

BTCO/BTC Shared Earthdog Training Day & Earthdog Tests

Sunderland, Ontario – May 22–24, 2026

The Border Terrier Club of Ontario and Border Terrier Canada were delighted to once again host a shared Earthdog weekend at the Toner family's beautiful property in Sunderland, Ontario. With its rolling fields, mature trees, and well-maintained den areas, the Toner grounds continue to be an ideal setting for both training and testing.

Training Day – Friday, May 22

Our Earthdog Training Day was exceptionally well attended, helped along by perfect weather—dry, comfortable, and ideal for working dogs. The day brought together an enthusiastic mix of newcomers and experienced handlers, and it was wonderful to see such a variety of breeds participating. Alongside our Border Terriers, we welcomed Dachshunds, Westies, Cairns, Jack Russells, Wire Fox Terriers, and more.

The atmosphere was relaxed and supportive, with volunteers and instructors guiding dogs through introductions to quarry, tunnels, and turns. Many young or inexperienced dogs had breakthrough moments, while seasoned teams fine-tuned their skills in preparation for the weekend's tests.



We were especially fortunate to have our judges—**Michael Pitisci, Kate Pfluke, and Dora Lavigne**—join us for the training day. Having travelled north from below the **49th parallel**, they generously shared their expertise, offered guidance to handlers, and helped dogs build confidence before the official tests. Their presence elevated the day and was deeply appreciated.

Earthdog Tests – Saturday & Sunday, May 23–24

Saturday's Tests

Saturday delivered exactly the kind of weather one expects from a May Earthdog weekend—steady rain, mud underfoot, and a general dampness that only terrier people could greet with a smile. While the rain certainly took a toll on footwear, it did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the dogs or their handlers. Spirits remained high, and the dogs worked with the same determination and joy we've come to expect from them.

Two tests were held on Saturday, and despite the soggy conditions, the day ran smoothly thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and judges. A BBQ lunch was available for participants, offering a welcome warm-up and a chance to gather, chat, and dry out between classes.

In the evening, our Crockpot Potluck Dinner for judges and volunteers moved indoors, where warm food, good company, and a little Whiskey helped revive the cold, damp souls who stayed until the end.

Sunday's Test

Sunday brought a welcome change. The weather steadily improved throughout the morning, and by the end of the day the sun finally broke through—lifting spirits and drying out both dogs and handlers. The final test of the weekend ran smoothly, with teams returning refreshed and ready to finish strong.

Our judges were most gracious in their comments about the dogs throughout the weekend, offering thoughtful evaluations and celebrating the strengths of each team. Many dogs completed qualifying legs, and several new titles were earned—adding to the sense of accomplishment and camaraderie that defined the event.

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Raffle Table & 50/50 Draw

The raffle table was a popular stop throughout the weekend, with a wonderful assortment of items that drew plenty of attention. Exhibitors and spectators alike seemed delighted with their winnings, adding an extra layer of fun to the event.

We also held our first **50/50 draw**, and Judge Mike was the lucky winner. The 50/50 initiative plays an important role in raising funds dedicated to the repair and maintenance of our dens and equipment—ensuring the long-term sustainability of our Earthdog program.



Gratitude & Community Spirit

We extend sincere appreciation to our Earthdog committee workers and volunteers who organize months in advance, prepare the site, ensure the tests run smoothly, and stay to clean up afterward—always with smiles on their faces.

Pam, Pat, Linda, Bev, Anna, Shawna, Liette, Nancy, Nathalie, Frances, Barb, Joyce, and Jen (& Ed) and several participants whose names escape me at the moment, your dedication makes weekends like this possible, and we are deeply grateful.

Jane Toner, Trial Chair



Oh My!!!

What Big teeth You Have

Border Terrier Canada - Saturday, May 23, 2026 - Test #1

INTRODUCTION TO QUARRY - Michael Pitisci

100 *Léon* - CHBAR GCHBH RAVENCREEK LEONIDAS THE ELFINKAZE IBAR NE IBRH TRRD S VN DJ NTD RATS (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-JU4136122, 14-Oct-21. Breeders: Nathalie Labelle (1439462). CH Thistlebitt Pickel Power x CH Castle Guards Phoebe Sunshine AGN AGNJ NC SDN. Canada. Owner: Marie-Claude AUDET

105 *Easton* - GCHS BENCHMARK'S BEST KEPT MAN CGN RA SDE VB ATD (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-GU3966187, 07-Oct-19. Breeders: Pearl Humenny. GCH Otterwise Bentley At Benchmark RA x GCH Zealous My Best To You. Canada. Owner: Sheena Yarek SNYDER, William ALEXANDER

106 *Finn* - DOBEREICH'S RIVER FINN (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-KA4174171, 27-Jan-22. Breeders: Monica Peterson. Thistlebitt Pickle Power x Foxrun Roschel Bluebell. Canada. Owner: Sam MARSHALL

109 *Kenny* - BRAEMAR WIMBERWAY BRACKEN (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-JL4105093, 30-Jun-21. Breeders: Maureen Burrell. Wimberways Border Brody x Wimberways Bdr Braemar Bar-B. Canada. Owner: Sandy BRIGGS

NOVICE EARTHDOG - Kate Pfluke

200 *Dory (Endora)* - CONUNDRUM MAGIC HAPPENS RATN RATO RATS RATM (F)

Pass Border Terrier, GG805094, 15-Apr-19. Breeders: Jane A Parker. GCH Ganymede's Alchemist x CH Cedarhill Turn Back Time (GBR). Canada. Owner: Pam HRYCYK

203 *Easton* - GCHS BENCHMARK'S BEST KEPT MAN CGN RA SDE VB ATD (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-GU3966187, 07-Oct-19. Breeders: Pearl Humenny. GCH Otterwise Bentley At Benchmark RA x GCH Zealous My Best To You. Canada. Owner: Sheena Yarek SNYDER, William ALEXANDER

JUNIOR EARTHDOG - Michael Pitisci

300 *Léon* - CHBAR GCHBH RAVENCREEK LEONIDAS THE ELFINKAZE IBAR NE IBRH TRRD S VN DJ NTD RATS (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-JU4136122, 14-Oct-21. Breeders: Nathalie Labelle (1439462). CH Thistlebitt Pickel Power x CH Castle Guards Phoebe Sunshine AGN AGNJ NC SDN. Canada. Owner: Marie-Claude AUDET

306 *Fern* - FOXRUN FERN GULLY (F)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-MW4355623, 27-Nov-24. Breeders: Jen Holder (733527). Kernow The Rookie x Foxrun Solid Gold. Canada. Owner: Joyce FISH

307 *Webb* - DUET'S SPRING RAIN (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-MG4218909, 13-Apr-24. Breeders: Bev Ferguson. Redgate's Wallace the Brave x Duet's Merry Go Round. Canada. Owner: Gayle HEELS

309 *Finn* - DOBEREICH'S RIVER FINN (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-KA4174171, 27-Jan-22. Breeders: Monica Peterson. Thistlebitt Pickle Power x Foxrun Roschel Bluebell. Canada. Owner: Sam MARSHALL

310 *Vinny* - ROWAN SCENTSIBLE VINCENT BLACK LIGHTNING 1952 (M) **TITLE**

Pass Border Terrier, EN-LA4363079, 23-Jan-23. Breeders: Nancy Pemberton and Leslie Sprando. Scentsible Shenanigans At Primrose x Happy Hobbits Rowan Born To Run. Elsewhere. Owner: Dora LAVIGNE

SENIOR EARTHDOG - Dora Lavigne 400

***Poppy* - CROWN'S SECOND NATURE AT OAKRUN CGN JE NS (F)**

Pass Border Terrier, FD-MG4351072, 26-Apr-24. Breeders: Renee Wagner. CH Thistlebitt Pickle Power x CH Otterden's Nooks And Crannies. Elsewhere. Owner: Liette FADDEN, Renee WAGNER

406 *Boris* - JOIX TANKS FOR THE MEMORIES JE NS S (M) **TITLE**

Pass Border Terrier, AK-JG4363427, 21-Apr-21. Breeders: Carol Soeldner. Rushwind's Never A Doubt x Holystone Ode To Joix Of Kincora. Elsewhere. Owner: Kate PFLUKE

ADVANCED EARTHDOG - Kate Pfluke

No Qualifiers

MASTER EARTHDOG - Kate Pfluke

No Qualifiers

Border Terrier Canada - Saturday, May 23, 2026 - Test #2

INTRODUCTION TO QUARRY - Kate Pfluke

103 *Hazey* - CH GCH MYSIDEKICK N FIREFLY'S SERENDIPITY (F)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-LN4289949, 20-Jul-23. Breeders: Janice Thomaschewski. Versaterre's Zealous Road Hammer x Mysidekick's Pip Pip Hooray. Canada. Owner: Connie DONLON

106 *Finn* - DOBEREICH'S RIVER FINN (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-KA4174171, 27-Jan-22. Breeders: Monica Peterson. Thistlebitt Pickle Power x Foxrun Roschel Bluebell. Canada. Owner: Sam MARSHALL

108 *Phoebe* - CH CASTLE GUARDS PHOEBE SUNSHINE AGN AGNJ NC SDN SDO (F) **Pass**

Border Terrier, GE807722, 31-Mar-19. Breeders: Megan Rai-Ferguson. Cherubkin Arundel x Astra Anarchia PSI Mysteria. Canada. Owner: Nathalie LABELLE

NOVICE EARTHDOG - Michael Pitisci

203 *Easton* - GCHS BENCHMARK'S BEST KEPT MAN CGN RA SDE VB ATD (M) **TITLE**

Pass Border Terrier, CK-GU3966187, 07-Oct-19. Breeders: Pearl Humenny. GCH Otterwise Bentley At Benchmark RA x GCH Zealous My Best To You. Canada. Owner: Sheena Yarek SNYDER, William ALEXANDER

JUNIOR EARTHDOG - Kate Pfluke

306 *Fern* - FOXRUN FERN GULLY (F) **TITLE**

Pass Border Terrier, CK-MW4355623, 27-Nov-24. Breeders: Jen Holder (733527). Kernow The Rookie x Foxrun Solid Gold. Canada. Owner: Joyce FISH

309 *Finn* - DOBEREICH'S RIVER FINN (M) **TITLE**

Pass Border Terrier, CK-KA4174171, 27-Jan-22. Breeders: Monica Peterson. Thistlebitt Pickle Power x Foxrun Roschel Bluebell. Canada. Owner: Sam MARSHALL

SENIOR EARTHDOG - Dora Lavigne

409 *Léon* - CHBAR GCHBH RAVENCREEK LEONIDAS THE ELFINKAZE IBAR NE IBRH TRRD S VN DJ NTD RATS (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-JU4136122, 14-Oct-21. Breeders: Nathalie Labelle (1439462). CH Thistlebitt Pickel Power x CH Castle Guards Phoebe Sunshine AGN AGNJ NC SDN. Canada. Owner: Marie-Claude AUDET

ADVANCED EARTHDOG - Michael Pitisci

505 *Boris* - JOIX TANKS FOR THE MEMORIES JE NS S (M)

Pass Border Terrier, AK-JG4363427, 21-Apr-21. Breeders: Carol Soeldner. Rushwind's Never A Doubt x Holystone Ode To Joix Of Kincora. Elsewhere. Owner: Kate PFLUKE

MASTER EARTHDOG - Michael Pitisci

No entries

The Border Terrier Club of Ontario - Sunday, May 23, 2026 - Test #3

INTRODUCTION TO QUARRY - Dora Lavigne

No Qualifiers

NOVICE EARTHDOG - Michael Pitisci

200 Dory (Endora) - CONUNDRUM MAGIC HAPPENS RATN RATO RATS RATM (F) TITLE

Pass Border Terrier, GG805094, 15-Apr-19. Breeders: Jane A Parker. GCH Ganymede's Alchemist x CH Cedarhill Turn Back Time (GBR). Canada. Owner: Pam HRYCYK

JUNIOR EARTHDOG - Dora Lavigne

306 Fern - FOXRUN FERN GULLY (F)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-MW4355623, 27-Nov-24. Breeders: Jen Holder (733527). Kernow The Rookie x Foxrun Solid Gold. Canada. Owner: Joyce FISH

307 Webb - DUET'S SPRING RAIN (M) TITLE

Pass Border Terrier, CK-MG4218909, 13-Apr-24. Breeders: Bev Ferguson. Redgate's Wallace the Brave x Duet's Merry Go Round. Canada. Owner: Gayle HEELS

312 Rocky - CH DUET'S HEAD OF THE CLASS (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-HL4026670, 19-Jun-20. Breeders: Beverly Ferguson & Linda Hough. GCH Meadowlake Midnight Rider x CH Duet's Another Day In Camelot CGN. Canada. Owner: Pat DIMITROVSKI, Beverly FERGUSON

314 Pickles - CH JANSIM ANTONINA AGNJ AGIJ CGN SE RI RE JT SX ITD RATO (F)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-HW4045397, 29-Nov-20. Breeders: Pam Dyer & Anna Robaczewski. CH Firelands Felek At Jansim JE RATN x CH Jansim You Got ME Singing SE RATN. Canada. Owner: Pam DYER

315 Digger - CH JANSIM DIGGERS BLUFF, AGI AGIJ AGXV AGXJV NP JE CD PCD RI RAE JTV CA SDE SDC NS ITD RATN (M)

Pass Border Terrier, AS527548, 01-Sep-13. Breeders: Anna Robaczewski & Pam Dyer. CH Greywoode Brambling At Highdyke JE RA x CH Jansim You Know Who I Am SE RA. Canada. Owner: Pam DYER

316 Spike - CH JANSIM TANGLED UP IN BLUE JE S RATO (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-KJ4176548, 12-May-22. Breeders: Pam Dyer & Anna Robaczewski. Faireview Soul Man x CH Jansim You Got Me Singing SE RATN. Canada. Owner: Shawna FROESE

SENIOR EARTHDOG - Kate Pfluke

400 Poppy - CROWN'S SECOND NATURE AT OAKRUN CGN JE NS (F)

Pass Border Terrier, FD-MG4351072, 26-Apr-24. Breeders: Renee Wagner. CH Thistlebitt Pickle Power x CH Otterden's Nooks And Crannies. Elsewhere. Owner: Liette FADDEN, Renee WAGNER

404 Lychee - CH RAVENCREEK'S GO WITH THE FLOW AGN IBAR ABAR CGN NE JE IBRH ABRH RN TRRD SDIN SDE SDC SDI AS VB DJ ETD RATN RATO (F)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-MJ4318965, 04-May-24. Breeders: Nathalie Labelle - Ravenscreek Border Terrier. CH Versaterre's Owi Wan Kenobi DJ DS x CH Castle Guards Phoebe Sunshine AGN AGNJ SDIN SDN NS RATN. Canada. Owner: Marie-Pier ROCHEFORT

405 Olek - CH JANSIM INSPEKTOR OLEK JE RATO (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-MA4301048, 12-Jan-24. Breeders: Anna Robaczewski and Pam Dyer. CH Brankell Mastermind x CH Jansim You Got Me Singing. Canada. Owner: Anna ROBACZEWSKI, Pam DYER

411 Vinny - ROWAN SCENTSIBLE VINCENT BLACK LIGHTNING 1952 (M)

Pass Border Terrier, EN-LA4363079, 23-Jan-23. Breeders: Nancy Pemberton and Leslie Sprando. Scentsible Shenanigans At Primrose x Happy Hobbits Rowan Born To Run. Elsewhere. Owner: Dora LAVIGNE

ADVANCED EARTHDOG - Michael Pitisci

500 Thorne - GCHS DOBEREICH'S HAWTHORNE AT FOXRUN SE RATN (M)

Pass Border Terrier, CK-JE4085997, 16-Mar-21. Breeders: Monica Peterson. GCHG Roschel Foxrun Thistle Do, CGN NTD x GCH Foxrun Winter Harvest, CGN. Canada. Owner: Jen HOLDER

505 Boris - JOIX TANKS FOR THE MEMORIES JE NS S (M)

Pass Border Terrier, AK-JG4363427, 21-Apr-21. Breeders: Carol Soeldner. Rushwind's Never A Doubt x Holystone Ode To Joix Of Kincora. Elsewhere. Owner: Kate PFLUKE

506 Tink - HUNTAWAY TINK ME S RATM (F)

Pass Border Terrier, DL783364, 23-Jun-16. Breeders: Paul Wilson. Huntaway Tag x CH Huntaway Tartan. Canada. Owner: Shawna FROESE

MASTER EARTHDOG - Michael Pitisci

No entries



Dory - Novice Earthdog Title



Easton - Novice Earthdog title



Finn - Junior Earthdog Title



Vinny - Junior Earthdog Title



Leon - Junior Earthdog Title



Webb - Junior Earthdog Title



Boris - Senior Earthdog Title