

2019 Border Terrier Canada National Specialty Report

Submitted by Pearl Humenny

About a year ago, Marlene Thorarinson, Megan-Rai Ferguson, Jane Parker and I sat around my dining room table to plan our 2019 Specialty. Janice Thomaschewski could not join us that day, but we filled her in by telephone. We agreed what each of us would do and that Megan would be our Chairperson.

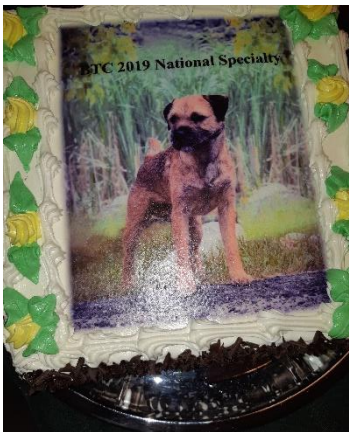
We soon added some “consultants” to our committee, including Rosemary Shoreman, Joanne Matheson, Sarah Jones and Pam Dyer, who was more than a consultant, as she looked after putting our information on the website, and offered to chair the Earthdog trials.

As it turned out, Earthdog had to be cancelled, but MCA offered numerous events besides conformation for the members to participate in: Sprinter, Scent Detection, Obedience and Rally. The Westman Rat Wranglers had 5 Barnhunt trials, so there was lots for everyone to do and our Border Terriers did it well.

Many Borders entered one or more MCA conformation show, and the Red River Terrier Association (RRTA) Specialty in addition to our BTC National Specialty. Borders placed in Group in 3 of the 4 shows, and in the RRTA Specialty.

Versaterre's Prickly Situation (Burr) owned by Donna Harty was the fastest border Terrier in Sprinter, and 5 Border Terriers qualified in one or more Barnhunt events! The Barnhunt results were compiled for us by the Trial Secretary and are shown separately.

With the exception of Wednesday (the set-up day) and first Barnhunt trial, the weather was perfect. Thank goodness for the shelter offered by the blind at the Barnhunt site, or we would have all been drowned rats.



After Friday's show, members and guests gathered at the Secretary's home for the BTC Annual General Meeting and Welcome Barbecue. The AGM was chaired by Past President, Anna Robaczewski, in place of Joanne Matheson who was not able to attend. While the spouses and guests socialized, the members conducted business. It was the first BTC meeting for member Duane Pulford, who joined BTC soon after this Club was formed. The minutes of this meeting appear in another section of the newsletter.

The salads and burgers were prepared by 2 my special sisters-in-law, thereby allowing me to attend the AGM and to socialize. The food was good, the company was good, and a good time was had by all. The 2019 BTC Specialty cake with a picture of a Border Terrier, donated by Marlene Thorarinson, graced the table. It looked too pretty to eat, but we did!

On leaving, all exhibitors (conformation and performance) were given their Welcome Gifts, donated and assembled by Janice Thomaschewski and Megan-Rai Ferguson. A big thank you to Janice and Megan for the lovely gifts.

On Saturday, a large contingent of our Borders entered the Red River Terrier Association Specialty, with our Border Terrier veteran going Best of Breed, Best Veteran and Group 2nd.

Sunday, the day of our Specialty, was a perfect day for an outdoor show. The sun shone brightly, and the temperature was perfect for all! We wish to thank Simone Rudolph who, on very short notice, accepted our invitation to judge Sweepstakes, in place of the original judge who was not able to attend.

We are also thankful that Richard Reynolds, our judge, had recovered from his broken femur and was able to judge for us. I must admit that after I heard that he had broken his leg, I was worried that we might have to replace him. While we were grateful that Richard recovered; he was grateful to have this assignment as it was incentive for him to work hard at his rehabilitation. So, it was a win – win situation! Thank you, Richard!

Thanks to our ring steward, Ben Wasylyshen, who did a great job of keeping our Specialty running smoothly. I want to thank him also for hosting our judge on the Saturday before the show, by taking him on a tour of our city; and to lunch and dinner. Sure beats sitting in a hotel room all day!

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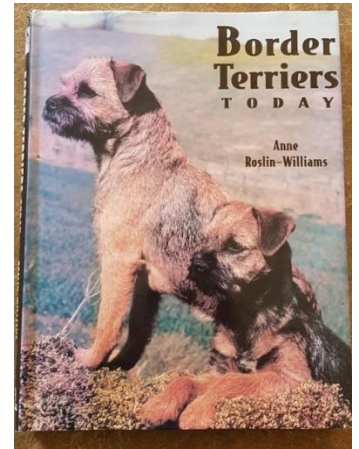
Thank you to all the exhibitors, who came from far and near! They travelled from as far west as Campbell River, BC and from the east as far as Halifax. The northernmost entry was from Dawson Creek, BC and south from Minnesota. We were also pleased to have Jo Ann and Steve Friar-Murza from Buckeye, Arizona join us. Jo Ann is an Earthdog guru, and former Border Terrier owner, who came to visit Winnipeg to show her Saluki puppy and to meet up with Border Terrier friends. It was great to have her join us.

While our Specialty was being judged, Jane Parker conducted a mentoring session for judges. Thanks to Jane, six judges will have learned about the intricacies of our breed. Jane's report is included in this newsletter.

Following our regular judging, there was a Junior Handling event. Thanks to Beth Chopey and Jamie Thomaschewski for your assistance with this. In total, 14 Juniors representing all classes including Pee Wee participated. This is the future of the dog fancy and we tried to make it a positive experience for all. They loved our little brown dogs and they did a great job. Overall winner for the day was Meryk Schriver, with GCH Otterwise Bentley at Benchmark.

Our Specialty came to a close with a banquet and silent auction, held in a private dining room at the Sandman Hotel & Suites (Our Host Hotel). Oh, did I mention that there was an international tattoo convention being held at the Sandman, during the same time as our members stayed there? Our classic buffet dinner was cooked to perfection and we received many compliments on the choice of menu. Guests with food allergies and special menu requirements were accommodated without fuss.

Our silent auction had some unique and interesting offerings, and members had fun bidding and outbidding each other. We were so busy bidding, we did not get any pictures of the tables, but we do have a few pictures of items that were donated. Once again, our auction was successful, as was the sale of Winkleworks flower pins made and sold by Anna Robaczewski. Anna graciously donated 40% of her sales to the Specialty.



After dinner, our Sweeps Judge, Simone Rudolph and Specialty Judge Richard Reynolds gave general critiques on the dogs they judged at the show.

This year one of our members donated prize money, and specified that the prizes be awarded for "fun" categories. \$25 Starbucks Gift cards were awarded as follows:

1. Lizzie Kron from Baden Baden, Germany for travelling the furthest. Lizzie was assisting Debbie Miyashita with her dogs.
2. Anila Rondeau who had the Luckiest Dog, for being awarded ribbons in the most categories.
3. Anna Robaczewski for the dog who most embarrassed his owner. The judges chose the winner based on stories related by the owners. Anna's dog, tied to shady apple tree for an hour, chewed the bark off the bottom of the tree causing the tree to die. The owner of the tree had to chop it down and came over and presented Anna with a barkless stump.
4. Pearl Humenny's Gracie, chosen by the judges and ring steward as being the naughtiest dog. Gracie, upon entering the ring with her Junior Handler, dropped to the ground, rolled over 3 times, shook herself off and then looked at the little girl, as if to say "okay, I am ready to show"! There was much laughter from the sidelines as this transpired.

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Our Raffle winners were as follows:

1. Basket donated by Border Terrier Canada was won by Tony Hunt.
2. Framed terrier picture donated by Ben Wasylyshen was won by Marlene Thorarinson.
3. Dog bed donated by Pet Valu in Charleswood was won by Anila Rondeau.

The door prize, donated by Megan-Rai Ferguson was won by Gloria Cooper.

So, it is over for another year! A year of planning and work over in just a few days! We hope that all who came will take back good memories of our Specialty.

In retrospect, it was a successful Specialty and we have so many people to thank. First of all, thank you to the entrants, because without your dogs, there would be no show! Thank you to the committee ... everyone performed like professionals. Thank you to our consultants for being there and helping to steer us in the right direction. Thank you to the Show Secretary, Corrine Walker, who never tired of answering our questions. Thank you to all who donated prizes for the auction; and sponsored trophies. Thank you to the judges and steward!

2019. BTC Specialty Committee

Megan-Rai Ferguson,
Pearl Humenny,
Jane Parker,
Marlene Thorarinson,
Janice Thomaschewski

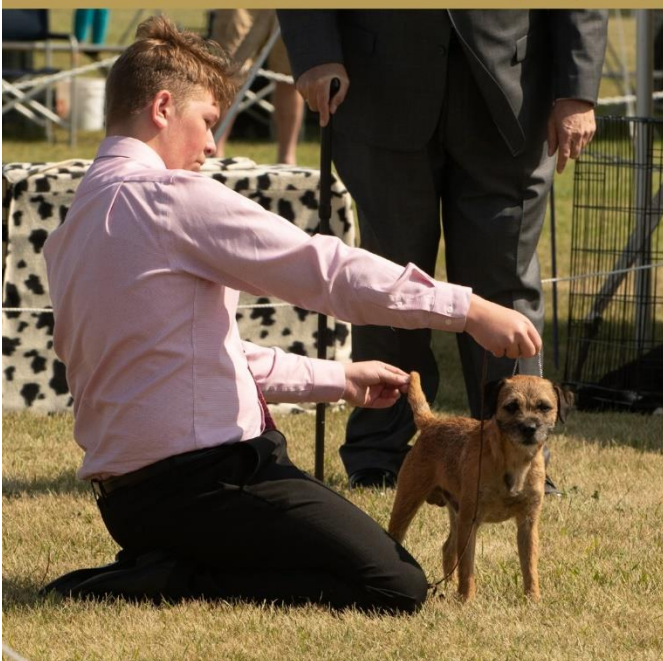
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Unrau for the lovely
collage of candids
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Faye Unrau Photography



Border Terrier Canada National Specialty Show
August 18, 2019
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Judge: Richard Reynolds

As many of you know, judging the National Specialty Show of Border Terrier Canada was both a great honor and a significant milestone in my recovery from a fall. I appreciate the confidence (and endless patience) of the Chair and the Show Committee directed toward me in connection with the appointment.

Although we might have been well served with greater numbers of entries, the Border Terriers that competed were all worthy of their placements. Many were worthy of more, but there are only so many awards to go around. I have a particular concern for the working qualities of the Border terrier and the anatomical features like spanning and pelting that enable the dog to perform its work in true BT fashion. I was rewarded with entries across the board that I would take into the field. The best Border terrier is not always the prettiest and some absolutely gorgeous BTs stood aside at this show. I'm sure they must have shared the spotlight in the all breed shows.

With but few exceptions all of the entries were "of a sort" and the type they displayed was a very good representation of the standard. There were no entries at all that didn't merit careful consideration and judging each dog was made more difficult by the consistency of the entry as a whole. We didn't have many, but the good ones came!



The final cut, with Judge Richard Reynolds and Ring Steward, Ben Wasylyshen.

Left to right: Megan Crane with CH Castle Guard Tork, Heather Klatt with GCH Boldwind Thanks Kyle, Connie Krohn with CH My Sidekicks Mystique, Cindy Kowalchuk with GCH Versaterre Fetch It, Jim McGrisken with CH Is It A Quizz, Xander Sriver with GCH Zealous My Best To You, Anna Robasczewski with Jansim You Got Me Singing, And Celeste Bennett with GCH Benchmark's Winning Goal.

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Judge: Richard Reynolds

Best of Breed – GCh Versaterre Fetch It

This beautiful bitch is one that you have to learn to love. She presents the image of a dynamo in a compact package. Her chest fools the eye in that it is well let down but she's easily spannable and hard as a rock. She stands four square, moves cleanly and has a good loose pelt. Tails are important in field work and this bitch has a tail strong at the root and carried properly. Shorter hocks would serve her well. She's an honest bitch that should do well either in the ring or at work.

Best of Opposite Sex - GCH Boldwind Thanks Kyle

This fine stallion of a dog has a long, well-muscled neck that would serve him well in working. Another spannable male despite his overall larger size. Very nice movement all the way around. A pleasing head and good front. A bit taller and rangier than some, but a very workmanlike terrier.

Select Dog, Best Veteran, and 1/2 of the Best Brace - GCH Benchmark's Winning Goal

Another workmanlike dog of obvious quality. Nice profile and exceptional side gait. Perhaps a bit deep in the chest, but still spannable. The pelt lacks some elasticity due to age. Great headpiece and feet. The brace class was won mostly on levelness as both braces were very competitive.

Select Bitch – Ch. Boldwind Is It A Quizz

This young blue and tan caught my eye from the moment she walked into the ring. She has excellent breed type and dead level topline. Easily spannable with a nice loose pelt and good large teeth. Nice side gait, but just the slightest bit loose coming at you. Harder condition would serve her well.

Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners - Jansim You Got Me Singing

A nice, balanced, well-moving bitch. Good topline and great feet. Easily spannable and an overall workmanlike quality. A bit of conditioning would improve the great overall conformation.

Winners Dog- Greywood Peaceable St. Francis

A type apart from his competition, this guy presents a formidable image of a working terrier. More compact and solidly built than some others, he finds his strength in a good front and rear, strong feet and excellent working condition. He may not win many beauty contests, but he looks as if he could do his job to perfection.

Award of Merit - My Sidekicks Mystique

To be honest, any number of the Specials entry could have taken the Award of Merit. It was a difficult decision. This lovely Blue and Tan stood out from the start. She's got a bit more body than one might like, but it's well arranged and balanced. A good topline that will hold up and of course that perfect B&T pelt.

Best Puppy in Breed - Fernrigg's Gold Standard.

Bursting with promise, this teenager has everything in the right place. At eight months or so, he still has some growing to do in order to reach his full potential. I expect there will be a bit more rear angulation and more overall balance in the finished product.

Best Baby Puppy in Breed - Castle Guard Homeward Bound

I'm always a bit cautious of young puppies and this young lady is no exception. At this tender age it is living, breathing perfection. I have every confidence that the splendid type and developing structure will remain. Right now...she's perfect.

Best Otter Head – Ch. Ganymede's Holy Grail

This dog was amongst the best of the bunch. He was a standout from the first look. A strong dog (but not overdone) with good balance and great movement. He is typey and sound and presents a great picture. He was not spannable even by my sizeable mitts and therefore did not place higher. Still he is a remarkable BT and I would hope to see some great progeny from him in the future. Oh yeah, he had a good otter head too.

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Versaterre Fetch It**

**Best of Opposite Sex
GCH Boldwind Thanks Kyle**



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**Winners Bitch/Best of Winners
Jansim You Got Me Singing**



**Winners Dog
Greywood Peaceable St. Francis**



**Select Bitch
Boldwind Is It A Quizz**



**Best Puppy
Fernrigg's Gold Standard**

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**Best Baby Puppy
Castle Guard Homeward Bound**



**Best Junior Handler
Meryk Schriver**

MENTORING OF JUDGES AT OUR 2019 BTC SPECIALTY

At the Canadian Border Terrier Specialty held on Sunday 18th August in conjunction with the Manitoba Canine Association show I was happy to give mentoring of our breed to a group of interested judges.

Every breed has specifics which are coveted and bred for as definitive. Our wonderful breed has a few. Judges always want to know HOW to span. In my opinion, the WHY we span should come first, so we went over that in some depth. Also, the pelt. Why should it be thick and why should they, as judges, raise it and feel the thickness between their fingers. The fact we like to see a proper double coat with no evidence of clippers or scissors.

We discussed size and how to span can be helpful to breeders whose dogs are not spannable. We do not have a height standard and spanning is our tool of choice to know if our dogs are correct. Tails were discussed as well ... far too many thin, long, horrid tails. The good ones are a joy to see - thick at the base and tapering moderately short. The tail finishes the look of the dog and gives balance to the outline. We must not throw out that baby with the bathwater.

The judges on the day were involved and were looking to further their knowledge. I hope I gave them pointers which helped them in that regard.

Jane Parker
Conundrum Border Terriers.

2019 Border Terrier Canada National Specialty Results

Sweepstakes, judged by Simone Rudolph.

Best in Juvenile Sweepstakes

415 **CH Ganymede's Holy Grail (M)** 08-May-18 Owner: Gia D. Anderson

Best of Opposite in Juvenile Sweepstakes

423 **Boldwind Is It A Quizz (F)** 24-June-18 Owner: Carole O. Baldwin

Best In Veteran Sweepstakes

410 **GCH Benchmark's Winning Goal (M)** 29-Apr-10 Owner: Ronald P. & Pearl A. Humenny

Specialty Classes, judged by Richard L. Reynolds.

Best of Breed

422 **Versaterre Fetch It (F)** 27-Jul-17 Owner: Donna Harty

Best of Opposite Sex

419 **GCH Boldwind Thanks Kyle (M)** 08-Dec-16 Owner: Heather Klatt

Best of Winners

413 **Jansim You Got Me Singing (F)** 03-Oct-17 Owner: Pam Dyer & Anna Robaczewski

Best Puppy In Breed

408 **Fernrigg's Gold Standard (M)** 31-Dec-18 Owner: Debbie Miyashita

Select Dog

410 **GCH Benchmark's Winning Goal (M)** 29-Apr-10 Owner: Ronald P. & Pearl A. Humenny

Select Bitch

423 **Boldwind Is It A Quizz (F)** 24-June-18 Owner: Carole O. Baldwin

Award of Merit (F)

420 **CH Mysidekick's Mystique (F)** 07-Apr-18 Owner: Janice & Jamie Thomaschewski

Winners Dog

409 **Greywood Peaceable St. Francis (M)** 12-Aug-14 Owner: Duane Pulford

Reserve Winners Dog

408 **Fernrigg's Gold Standard (M)** 31-Dec-18 Owner: Debbie Miyashita

Winners Bitch

413 **Jansim You Got Me Singing (F)** 03-Oct-17 Owner: Pam Dyer & Anna Robaczewski

Best Veteran

410 **GCH Benchmark's Winning Goal (M)** 29-Apr-10. Owner: Ronald P. & Pearl A. Humenny

Best Brace

414 **GCH Otterwise Bentley at Benchmark RN (M)** 14-Feb-15 Owner: Marlene Thorarinson & Pearl Humenny

410 **GCH Benchmark's Winning Goal (M)** 29-Apr-10. Owner: Ronald P. & Pearl A. Humenny

Best Baby Puppy In Breed

427 **Castle Guard Homeward Bound** 01-Apr-19 Owner: Megan Crane

Best OtterHead

415 **CH Ganymede's Holy Grail (M)** 08-May-18 Owner: Gia D. Anderson

Best Junior Hander

414 **Meryk Schriver** handling GCH Otterwise Bentley at Benchmark RN

Versatility Parade at the 2019 BTC Specialty

A Parade of Versatility Award Holders took place at the 2019 BTC Specialty. Three of the five dogs eligible were present to receive their rosettes, and parade around the ring; and they came from a long distance to do so. Coming from Campbell River, BC were Dansa and Harta, owned by Heather Somers; and Archie, owned by Anila Rondeau. Anna Robaczewski accepted the Rosettes for Boomer, owned by Chris and Pam Dyer, and for Digger owned by Pam Dyer, who were unable to be present. The Versatility Board was displayed for all to view and read Sunday evening at the Banquet.

Our Versatility Award Parade entrants for 2019 are:

- 1. Elwa Dansalong at Coans RAE CGN DCDI-1 GME CD FDNX FDNF FDNB agi AgNJ RATO SD-CH HT TT EDT SOG-1 T-CRO-2 AM.JE "Dansa"**
 DOB: 2010 -11-14 OWNER: Heather Somers BREEDER: Charlotte Metzler
 SIRE: Elwha King of the Blues. DAM: Elwha's Rat A Tat Tat
- 2. CH Elwa Hartagold at Coans CGN FDNT FDNF FDNB AgX PCD AADC AgXJ CAN.RE SGDC Can.SE TD RATN CA AM.RN AM.JE CaroRN W-FD CDI-2 CDNT-2 SD-E R-FE/X ETD "Harta"**
 DOB: Feb.14, 2004 OWNER: Heather Somers BREEDER: Charlotte Metzler
 SIRE: Kobold's Road Warrior DAM: Otley's Elwha Little Dickens
- 3. CH Elwha's Juan Ta Win FDNT FDNX CAN.SE AM.JE RE CD R-FE/X CRO-II CDI-3 CGN CA RATN "Archie"**
 DOB: 2007-10-16. OWNER: Anila Rondeau BREEDER: Charlotte Metzler
 SIRE: Elwha's Dandy Juan. DAM: Elwha's Etc.Etc.Etc.
- 4. Jansim Boomerang TT CGC CGN CG AM.ME CAN.SE AM/CAN.RA PCD CA CL1-R CAN.RI RATN BN TKN "Boomer"**
 DOB: 2002-10-16 OWNER: Chris & Pam Dyer BREEDER: Chris & Pam Dyer
SIRE: AM CAN CH Shelburne Stutz Bearcat CGC AM.JE DAM: CH Jansim Wind in the Willows TDI CGC CG.JE
- 5. CAN/AM CH Jansim Diggers Bluff TT CG CLI-R CAN/AM.CD CAN/AM.RAE Agi AgIJ CA PCD BN NS "Digger"**
 DOB: 2013-09-01. OWNER: Pam Dyer BREEDER: Anna Robaczewski & Pam Dyer
 SIRE: AM/Can CH Greywoode Brambling at High Dyke AM.ME CAN.JE AM.RA CAN.RN AM.CD
 DAM: CH Jansim You Know Who I Am CG AM.SE AM.CAN.RA TT CGC



Pictured above relaxing with their Versatility Ribbons are Dansa and Harta.