

BORDER TERRIER CANADA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Our National Specialty was again this year held in Ancaster Ontario in conjunction with the Hamilton Kennel Club's all breed and obedience shows. The only change in our weekend events was the change of venue for earthdog. This proved to be a wonderful choice as we were hosted by the Hamilton Hunt Club Grounds just 10 minutes away in Caledonia. Hamilton Hunt's Hank and Carly Martin were terrific in making sure our event went well. The site was beautiful with rolling hills running along the Grand River with good cover created by the jumps throughout the fields.

Friday started out with rain but thanks to Hamilton Hunt, we were able to replace the two pop-ups we lost the day before while we set up with the club house's shelter. It took 8 of us to walk the shelter from the club house, through the fields to the crest of the hill where it housed our running boards and also gave cover for exhibitors to wait their turn close to the snack bar at the other end of the shelter.



Just as the Border Terrier Club of Ontario earthdog test started, the rain subsided and kept away until just minutes before the tests were finished.

The Border Terrier Club of Ontario had 6 qualifiers in Intro, 2 qualifiers in Junior (9 starters), no qualifiers in Senior (6 starters) Judge: JoAnn Frier-Murza and no qualifiers in Master (5 starters) Judge: Carrie Hamilton.

Border Terrier Club of Ontario CKC Earthdog Test Results

Intro Qualifiers – Judge: JoAnn Frier-Murza

CH. THISTLEBITT GLENIFFER BRAES, Border Terrier, Breeder & Owner: Karen Nesbitt, Sire: Sherwood's Button Down Knickers AD, Dam: Ch.Thistlebitt Paisley Abbey

BRIGHTRAIN'S APRIL SHOWERS, Border Terrier, Breeder: Kirsten Goodman DVM
Sire: Coombe Hill Bramble, Dam: Ch. Bernfield's Brightrain Ruby JE, Owners: Toni Ritchie & Bruce Sharp

BERNFIELD COUNTRY LANE MILLER, Border Terrier, Breeder: Carole Bernier
Sire: Ch. Rosecrest Bernfield Bagpiper, Dam: Bernfield's Sage Brush, Owners: Toni Ritchie & Bruce Sharp

REDGATE'S BEACON OF LIGHT, Border Terrier, Breeder: Judith Rivers
Sire: Borderhouse Lassiter, Dam: Redgate's Mercy Me, Owner: Jen Holder

FAIREVIEW DOUBLE BACK TO BANDERSNATCH, Border Terrier, Breeders: Kathleen Henning & Margaret Henning, Sire: Sunkist Sweet Music Man, Dam: Bandersnatch Odyssey at Faireview, Owners: Margaret B. Pough & Amanda Pough

BRIGHTRAIN'S QUINTESSENTIAL, Border Terrier, Breeder & Owner: Kirsten Goodman DVM, Sire: Kandu's Marathon Man, Dam: Ch. Brightrain's First Edition JE,

Junior Qualifiers – Judge: Carrie Hamilton

CH. THISTLEBITT GLENIFFER BRAES (See Above)

BRIGHTRAIN'S QUINTESSENTIAL (See Above)

During the day, the breed was judged at Hamilton's all breed show. I don't have all the details but I do know that Jane Parker's bitch that we co-own, Ch. Picer Wotta Conundrum, won the breed and went Group 1st under Dr. John Reeve-Newsom.

As the earthdog tests drew to a close, we all headed out to our hotel to change and get back to the Mathesons for the Annual General Meeting followed by a BBQ hosted by Al & Joanne Matheson. The meeting ran late and we were more than hungry by the time we chowed down on tasty pulled pork and sausage mains with wonderful salads followed by home made pies. Al & Joanne's garden has returned to its former beauty after a major overhaul made necessary by the replacement of their septic system last summer. This is such a wonderful place to meet our exhibitors in a casual relaxed manner.

Saturday started early at the breed ring but luckily the morning mist cleared and we had a good clear day for judging.

Ellen Redman of Westfield, Massachusetts, was our sweepstakes judge. Ellen went over the dogs in a well executed manner and her winners and critiques follow:

Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes - Ellen Redman – Trotwood Borders - Westfield, MA



I was very honored to be asked to judge at your specialty and had a wonderful time going over such a strong field of entries. I was pleased, by and large, that there was very little over-grooming and the dogs were presented as a Border Terrier should be. The overall quality was outstanding. That being said, don't discount good front angulation and forechest in your breeding programs. These dogs need to be able to move well without tiring easily.

Many thanks to Rosemary Shoreman for a very smooth-running Specialty, and to my ring steward, Judy Orsi, who made it so easy for me to do my job.

Ellen Redman

6 – 9 MONTH JUNIOR PUPPY DOG SWEEPS

1. Radland's Conundrum In The Sin Bin, Breeder: Susan Newell DVM, Sire: Ch. Conundrum Co-Writer, Dam: Roschel's Mariah, Owners: Jane Parker, Michael & Rosemary Shoreman
Beautiful blue and tan coat with nice ticking. Good mover with proper angulation. Lovely topline.
2. Bandersnatch Jansim Poets Corner, Breeders: Marg Pough, K. Boisvert and Amanda Pough, Sire: Ch. Lothlorien Coniston JE, Dam: Bandersnatch A Fine Romance, Owner: Donna Sapp
Pleasing head, angulation, coat. and movement.
3. Radland's Roschel's Breeze, Breeder: Susan Newell DVM, Sire: Ch. Conundrum Co-Writer, Dam: Roschel's Mariah, Owners: Michael & Rosemary Shoreman & Jane Parker
Nice topline, a bit up on leg at this point, head not so pleasing as #2 but a promising puppy.

9 – 12 MONTH SENIOR PUPPY DOG SWEEPS

1. Duet's On Your Mark, Breeders: Linda Hough & Bev Kolb, Sire: Duet's Carter Bar, Dam: Ch. Russethill's Play With Fire, Owners: Linda Hough & Bev Kolb
Blue and tan, pleasing head, topline, wonderful movement. Would prefer a bit more ticking. All elements working well together
2. Tafkan McHenry's Thunder Road, Breeders: Kathrynann Savinas, Mark & Mary Beth Ensor, Sire: Ch. Ganymede's Pendragon, Dam: McHenry's Hammin It Up of Tafkan, Owners: Kathrynann & Gary Sarvinas
A bit wide in front and rear, pleasing head, coat. Movement not so good as #1.

12 – 18 MONTH DOG SWEEPS

1. Ch. Meadowlake Black Muddy River, Breeder: Karen Fitzpatrick, Sire: Bever Lea Have Go At It, Dam: Meadowlake Mona Lisa, Owner: Susan Graham
Pretty dog with a good topline and fine movement. A little too much dog for me.

6 – 9 MONTH JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH SWEEPS

1. Radland's Something Bruin, Breeder & Owner: Susan Newell DVM, Sire: Ch. Conundrum Co-Writer, Dam: Roschel's Mariah
Light grizzle, would prefer a darker ear, excellent movement, nice topline, coat, angulation.
2. Thistlebitt's Paisley Tapestry, Breeder & Owner: Karen Nesbitt, Sire: Foxrun Winter Berry, Dam: Ch. Thistlebitt Glenifer Braes
Beautiful side movement, a little straight in front and rear, nice ticking.

9 – 12 MONTH SENIOR PUPPY BITCH SWEEPS (*This was a VERY tough class! – ER*)

1. Fairview Double Back to Bandersnatch, Breeders: Kathleen Henning & Margaret Henning, Sire: Sunkist Sweet Music Man, Dam: Bandersnatch Odyssey at Faireview, Owners: Margaret B. Pough & Amanda Pough
Beautiful movement, nice sturdy bitch, pleasing head, coat, rib.
2. Ch. Ganymede Maktawae Twilight Song, Breeders: Al & Joanne Matheson, Sire: Otterkin Blue Bayou Conundrum, Dam: Ch. Ganymede's Pengelly, Owners: Lola Nichol & Al & Joanne Matheson
Pleasing head and movement, front a bit straight.
3. Redgate's Beacon of Light, Breeder: Judith Rivers, Sire: Borderhouse Lassiter, Dam: Redgate's Mercy Me, Owner: Jen Holder
Good mover, pelt not so good as 1 and 2.
4. McHenry's Little Eva, Breeders: Kathrynann Savinas, Mark & Mary Beth Ensor, Sire: Ch. Ganymede's Pendragon, Dam: McHenry's Hammin It Up of Tafkan, Owners: Mark & Mary Beth Ensor & C.T.Giese
A little shy on the day, but also a good mover.

12 – 18 MONTH PUPPY BITCH SWEEPS

1. Ch. Ganymede's Hope & Glory, Breeders & Owners: Murray A. & Joanne Matheson, Sire: Otterkin Blue Bayou Conundrum, Dam: Gch. Ganymede's Canadian Idol
A little straight in front, nice layback of rib, handy little dog, pleasing head and movement
2. Achouffe Baycrofterslee, Breeder: Julie George-Ainscough, Sire: Conundrum Malachite At Jaslou, Dam: Golden Slipper Into Achouffe, Owner: Celia Blair
Also straight in front, up and back not quite what I would like.
3. Ganymede's Keep The Faith, Breeders: Murray A. Matheson & Joanne Matheson, Sire: Otterkin Blue Bayou Conundrum, Dam: Gch. Ganymede's Canadian Idol, Owners: Murray A. & Joanne Matheson & Debbie Miyashita
Nice mover, a little deep-chested . Good coat with nice ticking.

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES - Duet's On Your Mark



BEST OF OPPOSITE IN SWEEPSTAKES – Fairview Double Back to Bandersnatch



VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

7 – 9 YEAR MALES

1. Ch. Falconbrook Heart of Gold, CD, Breeder: J. Anna Fraser, Sire: Ch. Jansim Holly Roger CG,JE,RA. Dam: Ch. Duet Spy In The Sky, Owners: Donna J. Ralph & Gloria E. Mosley
Very nice topline, good mover, beautiful head.
2. CH Lothlorien Coniston, JE, Breeder: JoAnn Frier-Murza, Sire: Ch. Jansim Holly Roger CG,JE,RA. Dam: Lothlorien Scrimmage, Owner: Donna Sapp, J. Frier-Murza & P. Dyer
Also lovely, preferred the topline of #1.

10 YEARS & OVER MALES

1. Otterkin Blue Bayou Conundrum,(GBR) Breeder: Kathryn Wilkinson, Sire: Otterkin Kade, Dam: Otterkin's Conundrum I Write The Songs, Owners: M.A. & J.E. Matheson, J. Parker & K. Wilkinson
Beautiful head, coat, pelt, topline, movement, rib. This dog has it all.
2. Ch. Jansim Toad in the Hole CD,SE,RA, Breeders & Owners: Chris & Pam Dyer, Sire: Dandyhow Topnotch, Dam. Ch. Jansim Penny Royal CD.
Good-moving dog, sweet old-timer.

7 - 9 YEAR FEMALES

1. Ch. Roschel's Firefly, Breeders: Michael & Rosemary Shoreman & Judith Orsi, Sire: Otterkin Blue Bayou Conundrum, Dam: Ch. Roschel's Griffydram, Owners: Michael & Rosemary Shoreman
Beautiful blue and tan. Great front angulation
2. CH Foxrun Clover R, JE, Breeder & Owner: Jen Holder, Sire: Ch. Krispin Basil, Dam: Foxrun Myristica Frangrane Hout
Also very beautiful. Pleasing head. Preferred front angulation of #1.
3. CH Falconbrook Jane Austen, JE, Breeder: J. Anna Fraser, Sire: Ch. Shelburne Stutz Bearcat, JE, Dam: Ch. Duet Spy In The Sky, Owners: Melony Mccarthy & J. Anna Fraser
Nice handy bitch.
4. TOWZIE TYKE WUTHERING HEIGHTS, Breeder: Wayne & Joyce Kirn, Sire: Greenroom Curtain Call, Dam: Towzie Tyke Snaberlee Rigg, Owners: Mark & Mary Beth Ensor & C.T.Giese
Also nice handy size, prefer the type of 1 and 2.



BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - Otterkin Blue Bayou Conundrum (pictured left)

BEST OF OPPOSITE IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES - Ch Roschel's Firefly (shown below)



Following right after Sweepstakes, the National Specialty started with Margaret Curtis of Tyne & Wear, UK judged our exhibits. Margaret did a thorough examination of our dogs with emphasis on the important aspects of our standard. Here are the results with Margaret's critiques through third place

Specialty, Regular, Non-Regular & Unofficial Classes - Margaret Curtis - Matamba - Tyne & Wear, UK



When invited to judge Border Terrier Canada's National Specialty it came at a very sad time in my life as my husband had died very suddenly 12 months before. When accepting judging appointments outside of the UK he would, when possible, travel with me. So on show day he was very much in my thoughts, but the warm welcome and hospitality of the Officers of the Club and the sporting way the exhibitors accepted my decisions was greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Judith Orsi for looking after my daughter Louise and myself prior to show day and for stewarding for me on the day.

Overall I found the dogs I handled were in good condition and acceptable in their weight and I saw some of the best mouths with the biggest teeth that I have seen for a long time and some very nice otter type heads. Movement I found was sound enough behind in almost all of the dogs but the problem in the front movement of some of the dogs was some very upright shoulders and should be watch closely in your breeding program. I had no problem with the texture of the coats and thickness of the pelts but one or two had been stripped of their undercoats.

I found two things that in my opinion need watching - first was the overall size of some of the dogs (and bitches) some of them were just too fine in every department, and the other was the colour, the standard states blue and tan. I know that there is no mention of the word ticking in the standard but it is the ticking that breaks the solid black coat and gives us the appearance of the blue colour. Without any ticking it becomes a solid black. The presentation of the dogs was a credit to the owners and thank you for the opportunity to judge your dogs.

JUNIOR PUPPY DOG

1. Radland's Conundrum In The Sin Bin (see sweepstakes)
Smart blue and tan puppy with good harsh coat and thick pelt, nice reach of neck and good top line, narrow body with nice length of rib, easy span, overall a well balanced puppy. His head needs time to improve and at this age he has time on his side. His ears look big but are the right shape and are close to his cheek. He has a great mouth with large teeth and a strong muzzle. On the move he was sound enough behind and loose in front - just what you could expect of a 7 month puppy.
2. Radland's Roschel Breeze (see sweepstakes)
Same kind of comments as winner with regards to the head. He too had a thick pelt and good jacket with a nice reach of neck and a racy body, the right amount of bone but not so settled on the move as winner.
3. Bandersnatch Jansim Poets Corner (see sweepstakes)
More mature puppy than 1st and 2nd with a real otter type head, strong muzzle and large teeth, sadly the bite was a little rye. His jacket was harsh and he had a good pelt. Not so positive on the move.

SENIOR PUPPY DOG

1. Duet's On Your Mark (see sweepstakes)
Overall picture looks a strong dog throughout & I could span him. Has a good type of head, would have liked to see the ears a little smaller to give better expression. A strong muzzle and a first class mouth with good reach of neck, nice top line, tail well set on, nice bend of stifle, moved very soundly. Sadly no ticking in this blue jacket and without the ticking to lift the colour it becomes a solid black.
2. Tafkan McHenry's Thunder Road (see sweepstakes)
Good otter type of head with strong muzzle and big teeth, harsh jacket but lacked undercoat. Nice top line and tail set, a little strong on the rib, not so positive in front movement.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR DOG

1. McHenry's Range Against the Machine, Breeders & Owners: Mark & Mary Beth Ensor & C.T.Giese, Sire: McHenry's Ewok of Endor, Dam: McHenry's Sugar Bear
Good otter head with a nice flat skull, lovely expression with neat ears, dark eyes, strong muzzle and excellent teeth. Good harsh jacket, easy span and good pelt. Little short in the rib but good length of back, tail well set on. Would have liked a little more bend of stifle. Nice overall type of border, not very happy on the move but movement was ok
2. Jansim I'm Your Man, Breeders: Anna Robaczewski & Pam Dyer, Sire: Ch. Rovin Jansim Summer Wine, Dam: Ch. Lothlorien Jansim Hazeltor, Owners: Anne Geall, Anna Robaczewski & Pam Dyer
Very honest type of border not over done in any way. Strong head and muzzle. Harsh coat and pelt, good top line and good bend of stifle. Moved and covered the ground well.
3. Tafkan McHenry Hendley Earnshaw, Breeders: Mary Beth Ensor, Kathrynann Sarvinas, Carla Thew, Sire: Towzie Tyke Laird O'Glenmore, Dam: Towzie Tyke Wuthering Heights, Owners: Kathrynann & Gary Sarvinas
Good head with neat ears and nice expression. In good coat with thick pelt. Good reach of neck but a little short in back. Not so positive on the move.

OPEN DOG

1. Meadowlake Van Gogh, Breeder: Karen Fitzpatrick, Sire: Ch.Meadowlake Devil's Brew, Dam: Meadowlake Masterpiece, Owner: Martha DuBois Duke
Not overdone in any way, very typical border. Good otter head, nice dark eye, strong muzzle with first class mouth. Easy span, right amount bone, good top line and bend of stifle, would have liked a shorter pastern. Moved around the ring well. Overall a balanced dog

WINNERS DOG - Meadowlake Van Gough

RESERVE WINNERS DOG - McHenry's Range Against The Machine



WINNERS DOG/BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX - Meadowlake Van Gough

VETERAN - MALE

- 1 CH Lothlorien Coniston JE (see sweepstakes)
Age seven and a half yrs. Moved around the ring very well, nice strong head and mouth, dark eye and right expression. Nice reach of neck, great level top line, ribs well back, great double coat and pelt.
- 2 CH Falconbrook Heart of Gold, CD (see sweepstakes)
Age nine and a half yrs. Very typical in head, good expression, strong jaw, nice dark eye and expression. Good top line and nice bend of stifle, harsh coat, thick pelt, moved ok.
- 3 CH Jansim Toad in the Hole SE CD RA (see sweepstakes)
Age 14yrs. Very good for his age, good strong head and expression. A little over weight but in good condition, paid attention all the time to his handler and showed like a champion.



VETERAN MALE – CH Lothlorien Coniston JE

JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH

1. Radland's Something Bruin (see sweepstakes)
This puppy is full of quality. At just 7 months she has all the essentials in place with a lovely head and expression. Nice dark eye with neat ears close to the cheek. Great reach of neck running into a nice top line and correct tail set. Great harsh coat and pelt, easy span, the right amount of bone, neat feet with thick pads and nice bend of stifle. Moved very sound for one so young
2. Thistlebitt's Paisley Tapestry (see sweepstakes)
6-month old blue and tan with good harsh jacket. Not as mature as winner. Overall picture well balanced and everything in position, but just built too fine.

SENIOR PUPPY BITCH

1. Redgate's Beacon of Light (see sweepstakes)
Up to size for age but very nice type with a good head, nice dark eye, strong muzzle and good expression. Good coat and pelt, nice reach of neck and good top line easy span. Moved sound behind a little wide in front at present.
2. Fairview Double Back to Bandersnatch (see sweepstakes)
Nice type of bitch, strong but feminine head neat ears. A little round in eye, good strong muzzle and a good mouth. Enough reach of neck and good length of back. Great pelt and harsh top coat, looks a little deep in the chest but could span. Moved sound behind but not so in the front.
3. McHenry's Little Eva (see sweepstakes)
Overall a nice type of bitch, just not happy on the move which made it hard to assess. She had a nice head and expression, good reach of neck but little short in the back, easy span.
4. Ruffpups Five Star At Boldwind, Breeder: Sharon Ivany-Melanson, Sire: Ch. Boldwind Star Attraction, Dam: Ch. Boldwind Solo Star, Owner: Carol O. Baldwin

12 – 18 MONTH PUPPY BITCH

1. Ganymede's Keep The Faith, Breeders: Murray A. & Joanne Matheson, Sire: Otterkin Blue Bayou Conundrum, Dam: Gch. Ganymede'Murray A. & Joanne Matheson & Debbie Miyashita
Smart blue and tan with good harsh jacket and great pelt. Easy span, nice reach of neck and good top line and narrow right through. A little round in the eye but still a good enough expression. Moved round the ring and standing very nicely on a loose lead, showing her natural stance. Movement was better behind than in front.

BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH

1. McHenry's Lucy Van Pelt, Breeders: Mary Beth Ensor, Carl Gepp, C.T. Gise, Sire: Kighill REBA, Dam: Towzie Tyke Wuthering Heights, Owners: Mark & Mary Beth Ensor, C.T. Giese
Very sound on the move, typical otter head with good expression. Excellent jacket and pelt, nice reach of neck and good topline, good tail set. A little short in the back and spanned ok.

OPEN BITCH

1. Roschel's Mariah, Breeders: Michael & Rosemary Shoreman, Sire: Ch. Meadowlake Devil's Brew, Dam: Ch. Roschel's Gypsy Moth, Owner: Susan Newell DVM
A bitch full of quality, great otter head, dark eyes with neat ears close to cheek giving her a lovely expression. Excellent reach of neck, straight narrow front, great topline good bend of stifle, easy span. Harsh jacket and pelt right amount of bone, moved very sound and well handled.
2. Baytree Aero Bubbles, Breeder & Owner: Jane Cairns, Sire: Ch. Ganymede's Pendragon, Dam: Ch. Baytree Picadilly Circus
Very nice type of bitch, nice size, good head and expression. Good reach of neck, running into a good topline and narrow body and a good tailset. Correct harsh jacket and thick pelt. Not so positive in front movement.
3. Brightrain's Quintessential, Breeder & Owner: Kirsten Goodman DVM, Sire: Kandu's Marathon Man, Dam: Ch. Brightrain's First Edition
Overall picture for me this bitch is a little long cast which is shown when on the move round the ring, but a very typical in head and good reach of neck, coat and pelt was spot on. Excelled in rib with an easy span.
4. McHenry's Hammin it up of Tafkan, Breeders: Mark & Mary Beth Ensor & C. T. Giese, Sire: Towzie Tyke Laird O'Glennmore, Dam: Towzie Tyke Wuthering Heights, Owners: Mark & Mary Beth Ensor & C. T. Giese

WINNERS BITCH - Roschel's Mariah

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH - Radland's Something Bruin

VETERAN FEMALE

1. CH Foxrun Clover R, JE (see sweepstakes)
7yrs. Very typical border with a good head and a nice dark eye giving her the correct expression. Her coat was harsh and she had good thick pelt. Right amount bone for size, she was narrow with good length of rib and spanned well.
2. CH Roschel's Firefly (see sweepstakes)
Same comments as winner, plus this bitch had a great reach of neck and topline, the neatest of feet with thick pads. Little shorter in the rib than 1st. Jacket was harsh with plenty of ticking.
3. Towzie Tyke Wuthering Heights (see sweepstakes)
Very honest border not overdone in any way. Excelled in head, one of the best jackets and pelts and very sound on the move.
4. CH Falconbrook Jane Austen, JE (see sweepstakes)



VETERAN FEMALE – Ch. Foxrun Clove R, JE

SPECIALS ONLY CLASS

10 female and 4 male Champions came into the ring. Also Winners Dog and Veteran Dog, Winners Bitch and Veteran Bitch. All presented in spot on condition with each handler showing off the very best points of their dogs. In the UK we do not have a class just for Champions so to see 14 in one class was something different for me. My thought when looking around the ring at these Champions was that this must be a good way of seeing how the breed is progressing in type.

My Best Of Breed was my Winners Bitch Roschels Mariah, a bitch that was full of quality and breed type.

Award of Merit went to Ch Picer Wotta Conundrum - another bitch of quality and a worthy Champion who pressed hard for the top award. Both bitches were handled to perfection.

BEST OF BREED: Roschel's Mariah

BEST OF WINNERS: Roschel's Mariah

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: Meadowlake Van Gogh

BEST PUPPY: Radland's Something Bruin

AWARD OF MERIT: CH Picer Wotta Conundrum

BEST WORKING: CH Brightrain's First Edition, SE



**WINNERS BITCH/BEST OF WINNERS/BEST OF BREED
Roschel's Mariah**

AWARD OF MERIT
CH Picer Wotta Conundrum
(shown below)



BEST PUPPY IN BREED
Radland's Something Bruin
(shown above)

Following the National Specialty, Marg Pough judged our Junior Handlers. The winner was Haley Holland handling Ch. Ganymede Maktawae Twilight.

Again I didn't get to mark my catalogue for the all breed but I do know that Bev Kolb's Ch. Duets About Last Night won the breed and went 2nd in the Group.

After the all breed show, we were entertained by Kathy Wilkinson's talk on the breed essentials. Kathy's knowledge on the breed was an opportunity to learn what we need to look and how important they are. Her choices were:

BORDER TERRIER ESSENTIALS
Judge Kathy Wilkinson

BEST OTTER HEAD: Am/Can CH Brightrain's First Edition SE, Kirsten Goodman

BEST PELT: Am/Can CH Brightrain's First Edition SE, Kirsten Goodman

BEST GAIT: Am/Can CH Brightrain's First Edition SE, Kirsten Goodman

BEST RIBS: Brightrain's Quintessential JE, Kirsten Goodman

BEST TAIL: Am/Ch L'Dickens Bandersnatch Devilry Am CD, Am RE, Am ME and Can JE, Marg Pough (shown right)



The day did not end there. We had a wonderful potluck dinner held in the main building at Ancaster Fairgrounds. Our members outdid themselves with tasty dishes and considering that most of us were "on the road", the choices were extensive and delicious. We heard from Margaret Curtis on her impressions of what we showed her of our breed as well as Ellen Redmond's comments. We heard the "Molly" story and Pearl Hummeny was there to receive the "Molly" award. Our silent auction was again a success, thanks to the organizational powers of Susan Rome.



Sunday was a good day as we were able to hold all Border Terrier Canada tests without any worry about the weather.

Border Terrier Canada had 2 qualifiers in Intro (6 starters), 4 qualifiers in Junior (8 starters), no qualifiers in Senior (6 starters) Judge: Carrie Hamilton and 1 qualifier in Master (5 starters).

Intro Qualifiers – Judge: Carrie Hamilton

FOXRUN AUTUMN LEAVES, Jen Holder
REDGATE'S BEACON OF LIGHT, Jen Holder

Junior Qualifiers – Judge: Donna Sapp

MEADOWLAKE VAN GOGH, Border Terrier, Breeder: Karen Fitzpatrick, Sire: Ch. Meadowlake Devil's Brew, Dam: Meadowlake Masterpiece, Owner: Martha DuBois Duke

CH. THISTLEBITT GLENIFFER BRAES, Border Terrier, Breeder & Owner: Karen Nesbitt, Sire: Sherwood's Button Down Knickers AD, Dam: Ch. Thistlebitt Paisley Abbey

McHENRY'S EWOK OF ENDOR, Border Terrier, Breeders & Owners: Mark & Mary Beth Ensor & C.T. Giese, Sire: Towzie Tyke Laird O'Glenmore JE, Dam: Towzie Tyke Wuthering Heights JE

BRIGHTRAIN'S QUINTESSENTIAL, Border terrier, Breeder & Owner: Kirsten Goodman DVM
Sire: Kandus Marathon Man Dam: Ch. Brighttrain's First Edition SE

CH. GRANDGABLES MS SIZZLIN TIGRESS, Miniature Smooth Dachshund,
Breeders: Guy Jeavons & Mark McMillan, Sire: Ch. Grandgables Bengal Tiger MS
Dam: Ch. Grandgables All Over Tan MS, Owners: Jen Holder

Master Qualifiers – Judge: Joann Frier Murza

DRALIONS MISS DAPHNE, CGN CD RN AGNJS AGNS SE, Norfolk Terrier Breeders: Peter & Linda Dowdle. Sire: Ch. Dombys Oliver Twist, Dam: Ch. Jaeva Dancing Lesson, Owner: Kim Fountain

Four Border Terriers Qualified in Junior under judge Donna Sapp



Meadowlake Van Gogh



Mchenry's Ewok Of Endor



Ch. Thistlebitt Gleniffer Braes



Brightrain's Quintessential

I missed the all breed show on Sunday as I was busy at the earthdog tests but I did find out that Al & Joanne Matheson's Ch. Ganymede Hope and Glory won the breed and went 3rd in the group and Lola Nichols and the Matheson's puppy, Ganymede Maktawae Twilightsong went Best Puppy in Group and Best Puppy in Show.



THANK YOU

It takes work to put on a National Specialty and coupling that with two earthdog events, it adds up to hours and days of dedication. There are a number of people that need to be thanked for this. Our judges, Margaret Curtis and Ellen Redman, for their time and expertise in judging our dogs. Kathy Wilkinson for her commentary on the essentials of the Border Terrier and her choices of the dogs who carry these important aspects of our breed. Our earthdog judges, JoAnn Frier-Murza, Carrie Hamilton and Donna Sapp, for their dedication in keeping the working aspect of the Border Terrier alive and well. Pam Dyer, Chris Dyer (our digger operator), Jocelyne Tasse-Durocher, Jacques Durocher, Kirsten Goodman and her non-member helpers who we are forever grateful to, namely Kirsten's husband, Laurie Rogers (who also constructed the Master tunnels for BTCO as well as being the keeper and driver of the equipment trailer), Kirsten's two teens Gregory and Julia along with Julia's friend were busy full time digging tunnels, setting up tents, walking tents down to the site from the Hunt Club clubhouse, making runs for food and manning the food tent. These people also were there for the take down, along with Carly Martin of the Hamilton Hunt Club, raking the site to put the grounds back into the condition it was before we arrived. Carly and Hank Martin were our hosts at the Hamilton Hunt Club grounds and were more than helpful with the event. Earthdog is probably the most physical aspect of our National specialty events.

Al and Joanne Matheson were terrific in hosting the meet and greet BBQ on Friday night. Jen Holder did a masterful job for our trophies and decorating the specialty ring. Susan Rome did a repeat performance of gathering, setting up and collecting for our most successful raffle. Anna Robaczewski was the maestro of the potluck dinner, keeping track of who was coming and bringing what as well as setting up and taking down the dinner with the help of Jocelyne and Jacques. Melony McCarthy and J. Anna Fraser collected the "Molly" stories and Mel was there to present the "Molly" award to Pearl Hummeny. Judi Orsi was not only the host for our specialty judge, Margaret Curtis and her daughter, she also was a talented ring master for the National.

Thank you to all the volunteers as above and also to the volunteers that I have missed. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Specialty Candid



Veteran Sweeps Winner UK.Ch. Otterkin Blue Bayou Conundrum with his champion daughters



**Dog Class
Winners
competing
for Winners
Dog**



Two of the Junior Puppy Dogs



Veteran dog has his own perspective



and two Senior Puppy Females



Keen spectator



...not so much!



Veteran bitch competition

2011 Annual Molly Award – Winning Submission

Be careful what you name your dog ...
he will live up to his name.



We had never owned a dog ... only very clever budgie birds, so when my husband's health failed and his doctor convinced him that he needed to walk regularly, we decided that he would be more motivated if he had a dog to walk with him. After much research, it was decided that a border terrier would be the dog of choice ... a dog that looked like a dog ... that a man could take for a walk.

We located a breeder and were put on a list to get a "male". So at our family New Year's Day gathering that year, we had a "name our new dog contest", and the winning name was Rascal.

A couple of months later, we drove to Alberta to pick up our Rascal and he was the most delightful little fellow. We took him to "puppy" classes, to my office, and friends and relatives from all over the city came to visit him. He was very well socialized. When guests came to visit he was never crated and he was the center of attention. Rascal was taught not to beg at the table ... instead he learned to steal, so we were very careful to place unguarded food out of his swiping reach near the centre of the table.

And that's how it was at my husband's "significant" birthday party. A lovely buffet dinner was set up on the dining room table ... arranged so that Rascal could not swipe a single morsel.

Being the resourceful dog that he was, Rascal mingled with the guests, as they juggled and balanced their food and beverages, until he came upon an unsuspecting victim, with Swedish meatballs on her plate. He quickly bounced his head on the bottom of her plate, and in one smooth motion sent the meatballs flying into the air and caught them before they hit the carpet!

And as her dinner partner started to chuckle at the antics of the crafty little dog, Rascal grabbed the dinner roll off his plate, and took off into the crowd.

The next time we heard his name being called that evening was when my friend Shirley caught him standing on his tippy toes, using his left paw for balance and stretching his right paw towards the centre of the table, trying to snag himself a bit of birthday cake for dessert.

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