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Emily Carr in 1918 with her pets Prince Pumkin, Lady Loo, Young Jimmy, Adolphus the cat, Kitten, Chipmonk and parrot. Provincial Archives of British Columbia/C-5229.

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Treasurer's Report

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A Word from our President

(and Luke)

Greetings,

First, I must extend a welcome to the new club executive. I look forward to working with you all, and as can be seen from the last issue of Bob-Tales, we already have some new ideas from our new members that the club should take a serious look at. Betty Fast and Dave Haddon submitted a proposal for implementing a versatility award. I think this represents a very positive direction for the club. Not only will it be rewarding to acknowledge the beauty of our dogs but also their ability to think and perform as well. Please share any of your thoughts on this proposal to either myself or Betty and Dave. It has also been suggested that the club recognise and award ROM's to those dogs who produce a number of Champions. I myself feel this is another positive addition for our club.

Secondly, I must extend a big thank you to Val Bandas for publishing the Bob-Tales newsletter and to the past executive. I am glad to see that we have a few members staying on for the year 2001, and a big thank you to Sue Kitchen for her offer to help the new executive this year. I am sure that I will require her advice from time to time. Please forgive any growing pains that this new executive may experience, we are all volunteers but we will try to do our best at representing our wonderful breed.

I feel one very important issue that must be dealt with in our club is our financial stability. Our club has a good sized membership, but our funds are limited. We need to look at the costs of our National Specialities and ensure that the

hosting clubs can cover most if not all of the expenses. We also need to be diligent at getting our dues in on time as this money is very important to the survival of our club. Also, if we can try to use "cheap" or free ways to keep in touch, this will help us as well. E-mail is a wonderful way to accomplish this as well as taking advantage of special phone rates that are available in some provinces. If you do not have a low rate phone package, maybe you could try the prefix 101-55-66 before dialling the long distance number in your area to see if it works. This number entitles all calls in Canada to a \$4 per hour charge and a \$6 per hour charge to the US. This cost is available any time day or night!!!! It would be nice to see our financial status improve over the next year or two so any ideas about fund raising would be muchly appreciated. I have seen a number of clubs do well with minimal work organising 50/50 draws at all-breed clubs, so we may want to think of doing something like this.

If you have any news or want to "talk", feel free to contact me. If you have any news for Bob-Tales, you can pass it on to our new editors, Doug Bender at Douglas.Bender@ec.gc.ca or Carol Hopkins at Carol.Hopkins@ec.gc.ca. I am sure they would love to hear from you.

All the best to you and your four legged friends,

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Letter from the editors (The ShaggyLane Gang)

Greetings OES friends,

We have been owned by sheepdogs since Feb 28th, 1988, when we brought home two 6 week old pups, Mike and Niki from a breeder. This was our first exposure to sheepdogs. Both of us had dogs while growing up and we were both quite taken by the bouncy appearance of the Old English, though we'd yet to actually spend time with one. That's how it all started for us. Since that magical day back in 1988, our lives have centred around the dogs. We are extremely passionate about these adorable creatures. We even named our property "ShaggyLane".

Both Mike and Niki had severe hip dysplasia. Niki was diagnosed when she was only 8 months. Despite this, they lived very active and love filled lives. It was shortly after Niki passed away on the 11th anniversary of her arrival into our lives, that we met Barbara Marchand, "Rollingview". This was our introduction into the caring and responsible side of breeding. Soon after, we were introduced into the "show" world. My, my what a difference from the pet world that we were so accustomed. Then came the Old English Sheepdogs & Owner's Club of Canada. Next, New England Old English Sheepdog Rescue where we learned the importance of rescue. Now, we're the editors of Bob-Tales.

We are both thrilled with our new role of editors. We would both like to take this opportunity to thank Val Bendas for her work with the bulletin and providing us with a strong foundation from which to expand. Although neither of us have any real experience as editors, we hope to produce a bulletin that will appeal to show and pet people alike. We want to expand the current format of Bob-Tales to include pictures, stories, events, training, history, health and much much more. We will be contributing articles based on our experience of living with older dogs and coping with hip dysplasia. Our Mike, who passed away last fall at 12 ½ years old, continued to maintain a squirrel free 1.5 acre property despite his bad

hips. Since his passing, the squirrels have made themselves right at home. Oh sure, Molly and Hunter will give a good chase, but they lack Mike's passion that comes only after years of experience.

Bob-Tales is your bulletin. As editors we can contribute articles and make suggestions and recommendations regarding layout, but it will be up to you to really make the bulletin shine by contributing content. We encourage you to send your regional director material to publish. As well, we encourage you to send in pictures: for significant achievements, new litters, dogs who have attained their tenth birthday, or to add a visual effect to a story. Pictures will be returned with your copy of Bob-Tales. The deadline for the next bulletin is May 15th.

We would like to thank the directors for their regional updates, Margaret Trenholm for her book review and rescue report, Dave Haddon for his first of many (we hope) excellent articles on training, Dianne Buckland for the cover photo and health tips, and Dr. Amanda Glew and Dr. Gail Schmeider from the Hudson Veterinarian Hospital. At the same time, we would like to welcome our first commercial advertiser, PetStep. Carol and I have been dealing with Lorna Peters and Julie O'Connor for the past year. We really appreciate the personal & professional service, and home delivery can't be beat. We hope you enjoy reading Bob-Tales as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Yours sincerely,

The ShaggyLane gang (Doug, Carol, "Mayhem" Molly, Can Ch. Hunter-man and of course, the late great Niki and her sidekick Mike)

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Regional News

B.C. Region

Hi everyone,

My name is Olga Plonidin and I am your new director for BC and the western provinces.

No news to report on dog show events. I myself do not do any shows from October to March.

We live in the middle of winter wonderland with summits on both sides of us. This makes driving difficult and flying impossible. I live with my husband Jerry along with a family of 4 OES, 2 cats and 2 Shih Tzu (our house dogs only). All our OES are Canadian Champs with certified hips and eyes. We have never had more than 4 OES at one time. Even with this amount, the attention is still difficult to distribute evenly.

We had a litter of 7 back in November. Our Christmas season was extremely busy. They are now all gone and our home is back to normal until the next time.

My project this spring will be to finish my young 2 year old bitch in the U.S. Her name is Sentinels Sweet Betsy from Pike. She obtained both her majors in Wenache back in Sept over a weekend show. Now we have to work on the small stuff.

Anyway, all you western members please forward any show results or info to myself so it can go into the news letter.

Hope to hear from you regularly.

All the best in 2001 and happy showing for the ones on the show trail.

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Prairie Region

Hi All!

It's a new year and a new executive for our National Club. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the hard working members of the past, who have unselfishly given a whole lot of time and lots of heart into the running of our club. Enjoy a well-deserved break! As for myself, I'm honoured to take on the responsibility of Western Director.

For those of you who do not know me - I've been involved with OES since the spring of 1975. I was lucky to purchase a wonderful, healthy OES puppy with a good pedigree and a wonderful temperament. Ashbee opened up the world of dog shows, obedience trials, hospital and school visitation programs, club membership, herding trials and carting- and of course many great friendships. I was "hooked". It's my

sincere wish that all of our club members (new and old to the breed) always share in these experiences, and enjoy activities with their sheepies.

In the last issue of Bob-Tales, you might have read the Versatility Dog Award proposal that I put out for the membership to consider. I have received some feedback- all positive. One of our members in particular was very pleased, as she is currently training her OES for carting. Her gal is the only grey and white member of a Bernese Mountain Dog club!

The Alberta Kennel Club show was the first weekend in February. There were only two entries for OES. Terry Carter had Some Buddy's Country Romance in the classes,



and Ginny Price's bitch, Ch.Beau Morning's Precious Rock was the Special. Gem won the breed all three days.

Terry and I also made the soggy trek to the Seattle Old English Sheepdog Specialty and the three all-breed shows, in January. Dealing with all the wet weather was worth it, as we came home with three American Champions. Ch. Some Buddys Party of One, Ch. Some Buddy Always in Style, and Ch. Bluecalebs th'Kid o' Somebuddy, all came away with major wins in tough competition.

As for litters out west, both Rhonda Buchleitner and Cathy Turtle are proud "moms". All puppies are doing well and will soon be heading off to their new homes.

On a sad note, Rhonda recently lost her foundation bitch, Domino. Domino was twelve years of age, an American and Canadian Champion, and the mother of six champions. Three of those were Canadian and American Champions and Best in Show Winners. Our condolences to Rhonda.

Until next time,
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Ontario Region

Hello everyone,

My name is Leo Hui. When Marg and Sue asked me if I would be interested in becoming the Ontario region director of OESOCC I thought they were joking, but then I realised that this is a great chance for me to give something back to the breed which introduced me to the wonderful world of pure-bred dogs. If anything, I think this reason alone is good enough.

I have my first dog who is about 7 years old. Tango is a non-registered OES. I knew absolutely nothing about dogs at the time and basically learned from my mistakes. Fortunately, I have wonderful mentors like Dr. Sandy Crowne from the Ladykin's Kennel and Linda Webb from Tri-Mark Canine Services. These individuals took their time to sit down with me and explain about the breed. I can never thank them enough. They introduced everything from breed standards, characters, ethics to all aspects of training. Through them I developed an interest in dogs, especially in the training field.

These days I work as an assistant trainer for the Swansea Dog Obedience Club in Etobicoke, Toronto. I also provide some private training services and I am a trainer for National Service Dog, an organisation that trains service dogs for people with disabilities and autistic patients in Canada. On

weekends you might find me doing competitive obedience with the latest addition to our family, Scully. Scully is a 15 month old Australian Shepherd who just earned her AKC CD title. We are still working on our Canadian CD. I know it is not an OES, but at least we are staying with the Herding Group!!

One thing I should mention is that I believe in rescue. Yes, it is a touchy subject, and yes, it is so easy to second guess, but until you actually get involved I don't think you will understand how emotional and gratifying it can be. In essence we are trying to give these dogs a second chance (don't we just hope people can do this to us in life?). Granted, not every dog can be saved, however, for each one we help, we make a difference to them and their new family. To me, it is as good a reason to help dogs that are in need to find a loving home.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact me.

Regards,
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Québec Region

Allô tout le monde!

For those who do not know me, I am Joanne Charest the Québec Regional Director. It's been puppies, puppies, puppies in the Québec Region keeping everyone very busy for the last little while.

First let me congratulate Michel Verret & Linda Ménard and Minifée for the recent Best Puppy in Group win at the United Kennel Club. Goals for the Chénard Kennel for 2001 are to finish the American Championship of Minifée. As well, they have been busy with a new litter.

Vieux Berger Émilie Branti was also at the United Kennel Club competition and brought home a Winners Bitch & Best of Winners. Back home, Micheline Marleau was expecting a litter for the Vieux Berger Kennel and had one puppy. While we are still enjoying winter, Micheline is now getting a sun tan from the Florida sun and plans to do so until mid-April.

Over at La Gaminerie, Yves Coderre and Josée Henault have welcomed a new litter of 7 puppies so watch out for the return of Josée and Yves at this fall's dog shows!

Margaret Trenholm is busy as usual with rescue, you can read more on that in the Rescue section. Margaret plans on finishing the American Championship for Sir Ogden of Millhouse and Lady Lydia Pinkam of Millhouse this year.

The Rollingview crew has also been busy. Douglas Bender handled Can. Ch. Rollingview Cape Crusader, also known as Hunter, at the Credit Valley Puppy of the Year competition and came home with a group first. Meanwhile, Sally is

Pour ceux qui ne me connaissent pas, je suis Joanne Charest directeur de la région du Québec. Les gens de la région ont été pas mal occupé dernièrement avec tous les chiots.

Commençons par féliciter Michel Verret et Linda Ménard sans oublier, bien sur, Minifée qui a récemment gagné Meilleure chiot du groupe au United Kennel Club. L'Élevage Chénard a pour objectif cette année de terminer le championnat américain de Minifée.

Émilie Branti de l'Élevage du Vieux Berger était aussi au United Kennel Club et a remporté Femelle gagnante et Meilleure de gagnants. Micheline Marleau s'attendait à une portée pour l'Élevage du Vieux Berger et a eu un chiot. Pendant que endure encore l'hiver, Micheline est en train de

se faire dorer au soleil de la Floride et sera de retour à la mi-avril. Il faut que la vie soit toujours belle. Profites-en.

À la Gaminerie, Yves Coderre et Josée Henault ont eu une portée tellement désirée de 7 chiots. Alors gare à cette automne, le retour de Josée et Yves dans les shows.

Margaret Trenholm est toujours occupé avec le "sauvetage" de chien, vous pouvez lire plus là-dessus dans la section intitulée Rescue. Elle planifie de compléter le championnat américain de Sir Ogden of

Millhouse et de Lady Lydia Pinkam of Millhouse.

Rollingview ont aussi été très occupé dernièrement. Douglas Bender a manié Ch. Can. Rollingview Cape Crusader, dans la compétition du Chiot de l'année à Credit Valley et est arrivé le premier du groupe. Sally se sauve de notre hiver sans fin et passe plusieurs mois en Arizona. Elle en a profité en participant avec Ch. Can. Rollingview Black Night (Morgan)





escaping winter again spending several months in Arizona. While there, she showed Can./Am. Ch. Rollingview Black Night, affectionately known as Morgan, in February at Hobbs, New Mexico K. C. where he obtained a group fourth. Can. / Am. Ch. Rollingview The Beat Goes On, Ben, continues to have success. He obtained a group first at Lost Dutchman K.C. in Arizona on 10 & 11 March and again at the Detroit K. C. on 17 & 18 March. Back home, Barbara took care of a new litter.

As for me at Élevage Bagatelle, we had one litter of four puppies and expect a big litter for April Fool's. I also plan to start & finish the Canadian Championships for Moondust Option de Bagatelle and Bagatelle Lune de Miel. Then in the fall to start their American Championships.

That's it in Québec. Don't forget to send me your input.

en février dernier à Hobbs, Nouveau Mexique où ils sont arrivés 4^{ème} du groupe. Le Ch. Can. et Am. Rollingview The Beat Goes On (Ben) continue à avoir du succès. Il est arrivé premier du group le 10 et 11 mars à Lost Dutchman, Arizona et a encore remporté premier du groupe le 17 et 18 mars à Détroit. À la maison, Barbara s'est occupé d'une nouvelle portée.

Tandis que moi à l'Élevage Bagatelle, nous avons eu une portée de 4 chiots et j'espère une grosse portée de poisson d'avril. Je planifie de commencer et terminer le championnat canadien de Moondust Option de Bagatelle et Bagatelle Lune de Miel. Cette automne je commencerai leurs championnats américains.

C'est tout au Québec

Évènements à venir / Upcoming events

Avril / April

Jugement toutes races / All-Breed Shows

Club Canin de Sherbrooke

Club Canin Rive-Sud de Montréal

Juin / June

Club Canin St-Francis

Association Canine de la Mauricie

Juillet / July

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Eastern Region

Greetings from the Eastern Seaboard!

Some of you may remember me from when I was Director a few years back. For those who don't know me, let me introduce myself.

I am from St. Andrews-By-The-Sea , New Brunswick. I have been showing since 1986, and started breeding a couple years later. I have brought in five dogs from the kennels, and have finished their championship-- along with eight champions from my own breeding. My foundation bitch was a B.P.I.S. I am a small breeder, usually breeding one litter a year, but not every year.



Like most of us members, I have always had a dog, since I was knee high. My e-mail address is Shiretown@hotmail.com. Feel free to drop me a line.

I'd like to thank the outgoing executives, Stephanie and Matt. Not only for the great home they have given but for their part as Directors. It was great to see the articles from the region on Bob-Tales. This circulation is the club's life line. I'd like to thank Sue Kitchen and Val Bandas. I know these positions can be demanding, and after all...it is volunteer.

I'm glad to see the 2002 Specialty has been instituted. I'm also pleased to see R.O.M. being considered. This is long overdue. Our membership is low. Recognition and awareness of dogs as well as our club is much needed.

I really believe these dogs should be recognised. I agree that a certificate is adequate recognition, and I have also talked to other members and feel 95 is as good a place as any to start. (With flexibility if indicated) Maybe we can even show a picture in Bob-Tales. We used to display a picture of a new champion. We should definitely advertise more, as this can be a financial asset to the club, but moreover, it introduces these wonderful dogs.

The New year is well started, and so shall the show season. Good luck to all exhibitors, and thanks to Doug Bender and Carol Hopkins for getting the Bob-Tales out for each and all of them.

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Welcome Wagon

This section is intended to introduce the new members to the OESCC community. With a small paragraph about themselves and their sheepdog, we hope to make new

members feel welcome and to get to know each other a little better. Unfortunately, we do not have any new members to introduce in this issue.

A Bob Tale or Two

The Bob Tale section is intended for the OESOCC club members to share stories about their perennial clowns. There are no set rules or guidelines. It can be a story about a show experience, a training or trial achievement or just a "you won't believe what my dog did today" story. To get the ball rolling and with any luck, inspire you to share your own adventures, here are a couple of true stories that we would like to share. Enjoy.

icing. It is a recipe that mom passed along a few years prior and I must say is rather tasty.

Happy Birthday mom & dad. My parents live in Toronto and were down visiting us for a long weekend the summer we moved into our first house. Although, not planned, that weekend coincided with their birthdays. Dad was born July 30th and mom August 2nd. Yes, I've omitted the year for both. But if you must know, dad, like the Bob Tales co-editor, married an older woman ☺. While my folks were out that afternoon, I made a carrot cake with cream cheese

By the time my folks returned, the cake was all iced and ready. I was quite eager to grab a fork and start dinner, but Carol suggested we put it away until after dinner. With no room in the refrigerator, we put it on the desk in our office. Neither Mike or Niki seemed to pay any attention to the cake, nor had they ever counter surfed before, so neither one of us had our guard up.

Carol's parents joined us for dinner. It was very low key. We had roast chicken off the BBQ with garden veggies. After we finished the meal and relaxed a bit, we went into the office to get the cake (I picked up a good supply of matches on the way). When we saw the cake, our jaws hit the floor. We just stood there - staring at the cake - then each other - then back to the cake. All of the icing on the front of the



cake had been licked clean!! Mike and Niki surely didn't do this.....no, not our angels. Sure enough, they were sleeping peacefully in the living room. Although, upon closer inspection, I noticed that their breath was much sweeter than normal.

Not to let a good cake go to waste, we lit the candles and carried it into the dining room (iced side facing out). We should mention that our parents like dogs but are more comfortable with small dogs. Our parents quickly figured out why we were giggling like school kids. We all had a good laugh (well, Carol and I did) and we graciously served the birthday pair from the iced side!! Funny, since that weekend, they've always had "other plans" around their birthdays and have been unable to visit.

A few years later, we decided to make the same cake for our office Christmas party. There's always a baking contest with good prizes. As luck would have it, we got home from work late the night before the party. I got started on the cake after dinner. It was 9:30 p.m. when I took it out of the oven. At our old house, we had an unheated solarium that lead out to the back yard. Since it was getting late, I put the cake on a table in the solarium to cool. Mike and Niki were out in the back yard and the outside door was closed.

At 10 p.m. I went to check the cake and to my horror, I noticed the outside door was open. I went into the solarium and there was Niki going over the remainder of the cake. As she heard the door, she turned and looked up and I swear she said "dad, thank god you showed up, did you see what Mike did ??". Martha Stewart could have made a presentable cupcake with the remains but that's about all. I think that is the closest we've come to having Old English Stew.

You'll find the recipe for the upright and OES approved carrot cake in the counter surfing chapter.

ShaggyLane



Niki & Mike.....our pride and joy !!!

Instinct or nice manners ? You hear a lot of warnings about sheepdogs not being a good match for families with young children. The dogs tend to dominate and eventually become a real problem, with humping and nipping. Young kids have a tendency of being a bit rough with the dogs, who return the "playfulness" with 80 lbs. of enthusiasm.

In the summer of 1993, my brother, sister in law and our god daughter, Stephanie came to visit. At the time, Stephanie was 1 ½ years old. Mike and Niki had never been around small kids before so we were curious how they would behave and kept an eye on them.

Within minutes after their arrival, we were comfortable with the dogs and Stephanie. However, that weekend, there were two incidents that truly amazed us. We were relaxing in the living room after dinner. Mike and Niki were flaked out on the floor and the rest of us were watching a movie on tv. Stephanie, taking after her mother, was a bit of a clean freak. I guess she thought the dog toys and brushes were a little too scattered for her liking. She tottered over and picked up a bone from in front of Niki's nose, then walked over and placed it in front of Mike. Next, she picked up a ball in front of Mike's front paws, and placed it neatly in front of Niki. Both dogs remained in a prone position, but kept one eye open, watching the going's on. This went on for a good 20 minutes, after which there were two neat collections of bones, balls and grooming tools in front of each dog.



We found this totally amazing to watch. Had Mike or Niki tried to take a toy from one another, there would have been a real battle, as we'd witnessed over the years. But, I guess they didn't see Stephanie as a threat or Mike & Niki had worked out some sort of agreement when she arrived.

Later that weekend, we went for a walk in the woods behind our house. I think Stephanie was in a stroller. Along the trail, we walked by a big home where the lady breeds Bernese Mountain dogs. We knew the lady and had met the dogs a few times. Because the house is rather secluded, the property is not fenced and the dogs normally hang around the back porch. As we went by the house, one of the male dogs came charging towards us and by the noise he was making, he meant business. Niki was walking ahead of us, and Mike was walking amongst the uprights.

As soon as Mike heard the commotion, he backed off and positioned himself between Stephanie and the charging Bernese. Mike planted his front legs and just wailed at him. This dog clearly out weighed Mike by a good 50 lbs. but Mike held his position. The Bernese got within 10 feet of Mike, then backed down, turned and skulked back to his porch.

I'm still beaming with pride at Mike instinctively knowing to protect Stephanie. After all, he was not trained to protect and until that weekend, had never been around small kids. So, is this the herding instinct that prevailed?

ShaggyLane

Rescue

Québec:

Over the Christmas holidays we heard from just about everyone who adopted a dog in 2000. Most sent pictures. Some sent many pictures. (They were all great, Carol & Ron. The new wind-up toy you got Humphrey is adorable.)

My intuition about Daisy not making it with the family who helped her back from Calgary was right. In less than a day they decided that they didn't want her.

Dogs definitely have memories for people and places. She recognised both Fred and me when we picked her up; and when we got back home, she got out of the van and went right to the kennel. Once inside she went right to the pen she had been in eight months before. The fact that the pen was already occupied seemed to startle her. She settled in immediately - as if she had never been away.

We had a family eager to have her, but we were hesitant because they have young foster children. She was used to teenagers. It was decided that we would go with Daisy to interview the family. A warm couple with wonderfully behaved children greeted us. Daisy schmoozed them all. She put their small dog in his place, chased the cat as we had warned them she would, but decided to give their horses a wide berth.

When we left, we had no idea whether or not they would take Daisy. We had decided they could have her.

Long story shortened, they came for her a week later and off she went to live happily ever after, we hope. That was just after Christmas and all reports have been positive.

The only other dog I have had is one of my own which was returned after seven years. That's a long story that I won't bore you with. He will be going to live with a family in Barrie.

I'm finding that a lot of the calls I am getting for rescue dogs are due to what people are perceiving as high puppy prices. I try to explain why the prices are as they are. I really don't think that people generally have any idea what is involved financially with producing a litter. If we charged for labour think of the price!

Rescue is not a cheap way to get an OES. Rescue is not for everyone. Rescue is about people who genuinely desire to give a good home to a dog that needs it no matter what the age or body colouring for as long as the dog has to live.

Margaret Trenholm



Ontario:

I got a call from Sandy Crowne in late February regarding an OES mix in the Toronto Humane Society (THS) named Rex. He is a two year old boy who was adopted once by a lady but was returned to THS a few days later because of 'disruptive behavior' and has been there since. We don't know the exact history. As with a lot of rescue dogs, this is not unusual. They might have already been changed hands more than a few times. Sandy Crowne has always been a firm believer of rescue, so she decided to take him in for evaluation for a period of time and if everything is normal, she will try to place him to a suitable family.

I talked to the placement supervisor of THS over the phone regarding Rex and because I am closer to the city, I went down there to pick him up on March 1 (Thursday). Rex is a big boy with a bushy tail, he is apparently deaf but very sensitive to movement. Let's just say he was quite willing to leave THS behind and have a brighter future. He did not look back once when we left the building. One thing that kept me thinking was that on the placement file he was listed as a 'white terrier mix'. I can't help but laugh about that one, he is white all right, but there is no way he had terrier in him !!

On our way down to the Cambridge area where we were going to meet Sandy, Rex just sat by the window and seemed to enjoy the pretty country side. He whined a couple of times but maybe he was just trying to tell me that I did not drive fast enough. One thing about Rex though, is that he has a very soft mouth. He takes treats very gently and he seemed quite content with a total stranger. I have had rescue dogs in my car before that barked for 3 hours non stop (that was a nightmare to say the least). I noticed that Rex loves to lick himself and all things in general, it could be a compulsive behaviour, or a sign of insecurity, also very common in rescue dogs.

The exchange with Sandy went smoothly, and I wished him all the best. Some people often wondered why we do these kinds of things. They ask why help clean other people's (i.e. unethical breeders, puppy mills, etc) mess? There are no definite answers to these questions, but to me, I'll sleep better at night when I did what I can do. I guess that's all there is to it.

Regards,
Leo

Health

Leptospirosis, or lepto, for short, is making a come back. It had virtually disappeared in the Quebec area, which caused veterinarians to stop providing the vaccinations. There was a resurgence last fall and cause for concern since most pets are no longer vaccinated. There were 9 confirmed cases in the West End of Quebec alone and other suspected cases. This disease is transferable to humans. A new vaccination is now available and is recommended for dogs who live in high risk areas. Do talk to your vet for more details. The following was provided by the Hudson Veterinary Hospital.

We are seeing an increased incidence of a bacterial disease called Leptospirosis in the area. Leptospirosis is associated with severe disease of the kidneys and/or liver and can cause rapid death, even with intensive treatment.

The reservoir population is wild animals and rodents, which spread the leptospirichete bacteria in their urine. The bacteria can then penetrate through the tissue in the mouth or abraded skin to infect another animal, such as dogs. It is also potentially infectious to people, although there have been no cases in Quebec for many years. The animal then becomes ill 4 to 12 days later, with vague symptoms of fever, lethargy and decreased appetite.

Diagnosis of the organism is complex. A minimum database consists of a complete blood count, a urinalysis and a complete serum chemistry profile. If this indicates the possibility of leptospirosis, a DNA screening test may be done, and then followed by titer tests for confirmation.

Treatment consists of intensive therapy for the liver and/or kidney failure with intravenous fluids and other medications as needed in addition to IV penicillin followed by 2 to 3 weeks



of amoxicillin or ampicillin. Following this treatment, one can try to use doxycycline for 3 weeks to prevent the renal shedding phase that may be present after infection.

Prevention by limiting exposure is not realistic in most communities due to the numbers of potential carriers in the environment. Thus, one should vaccinate for this disease problem. For many years, the leptospirosis vaccine was a routine part of the vaccine protocol. It was discontinued at most hospitals due to the lack of disease problem and the frequent and severe reactions seen to the vaccine. The vaccine companies have developed a new vaccine that has been further purified, and thus, should result in fewer reactions. In addition, we are now seeing an increasing incidence of the disease. Although we have had reasonable success in treating dogs with the disease with a greater than 90% survival rate, bills for this treatment range from \$500 to more than \$2000.00. Thus, we are recommending that routine vaccination for leptospirosis be once again

incorporated into the vaccine protocol. In order to minimise the level of vaccine reactions that may occur, we recommend that the vaccine be given separately from other vaccines. The vaccine needs to be repeated 3 weeks after the first vaccine if the dog has never previously been vaccinated for leptospirosis. Keep in mind that this disease has the potential to infect people as well, thus, we must minimise the possible routes of transmission; not only for the protection of our precious four-legged family members but for the two-legged ones as well.

For more information about vaccination, please call the hospital. The new vaccine was only released in Canada within the last month, so it is only now that it is available for the protection of your pet.

Dr. Amanda Glew & Dr. Gail Schneider
The Hudson Veterinary Hospital (450) 458-5382

Sheepie Community

Many people involve their dogs in the community. If you are as fortunate as we are, to live in a dog friendly town, it is a great opportunity to socialise your pet.

We live in a small community, not quite rural and not quite a suburb. One of our favourite socialising opportunity is the spring-summer-fall flea market on Saturday's. We rarely buy anything, we go for the dogs and smiles on people's faces. We started taking Molly when she was three months old and she came with her older brother, Mike, who was 11 ½ years old. There, they meet lots of other dogs and get attention from all the uprights young and old. You can imagine everyone's reaction when the next summer we started showing up with three sheepdogs! None the less, we saw a lot of improvements in young Molly's social skills as the flea market season went on. And, because there were much fewer social opportunities of this scale in the winter time, we saw a bit of regression the first few weeks of her second year, she was very excited and a bit harder to control but she settled down in no time. We knew how everyone appreciated our visit when we showed up without our older boy, Mike, last fall and we were presented with a bouquet of roses.

Along with the flea market, our little town has an annual blessing of the pets around Christmas time, a Santa Clause parade (ok, that's not a doggie event but we use all of the opportunities) and a pet fair that are purely social events. As well, our dogs have the opportunity to not only socialise but also to do good by getting sponsors and walking in the annual Mother's Day "Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind Walk-a-thon". We've listed the walk-a-thon in the scheduled events in the *Calendar* section of the bulletin for those who may be interested. We can only speak for Hudson, but the community gets involved by setting up water stations along the trail, garbage pail for the poop-and-scoop, etc. There are many reasons to participate, it can be to change your walk for one day, to walk with hundreds of dogs, or just do your part for a good cause.

We encourage you to find activities to socialise your pets and to write to us about them. Share with us the story, the pictures, and this may encourage us all to involve our pets into more of our daily life.

ShaggyLane



Obedience

Foundation Attention and Motivation

by Dave Haddon

Over the next few columns, I'll attempt to help a novice obedience handler establish a sound foundation for attention and motivation. The techniques used in obedience can also be transferred to conformation.

We've all admired the alert, happy dog willingly working for his handler both in conformation and obedience. This is the dog that intently watches the face of the handler, hangs on every command, both verbally and visually. The dog anxiously waits for any subtle cues, ready to quickly respond and carry out a task. We have also painfully watched the "ho hum" dog that lags behind the handler with the head and tail drooping. Then there is the highly distractible fellow, who watches everything but the handler. The difference in the performances of these dogs is based on the attention and motivation training they received. These two aspects of training are the foundation of all training - obedience and conformation alike.

The first step we use when training for attention is "The Watch Me" exercise. To start with, the tools you'll need are a thin, two foot leash and a buckle collar (no choke chains). Simply start with the dog on your left side in a "sit" position. Standing straight upright, hold the leash in your left hand close to the dog's collar. Fold the leash up in your left hand so no ends are showing. Hold a treat (such as a hot dog sliced into nickel sized pieces) in your right hand. The nickel hotdog is held between you thumb and forefinger- so it is visible to the dog. Move your right hand over to your left shoulder, over the dog's head with the food pointing down. Immediately move the food down to the dog's nose, almost bumping the dog's nose. Allow the dog to have a quick sniff

of the treat and then slowly raise the food up to a point about 18 inches above the dog's head. As you do this use the command, "w-a-t-c-h". The command is stretched out so as to keep the dog's attention. When the dog's eyes and nose follow the treat up, and maintain the visual on the treat for about 3 seconds, quickly give the dog the food as you praise "Good Watch". Repeat the exercise 5 times twice daily. By week's end the attention should be held for about ten seconds per repetition.

Some points to note regarding this exercise.

- 1) Work a dog after he's been secluded for at least one hour and before meals, i.e. when he is hungry and bored.
- 2) Initially work in a distraction free environment.
- 3) Work the dog for only 5 - 10 minutes per session.
- 4) If the dog looks away- give him a slight upward pop with the leash, and praise when he looks up with "Good Watch". **DO NOT TREAT.** Repeat rep.
- 5) Use small soft treats- nickel size- nothing crunchy- so it's easy to swallow.
- 6) When you finish a session, use a release word, i.e. "ok"- and move the dog out of position.

Hope this gives you a start on your road to an attentive and motivated dog. Any questions? Please e-mail us! Till next time Happy Training.

Dave

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Show Results

| Rank | Name of Dog | BIS | Grp 1 | Grp 2 | Grp 3 | Grp 4 | Points |
|------|-------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1 | Ch. Raffles Just Ewe Wait | 4 | 31 | 17 | 7 | 9 | 5046 |
| 2 | Ch. Adominos' Rip Tide | 1 | 9 | 6 | | 3 | 866 |
| 3 | Ch. Lambluv Valubal bolero | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 577 |
| 4 | Ch. Silverspar's Blockbuster | | 8 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 519 |
| 5 | Ch. Rollingview Diamon In The Ruff | | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 348 |
| 6 | Ch. Valubal Sugarbush Dom Perignon | | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 183 |
| 7 | Ch. Rollingview Black Knight | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 164 |
| 8 | Ch. Jereja Sir Chandler of Swinden | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 149 |
| 9 | Ch. Wooliwoof Miracle Man | | | | 1 | 1 | 134 |
| 10 | Ch. Beaumorning Precious Rock | | 3 | 1 | 2 | | 108 |
| 11 | Barnstorm Evangeline Of Liverbobs | | 1 | 1 | | | 77 |
| 12 | Ch. Adominos' Teddybearzoo Legacy | BISS | 1 | | | | 71 |
| 13 | Ch. Masquerades Millenium | | 1 | | | | 68 |
| 14 | Ladykin's Casanova Gray | | | | | 1 | 59 |
| 15 | Ch. Middleearth's L'il Soliloqui | | | 1 | | 2 | 56 |
| 16 | Raffles Ewe R The One of Amble | | 1 | | | | 49 |
| 17 | Vieuxberger Merveille Masquée | | | | | 1 | 48 |
| 18 | Sir Quincy Lowell of Milhouse | | 1 | | | | 42 |
| 19 | Ch. Middleearth's Paws Fur Applause | | | | 1 | | 41 |
| 20a | Chénard Minifée | | | 1 | | 2 | 40 |
| 20b | Ch. Bagatelle Le Fou Du Roi | | | 1 | | | 40 |
| 21 | Lady Lydia Pinkam Of Milhouse | | | | | 1 | 37 |
| 22 | Raffles Will Ewe | | | | | 1 | 36 |
| 23 | Ch. Chenard Fiston | | | 1 | | | 35 |
| 24a | Chénard Mozart Le Magnifique | | | | 1 | | 29 |
| 24b | Ladykin's Casablanca | | | | 1 | 1 | 29 |
| 25 | Sentinel's Sir Bentley Boy | | | | 1 | | 24 |



CH. Rollingview's Cape Crusader Group 1st Puppy of the Year 2000



CH. Rollingview's Cape Crusader takes the Group at the Credit Valley Puppy of the Year 2000 competition. Held in Brampton, Ontario, the Puppy of the year competition is open to all that won a Best Puppy in Show during the past year. This was a huge win for us and a nice way to cap off our first year in the show world. ShaggyLane

P.S. Richard Meen, the gentleman standing directly behind the handler (that's our Bob-Tales co-editor, Doug) mentioned as he was going over Hunter that he used to raise and show Old English. At one point in his career, he owned and cared for 20 in full coat.....can you imagine !!

Book Review

The Nature of Animal Healing: The Path to Your Pet's Health, Happiness and Longevity by Martin Goldstein, DVM. Alfred A. Knopf. \$35.00

Dr. Goldstein runs a well-known clinic in South Salem, New York. He discusses why it is important that animals be treated holistically. By treating the root of the problem instead of the symptoms, holistic medicine enables our pets to regain and maintain their own health.

In his book, Dr. Goldstein shares his philosophy of how animals should be treated and shows exactly what to do. He offers advice for every pet lover: why we shouldn't feed our animals commercial pet food; why vaccines can actually do more harm than good; how acupuncture and homeopathic medicine can be used to help our pets; why pets need to experience a "healing crisis" in order to get well, and more.

Dr. Goldstein has had extraordinary success in treating cancer and leukemia. He shows how best to treat them as well as how to prevent them from occurring.

He addresses how the emotional bonds we form with our animals have the power to provoke and cure disease. He also tells us how to deal with the inevitable death of a pet - both physically and psychologically.

There is a source guide: a complete listing of pet health-care centres, doctors, and products. Most of these are in the U.S. but there is one holistic veterinary consultant listed in the 613 area code in Canada - he specialises in acupuncture and cancer.

This book was brought to my attention by an OES person whose dog had cancer. She has worked with Dr. Goldstein and can't say enough good things about him. He is willing to work one on one with your veterinarian if he/she believes in alternative medicine; or if not, directly with the owner.



I have 26 pages of information on cancer treatment if anyone is interested. These are from a newsletter the Dr. Bob Goldstein's (Martin's brother publishes)

Margaret Trenholm

Counter Surfing

Welcome to the Counter Surfing section of Bob-Tales. As most of you are aware, some of our loyal companions will not hesitate to stand on their back legs and steal tasty treats off the kitchen counter. This section is not intended to correct or encourage such behaviour, it is a recipe resource for the OESOCC community to share. Contributors are encouraged to send along a story and picture (if available) to go with their recipe.

Here is a recipe for **Liver Snaps** that will encourage any dog to look up to you as a god. Our Hunter is rather particular when it comes to treats. In his mind, if it is not an Iams cookie, then it must be sub-standard or poison. Carol recently made up a batch of Liver Snaps and Mr. Particular quickly changed his tune.

- 1-2 lbs. Liver, chopped
- 1 ½ lbs. Flour
- 8 oz Oats
- 3 Bouillon cubes
- 1 c Water
- 2 Eggs

- Mix flour and oats
- Crumble in bouillon cubes
- Add eggs and liver
- Add enough water to make soft dough
- Spread onto a cookie sheet. The mixture should be about 1" thick when spread.
- Bake 1 hour at 350

Cut into different sizes. I pack a couple of these treats when we go skiing with the gang. It gives them a healthy energy boost for their hard work.

ShaggyLane

Carrot cake with cream cheese icing.

Despite what our furry kids think, this is not intended for dogs.

- 2c flour
- 2 t baking powder
- 1 ½ baking soda
- 1 t salt
- 2 ½ t cinnamon
- 2 c sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 ½ c oil
- 2 c grated carrots
- 1 can (8 oz) crushed pineapple (drained)
- 1 c (3 ½ oz) coconut

Sift together first five ingredients. Add sugar,

eggs, oil, mix well. Stir in carrots, pineapple and coconut.

Pour into 3 ungreased 9" pans (I use an angel food cake mold). Bake at 350, 35 to 40 minutes.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- ¼ lb. margarine or butter
- 1 pkg (8oz) cream cheese
- 1 ¼ t vanilla
- 1 lb. icing sugar

Add all ingredients and mix until smooth. Sprinkle with coconut. Place finished cake well out of the reach of your kids.

ShaggyLane



Rainbow Bridge

Unfortunately, some of our members lost companions during the last year. It is with sadness that the following tributes are published. This section is meant to give some well deserved recognition to our faithful companions.

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water, and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All the animals who have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content except for one small thing--they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special family member finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face, your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so lone gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.....

author unknown

Daisy Mae

(Rollingview Luv Me Luv Me Knot)

(June 6,1991 - May 17, 2000)



What a girl our Daisy was!! We will always remember her favourite song we would tease her with..... Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer too... that would start her barking loudly and then the rest of the gang would join in howling. She would get so excited, she loved that song!! We could say to her.... Daisy Mae and Daisy Mae Not....that would get her barking too.

She was one fantastic Mom, never tired of the puppies. She had such patience with puppies, no matter whose they were. She would roll on the floor with them and would let them know what they could and could not do. She would correct them with a little nibble to their neck when they would start to get out of hand.

She loved the long runs in the winter when the canal would freeze over, I think that was her favourite time of year.

We miss our Daisy. It's nice to believe that there is a Rainbow Bridge where we will all be together again.

Barbara & Philip Marchand



Mike, January 2000 sporting his Christmas Tie

Mike

(24 January 1988 - 30 September 2000)

Mike, Michael, Michael-Bear, the Gentle Bear, as we often called him, was as sweet as they come. A real mama's boy, he also had a very macho streak in him. This kept him among us for an additional week, as he fought for his cookies, needed for sustenance, in his last days.

He had an array of nicknames, some came and some went. At times like this, I remember one he earned as a young puppy, Michael P. Carpet.

Mike lived a happy life with his litter mate Niki who left us the previous winter. Together they played, chased horses, ran in the woods, and protected us from the neighbourhood cats, and squirrels. No matter what we did, Mike was happy just being with us, whether it was snuggling in bed on a dreary day, going for a car ride, or out for walks in the forest.

We will always miss you, Mike.
ShaggyLane

The Fox

Ch. Brightcut Shady Lady
(Aug 2, 1985 - February 2, 2001)



Shown here with her first litter, is Sue Kitchen's Fox. If you look closely, the puppy in the foreground on the left has a naturally short tail. Fox carried this gene. Two of the five pups had short tails.

On Feb.2nd, I had to put down one of my original sheepdogs. She would have been 16 this summer. I co-owned her with Cass Moulton-Arble of Brightcut Kennels, North Carolina.

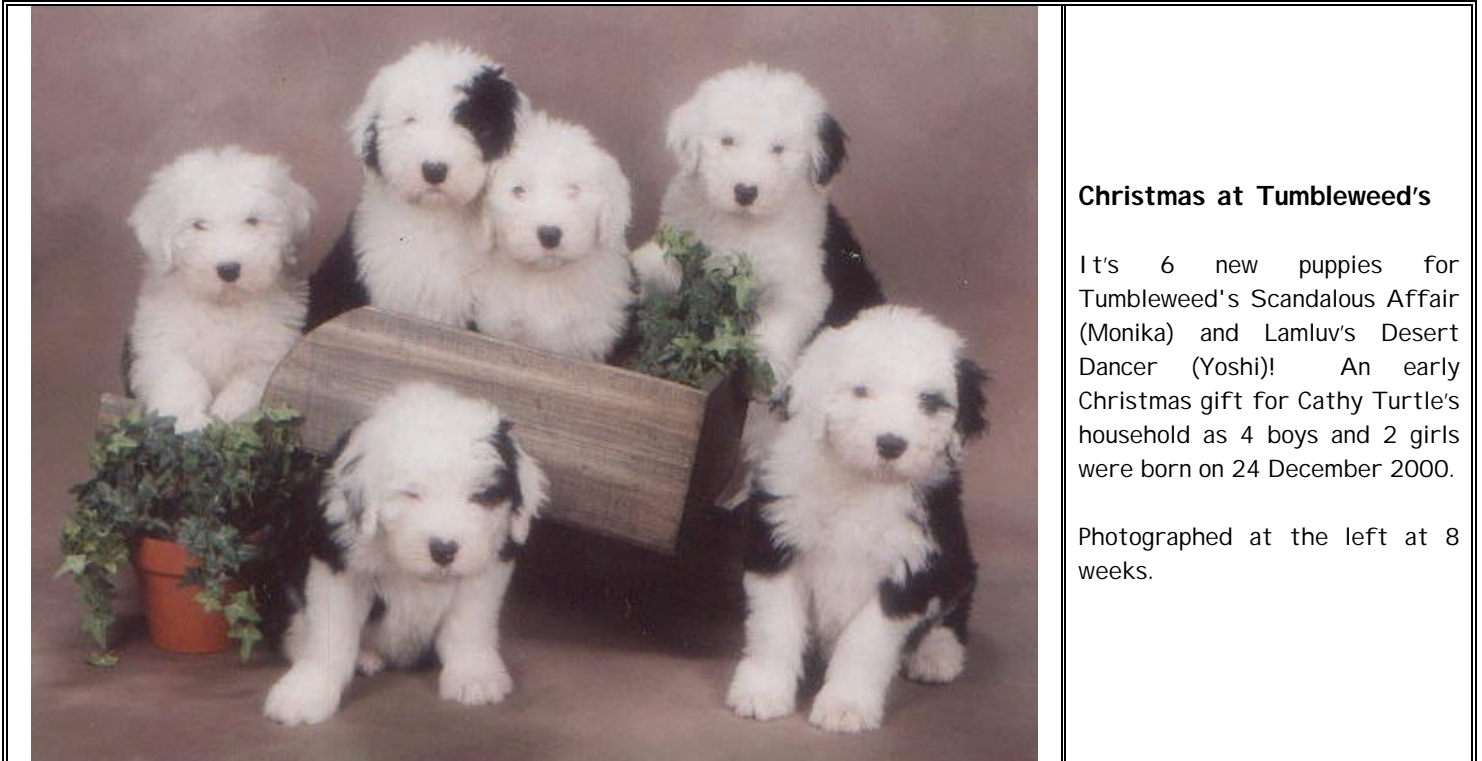
At home, she was affectionately known as "The Fox", but her registered name was Ch. Brightcut Shady Lady---Aug. 2, 1985 - Feb.2, 2001. She was a very clever and truly wonderful companion. She was an exceptional dam, and over the years I have come to appreciate her abilities in that direction more and more. She also liked to herd my neighbor's dairy cows, a talent that was not welcomed by him. She was a leader, never a follower, and I doubt that I will ever own or breed her like again. She has left a big void in our family that will be difficult to fill. Our veteran dogs are so special. I don't think we do enough to honor them. The veteran classes are always held at the end of the regular classes at any Specialty that I have ever attended. Usually, the majority of spectators aren't watching anymore, and this is so disrespectful and unfair to our senior dogs. Without them we wouldn't have the young ones to cheer about. We should put our veteran classes first and give them the attention that they deserve!

Sue



Birthdays & Litter Announcements

We want to meet your pets! Let's welcome the new litters and publish birthday greetings for dogs who turn 10 or older. More pictures like the one below, will bring even more smiles.



Christmas at Tumbleweed's

It's 6 new puppies for Tumbleweed's Scandalous Affair (Monika) and Lamluv's Desert Dancer (Yoshi)! An early Christmas gift for Cathy Turtle's household as 4 boys and 2 girls were born on 24 December 2000.

Photographed at the left at 8 weeks.

Barbara Marchand's dam Can./Am. Ch. Rollingview Diamon In The Ruff (Darci) had a litter with Auriga's Neat Pete. Nine puppies were born on 16 Dec. 2000. First time mom, Darci, was an extremely good mom who took extra good care of her babes. Although most have gone to their new homes, Darci still plays with the two males that Barbara kept!

Diane Buckland's dam, Can. Chi. Tarawood's Chantilly Lace, "Lacey" had a litter March 7th. The sire is Can. Ch. Barvan's Tarawood Diplomat, better known as Dennis. The pups started to arrive Wednesday afternoon and by 11:05 p.m., there were 5 boys and 5 girls. Diane had to cut an email short when she heard one of the boy's crying.....he got stuck trying to climb over his mom's leg.

Sue Kitchen's dam Rumbleseat T'Shofur's Daughter, Sabrina gave birth to 8 puppies on March 2nd, 1 female and 7 males. The tails were done on Monday and at last check, all were doing well. The sire is Ch. Sir Ogden Owen of Millhouse, Ogden. This is a first for both sire and dam.

La Gaminerie: Yves Coderre & Josée Henault's dam Bagatelle Crème Chantilly had a litter of 7 puppies, 3 males and 4 females. The sire Bagatelle Le Fou du Roi.



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| Linda Ménard & Michel Verret's dam Chénard La Douce gave birth to four puppies, 2 males and 2 females. The sire is Rollingait Forever in Motion | Élevage Bagatelle: Bernard & Joanne Charest Bagatelle Chérie & Bagatelle River Dance had four female puppies. While another litter is expected on April Fool's to Bagatelle La Carte Noire & Bagatelle Magie Blanche. |
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An alert to all breeders: A woman named Sylvie Bourque is looking for a young male to service her four bitches. Should she contact you for a puppy, please contact either Joanne Charest or Margaret Trenholm.

Don't forget that the people call the Secretary for puppy referrals. If you have a litter no matter where you live, please let the secretary know. This saves on unnecessary telephone calls for the potential customer and for you.

Tips & Reminders

Thanks to Dianne Buckland for contributing these two invaluable articles for keeping your kids safe.

What to do if your pet disappears:

- Call the police, theft is a possibility
- Call all pounds in your area
- Call every Humane Society near you
- Call the public works department for recent road kills
- Notify schools in your area
- Ask radio stations to broadcast
- Insert adds in the local papers
- Prepare flyers for bulletin boards
- Inform the local mail deliverers
- Notify the local veterinarians
- Leave scented articles in ever widening circles in a one mile radius

Remember: Your pets are your responsibility - Please don't treat them like reasoning adults. Avoid distress for yourself and danger to your pet by keeping your pet safe at all times!

HEAT STROKE:

With the warmer weather upon us, guidelines should your dog be affected by a HEAT STROKE:

Never, ever leave your pet unattended in direct sunlight or in a closed vehicle in warm weather (this has happened in March). Heat can build up to an intolerable level in minutes, causing brain damage or even death.

Signs of heat stroke are panting, drooling, rapid pulse, fever and shock. Immediately immerse the pet in cool water or use a hose to lower the body temperature to normal (38.5° C / 101.5° F). Do not go below this temperature. Encourage a conscious animal to drink cool water, small amounts at a time to replace body fluids (you can also use ice cubes)

If you suspect heat stroke (staggering, disorientation, weakness) you could also spoon water into the mouth if they won't lap, but only if the animal is conscious. Take your pet to the vet.



Calendar of Events

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| 21 April 2001 | Eye Clinic in the Montreal area: Sponsored by the Chateauguay Valley Kennel Club. Contact Barbara Collins for an appointment at 450-829-3323. Taschereau Animal Hospital, Brossard, Dr. P. Blouin |
| 22 April 2001 | Concours Homologués / Sanction Match, Club de Bouvier des Flandres du Québec, Parc Équestre de Blainville |
| 20 May 2001 | Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind (CGDB): GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALK: Hudson, Québec. For more information (613) 692-7777 |
| 20 May 2001 | Québec Booster - Hochelaga Kennel Club, Dollard des Ormeaux, Judge: Eileen Pimlot |
| 26 May 2001 | CGDB: GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALK - Carleton Place, ON. For more information (613) 692-7777 |
| 26 & 27 May 2001 | The Belgian Shepherd Dog Club of Alberta is hosting a herding seminar, Conrich Arena, just N.E. of Calgary. The instructor will be Ron Gale. H.I.C. certification will be available. For information and registration, call Dermott Young -403-931-3835. |
| 27 May 2001 | CGDB: GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALK - Ottawa, ON. & Edmonton, AB. For more information (613) 692-7777 |
| 03 Jun 2001 | CGDB: GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALK - Toronto, ON. For more information (613) 692-7777 |
| 09 Sep 2001 | CGDB: GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALK - Kingston, ON. For more information (613) 692-7777 |
| 17 Sep 2001 | CGDB: GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALK - Montréal, PQ. For more information (613) 692-7777 |
| 07 Oct 2001 | CGDB: GO FOR GUIDE DOGS WALK - Victoria, BC. For more information (613) 692-7777 |

Note: The 2001 Specialty remains to be confirmed due to the fact that the club we have chosen to host the specialty did not send in for approval of the judges or specialty. We therefore cannot officially make an announcement about the location or judge until CKC authorisation is given. If approval is given, it will be in Ontario but not at Cornwall. We are moving a bit further west, we hope. Jack Kelly will be the sweepstake judge. There will be boosters each day and obedience trials are available.

Memberships

The following people did not fill in their 2001 membership renewal/application or left out information. Due to CKC regulations, we need these on file. Make sure we have your CKC number and FAX number and/or email address. Please forward these to the secretary.

Carol & Doug Bender - no form
 Betty Fast & D. Haddon - only 1 CKC number
 S. Fuschino & R. Perusse - no form
 Leo Hui - no form
 L. Ménard & M. Verret - no CKC number
 Cathy Turtle - no CKC number.

Forms were sent in the mail prior to Christmas with a December 15 deadline. As well, there was a form in the last bulletin.



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1-800-396-1896

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<http://www.dogs-in-canada.com>
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Tel: 1-800-250-8040

<http://www.canadiankennelclub.com>

OESCC

<http://www.webruler.com/glencroft/OESOCC.html>

New England Old English Sheepdog Rescue Inc.
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