

The Border Collie Club of NSW Inc Double Jumping Trial

The Border Collie Club of NSW Inc held a double Jumping Trial at the German Shepherd Grounds at the Bill Spilstead Complex on Saturday August 17, 2002.

The trials were held in aid of raising funds for Ceroid Lipofuscinosis Research. Ceroid Lipofuscinosis- known as CL or Storage Disease - affects several dog breeds, as well as cats and sheep. CL affected animals have a metabolic defect which allows 'ceroid lipofuscin' - a wax-like liquid waste product - to accumulate in body cells. This is a product of cell metabolism which is normally removed by body enzymes. In cases of CL one of the enzymes is missing. In the brain there is very little room for waste products and symptoms emerge when an accumulation of waste begins to compress and destroy healthy brain cells.

The trial was opened to all breeds and dogs on all registers. The sponsors and exhibitors support was fantastic with many different breeds competing on the day. The trial was a great success with 33 qualifiers and a number of titles also gained on the day. Great fun was had by all in the novelty events, with most competitors taking part in Snooker and Pairs Relay.

With the help of the Canine Council, Eukanuba, Studio Sebastian, judges, exhibitors, the generous support of club members and of course all our volunteers' helpers on the day, we raised over \$1400.

In 2000 the Club received a Federal Grant of \$31,080 per year for three years. This is a major breakthrough, as we are the first purebred dog club to achieve such a grant. It demonstrates the importance of our research and the value of the time and effort contributed by many Border Collie people over the last 15 years. The Grant is based on the monetary value of our volunteers' work on CL and CEA, but it is also made on the condition that we raise \$5,000 per year for the term of the grant. The money we raised at this trial will go a long way to helping us meet our obligations for the coming year.

A great day and a great result for a very worthy cause.

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