



Herding Instinct Testing

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

for Boxers (and other breeds as time permits)

When: April 1 and 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: Outdoor venue a short 4 minute drive from the Heritage Park, Chilliwack, B.C. show grounds

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

Tester: Shelley Fritzke. Shelley is a licensed CKC herding judge who has extensive experience with 'upright' herding breeds and 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.

Sponsored by: The Dogwood Boxer Club

Space is LIMITED so we encourage you to **register early**. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, March 26, 2010. **Only paid pre-registrations will reserve your place**. If there is space available, entries 'on the day' will be considered.

To pre-register or for more information: Contact Louise Watson at tazra@shaw.ca or 604.589.8171 to receive a registration/waiver form.

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.