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# Welcome New Members!

The ACDCC constitution requires us to publish the names & addresses of all prospective new members and allow the general membership to vote on their acceptance. If you do not vote, we will count your vote as a yes to accept the new member. You have until 30 days from the printing of this issue, to register a nay vote, by contacting the club secretary, Jan Wherley.

***No New Members Received.***

## President's Message — Lorraine Norris



Hi Everyone!

Well it's already half way through the winter and I'm not sure where the time goes. We've had a very mild winter up until the end of February and March is showing true signs of winter now. Charlie and I were pleased with our accomplishments again last year. Last year our wonderful Skye and Deacon parented a litter of 11 pups...arriving a week early all grew up to be healthy, happy puppies. Last time I want a litter of that size!

We are very proud of Chuck and Yonder. They had another wonderful year showing in 2009, Yonder coming out as the top ACD in Canada for conformation for 2009. They achieved another Best in Show and a reserve Best in Show as well!

Our 2009 National Specialty in October was a success, even though we had a very small entry for conformation. We unfortunately had to cancel our herding trials, but we had a very successful Herding Fun Day and Herding Clinic which help raised money for the specialty. At our Herding Fun Day, held at BorderVew Farms (owned by Ian and Shona Talbot) in Cameron, Ontario we had 15 dogs herding instinct tested, including a variety of breeds. The rain held off until the very last dog and handler...which was me! But that's ok, I had fun and my dog passed! Ian and Shona hosted a great event for us and were very supportive towards our specialty.

Our Herding Clinic was held at Heather and Ron Forbes farm in Ingersol, Ontario and what a day that was! It was great, full of lots of information and a wonderful day for the dogs and handlers alike. I can hardly wait until retirement, so I can spend more time herding!

We also had a very successful raffle at the conformation specialty held in conjunction with the London Canine Association Dog Show. The raffle prizes and the table prizes for the specialty were awesome and so many people at the show commented on what a great effort was put into our event for such a small club. It couldn't have been done without the dedication and support of a lot of people....Chuck, Dorinda, The Browne family, all our sponsors, friends and family! Between all the events, we manage to raise over \$1,100.00 for the club.

I know Chuck has been working on elections for 2010, so I hope everyone will support the process. Then there are those that are working on the 2010 specialty and the events that help support it as well. Our website looks great and I look forward to seeing more information posted. Chuck and I are working on setting up a booth for the club at the All About Pet Show in Toronto in April of this year to try and help educate people about our breed and why you should....or shouldn't own one. For all of you out there planning these activities and others, keep up the good work, good luck and thank you so much! Take care.....

*Lorraine Norris*  
President

**Cover Photo: 2009 Best In Specialty**  
**URETOPIA'S TRUTH OR DARE, UN239293, 02/07/2008** Breeder: MARGARET URE, Uretopia Kennels,  
by CH SMKMTN'S THE HIGHLANDER ex CH REDDENBLU'S RED WARATAH, CANADA.  
Owner/handler is Jeremy Browne. The Specialty Judge is Elaine Whitney.

## Vice President's Report — Chuck Lamers



Chuck's Happy New Year's letter:

Friends and Family:

As 2009 draws to a close, we wish you a new year filled with health, happiness and love.

Last week, Lorraine (who we co-own many of our dogs with) gave us some exciting news - one of our Australian Cattle Dogs, Yonder (aka Gr Ch Agassiz's Wild Blu Yonder RN) will be on the cover of the February issue of Dog Fancy's Natural Dog, a national American dog magazine. He isn't mentioned by name, but credit is given to the photographer, Mark Raycroft from the Stirling, Ontario area. More of Mark's work can be seen at markraycroft.com. The photo was taken in February of this year at Kawartha Settler's Village in Bobcaygeon. Dog Fancy (which claims to be "The World's most widely read Dog magazine") will be creating a 2-issues-in-1 publication. One side will be Dog Fancy (focusing on dog breeds, training and dog sports) and the other side will be Natural Dog (focusing on holistic and environmentally friendly ways to care for your dog). The first issue is due in stores soon. We have attached a scan of the cover. We are so proud of Yonder (and all our dogs) and we wanted to share the news.

Have a great 2010!

*Chuck, Rick and the puppies!*

*(See Scan of Cover of Natural Dog Later in this Issue.)*



### **VP Letter from February 2010:**

Happy New Year, ACD Enthusiasts!

I can only speak for myself, but I never tire of talking (OK, bragging!) about the amazing Australian Cattle Dog. When you live with an ACD, your life is never boring and always busy! I always wished that more people had the chance to get to know about our breed.

Well, I think my wish has come true. I am so proud of the outstanding Dogs in Canada Breedline articles focusing on Australian Cattle Dogs that have been written by Nickie Polson. They are factual, funny and positive. Keep an eye out for more articles in upcoming issues!

We each have an opportunity to put our breed in a positive light by recognizing the versatility of these mighty medium-sized dogs. Consider nominating your dog for the new ACDCC Versatility Awards Program title. Details are in this issue of the Heeler Holler.

There are many exciting ACD events already planned for 2010 - an ACDCC Booster at the Ontario Breeders' Dog show in Markham, Ontario in February; our National ACDCC Specialty and Herding Trials in Calgary, Alberta in June; four ACDCC sponsored Herding Trials near Guelph, Ontario in August. And many more are being organized.

What a great year to be busy with our ACDs!

*Chuck Lamers*  
VP ACDCC

*(See Information on Versatility Awards Later in this Issue.)*

## BC Director's Message — Maureen Fanthorpe



Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to announce some special awards for 2009.

Lynn Leach is once again Handler of the Year — with Leroy repeating as ACD of the year.

My own Merry was the runner up for ACD of the year for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to everyone for their achievements in 2009.

*Maureen Fanthorpe*  
BC Director

## At Large Director's Message — Lynn Leach



Spirit of the West!!

Everybody is getting excited!! Another great ACD party - earlier this year, allowing ACD fans some time to recover before partying at the American National!!

Gerri & Brandy have been busy planning, organizing, and running the thousands of errands that we all know are involved in hosting an event such as this!

Judges this year include:

**Diane Baillie** – from Mount Eliza, Australia judging conformation

**Karen Brearly** - judging Sweeps

**Marti Parish & Ron Fischer** - judging the Herding Events

**Anita Thomson** - judging Agility (Yes - we have Agility this year too!!!!)

Check with the website often: <http://www.acdcc.org/specialty/index.html>

You can find the Conformation Premium list linked there, or go directly to: <http://www.acdcc.org/specialty/conformPremium.pdf>

There is also a page for Accommodations, Agility, Herding, and of course information about how to donate prizes for any of the events including our Silent Auction and Raffle!!

So..... hopefully we'll see you there!! I can't wait.....

*Lynn Leach*  
ACDCC Director at Large



## Marked Catalogue - Unofficial Results

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**SPECIALTY SHOW - Saturday, October 17, 2009** Outside weather permitting

Decision made on the day before the specialty based on the weather forecast

### Australian Cattle Dog Club of Canada

CONFORMATION - Regular & Non-Regular Classes

**Elaine Whitney**, 313 Pipeline Rd., RR # 2, Castleton, ON K0K 1M0

**SWEEPSTAKES** – All Sweepstakes Classes, **Joanne Fernall**, Norwood, ON

## AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG CLUB OF CANADA

### SWEEPSTAKES

#### 12-18 MONTH DOG

302 URETOPIA'S TRUTH OR DARE

Owner: JEREMY BROWNE

1ST 302 2ND 3RD 4TH

#### JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH

116 AGASSIZ'S I'M A SURVIVOR

Owner: CHUCK LAMERS; LORRAINE NORRIS

1ST 116 2ND 3RD 4TH

BEST IN OVERALL IN SWEEPSTAKES 116

#### VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG CLUB OF CANADA

VETERAN SWEEPS 7-9 YEARS DOG

595 CH CARBEN COPYS CUT THE BULL

Owner: HEATHER WARN

1ST ABS 2ND 3RD 4TH

#### VETERAN SWEEPS 9-12 YEARS BITCH

603 CH AGASSIZ'S RED HOT SYDNEY

Owner: LORRAINE NORRIS & CHUCK LAMERS

1ST 603 2ND 3RD 4TH

BEST OVERALL IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES 603

### Herding Sweepstakes

NO ENTRY

### REGULAR CLASSES

#### 12-18 MONTH DOG

216 MERRIGANG WINTER NIGHT, 1104193, 24/05/2008

Breeder: LAWRENCE R MCCAMPBELL, by GCH AGASSIZ'S

WILD BLU YONDER, RN ex DREAMTIME OCTOBER SKY,  
ELSEWHERE. Owner: DORINDA DESMET, 1342 ALDERSBROOK  
RD., LONDON, ON, N6G 3J3, . Agent: CHRISTINE & ROB JONES

Saturday  
2nd, RWD

302 URETOPIA'S TRUTH OR DARE, UN239293, 02/07/2008

Breeder: MARGARET URE, by CH SMKMTN'S THE HIGHLANDER  
ex CH REDDENBLU'S RED WARATAH, CANADA. Owner:

JEREMY BROWNE, R.R. #1, BELMONT, ON, N0L 1B0, .

Saturday  
1st, WD, BW, BB – 3P

## 2009 SPECIALTY RESULTS — Continued

### OPEN DOG

**64 KOMBINALONG SUPERNATURAL, ERN26002041, 06/05/2005**  
Breeder: NARELLE G. ROBERTSON, by KOMBINALONG SUPER PINOT ex KOMBINALONG SUPER BITCH, ELSEWHERE.  
Owner: JOHN RAMOS; VIRGINIA RAMOS, 1006 OLD RTE. 31, JORDAN, NY, 13080.

**Saturday**  
**1st**

### JUNIOR PUPPY BITCH

**116 AGASSIZ'S I'M A SURVIVOR, WA272468, 25/01/2009**  
Breeder: LORRAINE NORRIS & HEATHER WALKER, by CH AGASSIZ'S DREAMTIME DEACON BLU ex AGASSIZ'S AUTUMN HAZE, CANADA. Owner: CHUCK LAMERS; LORRAINE NORRIS, 2728 ELM TREE ROAD, R.R. #1, LINDSAY, ON, K9V 4R1, .

**Saturday**  
**1st, WB, BP – 2P**

### BRED BY EXHIBITOR BITCH

**598 CARBEN COPYS LOT LIZZARD, LISTED, 06/07/2007**  
Breeder: HEATHER WARN & TRACY CARLTON, by KURPAS HUNKER DOWN ex CC'S HARD ON THE TICKER, ELSEWHERE.  
Owner: HEATHER WARN, 8065 ST. CLAIR HWY, CASCO, MI, 48064.

**Saturday**  
**ABS**

### OPEN BITCH

**59 TAYLRYDER BILT FORD TUFF, ERN29001403, 08/12/2007**  
Breeder: BRIAN S. & DEBRA L. MINTZER, by TAYLRYDER TUFFERENHELL ex TAYLRYDER EWEZ IT OR LOOZ IT, ELSEWHERE. Owner: JOHN RAMOS; VIRGINIA RAMOS; L. MINTZER, 1006 OLD RTE. 31, JORDAN, NY, 13080.

**Saturday**  
**1st, RWB**

### VETERANS BITCH

**603 CH AGASSIZ'S RED HOT SYDNEY, JE608242, 22/03/1999**  
Breeder: LORRAINE NORRIS & JANICE TAYLOR, by CH REDDENBLU AGASSIZ THUNDERHART ex CH AGASSIZ'S CM RUN FOR THE ROSES, CANADA. Owner: LORRAINE NORRIS & CHUCK LAMERS, 1427 FORD DRIVE, CAVAN, ON, L0A 1C0, .

**Saturday**  
**1st, BV**

### SPECIALS ONLY

**115 CH AGASSIZ KRYSTAL BLU PERSUASION, TQ172207, 04/08/2007, BITCH** Breeder: LORRAINE NORRIS; CINDY GHENT, by CH AGASSIZ'S DREAMTIME DEACON BLU ex CH CATALYST RED STORM RISING, CANADA. Owner: LORRAINE NORRIS; CHUCK P. LAMERS, 2728 ELM TREE ROAD, R.R. #1, LINDSAY, ON, K9V 4R1, .

**Saturday**  
**BOS**

**314 GCH AGASSIZ'S WILD BLU YONDER, RN, RG006237, 07/04/2005, DOG** Breeder: LORRAINE E. NORRIS; CHUCK P. LAMERS, by CH AGASSIZ'S DREAMTIME DEACON BLU ex CH AGASSIZ'S RED HOT SYDNEY, CANADA. Owner: CHUCK LAMERS & LORRAINE NORRIS, 1427 FORD DR., CAVAN, ON, L0A 1C0, .

**Saturday**

**595 CH CARBEN COPYS CUT THE BULL, DOG ERN23001643, , 01/02/2001** Breeder: HEATHER WARN & TRACY CARLTON, by KUAWARRIS BLUE DUKE ex CARBEN COPYS CODE BLUE, ELSEWHERE. Owner: HEATHER WARN, 8065 ST. CLAIR HWY, CASCO, MI, 48064.

**Saturday**  
**ABS**

### PARADE OF TITLEHOLDERS

**115 CH AGASSIZ KRYSTAL BLU PERSUASION, TQ172207, 04/08/2007, BITCH** Breeder: LORRAINE NORRIS; CINDY GHENT, by CH AGASSIZ'S DREAMTIME DEACON BLU ex CH CATALYST RED STORM RISING, CANADA. Owner: LORRAINE NORRIS; CHUCK P. LAMERS, 2728 ELM TREE ROAD, R.R. #1, LINDSAY, ON, K9V 4R1, .

**Saturday**  
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**Saturday**



Picture to Left: Chuck Lamers showing Reba - Agassiz's I'm A Survivor, HIC - who won Sweepstakes, Winners Bitch and Best Puppy in Breed. She is co-bred and co-owned by Lorraine Norris and Chuck Lamers. The Sweepstakes Judge was Joanne Fernall of Norwood, Ontario.



In 2009, Ann Gunderson, Maureen Fanthorpe and I pulled together a proposal for an Australian Cattle Dog Club of Canada Versatility Awards program.

As it says in the attached proposal outline, the ACDCC Versatility awards program was implemented by the ACDCC for two reasons: -

- an educational tool for members to promote the health, soundness and welfare of Australian Cattle Dogs, and
- a recognition program for dogs and owners who have contributed to the breed in the arenas of performance, conformation and social responsibility.

The ACDCC Versatility Awards are intended to encourage the participation of ACDs in the many Canadian Kennel Club activities and other recognized Dog Sport and Canine recognition programs, to acknowledge an individual dog's accomplishments, and to acknowledge the versatility of the ACD breed.

This program is a tiered approach and will encourage the hard-core enthusiast in one area (herding or conformation or obedience as examples) to go out to the field, into the ring or into the training centre to try other disciplines. The program does not require the owner to go all the way—rather, getting a point in the show ring or getting a novice performance title in herding or obedience will be recognized and used towards the program. It also recognizes responsible ACD ownership.

The proposal was circulated to board members in 2009 and it was my intention to present it at the 2009 ACDCC Specialty and AGM in October, but with only 3 voting members present at the ACDCC Specialty, no AGM took place. As it was supported by the 2009 ACDCC Board of Directors, I would like to submit it for promotion to the membership via HH.

I will also follow-up to have the forms pdf'd and place on the ACDCC website for download. I hope we will be able to create a link to post photos and bios of all ACDs who qualify for and receive their ACDCC Versatility Award title.

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## **Australian Cattle Dog Club of Canada Versatility Awards Program**

The ACDCC Versatility awards program was implemented by the ACDCC for two reasons:

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There are five levels of awards, to recognize and reward dogs and owners from a beginning level to those who have achieved the pinnacle of success in one or several of the targeted areas ■



**Versatility Started (VS)** requires five (5) points from at least 3 different categories, with at least one point coming from a performance category. VS title to be place as a suffix (end of dog's name). A certificate will be awarded.

**Versatility Intermediate (VI)** requires ten (10) points from at least 3 different categories, including at least two novice level 2-point titles in at least 2 performance categories. VI title to be place as a suffix (end of dog's name). A certificate will be awarded.

**Versatility Excellent (VX)** requires fifteen (15) points from at least 4 different categories, including at least 2 performance categories; dog must achieve an intermediate level title (minimum 5 points) in a performance category. VX title to be place as a suffix (end of dog's name). A certificate will be awarded.

**Versatility Champion (VCH)** requires twenty (20) points from at least 4 different categories, including at least 3 performance categories; dog must achieve at least one performance advance level titles (minimum 7 points) and one performance intermediate level title (minimum 5 points). VCH title to be place as a prefix (beginning of dog's name). A certificate and plaque will be awarded.

**Versatility Master Champion (VMCH)** requires twenty-five (25) points from at least 5 different categories, including at least 3 performance categories **and** a Conformation Championship; dog must achieve one advance performance level title (minimum 7 points) and two intermediate performance titles (minimum 5 points). VMCH title to be place as a prefix (beginning of dog's name). A certificate and plaque will be awarded.

Ten different categories have been identified in which points can be earned.

A – Obedience	B – Rally	C – Herding	D – Agility	E – Tracking	F – Conformation
G – Schutzhund	H – Service/Active Duty	R – Responsible Ownership	M - Miscellaneous		

Titles/certificates must be awarded from recognized registries, agencies or dog sport organizations. The approved organizations are listed at the top of each category column.

The first five categories (A-E) are performance categories. Categories A-H recognize achievements based on a point-value. Points in these 8 categories are not cumulative. Points will be credited for the highest title achieved in each category A-H. The dog must have passed the test or accomplishment listed in order to be awarded point value. Achievements/certificates acquired in categories R & M are valued one point each, to a maximum of 7 points in each category. If used for points, C.E.R.F certificate must be renewed annually for the points to be counted in successive years. The chart listing the categories and point-earning achievements is provided.

The program is designed to make versatility awards at some level accessible for all dogs and all owners. For example, if a dog does not have the health credentials and/or conformation quality to be a breeding prospect, the dog can still earn points in the "Responsible Ownership" category by being spayed or neutered, in recognition of the owners' responsible decision not to breed that dog. A dog whose hips or elbows do not certify, but whose owner has chosen to have the OFA results posted on the OFA's database may earn a point for each OFA public database listing. Dogs who do certify can earn extra points for those certifications.

The ACDCC Versatility Awards year runs from Sept 1 to August 31. Thus all titles and certificates must have been earned no later than August 31 of the year in which the ACDCC Versatility Awards are presented in conjunction with the National Specialty and AGM. All ACDCC Versatility Awards information must be submitted by regular mail to the ACDCC Versatility Awards Committee no later than September 1 of the applicable awards year. Information received after that deadline will not be considered. Cost for each application is \$25.00 (non-refundable) and must accompany the application and documentation.

Applicants must be a member in good standing of the ACDCC for 2 or more years. The applicant must have owned or co-owned the dog when the dog earned at least one title listed from the categories A-H.

Written documentation is required for all earned points. Applicants must send copies (non-returnable) of all titles, certificates, etc. as proof that the dog has earned the title or accomplishment. Any questions of eligibility shall be resolved by the ACDCC Board.

*(Check the ACDCC website for the Versatility Forms.)*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **2010 SPECIALTY** **‘SPIRIT OF THE WEST’**

**2010 National Specialty!!! June 4 to 13, 2010**  
**Alberta, Canada**

**June 4-7, 2010**—AGM- Confirmation- Obedience- Agility- Rally-O- CGN  
Location: Ottwell Curling Rink & Driving Range, 4205 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

**June 9 -13, 2010** — Herding Clinic - 3 Arena Trials - 1 Stock Dog Trial -  
1 Specialty ACD Arena Trial  
Location: Phantom Ridge Border Collies, Okotoks, Alberta

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## **BREEDLINES**

Nickie has been writing articles for Breedlines which highlight the Australian Cattle Dog. Included in this issue is a draft on an article she submitted. (Reprinted from members email list).

## **SUBMISSIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE OF HEELER HOLLAR**

Get your articles, brags, news, litter announcements, etc. put together and submitted by June 1, 2009.

## **VERSATILITY AWARD PROGRAM**

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*SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS EDITION OF THE HH.*

## **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Thanks for everyone's understanding. Life has gotten in the way for the past several months and I apologize for the lack of new editions of the Heeler Holler during that time. I am really trying to get back on track here and if things settle down in my life should be able to do so. If you previously sent something for submission and I have not included it please accept my apologies and resubmit it for the next issue. Thank you. Toni Crites



# **Breedline Submission**

## **By Nickie Polson**

### **Reprinted for ACDCC Email List**

Circle the first two weekends in June on your calendar! The ACD Club of Canada is holding the ACD National Specialty in Alberta.

A Specialty provides the rare opportunity to meet lots of cattledogs and their people. Best of all, you get to watch many of these dogs in action. There is no other way to see so many cattledogs in one place at one time.

If you have ever been perplexed or overwhelmed by a cattle dog's determination and tenacity, you must see cattle dogs in action, herding cattle. Seeing them work at the job they were originally bred to do can make it much easier to understand and marvel at the breed.

The first weekend of the Canadian Specialty will be in Edmonton on June 4 - 7, with conformation, obedience, rally-o, agility and CGN. The following weekend in Calgary, June 11 - 13, will showcase herding talents, including three arena trials, one stock dog trail and one specialty ACD arena trial.

Conformation will offer official and unofficial classes, including Brace, Altered, Herding Dog, Breeder Group, etc. There will be a breed Parade, Sweeps for Veterans, Puppies and Herding Titled dogs, and maybe Properties Classes too.

The ACD arena trial offers the rare chance to see ACDs herd cattle on an outdoor course that simulates a working ranch. They will move not just three cattle, but a group of 7 or more! The course will require getting around a variety of obstacles such as trailers, sorting chutes, pens and the like.

If you want to enter your dog in any of the events, the dog must have CKC registration, or have an ERN (Event Registration Number) or PEN (Performance Event Number). (Check out the CKC website at [www.ckc.ca](http://www.ckc.ca).)

Class sponsorships are needed. Donations of raffle and silent auction items will be appreciated. It takes the whole ACD community to make a Specialty succeed. For more info, check out the ACD Club of Canada website at <http://www.acdcc.org/events.html>, or email [info@acdcc.org](mailto:info@acdcc.org).

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## YONDER & REBA – FEBRUARY 2010

Yonder and Reba at the recent booster with Narelle Robertson of Kombinalong Kennels judging.

Multiple BIS, Grand Ch. Agassiz's Wild Blu Yonder, HIC, RN - Best of Breed -  
Booster, February 2010

Agassiz's I'm A Survivor, HIC - Best of Opposite, Best of Winners and New Champion -  
Booster, February 2010.

Co-Owners and Co-Breeder -  
Lorraine Norris and Chuck Lamers  
Lorraine Norris & Charlie Gerster  
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Australian Cattle Dogs

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## ***CKC Herding Rep News – 2010***

### **New Herding Showcase for CKC Trials!!!**

An enthusiastic group of people have put together a new and exciting windup for year end stats of our CKC Herding Dogs!! For years, there have been discussions on the \*best\* way to count the year end statistics, and volunteers have spent hours adding scores and trial results.

This year, there is going to be a Championship Trial to decide that honour!! If all goes well, this will become an annual event. Dogs must qualify in order to compete. The rules below explain how a dog can qualify.

In 2010, the showcase will be held on October 2 & 3, at Tee Creek Herding Facility near Niagara Falls, Ontario. The trials will be followed by a 2-day judging/trial scoring seminar (judging all trial venues). These seminars are a super way for competitors to learn how judges are scoring them – they are NOT just for judges as their name suggests!

2011 Showcase will come out West – and will be hosted by the Downriver crew!

The winner will be posted in Dogs in Canada - and have several other \*bragging rights\* as the top dog in Canada!!

So - here are the rules for 2010:

### **2010 CKC Year End Herding Showcase Rules & Guidelines**

This will be a CKC non-sanctioned event.

This will be open to all handlers/dogs competing in CKC arena herding trials whether, or not, they are a resident of Canada.

The Finals "year" will run from September 1st - August 31st. This gives us a month to get everything together before the finals trials.

The top 5 scores, from arena trials on all livestock, will be added together to determine placements for the finals. I will keep track of this over the year and will post a monthly list to Herding Canada so competitors can check where they are in the standings. I'll also try to add a page to my website with the same information on it.

The top 10 started, top 10 intermediate and top 20 advanced dogs will be invited to compete in the finals.

The finals trials for 2010 will be held the first weekend in October.

The finals trials will consist of two runs. The scores from the two runs will be added together to determine the top Started, Intermediate and Advanced dogs. Even if the run is not a Q, it will still be added to the other run. If a handler runs out of time, or calls time, the score that they have acquired to that point will be used.

Because the Intermediate and Advanced levels have a higher level of difficulty the total scores will be weighted as follows: Started - total score, Intermediate - total score plus 3%, Advanced - total score plus 6%.

The dog with the highest total score will be awarded the prize of Top Herding Dog in Canada.

Placement rosettes and prizes will be given at each level.

Large rosettes and prizes will be awarded to the Top Started, Intermediate, Advanced and Top Herding Dog.

Finals trials will be run as arena trials on sheep.

Trials will be judged by CKC licensed judges.

For 2010 the trials will be held at Tee Creek Training Centre in Welland, Ontario (near Niagara Falls). They are located about 1 hour from Buffalo and Hamilton airports and approximately 1 1/2 hours from Toronto. Dave Harris and Kathy Warner have a lovely facility with a very nice arena setup and great stock to work.

The finals trials will be followed up with a judges seminar. This is open to everyone, not just judges. Some of the suggested topics, for the seminar, include: what judges look for in each association (CKC, AKC, ASCA & AHBA), how to design and set up a CKC course, trial secretary - what they need to do and when it needs to be done, "how would you judge this" - video taped runs. We are always open to more suggestions.



When the puppies were days old, I kept them under my dinette in a standard dog crate, and Jaz hopped in and out and spent most of her day with them. Feeding, cleaning bottoms, making sure they were warm.

When they got mobile enough to ooze over the ledge, we moved them to the living room into a puppy play pen. It's about 3' x 3' wire cage, with a false bottom for easy poop removal. Jaz still spent a large part of her day with them, but she took breaks.

At about 3 weeks, Jaz stops cleaning their butts, and they start pooping on their own. As soon as they could maneuver, we started directing them outside. Of course, we still had some poops and pees on the false bottom, but it was amazing how they cried to be let out, and how they learned "the way" to the popping station.

Once or twice, we had to urge them to the stairs and the door instead of wandering around the kitchen, but for the most part, they tumbled out of the pen, then tumbled down the 5 steps and made their way to the grass.

I called it my puppy water fall. It was exciting and funny and a little heart breaking as they tumbled and fell and rolled and regained control and motored toward the door. At times, they took some pretty big bounces and yet, they just righted themselves and got right back on track. It was exciting as they grew and their coordination improved, and they bounded rather than bounced. Craig Watson once told me, never do for your pups what they can do for themselves. So at first, I had to go outside and give them little boosts to get back up the steps. I never lifted them up, but I would raise their butts a bit, so that they could crawl up. One step at a time, I made them "climb" each step, with as little assistance from me as possible. Even on the way up, sometimes they lost their footing and bounced back to the bottom. I would crack up as they shook themselves off and charged back to the steps for another go.

Seven little determined, gorgeous creatures flowing down the stairs and then struggling back up. It was so beautiful and amazing. On the way down, sometimes, they would approach the edge of each step and try to reach out for the next . . . lose their balance and tumble down, sometimes skidding or rolling all the way to the bottom. Sometimes they would LEAP, and tumble end over end all the way to the bottom. I was always astonished at how they took each tumble and set back as a normal part of life, and just got right back on track. As they grew and their coordination improved, my waterfall got "fuller", with seven fat little tubby puppies crowding the narrow stairs. It was always a magical moment when they raced to the door and made their way out. And, another moment of pride as they struggled to come back in. As they grew, they began to leap all the steps on the way out, and to streak up, often skipping a few steps in their race to the top.

I never expected to see the puppy water fall become a cycle of life. Now that my Pep is aging and struggling with his bad hip, he is just like the puppies. My once agile and precise Pep can no longer gracefully negotiate the steps, and at times tumbles and rolls on the way down. His rear legs can only heft so much and at times, he is not coordinated or strong enough to complete a step, and falls and slides to the bottom. Like the puppies, I now go outside and give him just enough boost so that he can climb one step at a time. I do not think I will ever be carrying him into the house, but for now, I can boost him and make sure he does not fall backward.



With the puppies it was joyous to see them bounce and rebound and roll and tumble and right themselves and go on. They progressed steadily toward more confidence, more strength and more agility. I keep that joy in my heart as I watch Pep struggle and fall, slowly losing his balance and his coordination. It is hard to watch my once athletic, agile and precise dog stagger and struggle. Luckily, he still has the determination and the fortitude that the pups showed. He just gets up and tries again, and gets on with his business. His eyes still shine. He still comes readily to join on walks, and he still keeps up . . . with one leg dragging at times. It is hard not to baby him when his leg gives out and he falls, or stumbles. But, we keep taking him along and giving him a boost into the van, over a fallen log, or up the steps. Just like the puppies, he is happy to be going out and happy to be coming in. No matter the obstacle, he does not whine or give up. He just keeps trying until he gets over around or through.

If he is in any pain, he hides it well. I am sure the weakness in his muscles is his way of adapting to the pain. Each day, several times a day, as Pep makes his way up and down the steps, I remember the puppies and all their joy and potential. And, I remember all the amazing moments of joy, discovery, love, pride and accomplishment that Pep has given me over the years.

I have been very blessed to have him as my dog.

And, I will continue to give him only as much help as he needs to get over, around or through each obstacle he faces. My wish is that he will die peacefully in his sleep. Beside me. Knowing he is so very loved and admired. If that wish is not granted . . . I will do what needs done, when it needs done.



**PEP**



**Submitted By: Chuck Lamers**

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**See VP Letter for more information  
on this photo**



## Fetch "Old Cattle Dog Style" by Ellen Schwab



It is very hard to watch my once agile and precise Pep succumb to old age and a bad rear.

Being on the slight down hill slope, Pep could not overcome Captain Gravity, and Jaz's tug. But, I have to admire that he did not let go of the stick. He has tremendous heart and will.

I love the expression on his face. He seems to be saying "Don't laugh, you will get old, too." <G>



Ziggy with her family in BC.  
White Saddle Air is her home!

## ACD Breeders

(List compiled by Jan Wherley)



### Agassiz

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www.duwest-acds.com  
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### Trail's End

www.trailsend-acds.com  
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## ACD Rescue Organizations –

*This list was compiled and provided as a resource for  
ACDCC members by Jan Wherley*

**Australian Cattle dog Club of America**  
[www.cattledogrescueinc.com](http://www.cattledogrescueinc.com)

**Deb Casey's site**

<http://www.australiancattledog.com/rescue.htm>

**Tennessee Valley Cattle dog Rescue**

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/tvcdrr.html>

**New Hope Cattle dog Rescue (Arizona)**

<http://www.newhopecattledog.com>

**New Hope Cattledog's sister site in Colorado**

<http://www.nhcdrescuecolorado.com/>

The following 3 seem to be the same founding organization;

<http://www.spdrdogs.org/>

<http://heelingheartsacdrescue.org/>

<http://seattlecattledog.com/>

**Cattle Dog Ranch, WA**

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/WA293.html>

**Rocky Mountain Cattle Dog Rescue, CO**

<http://www.rmcdrr.com/>

**Pacific North West Border Collie Rescue – often has ACDs**

[www.pnwbcrescue.org](http://www.pnwbcrescue.org)

**Emmylou Harris – yes, her .**

<http://www.emmylou.net/br.html>

<http://www.sfspca.org/>

valuable resources here !!

**Pet Adoption Network (PAN) in Oregon**

[http://www.adoptapet.com/adoption\\_rescue/70859.html](http://www.adoptapet.com/adoption_rescue/70859.html)

**Links at a chat group**

[http://groups.msn.com/australiancattledogsworldwide/  
acdrescue.msnw](http://groups.msn.com/australiancattledogsworldwide/acdrescue.msnw)

**Sanctuary in Hollywood**

<http://www.bestfriends.org/>

**Looks very useful !**

<http://www.canadasquidetodogs.com/rescue.htm>

Remember to get your brags in for the next issue of the HH.

Please try to submit them by June 1, 2010!!!!

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