

Seasons Greetings



New England Terrier Club

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Dues are due Jan. 1 2009**
- ❖ **NETC Winter Match - March**
- ❖ **NETC Christmas Party - Dec. 13**



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Talking Terriers

Earthdog Fun Test & Training Day

By Jan Silva

On October 25, 2008 the NETC held our 2nd Annual Earthdog Fun Test & Training Day at Glencoe Farms, the home of club member, Mary Smith and her husband Scott Smith. Both are to be commended for the weeks of hard work that went into the preparing the ground for this event, Building and/or repairing the equipment for the event, and the attention to details that make this such a wonderful enterprise.

Despite weather predictions calling for rain, the day was bright, albeit windy, and the temperature favored the dogs as they worked in the tunnels. The Pot Luck luncheon, under the direction of hospitality chair, Debbie Bradshaw, offered many crock pot dishes to keep attendees warmed and, as usual, offered outstanding dining options from "soup to nuts".



The Luncheon

Once again we had a wonderful turnout with entrants coming from as far away as New York City, NY and Wiscasset, ME, both having roughly 4 hours of travel time. It was nice to see many new faces along with the familiar ones. The Beginner training session taught by Jan Silva introduced the dogs to rats and then they were joined by newly started dogs for an introduction to the tunnels, under the



The Tunnels

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Brags and Wags



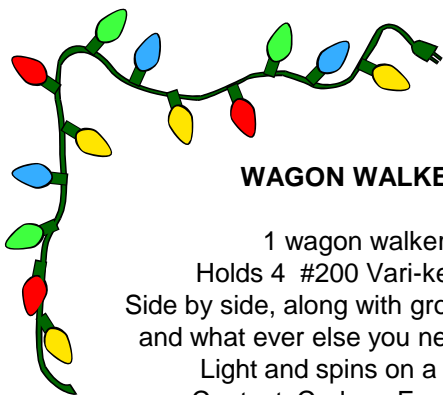
CuCuillin Harper's Dream (Skye Terrier) went WB/BOS for a 3 pt major and took a BBE Grp. 3. In a match after the show she went BOB and Grp. 2 at Ft. Smith, AK. Co-owned/Co-bred by Susan Parson and Sharon Middleton.

Bianca went WB/BOW/BOS for a 3 pt. Major on 10/5/2008 and Aislynn went RWB at Ft. Smith, AK. Co-owned by Susan Parson and Sharon Middleton.

Bianca went WB/BOB and Aislynn went RWB on 10/25-26/2008 at Travis Cty. KC, Austin TX.

Carleen Farrington had 3 Russell Terriers to finish this fall.

1. Ch. Goldenledge Closed Caption at 6.5 years old finished at the Terrier Club of Oregon.
2. Ch. Mitern Stitch in Time finished in Maine with a 4 point major.
3. Ch. Goldenledge Homespun finished in Long Island. This is the bitch that was ill with Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever and Lyme last year!



WAGON WALKER

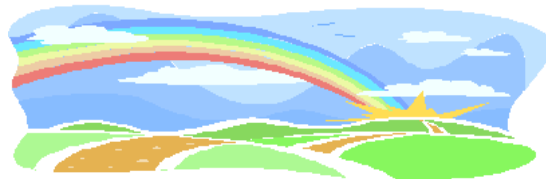
1 wagon walker,
Holds 4 #200 Vari-kennels
Side by side, along with grooming table
and what ever else you need to haul,
Light and spins on a dime!
Contact: Carleen Farrington

508-942-3717 or

miternjrt@comcast.com

\$100.00 or best offer

For Sale



Over the Rainbow Bridge

It is with sadness that Marti Hopkins announces the loss of her foundation bitch Kelly's Cranberry Kate "Katie", a Miniature Schnauzer. She was 10 years old and will leave an emptiness in the family.



From the Whelping Box

Carleen has a litter of Russell Terriers – 1 potential show male available. Call her at 508-942-3713 and she will tell you more about him.



New Committee

Carleen Farrington has been asked by the Board of Directors to form an Education committee for seminars and of training, educational and information programs. Anyone interested in this committee please contact Carleen at miternjrt@comcast.net



Lyme Disease "Something Old and Something New"

Lyme disease is a tick-borne bacterial disease of many animals including dogs. The causative organism is a *Spirochete*, *Borrelia bergdorferi*, that is spread primarily by ticks of the species *Ixodes*. We now call this the deer tick but actually it is a common cattle tick. In fact if this disease had been discovered in some place other than Lymes, CT, it would have been blamed on cattle instead of deer and might have been called "Texas Longhorn Cattle Disease"! Further, deer have gotten a "bad rap" since they are only the primary host for this tick and do not carry Lyme disease [they are not reservoirs of the *Borrelia* organism]. The primary reservoirs for Lyme disease are certain small mammals {especially, the white footed mouse} and many species of birds. These "reservoirs" are fed upon by the immature stages [larval and nymphal] of the *Ixodes* tick which pick up the organism and pass it on to a susceptible host when they feed again. Thus, as you can see, deer are simply a transport vehicle for the tick.

In dogs, many clinical syndromes of Lyme disease are recognized; the primary signs seems to be: fever, varied degrees of lameness, often joint swelling, generalized pain such as back pain and, in severe cases signs of renal [kidney] disease or even neurological signs. Veterinarians have available multiple means by which to diagnose Lyme disease in dogs: ELISA [enzyme linked immunospecific antibody] tests, IFA [immunofluorescent antibody] tests and Western Blot [protein immunoelectrophoresis] tests. The problem with these tests was some cross reactions with other spirochete diseases [*Leptospirosis*, *Ehrlichiosis*, etc.], even positive reactions to Lyme vaccinated animals [especially for ELISA tests] and a inability to evaluate the success of treatment, for they would remain positive for very long times after infection [years].

Lately we have had an ELISA test that is sensitive only to Lyme infection and is not interfered with by previous vaccinations, but, it still can remain positive for many years and cannot distinguish between new infections [or re-infections] and "old" ones. Now, with the introduction of a new test, we may have a means to measure the actual spirochete level in the dog. This new test is called the Lyme Quantitative C6 Antibody Test and is available through IDEXX Laboratories.

This test not only promises to give us the ability to evaluate treatment of clinically ill animals, but also to determine which clinically normal, but Lyme positive animals should be treated. Additionally, the test can be used to determine the possible re-infection of a previously treated dog. If this new Lyme Quantitative Test performs as promised, it will prove to be of great value in the treatment of Lyme disease, only time will tell.

Finally, for many years we have suspected that there might be a "latent" or hidden form of Lyme disease. It seemed that some dogs who were immunosuppressed, either by drugs or by other disease process, would suddenly show signs of Lyme disease. During reasearch and development of this new test many dogs in the study were found to have "encysted" or "ring" forms of the spirochete in muscle and other tissues, if these dogs were immunosuppressed they would show higher values on the Lyme Quantitative Test and many would show signs of Lyme disease. This finding hopefully will receive more investigation.

Dr. Joe Fecher
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New Members

Katie Heikkila

Emily Okum – Junior Member



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the guidance of Lucia Hackett & Mary Smith. It was very nice to learn that several of these dogs later went on to successful completion of the IQ portion of the fun test.

Our judges, Lucia Hackett, Hannah Gregorio, and Carleen Farrington did a superb job of encouraging each participant and answering questions while offering guidance in addition to their official duties. The club offered a Master Earthdog class for the first time and Lucia had a large entry of 6 dogs, 5 of which successfully completed the test. This was a big hit and will definitely remain on the agenda for future events. Senior had 11 entries and 6 dogs qualified, also judged by Lucia, and Junior, judged by Hannah, found 2 out of 5 dogs qualifying. In the interest of time the committee decided to split the judging of Intro to Quarry between Hannah & Carleen, and 2 dogs qualified out of ? That were running. At an AKC trial the normal passing rates for regular classes is 25% and often considerably lower for IQ as this is the entry level and most often a handler and dogs' first attempt to venture into the sport.

Nine year old Jessica Davis, Jan Silva's granddaughter, was appointed to Chair the raffle table and she did a spectacular job raising nearly \$100.00 for the club. Many thanks to all that donated items for the raffle.

The day ran very smoothly despite a slight, but natural, delay at the beginning and all members of the committee are to be commended on their hard work. Each went above and beyond to ensure the success of the event. Applause should also be awarded to Lin Berois who stepped in to assist with secretarial paperwork and Jill Diorio for organizing the costume contest. The winning entrants, judged by Scott Smith and Mike Bowen were as follows:

1st Place – Jill and Doxie Duo, Reece & Bailey sporting their Lederhosen.

2nd Place – Kristen Thomas' SFT, Doya, who came as his hero "Superbug"

3rd Place – Tami & Kasie Lopes' Parsons who transformed into hotdogs and buns complete with condiments.

4th Place – Jessica Davis' Russell, Superbug, who was the court jester.

Superbug gets the "good sportsdog award for allowing Doya to use his costume when she inadvertently left his intended one at home.

Once again a catalog of the event was printed and this year was supported with even more advertisements than last year.

One is given to each participant and a few extras were printed for sale on the day of the event. This year's catalog surpassed last by grossing over \$300.00 in revenues, most of which is used to offset the expenses of putting on the event. There are still a few catalogs available for sale if there is anyone that was unable to attend and would like to have one. Please contact Jan Silva at nativefoxsft@comcast.net, for more information. A full financial report will be presented to the Board once all the final tallies are in, but from the overall view it would appear as if this was once again a profitable venture for the club. Many thanks are extended to the Board for their recognition and support of our performance oriented members.

Lastly as the Event Secretary and co-ordinator I would like to personally thank the committee members, the attendees for their support and willingness to pitch in and offer assistance where needed, and to anyone whose name I may have inadvertently neglected to mention. No one person can manage and undertake such as this and I am most grateful to each and every one of you.

Congratulations to the following owners and dogs which qualified during the Fun Match.

MASTERS:

- ♥ Liz Lyndt & Nutting Lake Sweet Spot, PRT
- ♥ Mary Smith & Ch. Decorum I See Myself at Quissex, SE, SFT
- ♥ Jan Silva & Ch. Glencoe's Don't Ask Me Why, SE, CBC, TDI SFT
- ♥ Jill Diorio & For the Love of Reece's Pieces, SE Dachshund

SENIORS:

- ♥ Kasie Jo Lopes & Ch. Posey Canyon Princess-attitude, SE SFT
- ♥ Mary Smith & Ch. Decorum I See Myself at Quissex, SE, SFT, handled by Derek, Jr. Handler.
- ♥ Hannah Gregor & Ch. Redgate's Nor'Easter, JE, BT
- ♥ Ann Schliemann & Wit's End Sweet William, PRT
- ♥ Hannah Gregor & Ch. Redgate's Silver Lining, JE, BT
- ♥ Mary Smith & Ch. Quissex Constable McCandless, SE, SFT

JUNIOIRS:

- ♥ Jan Silva & Nativefox Inadv of Chesrite, JE, SFT handled by Jessica Davis, Jr. Handler
- ♥ Ann Schliemann & Wit's End Sweet William, PRT

INTRO TO QUARRY:

- ♥ Lin Falat & Gabby, Cairn, Awarded Oldest dog in match
- ♥ Jan Silva & Nativefox Inadv of Chesrite, JE, SFT handled by Jessica Davis, Jr. Handler



Have You “Winterized” Your Dog?

Cold weather brings its own safety and health concerns for both people and dogs. As a responsible dog owner, it is important to pay attention to your dog’s well-being during the winter. Remember the following precautions to help keep your pet comfortable, healthy and safe all season.

Provide Plenty of Fresh Water

Your dog is just as likely to get dehydrated in the winter as in the summer. Snow is not satisfactory substitute for water



Provide Plenty of Food

Feed your dog additional calories if it spends a lot of time outdoors or is a working animal. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperatures regulated, so additional calories are necessary.

Keep Your Dog’s Paws Dry

Rinse your dog’s feet and dry them completely after a walk. This helps avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads. A little petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent further cracking.



Groom Your Dog Regularly

Your dog needs a well-groomed coat to keep properly insulated. Towel or blow-dry your dog if it gets wet from rain or snow. Clear snow lumps from between your dog’s toe pads.

Keep Your Dog Warm, Dry, and Away From Drafts

Adequate shelter is a necessity. Tiles and uncarpeted areas may become extremely cold. Place blankets and pads on floors in these areas.

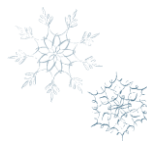
Watch Out for Winter Hazards

Cold: Don’t leave your dog out for long periods of time. Windchill makes days colder than actual temperature readings, and dogs are susceptible to frostbite on their ears, tails, and feet.

Ice and Snow: Be extra careful when walking or playing with you dog outside. Your dog could slip or jump in a frozen lake, pond, or river and get seriously injured. Snow can muffle scents and your dog can easily get lost.

Carbon Monoxide: Don’t leave your dog alone in the car. It gets to cold, and carbon monoxide from a engine left running is very dangerous.

Antifreeze: Although it smells and tastes good to your dog, antifreeze is highly poisonous and can be lethal. Store it up and away from your dogs. Clean thoroughly any spills.



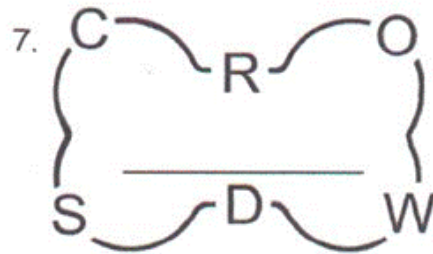
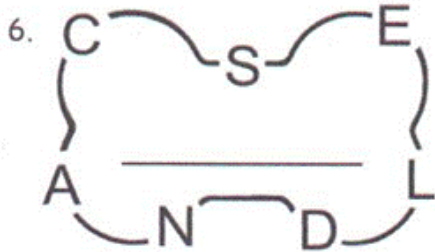
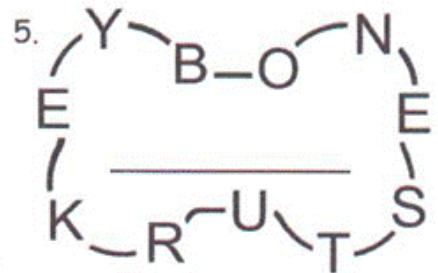
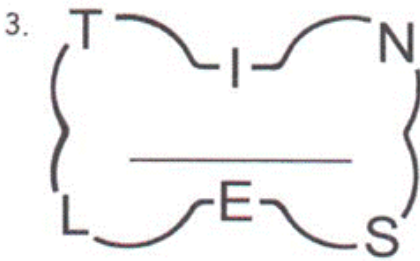
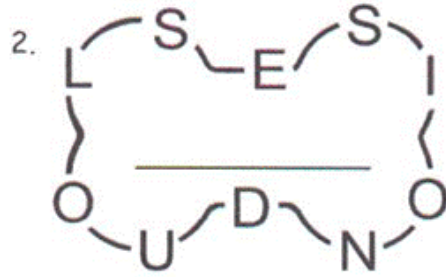
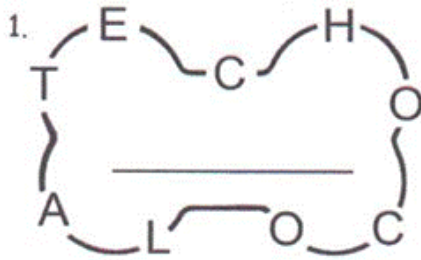
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DOGS AND THE HOLIDAYS




Find the starting place in each bone to spell words or phrases of things that can be dangerous or frightening to your dog during the holiday season. Write the word in the middle of the bone. The words can go either clockwise or counterclockwise. One is done for you.



 The holidays are a fun time for everyone. But loud noises and crowds may frighten your dog. Your family may want to keep your dog in a crate or safely in another room while you entertain guests.

 People food can make your dog sick, so be sure not to give your dog table scraps. Also, certain foods can be deadly to your dog, such as chocolate or turkey and chicken bones.

 Holly, mistletoe, and poinsettia plants are poisonous to dogs. Keep them out of your dog's reach. Tinsel, if swallowed, can also harm your dog.

 Keep burning candles on high tables or mantels, out of the way of your dog's wagging tail.

Answers: 1. chocolate 2. loud noises 3. tinsel
4. mistletoe 5. turkey bones 6. candles 7. crowds



Puppies are NOT Stocking Stuffers!



Think twice before getting a friend or family member a puppy for the holidays.



Puppies are adorable. But they are lifetime responsibilities that generally range anywhere from eight to fourteen years, depending upon the breed.

If you have your heart set on giving someone a dog this holiday season, consider gift wrapping dog toys or supplies such as a leash, food bowl or the AKC's *Complete Dog Book* or *Complete Dog Book for Kids*, to symbolize the gift of a dog to come.

Once the hectic holidays are over, the owners-to-be will have a chance to research the breed of dog that best suits their preferences and lifestyle. They'll also be more likely to devote the necessary attention and time to choosing and welcoming their new canine companion into their household.

For detailed information about the more than 150 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club and how to find a responsible breeder in your community, log onto www.akc.org or call **AKC Customer Relations (919) 233-9767**.



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