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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

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## ***From Tammy McGarry, Director of Quebec:***

My only news is that I had a litter of 7 puppies Easter weekend and they are now all gone to new homes. The proud parents were Bluespirit's Valdesmont Foster and Agassiz's Canadian Covergirl.

## **Letter from past VP, Lynn Leach, regarding ACDCC activities during 2008:**

Well, it's been quite an active year for our club, with lots of reasons for members to communicate and keep active!! There have been events of all kinds (now completed, or still to come) all across Canada – from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, and in between! And – we've had many successes & super accomplishments from club members and their ACDs in all venues. Congratulations to all.....and thank you to everybody involved in organizing events. It's these events that help to educate the public and bring our breed good publicity, in addition to helping ACD fanciers work together to overcome problems/issues that arise.

The board has been really busy – and everybody has been getting involved in several aspects. Our constitution & bylaws has been front & centre for the past couple of years – and it looks like we are finally in the last stages of this massive project. Last year we were able to find a new Heeler Holler editor, so it's been super to finally begin receiving regular newsletters. And – the popularity of technology over the past ten years has created new opportunities for club communication, but has also created new challenges for people learning how to utilize it. The Board of Directors have been working together to figure out the best ways to utilize these opportunities, while keeping members happy & informed.

Having said that, and now that the C&B project is almost completed – the big issues for this year's AGM will be discussing our Club web site, use of PayPal for club funds and breed awareness through available sources such as Breed Lines.

And – planning for a National Specialty over the next couple of years..... At the time of this writing, we have had no response with regards to volunteers to organize one in 2009. Hopefully this will change by the AGM! It feels so strange to not be planning for an ACD party this year – and it would be really such a shame for this to happen 2 years in a row!

That's all that I have for club business..... On a personal note - as usual, I've been busy training my dogs, and a few ACD's that are in for training. That is always fun. My young dog Leroy & my advanced dog Lizzie (not really mine.....but she doesn't know that) has had some great successes considering the limited amount of training hours that they've had.

They both really prefer working cattle to sheep – but are happy to be working stock period. Leroy has completed most of his Intermediate titles, and now I have to start spending some time teaching him to deal with the pressures of independent advanced work. I've just been through this challenge with Lizzie – and so I have lots of ideas fresh in my mind & can't wait to start trying different techniques with Leroy.

Lizzie has completed several of her Advanced titles – and is now beginning to gather Championship points.

*Cheers  
Lynn*

## THE END OF AN ERA LOOMS....

*Submitted By: Ellen Schwab*

Tank, the butt head . . . has always pestered and annoyed Pep, the head butt head. Since day one when itty bitty Tank was out of the whelping box and encroaching on Pep's territory, we knew he was smart and feisty. As the only dog for many years, Pep has adapted and learned to share, but it was not always easy. First, it was Jaz, and then her pup, Tank, and another pup Patsy.

Over 2 years old now, Tank has long known he is destined to take over the pack.

Grudgingly, Pep also knows this, but is holding out to make sure Tank can do the job. As a pup and young dog, Tank's pestering were often answered with a patient lesson in wrestling, choke holds and surprise moves. Old Pep would patiently repeat and repeat, and then act the underling UNTIL Tank mastered the move. Then Pep would not "play" that game any more. New moves and new tactic were always presented, and as the Kung Fu master once said, "When you can take the pebble from my hand, it will be time."

Most of the time, they are best buds, sharing bed space, bones, and guard duties. But, at times, the call of Nature asks them to flex muscles and test the laws of hierarchy in packs. Over the past 6 months, Tank coups were quickly and definitely shut down, often with Tank screaming for mercy and apologizing for even thinking he was ready.

In the past week, we've had 2 calls for Uncle from Pep.

While Pep still reigns and controls most of the kitchen, my side of the bed, and the space around the water bowl, he is ceding the crate, Mark's side and most of the hallway.

It is bitter sweet to see Pep defer and ask permission to walk to down the hallway.

Tank still defers in the kitchen, but there is an air of respect for an old man, past his prime, but still honored and loved.

Cross your fingers that the coup remains bloodless, and that Tank is a benevolent and confident leader.

His reign may be short, as Patsy is the most calm and confident of the bunch, but so far, she is content to pester Pep for lessons, and try to snatch the pebble from his paw. Pep remains active and involved, but he is slowing down. While I still have plans for many days and years with him, the handwriting is on the wall.

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**UPDATE:** *The above was written over a year ago, and so far, we remain serious injury free. There has been some slobber and noise, and a few small nips that broke skin.*

*Tank is now 3 and Pep is well over 11. Both are still intact, sharing a home with 3 intact bitches. They share the water bowl, food bowls, toys, bed space, and rides in the car. For the most part, they are best buds, with Tank deferring to Pep's age and wisdom, more out of respect for an elder than physical dominance. Pep still claims the favored spot, next to my bed, and many times enjoys the spot under the computer desk. But, these are his, from love and respect rather than might. Or maybe from loving tolerance for His Grouchiness.*

*For the most part, Pep has settled into his role as back up security, and advisor, and defers to Tank's leadership. While it is sometimes difficult to watch Pep do the slight head turn of a submissive, but not fearful dog, we all recognize that the time has come for the younger and stronger to take over. At times, Pep still pretends he is still in charge, and Tank, being a benevolent and carefree leader, is tolerant of Pep's occasional symbolic leadership.*

*They now share the whole house and are no longer cautious of territories. I could not have asked for a smoother transition.*

*Still . . . it will break my heart when Pep moves down another notch, which is sure to happen as he ages.*



## THANK YOU AND WELCOME

The membership of the ACDCC would like to take this opportunity to thank Shamus, Jen & Dianne for their dedication and the contributions they have made to the success of the ACDCC. We would also like to welcome the incoming executive board of directors.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Remember to get your renewals in!!! We need all of you to make this club successful and support our breed. You can renew on-line at the ACDCC website using PayPal... HOWEVER... you still need to complete the renewal form and send to Gerri!!

## AWARDS APPLICATIONS

***Remember to get your award applications in to Maureen Fanthorpe as soon as possible!!!***

Dear ACDCC Member,

Re: Awards Committee

Welcome back to those who are renewing and welcome to all new members. We are pleased to announce our new Awards Committee, and we are very excited about the new proposals that are being brought in, to make our Herding Awards and Working Dog programs even more exciting and user friendly than they were. Heading up this new committee is our BC Rep – Maureen Fanthorpe.

To help us with the transition, we would ask that those of you who made submissions for the season that went from Nov 1 2006 to Oct 31 2007 resubmit your forms to the new Committee. As it is nearly time for the Nov 1 2007 to Oct 31 2008 forms to be sent you can send both sets at the same time. We would like the submissions in our hands by **Dec 31 2008** so we can announce the results from both years as soon as possible.

Forms can be emailed as an attachment [fanthorpe45@yahoo.ca](mailto:fanthorpe45@yahoo.ca) or snail mailed to me Maureen Fanthorpe at 2369 Cape Horn Avenue, Coquitlam BC V3K 1J7 Phone: 604-329-4764

## 2009 SPECIALTY

Thanks to Lorraine Norris and Chuck Lamers for volunteering to host the 2009 Specialty. Please let them know how you would be willing to help out!!! There are lots of jobs to put together a successful event — so everyone's help is important. Keep posted for additional information as it becomes available!!!

# ACDCC 2008 AGM: Minutes

## *ACDCC Minutes of AGM July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 At Downriver Farm, Hope, BC*

**Present:** Jan Wherley, Jim & Lynn Leach, Ann Gunderson, Maureen Fanthorpe, Albert & Jane Ward, Gerri Quinn-Kucy, John & M. Scharis

**Roll Call** – signed in

**Last minutes** – passed as were printed in the last HH. Motion to accept – Lynn Leach. 2nded by Ann

No report of President, or Secretary

Info is still slow in coming, but improving

**Financial Statement** was presented by Gerri for discussion.

Jan stated that she just received an invoice from the CKC – but she wasn't sure what it was for. Lynn explained that it was likely recording fees from the May CKC Herding trial – and that they were already paid. Jan will contact the CKC and confirm this. Results & CKC fees for both clubs who hosted the trials were sent in together, and our trial secretary is a member of the Belgian Club. So, if CKC has no record of receiving payment from our club, then they should check the Belgian Shepherd Club of BC file and see if they recorded our payment as theirs. Their file would then show an overpayment. Or – it could be that the invoice is just to update their records, and it is already marked as paid in their records.

Having discussed this reminded us of the invoice that we received from CKC later in 2007. The CKC would not tell us what the invoice was for, because they had Jen as a contact at that time – so it is possible that it was the CKC fees from the May/07 trial, that were also sent in by the trial secretary with the Belgian Club. In any case – now that Jan is an official contact, it would be nice to confirm that payment as well, and find out what that invoice was for. Jan will check with the CKC and see if we can get some details now.

There was some discussion about receiving information from the CKC. They had Jen Seaborn listed as the contact person, even after we sent in the change of officers and directors, so we had to get that contact person changed in order to find out details from the CKC on several things.

Motion to accept the Financial Statement – Lynn Leach. Seconded by Jane Ward. Accepted.

### **Pay Pal Issue**

Members may choose to use PayPal, or pay by cheque.

If PayPal is used for membership renewal - the member must include PayPal receipt with their completed membership application form and snail mailed to the Membership Chair (Gerri Quinn-Kucy).

Paperwork is required to be sure of an accurate account of those who are members, and ensures that all have signed appropriate forms.

Ann is to assist Jan at developing a polite reminder for folks to renew their lapsed ACDCC memberships.

### **Breedlines**

Jan will ask Nicky Polson, first to renew, then to see if she would be interested in becoming our contact for the Dogs in Canada 'Breedlines' column. She does not have to write all of the articles – her job would be to generate enough interest to receive insertions for it. We want and need to represent our favorite breed!!

If Nicky is not interested, Jan will contact Ann.

### **Constitution**

The amendments need a two thirds membership vote in order to pass. With this newest mailing, we have indeed 24 returned votes – so Lynn will send the proposed amendment to the CKC for approval. Motion - Lynn Leach. Seconded by Maureen.

Passed.

## **2007 AGM Minutes... Continued...**

### **Specialty**

There was no National Event in 2008, and one is required by each National Breed Club every 2 years. Therefore, it is very important that we host an event next year.

Lorraine Norris and Chuck Lamers have offered to do a ACDCC National Specialty for 2010, as long as they have time to plan it.

Jane made the Motion to accept the Lorraine's offer. Ann seconded it. Passed

Gerri, with Leslie Olsen's assistance, might consider the following Specialty to be held near Edmonton. Gerri will do some research and get back to the Board.

### **Elections**

Nominations are:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Lorraine Norris</b> (accepted)	Ontario
	Cindy Ghent (declined)	
	Maureen Fanthorpe (declined)	
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Chuck Lamers</b> (accepted)	Ontario
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jan Wherley</b> (accepted)	BC
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Gerri Quinn-Kucy</b> (accepted)	Prairies
<b>BC Director:</b>	<b>Maureen Fanthorpe</b> (accepted)	BC
<b>Prairie Director:</b>	<b>Leslie Olson</b> (no notice of acceptance or decline)	Prairies
<b>Ontario Director:</b>	Cindy Ghent (no notice of acceptance or decline)	Ontario
	Dianne Devison (declined)	
<b>Maritimes Director:</b>	<b>Elizabeth Webber</b> (accepted)	Maritimes
<b>Quebec Director:</b>	Tammy McGarry (declined)	
<b>Director:</b>	<b>Lynn Leach</b> (accepted)	BC

*\*\* (highlighted names have accepted)*

All Officers were named by acclamation. We need to confirm acceptance of two of the Directors (Ontario & the Prairies), and will advise all members once this has been established. We welcome the new Officers and are thrilled to see so much support coming from the East, as this is a National Club.

### **Awards Program**

Ann has some suggestions, to add to/or replace the Working Dog to a Versatility title:

- teamwork is the basis
- very attractive to new members
- good for urban cattle dog owners too!
- more user friendly and achievable!!
- need to recognize titles from all countries, all sports

Lynn suggested a program similar to the ROM used by other Breed Clubs and the U.S. ACD National Club.

Another suggestion included that perhaps we do NOT limit the Versatility Award to Canadian Dogs only.

Ann is going to write a draft toward the New Program.

This proposal will be sent to the Board for a vote before acceptance – then published in the Heeler Holler for membership comments. So – if you have any ideas, please contact Ann.

**2007 AGM Minutes... Continued...**

**Year End Herding Awards:**

Maureen is concerned because she hasn't heard anything about the awards/certificates for 2007. Submissions were made to Jen Seaborn, who did not want to be on the Executive any more.

Lynn said that she had spoken with Jen several times, and she is just very busy at work. Because there was no specialty this year – it likely has slipped her mind. And, there was no dinner to award the certificates this year. Maureen has offered to accept & tally up the results. Members would need to RE-Submit their information by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to Maureen Fanthorpe, email addy is [fanthorpe45@yahoo.ca](mailto:fanthorpe45@yahoo.ca)

Notification will be in the Heeler Holler.

A Certificate will be mailed.

Bernadine, perhaps, if asked, along with Maureen could help assemble the Stockdog info for this portion of our awards.

**Web Page**

Discussion about the web page updates began several months ago, as our page still is advertising the Chilliwack Specialty 2007. Lynn did speak with Jen, and at that time, she said that she is still happy to do the web page – especially now that she has been relieved of many of her duties. For a while Jen was doing so much for the club, she just couldn't keep up with everything.

Ann will speak to Michele, and also Lynda of Cattledog Corral to seek info about a possible ACDCC Webpage.

**New Business:**

Gerri requested that approval for payment of \$390.96 to herself because she covered the previous newsletter expenses.  
Passed

Lynn mentioned to please forward \$500 - to Lorraine to prepare for the Specialty. This was approved at the AGM in 2005. Gerri will send the cheque.

Lynn will also ship some medallions to Ontario for the Specialty.

Motion to adjourn by Jan

Seconded by Gerri



# WHY TRAVEL???

Submitted by: *Inger & John Scharis  
Torlundablue, Sweden*

Why travel 7.464 kilometers from our home in Sweden, across the Atlantic Ocean and into another time zone? Why bear with the cutting wind and meanest mosquitoes north of the Equator? And why on earth spend the entire summer vacation looking at the view of just one round pen? Isn't the answer obvious? To do herding training and work with Lynn Leach at Downriver Farm in Hope, B.C!

We started out planning our trip this winter by asking around at ACD forums on the internet for the best North American herding trainers, and soon we realized that one name was mentioned more often than others - Lynn Leach. We decided to contact her to see if she was the one to help us to start out in herding. And luckily for us, she could fit us into her tight schedule!



Two of our dogs traveled with us to Canada, Skinner and Rocky.

Skinner is 1,5 years old and - according to Lynn - he is a "macho macho man". Well, he probably takes after his human dad, John. Rocky is 9 months old, still quite puppy-ish and maybe, just maybe, a little spoiled by his human mom Inger... Unfortunately we had to leave our bitch, Bandit, behind (but in very good hands) due to... well, let's just call it "paperwork complications" to make a long story short.

Back home in Sweden we had tried to do some herding with all our three dogs, but it was hard to find a trainer/instructor who dared to work with cattledogs. One can't blame them. Most of them are used to Border Collies, and the brave ones who took us in usually yelled "Hold him back! Don't let him get close to the sheep!" as soon as our dog gave the sheep a glance.

Imagine what a relief it was to work with Lynn, an experienced trainer who knows our breed! Both Skinner and Rocky made great progress. It was amazing how much they learned in a month! John was working with Skinner, and they were learning so quickly and easily that Lynn considered it to be highly unusual!

She told us that she believes it's because John and Skinner have a very special - and seldom seen - connection that makes their learning relatively easy. John is a true perfectionist and he is hardly ever satisfied with the training. But now there was a couple of times when you could see him play air-guitar in the field out of pure happiness! Skinner and John have come a long way with the herding, and John has already decided to become "Best in the West" and win the belt buckle 2009 - and he is really competitive, so watch out!

Inger was working with Rocky, and Lynn kept reminding her that he was still a pup and shouldn't be compared to Skinner. That was a comfort, because in the beginning Rocky just loved to chase the sheep around - and when Lynn told Inger to correct him, he went and sat by the gate, sulking, as if he was saying: "If you don't want me to chase the sheep, I won't even look at them..." Lynn said

## WHY TRAVEL... Continued

that he was like a 15-year old boy who thinks he knows everything and don't want advice from anybody. So it took some convincing to make him work... He finally was able to he keep balance and move the sheep around in a calmly and controlled way. But sometimes he still likes to play cutting horse and if he gets a chance he'll separate one sheep from the herd - and than he goes for the lamb chops! Luckily without any success! Inger was so proud then he took his Herding Capability Test. He did a very good job! With growing age, daily training sessions and more experience, he'll be a dangerous competitor on the AHBA and AKC trails next year!

One day we got an invitation to join the Annual General Meeting of ACDCC. It was really fun to meet all the members, and very interesting to get a little insight in the club's activities. It was especially great to see herding being taken seriously! This might sound like a strange reflection, but sadly enough we're not used to that. The Swedish ACD club gladly speaks of ACD as a herding breed, but when it comes to practice the board shows a disturbing lack of interest in herding, and there is not one single ACD competing in herding in Sweden. Not yet! But there'll be at least two soon!

We were also fortunate enough to see an ASCA trail at Downriver Farm. Back home we never have the possibility to see so many different breeds compete in herding. It was great fun! Skinner worked with John as a stockdog, handling the sheep for the trial. Meanwhile Inger sat beside one of the judges a whole day, trying to learn as much as possible. It was very inspiring, and she soon turned into a full blown "back seat herder". It's so much easier to comment on other handlers than to do it yourself!

But thankfully, Lynn is not only a good dog trainer; she is a magnificent educationalist for humans too. One of the best things with her is that she doesn't just tell you what to do. She also makes sure that you get a good understanding of *why* you're doing it! Inger happily recalls standing in the pen, surrounded by chaos, dog and sheep running everywhere, while Lynn calmly and patiently said: "How can I *explain* this to you in a another way?" And she's got a fool proof trick to do that. If words are not enough, she simply takes the herding stick and treats you like a dog! And it works! You completely understand your dog's confusion when Lynn is waving the stick at you and shouting harsh mumbo-jumbo. That's show, not tell, at it's best!

Now we have more than one note book filled with Lynn's advices and they are sorted under headlines, like "If dog breaks balance", "If dog shatters herd" and "If dog eats poo". Of course we still have lots and lots of things to learn - but we've got a great start in herding. And when our friends asks us about the tourist attractions in Canada, we'll just tell them we've seen the highlight of them all - the round pen at Downriver Farm!



***Inger and Rocky at Downriver Farm***



***John and Skinner at Downriver Farm***

## AND STILL MORE BRAGS....

### About Muddy Waters getting her JHD Submitted by Jan Wherley

I am probably the MOST proud owner of an ACD with her first Herding Title, my first ever earned!! (beyond Instinct Testing, which is no laughing matter). At Downriver on a dry day, (referring to no rain that is,) a few of us were privileged to take some Herding Examinations. Surprised me to see that Muddy would chose to defer to me, at least partially, instead of taking off on a good fun chase, speed demon that she can be.

We entered the ring, anticipating total annihilation, but what a surprise! After a few bits of confusion, backing down, starting up again, we sort of chugged through the test the first time. Second run was like a dream to me. What had I done wrong? I kept asking, did I miss something?? It turned out that Muddy and I had actually worked successfully and smoothly together.

It is a dream come true. I am looking forward, with great trepidation, to seeing many more cattedogs in the arenas in the future. What an addiction! I still cannot believe it and want to get out into the yard with Muddy and try to move the sheep right NOW.

### **Congratulations to Jan Wherley!!!!**

I have to say congratulations to Muddy Waters (Dreamcatchers Rollin'N Tumblin) and Jan on completing Muddy's JHD title!!!! Jan didn't include it but they also competed in an ASCA trial at Downriver Farm. Muddy and Jan have come a long way and I'm very proud of both of them!!!

*Toni Crites, Dreamcatcher Kennels*



Remember to get your brags in for the next issue of the Heeler Hollar. Please try to submit them by December 1, 2008!!!! Holiday photos encouraged.

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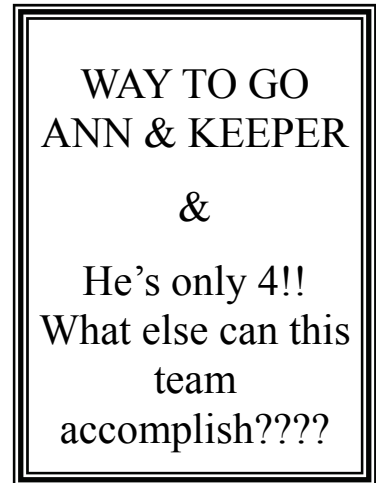
## BRAGS.....

### **From Ann Gunderson:**

I have a brag for the Heeler Holler. Keeper finished his Obedience Utility title at the Victoria City Kennel Club's show on August 10th, 2008! So he is now: CH & OTCH Austlyn's Claybank Keeper AgN, AgNJ, ADC, SGDC, TT, WD, Am CDX, RE

I'm very proud of my red boy. He is such an awesome dog who always wants to do his best for me! I have so much fun working with him and being his team partner. Here is a list of his accomplishments, so far:

14 months - CKC CD  
16 months - AKC CD  
18 months - AKC RN (Rally Novice)  
2 years - TT (Temperament Tested)  
2 yrs 2 mos - CKC CDX  
2 yrs 3 mos - AKC RA (Rally Advance)  
2 yrs 7 mos - CKC Conformation Championship  
3 yrs 3 mos - CKC AgN (Agility Novice)  
3 yrs 3 mos - CKC AgNJ (Agility Novice Jumpers with Weaves)  
3 yrs 5 mos - AKC CDX  
3 yrs 5 mos - WD (Working Dog Certificate ACDCC)  
3 yrs 7 mos - AKC RE  
3 yrs 9 mos - ADC (AAC Agility Dog of Canada)  
3 yrs 9 mos - SGDC ( AAC Starters Games dog of Canada)  
4 yrs 3mos - CKC Utility Dog/ Obedience Trial Champion



### **From Lynn Leach: (Brag from CKC trials at Downriver Farm in May 2008)**

Great weekend for me & my dogs.....and I am so thankful to all of the people who came out and supported our ACD club CKC Herding Trials, and worked hard all weekend to help the weekend go smoothly!!

Both my dogs had some great moments (along with some not so great - but what the heck eh??? ). I'll just tell you about the happy ones:

Lizzie completed both of her Advanced titles (HA - Arena, and SDA - ranch), and got her first 2 Championship Points!! YEE HA..... She qualified in one cattle arena course, 2 sheep arena courses and 2 stock dog sheep courses, missing High in Trial by 1/2 point in one of them...

My boy Leroy completed his HI, and got his first leg of HA with a RHIT - and did the same thing in the ranch course - completed SDI with RHIT, and got his first leg in SDA!!

It was the first trial of the year, so I am thrilled to be starting off on a good note!!

There were many super successes, legs earned and new titles - but I'll let them send a brag, so that I don't make errors like I did last year when I tried to recap the weekend!!

Congrats to all..... I'm off to Gig Harbour for an AKC trial now....

*Cheers, Lynn*

## MORE BRAGS.....

### From Toni Crites:

This has been a good year so far for Dreamcatcher Kennels. I haven't had time to get the dogs out herding much this year, but in spite of that Maya (Dreamcatcher's Red on a Rose, PT, JHD) earned her AHBA Junior Herd Dog title at an event at PackLeader Farm in Gig Harbor, WA

Thanks to much prodding from handler Randy Sutton, the dogs have been seen in the show ring much more than normal this year and with considerable success....

Red (Ch. Buzzards Vinita Cowboy, HSAS, HRDI, Std(s), Can HS) finished his AKC conformation championship in August. Red was handled by Randy Sutton. Together they racked up multiple Best of Breeds, Best of Winners titles. In his first outing as a special, Red went BOB over a entry of 12!!! He is home now—just being a dog and getting ready to start working stock again!!!!

In June at the Mt. Bachelor shows in Redmond, OR—Saturday saw Dreamcatcher dogs making a clean sweep. Maya (a Red daughter) took BOB and Doc (Dreamcatcher's Ochoco Cowboy, PT, JHD) took Best of Opposite Sex. On Sunday — Doc took Best of Breed!!! Maya took Reserve Winner's Bitch — too many good smells in the grass that day and her nose was buried!!!! Maya added to the points she earned in her first outings with Randy — which included BOS at Bremerton.

I'm proud of all my "kids" who have done well this year!!! Be on the lookout for Maya and Doc in the showing!!!



*Above Left: Ch. Buzzards Vinita Cowboy, HSAS, HRDI, STD(s), Can. HS*

*Above Right: Dreamcatcher's Red on a Rose, PT, JHD*

*Left: Dreamcatcher's Ochoco Cowboy, PT, JHD*

Send in your brags for the next issue...  
We want to hear what you and your dogs have accomplished.



*Lynn, Tim, & Maureen along with Pippin and Merry celebrate a successful day in the herding arena.*



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## **PACKLEADER DOG TRAINING ..**

### **Training “Throw Away” Dogs for Conservation Research**

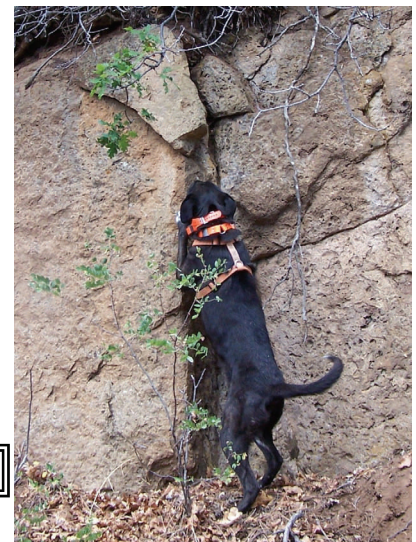
**By: Toni Crites**

I was asked to write a brief article on the selection, training and use of Conservation Detection Dogs. For the past several years I have been the Business Manager for PackLeader Dog Training in Gig Harbor, Washington. This has been a very rewarding association. (Some of you may be familiar with PackLeader as a trial site/herding facility that offers herding instruction.)

Barbara Davenport and Steve Weigley worked with researchers to develop a method of training dogs to locate the scats of various wildlife species. This has been very effective in population surveys, gathering data on endangered species (including hormone levels, etc.). Dogs that show an aptitude to do the work are trained in much the same manner that a narcotic dog or explosive detection dog is trained. Dogs have been trained to find the scats of many species from North Atlantic Right Whales (yes — the dog worked from a boat!!) to caterpillars. Some of the more common species have been bears (grizzly and black), bobcats, puma (cougar), jaguars, bush dogs, wolves, fishers, bats, kangaroo rats, desert tortoise, and various other cat species. Dogs have been used in the U.S., Canada and in various international locations with many scientific papers and books written on their use.

The majority of the dogs selected for training are very high drive dogs and for one reason or another they are looking for new homes. All are rescue dogs. Some of the dogs have been saved from euthanization because they showed an aptitude for this work. Dogs with the drive to do the work often are difficult as pets. A dog with extreme ball drive may be a good candidate for this type of work. This is not your normal “play” ball drive — these are the dogs that view humans as human throwing machines and will chase and retrieve a ball as long as you will throw it. The dog has to want the ball so badly he will work consistently all day — the ball is his only reward for identifying the target order. There have been several ACDs that have qualified for this type of work and for work as narcotic detection dogs. When someone asks my help in placing a difficult dog that is one of the first things I ask — How much ball drive does the dog have?

For more information, feel free to contact me at [dreamcatcheracd@aol.com](mailto:dreamcatcheracd@aol.com) or visit the PackLeader website at [www.packleaderdogtraining.net](http://www.packleaderdogtraining.net).



*CDD Merlin searching for bat guano in NM*

# Ch. Agassiz Krystal Bla Persuasion



Introducing our "Special" girl, Krysta. Chuck and her have been sweeping the show circuit this year and having a blast. At just a year old, Krysta has achieved 17 group placements (including 2 Group 1st), 13 Best Puppy in Groups and 2 Best Puppy in Shows! A Canadian record for a young female Australian Cattle Dog! Teamwork!

Bred by Lorraine Norris, Cindy Ghent  
Agassiz Reg'd Kennels, Lindsay, Ontario  
Triblu Kennels, Belwood, Ontario

Co-owners Lorraine Norris, Chuck Lamers  
Exclusively handled by Chuck Lamers of  
Cavan, Ontario (our Agassiz partner)

*A very heartfelt thanks to all judges and to Chuck for his dedication and hard work!*

# Dreamcatcher Kennel

INTRODUCES OUR NEW CHAMPION...

## RED



**CH. BUZZARDS VINITA COWBOY, HSAS, HRDI, STD(s), CAN. HS**

**SIRE: CH. BUZZARDS RED MAX**

**DAM: BUZZARDS MAGALENA BLUE**

**HANDLED BY: RANDY SUTTON**

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**BREEDER:  
JIM BUZZARD  
VINITA, OKLAHOMA**

