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Calendar of Events

Events in the Pacific Northwest, are ever-changing, but save the date for the Picnic in the Park August 15, 2021. Also currently scheduled on Zoom:

- Social Hour, 4th Tuesday each month at 7 p.m.
- Quarterly Book Club, April 15 at 7 p.m.
- Trivia Game, March 18 at 7 p.m.

Message from the President

Here it is one year since the last pre-COVID dog event. It seems so long ago that we thought a couple of weeks of staying home would be all that it would take to get this beast under control and we would get back to business. That quickly proved insufficient as we realized event after event were being cancelled. Still to this day, events are being cancelled. As disheartening as that is, I am amazed and proud to see the resilience that our club, members, and peers are showing. We don't give up - we are as strong and tenacious as our Terriers.

The Border Terrier Club of Oregon was founded in October of 2008. We still have a handful of Charter Members active, and our membership keeps increasing even with the absence of events, which is encouraging and important for the Club's future.

It's with great pleasure that I can report that our club is stronger than ever and moving in a positive and exciting direction. Yes, there are challenges with COVID restrictions, but we have met those challenges head on. We are now meeting via Zoom for business and board meetings, which is proving to be more productive and allowing for greater attendance. As Zoom events aren't a replacement for in-person training, it can work. We have had a successful Zoom Groom seminar, book club discussions, and social hours, and those help bring us together and put faces with names.

Being a fairly young club and starting from scratch, we've gone through some changes and growing pains, but we're on the right path. We took a much needed break from required events to move forward with our club status. It's time to take a look at taking the leap and moving forward. Part of that growth includes asking AKC for our territory to be increased to include Oregon and Washington. If our request is accepted, it will open up many more opportunities to bring canine events, trainings, and social events to more members and terrier enthusiasts.

Our newest acquisition is a cargo trailer to store our equipment and supplies. This will be a great help in keeping everything organized, in one place, and ready to be delivered to different sights as needed.

I'm looking forward to seeing this club expand in more directions to meet the needs of our membership. As always, if anyone has an idea they would like the Board to consider, please e-mail and let us know.

Be safe and stay well,

Casey DePriest, caseydepriest@embarqmail.com
President Border Terrier Club of Oregon

Thoughts on Breeding Dogs

By Tim Carey, Shadowhills Border Terriers

Have you ever thought about why your dog was born? Why the breeder of your dog decided to bring him or her into the world, and why whomever bred him decided to become a breeder in the first place? Have you ever considered becoming a breeder? The process of dog breeding is fraught with pitfalls, potential mine-fields and costs, and certainly not all people nor all dogs are cut out for breeding. But some stalwarts do venture down this road. Why?

There are many good sources of information available about breeding dogs. You can investigate the why's and why not's of becoming a breeder, learn the technical details of choosing a breeding pair, find guidance for the actual mating and whelping, and select from many "best ways" to raise a litter of puppies. Rather than repeating that information, here are a few personal, not-so-common thoughts about being a dog breeder.

Breeding is a Team Endeavor. Your team begins with your family, and includes key people like a mentor, your dog's breeder, your veterinarian and especially your reproductive vet, your breed club, your local food and supplement supplier, other successful breeders, and any trainers and dog handlers you may use. You will encounter situations and have questions that only the experience, knowledge and support these people bring to your breeding program can address. It truly takes a village to be successful in dog breeding. You need to identify these resources and continually invest in your relationships with them.

Successful breeding requires a goal. All endeavors need goals to gauge success. One thing I have learned is that no matter how hard you try to answer the question, "Why are you a breeder?" or "What are your goals as a breeder?", your answer will evolve over time. The answers you have when you start will likely not be the ones you have when you are more experienced. Whether it's success in the show or performance rings, the smiles on the faces of your puppies' forever homes, the satisfaction of improving your skills and knowledge as a breeder, or something else that floats your boat, I have found that my goals have crystallized over the years. What was once a fuzzy concept of why I was breeding has focused on one or two elements that I can clearly communicate. It doesn't happen overnight, and not being certain of exactly why you want to breed dogs initially is perfectly normal. Start with and maintain a plan, have some goals, be flexible, and let dog breeding take you where you will eventually discover your focus.

Get the best momma dog you can. The heart and soul of your breeding program are your girls. Finding a well-bred, healthy, correct and maternal bitch is the most difficult thing in getting started and becoming successful. Being a champion is not a guarantee she will be a good mom. A motherly, healthy, free-whelping mom is worth their weight in gold! You may have to breed up to get where you want to go. Unfortunately, that will take time. But no bitch is perfect. Many bitches with good pedigrees will breed better than themselves if matched to the right dog. Work your support team to find the best bitch you can. Keep in mind that going out and buying a bitch may open the door to greatness but can also introduce new issues into your program. Treasure, protect and dote on your girls. Recognize that, like us, they have strengths and weaknesses. Build upon their strengths and work to make improvements. Use your knowledge of the breed to match your girls to sires to take the best advantage of their genetics.

Genetics always wins. If you want to become successful as a breeder, you must understand (as far as possible) and respect the power of genetics. Health testing, temperament testing, pedigree analysis, first hand knowledge of the dogs in your breed, and an understanding of how genetics can impact your breeding are vital tools. No matter what you think you may know about your dogs and your "line", genetics can throw you a curve every now and then. I can't count how many times I have heard a breeder, including myself, exclaim, "Where did that come from?" You may take a few risks or you may play it extremely safe in your breeding, but you must always study your breeding and be prepared for a surprise. Sometimes those surprises turn out to be fabulous!

Breeding is a journey. There will always be mistakes, always be second thoughts and, unfortunately, always be breedings we should have done but didn't and can't get back. Your girls only have a precious few litters in them. Every breeding takes one away from them and you. You have to make them count as best you can. No one gets them correct every time. You will have minor and major calamities. You will lose puppies and maybe even a bitch. Your male may lose fertility. The semen bank might even lose your precious semen. On the other hand, you will have tremendous successes! Your home-bred dogs may become Champions, Specialty winners, performance superstars, and the forebears of other great dogs. Your puppies will brighten many homes for years. Your homes may return for another puppy and many will become great friends and members of your extended family. You will thrill every time you get a card, email, letter or picture from your puppies' homes! Every litter and every puppy will teach you something. Enjoy your journey!

Thoughts on Breeding Dogs, continued:

It's all about the dog! Always act in the best interest of the animal, no matter the cost to your wallet, your reputation, or your own wishes. We Breeders are ultimately responsible for the lives of each animal we produce. No puppy ever asked to be born. We made the decision to bring another life into the world. It's a profound responsibility but with it come immense opportunities! When you catch that puppy as it is whelped by its mom and help it take its first breath, when you nurse the slow starters, when you patiently raise and train each puppy in each litter, you will be engulfed in tremendous feelings of optimism and hope for the future! Who knows what that puppy will become? Who knows how much joy that puppy will bring to its owners? As a breeder we have the chance to write a small (or possibly a huge) footnote in the history of our breed and impact positively the lives of many, many families.

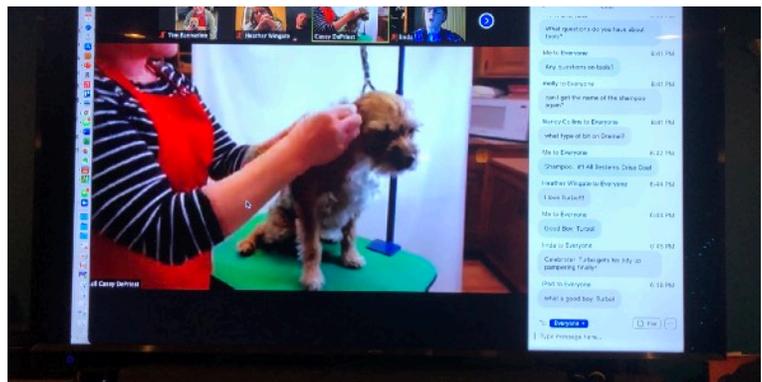
So if you love dogs, if you have an inclination to know more about your breed and breeding dogs, find a mentor, talk with your dog's breeder or contact your breed club. There are lots of things you can do, from helping socialize puppies to attending breeder events and seminars, to gauge your interest in dog breeding. Come on in! While it may sometimes seem deep, the water's fine!

Zoom Groom was a huge success! Thanks to Casey DePriest who spent 3 evenings in January teaching us how to groom and care for our dogs.

From member Rema Gossman: We watched the zoom grooming sessions, and really appreciated all the tips! Those were so helpful! Alas, it was just easier to send him to the groomer. Hiro (Kittle-Bee Sunshine Superman) went from shaggy to distinguished in 1.5 hours!



Hiro is ready for a night on the town!



Turbo says, "Ouch Mom, take it easy on the ears!"



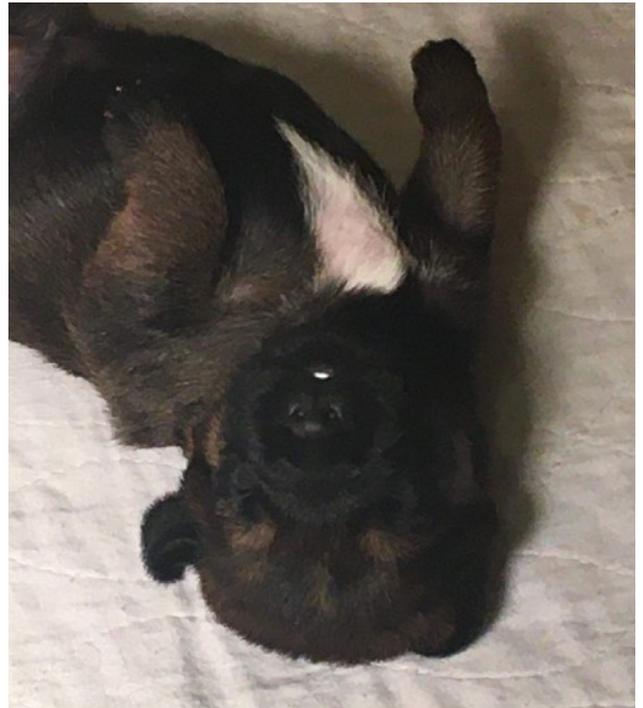
Casey....the Zoom Groom star!

In The Whelping Box

Congratulations to Tilted Kilt Border Terriers on the birth of the Cash X Jelly litter: Nickel, Dime, Penny and Susan B.



**Congratulations to Curtis and Kari Lake
(who need an official kennel name
ASAP!) on their most recent litter from
Walter X Pippa: Pearl, Nugget, and
Boulder.....all now in their wonderful
new homes!**



Lots of good things happening with the club these days.....

BTCO Book Club, Trivia Game, and Social Hour

Border Terrier Jeopardy: An Online Trivia Game! Thursday, March 18 at 7pm

Join Tim Eannarino as he hosts a fun online trivia game based on BT trivia. Come test your knowledge in the areas of breed history, BTs in pop culture, grooming, etc.

This is intended to be a fun way for us to interact with each other and as we deepen our knowledge and relationship with other club members. The focus is on having fun together, not competition... so get in the game and join us!

No special software is needed. You'll need to be logged into a computer-type device to play.

Next Book Club Meeting: Thursday, April 15 at 7pm

Not a reader? *(It's available as an audio book.)*

Only read 25% of the book? No Worries! *(No book reports are due!)*

We use the concepts in the book as a launching pad into our own stories of our relationships with our dogs. So, this isn't really a critical assessment or academic review of the book we choose. This is a chance to deepen your relationships with others in the Club, so feel free to come and join the discussion whether you've read the book or not!

Our next book is:

The Other End of the Leash: Why We Do What We Do Around Dogs

by Patricia B. McConnell, Ph.D

Sample reviews:

"This marvelous guide demonstrates how even the slightest changes in our voices and in the ways we stand can help dogs understand what we want."

"Fascinating, insightful, and compelling ... a book that strives to help you connect with your dog in a completely new way."

It's available as a book or in audio form at Amazon, the library, or your local book store.

Join us!

Social Hour

Grab a drink and a dog and join us on Zoom on the last Tuesday evening of the month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to catch up with friends and make new ones. All club members welcome!!





We must be official now.....we purchased our own club cargo trailer! Let the fun and activities begin!!



Turbo is ready to put some Earth Dog equipment into our new BCO club cargo trailer. His mom Casey is just ready to get all of the club supplies out of her whelping room and stored in the trailer!

The World According to Lilypad - Thoughts From a Very Spoiled Border Terrier

It's been no secret these past months of the pandemic that I have considered this whole thing a pretty sweet gig for the Border Terriers of the world. Humans are home!! No more loneliness during the day while our humans are at work or out and about. No more need for naughtiness or other shenanigans when we are left to our own devices. My canine pack and I don't even mind the constant talking, cuddling, petting, and overall interruptions to our otherwise busy schedules of napping, barking, and napping again by my mom as she roams around the house, teaches her online classes (loudly, I might add), has online meetings (right at dinner time, mind you!), and cleans (there is a lot of cleaning these days). My mom also has a lot of projects going right now, as I know many people do during this time at home. My mom says everyone needs a purpose in life, and this ongoing pandemic has created a unique opportunity for all of us to find new things in our lives to give us joy and a sense of accomplishment. It's a great time to find new interests or foster those that have been put on the back burner for too long. You dog people are used to filling up your calendars with dog shows, trials, and training classes, which is all great. Goodness knows, we dogs love being busy.....as long as we have plenty of napping time to balance it out (of course we need activities, we're Border Terriers after all!). With many of our activities rescheduled or cancelled altogether, a lot of humans found other things to do. AKC responded with the opportunity to earn a few titles online like Trick Dog and manners titles, and many dog owners, including BT families, took advantage of this to create a new sense of purpose for them and their dogs. The agility dog became a Trick Dog with a title, and the Master Earth Dog earned a new title in Rally. Awesome.....new interests and new purposes created that hopefully continue long after we're back to a new normal. Personally, my therapy dog career came to a screaming halt in March 2020. Kids weren't in school and my favorite Assisted Living/Memory Care facility shut down tight and has remained that way ever since. I did a few Zoom visits but it just wasn't the same. Yikes! I was quickly losing my purpose! My mom and I discovered that I could jump on her Zoom classes with her preschoolers when I wanted to, and I was back on my game again. I even dress up occasionally for class which the kids love and also makes me happy because fashion is my passion (yes, I am THAT Border Terrier). Of course it's not the same, but it will do for now, and it's a good trade off for having my mom home all day. My mom's students all have special needs and what a day it was when one of her kiddos said my name.....all by himself! Now they all know my name, and I feel like I have a new purpose in life. I'm kicking my therapy work up a notch and will be spending some time in my mom's classes once we get back to in-person learning. I'm so stoked! How cool is it to be able to help kids express themselves? Geez, I'm going to need a new wardrobe when I go back to work!

So now I'm giving everyone a challenge (of course I am, I'm a Border Terrier after all. Challenging is our middle name!). You might already feel a deep sense of purpose about something you already do, but see if you can't find something new to add to your life. If you don't already feel like you're living a purposeful life, work on changing that. And make sure it's a purpose that is positive. You may think that posting negative comments and memes on FaceBook for everyone that doesn't share your current political or world views or opinions is a great purpose for you, but is it a benefit to others? What you choose should be creating joy in not only yourself but others, too. My dad says his purpose this past summer was to build a trailer for our UTV. It took him most of the summer and my mom had a hard time seeing just who all this benefitted. But when my dad got to use it to spend some time out in the great outdoors for a whole week going places he wouldn't otherwise be able to access, my mom was okay with it. Dad got lots of joy from his trip and that made my mom happy, too. Happy humans equals happy dog pack....win-win for all of us! Maybe your new purpose is diving into a new dog sport or joining a local dog club and becoming involved in keeping events going during the new normal. Or maybe, a new job, a new hobby or a new volunteer opportunity is what you need to create a positive sense of purpose in yourself. The possibilities are endless!



Good luck on your purpose journey! The new year is a great time to start a new one - to leave behind the negative and create some space for joy and hope. Maybe we'll see some of you soon at a trial or dog show near you. I'll be the fashionably dressed BT with the purpose of spreading happiness to all those I meet. Of course that's my purpose, I'm a Border Terrier after all!



Bryn can't wait for rat events to start again!

Pet Peace of Mind - Charitable Donation Recipient 2020

I think we can all agree that one of our most finest accomplishments as a club was our first annual donation to a pet-related charity this past year. Despite all the challenges of 2020, we were able to have several successful fundraisers, and then thanks to our Board, choose a very deserving organization that is dedicated to keeping pets and their owners together during times of illness and need. We look forward to doing this again next year. If you have a deserving animal-focused organization or charity that you'd like to submit to the Board for consideration, please do so before November 1, 2021.



Member Spotlight

Let's get to know our club members better!

In this issue, we will meet members Paula Oliver from Idaho and Esther Menashe from Oregon.

Esther Menashe: I was born and raised in Portland, the child of immigrants who survived the holocaust. I have one sister. As a child I loved animals, read all the time, and wanted a dog very badly. My father finally gave in despite my mother's objections. And off we went to the Humane society when they brought in a grocery cart full of puppies. Pepper became a member of the family, and because neutering and spaying was not the thing to do in those days, Pepper had a litter of puppies, which thrilled us to no end!

After graduating high school I attended Portland State University. One evening as I returned home in the pouring rain, I found a dog soaking wet and shivering on our porch. I had not seen this dog before. I brought him in, dried him off, and woke up my Dad. We gave him food and water and prepared a nice cozy bed. After searching and getting no results, Buddy officially became a member of the family. I took over vet visits, some simple training, and he became a great family dog. The vet thought he was part Schnauzer. The best part was my mom grew to love him and he was always by her side when I moved out.

Shortly after Albert and I were married, his job at United Finance company transferred us to Richland, Washington where we lived for 21/2 years. After settling into life in Richland, we got an 8 week old puppy at the pet store in the one and only mall near us. He was a poodle/terrier mix, and as soon as he was old enough we joined an obedience class held in the park on the Columbia River. At the end of the class we had a graduation test of all the exercises we had learned. We were thrilled to go home with a first place certificate. I was hooked! We had Pasha when our girls were born, and as they grew up he played along with them, many times he was the baby in the doll buggy. Sadly he passed at the age of 16. Months after, we purchased a 4 month old Fox Terrier. He was immediately signed up for obedience class. Toby was a fun dog who loved balls, actually he obsessed with balls. When no one was available he would play by himself, pushing the ball down the stairs and running downstairs only to bring it back to the top to repeat the process. Unfortunately at the young age of 6 we lost him to a serious infection.

By then our daughters were old enough to voice their rather strong opinions on the type of dog we should now look for, and the breed of choice was a West Highland Terrier. We found some Westies for sale at a farm on the way to Eugene. I saw that the puppies were running loose on the farm with the litter mates and parents. I knew this was not the best situation and a red flag went up. However, you don't take the whole family to check them out, especially when one child had been sick for a week and crying for a puppy to cuddle and come home with nothing. So we went home with Bailey, a 9 week old Westie. Bailey was all terrier, very headstrong and energetic. Classes were started as soon as possible. I always believed that a trained dog was a happier dog. In one of our classes, I met a woman that belonged to Columbia Agility Team. She asked if we wanted to hold one of our classes at the barn she practiced at, and I learned some of the basics of agility. The rest is history. Even though agility did not turn out to be right for Bailey, I soon acquired an 8 week old Westie puppy that we named Lily. She was the opposite of Bailey, loved working with me and wanted to please. Soon she was doing agility and competing. We were able to go through her Masters title, which for a Westie and the instruction we had at the time was pretty good. We had a lot of fun and made many friends.

The next dog to enter our house was a 9 1/2 month old Bedlington Terrier, the dog of my husband's dreams (red flag). Although he was an athletic dog, agility was not in Louies plans. About 6 months after our wonderful Lily passed away at the age of 13, in came Emmy, our first Border Terrier. Emmy was 6 1/2 months old when we got her and she has been the light of my life. She has a wonderful work ethic. She has two obedience titles and many agility titles. We have been to two Border Terrier National specialties, and the AKC Agility Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma in March of 2019. She recently earned a MACH 3, of which I am extremely proud. We are currently awaiting a boy puppy out of Casey's litter.

In between dogs we began our own business and operated it for 32 years, I taught pre-school for about 23 years, and we raised two wonderful daughters and now enjoy both grand children and grand dogs.



Esther says, "My goal was always to have fun, learn together, and get one Mach on our journey. And now we have 3! And a puppy on the way too!"

Paula Oliver: My name is Paula Oliver. I live in Hayden, Idaho, four miles from downtown Coeur d' Alene, with my husband, Dennis and our three year old Border, Keelie.

I lived in Southern Oregon for forty-two years and worked in Public Health for thirty-one years. I reconnected with Dennis ten years ago after we both lost our spouses. We had known each other many years ago. We have now been married eight years.

I owned Mini Schnauzers for twenty-five years, both pure bred and abused rescues. After retiring I become involved in dog clubs and shows. I participated in the Rogue Valley Kennel Club, Southern Oregon Terrier Club, and a Therapy Dog Program. I had one dog that excelled in obedience and one was a certified therapy dog.

After losing our last pet, our Vet suggested a Border. She knew we loved that Terrier spirit. After some research we were convinced. We were fortunate enough to connect with Casey and are forever grateful to now be Border owners. Keelie has brought us so much joy and makes each day an adventure. We are hoping to add to our dog family in the near future. We hope to find an adult dog that needs a forever home.

We are looking forward to attending and participating in club and dog activities, i.e. Barn hunts, Lure coursing, etc. Unfortunately our area does not offer much dog-related activities. We do plan on doing some traveling to attend some of those events.

The Serenity Prayer has always had a special meaning for me: "God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference".

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Keelie knows how to rock an outfit!

RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT DOG

1. One clean bill of health
2. One large portion of love
3. One full measure of time spent with the master (you)
4. A healthy diet
5. One doghouse for outside, one crate for inside
6. An abundance of regular exercise
7. A bunch of socialization
8. A bushel of training
9. A generous amount of grooming
10. A giant portion of “good doggies” and rewards.

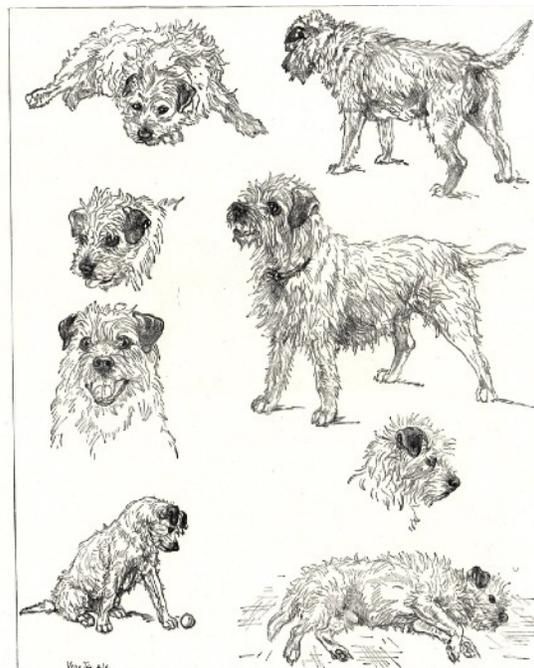
Submitted by Marti Park



Remi is patiently waiting for her turn to order with Dad at DQ.

At last...a Pup Cup just for Remi!! But watch out Dad, she may have her eyes on that Blizzard, too!

Marti and Linda want everyone to know that Trick title evaluations can still be done via video.....and they are offering this to club members at no charge! Practice all those awesome tricks your dog knows, take a video and submit it to either Marti or Linda, and earn an AKC title!!



The Rose City Classic dog show cluster has been rescheduled for July 29 thru August 1 at the St. Paul, OR rodeo grounds. We will still be sponsoring our supported entry in conjunction with the Terrier Association of Oregon show held on the first day of RCC, Wednesday, July 28. Thank you to all the trophy sponsors for our supported entry and to Linda Grace for working hard to keep our club in the loop and organizing our part in this terrific show.



Ozzy says if I can't help teach on Zoom school today, then I'll just make myself a comfy napping spot right here instead.



Vercse had a very successful Barn Hunt season, especially with the new Hurdles event.



It's not a BTCO publication without a Curtis couch picture! Hold on Pippa!!

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Tim, Rick, Ollie and Odin get in a festive spirit to celebrate the holidays.



The perfect way to spend a cold winter's night.