

THE 26th ANNUAL MONTPELIER BORDER TERRIER RALLY
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
10624 DUMFRIES ROAD, MANASSAS, VA



Come to the annual Border Terrier Rally to be held at the Prince William County Fair Grounds in Manassas, Virginia. Detailed directions to the site are included separately. **Please strictly observe all parking directions upon arrival since other events are scheduled that day.** All Border Terriers—the young and old, newcomers to dog events, and experienced retirees — are invited and welcomed. The goal is to have fun, participate, and become educated about what the versatile Border Terrier can do. So pack up your Borders, your children, and make a day of it! Remember to bring along a chair, a trash bag, and water and a bowl for your dog. **SAFETY ISSUE: Flexi-leads are banned from the Rally site other than in the parking areas.**

CONFORMATION: Jim Slaughter of Greenroom Border Terriers is the conformation judge this year. He has been showing dogs since the 1970's — starting in Newfoundlands, and then happily finding Borders in the 90's. He is an accredited master groomer. His homebred Bosie (Ch Greenroom Curtain Call) figures prominently in the pedigrees of a number of winners at national specialties, Montgomery County, and the Eukanuba Invitational. Bosie is also the sire of two all-breed BIS-winning Border Terrier bitches — both breeder-owner-handled. **Conformation Restrictions:** Neutered or spayed dogs may only enter the Working and Veteran Conformation classes. They are welcome to participate in all of the other Rally events.

PARADE: The Parade of Rescued (any age) and “Golden Oldie” Border Terriers (dogs and bitches 10 years and older) is being held in the conformation ring, immediately prior to awarding of Best of Breed. Plan to show off your rescued or senior citizen Border for all of us to admire. Their stories are wonderful to hear (limit to 75 words or less) so please include a short narrative with your entry form.

RALLY OBEDIENCE: Clarissa Bergeman is returning to help and encourage people interested in her favorite event. This new form of obedience promotes fun and enjoyment for dogs at all levels. Handlers are permitted to talk, praise, encourage, clap their hands, pat their legs, or use any verbal means of encouragement. Beginning levels are all on lead. If you want your run judged, please ask Clarissa as you enter the ring. In 2008, Clarissa and her husband produced the DVD, **Ready to Rally!**, in which Clarissa and her Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Anny, demonstrate the APDT (Association of Pet Dog Trainers) Rally exercises at all three levels. This DVD has just been nominated as the best VIDEO/DVD/CD of 2009 by the Dog Writers Association of America. Congratulations, Clarissa!

EARTHDOG (Tunnel Practice and Rally Ratting): Tunnel Practice will be explained and organized for inexperienced dogs, to prepare them for tunnel work and the problems that might arise. No previous experience is necessary. Rally Ratting, a simulated rat hunt, will also be offered if time allows (entries will only be accepted on the day of the Rally for \$5).

AGILITY: You and your dog will be guided through agility training and run-throughs. We are delighted that Maria Swezey is once again bringing her enthusiasm and humor to the Agility ring. If you want your run judged, please ask Maria as you enter the ring.

SEARCH AND RESCUE: Jackie and Donna Walker will introduce Border Terriers to searching for a cadaver. Jackie is an experienced Search and Rescue handler and Jordy, her Border, is the only certified Cadaver Search and Rescue Border Terrier. An advanced class will also be offered for those who have already completed the introductory session; you can sign up for both classes if you wish.

LURE COURSING: Dogs chasing the "bunny" (i.e., an artificial lure) is very exciting. They do it because they love to run fast and chase down that elusive "prey," and it is great fun to watch. This class can only be entered on the day of the Rally for \$5.

ENTRIES: **Pre-entries** for Conformation, Rally Obedience, Earthdog, Agility, and Search and Rescue will **close on SATURDAY, MARCH 27th**. On the day of the Rally, **post-entries** for Conformation classes will open at 7:45 and close promptly at 8:30. **Post-entry** of all other classes will also open at 7:45 but will not close until 10:00. **The fee for pre-entry of all classes is \$5, but to encourage pre-entry, the fee for post-entry (RECEIVED after March 27th) of all classes, except lure coursing, is \$10 if entered by 10:00 on the day of the Rally.** Check in at the entry area when you arrive; signs will be posted. ***In the event of cancellation of the Rally, entry fees and donations will not be refunded.***

AFTERNOON ENTRIES: For late arrivals (after 10:00), there will be a sign up sheet at the main entry table. This will be for ***the afternoon session only***. The secretary will return to the entry table from 1:00 PM - 1:15 PM to collect your entry fee and give you a coupon so you can participate in the event(s) you enter. The **fee for late entries is \$14** as we encourage pre-entries or early morning entries to allow our volunteers time to also enjoy the Rally.

FUNDRAISER: A raffle will once again be held at the Rally. It's always lots of fun—people contribute all kinds of wonderful dog-related things—so keep us in mind and bring along any items you wish to donate. Please note that the entry form has a spot for cash donations to the Trophy Fund. Any amount you contribute will be most gratefully received! Over the years your generous support has enabled us to continue funding the Rally and also make a contribution to the BTCA, targeted for Canine Health Research. Maggie Needham will once again organize the raffle items and handle the noontime raffle winners' announcement.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER: An outdoor barbecue will be hosted at the Prince William County Fair Grounds, in the Ladies Auxilliary building, on Saturday night beginning at 5:30. The two-hour all-you-can-eat menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, green salad, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, and soft drinks. Dessert is potluck so please consider bringing something to share. The cost is expected to be around \$15 per person and will be collected at the door. Please RSVP to Camilla Moon (540-364-9621/MoonCMG@aol.com) by April 7th.

SUNDAY FOOD CONCESSION: Hog Wild will be onsite again early on Sunday to sell breakfast items as well as barbecue, hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch; hot and cold drinks will also be available for purchase.

HOTELS: Accommodations may be available at the following hotels; call ahead regarding their pet policy before booking a room: Red Roof (Manassas) 703-335-9333; Residence Inn (Manassas) 703-330-8808; Candlewood Suites (Manassas) 703-530-0550; and Hampton Inn (Gainesville) 703-753-1500. There are many other hotels in the area so you might want to check a website like www.hotels.com or other travel related sites for further information on those that allow pets.

RV's: Overnight parking is allowed on Saturday night at the Prince William County Fair Grounds. The fee is \$10 and hook-ups are **not** available in the area where the Rally will be held. Be sure to park in the area designated for RV's in the area adjacent to the Rally site.

PLEASE PRE-ENTER BY MAIL TO ENSURE ARRIVAL BY NOT LATER THAN MARCH 27th.

Entries that arrive late will not be listed in the catalog. It's important to include your e-mail address on your entry form since future notices for the Rally will only be sent via e-mail.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Camilla Moon (540-364-9621 / MoonCMG@aol.com), Faye Lee (703-451-9149 / FayeLee@aol.com), or Betsy Kirkpatrick (434-239-4576 (Home) / 434-444-4488 (Cell) / Bendywood@aol.com).

SEE YOU AT THE RALLY!