

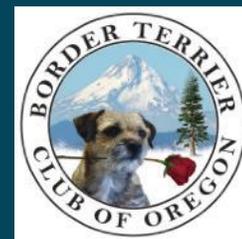
BORDER TALES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

OF THE

BORDER TERRIER CLUB OF OREGON

Q1 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, CASEY DEPRIEST

It seems like old man winter has had a strong hold on us. I do see glimmers of spring trying to emerge — change is in the air. Springtime often signifies new beginnings, fresh starts, and transformations. This is certainly the case for the Border Terrier Club of Oregon.

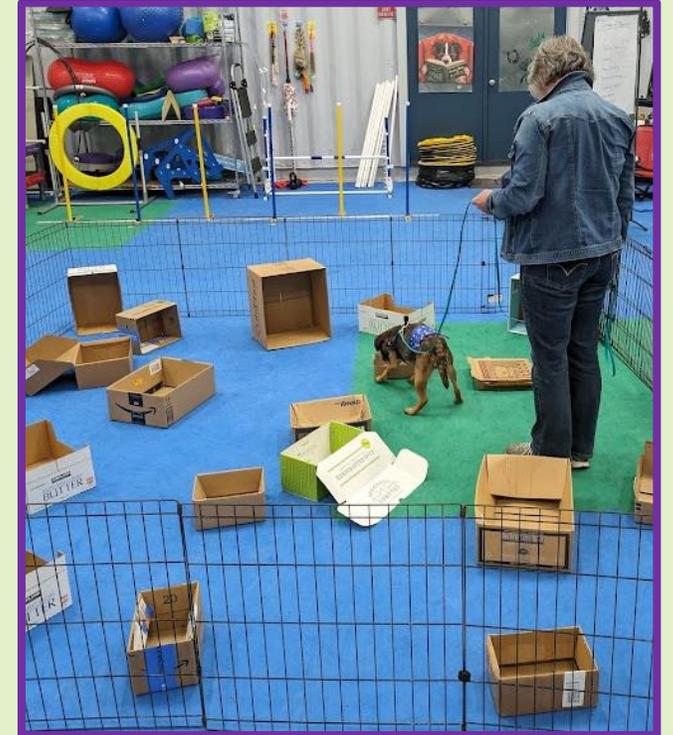
AKC has reviewed our request to proceed from accreditation to license status. We have some work to do to get there, but we are on our way. After a minor amendment to our bylaws we will be able to apply to hold “A” matches. Once “A” matches are complete we can submit a license presentation to AKC.

The process can take up to a year, so we still have a long road ahead, but making progress. We will be asking for volunteers to step up and help when the time comes for more hands on to accomplish our goals. We will make this a priority, while also maintaining our usual calendar of events.

We are looking forward to the Nose-A-Rama end of this month, our annual Picnic in the Park in August, and Holiday Party in November. We will also be forming a committee to work on the 2025 Border Terrier Club of America’s National Specialty Welcome Party to be held in Longview Wa.

In addition to our Club activities we hope to see many of you out and about at various dog events. We wish you all fun and success over the summer. Don’t forget to get your brags into the Newsletter by sending them to Cheryl, our Newsletter editor.

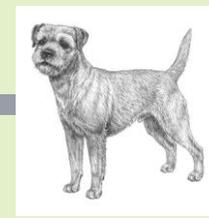
Casey DePriest President, Border Terrier Club of Oregon



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☐ *MEETINGS*
- ☐ *BOOK CLUB*
- ☐ *SOCIAL HOUR*





NEXT MEETING: MAY 8, 2024

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.

May 8th, 2024

July 10th, 2024

September 11th, 2024

November 2024 meeting will be in conjunction with the annual Holiday Party TBA

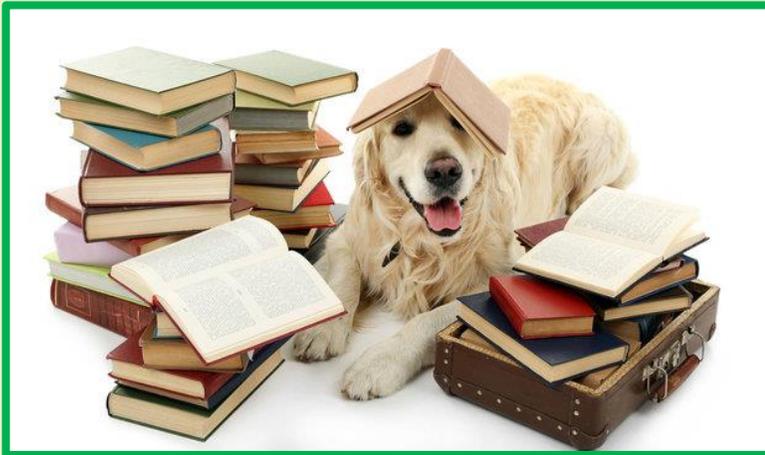
January 8th, 2025



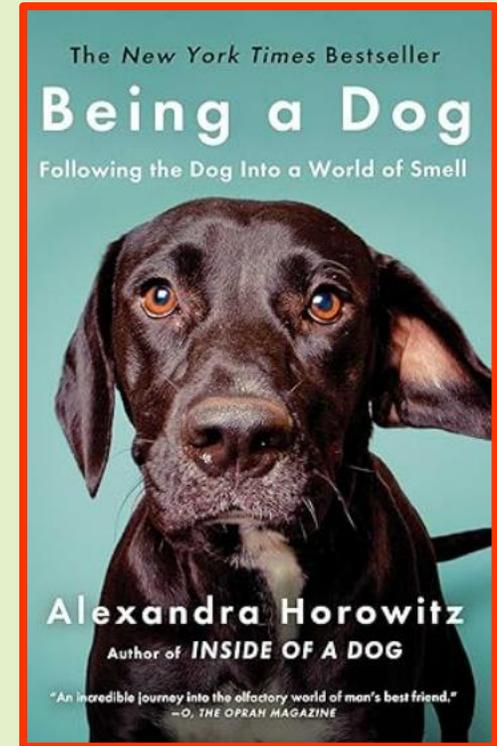
BOOK CLUB – APRIL 11 AT 7:00 PM

- Our next book club pick is **Being A Dog** by Alexandra Horowitz.

A great book in general, but of special interest to those involved in scent sports like nose work, earth dog, barn hunt, and tracking. We'll meet via Zoom April 11th at 7.



Molly Bredenberg, host



2024 VIRTUAL SOCIAL GATHERING SCHEDULE

- April 30th
- June 25th
- August 27th
- October 29th



JOIN US FOR
Social
HOUR



FEATURE ARTICLE

CURTIS LAKE:

MY EARTH DOG JOURNEY



THE START OF IT ALL: WALTER AND PIPPA

My Earthdog journey started 8 years ago with the purchase of our boy Walter with getting my girl Pippa. Our breeder at that time, Harriet Hayden, piqued my interest. Harriet brought a Quarry box over and showed me the basics and explained the basic work needed to prepare for success.

Shortly after this introduction, I went to my first practice in Winlock at Claire Mancha's tunnels where Pippa hit the tunnel like a pro and did everything needed to pass a test. I decided to enter her test that weekend and Pippa finished it with her junior title. This was the weekend that set my earthdog journey into motion and changed how I looked at our special Blue and Tan/Grizzle dogs.

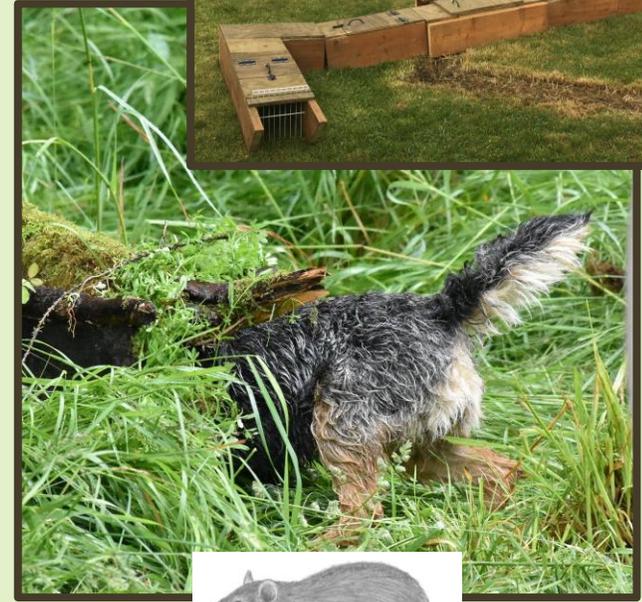


Curtis & Walter



Pippa, Curtis, and Dix





About the same time, it was apparent that I needed to have my own Rats to continue working as needed, my wife (Kari) did not like this idea.



BUILDING TUNNELS AND HOSTING TRIALS

Building above ground tunnels to continue to feed my growing hunger for earthdog and my dogs desire to work Rats seemed like a no brainer at the time.

After having some very good success with my kiddoes I started wondering more about becoming an Earthdog judge and was being nudged by a few people that said I would be a good earthdog judge. Shortly after this, the Puget Sound Earthdog Club decided to put on a Seminar which was very interesting and informative as a new person to the sport.

After COVID started I decided to build my own tunnels that would replicate a real test. The word got out and I've been able to help a lot of dogs and owners prepare for their debuts in earthdog, with lots of success. Now holding AKC Earthdogs trial in my own dens for the past couple years has been very exciting and fun.

WHY EARTHDOG?

The one thing that drew me to earthdog the most was watching the dogs figure out what they were experiencing and let the inner terrier out. So many dogs are not allowed to let their inner terrier out and bark at the Rats.

Everyone wants the obedient dog; I understand not everyone wants the crazy dog. But it's been my experience that you can have an amazing earthdog and still have the obedience, which is needed in the upper levels of earthdogs.

Watching a young dog or an old one and the handler the first time everything clicks, dogs going nuts on the rats and the smile on the handlers smile.

Earthdog to me is the true test for a Terrier, doing what they were bred to do and being able to Judge so many breeds in so many different areas. Having judged in Washington, Oregon, California and this year being invited to judge the Master Earthdog teams at our National Specialty in Texas is truly an amazing honor.





BREED DIFFERENCES & EARLY EXPOSURE

The difference between breeds doing earthdogs can be very different, every breed works the quarry differently. Looking at how the breeds work as a breed and their purpose can greatly influence the manner they work.

Border Terriers, as with any breed, need the work and exposure to quarry early, if possible. I personally start my puppies at about 8 to 9 weeks old with Rat introduction, also letting the puppies follow mom into the tunnels to help with any fear. Moms or a good buddy are the best influencers at times to help with the fear some dogs experience.



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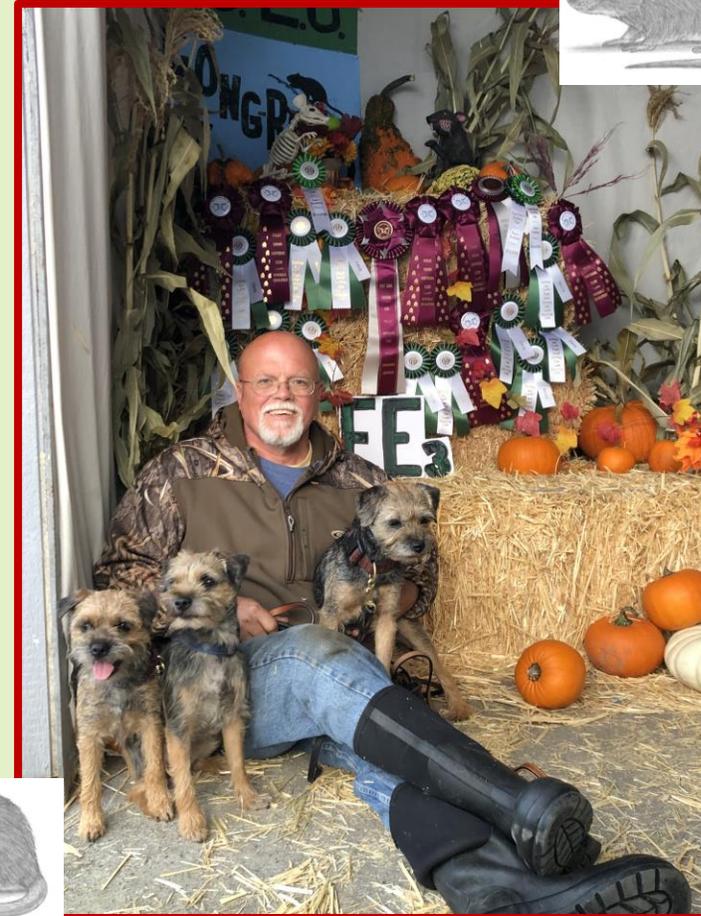


WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN EARTHDOG?

Partnership: It takes a partnership to be successful, with you and your dog trusting each other.

Letting Go: Allowing your dogs to let go and be a terrier is very important. As a handler, you need to let go of some control so that the dog can work.

Practice: Like everything else, practice is very important, if you want to be successful practice whenever the opportunity arises.



EDITOR'S NOTE: WHAT IS EARTHDOG?

Excerpt from AKC.org: Earthdog tests gauge how good a hunter your dog really is. They're non-competitive and each dog is judged on his own abilities for seeking and locating rodents underground. But fear not, rodent lovers: In these tests, rats are safely caged and not harmed!

The purpose of non-competitive Earthdog tests is to offer breeders and owners of small Terriers and Dachshunds a standardized gauge to measure their dogs' natural aptitude and trained hunting and working behaviors when exposed to an underground hunting situation.

The noncompetitive program begins with a basic introduction to den work and quarry and progresses through gradual steps to require the dog to demonstrate that it is willing to perform the required tasks including seeking its quarry, and locating and working it underground.

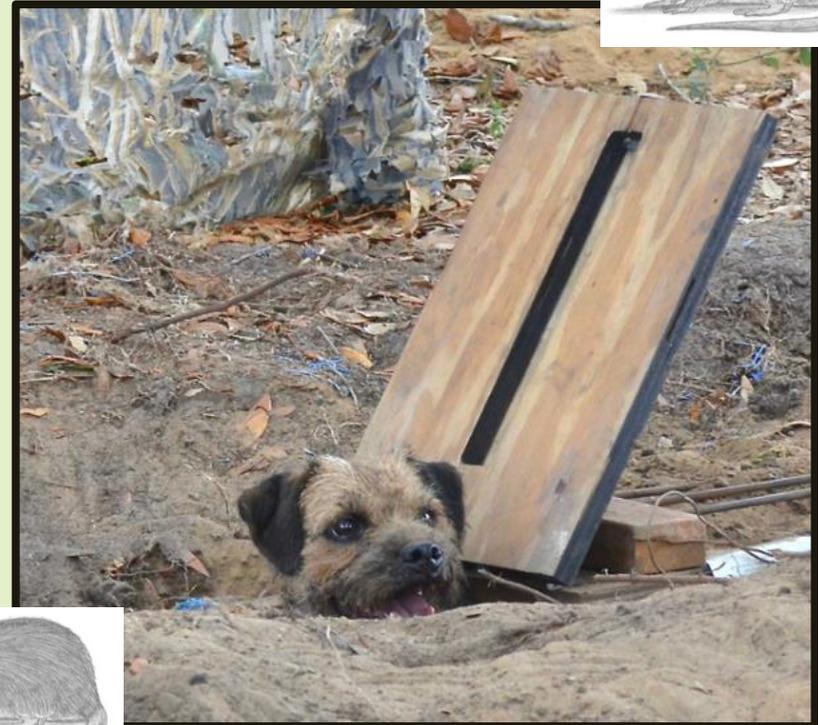


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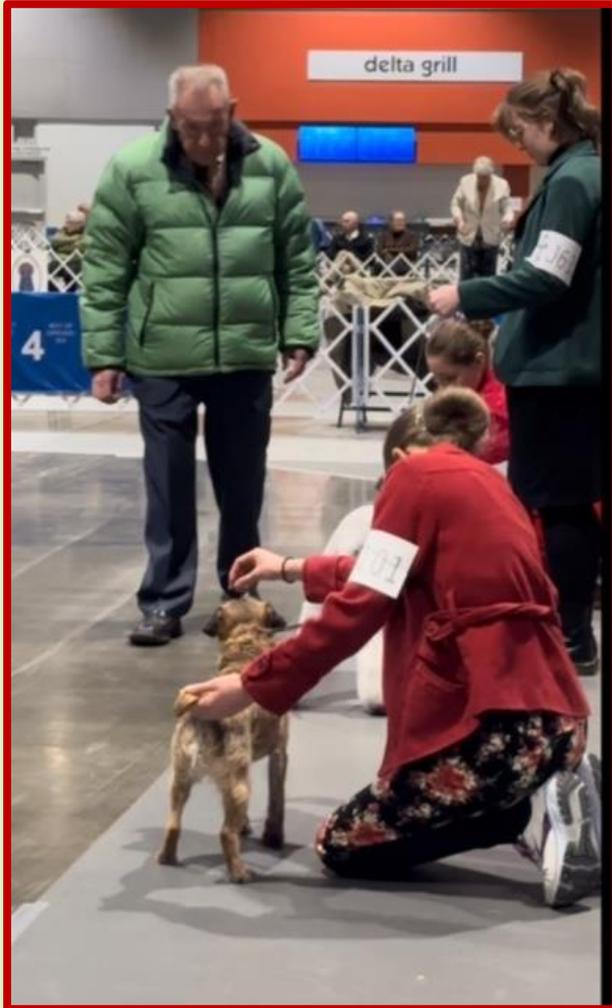
BARN HUNT

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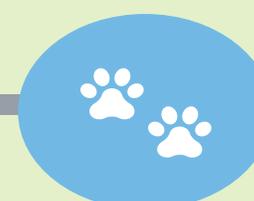
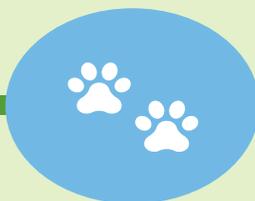


CONFORMATION – JUNIOR HANDLERS



Royal Oaks Sassenach, AKA Wee Beastie (Sassy) helped my granddaughter, Emma, win Best Junior Handler and my other granddaughter, Sophia got her award on Pee Wee Junior Handler. Michele Stephens





CONFORMATION



Valerie Christensen and Carly.
Best in sweepstakes
Border Terrier Nationals

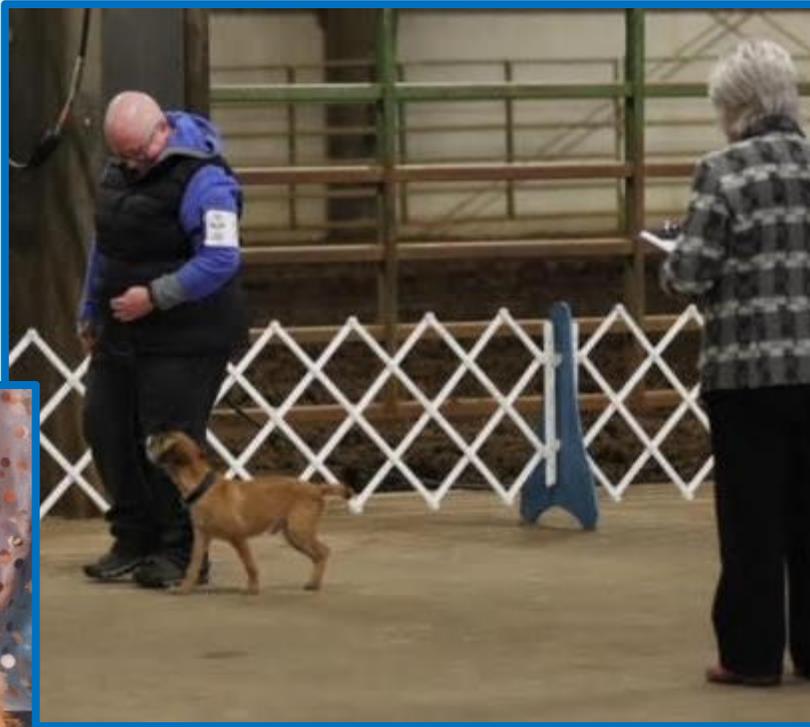


Silver Falls Kennel Club: Penny, Shadowhills Don't Mind If I Do, was awarded BOB, BOBOH, BBBE and a BBE Group 3 on Friday. On Sat she was WB. And today was awarded BOS, BOBOH. Her BOB and BOS included being placed over specials. Tim Carey





OBEDIENCE AND RALLY



Royal Oaks Sassenach, AKA Wee Beastie (Sassy) finished her Rally Master and RAE titles. She got 98 in Rally Master. At the Terrier Specialty she finished her CDX title and got High Combined score in Rally Advanced and Excellent including a perfect score of 100 in Advanced. Michele Stephens



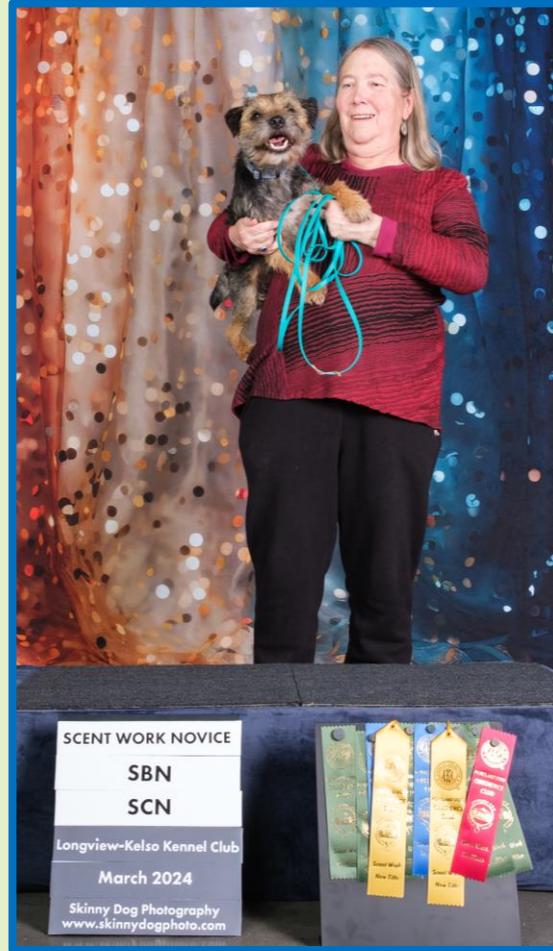
Earnest earned his first 2 Novice Obedience legs at Linn County and Longview-Kelso! Molly Bredenberg





SCENTWORK

Not sure who's more tired, little nugget Fiona or me. Her first Scent Work trial in Monroe this weekend in the nastiest weather. Two Q's the first day in Containers and Interiors with a 3rd placement out of 38 dogs. Today she figured it out with 4 q's in all the elements and being in the top 5 dogs placing 3, 4 and 5 and in the running for HIT out of 38 dogs! Jo Anne Peyton



Miles and Jabbara
Containers & Buried



Argo (Cheryl & Mike Beckage)
Buried (2 firsts) and Containers





BARN HUNT



Docker earned his Novice Barn Hunt title!
Marti Park

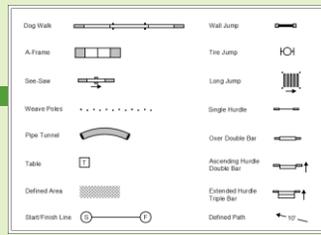


At the same trial, Argo earned
2 legs of his novice title



Marley, our other
resident dog, became the
first Bergamasco ever to
earn a barn hunt title.
She also scored High in
Class on her first Open
run. As you can see,
Argo could care less!
Cheryl Beckage





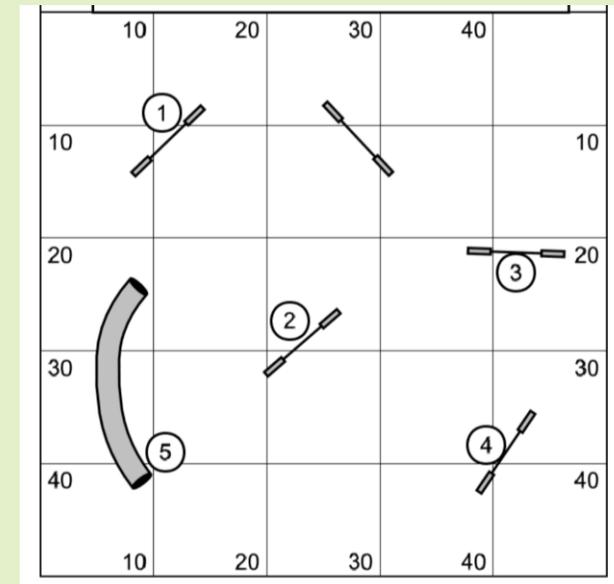
AGILITY



At the Columbia Agility Club trial, Argo took 2 firsts and a second. Argo is always game for anything. Cheryl Beckage



Great photo from the Portland Agility club trial: So great to see so many Borders doing agility at the Portland Agility Club trial. Little superstars, every one of them. Laurie Ashworth



PAST EVENTS

☐ *ROSE CITY CLASSIC*

☐ *MEET THE BREED*

☐ *NOSE-A-RAMA*

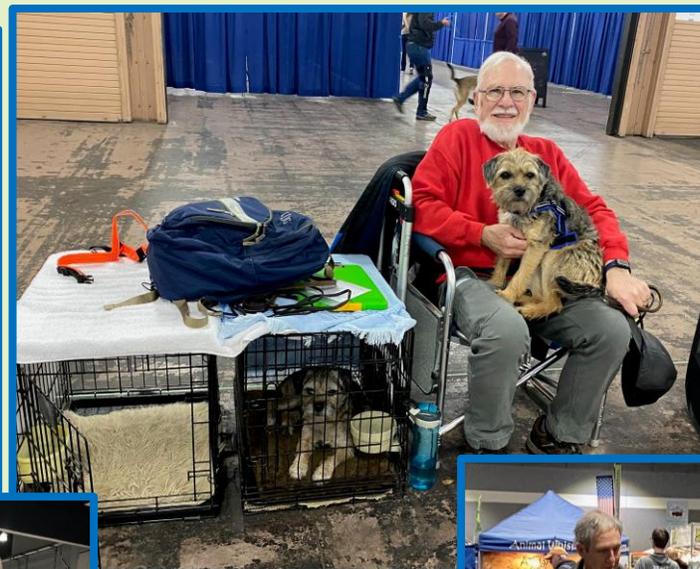


ROSE CITY CLASSIC

Eddy



Dix Dixon



Curtis Lake



Sherry & Jerry Emerson, Elvis



Tim Carey



MEET THE BREED



Despite the weather, several of our members manned the booth and welcomed future border terrier owners. Thanks to all volunteers!



NOSE-A-RAMA

Linda & Bailie



Linda & Bailie



From Casey Depriest: The Nose-A-Rama workshop that was put on by Cheryl Beckage and Lisa Ziomkowski of K9 Nose Quest LLC, Sports Paws LLC was a huge success.



Beth & Hollister – nosework intro



Eddy and the NASDA Shed



Lisa & her Working rats



We might have a few more scent dogs in the works!



Instinct Test – Yes!

Attendees were introduced to scent games, rats, and sheds (antlers). We received an informative and hands on introduction to what Scent Work, Barnhunt, and NASDA are.

The facility was wonderful, and even had an Easter Photo backdrop for our amusement.

Those that attended said the workshop was great, they learned a lot, and they and their dogs had fun.



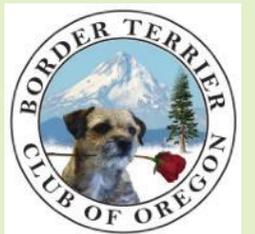
Gary, Maureen, Bodie & Maisie



Beth demonstrating air currents



Laurel and Lexi



K9 SHENANIGANS SPRING AND PUPPIES!

