

# BORDER TALES

## The Official Newsletter of the Border Terrier Club of Oregon

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### Calendar of Events

- March 7, 2026 - A Match at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR, in conjunction with the Silver Falls Kennel Club Dog Show. See premium and info at [borderterriercluboforegon.com](http://borderterriercluboforegon.com)



### *Message From the President*

As the year comes to a close, we reflect upon the past and look forward to the future.

2026 looks promising for our Club's growth, but let's take a moment and ponder 2025.

With the passing of another BTCO member we are reminded that we are truly more than a collection of dog club members. We are faithfully a community of friends, and family.

How we connect to each other through dogs is powerful. Never take it for granted. Be part of people's lives in significant ways.

Think about the impact we are making on others. Nurture ourselves and nurture others along the way. Surround yourself with people better than yourself to inspire yourself to be better.

Our community is passionate, and sometimes fierce. We take care of each other, support each other, and help each other achieve our goals. This to me is more important than any ribbon.

What might your goals be this year, for future years? How can the BTCO and our Border Terrier Community help you realize those dreams and goals?

Don't hesitate to reach out and allow us to offer assistance and mentor you along your journey.

Casey DePriest  
President Border Terrier Club of Oregon

## Member-to-Member Tips & Tricks

*From Tim Carey of Shadowhills Border Terriers:*

When choosing foods, you look at protein content, fat content and water content to determine values as "dry matter". But also look at calorie content, especially if your dog is very active, in heavy training, or it's winter when they need more calories to keep warm. Pay attention to the calorie values given with relation to how you actually measure their food. Some foods have higher calorie content per kilogram of food weight while others have higher calorie content by volume (per cup). Depending on how you measure your dog's food servings, choose accordingly. I compared two foods: one was 3400 calories per kg (weight) and 512 calories per cup (volume), while the other was 3870 calories per kilogram but only 420 calories per cup. The first food was heavier in weight per piece and smaller in volume per piece than the other., i.e. denser. Both foods had similar protein, fat and moisture values as fed. Both are good foods but the amount of calories that get to your dog depends on how you measure their daily ration, in a cup (volume) or by weight on a scale.

*From Reni LeBard about getting information about Border Terrier health issues:*

The BTCA Health Committee is available to anyone with a Border Terrier, not just members of the BTCA. The information is [right on their website](http://www.btcoa.org), [www.btcoa.org](http://www.btcoa.org). If you scroll down to *Related Border Terrier Health Information* and click on *Health and Genetics Committee*, there is an email address and they explain how it works. They were very prompt in their responses to me and questions. I was emailing a representative who would relay information to the committee and back to me.

*Also from Reni about training for Rally and Obedience:*

I am sharing some ideas for the newsletter when it comes to Obedience and Rally training. We don't have a lot of choices locally with in-person instruction for Obedience training so I usually take online courses.

For online training schools, there are two that I actively participate in and can personally recommend. First, I recommend Fenzi Sports Academy! I have taken numerous Obedience classes through Fenzi, but they also have a great selection of courses in a variety of topics that rotate each term, including agility, behavior, foundations, health & fitness, nose work, Rally, Obedience, and more! Fenzi uses 100% positive training methods in their teaching. Check them out here: <https://www.fenzidogsportsacademy.com/>

For online Obedience training, I also recommend The Obedience Road with Connie



Cleveland. Connie's teaching methods are mostly positive, but she doesn't shy away from using corrections when used appropriately with rewards. Members will have access to Connie's huge library of content on how to teach and perform all of the Obedience exercises from Beginner Novice through Utility, proofing, troubleshooting, and preparing to show. Her website is organized so that searching for specific topics is easy. Connie hosts frequent webinars for members only; you can email Connie videos if you need her help, and there is a member-only Facebook group. Open enrollment only happens a couple of times a year, but check out The Obedience Road here: <https://www.obedienceroad.com/learn-competitive-obedience>

**BONUS:** Connie has a FREE YouTube channel with a lot of training videos! She also has a YouTube playlist called Performance Puppy Training that stars a 7 week old Border Terrier named Pan (short for Pandemonium!)  
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL89p11AbUUNk1YRgevJAKB5w4N78x4vAU&si=yKTKzhC9w-H3YbYx>

Interested in AKC Rally?

If you are self-motivated, you can get started in Rally without leaving your house! First, go to the AKC to learn more about Rally here:

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/>

Download the FREE AKC Rally Regulations to learn the rules here:

[https://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC1193\\_ROR001\\_1217\\_WEB.pdf](https://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC1193_ROR001_1217_WEB.pdf)

AKC Rally Signs and Descriptions can be found here:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/05122831/RALLY-MiniSignswDescriptions-02022024.pdf>

The AKC YouTube channel has a playlist for each class (level) of Rally that demonstrates how each of the signs are performed.

Novice signs: [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl3lFUBckw-NS4BXxVBzwK1\\_&si=de6ukbTirwtBQazn](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl3lFUBckw-NS4BXxVBzwK1_&si=de6ukbTirwtBQazn)

Intermediate and Advanced signs: [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl2iUmjUW7I9xFdkJurHr2ab&si=OqHPSUV-\\_83b88zT](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl2iUmjUW7I9xFdkJurHr2ab&si=OqHPSUV-_83b88zT)

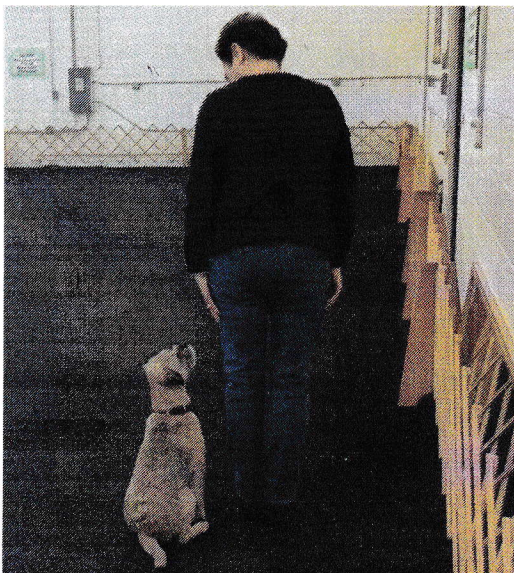
Excellent signs: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl3nTZGQGP6Hit1qpK2puxow&si=dfXhlwOfxhMv9KWQ>

Master signs: [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl2m35GUUXzmv9gTY6xlw9S1&si=JikiMCie1fi\\_JnJ9](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpkaTxdGkvl2m35GUUXzmv9gTY6xlw9S1&si=JikiMCie1fi_JnJ9)

AKC also offers a Rally Virtual Program!

Note: Rally Novice and Intermediate (Intermediate is an optional class) are performed ON leash and Advanced, Excellent and Master are all performed OFF leash.







## More Tips and Tricks

*From Heather Wingate, Alliance of Therapy Dogs Tester/Observer:*

Dogs come in all shapes and sizes....and personalities, just like people. Some are social and outgoing, some are homebodies and would rather just be with their person/persons and not a crowd of people. Either way is perfectly fine, and, just like with people, we need to respect those individual temperaments and personalities. Dog parks, busy, noisy events, and large crowds can be overwhelming if not downright scary for dogs, especially those on the smaller side. Good socialization doesn't mean that your dog has to have an intimate relationship with every person and dog you encounter, and it doesn't mean taking your dog to big dog parks with lots of dogs or to the latest concert venue with you. It does mean exposing your dog thoughtfully to a variety of controlled environments and people under your watchful eye. Keep activities comfortable, in small doses, and fun! And no matter what your dog's personality and temperament type, just building a bond with you is what your dog values most!

## The Second Club "A" Match

Our club is getting close to becoming a fully licensed club where we can host different events, including conformation shows. This will expand what we can do and offer to our club members as well as the Border Terrier community as a whole. We'd love to see members come and support us as we complete this last hurdle for AKC. Thanks to Tim Carey and his A Match committee for working so hard to get us through this process. Here are the details:

What: The BTCL Conformation A Match

When: Saturday March 7, 2026; approximate ring time is 4:30 p.m.

Where: Salem, Oregon - Oregon State Fairgrounds

Who: Judge Debra Janes Blake

In conjunction with the Silver Falls Kennel Club shows.

See our website, [www.borderterriercluboforegon.com](http://www.borderterriercluboforegon.com), and the AKC website under the Sports & Events/Event Search tabs for full details in the Match premium.



## Bait and Stack



From Cherie and Madison O'Rourke about their new puppy Harvey's first dog show:

"He won a Terrier Group 1 in the 4-6 month Puppy at the Rose City Classic in Portland."

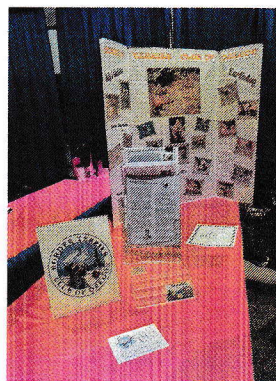
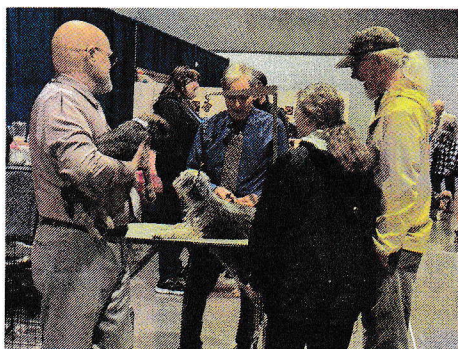
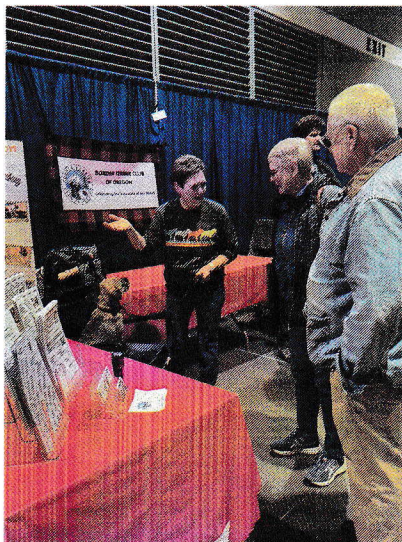
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Owned by Madison O'Rourke and Curtis Lake





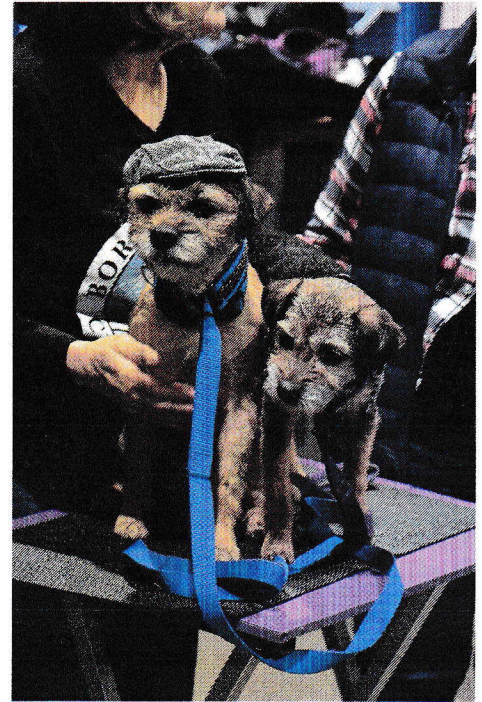
## Meet the Breeds at Rose City Classic





## In The News

- Our \$250 annual club donation for 2025 went to the Washington State 4-H Foundation.
- BTOCO shirts are still available on our club Bonfire campaign account at <https://www.bonfire.com/the-border-terrier-club-of-oregon-store/>.
- We are hoping to make a change to our annual picnic and auction in August by changing venues from Waterloo County Park in Lebanon, OR, to Champoege State Park in Newberg, OR. Stay tuned!!!



## Look What We Did!

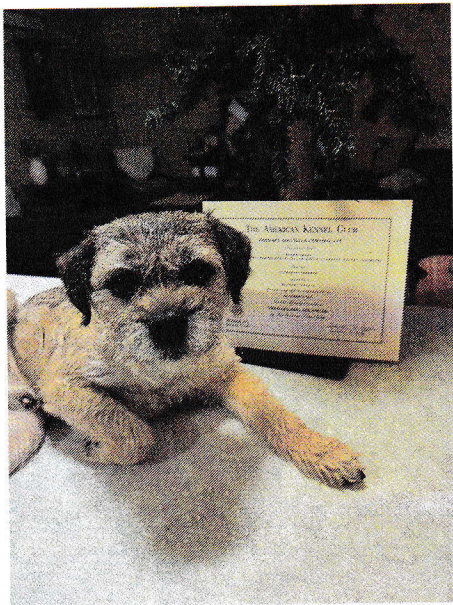
- Gus with Reni earned his Advanced Trick Dog at Rose City. demonstrating most of those tricks at Meet the Breed.
- Argo with Cheryl has qualified for the CPE Nationals. He also qualified in his first run at a UKI trial.
- Argo with Mike earned his Container Excellent, Exterior Advanced, Interior Advanced, and Buried Advanced titles.
- Freya with Curtis is healing well and had her stitches removed. She also demonstrated to anyone who cared to look, just how much foam there is – or was – inside of a doggie bed.
- Odin with Kari earned passing scores in Buried, Container, and Interior runs.
- Joan will be chairing an Earthdog Trial in Chino Valley, Arizona and may be asking for suggestions, help, etc.
- Skeena with Cindy absolutely loves her foam bed. Cindy claims that Skeena is “no good!”.
- Docker with Marti earned his CD in Obedience.
- Casey with Marti earned his MACH2.
- Harvey with Madison entered the Terrier Group at Rose City and won Best in Show



- Lily, CH Tilted Kilt Blues After Midnight THDX CGCU ATT TL1 UL1, made her 200th therapy dog visit in December 2025, earning her the AKC title of Therapy Dog Excellent, no small feat for a terrier!



- Not to be outdone, pack mates Ozzy, Tilted Kilt Turbo-Charged King of the Cascades V THDA CGC TL1 UL1 SD1 FCAT, and Bunny, CH Snow Winds What Can I Say SIN SEN CGC THDA, both earned their 100 visit Therapy Dog Advanced titles.





## 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.

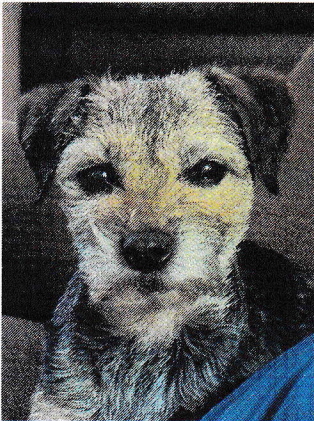
Time, date, and place TBA

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

Hello everyone! Its been such a long time since I've written this column for you, but it seems like yesterday that we were all at home during the pandemic and my mom thought it would be a great idea to fill our time with editing the newsletter. So much has changed.....but so much hasn't. After a break, we're back at it with Border Tales, but as we dogs know, life is about the ebb and flow, and you just gotta roll with the punches and adjust.

For one thing, I'm now 11 years young but still beautiful and still sassy, as all terriers should be. We gained an annoying baby sister and her lovely mama to our pack a few years ago, but we also lost three of our Oldies, and believe me, they are sorely missed. Pack dynamics have changed and now I'm essentially in charge of the nonsense, but I prefer to sit back and let the shenanigans happen without me. And that's just the way life goes, right?? People and pack mates come and go, we adjust, and keep moving forward.

One great thing that my pack - both human and terrier - are doing a lot of these days is therapy dog work. Everyone, and I mean everyone, is busy with visits. My specialty this year has been in the elementary schools where I have many best friends. I am a member of a very smart kindergarten class, and I've been busy reading with first graders and snuggling with kids in a busy behavior program every week. I think this job keeps me young, and I have no intentions of slowing down. In fact, when it's not my turn to go on a visit, I pout because I'm sure I could do a much better job than that big-noggin son of mine, but my mom and dad do so many visits that I'm never waiting long for the next opportunity. The greatest joy I've had so far is becoming a certified team with my human granddaughters, Katy and Kelley. I love them so much! And the best thing is that Kelley carries me through every visit so I don't even have to walk! That girl gets me!! I'll write about them more in another newsletter, but we now have a very strong therapy dog team in our family - four handlers, 5 dogs, and lots of happy people!



Well, that's it for my auspicious return to Border Tales. I've got a lot of terrier wisdom at this age, and no doubt I'm looking forward to sharing it all with you. Just remember to accept the changes life brings to us every day and look for ways to make the most of them. And as always, be kind, even if you don't want to be.

Love, Lily



## Editor's Note

The next publication for this newsletter, Border Tales, will be May 1, 2026. Submissions for the newsletter will be accepted any time before Friday, April 24, 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](mailto:jnhwingate@yahoo.com).

Thanks for reading!

Heather Wingate

Border Tales Editor/BTCO Vice President