is a real testament to our breed to have 8 Cardigans entered and every one of them a true working dog. Well done, everyone! And best of all, we had fun, lots of laughter and the exhilaration that comes from working as a team with our Cardigans. We were also delighted to see other Cardigan people come out and watch the trials – thanks to Karen and Howard Slutsken and Ron and Kathleen with their Cardigan trio.

**Gloria Graham
and
Anne Gunn
photos by
Jeanine Stannard**



Beka, owned and trained by Anne Gunn, focussed on sheep.



Pearl and Gloria Graham with the Denbigh trophy. Pearl won the trophy when it was first offered in 2007, so Gloria was asked to name the trophy. Denbigh has been her prefix for 40+ years

2007 CCCC SPECIALTY High scoring Cardigans in agility and herding

At the 2007 CCCC Specialty in Calgary three new trophies were added to encourage participation and acknowledge the achievements of Cardigans. So a little late, but here are the details which we have combined with a 2008 update for the herding trophy. The trophies for the highest score in herding and agility at the national specialty were being awarded for the first time and so are named for the Cardigan who first won them.

In August 2007, Gloria Graham's Pearl (Airlie Denbigh Déjà Vu, CD, HS) was the highest



scoring Cardigan in herding and was awarded the Denbigh trophy. Gloria owns and handled Pearl.

Also in August 2007, Anne Gunn's Beka (Finnshavn Willow Flats Tuktu) was the highest scoring Cardigan in agility at the NADAC trials during the CCCC National Specialty in Calgary and so was awarded the "Beka" trophy.

2008 CCCC Specialty – high scoring Cardigans in herding

Then in May 2008, at the CCCC Specialty herding trial in BC, Beka was the high scoring Cardigan and was awarded the "Denbigh" trophy.

If those trophies have a look in common, yes, there is a story. About 25 years ago, a wind storm blew down a big black cherry tree on Charlie MacInnes's neighbors property. Gerry was ready to make firewood of it, when Charlie pointed out its quality and value. A friend of Gerry's made boards of it on his portable sawmill, and Gerry gave one to Charlie. After it sat and dried out in the barn for 25 years, it seemed just right for the new trophies

2008 NATIONAL SPECIALTY**OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO****WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST**

Our 2008 Specialty is quickly approaching and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all those planning to attend good luck and safe travels. Remember that at the national specialty sexually altered dogs are welcome and strongly encouraged to enter. If you would like to receive a premium list, contact Sue Bain by email at suebain@sympatico.ca or by phone at 705-424-5416. You can also find it, incorporated in our host's premium list, the **Grey-Bruce Kennel and Obedience Club**, at www.canuckdogs.com. We are looking forward to meeting old friends, making new ones, and celebrating our wonderful breed, the Cardigan Welsh Corgi.

For those of you who have managed to capture a little corgi magic on film, why not enter our **photo contest**. The prize for the best photo in show is a lovely framed print by Beth Boyle. Please see the CCCC web site for details, but remember that entries must be received no later than July 6, 2008.

Join us at Stone Tree Golf Club for our **annual banquet** and our one of a kind **raffle**. There are always a variety of interesting items, and this year will be no exception. Join the fun, and remember to help support our club by making a raffle donation.

For those of you who are having difficulty procuring a camp site at Harrison Park, we have a limited number of sites reserved for the show. If interested, please contact Lucy Power flanpowernew@sympatico.ca (705-739-3538).

We would also like to remind you that if you wish to order any clothing items with our newly designed embroidered logo, the deadline for pre-orders is July 1, 2008. Information and order forms can be found on the CCCC website.

Come, celebrate a little corgi magic in Owen Sound.....hope to see you there!

Your 2008 CCCC Specialty Committee

CHAIRING A SHOW

When Charlie MacInnes first approached me about running the CCCC 2008 Specialty, my first reaction was to run screaming in the opposite direction. Why me? What on earth do I know about running a dog show? However, once the initial shock wore off, various ideas and thoughts starting poking holes through my fabric of excuses. It would make for a very interesting challenge. With the assurance that Sue Bain (who has forgotten more about dog shows than I will ever know) would help me with the technical side of things, I accepted.

Drawing on the mystical origins of the corgi, a theme of "a little corgi magic" developed, and from there the show took on a life of its own. My thanks to Beth Boyle of the Ram's Horn, whose artistic talent and generosity inspired many facets of the show.

I have been blessed with a wonderful show committee. Sue Bain, Maja Hurd, and Kathryn Arthur each possess different talents that they bring to the table. Their help is invaluable in creating this

specialty. I am extremely proud of our combined efforts. We have not attempted to create a show on par with our American friends; our limited finances make that impossible. We sincerely hope that our show manages to capture the spirit and friendship of our club. What we lack in funds, we tried to make up for in caring, time, imagination, and talent.

If the executive would compile an instruction manual in a "time line" form, it would be an invaluable tool to anyone who would like to undertake this task. I will never look at a dog show through the same eyes again. I have a new appreciation for the work involved, and I will remember to give a silent thanks to those that make it possible for me to relax and enjoy the show, the friends, and our wonderful breed.

Lucy Power – Barrie Ontario

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well another specialty show is soon upon us. I hope that all have good travelling and the people getting ready for the show are not pulling out their hair! Louann and I will be there, barring an unseen emergency, to cheer each and everyone on! We are all winners that participate.

Memberships are coming in but again a little slow so if you have not sent yours in PLEASE DO IT TODAY! To the breeders it would seem that there are only a few of us doing puppy memberships. "?" If nothing else it is a place for people to get Cardigan trinkets that are far and few between and at the most it lets them know what events might be in their area so they can meet and share stories and questions with other Cardigan people. It would also, I hope, encourage people to write into the newsletter their experiences with their Cardigan good or bad. As we all know nothing is perfect and as good as it is to learn from your mistakes it is wise to learn from others.

The results from the vote are in and I wish to thank all of you that took the time to vote it is you that keep things going in the right track. The tally sheet follows.

The herding specialty was a great time!! Learned lots, met all kinds of wonderful people, had some lessons from an almost angelic teacher, and best of all got to see 8, yes 8 Cardigans work. Not just run around and chase sheep but truly work! Even the judges were impressed. My Brite and Bonnie both got their HT and Bonnie got a leg on her HS, it may not have been high score but we got er' done! Louann and Never also got their HT, as did Charlie MacInnes and Sterling. Never is some dog - he truly has instinct pouring out as there were a few times that he truly did the perfect thing even though his training has been slow and Louann has no stock sense "yet"! Gloria Graham with her girl Pearl in ranch dog was something I could have watched all day. They truly are a TEAM! Anne Gunn got high in trial with her Beka. They are so much alike, soft spoken, polite, calm, but always in the right place at the right time and not afraid to stand their ground. WAY TO GO ANNE!!!

I have asked before and will ask again could people please make an effort to put the dogs first, the betterment of the breed first, the national club first, dog activities first, and put their personal agendas in their back pocket. We need to unite. We are good enough to unite. We are great enough to be better than we are. Lead by doing and in so I hope that each and everyone of you have a great summer full of lots of fun dog activities be they showing, herding, OB, rally, agility, tracking, or just plane having fun running the beaches and bushes of this great nation.

Lore Lee Bruder

PAST AND FUTURE SPECIALTY SHOWS

The Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club held its first conformation and obedience National Specialty in 1987, and has held a specialty annually since that time. The Canadian Kennel Club has a policy of encouraging breed clubs to hold their National Specialties in different part of Canada, and our club has an exceptional record in that regard. We were the first breed club, Canada or USA, to hold a national specialty north of 60. To date we have held specialties in 7 provinces plus the Yukon. We have missed only Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

Several factors are forcing the club to change its ways. First, travel costs are rising seriously, be it by air or on the highway. Flying more than two dogs has become both difficult and outrageously expensive. Secondly, the active club members are aging, and we have too few younger people joining. Thirdly, addition of several activity sports has changed the face of specialties. In 1987 the club was qualified to hold conformation and obedience competition. We soon lost the CKC approval to hold obedience, because there were not enough keen members to stage an obedience trial of our own. So, we went to holding specialties in conjunction with all-breed shows, and designating one of the host club trials as our specialty obedience. When Agility and Rally-O were added, this became a necessity. As a result, all our recent specialties have been held in conjunction with a set of all-breed shows. That is, overall, a good thing.

The down side of annual specialties has been that the few members who have led the specialty committees are burning out. There are two solutions to bringing relief, involve more members, or go to having the specialty every other year. We held a vote on this, as reported below.

If we hold our specialty with an all-breed club, and usually with a professional show secretary, there is no need for the CCCC specialty committee to be experts on staging a show. What the club has to do is make sure the specialty is a good show, with nice prizes, and appropriate social activities. The most important, and time-consuming, part of that is projects to raise money. We can't have nice prizes purely from entry fees on individual dogs. The positive side of this is that club members with one or two dogs can make a good specialty committee, just ask this year's organizers. The old show hands are still pleased to help out, but they need help with the hours of work required overall.

REPORT ON THE BALLOT ABOUT FUTURE SPECIALTIES

Compiled by Al Alcock

Number of eligible voting members - **43**. Number of ballots cast - **21**. Percentage who voted - **49%**

Question 1.

It has been proposed that we hold the national conformation Specialty every other year instead of every year.

Those who agreed	19 (90%)
Those who disagreed	2 (10%)

Question 2.

Allow the executive to make an exception to the above, depending on proposals received. Such a decision would have to be announced at least three years ahead of the proposed date.

Those who agreed **19 (90%)**
Those who disagreed **2 (10%)**

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**Question 3.**

It has been proposed that we always vote on the location for the national conformation Specialty and not have the executive make the choices.

**Always vote**                            **11 (55%)**  
**Executive chooses**                **9 (45%)**

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Question 4.

We have two shows proposed.

Year	Barrie	Edmonton
2009	1	4
2010	4	9
2011	4	1
2012	8	2
<i>Total Votes</i>	17	16

As a side note demographically the votes cast by area were as follows:

Area	Eligible to vote	Voted	Percentage who voted
AB	7	5	71%
BC	4	NIL	0%
MB	2	1	50%
ON	18	8	44%
NS	1	1	100%
PE	1	1	100%
YT	2	1	50%
Other	8	2	25%

I shall retain the ballots for 30 days and then destroy them unless directed otherwise or if the balloting is challenged. If there are any questions please feel free to contact me.

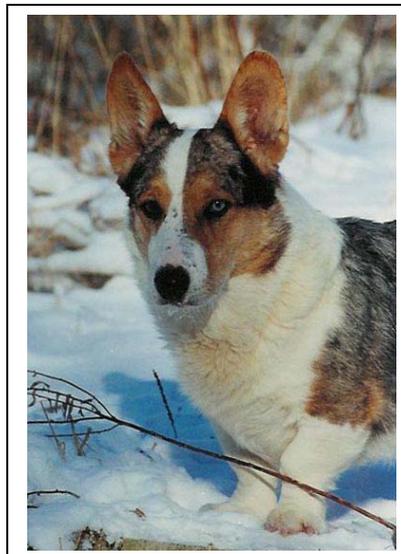
Al Alcock

IN MEMORIAM

CH. BLUETRIX MUFFERAW JOE C.D., C.G.N.

August 1997 – April 2008

Gentle Joe is gone, too soon



BREEDING AND SELLING CARDIGANS

I got involved with Cardigans nearly 40 years ago, as a teenager. I have carried on with the breed all these years, although I've been through some stages when I wasn't very active. I have always had my Cardis, however.

In my younger years I used to agonize over sometimes having to sell a really nice show prospect puppy to a pet home. Unfortunately this was often the case.

I always wanted to breed for nice show quality puppies, but I never lost sight of the brains and temperament that attracted me to this breed in the first place.

Now I only breed when I want a new dog myself. My last litter (3 ½ years ago) showed me an interesting change in my attitudes. We had 8 puppies. I got the one I wanted and hoped for, and the other seven were all sold well before they were old enough to leave home to wonderful people who sincerely wanted those babies and could hardly wait for the day when they could come to pick them up. Not one of them will ever see a show ring, but I can assure you every one of them is giving their owners an immense amount of joy and love. I have no regrets selling those puppies to pet homes.

As the number of entries in the conformation shows continue to decline, the interest in other disciplines continues to rise. We all need to breed the best Cardigans we can, but equally important is the need to produce sound dogs, physically and mentally. The people out there wanting puppies just as pets deserve the best.

Gloria Graham

**IN MEMORIAM
CH. BLUETRIX DRUIDS DREAM**



Druids Dream

**Rich red cheeks
Turned silver streaked
Rich thick coat
Thinned out with time
Steel blue colour
Now darkened to grey
Brilliant white ruff
Yellowed with age
Missing a toe nail
Where it went
Who knows
Where it went**

Missing a tooth

Where it went

The cow knows

Missing a meal

As aging goes

Glorious show days

Now far in the past

Raising show puppies

They grow up to fast

Moving the stock

That job is pasted on

You are just happy

To see a new dawn

Now we must part

sharp pains in my heart

You grew old with

Such charm, such grace

My Druids Dream

Dream on, Dream on

18 MAY 1993

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30 JANUARY 2008

FROM THE AGILITY BEAT...

Well it is that time of year again... looking forward to the trialing season and I thought this would be a good opportunity to answer a few questions I have had put to me.

First, Lore Bruder last year had asked me to include a bit about myself. I am a social worker working full time as a clinical therapist with Addiction Services, most recently as Problem Gambling Specialist out of Bridgewater NS. Agility is *my* therapy. I am also a grandmother, not particularly athletic, and spatially dyslexic and Abby was the first dog I had ever trained. Therefore *anyone can do agility*. But having an athletic, driven, clever, team partner, ---*priceless*. And that's a Cardigan.



Sandie, Nelly, and Abby

Sandie, Nelly, and Abby

Second question, from Maja Hurd about the different agility organizations:

Dog agility in recent years has been the fastest growing dog sport in North America.

There are four organizations which hold agility trials in Canada: the North American Dog Agility council (NADAC), the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC), the Agility Association of Canada (AAC) and Canine Performance Events. Inc. (CPE). I'm not familiar with NADAC but here in the Maritimes we have some exposure to the final three. In common, all these organizations aim to promote good sportsmanship, teamwork

between dog and handler and safe standards and practices for competitive dog agility. All offer a standard class and various other games classes at increasingly challenging performance levels. CKC and AAC support teams for World competitions.

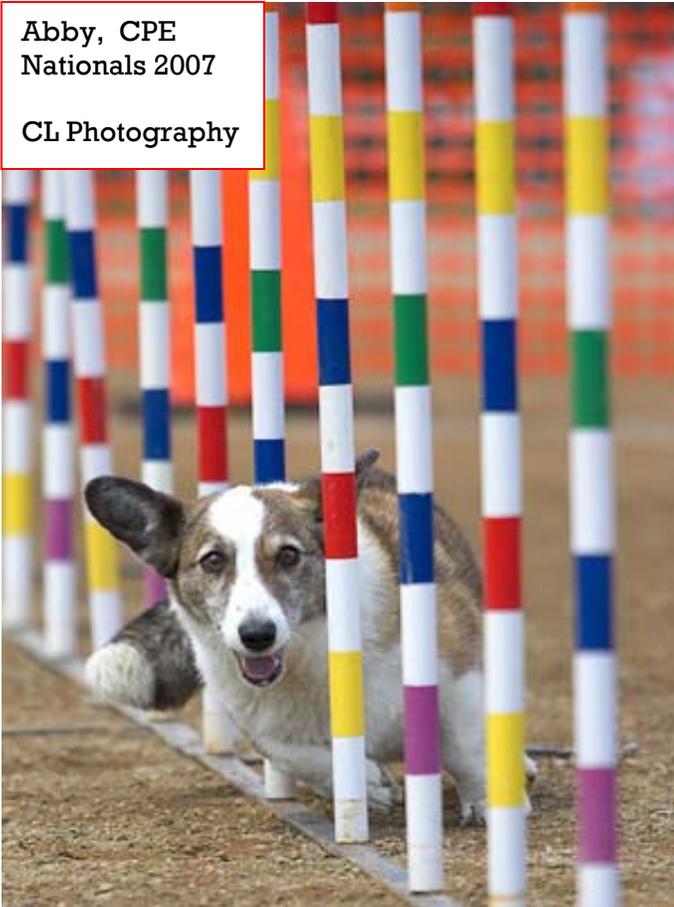
CPE, incorporated in 1998, is largely an American commercial organization with only a few host clubs in Canada. Those are located in BC, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. Fun is an important part of the CPE philosophy. Dogs progress toward titles by earning qualifying legs in levels 1 through 5 culminating in the C-ATCH (CPE Team Champion). Besides the standard runs CPE offers 6 games classes, paired into Handler (Colours and Wildcard), Strategy (Snooker and Jackpot) and Fun (Jumpers and Fullhouse) games with titles in each. So, for instance, Finnshavn's Abby Lehave (Abby) would have CL3 after her name since she has completed all the requirements in all classes at level 3. She would also have the additional higher level titles CL4-F as she has completed 4th level requirements for her Fun games, Jumpers and Fullhouse.

CKC, as you know, is a non-profit organization and agility is just one of many purebred dog-related activities with which it is involved. Trials are often held in conjunction with Breed Specialties. It offers only 2 classes, a Standard and a Jumpers with Weaves, the second was offered for the first time in 2006. Performance levels in both Jumpers and Standard are Novice, Intermediate, Excellent, and Masters Excellent with titles at each level. The levels are offered in 2 categories, Regular and Selected. Selected is equivalent to the Special or Veteran categories in the other 2 organizations and allows for a lower jump height and additional time. An "S" is added to the title designations. The highest title in CKC is the Agility Master Champion (AG.M.CH)

As in CPE trials, some faults are allowed. In CKC teams can qualify with 85/100 points except in the Excellent B where a perfect 100 is required. Unfortunately for Nelly knocked bars are not one of the allowable faults.

CPE has the reputation for being the most relaxed of the agility venues. Part of the raison d'être for its creation was to counter the increasing professionalization of the sport. With less stringent on-course requirements, it builds confidence by allowing teams to be successful. Jump heights are lower. Except for the championship level, limited faults are allowed for qualifying rounds. So Nelly (Finnshavn Ffeiry Ffairie) who has developed a problem with knocking down bars and which disqualifies her in the other organizations can still succeed with knocking a bar or two. At the beginning level, teams don't have to do teeter, table, or weaves, often the more difficult obstacles to perform in a trial. Best of all, for spinning, "checking-in-with-you" corgis, they don't fault refusals. you are starting out in competitive agility CPE is a wonderful confidence building experience for both dog and handler. CPE also really encourages people who are disabled to participate. At the 2007 CPE Nationals in Bridgewater NS, one of the most moving sights was a woman with a motorized walker directing her dog through a flawless Jumpers run.

Abby, CPE
Nationals 2007
CL Photography



Last year there were only 41 CKC agility trials held in Canada, none in Nova Scotia. So for us it is the least accessible and understandably of the three organizations it has the least developed agility program. Moreover, CKC does not compile or disseminate cumulative statistics for individual teams or breeds nor does it hold regional or national events. My only experience of meeting and seeing other Cardigan's run has been at National events in other organizations. However its strength is to encourage performance activities with purebred dogs to highlight the synthesis of form and function.

Now for most of us who have been bitten by the agility bug, AAC is the most competitive of the three. No faults are allowed for qualifying runs (with a few exceptions), from the beginning level of Starters through the Advanced and Masters performance levels. So can you feel how the tension mounts? One mistake and the Q fairy is out the window. One turn of the dog's body in front of an obstacle, the dreaded refusal, and the qualifying run is gone. No room for error. Plus AAC maintains and publishes yearly and cumulative performance statistics for individuals as well as top dog and breed statistics.

AAC is a volunteer organization begun in 1988 to regulate and promote dog agility in Canada without

regard to pedigree. It is by far the largest agility organization in Canada. As a comparison, for 2008, Nova Scotia has 3 CPE trials scheduled, no CKC trials and 9, 2-day AAC agility trials. When I started in 2003 there was only one club hosting AAC agility trials in Nova Scotia. This year there are four.

The AAC Standard class agility titles are Agility Dog of Canada (ADC), Advanced Agility Dog of Canada (AADC) and Masters Agility Dog of Canada (MADC). As well, there are the games titles: Starters Games Dog of Canada (SGDC) and Advanced Games Dog of Canada (AGDC) and at the Masters level titles for the individual games, Gamblers (MGDC), Team (MTRC), Jumpers (MJDC), and Snooker (MSDC). When a team achieves all the requirements in standard and games classes they are awarded their ATChC, Agility Trial Champion of Canada. After the ATChC teams continue to work at the Masters level toward Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Lifetime awards. Any titles achieved as a Special or Veterans dog are preceded by the letters "S" or "V" respectively. AAC has also added Steeplechase at the Masters level, an exhilarating speed event leading to the title MSCDC.

Maja, this is probably way more of an explanation than you wanted but it also provides the ground work to answer Charlie's question.

The last question to answer was one of Charlie's about the top agility Cardigan in Canada. AAC is the only organization with the cumulative statistics. Abby topped the AAC list in 2005 and 2007. Amanda Labadie's Wicca (Bluetrix a Little Wicca Majic) was the #2 Cardigan in 2007. Tenille Whiteford's, Tory (Yasasiikuma Tornado Warning) was top Cardigan in 2006. She also had the best showing with a Cardigan in the 2007 AAC Nationals. However in the overall AAC statistics Patricia Morton's Couper, (Finnshavn's Deuce Coupe) is the highest ranking all time Cardigan although no longer competing. Then you can add in Anne Gunn's Beka (Finnshavn Willow Flats Tuktu) who won the CCCC Agility Specialty in 2007 (under NADAC rules). This was the first year that CCCC had offered a trophy for agility at the Specialty. So Charlie, it gets complicated. I guess the best answer is there are quite a few talented Cardigans and their humans doing agility out there.

Nowadays there are ample opportunities to try this very exciting sport of competitive agility and I hope many more will. Please e-mail me with your exploits, successes, tribulations and questions from the agility field. To me it is encouraging and inspiring to get to know other Cardigan agility enthusiasts. My correct e-mail is dsellicott@bwr.eastlink.ca

Sandie Ellicott and her girls, Finnshavn Ffeiry Ffairie SADC SSGDC CL2 and Finnshavn's Abby Lehave, SGDC VAADC VMJDC SMSDC CL3 CL4-F AGNS AGNJS - From West La Have, NS

FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS

May 2008 News from Ontario's regional director Barb Hoffman

Marilyn Boissoneault's tri bitch Julia, Ch.Cheysuli's Aberwyvern Bone Appetite, piloted by handler Carol Froats, was #2 Cardigan for 2007 picking up several group placements along the way. A very nice accomplishment for such a young bitch.

Shelley Camm had a very good year as well. Her brindle puppy Chip, Ch.Yasashiikuma's Diamond Solitaire finished quickly and won the Group in a very competitive herding group at a large show. She also finished several other puppies and put points on others. Dogs of her breeding have also done well in performance events this year both in Canada and in the U.S. Shelley also had a good year at the American National this May. Details can be seen on her website blog.

Sue Burchill of Jazsita Cardigans has been plagued by numerous injuries this year (her, not her dogs) and has been unable to compete in agility. She continues to train at home as much as she is able, and others in the agility community have been wonderful, picking up the training of her bitch Jazsita All About Me Annabel and her two new hopefuls, Pluperfect-Merrymoon Pyper and Ch.Merrymoon Pretty Poison.

Ruth Lister has had a hard year. Her agility boy Tommy, Dovedale's Welsh Bard, after finishing his standard and games titles and his U.S. titles passed away as the result of a tragic accident, not related to agility.

Merrymoon has been quiet on the Canadian show scene. We've had other fish to fry this past year what with people injures, forced retirement and life in general. As a result we've only made it to a couple of shows. One of those shows was the U.S. national where my Maine partner, Pixie Lauer and I won the coveted Megan Competition with our co-bred, co-owned brndle bitch, Maggie, ChPuddleduck Merrymoon Sugar Magnolia. This is Merrymoon's second Megan win. On the breeding front Jon, Pixie and I have several exciting litters planned and are looking forward to that. For details on all the going's on at Merrymoon, Pluperfect and Puddleduck, please visit us at our website <http://jonkimes.com>

In Sept of last year I was fortunate to have the opportunity to judge the sweeps at the Lexington supported show and that was great fun. Southern hospitality is alive and well and living in Kentucky! I'm looking forward to doing sweeps on Saturday at the Western Reserve Regional Specialty in Ohio this August. Shelley did it last year and tells me the Western Reserve people put on a fabulous specialty!

The application for accreditation of the new provincial club, Ontario Cardigan Fanciers is coming along well. We'll keep the national club informed of our progress.

May 2008 News from Alberta's regional director Fern Hunt

Fern has had health troubles but she did write that "As soon as I was well enough to try going for walks I brought my pup Gypsy, that I got from Lore, into stay with me and we have wandered the area most days, it has been great having her with me has helped me a lot. I also brought in my bitch Bryanna, who has given me on the last day of April, 5 beautiful puppies, I have 4 brindle(different shades) boys and a red sable bitch, all with lovely white markings. Bryanna (Waibournes Merri Bryanna came into heat early, as have a lot of bitches in this area, she made her move in the middle of a field (small), in the middle of one of our later snow storms (big), with a male named Caller, "Stargates Long Distance Call'r". Bryanna had her 1st pup just before 8am and her last one just before midnight, she didn't have any problems, just took her time, she wasn't stressing at all, I can't say the same about me, especially after the 12 hour mark!! I have never in all the years I have been breeding, had a bitch do that to me before, as they say, there is always a first time for everything!

Fern also sent the following story from Kathryn Osbourne:

Vet checks

This year I decided to be kind on myself and when my 6 pack had to go in for their yearly exams I booked them in 2 a day, every other day for a week. Instead of my usual wrestling with 6 dogs, 3 males who would rather swear at each other than cooperate.

Day one the older dogs, Taffy was such a good girl, She waddled her little pudgy butt into the office, of course she's 9 so she can get away with a bit more than the others, but she's always gracious and now that they no longer take her temperature from parts she would rather not mention, she is fine with the vet talking to her and looking her over. We found a lump this year and I was concerned, but it turned out to be a fat lump. I told her it was enough to have fat but did she have to store it all in one place and give mom a scare.

Next came Minuet, our Drama queen. That dog can lay it on thick. I swear if she could lay on her back with her paw on her forehead extolling the horrors of her life she would do it. You would think the world had come to an end. This same vet looked after her a couple of years ago when she tweaked her back. He moved her legs and hips not a thing, and then she got it into her head that he was going to hurt her and just touching her with the end of a finger on her nose got her to yell her head off. He carefully picked her up and took her for x-rays, and when he came back he said look at this and went plonk, plonk with his hands over her back and not a squeak out of her. I told him, yes I know she's a drama queen. So during her yearly physical, she completely collapsed on the table, and hid her head in the crook of my arm and made out the world was coming to an end. Meanwhile Taffy was so upset that they were separated and that Mini was in distress she had to come into the room to look out for her. All in all everyone was in good health that day, so off we went home.

Next came Ziggy and Trinity, Ziggy was a good boy, he got his weight done and stood on the table, they have a slippery tops on their tables I have always thought I should take my own non-slip mat so dogs have more traction, but I was told they have it that way so the dogs don't try to jump down, so I just hold on tight. He was very patient with it all, and the vet was very impressed with how well he looked and behaved.

Trinity the vet decided was very pretty and he said she was in excellent shape which was good news as we are hoping to breed her this year. So far circumstances have prevented her nuptials but we still have hopes. I thought she was going into heat that week, so I had been so careful to keep her away from Ziggy, but in the waiting room, it was old home week, just buddies they welcomed one another with open paw, and had enjoyed the outing.

The next two are my problem children. Chucky was hurt by a judge on the table at a show on his first weekend out. He's beautiful, but soft, well meaning friends and acquaintances tried to help him get past it and in fact made it worse and he hates people he does not know anywhere near his head.

So at the vets approach he was less than impressed, but we made it through the first part ok and once he got past his head Chucky Cheese as we call him hid his head in my arm pit and let the vet do whatever he liked as long as he was not asking him to look. I usually get the kennel cough vaccine at this time of the year as well, as I had 4 of them with Kennel cough after one show when they were younger, so it's just part of our routine now. I asked the vet if I could administer this, as it's just like giving Dristan nose drops. The vet asked what he could do to help, and I asked him to back off, and tackled the situation, and one more down.

Finally Dorian, Dorian has shown a couple of times, he is the full brother to Charlie MacInnes's Sterling, he's big, grey and hairy, I believe this could be a new line of Corgi the elephant corgi, he has a slightly longer snout than the usual corgi snout, legs like tree trunks, and ears like satellite dishes that took me 7 months to get up. On top of all this he now weighs in at 50 lbs. He was fine with the head exam but it was the rest of his body he was not willing to share, and was convinced that there was nothing in his nether region he was willing to share, when the vet went where he could not see him that he took objection to it, but a good strong hold on my part and he was fine. So we survived another year of examinations, everyone got a clean bill of health. The only other interesting thing that happened, Dorian has a merled eye, his father Laser has brown eyes, but one has a blue streak in it. Dorry got blue eyes but one the same side as his dad's has a brown streak in it. The Vet thought something was wrong with his eye when he first saw it, he had never seen a merled eye, I assured him it was fine.

The things I have learned the most from these yearly exams: We have to be advocates for our dogs, we know our breeds and our animals, the vets have be trained in canine care, but don't know much about the specifics of certain breeds, my vet was very concerned when I lifted my dogs down by myself especially the more uncommon ones. Our vet is very concerned and I have to reassure him that yes I can lift these dogs off the table all by myself.

I have had a vet or two that thinks that what I have to say does not count for anything. For instance my 9 year old gets hot spots on her feet every year, might be snow mold or something, but it clears up. a vet straight out of college insisted I buy an Elizabethan collar, and cortozone cream because this could turn to cancer. This happens every year woman. I bought the stuff and added it to my inventory of things I might need some time. The hair grew back and she still has all 4 healthy paws. This vet is still part of the practise that I go to, but I don't see her.

I try to add a few bits of trivia and information to my visits to the vets, the good ones are quite happy to learn a bit more about a specific breed. All in all our yearly vet visits are a good experience, I'm a little more broke but happy that everyone is fine, Kathryn

May 2008 News from BC's regional director Gloria Graham

At our recent herding trials in Hope, BC we had the opportunity to see Ron and Kathleen Stewart, who came out to scribe and time for our judge. They still have their old dog, Hughie, and also two new additions. One is a lovely brindle and white male puppy they call Radar that they got from Al Alcock. The other is a two year old black and white with brindle points female named Dixie that they got from Sue Mesa in Georgia. Ron will be active in the herding and obedience worlds (at least) with Radar, and Dixie's job in life is to be constant companion to Kathleen. She is a sweet natured, very composed young lady and I've no doubt she'll do her job admirably. Two very nice additions to their household.

Karen and Howard Slutsken also made the trek out to Hope to watch some of the action and visit with the other Cardigan folks who were there. They recently lost their old dog Ch Finnshavn Edward Kimball Carey (K.C.) at 15 ½ years of age. Karen mentions this is the first time they've not had a dog in the house in 26 years.

You can read about the Cardigan feats in the herding arena in the article in this newsletter about the trials.

Anne Gunn attended a trial in Hope prior to our CKC trials which is called a Handy Ranch Dog Trial. These are one day trials, open to all breeds, and normally have a significant Border Collie entry. Anne's dogs were both in the "Rookie" class and placed first and second. Well done, Anne! She still has a lot of herding training/trialing dates this summer with her two Cardis, Beka and Katie. Anne is going to a week-long herding camp in Saskatchewan on a huge sheep farm. It sounds like she'll have lots of opportunity to work on many different areas such as large flocks, large fields, etc.

In July there will be ASCA (Australian Shepherd Club of America) herding trials at Downriver Farm in Hope. I'll be there with at least one dog, hopefully two, and Anne will have her two in as well. In September there will be AHBA (American Herding Breed Association) herding trials in Chilliwack, BC, which Anne and myself will most likely be attending. I hope to go to Washington state later this summer to trial at the next level with Pearl in AKC herding trials.

I have often said I'd never have a Border Collie, as I don't think I could live with that level of obsession. Since I've moved and now have my own sheep my girl, Pearl, is quickly approaching that level of obsession. We had a real wild thunder and lightening storm here recently and, as usual, Pearl was behind my chair quivering like a bowl of jello. Even though the storm wasn't yet over it was time to put the sheep away. I slipped into my boots and called Pearl. She immediately forgot all about the raging storm and was more than ready to go do the stock work. This breed we have is AMAZING!

And calling any BC Cardigans – I would love to include any news about your Cardigans and what you are doing with them for the CCCC newsletter.

A NEW NATIONAL CLUB FOR CARDIGAN CORGIS

The Welsh Cardigan Club Nederland (WCCN) is very happy to announce that on the 1st of March 2008 it was officially recognised by the Kennelclub in the Netherlands as the only representative of the Welsh Corgi Cardigan breed in the Netherlands.

How did it all start?

The initiative starting the **WCCN** was taken on the 16th of September 2005 by a number of former members of the Nederlandse Welsh Corgi Club (NWCC). The reason for taking this step was that from September 7th 2005 the Dutch Kennelclub no longer considered the NWCC as a member of the Dutch Kennelclub and thus no representative of the Welsh Corgi Cardigan breed.

For many breeders and owners of this breed this was an unacceptable situation and regarded as highly undesirable.

After the arbitration of the Dutch Kennelclub had taken a final decision in the dispute with the NWCC a group of promoters took further steps which resulted in the establishment of the Welsh Cardigan Club Nederland (**WCCN**) in Austerlitz on March 11th 2007.

Objective of the WCCN

- conservation and improvement of the breed Welsh Corgi Cardigan;
- promoting the health and welfare of the Welsh Corgi Cardigan;
- promoting the contact between breeders and lovers of this breed, both at home and abroad.

As an association we are trying to achieve our objective by:

- holding meetings and giving lectures;
- organizing fun activities, exhibitions, walks, a young dog day, a club match (championship), etc., where everyone is welcome;
- publishing a news letter on a regular base, that will be replaced by a real magazine in a later stage;
- providing information on the purchase, the keeping, the breeding and raising of a Welsh Corgi Cardigan;

- establishing standards to combat hereditary defects in the breed and taking measures to carry out these standards;
- keeping a record of pure-bred Welsh Corgi Cardigans;
- registering the results of examinations regarding the presence of certain genetic abnormalities in the Welsh Corgi Cardigan;
- participating in discussion within the Kennelclub Netherlands association;

keeping contact with sister associations abroad. But.....what we consider to be very important is that the WCCN becomes a fine and pleasant association where everyone feels at home and where the importance of de Welsh Corgi Cardigan is of prime importance.

On our homepage, www.wccn.nl you'll find a lot of information about the WCCN and perhaps you're willing to put our link on your website.

With kind regards,

Huib Minet, Chairman
Jeanne Landers, Secretary
Monique Geukes, Treasurer
Yvonne Aben, member
Ati Dekker, member

IJsselstein, March 6th 2008

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CORRESPONDENCE

Hi Charlie: Nancy Briggeman here from Calgary.

In August you told us we should contribute more to Cardigan happenings, so I have a couple of interesting anecdotes for you. The first involves absolute Cardi intelligence, the second, well not so much.

On Christmas morning, we usually have quite the full house. This year, we had the 4 generations, of course, plus a close friend of the family, 11 in total plus the 2 dogs. The youngest grandson, Blake, was 2 days short of turning 7 months. He had been commando crawling for over a month, and really wanted to try our stairs to the second floor. After the third time somebody carried him away, Henry very deliberately rose, walked over to the stairs and lay down in front of them. Blake could not crawl over Henry, and believe me, he tried, while Henry lay with tail wagging.

Three days later my friend and I met to walk her 2 Labs, my Golden, and Henry. The friend had her visiting daughter's young Border Collie along as well. We walk up on Nose Hill Park, a huge natural area, lots of room for dogs to roam. It was one o'clock on a sunny winter afternoon. As we neared a small gully filled with long grass, 6-8 feet away from the well-traveled path, Henry began to bark, a warning bark, but wouldn't go near the gully. We decided to leash all dogs, four came instantly, but the young BC doesn't know us that well, instead ran into the grass, and stepped on the porcupine resting there, embedding quills in the pads of her feet and up her legs. We phoned the son-in-law, took a yelping limping dog back to the parking lot so he could head to the vet, and turned to go back on our walk. We took a parallel path, and as we neared the place where friend porkie had been, I told my friend I was going to leash my dogs just in case they had thoughts of traveling back to investigate. As soon as I spoke, Henry bolted. He who is most reliable on recalls decided he needed either to see what had hurt his playmate or had thoughts of revenge on his mind. He's not talking, seems a little embarrassed whenever I bring the subject up, in

fact. He took a slap up the face for his stupidity, and a \$532 vet bill to remove the quills. He was a very sad, mournful dog. Let's hope he learned something from his little adventure.

Have a good day, Nancy

Hi, Nancy, and thanks for these - I will fit them in to a newsletter.

It has taken me 40 years of asking, and I finally got a good report of a Cardigan (two dogs, actually, but one incident) with a face full of porcupine quills last summer, so yours is the second in 40 years! By the way, carry a small pair of vice-grips in the car, a pair will cost you a lot less than \$532.00. You set the vice-grips to snap closed with a grip tight enough to hold a quill firmly, but not so tight that it cuts it off. It takes two people, one to hold the dog, another to use the vice-grips. I have held a piece of branch 3 -5 cm in diameter between an elkhound's back teeth to keep from getting bitten. As per above - I have no experience with Cardigans!! I always carried a pair of vice-grips in every back pack, so that I had them when I was hunting. I have had Cardigans and Elkhounds in places a couple of days from the nearest vet. You have to be careful to feel all over the muzzle, because some of the smaller quills can go in so far you can't see the end, but you can feel it!!

Charlie

From Marilyn Boissoneault:

Aberwyvern Bentley, aka Pekoe, had an outstanding weekend at a Rally Obedience Trial in BC recently. His scores were 195, 199 and 198, earning High in Trial every day! Pekoe now has his Rally Excellent title and one leg towards Bronze status. His bursting with pride owner is Diane Pitts, who adds, 'Now if I could just convince him to stop trying to steal garbage, climb into the compost bin ...'

I may have an 'In Memoriam' for you as well; John and Kenneth lost Maurice on Easter weekend.

From Lore Bruder:

The grins, and the size of the rosette, tell it all! High in Trial at Rally-O



IN MEMORIAM

CH. BLUETRIX DARBY O'WILLA WOO



Darby O' Dam it!

**Darby O ear muff
Does she still chew ask's Sue
Has not chewed in months
She is a well behaved show dog**

**There lay the ear muff
In little pieces and puffs**

**Daby O Red neck
does she bite ask the pem lady
No she is full of respect
She is a well behaved show dog**

**There goes the pem in a blur
Her with a mouth full of fur**

**Daby O'Willla Woo
Does she stand for her date
She is right on cycle, never late
She is a well breed show dog**

**There we are at the clinic
Doing A.I. ain't no picnic**

**Darby do, O Darby do
Does she have puppies
Not just once, but times two
Blacks and blues too many to
choose**

**There we are in the show ring
A matched set gets the bling**

**Darby O Darling
Does she live well and long
She lives loud and proud
Nows she's a very ill Dog**

**There go the tears
She had just four years**

**Darby O Buddy
Does she leave unmissed
There's a hole, there's mist
Such a cruel cancer twist
She is a well loved dog**

**Bluetrix Darby O' Willla Woo
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