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Dear Friends and Family of NEBCR:

Welcome to first edition of the *Newsletter & Journal*. We want this to be *your* publication. In order for that to happen we need you to send in news, stories and photos of your rescue Border Collies. Don't worry about how it looks or sounds. That's what the editor is for.

We also hope to have content to educate the public on our breed: how it acts, how it looks, how it's different from other collie breeds and how it's the same. About what is important to know about the breed before they adopt.

We want articles on the activities you enjoy with your dog: flyball, agility, herding, and other dog sports, or just hiking, playing ball, or just chilling. And about what's happening in the organization itself. We also hope to present general articles and stories that represent our breed.

The NEBCR *Newsletter & Journal* will be published bi-monthly on the third Monday of the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Deadlines for submissions will be the first Monday of the months mentioned above, or two weeks before the newsletter goes to "press". We can't do this alone, so it's up to you: please send your content and pictures to us at carole@woolgather.org.

Deadline for next issue: March 7th, 2022

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE NEBCR SENIOR-TO-SENIOR PROGRAM?

Through this program, adopters 60-years-old or older can adopt a senior dog, 10-years-old or older, and NEBCR absorbs the cost of ALL necessary vet care and adoption fees prior to adoption.

We will be showcasing this program in our next issue of the *Newsletter & Journal*, which will be out on March 21st.



TRUE OR FALSE?: if a dog is merle in color it is always an Australian Shepherd. (see answer on next page).

A SALUTE TO NEBCR'S FOSTER HOMES by Bea Hamm

NEBCR takes a great pride in their network of amazing Foster Homes. It takes a special caliber of volunteer to take rescued dogs into their home, uncertain of the dog's past, and not knowing how much time and support the dog will need.

The general public doesn't usually get to see the day-to-day triumphs and struggles that take place in the rehabilitation of some of these dogs (see GRYFFIN, next page). It can be truly remarkable watching a dog transition from a fearful dog to a trusting, flourishing member of the family.

NEBCR has no physical shelter, depending solely on foster homes. Living with these dogs on a daily basis, our foster homes quickly go to work assessing their needs. They provide a loving home, food, exercise, veterinary care, basic training and socialization, to transform the dog into a happy, adoptable pet. Foster caregivers selflessly give their time and knowledge to be a dog's stepping-stone to a better life. Depending on the needs of the dog, this can take a few weeks to several months, and in some cases a year or more. That is true dedication.

In the final step to finding a dog's forever home (we like to call it "a new beginning"), inquiries must be carefully re-viewed, one of the hardest steps in our opinion. Any person passing our adoption application process is a good home for a dog, but it is the foster caregiver's job to find the best match. The pros and cons are carefully weighed, taking into consideration the expectations of the adopter and the needs of the dog—eventually finding that one lucky person or family.

NEBCR is grateful for the compassion, diligence, and hard work that our foster homes provide for this intelligent and quirky breed. These volunteers are the reason for our success in finding so many Border Collies their new and permanent homes. Without them, there would be no NEBCR. If you would like to join this dedicated team, fill out an application today.



Griffin, before



Griffin, after

GRYFFIN

Griffin was relinquished to rescue with a known history of epilepsy and paralyzing anxiety that kept him from enjoying even the shortest of walks around his neighborhood. Griffin hiding in a clothes dryer says it all.

After having his seizure medication sorted, Griffin's anxiety all but disappeared and he now spends his days happily exploring the bogs and beaches of Cape Cod in his new home and continues to be seizure free.

GRYFFIN BY THE NUMBERS:

Age	6 years
Time in Rescue	7 months
Cost of emergency vet bill for 2 night stay when we realized his seizures were NOT under control and he was having a cluster that wouldn't stop	\$1869.12
Cost of vet visits/bloodwork to determine the correct dosages for meds	\$1112.09
Cost of those meds	\$1355.32
Number of seizures before having meds adjusted to their current dose	10
Number of seizures after having meds adjusted to their current dose	0
Helping a gentle giant get adopted knowing that he continues to be seizure free and living his best life	PRICELESS

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BORDER COLLIE

Sheepdogs varied more in the past than they do today. There were as many types of working dogs as there were sheep. Dogs similar to the Border Collie may have existed centuries ago. Old paintings and lithographs show the shepherd's dog as resembling the Border Collie.

A Northumbrian farmer, Adam Telfer, succeeded in finding the right blend of dogs in 1894. The Border Collie as we know it today is descended from that dog, Adam Telfer's Hemp (or Old Hemp as he is known). Old Hemp is considered the progenitor of the Border Collie Breed.



*(excerpted from the
Border Collie Museum.org.
Photo from Key Dogs from the Border Collie
Family by Sheila Grew)*

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH NEBCR AND WAYS YOU CAN HELP

NEBCR has many ways to get involved and help. Of course, we mentioned fostering, but this may not be your cup of tea. Never-the less, there are myriad other things we need people to do. If you drive and like to drive, and want some hands-on with the dogs that doesn't involve fostering, there is always a need for people who can do home visits, dog evaluations, and so on.

NEBCR is a network of volunteers spread across the North-east, and much of our work is done on the internet. We have commit-tees and teams that work in the background that keep us afloat on a daily basis and long term as well. Anyone who is computer savvy can help in some way right from your home.

There is always a project of some type going on, like, publishing and distributing our Calendar or The Year In Review video that we put together each year. You can contribute stories and photos for our Facebook pages, our website, or our *Newsletter & Journal*. Proof-reading and thank-you cards are also one of the things you can do at home.

We have a fundraisers team that gathers items for our huge raffle at our Reunion celebration. Some volunteers give of their talents, donating paintings, toys, and tugs they have made. We have developed a niche with our felted dryer balls, often decorating them with a sheep or Border Collie.

If you have your own ideas as what you can do, run those past us as well. For example, our new Website Design and our new *Newsletter & Journal* were both brought to us by people who hadn't volunteered with us before.

So, don't be shy. Volunteer with us today. You won't be sorry and you will be doing a great service to the breed we all have come to love. Visit our website and sign up today!

NEBCR.org

ANSWER to TRUE OR FALSE: False. Border Collies come in merle, too, and so do several other collie breeds besides the Aussie.
