

BORDER TALES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

OF THE

BORDER TERRIER CLUB OF OREGON

Winter 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, CASEY DEPRIEST

As we say good bye to 2023, and welcome in the New Year, we have much to reflect on and be thankful for.

Our Club continues to grow in many ways. We have a healthy bank account, our membership is diverse and growing. We have a positive vision for the future.

It's so refreshing to see our Club's dedication to the sport of purebred dogs. Everyone coming together to get jobs done, the camaraderie and friendships that have formed. You all make me proud.

As our Club is growing, not all are. Many All-Breed, Specialty and Performance Clubs are struggling to exist. At a time when breeding, owning and exhibiting dogs is becoming more and more challenging and expensive, I encourage everyone to reach out to someone you know (or don't know) in our dog community and help them if they are struggling, or need mentoring.

Just as the Holidays inspire us to connect, I challenge each of you to connect, and collaborate, to help someone move forward to encourage our breed and clubs to grow and thrive. Share you knowledge, expertise, and friendship with others. It is our hope to see Border Terriers and dog shows and trials for a long time. It is also all of ours responsibility to make that happen. We desperately need new people entering into the sport, as breeders, Judges and exhibitors.

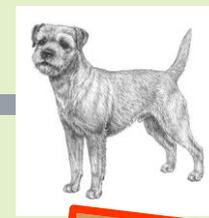
If you don't have a New Years resolution yet, please consider making it to support, encourage and inspire someone new to the sport. *Casey DePriest, President Border Terrier Club of Oregon*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- MEETINGS*
- MEET THE BREED*
- BOOK CLUB*
- SOCIAL HOUR*





UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING: JANUARY 10, 2024

Virtual Meeting – see email from Linda Grace for link.

Board Meeting portion will start at 6:30pm.

General Business Meeting portion will start at 7:00pm.

Some of the important meeting items for our Annual Meeting will be:

Voting for our 2024 Club Officers and Board Members (A quorum is needed for the vote)

Jan. 17th TAO Supported Entry & Sweeps

Jan. 19-21 Meet the Breeds at Rose City Cluster

A Match Committee update

2024 Nat. donation

2025 Nat. Welcome Party



New generation:
Curtis and Tim's litters



2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

- January 10th, 2024
- March 13th, 2024
- May 8th, 2024
- July 10th, 2024
- September 11th, 2024
- November 2024 (annual Holiday Party)
- January 8th, 2025

Meetings are via Zoom the 2nd Wednesday of the scheduled month (every other month after the Annual Meeting in January). Board Meetings at 6:30pm. Business Meetings at 7pm.

All members are welcome to attend Board Meetings, however only Board Members are allowed to discuss/make motions/vote on matters.

Bailey and Thatcher



Piper



Libby, Bunny & Ozzy





ROSE CITY CLASSIC – MEET THE BREED

The purpose of Meet the Breed is to provide education, health information, history and origin, and a real-life example of our wonderful dogs. At MTB, our dogs are interacting with MANY people as we are usually a very popular booth.

From Heather: Although I haven't gotten any official word yet, I requested a 10'x30' booth for both Friday and Saturday, January 19 and 20, for a 4-hour duration each day. I also requested any time, knowing that we could likely cover the booth if our slot ran into show times for conformation and the other events offered at the show. I will do my best to accommodate schedules and get people into the booth when they can be there in between events. We are doing a more formal schedule this year in order to make sure that we have the right amount of dogs. Friday of the show is usually when we will see groups of school kids come to tour, including special needs students. Saturday is usually a variety of spectators for the various events and people checking out breeds and breeders in a search for a new family member.

Heather Wingate,
Meet the Breed coordinator



The Place To Be!



Dog Show of the Year in 2023

Start 2024 Off Right!

January 17, 18, 19, 20, & 21, 2024

Rose City Classic - Portland Oregon

Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center
2050-2060 North Marine Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217

One Of America's Biggest And Best Dog Shows.

Outstanding Judging Panel

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32 Specialties and the Terrier Group Show

Obedience, Rally, Agility, Scent Work, CGC and Tricks

Special competition for Juniors - Supreme Specialty Challenge

Purina Is The
Official Sponsor



Closing date:
January 3, 2024



MEET THE BREED – VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ Comfort of the dog is our top priority
 - If you have a BT who enjoys interacting with people, being petted A LOT, can handle meeting MANY strangers, can tolerate a busy, loud environment and being in the near vicinity of other dogs, both Border Terriers and other breeds, PLEASE volunteer!
 - If your pup is not tolerant of any of these things, please save both you and them the stress and anxiety and leave them at home. Not every great dog likes pets from strangers and hanging out with other dogs.
- ❖ Volunteer slots will be for 1-hour increments
- ❖ One dog per person at a time. If you have 2 dogs you would like to volunteer with, you can sign up for 2 hours and switch out dogs after an hour.
- ❖ Let's keep at least two feet distance between dogs when in the booth.
- ❖ Please don't bring tug toys or balls.
- ❖ Be prepared to share all of your great knowledge and experience! If you and your dog love agility, barn hunt, conformation, etc., bring some pictures or a short video on your phone to share with people who may be interested in seeing what the sport is about and what all our Border Terriers can do. If your dog is simply a loving companion, we want you to share that, too!



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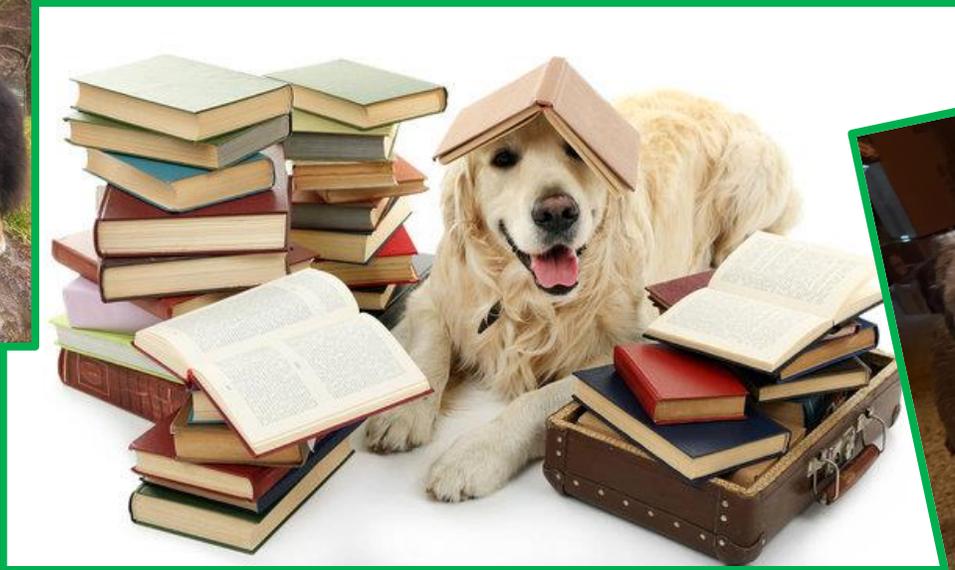
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We are really looking forward to this event! Please contact me at inhwingate@yahoo.com to let me know when you'd like to volunteer and what dog(s) you will be volunteering with.





**BOOK CLUB'S NEXT PICK: STAY TUNED
AND CHECK OUR FACEBOOK GROUP
FOR MORE INFO**

Molly Bredenberg, host



2023 VIRTUAL SOCIAL GATHERING SCHEDULE

Update coming soon!



JOIN US FOR
**Social
HOUR**

Costumes
NOT
required! If dogs
could talk.....



FEATURE ARTICLE



JEFF AND HEATHER WINGATE: BRINGING OTHERS COMFORT THROUGH THERAPY DOGS

Therapy dogs are working dogs whose job is to bring comfort and positive experiences and emotions to a variety of people in a variety of settings.



THERAPY DOGS – HOW THE WINGATE’S BEGAN



Jeff and Heather have been certified with Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) for about 6 years. They currently have 5 therapy dogs that they are each certified with, although 3 of them are the main and most active therapy dogs - Lily, Ozzy, and Bunny. (Jemma is the first dog they certified with, and Libby is the most recent.) Heather is also a Tester/Observer for ATD for almost 4 years.



The Wingate’s got started in therapy dog work because they like volunteering in their community, and love their dogs. Combining the two was a no-brainer for them. It was an enjoyable way to help out people who needed it.

At the same time as they became interested in therapy dog work, Heather’s dad was in an assisted living facility, and then a memory care unit. Heather would take one of her therapy dogs with her every day when she visited him. From Heather: “Our dogs were so loved by everyone there and so needed. It was a completely different feeling walking away from a TD visit versus out of a show ring. From there, we joined a local group focused on fielding requests for therapy dog teams at different events and staffing them with appropriate teams. We’ve never looked back since.”



Heather: “It’s been so great for Jeff and I to do it together as empty-nesters, and it was what I needed to heal my heart after losing my dad, going through my own health struggles, and navigating some tough dog show years for me.”





WHAT EXACTLY IS A THERAPY DOG?



Heather: “I think it’s really important to delineate the difference between a therapy dog, service dog, and emotional support dog. Therapy dogs are working dogs whose job is to bring comfort and positive experiences and emotions to a variety of people in a variety of settings. Therapy dogs are not focused on one task, one service or one human. We are there for the multitudes, so to speak, and are not required to have very specific skills or training like a service dog.



Emotional support dogs are for their owner's psychological and emotional well-being when at home or in a public setting. They are not for the benefit of anyone except their owner. People get so confused over all this. I see it time and again when getting requests for testing



Many dogs are very intuitive to human emotions. If someone is really sad, many dogs know and will gravitate toward that person. I think the dog takes on the emotion, too. Just like how we know we can “hype” our dog up by acting excited, the same applies to sharing a negative emotion like sadness and anxiety.”



WHERE DO YOU DO YOUR THERAPY WORK?



Final exams week at the local community college; weekly therapy dog visits for Wellness Fridays at the OSU-Cascades campus, and a few other Mental Health community events; youth art and community book events for our library system; various memory care, transitional care, and assisted living facilities, the Redmond airport; hospice visits; community parades, schools, and hospital canine therapy programs.

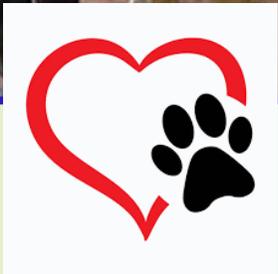


Currently, the Wingate's are committed to several visits a month at Sage View Psychiatric Facility and St. Charles Hospital where they visit ICU, the pediatric ward, and the emergency room and psychiatric ward in particular.





WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THERAPY DOG TEAMS?



Heather: “There are so many events and places that are discovering the benefits of therapy dogs.....any place where there is loneliness or where emotions and anxiety can run high is a great place to bring in a good therapy dog team. I cannot tell you how many times people have cried as they’ve held onto or petted one of our dogs, or who have laughed and giggled out of sheer joy at being “seen” by a dog. At the psychiatric hospital where we visit, we always come right after a group therapy session, and patients use our dogs to re-center themselves after what can be a difficult time of sharing for them.

Ozzy is now the #1 dog I have for the tough emotional environments of the psychiatric hospital and emergency department. There is no one he doesn’t want to meet, he smiles at everyone, and can even navigate the emotional spikes of patients that are struggling in the psychiatric hospital. If someone is mad and yelling and screaming, Ozzy just smiles and wags his tail; if they are crying, he smiles and wags his tail; if they are jumping up and down manically, Ozzy wags his tail and smiles until they stop.”



WHAT MAKES A GREAT THERAPY DOG TEAM?

Keeping in mind that a therapy dog is a working dog whose job is to bring comfort and positive experiences and emotions to a variety of people in a variety of settings, a dog has to love people, anyone and everyone. The same goes for a handler, because a therapy dog team is 50% dog and 50% handler.

Being a TD handler is a big job and one that should not be taken lightly. Besides having a nice friendly dog who loves people, a good therapy dog needs to be consistent at following some basic commands and having lots of self-control.

There are no “best breeds” for being a good therapy dog - I’ve seen shelter mutts and well-bred show dogs be equally good at their jobs.

Two of our own therapy dogs are retired show and breeding bitches. We had been around them quite a bit as we have a puppy from each one, and I could just see when I was around both Lily and Bunny that they loved people and loved attention. They enjoyed being petted, tolerated hugs, and were very comfortable with different people approaching them all the time. They both even sought out interactions on their own with people. They were calm and very used to being in different environments, from a busy dog show to a crate in a car. We got really lucky when both breeders placed them with us upon their retirements, and Lily and Bunny are exceptional and very busy therapy dogs.



HOW OLD SHOULD A DOG BE FOR THERAPY WORK?



Heather: “In my opinion, you cannot tell if a dog is going to be a good therapy dog when they are a puppy. There are so many things that a dog experiences throughout those first few years of life that predicting the quality of people and environmental skills at 8 weeks old is ridiculous to me. ATD does not test dogs until after they are a year old, and I often encourage people to wait a little longer.

We all know that dogs are still very puppy-like at 18 months to 3 years at least! It’s to the dog’s benefit to be mature and steady in personality and energy level before testing.”



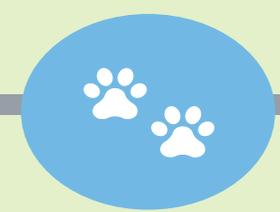
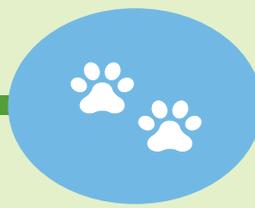
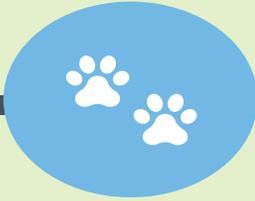
Ozzy is a great example of waiting until a dog is good and matured, and keeping in mind that it may never happen. He was 6 when I finally decided to get him tested. He’s had many training classes over the years in a variety of things like agility and obedience, had even gotten his CGC at 5, but I still waited until I knew he was going to be comfortable with controlling his exuberance for life. I am so grateful I was patient and let Ozzy grow into what he needed to be in order for him to become such a great therapy dog team with me.”



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- ❑ *2023 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION*
- ❑ *COMPETITIVE SPORTS*
- ❑ *K9 SHENANIGANS*





CHARITABLE DONATION: FIDO PET FOOD BANK

November 15th, 2023

FIDO Pet Food Bank
PO BOX 3265
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

The Border Terrier Club of Oregon is a dog club dedicated to the preservation and welfare of the Border Terrier. Our members share many common goals to include a strong sense of community. Our Club has established an annual charitable donation, and we have chosen your organization to recognize.

We recognize the struggles that face many Oregonians, especially our seniors and veterans. We value your work in supporting the human-animal bond for our vulnerable communities. We admire your work in the community and your diligent efforts to improve lives.

Attached you will find a check made payable to your organization. On behalf of the Border Terrier Club of Oregon, we are honored to present you with this contribution, and hope that it will provide at least a small amount of assistance toward the continuation of your services.

Thank you for all that you do.

Regards, Casey DePriest





COMPETITIVE SPORTS



Casey: Aria an I went down to Southern Oregon to get some practice ring time, and hang out with friends. She managed to prove to me that she can keep four on the floor. She managed a couple of Best of Breed wins, a Group four, and an Owner Handled Group one. Fun weekend with dogs and friends.

GCH CH Tilted Kilt She's A Striking Solo "Aria"



Laurie: Acorn earned is Crazy 8's Bronze title at the Springhill Rat Pack Trial. He is a RATCH (Rat Champion) and is working on his RATCHX.



K9 SHENANIGANS



Bailey & Thatcher



Boom Boom and Sweet Rose



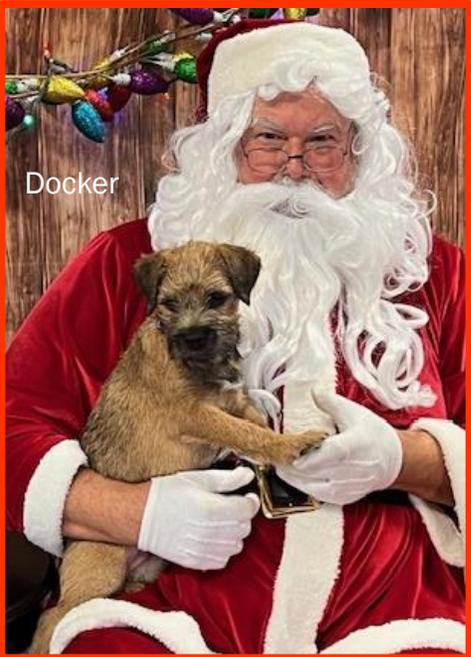
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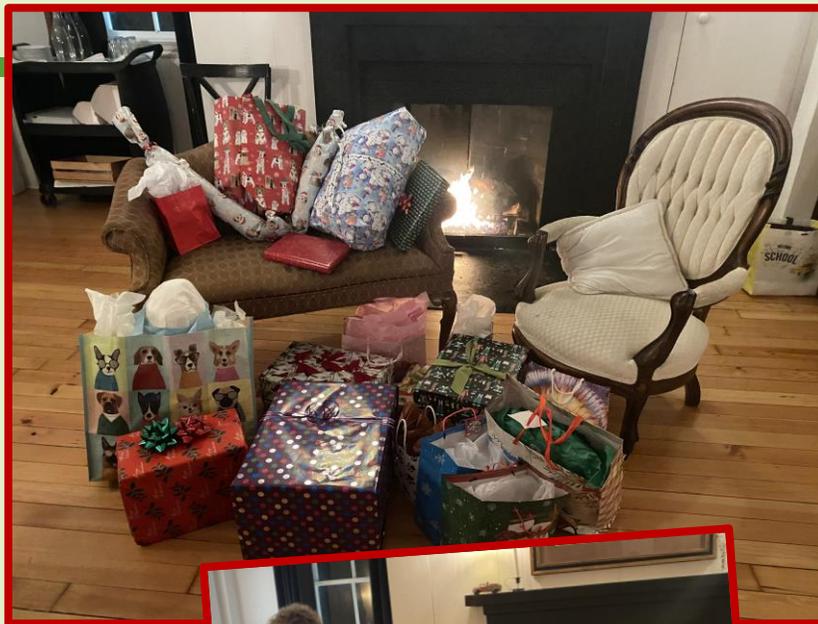
PAST EVENTS

☐ *HOLIDAY PARTY*





HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS



SPECIAL SECTION

- ❑ *EDITOR'S NEW JOURNEY*
- ❑ *NEW MEMBERS*





EDITOR'S NOTE: THE START OF A NEW JOURNEY

K9 Nose Quest: Scentwork Training

Mike and I moved here in 2021. During the move, we suffered the unexpected and devastating loss of our first border terrier, Angus. I reached out to Tim Carey (a literal cold call) and he was so kind and helpful. It is because of him that we joined the club and found a new border terrier, Argo.

Before moving out here, I never participated in dog sports of any kind and the discovery of the variety of sports has become both Mike's and my social lives. Funny how that works, right?

One sport that I fell in love with was canine nosework. I truly enjoy watching dogs use their powerful nose and gain confidence in doing so.

Unfortunately, our instructor is moving back east and there are currently very few options in the Vancouver WA area. As a result, I will start teaching nosework to fulfill that need. I will complete my certified NACSW nosework instructor training in January and begin teaching classes soon after. It is an exciting time!

Hope to see some of you in class! Cheryl Beckage

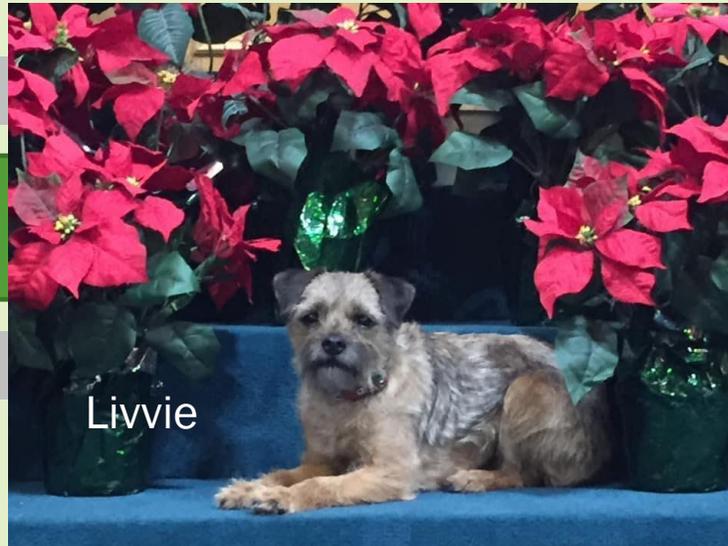


One-eighth of a dog's brain is dedicated to interpreting odor. That's even bigger than the section of our brain dedicated to interpreting sight.



NEW MEMBERS – LEARN MORE!

- Join our Club Facebook page – lots of great updates, photos and information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/278878758374>
- Check out our webpage at <https://borderterriercluboforegon.com/> to learn about club news, events, read newsletters, and contact a breeder.



Stay tuned for new members in the next newsletter

