

BORDER TALES

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

OF THE

BORDER TERRIER CLUB OF OREGON



Winter 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, CASEY DEPRIEST

As the sun sets on 2022, and we tuck away those things that are now just a memory, please take a moment. Good or bad, the years end is always a good time for reflection.

As it's customary to set goals for oneself as the New Year begins, it doesn't always go as planned. We all know that many goals are realized, while others fizzle out, and ones you didn't even know were on the horizon transpire. That's the beauty of life.

My hope as we venture into 2023 is that we share our memories from the past, embrace goals for the future, support each other, and enjoy the journey along the way, wherever it takes us.

I feel so blessed to have taken many a journey with my BTCO dog show family. I've made life long friends because of dogs, belonging to dog clubs, and going to dog events. I'm so happy to see our little club grow and flourish, bringing more friends together. I'm grateful to be a part of it all.

I look forward to the future with our club, making more memories, supporting more events, and welcoming new members. We have grown so much, and I see a bright future for the Border Terrier Club of Oregon.

Grateful...Thankful...Blessed



Sporting the Holiday Style

WINTER PHOTOS



Jelly



Lily



Ernie



Docker



Odin & Ollie



Argo



..... Best Friends and Stylish Winter Wear!

WINTER PHOTOS



Ollie



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Livie



Izzy



Bailie & Linda

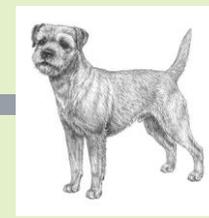


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HOLIDAY PARTY GROUP PHOTO





2023 BTCO MEETING SCHEDULE

We meet via Zoom bi-monthly, the 2nd Wednesday of the Month. Board Meeting 6:30pm. Business Meeting 7:00 pm.

- March 8th
- May 10th
- July 12th
- September 13th
- November meeting (Holiday Party (TBA))
- January 10th, 2024 (Annual Meeting)





2023 VIRTUAL SOCIAL GATHERING SCHEDULE

Members are invited to meet via Zoom bi-monthly the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Cassie, Lily and Ollie

- February 28th
- April 25th
- June 27th
- August 29th
- October 31st
- December - Holiday break



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JOIN US FOR
**Social
HOUR**



CLUB EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES!



(some dates are tentative, and subject to change)

- Supported Entry and Sweepstakes - Terrier Association of Oregon, Portland OR. January 18, 2023
- Meet the Breed - Rose City Classic Dog Show, Portland OR. January 20 & 21, 2023 (time TBA)
- Spring Rally Fun Match, Hoof and Woof Ranch, Canby OR, April 29, 2023 (time TBA)
- Spring Grooming seminar (in the planning stages)
- Picnic in the Park - August 19, 2023



NEW MEMBER – WELCOME!

- Marguerite Lynch

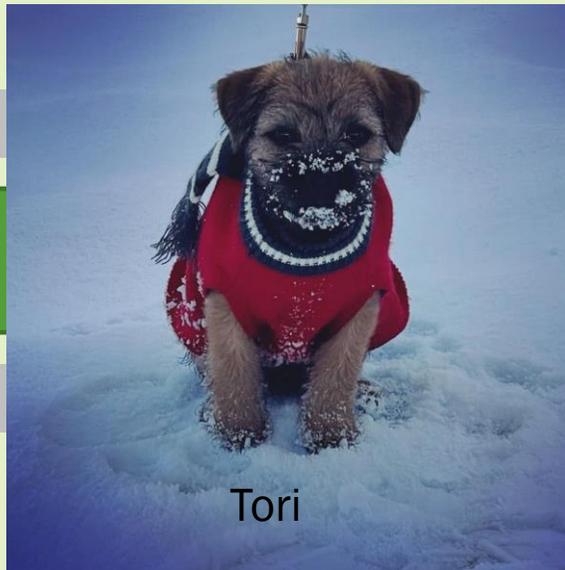


Charly and RIO



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.



Tori

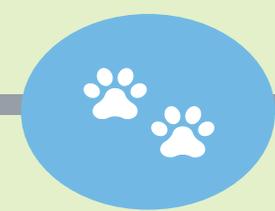
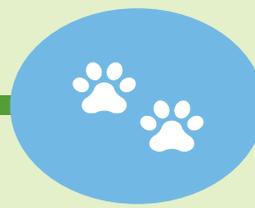
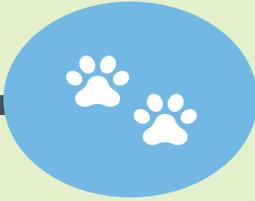


BECAUSE WE CARE

In case you didn't know, our club has a bereavement policy that allows for us to celebrate, honor and send get well sentiments to our club members who are having or recovering from surgery, illness, have family members that have passed, and pets going over the rainbow bridge.

Please contact our corresponding secretary, Linda Grace lindagrace57@outlook.com if you know of a club member that should receive a well wish, or condolences from the club.





CLINICAL STUDY: CECS/PGSD/SPIKE'S DISEASE – PLEASE CONSIDER

Paroxysmal Gluten Sensitive Dyskinesia (PGSD) aka Canine Epileptoid Cramping Syndrome (CECS) and as Spike's Disease, is a seizure like disorder recorded in a number of breeds but is of particular concern in the Border Terrier. Symptoms are highly variable but a common factor is that the animal remains fully conscious during the episode. Episodes can last minutes to hours. Also, paroxysmal implies that the abnormal activity comes in episodes with the dog being normal at other times. The condition has almost certainly been present in the breed for a very long time but the true prevalence isn't known.

Looking for: a dog that you think has CECS/PGSD/Spike's Disease Or any dog with unknown Paroxysmal Dyskinesia that has not responded to anti-epileptics.

Dr. Yael Merbl is a clinical neurologist at Cornell University Veterinary College. She is interested in looking into CECS/PGSD in Border Terriers, and a possible relationship to the gut microbiome. She is working with a team that includes Dr. Kenneth Simpson who works on gut microbiome, and Dr. Jacquelyn Evans, working on the genetics side.

- In order to know if this study is worth pursuing, we need to know if there are owners of affected Border Terriers willing to participate in the study. The study is NON-INVASIVE, it entails if possible, submitting a video clip (cell phones are fine) of your dog having an episode; answering a short questionnaire; collecting a cheek swab, and a fecal sample. Dr. Merbl will mail you the questionnaire, the swab, and the collection container with a return stamped envelope so all you need to do is drop it back in the mail and pass a video of your dog event via email.
- Dogs recruited into the study – they may request a serum sample, and if needed will pay for the veterinary cost for getting the sample.
- However, it is important to get enough dogs. This would include dogs that have responded to a Gluten Free Diet. Dogs that have not responded to a Gluten Free diet. Dogs thought to have epilepsy but have not responded to anti-epileptics.
- In order to get normal controls, housemates of affected dogs may be asked to be sampled. And Dr. Merbl says she might come to the specialty and collect samples from as many Border Terriers as possible throughout the week.
- Ideally we would like to recruit a minimum of 50 possible affected Border Terriers, but we do not know if this is even possible. The health committee gets periodic reports, but not enough dogs to make this a valid study.
- If you have a dog that has, or has in the past, a Paroxysmal dyskinesia episode and are willing to participate in this study please send an email to Dr. Merbl with BORDER TERRIER in the subject line.
- Dr. Merbl's email is [ysm7@cornell.edu](mailto:ysm7@cornell.edu)
- Please include the dog's call name and your mailing address.

