

BORDER TALES

The Official Newsletter of the Border Terrier Club of Oregon

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Message From the President

While we wait for AKC to approve our quest to be licensed, my in-box and social feed have been inundated with articles and opinions asking if AKC is finished? While I don't agree that the sport is dead, there is some evidence to suggest that it is circling the drain.

Due to the many new AKC sports activities launched in recent years, AKC boasts the most diversified Canine Sports Portfolio in the world. Even with all the new activities offered, Clubs still struggle to thrive.

I do think it is important to keep traditions alive, while also having an open mind to new ideas, a new culture, community, and new generation.

There comes a time when the old makes way for the next generation to lead the way, to become breeders, club officers, show chairs, exhibitors. But what happens when there is no one stepping into those rolls? What then?

It is the responsibility of each and every one of us that cares about our breed and our sport to do our part, no matter how big or small to keep it alive. We can do all the things to make it more welcoming, to be inclusive, to mentor, to be active, to volunteer, to carry on.

I am reminded of the depth and breadth of our club members. We all have something to bring to the table, regardless if you are a breeder, judge, seasoned exhibitor, new to the sport, or social member with a fabulous pet. We can all contribute in a positive way. We are all an important part of our Border Terrier Community.

As AKC sports as a whole seems to be struggling, I have so much confidence in the Border Terrier Club of Oregon. I think we'll be just fine.

Casey DePriest - President Border Terrier Club of Oregon

DON'T FORGET!! BTCO shirts are still available on our club Bonfire campaign account at <https://www.bonfire.com/the-border-terrier-club-of-oregon-store/>.

Border Terrier Club of Oregon 2026 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the second Wednesday of the month, via videoconference from The Dalles, Or., unless otherwise scheduled. A Zoom link will be sent out several times in the weeks before each meeting.

Board Meetings 6:30 pm, and Business Meetings 7:00 pm.

All members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings; however, only Officers and Board Members are allowed to conduct business, comment and vote on matters brought up at the Board Meeting.

January 21st, 2026

Annual Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Annual Business Meeting 7:00 pm

March 11th, 2026

Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

May 13th, 2026

Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

July 8th, 2026

Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

September 9th, 2026

Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

November, 2026 - Holiday party/meeting.

Time, date, and place TBA

January 20th, 2027

Annual Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Annual Business Meeting 7:00 pm

The World According to Lilypad

Thoughts From A Totally Spoiled Border Terrier



Well, summer is almost over, which means a change in temperature and activities. Our pack has been busy this summer doing a few scent work and NASDA trials, camping, and seeing family and friends as often as we can. And spending time with friends and family is the best thing I can think of doing, whatever the season! I was thinking about this at the BTCO Picnic a few weeks ago.....there were lots of people there we see from year to year, and a few who could not make it this year. I was really sad not to see some of those nice people (I'm looking at you Curtis and Kari!), but we had a few new friends come to the picnic for the first time, which was nice. Mom says having friends is super important and being a good friend is even more so. A good friend is a support system, cheerleader, comforter, comedian, teacher, counselor, and companion all in one, and

we all need someone who can fill those roles for us from time to time. My mom finds friends in the activities she does because it's nice to have a friend that you have things in common with. But it's also nice to have friends that have different perspectives than you do and that you can learn from. I have so many human friends that I can't even count them all. Some of my most special ones are those I only see once or twice a year (shout out to Nancy and Carolyn!) and the kids I see weekly at the schools Mom and I visit. Mom says her most valued friendships are with people who don't even live near us, but texting, emails, cards, and social media help keep them in touch. Mom and I both think that the grandkids are some of our most special friends. They hang out with us, do things with us, and most importantly, carry me around a lot! Although I love the other dogs in our pack, Jemma is my bestest friend. We just get each other. We share a core belief system - if you look cute, be really cuddly, and not be too naughty, Mom and Dad will usually cave and let you sleep with them at night! I do have another good dog friend - a Standard Poodle named Gunnar. He's super handsome, very calm, and is the best therapy dog partner to work with. His calm demeanor makes me feel very comfortable, and he never tries to steal the show. Mom and I agree that you don't need a bunch of friends, but if you have just a few really good ones, that's a blessing. As long as you have at least one person who keeps tabs on you, is someone you can have fun with, talk to when you're mad or sad, and have positive experiences with, you have something to be grateful for. And now that I think about it, I guess I should say that my mom is my best friend. We do pretty much everything together, from therapy dog visits and NASDA trials to just sitting around watching TV. She is my comfy blanket and my dependable treat dispenser. But, if I had to think of just one complaint, she does not always recognize me for the princess I am and definitely doesn't carry me around enough! I think I just may need to go live with those grandkids who do.....

Stay spoiled,

Lilypad



Earth Dog Trial on May 17, 2026

Docker and Marti are racking up the titles!



Editor's Note

The next publication target date for this newsletter, Border Tales, will be December 1, 2026. Submissions for the newsletter will be accepted any time before Friday, November 13, 2026. Late submissions will be saved for the following quarter's newsletter.

I am hoping for lots of submissions from our members about anything that matters to you related to our Border Terriers and our BTCO club members because, above all, this is YOUR newsletter! Examples of submissions are:

- Info about new products, things you have found that work well for health care, grooming, feeding, activities, etc.
- Info about dog sports and other activities.
- Your dog's accomplishments, including new titles, etc.
- New health information.
- Tips and recommendations for training, feeding, participating in dog sports, etc.
- A new canine family member.
- New litters.
- Anything that you feel your fellow BT owners and club members would enjoy reading about.

Please send all submissions to me at jnhwingate@yahoo.com.

Thanks for reading!

Heather Wingate

Border Tales Editor/BTCO Vice President

Michele Stephens and her granddaughters have had a busy spring/summer!



Emma and Annie got Best of Opposite Sex one day and Best of Breed the second day.

Sophia and Mack finished his Championship at the Elma show in May.



Bonnie romped her way to her BCAT title.

BTCO members have a NASDA weekend in June.....7
dogs, 3 humans, many titles, and lots of fun!



Jemma and Heather in the Shed Hunt event.



Marti, Heather and Reni still all smiles
after 2 long days of NASDA events.



Rylee is ready to go!

Docker is getting ready to find a
lost item.





Bunny, those are not real
rats in there!!



Gus is a NASDA pro!



Libby, Heather, and Bunny



Marti, Kelly and Reni



Reni, Heather, and Marti

As our dogs age, it's helpful to have some information on the changes that affect their brain health. Molly Bredenberg has done some research and gathered the following information for us:

In the June Zoom Social gathering, Canine Cognitive Dysfunction (aka dog dementia and dog Alzheimer's) was brought up by a member experiencing some changes in their older dog. It's a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that results in a number of different behavioral changes in dogs. Eileen Anderson literally wrote the book on this disease and is a great resource for information. Here's her Guide to CCD that's an easy-to-read brief for understanding the disease and current approaches to treatment: <https://dogdementia.com/canine-cognitive-dysfunction-guide/>

She also wrote out a symptom checklist so you can see how much your dog matches up with this disease. It's a great resource that you can take to your vet: <https://dogdementia.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Canine-Cognitive-Dysfunction-CCD-Checklist-rev4.pdf>

She has other free information on her website you can find here: <https://dogdementia.com/>

Here's a link to her book: <https://www.amazon.com/Remember-Me-Loving-Cognitive-Dysfunction/dp/1943634017>

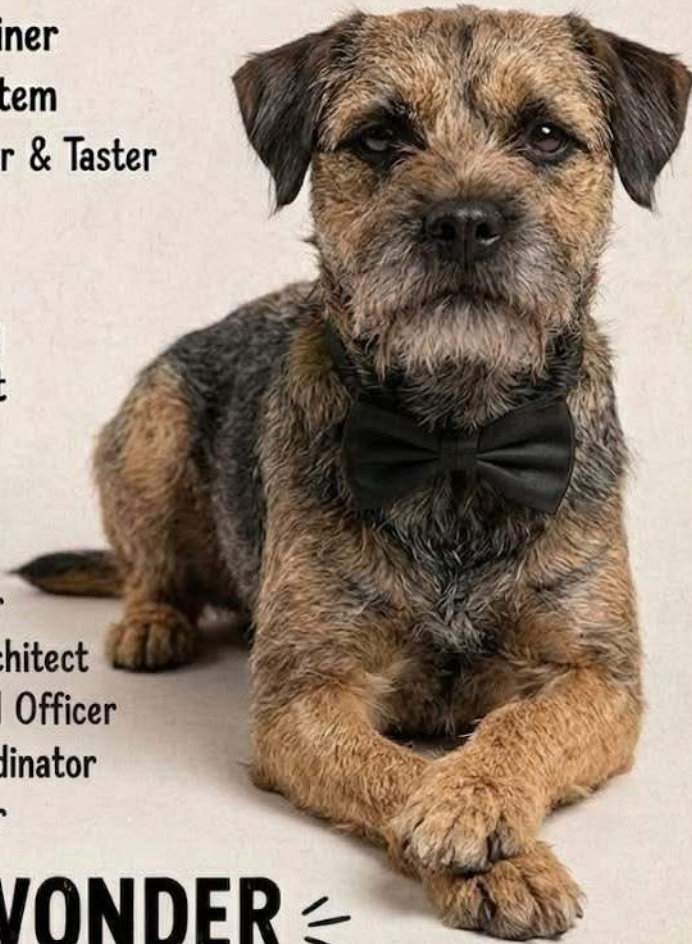
BTCO club member Joan Goforth shared in the Zoom how medication helped with her dog Boom, so it's definitely worth discussing with your veterinarian if you are noticing changes in your aging dog. If you're looking for nonprescription options, Thorne Vet makes well-tested supplements, including one for cognition: <https://thornevet.com/product/canine-cognitive-support/>

Enjoy your dog no matter what age!

Cheers,
Molly

I HAVE MANY ROLES:

- Alarm Clock
- Personal Trainer
- Security System
- Food Inspector & Taster
- Pillow
- Heating Pad
- Judge & Jury
- Hug Specialist
- Protector
- Best Friend
- Blanket Hog
- Toy Destroyer
- Landscape Architect
- Squirrel Patrol Officer
- Zoomies Coordinator
- Kiss Dispenser



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I NEED NAPS!

Although summer is almost over, we thought we would include some information on what to do if your dog is bitten by a snake. Hiking and the various outdoor dog sport events put our dogs in locations and situations where running into a snake could be possible. Although they tend to live in warmer, drier climates, the rattlesnake is the main culprit here in the western states, and I have had personal experience with a dog bitten by one. For more info just in case it ever happens to you, please refer to the following links:

The FB group link is here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/national.snakebite.support>

Veterinary Snakebite 911: <https://veterinarysnakebite911.com/>

National Snakebite Support link: <https://www.nationalsnakebitesupport.org/>



Remi, Gus, Rylee, Docker, and Ernie at our BTCO Picnic..... just a bunch of friends hanging out!

Heather & Ozzy, Molly & Ernie, Angela & Remi, Reni & Gus, Marti & Rylee & Docker – posing for a picture after a group walk at the BTCO Picnic.

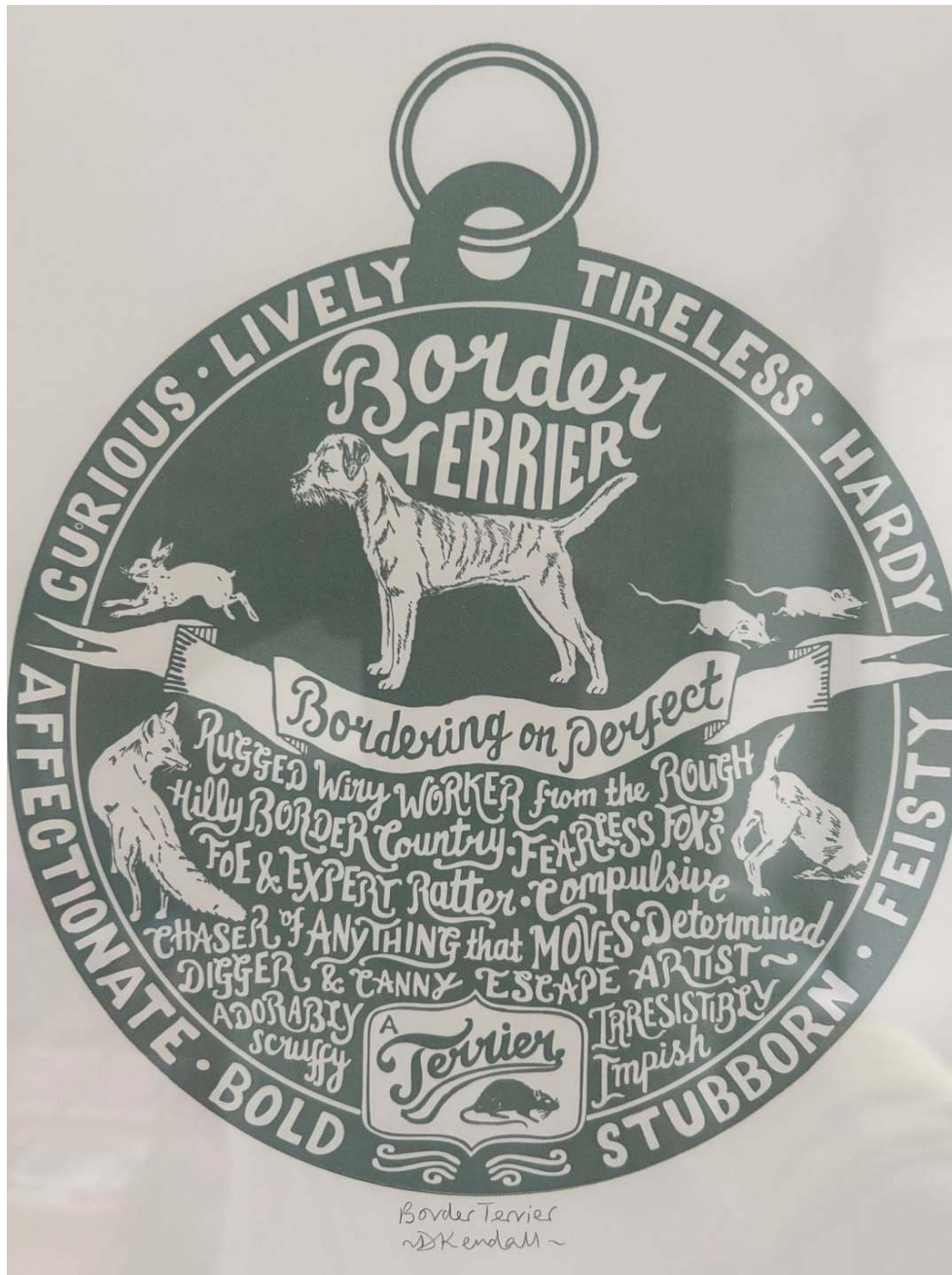


The Annual BTCO Picnic (formerly Picnic in the Park)

Even though we changed up the venue this year; hence having to drop the Picnic in the Park name, our annual picnic, raffle and silent auction was a huge success! We welcomed over 25 guests at our new location, members Tom and Marie Quarles' ranch in Beaver Creek, OR, which turned out to be a beautiful and more private spot for set-up and display of our raffle and auction items, as well as to visit and picnic. The weather was beautiful and the food was fantastic, thanks to Casey and Jeff's pulled chicken and pork sandwiches, and all of the yummy potluck food brought by members. A little Earth Dog was enjoyed by the dogs after lunch, and the raffle and auction was generously supported once again this year. A huge thanks goes out to Tom and Marie, who have generously offered us their place again for next year, and to our Picnic Committee for once again putting on a successful event that was, if nothing else, a great way for us to all connect.



This sign was found hanging on the wall at an AirBnB in England this summer and sent to me from a scent work friend. I love the "Bordering on Perfect" banner!



Grooming Seminar

If keeping your dog neat and tidy is a skill you'd like to learn or improve, this 1-day workshop is for you! If you can't attend in person, a video of the seminar will be available on YouTube afterwards. And, whether you can come be part of the workshop live or need to watch it online, you can submit questions you'd like for Casey to address during the training via email to Linda Grace at lindagrace57@outlook.com.

Want to learn how to go from
this to this?



The BTCO is having a
Grooming Seminar &
Workshop.

Save the Date: Saturday,
September 26th, 2026. To
be held in Beavercreek Or.

Presenter: Casey DePriest
of Tilted Kilt Border Terri-
ers.

More information to come,
so stay tuned.