

#### Purpose of the Club:

- Promoting the welfare and development of all dogs
- Providing training classes for owners and dogs, and information on dog care and training
- Holding shows, trials and other activities for dogs

**GENERAL MEETINGS :**  
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# NKC Canine News

January 2012

## Presidents Message

The new year always brings with it a list of resolutions. Have you made any?

I don't usually make new year resolutions, as my experience has been that it seems to be a race to see who can break theirs first.

There are many things we can strive to do or not do, to make our lives better, and we don't need a new year to convince us of that. But this year, I thought, maybe I will make a resolution.

This is the first time I have had two dogs at one time, and although I tell my clients that two dogs is a lot more work than one, they always seem to disagree- you don't have to walk any further, just take them both with you, sure you go through more

food and have to pick up more doo doo, but they can play with each other while you are gone (and get into trouble too together) so they actually free up your time. But this is not true when you are trying to train a dog, and as the puppy approaches one year of age,

I keep looking at the Dunbar poster and thinking, why do we waste puppy hood? I don't know, maybe because it is easier to just enjoy them, and not work so hard at training, but my resolution is to get more serious about the training.

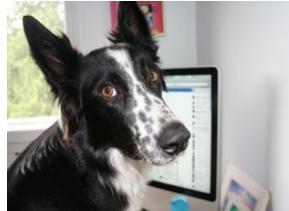
So let's see how long my resolution lasts. I have signed both dogs up for NKC classes, so at least I will have some great instructors egging me on.



How about you? Made any good resolutions? Let's see them fill up the brag pages with all your hard work.

Email your brags to  
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## Dog Blog by Beth Hendry-Yim



For Christmas I treated myself to a subscription of Clean Run magazine. A magazine dedicated to agility and only agility. I'm putting myself to sleep at night gazing at courses, visualizing

moves and dreaming of the perfect run. So I could record the gems of wisdom I'm picking up, I bought myself a lilac coloured journal (it matches our purple vests, purple lead and purple collar.)

I wish I had started a training journal when Willie was young. Some of the tricks and moves he uses in agility and at home need to be broken down into smaller steps before the goal trick can be successfully learned.

Like learning to turn corners sharper. A Clean Run article suggested practicing turns around a post with me varying the angle of returns. We start close to the post and then slowly, gradually work farther away.

But not all practices do or should be completed all in one day. They need to be broken up.

That means a day might go by between practices...a day for me to forget what we learned! In comes my lilac coloured journal. I'm recording the dates, practice times and what was accomplished. I don't write short novellas, I use short hand and sometimes stick diagrams. It's very useful.

Now that we're trialing it becomes even more important to record successes, scores, times and learning opportunities because knowing what and how we learned something will help us improve for the next trial.

And after the last trial the journal is full of learned opportunities!

Lesson 1-Take a Blanket! Stiff muscles don't handle moving after being cold!

Lesson 2-Willie knows what he's doing, so let him do it!

Lesson 3-Move!!!

## PUPPIES!!!

Whirlwind Rat Terriers just had a beautiful and healthy litter of puppies. The pictures show them at 10 days! Enjoy!



*MARK YOUR  
CALENDERS!  
NKC GENERAL  
MEETINGS are  
the fourth  
Monday of the  
month. Next  
meeting will be in  
2013!*

### A Poem By Anonymous

As long as forever  
I will stay by your side.  
I'll be your companion,  
Your friend, and your guide.

As long as I live  
And as long as you care—  
I'll do anything for you,  
I'll go anywhere.

I'll bring you the sunshine,  
I'll comfort your fears,  
I'll gather up rainbows  
To chase all your tears.

As long as forever  
My heart will be true.  
For as long as I live  
I'll always love you.



## ***Junior Handling: Vital for training Young People!***

*Many a young dog lover has started their career as a Junior Handler.*

*For many years NKC has offered a club where young people can learn the intricacies of handling show dogs, running canine athletes and exploring the fun world of dog training and obedience.*

*This introduction to the dog world serves several purposes*

*not least of all raising responsible and capable dog owners.*

*The junior club has been run by many dedicated individuals who see the importance of training tomorrow's dog owners.*

*These people have made an incredible impression on young handlers over the*

*years, my daughter included!*

*This year begins a new tradition of excellence and we are looking for dedicated individuals to take the lead others have held with so much care and love. If you would like to help our Junior Handling Club thrive please contact Carol Ann Brown.*

### **Breed Highlight: Border Terriers**

#### **By Yvonne Downey**

Primarily a working dog, the tough little Border Terrier is able to keep pace with a horse despite its relative small stature. It takes its name from the area in which it was originally bred, long before it became known to the rest of the world: the border region between England and Scotland.

The most obvious difference between Borders and other terriers is the head. Otter head, implacable determination, boundless courage and overall good temper, the Border Terrier is a neat, unspoiled breed that is equally at home in the field or the home.

Grooming the Border Terrier can be a trying task at times. Due to their double coat consisting of a soft undercoat and a hard, wiry top coat, a lot of work is required to maintain their neat appearance, while at the same time maintaining the hard wiry texture of the top coat.

We are lucky enough to have Tweed (shown in the photos) my great companion and agility dog, although she doesn't hunt, we often go on long hikes. She has been up Mount Benson twice, and many other great trails too. She loves agility and has her MADC (Masters Agility Dog of Canada)

In general, Borders get along with other dogs and the family cat, especially if the cat was there first. With Tweed, she hates that the deer go past her "domain" and sadly for the neighbours, her bark is a very high pitch.

Useful underground digging to fox, but not so good in town.

In colour, the Border may be red, grizzle and tan, blue and tan or wheaten. Dogs weigh 3-15.5 pounds. Bitches 11.5-14 pounds.



## Breed HighLight and Cutelight!

**Sandi Malcolm**

Mimicker Miniature Schnauzer dogs love their food. If an empty bag is on the floor it is fair game and just has to be checked out to make sure there is nothing left inside. You never can tell, there might be a kibble or two in there!



## Outgoing Secretary Completes Last Task

To fulfill her final role as secretary, Janice McAllan sent out donation cheques to five local organizations in Nanaimo.

"The AAC National's Committee decided that any monies received would be returned to the community," said McAllan.

A combined \$5000 dollars from AAC for organizing the event and \$4600 raised from the sale of raffle tickets, brought the total to \$9600, which was distributed between North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre, Nanaimo SPCA, Loaves and Fishes, Salvation Army and Dr. Tom Sholseh (Mobile Vet).

"The committee felt it was important to help people and animals in need," said McAllan. "And as there were many volunteers from NKC, we thought it appropriate that we share this information with our



membership."

The National Agility Trials were held in August at Beban Park, more than 700 participants and 3000 spectators enjoyed the events, booths and demonstrations. Some of our local teams medaled, earned titles and were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the sport.

## Volunteer Needed

It always impressed me how many people in NKC offer their time and energy to help out at trials, shows and events. Good food is always provided, events are well organized and there are enough people helping out to ensure judges and participants get the best treatment possible.

Well, here goes a call for a specific job. We need someone to take care of booking rooms. Can't get much easier than that!

You'd be responsible for calling or emailing the city, during business hours, to arrange bookings of the

Centennial building and meeting rooms in the social center for our regular meetings, events, seminars, trials, etc.

You would be submitting requests, receiving the contract, signing the contract and sending a copy to the requesting chair.

All ongoing events, like monthly meetings, would be confirmed to ensure the city hasn't bumped our meeting to another day.

We need you, please contact [Carol Ann Brown](#).

## Class Schedule for January 2013

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6-6:45 pm	Ring 1 Drop-In Show Handling Ring 2 Drop-In Show Handling	Ring 1 Int/CGN-Sarah Ring 2 Puppy-Gail	Ring 1 Puppy-Linda Ring 2 Homework Practice	Ring 1 Beginner all sizes— Deanne Ring 2 Homework Practice
7-7:45 pm	Ring 1 Obedience Ring time with judge led by Maria	Ring 1 CDXI-Teresa Ring 2 Sm Dog Beginner-Lorna	Ring 1 Free Style-Carol TomsMaggie Henigman Ring 2 Trials Ready-Debbie McLeod &	Ring 1 Homework Ring 2 Advanced-Maria
8-8:45 pm	Ring 1 Obedience Ring time with judge Ring 2 Obedience Ring time with judge	Ring 1 Utility-Llie Ring 2 Homework	Ring 1 Rally O-Carole Ann Ring 2 Homework	

## A Close Bond by Heather Vallance

I have to admit I was just the “Average Joe Public” when I first went to a dog show, I did not like it!! I thought the treatment and stuff they put the dogs through was very unemotional and mean. Then, when I got my first cocker, unregistered of course, (could not afford a registered dog nor could I find registered breeders at that time) I was determined to have this dog trained and that meant me learning. So my partner and I did. That is when you could say “I got hooked”

After a few years, when Nicker and Ginger were older, I saw a black and white cocker and was totally smitten. The breeder of my Bailey told me that she was show quality and that I should consider showing her. Well, not liking what I saw at a show, but having such a hard time getting a girl, and open to new ideas I decided, for the breeder, I would give it a try.

Bailey was scared of everybody, so it was a learning experience for both of us. It took us two years of totally not understanding why we were not getting points to the point that I felt obligated to Bailey and her breeder to get the Championship. Besides no one would ever consider breeding to a newbie without having that title, would they? I never expected the joy and tears when she finally finished under a foreign judge who said to me “she is beautiful”! She then went on to get obedience titles, to being in the Veterans class at the Alberta Specialty. Sure she was the only one entered and my friend Emma Ross from WA took her in the ring for me. I could do nothing but tears welling up in my eyes, my girl strutted her stuff all around that ring not a care in the world and made the cut! She might have been the only “old” girl in there but she did me proud! Tears of joy and pride for my Bailey.

In the meantime, the CKC brought in the PEN “Performance Event Numbers” where you could do obedience with your unregistered dogs. I was so very excited. I worked with my younger dogs and was so anxious for them to get in that ring! Abby was Sakari’s dog and she left him a few times in the ring. Just to show you!!! The day she got her CD title she was making us all very very nervous, “is she going to do it?” “Will she be a character and go visiting” but she did a straight front, and wonderful finish with a paw up in the air looking at her Dad – such pride from Sakari and I. She strutted that little wiggle butt of hers out of the ring and into my arms. We could not have been more proud. Sir William was the worst for keeping in the ring to the point Sak gave up and I took over. I put William in Rally and he finally not only got his CD titles but also his RN title. He was such a character and love. You see on the on leash William would look to see who was laughing at him as he would check every pebble, mark, or obstical he thought was in his way. When off leash he would saunter out of the ring, sit with a girl or two and watch us do the obedience routine!! But one day he actually did the whole exercise to high in trial. We, together achieved our goal – Finally. Humility and pride

all in one day!! Anyone who does obedience would know that wonderful feeling of achievement. You see, obedience teaches the dog to think, it teaches you humility, it gives you a tighter bond with your dog. It is a glorious feeling.

We have had a few dogs that were loving the ring only because they knew that they could make people laugh. They knew what they were supposed to do but it was on their terms and they finally achieved that. You can not express the feelings you get when your little clown look up at you and the judge says, pass!

After struggling with little to no information on show handling I went to a seminar put on by Tom Lamb. He was awesome. I learned from that seminar we needed a lot of help in our area to compete. I was ready to give up, in tears, when a lovely vendor at the show gave me the name of a lady who teaches. She showed me so much and that is when I started to put on seminars on the island so other people could also learn. I am so grateful for that information and the wonderful training methods used in the seminars. Thanks to Joy and Vaughn Henderson.

Once I got this knowledge and continued learning more about obedience training I felt far more confident and it is definitely true “the more confident you are the feeling goes right down the lead to the dog.”

There is nothing as great as the feeling you get when your dog has achieved a Best of Breed, Best Puppy in Show, to an obedience “Companion Dog” title. For me my chest puffs up and I am so very proud to say “that’s my kid” We worked for that title and it shows. It is another venue for me now to play with my dogs. Some of my dogs enjoy showing off more than others but one thing common in all is they love to work with and for me. I don’t often get to see what they look like going around that ring but I do know how envious I am of my kids because they truly believe they are the prettiest, smartest and best in the world. They are!

Over the years I have had so many people tell me that you can only do one thing at a time. Be it obedience or conformation, I have proved that wrong because my dogs know which ring they are in. I am so proud that when/if they do sit in the conformation ring I can give a simple hand signal or voice command and they stand lovely. That is what makes you proud. Your dog knows how to think for himself and be a team with you.

Now I am still nervous as heck each and every time I enter the ring whether it is conformation, obedience, or rally. The mistakes made are not those of my dog but typically of my own doing. To date I have put titles on both ends of 20 dogs and counting. I play a game with tracking on our

property with them and maybe some day we will actually take the tracking test – who knows. Right now we have fun.

I have my hobby of breeding, showing, and obedience. This is so fulfilling for me as a person I can not imagine how anyone can not have the desire to work with their dogs. The joy and pride is beyond words. The feeling it gives you, as best as I can describe is like a lovely warm hug from a loved one. I love working with my dogs. There is a special feeling of pride when you are working with your dogs. I love it when a judge actually looks at my dog and sees the quality, see the connection, and to me see's how very smart they are.

Being an owner/handler gives you such a close bond with your dogs. When it comes time for training in my house I have 11 waiting at the door to go! They Love it!

Nicker 1988-2003 and Ginger 1993 – 2004

Vallance-Rautiainen CD CGC

Abby Vallance-Rautiainen, CD CGC 1999 - 2003

Ch Delamatches Heather's Bailey, CD, CGN, CGC, RN Am/RN 2000 - 2008

Ch Vallance A Poket Miracle, CD, CGN, CGC, Am/Cn RA  
Ch Vallance Marvelous Molly, CD, CGN, CGC, RN 2004 - 2011

Ch Vallance Its About Tiami, CD, CGN, CGC, RA

Ch. Denzil's Sir William CGN CGC CD, RD  
Ch Vallance Ripley's Believe It, CGN CD  
Ch Vallance Kiya CGN, CD  
Ch. Vallance All That Jazz, CGN CD  
Ch Vallance Xtra Time For Erins, CGN CD  
Ch Vallance Shell Be Cute, CGN  
Vallance Fast Lane, CGN 1 point shy of her Champion-  
ship  
Vallance Ariel Illusion – catching up fast !!!

A special thanks to those who have trusted me with their precious pups

Am/Cn Ch Callas Platinum Perfection CD CGN, RN – Thanks to Jackie Forchuck for sending me Connor. He

has done us both proud!

Ch Braewood Heather N Sage, CGN – Thanks to

Marnie Woods for my girl Sage-bug

Ch Ky-Ann's True Illusion CGN, CD – Thank you Deb-  
bie Dorsey for my girl Annie

Ch. Crestrail's N Vallance Whirlwind, CGN – Thank you

Eilene White for my girl Wendy

Am Ch Pinoak Crestrail Color Me Handsome CGN –  
Thank you Eilene White and Cheryl Welch for Dallas.  
He has come a long way and still going 2 points shy of his  
Canadian Champion S'Posan HLV Magic Spot 2002 -

2003 far too early – my Westminster Dream





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*January is a quiet month for events. Things pick up in February/March though! Make sure you check out the class schedule, training builds the bond and makes for happier, healthier dogs and humans!*

### Obedience

AIOC-Sat, Mar 23 Trials-NOSA/GVDOTC

AIOC Mar 24 Forbidden Plateau Trial

AIOC-April 13, Cowichan Dog Obedience Club, Cobble Hill 2010

### Specialty Dog Sport

VIRC-Picnic Trials January 13, February 10, March 10 [www.viretrieverclub.ca](http://www.viretrieverclub.ca)

VI Pointing Dog Club Field Tests, Field Trials, April 5-7, Nanoose Bay

[www.vancouverislandpointingdogclub.com](http://www.vancouverislandpointingdogclub.com)

### Agility (Editors Pick!)

Tag-Team Agility-Jan 12 Spring Hill Farm Courtenay

Dawg Agility-Jan 27, Agriplex Barn, Nanaimo

Tag-Team Agility-Feb 13 Spring Hill Farm, Courtenay

AVID-Feb 15, 1258 Stelly's X Rd., Saanichton

DAWG Agility-Feb 24 Agriplex Barn, Nanaimo

Capital Comets Agility– Mar 1 Saanich Fairgrounds

NKC Agility-Mar 16 Agriplex Barn, Nanaimo

## MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!!

### Seminar and Workshop

With

Dr. Ian Dunbar PhD, BVet MEd MRCVS

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### 2 Days of Exciting Lectures

\*We continue to Waste Puppyhood

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