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TRAVELING TO SWITZERLAND WITH A CARDIGAN

Travelling internationally with a dog is not that different compared to travelling domestically. I think it is more of a deal for us humans than for the animal. Recently my mother travelled with her Cardigan, Owen, to Switzerland for two months of vacation and family visit (see front page). If you do plan to travel internationally prepare well ahead of time since there is a limit amount of space for animals just like on domestic flights. I would also recommend booking a flight that is direct, these days they are hard to come by.



Here is a small checklist of things to remember to do before the flight that could have come in handy.

1. Have an appointment with your vet ten days or less before flying for an approved health certificate you will need when checking in.
2. Bring cash or credit card to the airport when checking in your dog for the fee of the ticket.
3. On the top of a crate in a ziplock bag have a picture of the dog, a copy of the health certificate and the contact information of your final destination. Make sure you have a copy of

everything in your hand bag.

4. On top of the crate, ducktape the dog's name with an emergency phone number, with waterproof marker. This could either be a cell phone or the phone number where you will be staying.
5. On top of the crate, tape a small bottle of water in case it is needed by the ground crew.
6. Make sure all the screws of the crate are secured.
7. In the crate have the dog's favourite bed and a small bowl in case the ground crew will need to provide some water. If it is a really hot day when travelling it's a good idea to freeze a bowl for water. Actually, a waterbowl that clips to the door of the crate is mandatory.
8. Have in your hand luggage a day's worth of food in case you are not able to make it to a local Pet Store when arriving. As well, in case of dietary issues to have some of the dog's old food to mix in with the new food.
9. There is no need to tranquilize the dog especially if your dog finds their crate their "safe" spot.
10. If you plan to have the dog travel with a collar on have the identification embroidered on the collar to avoid the problems with tags getting caught. Also make sure the collar is loose enough to pull over the head easily in case they get caught.

When arriving at your final destination, in my mother's case you will pick up your dog at the section for fragile items. At this spot, you just need show identification you are owner of the dog and be prepared to show the health certificate when going through the gate. In our case it was quite simple. The animals are the first to come off the plane and immediately arrive in the fragile section. We had to wait longer for our own luggage.

One thing we found a little different than from home is you can bring your dog anywhere except for stores that sell food. Owen quickly learned how to go on and off a train and lie down under the seat. The same went with restaurants. I was just amazed how well he behaved. We always got the second look from

the public, especially since he is a blue merle with blue eyes. All types of people were asking what breed of dog he could be. We would hear discussions trying to figure it out, while waiting for the train.

When mom arrived back home it was just as straight forward as going to Switzerland. The only difference is, mom had to declare the dog while going through customs and pay a small fee. We are not sure if that is correct since the official didn't know what to do in mom's case claiming an Ontario resident's dog back into the home country that was bred and born in Ontario. We didn't want to argue since it took the official an hour to figure it out and let mom through.

Overall, don't be afraid to travel with your four-legged friends. If you look into it hard enough you will find out that sometimes it's cheaper to travel with your four-legged friends than leave them at home at the kennel. Also, I noticed that more places are becoming pet friendly. Thus, more people are tending to travel with their dogs.

Maja Hurd
Guelph, Ontario

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK:

My second term is winding down and as much as it has been fun and interesting I will be glad to pass the hat on to someone fresh. Nominations will be opening up in the new year so it is time to get your thinking caps on. Lucy Power has yet again stepped up to the plate and said she will handle the nominations. We will send out notification when they open, it will not be until January. I will stay on and help Louann with membership as I feel it needs some real attention. Sporting events are doing well, we are excelling at agility, OB, rally, herding, and even tracking! We should all be very proud of our little dogs. There is going to be a national herding specialty in Hope B.C again this year thanks to the dedication of Anne Gunn and Gloria Graham. Downriver Farm is such a lovely site, it is hard not to just want to stay and herd sheep forever.

As we the club decided we will not be having a National Specialty until June of 2010 in Edmonton. I think this will give everybody a chance to catch their breath and plump up the wallets for some traveling. Plus give the Show committee a chance to really get organized without having to panic. Fern Hunt is the head of the 2010 show committee and is well on her way to pulling off yet another great show!

I am having fun with a litter of 8 born on October 6th to a first timer with one tie. I am very proud of Bonnie. Best of winners in 2006, Top rally-o score in 2007, HT and one leg on her HS in the spring of 2008 and great mom in fall 2008. I think she is on to something!

I would like to thank the newsletter editors for being so on top of getting things done and out. I think we will all agree it is nice to get them more often rather than huge one every once in awhile. Goes to show that many hands makes light work.

Lore Bruder
Pincher Creek AB

A LITTLE BRAG FROM ABERWYVERN CARDIGANS

Last May, Aberwyvern Bentley, aka Pekoe, took High in Trial at a rally obedience event held in the Okanagan Valley **all three days**. Pekoe was bred by Marilyn Boissonneault and owned and trained by Diane Pitts. He is now trying his hand.....er, paw.....at herding!

Marilyn Boissonneault
Williamsburg ON

Editor's note: This article mistakenly didn't get in to the June newsletter ☹

SPECIAL FEATURE – CCCC’S REGIONAL DIRECTORS

We thought it would be fun to introduce the regional directors to those of you who have not yet had a chance to meet them. We did not leave out Ontario and Barb Hoffman – Barb has a bad back and so we have left her in peace until another time.

BC Director Gloria Graham -

I got my first Cardigan 40 years ago when I was 14 years old. I had been attending obedience classes with the family dog, a Bulldog, and one of the ladies in the club had a Cardigan. As soon as I saw that dog I knew that’s what I had to have and Cardigans have been a part of my life ever since. I’ve bred and owned numerous champions here in Canada and in the United States. I’ve always been active in obedience, as well.

In 2005 I had the opportunity to take my two Cardigan girls to a herding instinct test. About a month later I attended my first herding clinic and am now totally hooked on herding with my Cardigans. We have an amazing breed!

A couple of years ago I was at a clinic where Pearl was the only “non-Border Collie”. The clinician was a well renowned man from California by the name of Bill Berhow. While I was working Pearl, I

overheard him telling all of the assembled Border Collie people that he has never met a Corgi that wouldn’t work, but he has met Border Collies that wouldn’t work. I think that says a lot for our breed. At all of the various clinics I’ve attended I have seen specimens of many herding breeds that just don’t have it. Our breed isn’t that far removed from its roots and has maintained that instinct.



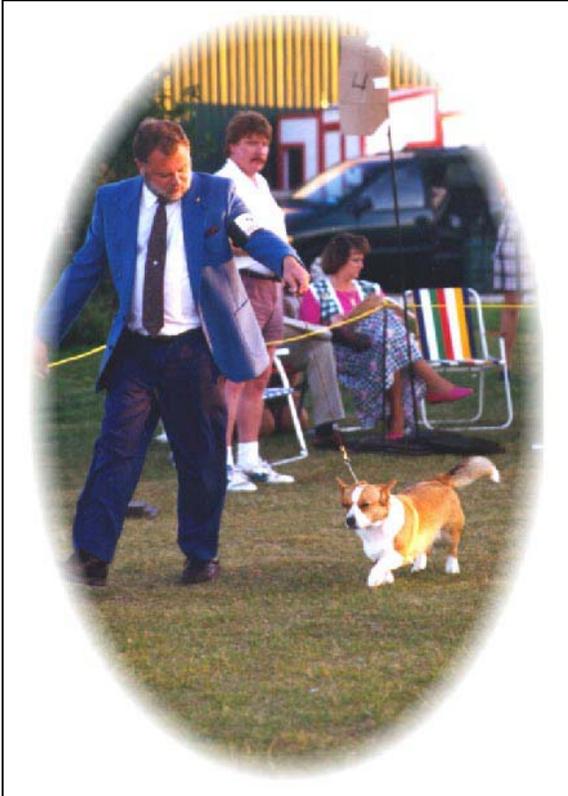
At some conformation shows I’ve been to over the last several years I have seen some huge, rather extreme specimens of our breed. These extreme dogs could never get around a herd of cattle or sheep. They need to be agile and quick. I’m not suggesting we need to breed weedy little Cardigans. Moderation must prevail, though. Our breed is in the herding group. It’s what they were bred for and what they still do brilliantly. Please, let’s not lose that.

I’ve just recently acquired a third Cardigan, a male, from Lore Bruder in Alberta. My household now consists of Pearl, a 7 year old female, Cleo (Pearl’s daughter) who is 4 years old, and now Fido, an 18 month old male. I’m looking forward to having all three ready for

their respective levels of trialing at the CCCC Herding Trials in May in Hope, BC. Anne Gunn will have two, maybe three Cardigans there. Lore Bruder and Louann Killoran will be out from Alberta with at least two. I know Ron Stewart has started his young dog, Radar, and we know we have at least two more BC people starting herding with their Cardigans.

The north's director . . Al Alcock

I hail from Northern Ontario but really have spent the majority of my life in the west, the last 33 years in the North. Lynn and I first came in contact with Cardigans in 1970 in Germany, while I was serving in the Canadian Army. His name was Jocko, a dashing young fellow - black and white with tan points. We



often baby sat him while his owners were away. That chance meeting was to set the stage in later life that would lead us to have the honour of immersing ourselves with the breed. Prior to Cardigans we raised Beagles for 20 years, a breed we adored. However being a hound they always found ways to escape - sometimes being gone for 2-3 days at a time. In the early 90's we decided that once the last of our Beagles passed on we would think on what breed best suited our lifestyle. We were looking at some old photos of our time overseas when Jocko emerged, and, well the rest is history. In 1994 we got our first two Cardigans from Charlie, Bubbles and Squeaky. While we never bred "The Squeak", Bubbles became our foundation bitch and was my best pal just as Squeaky was Lynn's. Both of our old girls are no longer with us but their memory and legacy live on.

Raising Cardigans in the Yukon has presented itself with some very unique challenges, the first of which is being dislocated geographically from mainstream access to other breeders. As a result our family number is anywhere from 10-13 at any one time, which includes retirees. Our puppies have been adopted as far east as Holland, to every province and territory in Canada (except Iqualuit), and of course throughout the US - mostly Alaska. After 14 years we have bred 16 litters and are on our way to establishing our own

line. We take a great deal of pride and joy in working with members of our family, even though we are limited to some extent in what we are able to be involved in. Our first introduction to the Club was at the 1995 Nationals in Calgary. Over the years I have served in various capacities on the Board. "My first contact with Cardigans I found the breed to be very endearing, intelligent, loyal, sought with a lovely temperament, and just so full of themselves. I still believe this to be true today, except I would also add that they are true comedians and have the silliest, almost whimsical, sense of play. In my opinion they are dogdom's best kept secret. Our gang has brought so much joy and fun to Lynn and I, we love them for that. Each and everyone of them holds a special place within. Being a steward of the breed is truly a honour and one we take very seriously."

Maritimes director - Sandi Ellcott

After 11 years living with a sweet Pembroke Corgi we had inherited from clients of my husband it was awhile before we were ready for another dog. Ollie had been a great dog, our first from the Herding group, attentive, trainable but we had never quite adjusted to the lack of tail thing. We hemmed and hawed over possible breeds, another Pem, Standard Poodle maybe



a Valley Bull? Then we connected with Robert and Stephanie Reford, also clients of my husband, and we were invited to meet their handsome Cardigan boy Jake. Robert just happened to be Charlie MacInnes's cousin. I knew when I met Jake that I had found the right breed. He was confident, intelligent, ready to play, wanted to be with us but could also happily curl up on your feet and mind his manners.



So in 1999, for my next birthday I got my wish a 12 week old Cardigan girl from Charlie. Abby arrived from Toronto at the cargo terminal of Halifax airport on a hot July day. Two panic-filled hours after the plane arrived during which I envisioned heat stroke, emotional trauma or much worse I was finally able to retrieve the crate. Out on the nearest piece of grass we dragged the oversized crate and opened the door...and out she strolled, none the worse for wear, the most confident little thing you could imagine. With a large yawn she may as well have said, "what's all the bother?" and so she began my training .

Although I had had dogs for most of my life the extent of my formal dog training to that point had been one formal obedience class with a very timid Springer Spaniel. With Abby we began immediately with a puppy class and went on from there into a fun agility group. In puppy class she was the most stubborn and most independent and she trained me that if I wanted to keep her attention I had to keep on the move which carried over to agility. What was soon evident was that she was a real athlete and fearless. Abby and I had a taste of competition in 2003 with some success and were bitten by the bug. We began competing regularly in 2005 and she has won several Judge's Choice Awards given for her heart, her enthusiasm, her joie de vivre and her exciting runs. Abby has taken me to 2 National competitions something I could never have achieved on my own.

We were having so much fun with Abby that when an opportunity arose in the fall of 2004 we added another of Charlie's girls, 10 month old Nelly, to the family, a handsome flashy tri colour. Nelly too competes in agility with just as much enthusiasm and verve. Last fall Nelly was the first to start on herding. Both Nelly and Abby earned their first CKC herding titles this summer. Next weekend we are going to try for our CGN and the longer term goal is therapy dog work. We haven't tried obedience or rally, maybe next year.



I do the competitive things with the dogs but they are a part of every aspect of our lives. If we go swimming they go swimming, if we go kayaking they go kayaking and when we go snowshoeing or ice skating they are with us. They are excellent in the car or in a crowd and often act as greeters at my husband's vet clinic. We love that versatility, their sturdiness, their athleticism, their playfulness. But we also love their intelligent and beautiful faces and those eyes. We love waking up in the morning to Corgi kisses. We think they are the perfect breed and we know they are the perfect breed for us. So when Stephanie Toman asked me to stand for nomination for the Atlantic Regional Director of the CCCC I accepted because I am happy to support our wonderful breed.

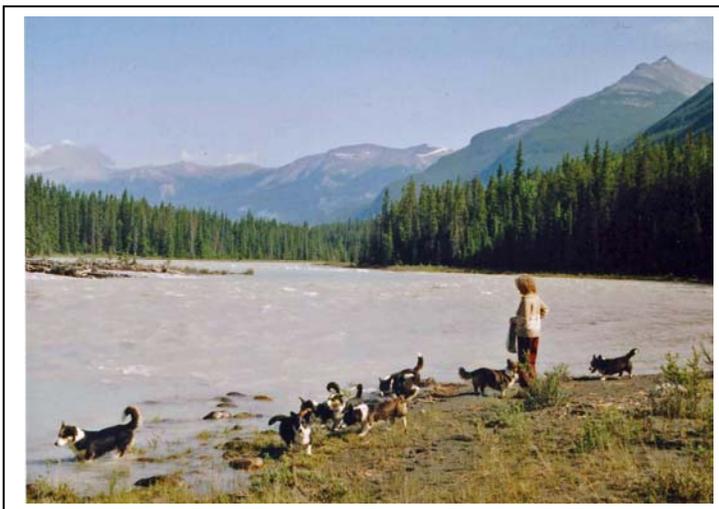
Praires director – Fern Hunt

Note from Anne – Fern at the moment does not have email or a phone. So I called her but the cell phone connection was dismal. So this introduction to Fern is brief and any errors are mine. The picture shows Fern with her dogs and Charlies', walking along the Liard River, on a walkies break on the way to the 2004 specialty in Whitehorse.

Fern grew up in New Zealand and was even luckier as her family had friends with working Cardigans on a farm. When in her early 20s, Fern rescued a Cardigan called Rusty who Fern described as a "sweet dog". Fern then migrated back and forward between New Zealand and Canada and rescued another Cardigan, a red and white dog also called Rusty. Fern said he was a sweetheart too. And he started Fern's breeding line

with bitches from New Zealand. One of those breedings was one of those bitter-sweet things – the mum did not survive the whelping but Fern hand-raised the pups who included Brin – a handsome dark red brindle gold and white Cardigan who was bonded with Fern. Brin and Fern made the trip to Whitehorse for the historic CCCC national specialty (first CKC national specialty in Canada's territories).

And Anne adds, the phone connection was intermittent, and so when I asked Fern, why Cardigans, there was silence and I thought the connection had been lost. Then I heard Fern say with a smile in her voice "no definite answer, they just are".



MARION GRAHAM

June 26, 1923 – September 22, 2008

My mother, Marion Graham, passed away in September at the age of 85.

When I bred my first litter of Cardigans as a teenager, my mother kept one of the puppies. He was Am Ch Denbigh Dandy Dunstan, Am CDX. She also kept a puppy from my next litter, Ch Denbigh Commander Whitehead, Can Am UD (Schweppes). Marion later bought a dog from Helen Cramer in California who was sired by Can Am Ch Denbigh Blue Suede Shoes. He was Ch Dorre Don Black and Blue, CDX. Schweppes sired Mom's next dog, Can Am Ch Dood's Final Fling, Can Am UD. Her last Cardigan was OT Ch Cardicar's Great Grandy, who lived until Mom was 83. He was sired by a dog of mine, a Fling son.

Over the years my mother made quite a name for herself and our breed in the obedience rings in Canada and the U.S. Her dogs nearly always performed brilliantly.

At the CCCC Specialty in Calgary in 2007 Charlie MacInnes got special permission to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to my mother. This is an award only presented every five years, but due to my mom's advanced years he felt it prudent to present it early. When I showed it to her upon returning from Alberta she was well pleased. Thank you, Charlie.

Thanks to my mother's preference for male dogs the lines I started with 40 years ago have survived, even during the years when I was inactive in breeding.

Thank you, Marion, for being such a great ambassador to our breed.

Gloria Graham

WHAT IF ? IN CASE OF ACCIDENT.

We live in hope that a car accident will not happen – but they do. We do the right things (dogs in crates or secured by seat-belts) but what if we are injured (thinking worst case here) and cannot care for our dogs. So here's some suggestions for peace of mind and the sneaking superstition, that if we are prepared, things are less likely to happen.

1. Emergency workers check the glove compartment for vehicle registration papers so I have a card in with my vehicle registration (and I have a copy in my purse) – see below for suggested wording.

In Case of an Accident –

The welfare of my dogs is my primary concern.

1. In the event that I, *your name*, am incapacitated and unable to make my wishes known regarding my *number* dogs, please honor the following requests:

2. *Contact name* is to be contacted as soon as possible: cell. Call collect and mention my name. Alternately, contact *other contacts and phone numbers*.

3. All expenses for the dog(s) will be paid by them.

4. If the dog(s) are not injured, they are to be cared for by the nearest reputable boarding kennel, until such time as arrangements can be made for their transport home.

5. If the dog(s) are injured, they are to be cared for by the nearest reputable veterinarian, If any dog is injured beyond **all** hope of recovery, that dog is to be humanely euthanized.

Signed and dated your name and address

2. If you have a cell phone, you may have heard about ICE. ICE stands for In Case of Emergency and allows paramedics, firefighters, and police officers, to identify you to contact your friends or family. All you do is list your emergency contacts in your cell phone address book under the name "ICE". I have listed ICE DOG in my cell phone address book. (And yes, I have warned my friends that they are my emergency contact for the dogs and they have agreed).

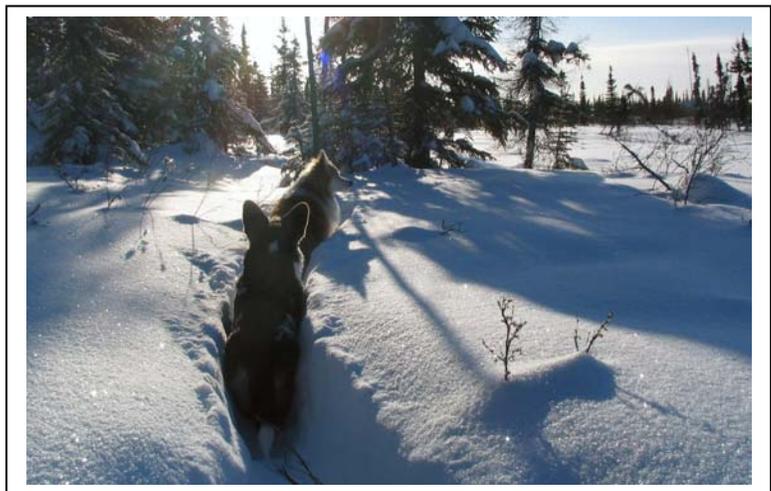
3. In an accident, things get tossed around inside the car and so leashes may not be quickly or readily at hand. So I have an extra leash taped to the top of each crate. A small detail but one that might make a difference.

4. And lastly (except for a dog first aid kit perhaps subject of another article someday), I keep a paper (also in the glove compartment) with the dog's names, description including tattoo/microchip numbers.

Obviously, I did not want to illustrate this article with a photo, at least not of an accident! So here's a reminder that winter is not far away. Perhaps it is one time when not so long legs are a disadvantage!

Anne Gunn

Salt Spring Island BC



CARDIGAN CORGI CALENDARS FOR 2009

We are doing up a calendar from the winning photo's from the photo contest held in conjunction with the 2008 national show. There were over 50 entries so the winning 12 are truly over the top. This is a good quality color calendar! Order today! We are only ordering enough to cover, there will be no extras so be sure to get yours order today!! Orders must be received by November 15th for a December 1st mail out.

Cost is \$27.00 per unit, this " includes" postage

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You really do not want to miss this one!!

Note: Lucy Power has done an excellent CD of the show! 28 minutes and put to music. It includes both still and video. What a way to see the dogs that make the top, and the people who got them there!

BEST BLUE MERLE TROPHY

Two candidates have been nominated for this trophy

Charlie MacInnes and Sterling:

This team has had a successful year in three different areas, obedience, herding, and rally. Sterling achieved his herding tested title in two trials passing all of them to make it look easy. The team are well on their way towards Sterling's herding started title. Sterling also achieved his rally novice title in both countries, and this fall won legs on his CKC rally advanced title. Over the past two years he has completed his CD in both Canada and the USA, and is almost ready to trial at the CDX level. He has, along the way, earned his CGN and CGC titles. Charlie says that Sterling will love agility, if only his owner's legs hold up. Currently (1 November) he is **Can. Ch. Dressnup Sterling Blu Minstrel HT, Can. & Am. CD, Can. & Am. RN, CGN, CGC**

Louann Killoran and Brazil:

This team is just remarkable to watch compete. Every move Louann makes Brazil follows, the dog is never distracted by what is going on around her. They are truly a team that works nicely together. They have achieved their Rally Novice title, almost all perfect scores. They have achieved their canine good neighbour test and just about to start trialing in Obedience. Brazil is a rescue that came to Louann with many behaviour issues. Louann has done a great job getting this dog out in public and let Brazil know she can trust the world again as long as she is by Louann's side. She is **Bluetrix Brazil Beauty CGN**

Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club Executive Meeting

August 11, 2007 Started at 5:00 p.m.

In attendance: Lore Bruder (president), Charles MacInnes (vice president), Louann Killoran (secretary), Gloria Graham (BC director), Al Alcock (northern director), Anne Gunn, Fern Hunt (prairies director)

Quorum established.

**It was brought to the attention of the president that some people were not pleased with the notion of show sites being decided on at the AGM. This was discussed as is in the minutes from 2007 AGM. Not all was decided as we ran out of time.

**It was also discussed about putting a national on every other year as the cost of travel and the events themselves is becoming a deterrent.

Al Alcock moved that the ballot in the newsletter be sent to Al Alcock as scrutineer for the 2009 show. Gloria Graham first, Charles MacInnes seconded. Motion carried

**It was brought to the attention of the executive at the Calgary show that the books would not pass a audit at this point. We talked about how to rectify this situation and asked Gloria Moon (a professional book keeper of 25+ years) if she would "help" get the books up to date and accurate. She agreed. All so he would be happy to check over the spread sheets that are almost complete for doing shows to make sure they will work in a smooth and easy manner.

Charles MacInnes made the motion that we let Gloria Moon assist the treasurer to get up to date and the monthly bank statement be changed from Stephanie Toman to Gloria Moon. Second Gloria Graham Motion Carried

Conformation, OB, Rally-O, Agility, Herding, Tracking

**Discussion was held, that not all members are into the conformation ring and want to be sure that their avenues of interest are available at the nationals. They have been missed in the past at times. This would also encourage the sexually altered dogs to take part in the show.

Louann Killoran made the motion that the Cardigan National Specialty must host at least four of the six events listed. Charles MacInnes second Motion Carried

Charles MacInnes made the motion that at least one of the other events be held in the year of the specialty under the CCCC banner and be recognized as the "specialty" trial. Second Louann Killoran Motion Carried

**Due to the rising expenses of shows, travel, and Judges there was concern about keeping the spending of nationals under some type of control to be sure that people stay within the recommended amounts set out. "All" those present felt that we needed a way to be sure the club does not get caught with huge and unexpected bills. We all realize there is no way to predict the entries but there is a way to predict the costs and at least take a stab at fund raising in order to help off set the costs occurred at the nationals.

Charles MacInnes moved that that a "Show Committee" must supply a budget with the proposal for hosting a specialty that must be approved by the executive. Changes must go through the executive and be

approved. Costs not approved by board will not be reimbursed. Second Louann Killoran. Motion Carried

Fern Hunt moved that consideration of our southern neighbours' show dates be taken into account when applying to host a specialty. Second Gloria Graham Motion Carried

Anne Gunn made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We were unable to have an official Annual General Meeting in Owen Sound, because the CCCC constitution requires that notice of meeting and agenda must be presented at least 30 days in advance of the actual meeting. Two other facts dictate that we change the staging of annual general meetings. First, it has always been difficult to achieve a quorum by assembling the members who attend the national specialty. Second, the club has now committed to holding national specialties every other year, as opposed to annually. So we urgently need to change procedures to have proper meetings that involve as many members as possible. What we propose is to hold the AGM on the CCCC discussion list on the internet. The meeting will last for at least a week, but will be terminated by a motion to adjourn, and agreed to by the chair.

If you want to participate, sign on to the group e-mail list. The meeting will start on Wednesday 3 December 2008, and end on or after 10 December. The agenda will be posted on the list on 3 November.

Group Email Addresses

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Unsubscribe: cccclist-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.ca

List owner: cccclist-owner@yahoogroups.ca

Only CCCC paid members are allowed on this list. When you ask to subscribe, your request will go automatically to Al Alcock. He will check you off against the membership list. Pay your dues!!

REMEMBER THE MAGIC!

A little corgi magic from our 2008 Specialty in Owen Sound has been captured on CD and is available for purchase for \$12 (price includes shipping and handling). If interested, please send funds to:

Lucy Power
90 Columbia Road
Barrie, Ontario L4N 8C5

Please send cheque/money order in the amount of \$12.00 payable to the Canadian Cardigan Corgi Club. Kindly do not send cash by mail.

Eastern Division Editors Note: Lucy has done such a great job putting this CD together. There are over 300 pictures covering all three days. There is music that goes just perfectly with each section of the slide show.

A GOOD MAN GONE

I have no idea how many are aware but Shelley Camm's partner Chris Shaw has been in and out of the hospital since the beginning of September. More in the hospital than out. Unfortunately, on October 17, 2008 Chris left all of us peacefully to a better place, minutes after seeing his granddaughter. We would all like to assure Shelley and her family as well as Chris' family that our prayers are with them.

Chris was a very nice person to meet at shows, and it was clear that he loved the dogs and they loved him. He played a key role for Shelley and her dogs: he was the one who stayed home and took care of dogs and horses while Shelley was away for work or at dog shows.

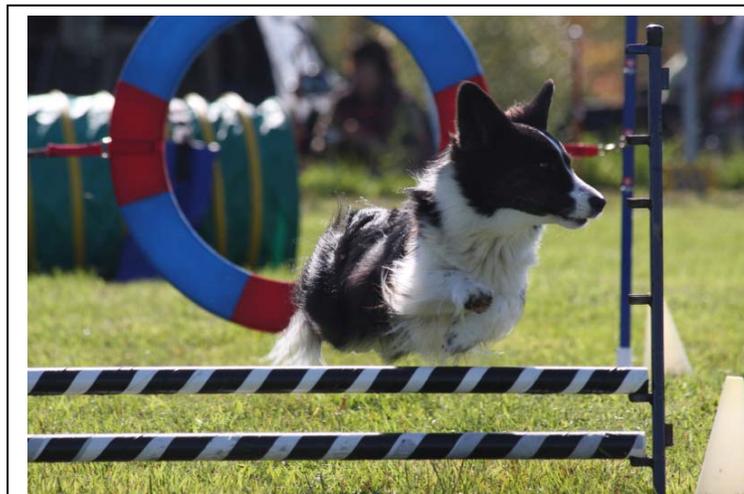
Maja Hurd on behalf of the CCCC

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FROM ATLANTIC CANADA

It has been very quiet on the Cardigan front in Eastern Canada.

There is some news from the agility field. Gay Harley's Paikea (*Finnshavn Ebony Sterling*) garnered her very first AAC Q (qualifying score) on her very first Gamblers run. Gay writes that she was "a pretty proud Mama". Gay has consciously avoided rushing to trial Paikea and has brought her along slowly, spending time developing excellent foundation skills. However judging by this picture it looks like the little miss is eager for more. Congratulations Gay and Paikea!

(Editor's note: The dog at my feet, Paikea's sire, Sterling, wagged his tail enthusiastically when I read him this story. Dad and breeder both say well done!)



A baby picture of Paikea. Look above and to the left to see how well she has grown up!

NATIONAL SPECIALTY WINNERS

If you found it strange that only four of the CCCC national specialty winners were bred and owned in Canada, you were on the right track. But the situation is not that simple. I went to the CCCC website and tabulated the winners. One problem with this analysis is that, with only 22 specialties, and individual dogs that won more than one, the breakdown is complex. What, for example, do you make of a dog who was bred in the USA by a US citizen, but whose dam was bred in Canada, and whose sire was bred in the USA but owned and resident in Canada? Here is the tabulation:

12 winners (one more than half) were both bred and owned in the USA by US citizens.

1 winner, described above, was bred and owned by a US citizen, but had strong Canadian connections.

5 winners were bred in the USA, but owned by Canadians and resident in Canada

4 winners were bred and owned in Canada, by Canadians.

Actually, if the breed is to prosper in Canada, or anywhere else, breeders should get the best stock they can, regardless of country of origin. We seem to be doing that, and doing it with some success.

SOME CHANGES

This newsletter is a first step toward sharing the work to produce a CCCC newsletter. Maja Hurd and Anne Gunn are now responsible for gathering the material and Charlie is Editor-in-Chief. The changes were announced in the last newsletter and now we are implementing them. So stand-by for some changes and be patient with us while we figure everything out! We will be asking people to send us ideas for articles, articles and photos and even articles from elsewhere that may be useful to CCCC members. In the coming months we hope to have a selection of articles on confirmation, agility, herding and rally 'o' as well as articles on Cardigans and the people they share their lives with. Many of the articles will be, we hope, written by you – our readers. And for example, we hope to have regular sections such as Letters to the Editor. Future articles will include:

So what do all those initials after names mean?

Cardigan breeders and their favorite or most influential dogs

Face markings in the show ring and in herding

Charlie also promises to revive stories that appeared in this newsletter many years ago.

Next year represents the thirtieth year that the newsletter has been published. We would love to get comments, letters, and stories about highlights for you from what appeared in the newsletter.