

# HERDING INSTINCT TESTING

Thursday, April 1, 2010 & Friday, April 2, 2010



**When:** April 1 & 2, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. until dusk in conjunction with 3 Boxer conformation specialties, 1 Boxer obedience specialty trial and 4 all breed conformation shows sponsored by the Renaissance Dog Association

**Where:** Tehillah Farms, 44210 South Sumas Road, Chilliwack, BC — a 4 minute drive from the Heritage Park show site

**Directions:** From Heritage Park show site: Turn left (west) when exiting Heritage Park. Turn left (south) on Lickman Road. Turn left (east) at the 4 way stop onto South Sumas Road. Tehillah Farms is on the right (south) side of the road

**Cost:** \$40. (Canadian funds) per dog (paid pre-registration required)

**Tester:** Shelley Fritzke. Shelley is a licensed CKC herding judge who has extensive experience with 'upright' herding breeds, has worked, instructed and instinct tested several Boxers. Shelley also trained and trialed Canada's 1st Boxer with a CKC herding title. Shelley is featured in an article in the September/October 2007 issue of *The Boxer Ring* magazine

**Equipment:** This is an outdoor venue. Dress for the weather and bring water and water bucket for your dog. Footing may be muddy so boots are recommended. Don't forget your camera!

**Sponsored by:** The Dogwood Boxer Club

**What is herding instinct testing?** Although a herding instinct test (HIC) is not an official title in Canada, it is a good way to find out if your dog has herding instinct. The tester does all the "work". The owner stays outside the pen and gets to take lots of photos—and beam with pride! The tester brings the dog into a round pen on leash and will watch how the dog and sheep react to each other. Among other things, the tester will look for a non-aggressive dog that watches the stock and controls or tries to control their movement. Also whether the dog is "gathering" the sheep or trying to "drive" them, if the dog likes to work wide or close, how responsive the dog is to the tester, if the dog is willing to work with the tester and if the dog has natural 'balance' on the sheep. A written critique is provided and an HIC certificate is issued if your dog is successful.

We encourage you to register early. Space is **LIMITED** and this event is expected to fill quickly. **Only paid pre-registration will reserve your place. Pre-registrations close on Friday, March 26, 2010.** If there is space available, entries 'on the day' will be considered. For more information, contact Louise Watson at tazra@shaw.ca or 604.589.8171

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**Make cheques/money orders payable to Dogwood Boxer Club and send with completed and signed registration/release form to: Louise Watson, 9435 — 158 Street, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada V4N 3B7**

**Dog's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to appear on the certificate)

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle your preferred day & time:** Thursday / Friday 4pm-5pm 5pm-6pm 6pm-7pm 7pm-8pm  
(3 dogs will be scheduled in each one hour time slot)

**Release:** I release Shelley Fritzke, Tehillah Farms and the Dogwood Boxer Club from all responsibility, liability for any injury or claimed damage/loss to me or my dog(s) that I have brought onto this farm. I further agree that in consideration for participation of training my dog(s) or competing with my dog(s) and/or instinct testing of my dog(s), I agree to assume all responsibility for any claim, loss or damage of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, which may be caused at or near this training/competition, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog(s) I have entered in or brought to train. I further agree that I will not hold Shelley Fritzke, Tehillah Farms and their families, the trial or clinic committee, other students and their family(ies) and the Dogwood Boxer Club harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claimed damage or loss, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, caused at or near this training/competition whether directly or indirectly, by or to me or any dog(s) I have brought for training. I also agree to pay for any damages to the stock (injury or death) caused by my dog whether it be accidental or intentional. Cost per sheep: \$125.00. Tehillah Farms, the trial or clinic committee, Shelley Fritzke, and their family(ies) and the Dogwood Boxer Club do not have and do not exercise control of the conduct of those present for herding training or events. I certify and represent that the dog(s) I have entered in or brought to this place is (are) not a hazard to other dogs, other animals or to people.

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Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent  
Printed Name of Owner or Authorized Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date